



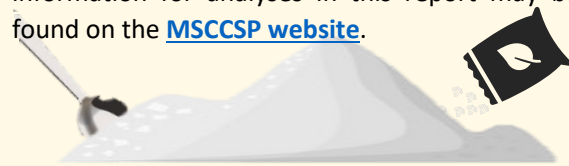
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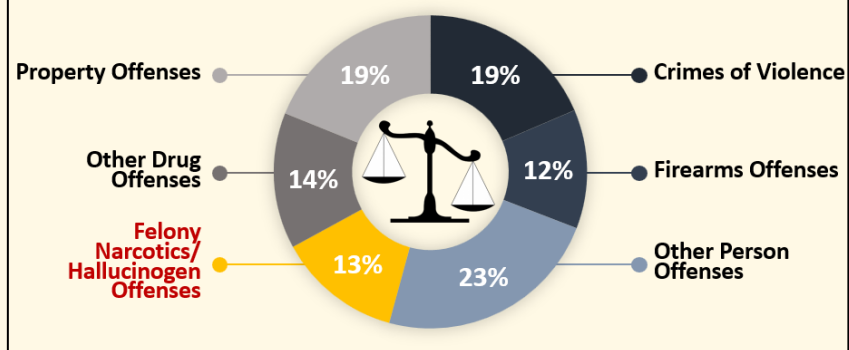
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FELONY NARCOTICS/HALLUCINOGEN OFFENSES IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS

This *Sentencing Snapshot* takes a closer look at the characteristics of and average sentences for felony narcotic and hallucinogenic drug offenses, defined in Criminal Law Article (CR), §§ 5-602 through 5-606, and penalized in CR, §§ 5-608 and 5-609, that originated in Maryland circuit courts in calendar years 2017 through 2019. These offenses include the manufacture, distribution, possession with intent to distribute, and common nuisance violations involving narcotic and select hallucinogenic drugs, including, but not limited to, cocaine, heroin, fentanyl, PCP, and LSD. Felony narcotics and hallucinogenic drug offenses are generally punishable by up to 20 years incarceration. Methodology and offense-specific information for analyses in this report may be found on the [MSCCSP website](http://www.mscdsp.org).

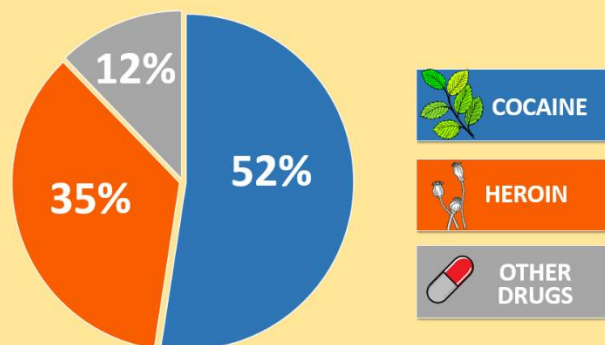


CALENDAR YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2019
44,834 Total Criminal Offenses
8,325 Crimes of Violence
5,511 Firearms Offenses
10,484 Other Person Offenses
5,740 Felony Narcotics/Hallucinogen Offenses
6,304 Other Drug Offenses
8,470 Property Offenses

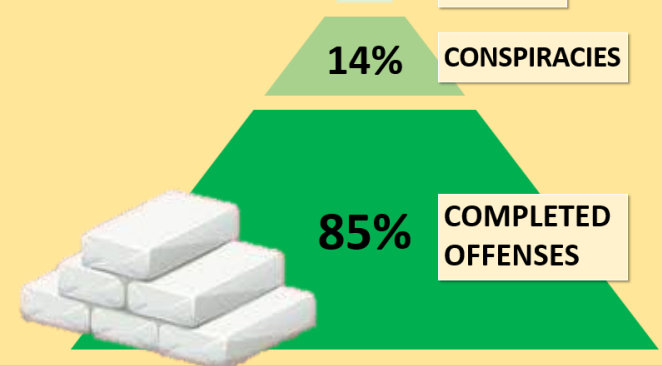


CHARACTERISTICS OF FELONY NARCOTICS/HALLUCINOGEN OFFENSES

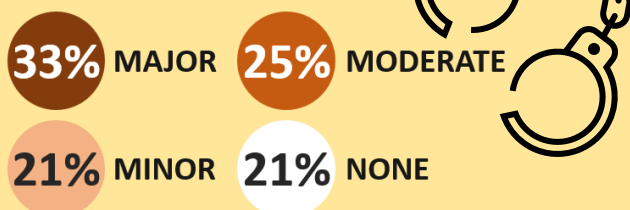
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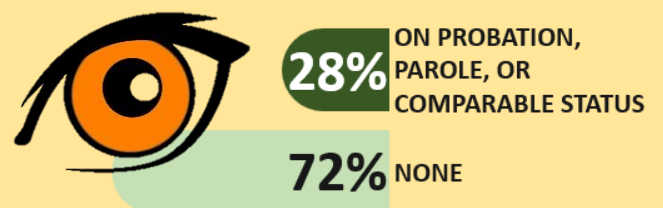
OFFENSE MODE



PRIOR RECORD SCORE



INVOLVEMENT IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AT THE TIME OF THE OFFENSE

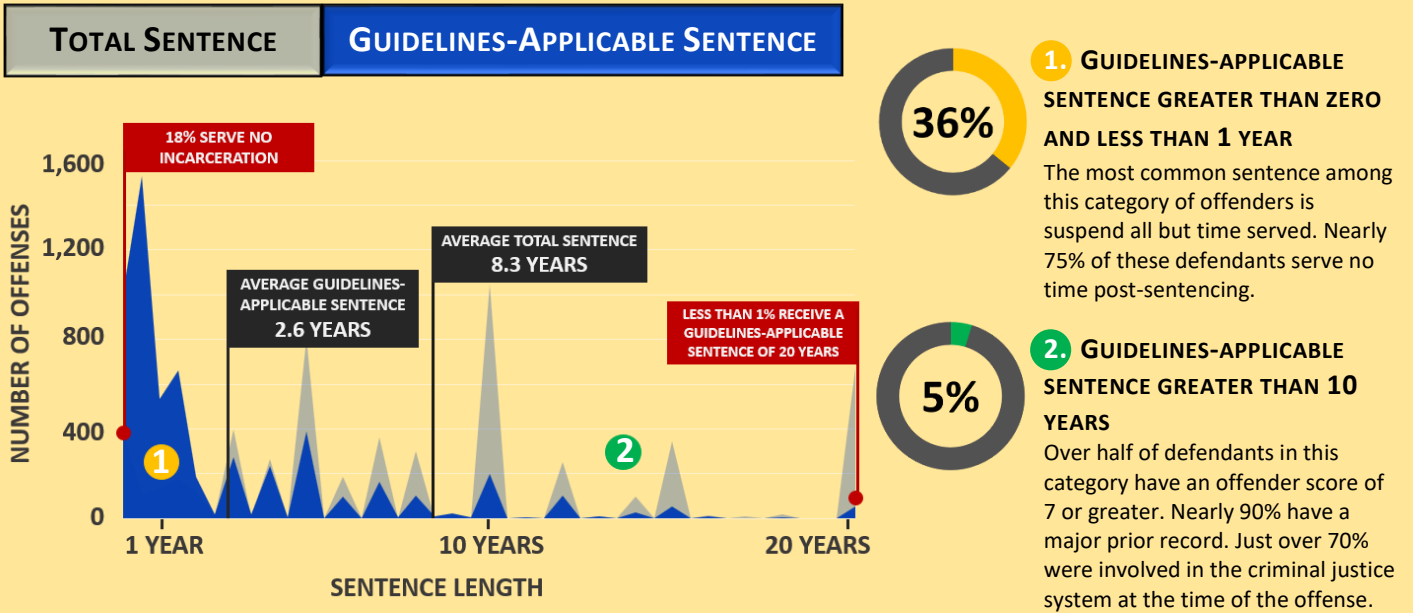




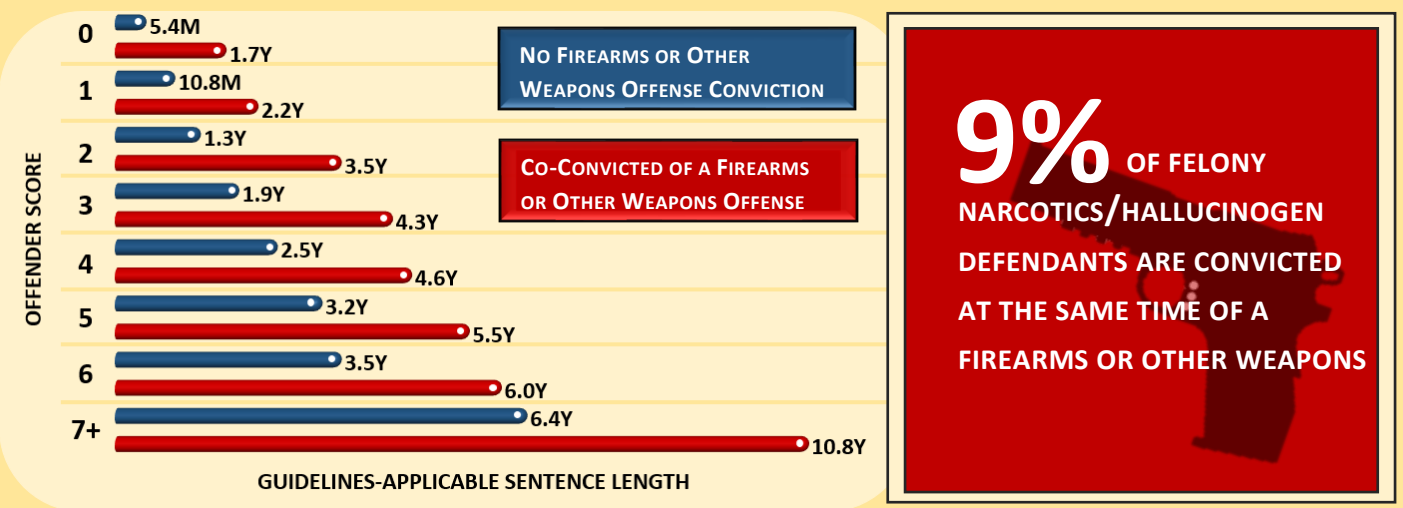
SENTENCES FOR FELONY NARCOTICS/HALLUCINOGEN OFFENSES IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS

TERMS TO KNOW	
Total Sentence	Includes jail/prison time, credit for time served, home detention, and suspended time
Guidelines-Applicable Sentence	Includes jail/prison time, credit for time served, and home detention Does <u>not</u> include suspended time

FELONY NARCOTICS/HALLUCINOGEN OFFENSES - SENTENCE LENGTH DISTRIBUTION



FELONY NARCOTICS/HALLUCINOGEN OFFENSES - GUIDELINES-APPLICABLE SENTENCE BY OFFENDER SCORE AND FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSE CONVICTION



ACROSS OFFENDER SCORES, FELONY NARCOTICS/HALLUCINOGEN DEFENDANTS CONVICTED AT THE SAME TIME OF A FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSE, ON AVERAGE, RECEIVE A **GUIDELINES-APPLICABLE SENTENCE** FOR THE NARCOTICS/HALLUCINOGEN OFFENSE THAT IS NEARLY **TWICE THE LENGTH** IMPOSED AMONG DEFENDANTS NOT CO-CONVICTED OF A FIREARMS OR OTHER WEAPONS OFFENSE.