



# QuickFacts

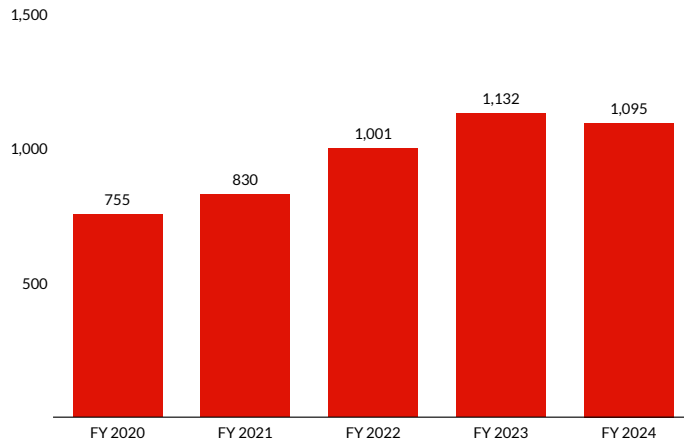
## Money Laundering

### Population Snapshot

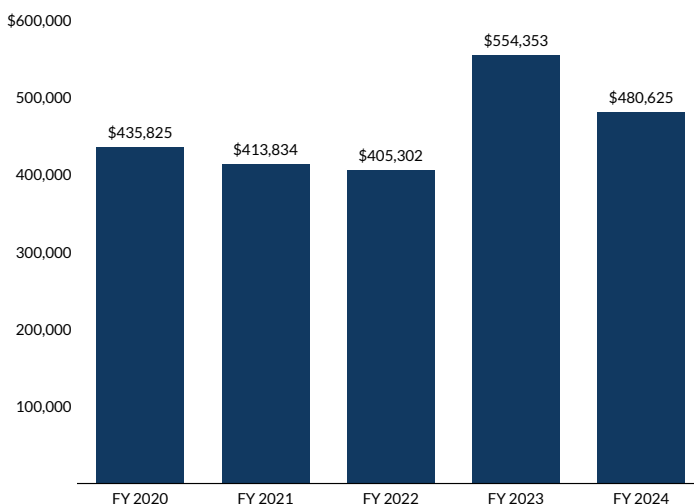
**61,678 cases** were reported in FY24;  
**1,095** involved money laundering.<sup>1</sup>

Money laundering offenses  
have increased 45.0%  
since FY20.

### Number of Money Laundering Offenses



### Median Loss Amounts for Money Laundering Offenses<sup>2</sup>



### Individual and Offense Characteristics

79.0% of individuals sentenced for money laundering offenses were men.

35.9% were Hispanic, 31.1% were White, 24.8% were Black, and 8.2% were Other races.

Their average age was 43 years.

73.7% were United States citizens.

73.8% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).

The median loss for these offenses was \$526,000;<sup>3</sup>

- 0.9% involved loss amounts of \$6,500 or less;
- 31.7% 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 (16.0%);
- a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1957 (engaging in monetary transactions in property derived from specified unlawful activity) (13.6%);
- a conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 1956 (laundering of monetary instruments) (77.5%);
- the defendant was in the business of money laundering with no underlying conduct (5.7%);
- sophisticated laundering (11.2%);
- a leadership or supervisory role in the offense (17.4%);
- abusing a public position of trust or using a special skill (2.8%);
- obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (4.5%).

Sentences were decreased for:

- minor or minimal participation in the offense (9.9%).

The top five districts for money laundering offenses were:

- Southern District of California (62);
- Southern District of New York (56);
- Southern District of Texas (47);
- Eastern District of Texas (45);
- District of Massachusetts (41).



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#### Punishment

The average sentence length for individuals sentenced for money laundering offenses was 62 months.

89.8% were sentenced to prison.

25.6% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; 54.4% of those individuals were relieved of that penalty.

#### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

55.4% of sentences for money laundering were under the *Guidelines Manual*.

- 20.9% were within the guideline range.
- 27.3% were substantial assistance departures.
  - The average sentence reduction was 67.2%.
- 1.2% were Early Disposition Program (EDP) Departures.<sup>4</sup>
  - The average sentence reduction was 55.9%.
- 6.0% were some other downward departure.
  - The average sentence reduction was 50.6%.

44.6% of sentences for money laundering were variances.

- 43.4% were downward variances.
  - The average sentence reduction was 48.8%.
- 1.2% were upward variances.
  - The average sentence increase was 45.0%.

The average guideline minimum and average sentence imposed have fluctuated over the past five years.

- The average guideline minimum increased and decreased throughout the fiscal years. The average guideline minimum was 107 months in fiscal year 2020 and 108 months in fiscal year 2024.
- The average sentence imposed increased and decreased throughout the fiscal years. The average sentence was 64 months in fiscal year 2020 and 62 months in fiscal year 2024.

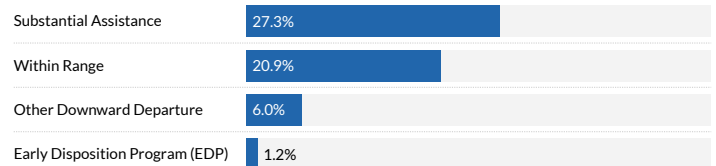
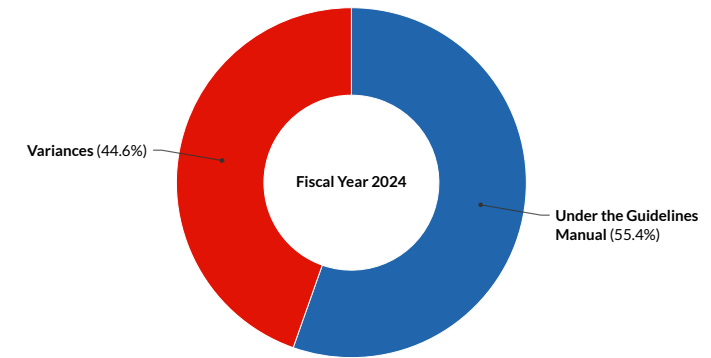
<sup>1</sup> Money Laundering offenses include cases in which the individual was sentenced under §251.1 (Laundering of Monetary Instruments; Engaging in Monetary Transactions in Property Derived from Unlawful Activity).

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

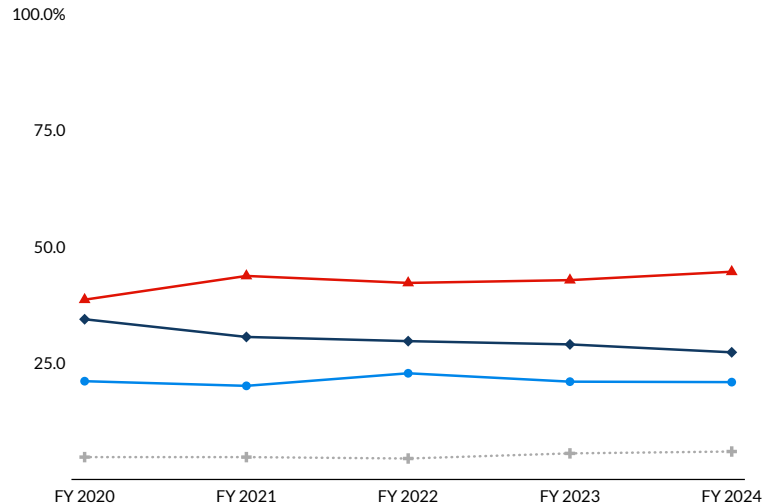
<sup>3</sup> The Loss Table was amended effective November 1, 2015.

<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.

#### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range



#### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range by Fiscal Year



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

