



# QuickFacts

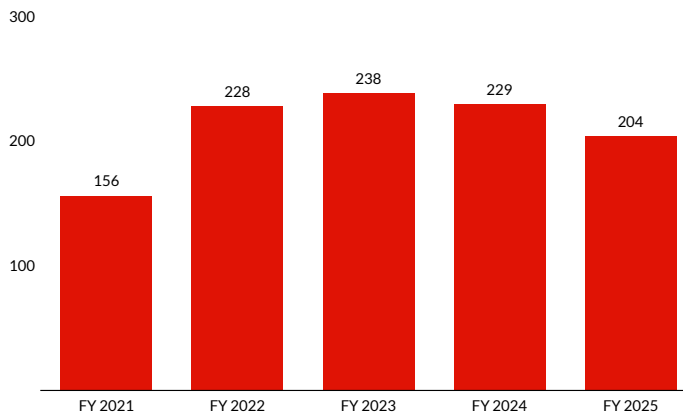
## Bribery Offenses

### Population Snapshot

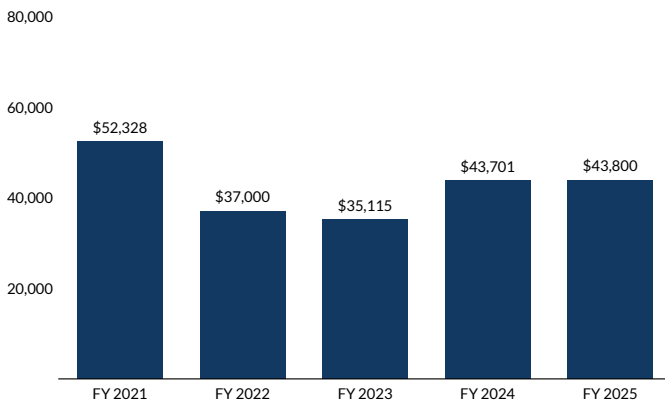
66,662 cases were reported in FY25;  
204 involved bribery.<sup>1</sup>

Bribery offenses have  
increased 31%  
since FY2021.

### Number of Bribery Offenses



### Median Loss Amounts for Bribery Offenses<sup>2</sup>



### Individual and Offense Characteristics

75% of individuals sentenced for bribery offenses were men.

34% were Black, 30% were Hispanic, 29% were White, and 8% were Other races.

Their average age was 49 years.

95% were United States citizens.

91% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).

75% received the adjustment at USSG §4C1.1 for zero criminal history points.

The median loss for these offenses was \$43,800;<sup>3</sup>

- 32% involved loss amounts of \$15,000 or less;
- 5% involved loss amounts greater than \$1.5 million.

Sentences were increased for:

- being a public official (61%);
- involving multiple bribes (83%);
- involving a high-level elected official (39%);
- a leadership or supervisory role in the offense (9%);
- abusing a public position of trust or using a special skill (1%);
- obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (7%).

Sentences were decreased for:

- minor or minimal participation in the offense (3%).

The top five districts for individuals sentenced for bribery offenses were:

- Southern District of New York (63);
- Northern District of Illinois (17);
- Central District of California (12);
- Southern District of Texas (8);
- District of Columbia (7).

### Punishment

The average sentence for individuals sentenced for bribery offenses was 21 months.

72% were sentenced to prison.

1% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; 67% of those individuals were relieved of that penalty.



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### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

47% of sentences for bribery offenses were under the Guidelines Manual.

- 20% were within the guideline range.
- 21% were substantial assistance departures.
  - The average sentence reduction was 77%.
- 1% were Early Disposition Program (EDP) Departures.<sup>4,5</sup>
- 5% were some other downward departure.
  - The average sentence reduction was 85%.

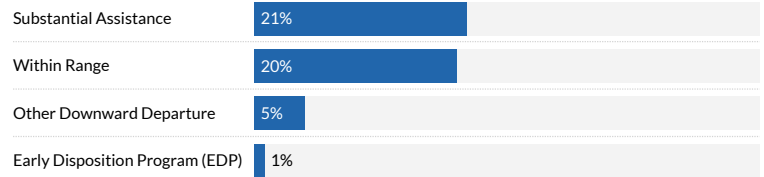
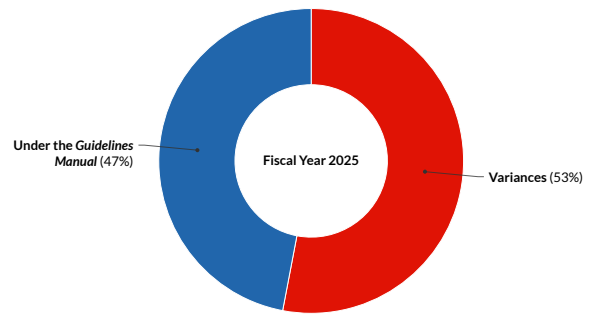
53% of sentences for bribery were variances.

- 52% were downward variances.
  - The average sentence reduction was 58%.
- 1% were upward variances.

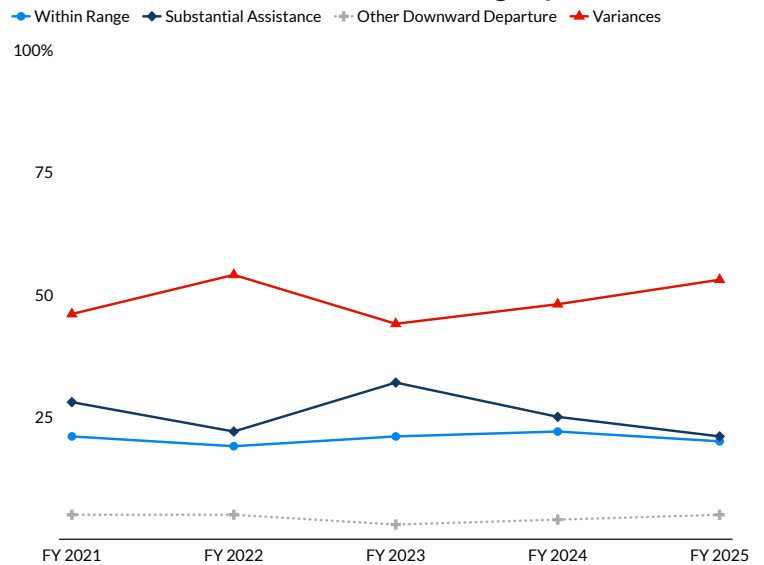
The average guideline minimum has fluctuated and average sentence imposed remained steady over the past five years.

- The average guideline minimum increased and decreased throughout the fiscal years. The average guideline minimum was 43 months in fiscal year 2021 and 42 months in fiscal year 2025.
- The average sentence imposed remained steady throughout the fiscal years. The average sentence imposed was 23 months in fiscal year 2021 and 21 months in fiscal year 2025.

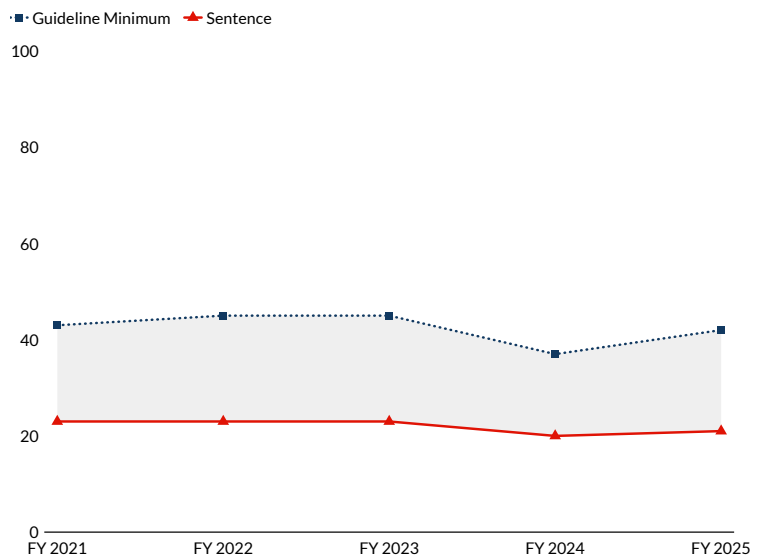
### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range



### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range by Fiscal Year



### Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



<sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>2</sup> Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.

<sup>3</sup> The Loss Table was amended effective November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2015.

<sup>4</sup> "Early Disposition Program" (or EDP) departures are departures where the government sought a sentence below the guideline range because the defendant participated in the government's Early Disposition Program, through which cases are resolved in an expedited manner. See USSG §5K3.1.

<sup>5</sup> The Commission does not report the average for categories with fewer than three cases.