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**EXTENT OF DOWNWARD VARIANCES
BY TYPE OF CRIME¹
Fiscal Year 2024**

TYPE OF CRIME	N	Mean			Median		
		Sentence In Months	Decrease In Months	Percent Decrease	Sentence In Months	Decrease In Months	Percent Decrease
TOTAL	17,680	56	30	43.3	35	17	34.3
Administration of Justice	233	10	12	63.3	4	8	62.1
Antitrust	2	--	--	--	--	--	--
Arson	19	31	22	45.2	24	18	37.7
Assault	276	50	26	40.6	28	15	30.9
Bribery/Corruption	165	21	22	56.7	12	15	57.9
Burglary/Trespass	17	16	13	57.1	9	10	59.3
Child Pornography	700	85	46	36.7	72	37	34.6
Commercialized Vice	12	3	11	82.2	0	11	98.8
Drug Possession	4	0	4	87.6	0	4	100.0
Drug Trafficking	7,157	78	40	38.6	63	27	31.3
Environmental	40	4	7	76.0	0	6	100.0
Extortion/Racketeering	40	33	23	49.5	21	12	40.5
Firearms	2,769	36	19	43.0	27	12	31.4
Food and Drug	8	11	35	75.7	11	36	74.4
Forgery/Counter/Copyright	42	12	19	67.9	5	15	85.6
Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement	1,932	20	16	57.2	12	10	50.0
Immigration	1,860	14	9	44.3	12	6	34.1
Individual Rights	57	31	20	45.4	21	12	36.8
Kidnapping	48	133	66	36.7	128	55	33.3
Manslaughter	18	25	22	55.9	19	18	56.7
Money Laundering	511	48	34	51.4	24	19	47.4
Murder	87	178	65	29.4	180	48	20.0
National Defense	103	25	25	56.3	16	19	51.4
Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses	126	11	10	49.8	12	8	35.4
Prison Offenses	125	9	8	49.7	7	6	44.7
Robbery	503	90	29	27.9	80	21	21.2
Sexual Abuse	455	169	70	31.3	180	60	26.0
Stalking/Harassing	87	22	14	50.7	12	12	42.9
Tax	246	12	13	64.2	6	12	66.7
Other	38	7	13	79.1	0	8	99.4

¹ Of the 61,678 cases, in 18,147 the sentence was a variance below the guideline range, either due to a government motion for a variance (6,269) or a non-government variance (11,878). Due to an inability to calculate the extent of departure for cases with a guideline minimum of life, 209 sentenced individuals were excluded from this table. Also, 258 individuals 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, 2024 Datafile, USSCFY24.