In 23.6% of these cases, the offender was convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.

At sentencing, 13.6% of all offenders remained subject to a mandatory minimum penalty.

### Offenders Convicted of Offenses Carrying Mandatory Minimum Penalties FY 2014

- **No Mandatory**: 76.4%
- **Mandatory**: 23.6%
- **Relief**: 42.6%

### Relief from Mandatory Minimum Penalties by Offender Characteristic FY 2014

#### Gender
- Male: 39.7%
- Female: 67.0%

#### Citizenship
- U.S. Citizen: 62.4%
- Non-Citizen: 37.4%

#### Race
- White: 54.2%
- Black: 31.8%
- Hispanic: 46.7%
- Other: 36.4%

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1. The Commission excluded cases from the analyses performed in the report that lacked the necessary documentation. As a result, the numbers reported differ from the Commission’s 2014 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics.


Offense Categories

- Of the 21,475 drug offenders in fiscal year 2014, over one-half (52.2%) were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.
  - Less than half (46.4%) of drug offenders convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty remained subject to that penalty at sentencing.
  - The average sentence for drug offenders subject to a mandatory minimum penalty at sentencing was 127 months (with relief, 63 months) compared to 40 months for drug offenders not convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.
  - Drug offenders were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty most often in powder cocaine cases (68.7%). In contrast, such a penalty applied least often in marijuana cases (35.7%).
  - Crack cocaine offenders remained subject to mandatory minimum penalties at sentencing most often (in 35.9% of crack cocaine cases involving a conviction for an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty). In contrast, 12.6% of marijuana offenders remained subject to a mandatory minimum penalty at sentencing.
- There were 2,794 offenders convicted of a firearms offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty (2,219 of whom were convicted under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c) and 551 of whom qualified as an Armed Career Criminal under 18 U.S.C. § 924(e)).
  - 77.5% of section 924(c) offenders remained subject to the mandatory minimum at sentencing.
  - The average sentence for section 924(c) offenders subject to the mandatory minimum penalty was 171 months (with relief, 107 months).
  - Almost 80 percent (78.0%) of Armed Career Criminals remained subject to the mandatory minimum penalty at sentencing.
  - The average sentence for Armed Career Criminals subject to the mandatory minimum penalty was 206 months (with relief, 115 months).
- Of the 2,652 sex offenders (cases involving sexual abuse or child pornography), 60.4% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.
  - Of the 1,060 sexual abuse offenders, 59.2% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.
  - The average sentence for sexual abuse offenders subject to the mandatory minimum penalty was 238 months (with relief, 159 months).
  - Of the 1,592 child pornography offenders, 61.2% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty.
  - The average sentence for child pornography offenders subject to the mandatory minimum penalty was 131 months (with relief, 94 months).
- Of the 1,144 identity theft offenders convicted of an offense under 18 U.S.C. § 1028A, 63.4% were subject to the mandatory minimum penalty at sentencing.
  - The average sentence for identity theft offenders subject to the mandatory minimum penalty was 66 months (with relief, 38 months).