



Crack Cocaine Trafficking Offenses in the Federal Criminal Justice System

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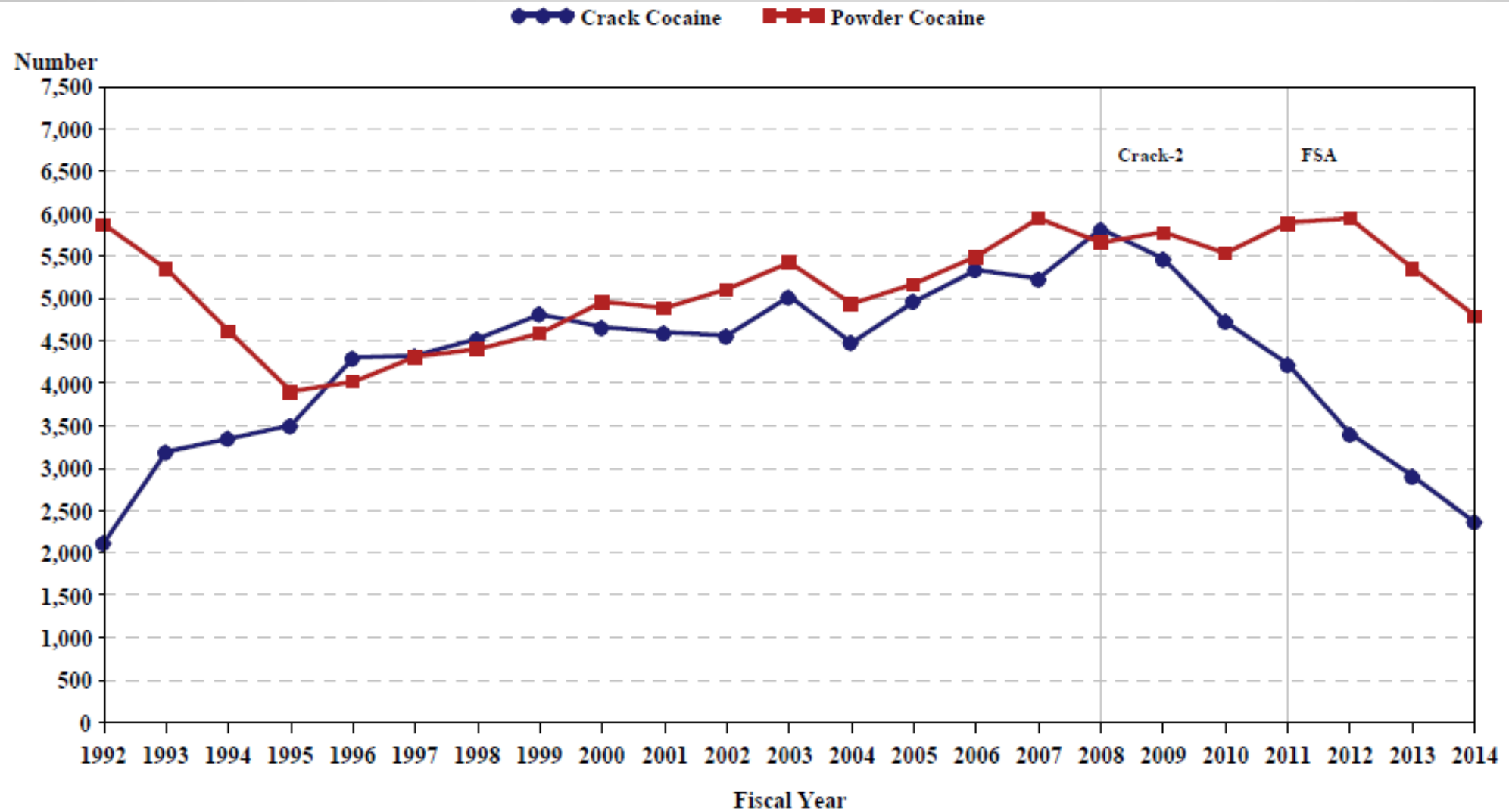
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Number of Powder Cocaine and Crack Cocaine Trafficking Offenders

Fiscal Years 1992 - 2014



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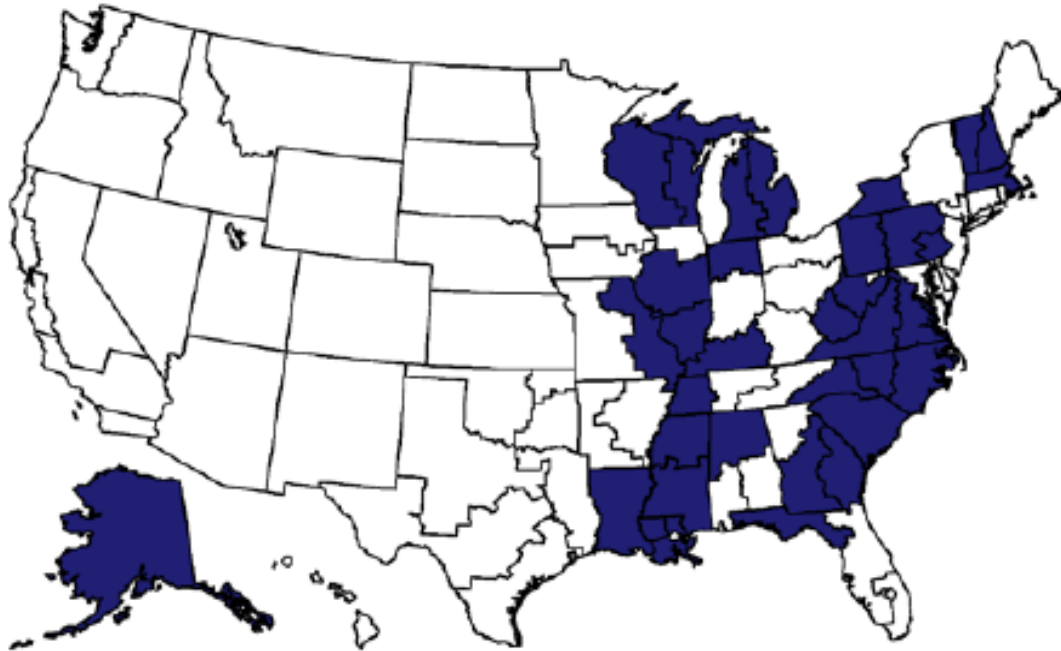
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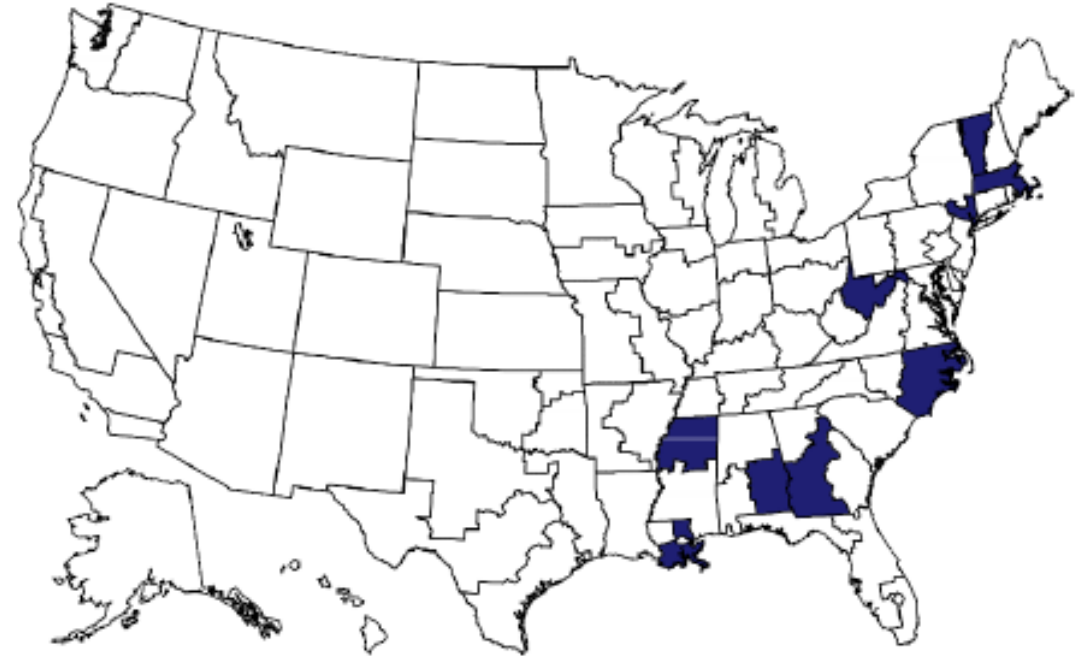
Districts with Crack Cocaine as the Primary Drug Type

Fiscal Years 2010 and 2014

Fiscal Year 2010



Fiscal Year 2014

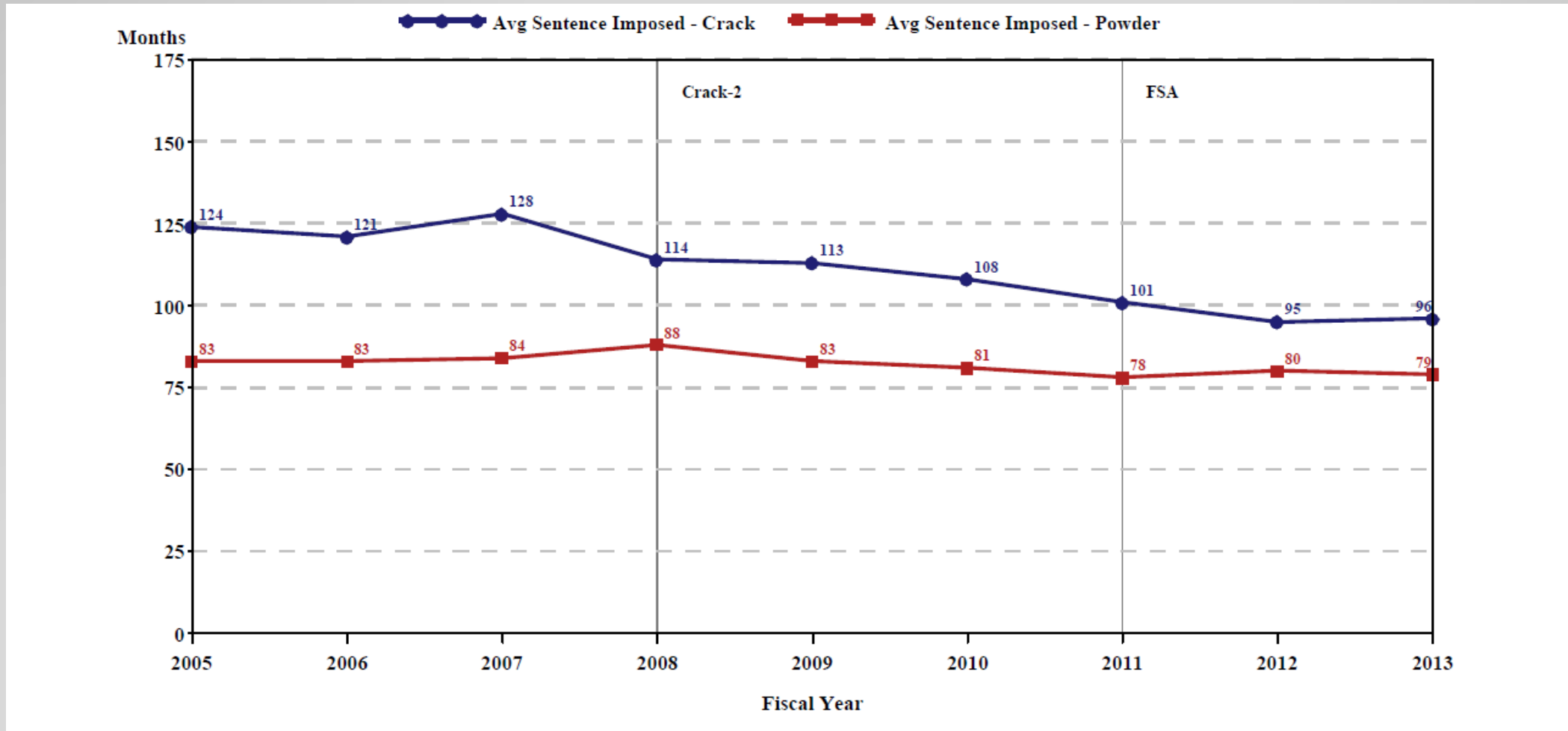


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Average Sentence Imposed for Crack Cocaine and Powder Cocaine Trafficking Offenders

Fiscal Years 2005 - 2013

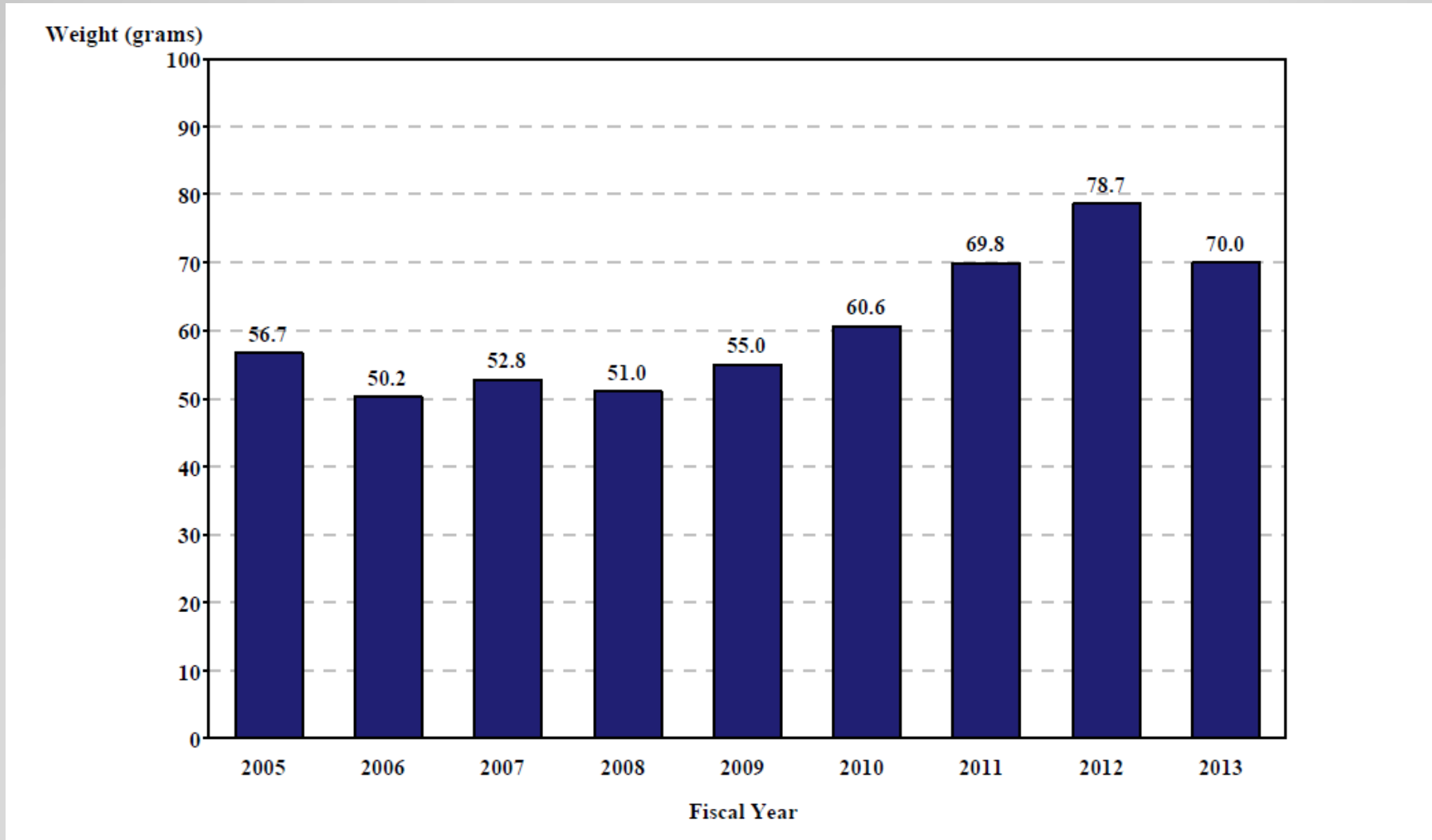


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Median Drug Weight in Crack Cocaine Trafficking Offenses

Fiscal Years 2005 - 2013

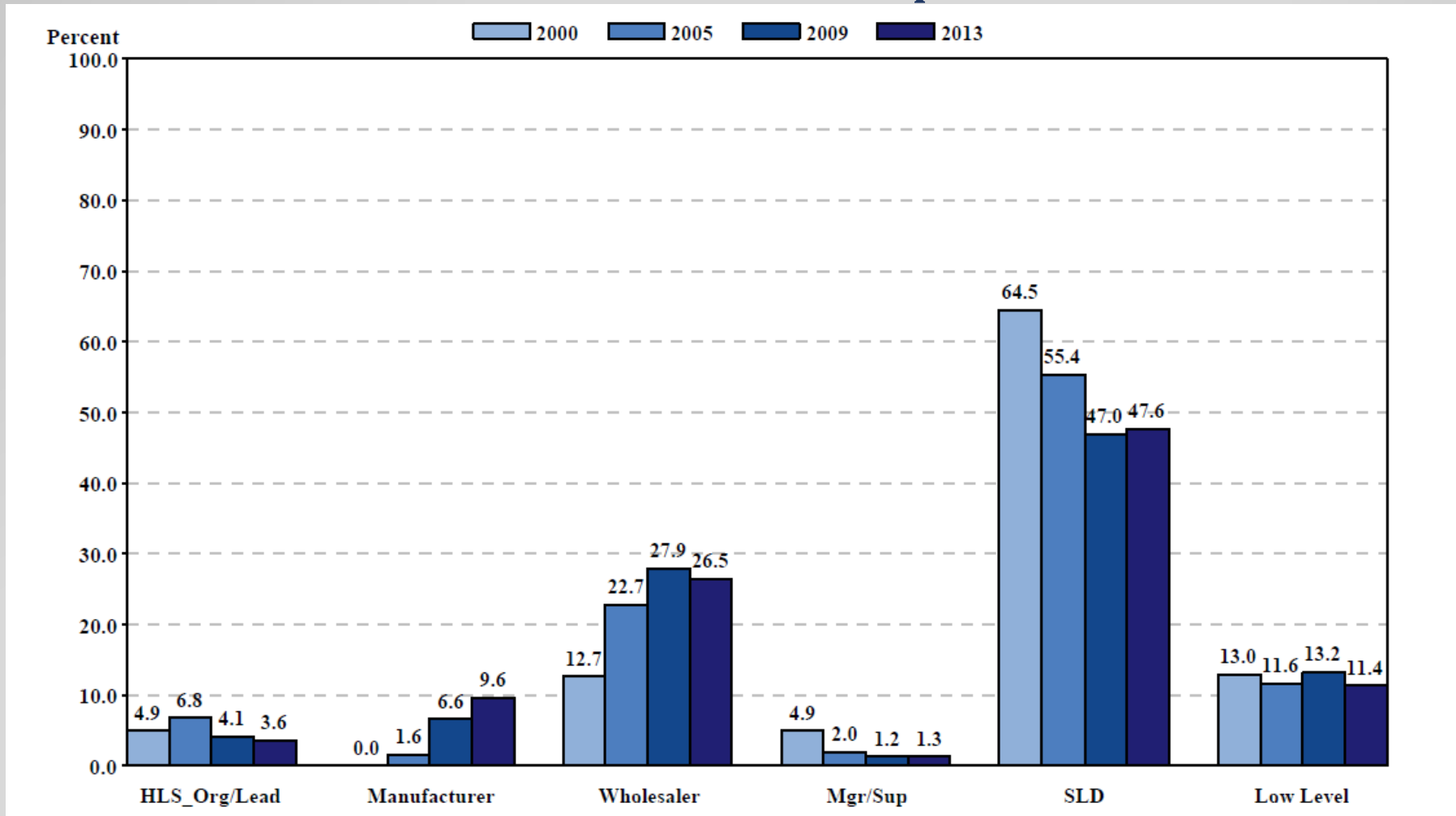


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Most Serious Function of Crack Cocaine Trafficking Offenders

Select Fiscal Year Samples

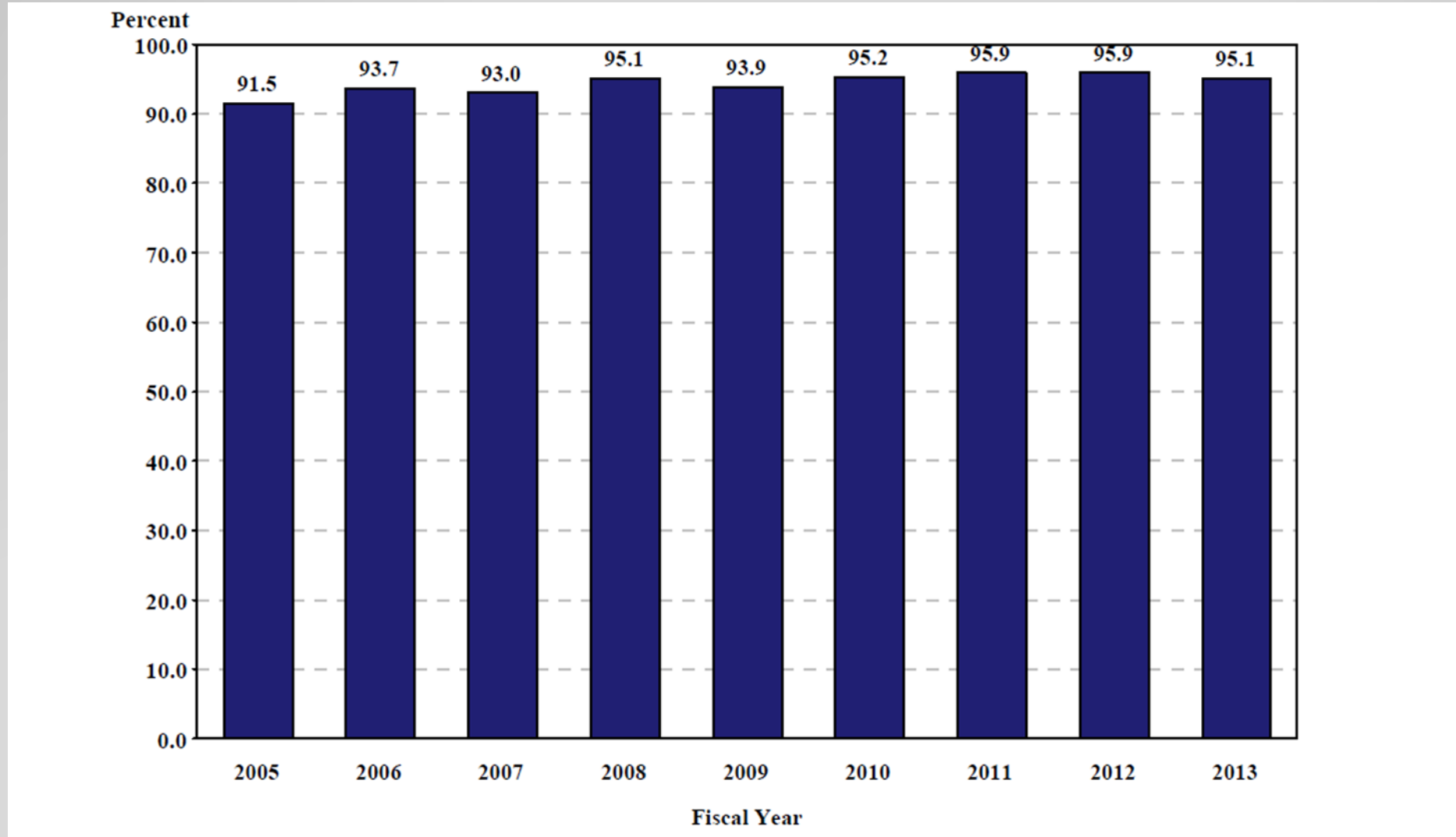


For the Fiscal Year 2000, 2009, and 2013 Samples, only offenders sentenced with complete guideline application information under USSG §§2D1.1 (Drug Trafficking), 2D1.2 (Protected Locations), 2D1.5 (Continuing Criminal Enterprise), 2D1.6 (Use of a Communication Facility), 2D1.8 (Rent/Manage Drug Establishment), 2D1.10 (Endangering Human Life), or 2D1.14 (Narco-Terrorism) with a primary drug type of crack cocaine were included in this analysis. For the Fiscal Year 2005 Sample, only offenders sentenced under USSG §2D1.1 (Drug Trafficking) with a primary drug type of crack cocaine were included in the analysis. Cases missing information on most serious offender function were excluded from the analysis. The 'Low Level Functions' category includes offenders classified as: financier/money launderer, pilot/captain, bodyguard/strongman/debt collector, chemist/cook/chemical supplier, broker/go-between, courier, mule, renter/storer, money runner, off loader/loader, gopher/lookout/deckhand/employee, enabler, user only or "other" function.



Plea Rate in Crack Cocaine Trafficking Offenses

Fiscal Years 2005 - 2013



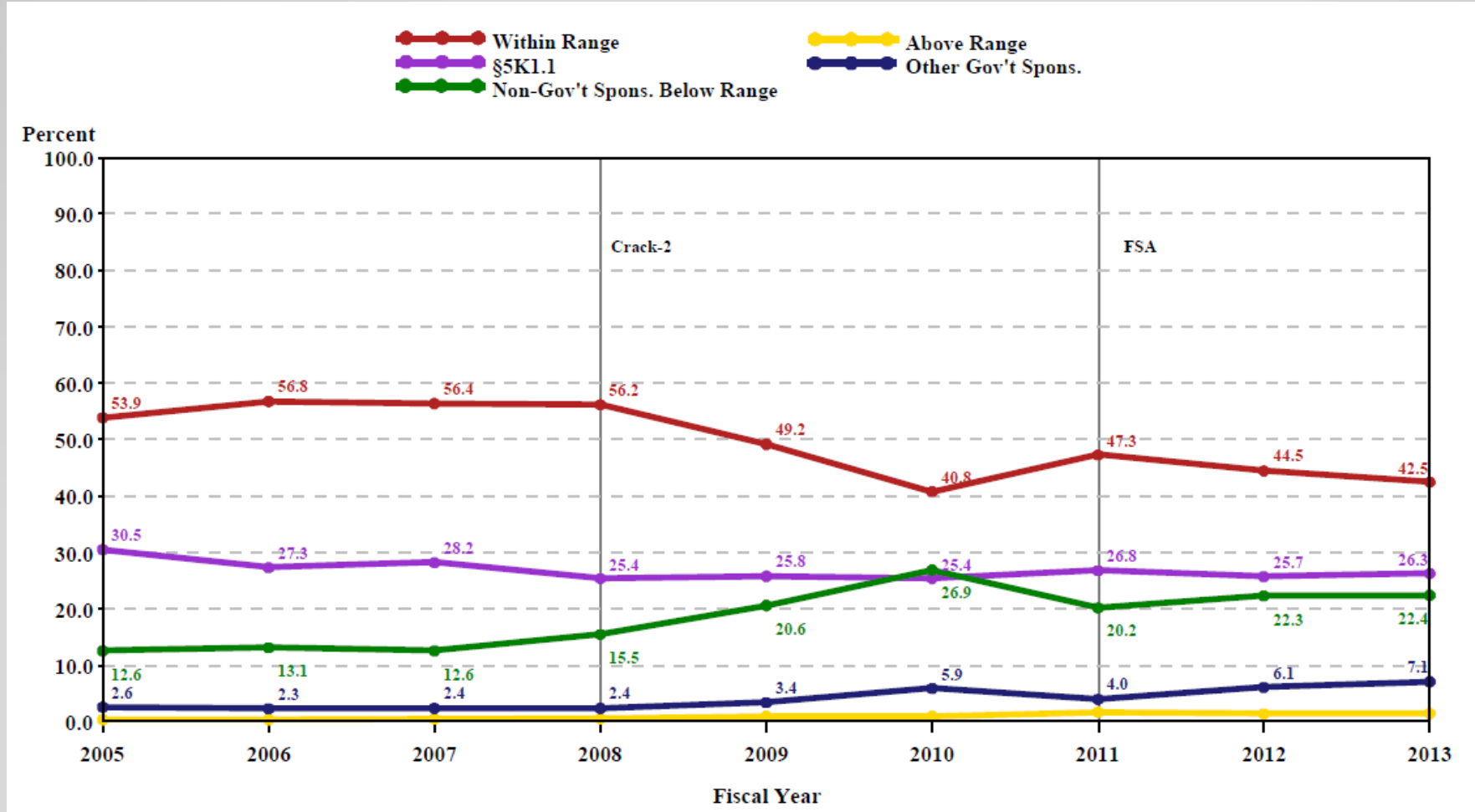
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SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, FSA Datafiles.



Position of Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range for Crack Cocaine Trafficking Offenders

Fiscal Years 2005 - 2013



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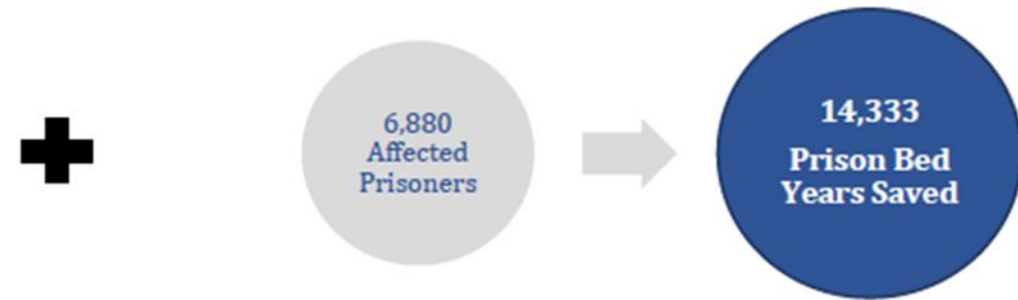


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