



SENTENCING SNAPSHOT



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FELONY PROPERTY OFFENSES IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS

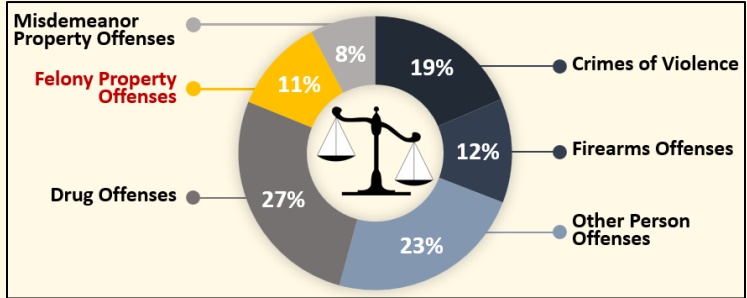
This *Sentencing Snapshot* takes a closer look at the characteristics of and average sentences for felony property offenses that originated in Maryland circuit courts in calendar years 2017 through 2019. Methodology and offense-specific information for analyses in this report may be found on the [MSCCSP website](http://www.msccsp.org).

MOST COMMON FELONY PROPERTY OFFENSES



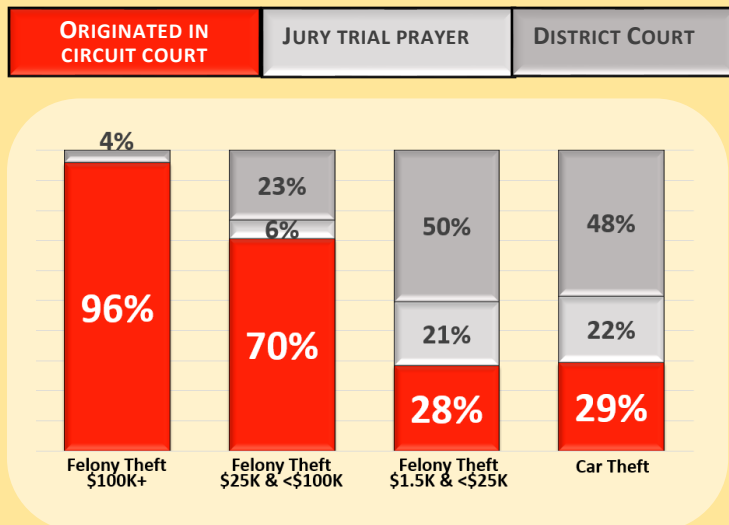
CALENDAR YEARS 2017 THROUGH 2019

44,774 Total Criminal Offenses
8,316 Crimes of Violence
5,503 Firearms Offenses
10,462 Other Person Offenses
12,043 Drug Offenses
4,990 Property Offenses - Felony
3,460 Property Offenses - Misdemeanor



CHARACTERISTICS OF PROPERTY OFFENSES CIRCUIT VERSUS DISTRICT COURT – FELONY THEFT OFFENSES

Felony theft offenses in Maryland, as defined in Criminal Law Article, §§ 7-104 and 7-105, are unique in that they may be prosecuted in either the District Court or circuit courts, regardless of the dollar amount involved in the theft.



IN 2019, APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 3 FELONY THEFT OFFENSES IN MARYLAND ORIGINATED IN CIRCUIT COURTS

SOURCE: MARYLAND'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

DEMOGRAPHICS- A COMPARISON MEAN AGE

