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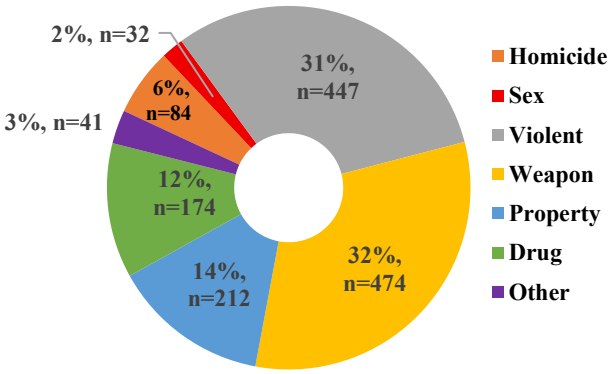
2025 Adult Felony Offense Trends

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

Superior Court
2025 Felony Sentencing Statistics

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

Offense Categories
Case Level (2025)



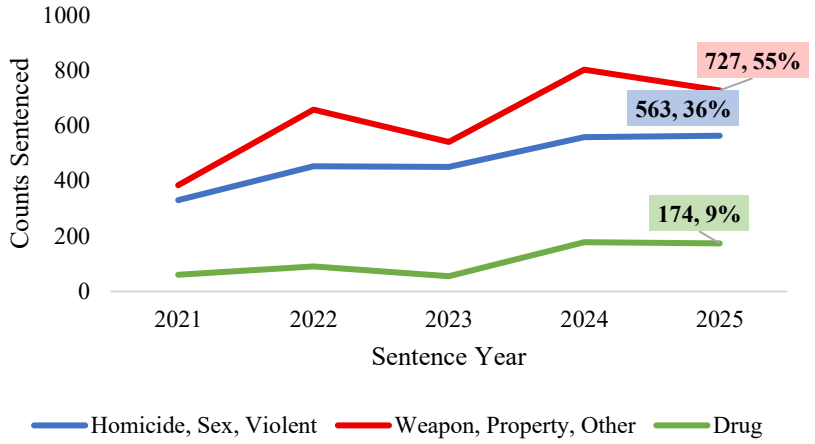
Weapon and Violent offenses were the most common offense categories in 2025, each accounting for approximately **one-third** of all felony cases sentenced in 2025.

Offense Type	Most Frequently Sentenced Offense Within Offense Type
Homicide	**Murder II W/A** *50% of Homicide Cases, n=42*
Sex	**2nd Degree Child Sex Abuse (Attempt)** *19% of Sex Cases, n=6*
Violent	**Assault with a Dangerous Weapon** *22% of Violent Cases, n=98*
Weapon	**Carrying a Pistol Without a License** *53% of Weapon Cases, n=251*
Property	**Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle** *28% of Property Cases, n=60*
Drug	**Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance (Attempt)** *31% of Drug Cases, n=54*
Other	**Bail Reform Act - Felony** *32% of Other Cases, n=13*

In 2025, Carrying a Pistol Without a License (n=**251**) and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm (n=**173**) were the most frequently sentenced adult felony offenses, together accounting for **29%** of all adult felony cases sentenced.

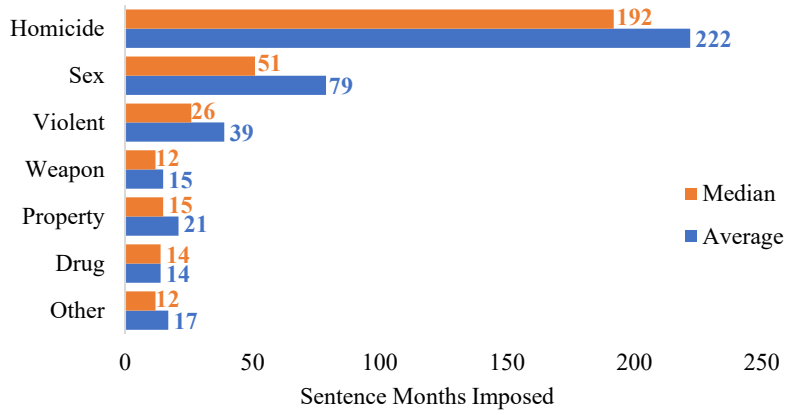
- Non-Violent (Weapon, Property, Other) felony sentences slightly declined from **638** cases in 2024 to **563** cases in 2025, largely attributed to a **5%** decrease in Weapons cases sentenced.

Sentenced Violent, Non-Violent, and Drug Counts
Case Level (2021-2025)



- In 2025, Prison was the most common sentence type imposed for Homicide (**98%**), Property (**62%**), Sex (**78%**), Violent (**68%**), and Weapon (**47%**) offenses. Over half of Drug (**58%**) and Other (**56%**) offenses received a Probation sentence.

Sentence Length by Offense Category
Case Level (2025)



- Female defendants were most frequently sentenced for Violent offenses (**42%**) in 2025, whereas male defendants were most frequently sentenced for Weapon offenses (**34%**).

- In 2025, defendants convicted of Property offenses had the highest average criminal history score (**2.2**), while defendants convicted of Sex offenses had the lowest average criminal history score (**0.9**), compared to other offense categories.

All analyses are conducted on the case level