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The Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics is an easy-to-read digest of crime indices published annually by the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics. The most recent edition, released in November of last year, covers the period between October 1, 1995 and September 30, 1996. The complete document is over 100 pages in length; the information in the present table is merely a fraction of what is available. The table below compares federally prosecuted gambling crimes to other selected offenses. Examples of federal gambling crimes include interstate transporting of wagering paraphernalia and the possession of gambling devices.

	Suspects in matters received by U.S. Attorneys/ % of total	Percent of defendants convicted	Average time in months to first release and percent of sentence served*	Admissions /Releases of Federal Prisoners	Percent convicted and sentenced to Incarceration /Probation/ Fine	Mean sentences in months: Incarceration/ Probation
Gambling	315 0.3%	73.7%	N/A	3 2	I: 33.3% P: 60.0% F: 6.7%	I: N/A P: 25.3
Murder, manslaughter	540 0.6%	81.1%	74.0 75.9%	230 211	87.5 12.1 0.8	97.7 50.3
Kidnapping	407 0.4%	80.3%	87.2 74.6%	130 95	94.4 6.5 0.0	172.1 N/A
Counterfeiting	448 0.5%	92.9%	14.5 89.3%	490 484	60.6 36.0 0.7	18.3 38.2
Larceny	1,753 1.8%	90.3%	13.1 90.4%	1,367 1,407	48.2 51.3 0.4	25.8 38.9
Racketeering and extortion	3,507 3.6%	86.7%	35.7 84.0%	1,235 946	80.0 18.1 0.7	73.9 35.1
Embezzlement	4,114 4.3%	91.1%	8.9 86.7%	552 567	55.7 35.5 1.6	16.0 40.7

*Percent of time served includes only sentences of at least one year.

Sources: 1 Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice. (1998). Compendium of Federal Justice Statistics, 1996. www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/

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