Table D-11

LENGTH OF MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES IN DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES¹

Fiscal Year 2021

		No Drug Mandatory Minimum ²		Five-Year Drug Mandatory Minimum		Ten-Year or More Drug Mandatory Minimum ³	
DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	17,510	5,774	33.0	4,507	25.7	7,229	41.3
Powder Cocaine	2,935	837	28.5	818	27.9	1,280	43.6
Crack Cocaine	1,088	657	60.4	322	29.6	109	10.0
Heroin	1,784	741	41.5	537	30.1	506	28.4
Marijuana	996	630	63.3	281	28.2	85	8.5
Methamphetamine	8,446	1,679	19.9	2,025	24.0	4,742	56.1
Fentanyl	1,658	673	40.6	498	30.0	487	29.4
Other	603	557	92.4	26	4.3	20	3.3

¹ Of the 57,287 cases, in 17,692 the offender was sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). Of these, 17,520 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 the remaining cases, ten were excluded because the offender was convicted of a mandatory minimum penalty from one of the following statutes: 21 U.S.C. § 860a or 21 U.S.C. § 865. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2021 Datafile, USSCFY21.

² Includes 126 offenders whose drug mandatory minimum penalty was 12 months or less.

³ Includes 281 offenders whose drug mandatory minimum penalty was greater than ten years.