

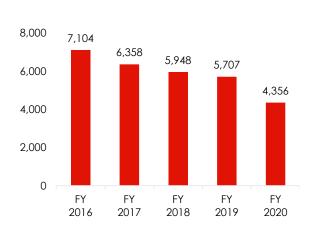
— Theft, Property Destruction, and Fraud Offenses —

Fiscal Year 2020

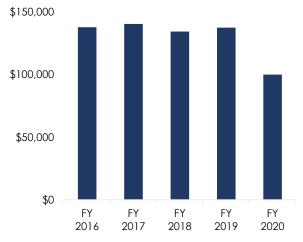
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- ► IN FY 2020, 64,565 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
 - ▶ 4,356 OF THESE INVOLVED THEFT, PROPERTY DESTRUCTION, AND FRAUD.¹
 - ► THEFT, PROPERTY DESTRUCTION, AND FRAUD OFFENSES HAVE DECREASED BY 38.7% SINCE FY 2016.

Number of Theft, Property Destruction, and Fraud Offenders



Median Loss for Theft, Property Destruction, and Fraud Offenses



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Offender and Offense Characteristics²

- 68.2% of theft, property destruction, and fraud offenders were men
- 43.4% were White, 26.8% were Black, 22.9% were Hispanic, and 6.9% were Other races.
- Their average age was 43 years.
- 80.6% were United States citizens.
- 71.8% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).
- The median loss for these offenses was \$99,996;3
 - ♦ 19.7% involved loss amounts of \$6,500 or less;
 - ♦ 13.5% involved loss amounts greater than \$1.5 million.
- Sentences were increased for:
 - the number of victims or the extent of harm to them (31.8%):⁴
 - sophisticated means used to execute or conceal the offense (14.8%);
 - using an unauthorized means of identification (14.9%);
 - a leadership or supervisory role in the offense (8.8%);
 - abusing a public position of trust or using a special skill (17.3%);
 - obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (4.1%).
- Sentences were decreased for:
 - minor or minimal participation in the offense (3.7%).
- The top five districts for theft, property destruction, and fraud offenders were:
 - Southern District of Florida (267);
 - Western District of Texas (254);
 - ◆ Central District of California (219);
 - Southern District of New York (182);
 - ♦ Middle District of Florida (141).

Punishment

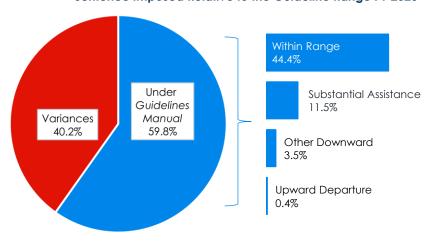
- The average sentence length was 21 months.
- 72.4% of theft, property destruction, and fraud offenders were sentenced to prison.
- 11.5% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; of those offenders, 19.1% were relieved of that penalty.



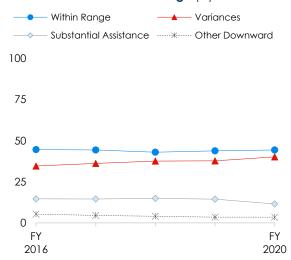
Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- Of the 59.8% of theft, property destruction, and fraud offenders sentenced under the Guidelines Manual:
 - ♦ 74.2% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - 19.3% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - ♦ Their average sentence reduction was 64.1%.
 - 5.8% received some other downward departure.
 - ♦ Their average sentence reduction was 64.7%.
- 40.2% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - 94.0% received a downward variance.
 - ♦ Their average sentence reduction was 58.0%.
 - ♦ 6.0% received an upward variance.
 - Their average sentence increase was 63.4%.
- The average guideline minimum and the average sentence imposed remained steady over the past five years.
 - The average guideline minimum decreased from 30 months in fiscal year 2016 to 28 months in fiscal year 2020.
 - ♦ The average sentence imposed decreased from 22 months in fiscal year 2016 to 21 months fiscal year 2020.

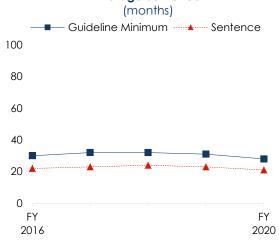
Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2020



Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range (%)



Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence



- ¹ Theft, Property Destruction, and Fraud offenses include cases in which the offender was sentenced under §2B1.1 (Larceny, Embezzlement, and Other Forms of Theft; Offenses Involving Stolen Property; Property Damage or Destruction; Fraud and Deceit; Forgery; Offenses Involving Altered or Counterfeit Instruments Other than Counterfeit Bearer Obligations of the United States).
- $^{\rm 2}$ Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.
- 3 The Loss Table were amended effective November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2015.
- ⁴ The Victims Table and Sophisticated Means adjustment was amended effective November 1, 2015.