



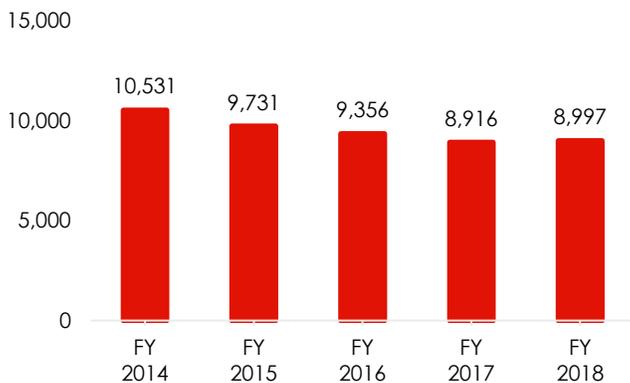
Quick Facts

— Women in the Federal Offender Population —

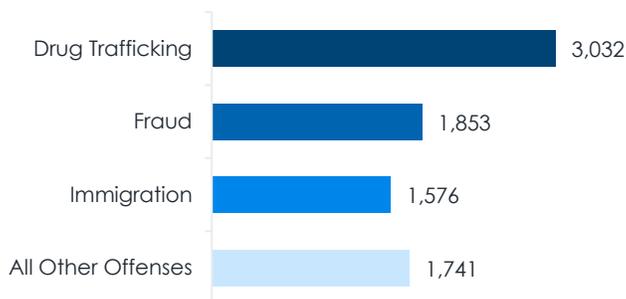
Fiscal Year 2018

- ▶ IN FY 2018, 69,425 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
- ▶ 8,997 OF THESE INVOLVED FEMALE OFFENDERS.¹
- ▶ FEMALE OFFENDERS ACCOUNTED FOR 13.0% OF ALL FEDERAL OFFENDERS SENTENCED IN FY 2018.

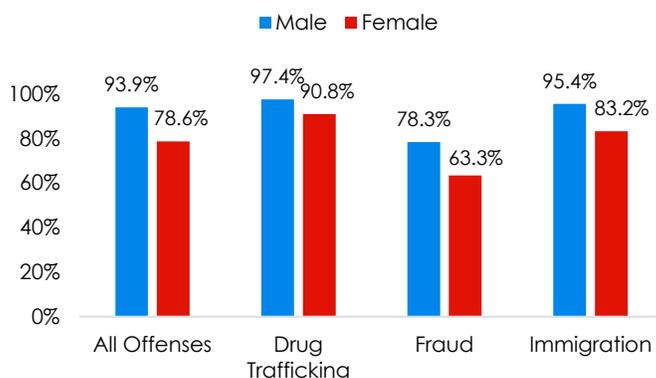
Number of Female Federal Offenders



Most Common Guidelines for Female Offenders



Male and Female Offenders Sentenced to Prison by Guideline



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Offender and Offense Characteristics²

- 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

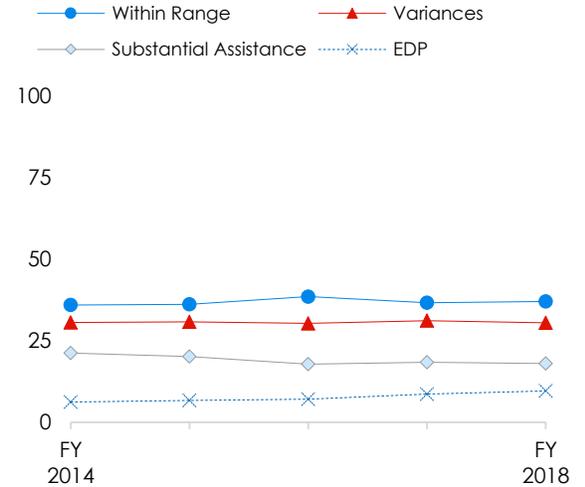
- The average sentence for female offenders was 29 months, compared to 49 months for male offenders.
- 78.6% were sentenced to prison, compared to 93.9% of male offenders.
- 24.2% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty, compared to 24.1% of male offenders.



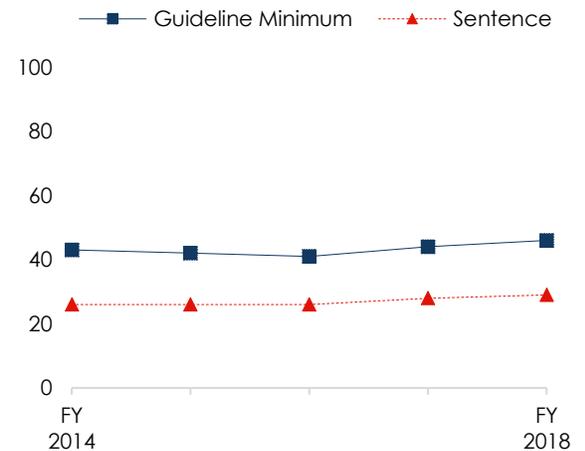
Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- 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.³
 - 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.⁴
 - 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.

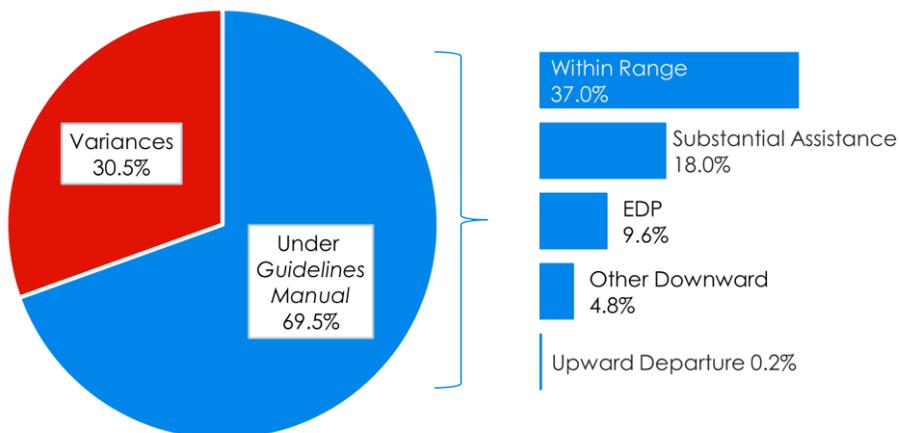
Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range (%)



Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2018



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

² Among male offenders, 55.3% were Hispanic; 55.2% were Citizens; and, their average age was 36 years. Male offenders had more extensive criminal histories (41.5% were Criminal History Category I).

³ "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.

⁴ For male offenders, the average guideline minimum decreased from 65 months in fiscal year 2014 to 60 months in fiscal year 2018. The average sentence imposed decreased from 51 months in fiscal year 2014 to 49 months in fiscal year 2018.