**Fiscal Year 2019**

- In FY 2019, 76,538 cases were reported to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.
- 1,368 involved child pornography.¹
- Child pornography offenses have decreased 12.2% since FY 2015.

### Number of Child Pornography Offenders

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### Length of Mandatory Minimum Penalties for Child Pornography Offenders

- **FY 2019**
  - None: 34.2%
  - Five Years: 51.2%
  - Ten Years: 8.8%
  - Fifteen Years: 5.8%

**Offender and Offense Characteristics²**

- 46.3% of child pornography offenders were sentenced for trafficking child pornography; 42.7% were sentenced for possessing child pornography; and 11.1% were sentenced for receiving child pornography.
- 99.4% of child pornography offenders were men.
- 80.3% were White, 11.9% were Hispanic, 4.3% were Black, and 3.5% were Other races.
- Their average age was 42 years.
- 96.3% were United States citizens.
- 75.9% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).
  - 8.8% were CHC II;
  - 10.0% were CHC III;
  - 3.0% were CHC IV;
  - 1.5% were CHC V;
  - 0.9% were CHC VI.
- The top five districts for child pornography offenders were:
  - Eastern District of Virginia (50);
  - Middle District of Florida (46);
  - Western District of Missouri (45);
  - Southern District of Florida (44);
  - Eastern District of Missouri (40).

**Punishment**

- The average sentence of child pornography offenders was 101 months; 99.0% were sentenced to prison.
- The average sentence for offenders convicted of trafficking in child pornography was 133 months:³
  - 89.0% of these offenders were convicted of an offense carrying a five-year mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 120 months.
  - 11.0% had a prior sexual abuse or child pornography conviction and were subject to a 15-year mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 233 months.
- The average sentence for offenders convicted of receiving child pornography was 96 months:
  - 90.5% of offenders sentenced for receiving child pornography were convicted of an offense carrying a five-year mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 87 months.
  - 9.5% had a prior sexual abuse or child pornography conviction and were subject to a 15-year mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 185 months.

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Punishment (continued)

- The average sentence for offenders convicted of possessing child pornography was 68 months:
  - 80.1% of offenders were convicted of an offense not carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 53 months.
  - 19.9% had a prior sexual abuse or child pornography conviction and were subject to a 10-year mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 129 months.

Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- 39.5% of child pornography offenders were sentenced under the Guidelines Manual:
  - 29.8% of all child pornography offenders were sentenced within the guideline range.
  - 6.7% of all child pornography offenders received some other downward departure.
    - Their average sentence reduction was 47.5%.
  - 2.2% of all child pornography offenders received a substantial assistance departure.
    - Their average sentence reduction was 42.3%.

- 60.5% of all child pornography offenders received a variance:
  - 59.1% of all child pornography offenders received a below range variance.
    - Their average sentence reduction was 40.6%.
  - 1.4% of all child pornography offenders received an above range variance.
    - Their average sentence increase was 37.2%.

1. Child pornography offenders are those convicted of Trafficking in Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor; Receiving, Transporting, Shipping, or Advertising Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor; Possessing Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor with Intent to Traffic; Possessing Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (§2G2.2). It does not include cases where offenders are convicted of Production of Child Pornography (§2G2.1).

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

3. Offenders convicted of Trafficking in Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor and Receiving, Transporting, Shipping, or Advertising Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor are subject to a five-year mandatory minimum penalty, or 15 years with a prior conviction for sexual abuse or child pornography.

4. Offenders convicted of Possessing Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (§2G2.2) are subject to 10-year mandatory minimum penalty with a prior conviction for sexual abuse or child pornography.