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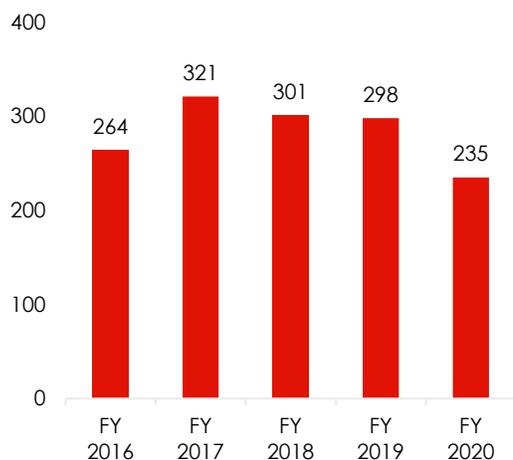
— Escape Offenses —

▶ IN FY 2020, 64,565 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.

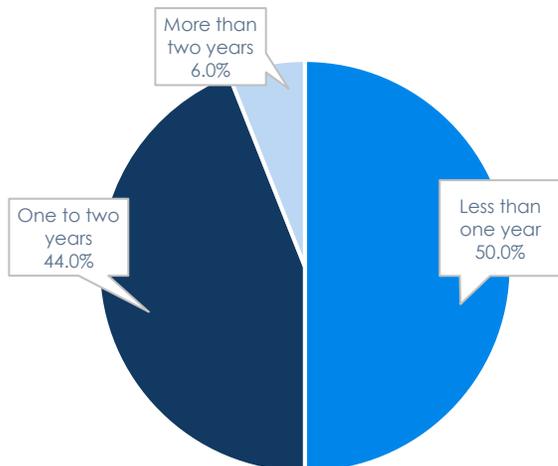
▶ 235 INVOLVED ESCAPE.¹

▶ ESCAPE OFFENSES HAVE DECREASED BY 11.0% SINCE FY 2016.

Number of Escape Offenders



Length of Sentence Imposed for Escape Offenders



Offender and Offense Characteristics²

- 92.7% of escape offenders were men.
- 31.2% were Black, 30.8% were Hispanic, 26.5% were White, and 11.5% were Other races.
- Their average age was 36 years.
- 97.9% were United States citizens.
- 2.6% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I);
 - ◆ 0.8% were CHC II;
 - ◆ 16.7% were CHC III;
 - ◆ 23.1% were CHC IV;
 - ◆ 22.6% were CHC V;
 - ◆ 34.2% were CHC VI.
- The top six districts for escape offenders were:
 - ◆ Western District of Texas (19);
 - ◆ District of Arizona (16);
 - ◆ Southern District of Texas (16);
 - ◆ District of Columbia (13);
 - ◆ Eastern District of Missouri (10);
 - ◆ Eastern District of Texas (10).
- 0.4% of cases involved the use or threat of force against any person.
- 68.8% 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.
- 8.5% of cases involved an offender escaping from non-secure custody and returning voluntarily within 96 hours.
- None of the 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

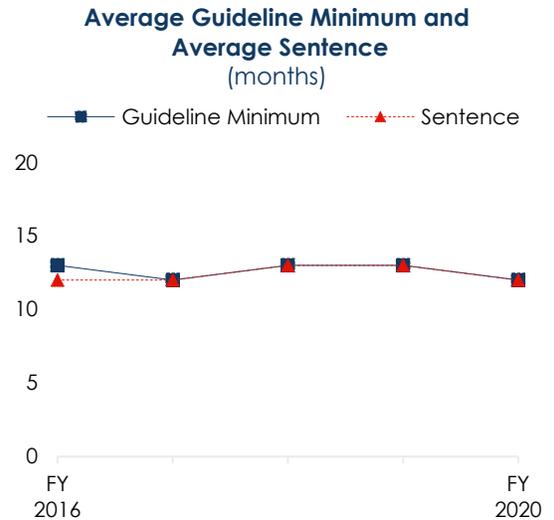
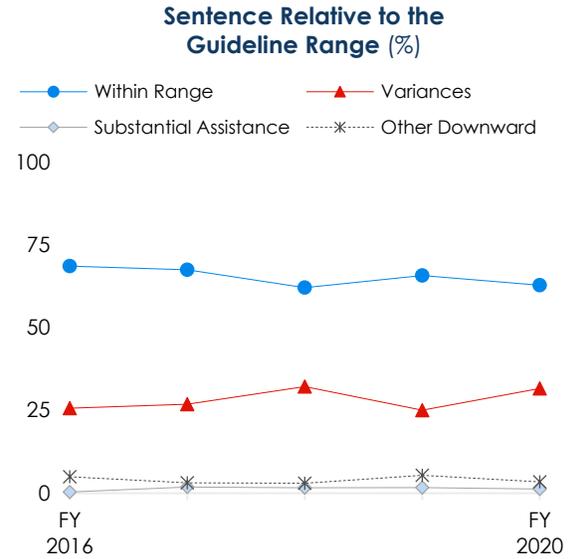
- The average sentence of escape offenders was 12 months.
- 99.2% were sentenced to prison.



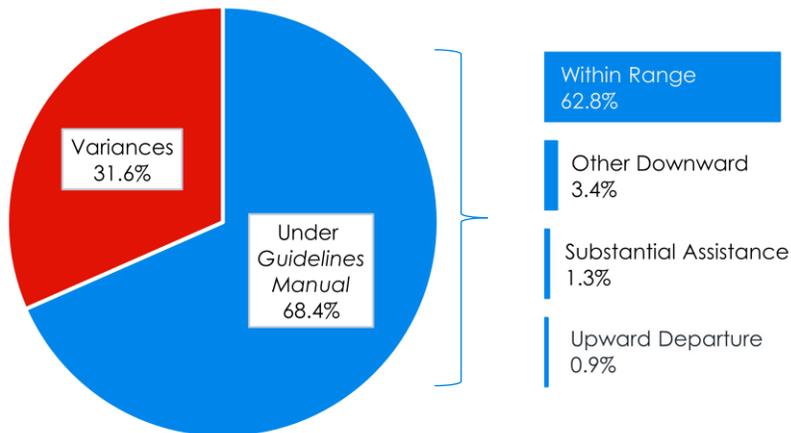
— **Escape Offenses** —

Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- 68.4% of escape offenders were sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*; of those offenders:
 - ◆ 91.9% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - ◆ 1.9% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 64.3%.
 - ◆ 5.0% received some other downward departure.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 45.5%.
- 31.6% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - ◆ 97.3% received a downward variance.
 - ◇ The average sentence reduction was 46.9%.
 - ◆ 2.7% received an upward variance.
- The average guideline minimum and average sentence imposed remained steady over the past five years.
 - ◆ The average guideline minimum decreased from 13 months in fiscal year 2016 to 12 months in fiscal year 2020.
 - ◆ The average sentence imposed was 12 months in fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2020.



Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2020



¹ Escape offenses include cases 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.

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