

Table 7.11. Average time to first release and percent of sentence served, for prisoners released by standard methods, October 1, 2007–September 30, 2008

| Most serious original offense of conviction | Number of prisoners released ^a | Mean time served | Median time served | Percent of sentence served |
|---|---|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| All prisoners^b | 53,935 | 38.5 mo | 26.1 mo | 88.0 % |
| Violent offenses | 1,867 | 69.8 mo | 53.5 mo | 88.4 % |
| Murder/manslaughter | 103 | 81.6 | 52.3 | 88.3 |
| Assault | 357 | 34.3 | 26.2 | 88.6 |
| Robbery | 1,189 | 80.1 | 67.9 | 88.4 |
| Sexual abuse | 162 | 56.3 | 42.0 | 88.0 |
| Kidnaping | 40 | 112.3 | 85.4 | 87.9 |
| Threats against the President | 16 | 50.1 | 32.2 | 88.0 |
| Property offenses | 5,323 | 20.4 mo | 15.7 mo | 87.8 % |
| Fraudulent | 4,428 | 19.4 | 14.9 | 87.8 |
| Embezzlement | 178 | 14.5 | 10.5 | 87.3 |
| Fraud ^c | 3,815 | 19.7 | 15.6 | 87.7 |
| Forgery | 65 | 18.4 | 13.1 | 94.3 |
| Counterfeiting | 370 | 19.6 | 15.7 | 88.2 |
| Other | 895 | 25.4 | 18.3 | 88.1 |
| Burglary | 56 | 32.6 | 27.0 | 88.2 |
| Larceny | 380 | 15.8 | 12.0 | 87.9 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 47 | 35.1 | 15.7 | 87.2 |
| Arson and explosives | 35 | 49.8 | 51.7 | 88.0 |
| Transportation of stolen property | 49 | 34.8 | 22.6 | 88.0 |
| Other property offenses | 328 | 29.9 | 26.1 | 88.3 |
| Drug offenses | 17,891 | 61.5 mo | 50.4 mo | 88.0 % |
| Trafficking | 17,808 | 61.7 | 50.5 | 88.0 |
| Possession and other drug offenses | 83 | 31.8 | 10.0 | 88.2 |
| Public-order offenses | 3,056 | 33.8 mo | 21.0 mo | 87.4 % |
| Regulatory | 674 | 22.2 | 15.7 | 87.4 |
| Other | 2,382 | 37.1 | 26.1 | 87.4 |
| Tax law violations | 282 | 15.0 | 12.0 | 87.4 |
| Bribery | 50 | 22.2 | 14.1 | 85.3 |
| Perjury | 82 | 17.7 | 11.7 | 87.4 |
| National defense | 19 | 38.6 | 26.2 | 87.8 |
| Escape | 155 | 21.8 | 15.5 | 89.3 |
| Racketeering and extortion | 1,012 | 55.7 | 40.9 | 87.1 |
| Nonviolent sex offenses | 50 | 41.7 | 31.8 | 87.3 |
| Obscene material | 467 | 36.1 | 32.2 | 87.6 |
| Traffic | 175 | 3.1 | 1.0 | ^ |
| Wildlife | 5 | ^ | ^ | ^ |
| Environmental | 13 | 13.8 | 13.1 | ^ |
| All other offenses | 72 | 19.9 | 14.2 | 87.9 |
| Weapon offenses | 5,532 | 48.1 mo | 40.1 mo | 88.5 % |
| Immigration offenses | 19,690 | 17.9 mo | 11.3 mo | 88.0 % |

Note: Methods for calculating average time served and percent of sentence served differ from those used in the 1993 and prior compendia. In this table, "Murder" includes nonnegligent manslaughter; "Sexual abuse" includes only violent sex offenses; "Fraud" excludes tax fraud; "Larceny" excludes transportation of stolen property; "Other property offenses" excludes fraudulent property offenses, and includes destruction of property and trespassing; "Tax law violations" includes tax fraud; "Obscene material" denotes the mail or transport thereof.

^ Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

^aThis column excludes prisoners who left federal prison by extraordinary means, such as death, sentence commutation, and treaty transfer. The total number of prisoners who left prison due to extraordinary means in fiscal year 2008 was 5,486.

^b"All prisoners" include 576 prisoners whose offense was unclassifiable or not a violation of U.S. Code.

