



# Quick Facts

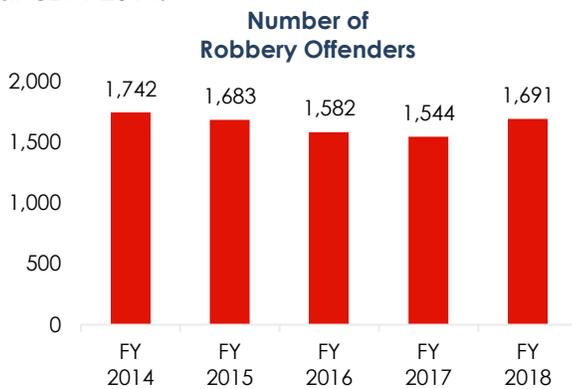
## — Robbery Offenses —

### Fiscal Year 2018

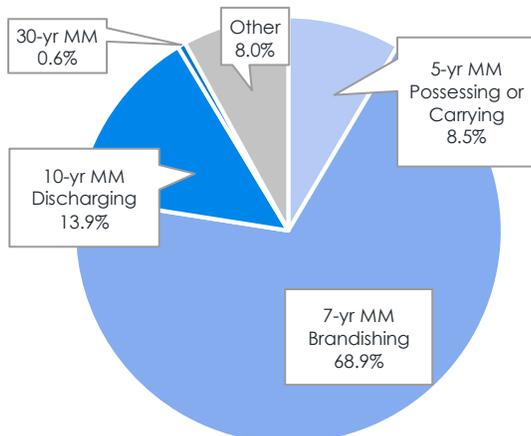
▶ IN FY 2018, 69,425 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.

▶ 1,691 OF THESE INVOLVED ROBBERY.<sup>1,2</sup>

▶ ROBBERY OFFENSES HAVE DECREASED 2.9% SINCE FY 2014.



**Mandatory Minimum Penalties for Robbery Offenders Also Convicted under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)**



### Offenders and Offense Characteristics

- 93.0% of robbery offenders were men.
- 58.3% were Black, 23.6% were White, 14.4% were Hispanic, and 3.8% were Other races.
- Their average age was 34 years.
- 96.4% were United States citizens.
- 25.0% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I); 21.7% were CHC VI.
- The median loss for these offenses was \$2,120.
  - ◆ 84.6% involved loss amounts of \$20,000 or less.<sup>3</sup>
  - ◆ 2.0% involved loss amounts of \$500,000 or more.
- Sentences were increased for:
  - ◆ taking the property of a financial institution or post office (44.9%);<sup>4</sup>
  - ◆ using or brandishing a firearm or dangerous weapon or making a threat of death (59.3%);
  - ◆ a victim sustaining a bodily injury (12.2%);
  - ◆ abducting or physically restraining a victim (20.9%);
  - ◆ carjacking (8.1%);
  - ◆ taking a firearm, destructive device, or controlled substance (10.3%).
- Sentences were decreased for:
  - ◆ minor or minimal participation in the offense (3.4%).
- The top five districts for robbery offenders were:
  - ◆ Northern District of Illinois (111);
  - ◆ Southern District of Florida (76);
  - ◆ Southern District of New York (71);
  - ◆ District of Maryland (64);
  - ◆ Eastern District of Pennsylvania (59).
- 38.8% of robbery offenders also had convictions under 18 U.S.C. § 924(c).

### Punishment

- The average sentence length was 107 months.
  - ◆ The average sentence length was 71 months for robbery offenders without a conviction under section 924(c).
  - ◆ The average sentence length was 163 months for robbery offenders with a conviction under section 924(c).
- 99.0% of robbery offenders were sentenced to prison.
- 39.7% of robbery offenders were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; 22.5% of those offenders were relieved of that penalty.



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**Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range**

**Robbery Offenders with Section 924(c) Convictions<sup>5</sup>**

- Among the robbery offenders with section 924(c) convictions, 60.5% were sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*; of those offenders:
  - ◆ 52.9% were sentenced within the guideline range.
  - ◆ 37.6% received a substantial assistance departure.
    - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 40.4%.
  - ◆ 7.7% received some other downward departure.
    - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 16.9%.
- 39.5% received a variance; of those offenders:
  - ◆ 82.8% received a below range variance.
    - ◇ The average sentence reduction was 21.5%.
  - ◆ 17.2% received an above range variance.
    - ◇ The average sentence increase was 32.2%.

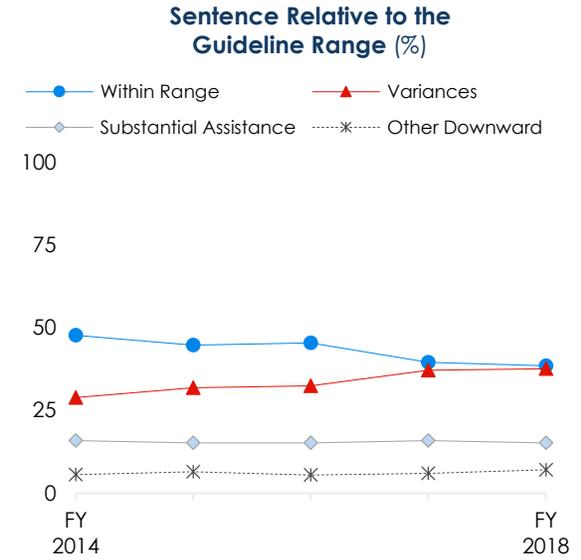
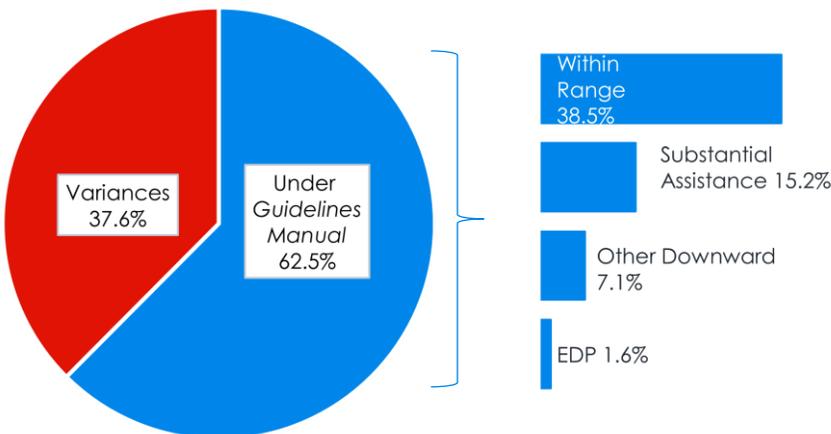
**Robbery Offenders without Section 924(c) Convictions**

- Among the robbery offenders without section 924(c) convictions, 63.8% were sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*; of those offenders:
  - ◆ 66.9% were sentenced within the guideline range.
  - ◆ 16.5% received a substantial assistance departure.
    - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 40.4%.
  - ◆ 13.5% received some other downward departure.
    - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 41.3%.
- 36.2% received a variance; of those offenders:
  - ◆ 89.7% received a below range variance.
    - ◇ The average sentence reduction was 33.4%.
  - ◆ 10.3% received an above range variance.
    - ◇ The average sentence increase was 45.1%.

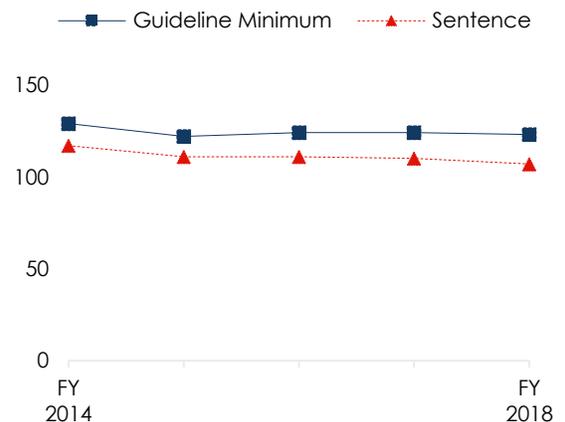
**All Robbery Offenders**

- The average guideline minimum and average sentence imposed has decreased over the past five years.
  - ◆ The average guideline minimum decreased from 129 months in fiscal year 2014 to 123 months in fiscal year 2018.
  - ◆ The average sentence imposed decreased from 117 months in fiscal year 2014 to 107 months in fiscal year 2018.

**Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2018**



**Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)**



<sup>1</sup> Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.

<sup>2</sup> Robbery offenses include cases in which the offender was sentenced under §2B3.1.

<sup>3</sup> The Loss Table was amended effective November 1, 2015.

<sup>4</sup> The remaining 55.1% of offenses primarily involved robberies of retail establishments or individuals engaged in interstate commerce and motor vehicles moved in interstate commerce.

<sup>5</sup> Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(D)(ii), punishments under section 924(c) run consecutively to any other term of imprisonment. Consequently, the applicable guideline range for a case in which the offender was also convicted under section 924(c) is the minimum term of imprisonment required by that statute in addition to the range calculated under the guidelines for the underlying offense.

<sup>6</sup> "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.