

Table D-14

SENTENCE IMPOSED RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENDERS¹
Fiscal Year 2019

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	WITHIN GUIDELINE RANGE		DEPARTURE								VARIANCE ²	
				UPWARD		§5K1.1		§5K3.1		DOWNWARD			
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	19,762	6,723	34.0	64	0.3	4,457	22.6	1,220	6.2	837	4.2	6,461	32.7
Powder Cocaine	3,580	1,405	39.2	6	0.2	787	22.0	140	3.9	134	3.7	1,108	30.9
Crack Cocaine	1,564	628	40.2	10	0.6	247	15.8	0	0.0	74	4.7	605	38.7
Heroin	2,508	915	36.5	20	0.8	539	21.5	91	3.6	104	4.1	839	33.5
Marijuana	1,675	804	48.0	9	0.5	209	12.5	122	7.3	94	5.6	437	26.1
Methamphetamine	8,435	2,335	27.7	8	0.1	2,186	25.9	832	9.9	358	4.2	2,716	32.2
Other	2,000	636	31.8	11	0.6	489	24.5	35	1.8	73	3.7	756	37.8

¹ Of the 76,538 cases, in 20,085 the offender was sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). Of these, 19,765 offenders were sentenced under §§2D1.1 (Drug Trafficking), 2D1.2 (Protected Locations), 2D1.5 (Continuing Criminal Enterprise), 2D1.6 (Use of a Communication Facility), 2D1.8 (Rent/Manage Drug Establishment), 2D1.10 (Endangering Human Life While Manufacturing), or 2D1.14 (Narco-Terrorism). Of these 19,765 cases, three were excluded because information was missing from the submitted documents that prevented the comparison of the sentence and the guideline range. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

² Of the 6,461 variance cases, in 470 cases the court cited First Step Act safety valve expansion as a reason for the sentence.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2019 Datafile, USSCFY19.