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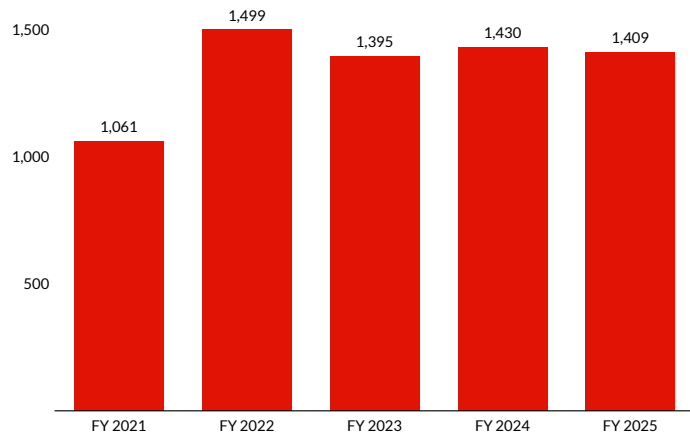
## Sexual Abuse Offenses

### Population Snapshot

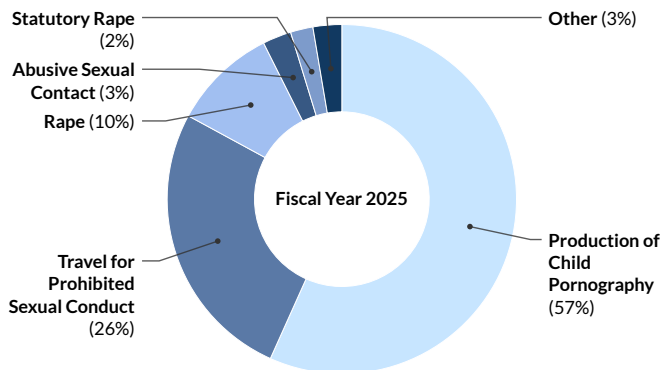
66,662 cases were reported in FY25;  
1,409 involved sexual abuse.<sup>1</sup>

Sexual abuse offenses  
have increased 33%  
since FY21.

### Number of Sexual Abuse Offenses



### Primary Sentencing Guideline for Individuals Sentenced for Sexual Abuse<sup>2</sup>



### Individual and Offense Characteristics

93% of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse were men.

55% were White, 16% were Hispanic, 15% were Black, 11% were Native American, and 2% were Other races.<sup>3</sup>

- 65% of individuals in cases involving production of child pornography were White.<sup>4</sup>
- 53% of individuals in cases involving travel for prohibited sexual contact were White.
- 51% of individuals in cases involving criminal sexual abuse (rape) were Native American.
- 57% of individuals in cases involving abusive sexual contact were Native American.
- 76% of individuals in cases involving statutory rape were Native American.

Their average age was 38 years.

95% were United States citizens.

71% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I);

- 11% were CHC II;
- 5% were CHC III;
- 3% were CHC IV;
- 7% were CHC V;
- 3% were CHC VI.

8% of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse were convicted at trial, compared to 2% of all other federally sentenced individuals.

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

- Middle District of Florida (65);
- District of South Dakota (50);
- Southern District of Texas (46);
- Northern District of Texas (43);
- Western District of Texas (37);
- Northern District of Oklahoma (37).

### Punishment

The average sentence for individuals sentenced for sexual abuse was 230 months.

99% of individuals sentenced for sexual abuse were sentenced to prison.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of production of child pornography was 283 months:

- 86% of these individuals were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 303 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 155 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 162 months:

- 76% of these individuals were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 186 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 90 months.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of criminal sexual abuse (rape) was 215 months:

- 24% of these individuals were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; their average sentence was 361 months. The average sentence without a mandatory minimum was 168 months.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of abusive sexual contact was 62 months.

The average sentence for individuals convicted of statutory rape was 51 months.

### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

52% of sentences for sexual abuse were under the *Guidelines Manual*.

- 43% were within the guideline range.
- 4% were substantial assistance departures.
  - The average sentence reduction was 41%.
- 4% were some other downward departure.
  - The average sentence reduction was 44%.
- 1% were upward departures.
  - The average sentence increase was 72%.

48% of sentences for sexual abuse were variances.

- 44% were downward variances.
  - The average sentence reduction was 31%.
- 4% were upward variances.
  - The average sentence increase was 54%.

<sup>1</sup> 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).

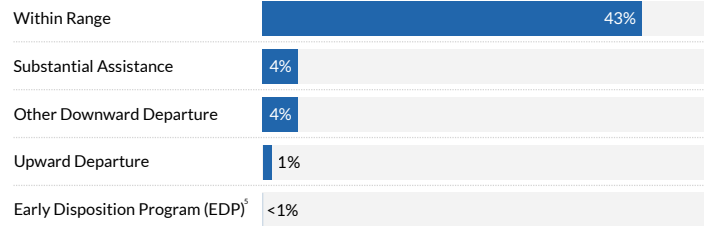
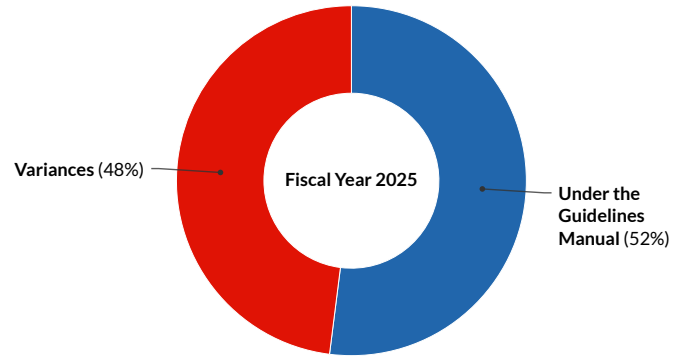
<sup>2</sup> Cases with incomplete sentencing information were excluded from the analysis.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

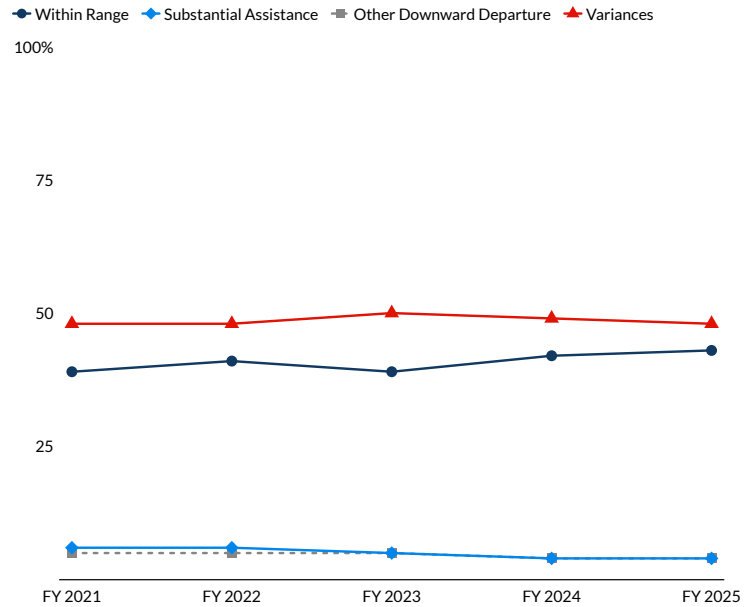
<sup>4</sup> Production of Child Pornography does not include cases where individuals were convicted of Trafficking in Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor; Receiving, Transporting, Shipping, or Advertising Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor; Possessing Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor with Intent to Traffic; Possessing Material Involving the Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (§2G2.2).

<sup>5</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.

### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range



### Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range by Fiscal Year



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

