

Table 40

**EXTENT OF DOWNWARD VARIANCES  
BY TYPE OF CRIME<sup>1</sup>  
Fiscal Year 2021**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	Mean			Median		
		Sentence In Months	Decrease In Months	Percent Decrease	Sentence In Months	Decrease In Months	Percent Decrease
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,096</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>35.9</b>
Administration of Justice	174	7	10	69.2	2	9	78.4
Antitrust	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
Arson	19	46	25	34.8	21	12	35.1
Assault	199	48	22	40.7	27	13	31.0
Bribery/Corruption	106	20	21	59.0	12	15	54.7
Burglary/Trespass	13	13	13	60.3	6	15	65.6
Child Pornography	683	81	50	40.4	70	43	38.1
Commercialized Vice	35	9	8	64.4	3	6	66.7
Drug Possession	12	1	4	88.6	0	3	99.1
Drug Trafficking	6,172	71	38	39.5	60	27	32.1
Environmental	47	3	10	83.3	0	6	100.0
Extortion/Racketeering	48	25	19	53.6	12	15	50.0
Firearms	2,813	37	19	41.6	27	12	31.4
Food and Drug	16	23	28	60.2	18	32	69.4
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	51	8	14	71.5	4	12	77.8
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	1,672	19	17	59.8	10	10	55.4
Immigration	2,017	13	9	46.1	12	6	38.1
Individual Rights	15	24	22	62.3	12	15	62.1
Kidnapping	32	109	48	31.9	97	38	30.5
Manslaughter	11	29	19	47.0	18	19	51.4
Money Laundering	409	47	35	50.7	24	20	45.6
Murder	45	165	77	33.6	180	58	31.0
National Defense	70	31	26	50.4	27	21	46.6
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	110	12	9	47.3	12	8	33.3
Prison Offenses	146	8	7	48.8	6	4	47.8
Robbery	510	88	31	30.7	84	24	23.1
Sexual Abuse	311	148	73	34.5	144	60	33.3
Stalking/Harassing	80	14	17	62.4	8	12	66.7
Tax	253	10	14	65.2	6	12	66.7
Other	25	5	14	80.9	0	6	99.8

<sup>1</sup> Of the 57,287 cases, in 16,466 the sentence was a variance below the guideline range, either due to a government motion for a variance (4,804) or a non-government variance (11,662). Due to an inability to calculate the extent of departure for cases with a guideline minimum of life, 136 offenders were excluded from this table. Also, 234 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 conditions 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, 2021 Datafile, USSCFY21.