

KEY FINDINGS

1. D.C. Superior Court felony sentencings have increased by approximately 56% from 2021, which is indicative of the Court's Criminal Division resuming to a near-normal operating status throughout 2022. In 2022, there were a total of 1,148 individuals sentenced in 1,202 cases, consisting of 1,521 unique felony counts. *See* page 19.
2. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of all cases sentenced in 2022 were resolved via a plea agreement, representing a two percentage-point decrease from 2021. Superior Court Criminal Rule 11(c)(1)(C) pleas represented 15% (177 cases) of all cases sentenced via a plea agreement in 2022. *See* page 20.
3. In 2022, 56% of all felony counts sentenced received a prison sentence, followed by probation (27%), and short split sentences (17%). Probation sentences increased by 98% from 2021, whereas prison and short split sentences increased by 47% and 51%, respectively. *See* page 23.
4. Sentenced offenses in severity group M8 have been consistently growing since 2018, which can be attributed to the Commission's re-ranking of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Prior Felony (UPF-PF) from OSG M7 to M8. In 2022, offenses in severity group M8 accounted for 60% of all felony counts sentenced, a slight increase from 58% in 2021. *See* page 27.
5. Ninety-three percent (93%) of the 1,521 felony counts sentenced in 2022 were for non-drug offenses. Combined, Violent and Weapon offenses made up 74% of all non-drug counts sentenced, and 75% of all felony counts sentenced. *See* page 31.
6. Homicide accounted for 5% of all felony counts sentenced in 2022, representing the greatest proportion of Homicide sentences imposed in the last ten years. Comparatively, the lowest proportion of Drug sentences was also observed in 2022, where Drug offenses represented 7% of all felony sentences. *See* pages 31 and 38.
7. Sentencing trends for Weapon and Violent offenses remained consistent with 2021. Carrying a Pistol without a License (CPWL) and UPF-PF constituted the majority (83%) of the 701 counts sentenced in the Weapon offense category. Combined, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon (ADW) and Robbery represented 70% of the 433 counts sentenced in the Violent offense category. *See* pages 35-37.
8. Males were most frequently sentenced for Weapon offenses (45%) followed by Violent offenses (28%), whereas females were most frequently sentenced for Violent offenses (41%) followed by Weapon offenses (24%). Females were not sentenced for any Sex offenses in 2022. *See* page 41.
9. Eighty-two percent (82%) of all defendants sentenced to prison in 2022 were under the age of 41. *See* page 43.

10. The total number of papered arrests has been gradually decreasing over the last five years. In 2018, 72% of all felony arrests were sent to court for prosecution, compared with 54% in 2022. *See page 48.*
11. The greatest number of felony arrests took place in Ward 8 (1,129 arrests, 23%), followed by Ward 7 (994 arrests, 20%). *See page 50.*
12. Between 52% and 55% of felony arrests were sent to court for prosecution in all but two wards; with Ward 1 having a slightly lower papering rate of 47% and Ward 6 having a slightly greater papering rate of 62%. *See page 50.*
13. Consistent with previous years, the overwhelming majority (97.3%) of all felony counts sentenced were determined to be compliant with the D.C. Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines. *See page 57.*
14. Approximately 92% of all felony sentences imposed in 2022 were ruled compliant *in the box*, meaning that the sentence type and sentence length both fell within the Guidelines recommendation. Compliant in the box sentences exclude compliant departures, compliant outside the box sentences, and sentences following a Rule 11(c)(1)(C) plea that are outside of the Guidelines recommendation. *See page 58.*