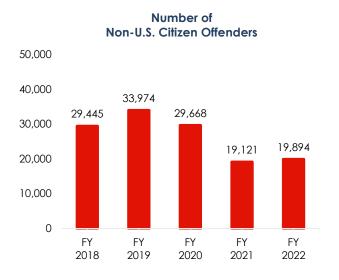


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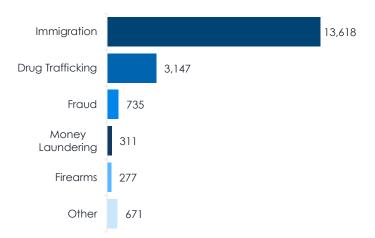
— Non-U.S. Citizen Federal Offenders —

# Fiscal Year 2022

- IN FY 2022, 64,142 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
  - ▶ 19,894 OF THESE INVOLVED NON-U.S. CITIZENS.
    - ► NON-U.S. CITIZENS ACCOUNTED FOR 31.2% OF ALL FEDERAL OFFENDERS IN FY 2022.



#### Most Common Guidelines for Non-U.S. Citizen Offenders



## Offender and Offense Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

- 94.1% of non-U.S. citizen offenders were men.
- 93.8% were Hispanic, 2.4% were Black, 2.0% were White, and 1.8% were Other races.
- Their average age was 38 years.
- 87.0% were illegal aliens, 9.6% were legal aliens, 1.9% were extradited aliens, and 1.5% were of unknown status.
- 66.7% were from Mexico, 7.3% from Honduras, 5.9% from Guatemala, 4.0% from El Salvador, 3.4% from the Dominican Republic, and 12.7% originated from other countries.
- The most common guidelines under which non-U.S. citizen offenders were sentenced include: Immigration (72.6%); Drug Trafficking (16.8%); Fraud (3.9%); Money Laundering (1.7%); and Firearms (1.5%).<sup>2</sup>
- 44.2% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I);
  - ◆ 21.2% were CHC II;
  - 19.8% were CHC III;
  - 8.5% were CHC IV;
  - ◆ 3.9% were CHC V;
  - 2.4% were CHC VI.
- The top five districts for non-U.S. citizen offenders were:
  Southern District of Texas (4,434);
  - Western District of Texas (3,837);
  - District of Arizona (2,796);
  - District of New Mexico (1,207);
  - Southern District of California (953).
- The top five districts where non-U.S. citizen offenders comprised the highest proportion of the overall caseload were:
  - District of Northern Mariana Islands (68.8%);
  - Southern District of Texas (65.4%);
  - Western District of Texas (64.8%);
  - District of Arizona (64.4%);
  - District of New Mexico (58.8%).

### Punishment

- The average sentence for non-U.S. citizen offenders was 27 months.<sup>3</sup>
- 97.9% were sentenced to prison.
- 15.4% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.

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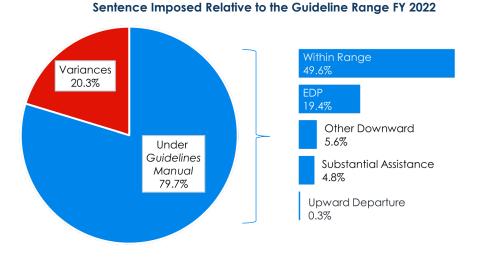


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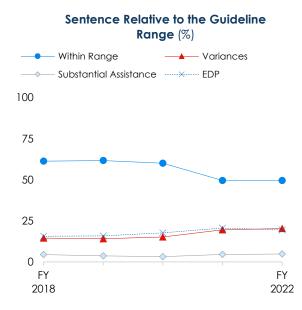
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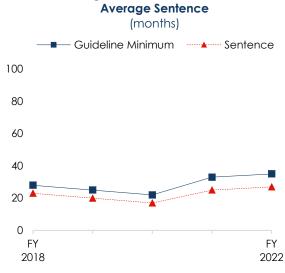
#### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- Of the 79.7% of non-U.S. citizen offenders sentenced under the Guidelines Manual:
  - 62.3% were sentenced within the guideline range.
  - 24.3% received an Early Disposition Program (EDP) departure.<sup>4</sup>
    Their average sentence reduction was 42.3%.
  - 7.0% received some other downward departure.
    Their average sentence reduction was 43.6%.
  - 6.0% received a substantial assistance departure.
    Their average sentence reduction was 50.8%.
- 20.3% received a variance; of those offenders:
  - 91.2% received a downward variance.
    Their average sentence reduction was 38.7%.
  - 8.8% received an upward variance.
    - ♦ Their average sentence increase was 74.2%.
- The average guideline minimum and average sentence imposed fluctuated over the past five years.
  - The average guideline minimum increased and decreased throughout the fiscal years. The average guideline minimum was 28 months in fiscal year 2018 and 35 months in fiscal year 2022.
  - The average sentence imposed increased and decreased throughout the fiscal years. The average sentence imposed was 23 months in fiscal year 2018 and 27 months in fiscal year 2022.



SOURCE: United States Sentencing Commission, FY 2018 through FY 2022 Datafiles, USSCFY18-USSCFY22.





**Average Guideline Minimum and** 

<sup>1</sup> Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.

<sup>2</sup> The most common guidelines under which U.S. citizen offenders were sentenced include: Drug Trafficking (39.1%); Firearms (20.3%); Fraud (10.5%); Immigration (7.3%); Sexual Abuse (3.3%); Child Pornography (3.3%); and Robbery (3.2%).

 $^{\rm 3}$  The average sentence for U.S. citizen offenders was 65 months.

<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.