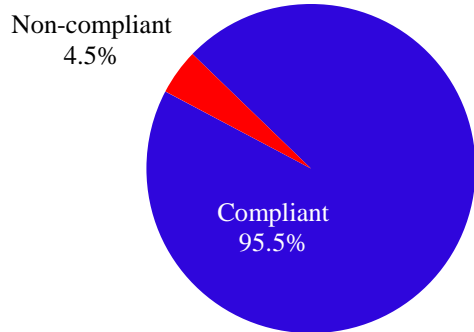


Judicial Compliance with the DC Voluntary Sentencing Guidelines

Figure 1: Overall Judicial Compliance Rate in 2015



N=1,923

If a judge imposes a sentence that is outside of the recommended Guidelines sentence range or is not one of the recommended sentence types for a given offense, and the judge does not indicate that he or she departed for one of the 10 mitigating or 11 aggravating reasons provided by the Guidelines, the sentence is considered non-compliant with the Guidelines. Of the 1,923 felony sentences in 2015 for which compliance was calculated, 95.5% were compliant with the Sentencing Guidelines, with only 86 sentences categorized as non-compliant (Figure 1).

**Figure 2: Judicial Compliance Rate
2011 - 2015**

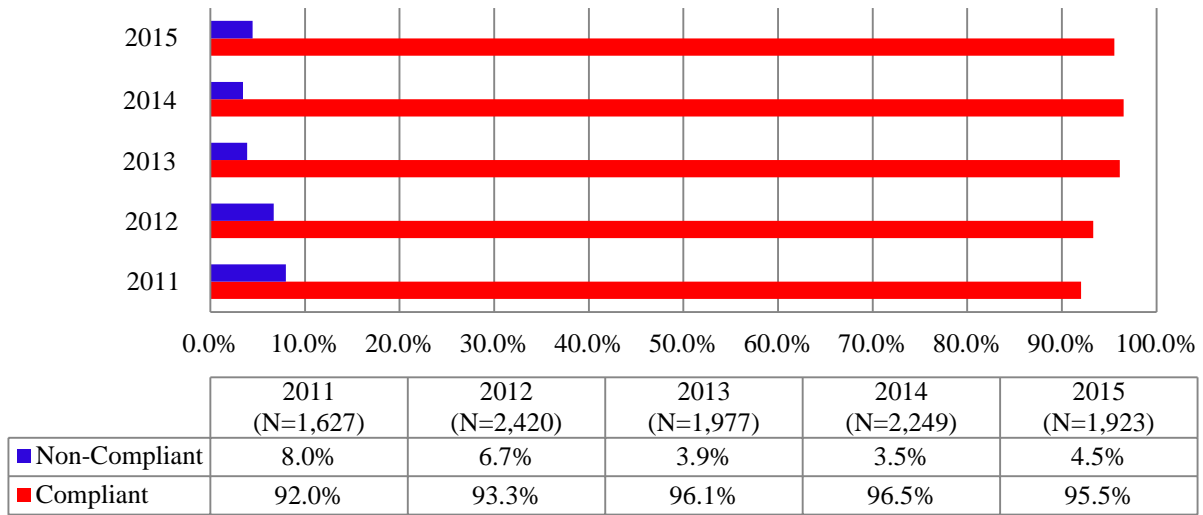
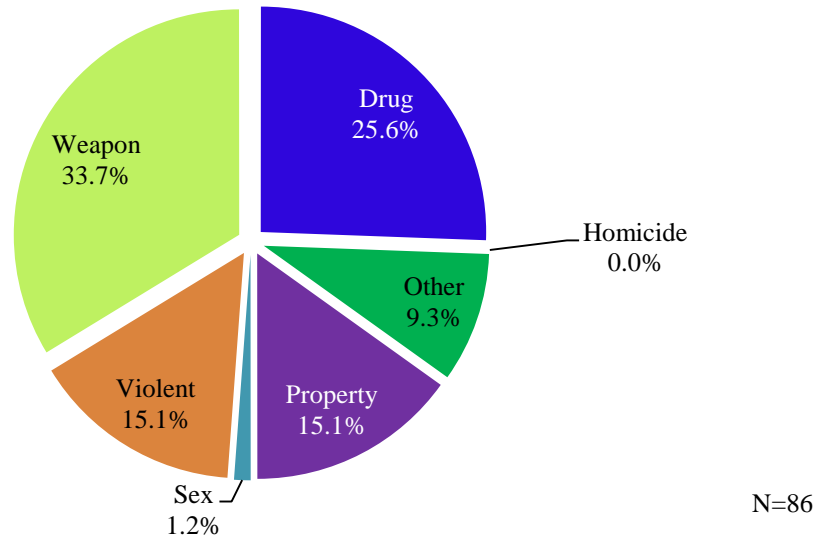


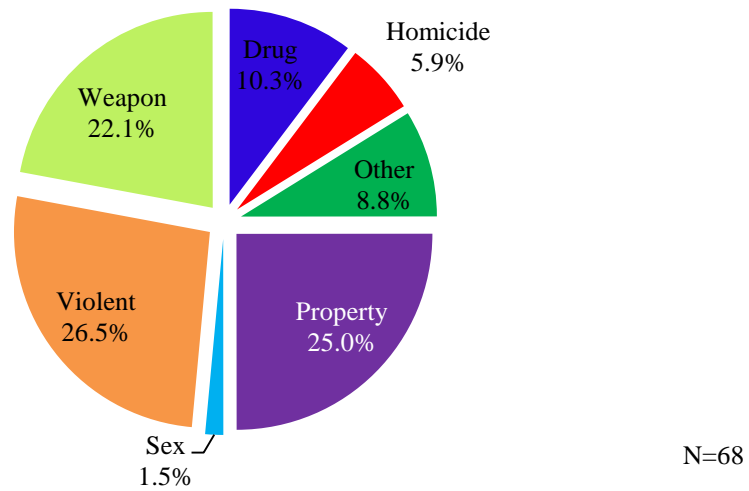
Figure 2 above illustrates that the rate of judicial compliance is greater than 90% from 2011 to 2015. There was a slight increase in judicial compliance from 2011 (92.0%) to 2013 (96.1%); followed by a slight decline in 2015 (95.5%).

Figure 3: Distribution of Non-Compliant Departure Sentences in 2015



There were 86 non-compliant sentences imposed in 2015, or 4.5% of all sentences imposed. Figure 3 shows the proportion of these 86 non-compliant sentences imposed in each of the seven offense categories utilized by the Commission.

Figure 4: 2015 Distribution of Compliant Departure Sentences



If a sentence imposed is outside of the Guidelines-recommended sentence range or is not one of the Guidelines recommended sentence types for a particular offense but the judge indicates he or she departed due to one of 10 mitigating or 11 aggravating factors provided by the Sentencing Guidelines, the sentence is considered a compliant departure. There were 68 compliant departures in 2015, representing 3.5% of all sentences imposed. Figure 4 above shows the distribution of the 68 compliant departures by each of the seven offense categories utilized by the Commission.