

Simple Robbery: Sentenced 2020-2024

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Analysis:

- Sentenced 2020-2024
- Simple Robbery under Minn. Stat. § 609.24
- Excludes attempts under Minn. Stat. § 609.17 and conspiracies under Minn. Stat. § 609.175

From 2020-2024, 630 people were sentenced for simple robbery – 417 (66%) were presumptive stays and 213 (34%) were presumptive commitments. One presumptive stayed case received an aggravated dispositional. 90 (42%) people who had a presumptive disposition of commit received a mitigated dispositional departure. In total, 128 people received prison.* Of the 128 people who received prison, 28 (22%) received a mitigated durational departure and one received an aggravated durational departure. 37 (6%) of cases received a departure to a misdemeanor/gross misdemeanor sentence. The average pronounced prison term for the 128 people who received prison was 37.5 months.

Table 1. Sentencing Information for Simple Robbery, Sentenced 2020-2024

CHS	Total	Presumptive Disposition		Dispositional Departure (presumptive commits)		Durational Departure (prison only)			Average Pronounced Prison Term
		Stay	Commit	None	Mitigated	None	Aggravated	Mitigated	
0	242	240	2	0	2	2	1	0	20.7 months
	100.0%	99.2%	0.8%	0.0%	100.0%	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	
1	94	94	0	--	--	2	0	0	23.0 months
	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	--	--	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
2	84	83	1	1	0	1	0	2	27.7 months
	100.0%	98.8%	1.2%	100.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%	
3	50	0	50	22	28	17	0	3	31.6 months
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	44.0%	56.0%	85.0%	0.0%	15.0%	
4	47	0	47	26	21	22	0	4	35.3 months
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	55.3%	44.7%	84.6%	0.0%	15.4%	
5	36	0	36	20	16	13	0	7	36.7 months
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	55.6%	44.4%	65.0%	0.0%	35.0%	
6+	77	0	77	54	23	42	0	12	43.1 months
	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	70.1%	29.9%	77.8%	0.0%	22.2%	
Total	630	417	213	123	90	99	1	28	37.5 months
	100.0%	66.2%	33.8%	57.7%	42.3%	77.3%	0.8%	21.9%	

The most common reasons cited for mitigated dispositional departures were amenable to probation, and amenable to treatment, recommended by court services, and shows remorse/accepts responsibility. The prosecutor agreed to/recommended/did not object to the departure in 74% of cases, objected in 6% of cases, and in 20% of cases the position of the prosecutor was unknown.

The most common reasons cited for mitigated durational departures were offender played minor/lesser/passive role, offense less onerous, and shows remorse/accepts responsibility. The prosecutor agreed to/recommended/did not object to the departure in 64% of cases, objected in 7% of cases, and in 29% of cases the position of the prosecutor was unknown.

* Six people demanded execution of sentence where it was not considered an aggravated dispositional departure, bringing the total of people that received prison to 128.