

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

VARIABLE CODEBOOK FOR *FEDERAL SENTENCING OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY: PRODUCTION OFFENSES*



INTRODUCTION

In October 2021, the Commission published, “Federal Sentencing of Child Pornography: Production Offenses.” That report updates and expands upon the Commission's 2012 *Report to the Congress: Federal Child Pornography Offenses*. It provides the Commission’s most in-depth study of child pornography production offenses to date through an analysis of three primary factors that the Commission has identified as relevant to sentencing child pornography production offenders. Focusing on data related to child pornography production offenders’ proximity to the victim, participation in production, and propensity to engage in other abusive behaviors, this report provides insight into how offenders exploit victims and technology to produce child pornography and the factors courts consider in fashioning sentences for these offenses.

This codebook is for the Commission’s analysis datafile used for that publication. All data comes from the Child Pornography Production Report coding project. This coding project collected information on offenders sentenced for production of Child Pornography, under §2G2.1. The datafile includes only those variables used for the analyses in the publication. Some of the data in this report are analysis variables from the Commission’s individual offender datafile for fiscal year 2019. Additional information for those variables can be found in the Commission’s Variable Codebook for Individual Offenders: Standardized Research Data Documentation for Fiscal Years 1999-2021 at www.ussc.gov/research/datafiles/commission-datafiles#individual.

HOW TO USE THE VARIABLE CODEBOOK

The first column in the codebook, NAME, lists the name of each variable in alphabetical order.

The second column, ORIGIN, lists the source of the variable. All the variables in this codebook are from the special coding project datafile. See the Commission's Variable Codebook for Individual Offenders: Standardized Research Data Documentation for Fiscal Years 1999-2021 for information on additional variables on datafile.

The third column, FORM, describes whether the variable is coded as numeric (NUM) or character (CHAR).

The fourth column, CODES, lists all the values for each variable and describes what those values mean.

The final column, DESCRIPTION, describes the uses and creation of each variable.

NAME	ORIGIN	FORM	CODES	DESCRIPTION
ANYADULT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No events exist 1 = At least one event exists	Indicates whether the offender has any prior criminal history convictions involving sexual abuse of an adult.
ANYCHPTS	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No criminal history points 1 = One or more criminal history points	Indicates whether the offender received any criminal history points.
ANYCONTACT2	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No events exist 1 = At least one event exists	Indicates whether the offender has any prior criminal history convictions involving child pornography production or physical sexual contact with a minor.
ANYMINOR	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No events exist 1 = At least one event exists	Indicates whether the offender has criminal history convictions involving child pornography production or offenses involving physical sexual contact of a minor, including statutory rape.
ANYNONCONTACT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No events exist 1 = At least one event exists	Indicates whether the offender has any prior criminal history convictions involving a non-contact sexual offense (<i>i.e.</i> , indecent exposure).
ANYPORN	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No events exist 1 = At least one event exists	Indicates whether the offender has any prior criminal history convictions involving distribution, receipt, and/or possession of child pornography.
ANYSEXCH	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No events exist 1 = At least one event exists	Indicates whether the offender has any prior criminal history convictions of a sexual nature.

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BULLY	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender used non-violent, non-sexual threats to pressure a minor in order to produce or conceal the child pornography in the instant offense.
COERCE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender used physical violence, threats of violence, bullying, extortion, or other forms of pressure to induce the victim(s) to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
COLLEGE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No college education 1 = Some college education, including graduating college	Indicates whether the offender received any college education. Created from NEWEDUC.
COMMIPIC	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender spoke with a minor (or someone they believed to be a minor, including law enforcement) about child pornography outside of online child pornography communities. This does not include pornography produced by the victim(s) at the request of the offender.
COMMUNITY	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether an offender participated in some sort of child pornography community (e.g., participated in an online forum or website, worked with other offender(s) to produce child pornography, communicated with others about child pornography, or shared or received child pornography with/from others via a personal method of receipt/distribution (texting, instant messaging, or email)).

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CONTACT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No contact or sexual abuse 1 = Yes, resulted in a conviction 2 = Yes, resulted in arrest but no conviction (for example, charges are “pending”) 3 = Yes, admitted but not arrested 4 = Yes, alleged but not arrested 5 = Offender attempted to sexually abuse a victim	Indicates if the offender, in the instant offense, sexually physically contacted any minor.
CONTAGE	CP Prod	NUM	Range: 1 thru 17 90 = Less than one year or “infant” 91 = More than one year, or described as “toddler” 92 = Age is described as “pre-pubescent” 93 = Age is described as teenager 998 = Offender did not sexually physically contact any minor during the instant offense 999 = Age of youngest victim unknown	Indicates the youngest known age, at the time of the contact, of a victim sexually physically contacted or attempted to contact in the instant offense by the offender.
CONVICNUM	CP Prod	NUM	Range: 1 thru 997 998 = Offender did not sexually physically contact or attempt to contact any minor during the instant offense	Indicates the known number of minor victims the offender sexually physically contacted or attempted to contact during the instant offense.
CONVICSEX	CP Prod	NUM	0 = Male 1 = Female 2 = Both male and female 998 = Offender did not sexually physically contact any minor during the instant offense 999 = Sex of victim(s) is unknown	Indicates the known sex of the minor victims sexually physically contacted or attempted to contact in the instant offense by the offender.
ENTICE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender used any type of enticement to induce the victim(s) to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
EXPLOIT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender engaged in sexually exploitative conduct, including sending pornography to a minor, soliciting a minor for images or sex, or other non-contact sex offenses.

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EXTORTION	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender used "sextortion" to pressure a minor in order to produce or conceal the child pornography in the instant offense.
IDNUM	CP Prod	NUM	Range: 2000001-2000512	A unique seven-digit identifier for each case.
METHOD1	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) via virtual means (phone, computer, etc) to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
METHOD2	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) in person to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
MIEC	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender used misrepresentation, incapacitation, enticement, or coercion with any victims to produce child pornography in the instant offense
MISREP	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender knowingly misrepresented his/her identity in any way to persuade, induce, entice, coerce, or facilitate the travel of, a minor to engage in the child pornography produced by the offender.

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MULTICOMM	CP Prod	NUM	0 = Unknown method of communication or attempt only 1 = Only communicated in person 2 = Only communicated remotely 3 = No Contact/Produced without victims knowledge 4 = Communicated in person and remotely and produced without victims knowledge 5 = Communicated in person and remotely 6 = Communicated in person and produced without victims knowledge 7 = Communicated remotely and produced without victims knowledge	Indicates what method(s) of the offender used to contact victim(s) to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
MULTIPLE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender used multiple methods to contact victim(s) to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
NEWCOND10	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender sent pornography (adult or child) to a minor (includes only the instant offense).
NEWCOND11	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender committed some other non-contact sex offense (either during the instant offense or a prior event) (e.g., indecent exposure).
NONCONMINOR1	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender has any arrests, pending, or dismissed charges for sexual abuse or a contact sex offense against a minor, other than the instant offense .
NONCONMINOR2	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender admits to sexually abusing or sexually contacting someone other than in the instant offense that did not lead to an arrest or pending charges.

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NONCONMINOR3	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender has been the subject of any allegations of a contact sex offense against a minor, other than the instant offense.
NONPDIST	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender distributed child pornography other than that which he/she produced.
ONLINE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) via online means (social media, live streaming, video games, or other websites) to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
OTHERPRESS	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender used "other" means to pressure a minor in order to produce or conceal the child pornography in the instant offense (<i>i.e.</i> , behavior not captured by VIOLENCE, THREAT, BULLY, or EXTORTION).
PDIST	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender distributed the child pornography he/she produced.
POSSDISTCOMM	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender engaged with child pornography outside of production, either through distributing or possessing non-produced images, or participated in a child pornography community.

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POSSESSION	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender possessed any child pornography during the course of the instant offense. This does not include child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODAGE	CP Prod	NUM	Range: 1 thru 17 90 = Less than one year or "infant" 91 = More than one year, or described as "toddler" 92 = Age is described as "pre-pubescent" 93 = Age is described as teenager 998 = Offender did not produce child pornography 999 = Age of youngest victim unknown	Indicates the youngest known age of a victim depicted in the child pornography produced by the offender at the time the pornography was produced.
PRODCAM	CP Prod	NUM	0= No 1= Yes	Indicates if the offender used any type of camera other than a web camera, such as a video camera, to produce child pornography in the instant offense.
PRODCOACH	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender was a non-familial coach, teacher, <i>et. al.</i> of any victim of the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODCOND	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes, produced child pornography 2 = Yes, attempted to produce child pornography	Indicates whether the offender produced child pornography as part of the instant offense.
PRODCONTACT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = Offender did not produce child pornography 1 = Offender physically sexually contacted victim. 2 = Co-participant physically sexually contacted victim 3 = The only sexual contact was by the victim or another minor victim. 4 = There was no sexual contact of a victim.	Indicates whether any victim(s) were sexually physically contacted during the child pornography produced as part of the instant offense.

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PRODCONTACT1	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender or a co-participant had physical sexual contact with a victim during the child pornography produced as part of the instant offense.
PRODDEVOTH	CP Prod	NUM	0= No 1= Yes	Indicates if the offender used some “other” device to produce child pornography in the instant offense (<i>i.e.</i> , one not captured by PRODSTREAM, PRODSMART, PRODTAB, PRODWBCAM, PRODCAM, or PRODVICTIM).
PRODDIRECT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender personally directed the actions of the victim(s) while producing the child pornography in the instant offense.
PRODDRUG	CP Prod	NUM	0= No 1= Yes	Indicates whether the offender used drugs/alcohol to incapacitate the victim(s) to facilitate their participation in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODENTICE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes, drugs/alcohol used to entice 1 = Yes, enticements other than drugs/alcohol (<i>e.g.</i> , candy, money, video games, or other “child friendly” items) 3 = Yes, both drugs/alcohol and other enticements	Indicates whether the offender enticed or otherwise induced the victim(s) to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODFRIEND	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender was a family friend of any victim (or any victims’ parents) of the child pornography produced by the offender.

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PRODGAMES	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) via video games to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODGROUP	CP Prod	NUM	90 = Less than one year or “infant” 91 = One thru three years, or described as “toddler” 92 = Four thru 12 years, or age is described as “pre-pubescent” 93 = 13 thru 17 years, or age is described as teenager 998 = Offender did not produce child pornography or age of youngest victim unknown	Categorical version of PRODAGE.
PRODGUARD	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender was a legal guardian (non-parental) of any victim of the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODHIDE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender hid or concealed a filming device for the purpose of producing child pornography during the instant offense.
PRODHOUSE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes, full-time 2 = Yes, part-time 997 = Offender appeared to live in the household, but it was not clear	Indicates if the offender lived in the same household with any of the victim(s) of the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODINTER	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) via text, email, or instant messaging to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODINTIM	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender was an intimate partner of the parent of any victim in the child pornography produced by the offender.

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PRODINTREL	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender was a stranger met over the internet (through social media, chat room, etc) by any victim in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODLIVE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) via live streaming or video chat to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODLIVECAM	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender used a streaming service or live streaming or a web camera to produce child pornography in the instant offense.
PRODMINFIG	CP Prod	NUM	1 = No mandatory minimum 2 = Five years 3 = 10 years 4 = 15 years 5 = More than 15 years	Indicates the length of mandatory minimum sentence the offender is subject to based on the most serious sex offense of conviction.
PRODMISREP	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes, offender misrepresented him/herself as a minor 2 = Yes, offender misrepresented his/her gender 3 = Yes, offender misrepresented him/herself as a minor and misrepresented his/her gender 4 = Yes, offender otherwise misrepresented his/her identity	Indicates if the offender knowingly misrepresented his/her identity to persuade, induce, entice, coerce, or facilitate the travel of, a minor to engage in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODNOCONTACT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender did not make any contact with any victim(s) of the child pornography produced by the offender (<i>i.e.</i> , it was produced without the victim's knowledge).

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PRODNOTOUCH	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender or a coparticipant did not make any physical sexual contact with any victim(s) of the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODOTHER	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) by “other” means to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender (<i>i.e.</i> , contact not captured by PRODPHONE, PRODTEXT, PRODEMAIL, PRODIM, PRODSOCIAL, PRODWEB, PRODLIVE, PRODGAMES, PRODPERSON, or PRODNOCONTACT).
PRODPARENT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender was the parent of any victim in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODPERSON	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) in person to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODPHONE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) by phone to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODPRES	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender was physically present with any victim in the child pornography produced by the offender.

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PRODREL	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender was an “other” relative of any victim of the child pornography produced by the offender (<i>i.e.</i> , a relationship not captured by PRODPARENT, PRODSTEP, PRODINTIM, or PRODSIB).
PRODRELATEHI	CP Prod	NUM	1 = Parent 2 = Step-parent or Guardian 3 = Parent’s intimate partner 5 = Sibling or Other relative 6 = Legal guardian 7 = Friend of family or victim 8 = Coach/Teacher/Other authority figure 9 = Met on the internet 10 = Stranger 999 = Unknown	Indicates the closest relationship between the offender and any victim in the child pornography produced by the offender. Combines all individual relationship variables.
PRODSELF	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether there was any physical sexual contact by any victim(s) of themselves or another minor victim during the production of the child pornography in the instant offense.
PRODSIB	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender was a sibling of any victim of the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODSMARTTAB	CP Prod	NUM	0= No 1= Yes	Indicates if the offender used a smart phone or a tablet or iPad to produce child pornography in the instant offense.
PRODSOCIAL	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) via a social media platform to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODSTEP	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender was a step-parent of any victim in the child pornography produced by the offender.

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PRODSTRANGE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender was an “other” stranger to any victim in the child pornography produced by the offender (<i>i.e.</i> , not captured by PRODINTREL).
PRODTEXT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) via text message to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODUNKNOW	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the relationship between the offender and any victim of the child pornography produced by the offender is unknown.
PRODVNUM	CP Prod	NUM	Range: 1 thru 4 5 = More than four victims 999 = Exact number of victims unknown	Categorical version of PRODVICNUM. Indicates the number of victims depicted in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODVICNUM	CP Prod	NUM	Range: 0 thru 997 999= Exact number of victims unknown	Indicates the number of victims depicted in the child pornography produced by the offender. If only a range of victims is used, the bottom of the range is depicted.
PRODVICSEX	CP Prod	NUM	0 = Male 1 = Female 2 = Both male and female 998 = Offender did not produce child pornography 999 = Sex of victim(s) is unknown	Indicates the known sex of the victim(s) in the child pornography produced by the offender.
PRODVICTIM	CP Prod	NUM	0= No 1= Yes	Indicates if the victim produced child pornography at the direction of the offender in the instant offense.

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PRODWEB	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender contacted any victim(s) via any “other” website to induce them to participate in the child pornography produced by the offender (<i>i.e.</i> , a website not captured by PRODIM or PRODSOCIAL).
PRODWORK	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes, offender worked with at least one other person in the same location 2 = Yes, offender worked with at least one other person remotely 3 = Yes, offender worked with at least one other person both in the same location and remotely 998 = Offender did not produce child pornography	Indicates if the offender worked with others to produce the child pornography in the instant offense.
RDSO	CP Prod	NUM	0 = Offender did not receive a repeat and dangerous sex offender enhancement under §4B1.5 1 = Offender received an enhancement under §4B1.5(a) 2 = 1 = Offender received an enhancement under §4B1.5(b)	
REVOCATION	CP Prod	NUM	0 = Offender was not granted pretrial release 1 = Offender was granted pretrial release and status was not revoked 2 = Revoked for a sexual abuse or contact event against a minor 3 = Revoked for a child pornography event 4 = Revoked for both sexual abuse/contact against a minor and child pornography 5 = Revoked for sexual abuse or contact event against an adult 6 = Revoked for another reason 7 = Offender violated conditions, but pretrial release was not revoked	Indicates whether the offender’s pretrial release was revoked and why.
SEXSTATHI	CP Prod	NUM	0 = Other 1 = Production 2 = Prostitution 3 = Travel 4 = Non-production	Indicates the most serious sex offense of conviction. Production includes Prostitution includes Travel includes Non-production includes

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SINGLE_SRDUM	CP Prod	NUM	0 = Sentenced under the <i>Guidelines Manual</i> 1 = Variance	Indicates whether the offender received a sentence under the <i>Guidelines Manual</i> or a variance.
SOLICIT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates whether the offender solicited a minor (or someone they believed to be a minor, including law enforcement) for sexual abuse or contact, or had sexually explicit discussions with a minor, or both, outside of online child pornography communities. This does not include pornography produced during the instant offense.
THREAT	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes 998 = Offender did not produce child pornography	Indicates whether the offender threatened violence to pressure a minor in order to produce or conceal the child pornography in the instant offense.
TRAVEL	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes 2 = Attempted	Indicates whether the offender traveled to meet a minor or attempted travel with the intent to commit sexual abuse or contact in the instant offense.
VIOLENCE	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes 998 = Offender did not produce child pornography	Indicates if the offender used violence to pressure a minor in order to produce or conceal the child pornography in the instant offense.
WORK	CP Prod	NUM	0 = No 1 = Yes	Indicates if the offender worked with others to produce the child pornography in the instant offense.