



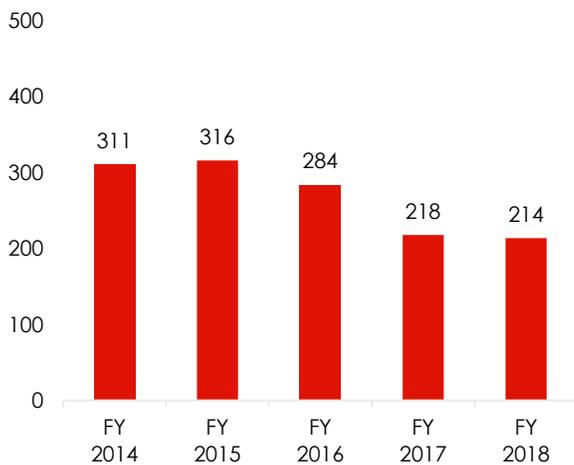
Quick Facts

— Bribery Offenses —

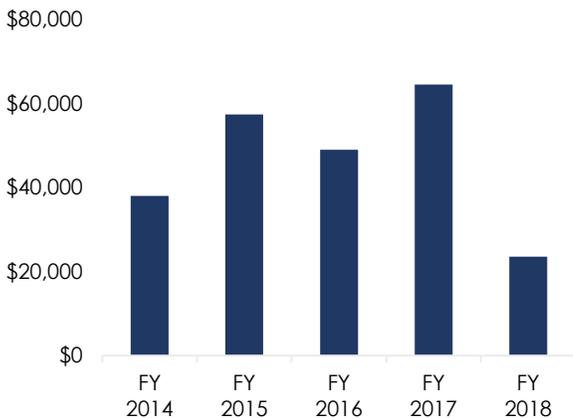
Fiscal Year 2018

- ▶ IN FY 2018, 69,425 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
- ▶ 214 OF THESE INVOLVED BRIBERY.^{1,2}
- ▶ BRIBERY OFFENSES HAVE DECREASED BY 31.2% SINCE FY 2014.

Number of Bribery Offenders



Median Loss for Bribery Offenses



Offender and Offense Characteristics

- 87.1% of bribery offenders were men.
- 35.2% were White, 35.2% were Black, 20.0% were Hispanic, and 9.5% were Other races.
- Their average age was 48 years.
- 95.7% were United States citizens.
- 87.1% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).
- The median loss for these offenses was \$23,500.
 - ◆ 46.5% involved loss amounts of \$15,000 or less.³
 - ◆ 26.4% involved loss amounts greater than \$150,000.
- Sentences were increased for:
 - ◆ involving multiple bribes (72.9%);
 - ◆ involving a high-level elected official (50.5%);
 - ◆ the offender was a public official and facilitated entry into the United States, or the obtainment of immigration or identification documents (1.9%);
 - ◆ leadership or supervisory role in the offense (8.1%);
 - ◆ obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (7.1%).
- Sentences were decreased for:
 - ◆ minor or minimal participation in the offense (4.3%).
- The top six districts for bribery offenders were:
 - ◆ Eastern District of Michigan (17);
 - ◆ Southern District of Texas (16);
 - ◆ District of Maryland (13);
 - ◆ Southern District of Florida (12);
 - ◆ Northern District of Georgia (11);
 - ◆ Eastern District of New York (11).

Punishment

- The average sentence for bribery offenders was 27 months.
- 83.8% were sentenced to prison.
- 1.0% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; none were relieved of the penalty.

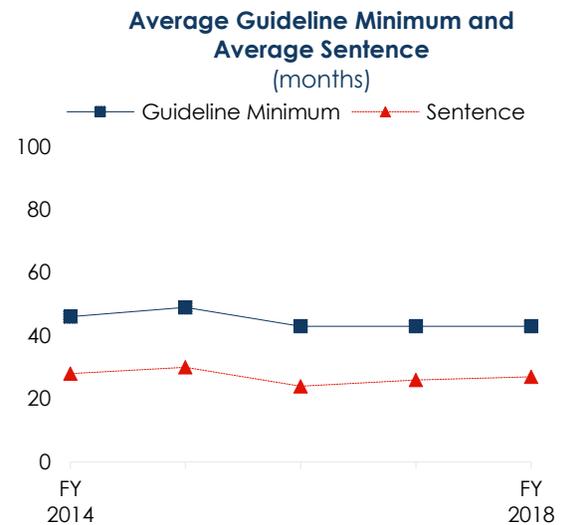
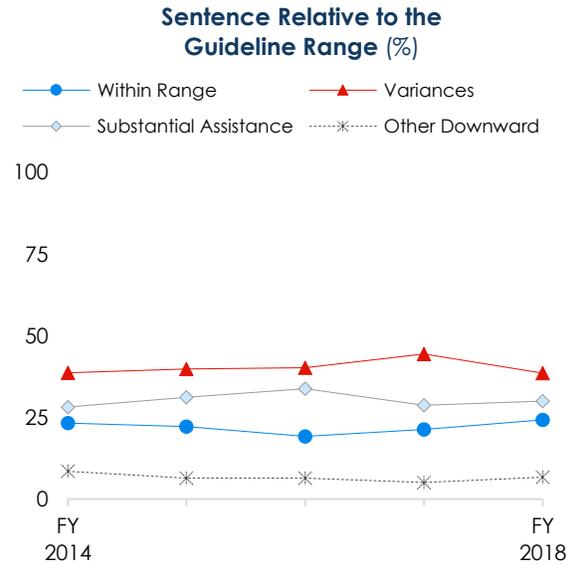


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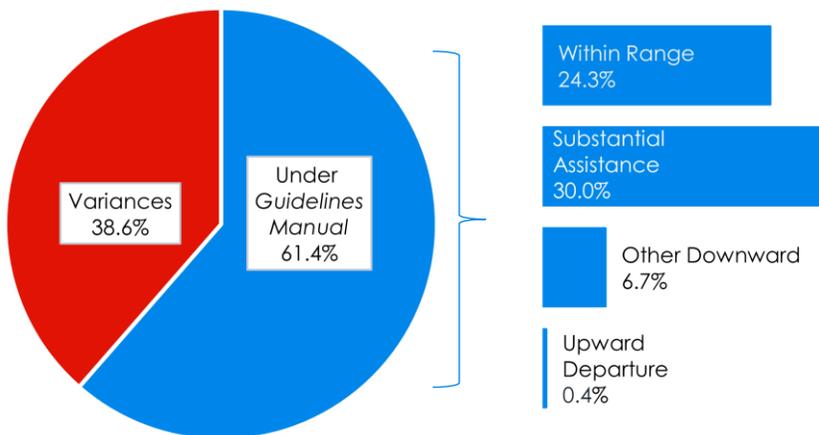
— Bribery Offenses —

Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- Of the 61.4% of bribery offenders sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*:
 - ◆ 39.5% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - ◆ 48.8% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 62.9%.
 - ◆ 10.9% received some other downward departure.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 51.1%.
- 38.6% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - ◆ 96.3% received a downward variance.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 49.8%.
 - ◆ 3.7% received an upward variance.
 - ◇ Their average sentence increase was 35.7%.
- The average guideline minimum has decreased while the average sentence imposed has remained relatively steady over the past five years.
 - ◆ The average guideline minimum decreased from 46 months in fiscal year 2014 to 43 months in fiscal year 2018.
 - ◆ The average sentence imposed decreased from 28 months in fiscal year 2014 to 27 months in fiscal year 2018.



Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2018



¹ Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.

² Bribery offenses include cases in which the offender was sentenced under §2C1.1 or §2C1.2 (Offering, Giving, or Receiving a Bribe; Extortion Under Color of Official Right; Fraud Involving the Deprivation of the Intangible Right to Honest Services of Public Officials; Conspiracy to Defraud by Interference with Governmental Functions or Offering, Giving, Soliciting, or Receiving a Gratuity).

³ The Loss Table was amended effective November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2015.