



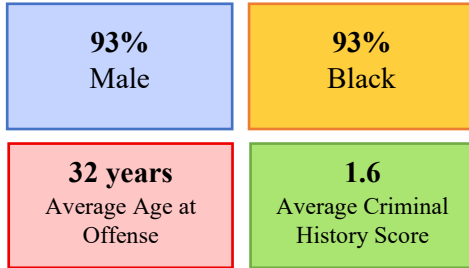
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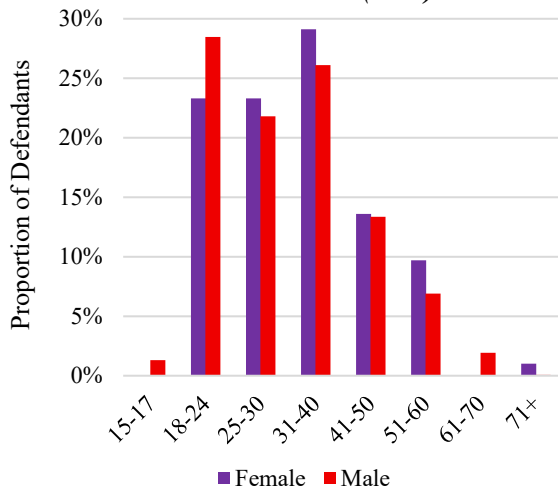
2025 Gender Differences Among Sentenced Individuals

Based on frozen data used in the [Commission's 2025 Annual Report](#)
Data Source: D.C. Superior Court

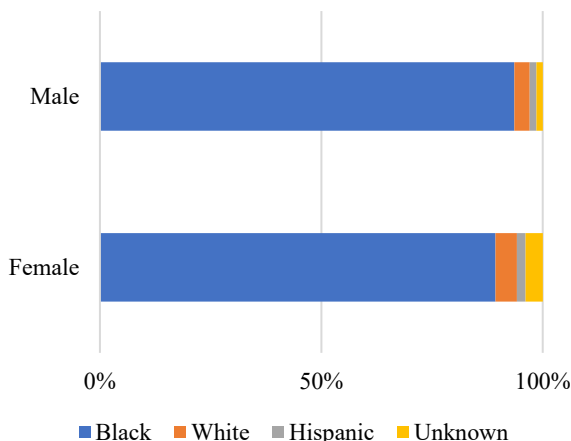
Among the **1,411** adult individuals sentenced for a felony offense in 2025:



Age at Offense by Gender
Individual Level (2025)

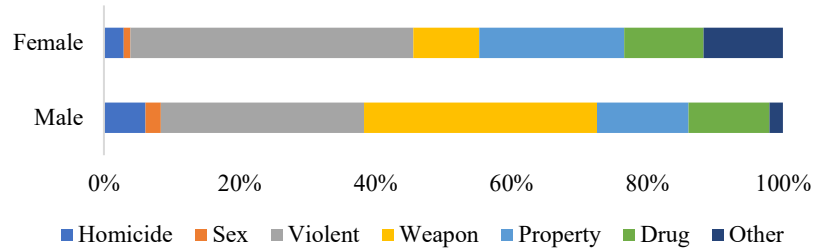


Race by Gender
Individual Level (2025)



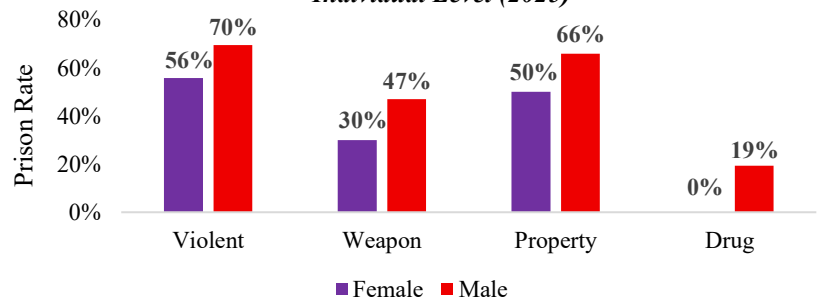
- Male defendants were most frequently sentenced for Weapon (**34%**) and Violent (**30%**) offenses. The greatest percentage of female sentences were for Violent offenses (**42%**), followed by Property offenses (**21%**).

Gender by Offense Category
Individual Level (2025)



- Offense Severity Group (OSG) M8 was the most common OSG for sentenced offenses among male and female defendants.
- Over half (**57%**) of male defendants received a Prison sentence, compared to **41%** of female defendants. Probation was the most common sentence type for female defendants (**44%**), compared to **32%** of male defendants.
- The average prison sentence imposed for male defendants was **56 months**, compared to **47 months** for female defendants.

Prison Rates by Offense Type and Gender
Individual Level (2025)



- Criminal History Column A was the most common category among both male (**43%**) and female (**70%**) defendants. However, male defendants had a higher average criminal history score (**1.7**) than female defendants (**0.6**).
- More than half (**74%**) of male defendants and **50%** of female defendants had a prior criminal history score above zero points.
- The greatest proportion of female defendants were between the ages of 31 and 40 at the time of the offense (**29%**). The greatest proportion of male defendants were between the ages of 18 and 24 at the time of the offense (**28%**).

All analyses are conducted on the individual level