

D.C. Sentencing Commission - Fast Facts

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Robbery Offenses – Robbery Series, Part Four

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

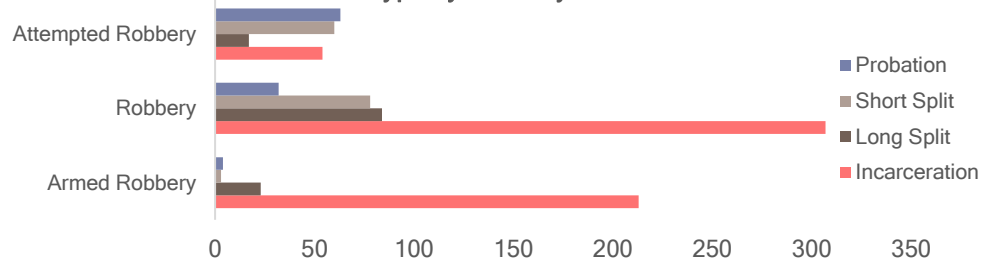
- 809 Robbery offense cases sentenced
- 938 Robbery offenses (counts) sentenced
- 770 individuals sentenced for Robbery

Robbery Offenses

Sentencing Information

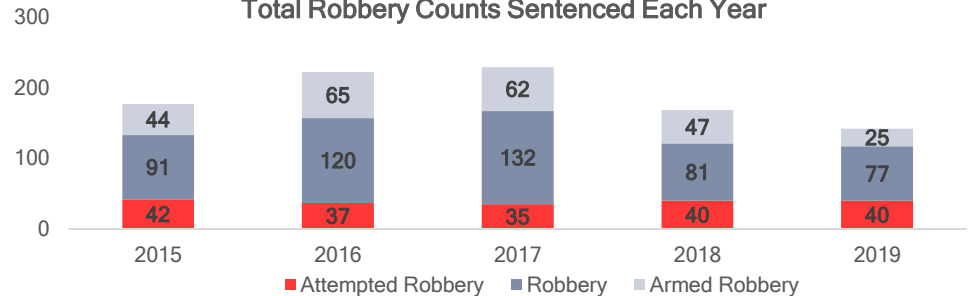
- Between 2015 and 2019 there were 938 individual robbery offenses sentenced, representing 9% of all felony sentences in this timeframe
 - Armed Robbery: 243 counts, 2.3% of all offenses
 - Robbery: 501 counts, 4.8% of all offenses
 - Attempted Robbery: 194 counts, 1.9% of all offenses
- 45 individuals were sentenced for multiple types of Robbery
- incarceration was the most frequently imposed sentence type for Robbery offenses, representing 61% of all sentences imposed for robbery
- Incarceration was the most common sentence type for Armed Robbery and Robbery. However, incarceration, short split, and probation sentences were imposed at a similar rate for Attempted Robbery

Sentence Type by Robbery Offense - Count Level



- The average prison sentence, to serve, decreased by about 50% between each of the three types of robbery,
 - Armed Robbery: 64.7 months
 - Robbery: 35.4 months
 - Attempted Robbery: 15.0 months
- About 88% of all robbery counts were resolved through a plea agreement
- The number of robbery counts sentenced gradually increased from 2015 to 2017 and have been steadily decreasing since; this trend is especially true for Armed Robbery and Robbery

Total Robbery Counts Sentenced Each Year



Criminal History

- 73% of individuals sentenced for Robbery offenses had a prior conviction
- About 40% of individuals sentenced for Robbery offenders are in the lowest criminal history group, while 3% are in the highest group

Offender Demographics

- On average, individuals convicted of Robbery and Attempted Robbery were 25 years old at the time of the offense.
 - The average age of Armed Robbery offenders was 22.
- 94% of Robbery offenders were male, while 5% were female
- 94% of Robbery offenders were black, and 3% were White

Definitions

Armed Robbery

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. (Mandatory Minimum: 5 years)

Robbery

The deliberate action of taking property unlawfully from a person by means of force or threat of force.

Attempted Robbery

The deliberate action by a person that shows the unlawful intent to by force or threat of force take property from another person's immediate possession.

98% of all Robberies received the Guidelines recommended sentence

This is consistent with the overall Guidelines Compliance rate

Type of Robbery Sentenced 2015-2019
Total Counts and Percentage

