



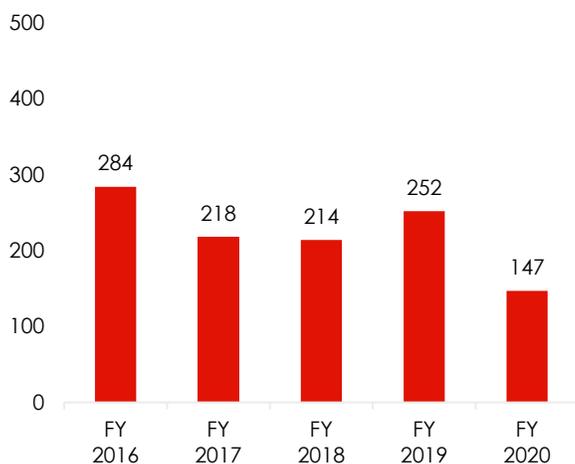
Quick Facts

— Bribery Offenses —

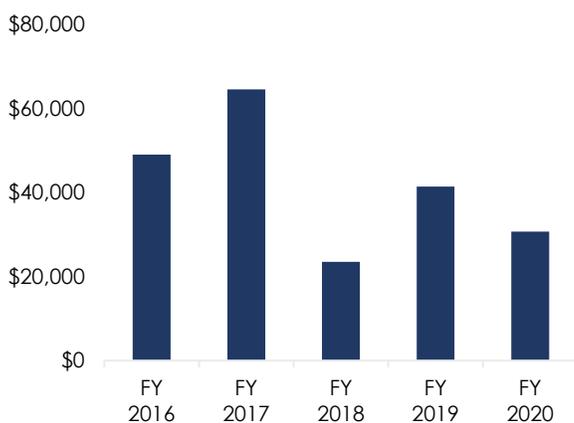
Fiscal Year 2020

- ▶ In FY 2020, 64,565 cases were reported to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.
- ▶ 147 involved bribery.¹
- ▶ Bribery offenses have decreased by 48.2% since FY 2016.

Number of Bribery Offenders



Median Loss for Bribery Offenses



Offender and Offense Characteristics²

- 85.5% of bribery offenders were men.
- 39.6% were Black, 34.7% were White, 18.1% were Hispanic, and 7.6% were Other races.
- Their average age was 50 years.
- 89.7% were United States citizens.
- 85.5% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).
- The median loss for these offenses was \$30,690;³
 - ◆ 40.8% involved loss amounts of \$15,000 or less;
 - ◆ 15.3% involved loss amounts of greater than \$1.5 million.
- Sentences were increased for:
 - ◆ being a public official (47.6%);
 - ◆ involving multiple bribes (75.2%);
 - ◆ involving a high-level elected official (33.8%);
 - ◆ a leadership or supervisory role in the offense (4.8%);
 - ◆ abusing a public position of trust or using a special skill (2.1%);
 - ◆ obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (7.6%).
- Sentences were decreased for:
 - ◆ minor or minimal participation in the offense (8.3%).
- The top five districts for bribery offenders were:
 - ◆ Southern District of Florida (12);
 - ◆ District of New Jersey (9);
 - ◆ Northern District of Illinois (8);
 - ◆ Southern District of New York (8);
 - ◆ District of South Carolina (8).

Punishment

- The average sentence for all bribery offenders was 15 months.
- 64.8% were sentenced to prison.
- 2.8% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; none were relieved of the penalty.

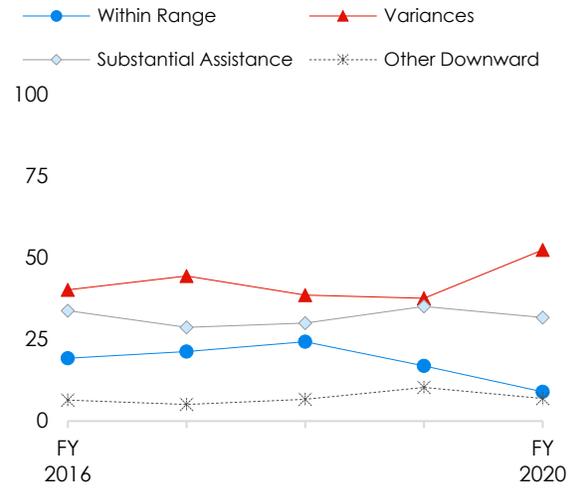


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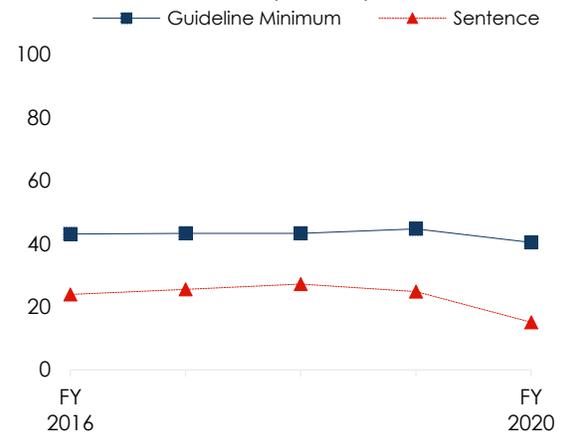
Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- Of the 47.6% of bribery offenders sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*:
 - ◆ 18.8% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - ◆ 66.7% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 76.6%.
 - ◆ 14.5% received some other downward departure.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 59.8%.
- 52.4% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - ◆ 100% received a downward variance.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 69.3%.
- The average guideline minimum remained steady and the average sentence imposed fluctuated over the past five years.
 - ◆ The average guideline minimum decreased from 43 months in fiscal year 2016 to 40 months in fiscal year 2020.
 - ◆ The average sentence imposed increased and decreased throughout the fiscal years. The average sentence was 24 months in fiscal year 2016 and 15 months in fiscal year 2020.

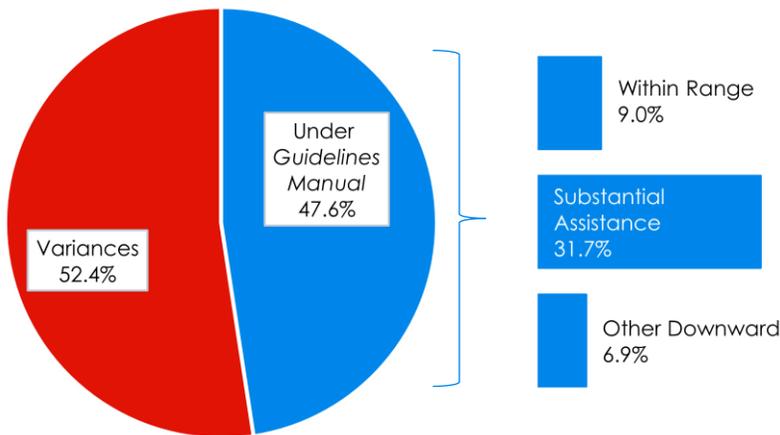
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range (%)



Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2020



¹ 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).

² Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.

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