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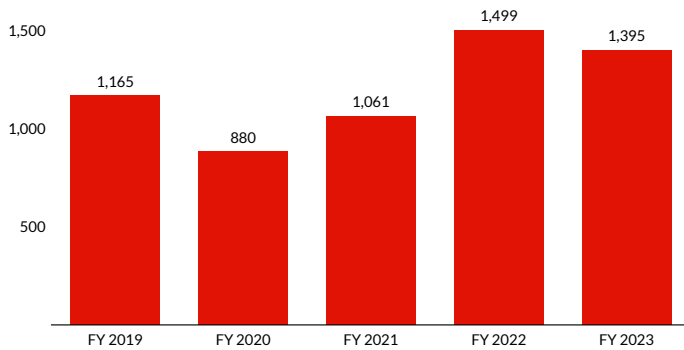
Sexual Abuse Offenses

Population Snapshot

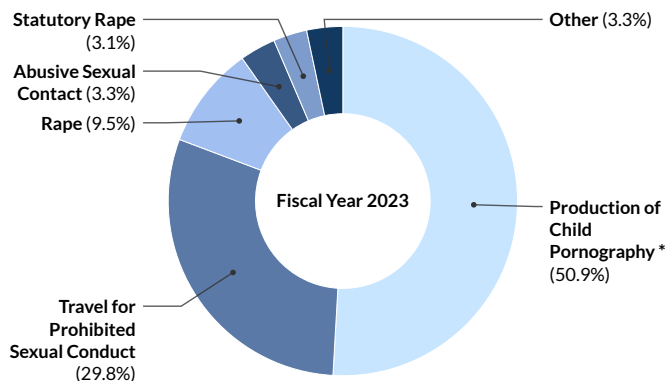
64,124 cases were reported in FY23;
1,395 involved sexual abuse.¹

Sexual abuse offenses have increased 19.7% since FY19.

Number of Sexual Abuse Offenses



Primary Sentencing Guideline for Sexual Abuse Offenses



Individual and Offense Characteristics²

93.8% of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse were men. 55.4% were White, 16.0% were Black, 14.0% were Hispanic, 12.3% were Native American, and 2.2% were Other races.

- 72.7% of individuals in cases involving production of child pornography were White.³
- 50.0% of individuals in cases involving travel for prohibited sexual contact were White and 27.9% were Black.
- 64.9% of individuals in cases involving criminal sexual abuse (rape) were Native American.⁴
- 65.2% of individuals in cases involving abusive sexual contact were Native American.
- 90.7% of individuals in cases involving statutory rape were Native American.

Their average age was 38 years.

96.2% were United States citizens.

68.5% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I);

- 8.6% were CHC II;
- 9.3% were CHC III;
- 4.6% were CHC IV;
- 6.1% were CHC V;
- 2.9% were CHC VI.

11.1% of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse were convicted at trial, compared to 2.7% of all other federally sentenced individuals.

The top five districts for individuals sentenced for sexual abuse were:

- Middle District of Florida (45);
- District of South Dakota (42);
- Eastern District of Virginia (39);
- Northern District of Texas (37);
- Eastern District of Michigan (36, tie);
- Western District of Missouri (36, tie);
- District of Utah (36, tie).

Punishment

99.5% of individual sentenced for sexual abuse were sentenced to prison; their average sentence was 213 months.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of production of child pornography was 272 months:

- 79.9% of these individuals were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 304 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 146 months.



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Punishment (continued)

The average sentence for individuals convicted of travel to engage in prohibited sexual conduct with a minor was 155 months:

- 74.5% of these individuals were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 182 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 76 months.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of criminal sexual abuse (rape) was 212 months:

- 27.7% of these individuals were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 360 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 156 months.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of abusive sexual contact was 37 months.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of statutory rape was 48 months.

Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

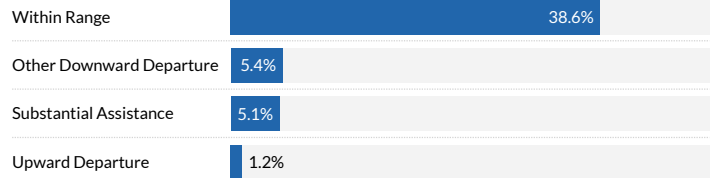
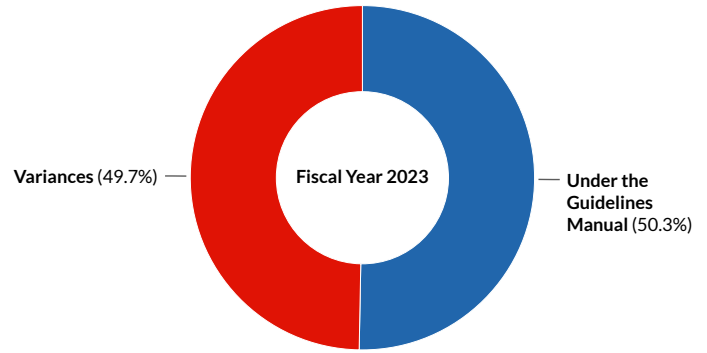
50.3% of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse were sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*.

- 38.6% were sentenced within the guideline range.
- 5.4% received some other downward departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 40.1%.
- 5.1% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 46.4%.
- 1.2% received an upward departure.
 - Their average sentence increase was 40.7%.

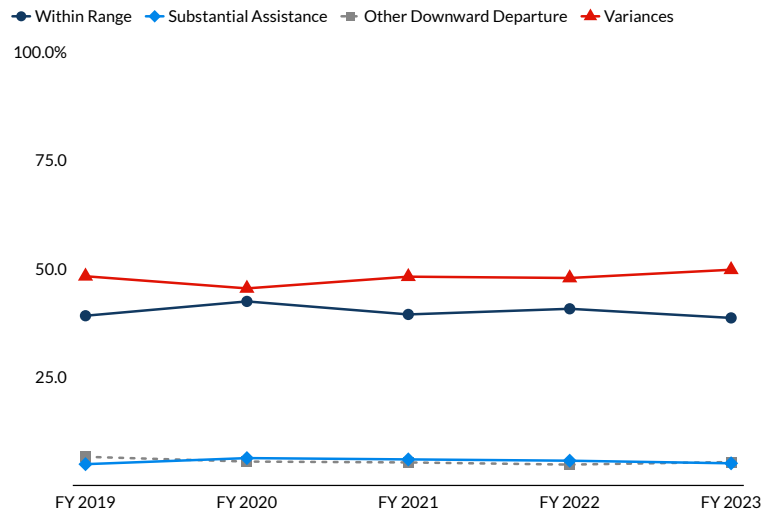
49.7% of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse received a variance:

- 45.2% received a downward variance.
 - Their average sentence reduction was 34.0%.
- 4.6% received an upward variance.
 - Their average sentence increase was 33.7%.

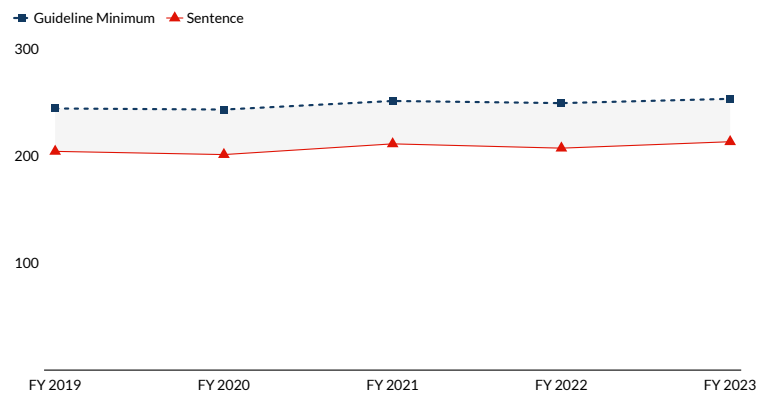
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Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



SOURCE: United States Sentencing Commission, FY 2019 through FY 2023 Datafiles, USSCFY19-USSCFY23.

¹ Individuals sentenced for sexual abuse are those convicted of Criminal Sexual Abuse – Rape (§2A3.1), Statutory Rape (§2A3.2), Criminal Sexual Abuse of a Ward (§2A3.3), Abusive Sexual Contact (§2A3.4), Promoting a Commercial Sex Act (§2G1.1), Travel to Engage in Prohibited Sexual Conduct with a Minor (§2G1.3), Production of Child Pornography (§2G2.1), or Child Exploitation Enterprises (§2G2.6).

² Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.

³ Production of Child Pornography does not include cases where individuals were convicted of Trafficking in Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor; Receiving, Transporting, Shipping, or Advertising Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor; Possessing Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor with Intent to Traffic; Possessing Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (§2G2.2).

⁴ Under the Major Crimes Act (18 U.S.C. § 1153), the federal government has jurisdiction over sexual assault crimes committed by Native Americans in Indian Country.