

Table D-14

SENTENCE IMPOSED RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES¹
Fiscal Year 2024

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	WITHIN GUIDELINE RANGE		DEPARTURE								VARIANCE ²	
		N	%	UPWARD		§5K1.1		§5K3.1		DOWNWARD		N	%
				N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%		
TOTAL	18,025	5,151	28.6	65	0.4	3,692	20.5	945	5.2	735	4.1	7,437	41.3
Powder Cocaine	3,516	1,258	35.8	6	0.2	652	18.5	117	3.3	141	4.0	1,342	38.2
Crack Cocaine	683	142	20.8	5	0.7	90	13.2	2	0.3	30	4.4	414	60.6
Heroin	599	156	26.0	3	0.5	149	24.9	10	1.7	22	3.7	259	43.2
Marijuana	471	168	35.7	0	0.0	96	20.4	0	0.0	20	4.2	187	39.7
Methamphetamine	8,254	2,138	25.9	8	0.1	1,838	22.3	537	6.5	375	4.5	3,358	40.7
Fentanyl	3,985	1,158	29.1	42	1.1	729	18.3	275	6.9	135	3.4	1,646	41.3
Other	517	131	25.3	1	0.2	138	26.7	4	0.8	12	2.3	231	44.7

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 these 18,029 cases, four 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 7,437 variance cases, in 68 cases the court cited First Step Act safety valve expansion as a reason for the sentence.