

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

**VARIABLE CODEBOOK FOR
EDUCATION LEVELS OF FEDERALLY
SENTENCED INDIVIDUALS DATAFILE**



Introduction

This codebook is for the U.S. Sentencing Commission’s analysis datafile used for the report *Education Levels of Federally Sentenced Individuals*. The report primarily included analyses of individuals sentenced in 2021, with some basic trend data in educational attainment available for fiscal years 2017 to 2021. The report can be found on the U.S. Sentencing Commission’s website at: [Education Levels of Federally Sentenced Individuals | United States Sentencing Commission](#)

There is one analysis datafile for this report which combines data for fiscal years 2017 through 2021. This report primarily focuses on individuals sentenced in 2021. Data for fiscal years 2017 to 2020 is limited to educational attainment and some demographic information.

The datafile contains data from the Commission’s fiscal year Individual Datafiles, the Economic Crime Offense Types datafile, and additional education information collected on 915 individuals sentenced in fiscal year 2021 who had attained a graduate degree. Commission staff undertook a special coding project to gain information about both the type of degree attained (Master’s degree, Doctor of Philosophy degree, Doctor of Medicine degree, Juris Doctor degree, etc.) and the subject matter of the degree (medicine, law, engineering, religious studies, international affairs, etc.).

Variables from the Individual Datafiles are identified as “USSCFY Datafiles” in the ORIGIN column in the codebook. The variable from the Commission’s economic crime offense type datafile is identified as “USSCFT Datafiles” in the ORIGIN column of the codebook. Additional information for variables from these datafiles can be found in their respective codebooks: *Variable Codebook for Individual Datafile: Standardized Research Data Documentation for Fiscal Years 1999-2021* and *Variable Codebook for Economic Crime Offense Type Datafile*. Both codebooks are available at ussc.gov. Variables that are either recoded variables from the Commission’s datafiles or are variables created from data collected in the special coding project are identified as “ED_Pub in the ORIGIN column of the codebook.

| Name | Origin | Form | Codes | Description |
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| AGE | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | Range: 16 thru 93 . = Missing/Indetermi nable | Identifies the age of the individual at the time of sentencing. It is generated based on the date of birth provided either in the PSR or at case submission to USSC, and the sentencing date from the J&C. |
| ECON_OFF_TYPE | USSCFT Datafiles | Num | 1= Securities/Investment 2= Healthcare 3= Mortgage 4= Credit Card and Financial Instruments 5= Government Procurement 6= Government Benefits 7= Identity Theft 8= Counterfeit/Forgery 9= Mail Related 10= Computer 11= Intellectual Property 12= Embezzlement/Theft 13= Tax 14= Insurance 15= Advanced Fee 16= False Advertising/Product Substitution 17= Bankruptcy 18= Antitrust 19= False Statements 20= Money Laundering 21= All Other | Indicates the type of economic crime committed by the individual. Offenses are in descending order of severity based on the coding hierarchy. Each offender was assigned to a single offense type; in instances of multiple offense types, the highest/ most serious offense type was assigned. |
| ED23_ABUSE | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = Adjustment Not Applied 1 = Adjustment Applied . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | This field indicates whether the individual received the enhancement for abuse of a position of trust or use of a special skill under the Abuse of Trust Chapter Three adjustment (§3B1.3). |
| ED23_ACCTG | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in accounting. |

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| ED23_BA | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in business administration. |
| ED23_CHIROPRACTIC | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in chiropractic. |
| ED23_COMPTECH | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in computer science or computer technology. |
| ED23_COUNTRY | ED_Pub | Num | (See code attachment) | Country in which the graduate degree was earned. |
| ED23_DC | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a Doctor of Chiropractic. |
| ED23_DENTIST | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in dentistry. |
| ED23_DMD | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a Doctor of Dental Medicine or a Doctor of Dental Surgery. |

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| ED23_DOC | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | Indicates whether the graduate degree enabled the offense, e.g., an individual with a medical degree wrote a fraudulent prescription. |
| ED23_DVM | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. |
| ED23_EDUCATION | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in education. |
| ED23_EDUCCOMB | ED_Pub | Num | 1 = Less than high school 2 = High school graduate 3 = Some college 4 = College graduate 5 = Graduate degree | Indicates the individual's highest level of educational attainment. |
| ED23_ENGINEERING | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in engineering. |
| ED23_FY | ED_Pub | Num | Range: 2017 – 2021 | Fiscal year of sentencing. |
| ED23_HEALTHADMIN | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in health administration. |
| ED23_INTERNAT | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in international affairs. |

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| ED23_JD | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a Juris Doctor. |
| ED23_LAW | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in law. |
| ED23_MASTERS | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a Master's degree in any subject. |
| ED23_MD | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a Doctor of Medicine. |
| ED23_MEDICINE | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in medicine. |
| ED23_NATSCI | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in the natural sciences. |
| ED23_NURSING | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in nursing. |
| ED23_OTHERBUS | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in business, other than business administration. |

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| ED23_OTHERHEALTH | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in a health field other than health administration. |
| ED23_PHARMACY | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in pharmacy. |
| ED23_PHARMD | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a Doctor of Pharmacy. |
| ED23_PHD | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a Doctor of Philosophy. |
| ED23_REALESTATE | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in real estate. |
| ED23_RELIGIOUS | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in religious studies. |
| ED23_SOCSCI | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in the social sciences. |

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| ED23_SWCOUNSEL | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual held a graduate degree in the social work or counseling. |
| ED23_USDEGREE | ED_Pub | Num | 0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing | This field indicates whether the individual's graduate degree was from a United States educational institution. |
| GLMIN | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | Range: 0 thru 9996 9996 =Life Imprisonment (this used to be code 996) . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | Trumped guideline minimum. This field takes statutory maximums and minimums into account. |
| MONSEX | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | 0 = Male 1 = Female . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | Indicates the individual's gender. |
| NEWCIT | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | 0 = U.S. Citizen 1 = Non-U.S. Citizen (Includes Legal and Illegal Aliens) . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | Indicates the citizenship of individual. |
| NEWCNVN | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | 0 = Plea 1 = Trial . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | Indicates whether the case was settled by plea agreement or trial. |

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| NEWRACE | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | 1 = White 2 = Black 3 = Hispanic 6 = Other . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | Indicates the race of the individual. |
| OFFGUIDE | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | (See code attachment) | Primary type of crime for the case, generated mainly from the primary guideline and then the count of conviction with the highest statutory maximum. |
| SENSPCAP | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | Range: 0 thru 469.99 0 = Probation 470 = Life . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | The total prison sentence, in months, with probation sentences assigned zero months and sentences greater than 470 months are capped at 469.99. Missing terms are set to ". ". This field includes sentences of time imposed, time served, and §5G1.3 credit. <i>Alternatives include home detention, community confinement, and intermittent confinement. This variable does not take ZONE into account.</i> |

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| SENTIMP | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | 0 = No Prison/Probation (Fine Only) 1 =Prison Only (No Alternatives) 2 =Prison + Confinement Conditions (Alternatives, Including Zone C Split Sentences) 3 =Probation + Confinement Conditions (Alternatives) 4 =Probation Only · = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | Indicates what type of sentence was given (prison, probation, probation plus alternatives, or prison/split sentence). |
| SENTRNGE | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | 0 = Within Range 1 = Upward Departure 2 = 5K1.1/Substantial Assistance 3 = Early Disposition/5K3.1 4 = Government Sponsored Departure 5 = Downward Departure 6 = Above Range Variance 7 = Government Sponsored Variance 8 = Below Range Variance · = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | Assigns cases to one of the 8 post- <i>Booker</i> reporting categories based on relationship between the sentence and guideline range and the reason(s) given for being outside of the range. |

| Name | Origin | Form | Codes | Description |
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| SOURCES | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | 1 = Information Represents Known Court Findings: (a) SOR Accepts PSR (b) SOR Differs From PSR, SOR is Coded (c) Court's Factual Findings Unknown, SOR Criminal History Category and Offense Level Match PSR or SOR Guideline Range Matches PSR Guideline Range 3 = PSR is Coded (Insufficient Information in SOR) 5 = PSR is Coded (No SOR Present) 6 = 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) only 7 = 18 U.S.C. § 1028A only 8 = No Analogous guidelines (Class A misdemeanor or state assimilated offense with no analogous guidelines) 9 = PSR Waived, Missing, or Multiple Offense Levels . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | Indicates the extent to which information from the original sentence coded in detailed guideline application is based upon known court findings. This also acts as a "skip" field, so if certain codes are chosen then certain information, such as guideline application and criminal history, are not coded. |
| TOTCHPTS | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | Range: 0 thru 84 0 = None · = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | The total number of criminal history points applied. This variable includes one-point offenses (POINT1), two-point offenses (POINT2), three-point offenses (POINT3), points for being sentenced while under a criminal justice sentence (SENTPTS), and points for otherwise uncounted violence (VIOL1PTS). |
| USSCIDN | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | Range: 6 Numbers | Unique sequential identification number given to cases upon receipt at USSC. |

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| XCRHISSR | USSCFY Datafiles | Num | Range: 1 thru 6 . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable | Individual's final criminal history category as determined by the court at the time of original sentencing. |

COUNTRY***APPENDIX***

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| 20 = Cuba | 58 = Trinidad and Tobago | 104 = Austria |
| 21 = Argentina | 59 = Venezuela | 105 = Azerbaijan |
| 22 = Bahamas | 60 = Vietnam | 106 = Bahrain |
| 23 = Belize | 61 = Afghanistan | 107 = Belarus |
| 24 = Bolivia | 62 = Albania | 108 = Belgium |
| 25 = Canada | 63 = Antigua and Barbuda | 109 = Bhutan |
| 26 = Chile | 64 = Australia | 110 = Bosnia and Herzegovina |
| 27 = China | 65 = Bangladesh | 111 = Botswana |
| 28 = Colombia | 66 = Barbados | 112 = Brunei Darussalam |
| 29 = *REMOVED* | 67 = Benin | 113 = Bulgaria |
| 30 = Dominican Republic | 68 = Brazil | 114 = Burkina Faso |
| 31 = Ecuador | 69 = Costa Rica | 115 = Burundi |
| 32 = El Salvador | 70 = Greece | 116 = Cambodia |
| 33 = France | 71 = Guinea | 117 = Cameroon |
| 34 = Germany | 72 = Hong Kong | 118 = Cape Verde |
| 35 = Ghana | 73 = Indonesia | 119 = Central African Repub. |
| 36 = Great Britain | 74 = Iraq | 120 = Chad |
| 37 = Guatemala | 75 = Ireland | 121 = Comoros |
| 38 = Guyana | 76 = Kuwait | 122 = Congo |
| 39 = Haiti | 77 = Other | 123 = Cote d'Ivoire |
| 40 = Honduras | 78 = Laos | 124 = Croatia |
| 41 = India | 79 = Liberia | 125 = Cyprus |
| 42 = Iran | 80 = Malaysia | 126 = Czech Republic |
| 43 = Israel | 81 = Netherlands | 127 = Denmark |
| 44 = Italy | 82 = Poland | 128 = Djibouti |
| 45 = Jamaica | 83 = Romania | 129 = Dominica |
| 46 = Jordan | 84 = Portugal | 130 = Egypt |
| 47 = Korea | 85 = Spain | 131 = Eritrea |
| 48 = Lebanon | 87 = Syria | 132 = Estonia |
| 49 = Mexico | 88 = Taiwan | 133 = Ethiopia |
| 50 = Nicaragua | 89 = Togo | 134 = Fiji |
| 51 = Nigeria | 90 = Yemen | 135 = Finland |
| 52 = Pakistan | 91 = Yugoslavia | 136 = Gabon |
| 53 = Panama | 98 = *REMOVED* | 137 = Gambia |
| 54 = Peru | 99 = *REMOVED* | 138 = Georgia |
| 55 = Philippines | 100 = Algeria | 139 = Grenada |
| 56 = Russia | 101 = Andorra | 140 = Hungary |
| 57 = Thailand | 102 = Angola | 141 = Iceland |
| | 103 = Armenia | 142 = Japan |

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| 143 = Kazakhstan | 183 = Senegal |
| 144 = Kenya | 184 = Seychelles |
| 145 = Kyrgyzstan | 185 = Sierra Leone |
| 146 = Latvia | 186 = Singapore |
| 147 = Lesotho | 187 = Slovakia |
| 148 = Libyan Arab Jamahiriya | 188 = Slovenia |
| 149 = Liechtenstein | 189 = Solomon Islands |
| 150 = Lithuania | 190 = Somalia |
| 151 = Luxembourg | 191 = South Africa |
| 152 = Madagascar | 192 = Sri Lanka |
| 153 = Malawi | 193 = Sudan |
| 154 = Maldives | 194 = Suriname |
| 155 = Mali | 195 = Swaziland |
| 156 = Malta | 196 = Sweden |
| 157 = Marshall Islands | 197 = Switzerland |
| 158 = Mauritania | 198 = Tajikistan |
| 159 = Mauritius | 199 = Tanzania |
| 160 = Micronesia | 200 = Tunisia |
| 161 = Moldova | 201 = Turkey |
| 162 = Monaco | 202 = Turkmenistan |
| 163 = Mongolia | 203 = Uganda |
| 164 = Morocco | 204 = Ukraine |
| 165 = Mozambique | 205 = United Arab Emirates |
| 166 = Myanmar | 206 = Uruguay |
| 167 = Namibia | 207 = Uzbekistan |
| 168 = Nepal | 208 = Vanuatu |
| 169 = New Zealand | 209 = Zambia |
| 170 = Norway | 210 = Zimbabwe |
| 171 = Oman | 211 = United States (N/A) |
| 172 = Palau | 212 = Bermuda |
| 173 = Papua New Guinea | 213 = Montserrat |
| 174 = Paraguay | 214 = Macedonia |
| 175 = Qatar | 215 = St Kitts - Nevis |
| 176 = Rwanda | 216 = Tonga |
| 177 = Saint Lucia | 217 = Niger |
| 178 = Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | 218 = Gilbert Island |
| 179 = Samoa | 219 = Montenegro |
| 180 = San Marino | 220 = Serbia |
| 181 = Sao Tome and Principe | 221 = Kosovo |
| 182 = Saudi Arabia | 222 = Palestine |
| | · = Missing |

OFFGUIDE

- 1 = Murder
- 2 = Unspecified Manslaughter
- 3 = Non-Negligent Manslaughter
- 4 = Vehicular Manslaughter
- 5 = Negligent Manslaughter
- 6 = Kidnapping
- 7 = Statutory Rape
- 8 = Forcible Sex Offense
- 9 = Robbery
- 10 = Aggravated Assault
- 11 = Simple Assault
- 12 = Intimidating a Witness
- 13 = Intimidation (Not Witness)
- 14 = Hit and Run with Bodily Injury
- 15 = Extortion
- 16 = Child Abuse
- 17 = Other Violent Offense
- 18 = Burglary
- 19 = Arson
- 20 = Fraud
- 21 = Larceny/Motor Vehicle Theft
- 22 = Other Property
- 23 = Drug Trafficking
- 24 = Drug Possession
- 25 = Unspecified Drug Offense
- 26 = Escape/Flight
- 27 = Weapons Offenses
- 28 = Court Violation
- 29 = Rioting
- 30 = Traffic
- 31 = DUI
- 32 = Public Order
- 33 = Immigration
- 34 = All Other Offenses
- 35 = Embezzlement
- 999=Unknown