

Table D-14

SENTENCE IMPOSED RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES¹
Fiscal Year 2025

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	WITHIN GUIDELINE RANGE		DEPARTURE								VARIANCE ²	
		UPWARD	§5K1.1	§5K3.1	DOWNWARD	N		%		N		%	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	16,138	4,691	29.1	46	0.3	3,158	19.6	723	4.5	567	3.5	6,953	43.1
Powder Cocaine	3,052	1,127	36.9	5	0.2	490	16.1	101	3.3	88	2.9	1,241	40.7
Crack Cocaine	471	117	24.8	2	0.4	71	15.1	0	0.0	21	4.5	260	55.2
Heroin	356	87	24.4	2	0.6	73	20.5	18	5.1	9	2.5	167	46.9
Marijuana	383	152	39.7	1	0.3	70	18.3	2	0.5	9	2.3	149	38.9
Methamphetamine	7,557	1,943	25.7	10	0.1	1,661	22.0	417	5.5	293	3.9	3,233	42.8
Fentanyl	3,890	1,156	29.7	23	0.6	713	18.3	183	4.7	129	3.3	1,686	43.3
Other	429	109	25.4	3	0.7	80	18.6	2	0.5	18	4.2	217	50.6

¹ 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 16,144 cases, six 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 6,953 variance cases, in one case the court cited First Step Act safety valve expansion as a reason for the sentence.

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