



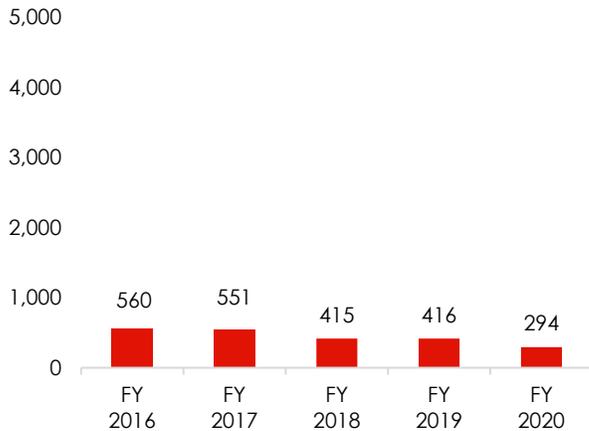
Quick Facts

— Oxycodone Trafficking Offenses —

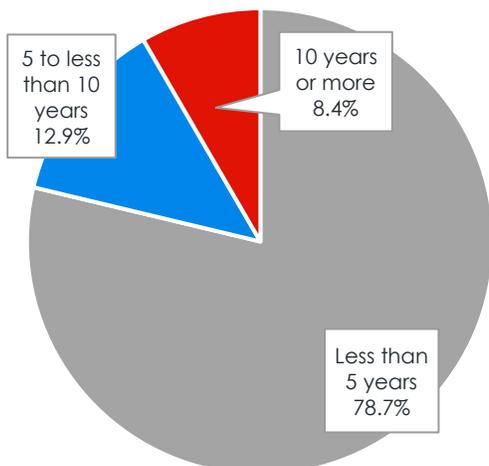
Fiscal Year 2020

- ▶ IN FY 2020, 64,565 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
- ▶ 16,501 CASES INVOLVED DRUGS.¹
- ▶ 16,287 CASES INVOLVED DRUG TRAFFICKING.²
- ▶ 1.8% OF DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES INVOLVED OXYCODONE.
- ▶ OXYCODONE TRAFFICKING OFFENDERS HAVE DECREASED BY 47.5% SINCE FY 2016.

Number of Oxycodone Trafficking Offenders



Sentence Length FY 2020



Offender and Offense Characteristics³

- 73.5% of oxycodone trafficking offenders were men.
- 41.5 % of oxycodone trafficking offenders were Black, 38.3% were White, 10.1% were Hispanic, and 10.1% were Other races.
- Their average age was 45 years.
- 97.6% were United States citizens.
- 60.6% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I); 2.1% were Career Offenders (§4B1.1).
- The median Base Offense Level in these cases was 24, corresponding to between 498 and 1,990 30-milligram instant release pills of oxycodone.
- Sentences were increased for:
 - ◆ possessing a weapon (9.4%);
 - ◆ a leadership or supervisory role in the offense (11.5%).
- Sentences were decreased for:
 - ◆ minor or minimal participation in the offense (7.0%);
 - ◆ meeting the safety valve criteria in the sentencing guidelines (38.0%).
- The top five districts for oxycodone trafficking offenders were:
 - ◆ Eastern District of Pennsylvania (23);
 - ◆ Southern District of New York (21);
 - ◆ District of North Dakota (19);
 - ◆ Eastern District of Kentucky (17);
 - ◆ Northern District of Ohio (13).

Punishment

- The average sentence for oxycodone trafficking offenders was 39 months.
- 86.1% were sentenced to prison.
- Oxycodone trafficking does not carry a mandatory minimum penalty.

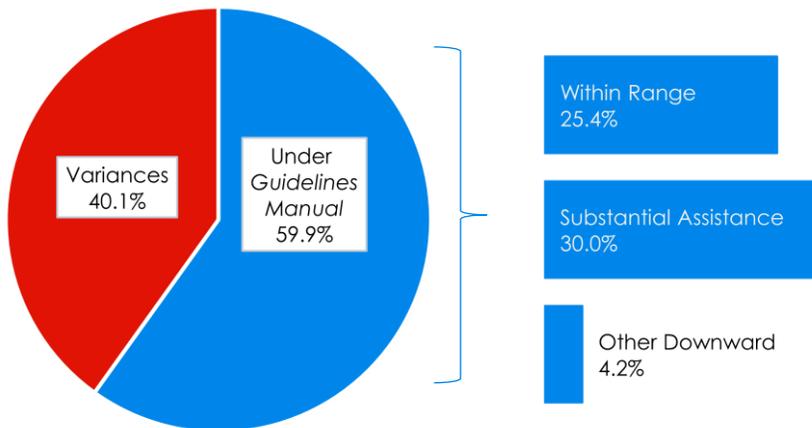


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Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

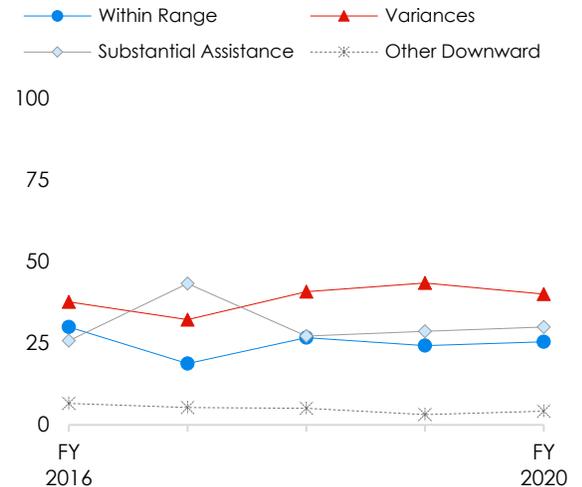
- Of the 59.9% of oxycodone trafficking offenders sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*:
 - 42.4% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - 50.0% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 68.6%.
 - 7.0% received some other downward departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 60.6%.
- 40.1% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - 100.0% received a downward variance.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 49.5%.
- The average guideline minimum and the average sentence imposed fluctuated over the past five years.
 - The average guideline minimum was 69 months in fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2020.
 - The average sentence imposed increased and decreased throughout the fiscal years. The average sentence was 44 months in fiscal year 2016 and 39 months in fiscal year 2020.

Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2020

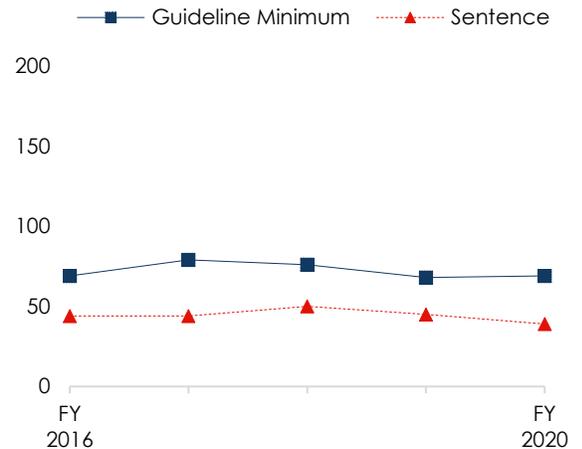


Oxycodone Trafficking Offenses

Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range (%)



Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



¹ Drug offenses include cases where offenders were sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). There were 317 oxycodone offenders sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs) in FY 2020.

² Drug Trafficking offenders were 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).

³ Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from analysis.