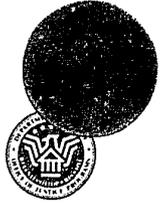


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### Reporting criteria

The NCRP collects data on all prison admissions and releases and on all parole entries and discharges for calendar year 1987 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 1987 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.

*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.

## Methodology

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

*Counterfeiting*—postal, money orders, securities, 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, regardless 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 1987 data on sentence lengths and time served to data published for 1986 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 1987, however, differed from the group in the previous years. States reporting in the 1987 program were Alabama, California, Colorado, Delaware, 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, Rhode Island, 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

South Carolina reported prisoners other than white or black as unknown.

In Pennsylvania, the category of white includes some Hispanics.

### Hispanic origin

In Michigan and Oklahoma, Hispanics include Mexican Americans only.

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

Federal data on Hispanic 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.

### 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.

Parole and probation revocations in Alabama were coded as illegal entries if they were returned as of the date the NCRP data were prepared.

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 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. Because these could not be translated into the NCRP categories, they were coded as "missing or invalid data entries".

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

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.

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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, and South Carolina reported only one offense, the most serious offense.

Georgia, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee did not report most serious offense.

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.

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

### Minimum time to be served

Except for life sentences and a few mandatory sentences, Maryland has no statute that establishes minimum prison terms.

### Prison release date

The prison release date is the parole starting date in Maryland. Only the month and year were reported.

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.

Pennsylvania does not distinguish "parole board decision" from "mandatory parole releases".

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. 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 goodtime served.

Minnesota's "other conditional" releases consists of work releases.

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

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.

In Pennsylvania, "other conditional releases" consist of court-ordered paroles.

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

In Texas, "other conditional releases" consists of conditional pardons.

For the California Youth Authority, "other unconditional releases" includes discharges to Federal or other prisons.

"Other unconditional releases" in Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, and 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.

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### **Parole release method**

In the Federal prison system, "discharged, completion of term" includes absconders.

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.

### **General notes**

Missouri underreported admissions by 1,309 inmates, releases by 1,910, and parole-entries by a undetermined number. The actual release count was unattainable at time of data release.

Nebraska reported only one record per inmate, regardless of the number of times the person was admitted or released.

Nevada and New York cannot check movements of inmates between prison and parole because of differences in inmate identification numbers for admission and release records.

In 1987, 35 States, the District of Columbia, and the California Youth Authority reported 240,313 admissions accounting for about four-fifths of all admissions to State prisons in that year. (See "Prisoners in State and Federal Institutions, 1987" in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1987*, NCJ-118762.) The 1987 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 the admissions to State prisons (table 1-2).

- Whites accounted for 52% of State prison admissions; blacks, 47%; and other races, primarily American Indians and Asians, 1%. Hispanics of all races made up 18% of all reported 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 all admissions.

- About 1 of every 4 women and 1 of every 5 men had been convicted of a drug offense. More than a third of Hispanic prisoners had been convicted of a drug offense.

- The median maximum sentence length for persons admitted to prison in 1987 was 48 months; the mean maximum sentence was 77 months (table 1-6).

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

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

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

- Overall, black prisoners received the same median sentence as white prisoners, 48 months. For violent offenses, however, the median sentence for blacks was 12 months longer than for whites. For property, drug, and public-order offenses, whites and blacks received the same median sentence, 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 include: minimum sentence

length, good-time credits, earned-time credits, parole eligibility requirements, and early release requirements, and allowances. In those States reporting both sentence length and minimum time to be served, the median sentence length was 60 months, and entering prisoners were expected to serve about third of that time, a median of 20 months.

- The minimum time to be served for violent offenders was 34 months; for property offenders, 17 months; and for drug offenders, 20 months.

- The average estimated minimum time to be served for men was 39% of their mean maximum sentence versus 37% for women (table 1-9).

- In 1987, sentences of life in prison or death were received by 3% of all offenders who entered prison; more than half of the murderers and a tenth of the kidnapers received a sentence of life or death sentence (table 1-11).

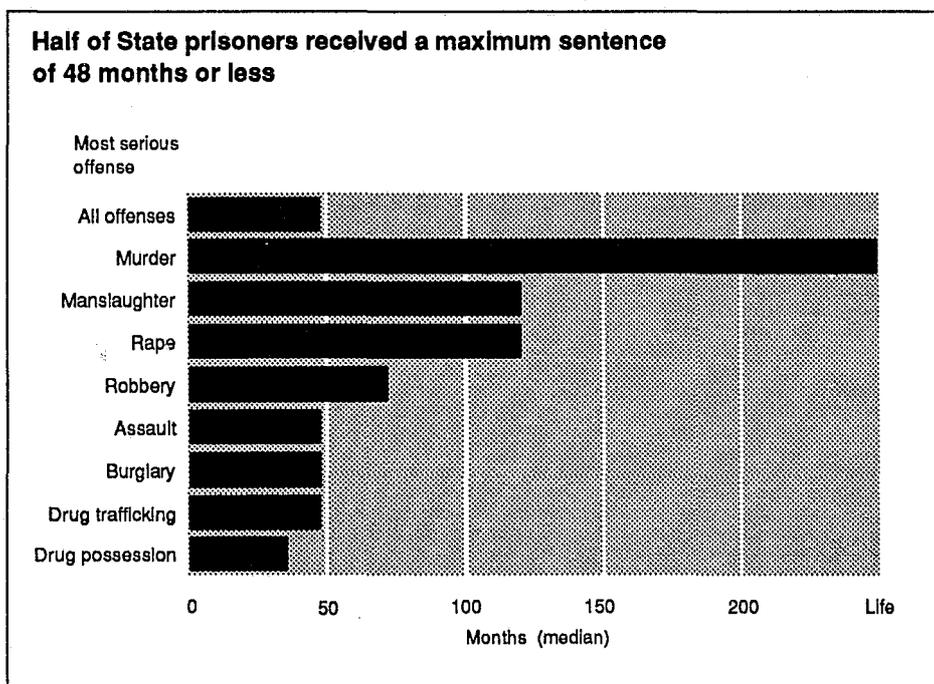


Figure 1-1. Maximum sentence length for new court commitments, by offense

**Table 1-1. State prison admissions, 1987: Admission type, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Admission type	Percent of State prison admissions						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
<b>All types</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Court commitment<sup>a</sup></b>	62.5 %	62.1 %	69.0 %	61.7 %	61.8 %	67.8 %	60.3 %
<b>Parole revocation</b>	28.7 %	29.2 %	22.0 %	28.8 %	29.8 %	17.8 %	36.7 %
New sentence	5.2	5.3	3.2	4.8	5.8	3.6	7.0
No new sentence	9.0	9.0	9.4	9.4	9.0	9.4	9.5
Sentence not known	14.5	14.9	9.4	14.6	15.0	4.8	20.2
<b>Probation revocation<sup>b</sup></b>	4.3 %	4.1 %	5.4 %	4.8 %	4.0 %	8.4 %	0.9 %
<b>Escapee returned</b>	1.5 %	1.5 %	1.3 %	1.7 %	1.4 %	1.1 %	0.8 %
<b>Transfer/appeal bond</b>	1.3 %	1.3 %	1.1 %	1.2 %	1.3 %	3.5 %	0.9 %
<b>Not known</b>	1.8 %	1.9 %	1.4 %	1.8 %	1.7 %	1.4 %	0.4 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	240,313	223,337	16,447	113,595	103,651	1,966	35,824

Note: Data are reported on those with sentences of greater than a year.

<sup>a</sup>Includes some parole or probation violators returned

to prison with a new sentence.

<sup>b</sup>Data for this category may be underreported because many probation violators were reported as court commitments.

**Table 1-2. State prison admissions, 1987:  
Selected demographic characteristics,  
by admission type**

Demographic characteristic	Percent of State prison admissions	
	All	New court commitments
<b>Total</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	93.1 %	92.4 %
Female	6.9	7.6
<b>Race</b>		
White	51.8 %	52.0 %
Black	47.3	47.0
Other	0.9	1.0
<b>Hispanic origin</b>		
Hispanic	17.9 %	16.9 %
Non-Hispanic	82.1	83.1
<b>Age at release</b>		
Under 18	1.0 %	1.5 %
18-24	32.7	36.6
25-29	25.7	23.9
30-34	18.6	16.9
35-44	16.5	15.3
45-54	4.1	4.2
55 or older	1.4	1.7
<b>Median age</b>	28 yrs.	27 yrs.
<b>Education</b>		
8th grade or less	17.9 %	17.6 %
9th-11th grade	45.4	45.0
High school graduate	28.5	28.7
Some college	7.9	8.3
Other	0.4	0.4
<b>Median education</b>	10 th grade	10 th grade
<b>Number of admissions</b>	240,313	160,479

Note: Data on sex were reported for 99.2% of the 240,313 admissions to prison with a sentence of more than a year, data on race for 90.7%, data on Hispanic origin for 83.3%, and data on education for 47.6%. Data on sex were also reported for 99.7% of the new court commitments with a sentence of more

than a year, data on race for 90.5%, data on Hispanic origin for 80.8%, and data on education for 53.0%. Data on age at admission were reported for 98.8% of all admissions and 99.3% of new court commitments.

**Table 1-3. New court commitments to State prison, 1987: Age at admission, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Age at admission for new court commitments								Median age at admission
		All	Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 or older	
<b>All offenses</b>	154,880	100.0 %	1.5 %	36.7 %	23.8 %	16.9 %	15.2 %	4.1 %	1.6 %	27 yrs.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	49,049	100.0 %	2.0 %	37.1 %	22.6 %	15.8 %	15.1 %	4.8 %	2.5 %	27 yrs.
Homicide	8,413	100.0	2.5	33.7	21.4	15.3	16.6	6.7	3.8	28
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	5,928	100.0	2.9	34.7	20.5	15.1	16.7	6.5	3.6	27
Murder	4,747	100.0	3.3	35.5	20.5	14.9	16.4	6.3	3.2	27
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,181	100.0	1.1	31.6	20.6	16.0	18.1	7.4	5.2	29
Negligent manslaughter	2,260	100.0	1.4	31.1	23.5	16.0	16.5	7.1	4.4	28
Unspecified homicide	225	100.0	3.6	34.2	22.7	13.8	14.7	7.6	3.6	27
Kidnaping	1,046	100.0	2.1	34.0	25.8	16.3	16.5	3.6	1.5	27
Rape	4,498	100.0	1.5	29.5	22.0	16.2	20.3	6.5	4.1	29
Other sexual assault	6,407	100.0	1.0	21.7	17.8	17.4	25.3	10.1	6.8	32
Robbery	17,513	100.0	2.7	48.8	24.1	14.1	8.7	1.3	0.3	24
Assault	10,292	100.0	1.6	33.8	23.8	17.7	16.0	5.1	2.2	27
Other violent	880	100.0	1.1	31.5	22.6	19.5	17.3	5.5	2.5	28
<b>Property offenses</b>	61,131	100.0 %	1.8 %	43.4 %	23.2 %	15.5 %	12.6 %	2.8 %	0.7 %	25 yrs.
Burglary	28,615	100.0	2.1	51.2	23.0	13.2	8.7	1.5	0.3	24
Larceny/theft	15,487	100.0	1.6	34.9	23.3	18.1	17.0	4.0	1.2	27
Motor vehicle theft	4,115	100.0	3.5	53.8	20.6	11.5	8.7	1.6	0.3	23
Arson	1,238	100.0	2.1	33.2	21.5	17.0	18.2	6.1	2.0	28
Fraud	7,546	100.0	0.3	26.9	25.4	20.9	20.1	5.0	1.5	29
Stolen property	3,031	100.0	1.2	42.3	25.7	14.7	12.5	2.8	0.7	26
Other property	1,099	100.0	2.9	48.4	18.7	15.6	10.7	3.2	0.5	24
<b>Drug offenses</b>	31,471	100.0 %	0.4 %	27.9 %	26.9 %	20.5 %	18.4 %	4.6 %	1.3 %	28 yrs.
Possession	7,531	100.0	0.4	24.3	27.7	21.6	20.0	4.9	1.2	29
Trafficking	18,148	100.0	0.4	29.7	26.9	19.7	17.5	4.5	1.4	28
Other drug	5,792	100.0	0.3	27.3	26.1	21.4	19.2	4.4	1.5	29
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	10,791	100.0 %	0.8 %	23.4 %	23.6 %	19.4 %	21.2 %	7.9 %	3.7 %	30 yrs.
Weapons	2,661	100.0	1.7	30.2	24.4	19.8	17.8	4.5	1.5	28
Other public-order	8,130	100.0	0.5	21.2	23.4	19.2	22.3	9.0	4.4	31
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,438	100.0 %	0.3 %	34.0 %	26.7 %	16.9 %	16.3 %	4.3 %	1.4 %	27 yrs.

Note: Data on age at admission by offense were reported for 96.5% of the 160,479 new court commitments with a sentence of more than a year.

**Table 1-4. New court commitments to State prison, 1987: 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
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	43.0 %	31.9 %	29.8 %	29.8 %	31.4 %	36.5 %	48.9 %
Homicide	9.0	5.0	4.8	4.9	5.9	8.9	12.5
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	7.3	3.7	3.3	3.4	4.2	6.1	8.3
Murder	6.7	3.0	2.6	2.7	3.3	4.7	5.9
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.4	2.4
Negligent manslaughter	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.6	2.5	3.9
Unspecified homicide	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3
Kidnaping	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
Rape	2.8	2.3	2.7	2.8	3.9	4.6	7.2
Other sexual assault	2.7	2.4	3.1	4.3	6.9	10.0	17.2
Robbery	20.3	15.0	11.4	9.5	6.4	3.5	1.8
Assault	6.9	6.1	6.6	6.9	7.0	8.2	8.7
Other violent	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.9
<b>Property offenses</b>	48.0 %	46.7 %	38.5 %	36.1 %	32.6 %	26.2 %	17.6 %
Burglary	26.2	25.8	17.8	14.4	10.5	6.8	3.2
Larceny/theft	10.4	9.5	9.8	10.7	11.1	9.6	7.4
Motor vehicle theft	6.3	3.9	2.3	1.8	1.5	1.0	0.5
Arson	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.0
Fraud	1.0	3.6	5.2	6.0	6.4	5.8	4.4
Stolen property	1.6	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.3	0.9
Other property	1.4	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.2
<b>Drug offenses</b>	5.0 %	15.5 %	22.9 %	24.6 %	24.5 %	22.3 %	16.6 %
Possession	1.3	3.2	5.6	6.2	6.4	5.7	3.5
Trafficking	3.0	9.5	13.2	13.7	13.4	12.7	9.8
Other drug	0.7	2.8	4.1	4.7	4.7	3.9	3.3
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	3.7 %	4.4 %	6.9 %	8.0 %	9.7 %	13.3 %	15.6 %
Weapons	2.0	1.4	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.6
Other public-order	1.7	3.0	5.1	6.0	7.7	11.4	14.0
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.3 %	1.5 %	1.8 %	1.6 %	1.7 %	1.6 %	1.4 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	2,320	56,893	36,938	26,169	23,593	6,424	2,543

**Table 1-5. New court commitments to State prison, 1987: 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	
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	31.7%	32.5%	20.3%	29.2%	34.9%	37.2%	28.1%
Homicide	5.5	5.3	6.3	5.2	5.7	9.5	5.2
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	3.9	3.8	4.1	3.4	4.2	6.1	4.1
Murder	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.8	3.3	5.2	2.9
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.2
Negligent manslaughter	1.5	1.4	2.1	1.7	1.3	3.2	1.0
Unspecified homicide	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1
Kidnaping	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.3	0.6
Rape	2.9	3.1	0.3	3.2	2.6	3.9	2.2
Other sexual assault	4.1	4.4	0.6	5.9	2.4	5.5	3.1
Robbery	11.3	11.6	7.0	7.3	16.0	7.5	10.2
Assault	6.6	6.8	5.0	6.1	7.3	8.3	6.3
Other violent	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.5
<b>Property offenses</b>	39.6%	38.9%	46.8%	42.7%	38.1%	39.5%	29.8%
Burglary	18.5	19.4	7.2	20.7	16.2	20.1	18.3
Larceny/theft	10.0	9.3	19.0	9.7	11.3	8.6	6.0
Motor vehicle theft	2.7	2.8	1.1	2.6	2.7	3.7	2.4
Arson	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.5
Fraud	4.9	3.9	16.8	6.1	4.2	4.0	1.7
Stolen property	2.0	2.0	1.3	1.8	2.4	1.6	0.6
Other property	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	20.4%	19.9%	25.8%	17.9%	19.9%	10.3%	35.5%
Possession	4.9	4.7	7.1	4.4	4.5	2.1	7.4
Trafficking	11.7	11.6	12.8	9.9	11.0	6.3	24.2
Other drug	3.8	3.6	5.9	3.6	4.4	1.9	3.9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.0%	7.1%	5.7%	8.2%	5.8%	12.1%	4.6%
Weapons	1.7	1.8	0.6	1.3	2.1	2.0	1.7
Other public-order	5.3	5.3	5.1	6.9	3.7	10.1	2.9
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.6%	1.6%	1.6%	2.0%	1.2%	0.8%	1.9%
<b>Number of admissions</b>	155,516	143,561	11,896	73,643	65,644	1,464	21,906

**Table 1-6. New court commitments to State prison, 1987: Sentence length, by offense**

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison		
	All	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>	
		Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	48 mos.	77 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	31.7 %	72 mos.	115 mos.
Homicide	5.5	240	198
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	3.9	347	254
Murder	3.1	Life	320
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.8	120	141
Negligent manslaughter	1.5	72	110
Unspecified homicide	0.1	360	241
Kidnaping	0.7	96	142
Rape	2.9	120	157
Other sexual assault	4.1	72	105
Robbery	11.3	72	106
Assault	6.6	48	75
Other violent	0.6	48	73
<b>Property offenses</b>	39.6 %	36 mos.	62 mos.
Burglary	18.5	48	71
Larceny/theft	10.0	36	52
Motor vehicle theft	2.7	36	49
Arson	0.8	60	89
Fraud	4.9	36	52
Stolen property	2.0	36	50
Other property	0.7	36	57
<b>Drug offenses</b>	20.4 %	36 mos.	57 mos.
Possession	4.9	36	55
Trafficking	11.7	48	61
Other drug	3.8	24	48
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.0 %	36 mos.	48 mos.
Weapons	1.7	36	54
Other public-order	5.3	24	46
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.6 %	36 mos.	56 mos.
<b>Number of admissions</b>	130,237		

Note: Data on maximum sentence length were reported for 83.7% of the 155,516 new court commitments with a total sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense was reported.  
<sup>a</sup>Maximum sentence length is the sentence is that an offender may be required to serve for

the most serious offense.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."  
<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 1-7. New court commitments to State prison, 1987: Sentence length, by offense, sex, and race**

Most serious offense	New court commitments to State prison <sup>a</sup>							
	Sex				Race			
	Male		Female		White		Black	
	Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	48 mos.	78 mos.	36 mos.	62 mos.	48 mos.	74 mos.	48 mos.	81 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	72 mos.	116 mos.	72 mos.	102 mos.	72 mos.	113 mos.	84 mos.	119 mos.
Homicide	240	202	144	155	180	189	240	200
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	360	260	240	195	540	274	300	234
Murder	Life	326	720	252	Life	348	960	285
Nonnegligent manslaughter	120	142	84	137	84	121	120	147
Negligent manslaughter	72	111	72	102	60	97	120	129
Unspecified homicide	360	244	240	--	576	246	360	230
Kidnaping	96	142	140	145	84	138	120	158
Rape	120	157	120	148	120	157	120	160
Other sexual assault	72	105	72	121	72	101	72	121
Robbery	72	107	60	85	60	104	72	111
Assault	48	75	48	67	48	71	48	80
Other violent	48	73	48	67	48	70	48	76
<b>Property offenses</b>	36 mos.	63 mos.	36 mos.	51 mos.	36 mos.	61 mos.	36 mos.	64 mos.
Burglary	48	71	36	55	48	70	48	75
Larceny/theft	36	52	36	50	36	49	36	55
Motor vehicle theft	36	50	24	33	24	43	36	57
Arson	60	88	60	94	60	89	60	91
Fraud	36	54	36	48	36	52	36	53
Stolen property	36	50	36	37	36	50	36	50
Other property	36	56	36	91	36	58	36	58
<b>Drug offenses</b>	36 mos.	58 mos.	36 mos.	51 mos.	36 mos.	56 mos.	36 mos.	58 mos.
Possession	36	55	36	46	36	51	48	55
Trafficking	48	62	36	55	36	60	48	62
Other drug	24	49	24	44	24	49	24	47
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	36 mos.	48 mos.	24 mos.	48 mos.	36 mos.	48 mos.	36 mos.	47 mos.
Weapons	36	54	36	52	36	47	48	56
Other public-order	24	46	24	48	30	48	24	43
<b>Other offenses</b>	36 mos.	56 mos.	36 mos.	52 mos.	28 mos.	55 mos.	36 mos.	59 mos.
<b>Number of admissions</b>	120,813		9,411		63,208		56,907	

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.

-- No mean was calculated because

there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without

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

<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 1-8. New court commitments to State prison, 1987: Sentence length and minimum time to be served, by offense**

	New court commitments to State prison				
	All	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Minimum time to be served <sup>b</sup>	
		Median <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>d</sup>	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	60 mos.	98 mos.	20 mos.	38 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	35.4 %	108 mos.	140 mos.	34 mos.	64 mos.
Homicide	6.1	240	226	84	159
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	4.4	300	275	117	206
Murder	3.4	720	326	180	260
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1.0	180	186	60	63
Negligent manslaughter	1.6	120	137	34	46
Unspecified homicide	0.1	Life	---	Life	---
Kidnaping	0.6	120	197	36	70
Rape	3.1	144	181	45	65
Other sexual assault	4.3	84	134	28	54
Robbery	14.0	96	126	30	45
Assault	6.6	60	98	24	34
Other violent	0.7	60	85	19	29
<b>Property offenses</b>	37.9 %	48 mos.	77 mos.	17 mos.	22 mos.
Burglary	17.3	60	92	18	27
Larceny/theft	9.5	36	65	13	17
Motor vehicle theft	2.2	36	65	14	17
Arson	0.9	72	107	20	31
Fraud	4.2	36	65	12	18
Stolen property	2.9	36	52	18	19
Other property	0.9	42	72	13	23
<b>Drug offenses</b>	19.3 %	60 mos.	75 mos.	20 mos.	28 mos.
Possession	3.2	48	71	16	26
Trafficking	12.2	60	78	20	28
Other drug	3.9	48	67	23	31
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	6.3 %	36 mos.	61 mos.	13 mos.	19 mos.
Weapons	2.3	48	62	18	21
Other public-order	4.0	36	60	12	18
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.2 %	74 mos.	97 mos.	24 mos.	28 mos.
<b>Number of admissions</b>	66,201				

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.

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

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Minimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.

<sup>c</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," and "death."

<sup>d</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 1-9. New court commitments to State prison, 1987: 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 <sup>f</sup>	
	Maximum sentence length in months <sup>a</sup>				Minimum time to be served in months <sup>b</sup>					
	Male		Female		Male		Female		Male	Female
	Median <sup>d</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
<b>All offenses</b>	60 mos.	99 mos.	48 mos.	79 mos.	21 mos.	39 mos.	17 mos.	29 mos.	39.4 %	36.7 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	113 mos.	141 mos.	108 mos.	125 mos.	35 mos.	64 mos.	29 mos.	58 mos.	45.4 %	46.4 %
Homicide	252	231	180	179	84	163	60	117	70.6	65.4
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	324	282	240	217	120	211	72	163	74.8	75.1
Murder	864	332	360	262	180	261	139	247	78.6	94.3
Nonnegligent manslaughter	180	189	144	173	60	65	48	51	34.4	29.5
Negligent manslaughter	120	139	120	122	34	47	31	35	33.8	28.7
Unspecified homicide	Life	--	--	--	Life	--	--	--	--	--
Kidnaping	120	197	180	175	36	71	36	48	36.0	27.4
Rape	144	181	120	160	45	65	39	49	35.9	30.6
Other sexual assault	84	133	120	163	28	54	32	50	40.6	30.7
Robbery	96	127	72	106	30	46	24	30	36.2	28.3
Assault	60	99	60	82	24	35	19	24	35.4	29.3
Other violent	60	85	54	79	20	29	16	25	34.1	31.6
<b>Property offenses</b>	48 mos.	79 mos.	36 mos.	65 mos.	18 mos.	23 mos.	12 mos.	17 mos.	29.1 %	26.2 %
Burglary	60	92	60	85	18	27	18	24	29.3	28.2
Larceny/theft	36	65	36	63	13	17	12	17	26.2	27.0
Motor vehicle theft	36	66	36	40	14	18	11	15	27.3	37.5
Arson	72	106	60	118	20	32	19	28	30.2	23.7
Fraud	36	66	36	59	12	19	12	16	28.8	27.1
Stolen property	36	53	36	37	18	19	13	15	35.8	40.5
Other property	48	70	36	129	13	22	14	28	31.4	21.7
<b>Drug offenses</b>	60 mos.	76 mos.	48 mos.	65 mos.	20 mos.	29 mos.	18 mos.	25 mos.	38.2 %	38.5 %
Possession	48	71	48	62	16	27	14	24	38.0	38.7
Trafficking	60	79	54	68	22	28	18	23	35.4	33.8
Other drug	48	68	36	60	24	32	18	28	47.1	46.7
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	36 mos.	61 mos.	36 mos.	67 mos.	13 mos.	19 mos.	12 mos.	15 mos.	31.1 %	22.4 %
Weapons	48	62	36	64	18	22	18	16	35.5	25.0
Other public-order	36	60	36	67	12	18	12	14	30.0	20.9
<b>Other offenses</b>	84 mos.	98 mos.	60 mos.	82 mos.	24 mos.	28 mos.	19 mos.	26 mos.	28.6 %	31.7 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	61,730		4,462		61,730		4,462			

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 median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum

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

<sup>b</sup>Minimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.

<sup>c</sup>The 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

<sup>d</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole,"

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

<sup>e</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole,"

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

**Table 1-10. New court commitments to State prison, 1987: 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 <sup>e</sup>	
	Maximum sentence length in months <sup>a</sup>				Minimum time to be served in months <sup>b</sup>					
	White		Black		White		Black		White	Black
	Median <sup>d</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
<b>All offenses</b>	60 mos.	100 mos.	60 mos.	100 mos.	18 mos.	35 mos.	22 mos.	41 mos.	35.0 %	41.0 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	120 mos.	147 mos.	108 mos.	139 mos.	32 mos.	62 mos.	36 mos.	66 mos.	42.2 %	47.5 %
Homicide	240	223	288	233	73	144	92	173	64.6	74.2
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	384	322	300	264	120	219	116	210	68.0	79.5
Murder	Life	368	480	310	170	255	180	266	69.3	85.8
Nonnegligent manslaughter	180	191	144	183	60	60	60	60	31.4	32.8
Negligent manslaughter	96	124	120	154	24	38	40	54	30.6	35.1
Unspecified homicide	Life	--	Life	--	Life	--	Life	--	--	--
Kidnaping	120	208	180	189	36	68	45	72	32.7	38.1
Rape	144	182	180	185	39	57	53	78	31.3	42.2
Other sexual assault	84	132	84	142	27	49	30	64	37.1	45.1
Robbery	120	142	96	126	34	48	30	46	33.8	36.5
Assault	60	98	72	100	23	32	24	37	32.7	37.0
Other violent	60	84	60	84	18	28	18	30	33.3	35.7
<b>Property offenses</b>	48 mos.	78 mos.	48 mos.	78 mos.	16 mos.	22 mos.	18 mos.	23 mos.	28.2 %	29.5 %
Burglary	60	93	60	94	18	26	19	29	28.0	30.9
Larceny/theft	36	61	36	68	12	17	13	18	27.9	26.5
Motor vehicle theft	36	61	36	70	12	16	15	19	26.2	27.1
Arson	72	106	72	117	20	30	24	36	28.3	30.8
Fraud	36	66	36	63	12	17	12	19	25.8	30.2
Stolen property	36	52	36	53	16	18	18	20	34.6	37.7
Other property	36	73	48	72	12	22	14	24	30.1	33.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	60 mos.	84 mos.	54 mos.	73 mos.	18 mos.	24 mos.	20 mos.	29 mos.	28.6 %	39.7 %
Possession	48	78	48	65	12	21	15	23	26.9	35.4
Trafficking	60	89	60	81	18	26	20	27	29.2	33.3
Other drug	36	75	48	63	18	22	27	38	29.3	60.3
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	36 mos.	62 mos.	48 mos.	60 mos.	12 mos.	18 mos.	15 mos.	20 mos.	29.0 %	33.3 %
Weapons	48	58	48	63	18	21	18	21	36.2	33.3
Other public-order	36	63	36	57	12	17	12	20	27.0	35.1
<b>Other offenses</b>	90 mos.	102 mos.	72 mos.	92 mos.	24 mos.	27 mos.	24 mos.	29 mos.	26.5 %	31.5 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	28,078		31,797		28,078		31,797			

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.

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

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum

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

<sup>b</sup>Minimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.

<sup>c</sup>The 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

<sup>d</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole,"

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

<sup>e</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole,"

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

Table 1-11. New court commitments to State prison, 1987: Sentence length, by offense

Most serious offense	Number	Maximum sentence length in months for new court commitments to State prison <sup>a</sup>												
		All	1-12	13-23	24-35	36-47	48-59	60-71	72-119	120-179	180-239	240-359	360 or more	Life or death
<b>All offenses</b>	130,237	100.0 %	1.9 %	8.3 %	17.3 %	17.2 %	10.4 %	11.9 %	11.6 %	8.1 %	4.7 %	4.1 %	1.7 %	2.8 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	43,274	100.0 %	0.4 %	3.1 %	9.7 %	13.1 %	8.2 %	10.1 %	16.2 %	12.5 %	8.5 %	8.5 %	3.5 %	6.3 %
Homicide	7,522	100.0	0.1	1.2	2.8	4.9	3.2	4.9	12.6	11.6	8.0	13.7	7.7	29.4
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	5,231	100.0	0.0	0.4	0.5	3.0	1.0	2.7	11.2	9.7	6.7	14.9	9.7	40.2
Murder	4,061	100.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3	2.7	6.5	6.0	5.7	13.5	12.2	51.8
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,170	100.0	0.1	0.4	0.9	11.6	3.2	2.8	27.5	22.3	10.3	19.7	0.9	0.3
Negligent manslaughter	2,066	100.0	0.1	3.3	8.9	10.3	9.3	11.1	17.1	16.4	10.9	10.1	2.2	0.1
Unspecified homicide	225	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	3.1	12.9	9.8	18.2	12.4	43.0
Kidnaping	906	100.0	0.4	3.6	8.9	9.2	3.2	16.3	13.0	11.4	7.7	10.9	5.6	9.5
Rape	3,449	100.0	0.1	1.3	2.4	8.0	3.9	8.4	21.5	14.8	13.2	17.3	5.0	4.1
Other sexual assault	6,020	100.0	0.4	5.0	7.7	14.6	6.3	11.2	23.4	12.9	6.9	5.9	3.7	1.9
Robbery	15,601	100.0	0.1	1.7	9.7	15.8	9.5	11.3	17.2	14.0	9.5	8.5	2.1	0.7
Assault	8,898	100.0	1.5	6.4	18.8	16.7	12.6	11.2	11.1	10.2	6.8	2.8	1.6	0.4
Other violent	878	100.0	1.3	5.1	19.6	15.6	15.5	13.7	14.0	6.9	3.5	2.1	2.6	0.1
<b>Property offenses</b>	48,975	100.0 %	2.5 %	10.5 %	21.6 %	17.7 %	11.9 %	13.1 %	9.5 %	6.6 %	3.5 %	2.1 %	1.0 %	0.1 %
Burglary	23,217	100.0	1.2	7.2	17.9	15.9	15.6	11.6	12.3	8.4	5.8	3.2	0.8	0.2
Larceny/theft	12,301	100.0	3.9	15.0	26.8	17.7	8.6	13.5	6.1	4.7	1.7	0.6	1.3	0.1
Motor vehicle theft	2,790	100.0	1.8	15.6	28.1	21.5	7.6	13.0	8.1	1.9	0.5	0.4	1.4	0.0
Arson	1,069	100.0	0.5	5.2	10.7	17.4	10.8	13.2	14.9	13.9	3.9	8.0	1.4	0.1
Fraud	5,766	100.0	4.7	12.3	25.3	19.7	8.2	14.7	6.7	5.2	1.4	1.0	0.8	0.0
Stolen property	2,832	100.0	3.7	10.8	17.7	24.4	9.3	19.1	7.3	5.4	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.0
Other property	1,000	100.0	4.7	10.1	24.9	19.3	8.3	15.2	8.4	5.0	1.3	0.7	2.0	0.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	26,373	100.0 %	1.5 %	10.5 %	17.2 %	23.3 %	12.5 %	12.2 %	10.4 %	5.0 %	1.9 %	2.2 %	0.7 %	2.7 %
Possession	4,251	100.0	2.3	11.2	22.0	17.5	13.6	12.9	6.8	3.4	1.1	1.1	1.4	6.5
Trafficking	16,470	100.0	0.3	3.5	13.9	29.2	14.8	13.0	12.9	5.3	1.3	2.2	0.7	2.6
Other drug	5,652	100.0	4.2	30.7	23.2	10.4	4.8	9.2	5.8	5.4	4.3	1.7	0.1	0.1
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	9,374	100.0 %	6.9 %	12.4 %	28.4 %	16.8 %	7.7 %	15.2 %	5.6 %	3.7 %	1.0 %	0.9 %	0.9 %	0.4 %
Weapons	2,417	100.0	2.4	9.8	21.4	20.0	12.3	19.0	7.5	4.4	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.4
Other public-order	6,957	100.0	8.4	13.3	30.8	15.7	6.1	13.9	5.0	3.5	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.4
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,241	100.0 %	1.8 %	18.9 %	27.5 %	13.7 %	7.9 %	7.1 %	6.0 %	8.9 %	6.6 %	1.4 %	0.2 %	0.1 %

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.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

**Table 1-12. New court commitments to State prison, 1987: Inmates sentenced to life in prison or to death, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Percent of life and death sentences					Percent of all sentences reported in months
		All	Life	Life without parole	Life plus additional years	Death	
<b>All offenses</b>	130,237	100.0 %	2.5 %	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %	97.2 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	43,274	100.0 %	5.7 %	0.2 %	0.2 %	0.2 %	93.7 %
Homicide	7,522	100.0	26.7	0.8	0.6	1.3	70.6
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	5,231	100.0	37.2	1.1	0.2	1.7	59.8
Murder	4,061	100.0	47.9	1.5	0.2	2.2	48.2
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,170	100.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.7
Negligent manslaughter	2,066	100.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.9
Unspecified homicide	225	100.0	24.4	0.0	14.2	4.4	57.0
Kidnaping	906	100.0	8.9	0.3	0.2	0.1	90.5
Rape	3,449	100.0	4.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	95.9
Other sexual assault	6,020	100.0	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.0	98.1
Robbery	15,601	100.0	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	99.3
Assault	8,898	100.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	99.6
Other violent	878	100.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.9
<b>Property offenses</b>	48,975	100.0 %	0.1 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	99.9 %
Burglary	23,217	100.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.8
Larceny/theft	12,301	100.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.9
Motor vehicle theft	2,790	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Arson	1,069	100.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.9
Fraud	5,766	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Stolen property	2,832	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Other property	1,000	100.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	26,373	100.0 %	2.7 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	97.3 %
Possession	4,251	100.0	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	93.5
Trafficking	16,470	100.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	97.4
Other drug	5,652	100.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	9,374	100.0 %	0.4 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	99.6 %
Weapons	2,417	100.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.6
Other public-order	6,957	100.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	99.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,241	100.0 %	0.1 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	99.9 %

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.

## Releases from State prisons

Release data for 1987 are based on information provided by 35 States, the District of Columbia, and the California Youth Authority. These States reported a total of 208,838 releases, which accounted for four-fifths of the releases from State prisons. (See "Prisoners in State and Federal Institutions, 1987" in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1987*, NCJ-118762, December 1989.) Of the total, 155,300 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 5 of every 6 persons released were released conditionally from prison (table 2-1). They were released to complete their sentences under supervision in the community.

- Men make up the vast majority (93%) of persons released from prison (table 2-2). Whites accounted for 53% of the releases; blacks, 46%; and persons of other races, 1%.

- Violent offenders accounted for 30% of the first time releases; property offenders, 45%; drug offenders, 16%; and public-order offenders, 8% (table 2-3).

- Forty-six percent of the first releases had served a year or less in prison before their release in 1987; 7% had served more than 5 years.

- Men served longer in prison than women for all types of offenses except for "other violent" offenses. Overall, the median time served was 15 months by men, compared to 9 months by women (table 2-4).

- The median time served in prison for blacks was 15 months, 2 months longer than that for whites (table 2-5). These differences reflect in part the higher percentage of violent offenders among black releases.

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

- Among Hispanic first releases the median time served on a violent offense was 24 months in prison; on a property or drug offense 11 months; and on a public-order offense, 10 months.

- The median time served for murder was 74 months; for nonnegligent manslaughter, 43 months; for rape, 37 months; for robbery, 30 months; and for assault, 17 months (table 2-6).

- Among property offenders the median time served was longest for arson (18 months) and burglary (15 months).

- The median time served for drug offenses was 12 months in prison. Drug traffickers had spent an average of 4 months longer in prison than those convicted of drug possession (a median time of 14 months and 10 months, respectively).

- Among those releases with data reported on minimum time to be served, the median maximum sentence length was 54 months, the minimum time estimated to be served was 18 months, and the time actually served was 20 months (table 2-7). On average, offenders had served slightly over a third of their maximum sentence before release.

- Offenders released through a parole board decision had served a median of 15 months and a mean of 25 months (table 2-8). Mandatory parole releases, whose time had been set by statute, had served a median of 14 months and a mean of 20 months. Unconditional releases had served a median of 14 months and a mean of 23 months.

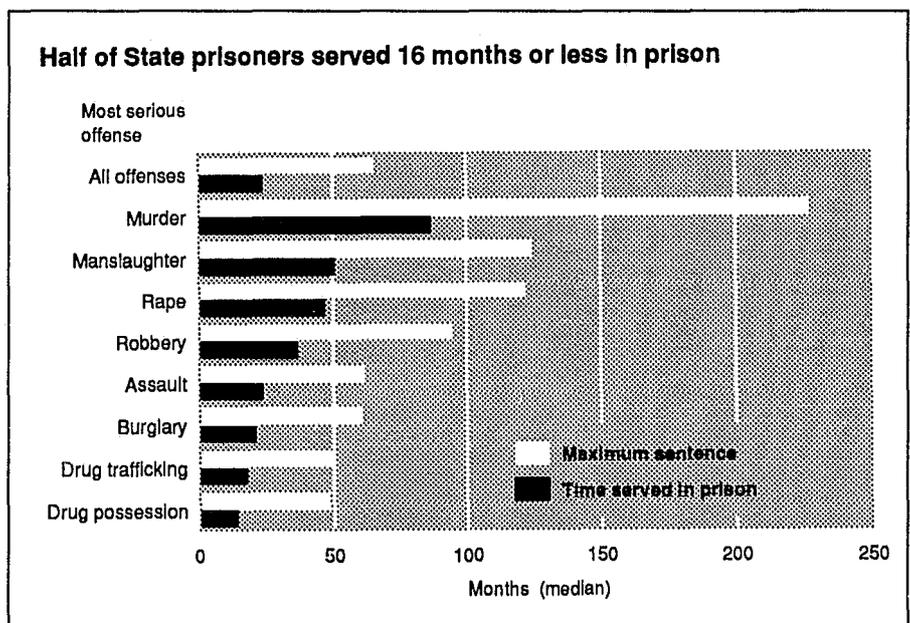


Figure 2-1. First releases from State prison; Maximum sentence length and time served in prison, by offense

**Table 2-1. State prison releases, 1987:  
Method of release, by release type**

Method of release	State prison releases	
	All	First
<b>All methods</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Conditional release</b>	85.0 %	85.2 %
Parole board	41.5	48.4
Mandatory parole	39.7	32.3
Other conditional	3.8	4.5
<b>Unconditional release</b>	10.7 %	10.0 %
Expiration	9.6	8.6
Commutation/pardon	0.7	1.0
Other conditional	0.4	0.4
<b>Death</b>	0.5 %	0.6 %
<b>Escape/AWOL</b>	1.8 %	1.9 %
<b>Other releases</b>	1.9 %	2.2 %
<b>Unknown</b>	0.1 %	0.1 %
<b>Number of releases</b>	208,838	155,300

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

**Table 2-2. State prison releases, 1987:  
Selected demographic characteristics, by  
release type**

Demographic characteristic	Percent of releases	
	All	First
<b>Total</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	93.0 %	92.7 %
Female	7.0	7.3
<b>Race</b>		
White	53.3 %	52.7 %
Black	45.8	46.4
Other	0.9	0.9
<b>Hispanic origin</b>		
Hispanic	16.7 %	16.0 %
Non-Hispanic	83.3	84.0
<b>Age at release</b>		
Under 18	0.2 %	0.2 %
18-24	28.0	31.1
25-29	27.7	26.6
30-34	20.4	19.2
35-44	18.7	17.8
45-54	5.0	5.0
55 or older	0.0	0.0
<b>Median age</b>	28 yrs.	28 yrs.
<b>Education</b>		
8th grade or less	18.3 %	19.0 %
9th-11th grade	45.0	45.2
High school graduate	28.3	27.3
Some college	8.1	8.3
Other	0.3	0.3
<b>Median education</b>	10 th grade	10 th grade
<b>Number of releases</b>	208,838	155,300

Note: Data on sex were reported for 99.9% of the 208,838 releases from prison with a sentence of more than a year, data on race for 92.0%, data on Hispanic origin for 86.8%, data on age for 85.9%, and data on education for 48.1%.

**Table 2-3. First releases from State prison, 1987: Time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	Percent of first releases	Number	Number of months served in State prison										120 or more	Median time served
			All	1-6	7-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	49-60	61-84	85-119			
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	144,241	100.0 %	22.3 %	23.6 %	24.6 %	11.6 %	6.6 %	4.1 %	3.9 %	2.1 %	1.2 %	14 mos.	
<b>Violent offenses</b>	30.2 %	43,767	100.0 %	8.9 %	13.7 %	24.5 %	16.4 %	11.6 %	8.0 %	8.6 %	5.0 %	3.2 %	27 mos.	
Homicide	3.8	5,570	100.0	5.9	8.1	15.8	13.1	11.4	10.2	13.3	11.2	11.0	44	
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.0	2,901	100.0	1.9	3.9	9.2	12.0	12.5	12.3	16.4	15.3	16.5	59	
Murder	1.2	1,673	100.0	1.7	1.6	4.7	8.0	9.6	12.5	18.1	19.8	23.8	74	
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.8	1,228	100.0	2.2	7.1	15.3	17.3	16.4	12.1	14.2	9.1	6.3	43	
Negligent manslaughter	1.3	1,903	100.0	11.9	16.4	28.8	16.7	9.2	6.4	6.6	3.3	0.7	22	
Unspecified homicide	0.5	766	100.0	5.7	3.3	8.4	8.7	12.9	11.9	17.9	15.0	16.2	60	
Kidnaping	0.6	802	100.0	10.2	12.1	21.9	14.1	12.1	8.9	11.5	5.4	3.8	29	
Rape	2.3	3,315	100.0	5.9	6.8	20.3	18.6	12.6	10.0	13.3	8.0	4.3	36	
Other sexual assault	3.2	4,652	100.0	8.4	14.4	32.2	20.9	11.2	5.9	4.8	1.5	0.7	22	
Robbery	13.4	19,453	100.0	6.5	11.9	23.7	17.1	13.5	9.4	10.1	5.0	2.8	30	
Assault	6.4	9,203	100.0	16.6	22.9	28.8	13.8	7.6	4.2	3.2	2.1	0.7	16	
Other violent	0.5	772	100.0	12.8	20.6	32.0	17.1	9.7	4.7	1.9	1.0	0.1	18	
<b>Property offenses</b>	44.5 %	64,469	100.0 %	26.8 %	26.6 %	24.8 %	10.3 %	5.2 %	2.9 %	2.2 %	1.0 %	0.3 %	12 mos.	
Burglary	21.2	30,657	100.0	19.7	25.3	26.7	12.7	7.0	3.9	3.0	1.5	0.3	14	
Larceny/theft	11.1	15,992	100.0	33.7	28.9	22.6	7.7	3.1	2.0	1.4	0.5	0.1	9	
Motor vehicle theft	3.0	4,355	100.0	39.5	28.2	20.2	6.9	2.4	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.2	8	
Arson	0.8	1,205	100.0	14.4	20.6	29.6	14.4	8.0	5.4	5.2	1.7	0.8	17	
Fraud	5.7	8,246	100.0	35.6	27.0	21.8	8.0	3.8	1.6	1.5	0.5	0.2	9	
Stolen property	2.0	2,953	100.0	22.0	27.1	30.6	11.0	4.8	2.4	1.6	0.3	0.1	13	
Other property	0.7	1,061	100.0	33.3	27.4	24.5	7.6	2.8	2.5	1.3	0.4	0.1	10	
<b>Drug offenses</b>	16.1 %	23,196	100.0 %	28.8 %	30.8 %	25.9 %	8.1 %	3.1 %	1.5 %	0.9 %	0.5 %	0.3 %	11 mos.	
Possession	4.6	6,543	100.0	47.0	26.6	16.9	5.1	2.1	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.4	7	
Trafficking	8.5	12,287	100.0	18.4	31.4	32.4	10.2	3.6	1.9	1.1	0.6	0.4	13	
Other drug	3.0	4,366	100.0	31.0	35.3	20.9	6.9	3.0	1.4	0.9	0.4	0.3	9	
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.5 %	10,790	100.0 %	34.5 %	27.6 %	21.9 %	8.2 %	3.7 %	1.7 %	1.5 %	0.5 %	0.3 %	10 mos.	
Weapons	1.8	2,609	100.0	19.0	24.3	28.8	15.1	6.4	3.0	2.5	0.7	0.3	15	
Other public-order	5.7	8,181	100.0	39.4	28.7	19.7	6.0	2.8	1.3	1.2	0.5	0.3	8	
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.4 %	2,019	100.0 %	26.9 %	36.1 %	22.0 %	7.5 %	3.0 %	2.1 %	1.8 %	0.4 %	0.1 %	10 mos.	

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

**Table 2-4. First releases from State prison, 1987: 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
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	15 mos.	23 mos.	100.0 %	9 mos.	15 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	31.3 %	27 mos.	37 mos.	19.7 %	19 mos.	27 mos.
Homicide	3.7	46	60	5.6	31	39
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.9	61	75	2.8	37	46
Murder	1.1	76	90	1.3	50	58
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.8	45	53	1.5	31	35
Negligent manslaughter	1.3	22	29	2.1	19	25
Unspecified homicide	0.5	62	75	0.7	39	51
Kidnaping	0.6	29	40	0.3	22	28
Rape	2.5	36	46	0.3	23	26
Other sexual assault	3.5	22	28	0.4	18	23
Robbery	14.0	30	39	7.3	18	25
Assault	6.5	16	24	5.2	12	18
Other violent	0.5	18	23	0.6	18	20
<b>Property offenses</b>	44.3 %	12 mos.	18 mos.	50.4 %	8 mos.	12 mos.
Burglary	22.4	14	21	7.0	11	15
Larceny/theft	10.4	10	15	19.9	8	12
Motor vehicle theft	3.2	8	13	1.3	5	9
Arson	0.8	18	26	1.1	13	17
Fraud	4.6	10	15	19.3	8	11
Stolen property	2.1	13	17	1.4	10	14
Other property	0.8	10	14	0.4	7	9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15.6 %	11 mos.	15 mos.	22.9 %	8 mos.	12 mos.
Possession	4.3	7	12	7.5	5	8
Trafficking	8.4	13	17	10.2	12	14
Other drug	2.9	9	14	5.2	8	11
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.6 %	10 mos.	15 mos.	5.5 %	7 mos.	11 mos.
Weapons	1.9	15	20	0.6	10	16
Other public-order	5.7	8	13	4.9	7	10
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.4 %	10 mos.	15 mos.	1.6 %	8 mos.	12 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	133,575			10,627		

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 2-5. First releases from State prison, 1987: Time served in prison, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison								
	Percent of releases	White		Percent of releases	Black		Percent of releases	Hispanic <sup>b</sup>	
		Time served in prison			Time served in prison			Time served in prison	
		Median	Mean		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	13 mos.	21 mos.	100.0 %	15 mos.	25 mos.	100.0 %	13 mos.	20 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	26.4 %	24 mos.	34 mos.	35.2 %	29 mos.	39 mos.	28.8 %	24 mos.	32 mos.
Homicide	3.6	38	53	4.1	49	62	4.0	42	53
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.7	59	72	2.4	60	74	2.1	48	60
Murder	1.1	72	85	1.4	80	91	0.7	54	68
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.6	40	46	1.0	43	51	1.4	45	56
Negligent manslaughter	1.5	20	26	1.2	26	34	0.9	19	21
Unspecified homicide	0.4	61	75	0.5	61	75	1.0	59	66
Kidnaping	0.7	25	35	0.4	42	49	0.5	20	29
Rape	2.4	33	41	2.3	41	53	1.9	32	37
Other sexual assault	4.8	23	28	1.7	22	30	2.3	21	25
Robbery	8.5	28	36	19.1	31	40	13.4	24	32
Assault	5.8	16	23	7.2	16	24	6.3	17	22
Other violent	0.6	16	20	0.4	24	27	0.4	17	20
<b>Property offenses</b>	47.2 %	12 mos.	17 mos.	43.4 %	12 mos.	18 mos.	36.5 %	11 mos.	16 mos.
Burglary	22.7	14	20	19.3	15	22	22.4	12	19
Larceny/theft	10.6	10	14	12.5	10	15	7.3	8	12
Motor vehicle theft	3.1	9	13	3.0	8	12	2.7	7	11
Arson	1.0	18	25	0.6	17	24	0.5	17	26
Fraud	7.0	10	14	5.0	9	15	2.3	8	12
Stolen property	1.9	13	17	2.4	12	17	1.0	16	17
Other property	0.9	10	14	0.6	10	15	0.3	7	9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	16.0 %	10 mos.	14 mos.	14.1 %	11 mos.	15 mos.	27.8 %	11 mos.	16 mos.
Possession	4.5	7	10	4.0	8	12	6.8	7	12
Trafficking	8.0	12	16	7.3	13	17	17.3	14	18
Other drug	3.5	9	13	2.8	9	14	3.7	8	10
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	8.7 %	8 mos.	13 mos.	6.2 %	11 mos.	17 mos.	5.3 %	10 mos.	15 mos.
Weapons	1.3	12	16	2.1	16	21	2.4	18	22
Other public-order	7.4	8	13	4.1	10	15	2.9	6	9
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.8 %	10 mos.	14 mos.	1.1 %	10 mos.	16 mos.	1.6 %	8 mos.	11 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	68,459			60,122			19,936		

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

<sup>a</sup>Race includes persons of Hispanic origin.

<sup>b</sup>Hispanic releases include persons of all races.

**Table 2-6. First releases from State prison, 1987: Sentence length and time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison			
	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Time served in prison	
	Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	48 mos.	66 mos.	16 mos.	24 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	60 mos.	93 mos.	27 mos.	36 mos.
Homicide	120	145	43	56
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	180	177	59	72
Murder	240	227	74	87
Nonnegligent manslaughter	108	124	43	51
Negligent manslaughter	60	97	23	30
Unspecified homicide	120	138	51	54
Kidnaping	72	101	28	39
Rape	96	122	37	47
Other sexual assault	60	77	23	29
Robbery	72	95	30	37
Assault	48	62	17	24
Other violent	48	61	18	23
<b>Property offenses</b>	36 mos.	55 mos.	13 mos.	18 mos.
Burglary	48	61	15	21
Larceny/theft	36	50	11	15
Motor vehicle theft	36	43	11	14
Arson	60	78	18	26
Fraud	36	47	11	15
Stolen property	36	45	13	17
Other property	36	57	10	15
<b>Drug offenses</b>	36 mos.	49 mos.	12 mos.	16 mos.
Possession	36	49	10	14
Trafficking	36	51	14	18
Other drug	24	43	10	14
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	30 mos.	44 mos.	11 mos.	16 mos.
Weapons	36	52	16	20
Other public-order	24	40	9	14
<b>Other offenses</b>	24 mos.	48 mos.	11 mos.	15 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	110,254		110,254	

Note: Data are based on all first releases with a sentence or 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.  
<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an

offender may be required to served for the most serious offense.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."  
<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

**Table 2-7. First releases from State prison, 1987: Sentence length, minimum time to be served, and time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison						Percent of maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>	
	Maximum sentence length <sup>b</sup>		Minimum time to be served <sup>c</sup>		Time served in prison		Estimated minimum time to be served	Actual time served
	Median <sup>d</sup>	Mean <sup>e</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
<b>All offenses</b>	54 mos.	76 mos.	18 mos.	26 mos.	20 mos.	27 mos.	34.2 %	35.5 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	72 mos.	106 mos.	24 mos.	36 mos.	31 mos.	39 mos.	34.0 %	36.8 %
Homicide	156	163	48	58	52	61	35.6	37.4
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	180	186	60	68	63	73	36.6	39.2
Murder	240	211	72	82	71	83	38.9	39.3
Nonnegligent manslaughter	144	162	54	54	56	62	33.3	38.3
Negligent manslaughter	84	117	29	37	29	35	31.6	29.9
Unspecified homicide	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kidnaping	120	133	36	39	40	46	29.3	34.6
Rape	108	137	29	43	36	46	31.4	33.6
Other sexual assault	60	80	20	27	23	30	33.8	37.5
Robbery	72	105	28	36	34	39	34.3	37.1
Assault	60	74	18	25	20	26	33.8	35.1
Other violent	48	55	14	18	21	25	32.7	45.5
<b>Property offenses</b>	48 mos.	61 mos.	18 mos.	20 mos.	16 mos.	22 mos.	32.8 %	36.1 %
Burglary	54	73	18	23	20	25	31.5	34.2
Larceny/theft	36	49	14	17	14	19	34.7	38.8
Motor vehicle theft	36	44	12	14	12	16	31.8	36.4
Arson	60	90	21	27	22	29	30.0	32.2
Fraud	36	51	12	16	13	18	31.4	35.3
Stolen property	36	45	18	18	15	19	40.0	42.2
Other property	36	58	12	14	12	15	24.1	25.9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	48 mos.	58 mos.	16 mos.	20 mos.	15 mos.	20 mos.	34.5 %	34.5 %
Possession	48	51	12	17	14	18	33.3	35.3
Trafficking	48	59	16	21	16	21	35.6	35.6
Other drug	36	61	18	20	13	17	32.8	27.9
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	36 mos.	45 mos.	12 mos.	16 mos.	13 mos.	18 mos.	35.6 %	40.0 %
Weapons	48	54	18	22	21	25	40.7	46.3
Other public-order	36	40	10	13	10	14	32.5	35.0
<b>Other offenses</b>	60 mos.	83 mos.	18 mos.	23 mos.	17 mos.	23 mos.	27.7 %	27.7 %
<b>Number of releases</b>	48,589		48,589		48,589			

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

<sup>a</sup>The 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.

<sup>b</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>c</sup>Minimum time to be served is the jurisdiction's

estimate of the shortest time that each admitted prisoner must serve before becoming eligible for release.

<sup>d</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole,"

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

<sup>e</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole,"

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

**Table 2-8. First releases from State prison, 1987: Time served in prison, by offense and method of prison release**

Most serious offense	First releases from State prison								
	Conditional releases <sup>a</sup>						Unconditional release, <sup>d</sup> expiration of sentence		
	Discretionary release <sup>b</sup>			Mandatory release <sup>c</sup>			Percent of releases	Time served in prison	
	Percent of releases	Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Median	Mean		Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	15 mos.	25 mos.	100.0 %	14 mos.	20 mos.	100.0 %	14 mos.	23 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	29.8 %	33 mos.	44 mos.	32.5 %	23 mos.	30 mos.	28.9 %	21 mos.	35 mos.
Homicide	4.5	57	70	3.2	32	38	3.2	31	49
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.6	71	83	1.5	40	46	1.3	55	63
Murder	1.7	86	96	0.5	56	61	1.0	59	65
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.9	52	59	1.0	34	39	0.3	43	55
Negligent manslaughter	1.3	28	35	1.2	18	21	1.7	21	33
Unspecified homicide	0.6	76	89	0.5	45	48	0.2	113	99
Kidnaping	0.5	40	51	0.7	23	30	0.4	26	38
Rape	1.9	42	55	3.0	34	40	2.2	31	46
Other sexual assault	2.1	27	33	4.3	22	26	5.5	17	23
Robbery	15.2	34	42	13.0	24	31	9.3	37	46
Assault	5.2	18	26	7.7	16	22	7.4	12	22
Other violent	0.4	16	22	0.6	21	24	0.9	16	22
<b>Property offenses</b>	46.5 %	12 mos.	19 mos.	42.3 %	12 mos.	16 mos.	42.7 %	14 mos.	20 mos.
Burglary	22.7	15	22	20.6	15	20	16.6	14	23
Larceny/theft	11.0	9	15	10.8	9	13	11.5	13	18
Motor vehicle theft	2.9	7	12	3.6	9	12	2.1	14	18
Arson	0.8	22	29	0.8	16	21	1.1	17	26
Fraud	6.0	9	15	5.0	9	13	6.1	13	18
Stolen property	2.4	14	18	0.9	13	15	4.1	13	17
Other property	0.7	9	13	0.6	11	18	1.2	13	14
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15.5 %	11 mos.	17 mos.	17.2 %	11 mos.	13 mos.	13.7 %	11 mos.	15 mos.
Possession	5.3	7	12	3.7	7	10	2.7	10	15
Trafficking	8.1	13	19	10.0	13	16	5.1	12	17
Other drug	2.1	13	19	3.5	7	9	5.9	12	13
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.2 %	9 mos.	16 mos.	6.2 %	11 mos.	15 mos.	13.2 %	10 mos.	14 mos.
Weapons	1.9	17	22	1.8	12	17	1.8	16	21
Other public-order	5.3	7	13	4.4	11	14	11.4	9	13
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.1 %	13 mos.	20 mos.	1.9 %	9 mos.	11 mos.	1.6 %	10 mos.	14 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	74,405			49,341			13,753		

Note: 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.

<sup>a</sup>A 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.

<sup>b</sup>Discretionary release occurs when a parole board approved a conditional release to supervision.

<sup>c</sup>Mandatory release occurs when a conditional release from prison is required by statute or when an inmate has been confined for a time period equal to his or her full sentence minus statutory

good time if any. Persons leaving prison by mandatory supervised release are placed on conditional release status until the full sentence expires, or until some point in time specified by law.

<sup>d</sup>An unconditional release occurs only if the released inmate cannot be reimprisoned for any sentence for which he was in prison.

## Entries to parole from State prisons

Most prisoners leaving State prisons in 1987 were released to supervision in the community. In these data covering 35 States, the District of Columbia, and the California Youth Authority, there were 125,353 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.

- Whites make up 52% of the 1987 parole-entry population, blacks 47%, and other races 1% (table 3-1).

- The median age of persons entering parole is 28 years.

- About 31% of the offenders entering parole supervision had served time for a violent offense; 45% for a property offense; 16% 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 (60% versus 40% respectively) (table 3-3). However, at least 80% of the offenders convicted of murder or stolen property offenses entered parole by means of discretionary parole release.

- The median maximum sentence for all parole entries was 48 months, while the median time served for was 16 months (table 3-4).

- Overall, persons paroled in 1987 had served on average 37% of their maximum sentence in prison prior to their release.

- On average, violent offenders served 39% of their maximum sentence in prison before their parole; drug and public-order offenders served 34%, and property offenders served 33%.

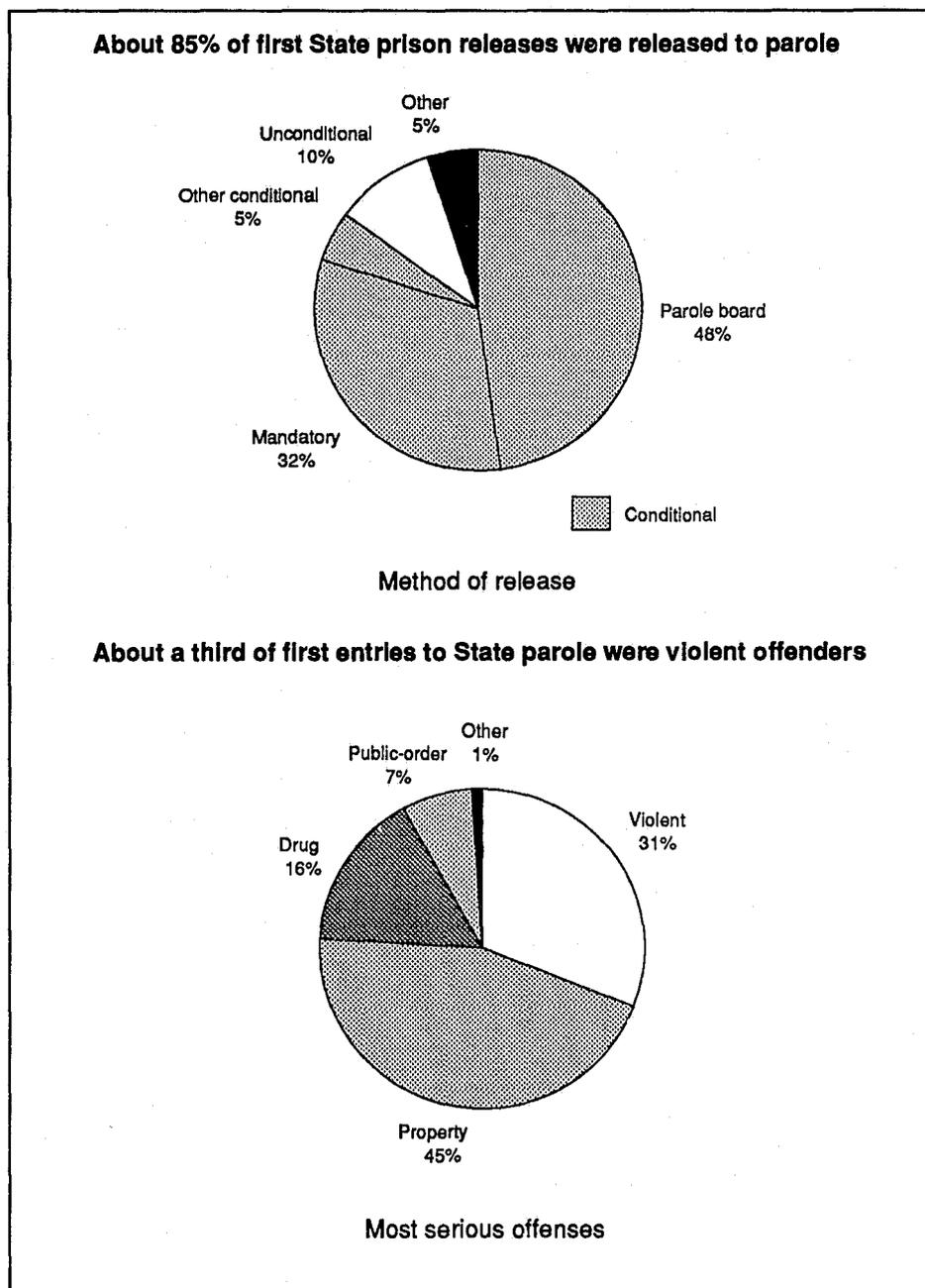


Figure 3-1. First entries to parole from State prison: Method of release and offense

**Table 3--1. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1987: Selected demographic characteristics, by sex**

Demographic characteristic	First entries to parole supervision		
	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Race</b>			
White	51.9 %	51.9 %	52.2 %
Black	47.3	47.4	46.7
Other	0.8	0.8	1.1
<b>Hispanic origin</b>			
Hispanic	17.5 %	17.8 %	14.0 %
Non-Hispanic	82.5	82.2	86.0
<b>Age at release</b>			
Under 18	0.2 %	0.2 %	0.1 %
18-24	30.3	31.0	20.9
25-29	26.3	26.2	28.1
30-34	19.0	18.6	24.4
35-44	17.4	17.2	20.3
45-54	4.8	4.8	4.8
55 or older	1.9	1.9	1.4
<b>Median age</b>	28 yrs.	28 yrs.	30 yrs.
<b>Education</b>			
8th grade or less	19.2 %	19.2 %	19.5 %
9th-11th grade	45.4	45.9	38.8
High school graduate	26.6	26.4	30.6
Some college	8.4	8.2	10.9
Other	0.3	0.3	0.2
<b>Median education</b>	10 th grade	10 th grade	10 th grade
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	125,353	116,247	9,047

Note: Data on race were reported for 89.2% of the 125,353 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year. Data on Hispanic origin for 87.5%, data on

age at release from prison for 99.4%, and data on education for 49.3%. Males comprised 92.7% of the State parole entries; females, 7.3%.

**Table 3-2. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1987: Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision						
	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	30.9 %	31.8 %	20.3 %	26.4 %	35.9 %	38.2 %	28.5 %
Homicide	4.0	3.9	5.8	3.5	4.1	6.9	4.0
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.2	2.1	2.9	1.7	2.5	3.7	2.1
Murder	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.4	2.4	0.7
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1.0	0.9	1.6	0.6	1.1	1.3	1.4
Negligent manslaughter	1.2	1.2	2.1	1.4	1.1	3.1	0.9
Unspecified homicide	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.1	1.0
Kidnaping	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.3	0.4
Rape	2.3	2.5	0.3	2.4	2.3	2.2	1.8
Other sexual assault	3.0	3.2	0.3	4.5	1.6	4.2	2.2
Robbery	14.3	14.8	7.8	8.9	20.1	12.3	13.5
Assault	6.2	6.3	5.1	5.7	6.9	9.6	6.2
Other violent	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.7	0.4
<b>Property offenses</b>	44.9 %	44.3 %	50.6 %	47.6 %	43.2 %	40.6 %	37.1 %
Burglary	21.8	22.9	7.6	23.5	19.8	20.1	22.6
Larceny/theft	11.0	10.3	19.7	10.6	12.2	8.5	7.5
Motor vehicle theft	3.2	3.3	1.3	3.2	3.1	3.1	2.8
Arson	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.5
Fraud	5.6	4.5	19.6	6.9	4.9	4.5	2.4
Stolen property	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.6	2.0	2.3	1.0
Other property	0.7	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	16.2 %	15.7 %	23.3 %	16.2 %	14.0 %	9.3 %	27.6 %
Possession	4.7	4.5	7.8	4.8	4.0	2.4	6.8
Trafficking	8.8	8.7	10.5	8.3	7.6	4.9	17.2
Other drug	2.7	2.5	5.0	3.1	2.4	2.0	3.6
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	6.8 %	7.0 %	4.4 %	7.8 %	5.8 %	10.8 %	5.3 %
Weapons	1.9	2.0	0.5	1.3	2.2	2.1	2.4
Other public-order	4.9	5.0	3.9	6.5	3.6	8.7	2.9
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.4 %	1.4 %	1.5 %	1.8 %	1.1 %	1.0 %	1.7 %
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	124,939	115,895	9,006	57,793	52,720	871	19,157

Note: Data on offense distribution were reported for 99.7% of the 125,353 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

\*Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

**Table 3-3. First entries to parole supervision from State prison, 1987:  
Method of prison release, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	First entries to parole supervision		
		All	Discretionary release	Mandatory release
<b>All offenses</b>	124,939	100.0 %	59.9 %	40.1 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	38,492	100.0 %	57.9 %	42.1 %
Homicide	4,961	100.0	67.3	32.7
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2,690	100.0	71.6	28.4
Murder	1,502	100.0	82.2	17.8
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,188	100.0	58.3	41.7
Negligent manslaughter	1,547	100.0	62.1	37.9
Unspecified homicide	724	100.0	62.6	37.4
Kidnaping	732	100.0	48.9	51.1
Rape	2,884	100.0	48.7	51.3
Other sexual assault	3,699	100.0	42.6	57.4
Robbery	17,820	100.0	63.7	36.3
Assault	7,771	100.0	50.4	49.6
Other violent	625	100.0	51.7	48.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	55,919	100.0 %	62.1 %	37.9 %
Burglary	27,287	100.0	62.2	37.8
Larceny/theft	13,700	100.0	60.1	39.9
Motor vehicle theft	3,940	100.0	54.3	45.7
Arson	998	100.0	58.0	42.0
Fraud	6,981	100.0	64.0	36.0
Stolen property	2,199	100.0	80.5	19.5
Other property	814	100.0	64.9	35.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	20,277	100.0 %	57.6 %	42.4 %
Possession	5,910	100.0	67.5	32.5
Trafficking	11,029	100.0	55.1	44.9
Other drug	3,338	100.0	48.0	52.0
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	8,500	100.0 %	63.0 %	37.0 %
Weapons	2,321	100.0	60.1	39.9
Other public-order	6,179	100.0	64.1	35.9
<b>Other offenses</b>	1,751	100.0 %	45.3 %	54.7 %

Note: Data on offense distribution were reported for 99.7% of the 125,353 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, 1987: Sentence length and time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision			
	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Time served in prison	
	Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	48 mos.	68 mos.	16 mos.	25 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	72 mos.	95 mos.	28 mos.	37 mos.
Homicide	120	147	45	59
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	180	173	59	73
Murder	240	224	76	90
Nonnegligent manslaughter	96	122	43	51
Negligent manslaughter	72	102	24	31
Unspecified homicide	120	134	51	57
Kidnaping	72	102	30	40
Rape	96	119	38	48
Other sexual assault	72	84	25	30
Robbery	72	95	30	37
Assault	48	63	18	25
Other violent	48	64	18	23
<b>Property offenses</b>	36 mos.	57 mos.	13 mos.	19 mos.
Burglary	48	61	16	21
Larceny/theft	36	52	11	15
Motor vehicle theft	36	44	10	13
Arson	60	83	20	27
Fraud	36	50	11	15
Stolen property	36	49	14	18
Other property	36	54	10	16
<b>Drug offenses</b>	36 mos.	50 mos.	12 mos.	17 mos.
Possession	36	50	10	14
Trafficking	36	52	14	18
Other drug	24	45	9	14
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	36 mos.	47 mos.	11 mos.	16 mos.
Weapons	48	55	16	21
Other public-order	24	43	10	15
<b>Other offenses</b>	24 mos.	44 mos.	11 mos.	15 mos.
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	91,545		91,545	

Note: Data on offense distribution for sentence length and time served in prison were reported for 73.0% of the 125,353 State parole entries who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required

to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

In 1987, 27 States and the California Youth Authority reported 116,756 discharges from parole supervision. These discharges accounted for 81% of all State parole discharges for 1987. (See "Prisoners in State and Federal Institutions, 1987" in *Correctional Populations in the United States, 1987*, NCJ-118762.)

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 1987, 43% 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, 60% completed parole successfully (table 4-3).
- Over two-thirds of the white and over half of the black State parolees discharged in 1987 had successfully completed parole supervision after their first release from prison on a sentence.
- Among those who were discharged from supervision, more blacks (40%) than whites (28%) were returned to prison or jail for violating the conditions of parole.
- Offenders convicted of property crimes 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 (49%), robbery (44%), and burglary (44%).

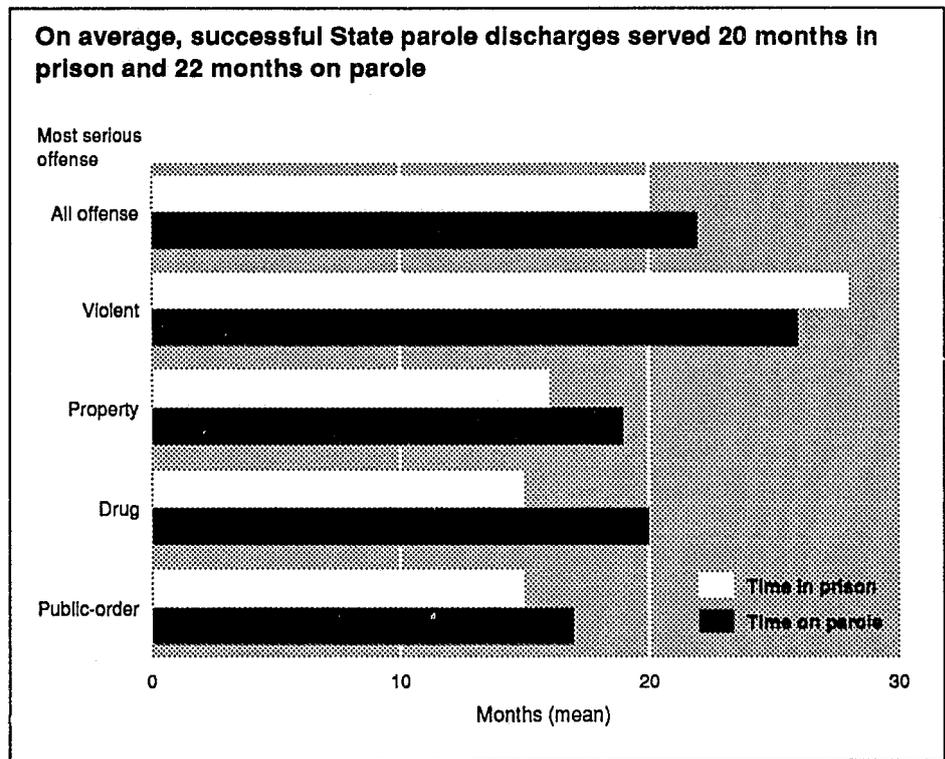


Figure 4-1. Successful State parole discharges: Time served in prison and on parole

- Successful first State parole discharges served a total mean time in prison and on parole of 42 months (table 4-6); violent offenders, 54 months; drug and property offenders, 35 months; and public-order offenders, 32 months.
- For major categories of violent offenses, property, drug, and public-order, persons successfully completing parole had served about half of their total time in prison and half on parole. Parolees convicted of rape and homicide served on average about 60% of their total time under supervision in prison while persons convicted of drug trafficking, motor vehicle theft, or stolen property served less than 45% of their time in prison.
- For every offense category except arson, men spent more time, on average, under correctional supervision than women (table 4-7).

- Overall, whites had served a mean of 19 months in prison and 20 months on parole, while blacks served 22 months in prison and 23 months on parole (table 4-8). As indicated earlier, the percent violent and geographic area of incarceration may account for these differences.
- On average blacks spent more time under correctional supervision than whites for violent, drug, and public-order offenses, and less time than whites for property offenses.
- The average total time served under correctional supervision was 42 months for successful first discharges from State parole compared to 45 months for unsuccessful first discharges (table 4-12). Compared to successful discharges, unsuccessful discharges served 6 months longer in prison but 3 months shorter on parole before their discharge.

**Table 4-1. State parole discharges, 1987: Selected demographic characteristics, by type of discharge**

Demographic characteristic	State parole discharges	
	All	First parole discharges
<b>Total</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	93.3 %	92.9 %
Female	6.7	7.1
<b>Race</b>		
White	52.4 %	50.2 %
Black	47.1	49.4
Other	0.5	0.4
<b>Hispanic origin</b>		
Hispanic	18.2 %	14.7 %
Non-Hispanic	81.8	85.3
<b>Age at discharge</b>		
Under 18	0.0 %	0.0 %
18-24	21.0	22.7
25-29	29.2	28.1
30-34	22.3	21.1
35-44	20.4	20.0
45-54	5.2	5.7
55 or older	1.9	2.4
<b>Median age</b>	29 yrs.	29 yrs.
<b>Education</b>		
8th grade or less	19.4 %	19.9 %
9th-11th grade	43.4	42.9
High school graduate	29.5	29.3
Some college	7.4	7.6
Other	0.3	0.3
<b>Median education</b>	10 th grade	10 th grade
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	116,756	70,165

Note: First State discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense. Data were reported for 116,756 State parole discharges who entered prison with sentences of more than a year. Data on sex were reported for 99.9%, data on race for 91.9%, data on Hispanic origin for 90.9%, data on age at discharge for 99.5%, and data on education for 39.6%.

**Table 4-2. State parole discharges, 1987: Method of parole discharge, by sex, and Hispanic origin**

Method of parole discharge	All State parole discharges						
	Total	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
<b>All discharges</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Successful completion	43.0	42.6	49.1	44.8	41.0	46.7	32.1
Absconded	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	2.0	0.2
Return to jail or prison*	53.6	54.0	48.3	52.0	55.5	48.2	65.4
Death	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.6	1.2
Other	1.6	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.2
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	115,010	107,392	7,614	55,303	49,879	490	19,342

Note: Data were reported for 98.5% of the 116,756 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 4-3. First State parole discharges, 1987: Method of parole discharge, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Method of parole discharge	First State parole discharges						
	Total	Sex		Race			Hispanic
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
<b>All discharges</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Successful completion	59.5	59.0	66.8	67.5	54.8	69.6	56.0
Absconded	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.2	2.4	0.3
Return to jail or prison*	35.8	36.3	29.6	27.9	40.3	23.2	39.7
Death	1.6	1.6	1.1	1.4	1.6	2.8	2.0
Other	2.2	2.2	1.7	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	68,472	63,619	4,851	30,344	30,102	250	8,879

Note: First State releases are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense. Data were reported for 97.6% of the 70,165 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, 1987: Method of parole discharge, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	All State parole discharges								
		All	Successful completion of term	Absconder	Return to prison with:			Transfer	Death	Other
					New sentence	Parole pending	Revocation pending			
<b>All offenses</b>	114,845	100.0 %	43.0 %	0.7 %	11.1 %	25.1 %	17.4 %	0.2 %	1.2 %	1.4 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	36,641	100.0 %	44.4 %	0.5 %	10.4 %	24.1 %	16.7 %	0.3 %	1.5 %	2.0 %
Homicide	4,066	100.0	53.0	0.3	7.8	20.7	10.1	0.3	3.5	4.2
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2,369	100.0	46.8	0.1	10.6	17.8	13.6	0.2	4.1	6.8
Murder	1,173	100.0	50.0	0.2	14.4	17.5	7.8	0.3	5.1	4.6
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1,196	100.0	43.6	0.0	6.9	18.1	19.3	0.0	3.2	8.9
Negligent manslaughter	976	100.0	67.4	0.3	4.5	15.4	9.0	0.6	1.6	1.1
Unspecified homicide	721	100.0	54.0	1.1	3.1	37.6	0.0	0.6	3.7	0.0
Kidnaping	659	100.0	45.2	0.3	12.1	16.1	22.3	0.5	1.4	2.1
Rape	2,161	100.0	49.1	0.5	8.9	23.6	14.6	0.4	1.3	1.6
Other sexual assault	2,373	100.0	58.7	0.1	6.2	17.7	14.5	0.2	1.3	1.3
Robbery	19,404	100.0	38.4	0.6	12.9	26.9	17.5	0.3	1.3	2.1
Assault	7,346	100.0	47.9	0.7	7.2	22.0	19.7	0.2	1.0	1.3
Other violent	632	100.0	61.9	0.6	7.6	17.6	9.7	0.3	1.4	0.9
<b>Property offenses</b>	52,613	100.0 %	41.3 %	0.8 %	11.3 %	28.2 %	16.3 %	0.2 %	0.9 %	0.9 %
Burglary	27,902	100.0	38.4	0.7	11.8	29.0	18.2	0.2	0.9	0.9
Larceny/theft	12,954	100.0	42.7	0.9	11.9	27.0	15.9	0.2	0.7	0.7
Motor vehicle theft	3,290	100.0	32.1	0.6	13.7	33.2	18.1	0.6	0.7	0.9
Arson	825	100.0	55.8	0.7	5.7	20.5	13.6	0.2	2.2	1.3
Fraud	5,632	100.0	49.8	1.2	7.3	27.7	11.9	0.0	0.9	1.2
Stolen property	1,301	100.0	55.9	0.8	12.7	23.4	3.9	0.6	1.2	1.5
Other property	709	100.0	62.6	0.7	9.9	20.7	4.7	0.0	0.3	1.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15,649	100.0 %	42.2 %	0.4 %	12.7 %	19.7 %	22.0 %	0.1 %	1.3 %	1.5 %
Possession	3,080	100.0	42.3	0.5	9.5	25.5	19.5	0.2	1.5	1.0
Trafficking	8,168	100.0	43.8	0.3	12.0	17.4	22.7	0.1	1.2	2.4
Other drug	4,401	100.0	39.3	0.3	16.4	19.9	22.5	0.0	1.3	0.2
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7,305	100.0 %	55.3 %	1.0 %	8.8 %	20.4 %	12.1 %	0.2 %	1.2 %	1.0 %
Weapons	2,703	100.0	45.7	0.5	13.9	20.0	17.0	0.2	1.4	1.3
Other public-order	4,602	100.0	60.9	1.3	5.8	20.6	9.2	0.2	1.2	0.8
<b>Other offenses</b>	2,637	100.0 %	28.0 %	0.2 %	12.4 %	22.4 %	35.7 %	0.0 %	0.5 %	0.8 %

Note: Data on parole discharges were reported for 98.4% of the 116,756 State parole discharges who entered prison with a sentence of more than a year.

**Table 4-5. First State parole discharges, 1987: Method of parole discharge, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	All	First State parole discharges							
			Successful completion of term	Absconder	Return to prison with:			Transfer	Death	Other
					New sentence	Parole pending	Revocation pending			
<b>All offenses</b>	68,332	100.0 %	59.5 %	1.0 %	7.2 %	27.1 %	1.4 %	0.3 %	1.6 %	1.8 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	22,602	100.0 %	58.8 %	0.8 %	9.1 %	25.2 %	0.9 %	0.4 %	1.9 %	2.8 %
Homicide	2,962	100.0	62.3	0.4	6.5	20.3	0.6	0.5	4.0	5.4
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1,498	100.0	57.6	0.1	9.9	16.4	0.3	0.3	5.3	10.2
Murder	790	100.0	57.3	0.3	12.7	16.1	0.5	0.5	6.3	6.3
Nonnegligent manslaughter	708	100.0	57.9	0.0	6.8	16.7	0.0	0.0	4.1	14.5
Negligent manslaughter	755	100.0	79.1	0.4	3.4	11.8	1.7	0.8	1.7	1.1
Unspecified homicide	709	100.0	54.3	1.1	2.7	37.5	0.0	0.6	3.8	0.0
Kidnaping	338	100.0	72.8	0.3	5.3	13.3	3.3	0.6	1.8	2.7
Rape	1,495	100.0	60.5	0.7	9.0	24.9	0.9	0.5	1.5	2.0
Other sexual assault	1,616	100.0	77.0	0.1	4.1	15.1	0.3	0.2	1.9	1.2
Robbery	11,344	100.0	50.5	0.9	12.2	30.4	1.0	0.4	1.7	2.9
Assault	4,388	100.0	68.3	1.0	5.2	21.1	1.0	0.3	1.3	1.7
Other violent	459	100.0	73.4	0.9	6.3	14.4	1.7	0.2	1.7	1.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	31,526	100.0 %	55.5 %	1.1 %	7.2 %	31.7 %	2.0 %	0.3 %	1.2 %	1.1 %
Burglary	15,999	100.0	51.9	1.0	8.5	33.8	2.1	0.3	1.3	1.1
Larceny/theft	7,692	100.0	58.9	1.4	5.9	29.5	2.3	0.3	0.9	0.9
Motor vehicle theft	1,822	100.0	47.3	1.0	4.0	44.1	1.0	0.8	1.1	0.8
Arson	579	100.0	68.2	1.0	4.3	20.2	1.6	0.3	2.4	1.9
Fraud	3,890	100.0	62.4	1.5	4.6	27.5	1.7	0.1	1.2	1.2
Stolen property	998	100.0	58.6	0.9	12.6	21.6	2.8	0.7	1.1	1.6
Other property	546	100.0	70.1	0.9	9.2	17.8	0.2	0.0	0.4	1.5
<b>Drug offenses</b>	8,458	100.0 %	68.0 %	0.7 %	4.3 %	21.4 %	1.0 %	0.2 %	2.0 %	2.5 %
Possession	1,840	100.0	60.5	0.8	4.7	28.3	2.0	0.3	2.0	1.5
Trafficking	4,367	100.0	69.6	0.6	5.6	17.2	1.0	0.2	1.7	4.1
Other drug	2,251	100.0	71.0	0.6	1.4	23.9	0.2	0.0	2.4	0.4
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	4,981	100.0 %	71.6 %	1.4 %	4.5 %	18.5 %	1.1 %	0.2 %	1.5 %	1.2 %
Weapons	1,517	100.0	65.9	0.9	7.3	21.4	0.5	0.3	2.0	1.8
Other public-order	3,464	100.0	74.1	1.6	3.3	17.2	1.4	0.2	1.4	0.9
<b>Other offenses</b>	765	100.0 %	72.8 %	0.7 %	4.6 %	17.6 %	0.5 %	0.0 %	1.2 %	2.6 %

Note: First State parole discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense. Data including the most serious offense and type of parole discharge were reported 97.4% of 70,165 first State parole discharges with sentences of more than a year.

**Table 4-6. Successful first State parole discharges, 1987: Sentence length and time served, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Successful first State parole discharges				Mean time under correctional supervision <sup>d</sup>	Mean percent of total time spent on parole
		Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Time served in prison		Time served on parole			
				Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
<b>All offenses</b>	25,364	48 mos.	64 mos.	16 mos.	20 mos.	16 mos.	22 mos.	42 mos.	52.4 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	9,409	60 mos.	83 mos.	22 mos.	28 mos.	24 mos.	26 mos.	54 mos.	48.1 %
Homicide	1,232	84	138	32	43	24	32	75	42.7
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	755	108	163	40	54	26	36	90	40.0
Murder	388	216	258	54	72	36	42	114	36.8
Nonnegligent manslaughter	367	72	79	32	36	24	29	65	44.6
Negligent manslaughter	445	57	100	18	23	14	22	45	48.9
Unspecified homicide	32	84	112	31	52	26	58	110	52.7
Kidnaping	193	60	87	21	29	13	24	53	45.3
Rape	683	72	98	29	36	24	26	62	41.9
Other sexual assault	1,057	60	74	20	25	20	20	45	44.4
Robbery	4,099	60	77	23	28	24	29	57	50.9
Assault	1,889	48	62	17	21	13	20	41	48.8
Other violent	256	48	64	19	22	18	21	43	48.8
<b>Property offenses</b>	9,961	36 mos.	56 mos.	13 mos.	16 mos.	14 mos.	19 mos.	35 mos.	54.3 %
Burglary	4,879	48	59	15	18	18	21	39	53.8
Larceny/theft	2,518	36	56	11	13	13	16	29	55.2
Motor vehicle theft	390	24	39	10	12	13	15	27	55.6
Arson	258	54	73	17	21	22	23	44	52.3
Fraud	1,228	36	50	11	14	13	17	31	54.8
Stolen property	461	36	43	14	15	17	19	34	55.9
Other property	227	36	70	9	13	13	19	32	59.4
<b>Drug offenses</b>	3,751	36 mos.	51 mos.	12 mos.	15 mos.	14 mos.	20 mos.	35 mos.	57.1 %
Possession	818	36	53	10	13	13	17	30	56.7
Trafficking	2,497	36	52	14	16	15	21	37	56.8
Other drug	436	24	39	10	12	13	19	31	61.3
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	1,785	36 mos.	48 mos.	12 mos.	15 mos.	13 mos.	17 mos.	32 mos.	53.1 %
Weapons	759	36	54	15	18	16	19	37	51.4
Other public-order	1,026	24	43	9	12	12	15	27	55.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	458	36 mos.	38 mos.	12 mos.	14 mos.	15 mos.	22 mos.	36 mos.	61.1 %

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 62.4% of the 40,657 successful first State discharges who entered prison with a

sentence of more than a year.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life

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

<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>d</sup>Excludes time spent in jail.

**Table 4-7. Successful first State parole discharges, 1987: 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	
		Time served Prison	Time served Parole		Time served Prison	Time served Parole
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	21 mos.	22 mos.	100.0 %	16 mos.	19 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	37.9 %	29 mos.	26 mos.	25.9 %	23 mos.	25 mos.
Homicide	4.6	45	32	7.4	29	28
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.9	56	37	4.1	36	27
Murder	1.5	74	43	1.5	49	35
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1.4	37	30	2.6	29	23
Negligent manslaughter	1.6	23	22	3.1	21	27
Unspecified homicide	0.1	57	60	0.2	---	---
Kidnaping	0.8	30	24	0.4	---	---
Rape	2.9	36	26	0.3	---	---
Other sexual assault	4.4	25	20	0.8	20	17
Robbery	16.6	28	29	9.7	21	26
Assault	7.6	21	20	5.9	19	21
Other violent	1.0	22	21	1.4	20	17
<b>Property offenses</b>	38.5 %	16 mos.	19 mos.	48.3 %	13 mos.	17 mos.
Burglary	20.2	18	21	6.7	16	20
Larceny/theft	9.2	14	16	19.2	12	16
Motor vehicle theft	1.6	12	15	0.2	---	---
Arson	1.0	21	23	1.4	16	28
Fraud	3.8	14	17	18.9	13	17
Stolen property	1.8	16	19	1.6	14	14
Other property	0.9	13	19	0.3	---	---
<b>Drug offenses</b>	14.5 %	15 mos.	20 mos.	19.2 %	13 mos.	18 mos.
Possession	3.2	13	17	4.2	12	19
Trafficking	9.7	16	21	11.8	14	19
Other drug	1.6	12	20	3.2	10	16
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.3 %	15 mos.	17 mos.	4.3 %	14 mos.	15 mos.
Weapons	3.2	18	19	0.9	14	12
Other public-order	4.1	12	14	3.4	14	15
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.8 %	15 mos.	22 mos.	2.3 %	13 mos.	19 mos.
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	23,585			1,800		

Note: First State parole discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense. Data on time served were reported for 62.4% of the 40,657 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, 1987: 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 origin	
		Prison	Parole		Prison	Parole		Prison	Parole
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	19 mos.	20 mos.	100.0 %	22 mos.	23 mos.	100.0 %	19 mos.	21 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	32.7 %	28 mos.	24 mos.	43.3 %	30 mos.	28 mos.	39.0 %	25 mos.	24 mos.
Homicide	4.5	39	28	5.6	48	35	4.8	34	27
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.3	54	31	4.1	55	39	3.2	41	30
Murder	1.2	72	39	2.2	72	44	0.8	60	39
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1.1	34	22	1.9	36	33	2.4	35	28
Negligent manslaughter	2.0	21	22	1.4	27	25	1.6	20	20
Unspecified homicide	0.2	61	71	0.1	--	--	0.0	--	--
Kidnaping	0.9	29	23	0.7	31	24	0.7	26	23
Rape	2.9	33	24	2.6	40	28	2.7	32	23
Other sexual assault	5.7	24	20	2.4	27	23	3.2	21	20
Robbery	10.8	28	27	22.9	28	30	17.8	25	27
Assault	6.9	21	20	8.1	21	20	8.9	19	20
Other violent	1.0	20	21	1.0	23	19	0.9	28	25
<b>Property offenses</b>	42.5 %	16 mos.	19 mos.	37.0 %	16 mos.	18 mos.	25.4 %	16 mos.	19 mos.
Burglary	21.5	18	21	16.6	19	21	17.1	17	20
Larceny/theft	9.5	13	17	11.6	13	15	3.6	12	16
Motor vehicle theft	1.7	12	15	1.4	12	14	1.4	12	19
Arson	1.2	22	23	0.7	19	23	0.6	20	26
Fraud	5.8	13	17	4.1	15	17	1.4	13	17
Stolen property	1.7	16	19	1.9	15	19	1.0	17	19
Other property	1.1	12	19	0.7	14	19	0.3	17	18
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15.5 %	14 mos.	19 mos.	11.6 %	16 mos.	21 mos.	27.6 %	15 mos.	17 mos.
Possession	3.1	11	16	3.1	14	18	3.9	13	17
Trafficking	10.4	15	20	7.0	18	22	21.1	16	18
Other drug	2.0	12	19	1.5	13	19	2.6	9	15
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	7.4 %	14 mos.	16 mos.	6.6 %	16 mos.	18 mos.	5.9 %	15 mos.	18 mos.
Weapons	1.9	17	18	4.1	18	20	3.4	18	20
Other public-order	5.5	13	15	2.5	11	15	2.5	11	15
<b>Other offenses</b>	2.0 %	14 mos.	22 mos.	1.6 %	15 mos.	21 mos.	2.1 %	13 mos.	20 mos.
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	13,736			9,738			3,262		

Note: First State parole discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense. Detail may not total 100% because of rounding.

-- No means were calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 4-9. Unsuccessful first State parole discharges, 1987: Sentence length and time served, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Time served in prison		Time served on parole		Mean time under correctional supervision <sup>d</sup>	Mean percent of total time spent on parole
		Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
<b>All offenses</b>	11,343	60 mos.	84 mos.	20 mos.	26 mos.	14 mos.	19 mos.	45 mos.	42.2 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	4,629	84 mos.	106 mos.	28 mos.	35 mos.	18 mos.	23 mos.	58 mos.	39.7 %
Homicide	384	180	194	56	63	25	31	94	33.0
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	281	180	211	63	72	27	35	107	32.7
Murder	138	300	285	68	83	33	40	123	32.5
Nonnegligent manslaughter	143	144	157	58	61	25	31	92	33.7
Negligent manslaughter	92	144	150	37	39	16	21	60	35.0
Unspecified homicide	11	Life	--	34	43	21	23	66	34.8
Kidnaping	43	83	108	25	37	15	21	58	36.2
Rape	259	120	136	40	49	19	25	74	33.8
Other sexual assault	226	84	118	25	35	14	17	52	32.7
Robbery	3,043	72	97	27	33	19	23	56	41.1
Assault	595	60	86	21	26	14	19	45	42.2
Other violent	79	60	92	28	29	15	18	47	38.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	4,983	48 mos.	68 mos.	16 mos.	19 mos.	12 mos.	15 mos.	34 mos.	44.1 %
Burglary	2,928	48	68	18	21	13	16	37	43.2
Larceny/theft	997	36	75	12	15	10	13	28	46.4
Motor vehicle theft	186	36	46	13	15	9	11	26	42.3
Arson	81	72	100	23	28	15	18	46	39.1
Fraud	435	48	66	14	18	12	18	36	50.0
Stolen property	272	36	49	15	17	12	15	32	46.9
Other property	84	60	72	10	17	9	13	30	43.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	1,054	48 mos.	72 mos.	17 mos.	20 mos.	15 mos.	20 mos.	40 mos.	50.0 %
Possession	254	48	66	12	16	14	17	33	51.5
Trafficking	737	54	74	18	16	16	21	37	56.8
Other drug	63	60	75	18	21	13	20	41	48.8
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	560	48 mos.	67 mos.	15 mos.	20 mos.	12 mos.	16 mos.	36 mos.	44.4 %
Weapons	330	54	67	18	24	14	17	41	41.5
Other public-order	230	36	66	11	22	11	16	38	42.1
<b>Other offenses</b>	117	48 mos.	54 mos.	14 mos.	17 mos.	15 mos.	19 mos.	36 mos.	52.8 %

Note: First State parole discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to

serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life without parole," "life plus additional years," "life," and "death."

<sup>d</sup>Excludes time spent in jail.

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

**Table 4-10. Unsuccessful first State parole discharges, 1987: 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	
		Time served Prison	Time served Parole		Time served Prison	Time served Parole
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	26 mos.	19 mos.	100.0 %	18 mos.	18 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	41.3 %	35 mos.	23 mos.	26.9 %	28 mos.	23 mos.
Homicide	3.4	64	32	3.1	54	29
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	2.5	72	35	1.8	---	---
Murder	1.2	83	40	0.8	---	---
Nonnegligent manslaughter	1.3	61	30	1.0	---	---
Negligent manslaughter	0.8	39	21	1.3	---	---
Unspecified homicide	0.1	43	23	0.0	---	---
Kidnaping	0.4	38	21	0.3	---	---
Rape	2.3	49	25	0.8	---	---
Other sexual assault	2.1	35	17	0.0	---	---
Robbery	27.2	33	23	17.4	26	25
Assault	5.2	26	19	5.4	20	14
Other violent	0.7	29	18	0.0	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	43.6 %	19 mos.	15 mos.	54.7 %	15 mos.	16 mos.
Burglary	26.5	21	16	7.5	17	19
Larceny/theft	8.2	15	13	26.9	14	14
Motor vehicle theft	1.7	15	11	0.8	---	---
Arson	0.7	29	18	1.0	---	---
Fraud	3.4	18	18	15.3	17	16
Stolen property	2.4	17	15	3.1	14	18
Other property	0.8	16	13	0.0	---	---
<b>Drug offenses</b>	9.2 %	20 mos.	20 mos.	13.0 %	15 mos.	17 mos.
Possession	2.2	16	17	4.9	13	15
Trafficking	6.5	21	21	6.5	17	17
Other drug	0.5	25	20	1.6	---	---
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	5.0 %	20 mos.	16 mos.	3.6 %	13 mos.	10 mos.
Weapons	3.0	22	17	1.0	---	---
Other public-order	2.0	16	16	2.6	12	11
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.0 %	17 mos.	19 mos.	1.8 %	---	---
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	10,967			386		

Note: First State parole discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense. 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, 1987: Mean time under correctional supervision, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	Unsuccessful first State parole discharges								
	Percent of discharges	White		Percent of discharges	Black		Percent of discharges	Hispanic origin	
		Time served Prison	Time served Parole		Time served Prison	Time served Parole		Time served Prison	Time served Parole
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	23 mos.	18 mos.	100.0 %	27 mos.	20 mos.	100.0 %	26 mos.	20 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	29.9 %	35 mos.	22 mos.	47.4 %	36 mos.	23 mos.	42.8 %	33 mos.	24 mos.
Homicide	2.6	62	28	3.7	64	32	4.4	62	32
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	1.5	82	36	2.7	71	35	4.0	64	34
Murder	1.2	82	39	1.2	87	40	1.5	63	37
Nonnegligent manslaughter	0.3	81	24	1.5	59	31	2.5	64	32
Negligent manslaughter	0.9	35	17	0.9	41	24	0.4	---	---
Unspecified homicide	0.2	---	---	0.1	---	---	0.0	---	---
Kidnaping	0.5	32	14	0.4	41	27	0.3	---	---
Rape	2.6	46	22	2.4	50	26	0.9	44	32
Other sexual assault	2.6	36	17	1.9	34	17	0.7	28	25
Robbery	14.8	33	23	33.4	33	23	30.7	30	23
Assault	6.1	24	20	4.8	28	18	5.5	28	22
Other violent	0.8	24	15	0.8	32	20	0.5	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	56.8 %	19 mos.	15 mos.	39.2 %	19 mos.	15 mos.	29.2 %	21 mos.	17 mos.
Burglary	33.6	20	16	22.0	21	16	21.1	22	17
Larceny/theft	9.8	15	14	9.6	15	13	2.4	14	14
Motor vehicle theft	1.8	16	13	1.6	14	10	1.4	12	13
Arson	1.3	27	18	0.4	29	17	0.5	---	---
Fraud	6.4	18	16	2.9	18	19	0.7	38	26
Stolen property	2.8	17	16	2.1	18	15	2.8	16	14
Other property	1.1	14	14	0.6	17	10	0.3	---	---
<b>Drug offenses</b>	7.6 %	19 mos.	20 mos.	7.7 %	20 mos.	21 mos.	21.0 %	21 mos.	20 mos.
Possession	1.7	14	15	2.2	16	18	4.1	19	20
Trafficking	4.9	20	22	5.1	22	22	16.9	21	19
Other drug	1.0	22	19	0.4	28	21	0.1	---	---
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	5.0 %	15 mos.	16 mos.	4.7 %	22 mos.	16 mos.	5.4 %	22 mos.	16 mos.
Weapons	1.6	18	14	3.2	23	17	4.8	22	17
Other public-order	3.3	14	17	1.5	20	14	0.6	---	---
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.7 %	15 mos.	20 mos.	1.0 %	18 mos.	19 mos.	1.6 %	16 mos.	16 mos.
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	3,895			6,101			1,481		

Note: First State parole discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense.  
 --- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 4-12. First State parole discharges, 1987: Mean time served in prison and on parole, by offense and type of parole discharge**

Most serious offense	Time served by first State parole discharges					
	Successful			Unsuccessful		
	Prison	Parole	Total	Prison	Parole	Total
<b>All offenses</b>	20 mos.	22 mos.	42 mos.	26 mos.	19 mos.	45 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	28 mos.	26 mos.	54 mos.	35 mos.	23 mos.	58 mos.
Homicide	43	32	75	63	31	94
Murder/nonnegligent manslaughter	54	36	90	72	35	107
Murder	72	42	114	83	40	123
Nonnegligent manslaughter	36	29	65	61	31	92
Negligent manslaughter	23	22	45	39	21	60
Unspecified homicide	52	58	110	43	23	66
Kidnaping	29	24	53	37	21	58
Rape	36	26	62	49	25	74
Other sexual assault	25	20	45	35	17	52
Robbery	28	29	57	33	23	56
Assault	21	20	41	26	19	45
Other violent	22	21	43	29	18	47
<b>Property offenses</b>	16 mos.	19 mos.	35 mos.	19 mos.	15 mos.	34 mos.
Burglary	18	21	39	21	16	37
Larceny/theft	13	16	29	15	13	28
Motor vehicle theft	12	15	27	15	11	26
Arson	21	23	44	28	18	46
Fraud	14	17	31	18	17	35
Stolen property	15	19	34	17	15	32
Other property	13	19	32	16	13	29
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15 mos.	20 mos.	35 mos.	20 mos.	20 mos.	40 mos.
Possession	13	17	30	16	17	33
Trafficking	16	21	37	21	21	42
Other drug	12	19	31	24	20	44
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	15 mos.	17 mos.	32 mos.	20 mos.	16 mos.	36 mos.
Weapons	18	19	37	22	17	39
Other public-order	12	15	27	16	16	32
<b>Other offenses</b>	14 mos.	22 mos.	36 mos.	17 mos.	19 mos.	36 mos.
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>			25,386			11,354

Note: First State parole discharges are those released from parole supervision for the first time for a particular offense.

## Admissions to Federal prisons

- In 1987 Federal prisons reported admitting 26,451 persons — 14,469 with sentences of more than 12 months; 10,822 with sentences of 12 months or less; and 1,160 for whom sentence length data were not reported (table 5-1).

- Men comprised 89% of all Federal admissions.

- Whites made up 78% of offenders admitted to Federal prison; blacks, 20%; 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 34 compared to 30).

- About 11% of blacks admitted to Federal prison compared to 4% of whites were violent offenders. Over a third of both racial groups were entering prison for drug offenses (table 5-2).

- Among Hispanics admitted to Federal prison, more than 60% were immigration violators, and more than 30% 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; 30% for trafficking; and 22% for other or unspecified drug offenses (table 5-5).

- Among prisoners admitted with sentences of 12 months or less, 42% were convicted of immigration law violations; 18% were convicted of drug violations; and 16% were convicted of fraudulent offenses, such as embezzlement, fraud, or counterfeiting.

- Overall, only 7% of persons admitted to Federal prison in 1987 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 20% of all admissions, heavily influenced this median.

- The median sentence of admissions for violent offenses (96 months) was twice that for drug offenses (48 months). The median sentence for property offenses was 18 months and for public-order offenses, 4 months.

- For those entering prison with a sentence of more than 12 months, the median maximum sentence was 48 months; for violent offenses, 120 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 6 months longer than that

of women (median sentences of 24 months and 18 months, respectively) (table 5-8).

- The overall median sentence length for whites admitted to prison was 18 months, a median influenced by the large number of short sentences among immigration violators. The median sentence for blacks was 36 months.

- Among persons admitted to prison with sentences of more than 12 months, blacks received an overall median maximum sentence of 12 months longer than that for whites (60 months versus 48 months) (table 5-9). However, blacks and whites had the same median maximum sentences for the major categories of violent, property, drug, and public-order offenses.

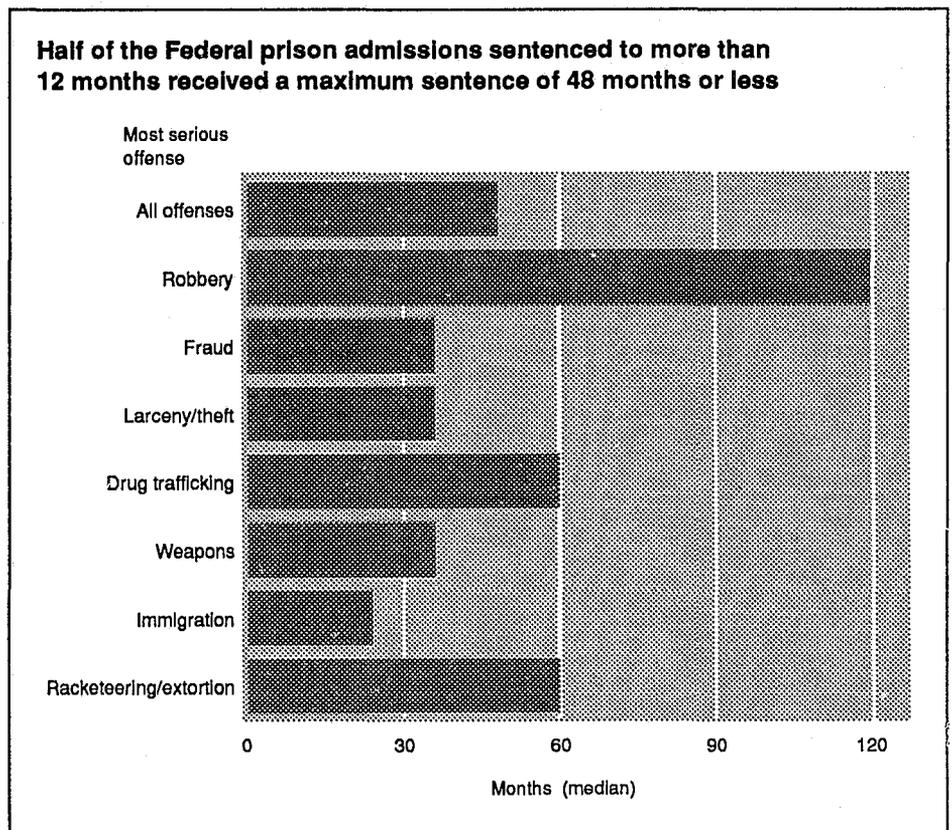


Figure 5-1. Maximum sentence length for new court commitments, by offense

**Table 5--1. Federal prison admissions, 1987:  
Selected demographic characteristics,  
by sentence length**

Selected characteristic	Federal prison admissions		
	All	Total maximum sentence length <sup>*</sup>	
		12 months or less	More than 12 months
<b>Total</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	89.4 %	88.2 %	90.3 %
Female	10.6	11.8	9.7
<b>Race</b>			
White	77.9 %	82.5 %	73.3 %
Black	20.3	16.1	24.5
Other	1.8	1.4	2.3
<b>Hispanic origin</b>			
Hispanic	36.1 %	48.5 %	23.8 %
Non-Hispanic	63.9	51.5	76.2
<b>Age at admission</b>			
Under 18	0.2 %	0.2 %	0.2 %
18-24	19.2	26.5	12.0
25-29	21.2	23.2	19.5
30-34	19.6	17.9	21.2
35-44	25.5	20.3	30.4
45-54	10.0	7.9	11.9
55 and older	4.4	4.0	4.8
<b>Median age</b>	32 yrs.	30 yrs.	34 yrs.
<b>Education</b>			
8th grade or less	17.3 %	14.1 %	17.9 %
9th-11th grade	25.4	26.1	25.3
High school graduate	52.9	55.1	52.5
Some college	4.4	4.7	4.3
<b>Median education</b>	12 th grade	12 th grade	12 th grade
<b>Number of admissions</b>	26,451	10,822	14,469

Note: Data on sex were reported for 100% of the 26,451 admissions to prison, data on race for 100%, data on ethnicity for 100%, data on education for 100%, and data on

age for 100%.  
<sup>\*</sup>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, 1987: Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions						
	Total	Sex		Race			Hispanic origin
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other	
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	6.5 %	6.7 %	4.2 %	4.4 %	11.4 %	41.3 %	1.9 %
Homicide	0.6	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.5	12.7	0.3
Kidnaping	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.0
Rape	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.4	6.0	0.0
Other sexual assault	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.5	0.0
Robbery	3.8	4.0	2.0	2.8	7.7	1.7	0.9
Assault	1.5	1.5	1.1	0.9	2.5	18.0	0.6
Other violent	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
<b>Property offenses</b>	21.8 %	19.8 %	38.5 %	18.0 %	36.2 %	19.7 %	5.4 %
Fraud offense	14.6	13.0	28.9	12.8	22.2	9.7	3.6
Embezzlement	1.8	1.2	6.8	1.6	2.1	2.5	0.3
Fraud	9.4	8.7	15.4	8.6	13.1	5.8	2.4
Forgery	2.1	1.7	5.7	1.2	5.8	0.6	0.4
Counterfeiting	1.3	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.5
Nonfraud offense	7.2	6.8	9.6	5.2	14.0	10.0	1.8
Burglary	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.9	3.1	0.4
Larceny/theft	4.5	4.1	7.7	2.8	10.9	4.1	1.2
Arson	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.2	0.0
Motor vehicle theft	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.1
Other property	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.2	0.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	36.2 %	35.9 %	38.9 %	36.6 %	36.3 %	20.3 %	30.9 %
Possession	1.4	1.3	2.0	1.4	1.3	0.8	1.5
Trafficking	20.4	20.4	20.6	20.6	20.5	12.7	18.7
Other drug	14.4	14.2	16.3	14.6	14.5	6.8	10.7
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	34.1 %	36.1 %	17.8 %	39.8 %	13.9 %	15.6 %	61.1 %
Regulatory offense	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.5
Nonregulatory public-order	33.2	35.2	17.0	38.9	13.1	14.8	60.6
Weapons	3.5	3.9	0.7	3.2	5.0	1.7	1.5
Immigration	22.0	23.3	10.8	27.7	1.9	1.5	57.2
Tax law violations	2.0	2.1	1.2	2.4	0.9	0.6	0.2
Racketeering and extortion	1.6	1.7	0.9	1.8	0.7	2.3	0.4
Other public-order	4.1	4.2	3.4	3.8	4.6	8.7	1.3
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.4 %	1.5 %	0.9 %	1.2 %	2.2 %	2.9 %	0.4 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	26,451	23,659	2,792	20,600	5,369	482	9,558

**Table 5-3. Federal prison admissions, 1987: Sex, race, and Hispanic origin, by offense**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions								
	Number	All	Sex		Race			Hispanic origin	
			Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
<b>All offenses</b>	26,451	100.0 %	89.4 %	10.6 %	77.9 %	20.3 %	1.8 %	36.1 %	63.9 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,722	100.0 %	93.2 %	6.8 %	52.6 %	35.9 %	11.6 %	10.9 %	89.1 %
Homicide	154	100.0	84.4	15.6	41.6	18.8	39.6	18.2	81.8
Kidnaping	46	100.0	91.3	8.7	78.3	17.4	4.3	2.2	97.8
Rape	63	100.0	100.0	0.0	23.8	30.2	46.0	3.2	96.8
Other sexual assault	28	100.0	100.0	0.0	32.1	25.0	42.9	7.1	92.9
Robbery	998	100.0	94.5	5.5	57.6	41.6	0.8	8.8	91.2
Assault	397	100.0	91.9	8.1	44.3	33.8	21.9	15.4	84.6
Other violent	36	100.0	94.4	5.6	83.3	16.7	0.0	16.7	83.3
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,773	100.0 %	81.4 %	18.6 %	64.7 %	33.6 %	1.7 %	9.0 %	91.0 %
Fraud offense	3,879	100.0	79.3	20.7	68.1	30.7	1.2	8.8	91.2
Embezzlement	464	100.0	59.3	40.7	72.6	24.8	2.6	6.3	93.8
Fraud	2,497	100.0	82.8	17.2	70.8	28.1	1.1	9.1	90.9
Forgery	568	100.0	72.0	28.0	45.1	54.4	0.5	7.4	92.6
Counterfeiting	350	100.0	92.3	7.7	80.6	18.3	1.1	12.6	87.4
Nonfraud offense	1,894	100.0	85.9	14.1	57.7	39.7	2.6	9.2	90.8
Burglary	130	100.0	90.8	9.2	51.5	36.9	11.5	30.8	69.2
Larceny/theft	1,180	100.0	81.9	18.1	48.6	49.7	1.7	9.7	90.3
Arson	61	100.0	96.7	3.3	77.0	13.1	9.8	0.0	100.0
Motor vehicle theft	187	100.0	94.7	5.3	79.7	19.3	1.1	2.7	97.3
Other property	336	100.0	91.4	8.6	76.5	21.7	1.8	4.2	95.8
<b>Drug offenses</b>	9,570	100.0 %	88.7 %	11.3 %	78.6 %	20.3 %	1.0 %	30.9 %	69.1 %
Possession	363	100.0	84.8	15.2	79.6	19.3	1.1	39.4	60.6
Trafficking	5,397	100.0	89.3	10.7	78.5	20.4	1.1	33.2	66.8
Other drug	3,810	100.0	88.1	11.9	78.7	20.4	0.9	26.9	73.1
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	9,014	100.0 %	94.5 %	5.5 %	90.9 %	8.2 %	0.8 %	64.9 %	35.1 %
Regulatory offense	230	100.0	90.9	9.1	80.4	17.8	1.7	22.6	77.4
Nonregulatory public-order	8,784	100.0	94.6	5.4	91.2	8.0	0.8	66.0	34.0
Weapons	931	100.0	98.0	2.0	70.5	28.7	0.9	15.0	85.0
Immigration	5,808	100.0	94.8	5.2	98.1	1.8	0.1	94.2	5.8
Tax law violations	541	100.0	93.9	6.1	90.9	8.5	0.6	3.3	96.7
Racketeering and extortion	428	100.0	94.2	5.8	88.1	9.3	2.6	9.8	90.2
Other public-order	1,076	100.0	91.3	8.7	73.1	23.0	3.9	11.9	88.1
<b>Other offenses</b>	372	100.0 %	93.0 %	7.0 %	64.2 %	32.0 %	3.8 %	11.6 %	88.4 %

**Table 5-4. Federal prison admissions, 1987: Age at time of admission, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Age at admission for Federal prison admissions								Median age at admission
		All	Under 18	18-24	25-29	30-34	35-44	45-54	55 or older	
<b>All offenses</b>	26,451	100.0 %	0.2 %	19.2 %	21.2 %	19.6 %	25.5 %	10.0 %	4.4 %	32 yrs.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,722	100.0 %	0.7 %	19.9 %	23.0 %	21.4 %	25.4 %	7.1 %	2.5 %	31 yrs.
Homicide	154	100.0	3.2	28.6	19.5	16.2	20.1	7.8	4.5	29
Kidnaping	46	100.0	0.0	13.0	23.9	19.6	26.1	15.2	2.2	33
Rape	63	100.0	4.8	30.2	23.8	17.5	15.9	6.3	1.6	28
Other sexual assault	28	100.0	3.6	42.9	10.7	21.4	7.1	14.3	0.0	27
Robbery	998	100.0	0.0	15.7	23.0	23.1	28.9	7.3	2.0	32
Assault	397	100.0	0.8	24.4	24.7	20.7	21.2	4.8	3.5	30
Other violent	36	100.0	0.0	19.4	27.8	16.7	27.8	8.3	0.0	32
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,773	100.0 %	0.1 %	13.4 %	18.7 %	18.7 %	28.9 %	13.8 %	6.4 %	34 yrs.
Fraud offense	3,879	100.0	0.0	11.0	17.6	18.0	29.9	15.8	7.8	36
Embezzlement	464	100.0	0.0	11.4	20.3	18.3	30.4	14.7	5.0	34
Fraud	2,497	100.0	0.0	9.0	14.8	16.9	31.1	18.5	9.8	38
Forgery	568	100.0	0.0	15.0	25.0	23.5	26.5	7.6	2.5	32
Counterfeiting	350	100.0	0.0	18.6	22.0	16.3	26.0	11.1	6.0	32
Nonfraud offense	1,894	100.0	0.4	18.4	20.9	20.2	26.7	9.7	3.6	32
Burglary	130	100.0	0.8	32.8	21.1	16.4	25.8	3.1	0.0	28
Larceny/theft	1,180	100.0	0.4	18.7	23.0	22.4	25.4	7.5	2.5	31
Arson	61	100.0	1.6	19.7	14.8	23.0	16.4	18.0	6.6	32
Motor vehicle theft	187	100.0	0.5	11.2	19.3	16.0	30.5	13.9	8.6	36
Other property	336	100.0	0.0	15.8	15.5	16.1	31.5	15.8	5.4	35
<b>Drug offenses</b>	9,570	100.0 %	0.1 %	13.1 %	20.9 %	22.0 %	30.6 %	10.0 %	3.4 %	33 yrs.
Possession	363	100.0	0.0	24.0	25.3	22.6	21.8	5.5	0.8	30
Trafficking	5,397	100.0	0.1	13.9	20.8	22.4	29.3	10.1	3.4	33
Other drug	3,810	100.0	0.0	11.0	20.5	21.3	33.2	10.3	3.8	34
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	9,014	100.0 %	0.2 %	29.2 %	22.8 %	17.3 %	18.1 %	8.1 %	4.2 %	29 yrs.
Regulatory offense	230	100.0	0.0	8.7	18.3	13.0	32.2	18.3	9.6	38
Nonregulatory public-order	8,784	100.0	0.2	29.8	22.9	17.5	17.7	7.8	4.1	29
Weapons	931	100.0	0.1	10.3	20.5	24.0	30.6	9.5	5.0	33
Immigration	5,808	100.0	0.3	39.6	26.4	17.2	12.2	3.6	0.7	26
Tax law violations	541	100.0	0.0	0.6	1.5	8.3	34.9	29.0	25.7	46
Racketeering and extortion	428	100.0	0.0	4.9	9.8	15.4	31.3	24.5	14.0	40
Other public-order	1,076	100.0	0.2	18.1	22.0	18.8	22.1	11.9	6.9	32
<b>Other offenses</b>	372	100.0 %	0.0 %	16.7 %	25.0 %	20.7 %	21.8 %	8.3 %	7.5 %	32 yrs.

**Table 5-5. Federal prison admissions, 1987:  
Offense, by sentence length**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions		
	All	Maximum sentence length*	
		12 months or less	More than 12 months
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	6.5 %	2.0 %	10.4 %
Homicide	0.6	0.1	1.0
Kidnaping	0.2	0.0	0.3
Rape	0.2	0.1	0.4
Other sexual assault	0.1	0.0	0.2
Robbery	3.8	0.8	6.3
Assault	1.5	0.9	2.0
Other violent	0.1	0.1	0.2
<b>Property offenses</b>	21.8 %	23.4 %	21.9 %
Fraud offense	14.6	16.4	14.0
Embezzlement	1.8	2.6	1.2
Fraud	9.4	10.2	9.2
Forgery	2.1	2.5	2.0
Counterfeiting	1.3	1.1	1.6
Nonfraud offense	7.2	7.0	7.9
Burglary	0.5	0.2	0.8
Larceny/theft	4.5	4.8	4.5
Arson	0.2	0.1	0.4
Motor vehicle theft	0.7	0.6	0.9
Other property	1.3	1.3	1.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	36.2 %	18.2 %	52.4 %
Possession	1.4	2.8	0.3
Trafficking	20.4	9.3	30.3
Other drug	14.4	6.1	21.8
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	34.1 %	54.5 %	14.6 %
Regulatory offense	0.9	1.1	0.7
Nonregulatory public-order	33.2	53.4	13.9
Weapons	3.5	2.6	4.5
Immigration	22.0	41.9	2.9
Tax law violations	2.0	3.2	1.3
Racketeering and extortion	1.6	0.8	2.4
Other public-order	4.1	4.9	2.8
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.4 %	2.2 %	0.8 %
<b>Number of admissions</b>	26,451	10,822	14,469

Note: Data on offenses and sentence length were reported for 95.6% of the 26,451 admissions to prison.

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

**Table 5-6. Federal prison admissions, 1987: Sentence length, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Maximum sentence length in months for Federal prison admissions													
		All	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
<b>All offenses</b>	25,291	100.0 %	35.3 %	7.5 %	4.9 %	9.4 %	9.8 %	4.9 %	8.9 %	8.0 %	6.0 %	2.6 %	1.6 %	0.7 %	0.2 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,709	100.0 %	9.0 %	3.8 %	2.6 %	4.7 %	5.9 %	4.0 %	10.3 %	15.4 %	17.8 %	11.0 %	9.1 %	3.6 %	2.8 %
Homicide	152	100.0	5.9	1.3	0.0	3.3	4.6	2.6	9.9	9.9	9.2	11.8	9.9	11.2	20.4
Kidnaping	43	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	9.3	14.0	16.3	4.7	20.9	11.6	18.6
Rape	63	100.0	7.9	6.3	6.3	4.8	12.7	3.2	6.3	12.7	15.9	7.9	7.9	6.3	1.6
Other sexual assault	28	100.0	7.1	3.6	0.0	7.1	14.3	3.6	7.1	10.7	17.9	0.0	14.3	7.1	7.1
Robbery	997	100.0	5.7	2.7	2.2	3.6	4.8	3.6	11.6	19.1	22.4	13.5	8.1	2.4	0.2
Assault	391	100.0	19.2	6.6	3.8	8.2	6.9	5.1	7.9	10.5	11.3	6.6	10.7	2.3	0.8
Other violent	35	100.0	14.3	14.3	11.4	8.6	20.0	8.6	11.4	0.0	2.9	5.7	0.0	0.0	2.9
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,677	100.0 %	32.6 %	12.0 %	7.2 %	12.6 %	11.8 %	5.3 %	8.8 %	5.0 %	3.1 %	0.9 %	0.4 %	0.4 %	0.0 %
Fraud offense	3,806	100.0	34.2	12.7	7.4	13.0	11.9	5.3	8.3	4.0	2.2	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.0
Embezzlement	453	100.0	51.2	10.8	6.2	10.2	9.5	2.9	5.5	2.0	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Fraud	2,442	100.0	33.0	12.5	7.5	13.0	11.9	5.7	9.0	4.1	2.5	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.0
Forgery	561	100.0	31.4	16.9	7.1	13.9	13.0	4.6	7.5	2.7	2.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0
Counterfeiting	350	100.0	24.9	10.0	9.1	15.7	12.9	6.9	8.3	8.3	2.6	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nonfraud offense	1,871	100.0	29.5	10.7	6.7	11.8	11.7	5.4	9.7	6.8	4.8	1.5	0.6	0.9	0.0
Burglary	129	100.0	13.2	2.3	3.9	5.4	10.9	4.7	9.3	22.5	14.7	9.3	1.6	2.3	0.0
Larceny/theft	1,167	100.0	33.3	11.3	7.1	13.0	11.8	4.5	8.6	4.9	3.6	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.0
Arson	61	100.0	9.8	4.9	8.2	16.4	11.5	4.9	8.2	11.5	16.4	0.0	4.9	3.3	0.0
Motor vehicle theft	187	100.0	18.7	14.4	5.9	12.3	12.8	8.0	16.6	5.9	4.3	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.0
Other property	327	100.0	32.1	10.7	6.4	8.6	10.7	7.6	10.4	7.3	3.1	1.8	0.3	0.9	0.0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	9,546	100.0 %	14.5 %	6.1 %	4.8 %	10.4 %	13.6 %	7.5 %	13.2 %	13.8 %	9.7 %	3.7 %	1.9 %	0.7 %	0.0 %
Possession	346	100.0	62.4	24.3	2.6	2.9	1.7	1.4	2.9	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Trafficking	5,395	100.0	12.6	6.2	4.8	10.3	14.2	7.1	14.9	14.4	9.6	3.3	1.8	0.7	0.0
Other drug	3,805	100.0	12.8	4.5	5.1	11.1	13.8	8.6	11.6	14.1	10.7	4.4	2.3	0.9	0.1
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	8,006	100.0 %	66.7 %	6.8 %	4.0 %	6.9 %	5.0 %	1.8 %	3.9 %	1.8 %	1.4 %	0.9 %	0.5 %	0.3 %	0.0 %
Regulatory offense	224	100.0	39.7	12.5	6.7	16.1	9.4	0.9	6.3	3.6	1.8	1.3	1.8	0.0	0.0
Nonregulatory public-order	7,782	100.0	67.5	6.7	3.9	6.6	4.9	1.8	3.8	1.8	1.3	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.0
Weapons	925	100.0	20.3	9.7	6.9	18.8	11.2	4.8	14.4	4.4	3.4	4.5	1.1	0.4	0.0
Immigration	4,959	100.0	87.8	3.7	2.7	3.0	1.7	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tax law violations	531	100.0	45.6	18.8	4.9	9.6	10.5	3.0	4.0	2.1	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0
Racketeering and extortion	428	100.0	11.2	7.9	3.7	11.7	11.9	6.1	13.3	11.7	9.1	4.9	4.2	4.2	0.0
Other public-order	939	100.0	44.6	12.1	6.8	10.0	9.4	3.3	6.0	3.2	3.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
<b>Other offenses</b>	353	100.0 %	59.5 %	7.4 %	4.5 %	8.2 %	4.5 %	2.8 %	3.4 %	3.7 %	2.8 %	1.1 %	0.6 %	0.8 %	0.6 %

Note: Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

**Table 5--7. Federal prison admissions, 1987: Sentence length, by offense**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions					
	All admissions <sup>a</sup>			Total sentence of more than 12 months <sup>b</sup>		
	Number	Median <sup>c</sup>	Mean <sup>d</sup>	Number	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	25,291	24 mos.	44 mos.	14,469	48 mos.	73 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,709	96 mos.	116 mos.	1,492	120 mos.	133 mos.
Homicide	152	180	207	141	185	228
Kidnaping	43	240	200	43	240	200
Rape	63	72	115	54	90	134
Other sexual assault	28	96	120	25	120	134
Robbery	997	104	116	913	120	126
Assault	391	60	88	291	84	117
Other violent	35	36	39	25	36	53
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,677	18 mos.	32 mos.	3,150	36 mos.	52 mos.
Fraud offense	3,806	18	28	2,028	36	47
Embezzlement	453	6	20	172	36	43
Fraud	2,442	18	29	1,336	36	47
Forgery	561	18	27	291	36	45
Counterfeiting	350	24	34	229	36	48
Nonfraud offense	1,871	24	40	1,122	42	63
Burglary	129	72	87	109	84	101
Larceny/theft	1,167	18	33	646	36	55
Arson	61	40	74	52	60	86
Motor vehicle theft	187	30	39	125	48	54
Other property	327	24	41	190	48	66
<b>Drug offenses</b>	9,546	48 mos.	61 mos.	7,583	60 mos.	75 mos.
Possession	346	6	12	48	36	48
Trafficking	5,395	48	61	4,382	60	73
Other drug	3,805	48	65	3,153	60	77
<b>Public--order offenses</b>	8,006	4 mos.	18 mos.	2,126	36 mos.	58 mos.
Regulatory offense	224	12	28	107	36	52
Nonregulatory public--order	7,782	4	18	2,019	36	58
Weapons	925	24	44	649	36	59
Immigration	4,959	2	5	425	24	29
Tax law violations	531	12	19	189	36	43
Racketeering and extortion	428	48	89	346	60	109
Other public--order	939	12	25	410	36	51
<b>Other offenses</b>	353	6 mos.	27 mos.	118	42 mos.	73 mos.

Note: Median and mean sentence lengths refer to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes 1,160 admissions with an unknown total maximum sentence length.

<sup>b</sup>Includes only those admission with a total maximum sentence length of more than 12 months for all offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>d</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 5-8. Federal prison admissions, 1987: 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 origin	
	Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	24 mos.	45 mos.	18 mos.	32 mos.	18 mos.	41 mos.	36 mos.	53 mos.	36 mos.	57 mos.	6 mos.	32 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	96 mos.	119 mos.	60 mos.	75 mos.	96 mos.	120 mos.	120 mos.	125 mos.	48 mos.	74 mos.	84 mos.	132 mos.
Homicide	194	226	60	123	265	315	300	234	96	117	364	419
Kidnaping	240	207	---	---	216	206	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rape	72	115	---	---	120	147	120	155	38	74	---	---
Other sexual assault	96	120	---	---	---	---	---	---	108	120	---	---
Robbery	108	119	60	61	96	109	120	126	---	---	83	108
Assault	60	91	48	58	60	101	72	107	30	35	36	78
Other violent	36	41	---	---	36	44	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	24 mos.	34 mos.	12 mos.	23 mos.	24 mos.	34 mos.	17 mos.	28 mos.	18 mos.	34 mos.	18 mos.	38 mos.
Fraud offense	18	30	12	20	18	30	12	24	14	34	12	25
Embezzlement	12	23	6	16	9	21	6	18	6	20	6	18
Fraud	18	30	12	21	18	30	15	25	21	44	12	26
Forgery	18	28	12	24	21	32	12	23	---	---	12	22
Counterfeiting	24	35	12	22	24	36	24	28	---	---	18	29
Nonfraud offense	24	42	18	30	24	45	18	33	23	34	36	61
Burglary	72	89	60	58	60	87	90	102	24	35	96	123
Larceny/theft	18	34	13	28	24	38	18	28	12	40	24	42
Arson	48	76	---	---	48	82	---	---	---	---	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	24	38	42	47	36	42	21	25	---	---	---	---
Other property	24	42	12	33	24	45	12	26	---	---	54	59
<b>Drug offenses</b>	48 mos.	63 mos.	36 mos.	43 mos.	45 mos.	60 mos.	48 mos.	63 mos.	48 mos.	65 mos.	48 mos.	66 mos.
Possession	6	12	6	10	6	12	6	12	---	---	5	12
Trafficking	48	63	36	45	48	61	48	61	42	56	48	65
Other drug	48	68	36	45	48	64	48	70	84	89	60	77
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	5 mos.	18 mos.	4 mos.	16 mos.	4 mos.	16 mos.	18 mos.	33 mos.	18 mos.	43 mos.	2 mos.	8 mos.
Regulatory offense	12	29	6	16	12	26	12	37	---	---	14	42
Nonregulatory public-order	4	18	3	16	4	16	18	33	18	44	2	7
Weapons	24	43	24	60	24	42	24	49	---	---	24	37
Immigration	2	5	1	5	2	5	4	11	---	---	2	5
Tax law violations	12	19	12	16	12	19	12	25	---	---	12	35
Racketeering and extortion	48	91	30	68	48	92	36	53	120	120	60	108
Other public-order	12	25	6	24	12	26	12	20	12	35	18	30
<b>Other offenses</b>	6 mos.	28 mos.	6 mos.	17 mos.	6 mos.	26 mos.	6 mos.	31 mos.	6 mos.	19 mos.	24 mos.	79 mos.
<b>Number of admissions</b>	22,604		2,687		19,528		5,284		479		8,697	

Note: Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.  
 --- No mean or median was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."  
<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 5-9. Federal prison admissions sentenced to more than 12 months, 1987:  
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 origin	
	Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	60 mos.	75 mos.	36 mos.	56 mos.	48 mos.	72 mos.	60 mos.	75 mos.	60 mos.	81 mos.	60 mos.	76 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	120 mos.	135 mos.	72 mos.	103 mos.	120 mos.	135 mos.	120 mos.	140 mos.	60 mos.	94 mos.	96 mos.	152 mos.
Homicide	216	240	120	159	348	346	300	234	108	133	364	419
Kidnaping	240	207	---	---	216	206	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rape	90	134	---	---	149	183	162	173	46	85	---	---
Other sexual assault	120	134	---	---	---	---	---	---	120	130	---	---
Robbery	120	128	72	82	108	118	120	136	---	---	90	115
Assault	84	119	60	92	120	133	112	132	36	51	60	107
Other violent	36	54	---	---	36	54	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	36 mos.	54 mos.	36 mos.	44 mos.	36 mos.	55 mos.	36 mos.	47 mos.	36 mos.	58 mos.	36 mos.	62 mos.
Fraud offense	36	48	36	41	36	49	36	42	36	61	36	45
Embezzlement	36	47	36	36	36	44	36	42	---	---	36	41
Fraud	36	49	36	40	36	49	36	43	48	68	36	47
Forgery	36	45	36	46	36	52	36	39	---	---	36	37
Counterfeiting	36	49	36	39	36	50	28	41	---	---	36	44
Nonfraud offense	48	64	36	52	48	67	36	55	36	56	60	84
Burglary	84	104	---	---	84	100	96	113	---	---	96	136
Larceny/theft	36	56	36	49	40	60	36	48	---	---	36	61
Arson	60	87	---	---	68	97	---	---	---	---	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	48	54	---	---	48	59	36	36	---	---	---	---
Other property	48	66	48	65	48	70	48	50	---	---	60	73
<b>Drug offenses</b>	60 mos.	76 mos.	48 mos.	59 mos.	60 mos.	74 mos.	60 mos.	75 mos.	60 mos.	76 mos.	60 mos.	81 mos.
Possession	36	50	---	---	36	50	36	39	---	---	54	57
Trafficking	60	75	48	59	60	74	60	72	48	66	60	79
Other drug	60	79	48	60	60	76	60	81	84	92	60	86
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	36 mos.	58 mos.	36 mos.	54 mos.	36 mos.	57 mos.	36 mos.	57 mos.	60 mos.	79 mos.	24 mos.	43 mos.
Regulatory offense	36	53	---	---	30	48	36	73	---	---	36	77
Nonregulatory public-order	36	58	36	56	36	58	36	57	60	81	24	41
Weapons	36	59	36	69	36	58	36	63	---	---	41	54
Immigration	24	29	30	31	24	29	36	37	---	---	24	29
Tax law violations	36	43	24	34	36	42	38	50	---	---	---	---
Racketeering and extortion	60	110	36	83	60	112	36	67	---	---	60	131
Other public-order	36	50	36	53	36	52	36	43	54	66	36	47
<b>Other offenses</b>	36 mos.	73 mos.	---	---	36 mos.	71 mos.	48 mos.	81 mos.	---	---	72 mos.	127 mos.
<b>Number of admissions</b>	13,061		1,408		10,600		3,540		329		3,444	

Note: Median and mean sentence lengths refer to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.  
 --- No mean or median was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

<sup>a</sup>Includes only those admissions with a total maximum sentence length of more than 12 months for all offenses.

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 5-10. Federal prison admissions, all sentence lengths and sentences of more than 12 months, 1987: Sentence length and minimum time to be served, by offense**

Most serious offense	Federal prison admissions									
	All admissions <sup>a</sup>					Maximum sentence of more than 12 months <sup>b</sup>				
	Number	Maximum sentence <sup>c</sup>		Minimum time to be served <sup>d</sup>		Number	Maximum sentence		Minimum time to be served	
Median <sup>e</sup>		Mean <sup>f</sup>	Median	Mean	Median		Mean	Median	Mean	
<b>All offenses</b>	23,277	24 mos.	47 mos.	13 mos.	26 mos.	14,402	48 mos.	73 mos.	26 mos.	40 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,651	96 mos.	118 mos.	42 mos.	67 mos.	1,460	120 mos.	133 mos.	52 mos.	75 mos.
Homicide	134	120	207	61	122	123	180	228	68	133
Kidnaping	42	228	200	136	152	42	228	200	136	152
Rape	61	72	116	34	61	52	83	135	41	71
Other sexual assault	27	96	120	49	82	24	108	134	58	92
Robbery	983	108	117	47	62	906	120	126	53	67
Assault	372	60	92	29	51	288	84	118	41	65
Other violent	32	36	43	15	35	25	36	53	21	44
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,431	24 mos.	33 mos.	10 mos.	17 mos.	3,140	36 mos.	52 mos.	20 mos.	27 mos.
Fraud offense	3,650	18	29	9	16	2,025	36	47	19	25
Embezzlement	435	9	21	5	11	172	36	43	17	23
Fraud	2,339	18	30	10	17	1,333	36	47	21	27
Forgery	529	18	28	8	14	291	36	45	16	22
Counterfeiting	347	24	34	11	17	229	36	48	19	24
Nonfraud offense	1,781	24	42	12	21	1,115	42	62	21	31
Burglary	127	72	88	26	39	108	84	102	34	45
Larceny/theft	1,103	24	35	9	17	643	36	55	18	27
Arson	61	40	74	27	44	52	60	86	32	51
Motor vehicle theft	183	30	39	14	21	124	48	54	22	28
Other property	307	24	42	13	22	188	48	65	24	33
<b>Drug offenses</b>	9,338	48 mos.	62 mos.	23 mos.	34 mos.	7,567	60 mos.	75 mos.	30 mos.	40 mos.
Possession	295	6	13	4	7	47	36	48	16	26
Trafficking	5,293	48	62	23	33	4,375	60	73	29	39
Other drug	3,750	48	66	24	36	3,145	60	77	31	43
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	6,503	6 mos.	22 mos.	4 mos.	13 mos.	2,118	36 mos.	58 mos.	19 mos.	33 mos.
Regulatory offense	206	18	30	8	16	107	36	52	17	28
Nonregulatory public-order	6,297	6	22	4	12	2,011	36	58	19	33
Weapons	904	24	45	16	27	647	36	60	24	37
Immigration	3,629	3	6	2	4	423	24	29	11	13
Tax law violations	504	12	20	6	12	189	36	43	19	24
Racketeering and extortion	422	48	90	28	50	346	60	109	35	59
Other public-order	838	12	28	7	17	406	36	51	19	30
<b>Other offenses</b>	304	6 mos.	31 mos.	4 mos.	17 mos.	117	41 mos.	73 mos.	17 mos.	39 mos.

<sup>a</sup>Excludes 1,160 admissions with an unknown total maximum sentence length.

<sup>b</sup>Includes only those admissions with a total maximum sentence length of more than 12 months for all offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.

<sup>d</sup>Minimum 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 83.8% of all prison admissions.

<sup>e</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>f</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

## Releases from Federal prisons

- In 1987, 40% of the 25,020 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 statute rather than a parole board decision, comprised 43% of the conditional releases.
- For first releases with a sentence of 12 months or less, 99% of those 11,806 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, 15% left prison when their sentence expired, and 82% left before expiration, with conditions attached to the remainder of the sentence.
- Males constituted the majority (90%) of all releases from Federal prison (table 6-2). Whites accounted for 76% of the releases; blacks, 22%; and members of other races, 2%.
- Hispanics comprised 37% of the first releases from Federal prison. Half of all releases with sentences of 12 months or less were Hispanic.
- About 60% of first releases from Federal prison in 1987 had served 1 to 12 months, 22% had served 13 to 24 months; and 19% had served more than 24 months (table 6-3).
- Among first releases with sentences of 12 months or less, 56% served less than 4 months before their release. The median time served was 3 months (table 6-4). This relatively low median reflects immigration offenders who served a median of 2 months, and who accounted for 44% of first releases with sentences of 12 months or less.
- Of first releases sentenced to more than 12 months, half served 20 months or less before their release (table 6-5).

- First releases with sentences of more than 12 months served a median of 44 months in prison for violent offenses; 21 months for drug offenses; 18 months for property offenses; and 17 months for public-order offenses.
- Among individual offenses, the median time served for kidnaping was 64 months; for robbery and assault, 45 months; for rape, 43 months; for homicide, 39 months; for drug trafficking, 21 months; and for drug possession, 13 months.
- Among those first releases with sentences of more than 12 months, men served more time in prison than women for every type of offense, except embezzlement, possession, and immigration (table 6-8).
- Overall, men served a median of 21 months, and women, 17 months. For male violent offenders the median time served was 13 months longer than that

for women; for male property and drug offenders, 4 months longer; and for male public-order offenders, 2 months 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 50 months, and whites served 43 months (table 6-10).
- Except for violent offenders, mandatory releases with sentences of more than 12 months served more time in prison than discretionary releases. For all offenders combined, the median time served for mandatory releases was 24 months, 3 months longer than that served by discretionary releases.
- Prisoners released at the expiration of their term served the least amount of time, a median of 13 months.

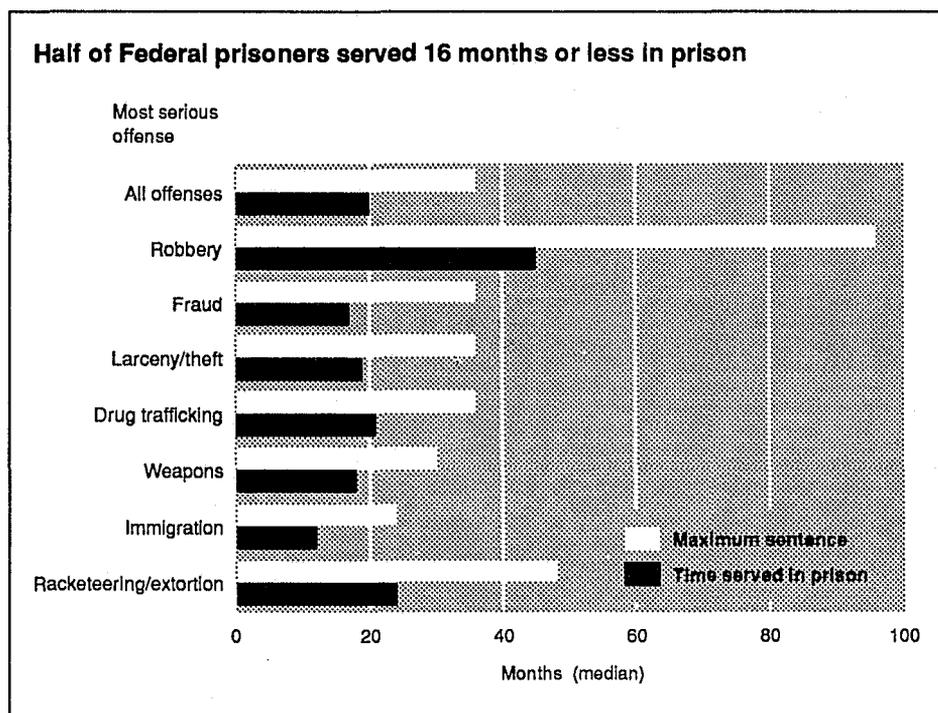


Figure 6-1. First releases from Federal prison: Maximum sentence length and time served in prison, by offense

**Table 6-1. Federal prison releases, 1987: Method of release, by release type and sentence length.**

Method of release	Percent of Federal prison releases			
	All	First*	First releases	
			12 months or less	More than 12 months
<b>All methods</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Conditional release</b>	42.4 %	39.8 %	0.9 %	81.9 %
Parole board decision	24.4	22.4	0.3	46.2
Mandatory parole	17.8	17.2	0.1	35.7
Other conditional	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.0
<b>Unconditional release</b>	56.4 %	58.9 %	98.9 %	15.9 %
Expiration of sentence	55.4	57.9	98.0	14.6
Other unconditional	1.0	1.0	0.9	1.3
<b>Death</b>	0.4 %	0.4 %	0.1 %	0.7 %
<b>Other release</b>	0.8 %	0.9 %	0.3 %	1.5 %
<b>Number of releases</b>	27,258	25,020	11,806	12,052

Note: Data on total maximum sentence length were missing on 1,162 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, 1987: Selected demographic characteristics, by release type and sentence length**

Characteristic	Percent of Federal prison releases			
	All	First releases		
		First <sup>a</sup>	12 months or less	More than 12 months
<b>Total</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Sex</b>				
Male	90.0 %	89.7 %	88.5 %	90.8 %
Female	10.0	10.3	11.5	9.2
<b>Race</b>				
White	75.6 %	77.7 %	83.3 %	70.8 %
Black	22.5	20.4	15.3	26.7
Other	1.9	1.9	1.4	2.6
<b>Hispanic origin</b>				
Hispanic	35.5 %	37.3 %	49.5 %	21.8 %
Non-Hispanic	64.5	62.7	50.5	78.2
<b>Age at release</b>				
Under 18	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %
18-24	16.3	17.5	25.9	7.0
25-29	20.2	20.8	24.0	17.3
30-34	20.1	19.9	18.2	22.0
35-44	27.0	25.7	19.4	33.1
45-54	11.0	10.7	8.1	13.9
55 and older	5.3	5.3	4.4	6.7
<b>Median age</b>	33 yrs.	32 yrs.	30 yrs.	35 yrs.
<b>Education</b>				
8th grade or less	17.4 %	17.5 %	14.6 %	18.2 %
9th-11th grade	25.8	24.9	25.2	24.9
High school graduate	53.8	54.3	55.8	53.9
Some college	3.0	3.2	4.4	3.0
<b>Median education</b>	12 th grade	12 th grade	12 th grade	12 th grade
<b>Number of releases</b>	27,258	25,020	11,806	12,052

Note: Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense. Data on sex were reported for 100% of the 27,258 releases from prison, data on ethnicity for 100%, data on age for 100%, and data on education for 57.9%.  
<sup>a</sup>First releases are persons released for the first time on their current sentence.

**Table 6-3. First releases from Federal prison, 1987: Time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Number of months served in Federal prison										Median time served
		All	1-6	7-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	49-60	61-84	85-119	120 or more	
<b>All offenses</b>	25,020	100.0%	45.5%	14.2%	21.8%	9.1%	4.4%	2.0%	1.9%	0.8%	0.4%	8 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,634	100.0%	11.7%	6.0%	15.6%	13.8%	13.3%	11.0%	17.0%	7.8%	3.7%	39 mos.
Homicide	117	100.0	6.0	12.0	25.6	8.5	7.7	6.8	18.8	7.7	6.8	34
Kidnaping	47	100.0	0.0	8.5	4.3	10.6	19.1	4.3	19.1	14.9	19.1	61
Rape	45	100.0	15.6	6.7	8.9	24.4	11.1	8.9	8.9	8.9	6.7	34
Other sexual assault	18	100.0	5.6	0.0	27.8	22.2	22.2	11.1	11.1	0.0	0.0	30
Robbery	935	100.0	8.1	4.3	15.3	15.5	14.6	13.1	18.9	7.1	3.2	41
Assault	428	100.0	21.7	6.7	14.1	10.3	11.5	9.1	14.6	9.8	2.4	32
Other violent	44	100.0	20.9	18.6	23.3	16.3	11.6	4.7	4.7	0.0	0.0	17
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,846	100.0%	40.4%	20.0%	24.4%	8.9%	3.6%	1.5%	1.0%	0.2%	0.1%	9 mos.
Fraud offense	3,769	100.0	44.2	21.5	22.8	7.2	2.5	1.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	8
Embezzlement	516	100.0	53.9	15.3	21.2	6.9	2.2	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	5
Fraud	2,274	100.0	45.2	21.8	23.1	6.3	2.2	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	8
Forgery	643	100.0	38.2	27.4	21.2	7.6	2.5	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.0	9
Counterfeiting	336	100.0	34.6	18.2	26.6	12.2	4.8	1.5	1.8	0.3	0.0	12
Nonfraud offense	2,077	100.0	33.5	17.3	27.1	12.0	5.7	2.4	1.7	0.2	0.1	12
Burglary	99	100.0	17.2	13.1	31.3	10.1	9.1	8.1	10.1	0.0	1.0	19
Larceny/theft	1,260	100.0	39.6	18.9	24.4	10.4	4.7	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.0	9
Arson	53	100.0	24.5	9.4	17.0	24.5	17.0	0.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	24
Motor vehicle theft	246	100.0	20.7	15.0	37.8	14.2	7.3	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	17
Other property	419	100.0	27.9	15.7	29.4	14.2	5.6	3.9	2.5	0.5	0.2	15
<b>Drug offenses</b>	7,282	100.0%	24.0%	15.8%	34.7%	15.3%	6.6%	2.1%	0.9%	0.4%	0.3%	16 mos.
Possession	390	100.0	69.1	16.7	11.1	0.6	1.4	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	4
Trafficking	4,008	100.0	21.9	16.6	34.8	15.4	7.0	2.2	1.1	0.6	0.4	17
Other drug	2,884	100.0	21.1	14.5	37.6	17.0	6.6	2.0	0.8	0.2	0.2	17
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	9,851	100.0%	71.7%	10.8%	11.0%	3.4%	1.7%	0.7%	0.5%	0.2%	0.1%	3 mos.
Regulatory offense	248	100.0	45.4	20.2	23.5	7.1	2.5	0.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	9
Nonregulatory public-order	9,603	100.0	72.4	10.6	10.7	3.3	1.7	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.1	3
Weapons	979	100.0	26.7	18.5	34.0	10.7	6.0	2.0	1.9	0.2	0.1	14
Immigration	6,543	100.0	89.2	6.4	3.2	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	2
Tax law violations	591	100.0	53.0	22.6	16.8	4.6	2.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	5
Racketeering and extortion	325	100.0	23.4	15.6	27.7	17.1	9.3	3.4	2.5	0.9	0.0	17
Other public-order	1,165	100.0	47.2	18.1	21.9	5.9	3.7	1.9	0.7	0.3	0.3	7
<b>Other offenses</b>	407	100.0%	62.5%	12.2%	13.8%	5.2%	2.1%	1.6%	1.3%	1.0%	0.3%	4 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 the most serious offense and time served are known. First releases are persons released for the first time on their current sentence.

**Table 6-4. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less, 1987: 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
		Number of months served					
		All	1-3	4-6	7-9	10+	
<b>All offenses</b>	11,806	100.0 %	55.6 %	32.2 %	11.4 %	0.8 %	3 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	198	100.0 %	53.9 %	33.2 %	11.9 %	1.0 %	3 mos.
Homicide	7	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kidnaping	3	---	---	---	---	---	---
Rape	8	---	---	---	---	---	---
Other sexual assault	1	---	---	---	---	---	---
Robbery	74	100.0	42.5	42.5	15.1	0.0	4
Assault	98	100.0	66.0	25.5	8.5	0.0	3
Other violent	7	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,753	100.0 %	39.5 %	39.7 %	19.5 %	1.3 %	4 mos.
Fraud offense	1,944	100.0	39.3	39.8	19.6	1.3	4
Embezzlement	309	100.0	39.3	47.1	13.3	0.3	4
Fraud	1,196	100.0	38.8	39.2	21.2	0.8	4
Forgery	311	100.0	42.4	32.2	21.4	3.9	4
Counterfeiting	128	100.0	37.0	45.7	16.5	0.8	4
Nonfraud offense	809	100.0	40.0	39.6	19.1	1.3	4
Burglary	17	100.0	47.1	41.2	11.8	0.0	4
Larceny/theft	568	100.0	40.8	40.8	17.4	0.9	4
Arson	11	100.0	18.2	63.6	18.2	0.0	5
Motor vehicle theft	63	100.0	33.3	36.5	25.4	4.8	4
Other property	150	100.0	40.7	34.5	23.4	1.4	4
<b>Drug offenses</b>	1,948	100.0 %	36.8 %	45.4 %	16.4 %	1.4 %	4 mos.
Possession	301	100.0	56.0	28.9	13.7	1.4	3
Trafficking	974	100.0	34.4	46.1	17.9	1.6	4
Other drug	673	100.0	31.9	51.5	15.4	1.2	4
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	6,653	100.0 %	67.6 %	25.1 %	6.8 %	0.5 %	2 mos.
Regulatory offense	130	100.0	44.8	39.2	16.0	0.0	4
Nonregulatory public-order	6,523	100.0	68.1	24.8	6.6	0.5	2
Weapons	324	100.0	33.3	38.7	26.1	1.9	4
Immigration	5,142	100.0	75.6	21.3	2.9	0.2	2
Tax law violations	389	100.0	39.2	38.4	22.2	0.3	4
Racketeering and extortion	95	100.0	22.0	52.7	22.0	3.3	5
Other public-order	573	100.0	47.9	34.5	15.6	2.0	4
<b>Other offenses</b>	254	100.0 %	60.5 %	31.9 %	6.9 %	0.8 %	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 are known. First releases are persons released for the first time on their current sentence.  
 --- No frequency or median distribution was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.

**Table 6-5. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1987:  
Time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Number of months served in Federal prison										120 or more	Median time served
		All	1-6	7-12	13-24	25-36	37-48	49-60	61-84	85-119			
<b>All offenses</b>	12,052	100.0 %	4.0 %	16.4 %	43.0 %	17.9 %	8.8 %	4.0 %	3.7 %	1.6 %	0.7 %	20 mos.	
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,427	100.0 %	1.5 %	5.0 %	17.7 %	15.7 %	15.2 %	12.5 %	19.4 %	8.9 %	4.2 %	44 mos.	
Homicide	109	100.0	0.9	11.0	27.5	9.2	8.3	7.3	20.2	8.3	7.3	39	
Kidnaping	44	100.0	0.0	2.3	4.5	11.4	20.5	4.5	20.5	15.9	20.5	64	
Rape	37	100.0	0.0	5.4	10.8	29.7	13.5	10.8	10.8	10.8	8.1	43	
Other sexual assault	17	100.0	0.0	0.0	29.4	23.5	23.5	11.8	11.8	0.0	0.0	31	
Robbery	860	100.0	1.5	3.4	16.6	16.8	15.9	14.2	20.5	7.7	3.5	45	
Assault	324	100.0	1.2	6.2	18.2	13.3	14.8	11.7	18.8	12.7	3.1	45	
Other violent	36	100.0	8.3	19.4	27.8	19.4	13.9	5.6	5.6	0.0	0.0	20	
<b>Property offenses</b>	3,001	100.0 %	4.7 %	19.6 %	46.6 %	17.0 %	6.9 %	2.9 %	1.9 %	0.3 %	0.1 %	18 mos.	
Fraud offense	1,756	100.0	5.3	22.5	48.1	15.1	5.2	2.2	1.3	0.2	0.1	17	
Embezzlement	197	100.0	2.0	18.3	54.8	17.8	5.6	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	17	
Fraud	1,025	100.0	6.3	21.9	50.1	13.8	4.7	2.1	0.9	0.1	0.1	17	
Forgery	326	100.0	4.0	29.4	41.1	14.7	4.9	2.8	2.5	0.6	0.0	16	
Counterfeiting	208	100.0	5.3	18.8	42.8	19.7	7.7	2.4	2.9	0.5	0.0	18	
Nonfraud offense	1,245	100.0	3.9	15.4	44.5	19.6	9.4	3.9	2.7	0.4	0.2	20	
Burglary	81	100.0	1.2	13.6	38.3	12.3	11.1	9.9	12.3	0.0	1.2	24	
Larceny/theft	679	100.0	5.2	19.5	44.2	18.9	8.6	1.8	1.5	0.4	0.0	19	
Arson	42	100.0	9.5	7.1	21.4	31.0	21.4	0.0	9.5	0.0	0.0	28	
Motor vehicle theft	183	100.0	3.8	9.8	50.8	19.1	9.8	6.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	21	
Other property	260	100.0	0.8	10.8	46.2	22.3	8.8	6.2	3.8	0.8	0.4	23	
<b>Drug offenses</b>	5,311	100.0 %	3.2 %	15.1 %	47.1 %	20.8 %	8.9 %	2.8 %	1.2 %	0.6 %	0.4 %	21 mos.	
Possession	73	100.0	5.6	23.6	55.6	2.8	6.9	4.2	1.4	0.0	0.0	15	
Trafficking	3,032	100.0	3.7	15.8	45.5	20.2	9.2	2.9	1.4	0.8	0.5	21	
Other drug	2,206	100.0	2.4	13.8	48.9	22.1	8.6	2.6	1.0	0.3	0.2	21	
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	2,179	100.0 %	6.2 %	22.6 %	44.8 %	13.8 %	7.1 %	2.8 %	1.8 %	0.7 %	0.2 %	17 mos.	
Regulatory offense	112	100.0	1.8	25.0	50.0	15.2	5.4	1.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	17	
Nonregulatory public-order	2,067	100.0	6.4	22.5	44.5	13.7	7.2	2.9	1.8	0.8	0.2	17	
Weapons	649	100.0	4.2	13.9	50.8	16.0	9.0	2.9	2.8	0.3	0.2	18	
Immigration	544	100.0	14.2	39.5	33.8	7.0	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.5	0.2	12	
Tax law violations	192	100.0	2.1	23.4	51.0	14.1	7.8	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	17	
Racketeering and extortion	230	100.0	3.0	11.7	38.7	23.9	13.0	4.8	3.5	1.3	0.0	24	
Other public-order	452	100.0	3.8	19.2	48.7	13.3	8.2	4.2	1.3	0.7	0.7	18	
<b>Other offenses</b>	134	100.0 %	6.7 %	20.9 %	39.6 %	14.9 %	6.0 %	4.5 %	3.7 %	3.0 %	0.7 %	18 mos.	

Note: All data exclude persons released from prison by escape, death, transfer, appeal, or detainee. Data are reported for first releases for whom the most serious offense and time served are known. First releases are persons released for the first time on their current sentence.

**Table 6-6. First releases from Federal prison, 1987: Maximum sentence length and time served in prison, by offense**

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison <sup>a</sup>									
	Percent of releases	Sentence lengths of 12 months or less				Sentence lengths of more than 12 months				
		Maximum sentence length <sup>b</sup>		Time served <sup>c</sup>		Maximum sentence length		Time served		
	Median <sup>d</sup>	Mean <sup>e</sup>	Median	Mean	Median	Mean	Median	Mean		
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	5 mos.	5 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	100.0 %	36 mos.	57 mos.	20 mos.	26 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1.7 %	6 mos.	6 mos.	3 mos.	4 mos.	11.8 %	96 mos.	122 mos.	44 mos.	51 mos.
Homicide	0.1	---	---	---	---	0.9	144	163	39	49
Kidnaping	0.0	---	---	---	---	0.4	150	149	64	73
Rape	0.1	---	---	---	---	0.3	72	143	43	55
Other sexual assault	0.0	---	---	---	---	0.1	72	97	31	36
Robbery	0.6	6	7	4	4	7.1	96	119	45	51
Assault	0.8	6	6	3	3	2.7	96	122	45	51
Other violent	0.1	---	---	---	---	0.3	36	43	20	26
<b>Property offenses</b>	23.5 %	6 mos.	6 mos.	4 mos.	4 mos.	24.8 %	36 mos.	45 mos.	18 mos.	22 mos.
Fraud offense	16.7	6	6	4	4	14.5	36	42	17	20
Embezzlement	2.7	6	6	4	4	1.6	36	41	17	20
Fraud	10.3	6	6	4	4	8.5	36	40	17	20
Forgery	2.6	6	7	4	4	2.7	36	47	16	21
Counterfeiting	1.1	6	7	4	4	1.7	36	47	18	23
Nonfraud offense	6.8	6	6	4	4	10.3	36	50	20	24
Burglary	0.1	6	5	4	3	0.7	60	90	24	35
Larceny/theft	4.8	6	6	4	4	5.6	36	45	19	22
Arson	0.1	6	7	5	5	0.3	49	50	28	30
Motor vehicle theft	0.5	6	7	4	5	1.5	42	48	21	24
Other property	1.3	6	7	4	4	2.2	42	53	23	27
<b>Drug offenses</b>	16.5 %	6 mos.	7 mos.	4 mos.	4 mos.	44.1 %	42 mos.	54 mos.	21 mos.	24 mos.
Possession	2.5	6	6	3	4	0.6	36	48	15	19
Trafficking	8.2	6	7	4	4	25.2	36	55	21	24
Other drug	5.8	6	6	4	4	18.3	48	53	21	23
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	56.3 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	2 mos.	3 mos.	21.0 %	36 mos.	39 mos.	17 mos.	21 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.1	6	6	4	4	0.9	36	38	17	19
Nonregulatory public-order	55.2	3	4	2	3	20.1	35	39	17	21
Weapons	2.8	6	7	4	5	5.4	30	39	18	23
Immigration	43.4	2	3	2	2	4.5	24	30	12	16
Tax law violations	3.4	6	6	4	5	4.5	36	41	17	20
Racketeering and extortion	0.8	6	7	5	5	1.9	48	57	24	28
Other public-order	4.8	6	6	4	4	3.8	36	41	18	23
<b>Other offenses</b>	2.2 %	4 mos.	5 mos.	3 mos.	3 mos.	1.1 %	44 mos.	78 mos.	18 mos.	27 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	11,496					12,043				

--- No median or mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.  
<sup>a</sup>First 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.  
<sup>b</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence that an offender may be required to serve for the most serious offense.  
<sup>c</sup>Data on time served in prison are based on all

first releases for whom the most serious offense and time served were reported.  
<sup>d</sup>Includes sentences of "life."  
<sup>e</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 6-7. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less, 1987: 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
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	3 mos.	3 mos.	100.0 %	4 mos.	4 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1.6 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	2.1 %	3 mos.	4 mos.
Homicide	0.0	---	---	0.1	---	---
Kidnaping	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---
Rape	0.1	---	---	0.0	---	---
Other sexual assault	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---
Robbery	0.6	4	4	1.0	4	4
Assault	0.8	2	3	0.9	3	3
Other violent	0.1	---	---	0.1	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	20.2 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	48.1 %	4 mos.	4 mos.
Fraud offense	13.8	4	4	37.5	4	4
Embezzlement	1.7	4	4	10.0	4	4
Fraud	9.1	4	5	18.4	4	4
Forgery	1.9	4	4	8.0	4	5
Counterfeiting	1.1	4	4	1.1	4	5
Nonfraud offense	6.4	4	4	10.6	4	5
Burglary	0.1	4	4	0.1	---	---
Larceny/theft	4.3	4	4	8.8	4	4
Arson	0.1	5	5	0.1	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	0.6	4	5	0.2	---	---
Other property	1.3	4	4	1.4	4	5
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15.7 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	23.0 %	4 mos.	4 mos.
Possession	2.4	3	4	3.6	3	4
Trafficking	8.0	4	5	10.3	4	4
Other drug	5.3	4	4	9.1	4	4
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	60.4 %	2 mos.	3 mos.	25.1 %	2 mos.	3 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.1	4	4	0.9	3	3
Nonregulatory public-order	59.3	2	3	24.2	2	3
Weapons	3.0	4	5	0.5	---	---
Immigration	47.0	2	2	17.3	1	2
Tax law violations	3.5	4	4	2.0	4	5
Racketeering and extortion	0.8	5	5	0.5	---	---
Other public-order	5.0	4	4	3.9	3	4
<b>Other offenses</b>	2.2 %	3 mos.	3 mos.	1.6 %	2 mos.	2 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	10,169			1,327		

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.

**Table 6-8. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1987: 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 Median	Time served Mean		Time served Median	Time served Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	21 mos.	27 mos.	100.0 %	17 mos.	20 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	12.1 %	45 mos.	52 mos.	8.5 %	32 mos.	32 mos.
Homicide	0.8	41	53	1.6	33	32
Kidnaping	0.3	74	80	0.6	---	---
Rape	0.3	43	55	0.0	---	---
Other sexual assault	0.2	31	36	0.0	---	---
Robbery	7.5	46	52	3.8	31	32
Assault	2.7	47	53	2.2	21	31
Other violent	0.3	20	25	0.3	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	23.7 %	19 mos.	23 mos.	37.1 %	15 mos.	17 mos.
Fraud offense	13.6	17	21	24.3	15	17
Embezzlement	1.3	17	21	5.4	17	18
Fraud	8.2	17	20	11.2	14	17
Forgery	2.3	17	22	6.3	14	17
Counterfeiting	1.8	19	23	1.4	13	13
Nonfraud offense	10.1	21	25	12.8	16	18
Burglary	0.7	24	37	0.4	---	---
Larceny/theft	5.2	19	23	10.3	15	18
Arson	0.4	28	31	0.3	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	1.6	21	24	0.5	---	---
Other property	2.2	24	27	1.3	20	22
<b>Drug offenses</b>	44.2 %	21 mos.	24 mos.	43.0 %	17 mos.	19 mos.
Possession	0.6	15	19	0.8	17	16
Trafficking	25.1	21	25	25.6	18	20
Other drug	18.5	21	24	16.6	17	19
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	18.8 %	17 mos.	21 mos.	10.5 %	15 mos.	17 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.0	17	19	0.4	---	---
Nonregulatory public-order	17.8	17	22	10.1	15	17
Weapons	5.9	18	23	0.6	---	---
Immigration	4.7	12	16	2.2	13	13
Tax law violations	1.7	17	20	0.8	---	---
Racketeering and extortion	1.9	24	28	1.7	23	23
Other public-order	3.6	18	24	4.8	16	16
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.2 %	17 mos.	27 mos.	0.7 %	---	---
<b>Number of releases</b>	10,931			1,112		

Note: First releases are persons released for the first time on their current sentence. Data on offenses are based on all first releases with a sentence of more than a year for whom the most serious offense and method of prison releases were reported. Data on time served in prison are based on all first releases for whom the most serious offense, method of prison release, and time served were reported.

**Table 6-9. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to 12 months or less, 1987: Time served in prison, by race and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First releases from Federal prison									
	Percent of releases	Race <sup>a</sup>						Percent of releases	Hispanic <sup>b</sup>	
		White		Black		Hispanic <sup>b</sup>				
		Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Median	Mean	
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	3 mos.	3 mos.	100.0 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	100.0 %	2 mos.	3 mos.	
<b>Violent offenses</b>	0.8 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	3.2 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	0.4 %	2 mos.	3 mos.	
Homicide	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---	
Kidnaping	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---	
Rape	0.0	---	---	0.1	---	---	0.0	---	---	
Other sexual assault	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---	0.1	---	---	
Robbery	0.4	3	4	1.6	4	4	0.0	---	---	
Assault	0.4	2	3	1.3	3	3	0.3	2	3	
Other violent	0.0	---	---	0.2	---	---	0.0	---	---	
<b>Property offenses</b>	16.9 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	56.9 %	4	4	3.6 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	
Fraud offense	12.9	4	4	35.5	4	4	2.7	4	4	
Embezzlement	2.1	4	4	5.0	4	4	0.2	4	4	
Fraud	8.5	4	4	19.1	4	4	1.8	4	4	
Forgery	1.3	4	4	9.9	4	5	0.4	4	4	
Counterfeiting	1.0	4	4	1.5	4	5	0.3	4	4	
Nonfraud offense	4.0	4	4	21.4	4	4	0.9	4	4	
Burglary	0.1	4	4	0.2	---	---	0.0	---	---	
Larceny/theft	2.3	4	4	17.9	4	4	0.7	4	4	
Arson	0.1	5	5	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---	
Motor vehicle theft	0.5	4	5	0.7	3	4	0.1	---	---	
Other property	1.0	4	5	2.6	4	4	0.1	---	---	
<b>Drug offenses</b>	16.5 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	17.6 %	4 mos.	5 mos.	9.3 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	
Possession	2.5	3	4	3.1	4	4	2.0	2	3	
Trafficking	8.2	4	4	8.8	4	5	5.4	4	4	
Other drug	5.8	4	4	5.7	4	5	1.9	4	4	
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	63.9 %	2 mos.	3 mos.	18.0 %	3 mos.	4 mos.	86.2 %	2 mos.	2 mos.	
Regulatory offense	1.1	4	4	1.1	3	4	0.4	3	3	
Nonregulatory public-order	62.8	2	3	16.9	3	4	85.8	2	2	
Weapons	2.5	4	5	3.7	4	5	1.1	4	5	
Immigration	51.5	2	2	4.2	1	2	83.3	2	2	
Tax law violations	3.7	4	5	1.0	4	4	0.2	---	---	
Racketeering and extortion	0.8	5	5	0.7	4	5	0.1	---	---	
Other public-order	4.3	4	4	7.3	3	4	1.1	4	4	
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.7 %	3 mos.	3 mos.	4.7 %	3 mos.	3 mos.	0.3 %	4 mos.	4 mos.	
<b>Number of releases</b>	9,573			1,761			5,641			

Note: First 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 detainee. Data are based on all first releases for whom the most serious offense, race or Hispanic origin, and time served

were reported.

<sup>a</sup>Race includes persons of Hispanic origin.

<sup>b</sup>Hispanic releases include persons of all races.

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

**Table 6-10. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1987:  
Time served in prison, by offense, race, and Hispanic origin**

	Federal prison releases								
	Percent of releases	Race <sup>a</sup>		Percent of releases	Black		Percent of releases	Hispanic <sup>b</sup>	
		White Median	White Mean		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	20 mos.	25 mos.	100.0 %	20 mos.	28 mos.	100.0 %	18 mos.	23 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	8.1 %	43 mos.	52 mos.	18.1 %	50 mos.	53 mos.	4.8 %	41 mos.	46 mos.
Homicide	0.4	59	55	0.8	39	58	0.3	---	---
Kidnaping	0.4	65	71	0.3	61	75	0.2	---	---
Rape	0.1	---	---	0.3	---	---	0.0	---	---
Other sexual assault	0.1	---	---	0.2	---	---	0.0	---	---
Robbery	5.3	42	50	12.1	49	52	2.7	41	46
Assault	1.4	54	57	4.3	56	56	1.4	45	47
Other violent	0.4	20	27	0.1	---	---	0.2	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	22.4 %	19 mos.	23 mos.	31.7 %	16 mos.	20 mos.	8.8 %	16 mos.	19 mos.
Fraud offense	14.2	18	21	16.2	14	17	5.8	16	18
Embezzlement	1.8	18	21	1.2	13	15	0.3	---	---
Fraud	8.7	17	21	8.3	13	16	3.2	16	17
Forgery	1.9	18	22	5.1	15	20	1.5	15	18
Counterfeiting	1.8	19	24	1.6	17	19	0.8	17	20
Nonfraud offense	8.2	21	25	15.5	20	23	3.0	19	22
Burglary	0.3	23	42	1.4	31	35	0.1	---	---
Larceny/theft	3.6	19	23	11.0	19	21	2.2	18	21
Arson	0.4	28	31	0.1	---	---	0.0	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	1.6	20	24	1.3	22	26	0.2	---	---
Other property	2.3	24	28	1.7	23	26	0.5	28	30
<b>Drug offenses</b>	47.8 %	21 mos.	24 mos.	36.7 %	19 mos.	23 mos.	60.0 %	21 mos.	24 mos.
Possession	0.6	15	18	0.6	14	18	0.8	16	18
Trafficking	28.2	21	24	18.3	20	25	37.7	20	24
Other drug	19.0	22	24	17.8	19	22	21.5	21	24
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	20.8 %	17 mos.	21 mos.	11.7 %	17 mos.	22 mos.	26.1 %	13 mos.	18 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.1	17	19	0.5	20	21	0.5	13	15
Nonregulatory public-order	19.7	17	21	11.2	17	22	25.6	13	18
Weapons	5.2	19	23	6.2	17	21	3.3	19	24
Immigration	6.1	12	16	0.7	12	21	18.6	12	16
Tax law violations	2.0	17	20	0.6	16	19	0.3	---	---
Racketeering and extortion	2.4	24	28	0.7	24	26	0.5	32	32
Other public-order	4.0	17	23	3.0	19	23	2.9	17	24
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.8 %	17 mos.	29 mos.	1.8 %	19 mos.	26 mos.	0.5 %	20 mos.	32 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	8,524			3,208			2,624		

Note: First 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 detainee. Data are based on all first releases for whom the most serious offense, race or Hispanic origin, and time served

were reported.

<sup>a</sup>Race includes persons of Hispanic origin.

<sup>b</sup>Hispanic releases include persons of all races.

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

**Table 6-11. First releases from Federal prison sentenced to more than 12 months, 1987:  
Time served in prison, by offense and method of prison release**

Most serious offense	Method of release for Federal prison releases											
	Conditional releases									Unconditional releases, expiration of sentence		
	Total conditional releases			Discretionary releases			Mandatory releases			Percent of releases	Time served	
	Percent of releases	Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Median	Mean	Percent of releases	Median	Mean		Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	23 mos.	28 mos.	100.0 %	21 mos.	27 mos.	100.0 %	24 mos.	29 mos.	100.0 %	13 mos.	14 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	12.0 %	47 mos.	54 mos.	11.4 %	55 mos.	58 mos.	12.8 %	40 mos.	49 mos.	6.0 %	15 mos.	23 mos.
Homicide	0.6	39	53	0.4	53	62	0.8	37	47	0.6	14	14
Kidnaping	0.4	64	73	0.3	62	72	0.5	70	74	0.0	---	---
Rape	0.3	43	54	0.2	53	67	0.3	34	43	0.1	---	---
Other sexual assault	0.1	31	35	0.1	---	---	0.1	---	---	0.1	---	---
Robbery	7.7	47	53	8.1	52	55	7.3	43	50	3.1	17	26
Assault	2.7	51	56	2.2	66	66	3.3	37	47	1.6	16	23
Other violent	0.3	30	31	0.1	---	---	0.5	30	32	0.5	11	13
<b>Property offenses</b>	24.7 %	20 mos.	24 mos.	25.2 %	17 mos.	21 mos.	23.9 %	24 mos.	27 mos.	26.6 %	13 mos.	14 mos.
Fraud offense	14.4	19	22	15.3	16	20	13.2	23	25	16.4	13	13
Embezzlement	1.7	20	21	1.7	16	20	1.6	23	23	1.6	13	13
Fraud	8.3	19	21	8.3	15	19	8.3	23	24	10.1	13	12
Forgery	2.5	18	22	3.3	16	20	1.5	24	28	3.3	12	14
Counterfeiting	1.8	20	24	1.9	18	21	1.8	24	29	1.4	12	12
Nonfraud offense	10.3	22	26	9.9	19	24	10.7	24	29	10.2	13	15
Burglary	0.6	25	37	0.8	24	37	0.5	28	37	0.3	---	---
Larceny/theft	5.4	20	23	5.6	18	20	5.3	24	28	6.5	13	15
Arson	0.3	32	34	0.1	---	---	0.6	31	34	0.5	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	1.6	22	26	1.4	21	24	1.7	24	29	1.3	13	12
Other property	2.3	24	29	2.0	23	27	2.6	25	30	1.7	13	17
<b>Drug offenses</b>	46.4 %	22 mos.	25 mos.	48.2 %	21 mos.	25 mos.	44.2 %	23 mos.	26 mos.	35.4 %	12 mos.	13 mos.
Possession	0.6	17	21	0.6	17	19	0.5	18	23	0.9	11	11
Trafficking	26.5	22	26	28.5	22	26	23.8	23	26	20.7	12	13
Other drug	19.4	23	25	19.1	21	24	19.9	24	26	13.7	13	13
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	16.0 %	20 mos.	24 mos.	14.1 %	15 mos.	20 mos.	18.4 %	23 mos.	27 mos.	30.7 %	13 mos.	14 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.9	20	22	0.7	16	21	1.1	23	23	1.3	13	11
Nonregulatory public-order	15.1	20	24	13.4	15	20	17.3	23	28	29.4	13	14
Weapons	4.7	22	26	2.8	21	26	7.1	23	27	9.7	13	14
Immigration	3.5	13	16	4.6	11	13	2.0	18	26	10.4	11	15
Tax law violations	1.6	20	21	1.7	17	20	1.4	23	23	1.8	13	13
Racketeering and extortion	2.0	26	30	1.7	25	30	2.5	27	30	1.3	12	10
Other public-order	3.3	21	26	2.6	17	21	4.3	24	30	6.2	13	14
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.0 %	20 mos.	26 mos.	1.2 %	17 mos.	25 mos.	0.7 %	22 mos.	27 mos.	1.4 %	11 mos.	15 mos.
<b>Number of releases</b>	9,865			5,564			4,300			1,904		

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

## Entries to parole from Federal prisons

- Men comprised 92% of the 9,909 entries to parole from Federal prison in 1987 (table 7-1).

- White offenders comprised 71% of all parole entries; black offenders, 26%; and offenders of other races, 2%. Hispanic offenders, 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.

- Fifty-seven percent of parole entries had graduated from high school, while about 18% had completed eight grades or less.

- Among first releases from Federal prison to parole, 56% 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 was released from prison and entered parole as a result of a mandatory release. Sixty-six 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 23 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, 47 months, was 50% of the median maximum sentence; the median time served by drug offenders, 22 months, was 46% of the median maximum

sentence. Property and public-order offenders served a median time of 20 months which was 56% of their median maximum sentence.

- Among first releases, the median time served in prison before a discretionary release was 21 months, and before a mandatory release, 24 months (table 7-5).

- Among violent offenders, discretionary releases had served 15 months longer on average than mandatory releases (a median of 55 months compared to 40). Among other types of Federal offenders entering parole, mandatory releases had served less time in prison than had discretionary releases.

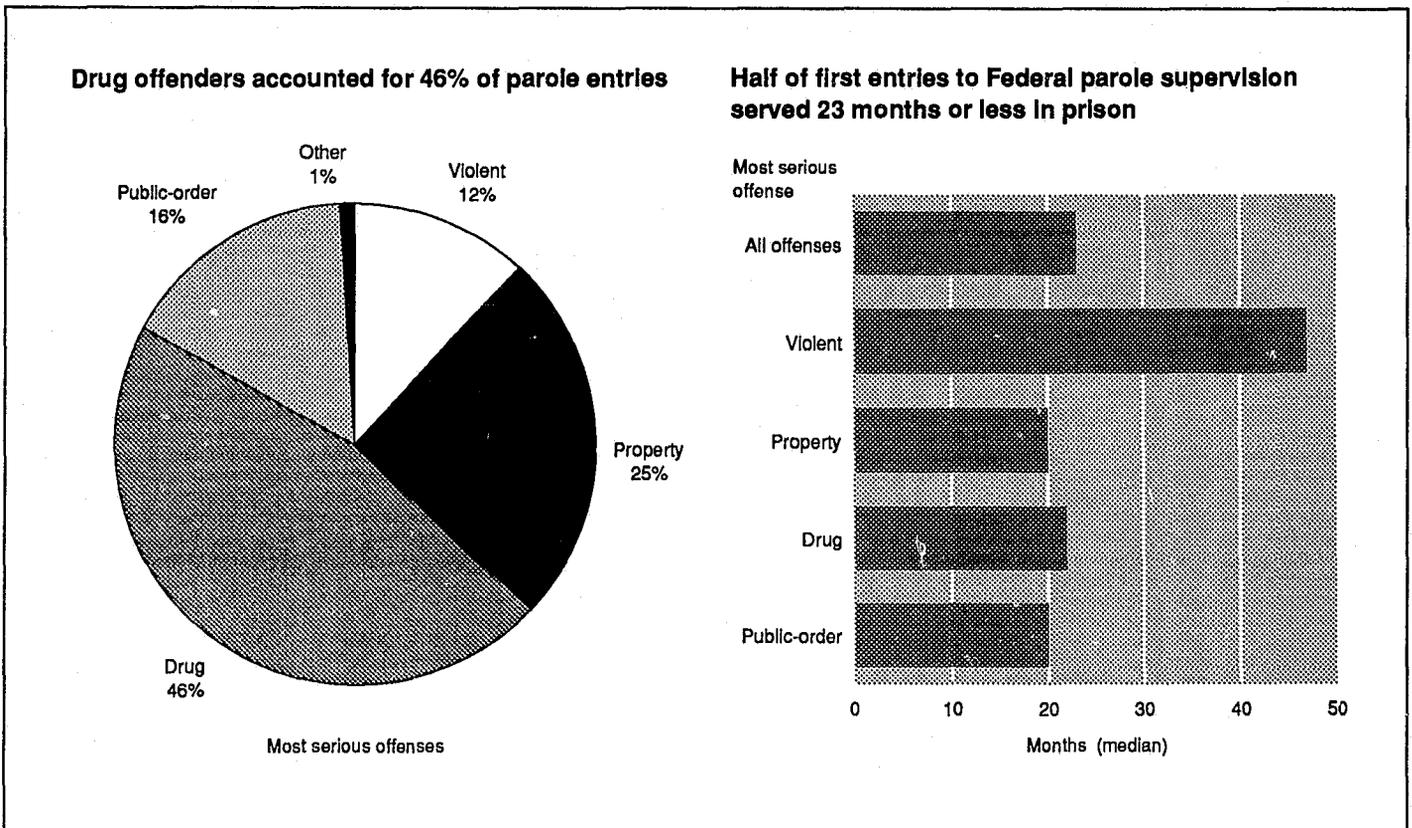


Figure 7-1. First entries to Federal parole supervision: Most serious offense and time served

**Table 7-1. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1987:  
Selected demographic characteristics, by method of prison  
release**

Characteristic	First entries to parole supervision		
	All	Method of prison release	
		Discretionary	Mandatory
<b>Total</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	91.6 %	91.1 %	92.3 %
Female	8.4	8.9	7.7
<b>Race</b>			
White	71.1 %	69.3 %	73.5 %
Black	26.4	29.3	22.7
Other	2.4	1.4	3.7
<b>Hispanic origin</b>			
Hispanic	21.8 %	21.9 %	21.6 %
Non-Hispanic	78.2	78.1	78.4
<b>Age at entry</b>			
Under 18	0.1 %	0.1 %	0.1 %
18-24	6.4	7.1	5.5
25-29	16.4	17.1	15.7
30-34	21.8	21.9	21.6
35-44	34.0	34.1	33.9
45-54	14.6	13.7	15.9
55 and older	6.7	6.1	7.3
<b>Median age</b>	36 yrs.	35 yrs.	36 yrs.
<b>Education</b>			
8th grade or less	18.0 %	18.0 %	18.0 %
9th-11th grade	24.7	23.8	25.8
High school graduate	54.5	55.1	53.6
Some college	2.9	3.0	2.7
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Median education</b>	12 th grade	12 th grade	12 th grade
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	9,909	5,598	4,311

Note: Data on sex were reported for 100.0% of the 9,909 Federal parole first entries, data on ethnicity for 100.0%, data on age at release from prison for 100.0%, and data on education for 92.7%.

**Table 7-2. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1987:  
Offense, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision						
	All	Sex		Race <sup>a</sup>			Hispanic <sup>c</sup>
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other <sup>b</sup>	
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	12.0 %	12.4 %	7.6 %	8.1 %	19.1 %	47.5 %	4.3 %
Homicide	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.5	12.0	0.0
Kidnaping	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.2
Rape	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.2	6.2	0.0
Other sexual assault	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.0
Robbery	7.7	8.0	4.0	5.7	13.3	5.0	2.8
Assault	2.7	2.8	1.7	1.3	4.5	23.6	1.1
Other violent	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
<b>Property offenses</b>	24.7 %	23.5 %	37.7 %	22.6 %	30.7 %	20.3 %	8.7 %
Fraud offense	14.4	13.4	25.2	14.2	15.5	8.3	5.9
Embezzlement	1.7	1.3	6.3	1.9	1.1	2.1	0.3
Fraud	8.3	8.1	11.4	8.6	7.9	5.0	3.2
Forgery	2.5	2.2	6.0	1.7	4.9	0.8	1.5
Counterfeiting	1.8	1.9	1.6	2.0	1.7	0.4	0.9
Nonfraud offense	10.3	10.1	12.5	8.4	15.2	12.0	2.8
Burglary	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.3	1.4	3.3	0.0
Larceny/theft	5.4	5.0	10.1	3.6	10.4	5.4	2.1
Arson	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.0
Motor vehicle theft	1.6	1.7	0.6	1.7	1.4	0.4	0.1
Other property	2.3	2.4	1.4	2.5	1.9	2.5	0.6
<b>Drug offenses</b>	46.3 %	46.6 %	43.6 %	50.2 %	38.3 %	21.5 %	64.7 %
Possession	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.8
Trafficking	26.4	26.3	27.5	29.6	18.9	15.3	40.3
Other drug	19.3	19.7	15.3	20.0	18.8	5.8	23.7
<b>Public--order offenses</b>	16.0 %	16.5 %	10.5 %	18.4 %	10.3 %	8.7 %	21.9 %
Regulatory offense	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.4
Nonregulatory public--order	15.1	15.6	9.9	17.4	9.7	8.7	21.5
Weapons	4.6	5.0	0.4	4.5	5.2	2.5	2.9
Immigration	3.6	3.7	2.2	4.8	0.6	0.8	15.1
Tax law violations	1.6	1.7	0.7	2.0	0.5	0.0	0.4
Racketeering and extortion	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.6	0.7	0.8	0.5
Other public--order	3.3	3.2	4.7	3.5	2.8	4.5	2.6
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.0 %	1.0 %	0.6 %	0.7 %	1.6 %	2.1 %	0.3 %
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	9,909	9,077	832	7,049	2,618	242	2,158

Note: Data on offenses were reported for 100.0% of 9,909 Federal parole first entries.

<sup>a</sup>Includes people of Hispanic origin.

<sup>b</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

<sup>c</sup>Hispanic entries include people of all races.

**Table 7-3. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1987: Method of release, by offense**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision			
	Number	Method of release		
		All	Discretionary	Mandatory
<b>All offenses</b>	9,909	100.0 %	56.5 %	43.5 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,186	100.0 %	53.4 %	46.6 %
Homicide	55	100.0	40.0	60.0
Kidnaping	40	100.0	45.0	55.0
Rape	25	100.0	48.0	52.0
Other sexual assault	11	100.0	45.5	54.5
Robbery	763	100.0	58.7	41.3
Assault	266	100.0	45.9	54.1
Other violent	26	100.0	23.1	76.9
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,446	100.0 %	57.9 %	42.1 %
Fraud offense	1,427	100.0	60.3	39.7
Embezzlement	167	100.0	58.7	41.3
Fraud	826	100.0	56.8	43.2
Forgery	251	100.0	74.1	25.9
Counterfeiting	183	100.0	58.5	41.5
Nonfraud offense	1,019	100.0	54.7	45.3
Burglary	65	100.0	66.2	33.8
Larceny/theft	539	100.0	57.9	42.1
Arson	31	100.0	22.6	77.4
Motor vehicle theft	155	100.0	51.6	48.4
Other property	229	100.0	50.2	49.8
<b>Drug offenses</b>	4,591	100.0 %	58.6 %	41.4 %
Possession	55	100.0	61.8	38.2
Trafficking	2,620	100.0	60.8	39.2
Other drug	1,916	100.0	55.4	44.6
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	1,590	100.0 %	50.0 %	50.0 %
Regulatory offense	89	100.0	48.3	51.7
Nonregulatory public-order	1,501	100.0	50.1	49.9
Weapons	460	100.0	33.9	66.1
Immigration	358	100.0	74.0	26.0
Tax law violations	156	100.0	61.5	38.5
Racketeering and extortion	200	100.0	46.0	54.0
Other public-order	327	100.0	43.7	56.3
<b>Other offenses</b>	96	100.0 %	66.7 %	33.3 %

Note: Data on offenses were reported for 100.0% of the 9,909 Federal parole first entries.

**Table 7-4. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1987: Sentence length and time served, by offense**

Most serious offense	First entries to parole supervision				
	All	Maximum sentence length <sup>a</sup>		Time served in prison	
		Median <sup>b</sup>	Mean <sup>c</sup>	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	48 mos.	61 mos.	23 mos.	28 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	12.0 %	96 mos.	118 mos.	47 mos.	54 mos.
Homicide	0.6	84	107	39	53
Kidnaping	0.4	132	142	64	73
Rape	0.3	72	114	43	54
Other sexual assault	0.1	72	76	31	35
Robbery	7.7	96	120	47	53
Assault	2.7	108	121	51	56
Other violent	0.3	60	51	30	31
<b>Property offenses</b>	24.7 %	36 mos.	48 mos.	20 mos.	24 mos.
Fraud offense	14.4	36	45	18	22
Embezzlement	1.7	36	44	20	21
Fraud	8.3	36	44	18	21
Forgery	2.5	36	50	18	22
Counterfeiting	1.8	36	50	20	24
Nonfraud offense	10.3	48	53	22	26
Burglary	0.7	60	80	24	37
Larceny/theft	5.4	36	49	20	23
Arson	0.3	60	57	32	34
Motor vehicle theft	1.6	48	51	22	26
Other property	2.3	48	56	24	29
<b>Drug offenses</b>	46.3 %	48 mos.	58 mos.	22 mos.	25 mos.
Possession	0.6	36	54	17	21
Trafficking	26.4	48	59	22	26
Other drug	19.3	48	56	23	25
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	16.0 %	36 mos.	46 mos.	20 mos.	24 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.9	36	43	20	21
Nonregulatory public-order	15.1	36	46	20	24
Weapons	4.6	36	47	22	26
Immigration	3.6	36	36	13	16
Tax law violations	1.6	36	46	20	21
Racketeering and extortion	2.0	48	58	26	30
Other public-order	3.3	36	48	21	26
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.0 %	48 mos.	64 mos.	20 mos.	26 mos.
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	9,908				

Note: Data on offenses in which maximum sentence length and time served in prison were known were reported for 99.9% of the 9,909 Federal parole first entries.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence length refers to the maximum sentence

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

<sup>b</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>c</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 7-5. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1987: 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 releases	Time served		Percent of releases	Time served	
		Median	Mean		Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	21 mos.	27 mos.	100.0 %	24 mos.	29 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	11.3 %	55 mos.	58 mos.	12.8 %	40 mos.	49 mos.
Homicide	0.4	53	62	0.8	37	47
Kidnaping	0.3	62	72	0.5	70	74
Rape	0.2	53	67	0.3	34	43
Other sexual assault	0.1	--	--	0.1	--	--
Robbery	8.0	52	55	7.3	43	50
Assault	2.2	66	66	3.3	37	47
Other violent	0.1	--	--	0.5	30	32
<b>Property offenses</b>	25.3 %	17 mos.	21 mos.	23.9 %	24 mos.	27 mos.
Fraud offense	15.4	16	20	13.2	23	25
Embezzlement	1.8	16	20	1.6	23	23
Fraud	8.4	15	19	8.3	23	24
Forgery	3.3	16	20	1.5	24	28
Counterfeiting	1.9	17	20	1.8	24	29
Nonfraud offense	9.9	19	24	10.7	24	29
Burglary	0.8	23	37	0.5	28	37
Larceny/theft	5.6	17	20	5.3	24	28
Arson	0.1	--	--	0.6	31	34
Motor vehicle theft	1.4	21	24	1.7	24	29
Other property	2.1	23	27	2.6	24	30
<b>Drug offenses</b>	48.0 %	21 mos.	25 mos.	44.1 %	23 mos.	26 mos.
Possession	0.6	17	19	0.5	18	23
Trafficking	28.5	22	26	23.8	23	26
Other drug	19.0	21	24	19.8	24	26
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	14.2 %	15 mos.	20 mos.	18.5 %	23 mos.	27 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.8	16	20	1.1	23	23
Nonregulatory public-order	13.4	15	20	17.4	23	27
Weapons	2.8	21	26	7.1	23	27
Immigration	4.7	11	13	2.2	17	25
Tax law violations	1.7	17	20	1.4	23	23
Racketeering and extortion	1.6	25	30	2.5	27	30
Other public-order	2.6	16	21	4.3	24	30
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.1 %	17 mos.	25 mos.	0.7 %	22 mos.	27 mos.
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	5,598			4,310		

Note: Data on method of parole entry and most serious offense were reported for 99.9% of 9,909 Federal parole first entries.

**Table 7-6. First entries to parole supervision from Federal prison, 1987: 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 <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Percent	Median	Mean	Percent	Median	Mean	Percent	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	48 mos.	58 mos.	100.0 %	54 mos.	69 mos.	100.0 %	23 mos.	27 mos.	100.0 %	23 mos.	30 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	8.1 %	96 mos.	118 mos.	19.0 %	120 mos.	131 mos.	8.1 %	46 mos.	55 mos.	19.0 %	54 mos.	56 mos.
Homicide	0.2	132	126	0.5	180	168	0.2	65	66	0.5	52	68
Kidnaping	0.4	168	146	0.3	--	--	0.4	68	72	0.3	--	--
Rape	0.1	--	--	0.2	--	--	0.1	--	--	0.2	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.1	--	--	0.2	--	--	0.1	--	--	0.2	--	--
Robbery	5.7	96	114	13.3	120	128	5.7	43	52	13.3	52	54
Assault	1.3	120	144	4.5	120	138	1.3	61	66	4.5	59	60
Other violent	0.4	60	51	0.0	--	--	0.4	31	31	0.0	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	22.6 %	36 mos.	49 mos.	30.7 %	36 mos.	48 mos.	22.6 %	21 mos.	25 mos.	30.7 %	19 mos.	22 mos.
Fraud offense	14.2	36	47	15.5	36	43	14.2	20	23	15.5	15	19
Embezzlement	1.9	36	46	1.1	33	32	1.9	21	22	1.1	15	16
Fraud	8.6	36	45	7.9	36	39	8.6	20	23	7.9	15	17
Forgery	1.7	36	49	4.9	36	50	1.7	19	23	4.9	16	22
Counterfeiting	2.0	48	51	1.7	36	44	2.0	21	25	1.7	18	20
Nonfraud offense	8.4	48	52	15.2	48	54	8.4	23	27	15.2	22	25
Burglary	0.3	60	76	1.4	72	92	0.3	23	46	1.4	32	35
Larceny/theft	3.6	42	49	10.4	36	49	3.6	20	24	10.4	21	23
Arson	0.4	60	58	0.1	--	--	0.4	34	35	0.1	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.7	48	51	1.4	48	53	1.7	22	25	1.4	23	28
Other property	2.5	48	55	1.9	48	58	2.5	24	29	1.9	23	26
<b>Drug offenses</b>	50.2 %	48 mos.	57 mos.	38.2 %	54 mos.	61 mos.	50.2 %	23 mos.	25 mos.	38.2 %	21 mos.	25 mos.
Possession	0.6	36	52	0.5	42	52	0.6	17	20	0.5	17	22
Trafficking	29.6	48	58	18.9	48	62	29.6	22	23	18.9	22	26
Other drug	20.0	48	54	18.8	60	60	20.0	24	25	18.8	20	23
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	18.4 %	36 mos.	45 mos.	10.3 %	36 mos.	47 mos.	18.4 %	19 mos.	23 mos.	10.3 %	21 mos.	25 mos.
Regulatory offense	1.0	36	42	0.6	38	46	1.0	17	21	0.6	22	21
Nonregulatory public-order	17.4	36	45	9.7	36	47	17.4	19	23	9.7	21	25
Weapons	4.5	36	47	5.2	36	45	4.5	23	27	5.2	21	25
Immigration	4.8	32	36	0.6	36	42	4.8	12	16	0.6	12	27
Tax law violations	2.0	36	46	0.5	36	47	2.0	21	21	0.5	17	21
Racketeering and extortion	2.6	48	59	0.7	48	57	2.6	27	30	0.7	26	29
Other public-order	3.5	36	47	2.8	36	51	3.5	21	26	2.8	24	26
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.7 %	48 mos.	64 mos.	1.6 %	57 mos.	66 mos.	0.7 %	18 mos.	24 mos.	1.6 %	21 mos.	27 mos.
<b>Number of parole entries</b>	7,048			2,618			7,048			2,618		

Note: Data on offenses, sentence length, and time served were reported for 97.5% of the 9,909 Federal parole first entries.

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

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

- Among the 8,737 individuals discharged from Federal parole, 78% were successful in leaving supervision and reentering the community, 21% were returned to prison, and 1% died (table 8-1).

- Almost the same percentage of men and women successfully completed parole—78% and 81%, respectively. A higher percentage of whites successfully completed parole than blacks (84% versus 65%, respectively).

- Among Federal parole discharges, violent offenders were the most likely to be returned to prison (table 8-3). Forty percent of the violent offenders were returned to prison compared to 22% of the property offenders and 14% of the drug and public-order offenders.

- Drug offenders were the largest group discharged from Federal parole (38%) (table 8-4). Property offenders were second largest at 31%, followed by violent and public-order offenders at 15%.

- Among those successfully discharged from parole, 42% were drug offenders; 30% were property offenders; 16% were public-order offenders; and 11% were violent offenders. Drug trafficking was the largest individual offense group (40%), followed by larceny/theft (9%).

- For those persons unsuccessfully discharged from parole and returned to prison, 33% were property offenders; 30% were violent offenders; 26% drug offenders; and 11% were public-order offenders. Robbery offenders were the largest individual offense group (27%), followed by drug traffickers (24%), and those convicted of larceny/theft (12%).

- The median time served on parole for all offenses was 14 months (table 8-5). The median time on parole for violent offenses was 24 months; for property offenses, 14 months; and for drug and public-order offenses, 12 months.

**Federal discharges successfully completing parole served on average 48 months under correctional supervision; those unsuccessfully completing parole, 78 months**

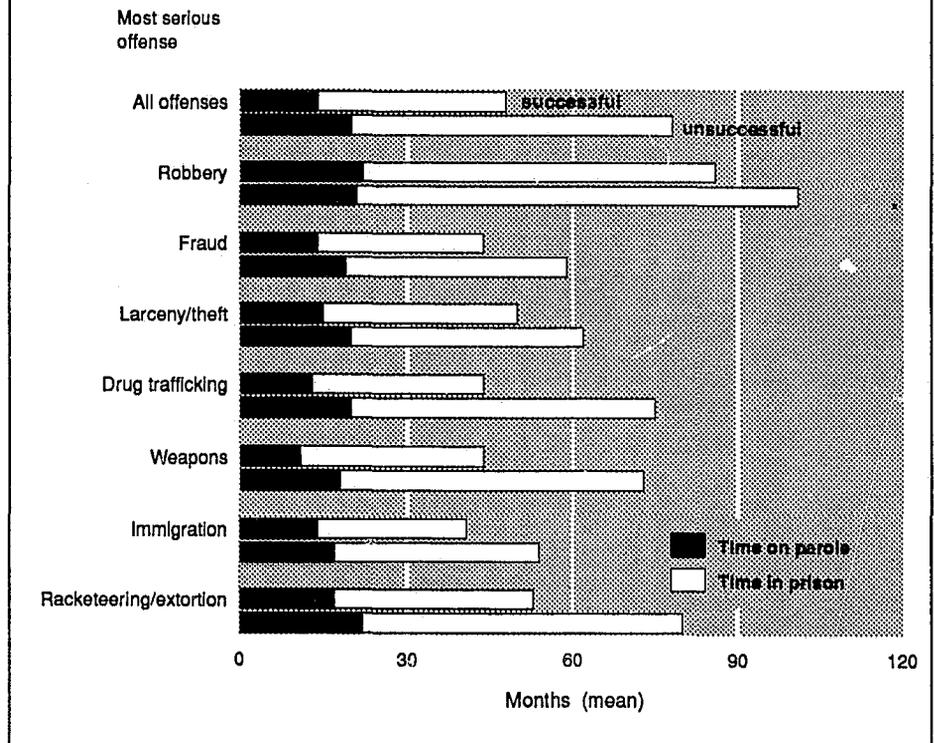


Figure 8-1. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges: Maximum sentence length and time served in prison and on parole

- Among those successfully completing 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 5 months longer for blacks than for whites. However, among drug offenders the median time was 3 months longer for whites.

- Among parolees returning to prison, blacks and whites had the same median time served on parole—20 months (table 8-7). Blacks returned to prison after a longer time on parole than whites for a violent offense (medians of 23 months and 21 months, respectively.)

- Successful parole discharges for whom data were reported on both time in prison and on parole served a median of 25 months in prison and 10 months on parole (table 8-8). Unsuccessful parole discharges served a median of 44 months in prison and 17 months on parole.

- Successful parole discharges on average served a total of 48 months under correctional supervision (a mean of 34 months in prison and 14 months on parole), while unsuccessful parole discharges served a total of 78 months.

**Table 8-1. Federal parole discharges, 1987: Method of parole discharge, by sex, race, and Hispanic origin**

Method of parole discharge	Federal parole discharges						
	All	Sex		Race <sup>a</sup>			Hispanic <sup>c</sup>
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other <sup>b</sup>	
<b>Total</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Successful</b>	78.1 %	77.8 %	80.7 %	83.6 %	65.4 %	80.4 %	82.3 %
<b>Unsuccessful, returned to prison<sup>d</sup></b>	20.5 %	20.7 %	18.4 %	15.0 %	33.0 %	18.6 %	16.2 %
<b>Death</b>	1.4 %	1.5 %	0.9 %	1.4 %	1.6 %	1.0 %	1.5 %
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	8,737	7,997	740	5,874	2,628	199	1,301

Note: Data were reported for all Federal parole discharges.  
<sup>d</sup>Includes those returned to prison with a new sentence, technical parole violators, and those returned pending parole revocation.

<sup>a</sup>Includes people of Hispanic origin.

<sup>b</sup>Includes American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asians, and Pacific Islanders.

<sup>c</sup>Includes people of all races.

**Table 8-2. Federal parole discharges, 1987: Selected demographic characteristics, by method of parole discharge**

Characteristic	Federal parole discharges		
	All	Method of parole discharge	
		Successful	Unsuccessful
<b>Total</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	91.5 %	91.2 %	92.4 %
Female	8.5	8.8	7.6
<b>Race</b>			
White	67.5 %	72.3 %	49.3 %
Black	30.2	25.3	43.6
Other	2.3	2.4	2.1
<b>Hispanic origin</b>			
Hispanic	15.0 %	15.8 %	11.8 %
Non-Hispanic	85.0	84.2	88.2
<b>Age at discharge</b>			
Under 18	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
18-24	4.3	4.2	4.9
25-29	15.2	15.1	16.3
30-34	21.9	21.3	25.3
35-44	36.1	35.4	39.2
45-54	15.2	16.0	10.8
55 and older	7.3	8.0	3.5
<b>Median age</b>	36 yrs.	37 yrs.	35 yrs.
<b>Education</b>			
8th grade or less	20.1 %	19.5 %	21.8 %
9th-11th grade	28.6	26.5	36.3
High school graduate	30.4	30.5	30.1
Some college	20.4	22.9	11.6
Other	0.4	0.5	0.1
<b>Median education</b>	12 th grade	12 th grade	10 th grade
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	8,737	6,820	1,791

**Table 8-3. Federal parole discharges, 1987: Method of parole discharge, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Federal parole discharges			
		All	Successful completion of term	Unsuccessful completion of term	Death
<b>All offenses</b>	8,737	100.0 %	78.1 %	20.5 %	1.4 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,349	100.0 %	56.9 %	40.2 %	2.9 %
Homicide	17	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
Kidnaping	51	100.0	52.9	43.1	3.9
Rape	38	100.0	71.1	26.3	2.6
Other sexual assault	0	---	---	---	---
Robbery	1,111	100.0	53.7	43.1	3.2
Assault	114	100.0	78.9	20.2	0.9
Other violent	18	100.0	55.6	44.4	0.0
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,665	100.0 %	76.4 %	22.1 %	1.4 %
Fraud offense	1,491	100.0	79.5	18.9	1.6
Embezzlement	492	100.0	90.4	8.3	1.2
Fraud	364	100.0	87.9	11.3	0.8
Forgery	502	100.0	62.4	34.7	3.0
Counterfeiting	133	100.0	80.5	19.5	0.0
Nonfraud offense	1,174	100.0	72.6	26.2	1.2
Burglary	136	100.0	59.6	37.5	2.9
Larceny/theft	840	100.0	73.3	25.6	1.1
Arson	7	---	---	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	177	100.0	77.4	22.0	0.6
Other property	14	100.0	85.7	14.3	0.0
<b>Drug offenses</b>	3,345	100.0 %	85.0 %	13.9 %	1.1 %
Possession	136	100.0	89.0	11.0	0.0
Trafficking	3,174	100.0	85.2	13.7	1.1
Other drug	35	100.0	54.3	42.9	2.9
<b>Public--order offenses</b>	1,312	100.0 %	84.7 %	14.4 %	0.9 %
Regulatory offense	14	100.0	85.7	14.3	0.0
Nonregulatory public--order	1,298	100.0	84.7	14.4	0.9
Weapons	478	100.0	81.4	18.2	0.4
Immigration	265	100.0	89.1	9.8	1.1
Tax law violations	119	100.0	95.0	3.4	1.7
Racketeering and extortion	176	100.0	88.6	10.2	1.1
Other public--order	260	100.0	78.8	20.0	1.2
<b>Other offenses</b>	66	100.0 %	90.9 %	9.1 %	0.0 %

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

**Table 8-4. Federal parole discharges, 1987: Offense, by method of parole discharge**

Most serious offense	Federal parole discharges		
	All <sup>a</sup>	Successful	Unsuccessful
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	15.4 %	11.2 %	30.2 %
Homicide	0.2	0.2	0.0
Kidnaping	0.6	0.4	1.2
Rape	0.4	0.4	0.6
Other sexual assault	0.0	0.0	0.0
Robbery	12.7	8.8	26.7
Assault	1.3	1.3	1.3
Other violent	0.2	0.1	0.4
<b>Property offenses</b>	30.5 %	29.9 %	33.0 %
Fraud offense	17.0	17.4	15.8
Embezzlement	5.6	6.5	2.3
Fraud	4.2	4.7	2.3
Forgery	5.7	4.6	9.7
Counterfeiting	1.5	1.6	1.5
Nonfraud offense	13.5	12.5	17.2
Burglary	1.6	1.2	2.8
Larceny/theft	9.6	9.0	12.0
Arson	0.1	0.1	0.1
Motor vehicle theft	2.0	2.0	2.2
Other property	0.2	0.2	0.1
<b>Drug offenses</b>	38.3 %	41.7 %	25.8 %
Possession	1.6	1.8	0.8
Trafficking	36.3	39.6	24.2
Other drug	0.4	0.3	0.8
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	15.1 %	16.4 %	10.6 %
Regulatory offense	0.2	0.2	0.1
Nonregulatory public-order	14.9	16.2	10.5
Weapons	5.5	5.7	4.9
Immigration	3.0	3.5	1.5
Tax law violations	1.4	1.7	0.2
Racketeering and extortion	2.0	2.3	1.0
Other public-order	3.0	3.0	2.9
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.8 %	0.9 %	0.3 %
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	8,737	6,820	1,791

<sup>a</sup>Includes parolees who died while on parole

**Table 8-5. Federal parole discharges, 1987: Time served on parole, by offense**

Most serious offense	Number	Federal parole discharges										Median time served
		Time served on parole in months										
		All	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-18	19-24	25-30	31-36	Over 36	
<b>All offenses</b>	8,403	100.0 %	14.2 %	14.2 %	8.2 %	8.8 %	13.2 %	11.3 %	7.2 %	6.6 %	16.3 %	14 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,333	100.0 %	8.3 %	8.9 %	7.1 %	5.4 %	10.6 %	10.5 %	6.2 %	7.9 %	35.3 %	24 mos.
Homicide	16	100.0	31.3	25.0	0.0	6.3	0.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	25.0	6
Kidnaping	49	100.0	12.2	4.1	6.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	4.1	10.2	32.7	23
Rape	38	100.0	7.9	13.2	7.9	7.9	5.3	10.5	15.8	10.5	21.1	23
Other sexual assault	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Robbery	1,101	100.0	6.6	7.7	7.1	4.8	10.3	10.3	6.2	8.0	39.1	27
Assault	112	100.0	17.0	15.2	8.0	8.9	16.1	12.5	6.3	6.3	9.8	13
Other violent	17	100.0	23.5	29.4	5.9	0.0	17.6	11.8	0.0	5.9	5.9	5
<b>Property offenses</b>	2,609	100.0 %	13.2 %	14.1 %	8.9 %	10.0 %	13.5 %	12.3 %	7.1 %	7.1 %	13.6 %	14 mos.
Fraud offense	1,449	100.0	14.2	15.5	9.4	10.0	13.3	12.4	7.0	7.6	10.7	12
Embezzlement	476	100.0	18.1	16.0	8.0	11.6	11.6	11.1	5.5	8.6	9.7	11
Fraud	346	100.0	17.3	20.5	12.4	6.9	15.0	11.3	4.9	6.1	5.5	9
Forgery	494	100.0	8.1	11.1	9.5	11.1	14.6	15.4	10.1	8.3	11.7	16
Counterfeiting	133	100.0	15.0	16.5	6.0	8.3	9.8	9.0	6.0	5.3	24.1	15
Nonfraud offense	1,160	100.0	11.9	12.5	8.3	10.0	13.9	12.2	7.3	6.6	17.3	15
Burglary	135	100.0	5.9	7.4	8.9	9.6	11.1	11.1	7.4	8.9	29.6	21
Larceny/theft	830	100.0	11.9	13.4	8.6	10.0	14.7	12.2	8.2	6.0	15.1	14
Arson	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	174	100.0	14.9	11.5	5.7	11.5	12.6	13.8	4.0	6.9	19.0	15
Other property	14	100.0	21.4	21.4	7.1	0.0	14.3	14.3	0.0	0.0	21.4	12
<b>Drug offenses</b>	3,150	100.0 %	16.5 %	15.7 %	7.5 %	9.4 %	13.5 %	11.0 %	8.3 %	6.1 %	11.9 %	12 mos.
Possession	123	100.0	13.8	13.0	5.7	13.0	9.8	15.4	8.9	11.4	8.9	12
Trafficking	2,993	100.0	16.7	15.9	7.7	9.3	13.7	10.8	8.2	5.9	11.9	12
Other drug	34	100.0	11.8	8.8	0.0	0.0	8.8	14.7	17.6	8.8	29.4	26
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	1,249	100.0 %	16.3 %	15.7 %	9.5 %	8.3 %	14.8 %	11.0 %	5.8 %	5.2 %	13.3 %	12 mos.
Regulatory offense	14	100.0	7.1	7.1	0.0	21.4	21.4	14.3	21.4	0.0	7.1	17
Nonregulatory public-order	1,235	100.0	16.4	15.8	9.6	8.2	14.7	10.9	5.7	5.3	13.4	12
Weapons	447	100.0	20.8	18.3	10.1	7.8	13.2	8.1	5.6	4.5	11.6	9
Immigration	245	100.0	13.1	11.4	11.4	6.9	16.7	15.9	7.3	5.3	11.8	14
Tax law violations	115	100.0	13.9	23.5	14.8	12.2	15.7	9.6	2.6	2.6	5.2	8
Racketeering and extortion	174	100.0	10.9	12.6	4.6	8.0	14.9	16.7	6.3	8.6	17.2	16
Other public-order	254	100.0	16.9	14.2	8.3	8.3	15.0	7.9	5.1	5.5	18.9	13
<b>Other offenses</b>	62	100.0 %	24.2 %	24.2 %	9.7 %	9.7 %	8.1 %	6.5 %	8.1 %	3.2 %	6.5 %	6 mos.

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

**Table 8-6. Successful Federal parole discharges, 1987: Time served on parole, by offense and race**

Most serious offense	Successful Federal parole discharges					
	White			Black		
	Percent	Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Percent	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0%	12 mos.	17 mos.	100.0%	12 mos.	19 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	5.6%	27 mos.	31 mos.	4.7%	32 mos.	34 mos.
Homicide	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Kidnaping	0.3	24	40	0.1	--	--
Rape	0.0	--	--	0.2	26	34
Other sexual assault	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Robbery	4.8	32	33	4.0	36	36
Assault	0.4	14	18	0.4	16	16
Other violent	0.1	--	--	0.0	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	20.3%	12 mos.	17 mos.	9.7%	11 mos.	16 mos.
Fraud offense	12.5	10	16	5.1	11	15
Embezzlement	5.3	10	16	1.3	12	15
Fraud	3.5	8	12	1.2	9	12
Forgery	2.3	16	19	2.4	12	16
Counterfeiting	1.4	15	20	0.2	5	10
Nonfraud offense	7.8	15	19	4.6	11	17
Burglary	0.6	20	25	0.5	21	27
Larceny/theft	5.3	15	19	3.8	10	16
Arson	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.7	14	19	0.3	9	15
Other property	0.2	16	17	0.0	--	--
<b>Drug offenses</b>	34.1%	11 mos.	15 mos.	8.3%	8 mos.	14 mos.
Possession	1.3	14	17	0.5	7	13
Trafficking	32.6	11	15	7.7	8	14
Other drug	0.2	4	19	0.1	--	--
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	13.3%	10 mos.	15 mos.	2.9%	10 mos.	15 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.1	--	--	0.1	--	--
Nonregulatory public-order	13.2	10	15	2.8	9	15
Weapons	4.3	7	13	1.5	6	14
Immigration	3.1	13	16	0.2	12	18
Tax law violations	1.5	8	12	0.2	6	12
Racketeering and extortion	2.1	15	20	0.2	19	20
Other public-order	2.2	10	17	0.7	12	16
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.8%	7 mos.	11 mos.	0.1%	--	--
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	4,911			1,720		

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

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 8--7. Unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1987: Time served on parole, by offense and race**

Most serious offense	Unsuccessful Federal parole discharges					
	White			Black		
	Percent	Median <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Percent	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	20 mos.	27 mos.	100.0 %	20 mos.	26 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	12.4 %	21 mos.	29 mos.	17.5 %	23 mos.	31 mos.
Homicide	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Kidnaping	0.8	23	27	0.3	--	--
Rape	0.1	--	--	0.2	--	--
Other sexual assault	0.0	--	--	0.0	--	--
Robbery	10.8	21	30	16.4	23	31
Assault	0.2	--	--	0.6	24	28
Other violent	0.5	--	--	0.0	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	15.3 %	18 mos.	25 mos.	18.3 %	18 mos.	22 mos.
Fraud offense	7.5	17	24	8.5	18	20
Embezzlement	1.3	16	23	1.0	15	19
Fraud	1.4	13	15	1.0	17	19
Forgery	3.7	17	25	6.2	19	20
Counterfeiting	1.1	31	35	0.3	--	--
Nonfraud offense	7.8	19	26	9.8	18	23
Burglary	1.0	28	29	1.8	16	26
Larceny/theft	5.0	17	24	7.2	18	22
Arson	0.0	--	--	0.1	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	1.7	19	30	0.6	19	26
Other property	0.1	--	--	0.1	--	--
<b>Drug offenses</b>	15.9 %	20	28	10.3 %	19	24
Possession	0.6	23	31	0.2	--	--
Trafficking	15.2	20	27	9.4	19	24
Other drug	0.1	--	--	0.7	25	25
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	6.7 %	19 mos.	23 mos.	3.6 %	17 mos.	23 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.1	--	--	0.0	--	--
Nonregulatory public-order	6.6	18	23	3.6	17	23
Weapons	2.5	13	23	2.4	16	21
Immigration	1.2	16	19	0.1	--	--
Tax law violations	0.2	--	--	0.0	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	1.0	26	29	0.1	--	--
Other public-order	1.7	17	24	1.0	21	30
<b>Other offenses</b>	0.3 %	--	--	0.1 %	--	--
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	880			867		

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

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 8-8. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1987: 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 <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Median	Mean	Number	Median	Mean	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	6,309	25 mos.	34 mos.	10 mos.	14 mos.	1,566	44 mos.	58 mos.	17 mos.	20 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	567	40 mos.	58 mos.	15 mos.	19 mos.	441	75 mos.	81 mos.	19 mos.	21 mos.
Homicide	15	23	28	5	10	0	--	--	--	--
Kidnaping	18	42	57	5	12	20	117	117	20	23
Rape	22	29	42	12	14	10	50	59	28	29
Other sexual assault	0	--	--	--	--	0	--	--	--	--
Robbery	418	45	64	20	22	381	74	80	19	21
Assault	84	35	41	11	13	22	82	83	16	18
Other violent	10	41	41	4	7	8	--	--	--	--
<b>Property offenses</b>	1,928	25 mos.	32 mos.	11 mos.	15 mos.	543	33 mos.	43 mos.	17 mos.	20 mos.
Fraud offense	1,133	24	30	10	14	265	30	40	17	19
Embezzlement	429	25	28	10	14	39	33	40	16	19
Fraud	311	23	27	8	12	41	25	40	14	16
Forgery	296	25	35	14	16	163	30	41	17	19
Counterfeiting	97	25	31	11	15	22	25	37	20	25
Nonfraud offense	795	27	36	12	16	278	37	46	17	20
Burglary	68	36	44	17	19	42	52	61	18	21
Larceny/theft	579	27	35	11	15	201	33	42	17	20
Arson	6	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Motor vehicle theft	130	25	36	12	16	32	42	50	17	20
Other property	12	24	30	16	18	2	--	--	--	--
<b>Drug offenses</b>	2,708	24 mos.	31 mos.	10 mos.	13 mos.	408	40 mos.	55 mos.	18 mos.	20 mos.
Possession	117	24	28	11	15	11	22	21	17	19
Trafficking	2,575	24	31	9	13	384	40	55	17	20
Other drug	16	35	54	21	20	13	71	87	25	25
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	1,046	25 mos.	31 mos.	9 mos.	13 mos.	169	40 mos.	56 mos.	16 mos.	19 mos.
Regulatory offense	12	23	24	15	15	2	--	--	--	--
Nonregulatory public-order	1,034	25	31	9	13	167	40	56	15	19
Weapons	368	25	33	6	11	81	37	55	14	18
Immigration	223	19	27	12	14	25	36	37	15	17
Tax law violations	110	24	25	8	11	4	--	--	--	--
Racketeering and extortion	144	31	36	15	17	15	42	58	20	22
Other public-order	189	23	34	9	14	42	43	72	17	20
<b>Other offenses</b>	60	22 mos.	39 mos.	6 mos.	10 mos.	5	--	--	--	--

Note: Data are based on persons discharged from parole supervision for whom time served on parole were reported for most serious offense. Data for parolees who died are not included.

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

<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."

<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 8-9. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1987:  
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 <sup>a</sup>	Mean <sup>b</sup>	Percent	Median	Mean
<b>All offenses</b>	100.0 %	39 mos.	48 mos.	100.0 %	65 mos.	78 mos.
<b>Violent offenses</b>	8.9 %	67 mos.	77 mos.	28.1 %	96 mos.	102 mos.
Homicide	0.2	29	38	0.0	---	---
Kidnaping	0.3	47	69	1.3	143	140
Rape	0.3	43	57	0.6	74	88
Other sexual assault	0.0	---	---	0.0	---	---
Robbery	6.6	72	85	24.3	94	101
Assault	1.3	54	54	1.4	95	101
Other violent	0.2	52	48	0.5	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	30.6 %	39 mos.	47 mos.	34.6 %	55 mos.	63 mos.
Fraud offense	17.9	37	44	16.9	50	59
Embezzlement	6.8	37	42	2.5	50	59
Fraud	4.9	33	39	2.6	42	56
Forgery	4.7	42	51	10.4	51	60
Counterfeiting	1.5	45	46	1.4	50	62
Nonfraud offense	12.7	45	51	17.7	59	67
Burglary	1.1	60	64	2.7	76	82
Larceny/theft	9.2	44	50	12.8	56	62
Arson	0.1	---	---	0.1	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	2.1	44	52	2.0	60	70
Other property	0.2	36	47	0.1	---	---
<b>Drug offenses</b>	43.0 %	36 mos.	44 mos.	23.0 %	63 mos.	75 mos.
Possession	1.9	37	43	0.7	39	40
Trafficking	40.8	36	44	24.5	63	75
Other drug	0.3	63	74	0.8	87	112
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	16.5 %	36 mos.	44 mos.	10.9 %	58 mos.	75 mos.
Regulatory offense	0.2	38	40	0.1	---	---
Nonregulatory public-order	16.3	36	44	10.8	58	75
Weapons	5.8	36	43	5.2	58	73
Immigration	3.5	33	41	1.6	56	55
Tax law violations	1.7	32	36	0.3	---	---
Racketeering and extortion	2.3	49	53	1.0	69	79
Other public-order	3.0	37	48	2.7	67	92
<b>Other offenses</b>	1.0 %	29 mos.	50 mos.	0.3 %	---	---
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	6,309			1,566		

Note: Data are based on persons discharged from parole supervision for whom time served on parole were reported for most serious offense. Data for parolees who died are not included.  
--- No median or mean was calculated because

there were fewer than 10 cases.  
<sup>a</sup>Includes sentences of "life."  
<sup>b</sup>Excludes sentences of "life."

**Table 8-10. Successful and unsuccessful Federal parole discharges, 1987: 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					
	Total mean time under correctional supervision	Successful		Total mean time under correctional supervision	Unsuccessful	
		Mean percent of total time served			Mean percent of total time served	
		In prison	On parole		In prison	On parole
<b>All offenses</b>	48 mos.	71.0 %	29.0 %	78 mos.	69.0 %	31.0 %
<b>Violent offenses</b>	77 mos.	74.0 %	26.0 %	102 mos.	76.0 %	24.0 %
Homicide	38	79.0	21.0	---	---	---
Kidnaping	69	86.0	14.0	140	82.0	18.0
Rape	57	74.0	26.0	88	65.0	35.0
Other sexual assault	---	---	---	---	---	---
Robbery	85	72.0	28.0	101	76.0	24.0
Assault	54	77.0	23.0	101	79.0	21.0
Other violent	48	87.0	13.0	---	---	---
<b>Property offenses</b>	47 mos.	69.0 %	31.0 %	63 mos.	65.0 %	35.0 %
Fraud offense	44	68.0	32.0	59	64.0	36.0
Embezzlement	42	69.0	31.0	59	64.0	36.0
Fraud	39	70.0	30.0	56	64.0	36.0
Forgery	51	66.0	34.0	60	64.0	36.0
Counterfeiting	46	68.0	32.0	62	59.0	41.0
Nonfraud offense	51	69.0	31.0	67	65.0	35.0
Burglary	64	69.0	31.0	82	70.0	30.0
Larceny/theft	50	69.0	31.0	62	64.0	36.0
Arson	---	---	---	---	---	---
Motor vehicle theft	52	69.0	31.0	70	69.0	31.0
Other property	47	65.0	35.0	---	---	---
<b>Drug offenses</b>	44 mos.	72.0 %	28.0 %	75 mos.	67.0 %	33.0 %
Possession	43	69.0	31.0	40	52.0	48.0
Trafficking	44	72.0	28.0	75	68.0	32.0
Other drug	74	71.0	29.0	112	68.0	32.0
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	44 mos.	71.0 %	29.0 %	75 mos.	69.0 %	31.0 %
Regulatory offense	40	62.0	38.0	---	---	---
Nonregulatory public-order	44	71.0	29.0	75	69.0	31.0
Weapons	43	77.0	23.0	73	71.0	29.0
Immigration	41	64.0	36.0	55	66.0	34.0
Tax law violations	36	68.0	32.0	---	---	---
Racketeering and extortion	53	69.0	31.0	79	70.0	30.0
Other public-order	48	71.0	29.0	92	69.0	31.0
<b>Other offenses</b>	50 mos.	73.0 %	27.0 %	---	---	---
<b>Number of parole discharges</b>	6,309			1,566		

Note: Data are based on persons discharged from parole supervision for whom time served in prison and on parole were reported for most serious offense. Data for parolees who died are not reported.  
 --- No mean was calculated because there were fewer than 10 cases.



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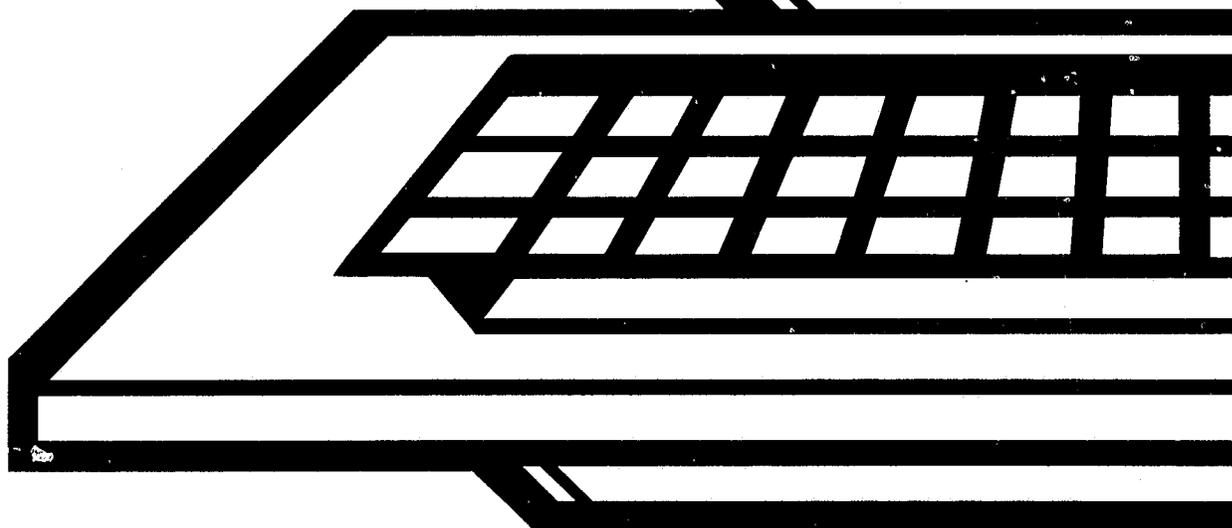
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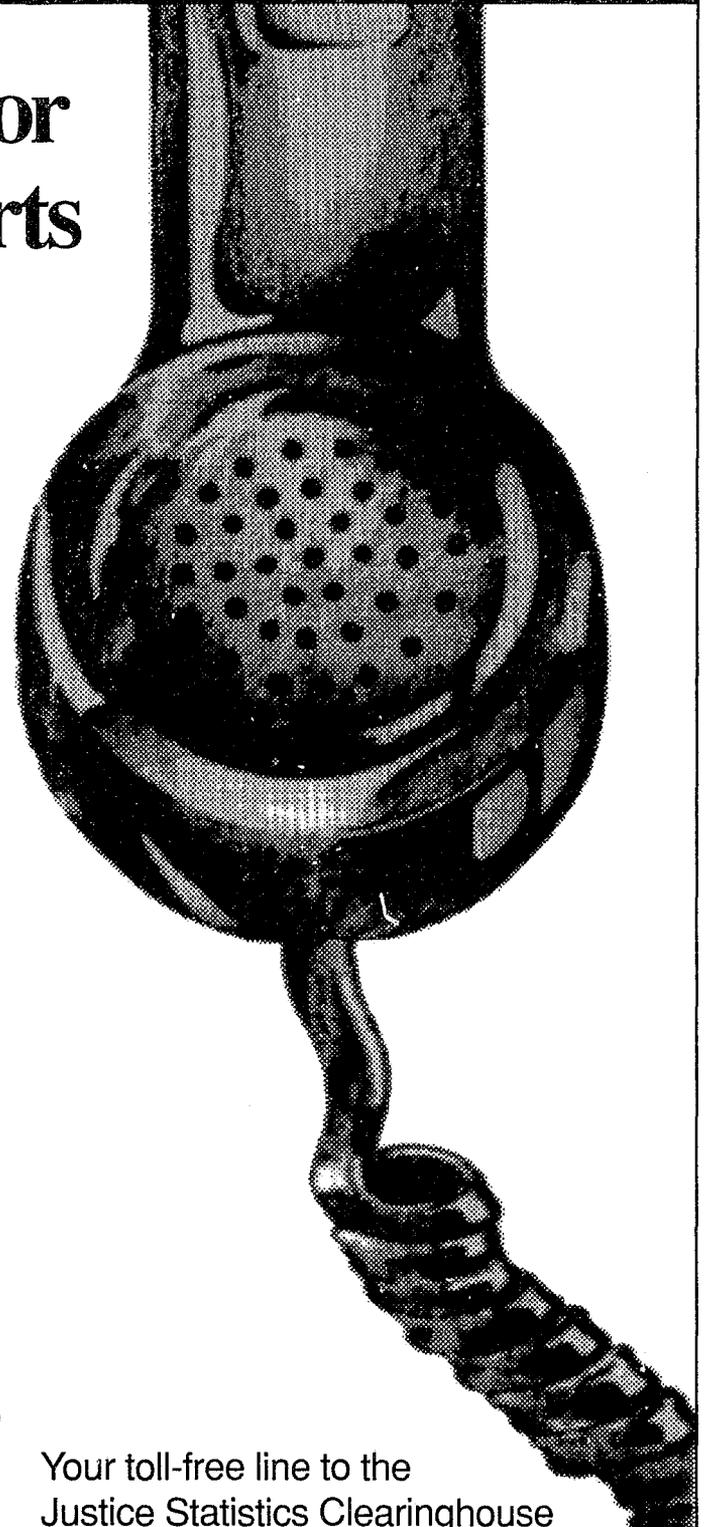
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