

D.C. Sentencing Commission - Fast Facts

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Armed Robbery – Robbery Series, Part Three

Between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2019 there were a total of:

- 243 Armed Robbery counts sentenced
- 194 Armed Robbery cases sentenced
- 193 Armed Robbery offenders sentenced

Armed Robbery

Sentencing Information

- Robberies represented 9% of all felony offenses (10,463) sentenced between 2015 and 2019
 - Armed Robbery represented 26% of the Robbery offenses 2.3% of all felony offenses sentenced during this timeframe
- 16% of the Armed Robbery cases had two or more Armed Robbery counts sentenced
- 32 offenders (17%) were sentenced for multiple counts of Armed Robbery. 31 (97%) were sentenced for multiple counts in a single case
 - One individual was sentenced in two unique Armed Robbery cases
- Approximately one-third (32%) of Armed Robbery counts received a Youth Rehabilitation Act (YRA) sentence
- The vast majority of Armed Robbery counts were sentenced to prison (236 counts, 97%)
 - The remaining 3% (7 total counts) of non-prison sentences (probation or short split) were the result of either a YRA sentence, an 11(C)(1)(c) plea, a compliant departure, or were deemed accessory after the fact
- The average prison sentence imposed for Armed Robbery was 65 months; with a median sentence of 60 months
- 72% of all Armed Robbery counts were resolved via a plea agreement
 - The remaining 28% (68 counts) were resolved via a jury trial
- About a quarter (28%) of all Armed Robbery counts were the result of an 11(C)(1)(c) plea, which is where both parties, and the judge, agree on a specific sentence, sentence range, or sentence cap
- 59% of Armed Robbery cases involved additional felonies sentenced
 - Armed Robbery was the most serious count in 62% of these cases
- The number of Robbery counts sentenced peaked in 2016 and has been gradually declining since. This decline continued in 2019, representing the lowest number of Armed Robbery counts sentenced in the 2015-2019 time period

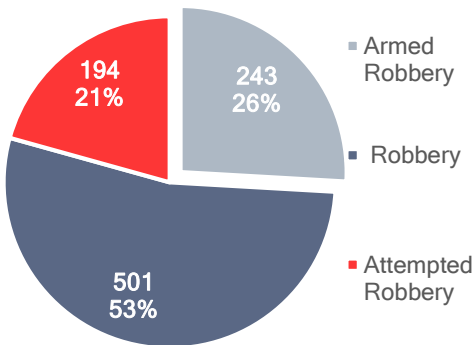
Armed Robbery Definition:

The deliberate action of taking property unlawfully from a person by means of force or threat of force while using a dangerous weapon, such as a gun or knife.

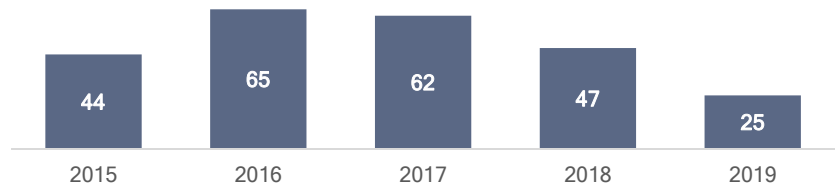
Armed Robbery carries a five-year mandatory minimum sentence when committed with a gun.

Type of Robbery Sentenced 2015-2019

Total Counts and Percentage

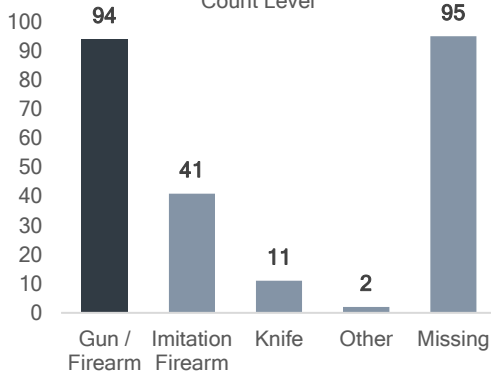


Armed Robbery Counts Sentenced - Yearly Trends



Weapon Used

Count Level



Criminal History and Compliance

- 74% of individuals sentenced for Armed Robbery had a prior conviction
- 19% of Armed Robbery offenders fall in the lowest criminal history group, while 4% fall in the highest criminal history group
- All but 1 (< 0.5%) Armed Robbery count received the Guidelines recommended sentence

Offender Demographics

- The average age for individuals sentenced for Armed Robbery was 23 years old (at the time of the offense).
 - The median age at offense was 21 years.
- 96% of Armed Robbery offenders were male, while 2% were female
- 94% of Armed Robbery offenders were black,