



2026 AMENDMENTS IN BRIEF

In April 2026, the U.S. Sentencing Commission approved amendments to the federal sentencing guidelines. For a more detailed discussion of the policy determinations made by the Commission, please refer to the *Reason for Amendment* in the “Reader-Friendly” and Official Text (link in QR code).

2026 Amendment Inflationary Adjustment

This amendment adjusts the monetary tables and values in the guidelines for inflation using the same methodology the Commission used in 2015, the last year the guidelines were amended to account for inflation.

Specifically, the amendment revises the monetary tables found at §§2B1.1 (Theft, Property, Destruction, and Fraud), 2B2.1 (Burglary), 2B3.1 (Robbery), 2R1.1 (Bid-Rigging, Price-Fixing or Market-Allocation Agreements Among Competitors), 2T4.1 (Tax Table), 5E1.2 (Fines for Individual Defendants), and 8C2.4 (Base Fine). The amendment also adjusts for inflation the monetary value in specific offense characteristics in other Chapter Two guidelines.



THE ISSUE

Outdated Monetary Tables

Due to inflationary changes, there has been a gradual decrease in the value of the dollar over time. As a result, monetary losses in current offenses reflect, to some degree, a lower degree of harm and culpability than equivalent amounts when the monetary tables were last substantively amended. Similarly, the fine levels recommended by the guidelines are lower in value than when they were last adjusted, and therefore, do not have the same sentencing impact as a similar fine in the past.

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