

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

**VARIABLE CODEBOOK FOR
MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES FOR SEX OFFENSES
IN THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OFFENSES**



Introduction

This codebook is for the U.S. Sentencing Commission’s analysis datafile used for the publication *Mandatory Minimum Penalties for Sex Offenses in the Federal Criminal Justice System*. The analysis datafile is a subset of the Commission’s individual offender datafiles, comprised of the 1,565 child pornography offenders from the Commission’s 2016 datafile. The remaining data used in the analysis may be found in the Commission’s fiscal year 2016 public data file which may be downloaded (at no cost) from the Commission’s website at www.ussc.gov.

Analysis variables from the Commission’s individual offender datafiles are identified as “USSCFY Datafiles” in the ORIGIN column in the codebook. Additional information for those variables can be found in the Commission’s *Variable Codebook for Individual Offenders: Standardized Research Data Documentation for Fiscal Years 1999-2018* at www.ussc.gov.

VARIABLE NAME	ORIGIN	CODES	DESCRIPTION
MANDATORY	Porn Report Datafile	0=No, not convicted of a statute carrying a mandatory minimum penalty 1=Yes, convicted of a statute carrying a mandatory minimum penalty	Indicator of whether defendant was convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.
MANDATORY2	Porn Report Datafile	0=No mandatory minimum applied at sentencing 1=Yes, subject to mandatory minimum at sentencing	Indicator of whether defendant was subject to a mandatory minimum penalty at sentencing.
PORNOFF	Porn Report Datafile	1=Convicted of possession of child pornography 2=Convicted of receipt of child pornography 3=Convicted of trafficking of child pornography	Child pornography offense the offender was convicted of based on the most serious statute of conviction.
PORNOFF2	Porn Report Datafile	1=Convicted of possession of child pornography 2=Convicted of receipt of child pornography 3=Convicted of trafficking of child pornography 7=Convicted of possession of child pornography and has a prior conviction for an enumerated sex offense 8=Convicted of receipt of child pornography and has a prior conviction for an enumerated sex offense 9=Convicted of trafficking of child pornography and has a prior conviction for an enumerated sex offense	Child pornography offense the offender was convicted of, including the recidivist statutes of conviction.
USSCIDN	USSCFY Datafile	Range: 6 Numbers	Unique sequential identification number given to cases upon receipt at USSC. For more information on this variable, see the Commission's <i>Variable Codebook for Individual Offenders</i> .