

***UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION***

**VARIABLE CODEBOOK FOR  
MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTIES FOR SEX OFFENSES  
IN THE FEDERAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM:  
SEXUAL ABUSE OFFENSES**



## Introduction

This codebook is for the U.S. Sentencing Commission's analysis datafile used for the publication *Mandatory Minimum Penalties for Sex Offenses in the Federal Criminal Justice System*. The analysis datafile is a subset of the Commission's individual offender datafiles, comprised of the 1,148 sexual abuse offenders from the Commission's 2016 datafile. The analysis datafile only includes variables created for the analyses in the publication. The remaining data used in the analysis may be found in the Commission's fiscal year 2016 public data file which may be downloaded (at no cost) from the Commission's website at [www.ussc.gov](http://www.ussc.gov).

Analysis variables from the Commission's individual offender datafiles are identified as "USSCFY Datafiles" 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 1999-2018* at [www.ussc.gov](http://www.ussc.gov).

VARIABLE NAME	ORIGIN	CODES	DESCRIPTION
MANDATORY	Sex Abuse Datafile	0 = No, not convicted of a statute carrying a mandatory minimum penalty 1 =Yes, convicted of a statute carrying a mandatory minimum penalty	Indicator of whether defendant was convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.
MANDATORY2	Sex Abuse Datafile	0 =No mandatory minimum penalty applied at sentencing 1 = Yes, subject to mandatory minimum penalty at sentencing	Indicator of whether defendant was subject to a mandatory minimum penalty at sentencing.
NEWRACE2	Sex Abuse Datafile	1 =White 2 =Black 3 =Hispanic 4 =Native American 6 =Other	Race of defendant (Recode of MONRACE and HISPORIG and NEWRACE for the <i>Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics</i> publication) expanded to include a separate code for Native American offenders. For more information on these variables, see the Commission's <i>Variable Codebook for Individual Offenders</i> .
USSCIDN	USSC Datafile	Range: 6 Numbers	Unique sequential identification number given to cases upon receipt at USSC. For more information on this variable, see the Commission's <i>Variable Codebook for Individual Offenders</i> .