In FY 2018, 69,425 cases were reported to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

1,067 of these involved sexual abuse offenses.

Sexual abuse offenders have increased 5.7% since 2014 but decreased 2.7% in FY 2018.

Number of Sexual Abuse Offenders

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Offender and Offense Characteristics

- 92.1% of sexual abuse offenders were men.
- 51.6% were White, 21.7% were Black, 12.9% were Hispanic, 11.9% were Native American, and 1.9% were Other races.
  - 75.1% of offenders in cases involving child pornography were White.
  - 43.1% of offenders in cases involving travel for prohibited sexual contact were White and 37.3% were Black.
  - 52.8% of offenders in cases involving criminal sexual abuse (rape) were Native American.
  - 73.2% of offenders in cases involving abusive sexual contact were Native American.
  - 84.6% of offenders in cases involving statutory rape were Native American.
- Their average age was 37 years.
- 95.9% were United States citizens.
- 65.2% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).
  - 8.8% were CHC II;
  - 9.9% were CHC III;
  - 5.9% were CHC IV;
  - 5.1% were CHC V;
  - 5.1% were CHC VI.
- 8.3% of sexual abuse offenders were convicted at trial, compared to 2.6% of all other federal offenders.
- The top five districts for sexual abuse offenders were:
  - Northern District of Texas (48);
  - Eastern District of Michigan (42);
  - District of Arizona (35);
  - District of South Dakota (32);
  - Middle District of Florida (31).

Punishment

- 98.8% of sexual abuse offenders were sentenced to prison; their average sentence was 191 months.
- The average sentence for offenders convicted of production of child pornography was 262 months:
  - 93.9% of these offenders were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 274 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 89 months.
- The average sentence for offenders convicted of travel to engage in prohibited sexual conduct with a minor was 147 months:
  - 63.8% of these offenders were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 187 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 76 months.

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Punishment (continued)

- The average sentence for offenders convicted of rape was 178 months:
  - 19.1% of these offenders were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 318 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 145 months.
- The average sentence for offenders convicted of abusive sexual contact was 27 months.
- The average sentence for offenders convicted of statutory rape was 30 months.

Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

- 54.9% of sexual abuse offenders were sentenced under the Guidelines Manual:
  - 40.1% of all sexual abuse offenders were sentenced within the guideline range.
  - 7.5% of all sexual abuse offenders received a substantial assistance departure.
    - Their average sentence reduction was 45.4%.
  - 7.0% of all sexual abuse offenders received some other downward departure.
    - Their average sentence reduction was 32.0%.
- 45.1% of sexual abuse offenders received a variance:
  - 42.1% of all sexual abuse offenders received a below range variance.
    - Their average sentence reduction was 36.4%.
  - 3.0% of all sexual abuse offenders received an above range variance.
    - Their average sentence increase was 36.5%.