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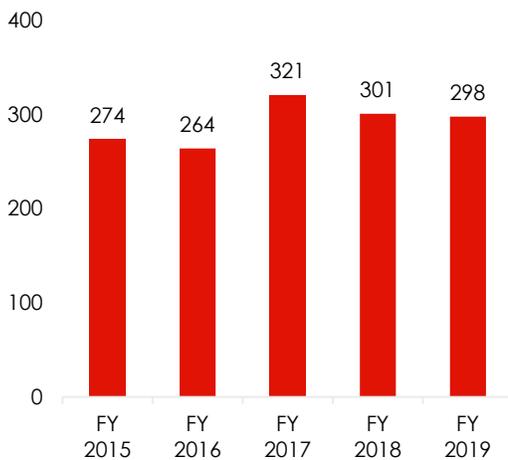
— Escape Offenses —

▶ IN FY 2019, 76,538 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.

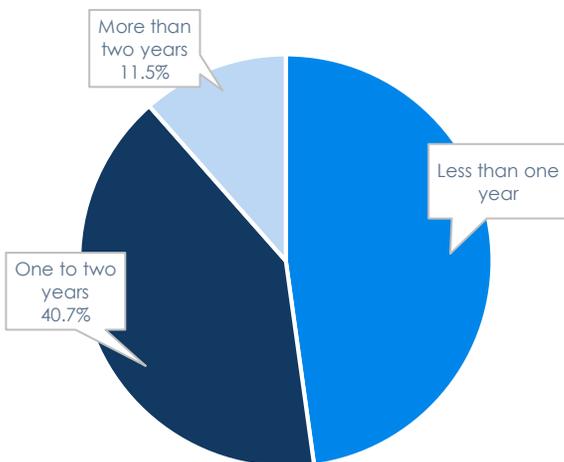
▶ 298 INVOLVED ESCAPE.^{1,2}

▶ ESCAPE OFFENSES HAVE INCREASED 8.8% SINCE FY 2015.

Number of Escape Offenders



Length of Sentence Imposed for Escape Offenders



Offender and Offense Characteristics

- 90.2% of escape offenders were men.
- 35.6% were Black, 27.7% were Hispanic, 27.4% were White, and 9.3% were Other races.
- Their average age was 36 years.
- 98.6% were United States citizens.
- 1.4% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).
 - ◆ 1.4% were CHC II;
 - ◆ 22.0% were CHC III;
 - ◆ 18.6% were CHC IV;
 - ◆ 21.0% were CHC V;
 - ◆ 35.6% were CHC VI.
- The top five districts for escape offenders were:
 - ◆ District of Columbia (39);
 - ◆ Western District of Texas (21);
 - ◆ District of Arizona (20);
 - ◆ Southern District of Texas (16); and
 - ◆ Southern District of California (10)
- 1.0% of cases involved the use or threat of force against any person.
- 63.1% of cases involved an offender escaping from the non-secure custody of a community corrections center, community treatment center, "halfway house," or other similar facility.
- 10.5% of cases involved an offender escaping from non-secure custody and returning voluntarily within 96 hours.
- 0.7% of escape offenders recklessly endangered another person during flight from law enforcement.
- None of the escape offenders were a law enforcement or correctional officer or employee, or an employee of the Department of Justice, who aided or abetted the offense.

Punishment

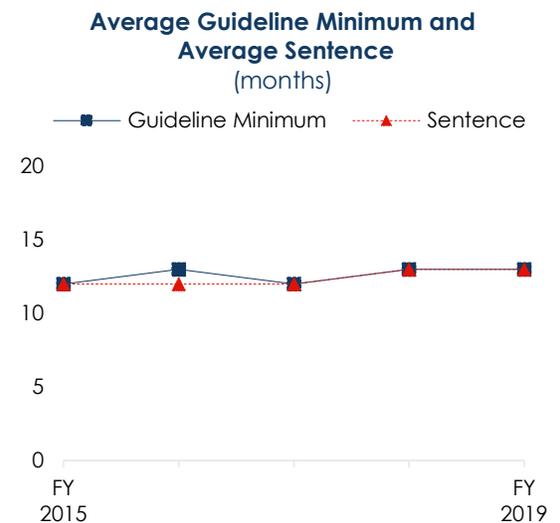
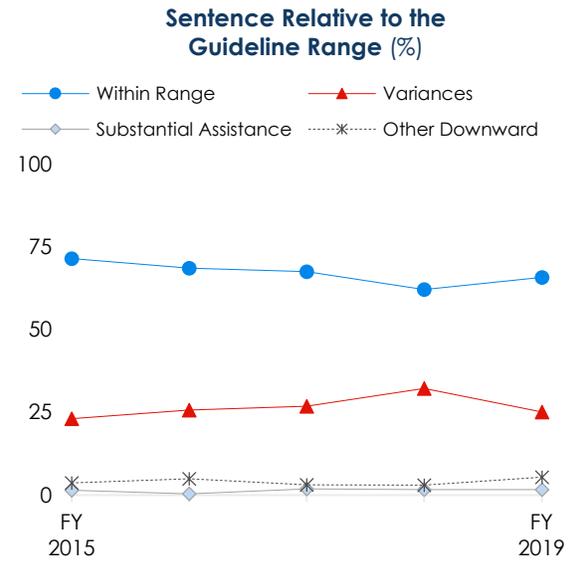
- The average sentence of escape offenders was 13 months.
- 99.3% were sentenced to prison.



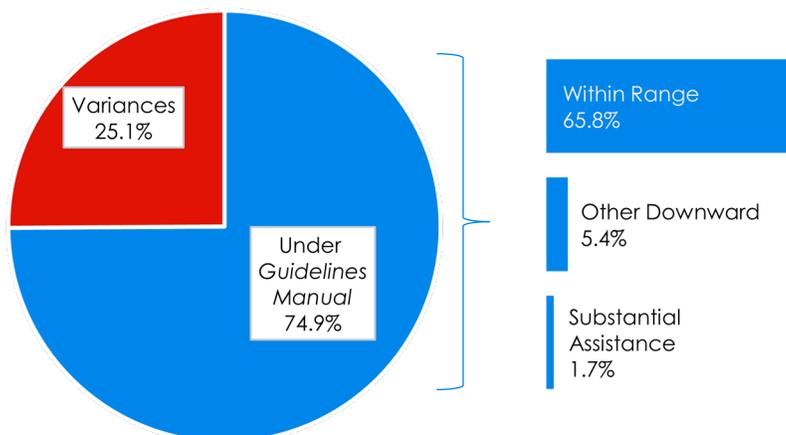
— **Escape Offenses** —

Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- 74.9% of escape offenders were sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*; of those offenders:
 - ◆ 87.8% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - ◆ 2.3% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 35.2%.
 - ◆ 7.2% received some other downward departure.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 59.3%.
- 25.1% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - ◆ 89.2% received a below range variance.
 - ◇ The average sentence reduction was 53.3%.
 - ◆ 10.8% received an above range variance.
 - ◇ The average sentence increase was 75.1%.
- The average guideline minimum and sentence imposed has remained relatively steady over the past five years.
 - ◆ The average guideline minimum was 12 months in fiscal year 2015 and 13 months in fiscal year 2019.
 - ◆ The average sentence imposed was 12 months in fiscal year 2015 and 13 months in fiscal year 2019.



Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2019



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

2 Escape offenses include cases with complete guideline application information in which the offender was sentenced under §2P1.1 (Escape, Instigating, or Assisting Escape). This offense includes failing to report to custody to serve an incarceration sentence and failing to return to custody after being released temporarily, such as for unsupervised work release.