UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

VARIABLE CODEBOOK FOR
Federal Offenders Who Served in the Armed Forces

FISCAL YEAR 2019

INTRODUCTION

In October 2021, the Commission published, "Federal Offenders Who Serviced in the Armed Forces." That report provides an analysis of the relatively small number of veterans each year who are sentenced for a federal felony or Class A misdemeanor offense, most often committed well after they left military service. In particular, the report examines federal offenders with prior military service who were sentenced in fiscal year 2019, the crimes they committed, and an assessment of whether that prior service was given special consideration at sentencing.

This codebook is for the Commission's analysis datafile used for that publication. The datafile includes only those variables used for the analyses in the publication. Some of the data in this report are analysis variables from the Commission's individual offender datafile for fiscal year 2019. Those are identified as "USSCFY19 Datafile" in the ORIGIN column in the codebook. Additional information for those variables can be found in the Commission's Variable Codebook for Individual Offenders: Standardized Research Data Documentation for Fiscal Years 1999-2021 at www.ussc.gov/research/datafiles/commission-datafiles#individual.

NAME	ORIGIN	CODES	DESCRIPTION
AGE	USSCFY19	Range: 18 thru 83	Identifies the age of the offender at the time of sentencing.
AGE_GROUP	MILITARY	0 = Less Than 25 Years Old 1 = 25 to Less Than 35 Years Old 2 = 35 to Less Than 45 Years Old 3 = 45 to Less than 55 Years Old 4 = 55 Years Old or Greater . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Age of the offender by group.
ALCOHOL_ABUSE_12_MON_PRIOR	OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS FY19	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Indicates whether the offender used alcohol in the 12 months prior to arrest. See also SUBS_ABUSE_12_MON_PRIOR below.
BRANCH	MILITARY	1 = Army 2 = Navy 3 = Air Force 4 = Marine Corps 5 = Coast Guard . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies the branch of the military in which the offender served.
CASETYPE	USSCFY19	1 = Felony 2 = Misdemeanor A 3 = Misdemeanor B/C (Should not exist0 . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies the type of case.
CMBTINJ	MILITARY	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies whether the offender sustained an injury in combat.
CMBTOP	MILITARY	0 = Did not serve in combat 1 = Vietnam 2 = Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm (Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq) 3 = Afghanistan 4 = Iraq 7777 = Other . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies where the offender served in combat.

NAME	ORIGIN	CODES	DESCRIPTION
CMBTPTSD	MILITARY	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies whether the offender suffered from Post-traumatic stress due to combat service. . Self-reports (i.e., not formally diagnosed) cases are included. See also PTSD below.
DIFF	MILITARY	Range: 0 Thru 63	Identifies the time in months between offender's discharge from the military and the sentencing for the instant offense.
DIFF_GROUP	MILITARY	0 = Less Than 5 Years 1 = 5 Years to Less than 10 Years 2 = 10 Years to Less than 15 Years 3 = 15 Years to Less than 20 Years 4 = 20 Years or More	Identifies the time between discharge from the military and the sentencing for the instant offense by group.
DISTYPE	MILITARY	0 = None/Presently Serving 1 = Honorable 2 = General (Under Honorable) 3 = Other Than Honorable 4 = Bad Conduct 5 = Dishonorable 6 = Entry Level 7 = Retired . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies the type of discharge from military.
EMPLOYED_AT_ARREST	OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS FY19	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Indicates whether the offender was employed at the time of their arrest.
EMPLOYED_ON_SENTENCING	OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS FY19	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Indicates whether the offender was employed on the date of sentencing for the instant offense.
EVIDENCE_ALCOHOL_ABUSE	OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS FY19	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Indicates whether the offender ever abused alcohol.

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EVIDENCE_MENTAL_HEALTH	OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS FY19	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Indicates whether the offender had a history of mental illness.
EVIDENCE_SUBS_ABUSE	OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS FY19	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Indicates whether the offender ever used illegal drugs or misused prescription drugs.
FORN	MILITARY	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies whether the offender served in a foreign military (for offenders with military service other than in the United States Armed Forces).
MONSEX	USSCFY19	0 = Male 1 = Female . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Gender of the offender.
NEWCIT	USSCFY19	0 = U.S. 1 = Non-U.S. (Includes Legal and Illegal Aliens) . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Citizenship of the offender.
NEWRACE	USSCFY19	1 = White 2 = Black 3 = Hispanic 6 = Other . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Race of the offender.
OFFGUIDE	USSCFY19	(See Code Attachment)	Primary type of crime for the instant offense.

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PTSD	MILITARY	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies whether the offender suffered from Post-traumatic Stress due to military service. Self-reports (i.e., not formally diagnosed) cases are included.
RANK_GROUP	MILITARY	0 = Enlisted 1 = Officer . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies the group (officer or enlisted) of the highest rank achieved in the military.
RANK_NUMERIC	MILITARY	(See Code Attachment)	Identifies the highest rank achieved in the military.
RC	MILITARY	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies whether the offender served in a Reserve Component of the military. Service in a National Guard is considered service in a Reserve Component.
SENSPCAP	USSCFY19	Range: 0 thru 469.99 0 = Probation 470 = Life · = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	The total prison sentence, in months, plus alternatives. Sentences of probation are included as zero **months.** Sentences greater than 470 are capped at 469.99. Missing terms are set to " ·". This field includes sentences of time imposed, time served, and §5G1.3 credit.
SENTIMP	USSCFY19	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 the type of sentence imposed (prison, probation, probation plus alternatives, or prison/split sentence).

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SENTL	MILITARY	0 = Less Than 12 Months 1 = 12 Months to Less than 5 Years 2 = 5 Years to Less than 10 Years 3 = 10 Years to Less than 20 Years 4 = 20 Years or Longer . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Sentence length, by group.

SENTRNGE	USSCFY19	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-*Booker* reporting categories based on relationship between the sentence imposed and the guideline range and the reason(s) given for sentences outside of the range.

SENTYR	USSCFY19	Range: Applicable Fiscal Year	Sentencing year.
SEPYR	MILITARY	Range: Calendar Year · = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Year of separation from the military.
SERVLNG	MILITARY	Range: 1 thru 40 · = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Number of years of of military service.
SERVLNG_GROUP	MILITARY	0 = Less Than 5 Years 1 = 5 Years to Less Than 10 Years 2 = 10 Years to Less Than 20 Years 3 = 20 Years or Longer · = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Length of military service, by group.

NAME	ORIGIN	CODES	DESCRIPTION
SORREF	MILITARY	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Indicates whether the court referenced the offender's military service on the Statement of Reasons.
SUBS_ABUSE_12_MON_PRIOR	OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS FY19	0 = No 1 = Yes . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Indicates whether the offender used illegal drugs or misused prescription drugs in the 12 months prior to arrest.
VIOLENT	USSCFY19	0 = No Violent Guideline 1 = Violent Guideline . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Identifies whether the guideline that applied to the instant offense involved violence.
XCRHISSR	USSCFY19	Range: 1 thru 6 . = Missing, Indeterminable, or Inapplicable	Final criminal history category (I-VI), as determined by the court.

OFFGUIDE

1 = Administration of Justice
2 = Antitrust
3 = Arson
4 = Assault
5 = Bribery/Corruption
6 = Burglary/Trespass
7 = Child Pornography
8 = Commercialized Vice
9 = Drug Possession
10 = Drug Trafficking
11 = Environmental
12 = Extortion/Racketeering
13 = Firearms
14 = Food and Drug
15 = Forgery/Counter/Copyright
16 = Fraud/Theft/Embezzlement
17 = Immigration
18 = Individual Rights
19 = Kidnapping
20 = Manslaughter
21 = Money Launder
22 = Murder
23 = National Defense
24 = Obscenity/Other Sex Offenses
25 = Prison Offenses
26 = Robbery
27 = Sex Abuse
28 = Stalking/Harassing
29 = Tax
30 = Other
  . = Missing

RANK_NUMERIC

1 = E-1
2 = E-2
3 = E-3
4 = E-4
5 = E-5
6 = E-6
7 = E-7
8 = E-8
9 = E-9
10 = WO1
11 = CW2
12 = CW3
13 = CW4
14 = CW5
15 = O-1
16 = O-2
17 = O-3
18 = O-4
19 = O-5
20 = O-6
77 = Other
99 = Unknown/Missing