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DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENDERS RECEIVING SAFETY VALVE AND
MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES^{1,4}
Fiscal Year 2018

NO SAFETY VALVE SAFETY VALVE No Drug No Drug Drug Drug Mandatory Minimum³ Mandatory Minimum² **Mandatory Minimum Mandatory Minimum** % **DRUG TYPE TOTAL** N % Ν % N Ν % **TOTAL** 18,340 5,646 30.8 6.809 37.1 2,073 11.3 3,812 20.8 **Powder Cocaine** 3,579 843 23.6 1,126 31.5 7.3 1,348 37.7 262 3.2 32 2.3 **Crack Cocaine** 1.399 777 55.5 545 39.0 45 Heroin 2,548 994 39.0 927 36.4 205 8.0 422 16.6 312 Marijuana 2,077 760 36.6 15.0 661 31.8 344 16.6 Methamphetamine 7,361 1,458 19.8 3,716 50.5 584 7.9 1,603 21.8 Other 1,376 814 59.2 183 13.3 316 23.0 63 4.6

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2018 Datafile, USSCFY18.

¹ Of the 69,425 cases, in 18,964 the offender was sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). Of these, 18,659 offenders were sentenced under §§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 While Manufacturing), or 2D1.14 (Narco-Terrorism). Of these, 18,349 cases contained complete guideline application information. Of these 18,349 cases, nine were excluded due to missing safety valve or mandatory minimum information. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

² For offenders with no drug mandatory minimum penalty, use of the term 'safety valve' on this table means that the court indicated that the two-level reduction at §2D1.1 applied because the offender met the criteria set forth at §5C1.2.

³ For offenders with a drug mandatory minimum penalty, use of the term safety valve on this table means that the court sentenced the offender without regard to any applicable mandatory minimum penalty (in accordance with the 'safety valve' provision of 18 U.S.C. § 3553(f), incorporated into the guidelines at §5C1.2).

⁴ Effective November 1, 2012, the safety valve reduction was added to §2D1.11 (Unlawfully Distributing a Listed Chemical). There were 43 offenders sentenced under §2D1.11 as the primary sentencing guideline in which the 2012 or later *Guidelines Manual* was applied with complete guideline application information. Of these cases, the safety valve reduction was applied for 14 offenders.