



D.C. Sentencing Commission - Fast Facts

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2025 Sentence Type and Disposition Trends

Based on frozen data used in the [Commission's 2025 Annual Report](#)

Data Source: D.C. Superior Court

2025 Sentencing Population

- **2,096** counts sentenced in 2025
- **1,464** cases sentenced in 2025
- **1,411** defendants sentenced in 2025

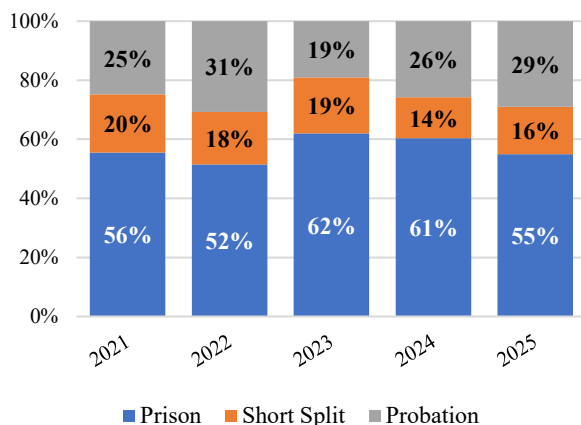
Prison: The Court imposes a sentence within the Guidelines Recommended Sentencing Range (GRSR) and *does not suspend any portion* of its execution.

Long Split: The Court imposes a sentence within the GRSR, suspends execution of all but a term that also falls within the applicable GRSR *greater than six months*, and imposes a term of probation. *Long Split is categorized as Prison for this analysis.

Short Split: The Court imposes a sentence within the GRSR, suspends execution of all but *six months or less* (but not all), and imposes a term of probation.

Probation: The Court imposes a sentence within the GRSR, *suspends execution of the entire sentence*, and imposes a term of probation.

Sentence Type Distribution
Case Level (2021-2025)



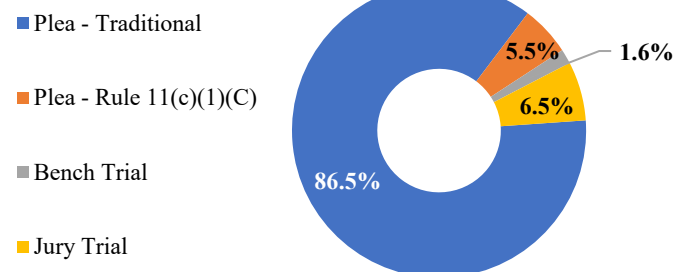
Sentence Type Trends

- **55%** of all adult felony cases sentenced in 2025 resulted in a Prison sentence, a 6% decline from 2024 (**61%**).
- Between 2021 and 2025, Prison remained the predominant sentence type for adult felony sentences.
- The average total sentence imposed was **55 months** for cases resulting in a Prison sentence, compared to **19 months** for Short Split sentences and **11 months** for Probation sentences.
 - Note: sentence imposed indicates the length of sentence initially to serve before time suspended.
- Nearly all Homicide convictions resulted in a Prison sentence (**98%**, **n=82**); the remaining two Homicide cases received a Short Split sentence following a Compliant Departure from the Guidelines.
- Over half of Drug convictions resulted in a Probation sentence (**58%**, **n=101**).

Disposition Trends

- **92%** of cases sentenced in 2025 were resolved through a plea agreement.
- Bench trials accounted for **1.6%** of sentenced cases in 2025, the greatest proportion recorded over the last ten years.
- Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea agreements were used in **5.5%** of cases in 2025, the lowest percentage observed in the last 10 years.
- Of all sentences imposed in 2025 that were the result of a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea, **73%** were for Homicide (**40%**) or Violent (**33%**) offenses.
- **38%** of all Homicide sentences imposed in 2025 were sentenced following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea.

Disposition Type
Case Level (2025)



All analyses are conducted on the case level