



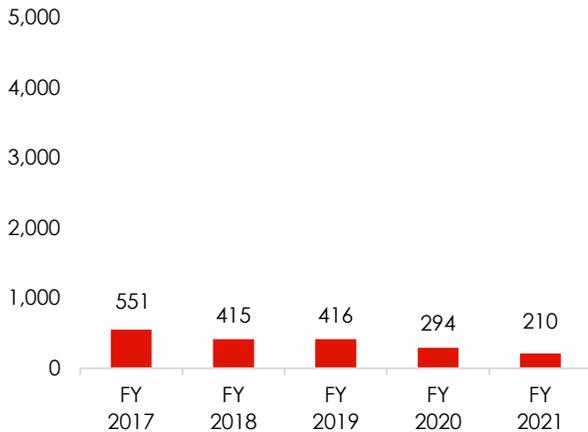
Quick Facts

— Oxycodone Trafficking Offenses —

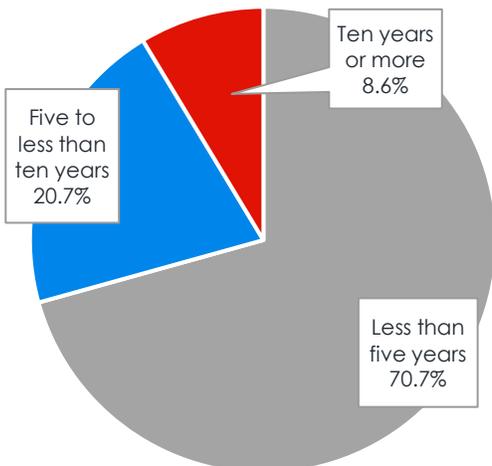
Fiscal Year 2021

- ▶ IN FY 2021, 57,287 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
- ▶ 17,692 CASES INVOLVED DRUGS.¹
- ▶ 17,520 INVOLVED DRUG TRAFFICKING.²
- ▶ 1.2% OF DRUG TRAFFICKING CASES INVOLVED OXYCODONE.
- ▶ OXYCODONE TRAFFICKING OFFENDERS HAVE DECREASED BY 61.9% SINCE FY 2017.

Number of Oxycodone Trafficking Offenders



Sentence Length FY 2021



Offender and Offense Characteristics³

- 77.9% of oxycodone trafficking offenders were men.
- 38.9% were Black, 38.0% were White, 14.4% were Hispanic, and 8.7% were Other races.
- Their average age was 43 years.
- 96.6% were United States citizens.
- 59.1% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I); 1.9% 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 (15.4%);
 - ◆ a leadership or supervisory role in the offense (7.7%).
- Sentences were decreased for:
 - ◆ minor or minimal participation in the offense (2.9%);
 - ◆ meeting the safety valve criteria in the sentencing guidelines (31.7%).
- The top districts for oxycodone trafficking offenders were:
 - ◆ District of North Dakota (28);
 - ◆ Southern District of New York (22);
 - ◆ Northern District of Ohio (10);
 - ◆ Six additional districts had seven offenders.⁴

Punishment

- The average sentence for oxycodone trafficking offenders was 42 months.
- 88.0% were sentenced to prison.
- Oxycodone trafficking does not carry a mandatory minimum penalty.

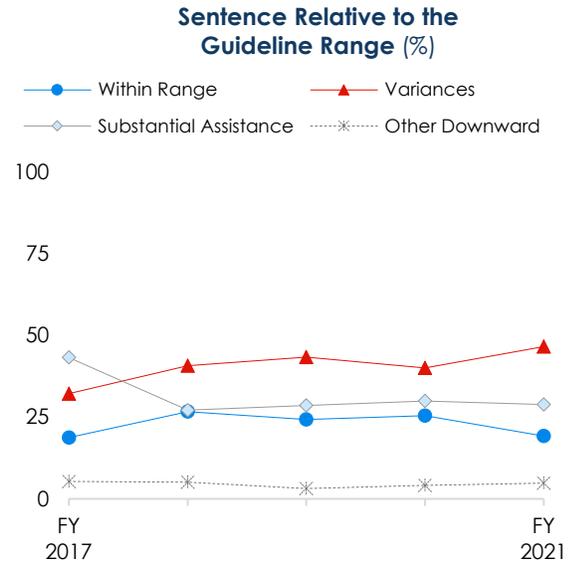


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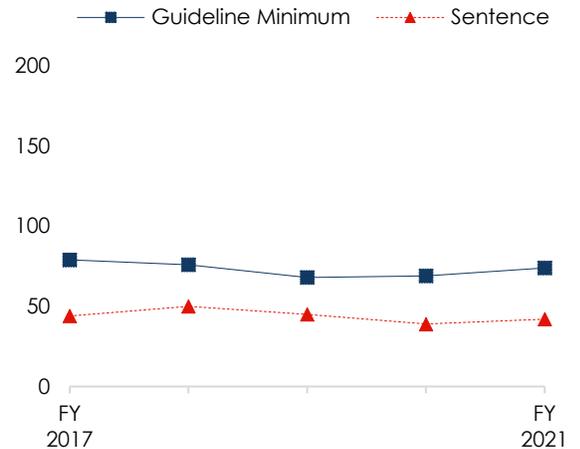
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Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

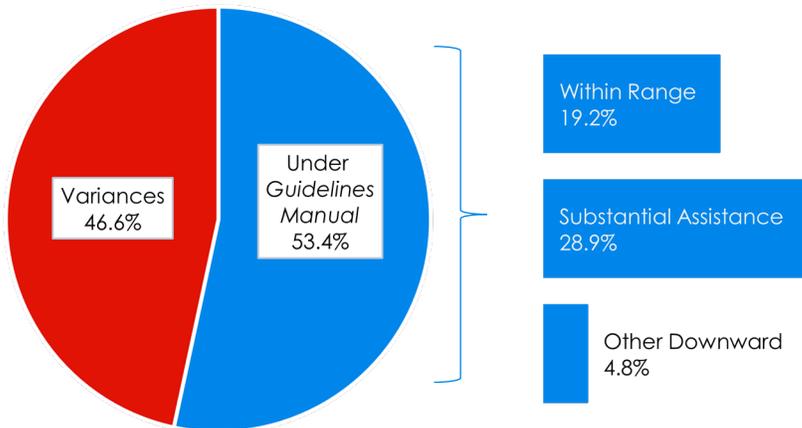
- Of the 53.4% of oxycodone trafficking offenders sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*:
 - 36.0% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - 54.1% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 71.8%.
 - 9.0% received some other downward departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 42.8%.
- 46.6% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - 94.8% received a downward variance.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 56.1%.
 - 5.2% received an upward variance.
 - Their average sentence increase was 60.7%.
- 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 79 months in fiscal year 2017 and 74 months in fiscal year 2021.
 - The average sentence imposed increased and decreased throughout the fiscal years. The average sentence was 44 months in fiscal year 2017 and 42 months in fiscal year 2021.



Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2021



1 Drug offenses include cases where offenders were sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). There were 233 oxycodone offenders sentenced under USSG Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs) in FY 2021.

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 the analysis.

4 The six additional districts with the highest count of oxycodone offenders were: District of Puerto Rico, Eastern District of New York, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Southern District of Ohio, Eastern District of Tennessee, and Middle District of Florida.