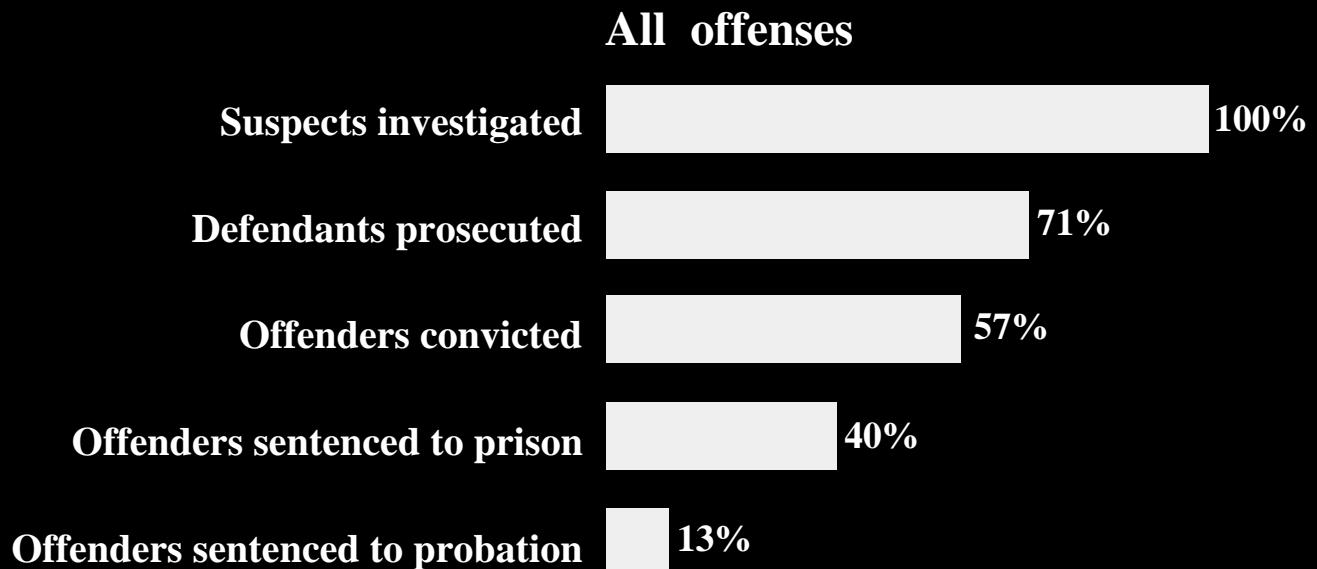




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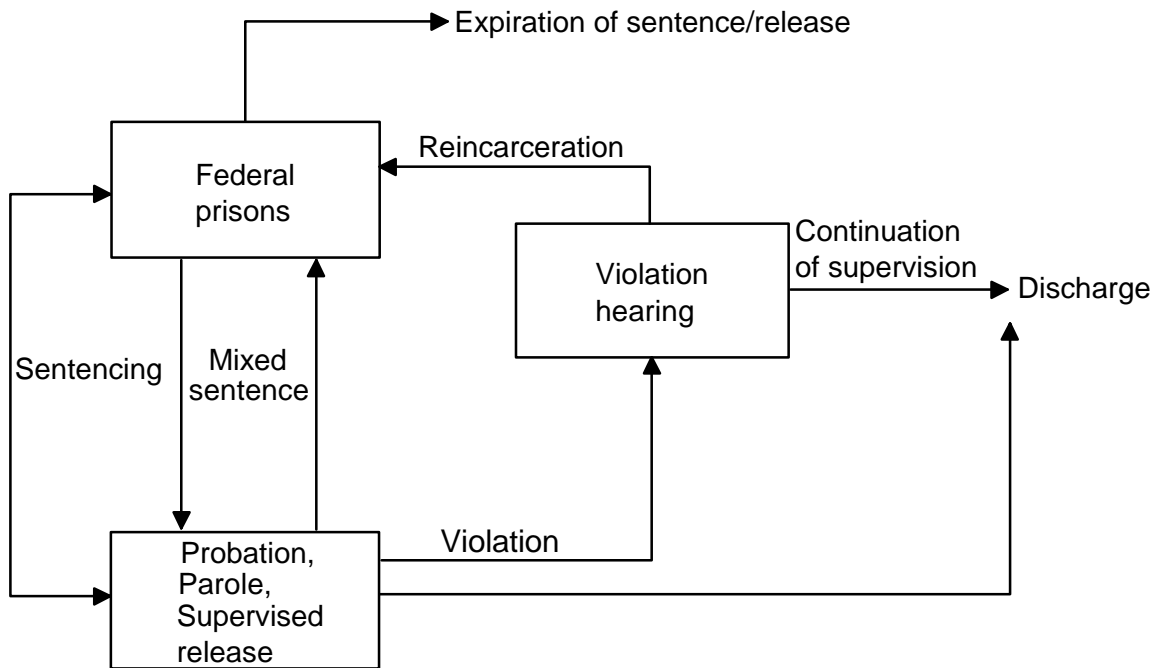
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# Chapter 6

## Corrections

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## Supervision

During 1997, 38,503 offenders terminated active supervision of probation, parole or mandatory release, or a term of supervised release.

Active supervision can terminate upon one of two events: (1) a temporary removal or (2) a permanent closure. A temporary removal to inactive status can occur because of a violation (usually absconding, a warrant for arrest, or failure to appear for a hearing) or for some other reason, such as long-term hospitalization. A permanent closure of supervision occurs in one of three ways: (1) the offender successfully completes the supervision term without violating conditions; (2) the offender is returned to prison following a violation of conditions or conviction for a new crime; or (3) the offender's supervision is closed for administrative reasons. The tables in this chapter classify termination of active supervision as "no violation" (a successful completion or a removal without violations), as technical violations or new crimes (removals with violations or returns to prison), or as administrative case closures.

Violation of the conditions of supervision or arrest for a new offense can result in imposition of additional restrictions or in removal from active supervision. Removal from active supervision may entail incarceration of a probationer or reincarceration of an offender who was under parole or supervised release. Offenders who are removed from active supervision with violations, but who are not incarcerated, may have some other action taken against them, such as deportation, issuance of an arrest warrant, assignment to community corrections, or supervision by some other State or local authority.

### Federal offenders under supervision (table 6.1)

As of the end of the fiscal year 1997, there were 90,751 offenders under active Federal supervision, of which 88% had been convicted of a felony. Almost two-thirds were serving a term of post-incarceration supervision:

**Offenders terminating parole or supervised release violated their terms of supervision at higher rates than offenders terminating probation**

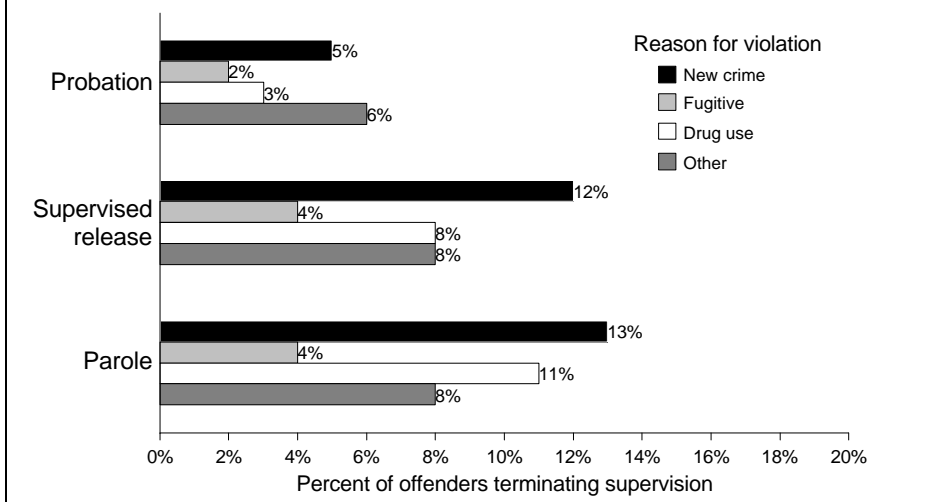


Figure 6.1. Violation rates of offenders terminating probation, supervised release, or parole, by type of violation, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997

supervised release (51,140) or parole (6,872). The remainder (32,739) were on probation. Most of those on probation had been convicted of either a felony property offense (39%) or a misdemeanor (32%). More than half of offenders under supervised release (52%) and parolees (54%) had been convicted of a drug offense.

### Outcomes of offenders completing supervision (tables 6.3, 6.5, and 6.7)

**Probation (table 6.3)** — During 1997, 16,748 offenders completed one or more terms of active probation. Overall, 83% of offenders successfully completed their term of probation, another 15% violated the conditions of supervision, and 2% had their supervision administratively terminated. Of offenders terminating probation, 5% committed a new crime (figure 6.1). Most committed technical violations, including drug use (3%) and absconding (2%).

Offenders convicted of violent offenses were less likely than others to successfully complete a term of probation without a violation (figure 6.2). During 1997, 34% of probationers convicted of violent offenses violated their conditions of probation, as did

14% of drug, 13% of property, and 9% of public-order offenders. Violent offenders were also more likely to commit new crimes (11%) than were drug (6%), property (5%), and public-order (4%) offenders.

**Supervised release (table 6.5)** — During 1997, 17,896 offenders completed terms of supervised release. Overall, 65% of these offenders successfully completed their term of supervised release; 21% committed technical violations, such as drug use (8%) and absconding (4%); and 12% committed a new crime (figure 6.1). The remaining 3% had their supervision administratively terminated.

Offenders convicted of violent offenses were less likely than others to complete a term of supervised release without a violation (figure 6.2). Fifty-five percent of violent offenders violated conditions of supervised release, while 33% of drug, 32% of public-order, and 27% of property offenders violated supervised release. Violent offenders were also more likely to commit new crimes (17%) than were public-order (13%), drug (12%), or property (10%) offenders.

**Parole (table 6.7)** — During 1997, 3,859 offenders completed terms of

**Offenders convicted of violent offenses were less likely than others to successfully complete a term of supervision**

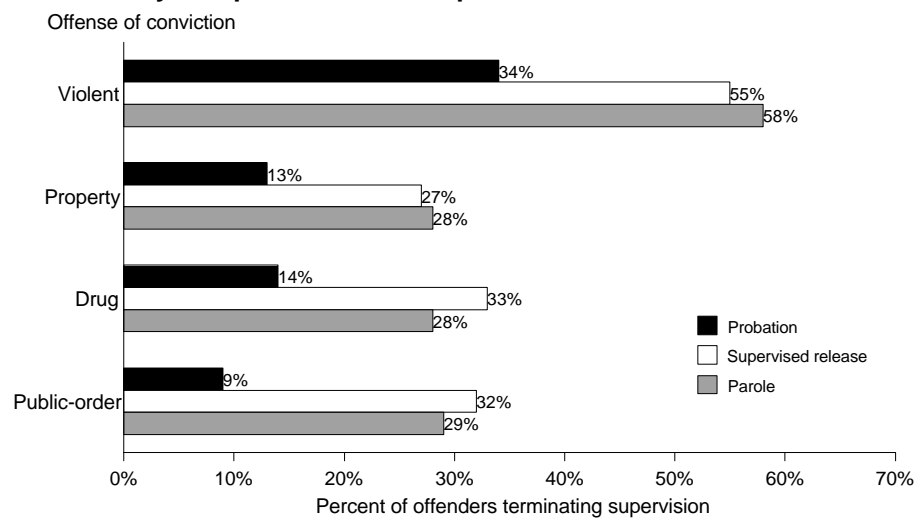


Figure 6.2. Violation rates of offenders completing probation, supervised release, or parole, by category of offense, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997

parole. Overall, 60% of these offenders successfully completed their term of parole; 23% committed technical violations, such as drug use (11%) and absconding (4%); and 13% committed a new crime. The remaining 5% had their supervision administratively terminated.

Offenders convicted of violent offenses were less likely than others to complete a term of parole without a violation (figure 6.2). Fifty-eight percent of violent offenders violated conditions of parole, while 29% of public-order, and 28% of both property and drug offenders violated parole. Violent offenders were also more likely to commit new crimes (21%) than offenders convicted of public-order (15%), property (10%), or drug (10%) offenses.

**Characteristics of offenders completing supervision (tables 6.4, 6.6, and 6.8)**

**Probation (table 6.4)** — Among offenders who completed a term of probation, 74% were male; 69% were white; 90% were of non-Hispanic origin; 31% were less than age 31 (compared to 40% over age 40); 26% had less than a high school diploma (compared to 38% who had a high school

diploma and 37% who had at least some college education); and 81% had no known drug history.

Younger offenders, those with a history of drug abuse, and those with a lower educational background had higher probabilities of violating the conditions of probation. Offenders ages 16 to 20 were more likely (33%) to violate probation conditions than probationers in other age groups — 22% of those ages 21 to 30 and 12% of those over age 30.

Probationers with a history of drug abuse were almost 7 times more likely to violate probation for drug use than offenders who were not drug abusers. Probationers with a history of drug abuse were also more likely to violate supervision for other reasons (fugitive status and new crimes) than were other probationers.

Probationers with lower levels of education were more likely to violate the conditions of probation than those with higher levels of education (figure 6.3). Those who did not graduate high school had a 22% violation rate, those who were high school graduates had a 16% violation rate, those with some college had a 12% violation

rate, and those with a college degree had a 6% violation rate.

**Supervised release (table 6.6)** — Among those who completed a term of supervised release, 85% were male; 67% were white; 84% were of non-Hispanic origin; 26% were less than age 31 (38% were over age 40); 38% had only some high school (35% had a high school diploma and 27% had at least some college); and 56% had no known drug history.

Younger offenders, those with a history of drug abuse, and those with a lower educational background had higher probabilities of violating the conditions of supervised release. Offenders ages 16 to 20 were more likely to violate conditions of their supervision compared to 46% of those ages 21 to 30 and 27% of those over age 30.

Releasees with a history of drug abuse were almost 5 times more likely to terminate their supervision for technical violations of drug use than were releasees who were not drug abusers. Releasees with a history of drug abuse were also more likely to violate supervision because of fugitive status or new crimes.

Similarly, releasees with lower levels of education were more likely to violate conditions of supervised release than those with higher levels of education (figure 6.3). Those who did not graduate from high school had a 41% violation rate, those who were high school graduates had a 32% violation rate, those with some college had a 23% violation rate, and those with a college degree had a 12% violation rate.

**Parole (table 6.8)** — Among those who completed a term of parole, 96% were male; 66% were white; 86% were of non-Hispanic origin; 72% were over age 40; 44% had only some high school (33% had a high school diploma and 22% had at least some college); and 48% had no known drug history.

Offenders with a history of drug abuse and those with a lower educational background had higher probabilities of violating the conditions of parole. Releasees with a history of drug abuse were almost 5 times more likely to terminate their supervision for technical violations of drug use as were releasees who were not drug abusers. Releasees with a history of drug abuse were also more likely to violate supervision because of fugitive status or new crimes.

Similarly, releasees with lower levels of education were more likely to violate conditions of supervised release than those with higher levels of education (figure 6.3). Those who did not graduate from high school had a 41% violation rate, those who were high school graduates had a 35% violation rate, those with some college had a 31% violation rate, and those with a college degree had a 10% violation rate.

### Admissions, releases, and standing population of Federal prisoners (table 6.9)

The Federal prison population grew by 6,565 persons during fiscal year 1997, increasing from 92,379 sentenced prisoners to 98,944. The greatest growth was among drug and public-order offenders, particularly immigration offenders. The number of drug offenders in prison grew by 3,868 in 1997. The number of immigration offenders increased by 945. In contrast, the number of weapons offenders grew at a slower rate, increasing by 317.

### Federal prisoners: First releases and time served (tables 6.11-6.14)

During 1997, 31,894 prisoners were released from Federal prison for the first time after serving a sentence imposed by a U.S. district court.<sup>1</sup> Of these, 29,080 were released by standard means. These standard releases served an average of 28.8 months (table 6.12) in prison — 91%

<sup>1</sup>Tables 6.11-6.13 include only prisoners first released by the BOP during 1997.

### Those having lower levels of education were more likely to violate conditions of supervision

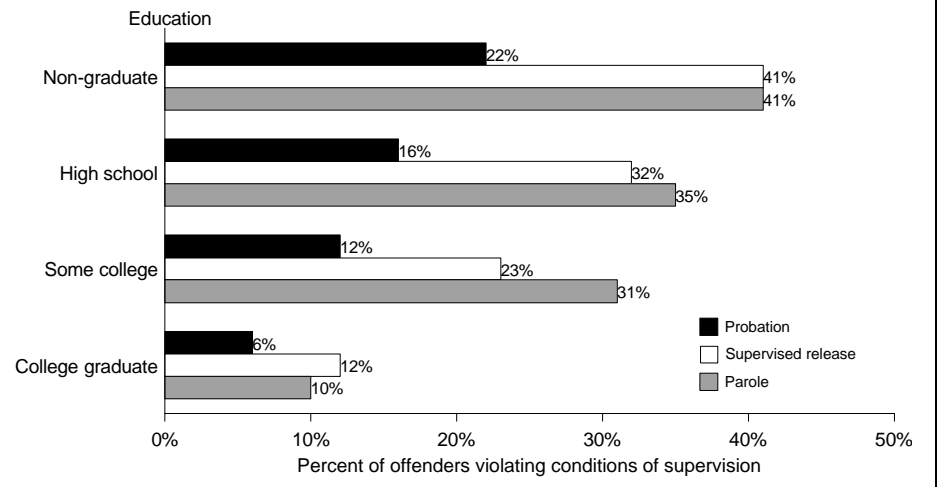


Figure 6.3. Rates of violation of conditions of supervision, by level of education, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997

of the sentence imposed, on average (table 6.14).<sup>2</sup>

The remaining 2,814 first releases were released by extraordinary means: 1,689 were released early due to participation in a drug treatment program; 291 had their sentences commuted; 338 were deported; 212 died; and 284 were released for other reasons including escape and an intensive confinement program (table 6.11). Drug offenders made up the vast majority of those released by extraordinary means (79%).

Time served until first release varied by offense: Violent offenders served an average of 53.8 months; drug offenders served an average of 42.5 months; public-order offenders served an average of 17.9 months; and property offenders served an average of fewer than 15.3 months (figure 6.4). During 1997 the average time to first release for public-order offenders was

<sup>2</sup>Average time to first release is the number of months in Bureau of Prisons facilities minus credits for time spent in jail prior to final disposition or sentencing. Percent of sentence served is the average percentage of each individual prisoner's percent of total sentence obligation served until first release.

influenced heavily by the relatively short time served by immigration offenders. Immigration offenders composed 59% of all public-order offenders and, on average, served 10.9 months until first release. This was slightly more than half of the average time served for all public-order offenders (17.9). Exclusive of immigration offenders, public-order offenders served an average of 28.1 months until first release (not shown in a table).

While violent and drug offenders served more time before first release, property and public-order offenders served more of their sentences than violent and drug offenders (figure 6.4).

Old law offenders — those who committed crimes before the implementation of Federal Sentencing Guidelines in November 1987 — that were released in 1997 are not separately shown in any tables. Only 3%, or 956, released offenders were old law offenders. New law offenders released during 1997 served, on average, 26.7 months in prison (92% of the sentence imposed). Since the Guidelines became effective as of November 1987, new law offenders sentenced to terms of imprisonment greater than 139 months could not have been released by standard means as of the

**Violent and drug offenders were released from longer prison terms and served more time than property and public-order offenders**

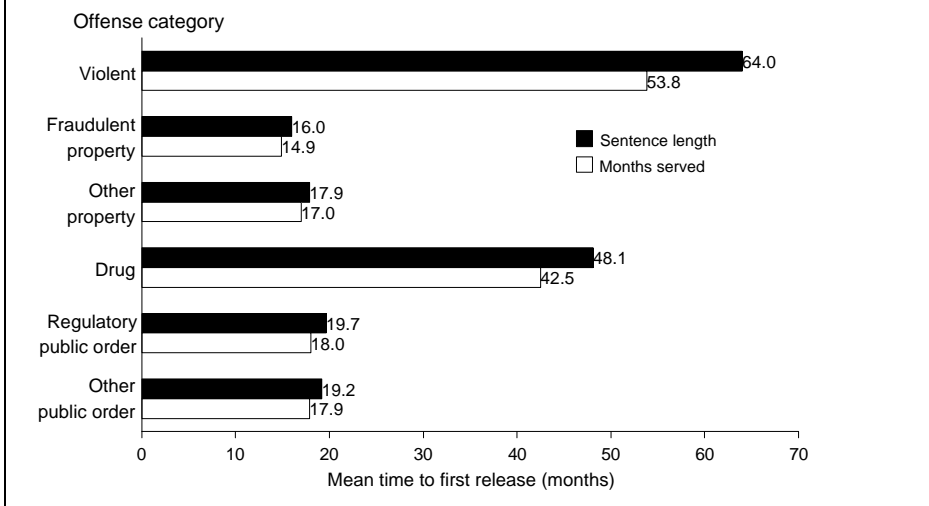


Figure 6.4. Mean time to first release (months), by offense, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997

Hispanic and 64% were not U.S. citizens.

**Time served to first release (table 6.16)** — Of prisoners released by standard methods, males served more time than females, blacks served more time than whites, non-Hispanics served more time than Hispanics, older persons served more time than younger (until over age 40), and U.S. citizens served more time than noncitizens (figure 6.5). However, among the offenses, the overall pattern does not always hold, except for males and females. For example, blacks served more time on average than whites, but among property offenders released from prison, whites served more time than blacks.

end of 1997.<sup>3</sup> They could have been released for extraordinary reasons such as death, commutation, or treaty transfer.<sup>4</sup>

**Characteristics of Federal prisoners (tables 6.10, 6.15, and 6.16)**

**Standing population (table 6.10)** — Of prisoners in Federal prison at the end of 1997, 93% were male, 58% were white, 39% were black, 27% were Hispanic, and 76% were U.S. citizens. Fifty-eight percent of the yearend population were 31 years of age or older. This portrait of the Federal prison population was similar across offenses and for new law offenders, except for the ethnicity and citizenship of violent and property offenders. More than 90% of these offenders were non-Hispanic and U.S. citizens.

**Prisoners released (table 6.15)** — Of prisoners released during 1997, 89% were male, 73% were white, 24% were black, 38% were Hispanic, and 63% were U.S. citizens. Fifty-six percent were 31 years of age or older. These patterns were similar across offenses and for new law offenders, except with nonregulatory public-order offenses. Of released offenders convicted of those offenses, 61% were

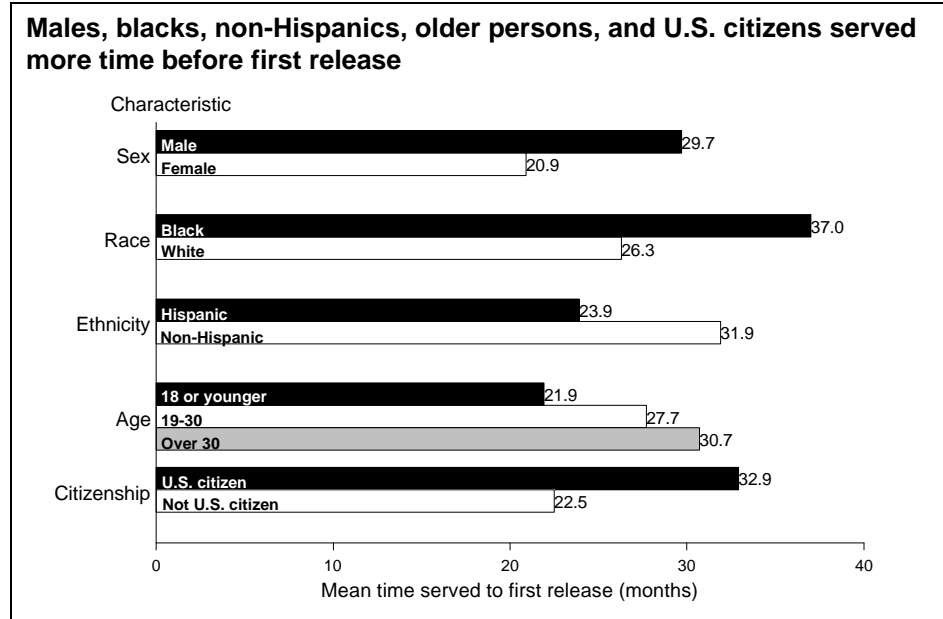


Figure 6.5. Characteristics of first releasees, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997

<sup>3</sup>The Federal Sentencing Guidelines allow a prisoner up to 54 days per year for good behavior, so a prisoner sentenced to 139 months in prison in November 1987 could have served 118 months of his or her sentence and been released in 1997.

<sup>4</sup>Prisoners released for extraordinary reasons have been excluded from all time served and percent of sentence served calculations.

**Table 6.1. Federal offenders under supervision, by offense, September 30, 1997**

	Total offenders under supervision		Type of supervision					
	Number	Percent	Probation		Supervised release		Parole	
Most serious offense of conviction <sup>a</sup>	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>All offenses<sup>b</sup></b>	90,751	100%	32,739	100%	51,140	100%	6,872	100%
<b>Felonies</b>	79,804	88.2%	22,442	68.9%	50,498	98.9%	6,864	99.9%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	5,270	5.8%	711	2.2%	2,869	5.6%	1,690	24.6%
Murder <sup>c</sup>	255	0.3	39	0.1	91	0.2	125	1.8
Negligent manslaughter	18	—	8	—	10	—	0	0
Assault	461	0.5	150	0.5	264	0.5	47	0.7
Robbery	3,647	4.0	263	0.8	2,039	4.0	1,345	19.6
Rape	326	0.4	94	0.3	185	0.4	47	0.7
Other sex offenses <sup>c</sup>	353	0.4	140	0.4	189	0.4	24	0.3
Kidnaping	164	0.2	7	—	56	0.1	101	1.5
Threats against the President	46	0.1	10	—	35	0.1	1	—
<b>Property offenses</b>	27,585	30.5%	12,774	39.2%	14,034	27.5%	777	11.3%
<b>Fraudulent</b>	22,621	25.0%	10,360	31.8%	11,782	23.1%	479	7.0%
Embezzlement	3,636	4.0	1,329	4.1	2,263	4.4	44	0.6
Fraud <sup>c</sup>	16,864	18.6	7,985	24.5	8,526	16.7	353	5.1
Forgery	704	0.8	348	1.1	300	0.6	56	0.8
Counterfeiting	1,417	1.6	698	2.1	693	1.4	26	0.4
<b>Other</b>	4,964	5.5%	2,414	7.4%	2,252	4.4%	298	4.3%
Burglary	261	0.3	55	0.2	150	0.3	56	0.8
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	3,352	3.7	1,869	5.7	1,350	2.6	133	1.9
Motor vehicle theft	429	0.5	147	0.5	250	0.5	32	0.5
Arson and explosives	331	0.4	92	0.3	191	0.4	48	0.7
Transportation of stolen property	522	0.6	214	0.7	280	0.5	28	0.4
Other property offenses <sup>c</sup>	69	0.1	37	0.1	31	0.1	1	—
<b>Drug offenses</b>	33,743	37.3%	3,655	11.2%	26,365	51.7%	3,723	54.2%
Trafficking	29,942	33.1	3,204	9.8	23,316	45.7	3,422	49.8
Other drug offenses	3,801	4.2	451	1.4	3,049	6.0	301	4.4
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	12,942	14.3%	5,138	15.8%	7,134	14.0%	670	9.8%
<b>Regulatory</b>	2,187	2.4%	1,278	3.9%	860	1.7%	49	0.7%
Agriculture	78	0.1	50	0.2	27	0.1	1	—
Antitrust	22	—	19	0.1	3	—	0	0
Food and drug	60	0.1	38	0.1	22	—	0	0
Transportation	95	0.1	54	0.2	37	0.1	4	0.1
Civil rights	140	0.2	44	0.1	84	0.2	12	0.2
Communications	105	0.1	64	0.2	41	0.1	0	0
Custom laws	114	0.1	71	0.2	41	0.1	2	—
Postal laws	151	0.2	103	0.3	45	0.1	3	—
Other regulatory offenses	1,422	1.6	835	2.6	560	1.1	27	0.4
<b>Other</b>	10,755	11.9%	3,860	11.8%	6,274	12.3%	621	9.0%
Weapons	3,908	4.3	612	1.9	3,094	6.1	202	2.9
Immigration offenses	1,405	1.6	637	2.0	754	1.5	14	0.2
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	1,890	2.1	1,251	3.8	574	1.1	65	0.9
Bribery	429	0.5	248	0.8	176	0.3	5	0.1
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	320	0.4	126	0.4	175	0.3	19	0.3
National defense	45	—	19	0.1	22	—	4	0.1
Escape	323	0.4	65	0.2	226	0.4	32	0.5
Racketeering and extortion	1,728	1.9	474	1.5	990	1.9	264	3.8
Gambling	312	0.3	203	0.6	105	0.2	4	0.1
Obscene material <sup>c</sup>	68	0.1	40	0.1	24	—	4	0.1
Migratory birds	13	—	12	—	1	—	0	0
All other offenses	314	0.3	173	0.5	133	0.3	8	0.1
<b>Misdemeanors<sup>c</sup></b>	10,947	12.1%	10,297	31.6%	642	1.3%	8	0.1%
Fraudulent property offenses	3,049	3.4	2,866	8.8	180	0.4	3	—
Larceny	1,375	1.5	1,301	4.0	73	0.1	1	—
Drug possession <sup>c</sup>	1,469	1.6	1,374	4.2	93	0.2	2	—
Immigration misdemeanors	1,863	2.1	1,691	5.2	170	0.3	2	—
Traffic offenses	324	0.4	311	1.0	13	—	0	0
Other misdemeanors	2,867	3.2	2,754	8.5	113	0.2	0	0
<b>Unknown or indeterminable offense</b>	264		164		96		4	

—Less than .05%.

<sup>a</sup>See *Chapter notes*, item 1, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

<sup>b</sup>Total includes offenders whose offense category could not be determined; see *Chapter notes*, item 2, p. 93.

<sup>c</sup>In this table, "Murder" includes nonnegligent manslaughter; "Other sex offenses" may include some nonviolent offenses; "Fraud" excludes tax fraud;

"Larceny" excludes transportation of stolen property; "Other property offenses" excludes fraudulent property offenses, and includes destruction of property and trespass; "Tax law violations" includes tax fraud; "Obscene material" denotes the mail or transport thereof; "Misdemeanors" includes misdemeanors, petty offenses, and unknown offense levels; and "Drug possession" also includes other drug misdemeanors.



**Table 6.2. Characteristics of Federal offenders under supervision, by offense, September 30, 1997**

Offender characteristic	Total offenders under supervision		Type of supervision					
	Number	Percent	Probation		Supervised release		Parole	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>All offenders*</b>	91,371	100%	6,872	100%	51,140	100%	32,739	100%
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	73,017	80.1%	6,580	95.9%	42,347	82.9%	23,494	71.9%
Female	18,194	19.9	283	4.1	8,716	17.1	9,174	28.1
<b>Race</b>								
White	61,190	67.9%	4,571	67.7%	33,991	67.3%	22,267	69.0%
Black	24,939	27.7	2,033	30.1	14,611	28.9	8,073	25.0
Other	4,036	4.5	148	2.2	1,921	3.8	1,954	6.1
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Hispanic	14,075	15.4%	1,005	14.6%	8,857	17.3%	4,177	12.8%
Non-Hispanic	77,296	84.6	5,867	85.4	42,283	82.7	28,562	87.2
<b>Age</b>								
16-18 years	542	0.6%	0	0%	28	0.1%	514	1.6%
19-20 years	1,649	1.8	1	—	482	0.9	1,157	3.5
21-30 years	24,397	26.7	260	3.8	14,741	28.8	9,141	28.0
31-40 years	29,212	32.0	1,908	27.8	17,646	34.5	9,438	28.9
Over 40 years	35,406	38.8	4,691	68.4	18,210	35.6	12,369	37.9
<b>Education</b>								
Less than high school graduate	28,443	31.5%	2,817	41.3%	17,523	34.5%	8,049	25.0%
High school graduate	31,943	35.3	2,306	33.8	17,989	35.4	11,286	35.1
Some college	20,988	23.2	1,247	18.3	11,079	21.8	8,530	26.5
College graduate	8,989	9.9	458	6.7	4,182	8.2	4,307	13.4
<b>Drug abuse</b>								
No known abuse	60,747	66.5%	3,766	54.8%	30,090	58.8%	26,420	80.7%
Drug history	30,623	33.5	3,105	45.2	21,050	41.2	6,319	19.3

—Less than .05%.

\*Includes offenders with unknown characteristics.

**Table 6.3. Outcomes of probation supervision, by offense, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Most serious offense of conviction <sup>a</sup>	Number of probation terminations	Percent of probation supervisions terminating with—					
		No violation	Technical violations <sup>b</sup>			New crime <sup>c</sup>	Administrative case closures
			Drug use	Fugitive status	Other		
<b>All offenses</b>	16,748	82.7%	2.7%	2.1%	5.6%	5.0%	1.9%
<b>Felonies</b>	8,639	84.9%	2.1%	1.7%	4.3%	4.7%	2.2%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	250	65.2%	4.1%	7.8%	11.1%	10.7%	1.2%
Murder <sup>d</sup>	21	76.2	0	9.5	9.5	4.8	0
Negligent manslaughter	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assault	74	50.0	8.6	12.9	10.0	15.7	2.9
Robbery	76	70.7	2.7	6.7	6.7	12.0	1.3
Rape	38	60.5	5.3	5.3	23.7	5.3	0
Other sex offenses <sup>d</sup>	26	76.9	0	3.8	7.7	11.5	0
Kidnaping	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Threats against the President	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Property offenses</b>	4,884	84.9%	1.9%	1.6%	4.8%	4.7%	2.1%
<b>Fraudulent</b>	3,923	86.1%	1.6%	1.4%	4.4%	4.2%	2.3%
Embezzlement	562	91.3	1.4	0.5	2.7	3.0	1.1
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	2,900	86.5	1.3	1.4	4.5	3.6	2.7
Forgery	197	75.0	2.6	3.6	5.1	12.2	1.5
Counterfeiting	264	79.5	4.5	1.9	6.1	7.2	0.8
<b>Other</b>	961	79.9%	3.1%	2.2%	6.6%	7.0%	1.2%
Burglary	17	52.9	5.9	5.9	23.5	11.8	0
Larceny <sup>d</sup>	755	79.0	3.6	2.1	6.7	7.5	1.2
Motor vehicle theft	62	80.6	1.6	3.2	4.8	8.1	1.6
Arson and explosives	26	80.8	3.8	0	7.7	3.8	3.8
Transportation and stolen property	91	91.1	0	2.2	3.3	3.3	0
Other property offenses <sup>d</sup>	10	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Drug offenses</b>	1,391	84.0%	3.3%	1.5%	3.6%	5.6%	2.0%
Trafficking	1,251	83.9	3.3	1.5	3.6	5.5	2.2
Possession and other drug offenses	140	84.7	2.9	1.5	3.6	7.3	0
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	2,086	88.2%	1.6%	1.5%	2.8%	3.2%	2.6%
<b>Regulatory</b>	512	86.2%	2.0%	1.8%	3.6%	3.6%	3.0%
Agriculture	15	92.3	0	0	0	0	7.7
Antitrust	20	100	0	0	0	0	0
Food and drug	22	90.9	0	0	4.5	4.5	0
Transportation	21	85.7	0	9.5	4.8	0	0
Civil rights	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Communications	35	82.9	0	0	5.7	2.9	8.6
Custom laws	25	88.0	0	0	0	4.0	8.0
Postal laws	39	79.5	2.6	5.1	7.7	5.1	0
Other regulatory offenses	326	86.4	2.8	0.9	3.4	3.7	2.8
<b>Other</b>	1,574	88.8%	1.5%	1.4%	2.6%	3.1%	2.5%
Weapons	270	81.8	3.7	0.7	4.1	6.3	3.3
Immigration offenses	228	79.2	2.2	5.8	4.4	6.2	2.2
Tax law violations <sup>d</sup>	526	93.7	0	0.2	1.7	1.9	2.5
Bribery	101	95.0	0	1.0	1.0	0	3.0
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	63	93.7	3.2	0	1.6	0	1.6
National defense	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Escape	31	90.3	3.2	3.2	0	3.2	0
Racketeering and extortion	186	88.2	2.7	2.2	1.6	2.7	2.7
Gambling	113	94.7	0.9	0	0.9	0	3.5
Obscene material <sup>d</sup>	11	100	0	0	0	0	0
Migratory birds	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other offenses	34	79.4	0	0	14.7	5.9	0
<b>Misdemeanors<sup>d</sup></b>	8,109	80.3%	3.3%	2.5%	7.0%	5.3%	1.7%
Fraudulent property offense	2,024	83.4	2.0	2.4	6.1	4.5	1.6
Larceny	738	82.8	3.3	4.0	5.0	3.0	1.9
Drug possession <sup>d</sup>	1,027	80.7	4.1	2.2	5.7	6.3	1.1
Immigration	1,497	77.8	5.7	1.6	7.1	5.9	1.8
Traffic offenses	185	61.2	3.8	3.8	16.9	10.9	3.3
Other misdemeanors	2,638	79.8	2.6	2.6	8.0	5.3	1.7

Note: Offenses for 28 felony offenders could not be classified. See *Chapter notes*, item 3, p. 93.

—Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

<sup>a</sup>See *Chapter notes*, item 1, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

<sup>b</sup>Supervision terminated with incarceration or removal to inactive status for violation of supervision conditions other than charges for new offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Supervision terminated with incarceration or removal to inactive status after arrest for a "major" or "minor" offense.

<sup>d</sup>In this table, "Murder" includes nonnegligent manslaughter; "Other sex offenses" may include some nonviolent offenses; "Fraud" excludes tax fraud; "Larceny" excludes transportation of stolen property; "Other property offenses" excludes fraudulent property offenses, and includes destruction of property and trespass; "Tax law violations" includes tax fraud; "Obscene material" denotes the mail or transport thereof; "Misdemeanors" includes misdemeanors, petty offenses, and unknown offense levels; and "Drug possession" also includes other drug misdemeanors.

**Table 6.4. Characteristics of offenders terminating probation supervision, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Offender characteristic	Number of probation terminations	Percent terminating probation with—					New crime <sup>b</sup>	Administrative case closures
		No violation	Technical violations <sup>a</sup>					
			Drug use	Fugitive status	Other			
<b>All offenders<sup>c</sup></b>	16,748	82.7%	2.7%	2.1%	5.6%	5.0%	1.9%	
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	12,380	81.4%	2.7%	2.2%	6.2%	5.5%	2.0%	
Female	4,338	86.3	2.6	1.8	4.0	3.5	1.8	
<b>Race</b>								
White	11,432	85.4%	2.1%	1.7%	4.4%	4.3%	2.0%	
Black	4,233	75.4	4.3	2.9	8.7	6.8	1.8	
Other	873	81.4	2.7	3.0	6.2	5.0	1.7	
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Hispanic	1,668	76.9%	2.7%	3.0%	7.2%	7.3%	2.9%	
Non-Hispanic	15,080	83.3	2.7	2.0	5.4	4.7	1.8	
<b>Age</b>								
16-18 years	172	57.7%	4.2%	10.1%	8.9%	16.7%	2.4%	
19-20 years	572	66.9	5.9	2.7	12.3	10.7	1.6	
21-30 years	4,499	76.4	3.9	3.0	7.8	7.3	1.6	
31-40 years	4,804	82.1	3.2	2.5	5.9	4.6	1.6	
Over 40 years	6,688	89.3	1.2	0.9	3.3	2.9	2.4	
<b>Education</b>								
Less than high school graduate	4,177	75.3%	4.1%	3.5%	7.4%	7.2%	2.4%	
High school graduate	6,100	82.5	3.2	1.8	6.0	4.9	1.6	
Some college	4,014	87.2	1.6	1.4	4.1	3.9	1.8	
College graduate	1,968	91.6	0.5	0.7	2.6	2.4	2.1	
<b>Drug abuse</b>								
No known abuse	13,499	86.2%	1.3%	1.7%	4.8%	4.0%	2.0%	
Drug history	3,249	67.7	8.7	3.7	9.0	9.0	1.8	

<sup>a</sup>Violation of supervision conditions other than charges for new offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Includes offenders with unknown characteristics.

<sup>b</sup>Includes both "major" and "minor" offenses.

**Table 6.5. Outcomes of supervised release, by offense, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

	Number of supervised release terminations	Percent of supervised releases terminating with—					
		No violation	Technical violations <sup>b</sup>			New crime <sup>c</sup>	Administrative case closures
			Drug use	Fugitive status	Other		
<b>Most serious offense of conviction<sup>a</sup></b>							
<b>All offenses</b>	17,896	64.8%	7.9%	4.2%	8.4%	11.7%	3.0%
<b>Felonies</b>	17,150	64.8%	7.9%	4.2%	8.3%	11.8%	3.0%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,296	43.4%	12.8%	9.1%	15.7%	17.0%	2.0%
Murder <sup>d</sup>	56	67.9	1.8	8.9	10.7	8.9	1.8
Negligent manslaughter	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Assault	161	46.5	7.6	10.8	16.6	17.2	1.3
Robbery	893	37.0	15.7	9.1	17.4	18.3	2.5
Rape	91	59.3	5.5	5.5	9.9	19.8	0
Other sex offenses <sup>d</sup>	52	78.0	8.0	4.0	2.0	6.0	2.0
Kidnaping	21	38.1	14.3	28.6	4.8	14.3	0
Threats against the President	13	53.8	7.7	0	30.8	7.7	0
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,010	70.8%	5.0%	3.9%	8.0%	9.9%	2.4%
<b>Fraudulent</b>	3,908	73.3%	4.1%	3.7%	7.3%	9.0%	2.5%
Embezzlement	615	85.5	2.1	2.1	3.4	5.1	1.8
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	2,817	72.7	4.2	3.7	7.8	9.0	2.6
Forgery	169	61.1	7.2	7.8	12.0	12.0	0
Counterfeiting	307	61.5	6.0	5.3	7.6	15.6	4.0
<b>Other</b>	1,102	61.6%	8.0%	4.5%	10.8%	13.1%	1.9%
Burglary	94	43.5	8.7	6.5	17.4	21.7	2.2
Larceny <sup>d</sup>	633	58.7	8.4	4.8	12.4	13.7	2.1
Motor vehicle theft	153	66.9	8.6	2.0	7.9	12.6	2.0
Arson and explosives	79	74.4	9.0	2.6	5.1	9.0	0
Transportation and stolen property	127	74.4	5.6	5.6	4.0	8.8	1.6
Other property offenses <sup>d</sup>	16	68.8	0	6.3	18.8	0	6.3
<b>Drug offenses</b>	7,306	64.0%	9.8%	3.5%	7.6%	11.6%	3.5%
Trafficking	6,600	64.7	9.5	3.5	7.4	11.3	3.5
Possession and other drug offenses	706	57.6	11.7	3.5	9.1	14.6	3.6
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	3,518	65.5%	6.5%	4.4%	7.5%	13.1%	3.1%
<b>Regulatory</b>	486	78.6%	3.3%	3.1%	5.6%	7.5%	1.9%
Agriculture	17	94.1	0	0	0	5.9	0
Antitrust	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food and drug	9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transportation	15	100	0	0	0	0	0
Civil rights	23	69.6	4.3	0	13.0	13.0	0
Communications	27	85.2	3.7	0	3.7	7.4	0
Custom laws	17	82.4	0	11.8	0	5.9	0
Postal laws	22	71.4	0	4.8	9.5	9.5	4.8
Other regulatory offenses	352	76.5	4.0	3.4	6.0	7.7	2.3
<b>Other</b>	3,032	63.3%	7.0%	4.6%	7.9%	14.0%	3.3%
Weapons	1,422	56.3	10.8	4.2	9.3	15.9	3.5
Immigration offenses	494	52.6	4.1	7.2	10.1	21.1	4.9
Tax law violations <sup>d</sup>	258	90.6	0.4	2.7	1.2	3.9	1.2
Bribery	96	88.5	0	1.0	3.1	4.2	3.1
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	86	75.6	4.7	3.5	3.5	9.3	3.5
National defense	16	87.5	6.3	0	0	6.3	0
Escape	173	41.7	14.7	13.5	11.7	17.2	1.2
Racketeering and extortion	337	80.0	1.2	2.1	6.3	7.2	3.3
Gambling	58	94.8	0	0	0	5.2	0
Obscene material <sup>d</sup>	14	64.3	7.1	0	14.3	7.1	7.1
Migratory birds	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other offenses	77	67.1	3.9	2.6	5.3	17.1	3.9
<b>Misdemeanors<sup>d</sup></b>	746	66.2%	8.1%	4.4%	10.0%	8.3%	3.0%
Fraudulent property offense	65	71.9	9.4	3.1	9.4	4.7	1.6
Larceny	124	48.3	13.3	7.5	13.3	12.5	5.0
Drug possession <sup>d</sup>	232	62.8	9.7	4.9	12.8	7.5	2.2
Immigration	16	56.3	0	6.3	6.3	12.5	18.8
Traffic offenses	157	78.2	4.5	0.6	5.8	8.3	2.6
Other misdemeanors	152	71.8	5.4	5.4	8.1	7.4	2.0

Note: Offenses for 20 felony offenders could not be determined; see *Chapter notes*, item 3, p. 93.

—Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

<sup>a</sup>See *Chapter notes*, item 1, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

<sup>b</sup>Supervision terminated with incarceration or removal to inactive status for violation of supervision conditions other than charges for new offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Supervision terminated with incarceration or removal to inactive status after arrest for a "major" or "minor" offense.

<sup>d</sup>In this table, "Murder" includes nonnegligent manslaughter; "Other sex offenses" may include some nonviolent offenses; "Fraud" excludes tax fraud; "Larceny" excludes transportation of stolen property; "Other property offenses" excludes fraudulent property offenses, and includes destruction of property and trespass; "Tax law violations" includes tax fraud; "Obscene material" denotes the mail or transport thereof; "Misdemeanors" includes misdemeanors, petty offenses, and unknown offense levels; and "Drug possession" also includes other drug misdemeanors.

**Table 6.6. Characteristics of offenders terminating supervised release, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Offender characteristic	Number of supervised release terminations	Percent terminating supervised release with—					New crime <sup>b</sup>	Administrative case closures
		No violation	Technical violations <sup>a</sup>					
			Drug use	Fugitive status	Other			
<b>All offenders<sup>c</sup></b>	17,896	64.8%	7.9%	4.2%	8.4%	11.7%	3.0%	
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	15,147	62.7%	8.2%	4.5%	8.8%	12.6%	3.2%	
Female	2,737	76.3	6.2	2.9	6.0	6.7	1.9	
<b>Race</b>								
White	11,813	70.3%	6.5%	3.6%	6.8%	9.8%	2.9%	
Black	5,177	52.5	11.3	5.1	11.5	16.1	3.4	
Other	777	61.6	6.1	7.0	12.2	11.2	2.0	
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Hispanic	2,959	59.5%	8.0%	5.0%	10.1%	13.6%	3.7%	
Non-Hispanic	14,937	65.9	7.9	4.1	8.0	11.3	2.8	
<b>Age</b>								
16-18 years	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	
19-20 years	107	27.6	16.3	11.2	19.4	22.4	3.1	
21-30 years	4,525	51.3	10.0	5.7	12.6	17.9	2.4	
31-40 years	6,462	61.9	9.8	4.7	8.4	12.3	2.9	
Over 40 years	6,789	77.1	4.7	2.7	5.4	6.8	3.4	
<b>Education</b>								
Less than high school graduate	6,811	55.7%	10.3%	5.4%	10.3%	15.1%	3.2%	
High school graduate	6,121	65.2	7.9	3.9	8.5	11.4	3.0	
Some college	3,432	74.7	6.0	3.2	6.2	7.6	2.2	
College graduate	1,372	85.0	1.1	1.8	3.5	5.4	3.2	
<b>Drug abuse</b>								
No known abuse	10,067	74.2%	3.0%	3.4%	6.5%	9.8%	3.1%	
Drug history	7,829	52.6	14.3	5.3	10.8	14.1	2.9	

—Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

<sup>b</sup>Includes both "major" and "minor" offenses.

<sup>a</sup>Violation of supervision conditions other than charges for new offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Includes offenders with unknown characteristics.

**Table 6.7. Outcomes of parole, by offense, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Most serious offense of conviction <sup>a</sup>	Number of parole terminations	Percent of paroles terminating with—					
		No violation	Technical violations <sup>b</sup>			New crime <sup>c</sup>	Administrative case closures
			Drug use	Fugitive status	Other		
<b>All offenses</b>	3,859	59.9%	11.4%	3.5%	7.7%	13.0%	4.6%
<b>Felonies</b>	3,852	59.9%	11.4%	3.5%	7.7%	13.0%	4.6%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	983	37.2%	18.3%	6.6%	11.9%	21.0%	4.9%
Murder <sup>d</sup>	53	51.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	28.8	7.7
Negligent manslaughter	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assault	26	53.8	7.7	7.7	19.2	11.5	0
Robbery	824	33.7	21.1	6.9	12.8	20.6	5.0
Rape	17	75.0	6.3	0	6.3	6.3	6.3
Other sex offenses <sup>d</sup>	19	57.9	0	10.5	0	31.6	0
Kidnaping	43	50.0	4.8	4.8	9.5	26.2	4.8
Threats against the President	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Property offenses</b>	518	67.1%	8.2%	2.5%	7.0%	10.1%	5.1%
<b>Fraudulent</b>	295	74.7%	5.1%	1.4%	5.5%	8.2%	5.1%
Embezzlement	34	88.2	0	0	2.9	5.9	2.9
Fraud <sup>d</sup>	204	77.7	3.0	2.0	5.9	5.4	5.9
Forgery	33	45.5	21.2	0	6.1	21.2	6.1
Counterfeiting	24	69.6	8.7	0	4.3	17.4	0
<b>Other</b>	223	57.2%	12.2%	4.1%	9.0%	12.6%	5.0%
Burglary	36	47.2	25.0	8.3	5.6	8.3	5.6
Larceny <sup>d</sup>	98	54.6	13.4	1.0	11.3	14.4	5.2
Motor vehicle theft	27	66.7	7.4	7.4	0	11.1	7.4
Arson and explosives	28	67.9	7.1	3.6	3.6	10.7	7.1
Transportation and stolen property	33	60.6	3.0	6.1	15.2	15.2	0
Other property offenses <sup>d</sup>	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Drug offenses</b>	2,061	68.0%	9.7%	2.6%	5.9%	9.6%	4.2%
Trafficking	1,957	68.4	9.7	2.5	5.7	9.4	4.3
Possession and other drug offenses	104	59.4	9.9	4.0	10.9	12.9	3.0
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	289	65.7%	5.7%	1.4%	7.1%	14.8%	5.3%
<b>Regulatory</b>	20	60.0%	0%	0%	20.0%	15.0%	5.0%
<b>Other</b>	269	66.2%	6.1%	1.5%	6.1%	14.8%	5.3%
Weapons	105	53.5	8.9	1.0	7.9	25.7	3.0
Immigration offenses	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tax law violations <sup>d</sup>	34	88.2	0	0	2.9	5.9	2.9
Bribery	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	13	69.2	0	7.7	0	7.7	15.4
National defense	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Escape	30	31.0	17.2	6.9	10.3	24.1	10.3
Racketeering and extortion	72	84.5	2.8	0	4.2	2.8	5.6
Gambling	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
Obscene material <sup>d</sup>	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Migratory birds	0	...	...	...	...	...	...
All other offenses	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Misdemeanors<sup>d</sup></b>	7	—	—	—	—	—	—

Note: The offense for 1 felony offender could not be determined; see *Chapter notes*, item 3, p. 93.

— Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

... No cases of this type occurred within the data.

<sup>a</sup>See *Chapter notes*, item 1, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

<sup>b</sup>Supervision terminated with incarceration or removal to inactive status for violation of supervision conditions other than charges for new offenses.

<sup>c</sup>Supervision terminated with incarceration or removal to inactive status after arrest for a "major" or "minor" offense.

<sup>d</sup>In this table, "Murder" includes nonnegligent manslaughter; "Other sex offenses" may include some nonviolent offenses; "Fraud" excludes tax fraud; "Larceny" excludes transportation of stolen property; "Other property offenses" excludes fraudulent property offenses, and includes destruction of property and trespass; "Tax law violations" includes tax fraud; "Obscene material" denotes the mail or transport thereof; and "Misdemeanors" includes misdemeanors, petty offenses, and unknown offense levels.

**Table 6.8. Characteristics of offenders terminating parole, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Offender characteristic	Number of parole terminations	Percent terminating parole with—					New crime <sup>b</sup>	Administrative case closures
		No violation	Technical violations <sup>a</sup>					
			Drug use	Fugitive status	Other			
<b>All offenders<sup>c</sup></b>	3,859	59.9%	11.4%	3.5%	7.7%	13.0%	4.6%	
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	3,698	59.1%	11.7%	3.5%	7.9%	13.3%	4.5%	
Female	160	79.2	2.5	2.5	3.1	6.9	5.7	
<b>Race</b>								
White	2,506	66.2%	8.1%	3.1%	6.8%	11.2%	4.5%	
Black	1,218	46.7	18.2	4.4	9.8	16.2	4.8	
Other	79	50.0	10.5	1.3	7.9	27.6	2.6	
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Hispanic	529	64.0%	13.1%	3.1%	6.7%	9.6%	3.5%	
Non-Hispanic	3,330	59.3	11.1	3.5	7.8	13.5	4.8	
<b>Age</b>								
16-18 years	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	
19-20 years	0	...	...	...	...	...	...	
21-30 years	65	68.8	7.8	3.1	4.7	10.9	4.7	
31-40 years	1,012	55.5	13.2	3.6	7.8	16.9	3.0	
Over 40 years	2,779	61.3	10.8	3.4	7.7	11.6	5.1	
<b>Education</b>								
Less than high school graduate	1,698	54.5%	12.7%	4.1%	8.5%	15.3%	4.9%	
High school graduate	1,279	59.9	11.5	3.7	7.9	12.2	4.8	
Some college	632	64.4	11.0	2.2	7.0	11.2	4.2	
College graduate	229	88.1	1.8	1.3	1.8	5.3	1.8	
<b>Drug abuse</b>								
No known abuse	1,842	72.4%	3.9%	2.4%	5.6%	10.9%	4.9%	
Drug history	2,017	48.4	18.3	4.5	9.6	14.9	4.3	

Note: Total includes terminations of supervision for 1 offender whose offense category was missing or indeterminable; see *Chapter notes*, item 3, p. 93.  
 ...No cases of this type occurred within the data.

<sup>a</sup>Violation of supervision conditions other than charges for new offenses.  
<sup>b</sup>Includes both "major" and "minor" offenses.  
<sup>c</sup>Includes offenders with unknown characteristics.

**Table 6.9. Admissions and releases of Federal prisoners, by offense, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Most serious original offense of conviction <sup>a</sup>	Population at start of year	Prisoners received			Prisoners released			Population at end of year	Net population change
		District court		All other	First release				
		1 year or less	Over 1 year		1 year or less	Over 1 year	All other		
<b>All offenses</b>	92,379	8,539	29,836	13,217	8,310	23,584	13,133	98,944	6,565
<b>Violent offenses</b>	11,287	163	2,087	2,430	142	1,651	2,516	11,658	371
Murder/manslaughter <sup>b</sup>	997	9	89	116	8	62	126	1,015	18
Assault	636	80	194	390	75	160	395	670	34
Robbery	8,244	54	1,511	1,574	41	1,237	1,641	8,464	220
Rape	122	0	1	18	0	9	19	113	-9
Other sex offenses <sup>b</sup>	665	16	200	197	13	124	183	758	93
Kidnaping	553	1	80	63	2	46	76	573	20
Threats against the President	70	3	12	72	3	13	76	65	-5
<b>Property offenses</b>	7,876	2,497	3,882	3,513	2,442	3,608	3,567	8,151	275
<b>Fraudulent</b>	5,907	2,006	3,179	2,114	1,936	2,897	2,225	6,148	241
Embezzlement	326	264	164	148	254	175	148	325	-1
Fraud <sup>b</sup>	5,046	1,557	2,746	1,574	1,527	2,476	1,640	5,280	234
Forgery	201	78	68	183	81	61	210	178	-23
Counterfeiting	334	107	201	209	74	185	227	365	31
<b>Other</b>	1,969	491	703	1,399	506	711	1,342	2,003	34
Burglary	158	16	51	137	23	54	104	181	23
Larceny <sup>b</sup>	704	365	266	807	364	277	802	699	-5
Motor vehicle theft	189	21	88	99	20	69	96	212	23
Arson and explosives	178	2	51	42	3	38	41	191	13
Transportation of stolen property	217	30	90	73	25	93	86	206	-11
Other property offenses <sup>b</sup>	523	57	157	241	71	180	213	514	-9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	54,742	933	16,088	4,382	836	12,456	4,243	58,610	3,868
Trafficking	54,422	777	16,009	3,839	663	12,366	3,817	58,201	3,779
Possession and other drug offenses	320	156	79	543	173	90	426	409	89
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	17,313	4,767	7,513	2,652	4,735	5,722	2,591	19,197	1,884
<b>Regulatory</b>	912	198	501	222	202	382	236	1,013	101
<b>Other</b>	16,401	4,569	7,012	2,430	4,533	5,340	2,355	18,184	1,783
Weapons	7,765	103	1,968	772	100	1,641	785	8,082	317
Immigration offenses	4,509	3,602	3,325	373	3,631	2,398	326	5,454	945
Tax law violations <sup>b</sup>	340	151	173	115	129	183	109	358	18
Bribery	104	25	22	11	25	59	11	67	-37
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	85	24	64	18	26	37	18	110	25
National defense	61	6	15	4	7	7	6	66	5
Escape	238	65	115	122	54	103	120	263	25
Racketeering and extortion	2,953	68	1,119	209	63	764	199	3,323	370
Gambling	1	1	3	2	1	0	2	4	3
Liquor	4	1	0	1	0	0	3	3	-1
Obscene material <sup>b</sup>	123	21	130	33	18	61	30	198	75
Traffic	104	444	37	694	435	30	674	140	36
Migratory birds	11	6	4	15	3	8	14	11	0
All other offenses	103	52	37	61	41	49	58	105	2
<b>Unknown or indeterminable offenses</b>	1,161	179	266	240	155	147	216	1,328	167

Note: For further information, see *Chapter notes*, items 4, 5, and 8, p. 93.

<sup>a</sup>See *Chapter notes*, item 4, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

<sup>b</sup>In this table, "Murder" includes nonnegligent manslaughter; "Other sex offenses" may include some nonviolent offenses; "Fraud" excludes tax fraud; "Larceny" excludes

transportation of stolen property; "Other property offenses" excludes fraudulent property offenses, and includes destruction of property and trespass; "Tax law violations" includes tax fraud; and "Obscene material" denotes the mail or transport thereof.



**Table 6.10. Characteristics of Federal prison population, by major offense category, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Offender characteristic	Total prisoners	Percent of Federal prison population serving for*—						
		All offenses	Violent offenses	Property offenses		Drug offenses	Public-order offenses	
				Fraudulent	Other		Regulatory	Other
<b>All cases</b>								
<b>All prisoners</b>	98,944	98,944	11,658	6,148	2,003	58,610	1,013	18,184
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	89,511	92.5%	96.6%	83.1%	91.9%	91.5%	88.8%	96.6%
Female	7,209	7.5	3.4	16.9	8.1	8.5	11.2	3.4
<b>Race</b>								
White	56,178	58.1%	49.1%	67.7%	64.5%	55.7%	74.9%	66.7%
Black	37,612	38.9	39.6	28.1	30.4	42.9	22.7	31.0
Other	2,930	3.0	11.3	4.2	5.1	1.4	2.3	2.3
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Hispanic	26,165	27.1%	7.2%	7.8%	6.3%	31.7%	14.2%	34.9%
Non-Hispanic	70,555	72.9	92.8	92.2	93.7	68.3	85.8	65.1
<b>Age</b>								
16-18 years	489	0.5%	1.7%	0.1%	1.2%	0.2%	0.7%	0.5%
19-20 years	3,457	3.6	4.9	1.1	4.9	3.6	4.7	3.0
21-30 years	36,683	37.9	36.2	21.6	32.8	39.8	28.2	39.5
31-40 years	31,931	33.0	34.7	30.6	31.4	32.9	29.6	34.1
Over 40 years	24,160	25.0	22.6	46.6	29.7	23.5	36.8	22.8
<b>Citizenship</b>								
U.S. citizen	72,473	75.6%	96.6%	89.1%	94.5%	72.4%	90.1%	64.5%
Not U.S. citizen	23,384	24.4	3.4	10.9	5.5	27.6	9.9	35.5
<b>New law cases</b>								
<b>All prisoners</b>	90,949	90,949	8,920	5,816	1,709	55,633	903	17,285
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	83,894	92.2%	96.3%	82.4%	91.0%	91.3%	88.6%	96.6%
Female	7,055	7.8	3.7	17.6	9.0	8.7	11.4	3.4
<b>Race</b>								
White	52,729	58.0%	49.0%	67.4%	65.1%	55.3%	74.6%	66.6%
Black	35,499	39.0	38.6	28.3	29.2	43.2	22.8	31.1
Other	2,721	3.0	12.5	4.3	5.7	1.5	2.5	2.3
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Hispanic	25,187	27.7%	6.7%	7.9%	5.7%	31.7%	13.5%	35.7%
Non-Hispanic	65,762	72.3	93.3	92.1	94.3	68.3	86.5	64.3
<b>Age</b>								
16-18 years	464	0.5%	1.9%	0.1%	1.4%	0.2%	0.8%	0.6%
19-20 years	3,377	3.7	5.7	1.1	5.3	3.7	5.0	3.1
21-30 years	35,388	38.9	38.1	22.5	33.8	40.6	29.1	40.3
31-40 years	29,971	33.0	34.5	31.0	30.8	32.9	29.2	34.1
Over 40 years	21,749	23.9	19.9	45.3	28.8	22.6	35.9	21.9
<b>Citizenship</b>								
U.S. citizen	67,322	74.7%	96.7%	88.7%	94.5%	72.2%	89.8%	63.4%
Not U.S. citizen	22,787	25.3	3.3	11.3	5.5	27.8	10.2	36.6

Note: Percentages in this table are based on nonmissing characteristics. Total includes prisoners whose offense category could not be determined; see *Chapter notes*, items 4-7, p. 93.

\*See *Chapter notes*, item 4, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

**Table 6.11. Number of first releases from Federal prison, by release method and sentence length, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Most serious original offense of conviction <sup>a</sup>	Total	Standard <sup>b</sup>	Extraordinary means				
			Drug treatment	Treaty transfer	Sentence commutation	Death	Other <sup>c</sup>
<b>All cases</b>							
<b>All prisoners</b>	31,894	29,080	1,689	338	291	212	284
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,793	1,724	9	3	10	46	1
<b>Property offenses</b>	6,050	5,808	97	11	50	17	67
Fraudulent	4,833	4,625	89	11	38	12	58
Other	1,217	1,183	8	0	12	5	9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	13,292	11,075	1,478	312	133	110	184
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	10,457	10,176	105	10	95	39	32
Regulatory	584	556	15	0	5	2	6
Other	9,873	9,620	90	10	90	37	26
<b>Other prisoners<sup>d</sup></b>	302	297	0	2	3	0	0
<b>Sentences greater than 1 year</b>							
<b>All prisoners</b>	23,584	20,796	1,689	338	268	209	284
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,651	1,583	9	3	9	46	1
<b>Property offenses</b>	3,608	3,378	97	11	40	15	67
Fraudulent	2,897	2,696	89	11	32	11	58
Other	711	682	8	0	8	4	9
<b>Drug offenses</b>	12,456	10,244	1,478	312	128	110	184
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	5,722	5,448	105	10	89	38	32
Regulatory	382	357	15	0	2	2	6
Other	5,340	5,091	90	10	87	36	26
<b>Other prisoners<sup>d</sup></b>	147	143	0	2	2	0	0

Note: Total includes prisoners whose offense category could not be determined. Methods for calculating average time served and percent of sentence served differ from those used in the 1993 and prior compendia. See *Chapter notes*, items 4-7, p. 93.

<sup>a</sup>See *Chapter notes*, item 4, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

<sup>b</sup>Standard releases include expirations, mandatory release, and release to parole.

<sup>c</sup>Other extraordinary releases include escape and intensive confinement programs.

<sup>d</sup>Offense not classifiable or not a violation of U.S. Code.

**Table 6.12. Average time to first release and percent of sentence served, for prisoners released by standard methods, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Most serious original offense of conviction <sup>a</sup>	All offenders			Prisoners with sentences of 1 year or less			Prisoners with sentences over 1 year			
	Number of prisoners released <sup>b</sup>	Mean time served	Median time served	Number of prisoners released <sup>b</sup>	Mean time served	Median time served	Number of prisoners released <sup>b</sup>	Mean time served	Median time served	Percent of sentence served
<b>All prisoners</b>	29,080	28.8 mo	20.9 mo	8,284	4.6 mo	4.2 mo	20,796	38.5 mo	28.8 mo	87.0%
<b>Violent offenses</b>	1,724	53.8 mo	44.4 mo	141	5.6 mo	6.0 mo	1,583	58.1 mo	49.6 mo	83.5%
Murder/manslaughter <sup>c</sup>	65	61.7	40.1	8	—	—	57	69.3	52.2	79.2
Assault	230	28.2	18.3	74	5.1	5.5	156	39.1	28.7	87.4
Robbery	1,229	59.9	50.5	41	5.9	6.0	1,188	61.8	52.3	83.3
Rape	8	—	—	0	...	...	8	—	—	—
Other sex offenses <sup>c</sup>	132	28.7	20.8	13	6.3	6.0	119	31.2	20.9	86.7
Kidnaping	45	82.0	53.3	2	—	—	43	85.6	54.9	75.1
Threats against the President	15	22.4	22.2	3	—	—	12	26.3	22.6	78.6
<b>Property offenses</b>	5,808	15.3 mo	12.0 mo	2,430	5.2 mo	5.0 mo	3,378	22.6 mo	17.9 mo	87.6%
<b>Fraudulent</b>	4,625	14.9 mo	12.0 mo	1,929	5.2 mo	5.0 mo	2,696	21.8 mo	17.4 mo	87.6%
Embezzlement	417	9.0	6.0	254	3.9	4.0	163	17.1	13.1	88.3
Fraud <sup>c</sup>	3,819	15.6	12.0	1,521	5.3	5.0	2,298	22.4	18.2	87.4
Forgery	138	10.8	9.0	80	5.5	5.9	58	18.1	14.1	90.6
Counterfeiting	251	15.9	13.0	74	5.8	5.0	177	20.1	15.7	88.7
<b>Other</b>	1,183	17.0 mo	12.0 mo	501	5.1 mo	5.0 mo	682	25.7 mo	18.6 mo	87.6%
Burglary	75	20.4	15.7	23	6.2	6.0	52	26.7	20.9	86.4
Larceny <sup>c</sup>	628	11.0	8.0	361	5.0	5.0	267	19.0	14.0	88.6
Motor vehicle theft	85	19.1	15.7	20	5.0	5.0	65	23.4	17.4	86.4
Arson and explosives	39	41.3	26.1	3	—	—	36	44.3	26.2	84.1
Transportation and stolen property	113	20.8	15.7	25	7.3	5.9	88	24.7	19.0	85.4
Other property offenses <sup>c</sup>	243	24.9	20.9	69	4.2	4.1	174	33.1	26.1	88.5
<b>Drug offenses</b>	11,075	42.5 mo	40.0 mo	831	6.2 mo	6.0 mo	10,244	45.5 mo	41.8 mo	87.1%
Trafficking	10,824	43.2	40.1	658	6.6	6.0	10,166	45.6	41.9	87.0
Possession and other drug offenses	251	11.4	6.0	173	4.5	5.0	78	26.6	20.9	90.7
<b>Public-order offenses</b>	10,176	17.9 mo	12.0 mo	4,728	4.0 mo	3.9 mo	5,448	30.0 mo	21.0 mo	87.5%
<b>Regulatory</b>	556	18.0 mo	13.0 mo	199	5.7 mo	5.0 mo	357	24.8 mo	18.3 mo	86.8%
<b>Other</b>	9,620	17.9 mo	12.0 mo	4,529	3.9 mo	3.4 mo	5,091	30.4 mo	21.0 mo	87.6%
Weapons	1,646	40.3	35.7	100	6.3	6.0	1,546	42.5	37.9	87.6
Immigration offenses	6,003	10.9	6.0	3,629	4.0	3.3	2,374	21.4	20.9	88.3
Tax law violations <sup>c</sup>	303	12.9	12.0	129	5.3	5.0	174	18.5	15.6	86.5
Bribery	79	17.0	13.0	25	6.3	6.0	54	21.9	17.9	86.0
Perjury, contempt, and intimidation	62	19.7	11.6	26	6.6	6.0	36	29.1	20.4	87.5
National defense	14	32.9	11.5	7	—	—	7	—	—	—
Escape	154	18.2	13.0	53	5.2	5.9	101	25.1	20.9	89.3
Racketeering and extortion	719	37.9	28.8	63	6.3	6.0	656	41.0	32.2	84.3
Gambling	1	—	—	1	—	—	0	...	...	...
Liquor	0	...	...	0	...	...	0	...	...	...
Obscene material <sup>c</sup>	77	18.2	13.0	18	5.6	5.0	59	22.0	13.1	87.9
Traffic	465	2.6	1.0	435	1.9	0.7	30	13.1	12.0	95.1
Migratory birds	11	13.5	11.9	3	—	—	8	—	—	—
All other offenses	86	15.5	11.3	40	3.6	3.0	46	25.9	20.0	89.6
<b>Other prisoners<sup>d</sup></b>	297	12.6 mo	10.0 mo	154	3.7 mo	4.0 mo	143	22.2 mo	17.5 mo	87.0%

Note: Total includes prisoners whose offense category could not be determined. Methods for calculating average time served and percent of sentence served differ from those used in the 1993 and prior compendia. See *Chapter notes*, items 4-7, p. 93.

—Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

...No case of this type occurred in the data.

<sup>a</sup>See *Chapter notes*, item 4, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

<sup>b</sup>This 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 1997 was 2,814. See table 6.11, p. 87.

<sup>c</sup>In this table, "Murder" includes nonnegligent manslaughter; "Other sex offenses" may include some nonviolent offenses; "Fraud" excludes tax fraud; "Larceny" excludes transportation of stolen property; "Other property offenses" excludes fraudulent property offenses, and includes destruction of property and trespass; "Tax law violations" includes tax fraud; and "Obscene material" denotes the mail or transport thereof.

<sup>d</sup>Offense not classifiable or not a violation of U.S. Code.

**Table 6.13. Mean time served to first release, by length of sentence imposed, offense, and type of case, for prisoners released by standard methods during October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Sentence imposed <sup>a</sup>	Number of months served for <sup>b</sup> —						
	All offenses	Violent offenses	Property offenses		Drug offenses	Public-order offenses	
			Fraudulent	Other		Regulatory	Other
<b>All offenders</b>							
All releases	28.8 mo	53.8 mo	14.9 mo	17.0 mo	42.5 mo	18.0 mo	17.9 mo
1-12 mo <sup>c</sup>	4.6	5.6	5.2	5.1	6.2	5.7	3.9
13-24	14.1	14.1	13.9	14.1	14.1	13.9	14.4
25-36	23.7	25.2	24.0	24.1	24.8	23.7	22.5
37-48	35.3	36.1	34.7	35.0	35.3	33.0	35.4
49-60	45.4	46.9	45.1	45.7	45.0	46.9	45.9
61-72	54.4	57.2	52.2	51.1	54.3	56.2	54.0
73-84	66.6	68.0	64.8	—	66.6	—	66.1
85-96	76.1	77.1	—	—	75.8	—	76.6
97-108	84.8	85.7	77.2	—	84.7	—	85.7
109-120	93.7	96.8	—	—	93.8	—	95.5
121-144	99.1	100.2	72.8	—	100.8	—	93.3
145-180	91.3	110.9	—	...	88.2	—	—
181-240	111.6	121.7	—	—	108.2	—	109.6
241-300	130.4	136.2	—	—	124.7	—	135.2
Over 300	149.4	158.9	—	—	132.2	—	153.9
Life sentence	—	—	...	...	...	...	...
<b>New law offenders</b>							
All releases	26.7 mo	41.8 mo	14.3 mo	15.7 mo	40.7 mo	16.6 mo	16.9 mo
1-12 mo <sup>c</sup>	4.6	5.6	5.2	5.1	6.2	5.6	3.9
13-24	14.1	14.1	13.9	14.1	14.1	14.0	14.5
25-36	23.8	25.2	24.1	24.2	24.8	23.8	22.5
37-48	35.4	36.1	35.2	35.3	35.3	34.1	35.5
49-60	45.7	46.9	45.7	46.6	45.2	46.9	46.1
61-72	54.6	57.2	54.5	56.1	54.4	56.2	54.4
73-84	67.1	68.0	66.8	—	67.1	—	66.5
85-96	76.5	77.1	—	—	76.2	—	77.7
97-108	86.3	87.1	—	—	85.9	—	87.8
109-120	96.2	96.8	...	—	96.0	...	97.2
121-144	105.5	106.2	—	—	105.4	...	105.8
145-180	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
181-240	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
241-300	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Over 300	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Life sentence	**	**	**	**	**	**	**

Note: Methods for calculating average time served and percent of sentence served differ from those used in the 1993 and prior compendia. See *Chapter notes*, items 4-7, p. 93.  
 Note: Of the 29,080 first releases by standard methods, 28,124 were new law and 956 were old law.  
 —Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.  
 ...No case of this type occurred within the data.  
 \*\*As of fiscal year 1997, new law inmates who were sentenced to more than 139 months of imprisonment and were released could only have been released by extraordinary means (such as commutation and

death), because the Federal Sentencing Guidelines took effect as of November 1987. See table 6.11, p. 87.  
<sup>a</sup>Sentence for the single most serious offense.  
<sup>b</sup>See *Chapter notes*, item 4, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.  
<sup>c</sup>The interval includes days up through the upper bound and days to upper bound of the previous interval.

**Table 6.14. Percent of sentence served to first release, by length of sentence imposed, offense, and type of case, for prisoners released by standard methods during October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Sentence imposed <sup>a</sup>	Percent of sentence served for <sup>b</sup> —						
	All offenses	Violent offenses	Property offenses		Drug offenses	Public-order offenses	
			Fraudulent	Other		Regulatory	Other
<b>All offenders</b>							
All releases	90.9%	84.9%	93.0%	94.9%	88.3%	91.6%	93.4%
1-12 mo <sup>c</sup>	100.7	101.0	100.4	104.9	104.1	100.2	99.9
13-24	89.6	89.2	89.1	90.2	89.8	88.8	89.7
25-36	87.9	87.5	87.2	87.3	88.7	86.6	87.7
37-48	87.6	88.0	86.0	87.1	88.0	84.7	87.4
49-60	87.5	87.7	86.1	86.0	87.6	88.0	87.4
61-72	87.3	88.3	83.8	80.4	87.5	87.8	87.4
73-84	87.1	88.0	85.3	—	87.1	—	87.1
85-96	87.2	88.1	—	—	87.2	—	86.7
97-108	86.3	87.2	78.7	—	86.5	—	85.8
109-120	85.2	87.2	—	—	85.6	—	86.1
121-144	81.9	82.7	59.7	—	83.3	—	76.6
145-180	60.3	71.3	—	...	58.6	—	—
181-240	59.4	64.1	—	—	57.3	—	59.8
241-300	53.3	55.6	—	—	50.8	—	56.1
Over 300	40.5	42.9	—	—	36.9	—	41.8
Life sentence <sup>d</sup>	—	—	...	...	...	...	...
<b>New law offenders</b>							
All releases	92.0%	89.3%	93.6%	95.9%	89.5%	92.6%	93.9%
1-12 mo <sup>c</sup>	100.8	101.0	100.5	104.9	104.2	100.3	99.9
13-24	89.7	89.2	89.3	90.2	89.9	88.9	89.8
25-36	88.0	87.5	87.6	87.4	88.5	86.7	87.8
37-48	87.9	88.0	87.1	87.5	88.1	87.4	87.6
49-60	87.8	87.7	87.2	87.5	87.9	88.0	87.8
61-72	87.7	88.4	87.2	87.7	87.6	87.8	88.0
73-84	87.7	88.0	87.7	—	87.7	—	87.5
85-96	87.7	88.1	—	—	87.5	—	87.9
97-108	87.7	88.6	—	—	87.6	—	87.9
109-120	87.5	87.2	...	—	87.5	...	87.5
121-144	87.2	87.7	—	—	87.2	...	87.2
145-180	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
181-240	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
241-300	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Over 300	**	**	**	**	**	**	**
Life sentence <sup>d</sup>	**	**	**	**	**	**	**

Note: Methods for calculating average time served and percent of sentence served differ from those used in the 1993 and prior compendia; see *Chapter notes*, items 4-7, p. 93.

Note: Of the 29,080 first releases by standard methods, 28,124 were new law and 956 were old law.

—Too few cases to obtain statistically reliable data.

...No cases of this type occurred within the data.

\*\*As of fiscal year 1997 new law inmates who were sentenced to more than 139 months of imprisonment and were released could only have been released by extraordinary means (such as commutation and death), since the Federal Sentencing Guidelines took effect as of November 1987. See table 6.11, p. 87.

<sup>a</sup>Sentence for the single most serious offense.

<sup>b</sup>See *Chapter notes*, item 4, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

<sup>c</sup>The interval includes days up through the upper bound and days to upper bound of the previous interval.

<sup>d</sup>Life sentence served is based on a life sentence set equal to 470 months, the average life expectancy of a male Federal prisoner with an average age of 32.

**Table 6.15. Characteristics of first releases from prison, by offense, all releases, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Offender characteristic	Total number of released offenders	Percent of released offenders convicted of*—						
		All offenses	Violent offenses	Property offenses		Drug offenses	Public-order offenses	
				Fraudulent	Other		Regulatory	Other
<b>All cases</b>								
<b>Number of releases</b>	31,894	31,894	1,793	4,833	1,217	13,292	584	9,873
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	28,385	89.2%	93.8%	78.8%	85.8%	88.7%	87.2%	94.6%
Female	3,443	10.8	6.2	21.2	14.2	11.3	12.8	5.4
<b>Race</b>								
White	23,262	73.1%	53.1%	68.0%	63.0%	69.8%	76.7%	84.7%
Black	7,598	23.9	32.6	27.0	30.2	28.8	20.5	13.6
Other	968	3.0	14.3	4.9	6.8	1.4	2.7	1.7
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Hispanic	11,926	37.5%	7.4%	10.6%	6.7%	37.3%	19.5%	61.4%
Non-Hispanic	19,902	62.5	92.6	89.4	93.3	62.7	80.5	38.6
<b>Age</b>								
16-18 years	221	0.7%	2.1%	0.1%	0.9%	0.4%	0.9%	1.1%
19-20 years	1,393	4.4	6.3	1.5	5.3	4.6	5.1	4.9
21-30 years	12,264	38.5	41.1	25.6	32.6	39.1	28.8	45.2
31-40 years	10,046	31.6	32.8	31.4	31.6	32.9	28.1	29.9
Over 40 years	7,904	24.8	17.7	41.4	29.5	23.0	37.2	18.9
<b>Citizenship</b>								
U.S. citizen	19,923	63.3%	96.4%	83.7%	93.2%	68.1%	83.7%	35.9%
Not U.S. citizen	11,555	36.7	3.6	16.3	6.8	31.9	16.3	64.1
<b>New law cases</b>								
<b>Number of releases</b>	30,898	30,898	1,566	4,729	1,189	12,867	568	9,683
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	27,426	88.9%	93.1%	78.5%	85.6%	88.4%	87.0%	94.6%
Female	3,414	11.1	6.9	21.5	14.4	11.6	13.0	5.4
<b>Race</b>								
White	22,521	73.0%	53.2%	67.6%	62.6%	69.4%	76.4%	84.8%
Black	7,380	23.9	31.6	27.4	30.5	29.2	21.0	13.5
Other	939	3.0	15.2	5.0	6.9	1.4	2.6	1.7
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Hispanic	11,704	38.0%	7.0%	10.8%	6.6%	37.3%	19.7%	62.3%
Non-Hispanic	19,136	62.0	93.0	89.2	93.4	62.7	80.3	37.7
<b>Age</b>								
16-18 years	218	0.7%	2.2%	0.1%	0.9%	0.4%	0.9%	1.1%
19-20 years	1,386	4.5	6.9	1.6	5.5	4.8	5.3	5.0
21-30 years	12,068	39.1	40.7	26.1	33.3	39.9	29.0	45.7
31-40 years	9,698	31.4	32.0	31.7	31.6	32.7	28.0	29.8
Over 40 years	7,470	24.2	18.1	40.5	28.7	22.2	36.8	18.3
<b>Citizenship</b>								
U.S. citizen	19,100	62.6%	96.2%	83.5%	93.4%	68.0%	83.8%	34.9%
Not U.S. citizen	11,396	37.4	3.8	16.5	6.6	32.0	16.3	65.1

Note: Totals include prisoners whose offense category could not be determined; see *Chapter notes*, items 4-7, p. 93. Percentages in this table are based on nonmissing characteristics.

\*See *Chapter notes*, item 4, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

**Table 6.16. Mean time served to first release from Federal prison for prisoners released by standard methods, by offense and offender characteristics, October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997**

Offender characteristic	Number of prisoners released	Mean time served for*—						
		All offenses	Violent offenses	Property offenses		Drug offenses	Public-order offenses	
				Fraudulent	Other		Regulatory	Other
<b>All cases</b>								
<b>All prisoners</b>	29,080	28.8 mo	53.8 mo	14.9 mo	17.0 mo	42.5 mo	17.9 mo	17.9 mo
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	25,953	29.7 mo	55.4 mo	15.8 mo	18.2 mo	43.5 mo	18.7 mo	18.2 mo
Female	3,064	20.9	29.6	11.3	9.6	33.7	12.1	12.6
<b>Race</b>								
White	21,232	26.3 mo	55.4 mo	15.3 mo	18.3 mo	40.4 mo	18.1 mo	15.5 mo
Black	6,857	37.0	59.0	14.1	15.2	47.4	17.3	32.8
Other	928	25.5	36.0	12.9	12.3	39.9	17.8	21.5
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Hispanic	11,256	23.9 mo	58.6 mo	12.3 mo	20.8 mo	40.8 mo	16.6 mo	12.2 mo
Non-Hispanic	17,761	31.9	53.4	15.2	16.6	43.5	18.3	27.3
<b>Age</b>								
16-18 years	211	21.9 mo	40.7 mo	10.8 mo	12.7 mo	37.3 mo	27.2 mo	9.7 mo
19-20 years	1,305	25.0	40.5	10.4	16.8	37.8	19.1	10.9
21-30 years	11,276	28.0	54.7	12.0	16.0	41.4	18.5	16.3
31-40 years	9,044	30.5	59.2	14.2	17.1	43.4	20.8	20.0
Over 40 years	7,181	28.7	47.7	17.3	17.8	44.2	15.0	20.6
<b>Citizenship</b>								
U.S. citizen	17,675	32.9 mo	54.6 mo	15.5 mo	17.1 mo	42.9 mo	18.8 mo	28.4 mo
Not U.S. citizen	11,010	22.5	35.4	12.5	14.5	42.1	14.1	12.3
<b>New law cases</b>								
<b>All prisoners</b>	28,124	26.7 mo	41.8 mo	14.3 mo	15.7 mo	40.7 mo	16.5 mo	16.9 mo
<b>Sex</b>								
Male	25,031	27.4 mo	42.8 mo	15.2 mo	16.8 mo	41.6 mo	17.1 mo	17.1 mo
Female	3,037	20.5	27.8	11.1	9.4	33.3	11.9	12.1
<b>Race</b>								
White	20,524	24.2 mo	43.9 mo	14.7 mo	16.4 mo	38.2 mo	16.4 mo	14.5 mo
Black	6,645	34.9	44.5	13.8	15.0	46.4	17.2	31.3
Other	899	22.5	28.3	12.3	12.1	38.3	14.7	19.8
<b>Ethnicity</b>								
Hispanic	11,047	22.6 mo	41.9 mo	11.9 mo	18.4 mo	38.9 mo	15.5 mo	11.9 mo
Non-Hispanic	17,021	29.3	41.7	14.6	15.5	41.8	16.7	25.2
<b>Age</b>								
16-18 years	208	20.6 mo	33.7 mo	10.8 mo	12.7 mo	37.3 mo	27.2 mo	9.8 mo
19-20 years	1,298	24.4	35.5	10.4	16.8	37.5	19.1	10.9
21-30 years	11,085	26.4	41.9	11.9	15.7	40.4	17.0	15.9
31-40 years	8,707	27.9	45.7	13.8	16.2	41.1	18.8	18.4
Over 40 years	6,770	26.1	37.6	16.4	14.9	41.2	13.8	18.5
<b>Citizenship</b>								
U.S. citizen	16,883	30.0 mo	42.3 mo	14.8 mo	15.9 mo	40.9 mo	17.2 mo	26.0 mo
Not U.S. citizen	10,859	21.7	29.0	12.3	13.7	40.6	13.4	12.1

Note: Totals include prisoners whose offense category could not be determined, and exclude prisoners released by extraordinary means such as commutation and death; see *Chapter notes*, items 4-7, p. 93.

\*See *Chapter notes*, item 4, p. 93, and "Offense classifications" in *Methodology*, p. 95.

## Chapter notes

1) Offenders were classified according to their most serious offense at conviction. In cases involving multiple offenses, the AOUSC offense severity hierarchy was applied. The most serious offense was the one with the most severe penalty imposed. If equal prison terms were imposed, or there was no imprisonment, the offense with the highest severity code, as determined by the *U.S. Title and Code Criminal Offense Citations Manual*, was selected.

2) Table 6.1 was created using the probation, parole, and supervision data files of the Federal Probations Supervision Information System (FPSIS), which is maintained by the AOUSC. Year end pending cases (that is, records with offenders who were under active supervision as of the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 1997) were selected.

Corporate defendants were excluded from table 6.1.

3) Tables 6.3-6.8 were created using the FPSIS data files as well. Only records with one or more terminations of active supervision during October 1, 1996, through September 30, 1997, were selected. Each termination was counted separately. Technical violations and terminations for new crimes are shown only if supervision terminated with incarceration or removal from active supervision for reasons of a violation.

Corporate defendants were excluded from tables 6.3-6.8.

4) Table 6.9-6.16 were created from the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) data files.

Tables 6.9 and 6.10 show sentenced prisoners in the custody of the BOP at the end of fiscal year 1997. Tables 6.11-6.16 include only prisoners committed by U.S. district courts or released by the BOP during fiscal year 1997.

In these tables, a single person may be counted more than once if

that person was committed into, or released from, the BOP more than one time during fiscal year 1997, or if that person appears in more than one column in a table, e.g., commitment and population.

Offense categories in these tables were based on combinations of offense designations used by the BOP. They are similar, but may not be directly comparable, to the categories used in other tables of this *Compendium*. Offenses for some prisoners admitted or released were not able to be classified; these offenders were included in the totals and are shown as "other prisoners" on the last line of tables.

In these tables, offenses were classified according to the offense associated with the longest single sentence actually imposed. Classifications in other tables may have been based on the longest potential sentence allowed by law.

5) Tables 6.9-6.16 distinguish between prisoners committed by U.S. district courts for violations of the U.S. Code and other prisoners. Prisoners released after commitment from U.S. district court are called "first releases." The other admissions and releases include offenders who returned to prison after their first release (such as probation, parole, or supervised release violators), offenders convicted in other courts (such as military or District of Columbia courts), and persons admitted to prison as material witnesses or for purposes of treatment, examination, or transfer to another authority. Offenders who entered or left a prison temporarily — such as for transit to another location, for health care, or to serve a weekend sentence — were not counted as admitted or released. Persons who were detained for deportation by the Immigration and Naturalization Service and who were not criminal offenders were also not included in the tables.

Table 6.11 distinguishes between standard and extraordinary methods of release from prison. "Standard" releases include the usual methods of exiting from prison, such as full-term sentence expirations, expirations with good time, mandatory releases, and releases to parole. Extraordinary releases are unusual exits from prison, such as death, commutation, and transfer to another facility.

6) Tables 6.11-6.16 include only prisoners committed by U.S. district courts and released by the BOP during fiscal year 1997. Prisoners committed by U.S. district court — but not for a violation of the U.S. Code, or whose offense could not be classified — were included in the total but are not shown separately. Table 6.9, however, shows these prisoners separately. Other prisoners — such as probation and parole violators and prisoners committed by other courts, such as courts martial or District of Columbia Superior Court — were excluded from tables 6.11-6.16, as were other persons admitted to Federal prison but not committed from a U.S. district court.

7) In tables 6.11-6.16, time served was calculated for prisoner's arrival into jurisdiction of the BOP until first release from prison, plus any jail time served and credited. The calculation is the same as that currently used by the BOP. Prisoners serving consecutive sentences may have total imposed sentences exceeding the longest single sentence length. Accordingly, time actually served may exceed the longest single imposed sentence. The percent of sentenced served (in tables 6.12 and 6.14) is the average of each individual prisoner's percent of sentence served. Because other publications may include different groups of prisoners, calculate time served differently, or use a different offense classification, data in tables in this *Compendium* may differ from estimates of time served in previous publications by



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the BOP or in publications based on other data sources.

Time served, as reported in tables 6.11-6.16 in this *Compendium*, may not be directly comparable to the calculation of time served in the 1993 and prior compendia. The methodology in this report uses additional information to identify prison commitment dates and account for jail credit. In previous reports, jail credits were overestimated in some cases. In addition, time served estimates reported in tables 6.12-6.14 and 6.16 include only prisoners released by standard methods (expirations, mandatory releases, and releases to parole). Prisoners released by extraordinary means (death, commutation, transfer, etc.) are excluded from the time served calculations in these tables.

- 8) Table 6.9 shows all persons admitted to, or released from, the jurisdiction of the BOP during fiscal year 1997. Prisoners counted in this column are the same as prisoners included in tables 6.11, 6.12, and 6.13. Table 6.9 shows in separate columns, as well as in the total, prisoners committed by a U.S. district court — but not for a violation of the U.S. code, or whose offense could not be classified. Other columns in table 6.9 include prisoners who were committed by other courts, returned to prison for violation of the conditions of supervision, or were received for examination, treatment, or transfer to another jurisdiction. Offenders who returned to prison for a violation of the conditions of supervision without a new court commitment, were classified according to the offense with the longest single sentence originally imposed at conviction.