

## Commission Recommendations

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### **Crack Cocaine Mandatory Minimum Threshold:**

5 year Mandatory Minimum to at least 25 grams  
10 year Mandatory Minimum to at least 250 grams

### **Specific Enhancements:**

Weapon involvement  
Bodily injury  
Importation  
Repeat felony drug trafficking  
Protected persons and locations

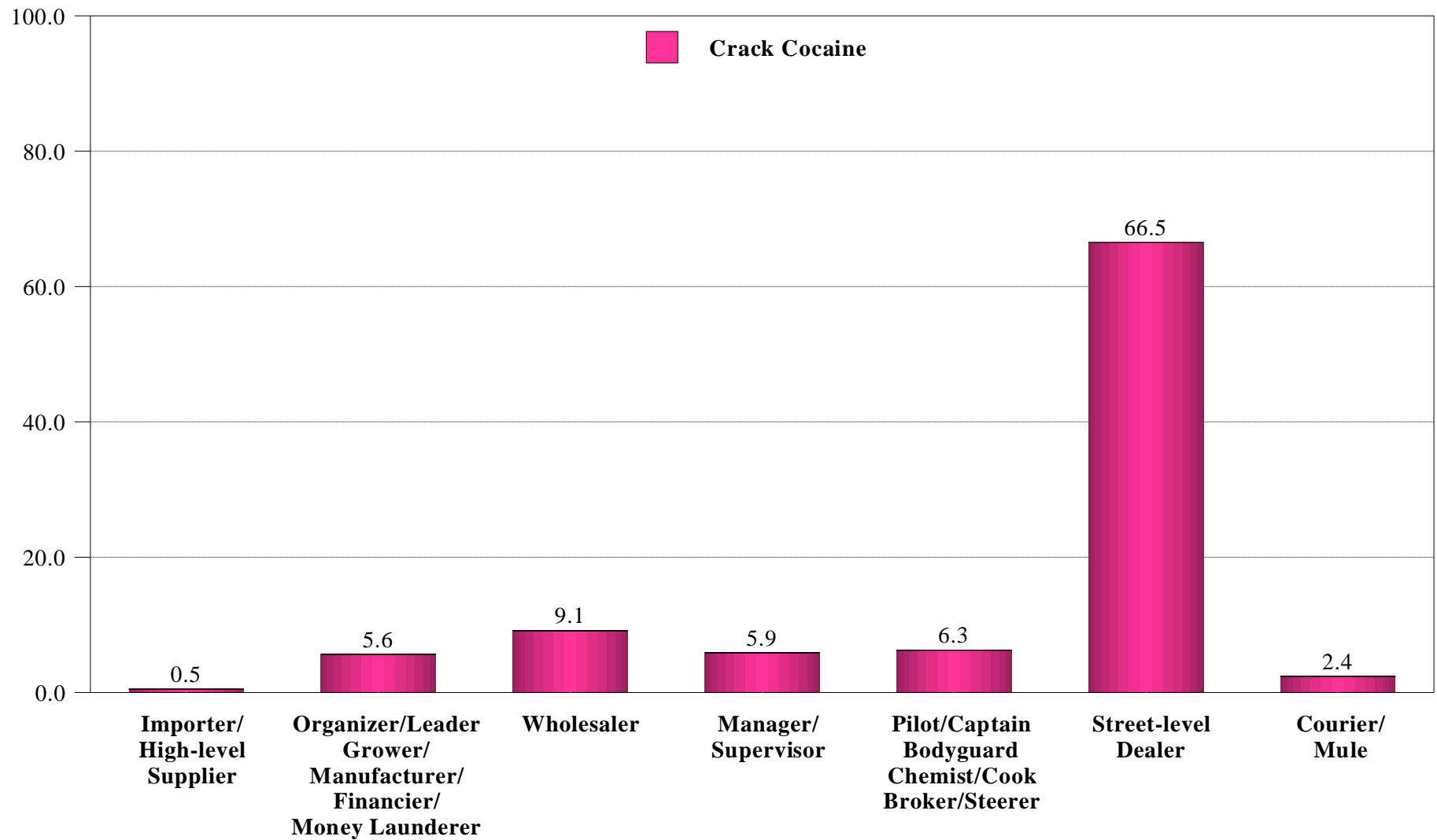
### **Powder Cocaine**

Maintain current mandatory minimum thresholds

# Offender Function in Crack Cocaine Cases

FY 2000

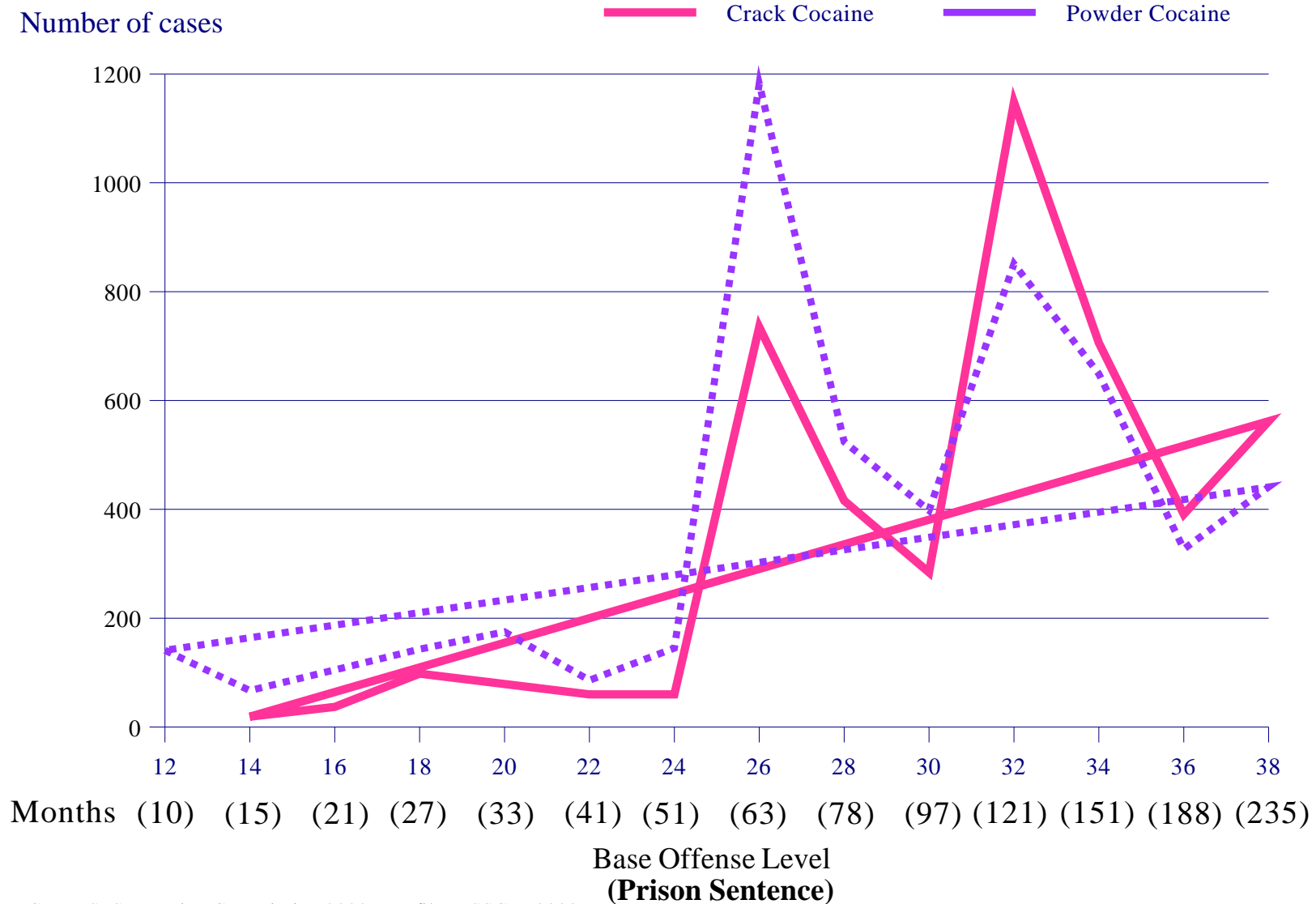
Percent



Not represented in the figure is a residual category which includes loaders, lookouts, and users involving 3.8% of crack cocaine cases.

SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2000 Drug Sample.

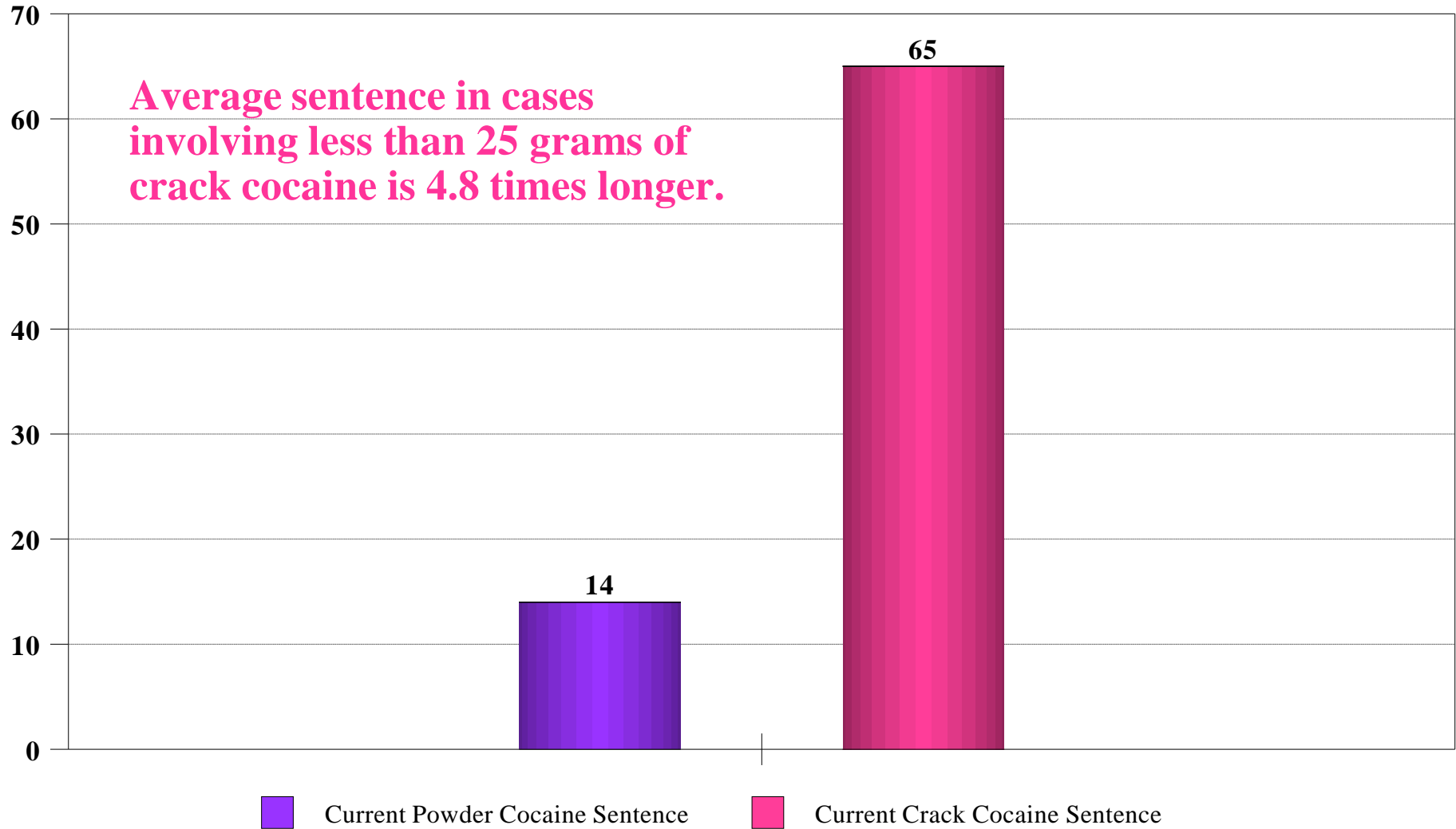
# Distribution of Quantity Based Guideline Penalties for Powder Cocaine and Crack Cocaine Offenses



SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission 2000 Datafile, USSCFY2000.

# Cocaine Sentences for Quantities Less Than 25 Grams

Average Sentence  
(in months)

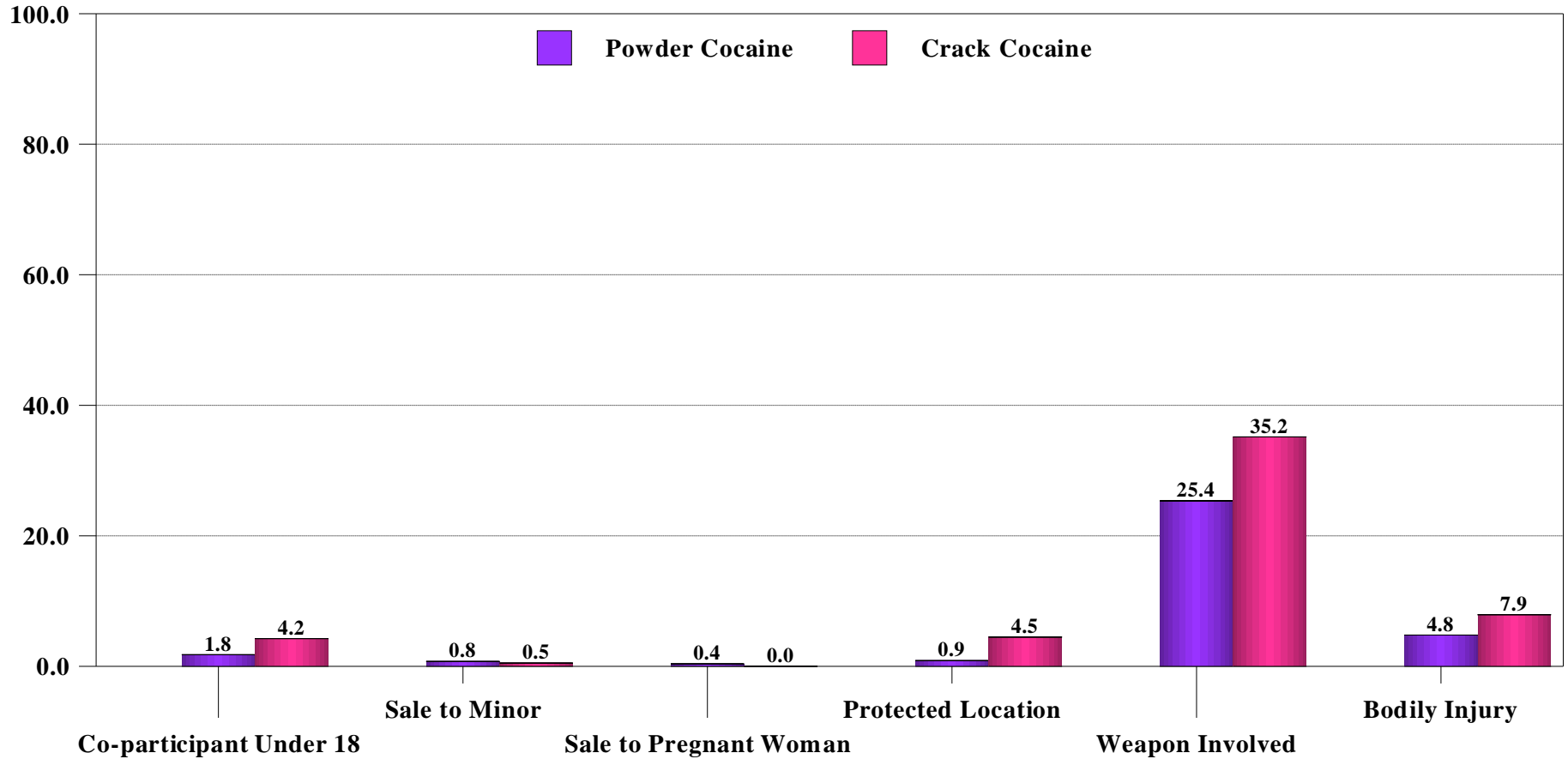


SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, *Federal Cocaine Offenses: An Analysis of Crack and Powder Penalties*, March 17, 2002.

# Offense Characteristics of Cocaine Offenders

FY 2000

Percent

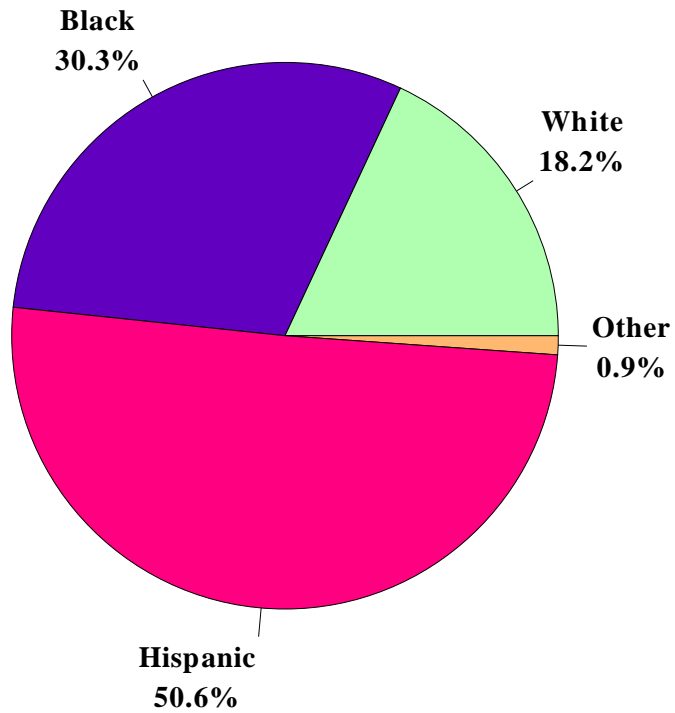


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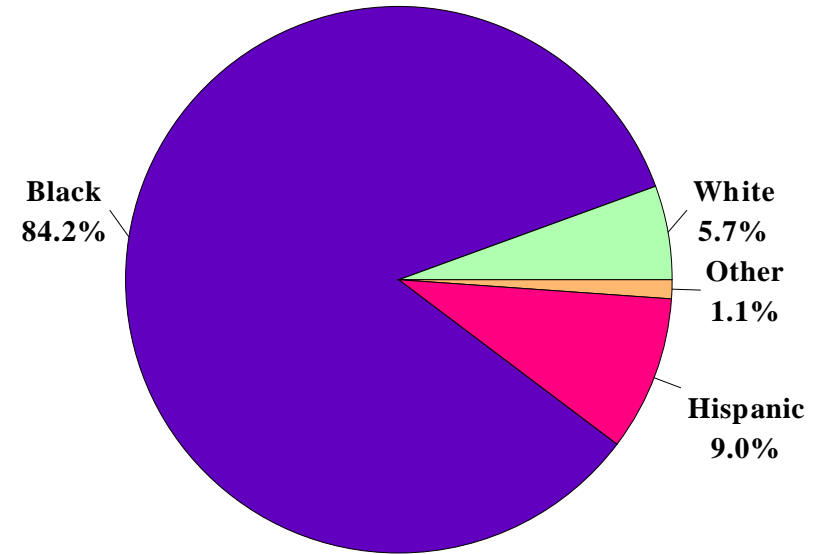
# Race/Ethnicity of Cocaine Offenders

FY 2000

Powder Cocaine



Crack Cocaine

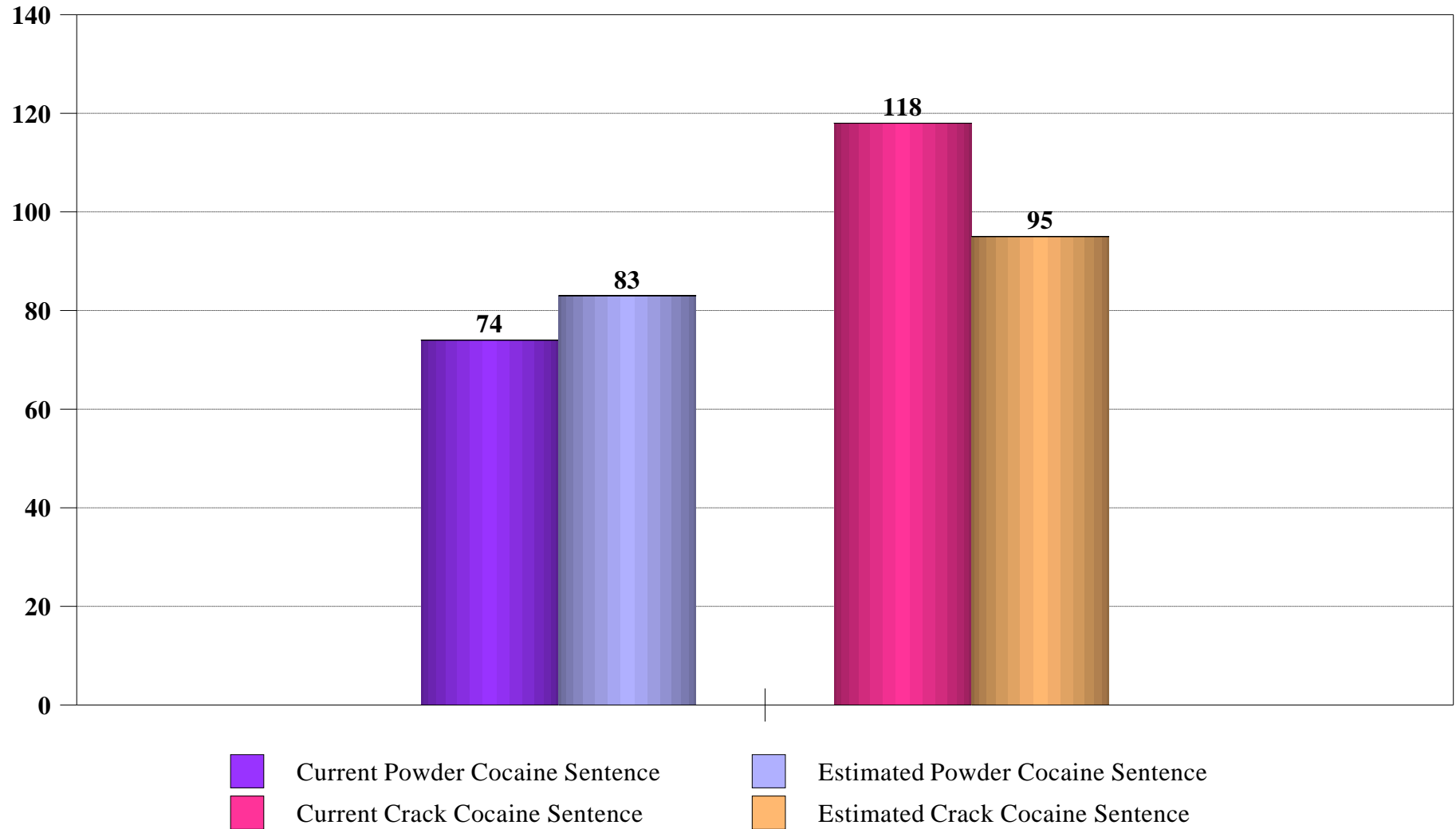


SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2000 Sourcebook of Federal Sentencing Statistics.

# Current and Estimated Sentences Of Powder Cocaine and Crack Cocaine Offenders

Average Sentence  
(in months)

Fiscal Year 2000

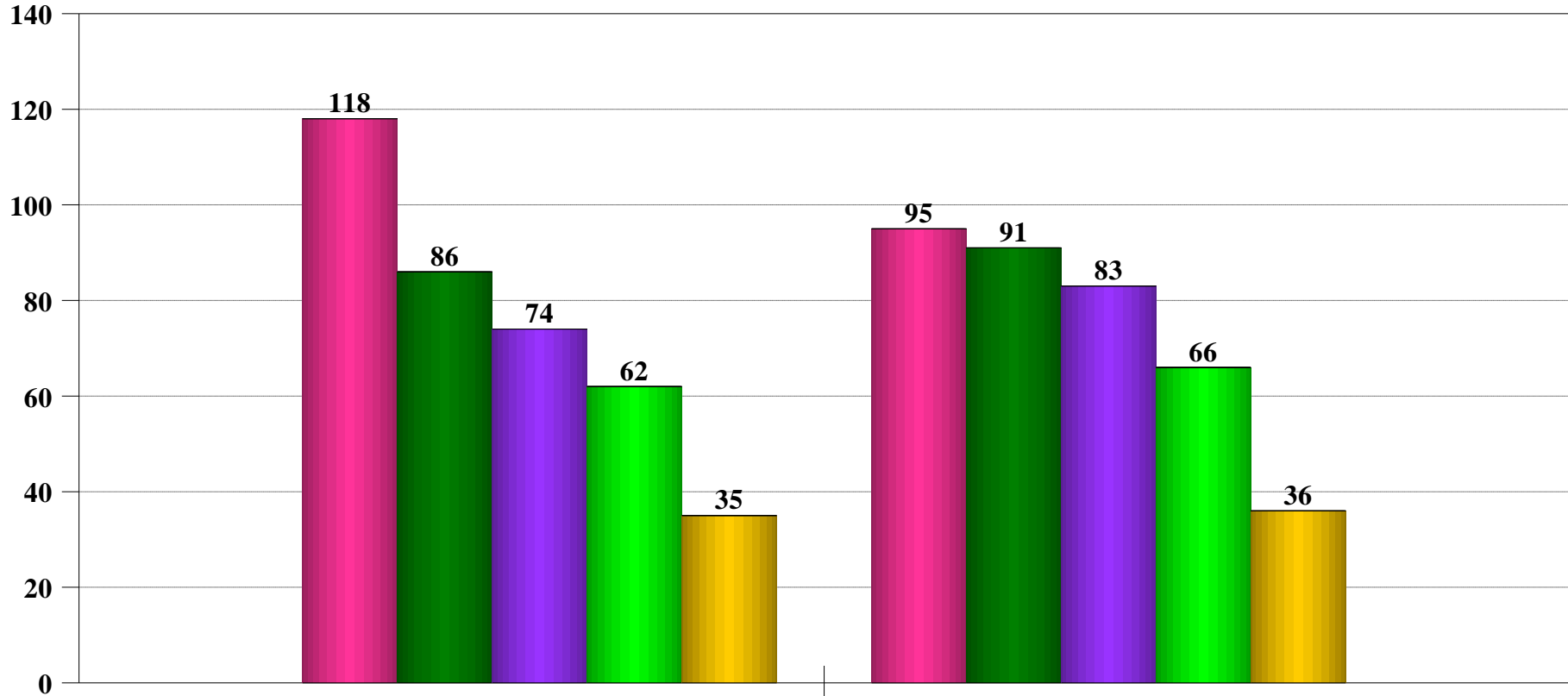


Assumes crack cocaine mandatory minimum of 25 grams and enhancements for weapons, bodily injury, prior drug felony, and importation.  
SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2000 Datafile, USSCFY00 and the Commission's Prison Impact Model.

# Current and Estimated Sentences Of All Major Drug Trafficking Offenders

Average Sentence  
(in months)

Fiscal Year 2000



- Current Crack Cocaine
- Current Methamphetamine
- Current Powder Cocaine
- Current Heroin
- Current Marijuana
- Estimated Crack Cocaine
- Estimated Methamphetamine
- Estimated Powder Cocaine
- Estimated Heroin
- Estimated Marijuana

Assumes crack cocaine mandatory minimum of 25 grams and enhancements for weapons, bodily injury, prior drug felony, and importation (for powder and crack cocaine only).  
SOURCE: U.S. Sentencing Commission, 2000 Datafile, USSCFY00 and the Commission's Prison Impact Model.