

**Quick Data Facts**  
**National Data: FINAL FY2011**

FY2011 Caseload: 86,201 Felony and Class A Misdemeanor Cases Processed by the Commission (up from 83,946 in FY2010)

Information on Sentences Relative to the Range:

Within Range Rate: 54.5% (down from 55.0% in FY2010)  
Government Sponsored: 26.3% (up from 25.3% in FY2010)  
Non-Government Sponsored: 17.4% (down from 17.8% in FY2010)  
3.4% Departures (3.1% in FY2010)  
14.0% Variances (14.7% in FY2010)

Variance Only Information (Below Guideline Range Citing *Booker/3553*):

Total # of Cases: 10,882 (compared to 10,590 in FY2010) (this is *only* the number of cases for which information on sentence length and degree of variance was available)

Mean Sentence: 46 months

Mean Decrease from Guideline Minimum in Months: 26 months

Mean Decrease from Guideline Minimum in Percentage: 44.7%

Immigration: For third consecutive year, the most prevalent offense type in our dataset at 34.9% (34.4% in FY2010)

Citizenship: 48.0% of the cases processed by the Commission were for **non-citizens**  
Commission processed 29,491 Immigration offenses in FY2011 (28,276 in FY2010)

Drugs: Prior to FY2009, drug offenses were most prevalent  
Drug offenses are now 29.1% of the docket (28.9% in FY2010)  
Powder Cocaine offenses makeup 23.9% of all drug cases (23.6% in FY2010)  
Crack Cocaine offenses makeup 16.8% of all drug cases (19.5% in FY2010)  
Heroin offenses makeup 7.1% of all drug cases (6.6% in FY2010)  
Marijuana offenses makeup 27.9% (26.3% in FY2010)  
Methamphetamine offenses makeup 18.1% (17.8% in FY2010)

Child Pornography: FY 2010 was the first year the Commission broke child pornography offenses out of other offenses  
Departure/Variance Rate is 44.9% (42.7% in FY2010)

Plea Rates: 96.9% of cases processed included pleas (96.8% in FY2010)  
The plea rate has continued to increase since FY 2006

Sentencing Patterns:

Most cases remain sentenced in the lower half of the guideline range

Average sentence length: 43 months (44.3 months in FY2010)

**Immigration Avg Sentence Length: 16 months** (16.8 mos in FY2010)

**Drug Trafficking Avg Sentence Length: 70 months** (74.9 mos in FY2010)

**Child Pornography Avg Sentence Length: 119 months** (118 mos in FY2010)

**Fraud Avg Sentence Length: 23 months** (23.2 mos in FY2010)

**Firearms Avg Sentence Length: 83 months** (85.0 mos in FY2010)

86.9% of cases processed received "prison only" sentences (87.4% in FY2010) (NOTE: as the number of non-citizens increases, the availability of alternatives for federal offenders decreases)