

Racial and Ethnic Sentencing Differentials in the Federal
Criminal Justice System
Online Appendix

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Table A1: Sentencing Guideline Cells
(months imprisonment)

		Criminal History Category (Criminal History Points)					
		I (0 or 1)	II (2 or 3)	III (4, 5, 6)	IV (7, 8, 9)	V (10, 11, 13 or more)	VI
Zone A	1	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6
	2	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	1-7
	3	0-6	0-6	0-6	0-6	2-8	3-9
	4	0-6	0-6	0-6	2-8	4-10	6-12
	5	0-6	0-6	1-7	4-10	6-12	9-15
	6	0-6	1-7	2-8	6-12	9-15	12-18
	7	0-6	2-8	4-10	8-14	12-18	15-21
	8	0-6	4-10	6-12	10-16	15-21	18-24
	9	4-10	6-12	8-14	12-18	18-24	21-27
	10	6-12	8-14	10-16	15-21	21-27	24-30
	11	8-14	10-16	12-18	18-24	24-30	27-33
	12	10-16	12-18	15-21	21-27	27-33	30-37
	13	12-18	15-21	18-24	24-30	30-37	33-41
14	15-21	18-24	21-27	27-33	33-41	37-46	
15	18-24	21-27	24-30	30-37	37-46	41-51	
16	21-27	24-30	27-33	33-41	41-51	46-57	
17	24-30	27-33	30-37	37-46	46-57	51-63	
18	27-33	30-37	33-41	41-51	51-63	57-71	
19	30-37	33-41	37-46	46-57	57-71	63-78	
20	33-41	37-46	41-51	51-63	63-78	70-87	
21	37-46	41-51	46-57	57-71	70-87	77-96	
22	41-51	46-57	51-63	63-78	77-96	84-105	
23	46-57	51-63	57-71	70-87	84-105	92-115	
24	51-63	57-71	63-78	77-96	92-115	100-125	
25	57-71	63-78	70-87	84-105	100-125	110-137	
26	63-78	70-87	78-97	92-115	110-137	120-150	
27	70-87	78-97	87-108	100-125	120-150	130-162	
28	78-97	87-108	97-121	110-137	130-162	140-175	
29	87-108	97-121	108-135	121-151	140-175	151-188	
30	97-121	108-135	121-151	135-168	151-188	168-210	
31	108-135	121-151	135-168	151-188	168-210	188-235	
32	121-151	135-168	151-188	168-210	188-235	210-262	
33	135-168	151-188	168-210	188-235	210-262	235-293	
34	151-188	168-210	188-235	210-262	235-293	262-327	
35	168-210	188-235	210-262	235-293	262-327	292-365	
36	188-235	210-262	235-293	262-327	292-365	324-405	
37	210-262	235-293	262-327	292-365	324-405	360-life	
38	235-293	262-327	292-365	324-405	360-life	360-life	
39	262-327	292-365	324-405	360-life	360-life	360-life	
40	292-365	324-405	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life	
41	324-405	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life	
42	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life	360-life	
43	life	life	life	life	life	life	

Offense Level

Zone D

Table A2: Descriptives, by Ethnicity and Gender

Means, standard deviations in parentheses.

	Men			Women		
	White	Black	Hispanic	White	Black	Hispanic
Sample Size	73,786	60,653	101,045	15,686	12,076	10,928
Number Dependents	1.15 (1.43)	1.68 (1.84)	1.85 (1.80)	1.11 (1.30)	1.54 (1.54)	1.76 (1.64)
Age	38.6 (12.2)	31.9 (9.29)	32.1 (9.22)	36.6 (11.3)	33.2 (9.94)	33.0 (10.1)
Marital Status:						
Single	0.337	0.536	0.328	0.275	0.504	0.335
Married	0.353	0.205	0.344	0.341	0.189	0.245
Other	0.289	0.237	0.244	0.363	0.275	0.355
Education Level:						
Less than High School	0.260	0.404	0.635	0.237	0.295	0.533
High School Graduate	0.377	0.365	0.165	0.409	0.338	0.239
Some College	0.226	0.184	0.072	0.267	0.296	0.130
College Graduate	0.125	0.038	0.019	0.073	0.056	0.031
Defense Counsel:						
Privately Retained	0.169	0.080	0.072	0.128	0.071	0.103
Court Appointed	0.173	0.176	0.298	0.202	0.197	0.266
Federal Public Defender	0.122	0.141	0.262	0.124	0.150	0.199
Other	0.007	0.006	0.002	0.010	0.013	0.004
Criminal History Score	2.19 (1.64)	3.05 (1.84)	2.40 (1.67)	1.57 (1.16)	1.71 (1.30)	1.41 (1.00)
Offense Severity	17.9 (8.45)	22.2 (9.43)	18.4 (8.05)	14.6 (7.91)	14.5 (8.39)	16.4 (7.67)

Notes: The full sample refers to all Federal cases that come up for sentencing from 10/1/1998 to 09/30/2003. For each gender we show the descriptive statistic for each race/ethnicity. Standard errors are shown in parentheses for continuous variables. For marital status, the "Other" category incorporates cohabiting, divorced, widowed and separated. For defense counsel the "Other" category incorporates defendant represented self, waived rights to counsel and other arrangements for counsel.