Quick Facts
— Women in the Federal Offender Population —

Fiscal Year 2018

- In FY 2018, 69,425 cases were reported to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

- 8,997 of these involved female offenders.

- Female offenders accounted for 13.0% of all federal offenders sentenced in FY 2018.

Number of Female Federal Offenders

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Most Common Guidelines for Female Offenders

- 42.7% of female offenders were Hispanic, 32.1% were White, 18.6% were Black, and 6.6% were Other races.
- Among female drug trafficking offenders, 45.0% were Hispanic followed by White (37.6%), Black (12.5%), and Other races (4.9%).
- Among female fraud offenders, 43.8% were White, followed by Black (32.4%), Hispanic (16.3%), and Other races (7.5%).
- Among female immigration offenders, 89.6% were Hispanic followed by White (4.8%), Black (2.5%), and Other races (3.1%).

- Their average age was 37 years.
- 78.7% were United States citizens.
- 68.4% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I):
  - 10.9% were CHC II;
  - 10.7% were CHC III;
  - 4.5% were CHC IV;
  - 2.5% were CHC V;
  - 3.0% were CHC VI.

- 6.5% of female offenders were sentenced for an offense involving weapons, compared to 10.3% of male offenders.

- The top five districts for female offenders were:
  - Western District of Texas (832);
  - Southern District of Texas (651);
  - Southern District of California (585);
  - District of Arizona (474);
  - District of New Mexico (339).

- Districts with the highest proportion of their overall caseload comprising of female offenders were:
  - District of Guam (34.9%);
  - District of Northern Mariana Islands (28.6%);
  - Western District of Virginia (27.6%);
  - District of Hawaii (25.2%);
  - Eastern District of Oklahoma (23.4%).

Punishment

- The average sentence for female offenders was 29 months, compared to 49 months for male offenders.
- 78.6% were sentenced to prison, compared to 93.9% of male offenders.
- 24.2% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty, compared to 24.1% of male offenders.

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Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- Of the 69.5% of female offenders sentenced under the Guidelines Manual:
  - 53.2% were sentenced within the guideline range.
  - 25.8% received a substantial assistance departure. Their average sentence reduction was 60.3%.
  - 13.8% received an Early Disposition Program (EDP) departure. Their average sentence reduction was 54.7%.
  - 6.9% received some other downward departure. Their average sentence reduction was 55.9%.
- 30.5% received a variance; of those offenders:
  - 96.6% received a below range variance. Their average sentence reduction was 56.2%.
  - 3.4% received an above range variance. Their average sentence increase was 86.1%.
- The average guideline minimum and sentence imposed has remained relatively stable over the past five years.
  - The average guideline minimum increased from 43 months in fiscal year 2014 to 46 months in fiscal year 2018.
  - The average sentence imposed increased from 26 months in fiscal year 2014 to 29 months in fiscal year 2018.

Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2018

- Variances 30.5%
- Under Guidelines Manual 69.5%
- Within Range 37.0%
  - Substantial Assistance 18.0%
  - EDP 9.6%
  - Other Downward 4.8%
  - Upward Departure 0.2%