

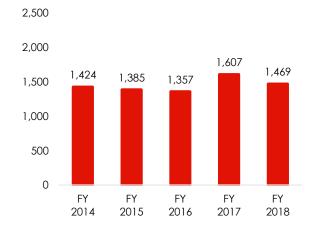
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— Native American Offenders —

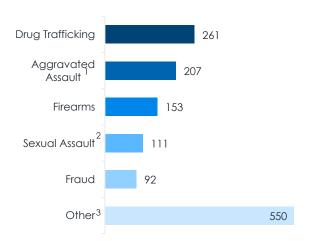
#### Fiscal Year 2018

- ► IN FY 2018, 69,425 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
  - ▶ 1,469 OF THESE INVOLVED NATIVE AMERICAN OFFENDERS.
    - ▶ 2.1% OF ALL OFFENDERS AND 3.7% OF U.S. CITIZEN OFFENDERS WERE NATIVE AMERICAN.

#### Number of Native American Federal Offenders



# Most Common Guidelines for Native American Offenders<sup>4</sup>



#### Offender and Offense Characteristics<sup>4</sup>

- 77.4% of Native American offenders were men.
- Their average age was 35 years.
- 99.6% were United States citizens.
- 42.7% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I);<sup>5</sup>
  - ♦ 14.0% were CHC II;
  - 17.5% were CHC III;
  - ♦ 12.1% were CHC IV:
  - ♦ 5.9% were CHC V;
  - ♦ 7.7% were CHC VI.
- The top five districts with Native American offenders were:
  - District of Arizona (355);
  - District of South Dakota (257);
  - ◆ District of North Dakota (106);
  - District of Montana (76);
  - ◆ District of New Mexico (70).
- Districts with the highest proportion of their overall caseload comprising of Native American offenders were:
  - District of South Dakota (54.3%);
  - ◆ District of North Dakota (29.0%);
  - ♦ Eastern District of Oklahoma (25.3%);
  - District of Montana (21.7%);
  - Northern District of Oklahoma (13.3%).
- 19.6% of offenses committed by Native Americans involved weapons, compared to 10.3% of *all* offenses in fiscal year 2018.

#### **Punishment**

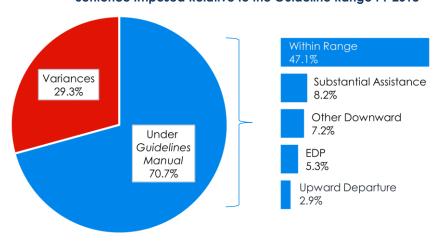
- The average sentence for Native American offenders was 49 months.
- 90.0% were sentenced to prison.
- 13.3% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.
  - The average sentence was 124 months for Native Americans convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.
  - The average sentence was 37 months for Native Americans convicted of an offense not carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.

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## Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

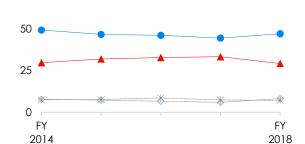
- Of the 70.7% of Native American offenders sentenced under the Guidelines Manual:
  - 66.6% were sentenced within the guideline range.
  - 11.6% received a substantial assistance departure.
    - Their average sentence reduction was 52.4%.
  - 10.2% received some other downward departure.
    - Their average sentence reduction was 38.4%.
  - 7.5% received an Early Disposition Program (EDP) departure.6
    - Their average sentence reduction was 49.2%.
- 29.3% received a variance; of those offenders:
  - 89.6% received a below range variance.
    - Their average sentence reduction was 45.5%.
  - 10.4% received an above range variance.
    - Their average sentence increase was 53.3%.
- The average guideline minimum and average sentence imposed has remained relatively stable over the past five years.
  - The average guideline minimum decreased from 60 months in fiscal year 2014 to 56 months in fiscal year 2018.
  - The average sentence imposed decreased from 51 months in fiscal year 2014 to 49 months in fiscal year 2018.

#### Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2018



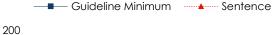
#### Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range (%)





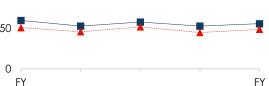
### **Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence**

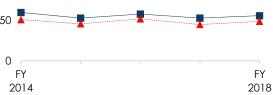






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- 1 Aggravated assault includes cases where the court applied §2A2.2 as the primary sentencing guideline.
- <sup>2</sup> Sexual assault includes cases where the court applied §§2A3.1, 2A3.2, 2A3.3, or 2A3.4 as the primary sentencing auideline
- <sup>3</sup> "Other" offenses include Administration of Justice (78), Obscenity or Other Sexual Offenses (62), Immigration (59), and Manslaughter (52). No other offense had a value greater than 50.
- <sup>4</sup> Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.
- <sup>5</sup> Tribal offenses are not counted in determining the criminal history score under the sentencing guidelines. See §4A1.2(i).
- <sup>6</sup> "Early Disposition Program (or EDP) departures" are departures where the government sought a sentence below the guideline range because the defendant participated in the government's Early Disposition Program, through which cases are resolved in an expedited manner. See USSG §5K3.1.