

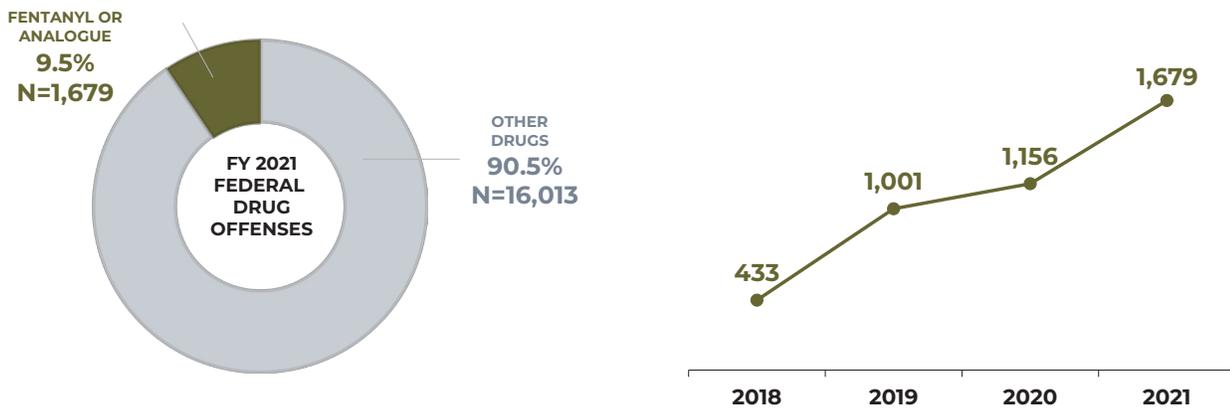


Federal Sentencing Snapshot: Fentanyl Trafficking Trends

This fact sheet provides a snapshot of recent federal sentencing trends for fentanyl or fentanyl analogue offenses nationwide.

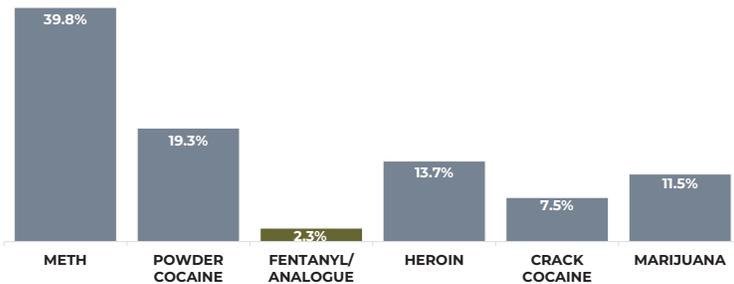
OVERVIEW

The number of fentanyl offenders sentenced in federal district court has risen substantially in recent years. In fiscal year 2021, 1,679 drug trafficking offenders were sentenced for a fentanyl or fentanyl analogue offense—up from 433 in fiscal year 2018.

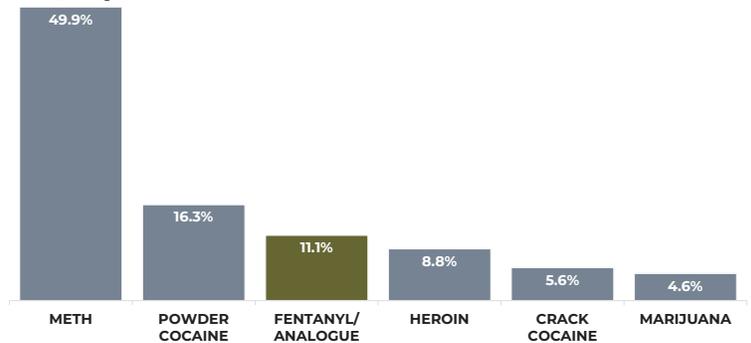


According to preliminary fiscal year 2022 data, this increase has caused a historic shift in the makeup of the federal drug caseload—with fentanyl surpassing crack cocaine and marijuana in fiscal year 2021, and heroin in the first quarter of fiscal year 2022—to become the third most common drug type in the federal criminal sentencing caseload.

PRIMARY DRUG TYPES
FY 2018



PRIMARY DRUG TYPES
FY 2022 Q1 PRELIMINARY



This information is publicly available in the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Quarterly Sentencing Updates.
<https://www.ussc.gov/research/data-reports/quarter/quarterly-sentencing-updates>

