

▶ THERE WERE 71,003 CASES REPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION IN FISCAL YEAR 2015.

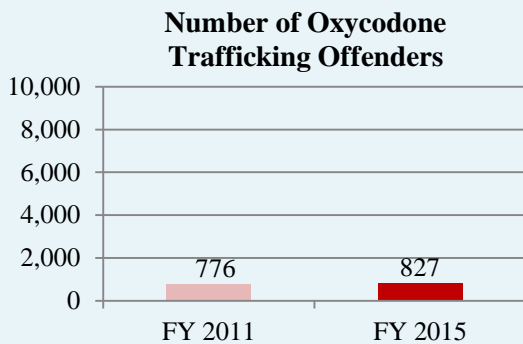
▶ OF THESE CASES, 19,792 INVOLVED DRUG TRAFFICKING.¹

▶ 4.2% OF DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENSES INVOLVED OXYCODONE.

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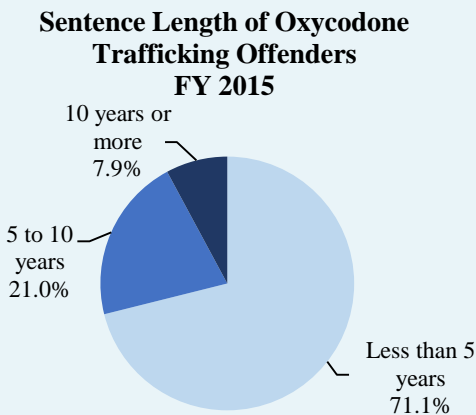


Oxycodone Trafficking Offenses



Top Five Districts Oxycodone Trafficking Offenders FY 2015

Eastern District of Kentucky (N=93)
Northern District of West Virginia (N=73)
Eastern District of Washington (N=46)
Southern District of New York (N=42)
Eastern District of Michigan (N=35)



In fiscal year 2015, there were 827 oxycodone trafficking offenders, who accounted for 4.2% of all offenders sentenced under the drug trafficking guidelines. The number of oxycodone offenders has increased by 6.6% since fiscal year 2011.

Offender and Offense Characteristics

- In fiscal year 2015, approximately three-quarters of oxycodone trafficking offenders were male (73.8%).
- Over half of oxycodone trafficking offenders were White (56.1%) followed by Black (31.5%), Hispanic (8.4%), and Other Races (4.1%).
- The average age of these offenders at sentencing was 38 years.
- Nearly all oxycodone trafficking offenders were United States citizens (97.6%).
- Just under half (49.2%) of oxycodone trafficking offenders had little or no prior criminal history (i.e., assigned to Criminal History Category I) while 5.9% were Career Offenders (§4B1.1).
- The median base offense level in these cases was 26. This corresponds to a quantity of drugs between 1,990 and 3,483 30-milligram instant release pills.
- Oxycodone trafficking sentences were increased for:
 - ◆ 9.2% of offenders because the offense involved the possession of a weapon;
 - ◆ 11.7% of offenders for having a leadership or supervisory role in the offense.
- Oxycodone trafficking sentences were decreased for:
 - ◆ 7.9% of offenders because they were a minor or minimal participant in the offense;
 - ◆ 30.5% of offenders because they met the safety valve criteria in the sentencing guidelines.

Punishment

- Most oxycodone trafficking offenders were sentenced to imprisonment (88.0%).
- The average sentence for oxycodone trafficking offenders was 46 months.
- There is no mandatory minimum penalty for oxycodone drug trafficking offenses.

¹ Drug trafficking offenses include cases with complete guideline application information in which the offender was sentenced under USSG §§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), or 2D1.14 (Narco-Terrorism).

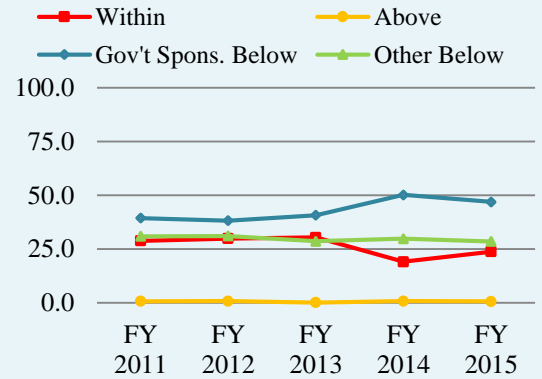
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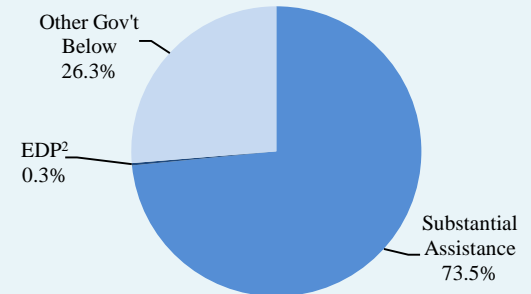
Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- The rate of within range sentences for oxycodone trafficking in fiscal year 2015 was 23.8%.
- The rate of government sponsored below range sentences for oxycodone trafficking offenders generally increased in recent years, before decreasing to 46.9% in fiscal year 2015.
 - ◆ Substantial assistance departures were granted for approximately one-third of offenders in each of the past five years.
 - ◇ In fiscal year 2015, these offenders received an average reduction in their sentence of 58.2%.
 - ◆ In each of the last five years, Early Disposition Program (EDP) departures² were rarely granted for oxycodone trafficking offenders.
 - ◆ The rate of oxycodone trafficking offenders receiving a below range sentence sponsored by the government for reasons other than substantial assistance or participation in an Early Disposition Program generally increased in recent years before decreasing to 12.3% in fiscal year 2015.
 - ◇ In fiscal year 2015, these offenders received an average reduction in their sentence of 52.8%.
- The rate of non-government sponsored below range sentences for oxycodone traffickers has remained relatively stable over the past five years, ranging from a high of 31.1% in fiscal year 2012 to a low of 28.5% in fiscal year 2015.
 - ◆ In fiscal year 2015, these offenders received an average reduction in their sentence of 45.1%.
- The average guideline minimum for oxycodone trafficking has fluctuated over the past five years while average sentences have generally decreased.
 - ◆ The average guideline minimum decreased from 80 months in fiscal year 2014 to 75 months in fiscal year 2015;
 - ◆ The average sentence imposed decreased from 57 months in fiscal year 2012 to 46 months in fiscal year 2015.

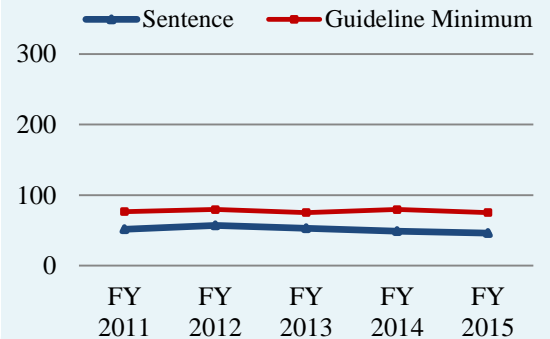
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range



Government Sponsored Below Range Sentences FY 2015



Average Sentence and Average Guideline Minimum (in months)



² “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.

