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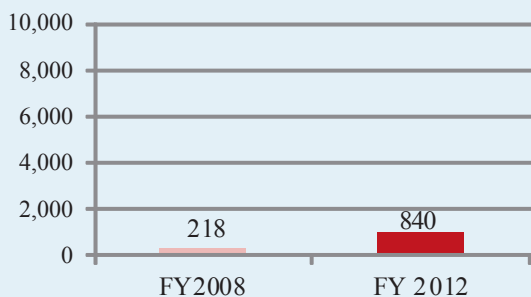
▶ THERE WERE 84,173 CASES REPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION IN FISCAL YEAR 2012.

▶ OF THESE CASES, 24,563 INVOLVED DRUG TRAFFICKING.<sup>1</sup>

▶ 3.4% OF DRUG TRAFFICKING OFFENSES INVOLVED OXYCODONE.

## Oxycodone Trafficking Offenses

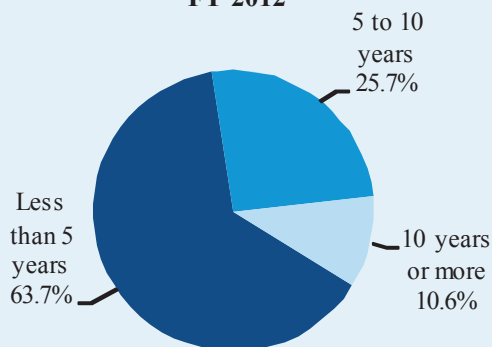
**Number of Oxycodone Trafficking Offenders**



**Top Five Districts Oxycodone Trafficking Offenders FY 2012**

Eastern District of Kentucky (N=101)
Southern District of Florida (N=65)
Eastern District of Tennessee (N=58)
Middle District of Florida (N=57)
Southern District of West Virginia (N=55)

**Sentence Length of Oxycodone Trafficking Offenders FY 2012**



### Offender and Offense Characteristics

- In fiscal year 2012, three quarters (77.5%) of offenders convicted of oxycodone trafficking were male.
- Two-thirds of offenders were White (67.0%) followed by Black (22.6%), Hispanic (8.2%) and Other Races (2.3%).
- The average age of these offenders at sentencing was 37 years.
- Nearly all oxycodone traffickers were United States citizens (96.8%).
- Half of oxycodone traffickers had little or no prior criminal history (50.0% of these offenders were assigned to Criminal History Category I).
- The median base offense level in these cases was 26. This corresponds to a quantity of drugs between 497 and 1,990 30-milligram pills of oxycodone.
- Oxycodone trafficking sentences were increased for:
  - ◆ 13.2% of offenders because the offense involved the possession of a weapon;
  - ◆ 8.5% of offenders for having a leadership or supervisory role in the offense.
- Oxycodone trafficking sentences were decreased for:
  - ◆ 10.5% of all offenders because they were a minor or minimal participant in the offense;
  - ◆ 34.9% of all offenders because they met the safety valve criteria in the sentencing guidelines.

### Punishment

- Most oxycodone trafficking offenders were sentenced to imprisonment (93.1%).
- The average sentence length for oxycodone traffickers was 57 months.
- There are no mandatory minimum penalties for oxycodone trafficking. A very small portion of oxycodone traffickers (3.3%) were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty because they also trafficked in other drugs during the course of the offense involving oxycodone.

<sup>1</sup> 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).

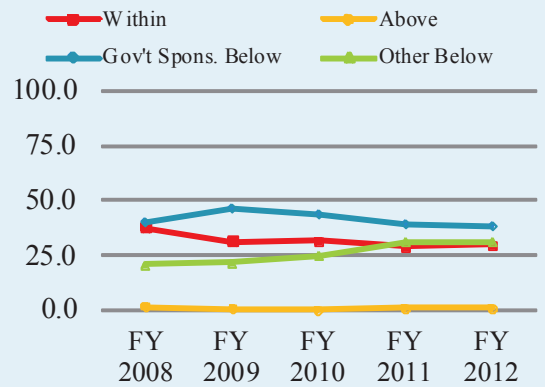
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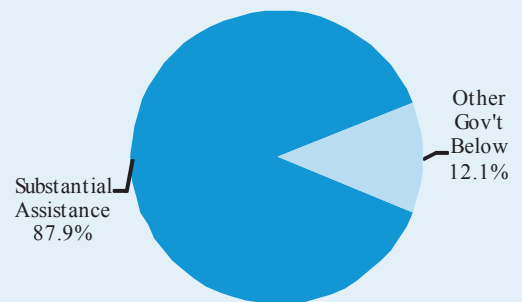
### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- The rate of within range sentences for oxycodone trafficking cases has decreased over the last five years (from 37.6% in fiscal year 2008 to 29.9% in fiscal year 2012).
- The rate of government sponsored below range sentences has decreased for oxycodone traffickers from 46.6% in fiscal year 2009 to 38.2% in fiscal year 2012.
  - ◆ Substantial assistance departures for oxycodone trafficking cases have decreased from 43.5% in fiscal year 2009 to 33.6% in fiscal year 2012.
    - ◇ In fiscal year 2012, these offenders received an average reduction of 52.4% in their sentences (which corresponds to an average reduction of 42 months).
  - ◆ A small but growing proportion of oxycodone traffickers received a below range sentence sponsored by the government for reasons other than substantial assistance or participation in an Early Disposition Program.
    - ◇ Other government sponsored below range sentences have increased over the past five years from 2.3% in fiscal year 2008 to 4.6% in fiscal year 2012.
      - In fiscal year 2012, these offenders received an average reduction of 40.8% in their sentences (which corresponds to an average reduction of 33 months).
- Over the last five years, the rate of non-government sponsored below range sentences for oxycodone traffickers has steadily increased (from 20.6% in fiscal year 2008 to 31.1% in fiscal year 2012).
  - ◆ In fiscal year 2012, these offenders received an average reduction of 39.7% in their sentences (which corresponds to an average reduction of 28 months).
- The average guideline minimum for oxycodone traffickers generally has increased for the past five years, and the average sentence imposed has similarly increased.
  - ◆ The average guideline minimum increased from 67 to 80 months during that period;
  - ◆ The average sentence imposed increased from 47 to 57 months.

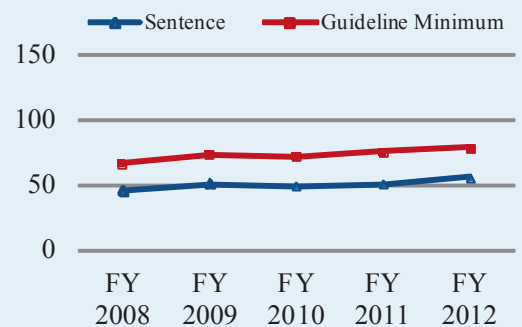
### Sentence Relative to the Guideline Range



### Government Sponsored Below Range Sentences FY 2012



### Average Sentence and Average Guideline Minimum (in months)



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