



# QuickFacts

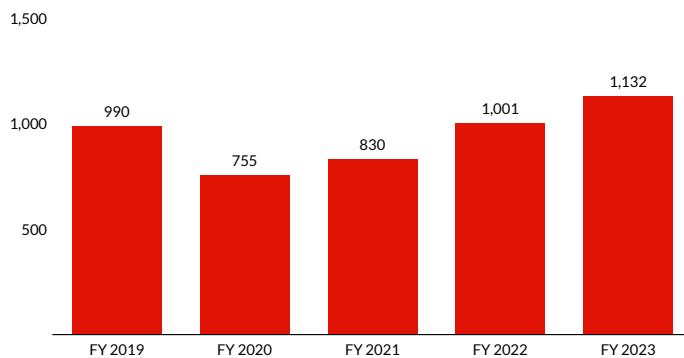
## Money Laundering

### Population Snapshot

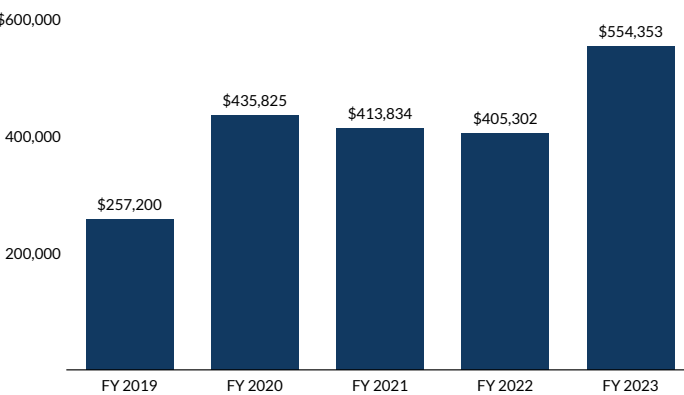
64,124 cases were reported in FY23;  
1,132 involved Money Laundering.<sup>1</sup>

These cases have increased  
by 14.3% since FY19.

### Number of Money Laundering Offenses



### Median Loss Amounts



### Individual and Offense Characteristics<sup>2</sup>

76.8% of individuals sentenced for money laundering offenses were men.

37.1% were Hispanic, 28.9% were White, 26.3% were Black, and 7.7% were Other races.

Their average age was 42 years.

70.9% were United States citizens.

69.7% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).

The median loss for these offenses was \$566,530;<sup>3</sup>

- 15.8% involved loss amounts of \$6,500 or less;
- 26.3% 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 (19.3%);
- conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1957 (engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity) (11.4%);
- a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (laundering of monetary instruments) (79.7%);
- the defendant was in the business of money laundering with no underlying conduct (5.6%);
- sophisticated laundering (9.8%);
- a leadership or supervisory role in the offense (17.5%);
- abusing a public position of trust or using a special skill (2.6%);
- obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (4.4%).

Sentences were decreased for:

- minor or minimal participation in the offense (10.8%).

The top five districts for individuals sentenced for money laundering offenses were:

- Southern District of New York (69);
- Western District of Missouri (68);
- Southern District of Florida (52);
- Northern District of Georgia (49);
- Southern District of California (44).



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### Punishment

The average sentence length for individuals sentenced to money laundering offenses was 71 months.

90.6% were sentenced to prison.

27.6% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; of those individuals, 53.2% were relieved of that penalty.

### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

Of the 57.2% of individuals who were sentenced for money laundering under the *Guidelines Manual*:

- 36.8% were sentenced within the guideline range.
- 50.7% received a substantial assistance departure.
  - Their average sentence reduction was 62.1%.
- 2.8% received an Early Disposition Program (EDP) Departure.<sup>4</sup>
  - Their average sentence reduction was 79.2%.
- 9.7% received some other downward departure.
  - Their average sentence reduction was 56.0%.

42.8% received a variance; of those individuals:

- 97.3% received a downward variance.
  - Their average sentence reduction was 45.9%.
- 2.7% received an upward variance.
  - Their average sentence increase was 34.1%.

The average guideline minimum increased and average sentence imposed remained steady over the past five years.

- The average guideline minimum increased from 111 months in fiscal year 2019 to 119 months in fiscal year 2023.
- The average sentence imposed slightly increased from 70 months in fiscal year 2019 to 71 months in fiscal year 2023.

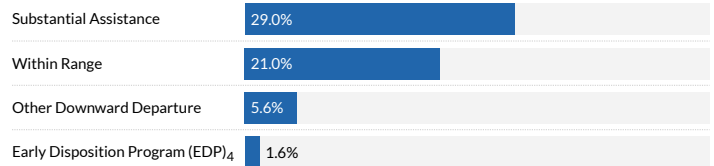
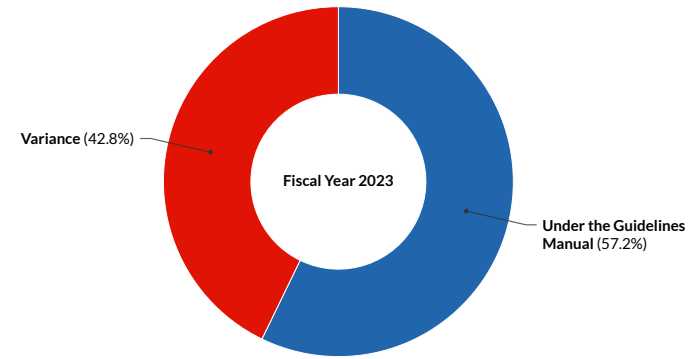
<sup>1</sup> Money Laundering offenses include cases in which the individual was sentenced under §251.1 (Laundering of Monetary Instruments; Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Unlawful Activity).

<sup>2</sup> Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.

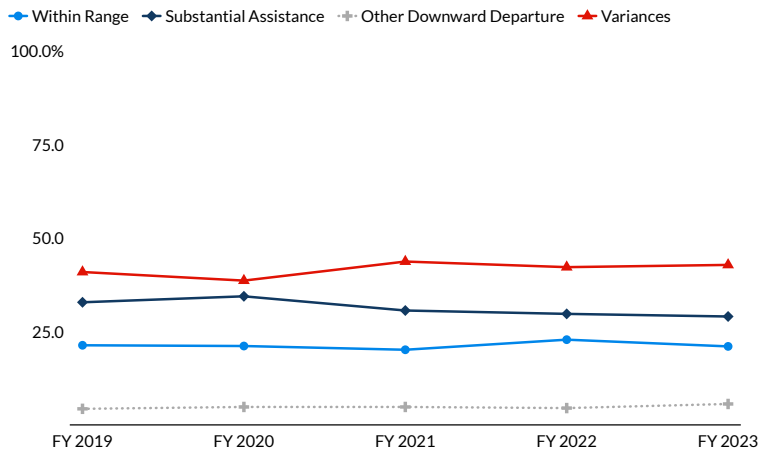
<sup>3</sup> The Loss Table was amended effective November 1, 2015.

<sup>4</sup> "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.

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### Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)

