

Table 16: 1999 Conformity to the Guidelines by County*

Reasons Given for . . .	Departing Below the Guidelines
No reasons given	2295
Plea agreement	586
Other/misc. departure	393
Recommendation of the prosecution	102
Offender pleaded guilty/nolo contendere	75
Interest of justice	71
Prior adult record is very old	64
Offender is drug dependent/needs treatment	46
Offender has mental/emotional/psychological problems	43
Offender sentenced on other charges-current	42
Offender shows remorse	39
Crime relatively insignificant or less onerous than usual	35
Offender is in poor physical health/needs hospitalization	31
Recommendation of the victim	29
Offender is a good candidate for rehabilitation	28
No prior adult record or minor adult record	26
Offender is young	22
Intent of justice	19
Offender is employed/might lose job	17
To ensure long period of supervision after incarceration	16
Weak prosecution evidence	16
Offender needs treatment/not specified	16
Offender is alcohol dependent/needs treatment	16
Offender is supporting or caring for family/wife/other dependents	14
Offender serving sentence for other crime(s)-prior	14
Recommendation of the court staff/PSI	13
Police recommendation	11
Offender has a good prior employment record	11
Victims were friends/acquaintances	10
Drug Court	9
Offender played a minor or passive role in the crime	9
Family is supportive of offender	8
Non-violent prior adult record	8
Evidence supports offender's justification	8
Prison (or more time in prison) will not serve a useful purpose	7
Offender did not cause or threaten injury	7
Offender not a threat to society	6
Offender is old	6
Guideline sentences inappropriate	5
Offender's conduct has improved	5
Recommendation of the defense attorney	5
Keep in county jail	5
Offender has positive attitude/demeanor	4
Offender on bail or probation/parole on other charges	4
Offender is attending school	4
Offense out of character for offender	4
Mandatory law	3
Victims were members of offender's family	3
Prior juvenile record is very old	3
Victim provoked/induced crime	3
Offender is pregnant/offender's wife is pregnant	3
Offender has not been incarcerated before	3

*DUIs not included for 1991-1994 guidelines. Based on 74,663 sentences for which conformity could be determined.