



SENTENCING SNAPSHOT

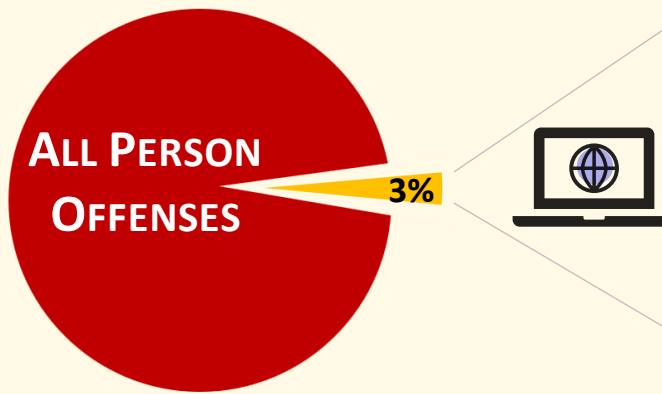


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SENTENCING TRENDS IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS

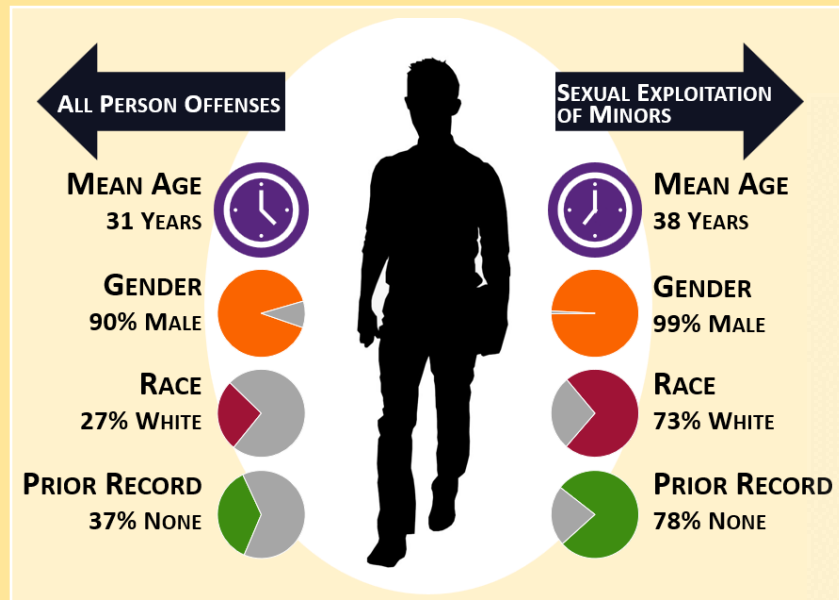
This Sentencing Snapshot takes a closer look at the characteristics of and average sentences for offenses involving the sexual exploitation of minors that originated in Maryland circuit courts in calendar years 2016 through 2020. Methodology and offense-specific information for analyses in this report may be found on the [MSCCSP website](https://www.mscdsp.org/).

PERSON OFFENSES SENTENCED IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS, CALENDAR YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2020

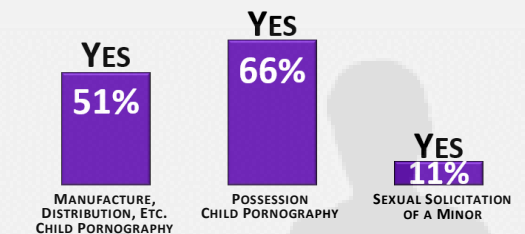


OFFENSES INVOLVING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS	1,039
MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, ETC. OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY	336
POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY	572
SEXUAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR	131
TOTAL PERSON OFFENSES	35,712

CHARACTERISTICS OF DEFENDANTS SENTENCED IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS

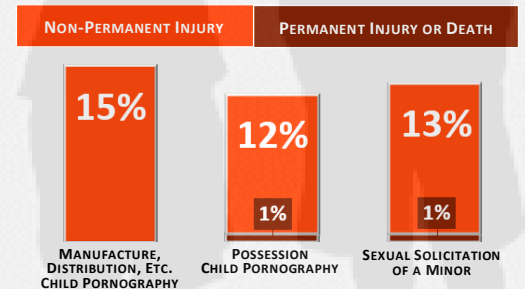


SPECIAL VICTIM VULNERABILITY



FEWER THAN 1% INVOLVE WEAPON PRESENCE

VICTIM INJURY*



* IN MAY 2021, THE MSCCSP VOTED TO CHANGE THE SCORING OF PERMANENT VICTIM INJURY FOR THESE OFFENSES. THESE CHANGES ARE EXPECTED TO BE ADOPTED EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021.

DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF OFFENSES INVOLVING THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN OTHER DEFENDANTS TO BE:

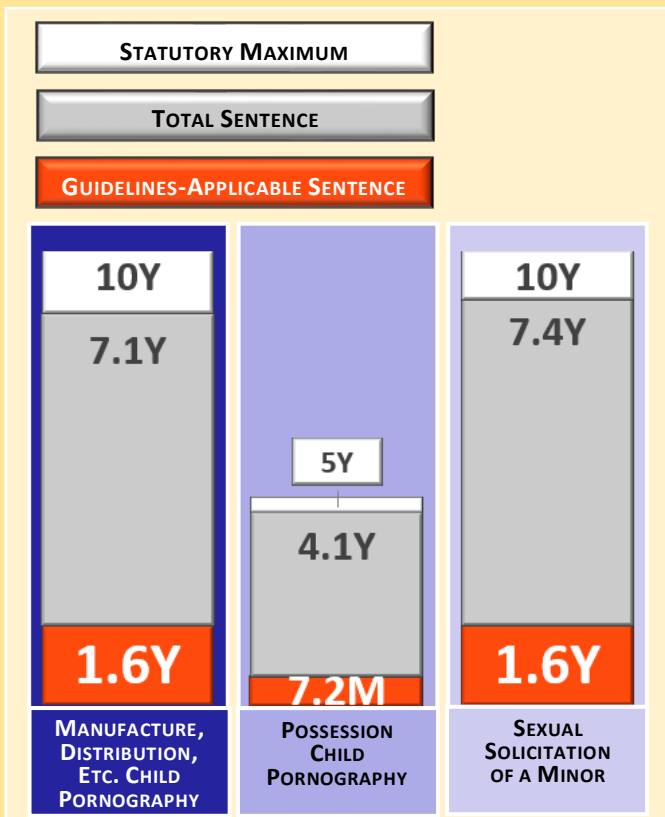
- > OLDER
- > MALE
- > WHITE
- > NO PRIOR RECORD



AVERAGE SENTENCES AND GUIDELINES COMPLIANCE FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS SENTENCED IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS

TERMS TO KNOW	
Statutory Maximum	Maximum incarceration allowed by Maryland law.
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 not include suspended time.

AVERAGE SENTENCE LENGTH

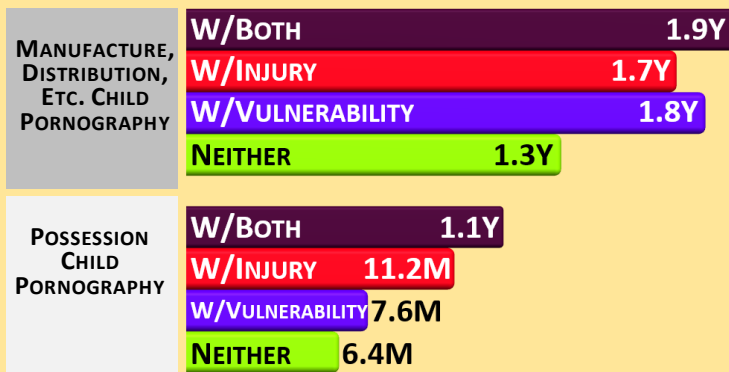


39% NO ACTIVE INCARCERATION

		PERSON OFFENSE MATRIX			
		OFFENDER SCORE			
OFFENSE SCORE		0	1	2	3
	1	P	P	P-3M	3M-1Y
	2	P-6M	P-1Y	P-18M	3M-2Y
	3	P-2Y	P-2Y	6M-3Y	1Y-5Y
	4	P-3Y	6M-4Y	1Y-5Y	2Y-5Y
5	3M-4Y	6M-5Y	1Y-6Y	2Y-7Y	

82% OF SENTENCING GUIDELINES RANGES START AT PROBATION

GUIDELINES-APPLICABLE SENTENCE BY INJURY AND SPECIAL VICTIM VULNERABILITY



SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMPLIANCE

