



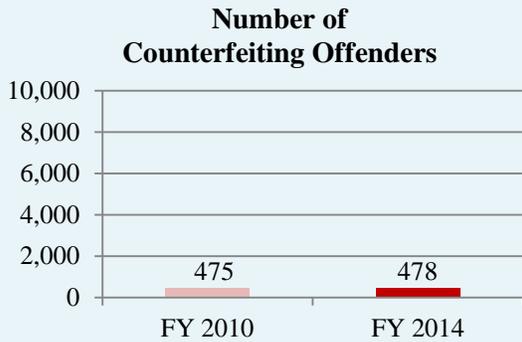
Quick Facts

▶ THERE WERE 75,836 CASES REPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION IN FISCAL YEAR 2014.

▶ OF THESE CASES, 478 INVOLVED COUNTERFEITING BEARER OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES.¹

▶ THESE OFFENDERS WERE SENTENCED UNDER SECTION 2B5.1 OF THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION'S *GUIDELINES MANUAL*

Counterfeiting Offenses¹



In fiscal year 2014, there were 478 counterfeiting offenders, who accounted for 0.7% of all offenders sentenced under the guidelines. The number of counterfeiting offenders has remained consistent during the last five years.

Top Five Districts Counterfeiting Offenders FY 2014

Middle District of Florida (N=30)
Western District of Texas (N=26)
Southern District of Florida (N=20)
District of South Carolina (N=19)
District of South Dakota (N=18)

Offender and Offense Characteristics

- In fiscal year 2014, the majority of counterfeiting offenders were male (71.8%).
- White offenders accounted for the largest group (43.6%) of counterfeiting offenders followed by Black (38.1%), Hispanic (15.8%), and Other Races (2.5%).
- The average age of these offenders at sentencing was 33 years.
- Nearly all of counterfeiting offenders were U.S. citizens (96.2%).
- The most common Criminal History Category for these offenders was Category I (31.8%). The proportion of these offenders in other Criminal History Categories was as follows:
 - ◆ 11.5% were in Category II;
 - ◆ 17.0% were in Category III;
 - ◆ 13.6% were in Category IV;
 - ◆ 9.2% were in Category V;
 - ◆ 16.9% were in Category VI;
- The median face value of counterfeit items for these offenses \$3,000.
 - ◆ 58.8% of counterfeiting offenses involved items with a face value of \$5,000 or less.
 - ◆ 95.6% of counterfeiting offenses involved items with a face value of \$120,000 or less.
- Sentences for counterfeiting offenses were increased for:
 - ◆ 47.9% of offenders for manufacturing or producing counterfeit obligations or possessing counterfeiting paper, altered currency paper, or a counterfeit deterrent.
 - ◆ 2.3% of offenders for possessing a firearm or other dangerous weapon in connection with the offense.
 - ◆ 2.5% of offenders for committing any part of the offense outside of the United States.
 - ◆ 5.4% of offenders for having a leadership or supervisory role in the offense.
- Sentences for counterfeiting offenses were decreased for:
 - ◆ 2.1% of offenders because they were a minor or minimal participant in the offense.

Median Face Value of Counterfeit Items for Counterfeiting Offenders



¹ Counterfeiting offenses include cases with complete guideline application information in which the offender was sentenced under USSG §2B5.1 (Offenses Involving Counterfeit Bearer Obligations of the United States) and using a Guidelines Manual in effect November 1, 2001 or later.

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Punishment

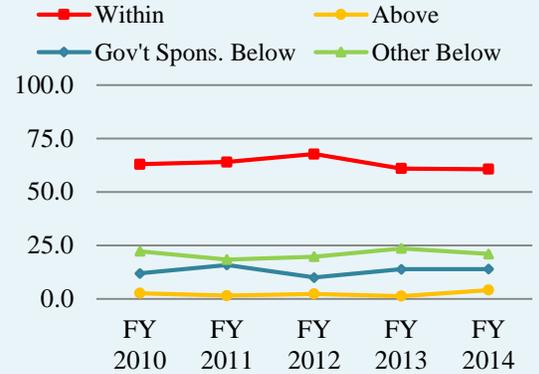
- More than three-quarters of counterfeiting offenders were sentenced to imprisonment (78.6%).
- The average sentence length for counterfeiting offenders was 16 months.

Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

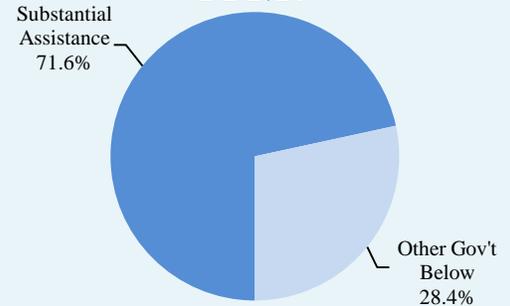
- In each of the past five years nearly two-thirds of counterfeiting offenders were sentenced within the guideline range. In fiscal year 2014, 60.7% of counterfeiting offenders were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - ◆ Substantial assistance departures accounted for 10.0% of sentences imposed in counterfeiting cases in fiscal year 2014.
 - ◇ The average reduction for these offenders was 57.1% during the five year time period (which corresponds to an average reduction of 9 months).
 - ◆ Other government sponsored downward departures accounted for 4.0% of sentences imposed in counterfeiting cases in fiscal year 2014.
 - ◇ The average reduction for these offenders was 49.6% during the five year time period (which corresponds to an average reduction of 10 months).
- Non-government sponsored below range sentences accounted for 21.1% of sentences imposed in counterfeiting cases in fiscal year 2014.
 - ◆ The average reduction for these offenders was 54.1% during the five year time period (which corresponds to an average reduction of 8 months).
- Both the average sentence and average guideline minimum for counterfeiting offenders have remained stable for the last five years.
 - ◆ The average guideline minimum ranged from 16 to 17 months during that time period;
 - ◆ The average sentence imposed ranged from 15 to 16 months during that time period.

Counterfeiting

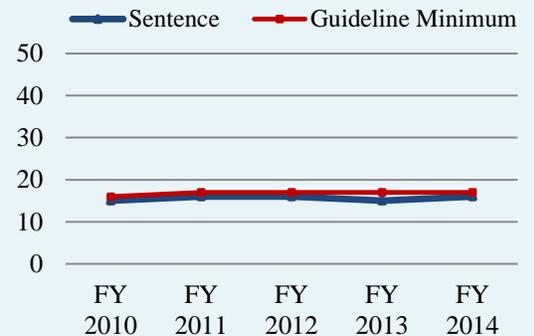
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range



Government Sponsored Below Range Sentences FY 2014



Average Sentence and Average Guideline Minimum (in months)



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