



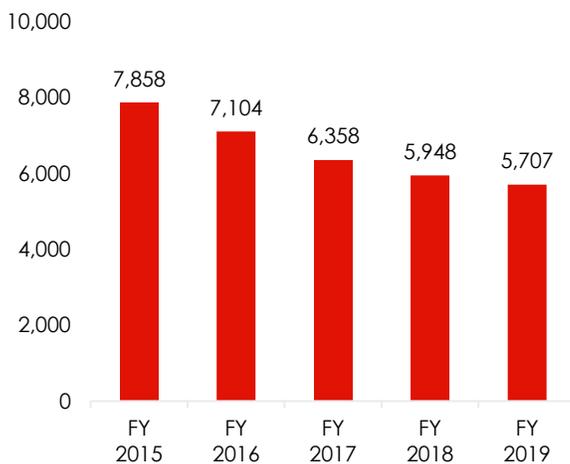
Quick Facts

— Theft, Property Destruction, and Fraud Offenses —

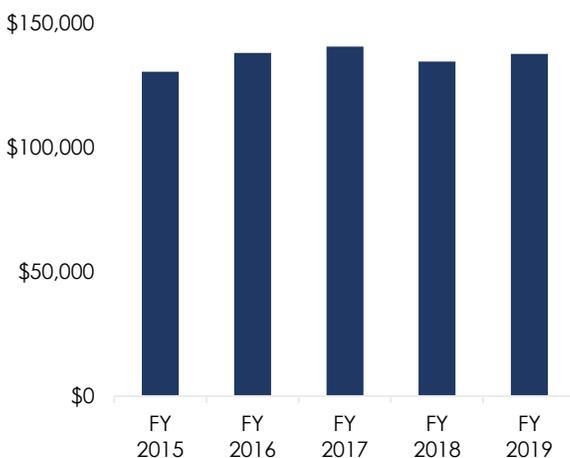
Fiscal Year 2019

- ▶ IN FY 2019, 76,538 CASES WERE REPORTED TO THE U.S. SENTENCING COMMISSION.
- ▶ 5,707 INVOLVED THEFT, PROPERTY DESTRUCTION, AND FRAUD.^{1,2}
- ▶ THEFT, PROPERTY DESTRUCTION, AND FRAUD OFFENSES HAVE DECREASED BY 27.4% SINCE FY 2015.

**Number of
Theft, Property Destruction, and Fraud
Offenders**



**Median Loss for
Theft, Property Destruction, and Fraud
Offenses**



Offender and Offense Characteristics

- 69.1% of theft, property destruction, and fraud offenders were men.
- 43.1% were White, 29.0% were Black, 21.3% were Hispanic, and 6.7% were Other races.
- Their average age was 43 years.
- 84.4% were United States citizens.
- 69.6% had little or no prior criminal history (Criminal History Category I).
- The median loss for these offenses was \$137,500.
 - ◆ 52.0% involved loss amounts of \$150,000 or less.³
 - ◆ 85.3% involved loss amounts of \$1.5 million or less.
- Sentences were increased for:
 - ◆ The number of victims or the extent of harm to them (32.9%);
 - ◆ Sophisticated means used to execute or conceal the offense (17.8%);⁴
 - ◆ Using an unauthorized means of identification (15.3%);
 - ◆ Abusing a public position of trust or using a special skill (17.8%);
 - ◆ Leadership or supervisory role in the offense (10.7%); and
 - ◆ Obstructing or impeding the administration of justice (4.5%).
- Sentences were decreased for:
 - ◆ Minor or minimal participation in the offense (4.5%).
- The top five districts for theft, property destruction, and fraud offenders were:
 - ◆ Southern District of Florida (375);
 - ◆ Southern District of New York (287);
 - ◆ Central District of California (272);
 - ◆ Middle District of Florida (197); and
 - ◆ District of South Carolina (152).

Punishment

- The average sentence for theft, property destruction, and fraud offenders was 23 months.
- 74.6% of were sentenced to prison.
- 12.7% were convicted of an offense carrying a mandatory minimum penalty; of those offenders, 21.0% were relieved of that penalty.

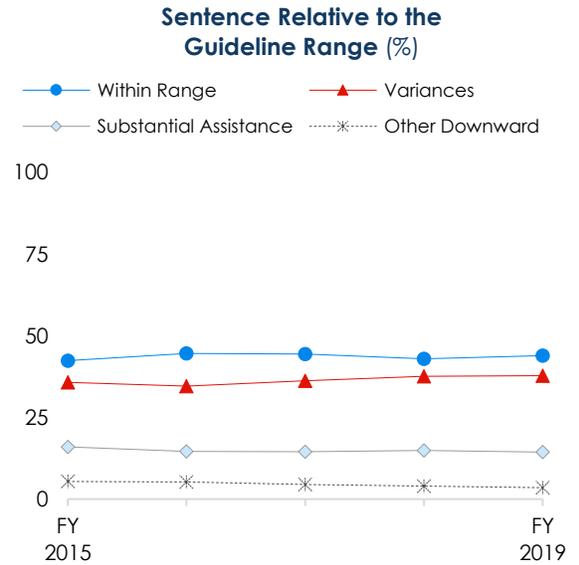


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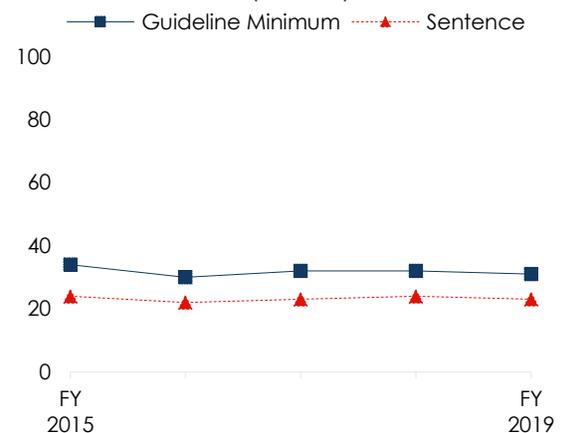
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Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range

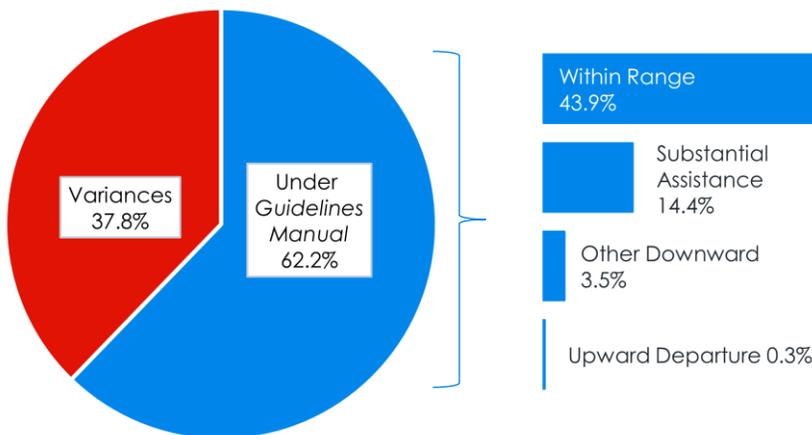
- Of the 62.2% of theft, property destruction, and fraud offenders sentenced under the *Guidelines Manual*:
 - ◆ 70.5% were sentenced within the guideline range.
 - ◆ 23.1% received a substantial assistance departure.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 63.3%.
 - ◆ 5.6% received some other downward departure.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 55.5%.
- 37.8% received a variance; of those offenders:
 - ◆ 95.2% received a downward variance.
 - ◇ Their average sentence reduction was 54.1%.
 - ◆ 4.8% received an upward variance.
 - ◇ Their average sentence increase was 81.2%.
- The average guideline minimum and average sentence imposed have decreased slightly over the past five years.
 - ◆ The average guideline minimum decreased from 34 months in fiscal year 2015 to 31 months in fiscal year 2019.
 - ◆ The average sentence imposed decreased from 24 months in fiscal year 2015 to 23 months in fiscal year 2019.



Average Guideline Minimum and Average Sentence (months)



Sentence Imposed Relative to the Guideline Range FY 2019



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

2 Theft, Property Destruction, and Fraud offenses include cases in which the offender was sentenced under §2B1.1 (Larceny, Embezzlement, and Other Forms of Theft; Offenses Involving Stolen Property; Property Damage or Destruction; Fraud and Deceit; Forgery; Offenses Involving Altered or Counterfeit Instruments Other than Counterfeit Bearer Obligations of the United States).

3 The Loss Table and Victims Table were amended effective Nov 1, 2001 and November 1, 2015.

4 The Sophisticated Means adjustment was amended effective November 1, 2015.