



# METHODOLOGY

Data provided in Issue 1 (July 2020) of the *Sentencing Snapshot* was obtained from sentencing guidelines worksheets submitted to the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) via the Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS) or paper guidelines worksheets. A sentencing guidelines worksheet is completed for all sentencing events that originate in and are sentenced in Maryland circuit courts. Additionally, a guidelines worksheet is completed for sentencing events involving jury trial prayers and appeals from the District Court if a pre-sentence investigation (PSI) is ordered. A sentencing event is defined as one defendant, sentenced in front of the same judge, on the same day. A sentencing event may contain multiple offenses from multiple crime categories. These analyses exclude sentencing guidelines worksheets submitted for non-original sentencing events, including sentence reconsideration hearings and three-judge panel reviews. In 2019, less than 1% of sentencing events for which a guidelines worksheet was submitted were for sentence reconsideration hearings or three-judge panel reviews. The sentencing guidelines do not apply to violations of probation.

All sentencing events included in these analyses took place in calendar year (CY) 2019. The MSCCSP received guidelines worksheets for 10,692 guidelines-eligible, original sentencing events, including 15,096 guidelines-eligible convicted offenses, sentenced in 2019.

Per Title 4 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, the District Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all misdemeanors with a maximum penalty of less than three years. The District Court and circuit courts share jurisdiction over misdemeanor offenses with a maximum penalty of three years or more and all felony theft offenses, regardless of the dollar amount involved in the theft. Circuit courts have exclusive jurisdiction over felonies (excluding felony theft). The sentencing guidelines do not apply to cases prosecuted and sentenced in the District Court. District Court sentences are not included in the MSCCSP’s data. If a misdemeanor offense with a penalty of less than 3 years appears in the MSCCSP’s sentencing guidelines data, it is because the conviction was pled down from a more serious charge, convicted along with a more serious offense, and/or part of a jury trial prayer or appeal with a PSI ordered. **The MSCCSP data and the average sentence lengths and percentage of defendants incarcerated provided in this Snapshot do not reflect the statewide average for those offenses in which the District Court has exclusive jurisdiction or shared jurisdiction.**

Table 1, below, provides the total number of guidelines-eligible criminal sentencing events and offenses, sentenced in 2019 and disaggregated by crime category, for which the MSCCSP received a sentencing guidelines worksheet. Tables 2 through 10 provide the characteristics of and average sentences for common crimes of violence and firearms and other weapons offenses. Tables 11 and 12 provide a list of all offenses defined as crimes of violence and firearms and other weapons offenses for the purposes of these analyses.

**TABLE 1. GUIDELINES-ELIGIBLE CRIMINAL SENTENCING EVENTS AND OFFENSES SENTENCED IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS, CY 2019**

	Offenses		Sentencing Events Included One or More:	
	#	%	#	%
Crimes of violence	2,827	18.7%	1,892	17.7%
Firearms offenses	2,081	13.8%	1,771	16.6%
Other person offenses	3,656	24.2%	2,873	26.9%
Drug offenses	3,762	24.9%	3,398	31.8%
Property offenses	2,770	18.3%	2,126	19.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,096</b>		<b>10,692</b>	

Note. Sentencing event percentages do not sum to 100% as a sentencing event may contain multiple offenses from multiple crime categories.



### CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

For the purposes of these analyses, crimes of violence were defined pursuant to Criminal Law Article (CR), § 14-101. See Table 11 for a complete list of crimes of violence and their frequencies.

**TABLE 2. COMMON CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, CY 2019**

	Offenses		# Sentencing Events Included One or More:		Source	Statutory Maximum (Mandatory Minimum)	Classification	Jurisdiction
	#	%	#	%				
Robbery	661	23.4%	565	29.9%	CR, § 3-402	15Y	Felony	Circuit
Robbery with a dangerous weapon	497	17.6%	376	19.9%	CR, § 3-403(a)(1)	20Y	Felony	Circuit
Assault, 1 <sup>st</sup> degree	450	15.9%	389	20.6%	CR, § 3-202	25Y	Felony	Circuit
Possession or use of a firearm in a crime of violence/felony, 1 <sup>st</sup> offense	362	12.8%	289	15.3%	CR, § 4-204(c)(1)	20Y (5Y)	Misdemeanor	Shared
<b>Total crimes of violence</b>	<b>2,827</b>		<b>1,892</b>					

Note. Sentencing event percentages do not sum to 100% as a sentencing event may contain multiple crimes of violence.

**TABLE 3. PRIOR RECORD SCORE AMONG DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE COMMON CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, CY 2019**

	Sentencing event included one or more:									
	Crimes of Violence		Robbery		Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon		Assault, 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree		Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Crime of Violence or Felony, 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Prior record score										
None	736	39.1%	207	36.8%	146	39.1%	124	32.0%	73	25.4%
Minor	362	19.2%	113	20.1%	54	14.5%	86	22.2%	53	18.5%
Moderate	399	21.2%	123	21.9%	84	22.5%	92	23.8%	61	21.3%
Major	386	20.5%	119	21.2%	89	23.9%	85	22.0%	100	34.8%
<b>Total sentencing events</b>	<b>1,892</b>		<b>565</b>		<b>376</b>		<b>389</b>		<b>289</b>	

Note. Frequencies for the prior record score were calculated at the sentencing event level to avoid double-counting defendants who were convicted of multiple offenses. Percentages are based on non-missing data. Nine sentencing events including one or more crimes of violence were missing prior record score, including 3 robberies, 3 robberies with a dangerous weapon, 2 assaults, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and 2 possession or use of a firearm in a crime of violence or felony, 1<sup>st</sup> offense.



**TABLE 4. CHARACTERISTICS OF COMMON CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, CY 2019**

	All Crimes of Violence		Robbery		Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon		Assault, 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree		Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Crime of Violence or Felony, 1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Weapon presence</b>										
Firearm or explosive	1,277	45.8%	101	15.4%	275	55.6%	251	56.0%	352	99.4%
Other weapon	634	22.7%	172	26.2%	200	40.4%	137	30.6%	1	.3%
No weapon	879	31.5%	384	58.4%	20	4.0%	60	13.4%	1	.3%
<b>Victim injury</b>										
Permanent injury or death	534	19.1%	11	1.7%	35	7.1%	82	18.3%	138	39.0%
Non-permanent injury	787	28.2%	168	25.6%	79	16.0%	207	46.3%	71	20.1%
No injury	1,468	52.6%	478	72.8%	381	77.0%	158	35.3%	145	41.0%
<b>Special victim vulnerability</b>										
Yes	291	10.4%	27	4.1%	13	2.6%	21	4.7%	12	3.4%
No	2,499	89.6%	630	95.9%	482	97.4%	427	95.3%	342	96.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,827</b>		<b>661</b>		<b>497</b>		<b>450</b>		<b>362</b>	

Note. Percentages are based on non-missing data. Thirty-seven crimes of violence were missing weapon presence, including 4 robberies, 2 robberies with a dangerous weapon, 2 assaults, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and 8 possession or use of a firearm in a crime of violence or felony, 1<sup>st</sup> offense. Thirty-eight crimes of violence were missing victim injury, including 4 robberies, 2 robberies with a dangerous weapon, 3 assaults, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and 8 possession or use of a firearm in a crime of violence or felony, 1<sup>st</sup> offense. Thirty-seven crimes of violence were missing special victim vulnerability, including 4 robberies, 2 robberies with a dangerous weapon, 2 assaults, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and 8 possession or use of a firearm in a crime of violence or felony, 1<sup>st</sup> offense.



**TABLE 5. AVERAGE SENTENCES FOR COMMON CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, BY PRIOR RECORD SCORE, CY 2019**

	Offenses		Average Total Sentence (Years)	Average Guidelines Applicable Sentence (Years)	Incarcerated		Incarcerated Post-Sentence	
	#	% of Offenses			#	% in Prior Record Category	#	% in Prior Record Category
<b>Robbery</b>								
None	249	37.8%	7.8	1.6	204	81.9%	147	59.0%
Minor	125	18.9%	8.0	1.9	116	92.8%	91	72.8%
Moderate	143	21.6%	9.5	3.7	134	93.7%	117	81.8%
Major	141	21.3%	10.7	6.2	134	95.0%	125	88.7%
<b>Total robbery</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>89.3%</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>72.8%</b>
<b>Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon</b>								
None	178	36.0%	11.7	3.3	158	88.8%	125	70.2%
Minor	62	12.6%	10.9	5.1	59	95.2%	53	85.5%
Moderate	117	23.7%	14.8	7.3	108	92.3%	96	82.1%
Major	137	27.7%	16.4	11.5	128	93.4%	120	87.6%
<b>Total robbery with a dangerous weapon</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>91.8%</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>79.7%</b>
<b>Assault, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree</b>								
None	130	29.0%	14.1	4.4	124	95.4%	107	82.3%
Minor	117	26.1%	16.6	9.2	112	95.7%	94	80.3%
Moderate	100	22.3%	16.2	8.2	98	98.0%	89	89.0%
Major	101	22.5%	18.9	12.3	97	96.0%	92	91.1%
<b>Total assault, 1<sup>st</sup> degree</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>96.2%</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>85.3%</b>
<b>Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Crime of Violence or Felony, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>								
None	79	21.9%	11.9	8.6	79	100.0%	74	93.7%
Minor	82	22.8%	16.0	13.6	82	100.0%	82	100.0%
Moderate	70	19.4%	13.7	9.6	69	98.6%	69	98.6%
Major	129	35.8%	14.9	12.4	128	99.2%	123	95.3%
<b>Total possession or use of a firearm in a crime of violence or felony, 1<sup>st</sup> offense</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>99.4%</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
<b>Total crimes of violence</b>	<b>2,827</b>		<b>17.4</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>93.7%</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>84.7%</b>

Note. The total sentence includes jail/prison time, credit for time served, home detention, and suspended time. The guidelines-applicable sentence includes jail/prison time, credit for time served, and home detention. It does not included suspended time. Post-sentence incarceration includes jail/prison time and home detention. It does not include suspend all but time served sentences. Average total and guidelines-applicable sentences were calculated at the offense level so as to capture each sentence. Percentages are based on non-missing data. Thirteen crimes of violence were missing prior record score, including 3 robberies, 3 robberies with a dangerous weapon, 2 assaults, 1<sup>st</sup> degree, and 2 possession or use of a firearm in a crime of violence or felony, 1<sup>st</sup> offense.



### FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSES

For the purposes of these analyses, firearms offenses also included other weapons offenses. See Table 12 for a complete list of firearms and other weapons offenses and their frequencies.

**TABLE 6. COMMON GUIDELINES-ELIGIBLE FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSES, CY 2019**

	Offenses		# Sentencing Events Included One or More:		Source	Statutory Maximum (Mandatory Minimum)	Classification	Jurisdiction
	#	%	#	%				
<b>Misdemeanor Offenses</b>								
Wear, carry, transport a handgun, 1 <sup>st</sup> offense	561	27.0%	541	30.5%	CR, §4-203(c)(2)(i)	3Y	Misdemeanor	Shared
Possession of a firearm by a restricted person	450	21.6%	437	24.7%	PS, §5-133(b); PS, §5-144 (penalty)	5Y	Misdemeanor	Shared
Possession of a firearm by a person under 21 years old	148	7.1%	145	8.2%	PS, §5-133(d); PS, §5-144 (penalty)	5Y	Misdemeanor	Shared
<b>Total misdemeanor offenses</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>72.0%</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>74.2%</b>				
<b>Felony Offenses</b>								
Possession of a firearm after a crime of violence or select drug crime	359	17.3%	340	19.2%	PS, §5-133(c)	15Y (5Y, suspendable under certain conditions)	Felony	Circuit
Possession or use of a firearm in a drug offense, 1 <sup>st</sup> offense	79	3.8%	77	4.3%	CR, §5-621(c)	20Y (5Y)	Felony	Circuit
<b>Total felony offenses</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>28.0%</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>30.9%</b>				
<b>Total firearms and other weapons offenses</b>	<b>2,081</b>		<b>1,771</b>					

Note. Sentencing event percentages do not sum to 100% as a sentencing event may contain multiple firearms or other weapons offenses.



**TABLE 7. ADDITIONAL OFFENSES AMONG DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSES**

	All Defendants Convicted of One or More Firearms or Other Weapons Offenses		Misdemeanor Defendants		Felony Defendants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Defendant was convicted at the same time for:						
No other offenses	912	51.5%	640	52.3%	272	49.6%
Multiple firearms offenses	239	13.5%	126	10.3%	113	20.6%
Crime of violence	184	10.4%	115	9.4%	69	12.6%
Other person offense	192	10.8%	145	11.9%	47	8.6%
Drug offense	339	19.1%	235	19.2%	104	19.0%
Property offense	60	3.4%	44	3.6%	16	2.9%
<b>Total sentencing events containing one or more firearms or other weapons offenses</b>	<b>1,771</b>		<b>1,223</b>		<b>548</b>	

Note. Frequencies were calculated at the sentencing event level to avoid double-counting defendants who were convicted of multiple firearms or other weapons offenses. Percentages do not total to 100%, as a sentencing event may contain multiple offenses from multiple crime categories. Misdemeanor defendants were defined as those sentencing events that included one or more misdemeanor firearms or other weapons offenses and no felony offenses. Felony defendants were defined as those sentencing events that included one or more felony firearms or other weapons offenses, including sentencing events that contained both felony and misdemeanor offenses.

**TABLE 8. PRIOR RECORD SCORE AMONG DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSES, BY PRIOR RECORD SCORE AND OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION**

	All Defendants Convicted of One or More Firearms or Other Weapons Offenses		Misdemeanor Defendants		Felony Defendants	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Prior record score						
None	422	24.0%	405	33.3%	17	3.1%
Minor	422	24.0%	371	30.5%	51	9.4%
Moderate	466	26.4%	299	24.5%	167	30.7%
Major	452	25.7%	143	11.7%	309	56.8%
<b>Total sentencing events containing one or more firearms or other weapons offenses</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,223</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Note. The prior record score was calculated at the sentencing event level to avoid double-counting defendants who were convicted of multiple firearms or other weapons offenses. See Note on Table 7 for the definition of misdemeanor and felony defendants. Percentages are based on non-missing data. Nine sentencing events including one or more firearms or other weapons offenses were missing prior record score, including 5 misdemeanor sentencing events and 4 felony sentencing events.



**TABLE 9. PRIOR RECORD SCORE AMONG DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF ONE OR MORE COMMON FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSES, CY 2019**

	Sentencing event included one or more:									
	Wear, carry, transport a handgun, 1 <sup>st</sup> offense		Possession of a firearm by a restricted person		Possession of a firearm by a person under 21 years old		Possession of a firearm after a crime of violence or select drug crime		Possession or use of a firearm in a drug offense, 1 <sup>st</sup> offense	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Prior record score										
None	216	40.2%	41	9.4%	106	73.1%	2	0.6%	10	13.3%
Minor	147	27.4%	148	33.9%	32	22.1%	27	8.0%	12	16.0%
Moderate	100	18.6%	172	39.4%	7	4.8%	98	29.0%	21	28.0%
Major	74	13.8%	75	17.2%	0	0.0%	211	62.4%	32	42.7%
<b>Total sentencing events containing one or more firearms or other weapons offenses</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Note. The prior record score was calculated at the sentencing event level to avoid double-counting defendants who were convicted of multiple firearms or other weapons offenses. Percentages are based on non-missing data. Nine sentencing events including one or more firearms or other weapons offenses were missing prior record score, including 4 wear, carry, transport a handgun, 1st offense, 1 possession of firearm by a restricted person, 2 possession of a firearm after a crime of violence or select drug crime, and 2 possession or use of a firearm in a drug offense, 1st offense.



**TABLE 10. AVERAGE SENTENCES FOR COMMON FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSES, BY PRIOR RECORD SCORE, CY 2019**

	Offenses				Incarcerated		Incarcerated Post-Sentence		
	#	% of Offenses	Average Total Sentence (Years)	Average Guidelines Applicable Sentence (Years)	#	% in Prior Record Category	#	% in Prior Record Category	
<b>Misdemeanor Offenses</b>									
<b>Wear, Carry, Transport A Handgun, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>									
None	222	39.9%	2.0	0.6	140	63.1%	93	41.9%	
Minor	153	27.5%	2.3	1.0	113	73.9%	83	54.2%	
Moderate	103	18.5%	2.5	1.3	85	82.5%	61	59.2%	
Major	78	14.0%	2.7	2.3	70	89.7%	62	79.5%	
<b>Total wear, carry, transport a handgun, 1<sup>st</sup> offense</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>73.3%</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>53.8%</b>	
<b>Possession of a Firearm by a Restricted Person</b>									
None	42	9.4%	3.4	0.8	34	81.0%	24	57.1%	
Minor	154	34.3%	3.8	1.4	132	85.7%	102	66.2%	
Moderate	176	39.2%	4.3	1.7	145	82.4%	119	67.6%	
Major	77	17.1%	4.5	2.9	70	90.9%	58	75.3%	
<b>Total possession of a firearm by a restricted person</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>84.9%</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>67.6%</b>	
<b>Possession of a Firearm by a Person Under 21 Years Old</b>									
None	108	73.0%	3.5	0.6	72	66.7%	37	34.3%	
Minor	33	22.3%	3.6	1.3	30	90.9%	24	72.7%	
Moderate	7	4.7%	3.6	3.0	7	100.0%	6	85.7%	
Major	0	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total possession of a firearm by a person under 21 years old</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>73.6%</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>45.3%</b>	
<b>All Misdemeanor Offenses</b>									
None	451	30.2%	2.5	0.6	293	65.0%	185	41.0%	
Minor	432	29.0%	3.0	1.1	336	77.8%	247	57.2%	
Moderate	368	24.7%	3.3	1.5	301	81.8%	233	63.3%	
Major	241	16.2%	3.2	2.2	208	86.3%	181	75.1%	
<b>Total misdemeanor offenses</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>76.2%</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>56.7%</b>	

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**TABLE 10. AVERAGE SENTENCES FOR COMMON FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSES, BY PRIOR RECORD SCORE, CY 2019, CONTINUED**

	Offenses		Average Total Sentence (Years)	Average Guidelines Applicable Sentence (Years)	Incarcerated		Incarcerated Post-Sentence	
	#	% of Offenses			#	% in Prior Record Category	#	% in Prior Record Category
<b>Felony Offenses</b>								
<b>Possession Of A Firearm After A Crime Of Violence Or Select Drug Crime</b>								
None	3	0.8%	11.7	4.7	3	100.0%	2	66.7%
Minor	29	8.1%	9.6	5.6	25	86.2%	23	79.3%
Moderate	101	28.3%	8.7	4.8	97	96.0%	93	92.1%
Major	224	62.7%	9.5	6.4	221	98.7%	211	94.2%
<b>Total Possession of a firearm after a crime of violence or select drug crime</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>96.9%</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>92.2%</b>
<b>Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Drug Offense, 1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>								
None	10	13.0%	12.5	5.7	10	100.0%	9	90.0%
Minor	12	15.6%	10.6	6.4	12	100.0%	12	100.0%
Moderate	21	27.3%	11.2	6.9	21	100.0%	21	100.0%
Major	34	44.2%	11.5	7.6	34	100.0%	33	97.1%
<b>Total possession or use of a firearm in a drug offense, 1<sup>st</sup> offense</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
<b>All Felony Offenses</b>								
None	18	3.1%	12.6	4.7	18	100.0%	15	83.3%
Minor	55	9.5%	8.5	4.6	48	87.3%	42	76.4%
Moderate	173	29.9%	8.0	4.2	161	93.1%	151	87.3%
Major	333	57.5%	8.9	5.8	319	95.8%	298	89.5%
<b>Total felony offenses</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>94.3%</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>87.5%</b>
<b>Total firearms and other weapons offenses</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>81.3%</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>65.4%</b>

Note. The total sentence includes jail/prison time, credit for time served, home detention, and suspended time. The guidelines-applicable sentence includes jail/prison time, credit for time served, and home detention. It does not include suspended time. Post-sentence incarceration includes jail/prison time and home detention. It does not include suspended all but time served sentences. Average total and guidelines-applicable sentences were calculated at the offense level so as to capture each sentence. Percentages are based on non-missing data. Ten firearms or other weapons offenses were missing prior record score, including 6 misdemeanor offenses, 4 felony offenses, 5 wear, carry, transport a handgun, 1st offense, 1 possession of firearm by a restricted person, 2 possession of a firearm after a crime of violence or select drug crime, and 2 possession or use of a firearm in a drug offense, 1st offense.



# LIST OF OFFENSES

## CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

For the purposes of these analyses, crimes of violence were defined pursuant to Criminal Law Article (CR), § 14-101. Some offenses are broken down by offense date, as the penalty for these offenses was revised effective as of the noted date.

**TABLE 11. CRIMES OF VIOLENCE, CY 2019**

	#	%
Robbery	661	23.4%
Robbery with a dangerous weapon	497	17.6%
Assault, 1st degree	450	15.9%
Firearm use in commission of a crime of violence or felony, 1st offense	362	12.8%
Child abuse-sexual	173	6.1%
Murder, 1st degree	110	3.9%
Rape, 2nd degree	81	2.9%
Carjacking, armed	55	1.9%
Home invasion	48	1.7%
Carjacking, unarmed	45	1.6%
Murder, 1st degree, attempted	43	1.5%
Murder, 2nd degree, attempted	41	1.5%
Sex offense, 2nd degree (offense date<10/1/17)	37	1.3%
Murder, 2nd degree (offense date<10/1/17)	31	1.1%
Voluntary manslaughter	30	1.1%
Murder, 2nd degree (offense date>10/1/17)	30	1.1%
Rape, 1st degree	20	0.7%
Arson, 1st degree (dwelling/occupied structure)	18	0.6%
Continuing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree sex offense or 2nd degree rape of person<14 years	13	0.5%
Rape, 2nd degree, adult offender with victim under 13 years	11	0.4%
Kidnapping, generally	10	0.4%
Child abuse-physical, 1st degree	9	0.3%
Firearm use in commission of crime of violence or felony, subsequent	9	0.3%
Sex offense, 2nd degree, adult offender with victim under 13 years (offense date<10/1/17)	9	0.3%
Attempted rape, 2nd degree	8	0.3%
Child abuse-physical, w/death (offense date>10/1/12 & <10/1/17)	5	0.2%
Robbery by display of written instrument, etc.	4	0.1%
Attempted sexual offense, 2nd degree (offense date<10/1/17)	4	0.1%
Sex offense, 1st degree (offense date<10/1/17)	4	0.1%
Child abuse-physical, w/death (offense date<10/1/12)	3	0.1%
Sex offense, 1st degree, adult offender with victim under 13 years (offense date<10/1/17)	3	0.1%
Child abuse-physical, w/death, w/prior (offense date>10/1/17)	1	0.0%
Child abduction, child under 12 years	1	0.0%
Attempted rape, 1st degree	1	0.0%
Total	2,827	100.0%



## FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSES

For the purposes of these analyses, firearms offenses also included other weapons offenses. Some offenses are broken down by offense date, as the penalty for these offenses was revised effective as of the noted date. This is not a comprehensive list of firearms and other weapons offenses in Maryland. Firearms and other weapons offenses that do not appear in the MSCCSP’s CY 2019 sentencing guidelines worksheet data do not appear in this table.

**TABLE 12. FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSES, CY 2019**

	#	%
WCT handgun, 1st weapon offense, generally	561	27.0%
Possession of firearm by restricted person	450	21.6%
Possession of firearm after crime of violence or select felony (offense date>10/1/11)	359	17.3%
Possession of firearm by person<21 years	148	7.1%
Possess/use firearm in drug offense, 1st offense	79	3.8%
Possession of ammo by restricted person or after COV, etc.	69	3.3%
Possess firearm after conviction of CDS offense	65	3.1%
WCT handgun, loaded handgun, 1st weapon offense	59	2.8%
Possession of rifle/shotgun after crime of violence, etc.	50	2.4%
Possession of rifle/shotgun by restricted person	48	2.3%
Wear/carry weapon w/intent to kill/injure	34	1.6%
Wear/carry concealed weapon, or mace by minor	28	1.3%
Possess/sell/transfer/dispose of stolen firearm	25	1.2%
Unlawfully possess, sell, etc. assault weapon, etc.	18	0.9%
WCT handgun, 2nd weapon offense, generally	14	0.7%
Deliver, possess, conceal, receive weapon	14	0.7%
Wear/carry weapon, etc. openly, or mace by minor	11	0.5%
Illegal sale, rental, transfer, etc. of regulated firearm	10	0.5%
Disarm law officer	7	0.3%
WCT handgun, loaded handgun, 2nd weapon offense	4	0.2%
Unlawful possession short-barreled rifle/shotgun	4	0.2%
Possession of firearm after crime of violence or select felony (offense date<10/1/11)	4	0.2%
Burglary, 2nd degree, steal or take firearm	4	0.2%
Carrying deadly weapon on school property, other than handgun	3	0.1%
False info in application for firearm or dealers license	3	0.1%
Obliterate, etc. identification mark or number on firearm	2	0.1%
Use bulletproof armor after crime of violence or drug trafficking conviction	2	0.1%
Use assault weapon, etc. in felony or crime of violence, 1st off	1	0.0%
Possess or use restricted firearm ammunition in crime of violence	1	0.0%
WCT handgun, on school property, 2nd weapon offense	1	0.0%
Transport firearm into State for selling/trafficking	1	0.0%
Sell/rent/transfer firearms without license	1	0.0%
Possess/use firearm in drug offense, 1st offense (select firearms)	1	0.0%
Total	2,081	100.0%