

Table D-11

LENGTH OF MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES IN DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES¹
Fiscal Year 2024

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	No Drug Mandatory Minimum ²		Five-Year Drug Mandatory Minimum		Ten-Year or More Drug Mandatory Minimum ³	
		N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	18,024	8,297	46.0	3,497	19.4	6,230	34.6
Powder Cocaine	3,516	1,317	37.5	784	22.3	1,415	40.2
Crack Cocaine	683	530	77.6	94	13.8	59	8.6
Heroin	599	289	48.2	138	23.0	172	28.7
Marijuana	471	283	60.1	129	27.4	59	12.5
Methamphetamine	8,249	3,202	38.8	1,464	17.7	3,583	43.4
Fentanyl	3,987	2,213	55.5	859	21.5	915	22.9
Other	519	463	89.2	29	5.6	27	5.2

¹ Of the 61,678 cases, in 18,150 the individual was sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). Of these, 18,029 individuals 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 the remaining cases, five were excluded because the individual was convicted of a mandatory minimum penalty from one of the following statutes: 21 U.S.C. § 860a or 21 U.S.C. § 865. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

² Includes 126 sentenced individuals whose drug mandatory minimum penalty was less than 60 months.

³ Includes 315 sentenced individuals whose drug mandatory minimum penalty was greater than ten years.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2024 Datafile, USSCFY24.