

Table 5.4. Average incarceration sentence lengths imposed, by offense and offender characteristics, October 1, 2007–September 30, 2008

Offender characteristic	Mean sentence length for offenders convicted of—									
	All offenses*	Violent offenses	Property offenses		Drug offenses	Public-order offenses			Immigration offenses	Misdemeanors
			Fraudulent	Other		Regulatory	Other	Weapon offenses		
All offenders*	60.6 mo	110.8 mo	30.2 mo	35.6 mo	85.1 mo	33.20 mo	71.6 mo	88.2 mo	22.3 mo	5.0 mo
Gender										
Male	61.9 mo	114.4 mo	31 mo	36.6 mo	87.3 mo	33.20 mo	75.4 mo	89.2 mo	22.9 mo	5.4 mo
Female	37.3	63.7	25.3	21.8	53.2	29.10	31.6	53.8	14.5	4.5
Race										
White	48.2 mo	118.4 mo	28.9 mo	35.8 mo	69.9 mo	31.80 mo	71.7 mo	75.7 mo	22.4 mo	4.9 mo
Black/African American	93.2	117.6	32.9	26.8	110.3	33.60	73.7	99.9	29.5	7.6
American Indian/Alaska Native	64.1	82.3	18.3	27.0	63.2	^	38.5	70.3	15.4	8.2
Asian/Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	54.8	80.6	26.1	39.1	70.1	37.60	62.5	77.7	16.2	3.4
Other	62.1	67.2	22.6	^	98.9	^	55.9	84.2	33.4	^
Ethnicity										
Hispanic/Latino	41.2 mo	104.4 mo	23.6 mo	31.4 mo	69.1 mo	36.20 mo	59.8 mo	69.7 mo	22.6 mo	4.0 mo
Non Hispanic/Latino	78.8	111.8	32.1	33.7	96.0	29.90	73.3	91.6	22.2	6.9
Age										
Under 19 years	24.6 mo	87.8 mo	^	^	30.3 mo	^	^	29.0 mo	9.7 mo	^ mo
19-20	41.6	78.1	17.2 mo	24.4 mo	44.8	^	66.1 mo	73.8	12.2	2.6
21-30	58.3	94.1	23.9	34.2	80.0	27.50 mo	70.1	83.7	19.2	5.3
31-40	62.8	116.7	30.5	34.9	93.9	35.00	72.9	97.7	23.9	5.7
Over 40	60.0	132.3	33.2	31.6	83.6	33.80	71.1	91.4	26.3	6.4
Citizenship										
U.S. citizen	77.0 mo	111.5 mo	32.2 mo	33.1 mo	91.1 mo	31.60 mo	71.7 mo	90.2 mo	19.0 mo	7.0 mo
Non U.S. citizen	35.8	96.2	23	36.1	65.6	34.30	68.7	70.6	22.6	3.8
Education										
Less than high school graduate	55.2 mo	105.5 mo	26.8 mo	38.1 mo	79.2 mo	33.20 mo	66.6 mo	85.9 mo	23.8 mo	8.0 mo
High school graduate	75.8	108.1	30.6	33.2	92.3	28.90	74.9	91.0	26.1	7.6
Some college	66.4	115.4	31.9	30.5	80.8	36.20	76.7	83.8	21.3	7.8
College graduate	55.2	141.9	35.5	28.5	67.4	31.80	65.9	98.6	20.9	12.3
Criminal record										
No convictions	46.9 mo	112.6 mo	27.2 mo	31.3 mo	56.1 mo	31.80 mo	66.5 mo	65.2 mo	11.7 mo	9.0 mo
Prior adult convictions	65.2	108.6	31.4	34.7	101.8	34.30	77.7	91.3	24.7	5.1

Note: By definition, corporations are excluded from the offender characteristics reported. Excludes life sentences and indeterminate sentences. Includes prison portion of split or mixed sentences.

^Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

*Includes corporations and offenders for whom offenses or characteristics are unknown.

Source: Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts criminal master file, fiscal year.