



Prison Contraband Offenses in the Federal System

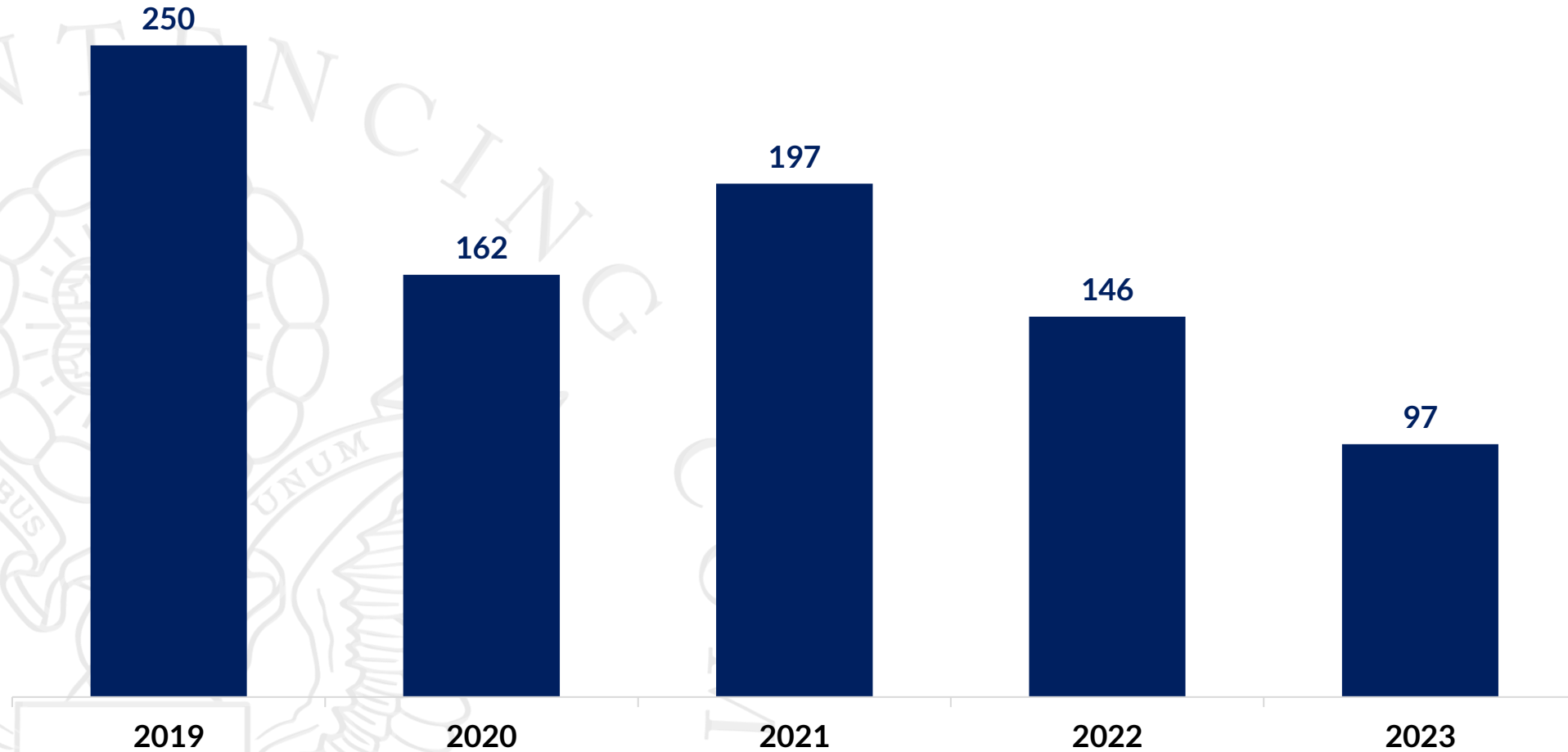
Data Briefing

Overall Trends in Prison Contraband Offenses



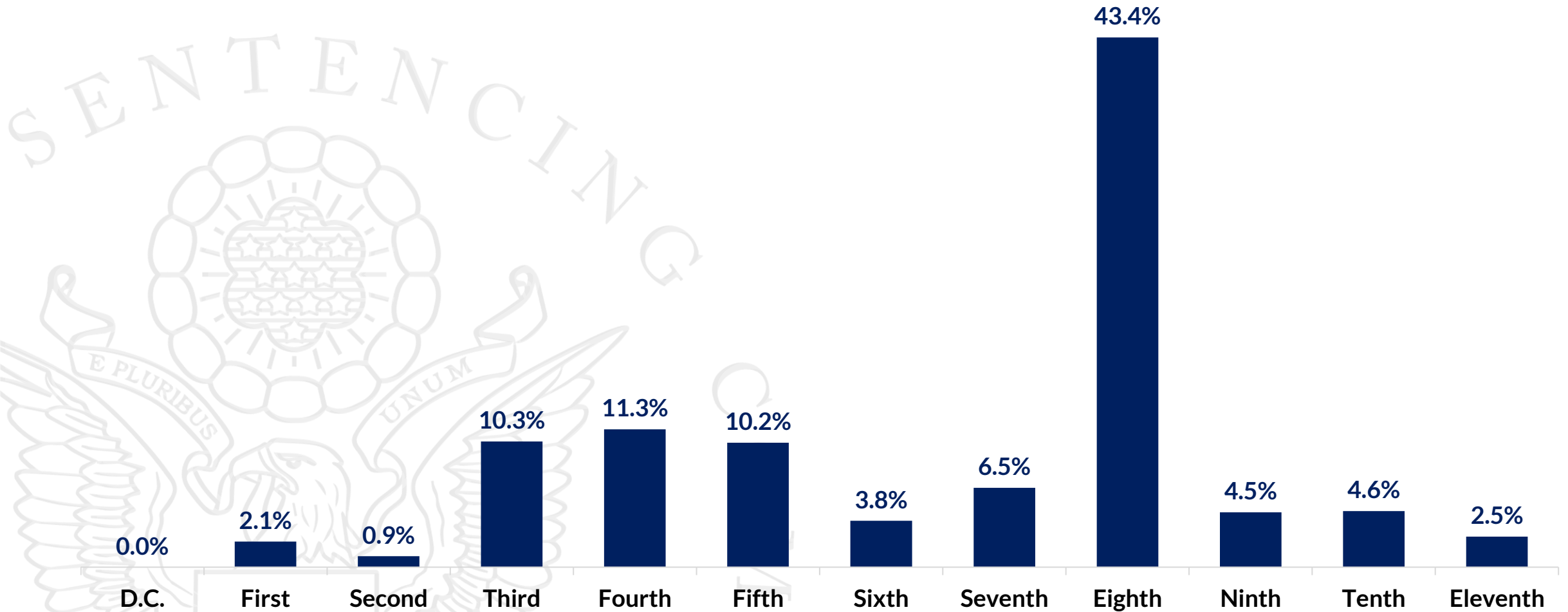
Number of Cases Sentenced Under §2P1.2 Over Time

Fiscal Years 2019 through 2023



This analysis includes all individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 (N = 852). SOURCE: United States Sentencing Commission, FY 2019 – FY 2023 Datafiles, USSCFY19-USSCFY23.

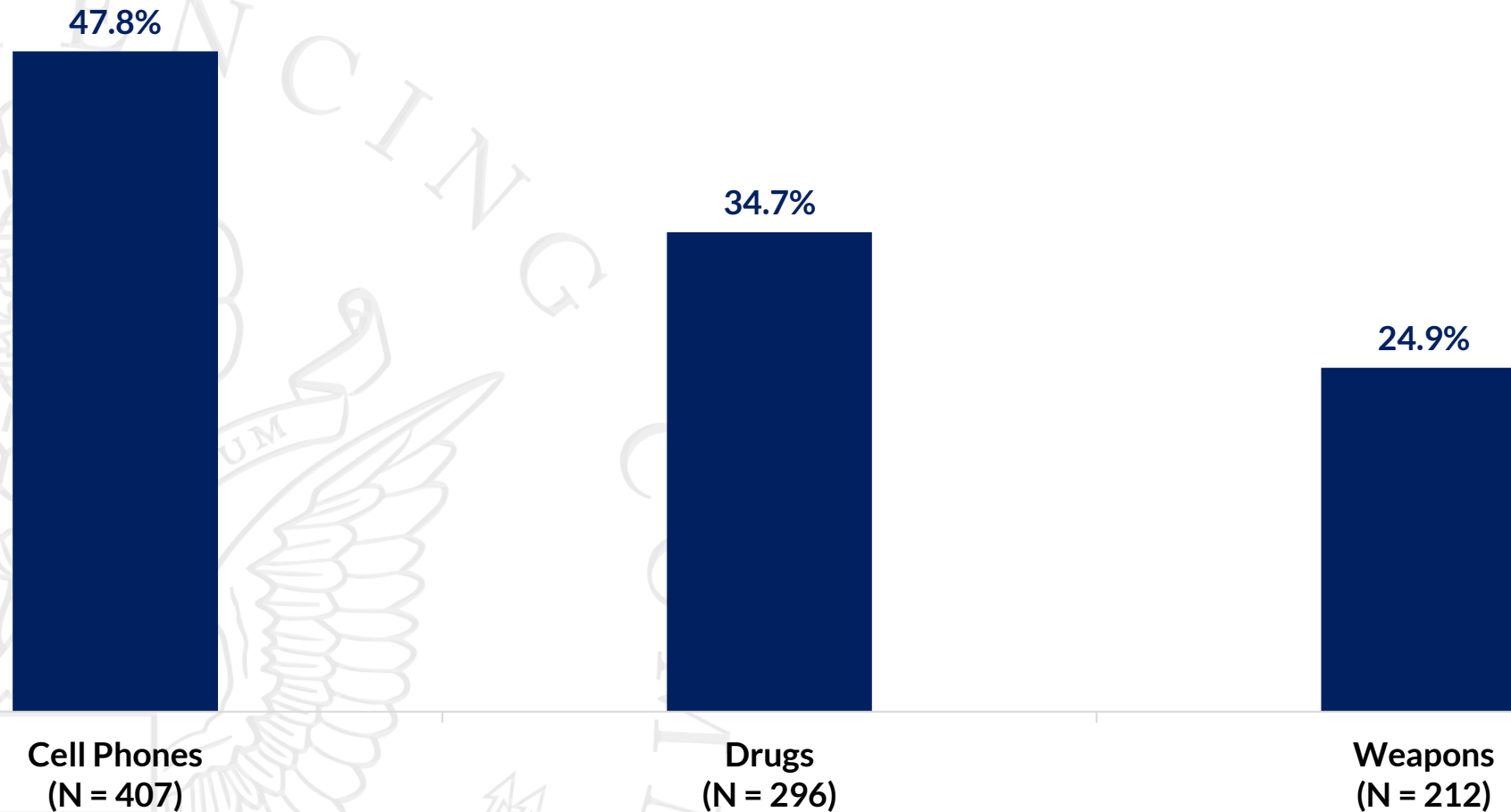
Distribution of §2P1.2 Cases by Circuit



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Types of Prison Contraband

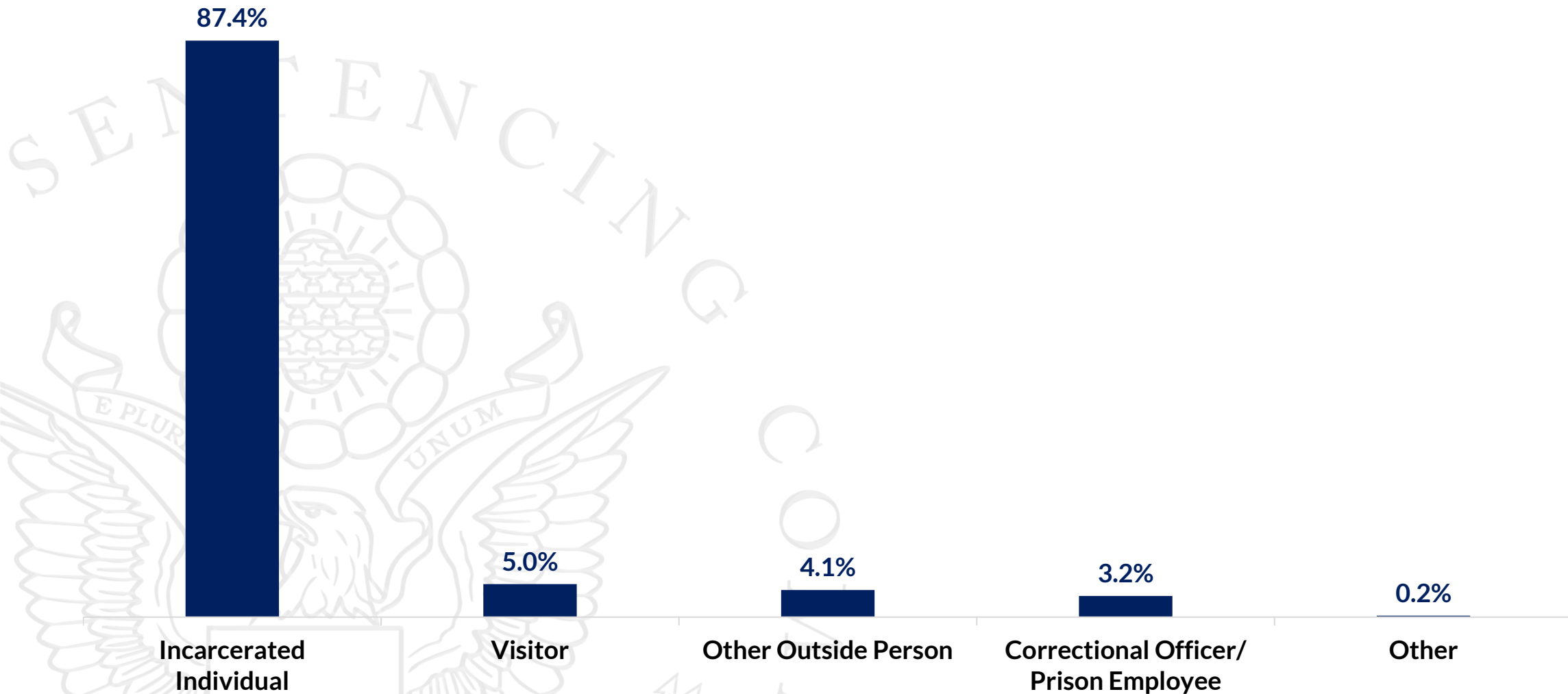
852 Total Cases With
Prison Contraband



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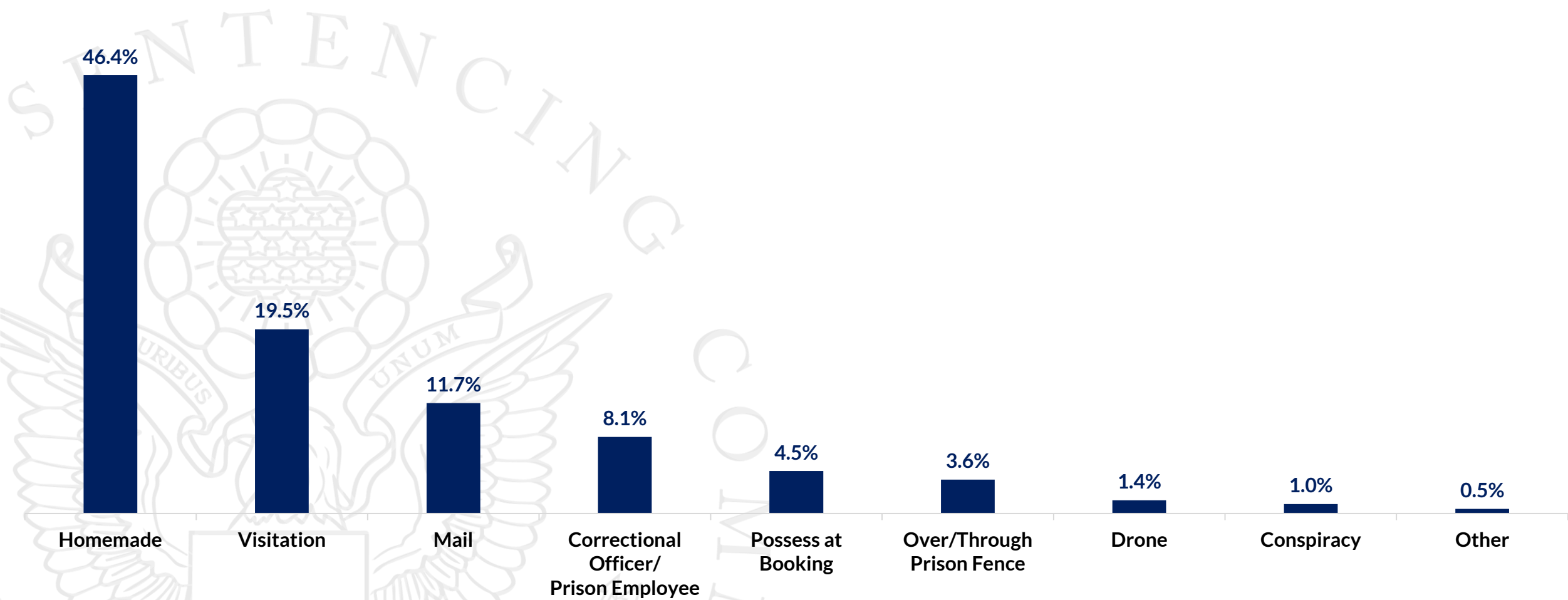
All Prison Contraband

Type of Sentenced Individual



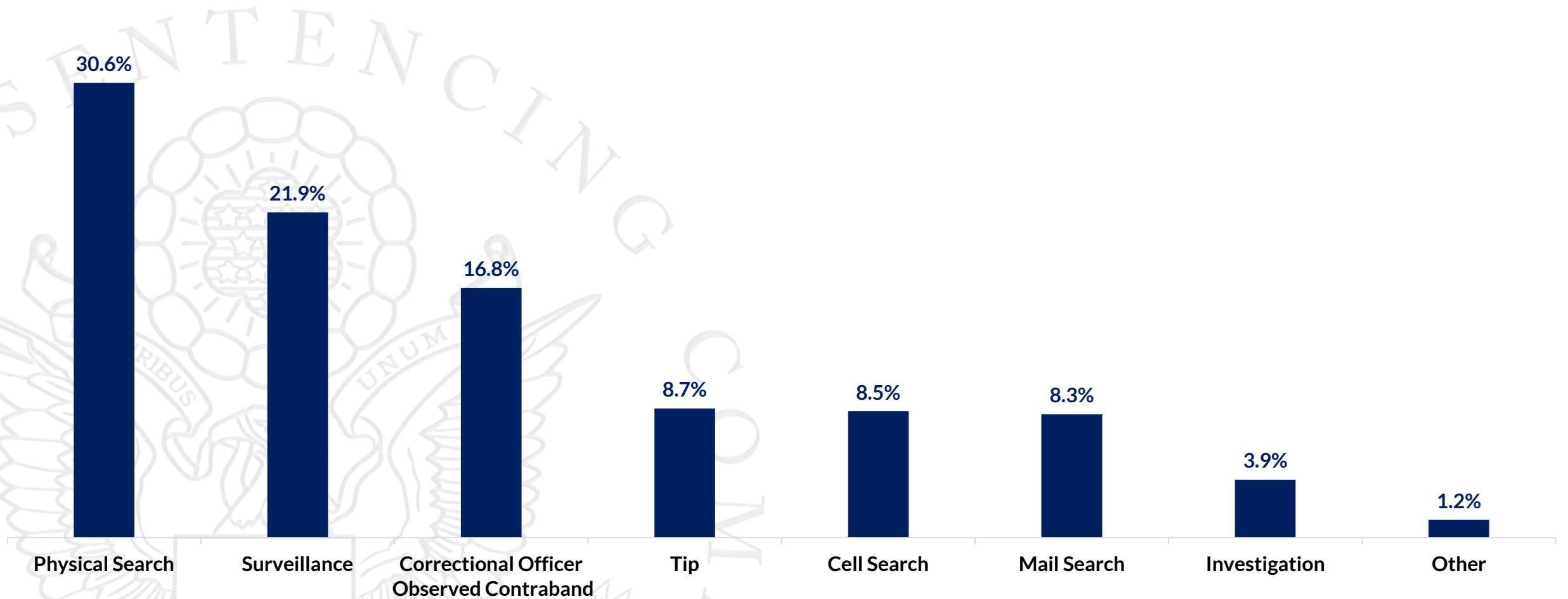
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All Prison Contraband Smuggling Method



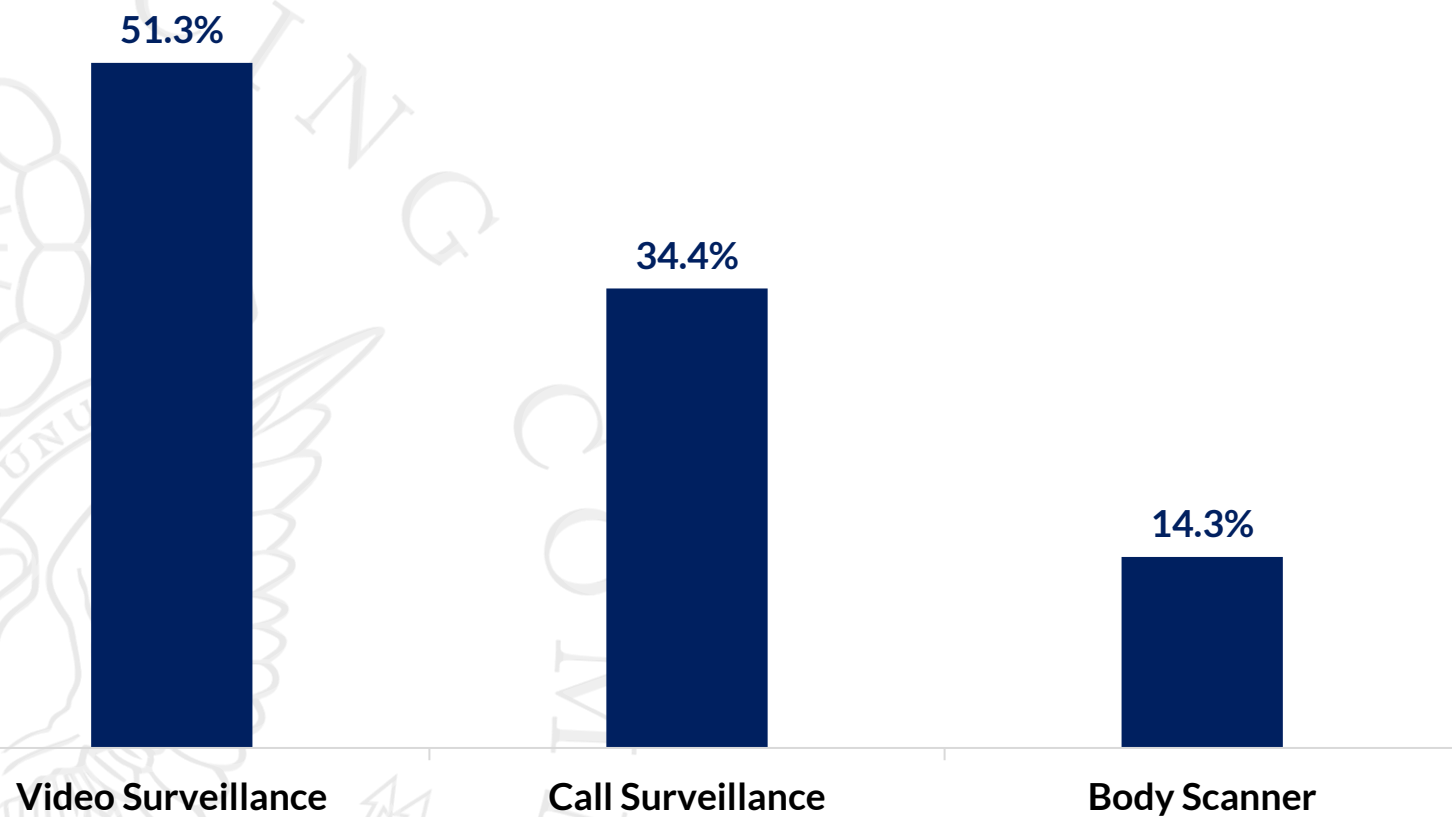
This analysis includes a subset of individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 where the method of smuggling was described in the Presentence Report (n = 400).

All Prison Contraband Discovery Method



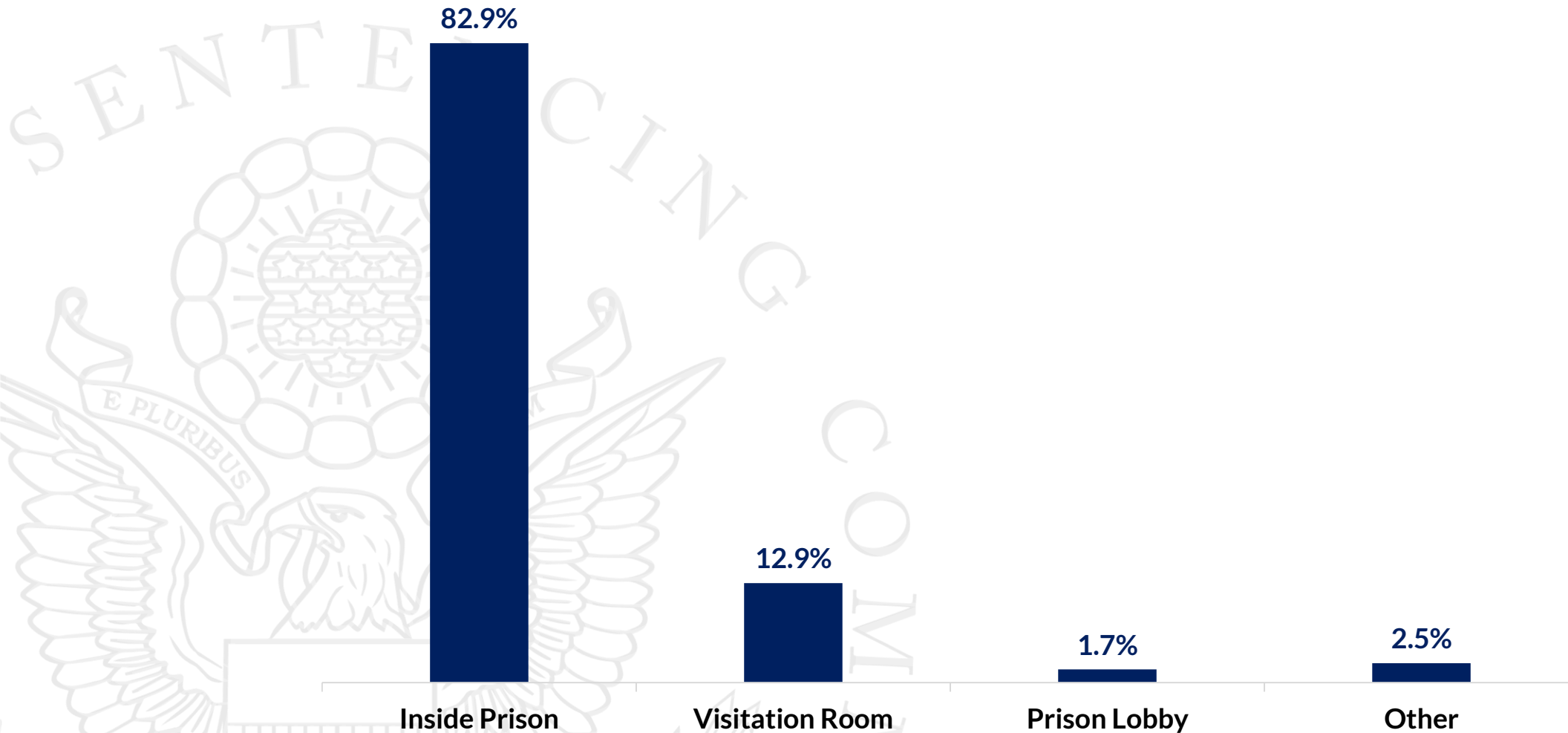
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All Prison Contraband Surveillance Type



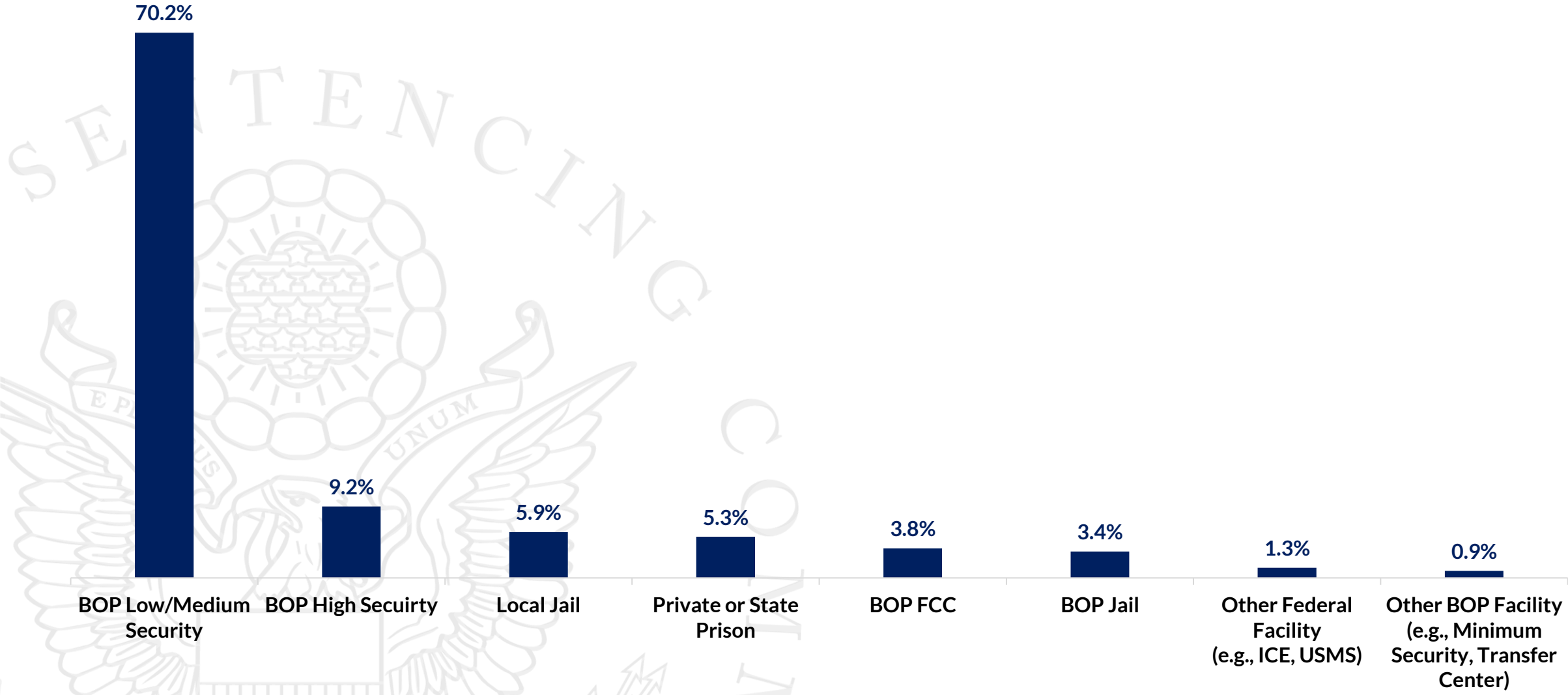
This analysis includes a subset of individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 where contraband was found via surveillance and the type of surveillance was described in the Presentence Report (n = 154).

All Prison Contraband Discovery Location



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All Prison Contraband Facility Type

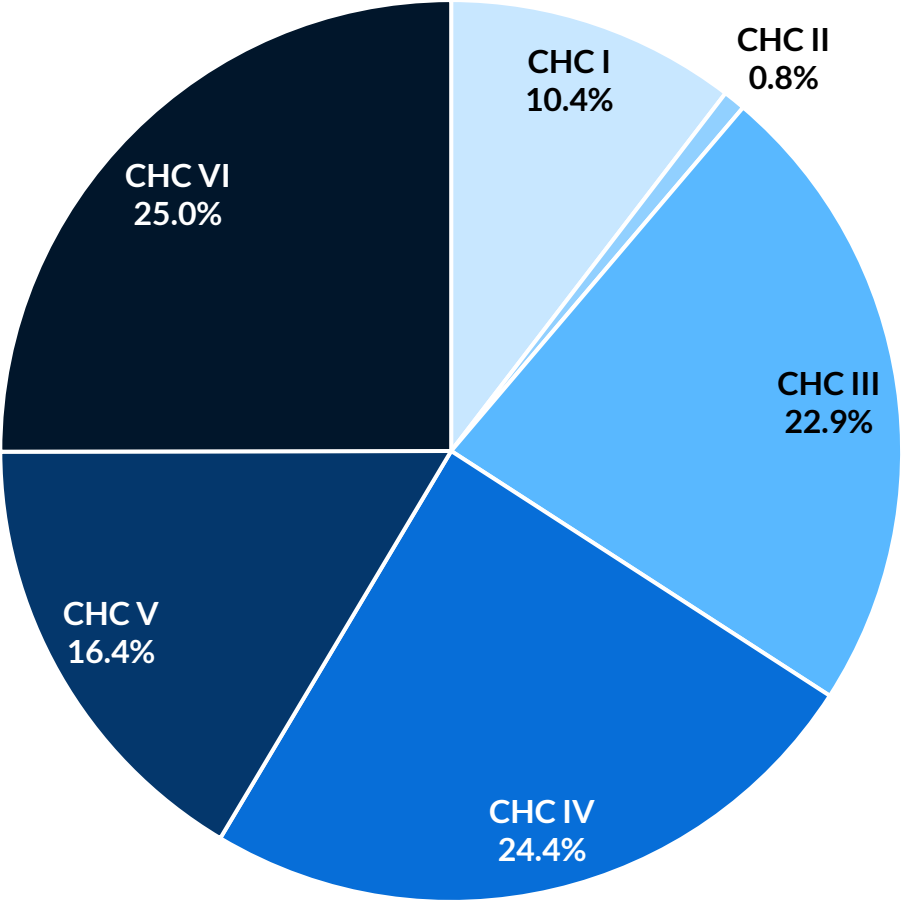


This analysis includes a subset of individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 where the facility name or type was described in the Presentence Report (n = 850).

All Prison Contraband

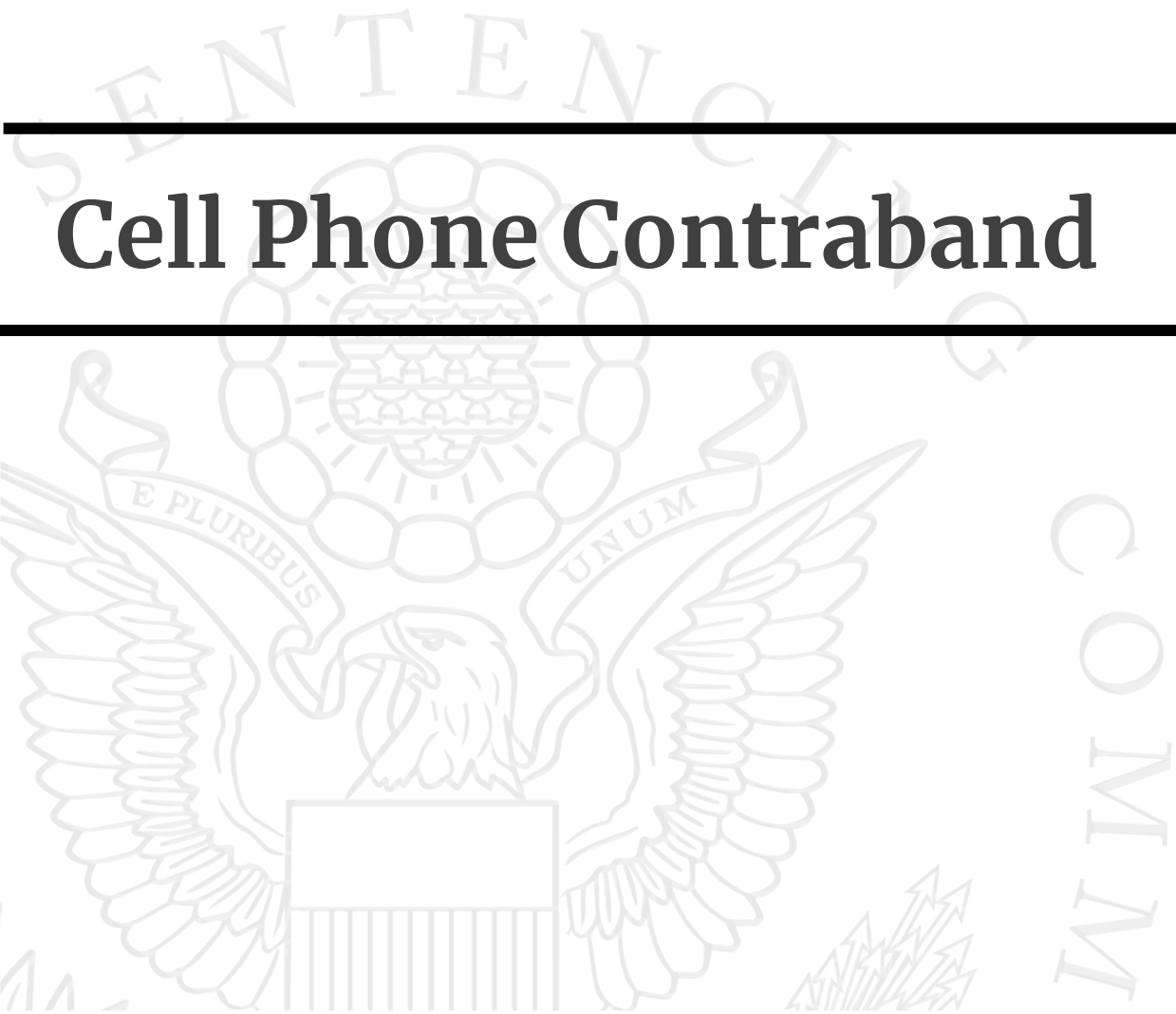
Demographic Characteristics & Criminal History

Race	
White	22.6%
Black	51.4%
Hispanic	23.8%
Other	2.2%
Gender	
Male	90.8%
Female	9.2%
Citizenship	
U.S. Citizen	94.1%
Non-U.S. Citizen	5.9%
Average Age	38



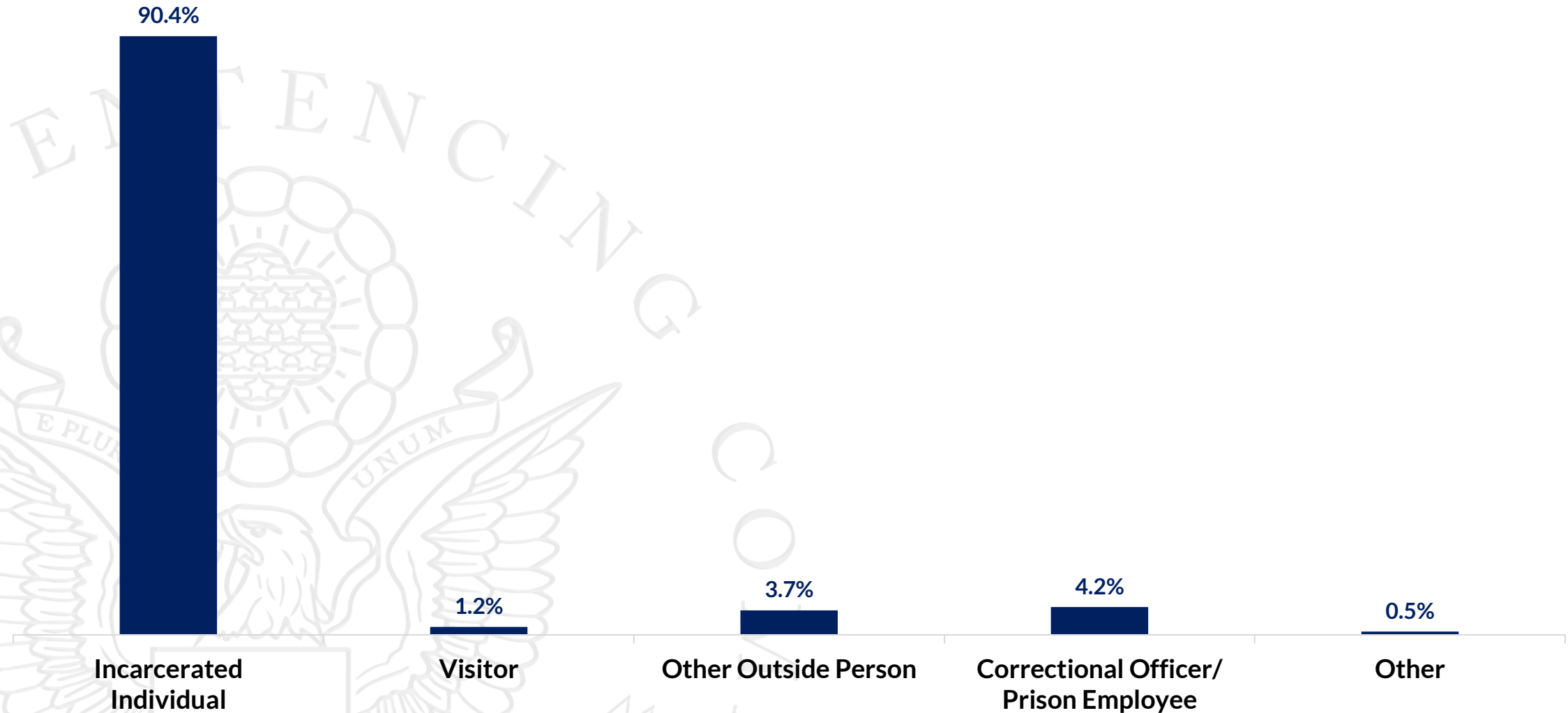
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Cell Phone Contraband



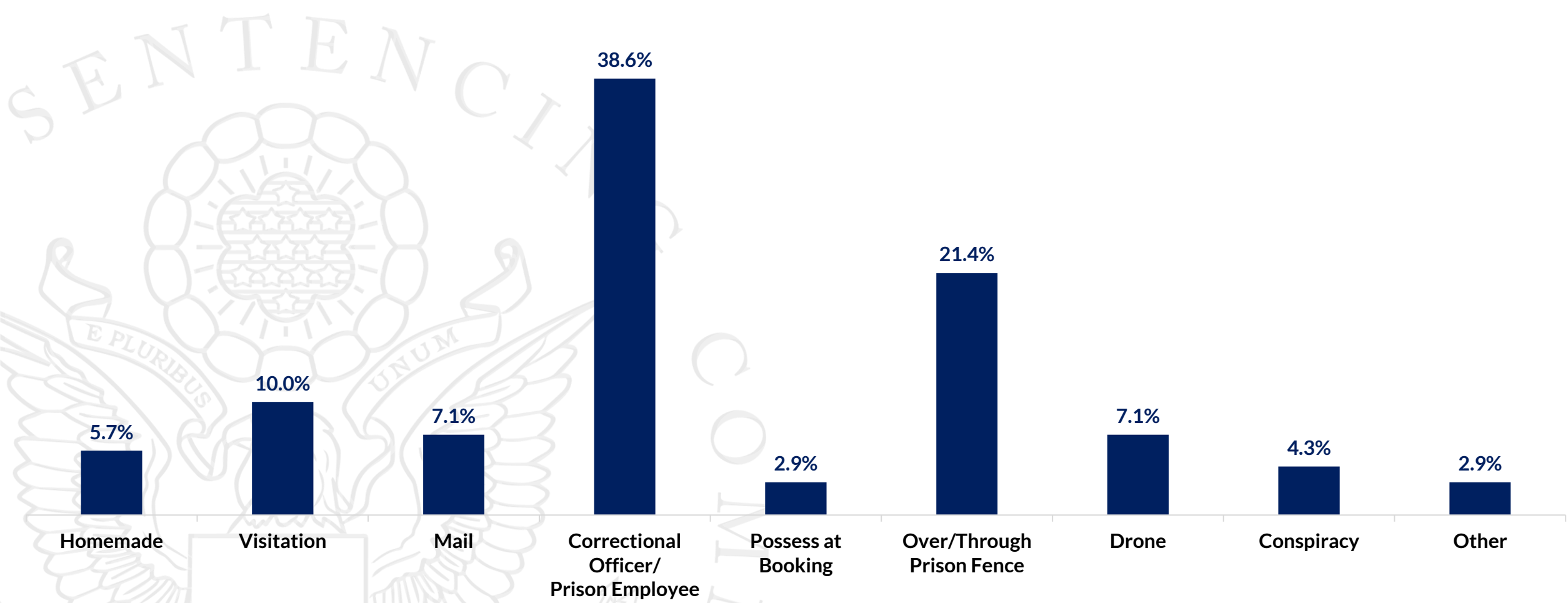
Cell Phone Prison Contraband

Type of Sentenced Individual



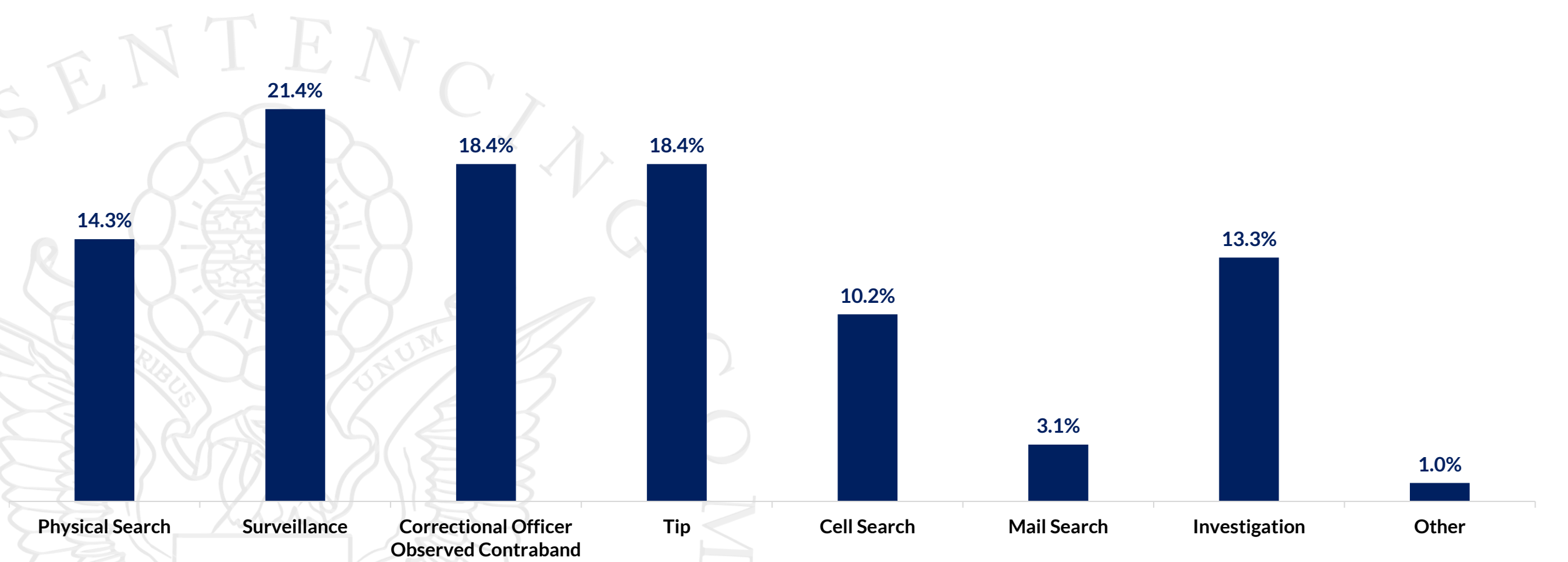
This analysis includes a subset of individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 for cell phone contraband between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 (n = 407).

Cell Phone Contraband Smuggling Method



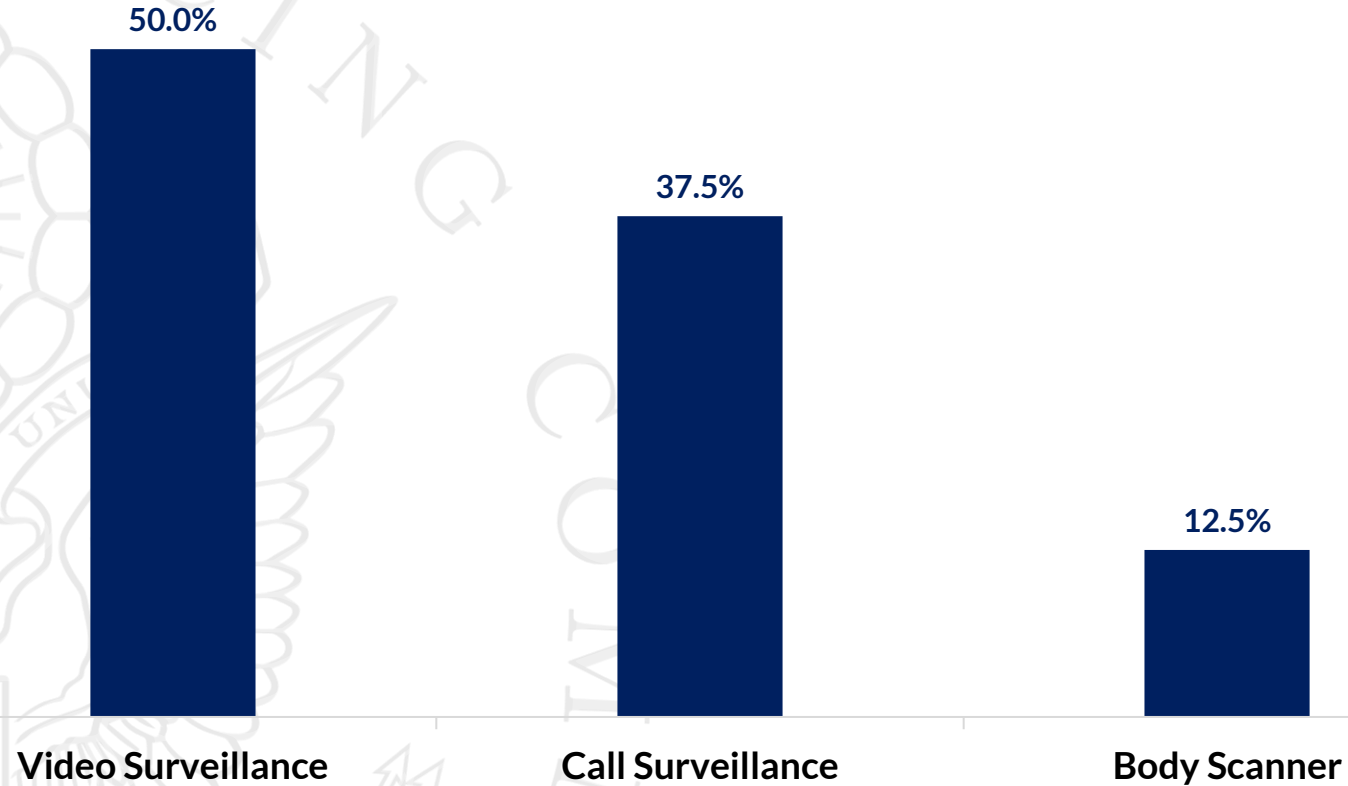
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Cell Phone Contraband Discovery Method



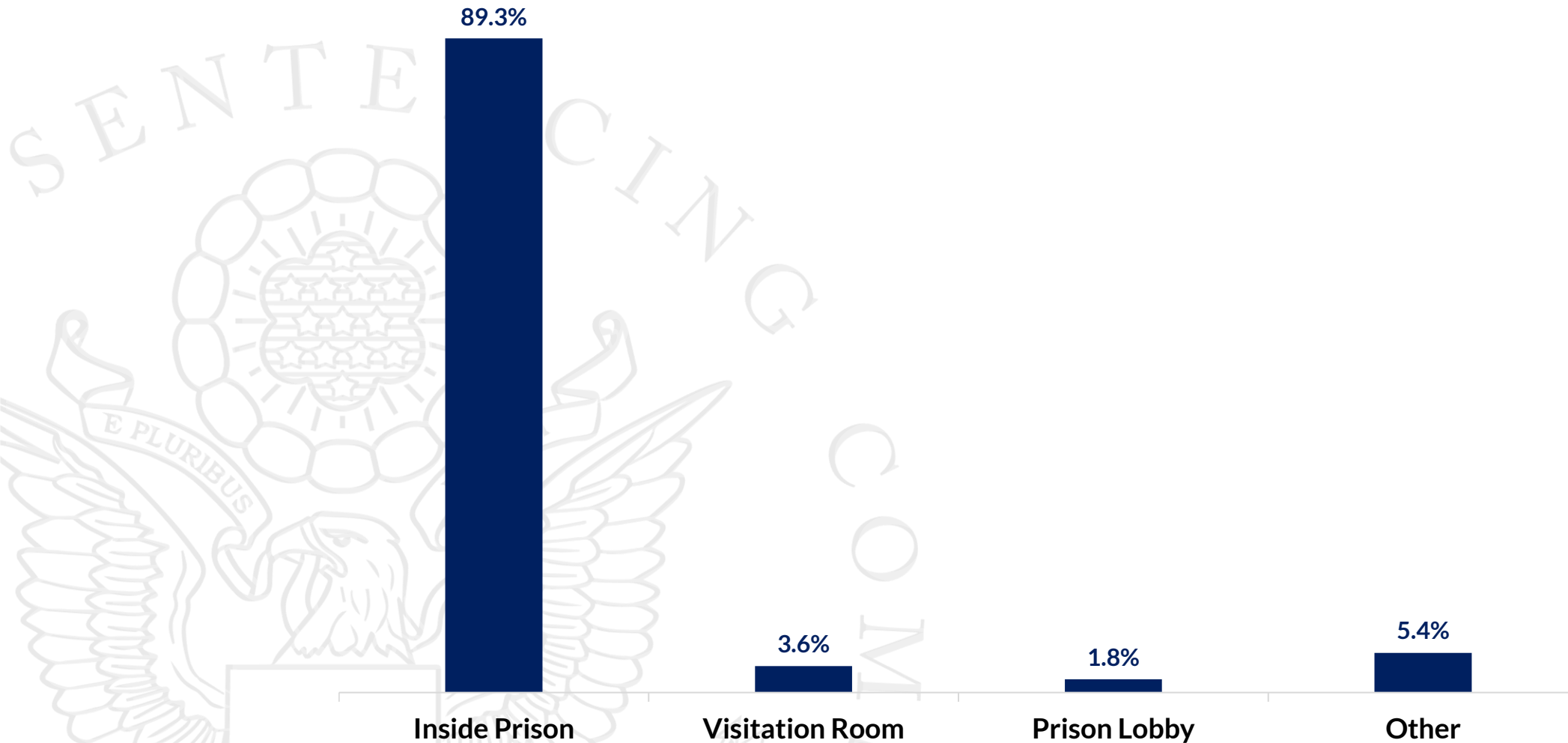
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Cell Phone Contraband Surveillance Types



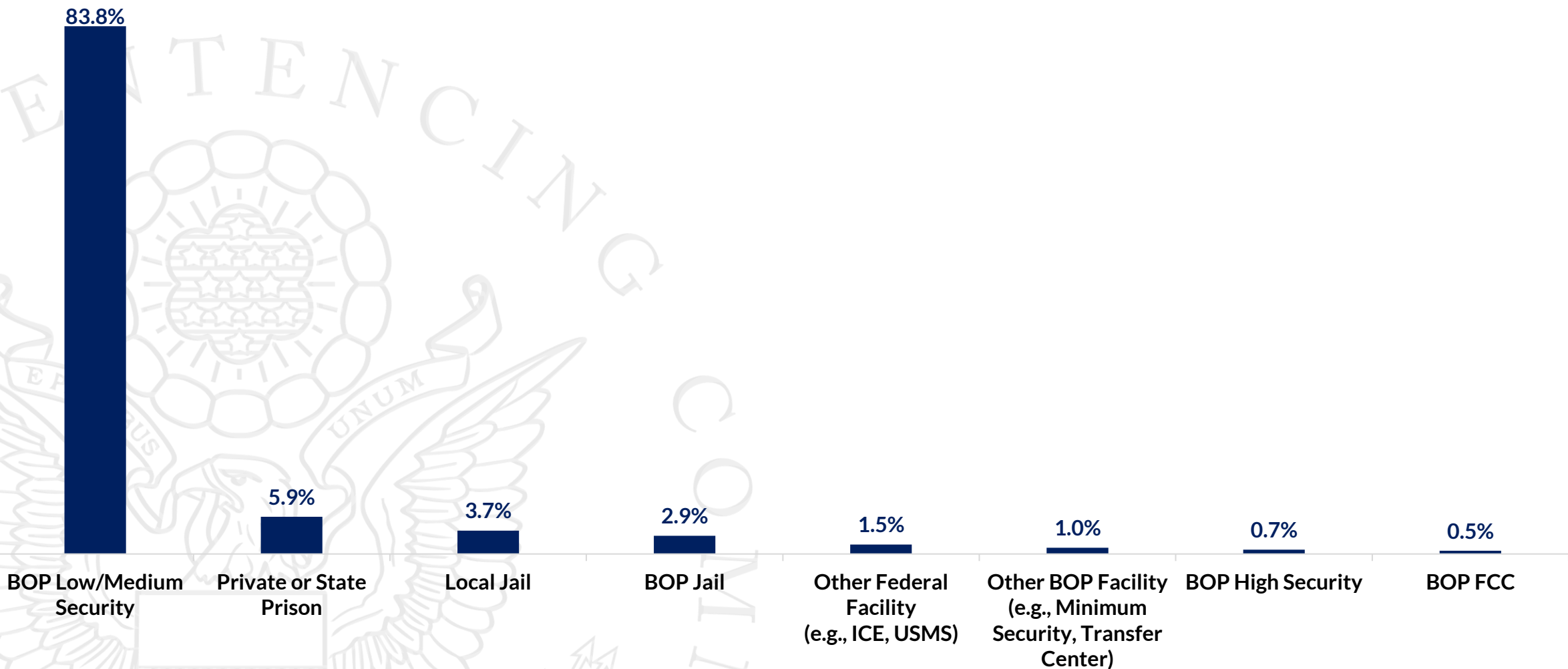
This analysis includes a subset of individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 for cell phone contraband between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 where contraband was found via surveillance and the type of surveillance was described in the Presentence Report (n = 32).

Cell Phone Contraband Discovery Location



This analysis includes a subset of individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 for cell phone contraband between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 where the discovery location of the contraband was described in the Presentence Report (n = 169).

Cell Phone Contraband Facility Type



This analysis includes a subset of individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 for cell phone contraband between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 where the facility name or type was described in the Presentence Report (n = 407).

Cell Phone Contraband Demographic Characteristic

Race

White	20.9%
Black	58.9%
Hispanic	19.1%
Other	4.1%

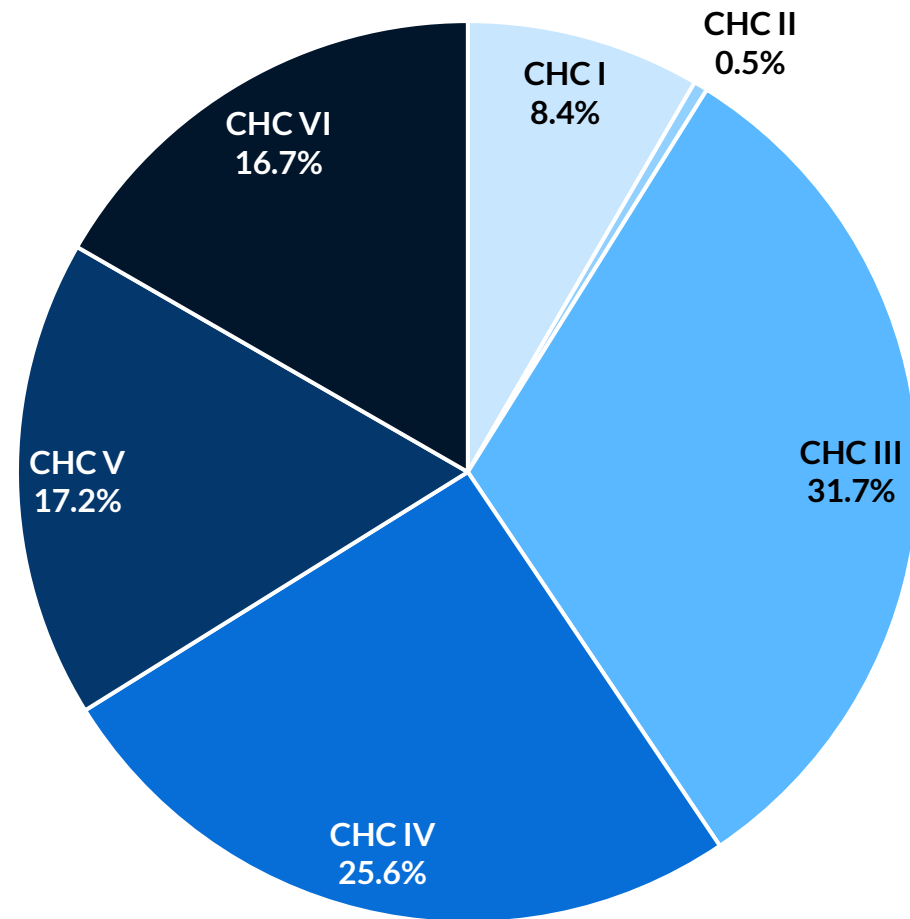
Gender

Male	96.1%
Female	3.9%

Citizenship

U.S. Citizen	93.3%
Non-U.S. Citizen	6.7%

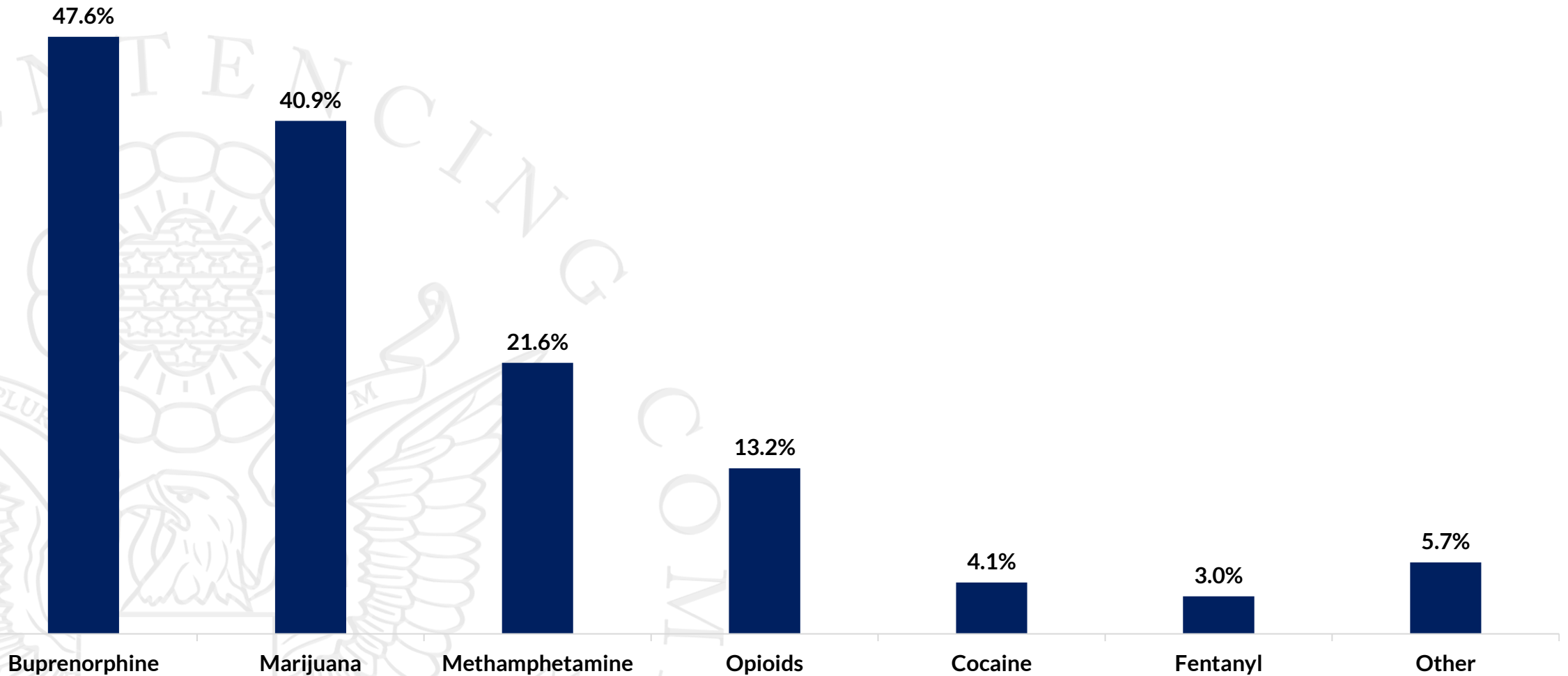
Average Age 39



Drug Contraband



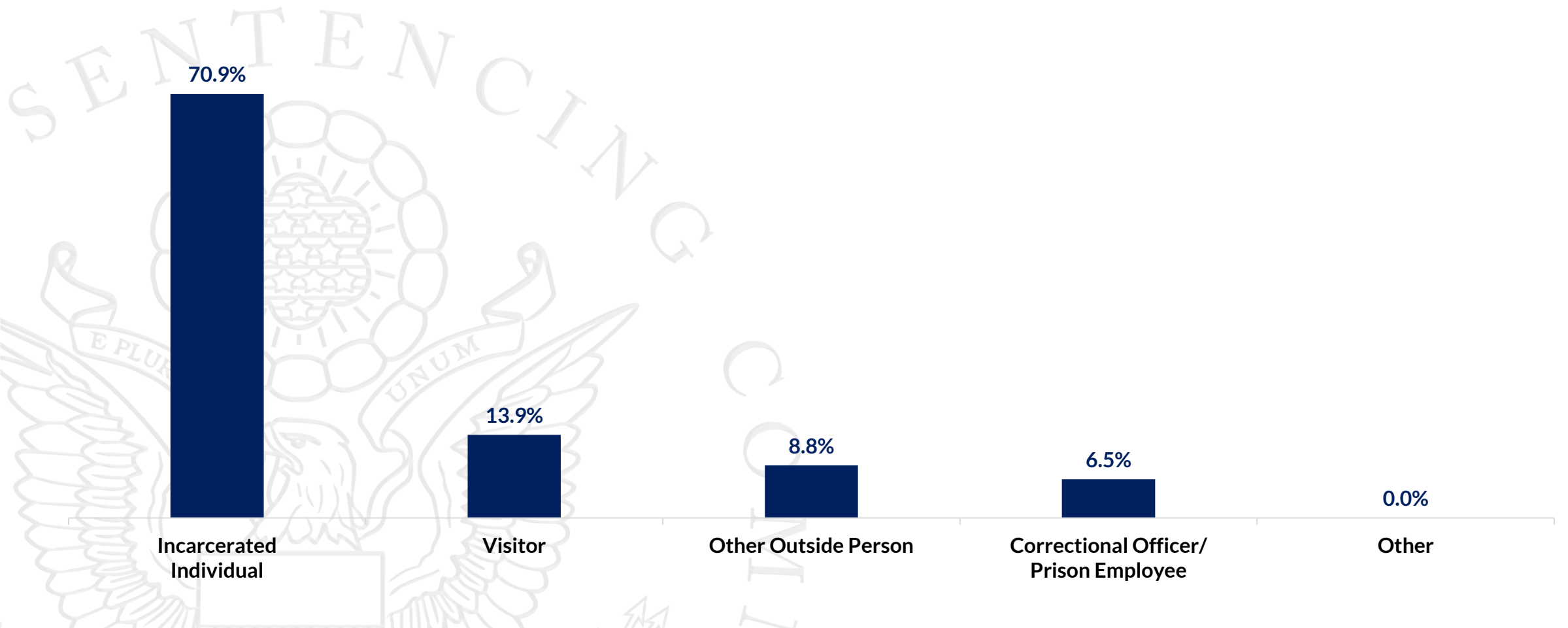
Prison Contraband Drug Type



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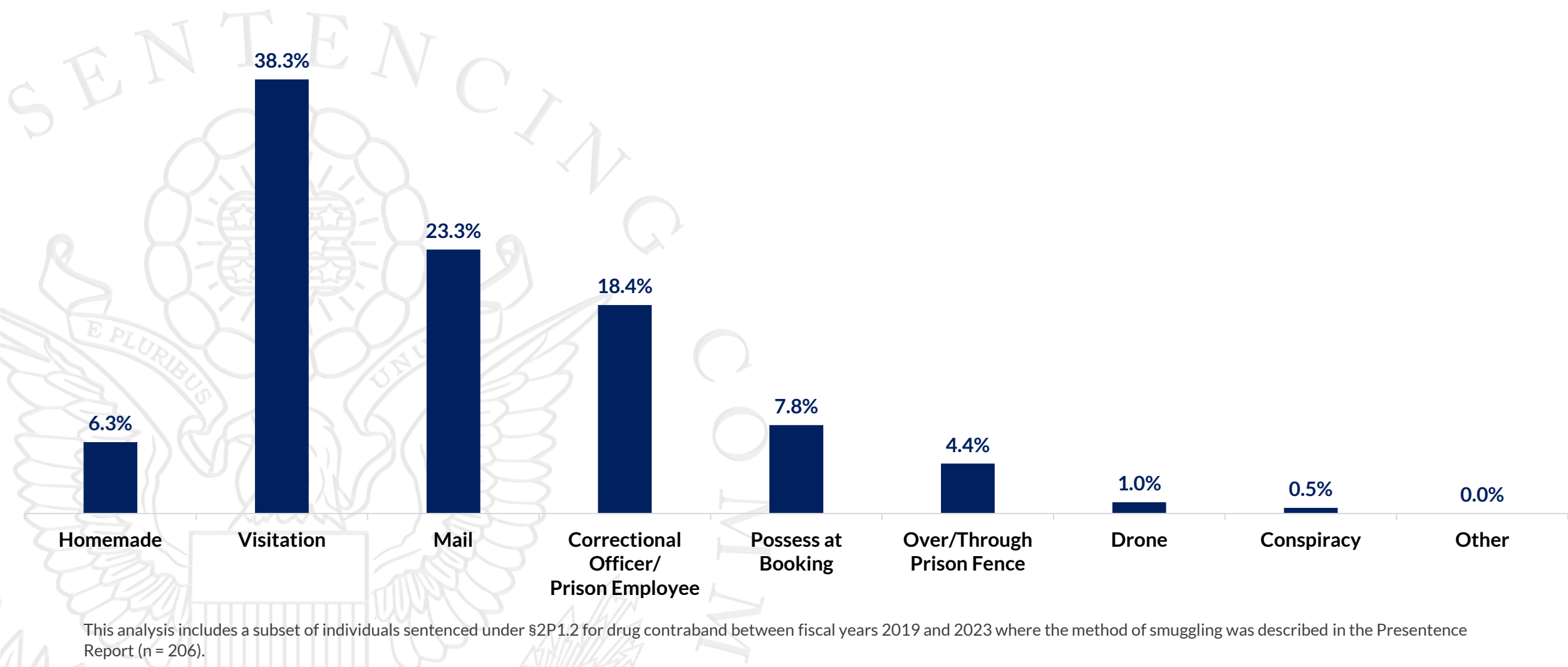
Drug Contraband

Type of Sentenced Individual

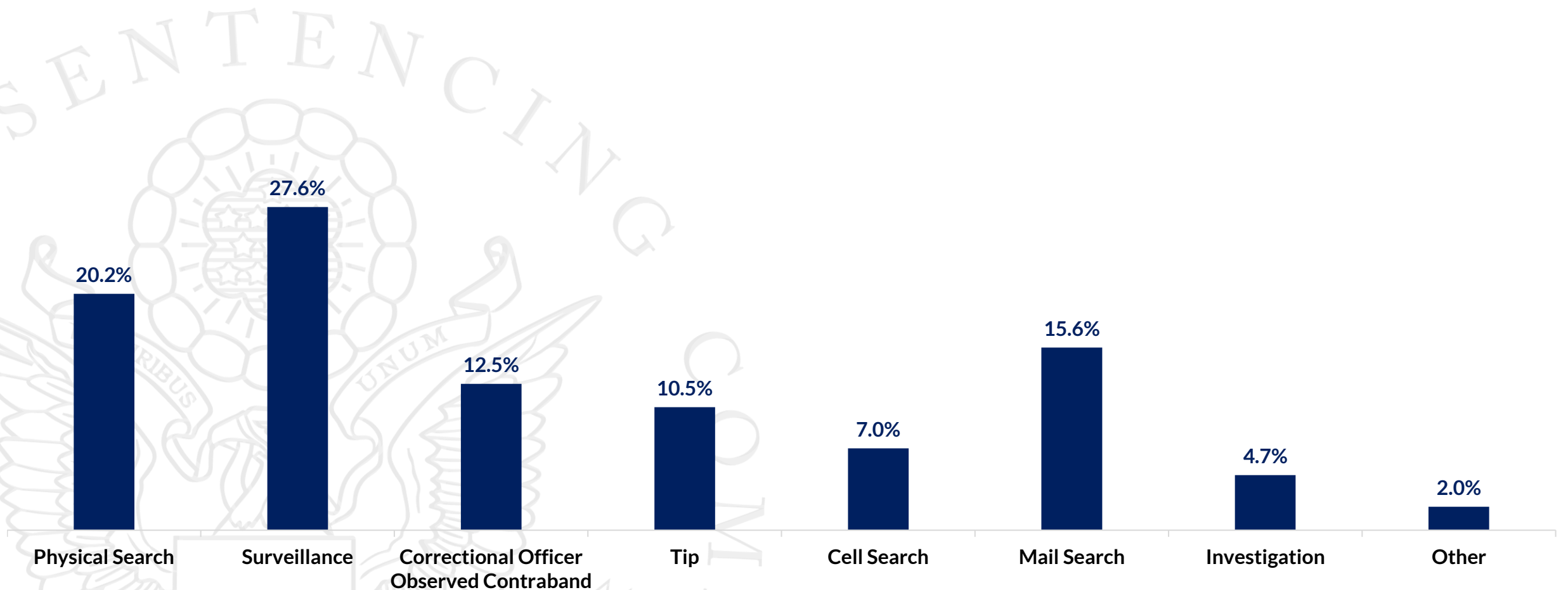


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Drug Contraband Smuggling Method

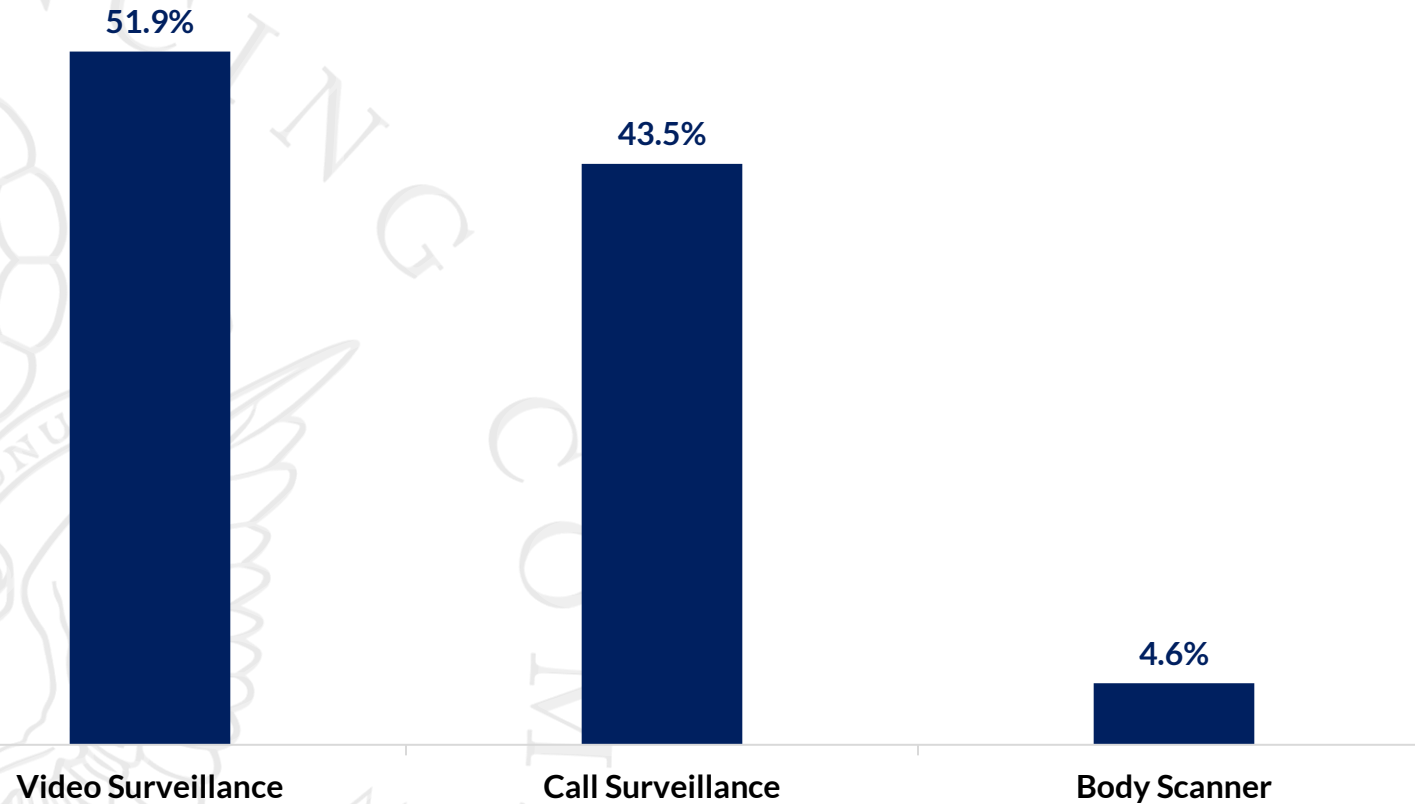


Drug Contraband Discovery Method



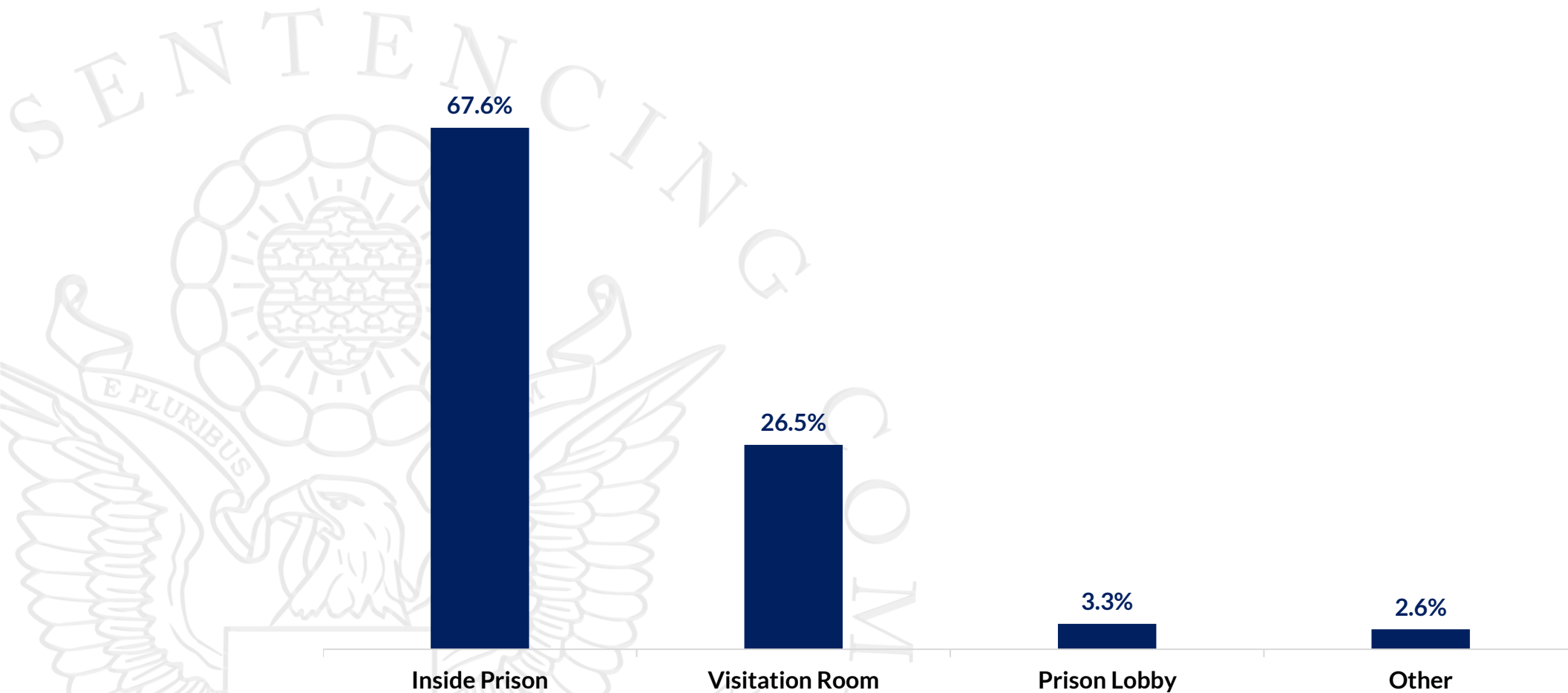
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Drug Contraband Surveillance Type



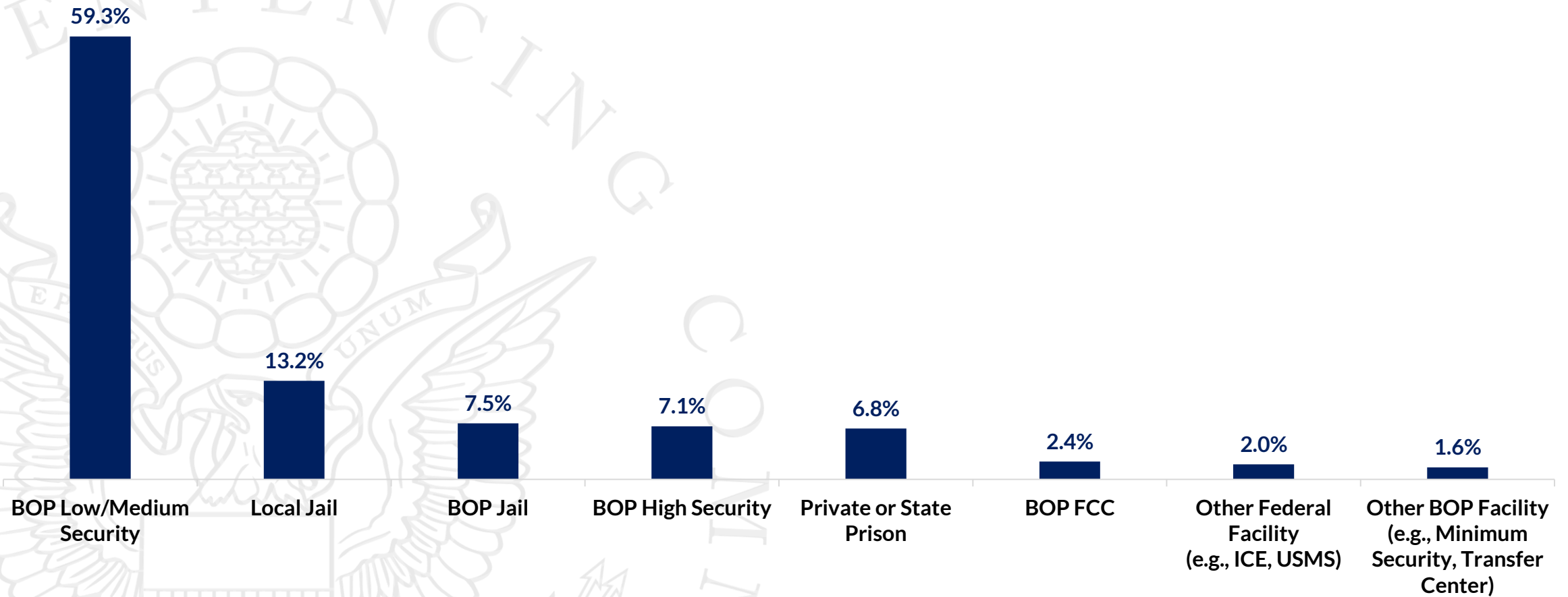
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Drug Contraband Discovery Location



This analysis includes a subset of individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 for drug contraband between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 where the discovery location was described in the Presentence Report (n = 272).

Drug Contraband Facility Type



This analysis includes a subset of individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 for drug contraband between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 where the facility name or type was described in the Presentence Report (n = 295).

Drug Contraband Demographic Characteristics

Race

White	27.8%
Black	43.4%
Hispanic	26.4%
Other	2.4%

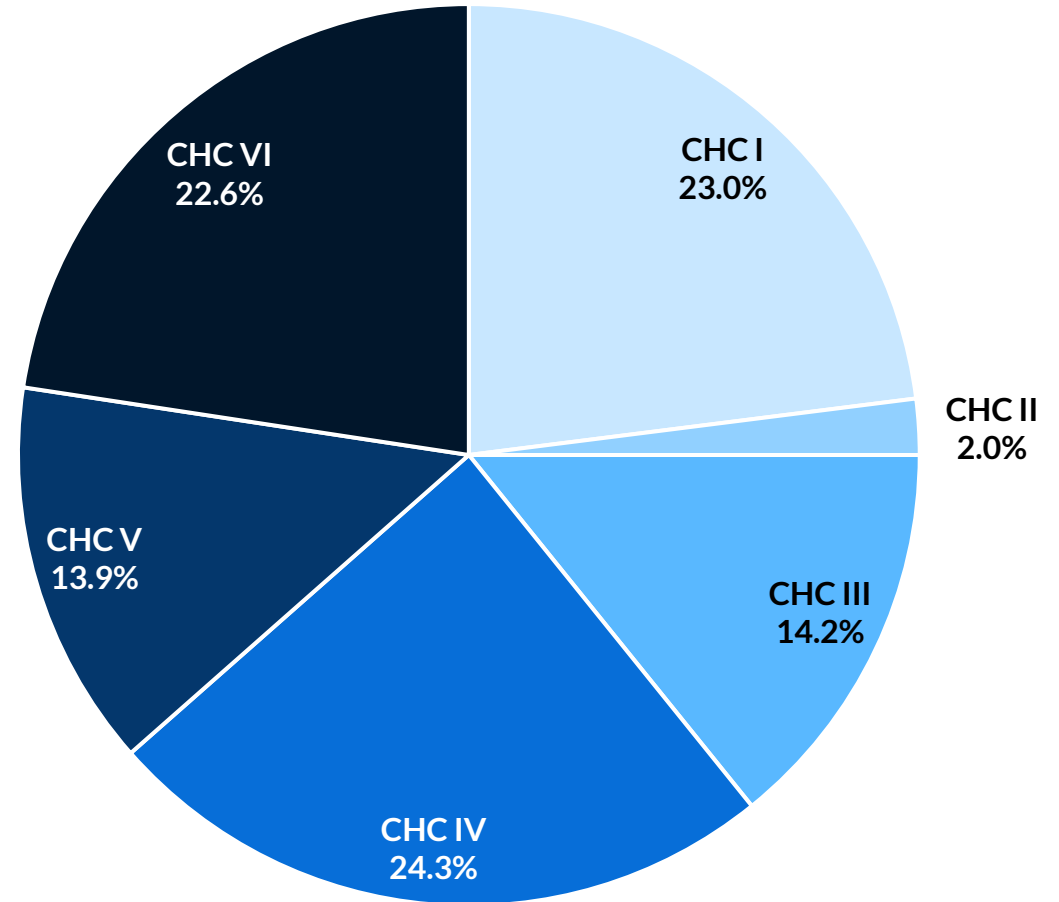
Gender

Male	75.0%
Female	25.0%

Citizenship

U.S. Citizen	95.9%
Non-U.S. Citizen	4.1%

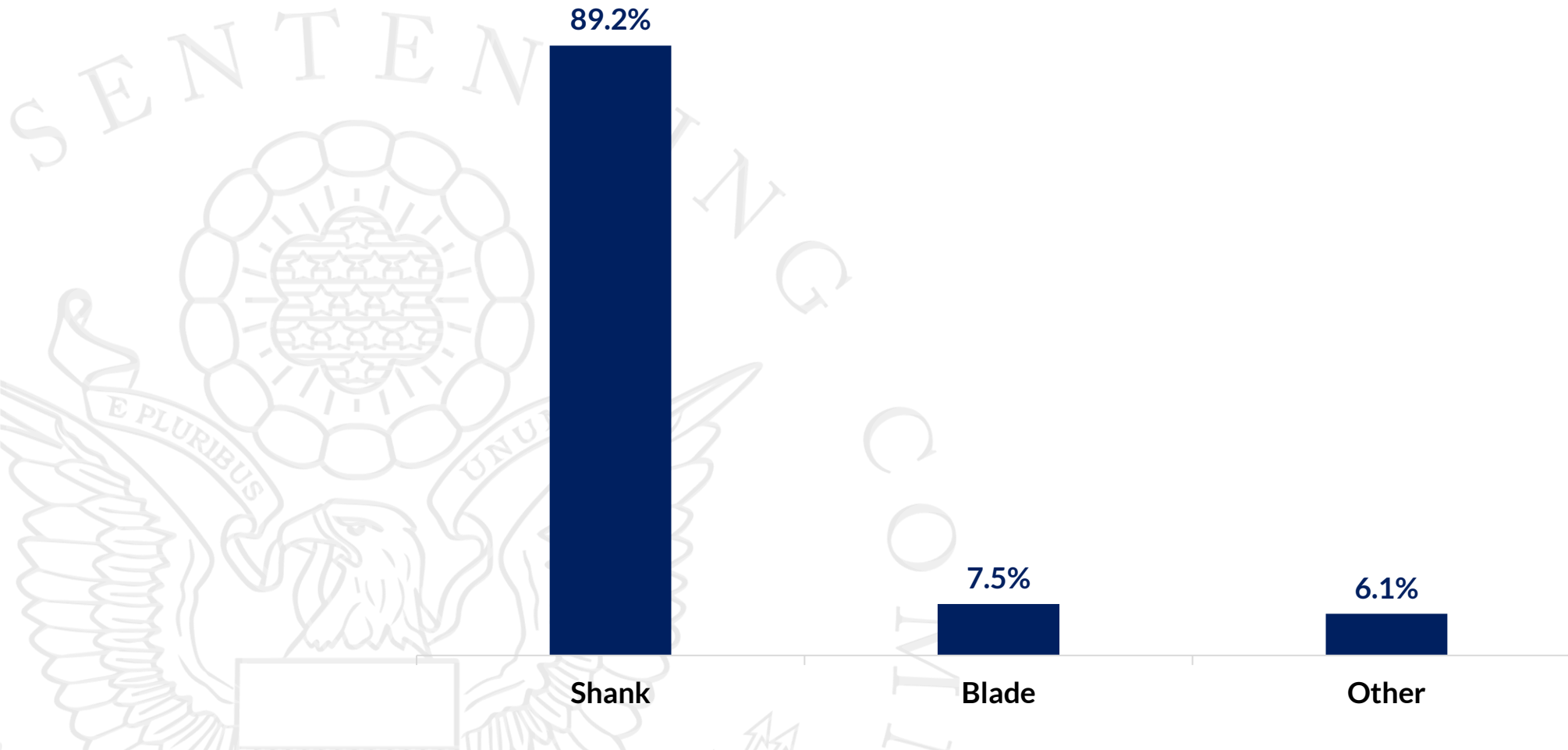
Average Age 37





Weapon Contraband

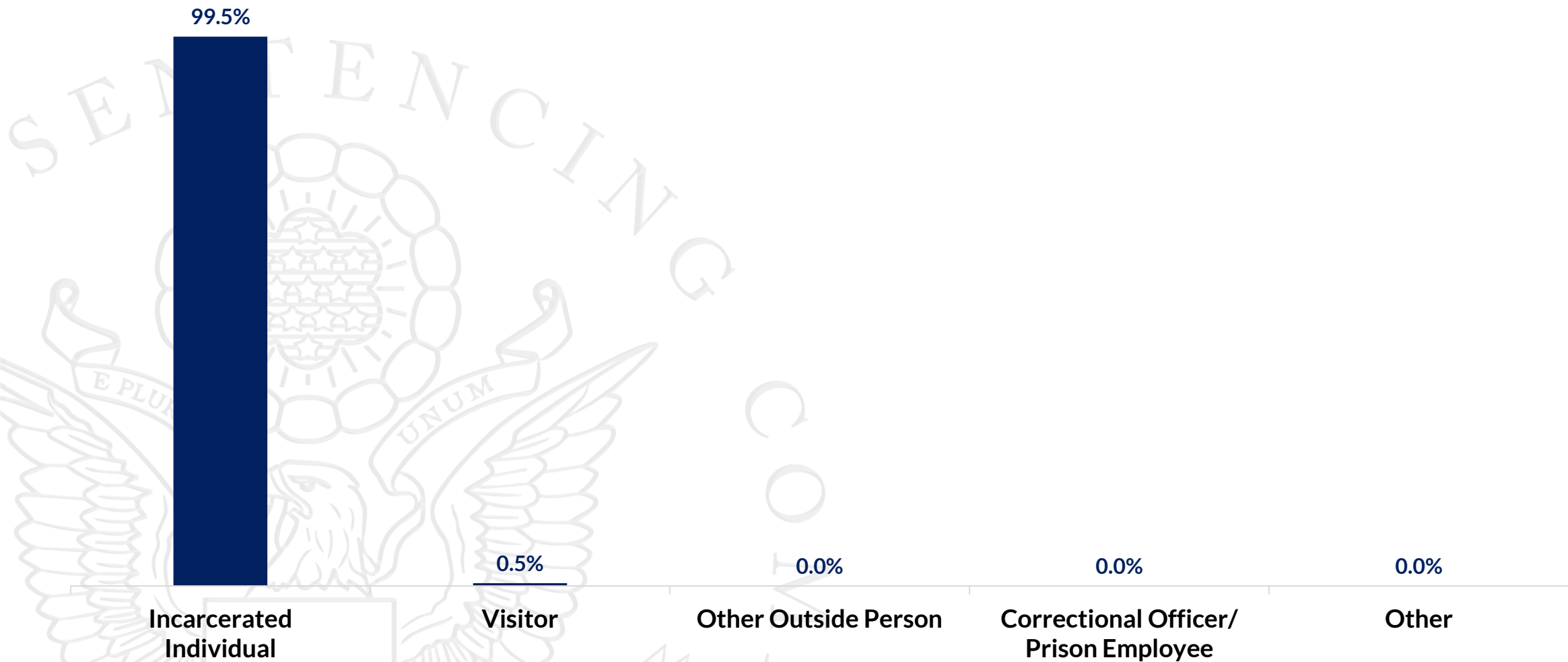
Prison Contraband Weapon Type



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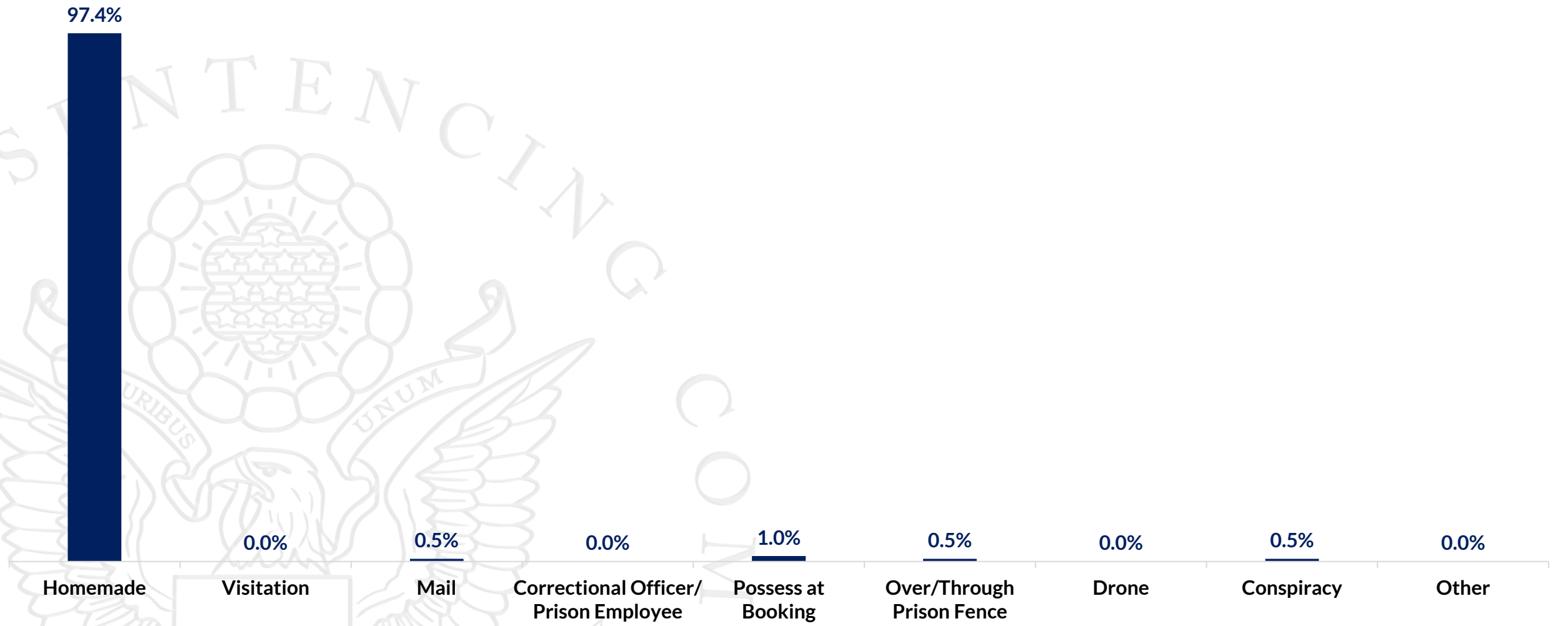
Weapon Contraband

Type of Sentenced Individual



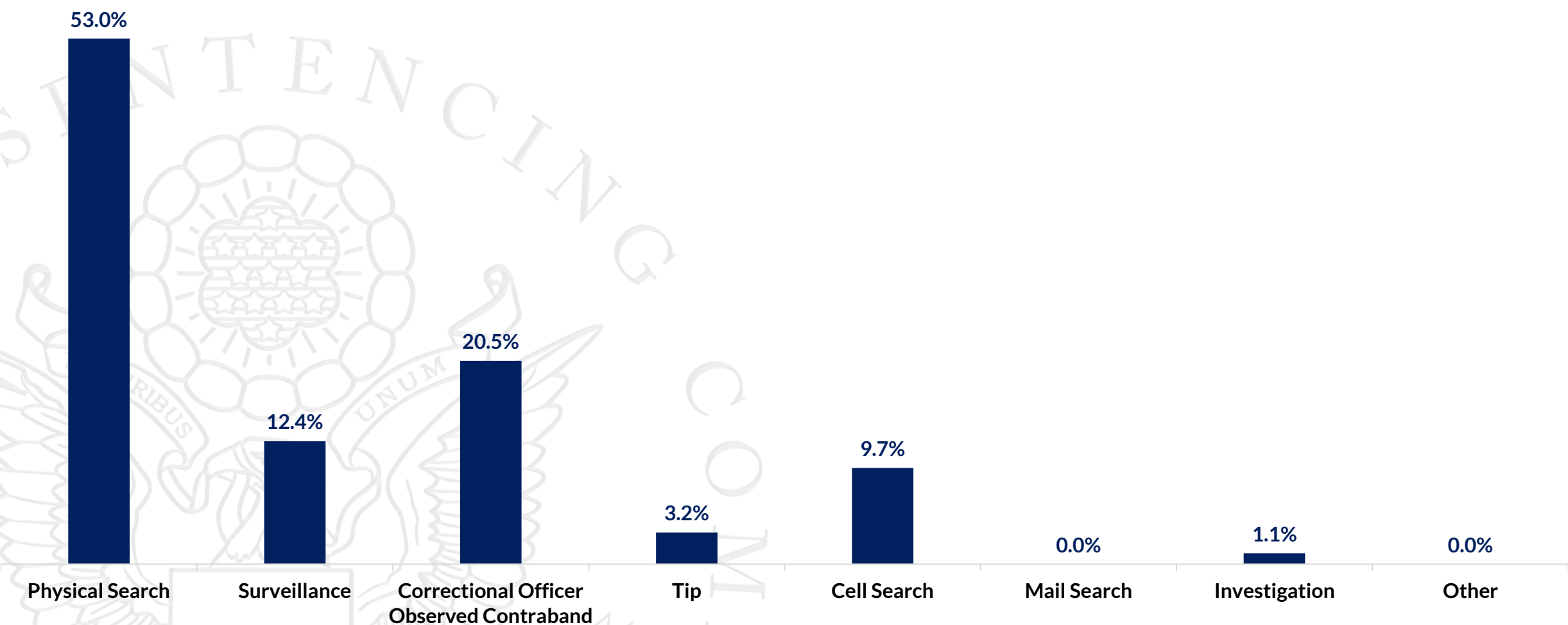
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Weapon Contraband Smuggling Method



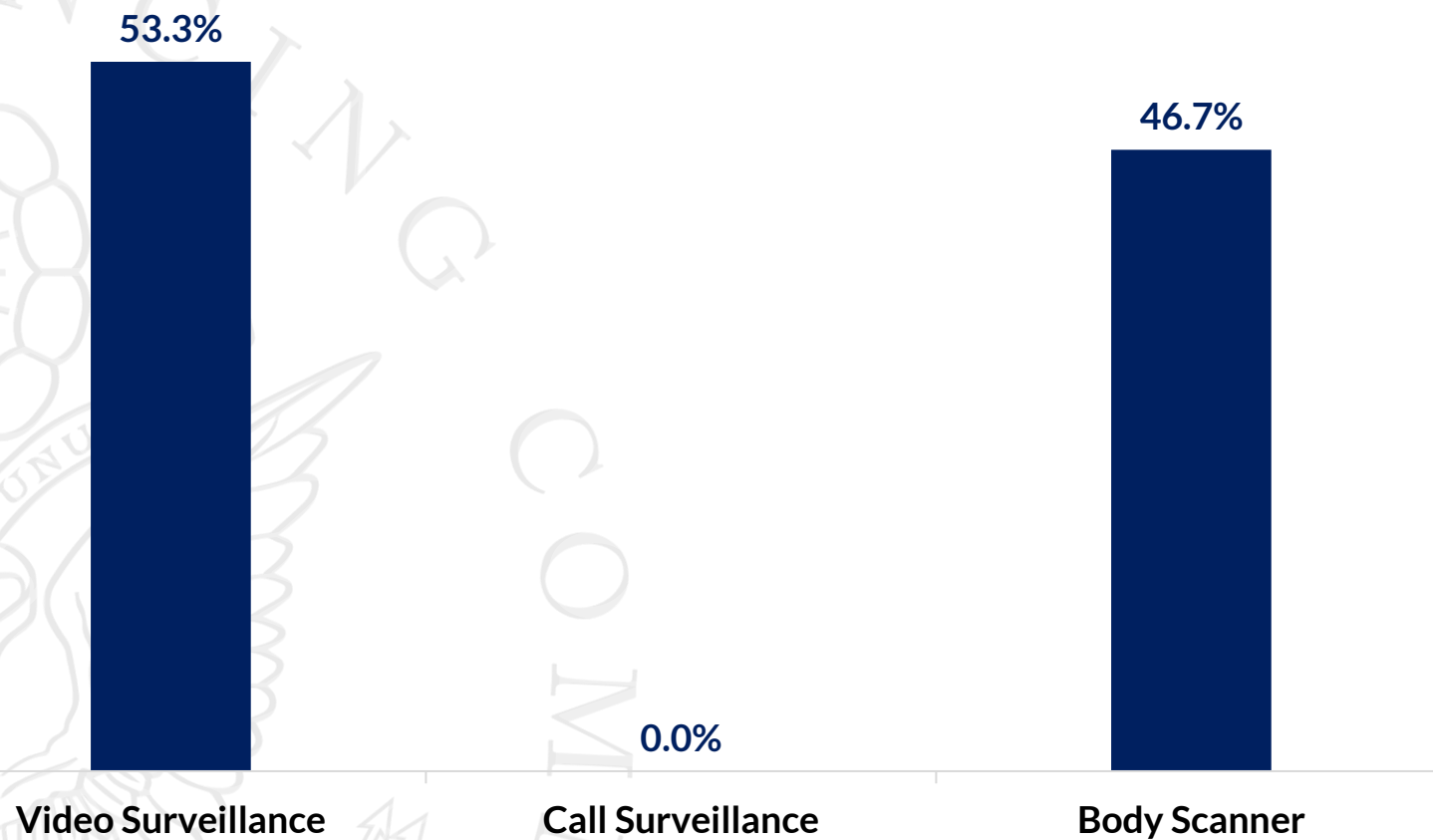
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Weapon Contraband Discovery Method



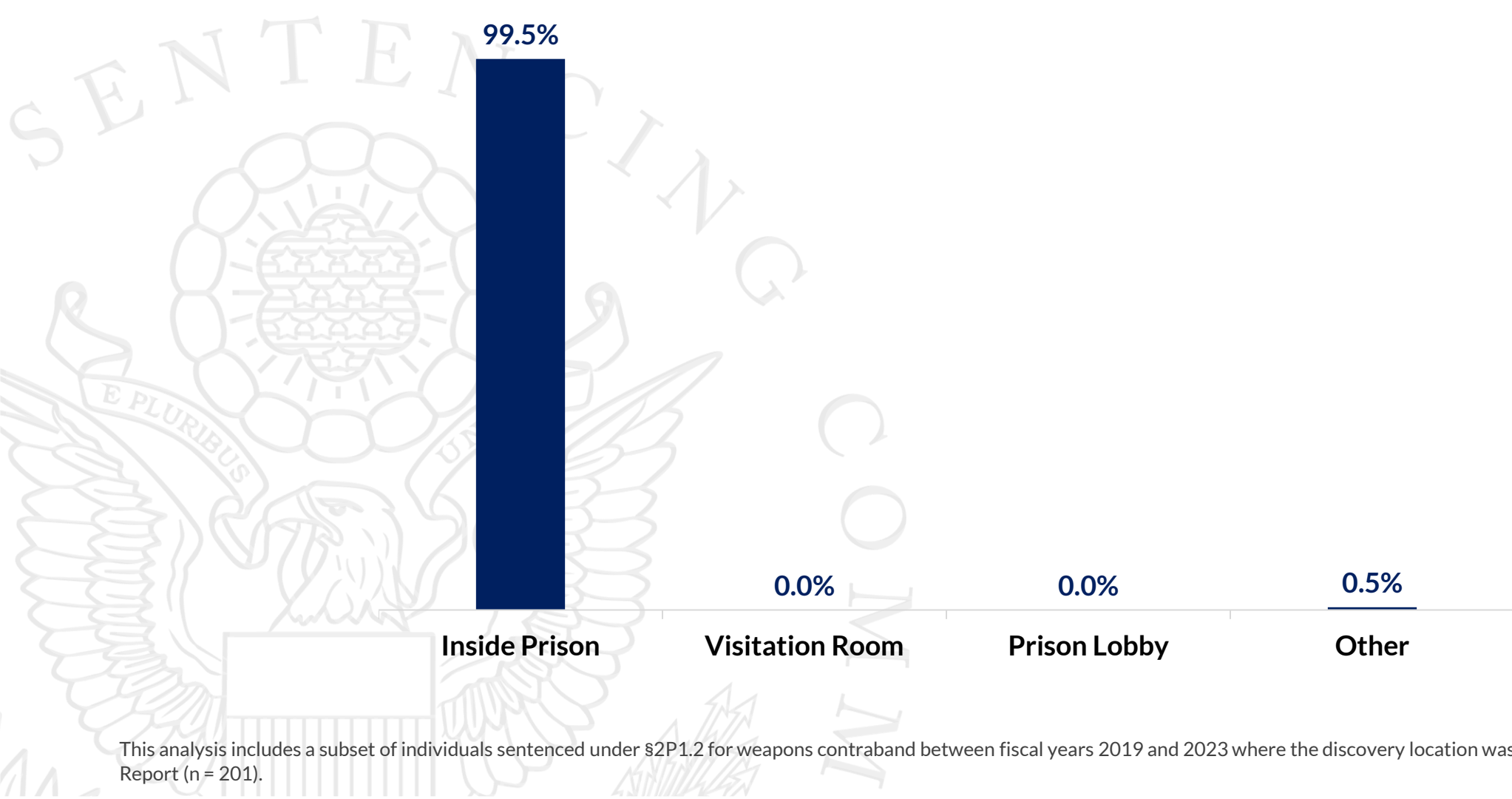
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Weapon Contraband Surveillance Type



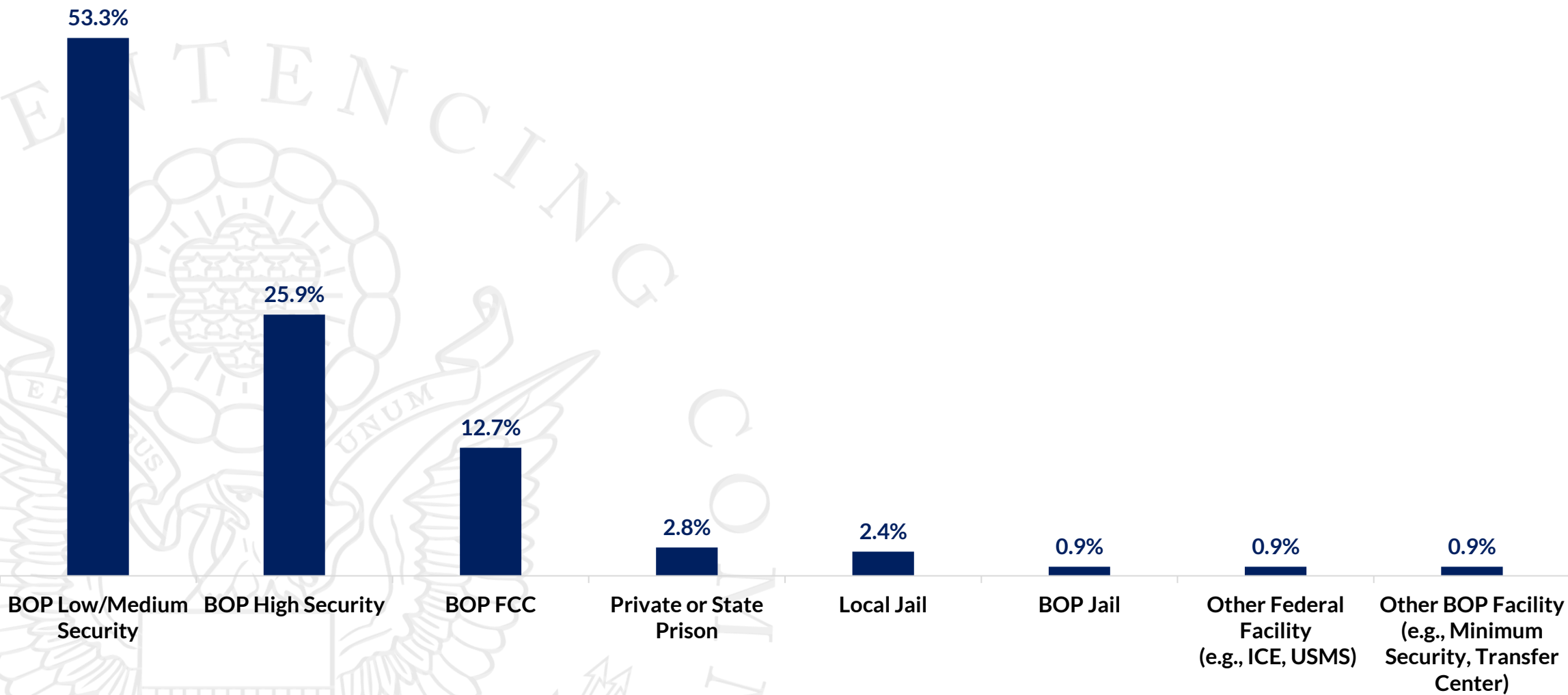
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Weapon Contraband Discovery Location



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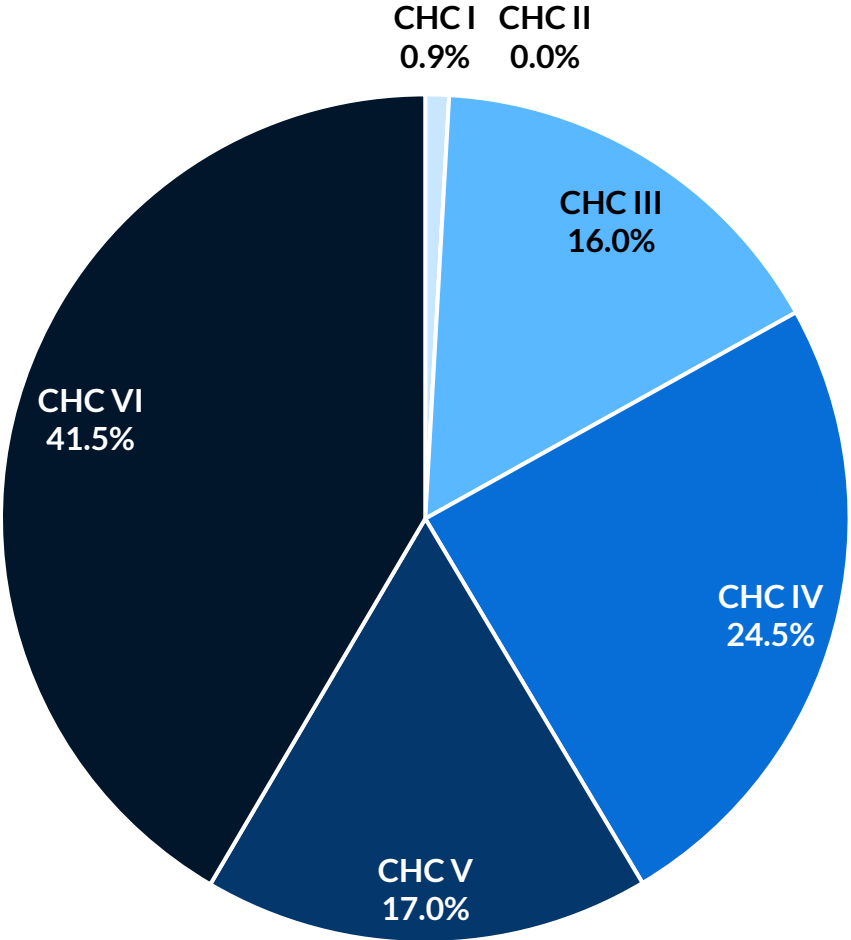
Weapon Contraband Facility Type



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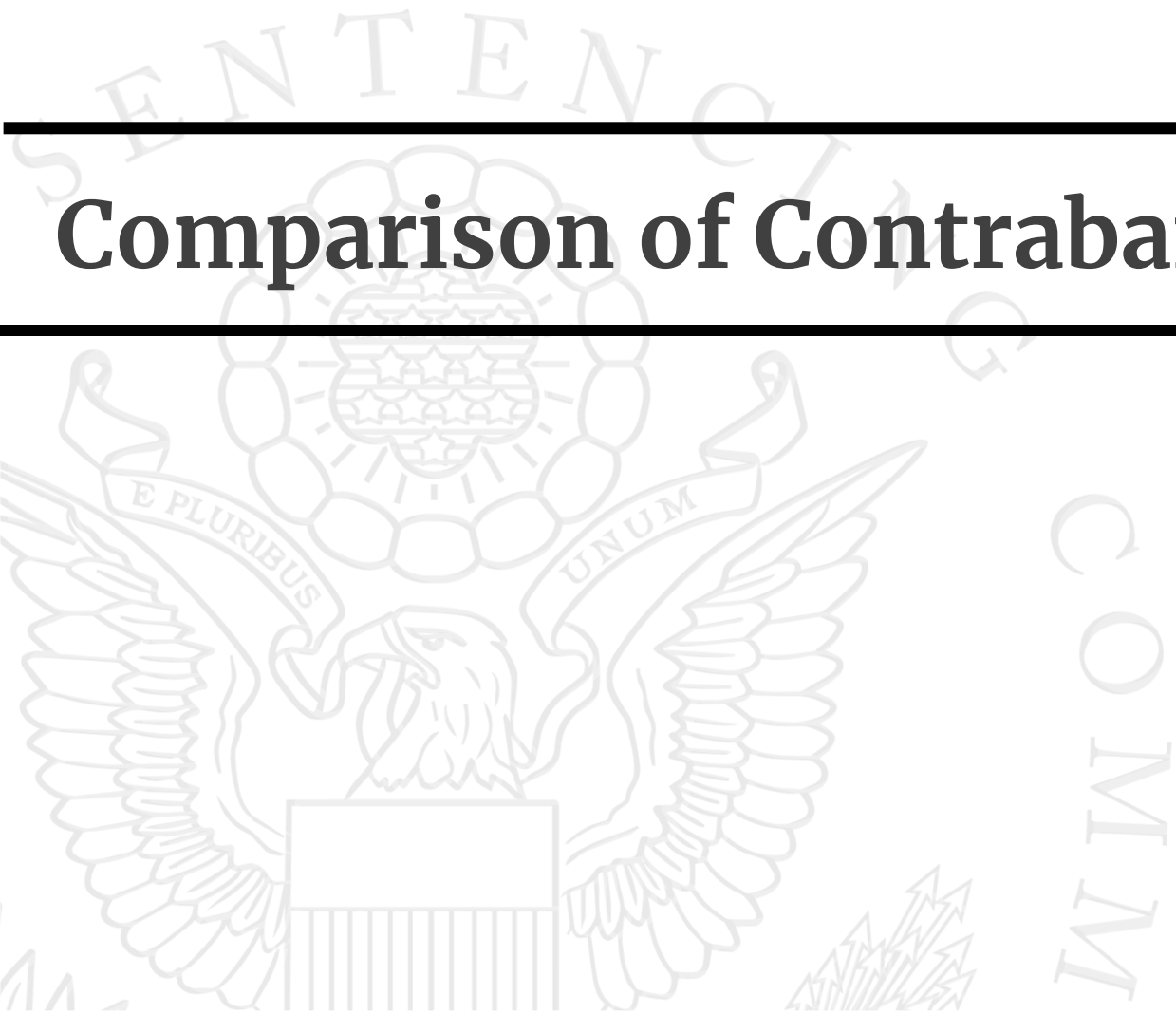
Weapon Contraband Demographic Characteristics

Race	
White	15.2%
Black	49.3%
Hispanic	31.8%
Other	3.8%
Gender	
Male	100%
Female	0%
Citizenship	
U.S. Citizen	92.9%
Non-U.S. Citizen	7.1%
Average Age	34



This analysis includes a subset of individuals sentenced under §2P1.2 for weapons contraband between fiscal years 2019 and 2023 (n = 212).

Comparison of Contraband Types



Prison Contraband Highlights

	Cell Phones	Drugs	Weapons
Sentenced Individual	Incarcerated Individual 90.4%	Incarcerated Individual 70.9%	Incarcerated Individual 99.5%
Smuggling Method	Corrections Officer/ Prison Employee 38.6%	Visitation 38.3%	Homemade 97.4%
Discovery Method	Surveillance 21.4%	Surveillance 27.6%	Physical Search 53.0%
Surveillance Type	Video Surveillance 50.0%	Video Surveillance 51.9%	Video Surveillance 53.3%
Discovery Location	Inside Prison 89.3%	Inside Prison 67.6%	Inside Prison 99.5%
Facility Type	BOP Low/Medium Security 83.8%	BOP Low/Medium Security 59.3%	BOP Low/Medium Security 53.3%

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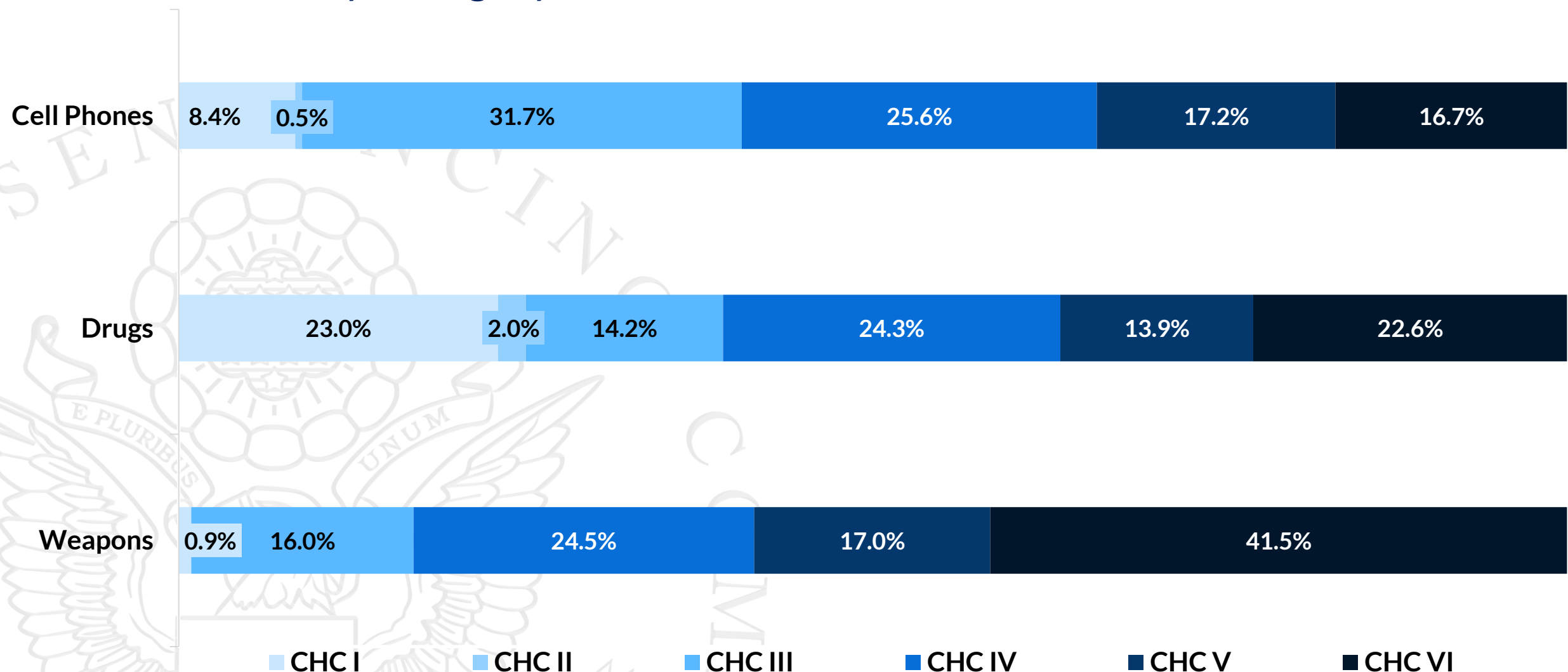
Prison Contraband

Demographic Characteristics

	Drugs	Weapons	Cell Phones
Race			
White	27.8%	15.2%	20.9%
Black	43.4%	49.3%	58.9%
Hispanic	26.4%	31.8%	19.1%
Other	2.4%	3.8%	4.1%
Gender			
Male	75.0%	100%	96.1%
Female	25.0%	0%	3.9%
Citizenship			
U.S. Citizen	95.9%	92.9%	93.3%
Non-U.S. Citizen	4.1%	7.1%	6.7%
Average Age	37	34	39

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Prison Contraband Criminal History Category



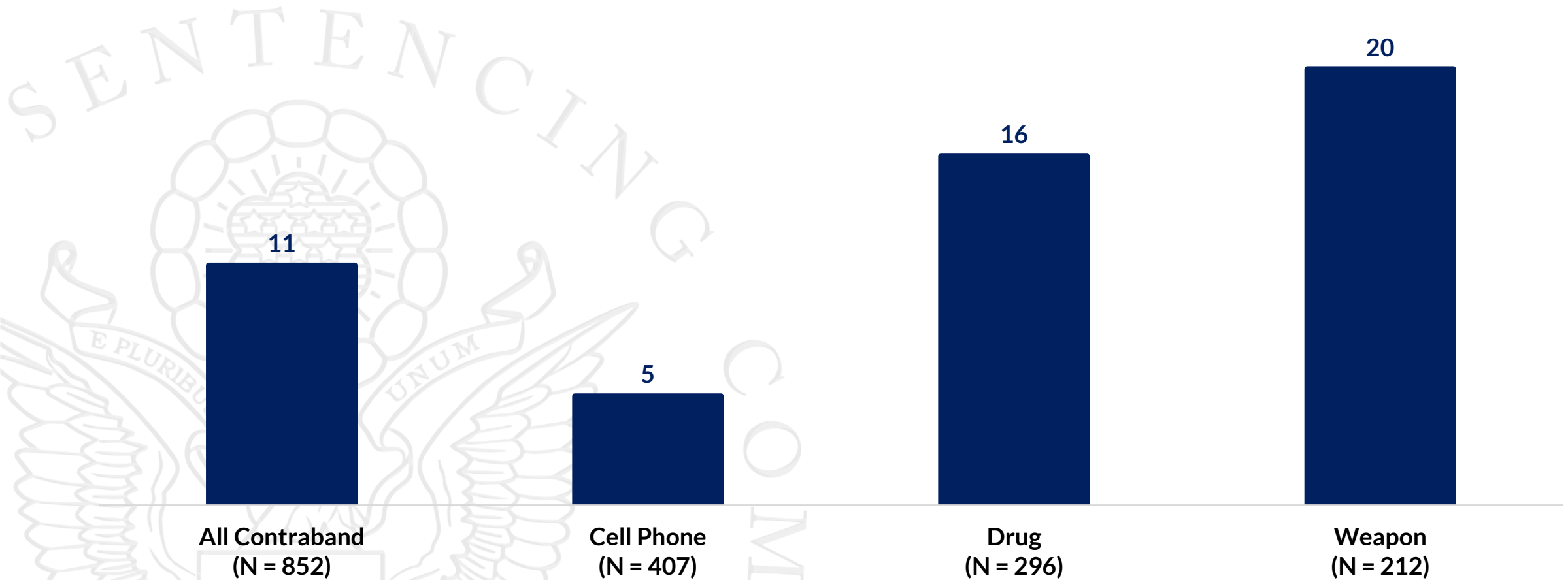
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Sentencing of Contraband Cases



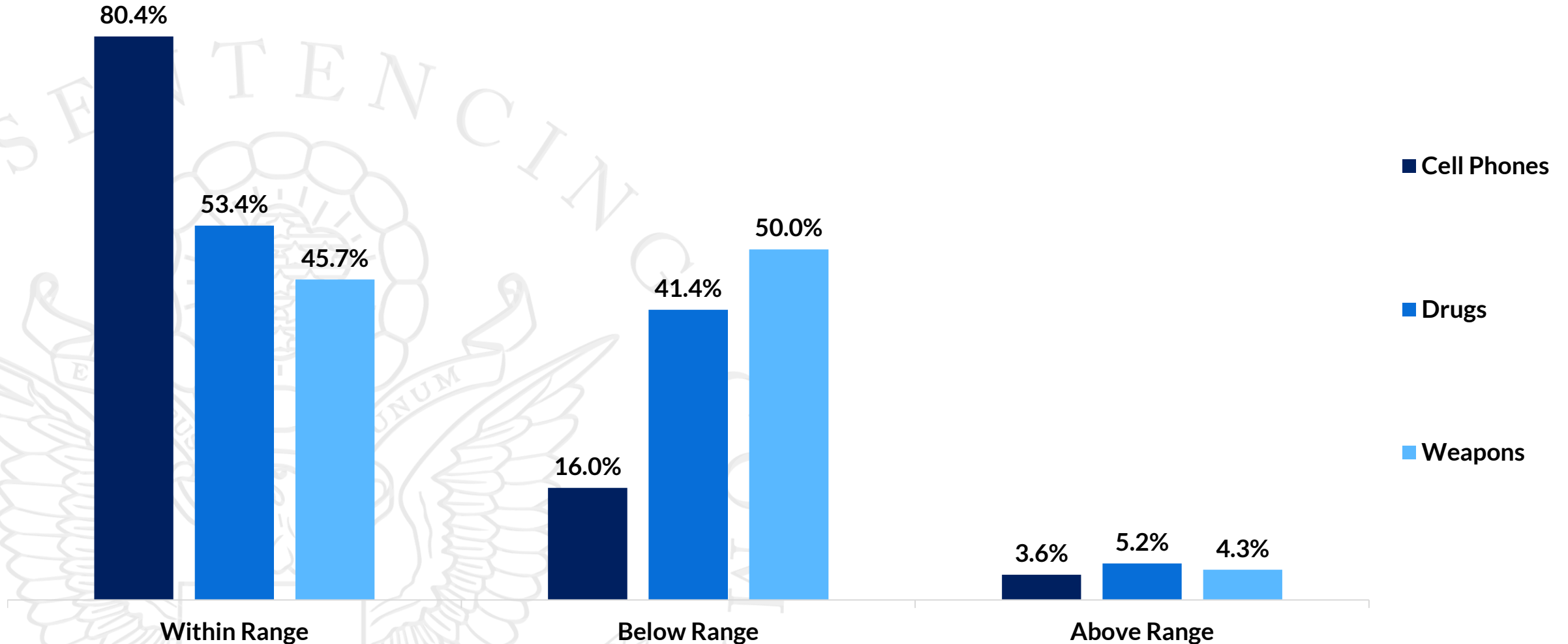
Prison Contraband

Average Sentence (months)



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Prison Contraband Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range



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