



SENTENCING SNAPSHOT

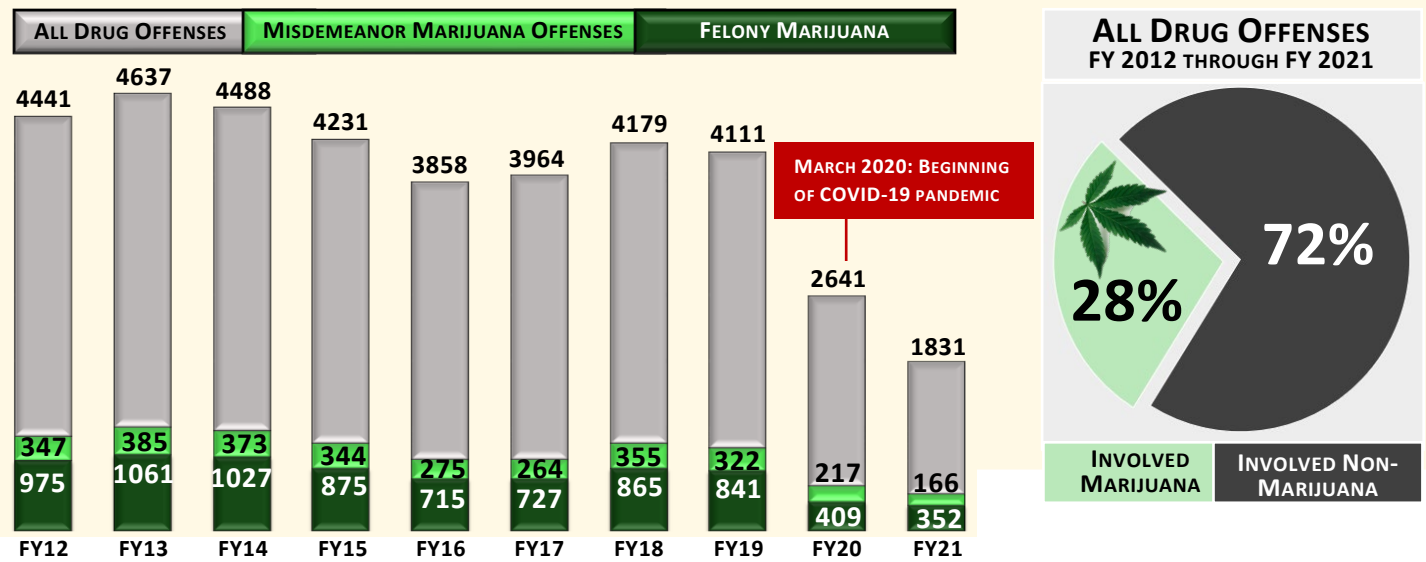


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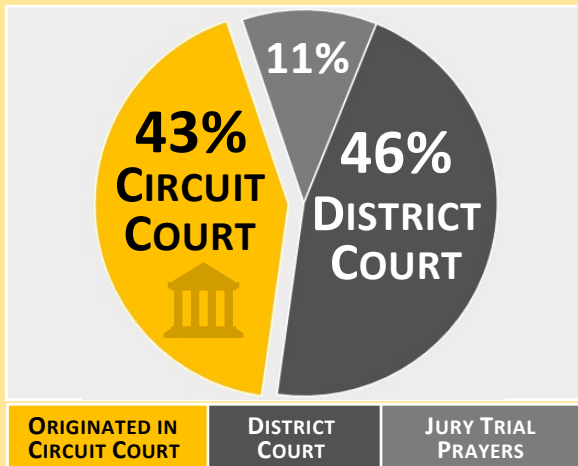
SENTENCING TRENDS IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS FOR MARIJUANA OFFENSES

This Sentencing Snapshot examines felony and misdemeanor marijuana offenses that originated in and were sentenced in Maryland circuit courts in fiscal year (FY) 2012 through FY 2021. Felony offenses, per Criminal Law Article (CR), § 5-602 through § 5-606, include the manufacture and distribution of marijuana, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and marijuana-related common nuisance offenses. Misdemeanor offenses, per CR, § 5-601, include the possession and administration of marijuana. Methodology for this report may be found on the [MSCCSP website](http://www.mscdsp.org).

DRUG OFFENSES SENTENCED IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS, FY 2012 THROUGH FY 2021



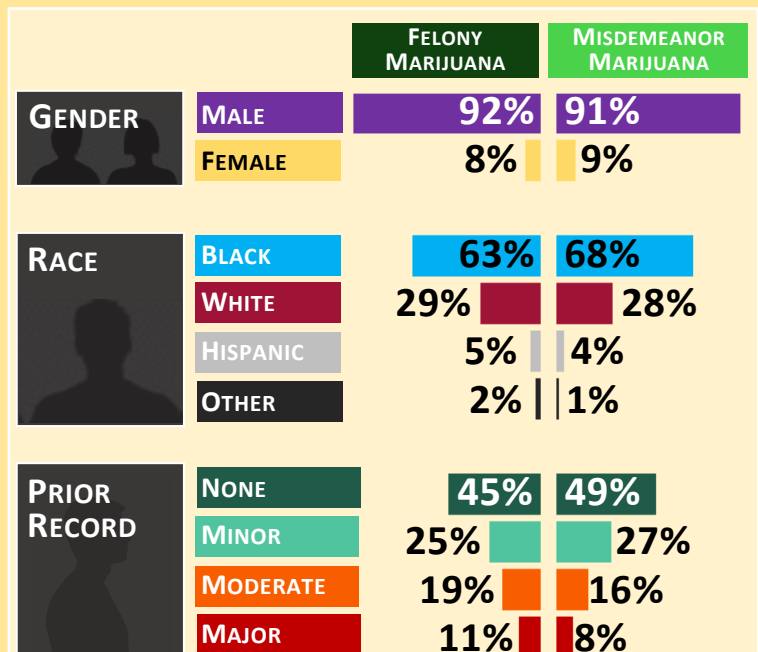
CIRCUIT VERSUS DISTRICT COURT—MISDEMEANOR MARIJUANA 2019



IN 2019, **43%** OF MISDEMEANOR MARIJUANA CONVICTIONS ORIGINATED IN CIRCUIT COURTS

SOURCE: ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

CHARACTERISTICS OF DEFENDANTS SENTENCED FOR MARIJUANA OFFENSES FY 2017 THROUGH FY 2021





AVERAGE SENTENCES FOR MARIJUANA OFFENSES SENTENCED IN MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURTS

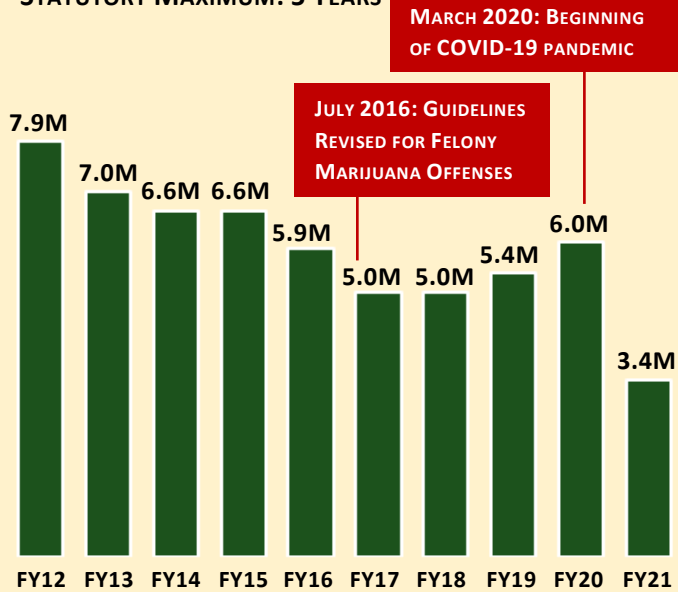
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Statutory Maximum	Maximum incarceration allowed by Maryland law.
Guidelines-Applicable Sentence	Includes jail/prison time, credit for time served, and home detention. Does not include suspended time.

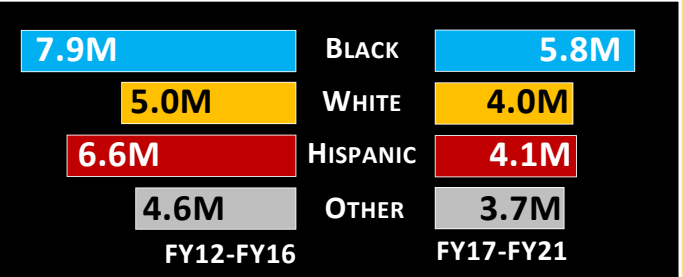
FELONY MARIJUANA OFFENSES

AVERAGE GUIDELINES-APPLICABLE SENTENCE, BY YEAR

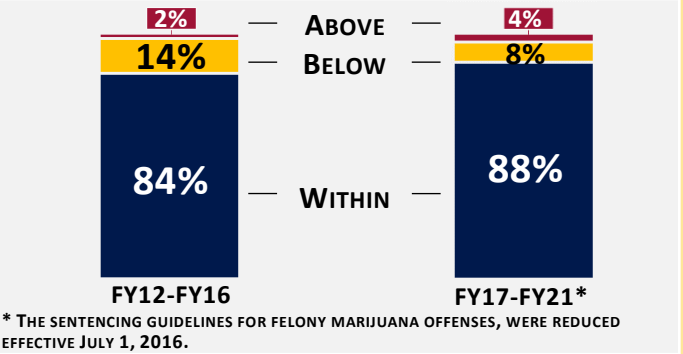
STATUTORY MAXIMUM: 5 YEARS



AVERAGE GUIDELINES-APPLICABLE SENTENCE, BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND YEAR



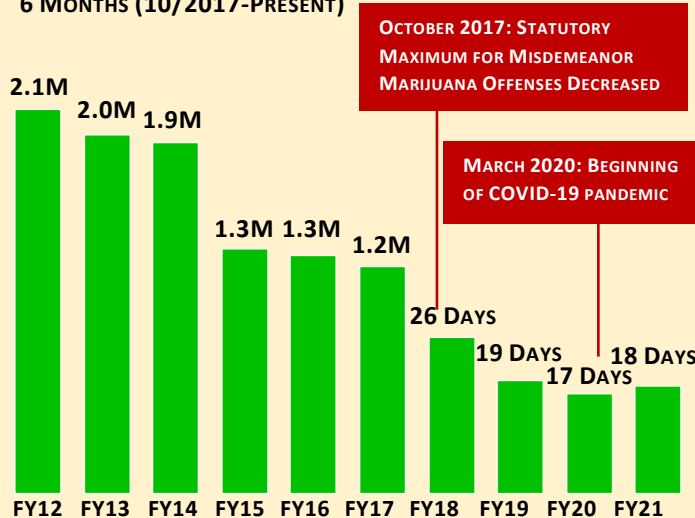
SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMPLIANCE, BY YEAR



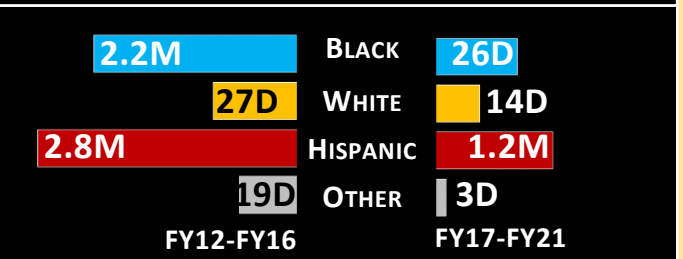
MISDEMEANOR MARIJUANA OFFENSES

AVERAGE GUIDELINES-APPLICABLE SENTENCE, BY YEAR

STATUTORY MAXIMUM: 1 YEAR (THROUGH 10/2017)
6 MONTHS (10/2017-PRESENT)



AVERAGE GUIDELINES-APPLICABLE SENTENCE, BY RACE/ETHNICITY AND YEAR



SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMPLIANCE, BY YEAR

