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# Compassionate Release

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## Amendments

### [Reader-Friendly Amendments](#)

This document is a compilation containing unofficial text of amendments to the sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and commentary submitted to Congress, and is provided only for the convenience of the user. The second document contains the official text of the amendments, which were submitted to Congress on April 27, 2023 (effective November 1, 2023).



## Data

### [Compassionate Release Data Report](#)

This report provides an analysis of the compassionate release motions filed with the courts and decided during the first two quarters of fiscal year 2023. Table 1 and Figure 1, combine this data with data on compassionate release motions from prior fiscal years to facilitate trend analyses. The data in this report is limited to motions for which the Commission received or obtained court documentation and completed its analysis by May 3, 2023.



## Research

### [Compassionate Release: The Impact of the First Step Act and COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

This report first provides an overview of offenders who were granted or denied compassionate release in fiscal year 2020, examining geography, demographics, offense type, criminal history, and selected offense characteristics. Next, it focuses on offenders granted compassionate release, describing the reasons courts cited for granting relief and the nature of the relief received. Finally, it focuses on offenders denied relief in fiscal year 2020, describing the reasons courts cited for denying relief.

### [Report At-A-Glance](#)

This snapshot presents highlights from the Commission's 2022 report, *Compassionate Release: The Impact of the First Step Act and COVID-19 Pandemic*.

