

# D.C. Sentencing Commission - Fast Facts

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## Robbery Definition:

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

## Robbery – Robbery Series, Part Two

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

- 501 Robbery counts sentenced
- 458 Robbery cases sentenced
- 440 Robbery offenders sentenced

## Robbery

### Sentencing Information

- All types of represented 9% of all felony offenses (10,463) sentenced between 2015 and 2019
  - Robbery represented 4.8% of all felony offenses sentenced in this same timeframe
- 50 offenders (11%) were sentenced for multiple counts of Robbery
- The majority of Robbery counts were sentenced to prison (78%). 16% of Robberies received a short split sentence, and 6% a probation sentence
  - All probation sentences were either the result of a YRA sentence, or the individual had a very limited or no criminal history
- One-third (33%) of Robbery counts received a YRA sentence
- The average prison sentence for Robbery was 35 months; with a median sentence of 30 months
- The average period of probation imposed for short split sentences was 23 months, compared to overall probation sentence lengths of 19 months
- 93% of all Robbery counts were resolved via a plea agreement
  - The remaining 7% (36 counts) were resolved via a jury trial
- 37% of Robbery cases involved additional felonies sentenced
  - Robbery was the most serious count in 68% of these cases
- Only 27% (135 counts) of Robbery counts were initially indicted as a more serious offense, such as armed robbery or carjacking
  - 93% of these 135 counts were resolved via a plea agreement
- The number of Robbery counts sentenced gradually increased between 2015 and 2017, then experienced a sharp decline in 2018. This decline continued in 2019, representing the lowest number of Robbery counts sentenced in the 2015-2019 time period

### Robbery Counts Sentenced - Yearly Trends



### Criminal History and Compliance

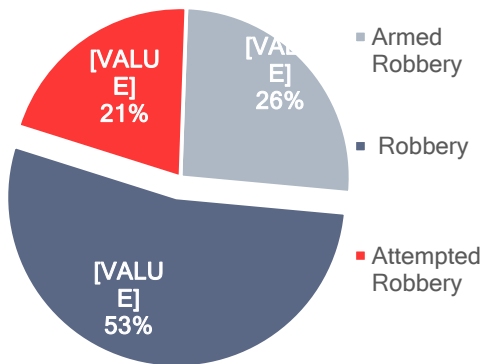
- 71% of individuals sentenced for Robbery had a prior conviction
- 36% of Robbery offenders fall in the lowest criminal history group, while 4% fall in the highest criminal history group
- All but 19 (4%) Robbery counts received the Guidelines recommended sentence
  - Three counts received sentences that were below the recommended type, 16 counts were below the recommended type
  - Just over half (11 counts, 58%) of all non-compliant sentences were YRA

### Offender Demographics

- On average, individuals sentenced for Robbery were 25 years old at the time of the offense.
  - The median age at offense was 22 years.
- 96% of Robbery offenders were male, while 4% were female
- 95% of Robbery offenders were black, 3% were white

### Type of Robbery Sentenced 2015-2019

Total Counts and Percentage



### Indicted Offense for Robbery Convictions

Count Level

