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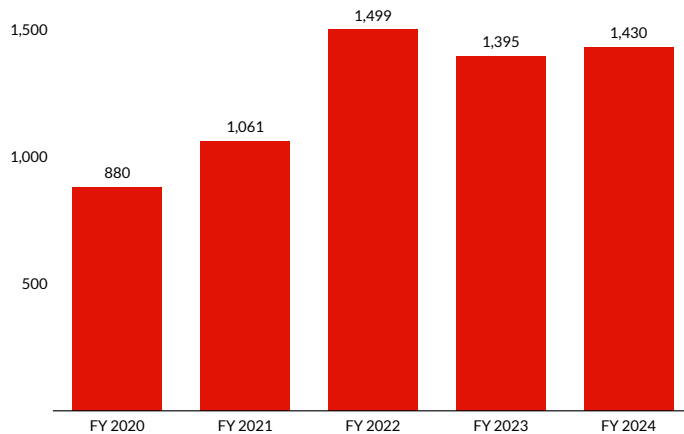
Sexual Abuse Offenses

Population Snapshot

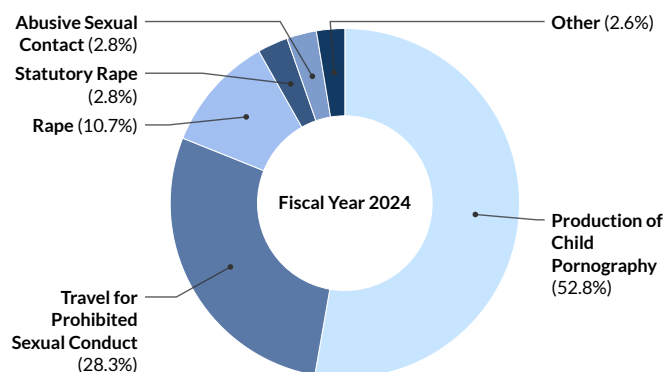
61,678 cases were reported in FY24;
1,430 involved sexual abuse.¹

Sexual abuse offenses have
increased 62.5%
since FY20.

Number of Sexual Abuse Offenses



Primary Sentencing Guideline for Individuals Sentenced for Sexual Abuse²



Individual and Offense Characteristics

93.5% of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse were men.

55.1% were White, 15.2% were Hispanic, 13.9% were Black, 13.0% were Native American, and 2.8% were Other races.³

- 67.0% of individuals in cases involving production of child pornography were White.⁴
- 55.6% of individuals in cases involving travel for prohibited sexual contact were White.
- 60.5% of individuals in cases involving criminal sexual abuse (rape) were Native American.
- 85.0% of individuals in cases involving statutory rape were Native American.
- 48.7% of individuals in cases involving abusive sexual contact were Native American and 23.1% were White.

Their average age was 38 years.

94.8% were United States citizens.

71.6% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I);

- 10.0% were CHC II;
- 6.9% were CHC III;
- 3.2% were CHC IV;
- 5.4% were CHC V;
- 2.9% were CHC VI.

10.8% 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:

- District of South Dakota (56);
- Northern District of Oklahoma (47);
- Eastern District of Oklahoma (44);
- Southern District of Florida (42);
- Southern District of Texas (40).

Punishment

The average sentence for individuals sentenced for sexual abuse was 221 months.

99.2% of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse were sentenced to prison.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of production of child pornography was 273 months:

- 80.1% of these individuals were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 305 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 147 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 163 months:

- 79.8% of these individuals were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 185 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 77 months.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of criminal sexual abuse (rape) was 229 months:

- 26.3% of these individuals were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 379 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 175 months.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of statutory rape was 42 months.

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

Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

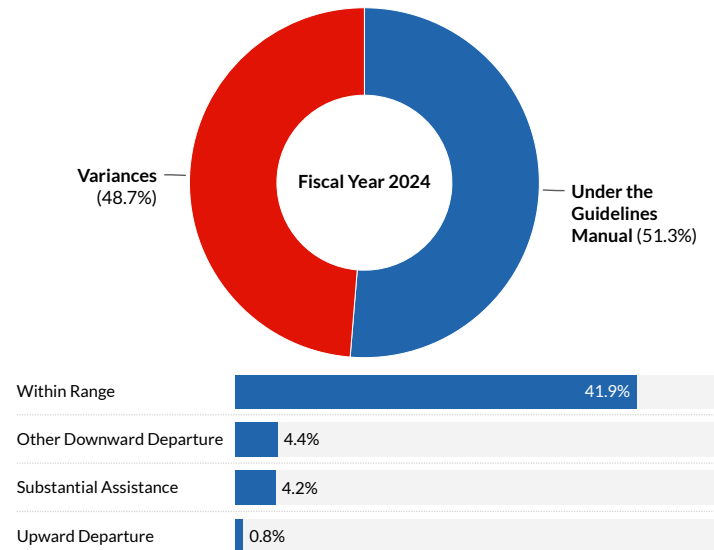
51.3% of sentences for sexual abuse were under the *Guidelines Manual*.

- 41.9% were within the guideline range.
- 4.2% were substantial assistance departures.
 - The average sentence reduction was 39.3%.
- 4.4% were some other downward departure.
 - The average sentence reduction was 31.3%.
- 0.8% were upward departures.
 - The average sentence increase was 57.0%.

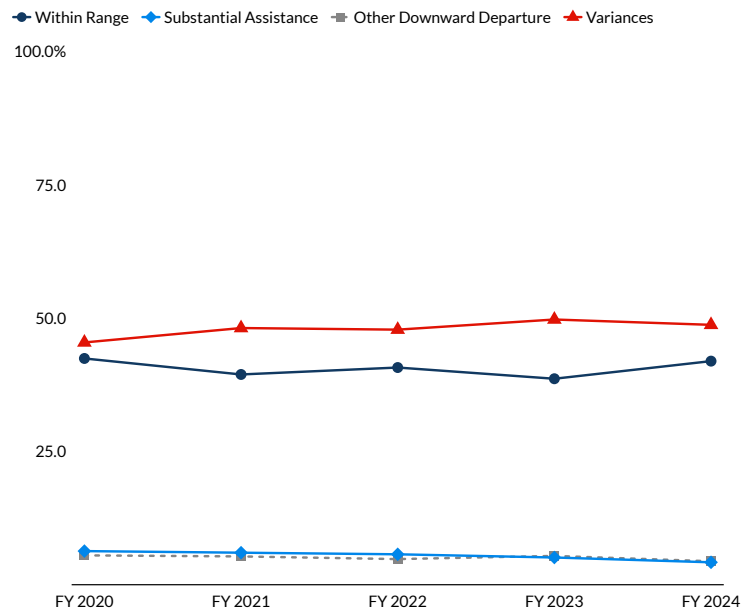
48.7% of sentences for sexual abuse were variances.

- 44.2% were downward variances.
 - The average sentence reduction was 31.1%.
- 4.5% were upward variances.
 - The average sentence increase was 35.6%.

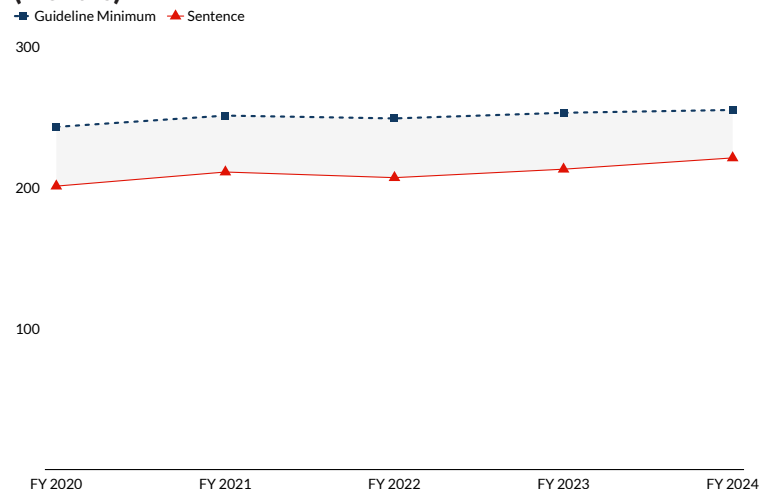
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Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range by Fiscal Year



Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



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 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.

⁴ 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).