



SENTENCING SNAPSHOT



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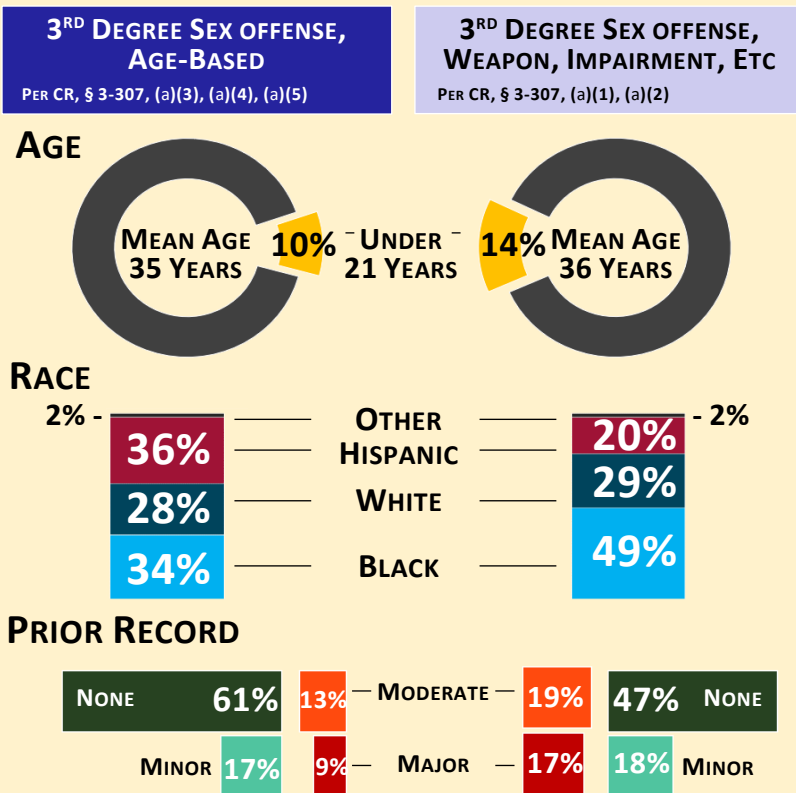
SENTENCING TRENDS IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THIRD DEGREE SEX OFFENSE

This Sentencing Snapshot takes a closer look at the characteristics of and average sentences for third degree sex offenses that originated in Maryland circuit courts in fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2021. Third degree sex offense is defined pursuant to Criminal Law Article (CR), § 3-307. Methodology and offense-specific information for analyses in this report may be found on the [MSCCSP website](http://www.msccsp.org).

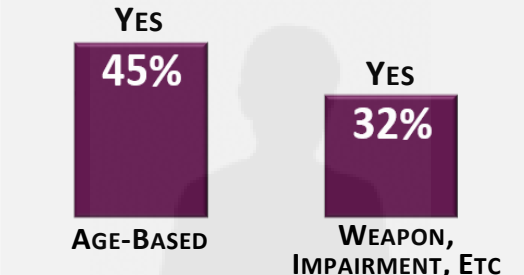
PERSON OFFENSES SENTENCED IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS, FISCAL YEAR 2017 THROUGH FY 2021



CHARACTERISTICS OF DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR 3RD DEGREE SEX OFFENSE



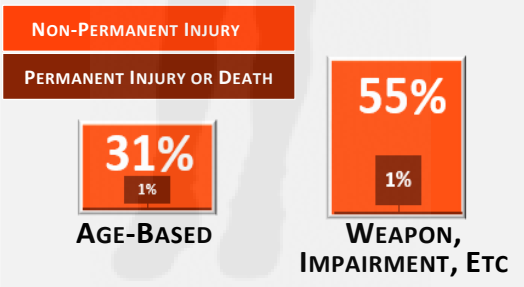
SPECIAL VICTIM VULNERABILITY



WEAPON PRESENCE



VICTIM INJURY



DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR 3RD DEGREE SEX OFFENSE ARE MORE LIKELY THAN OTHER DEFENDANTS TO BE:

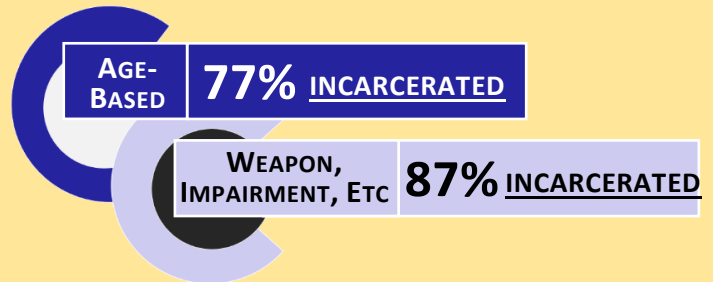
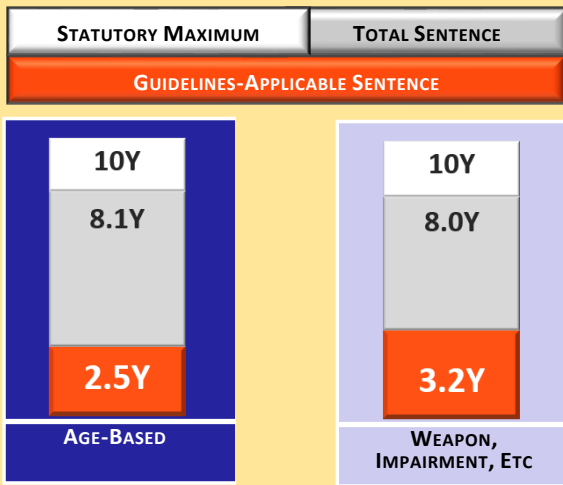
- ▶ OLDER
- ▶ HISPANIC
- ▶ MALE
- ▶ HAVE NO PRIOR RECORD



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

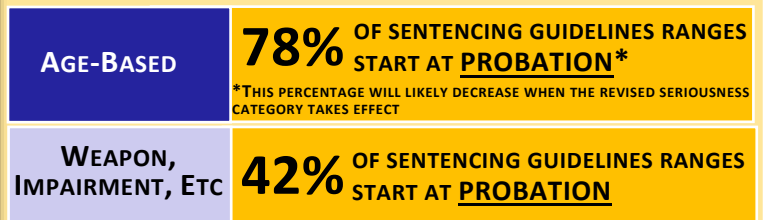
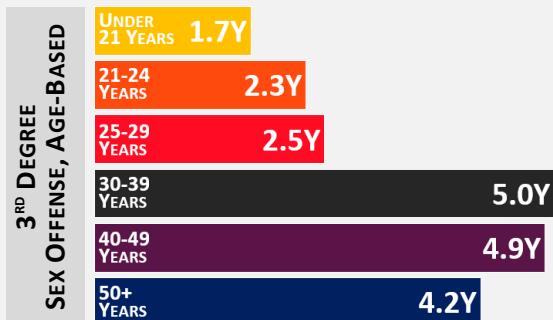
TERMS TO KNOW	
Statutory Maximum	Maximum incarceration allowed by Maryland law.
Total Sentence	Includes jail/prison time, credit for time served, home detention, and suspended time.
Guidelines-Applicable Sentence	Includes jail/prison time, credit for time served, and home detention. Does not include suspended time.

AVERAGE SENTENCE LENGTH AND INCARCERATION RATES FOR 3RD DEGREE SEX OFFENSE



PERSON OFFENSE MATRIX					
		OFFENDER SCORE			
		0	1	2	3
OFFENSE SCORE	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

AVERAGE GUIDELINES-APPLICABLE SENTENCE, BY AGE OF DEFENDANT



AT ITS SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, MEETING, THE MSCCSP VOTED TO RECLASSIFY 3RD DEGREE SEX OFFENSE, INVOLVING AGE-BASED ELEMENTS

SERIOUSNESS CATEGORY CLASSIFICATION		
3 RD DEGREE SEX OFFENSE	CURRENT	REVISED*
INVOLVING AGE-BASED ELEMENTS	V	IV
INVOLVING A DANGEROUS WEAPON, SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY, IMPAIRED VICTIM, ETC.	IV	IV

*THIS CHANGE WILL TAKE EFFECT, AT THE EARLIEST, FEBRUARY 1, 2022.

SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMPLIANCE

