



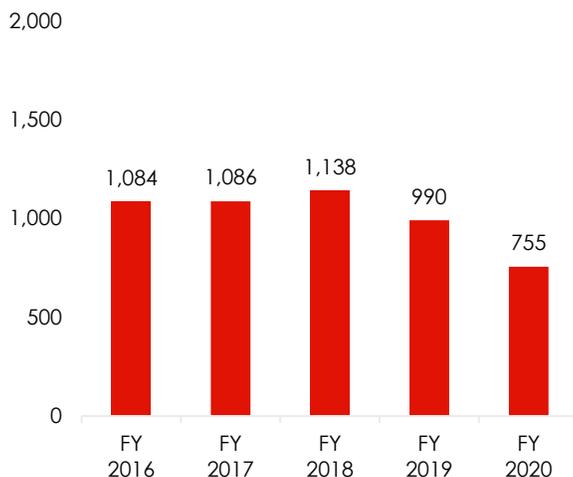
Quick Facts

— Money Laundering Offenses —

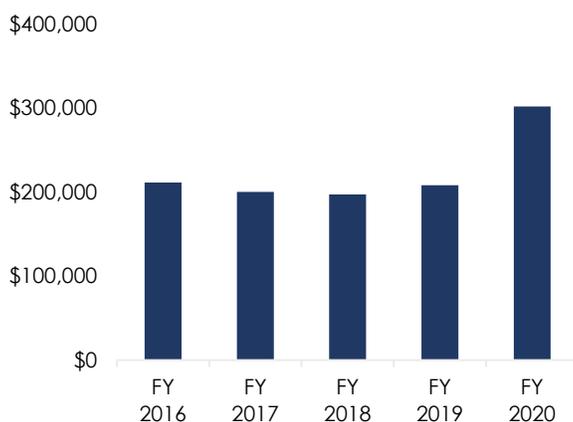
Fiscal Year 2020

- ▶ IN FY 2020, 64,565 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
- ▶ 755 INVOLVED MONEY LAUNDERING.¹
- ▶ MONEY LAUNDERING OFFENSES HAVE DECREASED BY 30.4% SINCE FY 2016.

Number of Money Laundering Offenders



Median Loss for Money Laundering Offenses



Offender and Offense Characteristics²

- 75.9% of money laundering offenders were men.
- 34.8% were White, 34.7% were Hispanic, 20.8% were Black, and 9.7% were Other races.
- Their average age was 42 years.
- 70.6% were United States citizens.
- 69.8% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).
- The median loss for these offenses was \$301,606;³
 - ◆ 20.3% involved loss amounts of \$40,000 or less;
 - ◆ 22.0% involved loss amounts greater than \$1.5 million.
- 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 (17.6%);
 - ◆ a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1957 (engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity) (11.9%);
 - ◆ a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (laundering of monetary instruments) (82.2%);
 - ◆ the defendant was in the business of money laundering with no underlying offense conduct (4.1%);
 - ◆ sophisticated laundering (8.5%);
 - ◆ a leadership or supervisory role in the offense (16.9%);
 - ◆ obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (3.0%).
- Sentences were decreased for:
 - ◆ minor or minimal participation in the offense (10.6%).
- The top five districts for money laundering offenders were:
 - ◆ Southern District of Florida (42);
 - ◆ Southern District of New York (33);
 - ◆ Southern District of Texas (33);
 - ◆ Northern District of Ohio (31);
 - ◆ Western District of Missouri (26).

Punishment

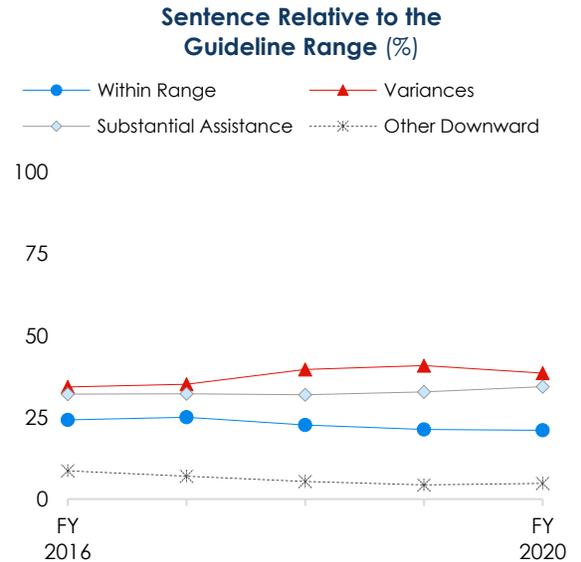
- The average sentence for money laundering offenders was 64 months.
- 87.7% of were sentenced to prison.
- 31.3% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; of those offenders, 57.3% were relieved of that penalty.



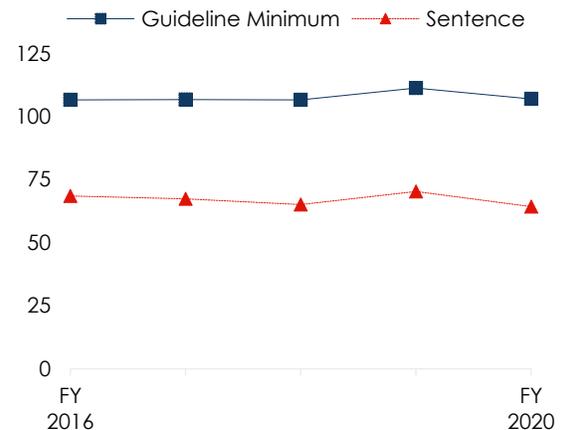
— Money Laundering Offenses —

Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

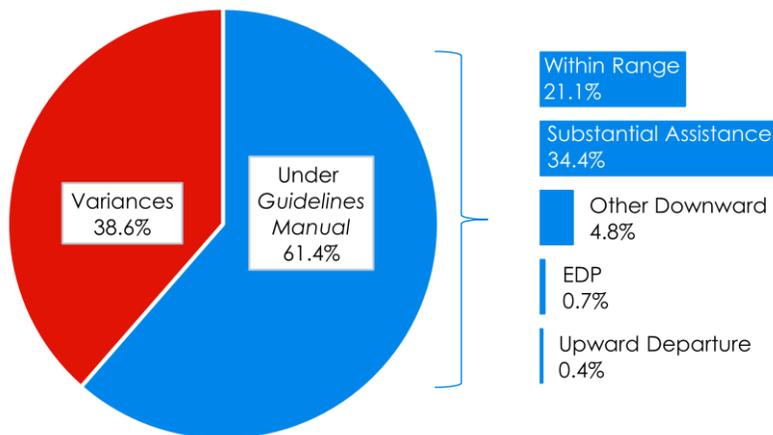
- Of the 61.4% of money laundering offenders sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*:
 - 34.3% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - 56.1% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 61.8%.
 - 7.8% received some other downward departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 52.5%.
- 38.6% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - 98.6% received a downward variance.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 48.9%.
 - 1.4% received an upward variance.
 - Their average sentence increase was 31.8%.
- The average guideline minimum remained steady and the average sentence imposed slightly decreased over the past five years.
 - The average guideline minimum was 107 months in fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2020.
 - The average sentence imposed decreased from 68 months in fiscal year 2016 to 64 months in fiscal year 2020.



Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2020



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.