

**Table D-13**

**DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES RECEIVING SAFETY VALVE AND  
MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES<sup>1,4</sup>  
Fiscal Year 2025**

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	NO SAFETY VALVE				SAFETY VALVE			
		No Drug		Drug		No Drug		Drug	
		Mandatory Minimum		Mandatory Minimum		Mandatory Minimum <sup>2</sup>		Mandatory Minimum <sup>3</sup>	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,982</b>	<b>4,712</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>6,349</b>	<b>39.7</b>	<b>2,494</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>2,427</b>	<b>15.2</b>
<b>Powder Cocaine</b>	<b>3,024</b>	806	26.7	920	30.4	400	13.2	898	29.7
<b>Crack Cocaine</b>	<b>463</b>	344	74.3	84	18.1	28	6.0	7	1.5
<b>Heroin</b>	<b>352</b>	107	30.4	100	28.4	72	20.5	73	20.7
<b>Marijuana</b>	<b>381</b>	171	44.9	74	19.4	82	21.5	54	14.2
<b>Methamphetamine</b>	<b>7,485</b>	1,743	23.3	3,646	48.7	1,087	14.5	1,009	13.5
<b>Fentanyl</b>	<b>3,851</b>	1,276	33.1	1,483	38.5	707	18.4	385	10.0
<b>Other</b>	<b>426</b>	265	62.2	42	9.9	118	27.7	1	0.2

<sup>1</sup> Of the 66,662 cases, in 16,234 the individual was sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). Of these, 16,144 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, 15,986 cases contained complete guideline application information. Of these 15,986 cases, four were excluded due to missing safety valve or mandatory minimum information. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in Appendix A.

<sup>2</sup> For sentenced individuals 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 individual met the criteria set forth at §5C1.2.

<sup>3</sup> For sentenced individuals with a drug mandatory minimum penalty, use of the term 'safety valve' on this table means that the court sentenced the individual 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).

<sup>4</sup> Effective November 1, 2012, the safety valve reduction was added to §2D1.11 (Unlawfully Distributing a Listed Chemical). There is one individual sentenced under §2D1.11 as the primary sentencing guideline in which the 2012 or later *Guidelines Manual* was applied with complete guideline application information, in which the safety valve reduction was not applied.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2025 Datafile, USSCFY25.