

Table D-14

SENTENCE IMPOSED RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENDERS¹
Fiscal Year 2020

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	WITHIN GUIDELINE RANGE		DEPARTURE								VARIANCE ²	
		UPWARD	§5K1.1	§5K3.1	DOWNWARD	N		%		N		%	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	16,282	5,274	32.4	56	0.3	3,293	20.2	1,163	7.1	730	4.5	5,766	35.4
Powder Cocaine	2,702	1,019	37.7	6	0.2	505	18.7	128	4.7	118	4.4	926	34.3
Crack Cocaine	1,217	459	37.7	6	0.5	168	13.8	0	0.0	61	5.0	523	43.0
Heroin	1,879	616	32.8	13	0.7	361	19.2	86	4.6	85	4.5	718	38.2
Marijuana	1,117	533	47.7	1	0.1	130	11.6	60	5.4	60	5.4	333	29.8
Methamphetamine	7,504	2,050	27.3	10	0.1	1,768	23.6	814	10.8	317	4.2	2,545	33.9
Other	1,863	597	32.0	20	1.1	361	19.4	75	4.0	89	4.8	721	38.7

¹ Of the 64,565 cases, in 16,501 the offender was sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). Of these, 16,287 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 16,287 cases, five were excluded due to missing information from the submitted documents that prevented the comparison of the sentence and the guideline range. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

² Of the 5,766 variance cases, in 550 cases the court cited First Step Act safety valve expansion as a reason for the sentence.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2020 Datafile, USSCFY20.