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This is the fourth volume in an annual series describing in detail the characteristics of persons admitted to and released from the prison and parole systems in the United States. The report presents data gathered from the 1988 National Corrections Reporting Program (NCRP). The NCRP, begun in 1983, evolved from the need to improve and consolidate corrections reporting at the national level as well as to reduce the States' reporting burden. Before the NCRP, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) sponsored the National Prisoner Statistics Admissions and Releases Program and the Uniform Parole Reports to collect data.

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Reporting criteria

The NCRP collects data on all prison admissions and releases and on all parole entries and discharges for calendar year 1988 in participating jurisdictions. Multiple admissions or releases per person during the year are recorded as separate events. The NCRP data cover prisoners admitted to or released from custody regardless of the jurisdiction where the prisoner was sentenced. Persons sentenced to a State prison but admitted to or released from the custody of a local jail are included in the NCRP.

Beginning in 1983 all sentenced inmates, including those with a total sentence of a year or less, were counted. To assure greater comparability across jurisdictions, the 1988 report includes only inmates with a sentence of more than a year except where noted. Information on all inmates, including those with a sentence of a year or less, is contained in the public-use data tape that may be obtained from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data at the University of Michigan.

Offenses

Each State's offenses are recoded to a common set of offense codes. In this report, attempts and conspiracies are included with completed offenses, except for attempted murders and conspiracies to commit murder, which are classified as assaults.

Offense types appearing in this report include the following offenses:

Homicide — murder, felony murder, non-negligent manslaughter, voluntary manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, and unspecified homicide.

Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter — murder, felony murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, and voluntary manslaughter.

Murder — murder and felony murder.

Nonnegligent manslaughter — voluntary manslaughter, nonnegligent manslaughter, and aggravated manslaughter.

Manslaughter — negligent manslaughter, vehicular manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter, and negligent homicide.

Unspecified homicide — homicide and homicide type not specified.

Kidnaping — abduction, kidnaping, and felonious restraint.

Rape — forcible rape, aggravated rape, and sexual intercourse without consent.

Other sexual assault — statutory rape, carnal abuse, gross sexual imposition by force, fondling, child molestation, and lewd acts with children.

Robbery — unarmed robbery, armed robbery, aggravated robbery, and forcible purse snatching.

Assault — attempted murder, simple assault, aggravated assault, aggravated battery, vehicular assault, and criminal injury to persons.

Other violent — extortion, intimidation, hit-and-run driving with bodily injury, child abuse, and criminal endangerment against a person.

Burglary — breaking and entering, burglary, and safecracking.

Larceny — theft, petty larceny, and grand larceny.

Motor vehicle theft — auto theft, conversion of an automobile, receiving and transferring a stolen vehicle, and unauthorized use of a vehicle.

Arson — arson and burning a thing of value.

Fraud — worthless checks, uttering, obtaining money by false pretenses, credit card fraud, fraud, forgery, counterfeiting, and embezzlement.

Stolen property — possession, transportation, receiving, or selling of stolen property.

Other property — destruction of property, vandalism, criminal tampering, trespassing, entering without breaking, and possession of burglary tools.

Drug possession — possession or use of controlled substances.

Drug trafficking — importation, manufacture, sale, or delivery of controlled substances; possession with intent to deliver.

Other drug — forging or uttering a false prescription for a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia, unknown drug offenses, and violations of controlled substance acts where the type of violation was unspecified.

Weapons — unlawful sale, distribution, manufacture, transportation, or possession of a deadly or dangerous weapon.

Other public-order — escape from custody, court offenses, obstruction, driving while intoxicated, other traffic offenses, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, morals and decency violations, commercialized vice, and liquor law violations.

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Other offenses — juvenile offenses and unspecified felonies.

Federal offenses were recoded to many of the same categories defined above. Specific Federal categories include the following:

Embezzlement — postal, bank, and benefit plans.

Fraud — postal, passport, Veterans' and other benefits, government employment, banks, computer, and impersonation.

Counterfeiting — postal, money orders, securities, and altering or forging currency.

Regulatory — violation of banking and insurance laws, smuggling, violation of customs, election laws, food and drug laws, maritime and railroad laws, retirement act and unemployment insurance, communication law, and other regulatory provisions.

Immigration — illegal entry, harboring or smuggling illegal aliens, and other immigration violations.

Tax law — internal revenue violations, including tax fraud, tax evasion, and failure to pay excise, alcohol, inheritance, withholding, Social Security, or other taxes.

Racketeering and extortion — threats through the mail, over the phone, or in interstate commerce, labor racketeering, RICO, money laundering, and interference with commerce by threat or violence.

Sentences

Data on sentence length refer to the offense with the longest sentence. Whenever a sentence had both a minimum and a maximum term, the maximum was used to define the sentence length. A life sentence was defined as any prison sentence with a fixed or maximum term of life in prison, regard-

less of the possibility of parole.

Time served

Time served refers to the amount of time spent in prison between the date of admission and the date of release or to the amount of time spent on parole between the date of prison release and the date of parole discharge. Time served in prison underestimates the actual time served because data on time spent in jail that was credited to the prison sentence for the current offense are not available for most inmates. All tables in the report present data for time served in prison only.

Total time under supervision was calculated by adding time spent in prison and time spent on parole. Once again, jail-time credits are not included in the estimate of the total time under supervision.

Median and mean

The medians in this report were calculated from ungrouped data, since sentencing data do not conform to the standard assumptions permitting calculations from grouped data. Because nearly all sentences are multiples of 12-month units, the assumption of an even distribution of values within groups is not met. Therefore, a shift of only a few cases may increase or decrease the median by 12 months.

In contrast to the calculation of medians, mean sentence lengths exclude prisoners with a sentence of life in prison or death. Medians are sensitive to the uneven distribution of cases; means are influenced by extreme values.

Because of the limitations of each measure, both medians and means were reported for sentence length.

Time served data do not group at 12-month intervals. Both medians and means have been reported in most

tables to provide an accurate summary of the data.

Year-to-year comparisons

Care should be exercised when comparing 1988 data on sentence length and time served to data published for 1987 and previous years. Year-to-year comparisons should be restricted to those jurisdictions reporting data in all years of interest. The group of jurisdictions participating in 1988, however, differed from the group in the previous years. States reporting in the 1988 program were Alabama, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. The District of Columbia, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the Federal Parole Commission also reported data.

Subgroup comparisons

Care should be exercised when comparing groups of inmates on sentence length and time served. Differences may be the result of factors not described in the tables, including variations in the criminal histories of each group, variations in the offense composition of each group, and variations among participating jurisdictions in their sentencing and correctional practices.

Race

Ohio codes American Indian/Alaskan Natives, Asian/Pacific Islanders as "unknown."

South Carolina's parole release records code any persons other than white or black as "unknown."

Hispanic origin

Colorado, Illinois, and Minnesota code inmates of Hispanic origin as "unknown."

In Michigan and Oklahoma, Hispanics include Mexican Americans only.

In New York, Hispanics include only persons of Puerto Rican birth or parentage.

In Oklahoma, Hispanics include only those of Mexican origin.

Texas prison admission and release records code Hispanic as "unknown."

Federal data on the Hispanic origin of inmates were not available for persons released from prison before July 1983.

Education

Data on education in Maryland include credits for education received after entering prison for parole discharge records only.

Ohio has included an undetermined number of records of people who have a college degree in the category of "some college."

Admission date

Data on date of admission in New York and Texas refer to the original admission date, rather than the most recent date, if inmates had been released and then returned.

For Federal offenders the date of sentencing is provided instead of the date of

admission. This date is accurate for only new court commitments.

Admission type

In Alabama, Colorado, and Ohio, "new court commitments" includes some parole violators returned with new sentences.

In Minnesota, "new court commitments" includes probation violators.

Delaware's data on admission type were reported inaccurately for an undetermined number of prison release records. Also, "transfers" includes inmates returned to Delaware after being tried in another State.

In Massachusetts, "transfers" includes returns to prison after court appearance, temporary interstate transfers, transfers from other States, Federal transfers, transfers from county to State custody, and transfers from other secure facilities.

In Hawaii and Maryland, "new court commitments" includes all types of admissions.

Nebraska reported the following types of admissions: regular, multiple-offender, evaluator, Federal safekeeper, county safekeeper, and other. Since these could not be translated into the NCRP categories, they were coded as "missing/invalid data entries".

In Nevada, "parole revocation, new sentence" and "parole revocation, no new sentence" may have been underreported.

In Ohio, type of admission includes an undetermined number of parole violators returned with new sentences.

In Tennessee, data on admission type were only available for a small number of cases.

In New York, admission type for parole revocations were reported for those with

no new sentence only. There are no probation revocations because probation is considered a county function.

In North Carolina, "parole revocation" includes persons whose parole status was pending.

In Minnesota, "parole revocation with or without new sentence" includes mandatory parole violators returned and work release violators returned.

In Pennsylvania, "parole revocation, no sentence information" includes parole revocation with recommitment decisions pending.

In North Carolina, "parole revocation, no sentence information" includes all parole violators with or without new sentences as well as pending parole revocations.

In South Carolina, "parole revocation, no sentence information" includes revocation of "supervised furlough II releases" and Emergency Powers Act releases.

In Texas, "parole revocation, no sentence information" and "mandatory parole revocation, no sentence information" include all parole revocations, with or without new sentences.

In Wisconsin, "parole revocation, new sentence" and "parole revocation, no new sentence" include returns of inmates released early because of overcrowding.

In New York, "mandatory parole revocation with or without new sentence" includes the return of inmates who were granted early release for good time served.

On parole releases records in New York, data on admission type were reported only for parole violators with no new sentence.

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In North Carolina, "mandatory parole revocation, no sentence information" includes all mandatory parole violators with or without new sentences as well as pending mandatory parole revocations.

In Pennsylvania, "escapees returned" are not considered escapes until returned from court.

In South Carolina, "escapees returned" are not counted as admissions.

In Texas, "not known" includes inmates returning from vocational or educational programs.

Offenses

Delaware, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Pennsylvania reported only one offense—the most serious.

Minnesota reports only most recent offense instead of the most serious.

In Virginia and Washington, the category "life" includes "life without parole."

For Federal prisoners, only two offenses per inmate are reported, usually the two most serious. If an inmate receives an additional offense after admission that is more serious than the original offenses, the inmate's record is updated to show that offense.

Maximum sentence and total maximum sentence

In Illinois and Maryland persons receiving indeterminate sentences were reported as "not known" on sentence length.

Minimum time to be served

Maryland did not report "minimum sentence" because there is no statute establishing minimum sentence.

Prison release date

In the Federal prison system and Maryland, the prison release date on parole exit records is the date parole supervision begins, not the actual release date.

Prison release method

In Massachusetts, "parole board decision" includes some inmates released by the Massachusetts parole board to another parole board.

In New York, "parole board decision" includes some inmates released by the Division of Prisons.

In Pennsylvania "parole board decision" and "mandatory parole releases" are not distinguished.

On prison release records in South Carolina, "parole board decision" includes inmates released from a Youthful Offenders Act sentence to a straight sentence and vice versa. Also "other unconditional release" includes those inmates who paid a fine after serving some prison time; those whose sentence was reduced; those who were retried; and those released for medical reasons. On parole release records, "parole board decision" includes inmates released to supervised furlough.

In Wisconsin, "parole board decision" includes early releases because of overcrowding.

In New York, "mandatory parole releases" includes early releases for good time served.

In Minnesota, "other conditional releases" includes work releases.

Mississippi's "other conditional releases" includes split sentences, work release, and supervised earned releases.

New York codes "releases to custody, detainer, or warrant" as either "parole board decision" or "mandatory parole release."

In Ohio, "other conditional releases" consists of releases for educational or vocational purposes, inmates paroled or shock paroled, on detainer, and under interstate compact.

In Oklahoma, "other conditional releases" consists of releases to a community treatment center. Also, "transfers to probation and probation from house arrest" are coded as "probation release."

In South Carolina, "other conditional releases" consists of persons released by the Emergency Powers Act.

For the California Youth Authority, "other unconditional releases" includes some discharges to prison.

"Other unconditional releases" in Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Texas, and Wyoming consists of court-ordered releases.

"Other unconditional releases" in Minnesota consists of discharges of persons with indeterminate sentences by the releasing authority.

In Mississippi, "other unconditional releases" includes shock probation, court suspensions, and court-ordered releases.

In Nebraska, "other unconditional releases" consists of persons whose sentence was vacated.

In Tennessee, "other unconditional releases" consists of unconditional releases to probation.

In Ohio, "other releases" consists of inmates-at-large who did not belong to any other NCRP category.

In Texas, "other releases" includes inmates released to attend vocational or educational facilities.

Parole release method

In the Federal prison system, "discharged, completion of term" includes absconders and inmates whose convictions were reversed.

In New York, "other release" includes parole board decision (discretionary after 3 years) court-ordered releases; new revocations, not pursued; and cases in the revocation process in which statutory requirements were not fulfilled.

In Pennsylvania, "other releases" includes parole board case closures for persons who have reached their maximum expiration date and who are in one of the following categories: criminal charges pending, absconders, or returned to home State.

Maryland includes inmates who failed to comply with special conditions of their parole as "discharged, absconder."

Admissions to State prisons

In 1988, 35 States, the District of Columbia, and the California Youth Authority reported 307,562 admissions accounting for about four-fifths of all admissions to State prisons in that year. (See "Prisoners in State and Federal Institutions, 1988" in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1988*, NCJ-124280.) The 1988 data on entering prisoners provide a profile which resembles that of past reports. Inmate subgroup differences for sentence length and time to be served may have resulted from factors not described in the tables. (See *Methodology*, page 2.)

- New court commitments — offenders entering prison directly from a sentence by a court and not from an unsuccessful period of community supervision — comprised almost two-thirds of all prison admissions (table 1-1). Parole violators accounted for more than a quarter of all admissions.

- As in previous years, males comprised 93% of all admissions to State prisons (table 1-2).

- Whites accounted for 48% of all reported State prison admissions; blacks, 51%; and other races, primarily American Indians and Asians, 1%. Hispanics of all races made up 18% of all prison admissions. The median age of all admissions was 28 years.

- Nearly a third of the persons entering prison had been convicted of a violent offense (table 1-5). Robbery was the most common violent crime, accounting for over a tenth of new court admissions.

- About 1 of every 3 women and 1 of every 4 men had been convicted of a drug offense. More than two-fifths of Hispanic prisoners had been convicted of a drug offense.

- The median maximum sentence length for persons admitted to prison in 1988 was 48 months (table 1-6).

- Violent offenses carried the longest median maximum sentence (72 months).

- The median sentence for property offenses was 42 months; drug and public-order offenses, 36 months.

- The median sentence for murder was 60 years in prison, longer than for any other individual offense.

- Overall, black prisoners had the same median sentence as white prisoners (48 months) (table 1-7). For property offenses, however, the median sentence for blacks was 6 months longer than for whites (42 months compared to 36 months). Among blacks and whites median sentences were the same for violent offenses (72 months) and for drug and public-order offenses (36 months).

- State correctional officials were asked to estimate a minimum time that admitted prisoners would have to serve before becoming eligible for release

(table 1-8). Factors used in this estimate includes minimum sentence length, good-time credits, earned-time credits, parole eligibility requirements, and allowances. In those States reporting both maximum sentence length and minimum time to be served, the median sentence length was 60 months and entering prisoners were expected to serve slightly more than a third of that time, a median of 24 months.

- The minimum time to be served by violent offenders was 36 months; by property offenders, 18 months; by drug offenders, 23 months; and by public-order offenders, 14 months.

- The average estimated minimum time to be served for men was 47% of their mean maximum sentence versus 44% for women (table 1-9).

- In 1988, sentences of life in prison or death were received by 2% of all offenders who entered prison; slightly less than half of the murderers and a tenth of the kidnapers received a sentence of life or death sentence (table 1-11).

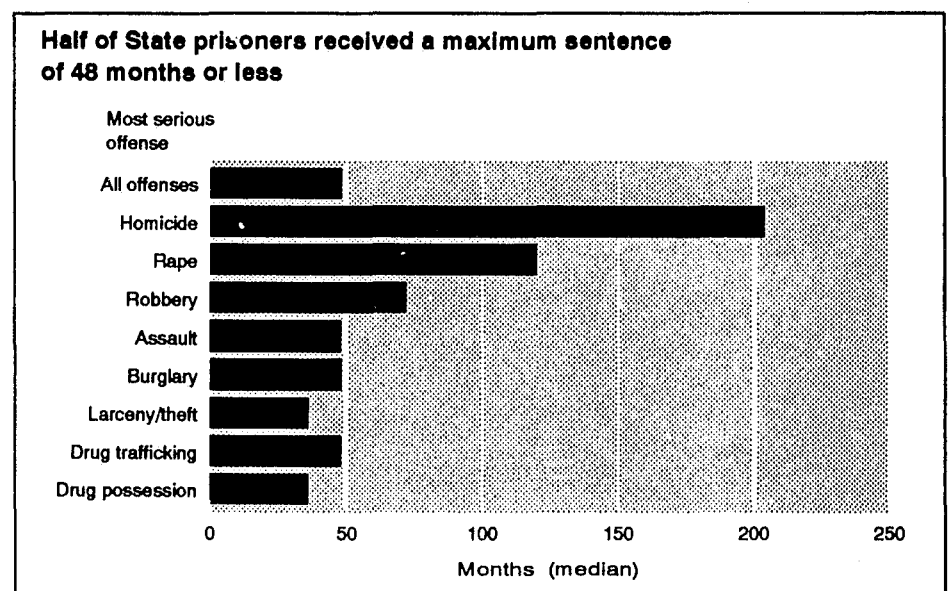


Figure 1-1. Maximum sentence length for new court commitments, by offense

Table 1-1. State prison admissions, 1988: Admission type, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin

Admission type	Percent of admissions to State prison						
	All admissions	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
All types	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Court commitment^a	63.8 %	63.3 %	69.4 %	62.5 %	64.5 %	63.9 %	57.8 %
Parole revocation	27.7 %	28.2 %	21.6 %	28.3 %	27.5 %	20.3 %	37.8 %
New sentence	5.5	5.7	3.8	5.4	5.9	3.7	7.2
No new sentence	7.7	7.7	7.3	7.9	7.5	8.6	8.8
Sentence unknown	14.5	14.8	10.4	15.1	14.1	8.0	21.8
Probation revocation^b	3.7 %	3.6 %	5.0 %	4.3 %	3.4 %	9.4 %	0.7 %
Escapee returned	1.4 %	1.4 %	1.4 %	1.6 %	1.3 %	1.4 %	0.9 %
Transfer/appeal bond	1.6 %	1.6 %	1.0 %	1.5 %	1.4 %	3.8 %	2.2 %
Other	0.3 %	0.3 %	0.3 %	0.3 %	0.5 %	0.1 %	0.1 %
Not known	1.5 %	1.5 %	1.3 %	1.6 %	1.4 %	1.1 %	0.6 %
Number of admissions	307,562	285,260	22,203	138,424	145,236	1,879	43,510

Note: Data are reported on those with sentences of greater than a year.
^aIncludes some parole or probation violators returned to prison with a new sentence.

^bData for this category may be underreported because many probation violators were reported as court commitments.

**Table 1-2. State prison admissions, 1988:
Selected demographic characteristics,
by admission type**

Demographic characteristic	Percent of State prison admissions	
	All	New court commitments
Total	100 %	100 %
Sex		
Male	92.8 %	92.0 %
Female	7.2	8.0
Race		
White	48.5 %	48.0 %
Black	50.9	51.3
Other	0.7	0.7
Hispanic origin		
Hispanic	17.8 %	16.1 %
Non-Hispanic	82.2	83.9
Age at admission		
Under 18	1.1 %	1.6 %
18-24	31.1	35.0
25-29	26.1	24.5
30-34	19.2	17.7
35-44	17.0	15.6
45-54	4.0	4.1
55 or older	1.3	1.5
Median age	28 yrs.	27 yrs.
Education		
8th grade or less	18.4 %	17.8 %
9-11th grade	45.1	44.8
High school graduate	28.6	29.1
Some college	7.6	8.0
Other	0.3	0.4
Median education	11th grade	11th grade
Number of admissions	307,562	207,482

Note: Data were reported on race for 92.8% of the 307,562 admissions to prison with a sentence of more than a year, data on Hispanic origin for 79.5%, and data on education for 46.3%. Data on race were also reported for 92.8% of the 207,482

new court commitments with a sentence of more than a year, data on Hispanic origin for 76.3%, and data on education for 51.7%. Data on age at admission were reported for 99.8% of all admissions and 99.8% of new court commitments.

Table 1-3. New court commitments to State prison, 1988: Age at admission, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Total	Age at admission for new court commitments							Median age at admission
			Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 or older	
All offenses	205,594	100 %	1.6 %	35.0 %	24.5 %	17.7 %	15.6 %	4.1 %	1.5 %	27 yrs.
Violent offenses	61,411	100 %	2.2 %	35.6 %	23.2 %	16.2 %	15.9 %	4.7 %	2.3 %	27 yrs.
Homicide	10,115	100	3.1	34.0	20.5	15.0	17.6	6.3	3.5	27
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	6,554	100	3.4	34.7	20.2	14.3	17.8	6.3	3.4	27
Murder	5,350	100	3.6	35.0	20.5	13.9	17.7	6.1	3.2	27
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,204	100	2.4	33.3	19.3	15.8	18.1	7.1	4.1	28
Negligent manslaughter	2,922	100	2.1	32.7	21.7	16.5	17.2	6.1	3.8	28
Unspecified homicide	639	100	5.3	33.6	18.0	15.0	17.4	7.0	3.6	27
Kidnaping	1,394	100	1.8	35.2	23.9	16.7	16.5	5.0	0.9	27
Rape	6,105	100	1.4	24.2	22.3	18.3	22.2	7.6	3.9	30
Other sexual assault	6,682	100	0.9	19.3	18.9	18.1	25.5	10.6	6.7	32
Robbery	22,083	100	2.9	46.5	24.7	14.7	9.7	1.3	0.2	25
Assault	13,764	100	1.7	32.7	24.7	17.3	16.8	4.8	1.9	28
Other violent	1,268	100	0.9	29.5	26.3	18.8	16.6	5.8	2.2	28
Property offenses	76,268	100 %	2.1 %	40.7 %	24.2 %	16.6 %	13.1 %	2.6 %	0.7 %	26 yrs.
Burglary	35,990	100	2.5	47.2	24.4	14.5	9.7	1.4	0.3	25
Larceny/theft	18,692	100	1.5	33.0	23.9	19.0	17.3	4.0	1.1	28
Motor vehicle theft	5,378	100	4.4	50.7	21.3	13.3	8.1	1.7	0.4	24
Arson	1,480	100	1.7	32.2	23.4	15.9	18.0	6.4	2.4	28
Fraud	9,220	100	0.2	26.1	25.5	21.9	20.3	4.5	1.4	29
Stolen property	4,047	100	1.4	41.2	24.7	17.3	12.4	2.4	0.6	26
Other property	1,461	100	3.1	42.4	23.0	14.7	12.4	3.4	1.0	25
Drug offenses	51,693	100 %	0.6 %	29.2 %	26.5 %	20.4 %	17.7 %	4.4 %	1.2 %	28 yrs.
Possession	15,737	100	0.7	28.6	26.2	21.1	18.0	4.3	1.1	28
Trafficking	27,845	100	0.6	30.2	26.9	19.6	17.0	4.4	1.3	28
Other drug	8,111	100	0.3	27.3	25.7	21.3	19.6	4.4	1.4	29
Public-order offenses	14,101	100 %	0.8 %	24.0 %	24.5 %	19.7 %	20.4 %	7.5 %	3.1 %	30 yrs.
Weapons	3,820	100	1.3	29.7	25.3	19.1	17.5	5.9	1.4	28
Other public-order	10,281	100	0.6	21.8	24.1	20.0	21.5	8.2	3.8	30
Other offenses	2,121	100 %	0.2 %	29.7 %	26.6 %	19.8 %	18.0 %	4.4 %	1.4 %	28 yrs.

Note: Data on age at admission by offense were reported for 99.3% of the 207,482 with a sentence of more than a year.

Table 1-4. New court commitments to State prison, 1988: Offense, by age at admission

Most serious offense	Age at admission for new court commitments to State prison						
	Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 or older
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	40.6 %	30.3 %	28.2 %	27.4 %	30.3 %	34.9 %	45.8 %
Homicide	9.5	4.8	4.1	4.2	5.5	7.6	11.6
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	6.6	3.2	2.6	2.6	3.6	4.9	7.2
Murder	5.7	2.6	2.2	2.1	2.9	3.9	5.6
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.6
Negligent manslaughter	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.6	2.1	3.6
Unspecified homicide	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.8
Kidnaping	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.4
Rape	2.5	2.1	2.7	3.1	4.2	5.6	7.8
Other sexual assault	1.8	1.8	2.5	3.3	5.3	8.5	14.8
Robbery	18.9	14.2	10.8	8.9	6.7	3.5	1.8
Assault	6.9	6.3	6.7	6.6	7.2	8.0	8.5
Other violent	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.9
Property offenses	46.8 %	43.1 %	36.6 %	34.8 %	31.1 %	24.1 %	17.8 %
Burglary	27.2	23.6	17.4	14.3	10.9	6.1	3.5
Larceny/theft	8.1	8.6	8.9	9.8	10.1	9.1	7.0
Motor vehicle theft	7.0	3.8	2.3	2.0	1.4	1.1	0.8
Arson	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.2
Fraud	0.6	3.3	4.7	5.6	5.8	5.0	4.2
Stolen property	1.7	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.2	0.8
Other property	1.4	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Drug offenses	9.2 %	21.0 %	27.2 %	29.0 %	28.5 %	27.1 %	21.0 %
Possession	3.3	6.2	8.2	9.2	8.8	8.1	5.7
Trafficking	5.1	11.7	14.9	15.1	14.7	14.7	11.6
Other drug	0.8	3.1	4.1	4.7	5.0	4.3	3.7
Public-order offenses	3.3 %	4.7 %	6.8 %	7.7 %	9.0 %	12.7 %	14.4 %
Weapons	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.7	1.7
Other public-order	1.8	3.1	4.9	5.7	6.9	10.0	12.7
Other offenses	0.1 %	0.9 %	1.1 %	1.2 %	1.2 %	1.1 %	0.9 %
Number of admissions	3,353	72,015	50,361	36,317	32,144	8,347	3,057

Table 1-5. New court commitments to State prison, 1988: Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	29.9 %	30.8 %	19.3 %	28.6 %	31.4 %	37.4 %	26.0 %
Homicide	4.9	4.8	5.8	5.0	4.8	7.8	4.8
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.2	4.0	3.6
Murder	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	3.5	2.5
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5	1.1
Negligent manslaughter	1.4	1.4	2.2	1.7	1.2	3.8	1.1
Unspecified homicide	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2
Kidnaping	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.6	1.2	0.5
Rape	3.0	3.2	0.3	3.7	2.2	3.2	2.5
Other sexual assault	3.2	3.5	0.4	5.1	1.7	4.6	2.6
Robbery	10.7	11.1	6.6	7.0	14.4	9.7	8.8
Assault	6.7	6.8	5.2	6.1	7.2	9.4	6.3
Other violent	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.4	1.5	0.5
Property offenses	37.1 %	36.7 %	42.4 %	41.3 %	34.7 %	39.4 %	26.9 %
Burglary	17.5	18.5	6.6	19.9	15.6	20.2	16.1
Larceny/theft	9.1	8.4	17.0	9.3	9.5	9.5	5.4
Motor vehicle theft	2.6	2.8	0.8	2.8	2.5	3.6	2.5
Arson	0.7	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.3
Fraud	4.5	3.6	15.2	5.6	3.8	3.4	1.4
Stolen property	2.0	2.0	1.3	1.9	2.2	0.8	0.9
Other property	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.3
Drug offenses	25.1 %	24.5 %	32.2 %	20.5 %	27.4 %	12.9 %	41.3 %
Possession	7.6	7.4	10.7	5.7	8.8	3.1	9.4
Trafficking	13.5	13.3	15.7	11.1	14.2	7.2	26.9
Other drug	4.0	3.8	5.8	3.7	4.3	2.6	4.9
Public-order offenses	6.9 %	7.0 %	5.0 %	8.2 %	5.9 %	9.6 %	4.3 %
Weapons	1.9	2.0	0.7	1.4	2.2	1.5	1.9
Other public-order	5.0	5.1	4.3	6.8	3.6	8.1	2.4
Other offenses	1.0 %	1.0 %	1.1 %	1.4 %	0.7 %	0.8 %	1.5 %
Number of admissions	206,028	189,541	16,426	91,956	97,698	1,376	25,410

**Table 1-6. New court commitments to State prison, 1988:
Sentence length, by offense**

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison		
	All	Maximum sentence length ^a	
		Median ^b	Mean ^c
All offenses	100 %	48 mos.	74 mos.
Violent offenses	30.0 %	72 mos.	113 mos.
Homicide	5.0	204	194
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	3.3	360	257
Murder	2.7	720	302
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.6	132	142
Negligent manslaughter	1.4	72	105
Unspecified homicide	0.3	204	196
Kidnaping	0.7	108	148
Rape	3.0	120	156
Other sexual assault	3.3	72	97
Robbery	10.8	72	104
Assault	6.7	48	73
Other violent	0.6	48	65
Property offenses	36.9 %	42 mos.	61 mos.
Burglary	17.4	48	70
Larceny/theft	9.1	36	51
Motor vehicle theft	2.7	36	47
Arson	0.7	60	85
Fraud	4.3	36	51
Stolen property	2.0	36	51
Other property	0.7	36	53
Drug offenses	25.4 %	36 mos.	58 mos.
Possession	7.5	36	53
Trafficking	13.9	48	63
Other drug	4.0	24	49
Public-order offenses	6.6 %	36 mos.	50 mos.
Weapons	1.8	36	53
Other public-order	4.8	30	49
Other offenses	1.1 %	36 mos.	52 mos.
Number of admissions	196,117		

Note: Data on maximum sentence length were reported for 95.2% of the 206,028 new court commitments with a total sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense was reported.
^aMaximum sentence length is the sentence length

that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.
^bInclude sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."
^cExcludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

Table 1-7. New court commitments to State prison, 1988: Sentence length, by offense, sex, and race

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison ^a							
	Sex				Race			
	Male		Female		White		Black	
	Median ^b	Mean ^c	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
All offenses	48 mos.	76 mos.	36 mos.	59 mos.	48 mos.	72 mos.	48 mos.	76 mos.
Violent offenses	72 mos.	114 mos.	60 mos.	100 mos.	72 mos.	110 mos.	72 mos.	116 mos.
Homicide	216	197	132	163	180	180	240	208
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	360	261	216	215	564	265	300	259
Murder	900	307	300	260	Life	312	480	305
Nonnegligent manslaughter	132	145	72	111	120	129	132	143
Negligent manslaughter	72	106	72	102	60	93	96	126
Unspecified homicide	204	197	180	179	204	209	180	184
Kidnaping	108	144	96	270	96	142	120	158
Rape	120	156	120	163	120	153	120	163
Other sexual assault	72	97	72	109	72	92	72	114
Robbery	72	105	60	81	60	103	72	107
Assault	48	74	36	56	42	70	48	75
Other violent	48	65	48	63	48	59	48	76
Property offenses	48 mos.	62 mos.	36 mos.	48 mos.	36 mos.	59 mos.	42 mos.	62 mos.
Burglary	48	71	36	56	48	68	48	73
Larceny/theft	36	52	24	46	36	49	36	53
Motor vehicle theft	36	47	24	47	30	44	36	48
Arson	60	86	48	72	60	85	60	85
Fraud	36	53	36	46	36	52	36	50
Stolen property	36	52	36	37	36	50	36	53
Other property	36	53	36	45	36	50	36	57
Drug offenses	36 mos.	59 mos.	36 mos.	51 mos.	36 mos.	58 mos.	36 mos.	55 mos.
Possession	36	54	30	46	36	55	36	47
Trafficking	48	64	36	57	36	62	38	62
Other drug	24	49	24	46	24	49	24	49
Public-order offenses	36 mos.	50 mos.	30 mos.	46 mos.	36 mos.	50 mos.	36 mos.	49 mos.
Weapons	36	54	36	42	36	52	36	53
Other public-order	30	49	30	46	36	50	24	47
Other offenses	36 mos.	51 mos.	36 mos.	60 mos.	24 mos.	52 mos.	30 mos.	51 mos.
Number of admissions	180,454		15,602		87,558		92,291	

Note: Data on offense distribution and sentence length are based on all new court commitments for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and sex or race were reported.

^aSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

^bInclude sentences of "life without

parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

^cExcludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

Table 1-8. New court commitments to State prison, 1988: Sentence length and minimum time to be served, by offense

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison				
	All	Maximum sentence length ^a		Minimum time to be served ^b	
		Median ^c	Mean ^d	Median	Mean
All offenses	100 %	60 mos.	98 mos.	24 mos.	45 mos.
Violent offenses	34.8 %	108 mos.	137 mos.	36 mos.	66 mos.
Homicide	6.2	240	218	90	128
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	4.3	360	270	161	167
Murder	3.5	720	304	240	195
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.8	180	186	60	67
Negligent manslaughter	1.7	120	137	36	58
Unspecified homicide	0.3	264	202	36	37
Kidnaping	0.7	120	176	36	76
Rape	3.5	144	172	48	67
Other sexual assault	3.5	84	135	36	65
Robbery	13.4	84	122	36	53
Assault	6.7	60	100	26	47
Other violent	0.9	48	78	24	49
Property offenses	34.3 %	48 mos.	79 mos.	18 mos.	35 mos.
Burglary	15.8	60	92	24	39
Larceny/theft	8.8	48	68	15	34
Motor vehicle theft	1.8	36	64	18	37
Arson	0.8	72	107	24	39
Fraud	3.7	48	66	15	29
Stolen property	2.5	48	56	17	20
Other property	1.0	48	63	15	36
Drug offenses	23.5 %	60 mos.	79 mos.	23 mos.	34 mos.
Possession	5.7	48	71	18	35
Trafficking	14.3	60	82	21	31
Other drug	3.5	60	79	30	41
Public-order offenses	6.2 %	48 mos.	64 mos.	14 mos.	35 mos.
Weapons	2.3	48	65	18	33
Other public-order	3.9	36	64	12	36
Other offenses	1.2 %	48 mos.	75 mos.	24 mos.	34 mos.
Number of admissions	74,383				

Note: Data are based on new court commitments with a sentence of more than a year for whom sentence length and minimum time to be served were reported. Data on minimum time to be served and maximum sentence length were reported for 36.3% of the 206,028 new court commitments with a total sentence length of more than a year.
^aSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most

serious offense.
^bMinimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.
^cIncludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," and "death."
^dExcludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "additional years," "life," and "death."

Table 1-9. New court commitments to State prison, 1988: Sentence length and minimum time to be served, by offense and sex

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison								Percent of sentence expected to be served ^e	
	Maximum sentence length in months ^a				Minimum time to be served in months ^b					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male	Female
	Median ^d	Mean ^c	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
All offenses	60 mos.	99 mos.	48 mos.	80 mos.	24 mos.	46 mos.	18 mos.	35 mos.	46.8 %	44.3 %
Violent offenses	108 mos.	138 mos.	84 mos.	118 mos.	36 mos.	67 mos.	30 mos.	50 mos.	48.9 %	42.2 %
Homicide	264	223	180	173	96	134	48	79	59.9	45.6
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	360	276	240	214	180	172	84	110	62.3	51.5
Murder	936	311	300	242	240	201	120	132	64.6	54.6
Nonnegligent manslaughter	180	190	120	151	60	69	48	51	36.4	34.2
Negligent manslaughter	120	138	108	125	36	61	29	39	44.4	31.3
Unspecified homicide	264	204	204	--	36	37	36	--	18.1	--
Kidnaping	120	177	132	159	36	77	51	57	43.2	35.8
Rape	144	172	120	141	48	67	36	53	38.8	37.5
Other sexual assault	84	135	132	154	36	65	22	61	48.0	39.4
Robbery	84	123	72	99	36	54	24	35	44.0	35.0
Assault	60	101	60	82	27	47	23	35	47.1	42.2
Other violent	48	79	48	73	24	49	24	45	62.4	61.1
Property offenses	48 mos.	80 mos.	36 mos.	66 mos.	18 mos.	35 mos.	13 mos.	32 mos.	44.3 %	48.0 %
Burglary	60	93	54	85	24	39	18	29	42.2	33.7
Larceny/theft	48	69	36	66	16	34	12	36	49.5	55.2
Motor vehicle theft	36	64	30	88	18	37	10	67	57.5	76.3
Arson	72	109	60	92	24	40	20	28	37.1	30.5
Fraud	48	69	36	60	16	30	13	28	43.5	47.1
Stolen property	48	57	36	40	18	20	12	11	35.7	28.1
Other property	48	64	36	43	15	37	12	16	57.7	38.3
Drug offenses	60 mos.	80 mos.	48 mos.	72 mos.	24 mos.	34 mos.	18 mos.	29 mos.	42.7 %	40.7 %
Possession	48	72	48	68	18	36	16	34	49.7	50.7
Trafficking	60	83	48	72	24	32	18	26	38.4	35.6
Other drug	60	80	60	76	30	42	22	35	52.5	45.5
Public-order offenses	48 mos.	65 mos.	36 mos.	61 mos.	14 mos.	35 mos.	12 mos.	33 mos.	53.9 %	53.9 %
Weapons	48	65	48	58	18	33	12	23	50.8	40.1
Other public-order	36	64	36	62	12	36	11	35	55.9	56.6
Other offenses	48 mos.	74 mos.	48 mos.	79 mos.	24 mos.	34 mos.	18 mos.	37 mos.	46.0 %	46.9 %
Number of admissions	68,918		5,448		68,918		5,448			

Note: Data on offense distribution and sentence length are based all on new court commitments for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and sex were reported.

-- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

^aSentence length refers to the maximum

sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

^bMinimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.

^cThe percent of sentence that authorities expect prisoners to serve is calculated by

dividing the mean minimum time to be served by the mean maximum sentence length.

^dIncludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

^eExcludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

Table 1-10. New court commitments to State prison, 1988: Sentence length and minimum time to be served, by offense and race

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison								Percent of sentence expected to be served ^c	
	Maximum sentence length in months ^a				Minimum time to be served in months ^b					
	White		Black		White		Black		White	Black
	Median ^d	Mean ^e	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
All offenses	60 mos.	100 mos.	60 mos.	100 mos.	24 mos.	43 mos.	24 mos.	47 mos.	42.6 %	47.4 %
Violent offenses	120 mos.	138 mos.	108 mos.	140 mos.	36 mos.	61 mos.	36 mos.	70 mos.	44.1 %	49.8 %
Homicide	240	194	264	241	79	108	100	141	55.6	58.4
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	600	263	360	288	180	155	180	176	58.8	61.0
Murder	Life	280	600	326	216	170	240	205	60.6	63.0
Nonnegligent manslaughter	180	199	180	185	60	69	60	67	34.9	36.0
Negligent manslaughter	96	122	142	156	31	48	48	68	39.8	43.4
Unspecified homicide	Life	226	204	183	36	37	36	37	16.5	20.0
Kidnaping	108	153	180	217	30	64	60	87	41.5	40.1
Rape	156	168	171	185	42	61	54	76	36.4	41.1
Other sexual assault	84	130	96	148	30	56	48	80	43.0	54.3
Robbery	120	137	84	122	36	53	36	55	38.6	44.8
Assault	60	97	72	102	24	43	30	48	43.9	46.7
Other violent	48	71	60	91	18	36	24	64	51.3	69.8
Property offenses	54 mos.	81 mos.	48 mos.	79 mos.	18 mos.	33 mos.	18 mos.	37 mos.	40.5 %	47.0 %
Burglary	60	94	60	95	24	36	24	42	38.1	44.1
Larceny/theft	48	69	42	69	12	32	16	36	45.9	52.5
Motor vehicle theft	36	63	36	64	13	27	24	41	42.6	64.9
Arson	60	103	72	114	24	35	24	45	34.0	39.9
Fraud	48	69	42	63	15	30	15	28	43.7	44.5
Stolen property	48	58	48	57	16	21	16	19	36.6	33.7
Other property	41	61	54	67	14	33	15	40	53.7	59.9
Drug offenses	60 mos.	90 mos.	54 mos.	80 mos.	19 mos.	35 mos.	19 mos.	32 mos.	38.8 %	40.2 %
Possession	48	83	48	67	14	41	14	29	49.0	43.7
Trafficking	60	92	60	86	18	33	19	29	35.9	34.1
Other drug	60	88	60	75	24	33	34	45	37.8	59.5
Public-order offenses	42 mos.	69 mos.	42 mos.	59 mos.	12 mos.	35 mos.	18 mos.	32 mos.	50.9 %	54.7 %
Weapons	48	73	54	63	18	39	19	30	53.9	48.2
Other public-order	36	68	36	54	12	34	12	34	50.2	63.3
Other offenses	48 mos.	80 mos.	48 mos.	73 mos.	24 mos.	33 mos.	24 mos.	33 mos.	40.6 %	45.6 %
Number of admissions	29,634		37,143		29,634		37,143			

Note: Data on offense distribution and sentence length are based on all new court commitments for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and race were reported.

^aSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to

serve for the most serious offense.

^bMinimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.

^cThe percent of sentence that authorities expect prisoners to serve is calculated by

dividing the mean minimum time to be served by the mean maximum sentence length.

^dIncludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."
^eExcludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

Table 1-11. New court commitments to State prison, 1988: Sentence length, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Maximum sentence length in months for new court commitments to State prison ^a											360 or more	Life or death
		Total	1-12	13-23	24-35	36-47	48-59	60-71	72-119	120-179	180-239	240-359		
All offenses	196,117	100 %	1.1%	10.5%	17.9%	16.5%	10.0%	13.0%	10.8%	8.0%	4.4%	3.8%	1.7%	2.2%
Violent offenses	58,861	100 %	0.4%	3.9%	10.2%	12.8%	8.1%	10.8%	15.5%	12.5%	8.2%	8.1%	3.8%	5.6%
Homicide	9,845	100	0.2	1.1	3.2	4.7	3.2	5.9	11.8	12.7	9.3	12.8	9.2	26.0
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	6,381	100	0.2	0.3	0.6	2.3	0.9	3.2	9.4	10.8	6.9	14.9	12.1	38.4
Murder	5,259	100	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.8	0.6	3.3	5.8	7.5	6.0	13.6	14.7	46.6
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,122	100	0.0*	0.6	0.9	9.1	2.7	2.6	26.1	26.1	11.0	20.8	0.0*	0.2
Negligent manslaughter	2,831	100	0.2	3.1	9.7	10.6	8.5	12.6	17.8	15.4	11.5	7.9	2.5	0.2
Unspecified homicide	633	100	0.5	0.3	0.2	2.2	2.1	3.0	9.5	19.9	22.9	14.1	10.0	15.5
Kidnaping	1,290	100	0.2	3.6	6.7	8.8	3.8	14.3	14.0	12.8	6.4	12.8	6.2	10.3
Rape	5,890	100	0.2	1.0	3.3	7.1	4.4	9.1	20.0	16.6	12.0	16.0	6.3	3.9
Other sexual assault	6,388	100	0.3	5.3	8.8	15.3	6.4	12.5	23.4	11.5	7.1	4.5	3.0	1.8
Robbery	21,170	100	0.2	2.5	9.5	14.8	9.9	12.3	16.9	14.0	9.0	8.0	2.3	0.8
Assault	13,054	100	1.0	8.5	20.0	17.3	11.2	11.5	10.6	9.4	5.4	2.8	1.4	0.7
Other violent	1,224	100	0.6	10.0	20.0	15.7	16.1	12.5	12.5	5.2	2.8	3.2	1.2	0.2
Property offenses	72,334	100 %	1.3%	11.1%	21.7%	17.2%	11.1%	15.1%	9.7%	7.0%	3.2%	1.8%	0.8%	0.1%
Burglary	34,106	100	0.5	8.3	17.6	15.2	13.3	14.8	12.2	9.0	5.3	2.8	0.8	0.2
Larceny/theft	17,833	100	2.2	14.5	27.2	18.0	8.9	14.1	6.9	5.3	1.3	0.5	1.0	0.1
Motor vehicle theft	5,339	100	0.8	16.8	27.0	18.9	9.7	15.5	6.9	2.9	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.0*
Arson	1,391	100	0.2	5.9	13.4	17.0	9.8	14.0	14.5	11.8	4.0	8.2	0.8	0.5
Fraud	8,427	100	2.6	12.9	24.8	18.7	9.1	16.7	7.4	5.2	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.0*
Stolen property	3,839	100	1.5	11.0	19.5	24.6	10.0	17.3	7.6	5.3	1.9	0.7	0.3	0.2
Other property	1,339	100	3.5	9.7	26.7	19.0	9.2	15.8	8.4	4.5	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.0*
Drug offenses	49,830	100 %	0.7%	16.1%	18.2%	19.8%	11.2%	12.4%	8.5%	5.3%	2.6%	2.7%	0.8%	1.6%
Possession	14,759	100	0.8	20.4	21.8	14.4	10.0	11.9	7.2	4.9	1.6	1.2	1.1	4.8
Trafficking	27,317	100	0.2	8.8	14.9	25.3	13.9	13.6	10.2	5.6	2.4	3.8	0.8	0.3
Other drug	7,754	100	2.4	33.7	23.0	10.5	4.2	9.1	4.8	5.1	5.2	1.5	0.3	0.1
Public-order offenses	12,997	100 %	4.9%	14.4%	28.1%	17.3%	8.0%	15.2%	5.1%	3.6%	1.1%	0.8%	1.1%	0.3%
Weapons	3,561	100	1.2	15.1	21.6	18.1	10.4	18.3	7.5	3.9	1.4	0.8	1.2	0.4
Other public-order	9,436	100	6.2	14.2	30.5	17.0	7.1	14.1	4.2	3.5	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.3
Other offenses	2,095	100 %	0.9%	17.5%	30.8%	15.3%	10.2%	8.7%	6.8%	5.1%	2.6%	1.1%	0.8%	0.3%

Note: Data on offense distribution and sentence length are based on all new court commitments for whom the most serious offense and sentence length were reported.

* Less than 0.1%.

^aSentence length refers to the maximum sentence length that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

Table 1-12. New court commitments to State prison, 1988: Inmates sentenced to life in prison or to death, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Total	Percent sentenced to life or death				Percent of all sentences reported in months
			Life	Life without parole	Life plus additional years	Death	
All offenses	196,117	100 %	2.0 %	0.0%*	0.0%*	0.1 %	97.8 %
Violent offenses	58,861	100 %	5.1 %	0.2 %	0.1 %	0.2 %	94.4 %
Homicide	9,845	100	23.2	0.9	0.5	1.4	74.0
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	6,381	100	35.0	1.3	0.2	1.9	61.6
Murder	5,259	100	42.4	1.6	0.2	2.3	53.4
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,122	100	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.8
Negligent manslaughter	2,831	100	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.8
Unspecified homicide	633	100	7.1	0.0	5.8	2.5	84.5
Kidnaping	1,290	100	9.7	0.3	0.2	0.2	89.7
Rape	5,890	100	3.8	0.0	0.0*	0.0	96.1
Other sexual assault	6,388	100	1.7	0.0*	0.1	0.0	98.2
Robbery	21,170	100	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	99.2
Assault	13,054	100	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	99.3
Other violent	1,224	100	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.8
Property offenses	72,334	100 %	0.1 %	0.0 %	0.0%*	0.0 %	99.9 %
Burglary	34,106	100	0.2	0.0	0.0*	0.0	99.8
Larceny/theft	17,893	100	0.1	0.0	0.0*	0.0	99.9
Motor vehicle theft	5,339	100	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Arson	1,391	100	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.5
Fraud	8,427	100	0.0*	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Stolen property	3,839	100	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.8
Other property	1,339	100	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Drug offenses	49,830	100 %	1.6 %	0.0 %	0.0%*	0.0 %	98.4 %
Possession	14,759	100	4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.2
Trafficking	27,317	100	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.7
Other drug	7,754	100	0.1	0.0	0.0*	0.0	99.9
Public-order offenses	12,997	100 %	0.3 %	0.0%*	0.0%*	0.0 %	99.7 %
Weapons	3,561	100	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	99.6
Other public-order	9,436	100	0.2	0.0*	0.0*	0.0	99.7
Other offenses	2,095	100 %	0.3 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	99.7 %

Note: Data on offense distribution and sentence length are based on all new court commitments for whom the most serious offense and sentence length were reported.

*Less than 0.1%.

Release data for 1988 are based on information provided by 35 States, the District of Columbia, and the California Youth Authority. These States reported a total of 265,737 releases, which accounted for four-fifths of the releases from State prisons. (See "Prisoners in State and Federal Institutions, 1988" in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1988*, NCJ-124280.) Of the total, 198,184 were first releases, those released from prison for the first time on their current sentence. Excluded from first releases were persons who had previously been conditionally released from prison for the same offense and then were returned to prison for violating the conditions of that release. All data on offense distribution and time served are limited to first releases. Inmate subgroup differences for time served may have resulted from factors not described in the tables. (See *Methodology*, page 2.)

- About three-quarters of those released from prison were released conditionally-completing their sentences under supervision in the community (table 2-1).

- Men made up the vast majority (93%) of all persons released from prison (table 2-2). Whites accounted for 50% of all releases; blacks, 49%; and persons of other races, 1%.

- Violent offenders accounted for 30% of the first time releases; property offenders, 42%; drug offenders, 20%; and public-order offenders, 7% (table 2-3).

- Fifty percent of the first releases had served a year or less in prison before their release in 1988; 7% had served more than 60 months (table 2-4).

- Men served longer than women for all offense types except for "other" public-order offenses. Overall the median time served was 14 months by men, compared to 9 months by women (table 2-5).

- The median time served for blacks was 13 months, 1 month longer than that for whites (table 2-6). This difference reflects in part the higher percentage of violent offenders among black releases.

- The median time served for blacks was longer than that for whites for all violent offenses except for unspecified homicide and other sexual assault.

- Among Hispanic first releases the median time served on a violent offense was 24 months in prison; on a property or drug offense 12 months; and on a public-order offense, 11 months.

- The median time served for murder was 66 months; for nonnegligent manslaughter, 52 months; for rape, 36 months; for robbery, 27 months; and for assault, 15 months (table 2-7).

- Among property offenders the median time served was longest for arson (17 months) and burglary (13 months). The

median time served for drug offenses was 10 months. Drug traffickers spent an average of 6 months longer than those convicted of drug possession (a median time of 12 months and 6 months, respectively).

- Among those releases with data reported on minimum time to be served, the median maximum sentence length was 60 months, the minimum time estimated to be served was 22 months, and the time actually served was 20 months (table 2-8). On average, offenders had served slightly over a third of their maximum sentence before release.

- Overall, offenders released through a parole board decision had served a median of 15 months (table 2-9). Mandatory parole releases, whose time had been set by statute, had served a median of 14 months. Unconditional releases had served a median of 8 months.

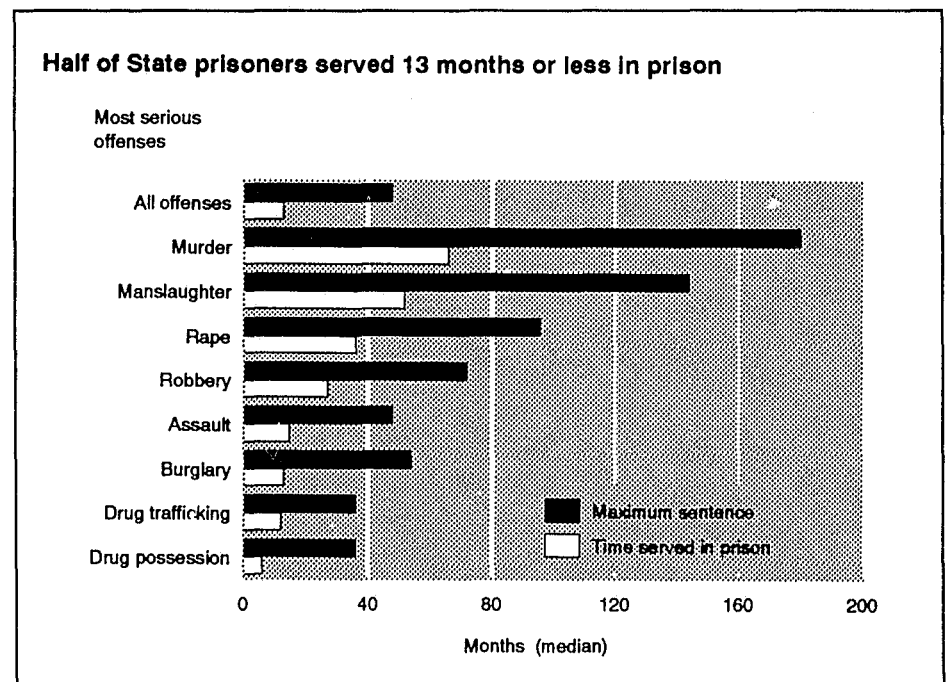


Figure 2-1. First releases from State prison: Maximum sentence length and time served in prison, by offense

**Table 2-1. State prison releases, 1988:
Method of release, by release type**

Method of release	State prison releases	
	All	First
All methods	100 %	100 %
Conditional releases	76.2 %	73.4 %
Parole board	41.9	47.6
Mandatory parole	31.2	22.1
Other conditional	3.1	3.7
Unconditional releases	16.0 %	17.7 %
Expiration	14.7	16.1
Commutation/pardon	0.7	0.9
Other conditional	0.6	0.7
Death	0.5 %	0.5 %
Escape/AWOL	1.6 %	1.7 %
Other releases	2.5 %	2.5 %
Unknown	3.2 %	4.1 %
Number of releases	265,737	198,184

Note: First releases are persons released for the first time on their current sentence. Data are based on releases from prison with a sentence of more than a year.

**Table 2-2 State prison releases, 1988:
Selected demographic characteristics,
by release type**

Demographic characteristics	Percent of releases	
	All	First
Total	100 %	100 %
Sex		
Male	92.9 %	92.6 %
Female	7.1	7.4
Race		
White	50.3 %	49.0 %
Black	49.1	50.4
Other	0.6	0.6
Hispanic origin		
Hispanic	17.7 %	16.6 %
Non-Hispanic	82.3	83.4
Age at release		
Under 18	0.3 %	0.4 %
18-24	26.5	29.5
25-29	27.4	26.3
30-34	20.5	19.2
35-44	18.9	17.9
45-54	4.8	4.8
55 or older	1.7	1.9
Median age	28 yrs.	28 yrs.
Education		
8th grade or less	18.3 %	18.7 %
9th-11th grade	44.8	45.2
High school graduate	28.8	27.9
Some college	7.9	8.0
Other	0.3	0.3
Median education	11th grade	11th grade
Number of releases	265,737	198,184

Note: Data on race were reported for 93.1% of the 265,737 releases from prison with a sentence of more than a year, data on Hispanic origin for 79.3%, data on age for 99.7%, and data on education for 45.8%.

**Table 2-3. First releases from State prison, 1988:
Time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison		
	Percent of releases	Time served in prison	
		Median	Mean
All offenses	100 %	13 mos.	22 mos.
Violent offenses	29.8 %	25 mos.	36 mos.
Homicide	3.6	42	56
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.2	61	73
Murder	1.6	66	78
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.6	52	59
Negligent manslaughter	1.3	21	28
Unspecified homicide	0.2	43	52
Kidnaping	0.5	27	38
Rape	2.6	36	45
Other sexual assault	2.9	22	27
Robbery	12.9	27	37
Assault	6.7	15	22
Other violent	0.5	15	20
Property offenses	42.0 %	11 mos.	17 mos.
Burglary	20.4	13	20
Larceny/theft	10.2	9	14
Motor vehicle theft	3.0	8	12
Arson	0.8	17	23
Fraud	5.1	9	14
Stolen property	1.9	12	17
Other property	0.7	10	15
Drug offenses	19.8 %	10 mos.	14 mos.
Possession	6.5	6	11
Trafficking	10.2	12	15
Other drug	3.1	9	13
Public-order offenses	7.2 %	9 mos.	14 mos.
Weapons	1.9	13	18
Other public-order	5.3	8	13
Other offenses	1.1 %	11 mos.	16 mos.
Number of releases	178,719		

Table 2-4. First releases from State prison, 1988: Time served in prison, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Total	Number of months served in State prison								120 or more
			1-6	7-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	49-60	61-84	85-119	
All offenses	178,719	100 %	27.3 %	22.5 %	23.1 %	10.6 %	5.6 %	3.7 %	4.0 %	2.0 %	1.1 %
Violent offenses	53,293	100 %	12.9 %	14.2 %	23.5 %	15.2 %	10.0 %	7.2 %	8.9 %	5.0 %	3.1 %
Homicide	6,482	100	7.0	9.5	16.2	12.9	10.1	9.0	13.8	11.1	10.4
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	3,877	100	2.8	4.4	9.5	11.1	11.0	11.3	17.6	16.2	16.2
Murder	2,877	100	3.2	3.8	7.2	10.5	10.8	10.6	17.7	17.8	18.5
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,000	100	1.4	6.1	15.9	12.9	11.5	13.5	17.3	11.6	9.8
Negligent manslaughter	2,296	100	13.5	17.9	28.4	16.4	8.1	5.1	7.3	2.4	1.0
Unspecified homicide	309	100	12.0	10.7	10.0	9.4	14.2	9.4	14.6	12.6	7.1
Kidnaping	972	100	12.8	14.3	19.8	15.3	10.3	8.5	9.8	6.1	3.2
Rape	4,686	100	5.6	7.4	19.2	18.9	13.3	10.4	13.2	8.1	4.0
Other sexual assault	5,211	100	9.7	15.2	31.8	21.1	10.5	5.0	4.5	1.7	0.5
Robbery	23,040	100	11.1	13.2	22.9	14.8	11.0	8.4	10.6	5.3	2.7
Assault	11,950	100	23.2	20.6	26.3	13.2	6.8	3.9	3.6	1.6	0.9
Other violent	952	100	23.6	20.3	29.4	13.2	6.2	3.2	2.7	1.3	0.1
Property offenses	75,032	100 %	31.1 %	25.3 %	23.1 %	9.7 %	4.6 %	2.6 %	2.4 %	0.9 %	0.3 %
Burglary	36,438	100	25.0	23.7	24.7	11.8	5.9	3.6	3.5	1.4	0.4
Larceny/theft	18,164	100	37.8	26.8	20.9	7.5	3.3	1.4	1.4	0.5	0.2
Motor vehicle theft	5,287	100	42.6	27.3	19.4	6.0	2.2	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.2
Arson	1,443	100	18.4	19.3	29.9	14.2	6.9	4.8	4.5	1.7	0.3
Fraud	9,066	100	38.7	27.6	19.9	7.2	3.0	1.6	1.3	0.6	0.1
Stolen property	3,459	100	27.0	25.8	28.4	10.0	4.7	2.2	1.6	0.2	0.1
Other property	1,175	100	34.2	27.7	23.1	8.0	2.3	2.1	1.9	0.5	0.3
Drug offenses	35,429	100 %	35.9 %	28.2 %	23.9 %	6.8 %	2.4 %	1.3 %	0.9 %	0.3 %	0.3 %
Possession	11,701	100	53.9	22.5	13.6	5.5	1.9	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.3
Trafficking	18,159	100	25.8	29.3	31.6	7.7	2.6	1.4	0.9	0.3	0.3
Other drug	5,569	100	31.2	36.6	20.4	6.5	2.5	1.4	1.0	0.2	0.1
Public-order offenses	12,912	100 %	41.2 %	23.8 %	19.2 %	8.2 %	3.2 %	1.9 %	1.7 %	0.7 %	0.3 %
Weapons	3,435	100	27.3	23.4	26.3	11.6	4.9	3.0	2.7	0.6	0.2
Other public-order	9,477	100	46.2	23.9	16.6	6.9	2.6	1.4	1.3	0.7	0.3
Other offenses	2,053	100 %	26.2 %	32.9 %	24.1 %	7.9 %	3.0 %	2.5 %	2.4 %	0.6 %	0.2 %

Note: Data are based on first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense and time served were reported.

All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer.

Table 2-5. First releases from State prison, 1988: Time served in prison, by offense and sex

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison					
	Percent of releases	Male		Percent of releases	Female	
		Time served in prison			Time served in prison	
		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
All offenses	100%	14 mos.	22 mos.	100%	9 mos.	14 mos.
Violent offenses	30.6%	25 mos.	36 mos.	20.1%	17 mos.	26 mos.
Homicide	3.5	44	58	5.4	30	38
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.1	64	76	2.8	41	50
Murder	1.6	69	81	2.0	47	55
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.5	54	62	0.9	31	39
Negligent manslaughter	1.2	21	29	2.3	18	24
Unspecified homicide	0.2	43	52	0.2	35	38
Kidnaping	0.6	27	38	0.3	26	31
Rape	2.8	36	46	0.2	33	37
Other sexual assault	3.1	22	27	0.3	20	24
Robbery	13.3	28	38	7.6	16	24
Assault	6.8	16	23	5.5	11	16
Other violent	0.5	15	21	0.7	15	16
Property offenses	41.6%	12 mos.	18 mos.	46.3%	8 mos.	12 mos.
Burglary	21.4	14	21	7.4	10	14
Larceny/theft	9.5	10	15	18.0	8	11
Motor vehicle theft	3.1	8	12	0.9	7	9
Arson	0.8	17	24	0.9	13	19
Fraud	4.1	9	15	17.5	8	11
Stolen property	2.0	12	17	1.4	8	13
Other property	0.7	10	15	0.3	8	15
Drug offenses	19.3%	10 mos.	14 mos.	27.0%	7 mos.	11 mos.
Possession	6.3	6	11	9.8	5	8
Trafficking	10.0	12	16	12.4	10	12
Other drug	3.0	10	14	4.8	8	11
Public-order offenses	7.4%	9 mos.	15 mos.	5.3%	8 mos.	11 mos.
Weapons	2.0	13	18	0.8	9	12
Other public-order	5.4	8	13	4.5	8	11
Other offenses	1.1%	12 mos.	17 mos.	1.3%	8 mos.	13 mos.
Number of releases	165,509			13,166		

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, sex, and time served were reported. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer.

Table 2-6. First releases from State prison, 1988: Time served in prison, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison								
	Race ^a								
	Percent of releases	White		Percent of releases	Black		Percent of releases	Hispanic ^b	
Time served in prison Median		Mean	Time served in prison Median		Mean	Time served in prison Median		Mean	
All offenses	100 %	12 mos.	20 mos.	100 %	13 mos.	23 mos.	100 %	14 mos.	21 mos.
Violent offenses	26.8 %	24 mos.	33 mos.	32.7 %	25 mos.	37 mos.	28.4 %	24 mos.	33 mos.
Homicide	3.5	35	50	3.6	49	61	3.8	43	54
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.8	59	71	2.3	64	76	2.7	53	63
Murder	1.5	64	76	1.6	72	83	1.8	50	63
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.3	37	48	0.7	53	61	0.9	60	65
Negligent manslaughter	1.5	20	25	1.1	24	33	0.9	21	24
Unspecified homicide	0.2	49	54	0.2	38	47	0.1	55	54
Kidnaping	0.7	27	35	0.4	29	42	0.5	24	32
Rape	3.0	35	43	2.3	40	50	2.1	36	41
Other sexual assault	4.5	23	28	1.5	21	27	2.0	19	23
Robbery	8.1	27	36	17.3	27	37	13.1	25	33
Assault	6.3	16	22	7.1	15	22	6.6	17	23
Other violent	0.7	15	18	0.4	17	24	0.4	13	18
Property offenses	45.3 %	11 mos.	17 mos.	40.2 %	11 mos.	18 mos.	32.8 %	12 mos.	17 mos.
Burglary	22.2	13	20	18.4	13	21	20.6	13	20
Larceny/theft	10.1	9	14	11.0	9	15	6.0	9	12
Motor vehicle theft	3.1	8	12	2.9	9	13	2.8	8	11
Arson	1.0	17	23	0.6	16	22	0.5	18	24
Fraud	6.2	9	14	4.5	9	14	1.8	9	12
Stolen property	1.8	11	16	2.2	12	17	0.9	15	17
Other property	0.8	10	15	0.6	10	15	0.3	10	13
Drug offenses	17.8 %	10 mos.	13 mos.	20.2 %	8 mos.	12 mos.	32.6 %	12 mos.	16 mos.
Possession	5.4	7	10	7.2	5	10	8.3	9	16
Trafficking	9.0	12	15	9.8	11	14	20.6	15	18
Other drug	3.3	10	14	3.2	9	13	3.7	8	9
Public-order offenses	8.6 %	8 mos.	13 mos.	6.1 %	10 mos.	16 mos.	4.8 %	11 mos.	16 mos.
Weapons	1.5	11	15	2.2	13	19	2.3	18	22
Other public-order	7.2	8	13	3.9	8	14	2.5	7	11
Other offenses	1.5 %	11 mos.	16 mos.	0.8 %	12 mos.	19 mos.	1.4 %	10 mos.	12 mos.
Number of releases	80,610			81,727			23,678		

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, race or Hispanic origin, and time served were reported. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainee.

^aRace includes persons of Hispanic origin.
^bHispanic releases include persons of all races.

Table 2-7. First releases from State prison, 1988: Sentence length and time served in prison, by offense

Most serious offense	Percent of releases	First releases from State prison			
		Maximum sentence length ^a		Time served in prison	
		Median ^b	Mean ^c	Median	Mean
All offenses	100 %	48 mos.	69 mos.	13 mos.	22 mos.
Violent offenses	29.9 %	60 mos.	95 mos.	25 mos.	35 mos.
Homicide	3.7	120	150	42	56
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.2	180	190	61	73
Murder	1.6	180	207	66	78
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.6	144	148	52	59
Negligent manslaughter	1.3	60	90	21	28
Unspecified homicide	0.2	165	176	43	52
Kidnaping	0.5	60	108	26	37
Rape	2.6	96	117	36	45
Other sexual assault	3.0	60	75	22	27
Robbery	13.0	72	99	27	37
Assault	6.6	48	63	15	22
Other violent	0.5	36	57	15	20
Property offenses	41.8 %	48 mos.	62 mos.	11 mos.	17 mos.
Burglary	20.2	54	71	13	20
Larceny/theft	10.3	36	52	9	14
Motor vehicle theft	3.1	36	53	8	12
Arson	0.8	60	78	17	23
Fraud	4.9	36	54	9	14
Stolen property	1.9	36	48	12	16
Other property	0.6	36	51	10	15
Drug offenses	20.1 %	36 mos.	51 mos.	10 mos.	14 mos.
Possession	6.5	36	52	6	11
Trafficking	10.4	36	54	12	15
Other drug	3.2	24	42	9	13
Public-order offenses	7.0 %	36 mos.	46 mos.	9 mos.	15 mos.
Weapons	1.9	36	51	13	18
Other public-order	5.1	30	44	8	13
Other offenses	1.2 %	36 mos.	54 mos.	11 mos.	16 mos.
Number of releases	171,988				

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and time served in prison were reported. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer.
^aSentence length refers to the maximum

sentence that an offender may be required to served for the most serious offense.
^bIncludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."
^cExcludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

Table 2-8. First releases from State prison, 1988: Sentence length, minimum time to be served, and time served in prison, by offense

Most serious offense	Percent of releases	First releases from state prison						Percent of maximum sentence length ^a	
		Maximum sentence length ^b		Minimum time to be served ^c		Time served in prison		Estimated minimum time to be served	Actual time served
		Median ^d	Mean ^e	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
All offenses	100 %	60 mos.	82 mos.	22 mos.	34 mos.	20 mos.	28 mos.	41.5 %	33.9 %
Violent offenses	35.7 %	72 mos.	107 mos.	30 mos.	43 mos.	31 mos.	40 mos.	40.2 %	37.2 %
Homicide	4.3	144	163	48	66	53	64	40.8	39.1
Murder/negligent manslaughter	2.7	180	194	60	79	67	79	40.9	40.6
Murder	1.6	240	217	75	96	75	88	44.1	40.6
Negligent manslaughter	1.1	144	166	60	56	58	65	33.7	38.9
Negligent manslaughter	1.4	84	111	30	45	28	34	40.3	31.0
Unspecified homicide	0.1	180	166	36	38	66	74	22.6	44.4
Kidnaping	0.5	84	134	24	54	29	38	40.5	28.1
Rape	2.9	120	130	33	44	40	48	33.9	36.9
Other sexual assault	3.0	60	80	23	31	23	28	39.2	34.6
Robbery	17.8	72	106	32	42	33	40	39.6	37.6
Assault	6.4	60	79	24	35	21	27	44.2	34.3
Other violent	0.8	48	71	18	41	21	27	57.8	37.8
Property offenses	39.0 %	48 mos.	71 mos.	18 mos.	31 mos.	17 mos.	22 mos.	43.6 %	30.8 %
Burglary	18.2	60	80	24	32	20	25	40.6	31.4
Larceny/theft	10.0	36	63	18	31	14	19	49.3	29.4
Motor vehicle theft	2.0	36	65	18	41	14	17	62.2	25.5
Arson	1.0	60	95	24	32	22	28	33.6	29.1
Fraud	4.0	36	65	15	28	14	18	43.3	28.2
Stolen property	2.8	36	49	18	18	17	21	35.4	42.3
Other property	1.0	36	63	14	34	14	19	53.8	29.8
Drug offenses	17.4 %	48 mos.	64 mos.	17 mos.	25 mos.	15 mos.	20 mos.	39.9 %	31.1 %
Possession	4.1	48	64	17	34	14	20	52.5	31.2
Trafficking	10.1	48	63	15	23	15	20	36.3	31.6
Other drug	3.2	36	66	18	23	15	19	35.2	29.6
Public-order offenses	6.5 %	48 mos.	59 mos.	13 mos.	28 mos.	14 mos.	19 mos.	47.1 %	32.9 %
Weapons	2.7	48	60	21	29	19	23	49.0	39.0
Other public-order	3.8	36	58	10	27	11	17	45.8	28.3
Other offenses	1.3 %	60 mos.	84 mos.	24 mos.	25 mos.	17 mos.	24 mos.	30.2 %	29.3 %
Number of releases	61,614								

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, sentence length, and time served in prison were reported. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainee.
^aThe percent of maximum sentence length is

calculated by dividing the mean minimum time to be served and the mean time served by the mean maximum sentence length.
^bSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.
^cMinimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's

estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.
^dIncludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."
^eExcludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

Table 2-9. First releases from State prison, 1988: Time served in prison, by offense and method of prison release

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison								
	Conditional releases ^a						Unconditional release, expiration of sentence ^d		
	Percent of releases	Discretionary ^b		Percent of releases	Mandatory ^c		Percent of releases	Time served in prison	
Time served in prison		Median	Mean		Time served in prison	Median		Mean	Median
All offenses	100 %	15 mos.	25 mos.	100 %	14 mos.	21 mos.	100 %	8 mos.	16 mos.
Violent offenses	28.7 %	32 mos.	43 mos.	33.3 %	23 mos.	31 mos.	29.5 %	13 mos.	26 mos.
Homicide	4.0	56	69	3.3	34	42	3.0	22	39
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.7	74	85	2.2	44	51	0.9	48	60
Murder	1.8	86	95	1.9	46	52	0.7	41	59
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.8	54	61	0.3	23	45	0.2	57	63
Negligent manslaughter	1.2	26	33	1.1	20	23	1.5	15	25
Unspecified homicide	0.1	81	92	0.0	--	--	0.6	33	40
Kidnaping	0.4	40	50	0.7	26	32	0.7	19	28
Rape	2.0	45	55	4.2	36	42	2.3	28	38
Other sexual assault	2.0	26	32	4.1	22	26	3.7	16	23
Robbery	14.3	33	42	12.3	24	32	11.0	14	28
Assault	5.5	19	27	8.0	18	23	8.2	8	16
Other violent	0.4	19	24	0.6	17	23	0.7	8	13
Property offenses	44.8 %	13 mos.	19 mos.	36.8 %	12 mos.	18 mos.	39.6 %	8 mos.	13 mos.
Burglary	22.1	16	23	18.2	15	21	18.3	8	15
Larceny/theft	10.8	10	15	9.0	11	14	9.5	8	12
Motor vehicle theft	2.9	9	13	3.0	10	13	3.0	6	9
Arson	0.8	20	26	0.7	17	23	0.8	11	19
Fraud	5.4	9	15	4.5	11	14	4.5	6	11
Stolen property	2.0	14	18	0.9	13	17	2.7	10	15
Other property	0.7	11	17	0.4	10	14	0.8	9	11
Drug offenses	17.8 %	11 mos.	16 mos.	22.2 %	11 mos.	13 mos.	22.8 %	5 mos.	9 mos.
Possession	7.2	8	14	3.4	8	11	9.0	4	6
Trafficking	8.9	13	18	13.7	14	15	9.1	5	10
Other drug	1.6	15	21	5.1	8	9	4.7	11	12
Public-order offenses	7.8 %	9 mos.	14 mos.	5.6 %	12 mos.	17 mos.	7.5 %	6 mos.	13 mos.
Weapons	1.9	16	21	1.7	13	18	2.3	6	12
Other public-order	5.9	7	12	3.9	12	17	5.2	6	13
Other offenses	0.9 %	15 mos.	22 mos.	2.2 %	10 mos.	11 mos.	0.6 %	12 mos.	20 mos.
Number of releases	93,647			43,827			34,060		

Notes: Data are on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, time served in prison, and method of prison release were reported.

-- No median or mean were calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

^aA conditional release occurs if the released inmate, upon violating the conditions of the release, can be imprisoned again for any of the

sentences for which the inmate had served time in prison.

^bDiscretionary release occurs when a parole board approves a conditional release to supervision.

^cMandatory release occurs when a statute requires that a prisoner be released conditionally. The prisoner has served time equal to the full sentence minus good time, if any. A mandatory

release must meet the requirements of a conditional release until the sentence expires or until a period set by law has elapsed.

^dAn unconditional release occurs only if the released inmate cannot be reimprisoned for any sentence for which the inmate was in prison.

Entries to parole from State prison

Most prisoners leaving State prisons in 1988 were released to supervision in the community. In these data covering 35 States, the District of Columbia, and the California Youth Authority, there were 138,256 first entries to parole supervision from State prisons. These prisoners were released to parole either by decision of a parole board (discretionary parole release) or by provision of the statute under which they were sentenced (mandatory parole release).

State statutes often determine what conditions prisoners must fulfill to enter parole. For example, some States specify the fraction of a sentence that offenders must serve — such as a third or a fourth — before entering parole. Other States have a mandatory minimum time to be served for certain crimes or for specified circumstances of a crime. Yet other States have parole guidelines that set ranges of time to be served for different types of crimes.

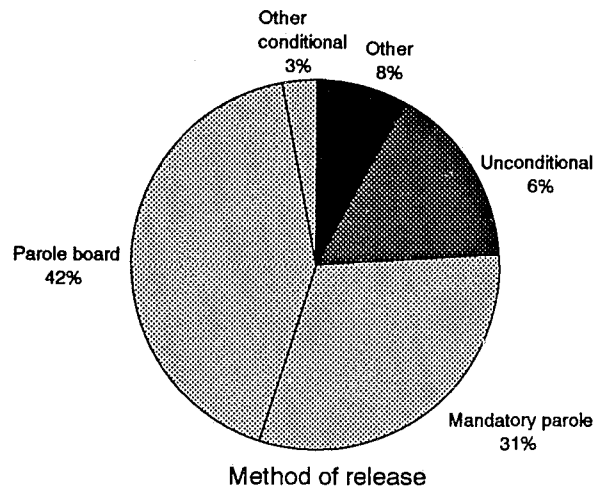
- As in previous years, males comprise 93% of those entering parole (table 3-1).
- Whites made up 50% of the 1988 parole-entry population, blacks 49%, and other races 1%.
- The median age of persons entering parole was 28 years.
- About 30% of all offenders entering parole supervision had served time for a violent offense; 42% for a property offense; 19% for a drug offense; and about 7% for a public-order offense (table 3-2)
- A higher percentage of releases from State prison entered parole supervision from a parole board decision than from a mandatory parole release (68% versus 32%, respectively) (table 3-3).
- The median maximum sentence for all parole entries was 48 months while the

median time served for was 15 months (table 3-4).

- On average, persons paroled in 1988 had served about a third of their maximum sentence in prison prior to their release.

- On average, violent offenders served 39% of their mean maximum sentence in prison before their parole; public-order offenders served 31%; property offenders, 29%; and drug offenders, 26%.

About 73% of first State prison releases were release to parole



About a third of first entries to State parole were violent offenders

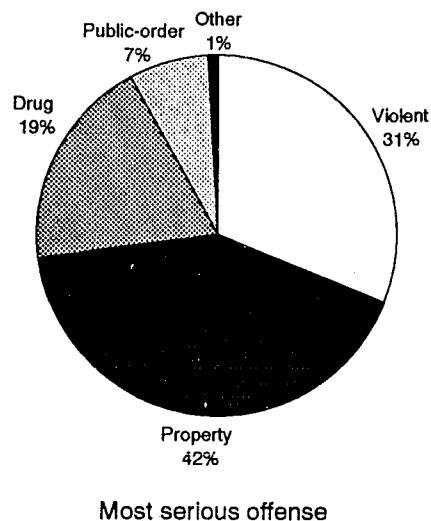


Figure 3-1. First entries to parole from State prison: Method of release and offense

Table 3-1. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1988: Selected demographic characteristics, by sex

Demographic characteristic	First entries to parole supervision		
	Total	Male*	Female*
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %
Race			
White	50.1 %	46.1 %	45.7 %
Black	49.1	52.9	53.3
Other	0.7	1.0	1.0
Hispanic origin			
Hispanic	20.4 %	15.1 %	11.5 %
Non-Hispanic	79.6	84.9	88.5
Age at entry			
Under 18	0.3 %	0.8 %	1.7 %
18-24	28.7	31.4	21.2
25-29	26.4	25.6	26.6
30-34	19.5	18.5	23.3
35-44	18.4	17.4	21.5
45-54	4.9	4.7	4.3
55 or older	1.9	1.7	1.4
Median age	28 yrs.	28 yrs.	30 yrs.
Education			
8th grade or less	18.7 %	18.9 %	15.7 %
9-11th grade	45.1	45.3	41.3
High school graduate	27.8	27.4	32.4
Some college	8.1	8.0	10.3
Other	0.4	0.4	0.3
Median education	11th grade	10th grade	11th grade
Number of parole entries	138,256	128,202	10,012

Note: Data on race were reported for 89.8% of the 138,256 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year. Data on Hispanic origin for 75.8%, data on

age at release from prison for 99.7%, and data on education for 50.0%. *Males comprised 92.7% of the State parole entries; females, 7.2%.

**Table 3-2. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1988:
Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other ^a	
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	30.1 %	30.9 %	20.0 %	26.4 %	34.0 %	35.9 %	28.3 %
Homicide	3.8	3.7	5.6	3.6	3.9	7.0	3.7
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.6	2.5	3.4	2.1	2.8	3.6	2.9
Murder	1.9	1.8	2.3	1.7	2.0	3.1	1.9
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.4	0.8	0.4	1.0
Negligent manslaughter	1.2	1.1	2.1	1.4	1.1	3.5	0.7
Unspecified homicide	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0 *	0.0 *
Kidnaping	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.4	1.2	0.4
Rape	2.7	2.9	0.2	3.1	2.4	2.8	2.1
Other sexual assault	2.7	2.9	0.4	4.1	1.5	3.6	2.0
Robbery	13.7	14.1	8.1	8.4	18.7	9.8	13.4
Assault	6.3	6.4	4.8	5.9	6.7	10.4	6.4
Other violent	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.4	1.0	0.3
Property offenses	42.2 %	41.8 %	48.1 %	45.1 %	41.0 %	43.1 %	33.1 %
Burglary	20.8	21.8	8.0	22.6	19.0	21.9	20.8
Larceny/theft	10.2	9.6	18.1	10.0	11.5	9.8	6.1
Motor vehicle theft	2.9	3.1	1.0	2.9	2.9	4.1	2.7
Arson	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.5
Fraud	5.1	4.1	18.5	6.4	4.5	4.3	1.9
Stolen property	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.4	2.0	1.1	0.9
Other property	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.8	0.5	1.1	0.3
Drug offenses	19.2 %	18.7 %	25.6 %	18.3 %	18.0 %	8.8 %	32.3 %
Possession	6.0	5.8	8.7	5.5	5.7	1.8	8.1
Trafficking	10.4	10.3	12.2	9.7	9.5	5.8	20.5
Other drug	2.7	2.6	4.7	3.0	2.8	1.2	3.7
Public-order offenses	7.1 %	7.3 %	4.9 %	8.5 %	6.1 %	11.4 %	4.7 %
Weapons	1.9	1.9	0.8	1.4	2.1	1.9	2.2
Other public-order	5.3	5.4	4.1	7.1	3.9	9.5	2.5
Other offenses	1.3 %	1.3 %	1.4 %	1.8 %	0.9 %	0.8 %	1.6 %
Number of parole entries	138,086	128,070	9,974	62,171	60,915	894	21,427

Note: Data on offense distribution were reported for 99.9% of the 138,256 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

*Less than 0.1%.

^aIncludes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

**Table 3-3. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1988:
Method of prison release, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	First entries to parole supervision		
		Total	Discretionary release	Mandatory release
All offenses	138,086	100 %	68.2 %	31.8 %
Violent offenses	41,632	100 %	64.9 %	35.1 %
Homicide	5,255	100	72.1	27.9
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	3,525	100	72.5	27.5
Murder	2,586	100	68.3	31.7
Nonnegligent manslaughter	939	100	84.0	16.0
Negligent manslaughter	1,645	100	69.9	30.1
Unspecified homicide	85	100	97.6	2.4
Kidnaping	706	100	54.7	45.3
Rape	3,720	100	50.9	49.1
Other sexual assault	3,718	100	51.8	48.2
Robbery	18,861	100	71.3	28.7
Assault	9,691	100	59.4	40.6
Other violent	681	100	62.1	37.9
Property offenses	58,333	100 %	72.3 %	27.7 %
Burglary	28,790	100	72.3	27.7
Larceny/theft	14,137	100	72.0	28.0
Motor vehicle theft	4,060	100	67.6	32.4
Arson	1,105	100	70.3	29.7
Fraud	7,065	100	72.1	27.9
Stolen property	2,333	100	82.3	17.7
Other property	843	100	80.2	19.8
Drug offenses	26,468	100 %	63.2 %	36.8 %
Possession	8,283	100	82.1	17.9
Trafficking	14,421	100	58.2	41.8
Other drug	3,764	100	40.8	59.2
Public-order offenses	9,840	100 %	74.9 %	25.1 %
Weapons	2,557	100	70.8	29.2
Other public-order	7,283	100	76.3	23.7
Other offenses	1,813	100 %	47.6 %	52.4 %

Note: Data on offense distribution were reported for 99.9% of the 138,256 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

Table 3-4. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1988: Sentence length and time served in prison, by offense

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision			
	Maximum sentence length ^a		Time served in prison	
	Median ^b	Mean ^c	Median	Mean
All offenses	48 mos.	73 mos.	15 mos.	24 mos.
Violent offenses	72 mos.	100 mos.	28 mos.	39 mos.
Homicide	120	159	48	61
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	180	191	63	75
Murder	192	211	69	81
Nonnegligent manslaughter	144	147	51	59
Negligent manslaughter	72	94	24	30
Unspecified homicide	360	260	79	91
Kidnaping	72	111	30	42
Rape	96	122	39	48
Other sexual assault	72	82	25	29
Robbery	72	101	30	39
Assault	48	67	18	25
Other violent	48	62	19	24
Property offenses	48 mos.	66 mos.	12 mos.	19 mos.
Burglary	60	75	15	22
Larceny/theft	36	57	10	15
Motor vehicle theft	36	57	9	13
Arson	60	80	19	25
Fraud	36	58	10	14
Stolen property	36	51	14	18
Other property	36	55	11	17
Drug offenses	36 mos.	57 mos.	11 mos.	15 mos.
Possession	48	63	8	13
Trafficking	36	57	13	17
Other drug	24	45	9	14
Public-order offenses	36 mos.	48 mos.	10 mos.	15 mos.
Weapons	48	55	15	20
Other public-order	24	45	8	13
Other offenses	36 mos.	53 mos.	11 mos.	16 mos.
Number of parole entries	132,654		132,654	

Note: Data on offense distribution for sentence length and time served in prison were reported for 95.9% of the 138,256 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

^aSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required

to serve for the most serious offense.

^bIncludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

^cExcludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

Discharges from State parole

In 1988, 28 States and the California Youth Authority reported 123,228 discharges from parole supervision. These discharges accounted for 79% of all State parole discharges for 1988. (See "Prisoners in State and Federal Institutions, 1988" in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1988*, NCJ-124280.)

Most parole terms end with a discharge from the supervising agency or a return to prison. Parole revocation rates reflect various factors, including parole policy as well as parolees' behavior. The release of high-risk offenders because of crowded facilities, strict surveillance of parolees, rigid enforcement of parole conditions, and longer parole terms may contribute either singly or in combination to failure rates.

- Among all persons discharged by State paroling agencies in 1988, 35% successfully completed parole (table 4-2).
- Among first discharges from parole, that is, persons released from parole for the first time for a particular offense, 56% completed parole successfully (table 4-3).
- Over two-thirds of the white and over half of the black State parolees discharged in 1988 had successfully completed parole supervision after their first release from prison on a sentence.
- Among those who were discharged from supervision, more blacks (44%) than whites (28%) were returned to prison or jail for violating the conditions of parole.
- Individuals convicted of property offenses were the least likely to

complete their parole term successfully (table 4-5).

- Among State parole discharges the highest percentage of returns to prison or jail were reported for offenders serving sentences for motor vehicle theft (54%), robbery (49%), and burglary (47%).
- On average, successful first State parole discharges served a total time in prison and on parole of 43 months; violent offenders, 58 months; drug and property offenders, 36 months; and public-order offenders, 33 months (table 4-6).
- For the major offense categories of violence, property, drug, and public-order, persons successfully completing parole had served about half of their average time in prison and half on parole. Parolees convicted of rape and homicide served on average more than 55% of their total time under correctional supervision in prison.

- On average, men spent more time under correctional supervision than women for every type of offense except assault (table 4-7).
- Overall, whites had served a mean of 20 months in prison and 22 months on parole, while blacks served 22 months in prison and 24 months on parole (table 4-8).
- On average blacks spent more time under correctional supervision than whites for violent, drug, and public-order offenses, and the same time as whites for property offenses.
- The average total time served under correctional supervision was 43 months for successful first discharges from State parole compared to 48 months for unsuccessful first discharges (table 4-12). Compared to successful discharges, unsuccessful discharges served 7 months longer in prison but 3 months less on parole before their discharge.

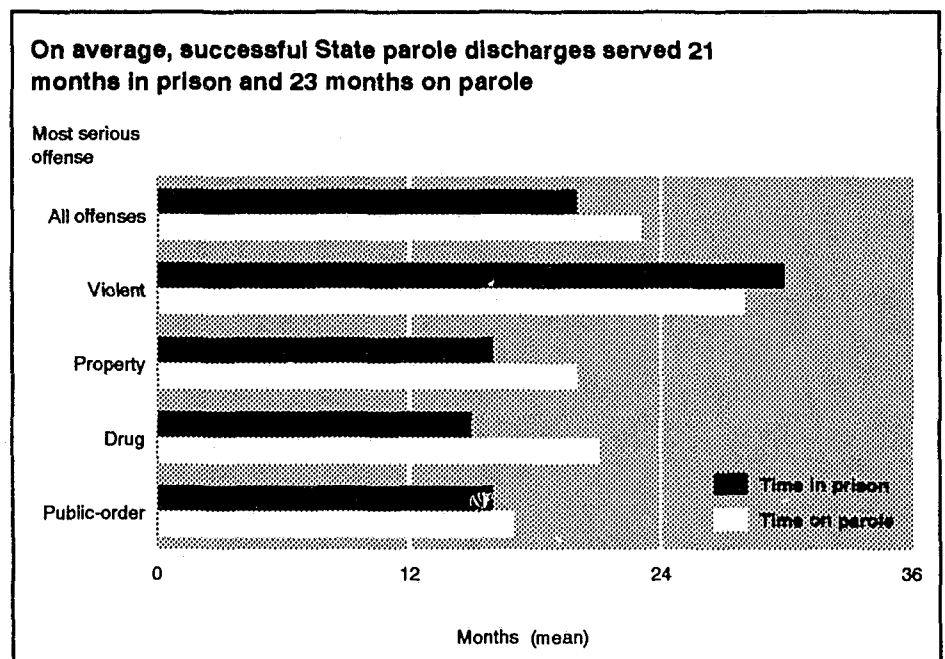


Figure 4-1. Successful State parole discharges: Time served in prison and on parole

Table 4--1. State parole discharges, 1988: Selected demographic characteristics, by type of discharge

Demographic characteristic	State parole discharges	
	All	First parole discharges
Total	100 %	100 %
Sex		
Male	92.4 %	93.8 %
Female	7.6	6.2
Race		
White	51.2 %	45.5 %
Black	48.2	53.7
Other	0.5	0.8
Hispanic origin		
Hispanic	20.7 %	13.4 %
Non-Hispanic	79.3	86.6
Age at discharge		
Under 18	0.0 %*	1.0 %
18-24	19.9	22.8
25-29	29.4	27.8
30-34	22.8	21.0
35-44	21.0	19.9
45-54	5.2	5.5
55 or older	1.7	2.0
Median age	29 yrs.	29 yrs.
Education		
8th grade or less	19.5	20.5
9th-11th grade	44.3	43.6
High school graduate	28.4	27.8
Some college	7.4	7.7
Other	0.3	0.4
Median education	10th grade	10th grade
Number of parole discharges	123,228	63,050

Note: First State discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense. Data were reported for 123,228 State parole discharges who entered prison with sentences of more than a year. Data were reported on race for 91.3%, data on Hispanic origin for 88.2%, data on age at discharge for 99.6%, and data on education for 38.0%.

*Less than 0.1%.

Table 4--2. State parole discharges, 1988: Method of parole discharge, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin

Method of parole discharges	All State parole discharges						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
All discharges	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Successful completion	35.2	35.0	38.1	37.4	32.3	47.1	27.9
Absconded	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.5	1.4	0.2
Return to jail or prison*	61.7	61.8	60.1	59.5	64.7	47.3	69.7
Transfer	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1
Death	1.0	1.1	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.1
Other	1.4	1.4	1.0	1.5	1.2	3.3	1.0
Number of parole discharges	115,856	106,992	8,859	54,769	50,329	582	22,106

Note: Data were reported for 94.0% of the 123,228 State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year and include those on supervised release even if not tech-

nically termed "parole."
*Includes those returned to prison with a new sentence, technical parole violators, and those returned pending parole revocation or new charge.

Table 4-3. First State parole discharges, 1988: Method of parole discharge, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin

Method of parole discharge	First State parole discharges						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
All discharges	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Successful completion	56.4	56.6	54.6	66.9	51.3	68.9	54.0
Absconded	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.7	1.0	1.9	0.2
Return to jail or prison*	38.7	38.3	42.9	28.0	43.9	23.9	41.4
Transfer	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.1
Death	1.6	1.7	0.7	1.5	1.5	0.3	2.1
Other	2.2	2.3	1.3	2.5	2.0	4.5	2.1
Number of parole discharges	58,471	53,265	5,204	24,532	25,309	309	8,807

Note: Data were reported for 92.7% of the 63,050 first State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year and include those on supervised release even if not technically

termed "parole."

*Includes those returned to prison with a new sentence, technical parole violators, and those returned pending parole revocation or new charge.

Table 4-4. State parole discharges, 1988: Method of parole discharge, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Total	All State parole discharges							
			Successful completion of term	Absconder	Return to prison with:			Transfer	Death	Other
					New sentence	Parole pending	Revocation pending			
All offenses	115,811	100 %	35.2 %	0.5 %	11.2 %	26.2 %	24.3 %	0.2 %	1.0 %	1.0 %
Violent offenses	34,384	100 %	36.7 %	0.5 %	9.5 %	26.5 %	22.9 %	0.3 %	1.4 %	1.6 %
Homicide	3,395	100	45.2	0.4	7.5	24.9	13.8	0.4	2.3	4.9
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2,461	100	39.5	0.4	8.7	27.5	14.6	0.2	2.2	6.4
Murder	1,870	100	40.9	0.5	7.2	27.2	18.4	0.3	2.2	2.6
Nonnegligent manslaughter	591	100	34.9	0.0	13.5	28.6	2.5	0.0	2.0	18.4
Negligent manslaughter	863	100	61.0	0.6	3.5	18.2	12.9	0.5	2.1	1.0
Unspecified homicide	71	100	52.1	0.0	16.9	16.9	0.0	7.0	7.0	0.0
Kidnaping	656	100	38.1	0.3	10.7	19.4	28.0	0.6	1.2	0.6
Rape	2,462	100	42.3	0.8	6.4	26.1	20.3	0.4	0.9	1.8
Other sexual assault	1,812	100	55.5	0.3	4.7	18.7	18.5	0.2	1.2	0.6
Robbery	18,737	100	30.7	0.5	11.5	30.2	23.5	0.2	1.5	1.5
Assault	6,792	100	40.3	0.7	7.6	20.6	28.2	0.2	1.0	0.7
Other violent	530	100	58.3	0.9	5.3	17.0	15.7	0.4	1.1	0.6
Property offenses	50,689	100 %	34.6 %	0.5 %	10.9 %	29.4 %	22.7 %	0.2 %	0.8 %	0.5 %
Burglary	26,645	100	32.3	0.5	10.3	29.5	25.4	0.2	0.9	0.5
Larceny/theft	12,609	100	34.9	0.5	12.9	27.8	22.4	0.1	0.6	0.3
Motor vehicle theft	3,675	100	25.4	0.5	15.3	31.5	25.1	0.3	0.7	0.2
Arson	754	100	48.9	0.3	5.8	23.6	18.0	0.0	1.6	1.3
Fraud	5,120	100	43.9	0.4	7.1	31.4	15.3	0.1	0.5	0.6
Stolen property	1,355	100	49.7	0.2	10.5	33.2	2.7	1.0	1.9	0.9
Other property	531	100	56.9	0.0	7.3	24.3	9.8	0.0	1.1	0.6
Drug offenses	20,440	100 %	31.8 %	0.2 %	14.7 %	20.0 %	30.8 %	0.1 %	1.0 %	1.1 %
Possession	4,121	100	34.1	0.3	8.8	30.1	21.9	0.3	1.3	3.0
Trafficking	10,266	100	32.6	0.2	15.1	18.5	31.2	0.0 *	1.0	1.0
Other drug	6,055	100	28.9	0.1	18.2	15.7	36.1	0.0 *	0.7	0.1
Public-order offenses	7,301	100 %	48.0 %	0.9 %	10.3 %	21.8 %	16.3 %	0.2 %	1.1 %	1.1 %
Weapons	2,748	100	39.0	0.3	15.6	19.4	22.7	0.1	1.3	1.2
Other public-order	4,553	100	53.4	1.3	7.1	23.2	12.5	0.3	1.0	1.0
Other offenses	2,997	100 %	21.1 %	0.1 %	14.6 %	20.9 %	42.2 %	0.1 %	0.5 %	0.2 %

Note: Data on type of parole discharge were reported for 94.0% of the 123,228 State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.
* Less than 0.1%.

Table 4-5. First State parole discharges, 1988: Method of parole discharge, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Total	First State parole discharges							
			Successful completion of term	Absconder	Return to prison with:			Transfer	Death	Other
					New sentence	Parole pending	Revocation pending			
All offenses	58,438	100%	56.4%	0.7%	5.2%	32.3%	1.2%	0.3%	1.6%	1.7%
Violent offenses	18,507	100%	54.5%	0.8%	7.1%	30.6%	1.2%	0.4%	2.0%	2.8%
Homicide	2,225	100	58.6	0.5	4.5	24.5	0.9	0.6	2.9	7.2
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1,547	100	52.0	0.4	4.8	28.8	0.6	0.3	2.8	9.8
Murder	1,092	100	56.8	0.5	3.2	30.1	0.8	0.5	3.0	4.3
Nonnegligent manslaughter	455	100	40.4	0.0	8.8	25.7	0.0	0.0	2.2	22.9
Negligent manslaughter	612	100	75.8	0.8	2.1	14.5	1.6	0.7	2.6	1.5
Unspecified homicide	66	100	53.0	0.0	18.2	15.2	0.0	6.1	7.6	0.0
Kidnaping	295	100	69.2	0.7	3.4	20.0	0.7	1.4	1.4	1.4
Rape	1,444	100	60.7	1.1	4.2	27.1	1.2	0.6	1.2	2.7
Other sexual assault	1,202	100	75.5	0.3	3.0	17.6	0.6	0.2	1.6	0.7
Robbery	9,633	100	44.2	0.8	10.1	38.0	1.3	0.4	2.2	2.6
Assault	3,382	100	67.3	1.2	4.0	22.2	1.3	0.2	1.6	1.4
Other violent	326	100	78.8	1.2	1.8	12.9	1.5	0.3	1.5	0.6
Property offenses	26,102	100%	52.9%	0.7%	4.5%	37.7%	1.4%	0.3%	1.3%	0.7%
Burglary	13,005	100	49.5	0.7	5.2	39.9	1.6	0.3	1.4	0.9
Larceny/theft	6,321	100	57.5	0.9	3.9	34.3	1.3	0.2	1.1	0.4
Motor vehicle theft	1,775	100	42.5	0.6	2.7	49.7	1.1	0.3	1.3	0.3
Arson	474	100	65.2	0.4	4.0	23.8	2.1	0.0	2.1	1.9
Fraud	3,168	100	59.1	0.3	2.5	34.7	1.1	0.2	0.8	0.7
Stolen property	995	100	52.8	0.2	9.9	31.4	1.3	1.0	2.4	1.0
Other property	364	100	73.6	0.0	4.9	19.2	0.5	0.0	1.1	0.5
Drug offenses	8,868	100%	63.1%	0.4%	3.8%	27.0%	1.0%	0.1%	1.8%	2.5%
Possession	2,415	100	49.4	0.4	3.4	38.1	1.4	0.3	1.8	5.0
Trafficking	4,338	100	64.6	0.4	5.5	23.7	1.2	0.1	2.0	2.1
Other drug	2,115	100	75.6	0.3	0.7	20.9	0.3	0.0*	1.6	0.4
Public-order offenses	4,296	100%	72.2%	1.5%	3.6%	18.3%	0.7%	0.3%	1.4%	1.6%
Weapons	1,337	100	65.4	0.5	5.8	22.5	0.7	0.1	1.9	2.3
Other public-order	2,959	100	75.3	1.9	2.6	16.5	0.7	0.3	1.1	1.3
Other offenses	665	100%	60.8%	0.3%	6.3%	29.0%	0.5%	0.2%	1.2%	0.9%

Note: Data including the most serious offense and type of parole discharge were reported for 92.7% of the 63,050 first State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.
*Less than 0.1%.

Table 4-6. Successful first State parole discharges, 1988: Sentence length and time served, by offense

Most serious offense	Successful first State parole discharges								
	Number	Maximum sentence length ^a		Time served in prison		Time served on parole		Mean time under correctional supervision ^d	Mean percent of total time spent on parole
		Median ^b	Mean ^c	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
All offenses	22,581	48 mos.	58 mos.	16 mos.	20 mos.	18 mos.	23 mos.	43 mos.	52.6 %
Violent offenses	7,348	60 mos.	82 mos.	24 mos.	30 mos.	24 mos.	28 mos.	58 mos.	48.7 %
Homicide	943	96	126	35	46	26	36	81	43.9
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	569	120	149	44	57	36	42	99	42.6
Murder	387	180	178	48	64	29	40	103	38.3
Nonnegligent manslaughter	182	96	98	37	43	44	48	91	52.9
Negligent manslaughter	359	60	95	22	28	24	25	53	47.5
Unspecified homicide	15	60	78	28	35	34	38	73	51.8
Kidnaping	151	60	78	21	33	24	26	58	44.0
Rape	689	72	91	29	34	24	25	60	42.4
Other sexual assault	782	60	82	23	27	24	23	50	45.5
Robbery	3,027	60	80	23	28	26	32	60	52.8
Assault	1,546	48	58	18	23	18	23	45	49.6
Other violent	210	48	57	20	25	16	21	45	45.6
Property offenses	8,921	36 mos.	48 mos.	13 mos.	16 mos.	16 mos.	20 mos.	36 mos.	55.0 %
Burglary	4,161	48	52	15	18	18	22	40	54.6
Larceny/theft	2,270	36	45	12	14	14	18	32	55.4
Motor vehicle theft	379	24	35	11	13	13	17	30	55.9
Arson	231	54	62	16	20	24	26	46	55.7
Fraud	1,173	36	45	11	14	14	18	32	55.7
Stolen property	511	36	44	15	17	18	21	37	55.3
Other property	196	36	40	11	13	13	15	28	55.1
Drug offenses	4,142	36 mos.	46 mos.	13 mos.	15 mos.	16 mos.	21 mos.	36 mos.	57.8 %
Possession	967	36	44	11	13	16	19	32	59.6
Trafficking	2,606	36	49	14	16	17	21	38	56.1
Other drug	569	24	39	10	13	15	22	35	63.1
Public-order offenses	1,777	36 mos.	45 mos.	13 mos.	16 mos.	13 mos.	17 mos.	33 mos.	52.8 %
Weapons	707	45	54	17	19	19	21	41	52.6
Other public-order	1,070	28	39	11	13	12	15	28	52.9
Other offenses	393	36 mos.	37 mos.	12 mos.	14 mos.	17 mos.	21 mos.	35 mos.	59.4 %

Note: First State parole discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense. Data on sentence length, time served in prison, and time served on parole were reported for 68.5% of the 33,005 successful first State discharges who entered prison with a

sentence of more than a year.

^aSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

^bIncludes sentences of "life without parole,"

"life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

^cExcludes sentences of "life without parole,"

"life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

^dExcludes time spent in jail.

Table 4-7. Successful first State parole discharges, 1988: Mean time under correctional supervision, by offense and sex

Most serious offense	Successful first State parole discharges					
	Percent of discharges	Male		Percent of discharges	Female	
		Mean time served Prison	Parole		Mean time served Prison	Parole
All offenses	100 %	21 mos.	23 mos.	100 %	16 mos.	20 mos.
Violent offenses	33.5 %	30 mos.	28 mos.	21.3 %	25 mos.	29 mos.
Homicide	4.0	47	36	5.9	32	31
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.4	59	43	3.3	38	37
Murder	1.7	66	40	2.2	44	36
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.8	45	49	1.0	26	40
Negligent manslaughter	1.5	28	25	2.6	25	24
Unspecified homicide	0.1	37	37	0.1	--	--
Kidnaping	0.7	34	25	0.7	20	31
Rape	3.3	35	25	0.5	30	29
Other sexual assault	3.7	27	23	0.4	--	--
Robbery	13.9	29	32	7.3	21	29
Assault	7.0	23	22	5.5	22	26
Other violent	0.9	25	21	0.9	20	21
Property offenses	38.5 %	17 mos.	20 mos.	51.8 %	13 mos.	18 mos.
Burglary	19.4	19	22	7.1	13	20
Larceny/theft	9.1	14	18	20.7	13	17
Motor vehicle theft	1.8	13	17	0.7	8	15
Arson	1.0	21	26	1.1	17	22
Fraud	3.9	15	18	20.1	13	18
Stolen property	2.3	17	21	1.8	12	22
Other property	0.9	13	15	0.3	--	--
Drug offenses	18.1 %	15 mos.	21 mos.	21.2 %	14 mos.	19 mos.
Possession	4.2	13	19	5.0	10	19
Trafficking	11.5	17	21	11.8	16	19
Other drug	2.3	13	22	4.4	11	21
Public-order offenses	8.2 %	16 mos.	17 mos.	3.9 %	12 mos.	16 mos.
Weapons	3.3	19	21	0.8	13	17
Other public-order	4.9	13	15	3.1	11	16
Other offenses	1.7 %	15 mos.	21 mos.	1.7 %	11 mos.	20 mos.
Number of parole discharges	20,881			1,829		

Note: Data on time served were reported for 68.9% of the 33,005 successful first State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

-- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

Table 4-8. Successful first State parole discharges, 1988: Mean time under correctional supervision, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin

Most serious offense	Successful first State parole discharges								
	Percent of discharges	White		Percent of discharges	Black		Percent of discharges	Hispanic	
		Mean time served Prison	Parole		Mean time served Prison	Parole		Mean time served Prison	Parole
All offenses	100 %	20 mos.	22 mos.	100 %	22 mos.	24 mos.	100 %	19 mos.	23 mos.
Violent offenses	28.7 %	30 mos.	26 mos.	38.2 %	30 mos.	30 mos.	31.2 %	27 mos.	28 mos.
Homicide	3.9	44	30	4.6	48	42	4.1	41	33
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.0	61	36	3.1	56	48	3.0	46	34
Murder	1.6	66	34	2.0	63	47	1.8	46	26
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.4	39	44	1.1	43	49	1.2	46	47
Negligent manslaughter	1.8	26	23	1.5	32	29	1.0	25	27
Unspecified homicide	0.1	24	38	0.1	--	--	0.0 *	--	--
Kidnaping	0.7	35	25	0.7	30	26	0.4	23	25
Rape	3.8	34	24	2.2	36	28	2.9	34	28
Other sexual assault	4.5	27	23	2.2	27	22	2.3	23	23
Robbery	8.7	29	30	19.7	29	32	13.5	24	31
Assault	6.1	23	22	7.9	23	23	7.4	23	23
Other violent	0.9	22	21	1.1	28	21	0.5	15	26
Property offenses	42.8 %	16 mos.	20 mos.	37.5 %	16 mos.	19 mos.	26.2 %	16 mos.	20 mos.
Burglary	20.3	18	22	16.6	19	22	15.9	17	21
Larceny/theft	10.2	14	19	11.1	14	16	4.5	13	18
Motor vehicle theft	1.9	13	18	1.4	13	14	1.6	13	18
Arson	1.2	21	26	0.8	19	23	0.6	21	31
Fraud	6.3	14	18	4.4	15	18	1.5	11	19
Stolen property	1.9	18	22	2.5	16	19	2.0	17	20
Other property	1.2	13	16	0.6	13	14	0.3	--	--
Drug offenses	18.3 %	15 mos.	20 mos.	15.6 %	16 mos.	21 mos.	34.5 %	15 mos.	20 mos.
Possession	3.9	12	18	4.3	14	21	5.5	13	20
Trafficking	11.6	16	20	8.9	17	21	25.7	16	20
Other drug	2.8	12	21	2.4	14	23	3.3	9	17
Public-order offenses	8.2 %	14 mos.	16 mos.	7.3 %	17 mos.	18 mos.	5.9 %	18 mos.	22 mos.
Weapons	1.8	18	20	4.4	20	21	3.9	21	23
Other public-order	6.4	14	15	2.9	13	14	2.0	14	19
Other offenses	1.9 %	13 mos.	21 mos.	1.4 %	16 mos.	22 mos.	2.2 %	13 mos.	18 mos.
Number of parole discharges	12,338			8,440			3,223		

Note: Detail may not total 100% because of rounding.
 -- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.
 *Less than 0.1%.

Table 4-9. Unsuccessful first State parole discharges, 1988: Offense, by sentence length and time served

Most serious offense	Unsuccessful first State parole discharges								
	Number	Maximum sentence length ^a		Time served in prison		Time served on parole		Mean time under correctional supervision ^d	Mean percent of total time spent on parole
		Median ^b	Mean ^c	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
All offenses	11,380	60 mos.	79 mos.	22 mos.	28 mos.	15 mos.	20 mos.	48 mos.	41.8 %
Violent offenses	4,761	84 mos.	107 mos.	30 mos.	38 mos.	19 mos.	25 mos.	63 mos.	39.1 %
Homicide	425	180	183	61	69	27	36	105	33.9
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	329	180	194	67	76	29	38	114	33.4
Murder	173	240	223	69	85	28	39	124	31.7
Nonnegligent manslaughter	156	174	169	67	66	32	37	103	35.8
Negligent manslaughter	84	180	146	39	44	20	27	71	38.4
Unspecified homicide	12	120	158	60	66	18	23	89	26.3
Kidnaping	39	120	133	46	45	22	27	71	37.4
Rape	274	120	143	47	56	21	28	83	33.2
Other sexual assault	175	120	118	29	36	15	18	53	32.9
Robbery	3,257	84	99	28	34	19	24	59	41.1
Assault	540	60	78	24	29	15	20	49	40.5
Other violent	51	48	61	22	24	13	15	39	38.1
Property offenses	4,451	48 mos.	60 mos.	18 mos.	21 mos.	13 mos.	16 mos.	37 mos.	43.9 %
Burglary	2,510	60	65	20	23	14	17	40	42.6
Larceny/theft	898	48	52	15	17	12	15	32	46.3
Motor vehicle theft	169	36	43	15	17	11	14	31	45.0
Arson	92	72	89	26	29	14	17	46	37.4
Fraud	339	48	62	15	18	12	16	34	46.0
Stolen property	374	48	48	15	17	13	16	33	48.2
Other property	69	48	49	15	17	11	13	30	43.6
Drug offenses	1,479	48 mos.	59 mos.	16 mos.	20 mos.	14 mos.	19 mos.	39 mos.	47.9 %
Possession	406	48	54	16	21	13	18	39	47.0
Trafficking	996	48	60	16	20	14	18	38	48.0
Other drug	77	60	71	18	21	17	22	43	50.9
Public-order offenses	494	48 mos.	60 mos.	19 mos.	22 mos.	14 mos.	17 mos.	39 mos.	43.4 %
Weapons	291	60	68	23	26	17	20	46	43.8
Other public-order	203	36	48	13	17	11	13	30	42.6
Other offenses	195	48 mos.	47 mos.	14 mos.	15 mos.	15 mos.	19 mos.	34 mos.	54.8 %

^aSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

^bIncludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."
^cExcludes sentences of "life without parole," "life

plus additional years," "life," and "death."
^dExcludes time spent in jail.

**Table 4-10. Unsuccessful first State parole discharges, 1988:
Mean time under correctional supervision, by offense and sex**

Most serious offense	Unsuccessful first State parole discharges					
	Percent of discharges	Male		Percent of discharges	Female	
		Mean time served			Mean time served	
		Prison	Parole		Prison	Parole
All offenses	100 %	28 mos.	20 mos.	100 %	20 mos.	19 mos.
Violent offenses	42.5 %	38 mos.	25 mos.	25.9 %	30 mos.	23 mos.
Homicide	3.7	70	35	4.0	46	38
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.9	77	38	2.7	54	43
Murder	1.5	86	39	1.8	---	---
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1.4	67	37	0.9	---	---
Negligent manslaughter	0.7	45	28	1.1	---	---
Unspecified homicide	0.1	69	20	0.2	---	---
Kidnaping	0.3	45	27	0.4	---	---
Rape	2.5	56	28	0.0	---	---
Other sexual assault	1.6	36	17	0.4	---	---
Robbery	29.2	35	24	15.6	29	21
Assault	4.7	30	20	4.9	21	18
Other violent	0.4	24	15	0.4	---	---
Property offenses	38.7 %	21 mos.	16 mos.	49.6 %	17 mos.	18 mos.
Burglary	22.7	23	17	6.3	17	21
Larceny/theft	7.3	18	15	22.8	16	16
Motor vehicle theft	1.5	17	14	0.7	---	---
Arson	0.8	28	17	1.3	---	---
Fraud	2.5	19	15	14.7	16	18
Stolen property	3.3	17	16	3.1	16	14
Other property	0.6	17	13	0.7	---	---
Drug offenses	12.7 %	21 mos.	19 mos.	20.8 %	15 mos.	17 mos.
Possession	3.5	21	18	5.6	16	18
Trafficking	8.6	20	19	13.2	15	17
Other drug	0.6	23	23	2.0	---	---
Public-order offenses	4.4 %	22 mos.	17 mos.	3.6 %	19 mos.	11 mos.
Weapons	2.6	26	20	1.1	---	---
Other public-order	1.8	17	13	2.5	12	12
Other offenses	1.8 %	15 mos.	19 mos.	0.2 %	---	---
Number of parole discharges	10,937			448		

Note: Data on time served were reported for unsuccessful first State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

--- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

Table 4-11. Unsuccessful first State parole discharges, 1988: Mean time under correctional supervision, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin

Most serious offense	Unsuccessful State parole discharges								
	Percent of discharges	White		Percent of discharges	Black		Percent of discharges	Hispanic	
		Mean time served Prison	Parole		Mean time served Prison	Parole		Mean time served Prison	Parole
All offenses	100 %	26 mos.	19 mos.	100 %	29 mos.	20 mos.	100 %	27 mos.	21 mos.
Violent offenses	31.7 %	40 mos.	25 mos.	47.2 %	38 mos.	24 mos.	42.2 %	36 mos.	25 mos.
Homicide	3.5	69	33	3.8	70	36	4.6	64	37
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.3	82	36	3.0	75	39	3.9	70	38
Murder	1.6	88	34	1.7	84	40	1.3	75	47
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.7	69	39	1.3	64	38	2.6	67	33
Negligent manslaughter	1.1	42	29	0.7	46	27	0.7	33	31
Unspecified homicide	0.1	--	--	0.1	--	--	0.0	--	--
Kidnaping	0.4	39	23	0.4	49	29	0.2	--	--
Rape	3.1	47	24	2.3	60	29	1.1	62	33
Other sexual assault	2.2	34	18	1.5	38	17	0.5	--	--
Robbery	16.4	38	26	33.9	34	24	32.2	31	23
Assault	5.4	30	20	5.0	29	20	3.6	29	19
Other violent	0.7	23	16	0.4	25	14	0.2	--	--
Property offenses	53.1 %	20 mos.	17 mos.	34.9 %	21 mos.	16 mos.	26.1 %	21 mos.	17 mos.
Burglary	30.2	22	18	18.6	24	17	17.5	23	18
Larceny/theft	8.9	18	16	8.7	17	14	3.1	18	18
Motor vehicle theft	2.6	16	14	1.1	19	14	0.8	16	14
Arson	1.2	28	16	0.6	29	18	0.5	31	18
Fraud	5.6	18	14	2.2	19	17	0.5	16	11
Stolen property	3.6	17	18	3.2	17	15	3.3	17	14
Other property	1.1	20	13	0.5	13	10	0.2	--	--
Drug offenses	8.3 %	18 mos.	20 mos.	12.6 %	20 mos.	18 mos.	25.3 %	21 mos.	19 mos.
Possession	2.2	17	17	3.9	21	17	5.0	22	20
Trafficking	4.8	18	20	8.1	20	18	20.1	20	18
Other drug	1.2	20	25	0.5	22	19	0.2	--	--
Public-order offenses	5.2 %	18 mos.	15 mos.	3.8 %	24 mos.	18 mos.	4.2 %	24 mos.	21 mos.
Weapons	1.6	24	20	2.7	26	20	3.9	24	22
Other public-order	3.6	16	13	1.1	18	13	0.4	--	--
Other offenses	1.7 %	18 mos.	20 mos.	1.5 %	15 mos.	18 mos.	2.1 %	15 mos.	19 mos.
Number of parole discharges	3,517			6,220			1,915		

-- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

Table 4-12. First State parole discharges, 1988: Mean time served in prison and on parole, by offense and method of parole discharge

Most serious offense	First State parole releases					
	Successful			Unsuccessful		
	Prison	Parole	Total	Prison	Parole	Total
All offenses	21 mos.	23 mos.	43 mos.	28 mos.	20 mos.	48 mos.
Violent offenses	30 mos.	28 mos.	58 mos.	38 mos.	25 mos.	63 mos.
Homicide	45	36	81	69	36	105
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	57	42	99	76	38	114
Murder	64	40	103	85	39	124
Nonnegligent manslaughter	43	48	91	66	37	103
Negligent manslaughter	28	25	53	44	27	71
Unspecified homicide	35	38	73	66	23	89
Kidnaping	33	25	58	45	27	71
Rape	35	25	60	56	28	83
Other sexual assault	27	23	50	36	18	53
Robbery	29	32	60	34	24	59
Assault	23	22	45	29	20	49
Other violent	25	21	45	24	15	39
Property offenses	16 mos.	20 mos.	36 mos.	21 mos.	16 mos.	37 mos.
Burglary	18	22	40	23	17	40
Larceny/theft	14	18	32	17	15	32
Motor vehicle theft	13	17	30	17	14	31
Arson	20	26	46	29	17	46
Fraud	14	18	32	18	16	34
Stolen property	17	21	37	17	16	33
Other property	13	15	28	17	13	30
Drug offenses	15 mos.	21 mos.	36 mos.	20 mos.	19 mos.	39 mos.
Possession	13	19	32	21	18	39
Trafficking	17	21	38	20	18	38
Other drug	13	22	35	21	22	43
Public-order offenses	16 mos.	17 mos.	33 mos.	22 mos.	17 mos.	39 mos.
Weapons	19	21	41	26	20	46
Other public-order	13	15	28	17	13	30
Other offenses	14 mos.	21 mos.	35 mos.	15 mos.	19 mos.	34 mos.
Number of parole discharges			22,711			11,385

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

Admissions to Federal prison

- In 1988 Federal prisons reported admitting 25,084 persons — 14,354 with sentences of more than 12 months; 9,890 with sentences of 12 months or less; and 840 for whom sentence length data were not reported (table 5-1).

- Men comprised 89% of all Federal admissions.

- Whites made up 75% of all offenders admitted to Federal prison; blacks, 23%; and members of other races, primarily Asians and American Indians, 2%.

- Prisoners with sentences of more than 12 months were on average older than those with short sentences (a median age of 33 compared to 30).

- Nearly 10% of blacks admitted to Federal prison were violent offenders compared to 4% of whites. Over a third of both racial groups were entering prison for drug offenses (table 5-2).

- Among Hispanics admitted to Federal prison, half were immigration violators, and over a third were drug offenders.

- Over half of all persons admitted to Federal prison with a sentence of more than 12 months had been convicted of drug abuse violations, 34% for trafficking, and 22% for other or unspecified drug offenses (table 5-5).

- Among prisoners admitted with sentences of 12 months or less, 40% were convicted of immigration law violations and 18% were convicted of fraudulent offenses, such as embezzlement, fraud, or counterfeiting.

- Overall, only 6% of persons admitted to Federal prison in 1988 had been convicted of a violent offense.

- The median maximum sentence for all admissions was 24 months (table 5-7). The large number of short-sentenced immigration offenders, who comprised 18% of all admissions, heavily influenced this median.

- The median sentence of admissions for violent offenses was 60 months, while that for drug offenders was 53 months. The median sentence for property offense was 18 months and for public-order offenses, 5 months.

- For those entering prison with a sentence of more than 12 months, the median maximum sentence was 60 months; for violent offenses the median was 90 months; for property and public-order offenses, 36 months; and for drug offenses, 60 months.

- Men entering Federal prison had received a maximum sentence that on average was 9 months longer than that of women (median sentences of 24 months and 15 months, respectively) (table 5-8).

- The overall median sentence length for whites admitted to prison was 21 months, a median influenced by the large number of short sentences among immigration violators. The median sentence for blacks was 36 months.

- Blacks and whites received the same median maximum sentence for all offenses (60 months); property offenses (36 months); and drug offenses (60 months). Blacks were given longer sentences than whites for violent offenses (112 months versus 89 months) and public-order offenses (48 months versus 36 months) (table 5-9).

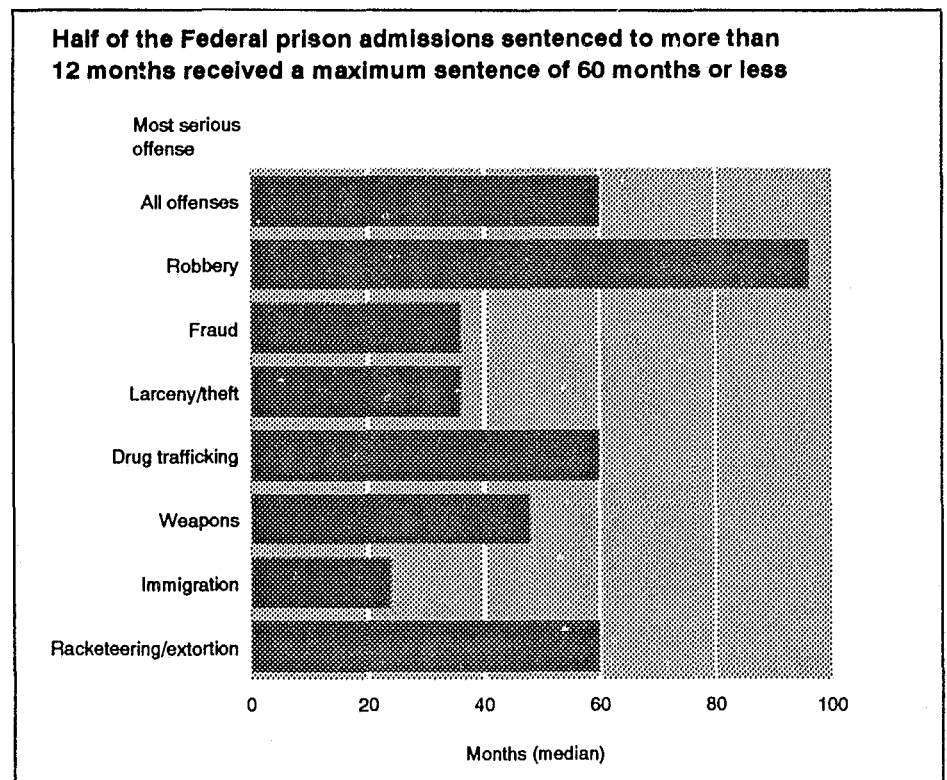


Figure 5-1. New court commitments to Federal Prison: Maximum sentence length, by offense

**Table 5-1. Federal prison admissions, 1988:
Selected demographic characteristics, by
sentence length**

Demographic characteristic	Federal prison admissions		
	All	Total maximum sentence length*	
		12 months or less	More than 12 months
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %
Sex			
Male	88.7 %	86.6 %	90.0 %
Female	11.3	13.4	10.0
Race			
White	75.2 %	80.5 %	70.9 %
Black	22.7	17.9	26.7
Other	2.1	1.6	2.5
Hispanic origin			
Hispanic	34.3 %	45.4 %	25.3 %
Non-Hispanic	65.7	54.6	74.7
Age at admission			
Under 18	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.2 %
18-24	19.0	25.5	13.3
25-29	21.0	22.5	19.7
30-34	20.0	18.5	21.3
35-44	25.2	20.8	28.8
45-54	10.2	8.4	11.8
55 and older	4.6	4.2	5.0
Median age	32 yrs.	30 yrs.	33 yrs.
Education			
8th grade or less	18.5 %	16.1 %	19.1 %
9th-11th grade	26.5	27.1	26.4
High school graduate	50.7	52.0	50.4
Some college	4.3	4.8	4.2
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
Median education	12th grade	12th grade	12th grade
Number of admissions	25,084	9,890	14,354

Note: Data on education were reported for 60.9% of the 25,084 admissions to prison, and data on total maximum sentence length were reported for 96.7%.

*Sentence length refers to the total maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for all offenses.

Table 5-2. Federal prison admissions, 1988: Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	6.2 %	6.6 %	3.6 %	4.2 %	9.8 %	40.0 %	1.4 %
Homicide	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.8	9.9	0.0*
Kidnaping	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Rape	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0*	0.1	3.9	0.0
Other sexual assault	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	7.2	0.0*
Robbery	3.6	3.8	1.9	2.8	6.2	1.9	0.7
Assault	1.4	1.5	0.8	0.7	2.3	16.9	0.4
Other violent	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Property offenses	21.7 %	19.9 %	35.7 %	18.7 %	31.6 %	21.9 %	4.9 %
Fraud offense	14.9	13.4	26.6	13.7	19.4	11.3	3.6
Embezzlement	1.8	1.2	6.6	1.7	2.1	2.7	0.3
Fraud	10.3	9.7	14.7	9.8	12.3	8.0	2.2
Forgery	1.7	1.3	4.6	1.0	4.1	0.0	0.5
Counterfeiting	1.1	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.6
Nonfraud offense	6.8	6.5	9.1	5.1	12.2	10.7	1.3
Burglary	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	2.9	0.0*
Larceny/theft	4.1	3.7	7.4	2.5	9.3	5.6	0.8
Arson	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0*	0.4	0.0*
Motor vehicle theft	1.0	1.1	0.1	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.1
Other property	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.2
Drug offenses	38.9 %	39.0 %	38.6 %	38.4 %	42.2 %	22.3 %	38.1 %
Possession	1.7	1.6	2.1	1.8	1.7	0.2	1.8
Trafficking	22.3	22.5	21.0	21.6	25.3	15.9	24.1
Other drug	14.9	14.8	15.5	15.1	15.2	6.2	12.2
Public-order offenses	32.4 %	33.8 %	21.3 %	38.2 %	14.8 %	14.8 %	55.5 %
Regulatory offense	1.0	1.1	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.6	0.5
Nonregulatory public-order	31.4	32.8	20.6	37.2	13.9	13.2	54.9
Weapons	4.2	4.6	1.1	3.7	5.8	3.9	1.8
Immigration	18.7	19.5	12.7	24.4	1.4	1.0	50.8
Tax law violations	2.0	2.1	1.2	2.4	0.7	0.6	0.1
Racketeering and extortion	1.9	2.0	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.2	0.7
Other public-order	4.6	4.6	4.2	4.6	4.3	6.6	1.5
Other offenses	0.7 %	0.7 %	0.8 %	0.5 %	1.5 %	1.0 %	0.2 %
Number of admissions	25,084	22,243	2,841	18,875	5,694	515	8,612

*Less than 0.1%.

Table 5--3. Federal prison admissions, 1988: Sex, race, and Hispanic origin, by offense

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions								
	Number	Total	Sex		Race			Hispanic origin	
			Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
All offenses	25,084	100 %	88.7 %	11.3 %	75.2 %	22.7 %	2.1 %	34.3 %	65.7 %
Violent offenses	1,560	100 %	93.5 %	6.5 %	51.1 %	35.7 %	13.2 %	7.6 %	92.4 %
Homicide	133	100	85.7	14.3	27.1	34.6	38.3	3.0	97.0
Kidnaping	42	100	90.5	9.5	71.4	26.2	2.4	0.0	100.0
Rape	28	100	100.0	0.0	3.6	25.0	71.4	0.0	100.0
Other sexual assault	58	100	98.3	1.7	25.9	10.3	63.8	3.4	96.6
Robbery	899	100	94.1	5.9	59.7	39.2	1.1	6.8	93.2
Assault	354	100	93.2	6.8	38.7	36.7	24.6	9.9	90.1
Other violent	46	100	97.8	2.2	89.1	10.9	0.0	37.0	63.0
Property offenses	5,451	100 %	81.4 %	18.6 %	64.9 %	33.1 %	2.1 %	7.7 %	92.3 %
Fraud offense	3,744	100	79.8	20.2	68.9	29.5	1.5	8.3	91.7
Embezzlement	451	100	58.5	41.5	71.0	25.9	3.1	6.7	93.3
Fraud	2,582	100	83.8	16.2	71.3	27.1	1.6	7.3	92.7
Forgery	429	100	69.5	30.5	45.7	54.3	0.0	9.6	90.4
Counterfeiting	282	100	93.6	6.4	78.7	20.2	1.1	17.7	82.3
Nonfraud offense	1,707	100	84.8	15.2	56.0	40.8	3.2	6.5	93.5
Burglary	94	100	87.2	12.8	51.1	33.0	16.0	3.2	96.8
Larceny/theft	1,024	100	79.5	20.5	45.4	51.8	2.8	7.1	92.9
Arson	45	100	88.9	11.1	91.1	4.4	4.4	4.4	95.6
Motor vehicle theft	248	100	98.8	1.2	73.8	25.0	1.2	4.8	95.2
Other property	296	100	90.2	9.8	74.0	24.0	2.0	7.1	92.9
Drug offenses	9,763	100 %	88.8 %	11.2 %	74.2 %	24.6 %	1.2 %	33.6 %	66.4 %
Possession	428	100	85.7	14.3	77.8	22.0	0.2	35.3	64.7
Trafficking	5,594	100	89.3	10.7	72.8	25.8	1.5	37.2	62.8
Other drug	3,741	100	88.2	11.8	75.9	23.2	0.9	28.1	71.9
Public-order offenses	8,132	100 %	92.6 %	7.4 %	88.7 %	10.4 %	0.9 %	58.7 %	41.3 %
Regulatory offense	259	100	91.9	8.1	77.2	19.7	3.1	17.0	83.0
Nonregulatory public-order	7,873	100	92.6	7.4	89.1	10.1	0.9	60.1	39.9
Weapons	1,049	100	97.1	2.9	66.5	31.6	1.9	14.7	85.3
Immigration	4,699	100	92.3	7.7	98.1	1.7	0.1	93.1	6.9
Tax law violations	491	100	92.9	7.1	91.0	8.4	0.6	2.0	98.0
Racketeering and extortion	487	100	91.8	8.2	79.3	19.5	1.2	13.1	86.9
Other public-order	1,147	100	89.7	10.3	75.9	21.2	3.0	11.3	88.7
Other offenses	178	100 %	87.1 %	12.9 %	47.8 %	49.4 %	2.8 %	8.4 %	91.6 %

Table 5-4. Federal prison admissions, 1988: Age at time of admission, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Age at admission for Federal prison admissions								Median age at admission
		Total	Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 or older	
All offenses	25,084	100 %	0.1 %	18.9 %	21.0 %	20.0 %	25.1 %	10.2 %	4.6 %	32 yrs.
Violent offenses	1,560	100 %	0.8 %	18.7 %	24.2 %	22.2 %	26.1 %	5.1 %	2.9 %	31 yrs.
Homicide	133	100	4.5	24.1	20.3	25.6	19.5	4.5	1.5	30
Kidnaping	42	100	0.0	23.8	16.7	16.7	28.6	7.1	7.1	31
Rape	28	100	3.6	32.1	25.0	14.3	25.0	0.0	0.0	26
Other sexual assault	58	100	3.4	19.0	19.0	15.5	19.0	15.5	8.6	32
Robbery	899	100	0.0	15.6	23.8	22.6	30.4	5.3	2.3	32
Assault	354	100	1.1	22.3	26.8	23.4	20.1	2.8	3.4	29
Other violent	46	100	0.0	23.9	34.8	13.0	15.2	6.5	6.5	29
Property offenses	5,451	100 %	0.1 %	11.6 %	17.1 %	19.2 %	30.2 %	14.3 %	7.5 %	35 yrs.
Fraud offense	3,744	100	0.0	8.2	15.7	18.7	31.6	16.6	9.3	37
Embezzlement	451	100	0.0	10.2	17.5	18.8	30.8	14.4	8.2	35
Fraud	2,582	100	0.0	6.0	13.1	17.2	33.8	18.7	11.2	39
Forgery	429	100	0.0	14.2	28.9	23.8	23.3	6.8	3.0	31
Counterfeiting	282	100	0.0	16.0	16.7	24.1	24.8	14.9	3.5	33
Nonfraud offense	1,707	100	0.2	19.3	20.2	20.3	27.2	9.2	3.6	32
Burglary	94	100	0.0	36.2	29.8	19.1	10.6	4.3	0.0	27
Larceny/theft	1,024	100	0.2	18.1	21.2	23.4	27.9	6.7	2.4	32
Arson	45	100	2.2	22.2	13.3	8.9	22.2	20.0	11.1	35
Motor vehicle theft	248	100	0.0	18.1	19.8	14.9	32.3	11.3	3.6	34
Other property	296	100	0.3	18.6	14.9	16.2	26.4	15.9	7.4	34
Drug offenses	9,763	100 %	0.1 %	15.5 %	21.6 %	22.3 %	27.3 %	9.9 %	3.2 %	32 yrs.
Possession	428	100	0.0	27.3	22.7	22.9	20.8	5.8	0.5	29
Trafficking	5,594	100	0.1	15.9	21.9	22.1	26.9	9.8	3.3	32
Other drug	3,741	100	0.0	13.7	21.1	22.5	28.7	10.6	3.4	33
Public-order offenses	8,132	100 %	0.0 %	28.1 %	22.1 %	17.3 %	19.1 %	8.8 %	4.5 %	29 yrs.
Regulatory offense	259	100	0.0	8.1	18.1	13.9	31.3	17.8	10.8	38
Nonregulatory public-order	7,873	100	0.1	28.7	22.2	17.4	18.7	8.5	4.3	29
Weapons	1,049	100	0.0	12.0	21.2	23.5	30.0	10.6	2.7	33
Immigration	4,699	100	0.1	39.6	26.2	17.5	12.4	3.3	0.9	26
Tax law violations	491	100	0.0	0.6	2.6	7.7	32.4	33.6	23.0	47
Racketeering and extortion	487	100	0.0	6.0	10.9	15.6	31.2	19.7	16.6	41
Other public-order	1,147	100	0.0	20.9	20.1	16.7	22.8	12.4	6.7	32
Other offenses	178	100 %	0.0 %	15.2 %	23.0 %	25.3 %	21.9 %	9.6 %	5.1 %	32 yrs.

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

**Table 5-5. Federal prison admissions, 1988:
Offense, by sentence length**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions		
	All	Maximum sentence length ^a	
		12 months or less	More than 12 months
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	6.2 %	2.2 %	9.2 %
Homicide	0.5	0.1	0.8
Kidnaping	0.2	0.0 *	0.3
Rape	0.1	0.0 *	0.2
Other sexual assault	0.2	0.1	0.3
Robbery	3.6	0.9	5.7
Assault	1.4	0.9	1.8
Other violent	0.2	0.2	0.1
Property offenses	21.7 %	25.6 %	19.9 %
Fraud offense	14.9	17.9	13.5
Embezzlement	1.8	2.7	1.2
Fraud	10.3	11.5	9.9
Forgery	1.7	2.5	1.3
Counterfeiting	1.1	1.2	1.1
Nonfraud offense	6.8	7.8	6.3
Burglary	0.4	0.3	0.4
Larceny/theft	4.1	5.3	3.3
Arson	0.2	0.1	0.3
Motor vehicle theft	1.0	0.7	1.2
Other property	1.2	1.3	1.1
Drug offenses	38.9 %	17.0 %	56.0 %
Possession	1.7	3.4	0.5
Trafficking	22.3	7.9	33.5
Other drug	14.9	5.7	22.1
Public-order offenses	32.4 %	54.0 %	14.7 %
Regulatory offense	1.0	1.4	0.8
Nonregulatory public-order	31.4	52.6	13.9
Weapons	4.2	2.9	5.3
Immigration	18.7	39.9	2.1
Tax law violations	2.0	3.0	1.3
Racketeering and extortion	1.9	0.9	2.8
Other public-order	4.6	5.9	2.4
Other offenses	0.7 %	1.2 %	0.2 %
Number of admissions	25,084	9,890	14,354

Note: Data on offense and sentence length were reported for 96.6% of the 25,084 admissions to prison.

*Less than 0.1%.

^aSentence length refers to the total maximum sentence that an offender may be required to served for all offenses.

Table 5-6. Federal prison admissions, 1988: Sentence length, by offense

Most serious offense	Maximum sentence length in months for Federal prison admissions														
	Number	Total	1-6	7-12	13-23	24-35	36-47	48-59	60-71	72-119	120-179	180-239	240-359	360 or more	Life
All offenses	24,244	100 %	32.1 %	8.9 %	6.3 %	9.5 %	8.6 %	4.5 %	10.0 %	8.2 %	6.7 %	2.5 %	1.7 %	0.7 %	0.3 %
Violent offenses	1,537	100 %	9.4 %	4.7 %	4.2 %	8.4 %	8.8 %	5.2 %	8.2 %	15.0 %	13.6 %	8.8 %	8.5 %	2.5 %	2.5 %
Homicide	131	100	6.1	1.5	6.9	3.8	9.9	3.8	3.1	7.6	8.4	6.1	6.9	8.4	27.5
Kidnaping	41	100	2.4	0.0	4.9	4.9	7.3	0.0	2.4	19.5	19.5	14.6	12.2	9.8	2.4
Rape	28	100	10.7	3.6	7.1	3.6	14.3	0.0	14.3	10.7	7.1	10.7	10.7	7.1	0.0
Other sexual assault	58	100	6.9	6.9	1.7	8.6	8.6	13.8	19.0	12.1	5.2	8.6	1.7	5.2	1.7
Robbery	898	100	5.2	4.2	3.0	9.5	7.6	5.8	8.4	18.5	16.9	10.0	9.4	1.4	0.1
Assault	343	100	19.5	7.3	6.1	8.5	11.7	4.4	6.7	10.5	9.3	6.4	8.2	1.5	0.0
Other violent	38	100	39.5	5.3	7.9	5.3	7.9	0.0	21.1	2.6	2.6	5.3	2.6	0.0	0.0
Property offenses	5,388	100 %	32.3 %	15.0 %	8.2 %	13.1 %	11.6 %	4.9 %	7.6 %	3.9 %	2.4 %	0.4 %	0.3 %	0.2 %	0.0 %
Fraud offense	3,708	100	33.2	14.6	8.3	12.8	11.5	5.0	8.3	3.1	2.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0
Embezzlement	442	100	46.2	14.7	8.4	10.4	8.4	4.5	6.1	1.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fraud	2,561	100	31.8	12.7	7.6	13.8	12.2	5.4	9.5	3.3	2.6	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.0
Forgery	426	100	33.6	24.4	11.0	8.9	8.7	2.8	4.7	3.3	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Counterfeiting	279	100	25.1	17.2	10.8	13.6	14.7	4.7	6.1	3.9	2.9	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nonfraud offense	1,680	100	30.4	15.9	8.0	13.8	11.6	4.6	6.1	5.8	2.5	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.1
Burglary	94	100	19.1	16.0	8.5	18.1	12.8	3.2	10.6	1.1	6.4	3.2	1.1	0.0	0.0
Larceny/theft	1,005	100	34.9	18.0	7.9	13.0	10.9	3.8	5.2	3.6	1.6	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2
Arson	45	100	13.3	4.4	8.9	15.6	15.6	8.9	11.1	11.1	8.9	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0
Motor vehicle theft	248	100	16.1	12.9	9.3	17.7	12.9	8.5	9.3	9.3	3.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other property	288	100	33.3	12.8	7.3	11.1	11.8	4.2	4.2	11.1	2.4	0.7	1.0	0.0	0.0
Drug offenses	9,722	100 %	10.6 %	6.8 %	6.7 %	10.1 %	10.4 %	6.0 %	15.9 %	14.5 %	12.1 %	3.7 %	2.2 %	0.9 %	0.2 %
Possession	402	100	56.0	27.6	2.5	3.0	2.5	1.0	2.2	4.0	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Trafficking	5,589	100	7.9	6.2	7.6	10.5	9.6	5.2	18.2	14.6	14.0	3.3	2.2	0.7	0.1
Other drug	3,731	100	9.7	5.5	5.7	10.3	12.4	7.9	13.9	15.5	10.5	4.6	2.4	1.2	0.5
Public-order offenses	7,442	100 %	63.9 %	8.1 %	4.9 %	6.4 %	4.2 %	2.0 %	4.7 %	1.9 %	1.6 %	1.3 %	0.7 %	0.4 %	0.0 %
Regulatory offense	251	100	42.2	13.1	6.0	13.5	9.2	3.6	4.0	1.6	4.8	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0
Nonregulatory public-order	7,191	100	64.6	7.9	4.9	6.1	4.0	1.9	4.7	1.9	1.5	1.3	0.8	0.3	0.0
Weapons	1,047	100	16.6	11.3	9.7	15.4	8.9	4.5	19.9	2.9	2.7	6.3	1.1	0.8	0.0
Immigration	4,244	100	87.6	5.4	3.1	2.4	0.9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tax law violations	486	100	45.9	15.8	6.4	11.1	8.0	2.1	5.6	3.3	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.0
Racketeering and extortior	485	100	13.4	5.2	5.2	7.4	10.3	9.1	10.7	12.6	11.5	4.7	7.4	2.5	0.0
Other public-order	929	100	50.2	12.9	7.0	9.4	7.1	3.0	4.7	3.0	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0
Other offenses	155	100 %	74.8 %	4.5 %	1.3 %	1.9 %	5.8 %	1.9 %	3.2 %	1.9 %	1.9 %	0.0 %	1.3 %	0.6 %	0.6 %

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.
*Less than 0.1%.

Table 5-7. Federal prison admissions, 1988: Sentence length, by offense

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions					
	All admissions ^a			Total sentence of more than 12 months ^b		
	Number	Median ^c	Mean ^d	Number	Median	Mean
All offenses	24,244	24 mos.	45 mos.	14,354	60 mos.	73 mos.
Violent offenses	1,537	72 mos.	102 mos.	1,321	90 mos.	118 mos.
Homicide	131	144	145	121	216	161
Kidnaping	41	139	158	40	142	162
Rape	28	60	125	24	72	144
Other sexual assault	58	60	109	50	60	126
Robbery	898	80	105	813	96	115
Assault	343	41	77	252	65	103
Other violent	38	17	42	21	60	74
Property offenses	5,388	18 mos.	28 mos.	2,852	36 mos.	47 mos.
Fraud offense	3,708	18	27	1,942	36	47
Embezzlement	442	12	18	174	36	36
Fraud	2,561	18	30	1,426	36	48
Forgery	426	12	22	181	36	43
Counterfeiting	279	18	29	161	36	44
Nonfraud offense	1,680	18	29	910	36	48
Burglary	94	24	40	61	36	58
Larceny/theft	1,005	12	24	478	36	44
Arson	45	36	51	37	48	60
Motor vehicle theft	248	27	36	178	36	47
Other property	288	18	32	156	36	53
Drug offenses	9,722	53 mos.	66 mos.	8,045	60 mos.	78 mos.
Possession	402	6	14	66	48	55
Trafficking	5,589	60	68	4,808	60	78
Other drug	3,731	50	69	3,171	60	80
Public-order offenses	7,442	5 mos.	20 mos.	2,104	36 mos.	63 mos.
Regulatory offense	251	12	33	113	36	65
Nonregulatory public-order	7,191	5	20	1,991	36	63
Weapons	1,047	26	49	758	48	65
Immigration	4,244	2	5	299	24	26
Tax law violations	486	12	21	190	36	45
Racketeering and extortion	485	57	85	395	60	103
Other public-order	929	6	23	349	36	53
Other offenses	155	3 mos.	20 mos.	32	53 mos.	85 mos.

^aExcludes 840 admissions with an unknown total maximum sentence length.

^bIncludes only those admissions with a total maximum sentence length of more than 12 months.

^cIncludes sentences of "life."

^dExcludes sentences of "life."

Table 5-8. Federal prison admissions, 1988: Sentence length, by offense, sex, race, and Hispanic origin

Most serious offense	Maximum sentence length for Federal prison admissions											
	Sex				Race							
	Male		Female		White		Black		Other		Hispanic	
	Median ^a	Mean ^b	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
All offenses	24 mos.	47 mos.	15 mos.	33 mos.	21 mos.	42 mos.	36 mos.	56 mos.	30 mos.	47 mos.	9 mos.	36 mos.
Violent offenses	72 mos.	103 mos.	51 mos.	78 mos.	72 mos.	105 mos.	96 mos.	115 mos.	36 mos.	55 mos.	57 mos.	92 mos.
Homicide	150	148	120	133	240	231	528	236	36	55	---	---
Kidnaping	139	157	---	---	139	156	144	174	---	---	---	---
Rape	60	125	---	---	---	---	---	---	60	87	---	---
Other sexual assault	60	111	---	---	96	193	---	---	60	83	---	---
Robbery	84	107	37	74	72	101	96	112	44	88	72	112
Assault	42	80	15	37	49	93	72	92	24	32	24	49
Other violent	17	42	---	---	16	44	---	---	---	---	1	23
Property offenses	18 mos.	29 mos.	12 mos.	21 mos.	18 mos.	30 mos.	12 mos.	24 mos.	14 mos.	23 mos.	12 mos.	24 mos.
Fraud offense	18	29	12	21	18	29	12	23	15	26	12	23
Embezzlement	12	19	6	15	12	18	9	16	14	24	6	15
Fraud	23	31	12	23	20	32	15	24	18	27	12	23
Forgery	12	23	12	22	12	25	12	20	---	---	12	26
Counterfeiting	19	29	12	19	20	30	16	25	---	---	24	28
Nonfraud offense	18	30	12	22	24	32	12	26	13	19	13	27
Burglary	24	34	57	81	24	38	36	56	12	16	---	---
Larceny/theft	13	26	10	18	15	27	12	22	12	19	12	29
Arson	36	50	---	---	36	51	---	---	---	---	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	29	36	---	---	26	37	27	34	---	---	23	29
Other property	18	33	9	19	18	32	12	31	---	---	15	21
Drug offenses	60 mos.	68 mos.	36 mos.	49 mos.	48 mos.	64 mos.	60 mos.	73 mos.	48 mos.	65 mos.	60 mos.	72 mos.
Possession	6	15	6	11	6	15	6	12	---	---	9	18
Trafficking	60	69	54	55	60	65	60	75	48	64	60	72
Other drug	60	72	36	46	48	67	60	76	60	71	60	78
Public-order offenses	5 mos.	21 mos.	3 mos.	15 mos.	4 mos.	17 mos.	20 mos.	45 mos.	18 mos.	34 mos.	3 mos.	8 mos.
Regulatory offense	12	28	24	82	12	29	24	48	---	---	24	63
Nonregulatory public-order	5	21	3	13	4	17	18	45	18	35	3	8
Weapons	27	49	24	30	24	46	36	55	33	41	30	48
Immigration	2	5	1	4	2	5	6	7	---	---	2	4
Tax law violations	12	21	12	17	12	21	12	25	---	---	36	36
Racketeering and extortion	60	88	36	56	60	84	54	90	---	---	60	93
Other public-order	7	24	6	18	6	22	6	24	12	35	12	19
Other offenses	3 mos.	21 mos.	5 mos.	13 mos.	5 mos.	25 mos.	3 mos.	15 mos.	---	---	12 mos.	33 mos.
Number of admissions	21,482		2,762		18,136		5,595		513		8,128	

--- No mean or median was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

^aIncludes sentences of "life."

^bExcludes sentences of "life."

**Table 5--9. Federal prison admissions sentenced to more than 12 months, 1988:
Sentence length, by offense, sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	Maximum sentence length for Federal prison admissions ^a											
	Sex				Race							
	Male		Female		White		Black		Other		Hispanic	
	Median ^a	Mean ^b	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
All offenses	60 mos.	75 mos.	45 mos.	59 mos.	60 mos.	71 mos.	60 mos.	80 mos.	48 mos.	65 mos.	60 mos.	75 mos.
Violent offenses	92 mos.	118 mos.	72 mos.	104 mos.	89 mos.	121 mos.	112 mos.	129 mos.	48 mos.	69 mos.	72 mos.	122 mos.
Homicide	209	164	216	150	252	253	570	256	43	62	---	---
Kidnaping	142	161	---	---	142	162	144	174	---	---	---	---
Rape	72	144	---	---	---	---	---	---	66	106	---	---
Other sexual assault	60	126	---	---	114	245	---	---	60	92	---	---
Robbery	96	116	60	94	84	111	108	122	44	88	96	127
Assault	69	105	60	64	84	126	96	114	38	46	51	71
Other violent	60	74	---	---	60	81	---	---	---	---	---	---
Property offenses	36 mos.	47 mos.	36 mos.	43 mos.	36 mos.	49 mos.	36 mos.	43 mos.	33 mos.	37 mos.	36 mos.	42 mos.
Fraud offense	36	47	36	42	36	49	36	41	36	43	36	40
Embezzlement	36	38	24	33	30	36	36	35	---	---	36	32
Fraud	36	49	36	45	36	51	36	41	42	45	34	40
Forgery	36	42	24	45	36	46	29	40	---	---	36	48
Counterfeiting	36	45	---	---	36	45	36	42	---	---	36	40
Nonfraud offense	36	48	36	47	36	49	36	47	26	31	36	46
Burglary	36	50	---	---	36	51	60	80	---	---	---	---
Larceny/theft	36	44	36	40	36	46	36	42	30	35	36	53
Arson	48	61	---	---	48	62	---	---	---	---	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	36	48	---	---	36	48	36	48	---	---	---	---
Other property	36	54	24	39	36	52	36	59	---	---	24	34
Drug offenses	60 mos.	80 mos.	60 mos.	63 mos.	60 mos.	76 mos.	60 mos.	85 mos.	60 mos.	78 mos.	60 mos.	82 mos.
Possession	48	57	---	---	48	58	36	45	---	---	50	60
Trafficking	60	79	60	66	60	76	60	83	60	77	60	80
Other drug	60	82	48	60	60	77	60	89	60	81	60	84
Public-order offenses	36 mos.	63 mos.	36 mos.	55 mos.	36 mos.	60 mos.	48 mos.	74 mos.	36 mos.	57 mos.	24 mos.	47 mos.
Regulatory offense	36	59	33	105	36	62	42	76	---	---	57	100
Nonregulatory public-order	36	63	36	48	36	60	48	74	36	59	24	44
Weapons	48	65	35	41	48	62	60	70	36	54	48	62
Immigration	24	26	24	39	24	26	18	21	---	---	24	25
Tax law violations	36	46	30	33	36	44	36	48	---	---	---	---
Racketeering and extortion	61	106	44	68	60	101	66	114	---	---	72	107
Other public-order	36	54	36	44	36	50	36	61	40	69	24	34
Other offenses	53 mos.	90 mos.	---	---	48 mos.	89 mos.	60 mos.	80 mos.	---	---	---	---
Number of admissions	12,916		1,438		10,170		3,829		355		3,638	

--- No mean or median was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

^aIncludes only those admissions with a total maximum

sentence length of more than 12 months for all offenses.

^bIncludes sentences of "life."

^cExcludes sentences of "life."

**Table 5-10. Federal prison admissions, all sentence lengths and sentences of more than 12 months, 1988:
Sentence length and minimum time to be served, by offense**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions									
	All admissions ^a					Maximum sentence of more than 12 months ^b				
	Number	Maximum sentence ^c		Minimum time to be served ^d		Number	Maximum sentence		Minimum time to be served	
Median ^e		Mean ^f	Median	Mean	Median		Mean	Median	Mean	
All offenses	22,373	25 mos.	49 mos.	15 mos.	29 mos.	14,271	60 mos.	73 mos.	29 mos.	44 mos.
Violent offenses	1,473	72 mos.	104 mos.	37 mos.	61 mos.	1,295	85 mos.	118 mos.	44 mos.	69 mos.
Homicide	108	115	147	33	82	99	120	161	51	91
Kidnaping	41	139	158	79	93	40	142	162	83	95
Rape	28	60	125	38	72	24	72	144	42	83
Other sexual assault	57	60	109	38	57	49	60	126	39	66
Robbery	886	82	106	41	61	810	96	115	46	66
Assault	322	47	82	25	52	252	65	103	36	65
Other violent	31	36	52	18	32	21	60	74	30	46
Property offenses	5,069	18 mos.	29 mos.	9 mos.	16 mos.	2,840	36 mos.	47 mos.	18 mos.	25 mos.
Fraud offense	3,492	18	29	9	16	1,937	36	46	19	25
Embezzlement	413	12	19	7	10	173	36	36	16	18
Fraud	2,422	24	31	11	18	1,424	36	48	20	27
Forgery	394	12	24	7	11	181	36	43	15	19
Counterfeiting	263	20	29	11	17	159	36	43	20	25
Nonfraud offense	1,577	18	30	9	16	903	36	48	18	25
Burglary	89	24	42	12	26	61	36	58	18	35
Larceny/theft	936	12	25	8	13	472	36	44	17	22
Arson	44	36	51	22	31	36	42	61	24	37
Motor vehicle theft	240	30	37	15	19	178	36	47	20	24
Other property	268	23	34	10	19	156	36	53	20	29
Drug offenses	9,516	60 mos.	67 mos.	29 mos.	41 mos.	8,005	60 mos.	78 mos.	34 mos.	47 mos.
Possession	345	6	16	4	8	65	48	55	20	26
Trafficking	5,508	60	68	31	42	4,791	60	78	35	47
Other drug	3,663	51	70	29	42	3,149	60	80	34	48
Public-order offenses	6,207	6 mos.	24 mos.	4 mos.	15 mos.	2,100	36 mos.	63 mos.	21 mos.	38 mos.
Regulatory offense	236	12	34	8	19	113	36	65	20	35
Nonregulatory public-order	5,971	6	24	4	15	1,987	36	63	21	39
Weapons	1,019	30	50	17	32	758	48	65	25	42
Immigration	3,207	3	6	2	3	297	24	26	10	12
Tax law violations	457	12	22	6	12	189	36	45	17	23
Racketeering and extortion	471	60	88	32	57	394	60	103	38	67
Other public-order	817	12	26	6	15	349	36	53	18	30
Other offenses	108	6 mos.	28 mos.	4 mos.	18 mos.	31	48 mos.	85 mos.	28 mos.	57 mos.

^aExcludes 840 admissions with an unknown total maximum sentence length.

^bIncludes only those admissions with a total maximum sentence length of more than 12 months for all offenses.

^cSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

^dMinimum time to be served is the jurisdiction estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release. Data on minimum time to be served were reported for 92.3% of the 24,244 prison admissions with a known maximum sentence length.

^eIncludes sentences of "life."

^fExcludes sentences of "life."

Releases from Federal prison

- In 1988, 46% of the 27,711 prisoners leaving Federal prison for the first time on a sentence were released conditionally to supervision in the community (table 6-1). Mandatory parole, a release established by statutory guidelines rather than a parole board decision, comprised 41% of all the conditional releases.

- For first releases with a sentence of 12 months or less, 98% of those 10,651 releases were for expiration of sentence. This is a result of the large number of immigration convictions with sentences of 12 months or less and thus ineligible for parole.

- Among the first releases sentenced to more than 12 months, 14% left prison when their sentence expired, and 83% left before expiration, with conditions attached to the remainder of the sentence.

- Males constituted the majority (89%) of all releases from Federal prison (table 6-2). Whites accounted for 75% of the releases; blacks, 24%; and members of other races, 2%.

- Hispanics comprised 34% of the first releases from Federal prison. Half of those sentenced to 12 months or less were Hispanic.

- Fifty-seven percent of first releases from Federal prison in 1988 had served 12 months or less, 22% had served 13 to 24 months, and 21% had served more than 24 months (table 6-3).

- Among first releases with sentences of 12 months or less, 57% served less than 4 months before their release. The median time served was 3 months (table 6-4). This relatively low median is because immigration offenders served a median of 2 months. Immigration offenders accounted for 41% of first releases with sentences of 12 months or less.

- Of all first releases sentenced to more than 12 months, half served 22 months or less before their release (table 6-6).

- First releases with sentences of more than 12 months served a median of 46 months in prison for violent offenses; 22 months for drug offenses; and 18 months for property and public-order offenses.

- Among individual offenses, the median time served for kidnaping was 72 months; for robbery and assault, 48 months; for rape, 37 months; for homicide, 48 months; for drug trafficking, 22 months; and for drug possession, 21 months.

- Among first releases with sentences of more than 12 months, men served more time in prison than women for every type of offense, except for regulatory, immigration, and "other property" offenses (table 6-8).

- Overall, men served a median of 22 months; and women, 18 months. For male violent offenders the median time served was 22 months longer than that for women; for male property and drug offenders, 4 months longer; and for male public-order offenders, 2 month longer.

- For first releases sentenced to more than 12 months, little difference separated the median time served by white and black offenders except for violent offenses. Black violent offenders served a median of 55 months, and whites, 44 months (table 6-10). (See *Methodology*, page 2.)

- Mandatory releases with sentences of more than 12 months served 25 months in prison, 3 months longer than discretionary releases.

- Prisoners released at the expiration of their term served the least amount of time, a median of 13 months.

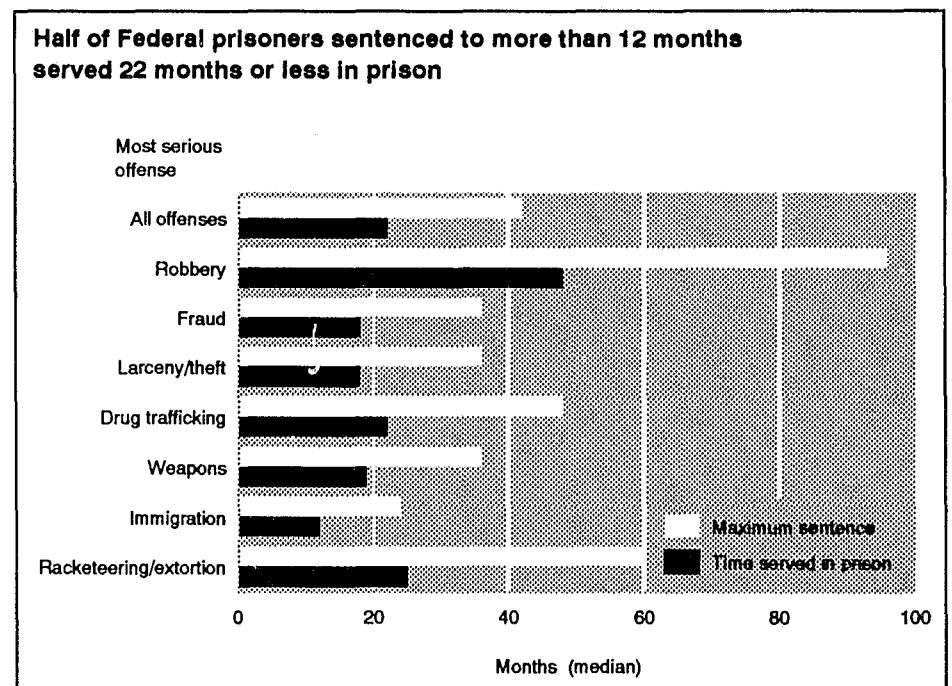


Figure 6-1. First releases from Federal prison: Maximum sentence length and time served in prison, by offense

Table 6-1. Federal prison releases, 1988: Method of release, by release type and sentence length

Method of release	Percent of Federal prison releases			
	All	First releases		
		First*	12 months or less	More than 12 months
All methods	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Conditional release	48.0 %	45.5 %	0.9 %	82.9 %
Parole board decision	28.9	26.7	0.4	48.9
Mandatory parole	19.0	18.6	0.1	34.0
Other conditional	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.0
Unconditional release	50.7 %	53.2 %	98.7 %	14.9 %
Expiration of sentence	49.7	52.1	97.7	13.7
Other unconditional	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1
Death	0.4 %	0.4 %	0.0 %	0.7 %
Other release	0.9 %	1.0 %	0.4 %	1.5 %
Number of releases	27,711	25,152	10,651	13,675

Note: Data on total maximum sentence length were missing on 830 of the 27,711 prison releases. Sentence length refers to the total maximum sentence that an offender was required to serve

for all offenses.
*First releases are persons released for the first time on their current sentence.

Table 6-2. Federal prison releases, 1988: Selected demographic characteristics, by release type and sentence length

Demographic characteristic	Percent of Federal prison releases			
	All	First releases		
		First	12 months or less	More than 12 months
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Sex				
Male	89.0 %	88.6 %	86.5 %	90.2 %
Female	11.0	11.4	13.5	9.8
Race				
White	74.5 %	76.8 %	81.7 %	72.2 %
Black	23.6	21.3	16.8	25.4
Other	2.0	2.0	1.5	2.4
Hispanic origin				
Hispanic	32.0 %	33.6 %	46.0 %	22.5 %
Non-Hispanic	68.0	66.4	54.0	77.5
Age at release				
Under 18	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.0 %*
18-24	14.4	15.5	24.5	7.1
25-29	19.2	19.7	22.7	17.1
30-34	20.1	19.9	18.3	21.4
35-44	29.1	27.9	21.5	33.7
45-54	11.8	11.5	8.7	14.1
55 and older	5.4	5.4	4.2	6.6
Median age	33 yrs.	33 yrs.	30 yrs.	36 yrs.
Education				
8th grade or less	17.7 %	17.8 %	15.9 %	18.2 %
9th-11th grade	26.2	25.5	26.5	25.3
High school graduate	52.5	52.7	52.8	52.7
Some college	3.6	3.9	4.8	3.7
Median education	12th grade	12th grade	12th grade	12th grade
Number of releases	27,711	25,152	10,651	13,675

Note: Data on education were reported for 64.0% of the 27,711 releases from Federal prison. *Less than 0.1%.

Table 6-3. First releases from Federal prison, 1988: Time served in prison, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Number of months served in Federal prison										Median time served
		Total	1-6	7-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	49-60	61-84	85-119	120 or more	
All offenses	25,152	100 %	42.7 %	13.9 %	21.8 %	10.4 %	5.2 %	2.2 %	2.4 %	0.8 %	0.4 %	10 mos.
Violent offenses	1,678	100 %	12.5 %	4.6 %	14.6 %	14.2 %	12.6 %	9.2 %	19.2 %	8.2 %	4.9 %	40 mos.
Homicide	152	100	13.2	10.5	16.4	6.6	9.2	6.6	15.8	7.9	13.8	43
Kidnaping	49	100	0.0	2.0	8.2	6.1	10.2	6.1	22.4	20.4	24.5	72
Rape	51	100	7.8	7.8	21.6	13.7	17.6	2.0	7.8	13.7	7.8	36
Other sexual assault	30	100	26.7	6.7	23.3	26.7	13.3	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.0	23
Robbery	890	100	6.3	2.5	13.1	16.7	15.3	11.2	22.4	8.5	3.9	45
Assault	443	100	21.9	5.4	14.9	12.2	8.8	9.0	18.3	7.2	2.3	32
Other violent	63	100	39.7	12.7	23.8	12.7	7.9	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.0	12
Property offenses	6,321	100 %	37.9 %	19.7 %	25.2 %	9.6 %	4.4 %	1.7 %	1.1 %	0.3 %	0.0 %*	10 mos.
Fraud offense	4,152	100	40.8	20.5	25.3	8.1	3.7	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.0*	9
Embezzlement	513	100	49.5	21.4	20.9	5.7	1.9	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	7
Fraud	2,656	100	41.8	19.1	26.1	8.2	3.7	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.0	9
Forgery	613	100	35.4	27.1	23.5	6.9	4.6	1.5	0.8	0.2	0.0	10
Counterfeiting	370	100	31.1	18.1	29.5	13.0	4.9	2.4	0.8	0.0	0.3	13
Nonfraud offense	2,169	100	32.4	18.2	25.0	12.3	5.7	3.0	2.5	0.6	0.1	13
Burglary	136	100	20.6	14.7	22.1	17.6	8.8	4.4	8.8	2.9	0.0	22
Larceny/theft	1,307	100	37.3	21.2	23.9	9.5	3.8	2.1	1.7	0.3	0.0	10
Arson	59	100	16.9	3.4	39.7	16.9	11.9	8.5	1.7	1.7	0.0	23
Motor vehicle theft	234	100	18.4	15.0	32.5	20.5	7.3	3.4	1.7	0.9	0.4	19
Other property	433	100	30.9	14.1	23.3	14.1	8.8	4.4	3.7	0.5	0.2	15
Drug offenses	7,974	100 %	20.9 %	15.3 %	33.2 %	17.7 %	7.9 %	2.7 %	1.8 %	0.3 %	0.1 %	18 mos.
Possession	480	100	71.0	14.0	9.0	4.2	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	4
Trafficking	4,319	100	18.1	16.4	34.0	18.0	8.0	3.0	1.9	0.4	0.2	18
Other drug	3,175	100	17.1	14.0	35.7	19.3	8.7	2.8	1.9	0.3	0.0	19
Public-order offenses	8,931	100 %	70.5 %	10.5 %	10.9 %	4.0 %	2.1 %	0.7 %	0.6 %	0.2 %	0.2 %	3 mos.
Regulatory offense	287	100	46.3	19.2	19.5	8.4	4.2	0.7	1.4	0.0	0.3	8
Nonregulatory public-order	8,644	100	71.3	10.3	10.6	3.8	2.1	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	3
Weapons	978	100	27.1	15.2	33.3	14.0	5.8	2.2	2.1	0.1	0.0	16
Immigration	5,416	100	88.1	6.6	3.8	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.1	2
Tax law violations	581	100	49.6	23.1	19.1	5.2	2.4	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	7
Racketeering and extortion	405	100	19.3	14.8	26.2	16.5	13.1	3.7	4.9	1.2	0.2	21
Other public-order	1,264	100	60.3	14.6	13.5	5.5	3.2	1.2	0.5	0.5	0.6	5
Other offenses	248	100 %	70.6 %	8.1 %	8.9 %	6.5 %	2.8 %	1.2 %	1.6 %	0.4 %	0.0 %	4 mos.

Note: Data on time served in prison were reported for 99.9% of the 25,152 first releases. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer,

appeal, or detainer. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

*Less than 0.1%.

Table 6-4. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less, 1988: Time served in prison, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Percent of first releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less					Median time served
		Total	Number of months served				
			1-3	4-6	7-9	10+	
All offenses	10,651	100 %	57.0 %	30.6 %	11.4 %	0.9 %	3 mos.
Violent offenses	184	100 %	52.2 %	38.0 %	8.7 %	1.1 %	4 mos.
Homicide	14	100	42.9	42.9	14.3	0.0	4
Kidnaping	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Rape	3	100	0.0	66.7	33.3	0.0	--
Other sexual assault	6	100	33.3	50.0	16.7	0.0	--
Robbery	52	100	55.8	36.5	7.7	0.0	3
Assault	91	100	50.5	39.6	7.7	2.2	4
Other violent	18	100	72.2	22.2	5.6	0.0	2
Property offenses	2,696	100 %	42.4 %	37.7 %	18.3 %	1.4 %	5 mos.
Fraud offense	1,896	100	41.8	38.8	18.1	1.2	5
Embezzlement	286	100	46.2	36.4	16.8	0.7	4
Fraud	1,219	100	42.2	40.0	16.7	1.0	5
Forgery	267	100	36.3	34.5	26.6	2.2	5
Counterfeiting	124	100	39.5	41.9	16.9	1.6	5
Nonfraud offense	800	100	44.0	35.0	18.8	2.1	4
Burglary	29	100	51.7	20.7	27.6	0.0	4
Larceny/theft	556	100	46.2	33.5	17.4	2.7	4
Arson	6	100	50.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	--
Motor vehicle theft	56	100	25.0	46.4	28.6	0.0	5
Other property	153	100	41.2	38.6	19.0	1.3	4
Drug offenses	1,759	100 %	38.4 %	40.8 %	18.9 %	1.6 %	5 mos.
Possession	368	100	54.3	29.6	14.4	1.4	3
Trafficking	821	100	32.6	44.8	20.6	1.8	5
Other drug	570	100	36.5	42.3	19.5	1.4	5
Public-order offenses	5,854	100 %	69.1 %	24.1 %	6.1 %	0.4 %	3 mos.
Regulatory offense	139	100	50.4	33.8	15.8	0.0	4
Nonregulatory public-order	5,715	100	69.5	23.9	5.9	0.5	2
Weapons	298	100	38.3	41.6	18.8	1.3	5
Immigration	4,362	100	76.8	20.4	2.4	0.1	2
Tax law violations	354	100	39.5	35.3	23.7	1.4	5
Racketeering and extortion	86	100	40.7	43.0	15.1	1.2	5
Other public-order	615	100	54.1	31.1	12.5	1.8	4
Other offenses	158	100 %	68.4 %	24.7 %	5.1 %	1.9 %	3 mos.

Note: All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer. Data are reported for first releases for whom the most serious offense and time

served in prison were known. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.
 -- No median was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

Table 6--5. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1988: Time served in prison, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Number of months served in Federal prison									120 or more	Median time served
		Total	1-6	7-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	49-60	61-84	85-119		
All offenses	13,675	100 %	4.4 %	16.1 %	40.1 %	19.2 %	9.6 %	4.0 %	4.4 %	1.5 %	0.8 %	22 mos.
Violent offenses	1,472	100 %	1.6 %	4.0 %	16.6 %	16.2 %	14.4 %	10.5 %	21.9 %	9.2 %	5.6 %	46 mos.
Homicide	138	100	5.8	10.1	18.1	7.2	10.1	7.2	17.4	8.7	15.2	48
Kidnaping	49	100	0.0	2.0	8.2	6.1	10.2	6.1	22.4	20.4	24.5	72
Rape	48	100	4.2	6.3	22.9	14.6	18.8	2.1	8.3	14.6	8.3	37
Other sexual assault	24	100	12.5	4.2	29.2	33.3	16.7	0.0	4.2	0.0	0.0	26
Robbery	635	100	0.8	2.2	14.0	17.7	16.3	12.0	23.8	9.0	4.2	48
Assault	341	100	1.2	4.4	19.4	15.8	11.4	11.7	23.8	9.4	2.9	45
Other violent	37	100	0.0	18.9	40.5	21.6	13.5	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	22
Property offenses	3,565	100 %	5.0 %	20.0 %	44.7 %	16.9 %	7.8 %	3.0 %	2.0 %	0.5 %	0.1 %	18 mos.
Fraud offense	2,222	100	6.0	21.8	47.3	15.2	6.9	1.8	0.8	0.2	0.0*	18
Embezzlement	219	100	4.6	27.4	48.9	13.2	4.6	0.9	0.0	0.5	0.0	16
Fraud	1,416	100	6.1	20.6	48.9	15.4	6.9	1.5	0.6	0.1	0.0	18
Forgery	344	100	7.6	25.9	41.9	12.2	8.1	2.6	1.5	0.3	0.0	16
Counterfeiting	243	100	4.5	18.5	44.4	19.8	7.4	3.7	1.2	0.0	0.4	21
Nonfraud offense	1,343	100	3.3	17.1	40.4	19.9	9.2	4.9	4.1	1.0	0.1	21
Burglary	107	100	6.5	11.2	28.0	22.4	11.2	5.6	11.2	3.7	0.0	26
Larceny/theft	733	100	3.5	22.5	42.7	16.9	6.8	3.8	3.0	0.5	0.0	18
Arson	53	100	7.5	3.8	43.4	18.9	13.2	9.4	1.9	1.9	0.0	25
Motor vehicle theft	178	100	1.7	10.7	42.7	27.0	9.6	4.5	2.2	1.1	0.6	24
Other property	272	100	1.5	11.4	36.8	22.4	14.0	7.0	5.9	0.7	0.4	25
Drug offenses	6,181	100 %	3.8 %	14.0 %	42.8 %	22.8 %	10.1 %	3.5 %	2.3 %	0.4 %	0.2 %	22 mos.
Possession	89	100	10.1	10.1	48.3	22.5	6.7	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0	21
Trafficking	3,494	100	4.0	15.1	42.0	22.3	9.8	3.7	2.3	0.5	0.3	22
Other drug	2,598	100	3.4	12.6	43.6	23.6	10.6	3.5	2.3	0.2	0.0	23
Public-order offenses	2,389	100 %	6.5 %	23.4 %	40.9 %	14.9 %	8.0 %	2.6 %	2.3 %	0.9 %	0.6 %	18 mos.
Regulatory offense	140	100	5.7	23.6	40.0	17.1	8.6	1.4	2.9	0.0	0.7	18
Nonregulatory public-order	2,249	100	6.5	23.3	40.9	14.8	7.9	2.7	2.3	0.9	0.6	18
Weapons	679	100	3.8	13.1	48.0	20.2	8.4	3.2	3.1	0.1	0.0	19
Immigration	597	100	12.7	41.5	34.5	4.9	2.3	1.2	0.3	1.5	1.0	12
Tax law violations	223	100	8.5	20.2	49.8	13.5	6.3	0.4	1.3	0.0	0.0	17
Racketeering and extortion	317	100	1.3	14.5	33.4	21.1	16.7	4.7	6.3	1.6	0.3	25
Other public-order	433	100	5.1	22.4	39.5	15.9	9.2	3.5	1.4	1.4	1.6	19
Other offenses	68	100 %	8.8 %	14.7 %	32.4 %	23.5 %	10.3 %	2.9 %	5.9 %	1.5 %	0.0 %	22 mos.

Note: All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer. Data are reported for first releases for whom the most serious

offense and time served in prison were known. Detail may not add to total because of rounding. *Less than 0.1%.

Table 6-6. First releases from Federal prison, 1988: Maximum sentence length and time served in prison, by offense

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison ^a									
	Percent of releases	Sentence length of 12 months or less				Sentence length of more than 12 months				
		Maximum sentence length ^b		Time served ^c		Maximum sentence length		Time served		
		Median ^d	Mean ^e	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	
All offenses	100 %	4 mos.	5 mos.	3 mos.	4 mos.	100 %	42 mos.	59 mos.	22 mos.	27 mos.
Violent offenses	1.7 %	6 mos.	6 mos.	4 mos.	4 mos.	10.8 %	108 mos.	127 mos.	46 mos.	54 mos.
Homicide	0.1	6	5	4	4	1.0	180	192	48	62
Kidnaping	0.0	--	--	--	--	0.4	180	214	72	91
Rape	0.0 *	--	--	--	--	0.4	66	126	37	53
Other sexual assault	0.1	--	--	--	--	0.2	72	108	26	28
Robbery	0.5	6	6	3	4	6.1	96	122	48	55
Assault	0.9	6	5	4	4	2.5	108	119	45	51
Other violent	0.2	2	4	2	3	0.3	36	43	22	25
Property offenses	25.3 %	6 mos.	6 mos.	5 mos.	5 mos.	26.1 %	36 mos.	47 mos.	18 mos.	23 mos.
Fraud offense	17.8	6	6	5	5	16.2	36	42	18	20
Embezzlement	2.7	6	6	4	4	1.6	36	39	16	19
Fraud	11.5	6	6	5	5	10.4	36	41	18	20
Forgery	2.5	6	7	5	5	2.5	36	45	16	20
Counterfeiting	1.2	6	7	5	5	1.8	36	47	21	23
Nonfraud offense	7.5	6	6	4	5	9.8	36	55	21	26
Burglary	0.3	6	6	4	5	0.8	60	90	26	34
Larceny/theft	5.2	6	6	4	5	5.4	36	49	18	23
Arson	0.1	--	--	--	--	0.4	36	57	25	30
Motor vehicle theft	0.5	6	7	5	5	1.3	48	51	24	28
Other property	1.4	6	6	4	5	2.0	48	61	25	30
Drug offenses	16.5 %	6 mos.	7 mos.	5 mos.	5 mos.	45.2 %	48 mos.	57 mos.	22 mos.	25 mos.
Possession	3.5	6	6	3	4	0.7	42	51	21	22
Trafficking	7.7	6	7	5	5	25.6	48	58	22	25
Other drug	5.3	6	7	5	5	19.0	48	55	23	25
Public-order offenses	54.9 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	17.5 %	36 mos.	43 mos.	18 mos.	23 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.3	6	6	4	4	1.0	36	45	18	23
Nonregulatory public-order	53.6	3	4	2	3	16.4	36	42	18	23
Weapons	2.8	6	7	5	5	5.0	36	42	19	24
Immigration	40.9	2	3	2	3	4.4	24	29	12	17
Tax law violations	3.3	6	6	5	5	1.6	36	39	17	19
Racketeering and extortion	0.8	6	6	5	4	2.3	60	69	25	30
Other public-order	5.8	5	5	4	4	3.2	36	43	19	25
Other offenses	1.5 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	0.5 %	36 mos.	57 mos.	22 mos.	26 mos.
Number of releases	10,630					13,674				

Note: Data on maximum sentence length were reported for 96.7% of the 25,152 first releases. -- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases. *Less than 0.1%. ^aFirst releases are persons released for the first time

on their current sentence. All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer. ^bSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

^cData on time served in prison are based on all first releases for whom the most serious offense and time served were reported. ^dIncludes sentences of "life." ^eExcludes sentences of "life."

Table 6-7. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less, 1988: Time served in prison, by offense and sex

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison					
	Percent of releases	Male		Percent of releases	Female	
		Time served			Time served	
		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
All offenses	100 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	100%	4 mos.	4 mos.
Violent offenses	1.7 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	1.9%	4 mos.	4 mos.
Homicide	0.1	---	---	0.4	---	---
Kidnaping	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---
Rape	0.0*	---	---	0.0	---	---
Other sexual assault	0.1	---	---	0.1	---	---
Robbery	0.4	3	4	0.8	5	4
Assault	0.9	4	4	0.7	3	4
Other violent	0.2	2	3	0.0	---	---
Property offenses	22.3 %	5 mos.	5 mos.	44.5%	4 mos.	5 mos.
Fraud offense	15.6	5	5	32.1	5	5
Embezzlement	1.8	5	5	8.6	4	4
Fraud	10.6	5	5	16.7	5	5
Forgery	2.0	5	5	5.9	5	5
Counterfeiting	1.2	5	5	0.8	5	5
Nonfraud offense	6.8	5	5	12.4	4	4
Burglary	0.3	5	5	0.3	---	---
Larceny/theft	4.4	4	5	10.2	4	4
Arson	0.1	---	---	0.0	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	0.6	5	5	0.2	---	---
Other property	1.4	5	5	1.7	4	4
Drug offenses	15.8 %	5 mos.	5 mos.	21.2%	5 mos.	5 mos.
Possession	3.4	3	4	4.0	4	4
Trafficking	7.5	5	5	8.9	5	5
Other drug	4.9	5	5	8.4	5	5
Public-order offenses	58.7 %	3 mos.	3 mos.	31.2%	2 mos.	3 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.4	4	4	0.5	---	---
Nonregulatory public-order	57.2	3	3	30.7	2	3
Weapons	3.2	5	5	0.5	---	---
Immigration	43.6	2	3	23.8	2	2
Tax law violations	3.7	5	5	1.3	4	4
Racketeering and extortion	0.8	5	5	0.6	---	---
Other public-order	6.0	4	4	4.5	4	4
Other offenses	1.5 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	1.2%	2 mos.	3 mos.
Number of releases	9,193			1,437		

Note: Data are based on all releases for whom the most serious offense, method of prison release, and time served were reported.

--- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

*Less than 0.1%.

Table 6-8. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1988: Time served in prison, by offense and sex

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison					
	Percent of releases	Male		Percent of releases	Female	
		Time served			Time served	
		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
All offenses	100 %	22 mos.	28 mos.	100 %	18 mos.	20 mos.
Violent offenses	11.1 %	48 mos.	56 mos.	8.0 %	26 mos.	33 mos.
Homicide	0.8	63	72	2.6	20	31
Kidnaping	0.4	83	96	0.3	---	---
Rape	0.4	37	53	0.0	---	---
Other sexual assault	0.2	27	29	0.1	---	---
Robbery	6.3	50	56	3.9	33	36
Assault	2.6	48	52	1.1	25	28
Other violent	0.3	22	25	0.0	---	---
Property offenses	24.6 %	19 mos.	23 mos.	39.4 %	15 mos.	17 mos.
Fraud offense	14.9	18	21	28.3	14	17
Embezzlement	1.1	18	20	6.0	13	16
Fraud	9.8	18	21	15.2	15	17
Forgery	2.1	17	22	6.2	13	16
Counterfeiting	1.9	21	23	1.0	19	21
Nonfraud offense	9.7	22	27	11.0	16	18
Burglary	0.8	28	35	0.7	---	---
Larceny/theft	5.0	19	24	8.5	15	17
Arson	0.4	25	31	0.2	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	24	28	0.4	---	---
Other property	2.1	25	30	1.3	26	26
Drug offenses	45.4 %	23 mos.	26 mos.	43.5 %	19 mos.	21 mos.
Possession	0.6	21	22	1.0	20	21
Trafficking	25.8	22	25	23.4	20	22
Other drug	19.0	24	26	19.0	18	20
Public-order offenses	18.4 %	18 mos.	23 mos.	8.6 %	16 mos.	21 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.0	18	23	1.0	19	22
Nonregulatory public-order	17.4	18	23	7.6	16	21
Weapons	5.4	19	24	1.0	17	22
Immigration	4.7	12	18	1.3	12	12
Tax law violations	1.7	17	20	1.1	14	14
Racketeering and extortion	2.4	26	31	1.6	22	26
Other public-order	3.2	19	25	2.7	18	25
Other offenses	0.5 %	21 mos.	26 mos.	0.5 %	---	---
Number of releases	12,330			1,344		

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense, method of prison release were reported, and time

served were reported.
 --- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 6-9. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less, 1988:
Time served in prison, by race and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison								
	Race ^a						Hispanic ^b		
	Percent of releases	White		Percent of releases	Black		Percent of releases	Time served	
Median		Mean	Median		Mean	Median		Mean	
All offenses	100%	3 mos.	4 mos.	100%	4 mos.	4 mos.	100%	2 mos.	3 mos.
Violent offenses	1.1%	3 mos.	3 mos.	2.4%	4 mos.	4 mos.	0.6%	2 mos.	3 mos.
Homicide	0.1	---	---	0.1	---	---	0.0*	---	---
Kidnaping	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---
Rape	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---
Other sexual assault	0.0 [†]	---	---	0.1	---	---	0.0	---	---
Robbery	0.4	3	3	1.0	4	4	0.1	---	---
Assault	0.5	3	3	1.1	4	4	0.3	2	3
Other violent	0.2	1	2	0.2	---	---	0.2	1	2
Property offenses	19.3%	5 mos.	5 mos.	54.0%	4 mos.	5 mos.	4.0%	3 mos.	4 mos.
Fraud offense	14.5	5	5	34.1	4	5	3.1	3	4
Embezzlement	2.4	5	5	4.1	4	4	0.4	4	4
Fraud	9.8	5	5	20.0	5	5	2.1	3	4
Forgery	1.3	5	5	8.4	5	5	0.3	4	4
Counterfeiting	1.1	5	5	1.7	4	5	0.3	5	4
Nonfraud offense	4.8	5	5	19.8	4	4	1.0	3	4
Burglary	0.1	5	5	0.5	---	---	0.0*	---	---
Larceny/theft	2.8	---	---	16.3	4	4	0.7	3	4
Arson	0.1	---	---	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	0.5	5	6	0.8	3	4	0.0	---	---
Other property	1.3	5	5	2.2	4	4	0.2	4	5
Drug offenses	16.0%	5 mos.	5 mos.	18.9%	4 mos.	5 mos.	9.3%	4 mos.	4 mos.
Possession	3.2	3	4	4.9	4	4	2.4	3	4
Trafficking	7.7	5	5	7.7	5	5	5.1	4	4
Other drug	5.2	5	5	6.3	4	5	1.9	5	5
Public-order offenses	62.7%	2 mos.	3 mos.	20.1%	3 mos.	4 mos.	85.7%	2 mos.	3 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.3	4	4	1.2	5	5	0.4	3	4
Nonregulatory public-order	61.4	2	3	18.9	3	4	85.3	2	3
Weapons	2.4	5	5	4.5	4	5	0.9	4	4
Immigration	49.1	2	3	4.5	3	3	82.8	2	3
Tax law violations	3.7	5	5	1.7	5	6	0.1	---	---
Racketeering and extortion	0.8	5	5	0.8	2	3	0.2	---	---
Other public-order	5.3	4	4	7.4	3	4	1.2	3	4
Other offenses	0.8%	3 mos.	4 mos.	4.5%	2 mos.	3 mos.	0.3%	5 mos.	8 mos.
Number of releases	8,686			1,784			4,892		

Note: All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainer. Data on are based on all first releases for whom the most serious offense, race or Hispanic origin, and time served were reported.

--- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

*Less than 0.1%.

^aRace includes persons of Hispanic origin.

^bHispanic releases include persons of all races.

**Table 6-10. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1988:
Time served in prison, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison								
	Race ^a								
	Percent of releases	White		Percent of releases	Black		Percent of releases	Hispanic ^b	
Median		Mean	Median		Mean	Median		Mean	
All offenses	100 %	21 mos.	26 mos.	100 %	22 mos.	29 mos.	100 %	19 mos.	24 mos.
Violent offenses	7.4 %	44 mos.	54 mos.	17.1 %	55 mos.	58 mos.	4.0 %	40 mos.	48 mos.
Homicide	0.7	39	58	0.8	76	78	0.4	61	50
Kidnaping	0.4	75	91	0.2	--	--	0.1	--	--
Rape	0.1	70	79	0.3	51	65	0.2	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.1	23	25	0.2	--	--	0.0*	--	--
Robbery	4.6	45	53	10.7	54	57	1.9	50	54
Assault	1.2	45	51	4.6	58	59	1.2	25	38
Other violent	0.3	24	27	0.2	--	--	0.2	--	--
Property offenses	23.3 %	19 mos.	23 mos.	34.2 %	18 mos.	22 mos.	9.5 %	16 mos.	20 mos.
Fraud offense	15.6	18	21	18.8	16	19	6.1	15	18
Embezzlement	1.6	17	19	1.4	14	17	0.5	14	22
Fraud	10.4	18	21	10.7	17	19	3.4	13	15
Forgery	1.6	16	21	5.3	16	19	0.9	19	20
Counterfeiting	2.0	21	24	1.3	17	19	1.4	22	23
Nonfraud offense	7.7	21	26	15.4	21	26	3.3	17	23
Burglary	0.4	21	26	1.5	32	38	0.4	19	32
Larceny/theft	3.5	17	22	10.8	19	24	2.2	16	21
Arson	0.4	25	30	0.1	--	--	0.0*	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	23	29	1.1	25	25	0.2	--	--
Other property	2.1	25	31	1.8	25	28	0.5	22	24
Drug offenses	49.1 %	22 mos.	25 mos.	36.5 %	22 mos.	25 mos.	61.2 %	22 mos.	25 mos.
Possession	0.7	21	22	0.6	18	20	1.0	22	23
Trafficking	27.9	22	25	19.6	22	24	37.3	21	25
Other drug	20.5	23	25	16.2	23	26	22.8	23	26
Public-order offenses	19.8 %	17 mos.	23 mos.	11.5 %	18 mos.	23 mos.	24.8 %	13 mos.	19 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.1	18	23	0.7	16	23	0.5	12	12
Nonregulatory public-order	18.7	17	23	10.8	18	23	24.3	13	19
Weapons	4.8	20	24	5.6	18	23	3.0	16	21
Immigration	5.8	12	18	0.6	13	15	17.3	12	17
Tax law violations	2.0	17	19	0.7	19	24	0.3	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	2.8	27	32	1.1	18	21	1.3	27	29
Other public-order	3.3	19	26	2.7	19	25	2.5	14	22
Other offenses	0.4 %	15 mos.	23 mos.	0.8 %	29 mos.	31 mos.	0.6 %	15 mos.	27 mos.
Number of releases	9,876			3,468			3,077		

Note: All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainee. Data are based on all first releases for whom the most serious offense, race or Hispanic origin, and time served were reported.

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

*Less than 0.1%.

^aRace includes persons of Hispanic origin.

^bHispanic releases include persons of all races.

**Table 6-11. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1988:
Time served in prison, by offense and method of prison release**

Most serious offense	Method of release for Federal prison releases											
	Percent of releases	Conditional release						Unconditional release, expiration of sentence				
		Total		Discretionary			Mandatory			Percent of releases	Time served	
	Percent of releases	Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Median	Mean		Percent of releases	Median
All offenses	100%	24 mos.	29 mos.	100%	22 mos.	28 mos.	100%	25 mos.	31 mos.	100%	13 mos.	15 mos.
Violent offenses	11.0%	50 mos.	57 mos.	9.9%	58 mos.	61 mos.	12.6%	42 mos.	52 mos.	4.6%	16 mos.	18 mos.
Homicide	0.5	62	78	0.3	74	93	0.9	52	70	0.3	---	---
Kidnaping	0.4	81	87	0.3	115	106	0.4	65	67	0.0	---	---
Rape	0.3	38	52	0.3	43	69	0.5	34	38	0.2	---	---
Other sexual assault	0.1	27	29	0.1	---	---	0.2	33	31	0.0	---	---
Robbery	6.8	50	55	6.7	53	56	7.0	46	55	1.6	17	18
Assault	2.5	54	56	2.1	66	66	3.1	38	47	1.9	14	17
Other violent	0.2	25	29	0.1	---	---	0.5	28	31	0.5	16	16
Property offenses	25.0%	21 mos.	24 mos.	26.8%	19 mos.	23 mos.	22.4%	25 mos.	27 mos.	31.2%	13 mos.	14 mos.
Fraud offense	15.6	19	22	17.4	17	21	13.1	23	25	20.6	13	13
Embezzlement	1.5	18	20	1.8	16	19	1.0	24	24	2.4	13	13
Fraud	10.2	19	22	10.6	17	21	9.6	22	24	12.3	13	13
Forgery	2.3	18	22	3.1	16	21	1.1	25	29	3.6	14	15
Counterfeiting	1.7	23	26	1.8	22	24	1.5	24	28	2.3	13	15
Nonfraud offense	9.4	24	28	9.4	21	26	9.3	27	31	10.6	14	16
Burglary	0.6	31	38	0.6	28	36	0.6	32	40	0.5	14	19
Larceny/theft	5.0	21	25	5.4	17	22	4.5	26	29	6.8	14	14
Arson	0.4	29	33	0.2	43	46	0.6	25	28	0.4	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	25	30	1.4	23	27	1.4	27	33	1.0	15	17
Other property	2.0	27	32	1.9	27	32	2.2	28	32	1.9	13	19
Drug offenses	48.3%	24 mos.	27 mos.	49.8%	23 mos.	26 mos.	46.1%	25 mos.	28 mos.	32.6%	13 mos.	13 mos.
Possession	0.6	22	22	0.6	18	19	0.8	24	26	0.7	13	19
Trafficking	27.7	23	26	30.0	22	25	24.4	25	28	16.8	13	13
Other drug	20.0	25	27	19.3	24	26	21.0	25	28	15.1	13	13
Public-order offenses	15.3%	21 mos.	25 mos.	13.0%	17 mos.	22 mos.	18.5%	24 mos.	28 mos.	31.3%	12 mos.	17 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.9	22	26	0.7	18	25	1.2	25	27	1.7	12	13
Nonregulatory public-order	14.3	21	25	12.3	17	22	17.3	24	28	29.5	12	17
Weapons	4.5	24	27	2.7	22	25	7.0	24	28	8.0	14	15
Immigration	3.1	14	16	3.6	11	14	2.3	18	22	12.2	11	19
Tax law violations	1.6	18	21	1.6	16	19	1.6	22	24	2.0	13	12
Racketeering and extortion	2.5	27	32	2.2	29	32	2.8	27	33	1.4	12	11
Other public-order	2.7	23	28	2.2	15	24	3.5	25	32	5.8	13	18
Other offenses	0.4%	24 mos.	26 mos.	0.5%	14 mos.	25 mos.	0.4%	27 mos.	29 mos.	0.4%	---	---
Number of releases	11,342			6,687			4,655			2,035		

--- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

Entries to Federal parole

- Men made up 91% of the 11,394 entries to parole from Federal prison in 1988 (table 7-1).

- White offenders comprised 72% of all parole entries; black offenders, 25%; and offenders of other races, 2%. Hispanic entries, who could be of any race, were 22% of the total.

- The median age for parolees at the time of their release from prison was 36 years.

- On average, parole entries had graduated from high school. About 16% had completed eight grades or less.

- Among first releases from Federal prison to parole, 59% had been released by a parole board, and 44% were mandatory releases (table 7-3).

- A higher percentage of public-order offenders than of other offenders were released from prison and entered parole as a result of a mandatory releases. Sixty-four percent of weapons violators were mandatory releases.

- Among parole entries for whom complete data exist on maximum sentence and time served in prison, half served 24 months or less in prison on a median maximum sentence of 48 months (table 7-4).

- Violent and drug offenders on average served a smaller proportion of their maximum sentence in prison than other types of offenders. The median time served in prison by violent offenders, 50 months, was 46% of the median maximum sentence; the median time

served by drug offenders, 24 months, was 50% of the median maximum sentence. The median time served by property and public-order offenders was 21 months, 58% of the median sentence.

- Among first releases, the median time served in prison before a discretionary release was 22 months, and before a mandatory release, 25 months (table 7-5).

- Among violent offenders, discretionary releases had served 15 months longer on average than mandatory releases (a median 57 months compared to 42). Among other types of Federal offenders entering parole, mandatory releases had served less time in prison than had discretionary releases.

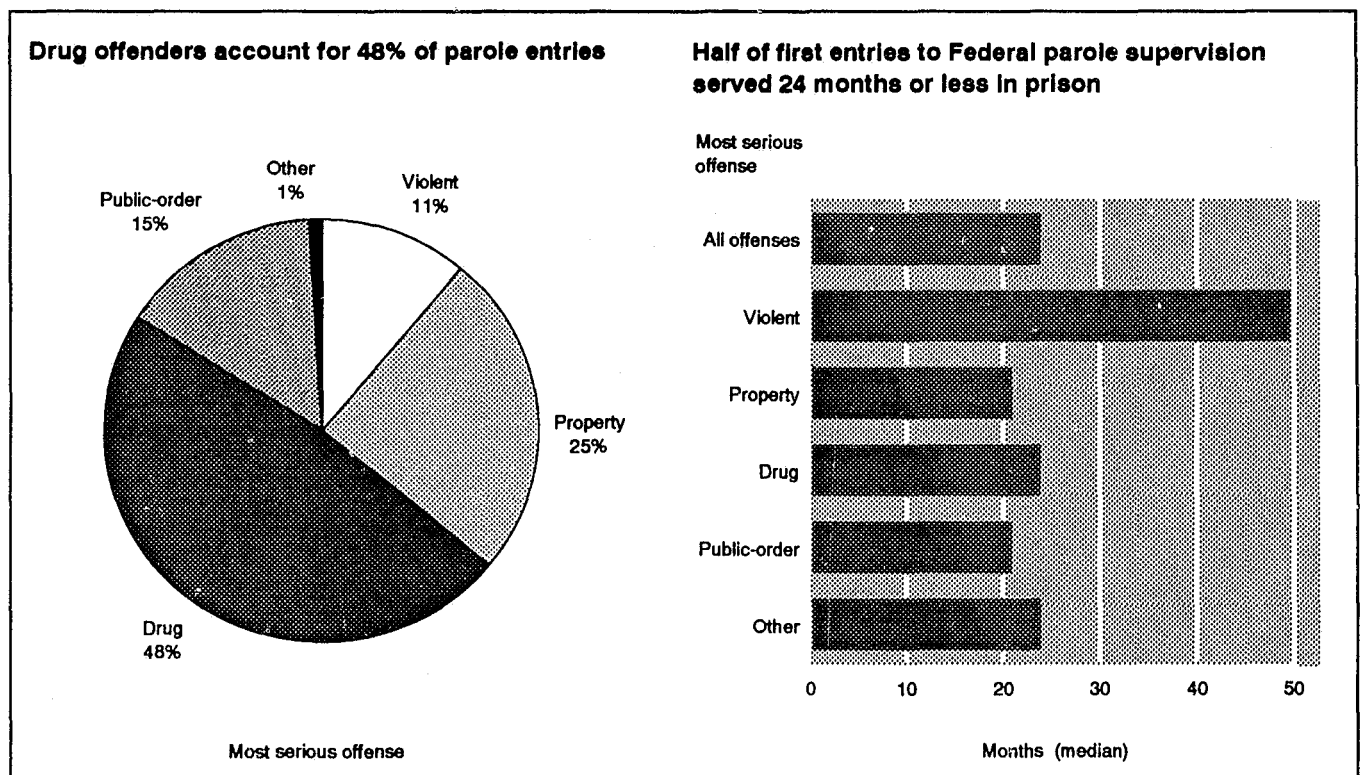


Figure 7-1. First entries to Federal parole supervision: Most serious offense and time served

Table 7-1. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1988: Selected demographic characteristics, by method of prison release

Demographic characteristic	First entries to parole supervision		
	All	Method of prison release	
		Discretionary	Mandatory
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %
Sex			
Male	91.3 %	90.5 %	92.5 %
Female	8.7	9.5	7.5
Race			
White	72.5 %	72.1 %	72.9 %
Black	25.2	26.3	23.5
Other	2.4	1.5	3.6
Hispanic origin			
Hispanic	21.9 %	22.3 %	21.3 %
Non-Hispanic	78.1	77.7	78.7
Age at entry			
Under 18	0.2 %	0.1 %	0.3 %
18-24	6.2	6.3	6.1
25-29	15.7	15.3	16.4
30-34	21.2	22.2	19.9
35-44	34.9	34.6	35.3
45-54	15.0	14.9	15.2
55 and older	6.6	6.5	6.8
Median age	36 yrs.	36 yrs.	36 yrs.
Education			
8th grade or less	16.5 %	16.4 %	16.7 %
9th-11th grade	23.4	22.9	24.0
High school graduate	50.4	50.6	50.2
Some college	3.5	3.4	3.6
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
Median education	12th grade	12th grade	12th grade
Number of parole entries	11,394	6,726	4,668

Note: Data on education were reported for 93.8% of the 11,394 Federal parole first entries.

**Table 7-2. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1988:
Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision						
	All	Sex		Race ^a			Hispanic ^c
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other ^b	
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	10.9 %	11.3 %	6.7 %	7.2 %	18.7 %	43.1 %	3.6 %
Homicide	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.6	11.5	0.0
Kidnaping	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1
Rape	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.3	8.2	0.2
Other sexual assault	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	1.5	0.0
Robbery	6.8	7.0	4.7	5.0	12.4	3.0	2.2
Assault	2.5	2.6	1.0	1.1	4.9	18.6	1.1
Other violent	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.1
Property offenses	25.1 %	23.9 %	38.0 %	22.7 %	32.2 %	24.5 %	8.6 %
Fraud offense	15.7	14.5	28.4	15.2	17.8	9.3	5.7
Embezzlement	1.5	1.1	6.2	1.6	1.3	2.2	0.4
Fraud	10.2	9.7	15.3	10.3	10.5	4.8	2.9
Forgery	2.3	2.0	5.7	1.4	4.8	1.1	1.0
Counterfeiting	1.7	1.7	1.2	1.9	1.1	1.1	1.3
Nonfraud offense	9.4	9.4	9.7	7.5	14.5	15.2	2.9
Burglary	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.2	1.3	5.2	0.2
Larceny/theft	5.1	4.8	7.8	3.2	10.3	5.9	1.9
Arson	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.7	0.0*
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	1.4	0.5	1.5	1.0	1.5	0.2
Other property	2.0	2.1	1.1	2.1	1.8	1.9	0.6
Drug offenses	48.2 %	48.4 %	46.1 %	52.4 %	38.2 %	23.4 %	68.1 %
Possession	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.6	0.4	1.2
Trafficking	27.6	27.8	26.1	30.3	20.6	19.0	41.6
Other drug	19.9	20.0	19.0	21.4	17.0	4.1	25.3
Public-order offenses	15.3 %	16.0 %	8.8 %	17.3 %	10.1 %	8.9 %	19.2 %
Regulatory offense	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.5	2.2	0.3
Nonregulatory public-order	14.4	15.0	7.9	16.3	9.6	6.7	18.8
Weapons	4.5	4.8	1.0	4.4	4.9	2.2	2.7
Immigration	3.1	3.3	1.5	4.1	0.6	0.4	12.2
Tax law violations	1.6	1.7	0.9	1.9	0.7	0.4	0.3
Racketeering and extortion	2.5	2.5	1.8	3.0	1.0	1.1	1.4
Other public-order	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.9	2.3	2.6	2.2
Other offenses	0.4 %	0.5 %	0.4 %	0.4 %	0.7 %	0.0 %	0.5 %
Number of parole entries	11,394	10,403	991	8,255	2,870	269	2,494

*Less than 0.1%.

^aIncludes people of Hispanic origin.

^bIncludes American Indians, Alaska Natives,

Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

^cHispanic entries include people of all races.

Table 7-3. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1988: Method of prison release, by offense

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision			
	Number	Total	Method of release	
			Discretionary	Mandatory
All offenses	11,394	100 %	59.0 %	41.0 %
Violent offenses	1,246	100 %	53.0 %	47.0 %
Homicide	62	100	35.5	64.5
Kidnaping	42	100	52.4	47.6
Rape	39	100	43.6	56.4
Other sexual assault	16	100	31.3	68.8
Robbery	777	100	58.2	41.8
Assault	283	100	48.8	51.2
Other violent	27	100	18.5	81.5
Property offenses	2,863	100 %	63.4 %	36.6 %
Fraud offense	1,788	100	65.8	34.2
Embezzlement	172	100	73.3	26.7
Fraud	1,164	100	61.7	38.3
Forgery	259	100	81.1	18.9
Counterfeiting	193	100	63.7	36.3
Nonfraud offense	1,075	100	59.3	40.7
Burglary	71	100	56.3	43.7
Larceny/theft	577	100	63.3	36.7
Arson	44	100	31.8	68.2
Motor vehicle theft	155	100	59.4	40.6
Other property	228	100	55.3	44.7
Drug offenses	5,487	100 %	60.9 %	39.1 %
Possession	73	100	50.7	49.3
Trafficking	3,147	100	63.9	36.1
Other drug	2,267	100	56.9	43.1
Public-order offenses	1,747	100 %	50.4 %	49.6 %
Regulatory offense	105	100	46.7	53.3
Nonregulatory public-order	1,642	100	50.7	49.3
Weapons	510	100	35.7	64.3
Immigration	357	100	68.6	31.4
Tax law violations	181	100	59.1	40.9
Racketeering and extortion	283	100	53.4	46.6
Other public-order	311	100	47.3	52.7
Other offenses	51	100 %	60.8 %	39.2 %

Table 7-4. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1988: Sentence length and time served, by offense

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision				
	All	Maximum sentence length ^a		Time served in prison	
		Median ^b	Mean ^c	Median	Mean
All offenses	100%	48 mos.	63 mos.	24 mos.	29 mos.
Violent offenses	10.9%	108 mos.	125 mos.	50 mos.	56 mos.
Homicide	0.5	120	138	62	70
Kidnaping	0.4	180	220	81	86
Rape	0.3	60	111	38	52
Other sexual assault	0.1	60	56	27	29
Robbery	6.8	108	122	50	55
Assault	2.5	120	130	54	56
Other violent	0.2	48	50	25	29
Property offenses	25.1%	36 mos.	50 mos.	21 mos.	24 mos.
Fraud offense	15.7	36	46	19	22
Embezzlement	1.5	36	43	18	20
Fraud	10.2	36	45	19	22
Forgery	2.3	36	49	18	22
Counterfeiting	1.7	48	52	23	25
Nonfraud offense	9.4	48	56	24	28
Burglary	0.6	60	79	31	37
Larceny/theft	5.1	36	50	20	24
Arson	0.4	48	65	29	33
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	48	54	25	30
Other property	2.0	60	65	27	32
Drug offenses	48.2%	48 mos.	60 mos.	24 mos.	27 mos.
Possession	0.6	48	55	22	22
Trafficking	27.6	48	61	23	26
Other drug	19.9	48	59	25	27
Public-order offenses	15.3%	36 mos.	49 mos.	21 mos.	25 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.9	42	52	22	26
Nonregulatory public-order	14.4	36	48	20	25
Weapons	4.5	36	47	24	27
Immigration	3.1	36	36	14	16
Tax law violations	1.6	36	42	18	21
Racketeering and extortion	2.5	60	67	27	32
Other public-order	2.7	36	50	23	27
Other offenses	0.4%	36 mos.	55 mos.	24 mos.	25 mos.
Number of parole entries	11,394	11,394		11,394	

^aSentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

^bIncludes sentences of "life."
^cExcludes sentences of "life."

**Table 7-5. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1988:
Sentence length and time served, by offense and method of prison release**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision					
	Discretionary release			Mandatory release		
	Percent of release	Time served		Percent of release	Time served	
		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
All offenses	100 %	22 mos.	28 mos.	100 %	25 mos.	31 mos.
Violent offenses	9.8 %	57 mos.	61 mos.	12.5 %	42 mos.	52 mos.
Homicide	0.3	74	93	0.9	52	70
Kidnaping	0.3	115	106	0.4	65	67
Rape	0.3	43	69	0.5	34	38
Other sexual assault	0.1	---	---	0.2	33	31
Robbery	6.7	53	56	7.0	46	55
Assault	2.1	66	66	3.1	38	47
Other violent	0.1	---	---	0.5	28	31
Property offenses	27.0 %	18 mos.	23 mos.	22.5 %	25 mos.	27 mos.
Fraud offense	17.5	17	21	13.1	23	25
Embezzlement	1.9	15	19	1.0	24	24
Fraud	10.7	17	21	9.6	22	24
Forgery	3.1	16	21	1.0	25	29
Counterfeiting	1.8	21	24	1.5	24	28
Nonfraud offense	9.5	21	26	9.4	26	31
Burglary	0.6	28	36	0.7	32	39
Larceny/theft	5.4	17	22	4.5	25	29
Arson	0.2	43	46	0.6	25	28
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	23	27	1.3	27	33
Other property	1.9	27	32	2.2	27	32
Drug offenses	49.6 %	23 mos.	26 mos.	46.0 %	25 mos.	28 mos.
Possession	0.6	18	19	0.8	24	26
Trafficking	29.9	22	25	24.3	25	28
Other drug	19.2	24	26	20.9	25	28
Public-order offenses	13.1 %	17 mos.	22 mos.	18.6 %	24 mos.	28 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.7	18	25	1.2	25	27
Nonregulatory public-order	12.4	16	22	17.4	24	28
Weapons	2.7	22	25	7.0	24	28
Immigration	3.6	11	14	2.4	17	21
Tax law violations	1.6	16	19	1.6	22	24
Racketeering and extortion	2.2	28	31	2.8	27	33
Other public-order	2.2	15	24	3.5	25	32
Other offenses	0.5 %	14 mos.	25 mos.	0.4 %	27 mos.	29 mos.
Number of parole entries	6,726			4,668		

--- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 7--6. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1988:
Sentence length and time served, by offense and race**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision											
	Sentence length						Time served in Federal prison					
	White			Black			White			Black		
	Percent	Median ^a	Mean ^b	Percent	Median	Mean	Percent	Median	Mean	Percent	Median	Mean
All offenses	100 %	48 mos.	60 mos.	100 %	54 mos.	70 mos.	100 %	24 mos.	28 mos.	100 %	25 mos.	32 mos.
Violent offenses	7.2 %	96 mos.	126 mos.	18.7 %	120 mos.	135 mos.	7.2 %	47 mos.	56 mos.	18.7 %	58 mos.	60 mos.
Homicide	0.2	144	167	0.6	270	225	0.2	66	76	0.6	99	97
Kidnaping	0.4	180	235	0.2	--	--	0.4	83	90	0.2	--	--
Rape	0.1	--	--	0.3	112	154	0.1	--	--	0.3	48	61
Other sexual assault	0.1	--	--	0.2	--	--	0.1	--	--	0.2	--	--
Robbery	5.0	96	117	12.4	120	128	5.0	46	53	12.4	56	58
Assault	1.1	120	142	4.9	144	147	1.1	58	58	4.9	60	63
Other violent	0.3	48	51	0.1	--	--	0.3	27	30	0.1	--	--
Property offenses	22.7 %	36 mos.	50 mos.	32.2 %	36 mos.	51 mos.	22.7 %	22 mos.	25 mos.	32.2 %	20 mos.	24 mos.
Fraud offense	15.2	36	46	17.8	36	46	15.2	20	23	17.8	18	20
Embezzlement	1.6	36	41	1.3	36	47	1.6	18	21	1.3	16	18
Fraud	10.3	36	45	10.5	36	44	10.3	20	22	10.5	18	21
Forgery	1.4	48	52	4.8	36	47	1.4	19	24	4.8	17	21
Counterfeiting	1.9	48	53	1.1	36	48	1.9	23	27	1.1	20	19
Nonfraud offense	7.5	48	56	14.5	48	57	7.5	24	28	14.5	23	28
Burglary	0.2	54	73	1.3	72	90	0.2	24	32	1.3	33	41
Larceny/theft	3.2	36	48	10.3	36	52	3.2	20	23	10.3	21	26
Arson	0.5	48	64	0.1	--	--	0.5	26	33	0.1	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.5	48	55	1.0	48	51	1.5	24	30	1.0	27	27
Other property	2.1	60	65	1.8	48	65	2.1	28	33	1.8	27	31
Drug offenses	52.4 %	48 mos.	60 mos.	38.2 %	51 mos.	61 mos.	52.4 %	24 mos.	27 mos.	38.2 %	24 mos.	27 mos.
Possession	0.7	48	55	0.6	36	54	0.7	22	23	0.6	21	21
Trafficking	30.3	48	62	20.6	48	57	30.3	24	26	20.6	23	26
Other drug	21.4	48	57	17.0	60	66	21.4	24	27	17.0	25	28
Public--order offenses	17.3 %	36 mos.	49 mos.	10.1 %	36 mos.	49 mos.	17.3 %	20 mos.	25 mos.	10.1 %	21 mos.	26 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.0	39	53	0.5	36	47	1.0	23	26	0.5	22	29
Nonregulatory public--order	16.3	36	48	9.6	36	49	16.3	20	25	9.6	21	25
Weapons	4.4	36	47	4.9	36	48	4.4	24	27	4.9	22	25
Immigration	4.1	36	36	0.6	36	43	4.1	14	16	0.6	15	16
Tax law violations	1.9	36	40	0.7	48	55	1.9	18	20	0.7	20	26
Racketeering and extortion	3.0	60	70	1.0	36	49	3.0	30	33	1.0	22	25
Other public--order	2.9	36	50	2.3	36	52	2.9	24	27	2.3	21	28
Other offenses	0.4 %	36 mos.	38 mos.	0.7 %	51 mos.	79 mos.	0.4 %	16 mos.	19 mos.	0.7 %	29 mos.	33 mos.
Number of parole entries	8,255			2,870			8,255			2,870		

-- No median or mean was calculated there were fewer than 10 cases.

^aIncludes sentences of "life."

^bExcludes sentences of "life."

Discharges from Federal parole

- Among the 10,173 individuals discharged from Federal parole, 77% were successful in leaving supervision, 21% were returned to prison, and 1% died (table 8-1).

- Almost the same percentage of men and women successfully completed parole (77% and 83%, respectively). A higher percentage of white parole discharges (84%) than black parole discharges (63%) successfully completed parole.

- Among Federal parole discharges, violent offenders were the most likely to be returned to prison (table 8-3). Forty-four percent of the violent offenders were returned to prison compared to 23% of the property offenders and 14% of the drug and public-order offenders.

- Drug offenders were the largest group discharged from Federal parole (41%) (table 8-4). Property offenders were the second largest at 28%, followed by violent and public-order offenders at 15%.

- Among those successfully discharged from parole, 45% were drug offenders; 28% were property offenders; 16% were public-order offenders; and 10% were violent offenders (table 8-4). Drug trafficking was the largest individual offense group (44%), followed by robbery (8%).

- For those persons unsuccessfully discharged from parole and returned to prison, 31% were violent offenders; 31%

property offenders; 28% drug offenders; and 10% were public-order offenders. Drug trafficking was the largest individual offense group (27%), followed by robbery (26%) and larceny/theft (11%).

- The median time served on parole for all offenses was 14 months (table 8-5). The median time on parole for violent offenses was 23 months; for property offenses, 14 months; and for drug and public-order offenses, 12 months.

- Among those who successfully completed parole, black and white offenders had the same median time served on parole — 12 months (table 8-6). Among violent offenders the median time on parole was 4 months longer for blacks than for whites. However, among drug and public-order offenders, the medians were 1 month longer for whites.

- Among parolees returning to prison, blacks and whites had the same median time served on parole — 18 months (table 8-7). Blacks returned to prison after a longer time on parole than whites for a violent offense (medians of 24 months and 17 months, respectively.)

- Successful parole discharges for whom data were reported on both time in prison and on parole served a median of 26 months in prison and 11 months on parole (table 8-8). Unsuccessful parole discharges served a median of 45 months in prison and 17 months on parole.

- Successful parole discharges on average served on total of 51 months under correctional supervision (a mean of 35 months in prison and 16 months on parole), while unsuccessful parole discharges served a total of 82 months.

Federal discharges successfully completing parole served on average 51 months under correctional supervision; those unsuccessfully completing parole, 82 months

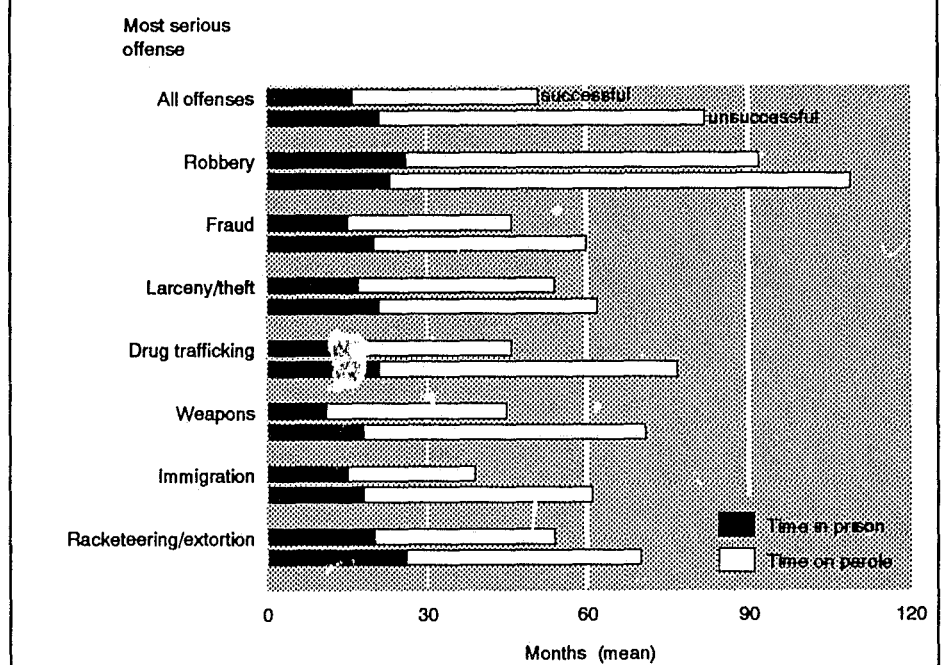


Figure 8-1. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges: Maximum sentence length and time served in prison and on parole

Table 8-1. Federal parole discharges, 1988: Method of parole discharge, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin

Method of parole discharge	Federal parole discharges						
	All	Sex		Race ^a			
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other ^b	Hispanic ^c
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %	100 %
Successful	77.4 %	76.9 %	83.2 %	83.6 %	63.3 %	78.0 %	84.6 %
Unsuccessful, returned to prison*	21.2 %	21.6 %	15.7 %	15.2 %	34.7 %	21.2 %	14.8 %
Death	1.4 %	1.5 %	1.0 %	1.2 %	2.0 %	0.8 %	0.6 %
Number of parole discharges	10,173	9,396	776	6,844	3,035	245	1,586

Note: Data on race were reported for 99.5% of the 10,173 Federal parole discharges, and data on Hispanic origin for 99.5%. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.
 *Includes those returned to prison with a new sentence, technical parole violators, and those returned pending parole revocation.

^aIncludes persons of Hispanic origin.
^bIncludes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.
^cIncludes persons of all races.

Table 8-2. Federal parole discharges, 1988: Selected demographic characteristics, by method of parole discharge

Characteristic	Federal parole discharges		
	All*	Method of parole discharge	
		Successful	Unsuccessful
Total	100 %	100 %	100 %
Sex			
Male	92.4 %	91.8 %	94.4 %
Female	7.6	8.2	5.6
Race			
White	67.6 %	73.0 %	48.5 %
Black	30.0	24.6	49.1
Other	2.4	2.5	2.4
Hispanic origin			
Hispanic	15.7 %	16.8 %	10.9 %
Non-Hispanic	84.3	83.2	89.1
Age at admission			
Under 18	0.1 %	3.5 %	6.6 %
18-24	4.1	3.7	4.3
25-29	15.4	14.8	15.0
30-34	20.3	19.2	20.4
35-44	37.0	35.1	37.2
45-54	15.8	15.9	12.3
55 and older	7.3	7.7	4.0
Median age	37 yrs.	37 yrs.	36 yrs.
Education			
8th grade or less	18.8 %	18.8 %	18.4 %
9th-11th grade	29.4	27.3	37.0
High school graduate	29.8	29.5	30.7
Some college	21.8	24.1	13.7
Other	0.3	0.4	0.1
Median education	12th grade	12th grade	10th grade
Number of parole discharges	10,173	7,871	2,156

Note: Data on age were reported for 95.8% of all Federal parole discharges, data on education were reported for 99.3%. Detail may not total because of rounding.
 *All parole discharges includes 146 who died while on parole.

**Table 8-3. Federal parole discharges, 1988:
Method of parole discharge, by offense**

Most serious offense	Federal parole discharges				
	Number	Total	Successful completion of term	Unsuccessful completion of term	Death
All offenses	10,173	100 %	77.4 %	21.2 %	1.4 %
Violent offenses	1,486	100 %	53.5 %	44.3 %	2.2 %
Homicide	16	100	81.3	18.8	0.0
Kidnaping	57	100	56.1	42.1	1.8
Rape	42	100	57.1	42.9	0.0
Other sexual assault	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Robbery	1,220	100	50.7	46.8	2.5
Assault	124	100	73.4	25.8	0.8
Other violent	27	100	59.3	40.7	0.0
Property offenses	2,871	100 %	75.5 %	23.1 %	1.4 %
Fraud offense	1,647	100	80.4	18.0	1.6
Embezzlement	567	100	88.9	10.4	0.7
Fraud	439	100	87.0	11.6	1.4
Forgery	509	100	65.2	33.0	1.8
Counterfeiting	132	100	81.1	13.6	5.3
Nonfraud offense	1,224	100	69.0	29.9	1.1
Burglary	163	100	58.3	41.1	0.6
Larceny/theft	837	100	69.4	29.3	1.3
Arson	6	100	100.0	0.0	0.0
Motor vehicle theft	207	100	73.4	25.6	1.0
Other property	11	100	90.9	9.1	0.0
Drug offenses	4,209	100 %	84.4 %	14.3 %	1.3 %
Possession	102	100	86.3	11.9	2.0
Trafficking	4,072	100	84.5	14.3	1.3
Other drug	35	100	68.6	28.6	2.9
Public-order offenses	1,532	100 %	84.3 %	14.4 %	1.2 %
Regulatory offense	16	100	87.5	12.5	0.0
Nonregulatory public-order	1,516	100	84.3	14.4	1.3
Weapons	565	100	81.1	17.7	1.2
Immigration	296	100	87.5	11.8	0.7
Tax law violations	136	100	97.1	2.2	0.7
Racketeering and extortion	205	100	89.3	9.3	1.5
Other public-order	314	100	78.3	19.7	1.9
Other offenses	75	100 %	85.3 %	14.7 %	0.0 %

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

**Table 8-4. Federal parole discharges, 1988:
Offense, by method of parole discharge**

Most serious offense	Federal parole discharges		
	All*	Successful	Unsuccessful
All offenses	100 %	100 %	100 %
Violent offenses	14.6 %	10.1 %	30.6 %
Homicide	0.2	0.2	0.1
Kidnaping	0.6	0.4	1.1
Rape	0.4	0.3	0.8
Other sexual assault	0.0	0.0	0.0
Robbery	12.0	7.9	26.5
Assault	1.2	1.2	1.5
Other violent	0.3	0.2	0.5
Property offenses	28.2 %	27.6 %	30.7 %
Fraud offense	16.2	16.8	13.7
Embezzlement	5.6	6.4	2.7
Fraud	4.3	4.9	2.4
Forgery	5.0	4.2	7.8
Counterfeiting	1.3	1.4	0.8
Nonfraud offense	12.0	10.7	17.0
Burglary	1.6	1.2	3.1
Larceny/theft	8.2	7.4	11.4
Arson	0.1	0.1	0
Motor vehicle theft	2.0	1.9	2.5
Other property	0.1	0.1	0.0
Drug offenses	41.4 %	45.1 %	28.0 %
Possession	1.0	1.1	0.6
Trafficking	40.0	43.7	26.9
Other drug	0.3	0.3	0.5
Public-order offenses	15.1 %	16.4 %	10.3 %
Regulatory offense	0.2	0.2	0.1
Nonregulatory public-order	14.9	16.2	10.2
Weapons	5.6	5.8	4.6
Immigration	2.9	3.3	1.6
Tax law violations	1.3	1.7	0.1
Racketeering and extortion	2.0	2.3	0.9
Other public-order	3.1	3.1	2.9
Other offenses	0.7 %	0.8 %	0.5 %
Number of parole discharges	10,173	7,871	2,156

*Includes 146 parolees who died while on parole.

Table 8-5. Federal parole discharges, 1988: Time served on parole, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Federal parole discharges										Median time served
		Total	Time served on parole in months									
			1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-18	19-24	25-30	31-36	Over 36	
All offenses	10,173	100 %	16.7 %	14.5 %	8.7 %	7.8 %	13.9 %	10.8 %	7.2 %	3.5 %	17.0 %	14 mos.
Violent offenses	1,486	100 %	7.8 %	9.6 %	6.5 %	7.3 %	13.9 %	8.1 %	7.3 %	4.8 %	34.7 %	23 mos.
Homicide	16	100	25.0	37.5	0.0	12.5	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3	0.0	6
Kidnaping	57	100	5.3	12.3	12.3	3.5	10.5	12.3	7.0	10.5	26.3	23
Rape	42	100	0.0	19.0	4.8	7.1	23.8	4.8	14.3	4.8	21.4	18
Other sexual assault	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Robbery	1,220	100	6.6	7.5	6.7	7.7	13.1	7.9	7.4	4.8	38.4	25
Assault	124	100	19.4	20.2	4.0	4.8	16.9	8.1	5.6	3.2	17.7	13
Other violent	27	100	18.5	14.8	3.7	3.7	29.6	18.5	0.0	3.7	7.4	16
Property offenses	2,871	100 %	15.5 %	13.7 %	9.7 %	8.1 %	14.7 %	12.5 %	6.4 %	4.2 %	15.2 %	14 mos.
Fraud offense	1,647	100	17.2	15.8	9.7	8.7	13.5	13.3	5.8	3.6	12.4	12
Embezzlement	567	100	21.5	17.8	6.9	9.5	12.9	11.5	6.5	3.0	10.4	10
Fraud	439	100	20.0	19.1	11.4	6.6	12.3	15.7	4.8	2.7	7.3	10
Forgery	509	100	10.0	10.8	12.4	9.6	14.5	14.5	6.1	5.3	16.7	15
Counterfeiting	132	100	16.7	15.2	5.3	9.1	16.7	8.3	4.5	2.3	22.0	14
Nonfraud offense	1,224	100	13.2	10.9	9.7	7.3	16.3	11.4	7.3	5.1	18.8	16
Burglary	163	100	4.9	8.0	9.8	8.6	19.0	11.7	5.5	5.5	27.0	19
Larceny/theft	837	100	15.3	11.1	10.0	7.0	15.7	11.4	7.0	5.3	17.2	15
Arson	6	100	0.0	33.3	16.7	0.0	33.3	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	--
Motor vehicle theft	207	100	10.1	12.1	7.7	7.7	16.9	10.6	10.1	4.8	19.8	16
Other property	11	100	45.5	0.0	18.2	0.0	9.1	18.2	0.0	0.0	9.1	10
Drug offenses	4,209	100 %	19.2 %	16.3 %	8.4 %	7.7 %	13.0 %	10.6 %	8.3 %	2.8 %	13.7 %	12 mos.
Possession	102	100	12.7	11.8	9.8	8.8	12.7	10.8	11.8	3.9	17.6	16
Trafficking	4,072	100	19.5	16.5	8.3	7.7	13.0	10.6	8.2	2.8	13.4	12
Other drug	35	100	2.9	5.7	17.1	2.9	17.1	5.7	5.7	5.7	37.1	23
Public-order offenses	1,532	100 %	19.8 %	15.9 %	9.6 %	7.8 %	14.3 %	10.8 %	5.9 %	2.8 %	13.1 %	12 mos.
Regulatory offense	16	100	6.3	25.0	0.0	6.3	12.5	18.8	18.8	0.0	12.5	18
Nonregulatory public-order	1,516	100	19.9	15.8	9.7	7.8	14.3	10.8	5.7	2.8	13.1	12
Weapons	565	100	26.2	18.4	9.6	8.1	13.6	8.0	4.2	3.2	8.7	9
Immigration	296	100	16.2	15.5	11.1	8.4	17.2	11.5	5.7	3.0	11.1	12
Tax law violations	136	100	21.3	19.9	12.5	7.4	19.9	11.8	2.2	0.7	4.4	9
Racketeering and extortion	205	100	14.1	8.8	8.3	4.4	14.1	13.2	9.8	3.4	23.9	19
Other public-order	314	100	15.3	14.0	8.3	9.2	10.5	13.1	7.3	2.5	19.7	14
Other offenses	75	100 %	26.7 %	21.3 %	9.3 %	9.3 %	22.7 %	5.3 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	5.3 %	8 mos.

Note: Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

-- No median was calculated because there were fewer than cases.

**Table 8-6. Successful Federal parole discharges, 1988:
Time served on parole, by offense and race**

Most serious offense	Successful Federal parole discharges					
	White			Black		
	Percent	Median ^a	Mean ^b	Percent	Median	Mean
All offenses	100 %	12 mos.	17 mos.	100 %	12 mos.	19 mos.
Violent offenses	6.7 %	26 mos.	32 mos.	17.4 %	30 mos.	34 mos.
Homicide	0.1	--	--	0.0	--	--
Kidnaping	0.5	23	31	0.3	--	--
Rape	0.1	--	--	0.5	39	39
Other sexual assault	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Robbery	5.4	33	34	15.1	31	35
Assault	0.4	9	20	1.5	21	30
Other violent	0.3	15	14	0.0	--	--
Property offenses	24.9 %	13 mos.	18 mos.	35.7 %	12 mos.	16 mos.
Fraud offense	16.3	11	16	19.5	10	15
Embezzlement	7.0	10	14	5.1	10	14
Fraud	4.4	10	15	6.4	9	11
Forgery	3.3	16	22	7.2	14	17
Counterfeiting	1.6	13	18	0.8	13	19
Nonfraud offense	8.7	15	20	16.2	14	18
Burglary	0.9	16	24	1.9	23	26
Larceny/theft	5.6	15	20	12.3	12	17
Arson	0.1	--	--	0.1	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	2.0	16	20	1.8	15	17
Other property	0.1	--	--	0.2	--	--
Drug offenses	49.2 %	11 mos.	16 mos.	35.6 %	10 mos.	15 mos.
Possession	1.0	16	23	1.4	16	19
Trafficking	47.9	11	16	33.5	9	15
Other drug	0.2	32	32	0.6	24	27
Public-order offenses	18.2 %	10 mos.	15 mos.	10.9 %	9 mos.	15 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.2	20	17	0.2	--	--
Nonregulatory public-order	18.0	10	15	10.7	9	15
Weapons	6.0	6	13	5.5	6	11
Immigration	4.0	12	15	0.7	9	17
Tax law violations	2.2	10	12	0.3	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	2.8	19	22	0.9	9	17
Other public-order	2.9	11	17	3.3	14	22
Other offenses	1.0 %	6 mos.	10 mos.	0.4 %	--	--
Number of parole discharges	5,722			1,921		

-- No mean or median was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

^aIncludes sentences of "life."

^bExcludes sentences of "life."

**Table 8-7. Unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1988:
Time served on parole, by offense and race**

Most serious offense	Unsuccessful Federal parole discharges					
	White			Black		
	Percent	Median ^a	Mean ^b	Percent	Median	Mean
All offenses	100 %	18 mos.	25 mos.	100 %	18 mos.	25 mos.
Violent offenses	26.3 %	17 mos.	26 mos.	33.8 %	24 mos.	31 mos.
Homicide	0.1	---	---	0.0	---	---
Kidnaping	1.2	17	18	0.9	31	35
Rape	0.4	---	---	0.5	---	---
Other sexual assault	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---
Robbery	23.2	17	27	30.8	24	31
Assault	0.4	---	---	1.5	25	23
Other violent	1.1	17	17	0.0	---	---
Property offenses	28.1 %	19 mos.	26 mos.	33.4 %	17 mos.	21 mos.
Fraud offense	11.9	20	26	16.0	15	20
Embezzlement	3.0	27	34	2.7	17	18
Fraud	1.9	17	20	2.8	16	16
Forgery	5.8	20	22	10.1	15	21
Counterfeiting	1.3	28	35	0.5	---	---
Nonfraud offense	16.2	18	26	17.4	18	23
Burglary	2.2	19	31	3.7	21	24
Larceny/theft	10.1	18	22	12.5	17	23
Arson	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	3.8	25	32	1.1	25	25
Other property	0.1	---	---	0.0	---	---
Drug offenses	32.0 %	19	25	25.1 %	17	23
Possession	0.9	---	---	0.3	---	---
Trafficking	30.9	19	26	24.1	17	23
Other drug	0.2	---	---	0.8	---	---
Public-order offenses	12.7 %	17 mos.	24 mos.	7.5 %	17 mos.	24 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.2	---	---	0.0	---	---
Nonregulatory public-order	12.5	17	23	7.5	17	24
Weapons	5.5	15	20	4.1	17	20
Immigration	2.2	15	19	0.7	---	---
Tax law violations	0.3	---	---	0.0	---	---
Racketeering and extortion	1.1	22	30	0.7	---	---
Other public-order	3.5	19	28	2.1	23	30
Other offenses	0.9 %	---	---	0.2 %	---	---
Number of parole discharges	1,038			1,054		

--- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

^aIncludes sentences of "life."

^bExcludes sentences of "life."

Table 8-8. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1988: Time served in prison and on parole, by offense and method of parole discharge

Most serious offense	Months served by Federal parole discharges									
	Number	Successful discharges				Unsuccessful discharges				
		In prison		On parole		In prison		On parole		
		Median ^a	Mean ^b	Median	Mean	Number	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
All offenses	7,579	26 mos.	35 mos.	11 mos.	16 mos.	2,005	45 mos.	61 mos.	17 mos.	21 mos.
Violent offenses	664	43 mos.	60 mos.	19 mos.	23 mos.	593	75 mos.	87 mos.	18 mos.	22 mos.
Homicide	13	24	26	5	9	3	--	--	--	--
Kidnaping	26	42	62	22	22	23	126	143	17	22
Rape	22	39	45	17	20	17	59	82	17	21
Other sexual assault	0	--	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	--
Robbery	506	48	66	24	26	507	76	86	18	23
Assault	81	35	38	6	14	32	69	88	15	18
Other violent	16	43	47	15	14	11	22	30	17	17
Property offenses	2,118	26 mos.	34 mos.	12 mos.	16 mos.	628	34 mos.	44 mos.	17 mos.	21 mos.
Fraud offense	1,296	24	31	10	15	280	31	40	17	20
Embezzlement	493	24	28	10	14	54	34	39	18	22
Fraud	379	22	27	9	13	50	31	37	17	18
Forgery	320	27	39	14	17	162	30	40	16	20
Counterfeiting	104	26	34	12	17	14	43	49	18	24
Nonfraud offense	822	30	40	14	18	348	36	47	17	22
Burglary	92	39	53	17	23	62	61	68	17	23
Larceny/theft	567	28	37	14	17	238	33	41	17	21
Arson	6	--	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	147	32	41	15	18	47	35	49	23	24
Other property	10	27	30	7	13	1	--	--	--	--
Drug offenses	3,477	25 mos.	32 mos.	10 mos.	15 mos.	567	39 mos.	57 mos.	17 mos.	21 mos.
Possession	81	27	29	15	17	12	27	27	15	20
Trafficking	3,373	25	31	10	15	545	39	56	17	21
Other drug	23	64	75	26	27	10	107	137	16	25
Public-order offenses	1,256	25 mos.	32 mos.	10 mos.	14 mos.	206	37 mos.	49 mos.	17 mos.	20 mos.
Regulatory offense	13	18	20	13	15	1	--	--	--	--
Nonregulatory public-order	1,243	25	32	10	14	205	37	49	17	20
Weapons	447	27	34	6	11	96	40	53	16	18
Immigration	256	17	24	12	15	34	30	43	15	18
Tax law violations	132	23	25	9	12	3	--	--	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	175	29	34	17	20	17	35	44	22	26
Other public-order	233	26	38	12	16	55	29	47	17	22
Other offenses	64	21 mos.	22 mos.	6 mos.	10 mos.	11	17 mos.	22 mos.	14 mos.	14 mos.

Note: Data are based on persons discharged from parole supervision to no other criminal justice status and for whom time served in prison and time served on parole were reported for most serious offense. Data on time served in prison were reported for 95.6% of the 10,027 successful and unsuccessful parole discharges. Parolees who died are not included.

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

^aIncludes sentences of "life."

^bExcludes sentences of "life."

**Table 8-9. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1988:
Time served under correctional supervision, by offense
and method of parole discharge**

Most serious offense	Federal parole discharges, time served in prison and on parole					
	Successful			Unsuccessful		
	Percent	Median ^a	Mean ^b	Percent	Median	Mean
All offenses	100 %	41 mos.	51 mos.	100 %	69 mos.	82 mos.
Violent offenses	8.8 %	72 mos.	84 mos.	29.6 %	99 mos.	109 mos.
Homicide	0.2	31	34	0.1	--	--
Kidnaping	0.3	70	84	1.1	157	185
Rape	0.3	57	65	0.8	87	103
Other sexual assault	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Robbery	6.7	79	92	25.3	100	109
Assault	1.1	42	52	1.6	92	106
Other violent	0.2	62	61	0.5	47	48
Property offenses	27.9 %	41 mos.	50 mos.	31.3 %	57 mos.	65 mos.
Fraud offense	17.1	37	45	14.0	53	60
Embezzlement	6.5	37	41	2.7	57	61
Fraud	5.0	33	40	2.5	48	55
Forgery	4.2	49	56	8.1	53	60
Counterfeiting	1.4	46	52	0.7	64	74
Nonfraud offense	10.8	50	58	17.4	61	69
Burglary	1.2	69	77	3.1	81	91
Larceny/theft	7.5	47	54	11.9	57	62
Arson	0.1	--	--	0.0	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.9	50	59	2.3	61	73
Other property	0.1	41	43	0.0 *	--	--
Drug offenses	45.9 %	38 mos.	47 mos.	28.3 %	63 mos.	78 mos.
Possession	1.1	46	46	0.6	44	47
Trafficking	44.5	38	46	27.2	63	78
Other drug	0.3	74	102	0.5	135	161
Public-order offenses	16.6 %	37 mos.	46 mos.	10.3 %	57 mos.	68 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.2	32	35	0.0 *	--	--
Nonregulatory public-order	16.4	37	46	10.2	57	68
Weapons	5.9	37	46	4.8	61	71
Immigration	3.4	31	39	1.7	57	61
Tax law violations	1.7	32	37	0.1	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	2.3	50	54	0.8	64	70
Other public-order	3.1	40	53	2.7	53	69
Other offenses	0.8 %	28 mos.	32 mos.	0.5 %	30 mos.	36 mos.
Number of parole discharges	7,579			2,005		

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

*Less than 0.1%.

^aIncludes sentences of "life."

^bExcludes sentences of "life."

Table 8-10. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1988: Time served under correctional supervision and percent of time served in prison and on parole, by offense and method of parole discharge

Most serious offense	Federal parole discharges					
	Successful			Unsuccessful		
	Total mean time under correctional supervision	Mean percent of total time served		Total mean time under correctional supervision	Mean percent of total time served	
	In prison	On parole	In prison	On parole		
All offenses	51 mos.	68.7 %	31.3 %	82 mos.	74.0 %	26.0 %
Violent offenses	84 mos.	72.1 %	27.9 %	109 mos.	79.6 %	20.4 %
Homicide	34	75.2	24.8	39	60.6	39.4
Kidnaping	84	73.5	26.5	165	86.6	13.4
Rape	65	68.9	31.1	103	79.6	20.4
Other sexual assault	--	0.0	0.0	--	0.0	0.0
Robbery	92	71.8	28.2	109	79.0	21.0
Assault	52	73.3	26.7	106	83.3	16.7
Other violent	61	77.6	22.4	48	63.6	36.4
Property offenses	50 mos.	68.2 %	31.8 %	65 mos.	67.7 %	32.3 %
Fraud offense	45	67.6	32.4	60	66.8	33.2
Embezzlement	41	67.3	32.7	61	64.5	35.5
Fraud	40	67.0	33.0	55	68.1	31.9
Forgery	56	68.8	31.2	60	67.2	32.8
Counterfeiting	52	66.6	33.4	74	67.1	32.9
Nonfraud offense	58	68.8	31.2	69	68.3	31.7
Burglary	77	69.6	30.4	91	75.0	25.0
Larceny/theft	54	68.3	31.7	62	66.0	34.0
Arson	44	73.8	26.2	--	0.0	0.0
Motor vehicle theft	59	69.9	30.1	73	67.3	32.7
Other property	43	69.0	31.0	33	70.4	29.6
Drug offenses	47 mos.	67.8 %	32.2 %	78 mos.	72.7 %	27.3 %
Possession	46	62.4	37.6	47	58.0	42.0
Trafficking	46	67.9	32.1	78	72.4	27.6
Other drug	102	73.8	26.2	161	84.6	15.4
Public-order offenses	46 mos.	69.1 %	30.9 %	68 mos.	71.4 %	28.6 %
Regulatory offense	35	56.4	43.6	48	68.9	31.1
Nonregulatory public-order	46	69.2	30.8	68	71.5	28.5
Weapons	46	75.3	24.7	71	74.9	25.1
Immigration	39	61.4	38.6	61	71.1	28.9
Tax law violations	37	68.5	31.5	46	52.6	47.4
Racketeering and extortion	54	63.1	36.9	70	63.4	36.6
Other public-order	53	70.6	29.4	69	68.6	31.4
Other offenses	32 mos.	68.6 %	31.4 %	36 mos.	61.9 %	38.1 %
Number of parole discharges	7,579			2,005		

-- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.



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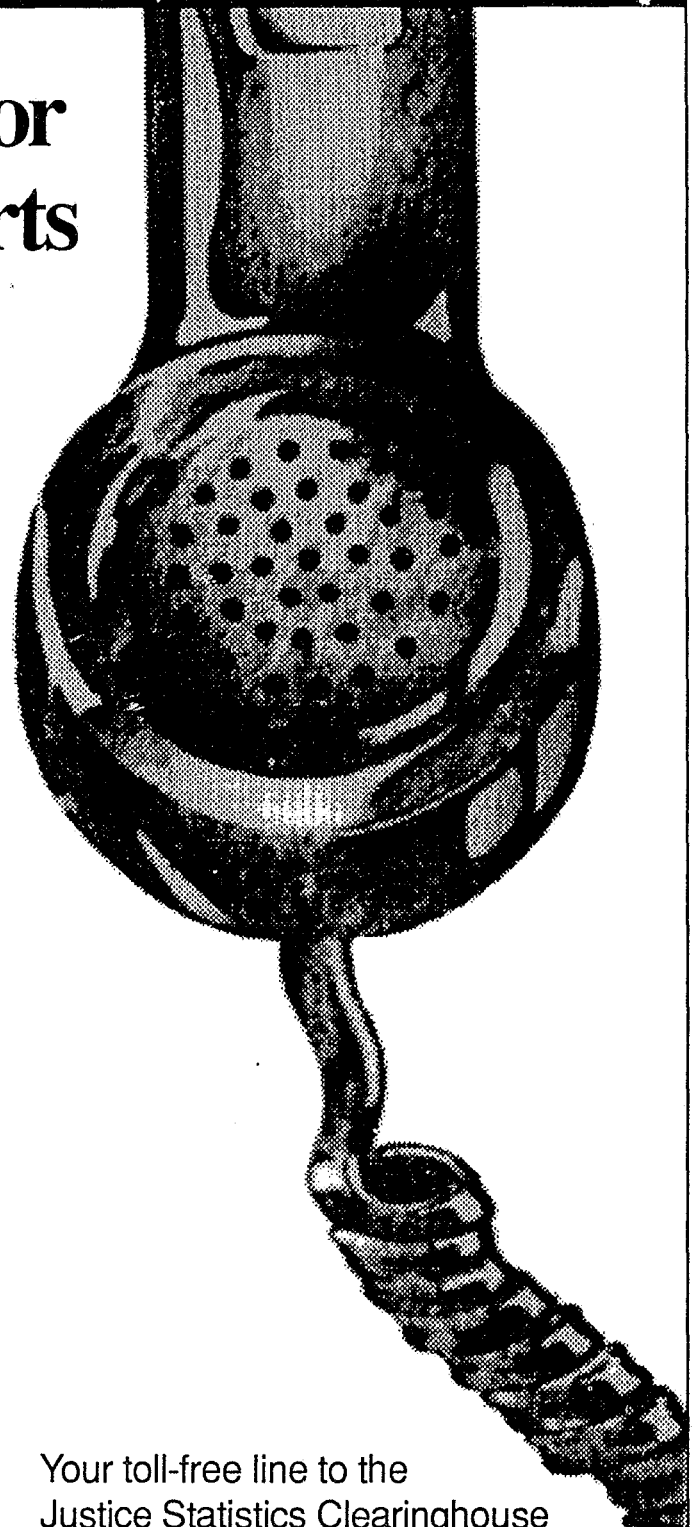
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