



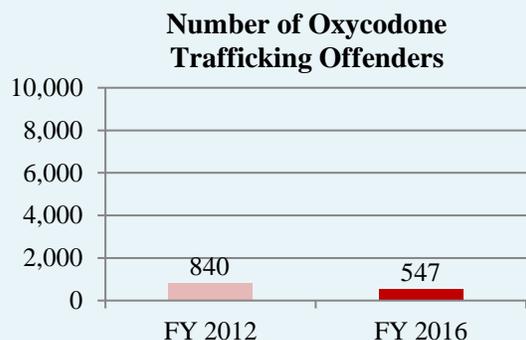
Quick Facts

▶ THERE WERE 67,742 CASES REPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION IN FISCAL YEAR 2016.

▶ OF THESE CASES, 19,222 INVOLVED DRUG TRAFFICKING.¹

▶ 2.8% OF DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENSES INVOLVED OXYCODONE.

Oxycodone Trafficking Offenses



In fiscal year 2016, there were 547 oxycodone trafficking offenders, who accounted for 2.8% of all offenders sentenced under the drug trafficking guidelines. The number of oxycodone offenders has decreased by almost half (47.4%) since fiscal year 2014 when there were 1,040 such offenders.²

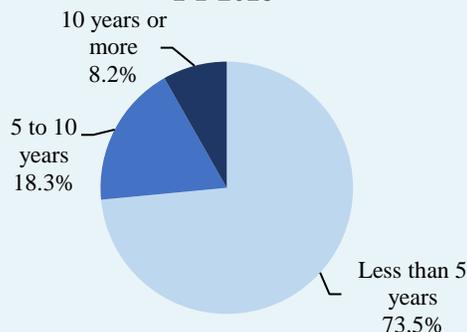
Offender and Offense Characteristics

- In fiscal year 2016, approximately three-quarters of oxycodone trafficking offenders were male (73.9%).
- Over half of oxycodone trafficking offenders were White (55.4%) followed by Black (31.8%), Hispanic (9.5%), and Other Races (3.3%).
- The average age of these offenders at sentencing was 41 years.
- Nearly all oxycodone trafficking offenders were United States citizens (96.5%).
- Just under half (49.2%) of oxycodone trafficking offenders had little or no prior criminal history (*i.e.*, assigned to Criminal History Category I) while 5.5% were Career Offenders (§4B1.1).
- The median base offense level in these cases was 24. This corresponds to a quantity of drugs between 498 and 1,990 30-milligram instant release pills.
- Oxycodone trafficking sentences were increased for:
 - ◆ 9.7% of offenders because the offense involved the possession of a weapon;
 - ◆ 12.4% of offenders for having a leadership or supervisory role in the offense.
- Oxycodone trafficking sentences were decreased for:
 - ◆ 7.7% of offenders because they were a minor or minimal participant in the offense;
 - ◆ 29.4% of offenders because they met the safety valve criteria in the sentencing guidelines.

Top Five Districts Oxycodone Trafficking Offenders FY 2016

Eastern District of Kentucky (N=65)
Southern District of New York (N=34)
Eastern District of Pennsylvania (N=25)
Eastern District of Tennessee (N=24)
Eastern District of Michigan (N=21)

Sentence Length of Oxycodone Trafficking Offenders FY 2016



Punishment

- Most oxycodone trafficking offenders were sentenced to imprisonment (88.7%).
- The average sentence for oxycodone trafficking offenders was 44 months.
- There is no mandatory minimum penalty for illegally trafficking oxycodone.

¹ Drug trafficking offenses include cases with complete guideline application information in which the offender was sentenced under USSG §§2D1.1 (Drug Trafficking), 2D1.2 (Protected Locations), 2D1.5 (Continuing Criminal Enterprise), 2D1.6 (Use of a Communication Facility), 2D1.8 (Rent/Manage Drug Establishment), 2D1.10 (Endangering Human Life), or 2D1.14 (Narco-Terrorism).

² Data not depicted in bar chart.

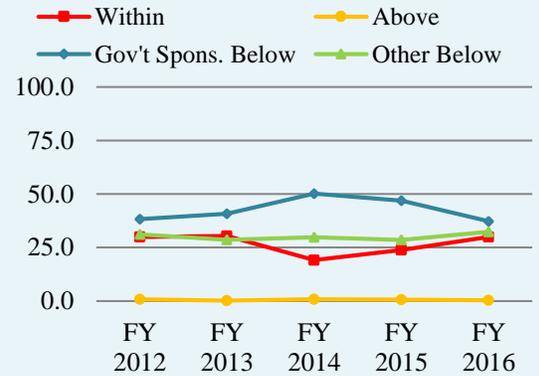
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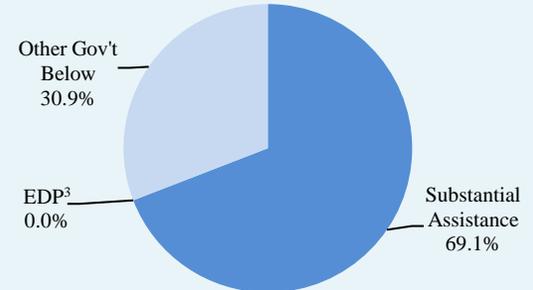
Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- The rate of within range sentences for oxycodone trafficking has been increasing since fiscal year 2014. In fiscal year 2016, 30.0% of oxycodone traffickers were sentenced within the range.
- The rate of government sponsored below range sentences for oxycodone trafficking offenders increased from fiscal year 2012 to a high of 50.2% in fiscal year 2014, before decreasing to 37.3% in fiscal year 2016.
 - ◆ Substantial assistance departures were granted for approximately one-third of offenders in fiscal year 2012 through 2015 but were granted for only a quarter of offenders in fiscal year 2016 (25.8%).
 - ◇ In fiscal year 2016, these offenders received an average reduction in their sentence of 60.8%.
 - ◆ In each of the last five years, Early Disposition Program (EDP) departures³ were rarely granted for oxycodone trafficking offenders.
 - ◆ The rate of oxycodone trafficking offenders receiving a below range sentence sponsored by the government for reasons other than substantial assistance or participation in an Early Disposition Program peaked at 16.8% in fiscal year 2014 before decreasing to 12.3% in fiscal year 2015 and 11.5% in fiscal year 2016.
 - ◇ In fiscal year 2016, these offenders received an average reduction in their sentence of 49.4%.
- The rate of non-government sponsored below range sentences for oxycodone traffickers has remained relatively stable over the past five years, ranging from a low of 28.5% in fiscal year 2015 to a high of 32.4% in fiscal year 2016.
 - ◆ In fiscal year 2016, these offenders received an average reduction in their sentence of 47.1%.
- The average guideline minimum for oxycodone trafficking has fluctuated over the past five years while average sentences have decreased.
 - ◆ The average guideline minimum decreased from 80 months in fiscal year 2014 to 69 months in fiscal year 2016;
 - ◆ The average sentence imposed decreased from 57 months in fiscal year 2012 to 44 months in fiscal year 2016.

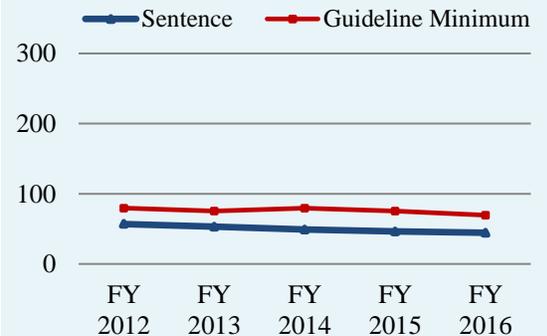
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Government Sponsored Below Range Sentences FY 2016



Average Sentence and Average Guideline Minimum (in months)



³ "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.

