

Quick Facts

— Women in the Federal Offender Population —

Fiscal Year 2022

- ▶ IN FY 2022, 64,142 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
- ▶ 8,662 OF THESE INVOLVED FEMALE OFFENDERS.
- ▶ FEMALE OFFENDERS ACCOUNTED FOR 13.5% OF ALL FEDERAL OFFENDERS SENTENCED IN FY 2022.

Offender and Offense Characteristics

- 41.5% of female offenders were Hispanic, 33.8% were White, 18.2% were Black, and 6.5% were Other races.²
 - ◆ Among **female drug trafficking offenders**, 41.5% were Hispanic, followed by White (39.1%), Black (14.0%), and Other races (5.4%).
 - ◆ Among **female fraud offenders**, 42.8% were White, followed by Black (31.3%), Hispanic (19.8%), and Other races (6.1%).
 - ◆ Among **female immigration offenders**, 83.0% were Hispanic, followed by White (9.0%), Other races (4.1%), and Black (3.9%).
- Their average age was 38 years.
- 86.5% were United States citizens.
- 64.3% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I);
 - ◆ 10.5% were CHC II;
 - ◆ 12.0% were CHC III;
 - ◆ 5.5% were CHC IV;
 - ◆ 3.3% were CHC V;
 - ◆ 4.4% were CHC VI.
- 8.2% of female offenders were sentenced for an offense involving weapons, compared to 13.3% of male offenders.
- The top five districts for female offenders were:
 - ◆ Southern District of Texas (838);
 - ◆ Western District of Texas (816);
 - ◆ Southern District of California (756);
 - ◆ District of Arizona (515);
 - ◆ Northern District of Texas (223).
- The top five districts where female offenders comprised the highest proportion of the overall caseload were:
 - ◆ District of Northern Mariana Islands (37.5%);
 - ◆ District of Guam (30.8%);
 - ◆ Southern District of California (25.1%);
 - ◆ District of North Dakota (25.0%);
 - ◆ Eastern District of Oklahoma (23.0%).

Punishment

- The average sentence for female offenders was 32 months, compared to 56 months for male offenders.
- 80.9% were sentenced to prison, compared to 94.7% of male offenders.
- 29.8% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty, compared to 28.9% of male offenders.

