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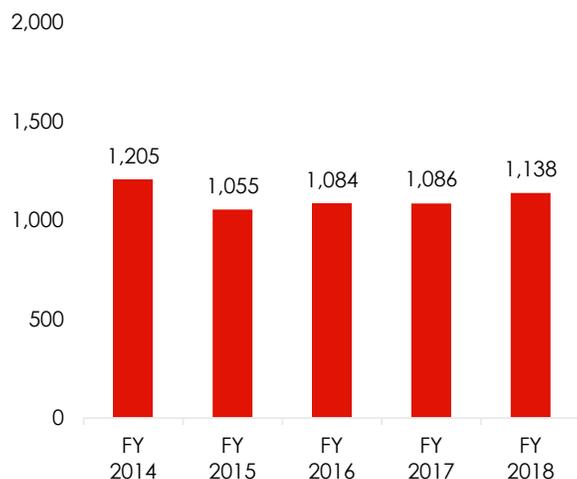


— Money Laundering Offenses —

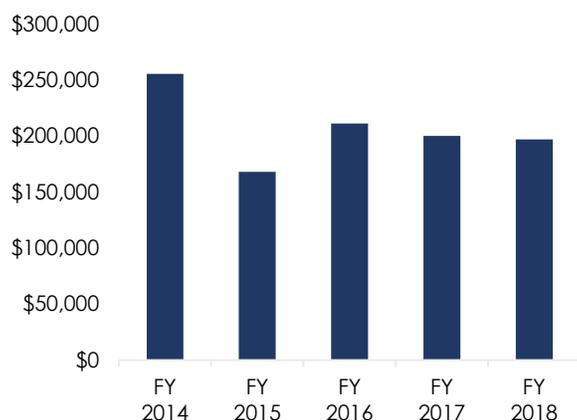
Fiscal Year 2018

- ▶ In FY 2018, 69,425 cases were reported to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.
- ▶ 1,138 of these involved money laundering.¹
- ▶ Money laundering offenses have increased by 7.9% in the past four years.

Number of Money Laundering Offenders²



Median Loss for Money Laundering Offenses



Offender and Offense Characteristics

- 77.2% of money laundering offenders were men.
- 36.3% were Hispanic, 35.7% were White, 19.2% were Black, and 8.8% were Other races.
- Their average age was 42 years.
- 74.9% were United States citizens.
- 70.2% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).
- The median loss for these offenses was \$197,024.
 - ◆ 44.0% involved loss amounts of \$150,000 or less.³
 - ◆ 81.8% involved loss amounts of \$1.5 million or less.
- Sentences were increased for:
 - ◆ knowing the laundered funds were proceeds of an offense involving a controlled substance, violence, weapons, national security, or the sexual exploitation of a minor (19.7%);
 - ◆ sophisticated laundering (10.5%);
 - ◆ a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1957 (engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity) (14.7%);
 - ◆ a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (laundering of monetary instruments) (78.6%);
 - ◆ the defendant was in the business of money laundering with no underlying offense conduct (5.3%);
 - ◆ leadership or supervisory role in the offense (21.1%); and
 - ◆ obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (4.2%).
- Sentences were decreased for:
 - ◆ minor or minimal participation in the offense (13.1%).
- The top six districts for money laundering offenders were:
 - ◆ Southern District of Texas (73);
 - ◆ Southern District of Florida (64);
 - ◆ Northern District of Ohio (61);
 - ◆ District of Arizona (47);
 - ◆ Southern District of New York (47);
 - ◆ Western District of Missouri (33).

Punishment

- The average sentence for money laundering offenders was 65 months.
- 88.9% of money laundering offenders were sentenced to prison.
- 25.5% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; of those, 37.0% were relieved of that penalty.

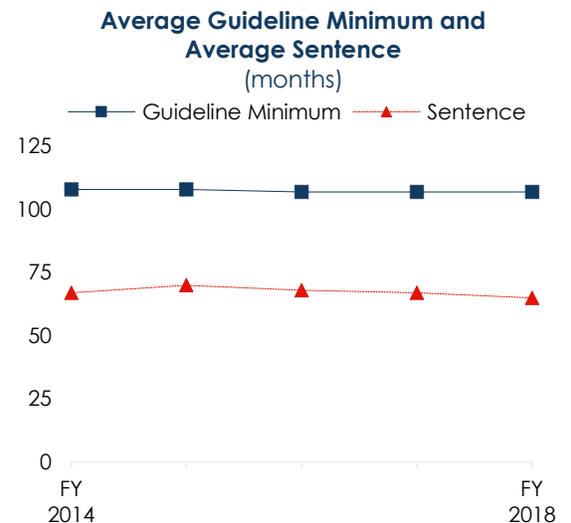
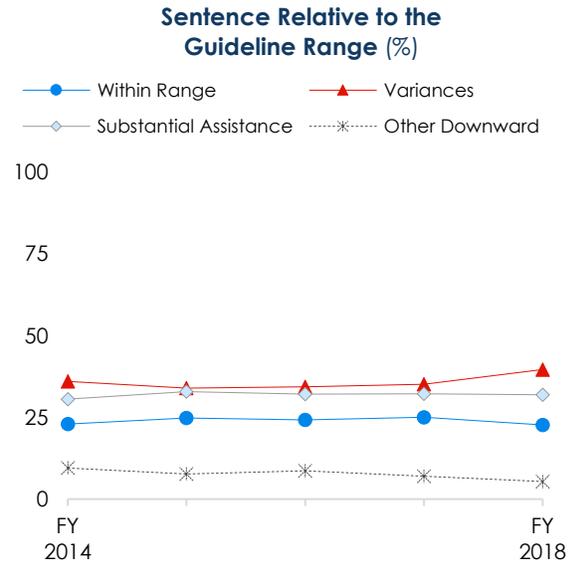


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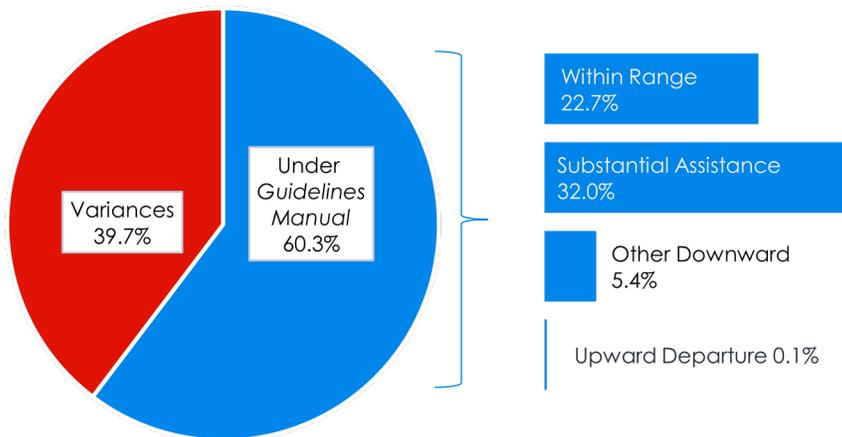
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Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- Of the 60.3% of money laundering offenders sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*:
 - 37.7% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - 53.0% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 58.9%.
 - 8.9% received some other downward departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 62.6%.
- 39.7% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - 98.0% received a downward variance.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 48.3%.
 - 2.0% received an upward variance.
 - Their average sentence increase was 43.5%.
- The average guideline minimum and average sentence imposed has remained relatively steady over the past five years.
 - The average guideline minimum decreased from 108 months in fiscal year 2014 to 107 months in fiscal year 2018.
 - The average sentence imposed decreased from 67 months in fiscal year 2014 to 65 months in fiscal year 2018.



Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2018



¹ Money Laundering offenses include cases in which the offender was sentenced under §2S1.1 (Laundering of Monetary Instruments; Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Unlawful Activity).

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

³ The Loss Table was amended effective November 1, 2001 and November 1, 2015.