EXTENT OF DOWNWARD VARIANCES
BY TYPE OF CRIME¹
Fiscal Year 2018

Table 40

		Mean			Median		
TIME OF COURT		Sentence	Decrease	Percent	Sentence	Decrease	Percent
TYPE OF CRIME	N	In Months	In Months	Decrease	In Months	In Months	Decrease
TOTAL	15,354	49	26	42.9	27	15	34.8
Administration of Justice	245	7	12	67.4	4	10	71.4
Antitrust	3	8	16	66.7	8	16	66.7
Arson	14	46	27	38.6	35	12	30.2
Assault	190	47	20	44.3	24	12	34.0
Bribery/Corruption	116	22	21	51.4	16	12	49.1
Burglary/Trespass	5	18	5	23.1	18	3	14.3
Child Pornography	838	80	51	40.1	70	43	38.1
Commercialized Vice	49	6	6	63.2	3	6	55.6
Drug Possession	15	1	2	87.2	0	1	97.0
Drug Trafficking	5,303	72	35	36.5	60	22	30.6
Environmental	62	3	10	81.0	0	10	100.0
Extortion/Racketeering	86	22	15	49.3	18	13	37.6
Firearms	2,068	41	19	39.3	28	12	29.2
Food and Drug	10	21	28	59.0	19	30	60.1
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	108	9	12	61.5	6	9	59.7
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	2,118	21	15	53.2	12	10	46.7
Immigration	1,950	12	8	45.6	9	6	35.5
Individual Rights	29	22	26	63.6	10	14	61.8
Kidnapping	30	133	59	30.8	124	50	27.5
Manslaughter	7	16	10	51.6	15	10	50.0
Money Laundering	462	53	38	50.6	30	21	42.9
Murder	42	187	75	30.3	180	60	30.1
National Defense	86	41	36	52.8	24	28	47.8
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	125	11	9	46.8	12	7	40.0
Prison Offenses	143	11	7	43.5	12	6	33.3
Robbery	531	82	30	29.2	77	22	24.0
Sexual Abuse	317	139	68	36.1	126	55	30.0
Stalking/Harassing	65	16	12	52.3	12	10	45.5
Tax	294	12	14	62.6	9	12	63.6
Other	43	17	25	68.2	7	25	68.4

Of the 69,425 cases, in 15,796 the sentence was a variance below the guideline range, either due to a government motion for a variance (3,795) or a non-government variance (12,001). Due to an inability to calculate the extent of departure for cases with a guideline minimum of life, 133 offenders were excluded from this table. Also, 309 offenders were excluded due to several logical criteria. Sentences greater than 470 months and probation were included in the sentence average computations as 470 months and zero months, respectively. The information in this table includes time of confinement as described in USSG §5C1.1. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2018 Datafile, USSCFY18.