

First-Degree Aggravated Robbery: Sentenced 2020-2024

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Information Requested: Statewide sentencing data for first-degree aggravated robbery.

Analysis:

- Sentenced 2020-2024
- First-Degree Aggravated Robbery under Minn. Stat. § 609.245, subd. 1
- Excludes attempts under Minn. Stat. § 609.17 and conspiracies under Minn. Stat. § 609.175
- Departure rates by Criminal History Score (CHS)

From 2020-2024, 531 people were sentenced for First-Degree Aggravated Robbery. Of the 531 people sentenced, 208 (39%) received a mitigated dispositional departure. Of the 323 people who received an executed prison sentence, 129 (40%) received a mitigated durational departure and 6 (2%) received an aggravated durational departure. The average pronounced prison term for this offense is 65.5 months.¹

Table 1. First-Degree Aggravated Robbery, Sentenced 2020-2024

CHS	Total	Dispositional Departure		Durational Departure (prison only)			Average Pronounced Prison Term
		None	Mitigated	None	Aggravated	Mitigated	
0	191	68	123	52	0	16	41.9 months
	100.0%	35.6%	64.4%	76.5%	0.0%	23.5%	
1	84	44	40	24	0	20	49.7 months
	100.0%	52.4%	47.6%	54.5%	0.0%	45.5%	
2	69	49	20	32	0	17	58.0 months
	100.0%	71.0%	29.0%	65.3%	0.0%	34.7%	
3	44	34	10	20	3	11	73.1 months
	100.0%	77.3%	22.7%	58.8%	8.8%	32.4%	
4	38	29	9	14	0	15	74.1 months
	100.0%	76.3%	23.7%	48.3%	0.0%	51.7%	
5	29	28	1	14	1	13	78.1 months
	100.0%	96.6%	3.4%	50.0%	3.6%	46.4%	
6+	76	71	5	32	2	37	90.9 months
	100.0%	93.4%	6.6%	45.1%	2.8%	52.1%	
Total	531	323	208	188	6	129	65.5 months
	100.0%	60.8%	39.2%	58.2%	1.9%	39.9%	

The most common reasons cited for mitigated dispositional departures were amenable to probation, amenable to treatment, and shows remorse/accepts responsibility. The prosecutor agreed to/recommended/ did not object to the departure in 61% of cases, objected to the departure in 9% of cases, and in 30% of cases the position of the prosecutor was unknown.

The most common reasons cited for mitigated durational departures were shows remorse/accepts responsibility, offender played minor/lesser/passive role, and crime less onerous/weapon type less serious/gun not loaded. The prosecutor agreed to/recommended/did not object to the departure in 80% of cases, objected in 3% of cases, and in 22% of cases the position of the prosecutor was unknown.

¹ Includes four cases that received a consecutive sentence.