



# D.C. Sentencing Commission

## Fast Facts – Homicide Offenses Sentenced

Between 2014 and 2018 there were a total of:

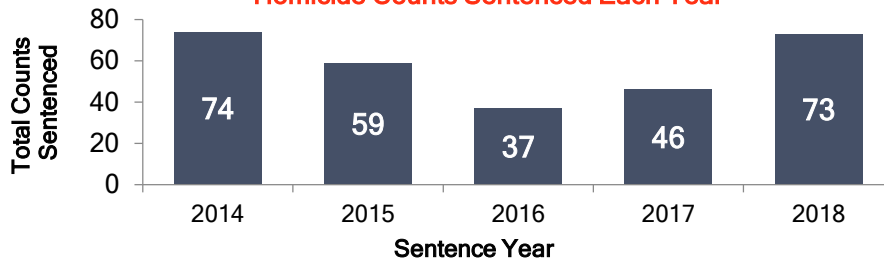
- 289 Homicide counts sentenced
- 265 Homicide cases sentenced
- 258 Homicide offenders sentenced

## Homicide Offenses

### Sentencing Information

- Homicide represented 3.3% of all felony offenses sentenced between 2014 and 2018
- Average sentence imposed for a Homicide during this time period:
  - Murder I and Murder II: 25 years
  - Voluntary and Involuntary Manslaughter: 8.6 years
- 96% of all Homicide offenders received an Incarceration sentence
- 23% of Homicide cases went to trial, 77% were resolved via plea agreements
- About two-thirds (63%) of Homicide cases had other felonies sentenced in addition to the Homicide offense
- In 34% of the Homicide cases sentenced, Possession of a Firearm During a Crime of Violence was the accompanying offense also sentenced
- The number of Homicide sentences peaked in 2014, and have been gradually increasing since 2016

Homicide Counts Sentenced Each Year



### Criminal History

- 75% of Homicide offenders had a prior criminal conviction
- 40% of offenders fall in the lowest criminal history group-Group A

### Compliance with the Guidelines

- 99.3% of Homicide sentences received a Guidelines sentence
- 0.6% of Homicide sentences did not receive a Guidelines sentence

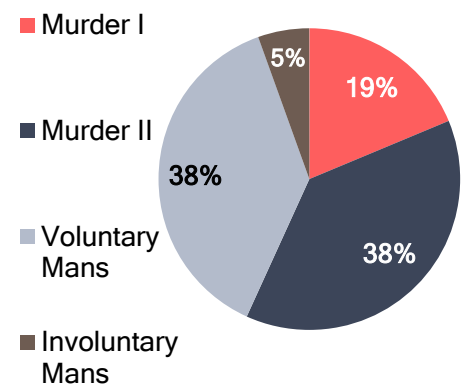
### Offender Demographics

- Average age of a Homicide offender
  - Murder: 28
  - Manslaughter: 28
- 18% of offenders convicted of Murder were either 23 or 24 at the time of the offense
- About a quarter (23%) of those convicted of Manslaughter were aged 19-21 at the time of the offense
- 93.4% of Homicide offenders were male

### Homicide Classifications:

- *Murder I*
- *Murder II*
- *Voluntary Manslaughter*
- *Involuntary Manslaughter*

Type of Homicide Sentenced Percentage Breakdown



### Average Sentence Imposed for Each Homicide Type

Murder I: 37.7 years

Murder II: 18.5 years

Voluntary Manslaughter: 9.5 years

Involuntary Manslaughter: 4 years