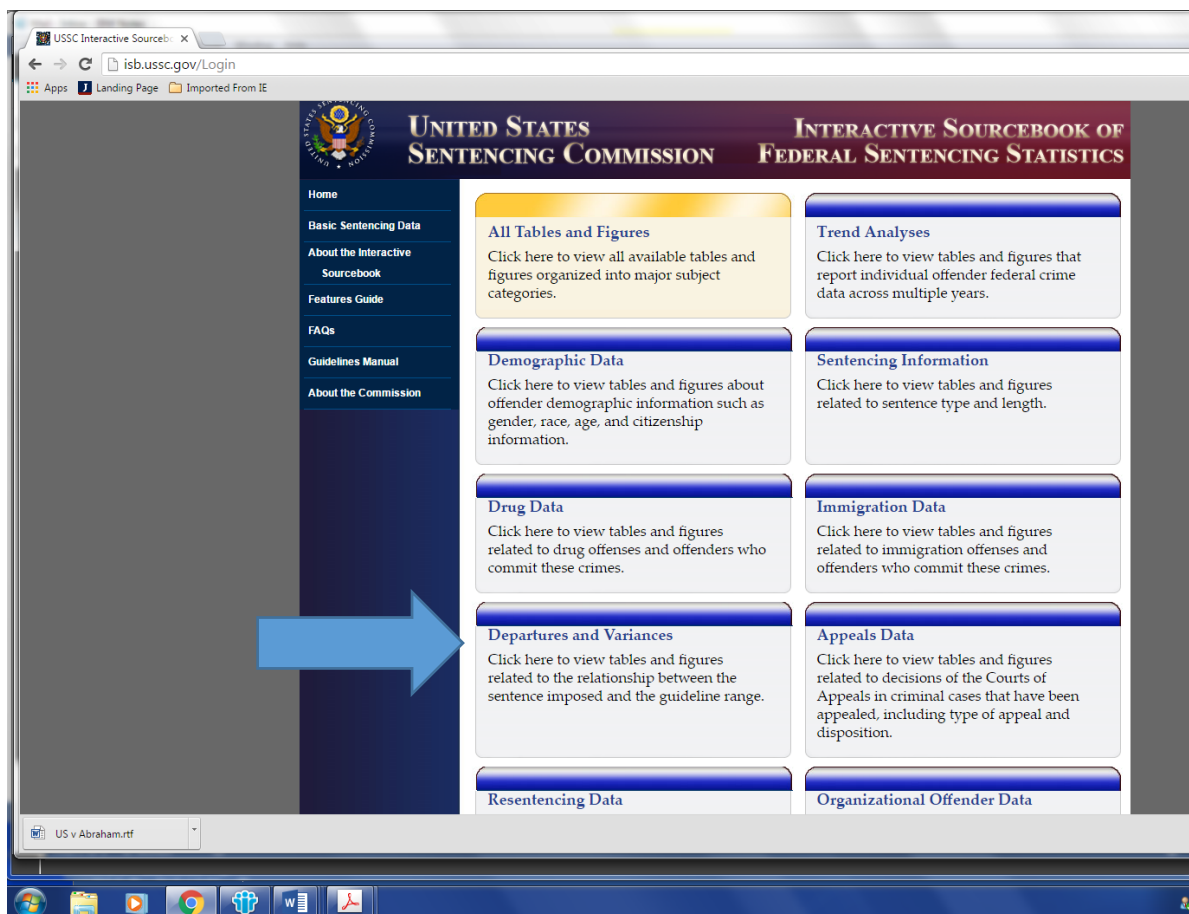


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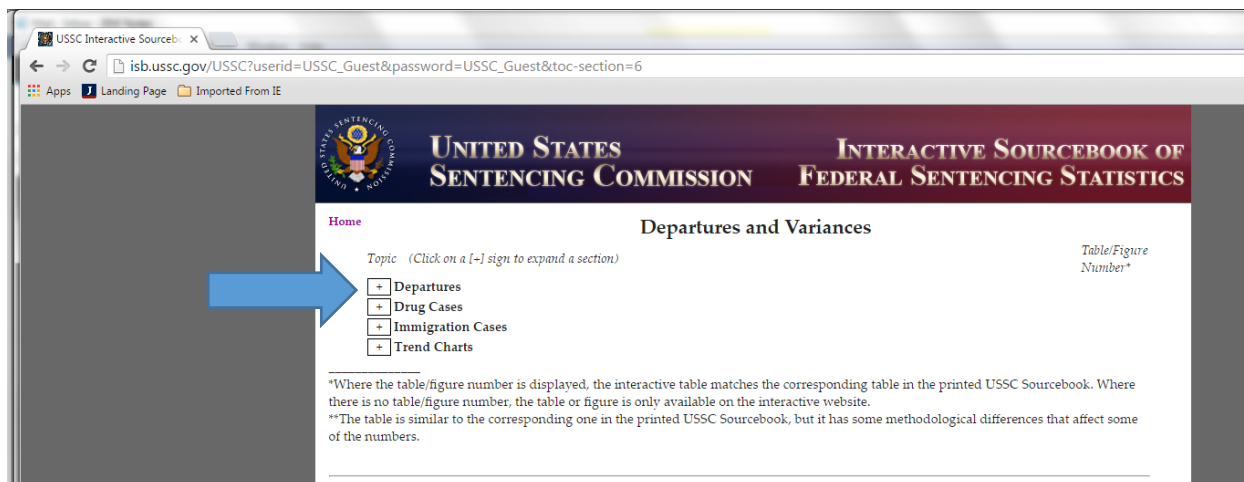
To access the Interactive Sourcebook, go to the Commission's website, www.ussc.gov, and click on the "Research" tab. Then click on "Interactive Sourcebook." Or just go directly to the Interactive Sourcebook by typing in the URL in your search engine: <http://isb.ussc.gov/Login>.

On the landing page is a link to "All Tables and Figures." This will take you to the full list of tables and figures, both those that appear in the regular Sourcebooks and several that appear only on the Interactive Sourcebook. The landing page also allows you to select a category of tables and figures.

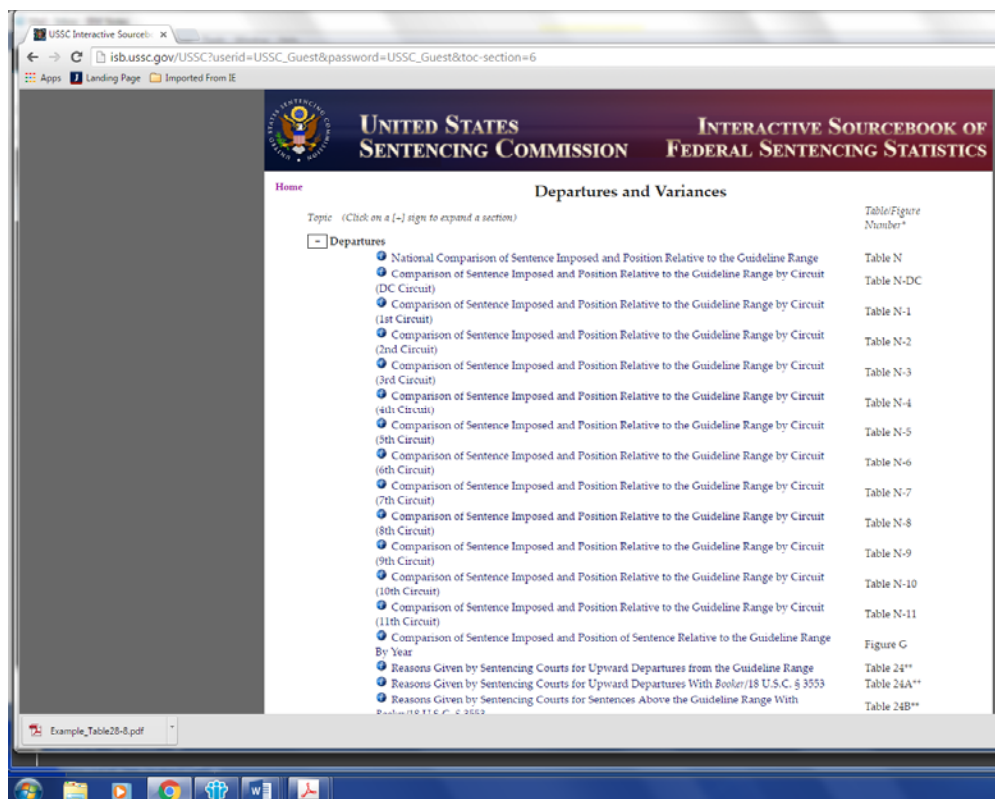
Example: Say you want to know the rate of downward departures and variances for offenses sentenced under a particular primary guideline, or in your particular circuit or district. Click on "Departures and Variances."



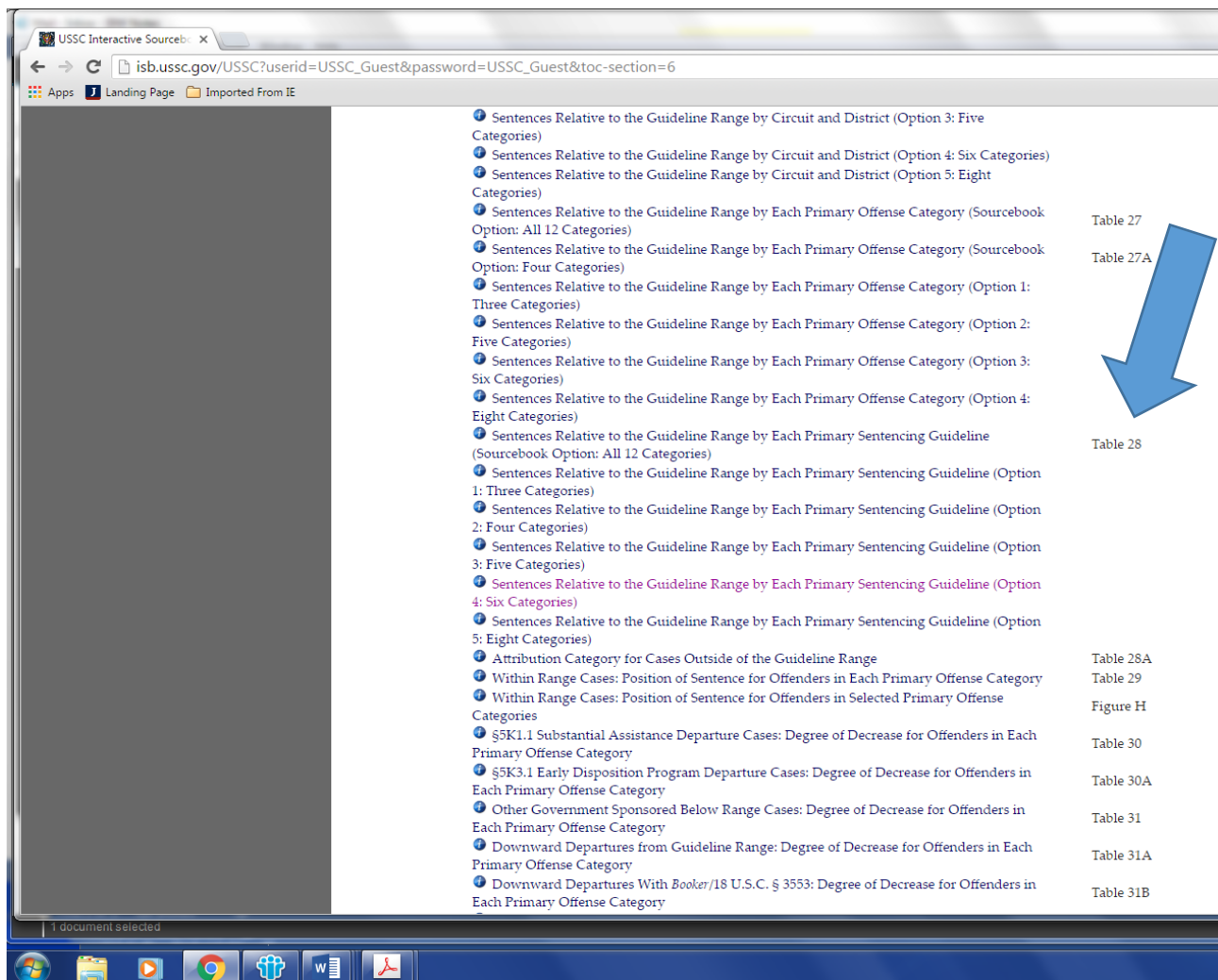
This will take you to a page with subcategories of tables and figures providing data on departures and variances.



Click the plus sign next to “Departures” to expand the topic to a lengthy list of tables and figures relating to departures and variances, as shown below.



To find out the rate of departures and variances for defendants sentenced under a particular primary guideline, scroll down to Table 28, “Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range by Each Primary Sentencing Guideline,” as shown on the next page.



The first table listed for Table 28 is the “Sourcebook Option: All 12 Categories.” This is the same table that appears in the regular Sourcebook. The 12 categories are Within Guideline Range, Upward Departure Guideline Only, Upward Departure with *Booker*, Above Range with *Booker*, Above Range All Others, Government Sponsored § 5K1.1, Government Sponsored § 5K3.1, Government Sponsored Other, Downward Departure Guideline Only, Downward Departure with *Booker*, Below Range with *Booker*, Below Range All Others.

Listed below this regular Sourcebook version of Table 28 are several other versions of the same data that do not appear in the Sourcebook. If you don’t need to see all twelve categories separated out, click on one of the other versions of Table 28, which combines the data into fewer categories.

It may take a few seconds for the table to load, so be patient. On the next page is a screen shot of what appears when you click on Option 5: Eight Categories. This Option will still separate out § 5K1.1 (substantial assistance) and § 5K1.3 (fast-track) departures from other government-sponsored departures and variances.

In the top left-hand area of the table generated, you will see the most recent year for the data contained in the Interactive Sourcebook, which is currently fiscal year 2014. The screen shot below only shows the first part of the table. If you scroll down, you will see the number of sentences within, above, and below the guideline range by every primary sentencing guideline. Note that there are no percentages provided for you, so you will have to do the math.

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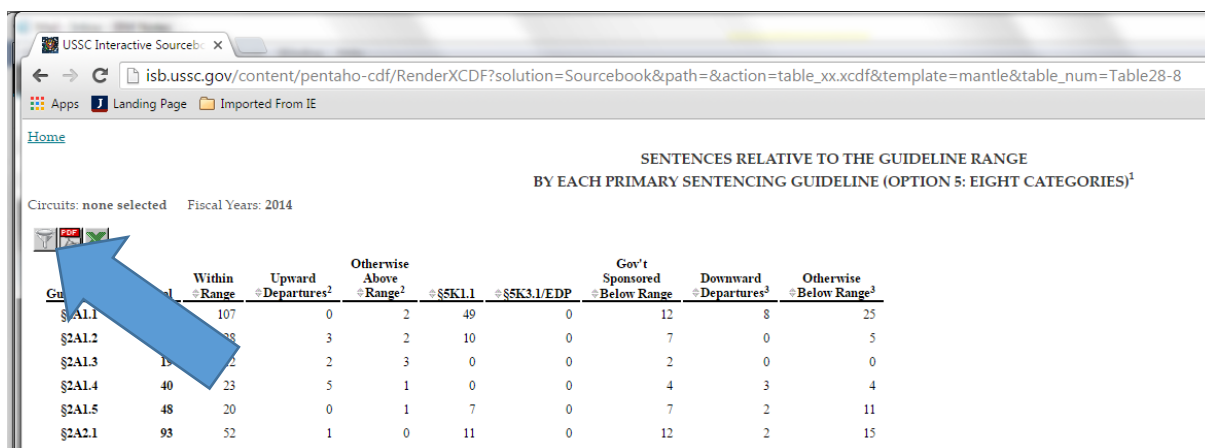
SENTENCES RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE
BY EACH PRIMARY SENTENCING GUIDELINE (OPTION 5: EIGHT CATEGORIES)¹

Guideline	Total	Within Range	Upward Departures ²	Otherwise Above Range ²	§5K1.1	§5K3.1/EDP	Gov't Sponsored Below Range	Downward Departures ³	Otherwise Below Range ³
§2A1.1	203	107	0	2	49	0	12	8	25
§2A1.2	55	28	3	2	10	0	7	0	5
§2A1.3	19	12	2	3	0	0	2	0	0
§2A1.4	40	23	5	1	0	0	4	3	4
§2A1.5	48	20	0	1	7	0	7	2	11
§2A2.1	93	52	1	0	11	0	12	2	15
§2A2.2	389	183	12	22	17	4	72	21	58
§2A2.3	58	45	2	5	0	0	2	0	4
§2A2.4	152	83	1	6	0	2	22	7	31
§2A3.1	134	66	2	4	1	0	42	3	16
§2A3.2	45	25	1	1	0	0	7	1	10
§2A3.3	9	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
§2A3.4	49	28	6	3	0	0	1	2	9
§2A3.5	465	306	7	13	0	1	33	10	95
§2A4.1	91	28	0	1	25	0	6	6	25
§2A4.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A5.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A5.2	22	12	0	0	0	0	4	1	5
§2A5.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A6.1	146	79	1	7	1	0	22	6	30
§2A6.2	44	22	3	5	0	0	8	1	5
§2B1.1	8,355	3,830	33	107	1,385	7	594	285	2,114
§2B1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2B1.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2B1.4	29	2	0	0	14	0	4	0	9
§2B1.5	10	4	0	0	1	0	3	1	1
§2B1.6 ²	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
§2B2.1	61	35	1	1	10	0	2	2	10
§2B2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2B2.3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

For example, the table shows that nationally, there were 8,355 defendants sentenced in fiscal year 2014 whose primary sentencing guideline was USSG § 2B1.1 (Larceny, Theft, Fraud, Forgery, Etc.). Of those, only 3,830 (45.8%) were sentenced within the range, while 2,399 (28.7%) were sentenced below the guideline range based on a non-government-sponsored departure or variance (“otherwise below range”). In another 594 cases, the government sponsored a below-range sentence not based on substantial assistance or fast-track, for a total of 2,993 cases (35.8%) in which judges determined that a downward departure or variance under § 3553(a) was appropriate. If you remove the substantial assistance and fast-track cases from the total number of cases—on the theory that the judge would be interested to know the rate of

downward departure and variance in cases in which the matter was completely up to the judge—the rate increases to 42.9% (2,993 out of 6,963 cases).

To find out these rates of departure and variance for **your particular district or circuit**, click on the little square on the far left that has a funnel on it.

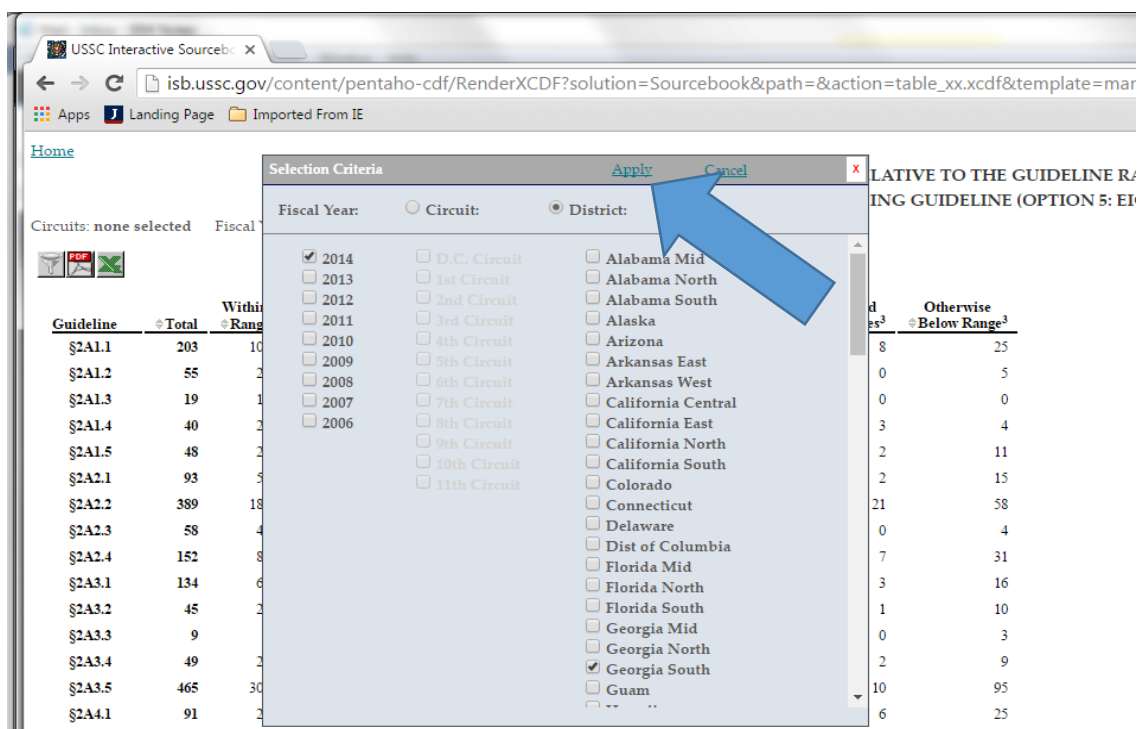


SENTENCES RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE
BY EACH PRIMARY SENTENCING GUIDELINE (OPTION 5: EIGHT CATEGORIES)¹

Circuits: none selected Fiscal Years: 2014

Guideline	Within Range	Upward Departures ²	Otherwise Above Range ²	Gov't Sponsored Below Range	Downward Departures ³	Otherwise Below Range ³
\$A1.1	107	0	2	49	0	12
\$2A1.2	38	3	2	10	0	7
\$2A1.3	19	2	3	0	0	2
\$2A1.4	40	23	5	0	4	3
\$2A1.5	48	20	0	1	7	2
\$2A2.1	93	52	1	0	11	0

This will bring up a window (shown below), from which you can select the year (or several years), as well as the circuit or district. (The Interactive Sourcebook only goes back to 2006.) Make your selections and then click “Apply.”



Selection Criteria

Fiscal Year: ☐ Circuit: ☐ District: ☒

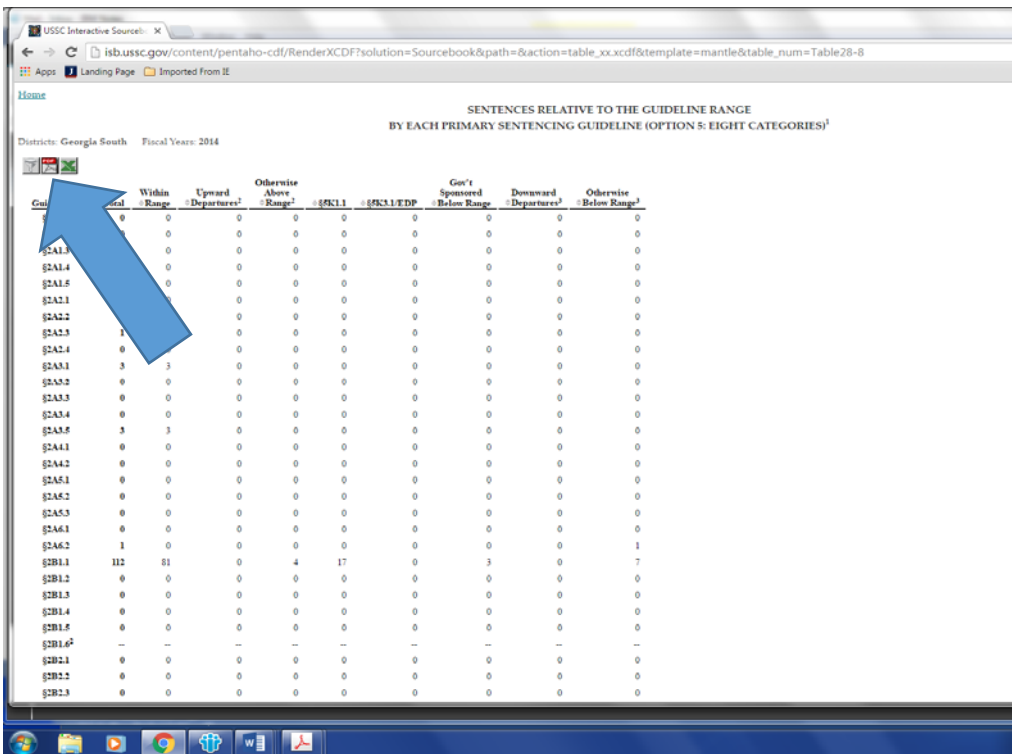
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Guideline	Total	Within Range	Upward Departures ²	Otherwise Above Range ²	Gov't Sponsored Below Range	Downward Departures ³	Otherwise Below Range ³
\$2A1.1	203	107	0	2	49	0	12
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\$2A3.1	134	6	2	3	0	0	2
\$2A3.2	45	2	0	1	7	2	11
\$2A3.3	9	2	0	1	7	2	11
\$2A3.4	49	2	0	1	7	2	11
\$2A3.5	465	30	1	0	11	0	15
\$2A4.1	91	2	0	1	7	2	11

The screen shot on the next page is how this table will look online.

To create a PDF that can be filed with the court, click on the middle square with the PDF icon. The PDF table generated will provide you with the numbers to calculate rates of below-guideline sentences in the district selected for every primary sentencing guideline, as well as provide official source information at the end. (An example PDF is attached at the end of this handout.)



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Districts: Georgia South Fiscal Year: 2014

SENTENCES RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE
BY EACH PRIMARY SENTENCING GUIDELINE (OPTION 5: EIGHT CATEGORIES)¹

Guideline	Total	Within Range	Upward Departures ²	Otherwise Above Range ³	§ 8C1.1	§ 8C3.1/FDP	Gov't Sponsored Below Range	Downward Departures ²	Otherwise Below Range ³
§2A1.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A2.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A2.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A3.1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A3.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A3.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A3.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A3.5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A4.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A4.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A5.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A5.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A5.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A6.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2A6.2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
§2B1.1	112	81	0	4	17	0	3	0	7
§2B1.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2B1.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2B1.4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2B1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2B1.6 ²	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
§2B2.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2B2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
§2B2.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

As shown here, 72.3% of defendants in the Southern District of Georgia sentenced in fiscal year 2014 under USSG § 2B1.1 (81 out of 112) were sentenced within the range. This information can be used to show that judges in this district are out of sync with judges across the country, as reflected by the national average rate only 45.8% of within-guideline sentences.

This information can also be used to show that judges in this district are out of sync judges in a nearby district. For example, in the Northern District of Georgia, only 30 out of 94 (31.9%) defendants sentenced under § 2B1.1 were sentenced within the guideline range in fiscal year 2014.

Other useful information not available in the regular Sourcebooks

Rate of Downward Departure and Variance for Cases Involving “Other Drugs”

The regular Sourcebook only shows information about powder cocaine, crack, heroin, marijuana, and methamphetamine. But say your case involves some other drug. From the landing page of the Interactive Sourcebook, click on “Drug Data” and then on the next page click on “Drug Cases” to bring up a list of table and figures (shown below). Scroll down to Table 45, “Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range for Drug Offenders in Each Drug Type.”

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Home Drug Data

Topic (Click on a [-] sign to expand a section)

Topic	Table/Figure Number*
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• Distribution of Guideline Drug Offenses	Figure I
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• Race of Drug Offenders in Each Drug Type	Table 34
• Gender of Drug Offenders in Each Drug Type	Table 35
• Citizenship of Drug Offenders in Each Drug Type	Table 36
• Criminal History Category of Drug Offenders in Each Drug Type	Table 37
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• Weapon Involvement of Drug Offenders in Each Drug Type	Table 39
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• Acceptance of Responsibility of Drug Offenders in Each Drug Type	Table 41
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• Drug Offenders Receiving Mandatory Minimums in Each Drug Type	Table 43
• Drug Offenders Receiving Safety Valve and Mandatory Minimums in Each Drug Type	Table 44
• Drug Offenders Receiving Safety Valve in Each Drug Type	Table 45
• Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range for Drug Offenders in Each Drug Type (Sourcebook Option: All 12 Categories)	Table 45
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• Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range for Drug Offenders in Each Drug Type (Option 3: Five Categories)	
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• Sentences Relative to the Guideline Range for Drug Offenders in Each Drug Type (Option 5: Eight Categories)	
• Length of Imprisonment in Each Drug Type	Figure J
• Distribution of Drug Type	Figure K
• Age of Offenders in Each Drug Type (Sourcebook Age Option)	
• Age of Offenders in Each Drug Type (Age Option 1)	
• Age of Offenders in Each Drug Type (Age Option 2)	
• Base Offense Levels in Each Drug Type for Drug Trafficking Cases	

☐ Trend Charts

On the next page is the table generated when Option 5: Eight Categories is selected.

Click on the plus sign next to “Other” to reveal the drug cases included in this category.

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SENTENCES RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE FOR DRUG OFFENDERS IN EACH DRUG TYPE (OPTION 8: EIGHT CATEGORIES)¹

Circuits: none selected Fiscal Year: 2014

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	WITHIN RANGE		UPWARD DEPARTURES ²		OTHERWISE ABOVE RANGE ³		GOV'T SPONSORED BELOW RANGE		DOWNWARD DEPARTURES ²		OTHERWISE BELOW RANGE ³	
		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
TOTAL	21,900	6,213	28.4	80	0.4	127	0.6	5,622	25.7	1,480	6.8	3,068	13.7
Powder Cocaine	4,958	1,674	33.8	13	0.3	25	0.5	1,365	27.5	200	4.0	569	11.5
Crack Cocaine	2,435	792	32.5	8	0.3	18	0.7	593	24.3	3	0.1	295	12.1
Heroin	2,430	686	28.2	10	0.4	27	1.1	587	24.2	119	4.9	368	15.1
Marijuana	3,971	1,257	31.7	28	0.7	28	0.7	723	18.2	608	15.3	480	12.1
Methamphetamine	6,300	1,379	21.9	9	0.1	14	0.2	1,816	28.8	543	8.7	1,026	16.3
Other (+)	1,801	425	23.6	12	0.7	15	0.8	538	29.8	5	0.3	270	15.0

¹ Of the 73,836 cases, 21,907 were sentenced under USSC Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). Of these, 21,907 cases were sentenced under §§2D1.1 (Drug Trafficking), 2D1.2 (Protected Locations), 2D1.5 (Continuing Criminal Enterprise), 2D1.6 (Use of a Communication Facility), 2D1.8 (Rent/Manage Drug Establishment), or 2D2.1 (Simple Possession). Of these 21,907 cases, seven were excluded due to missing information from the submitted documents that prevented the comparison of the sentence and the guideline range. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in [Appendix A](#).

² See Tables 24-24B for a list of departure reasons comprising these categories.

³ See Tables 25-25B for a list of departure reasons comprising these categories.

SOURCE: This was produced using the Sentencing Commission's Interactive Sourcebook (isb.usc.gov) using the Commission's fiscal year 2014 data.

Below is Table 45 with the “Other” category expanded to separate out cases involving Oxycodone/Oxycontin, MDMA/ecstasy, Hydrocodone, PCP, steroids and GBH. As with the previous examples, you can find out the rates of variance and departure for each of these drugs for a particular district or circuit, or for a particular year, by clicking on the funnel and then expanding the “Other” category in the same manner. Click on the PDF icon to generate a document for filing. (The PDF generated from this example is attached at the end of this handout.)

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SENTENCES RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE FOR DRUG OFFENDERS IN EACH DRUG TYPE (OPTION 8: EIGHT CATEGORIES)¹

Circuits: none selected Fiscal Year: 2014

DRUG TYPE	TOTAL	WITHIN RANGE		UPWARD DEPARTURES ²		OTHERWISE ABOVE RANGE ³		GOV'T SPONSORED BELOW RANGE		DOWNWARD DEPARTURES ²		OTHERWISE BELOW RANGE ³	
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Hydrocodone	52	22	42.3	0	0.0	1	1.9	12	23.1	0	0.0	6	11.5
PCP	32	12	37.5	0	0.0	1	3.1	10	31.3	0	0.0	2	6.3
Steroids	4	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	1	25.0
Gamma-hydroxybutyric acid	450	118	26.4	9	2.0	6	1.4	102	22.7	2	0.5	59	13.7

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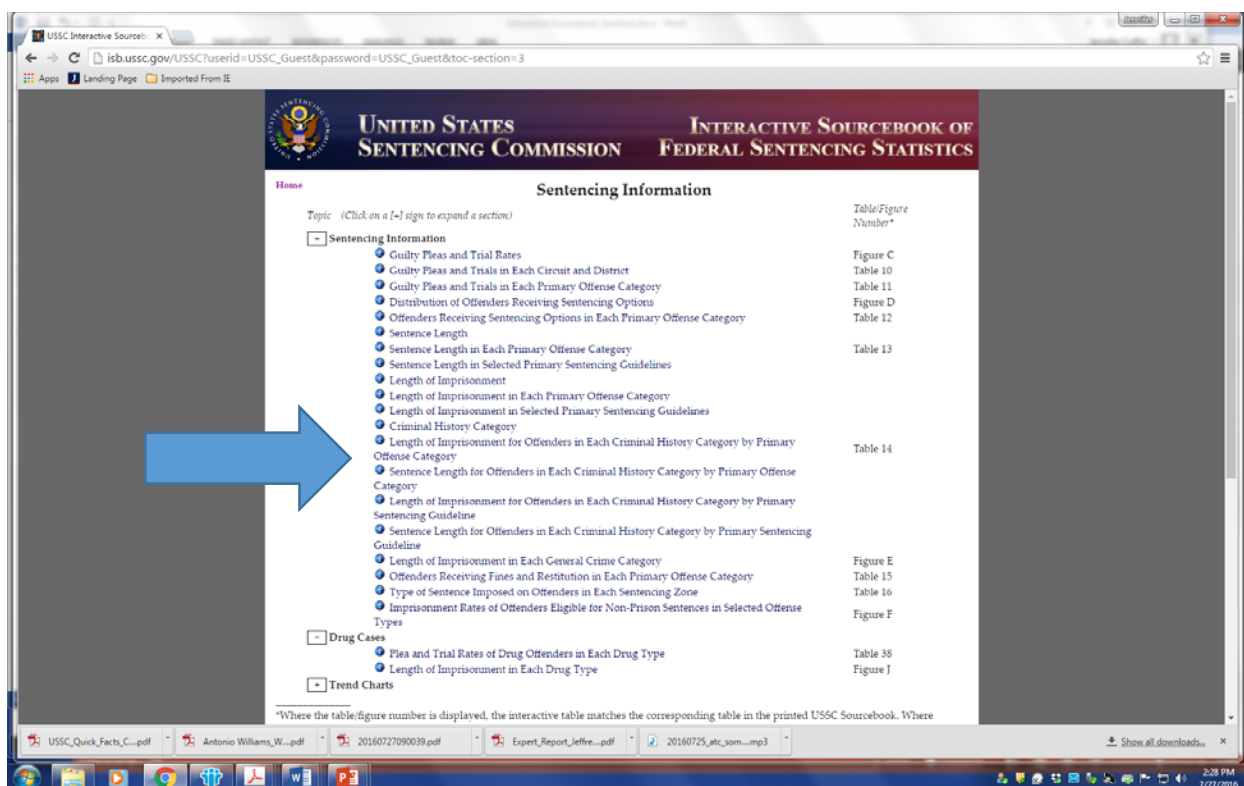
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Average Sentence Length by Offense Type or By Primary Guideline

The Interactive Sourcebook can show you the average sentence length by offense type or by primary guideline for your district, which you can compare to the national average, your circuit or a nearby district.

From the landing page, click on “Sentencing Information.” On the next page (shown below), click on the plus sign next to “Sentencing Information” to expand the list of tables and figures. Table 14 in the regular Sourcebook shows length of imprisonment by Criminal History Category and primary offense category, but in the Interactive Sourcebook, you can find out the length of imprisonment by the primary offense guideline (not for all guidelines but for the most frequently applied guidelines), which may be more useful.



On the next page is an excerpt from the table generated when you click on “Length of Imprisonment for Offenders in Each Criminal History Category by Primary Sentencing Guideline.”

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LENGTH OF IMPRISONMENT FOR OFFENDERS
IN EACH CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY BY PRIMARY SENTENCING GUIDELINE¹

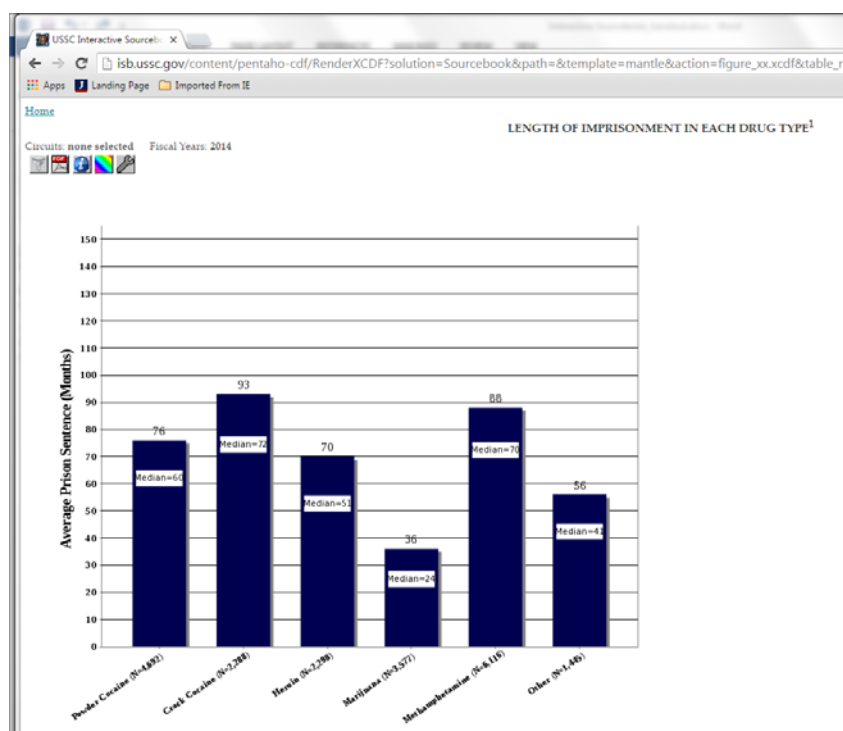
CRIMINAL HISTORY CATEGORY

PRIMARY SENTENCING GUIDELINE	TOTAL			I			II			III			IV			V			VI (non-career offender)			VI (career offender)		
	Mean ±Mths	Median ±Mths	N	Mean ±Mths	Median ±Mths	N	Mean ±Mths	Median ±Mths	N	Mean ±Mths	Median ±Mths	N	Mean ±Mths	Median ±Mths	N	Mean ±Mths	Median ±Mths	N	Mean ±Mths	Median ±Mths	N	Mean ±Mths	Median ±Mths	N
TOTAL	53	30	60,110	44	24	24,406	42	24	8,839	48	30	10,845	55	37	6,293	63	46	3,559	83	60	3,941	150	136	2,227
\$2A1.1	342	360	199	318	324	72	321	360	23	345	360	39	350	360	24	322	300	15	454	470	9	407	470	17
\$2A2.2	55	37	367	43	30	150	40	34	59	57	41	58	57	46	27	57	51	21	83	82	16	106	84	36
\$2A3.1	175	125	127	173	128	76	111	100	17	178	120	15	199	136	8	265	222	6	209	240	5	--	--	0
\$2A3.5	22	20	435	10	7	12	15	12	80	18	18	119	22	21	97	30	30	69	31	30	78	--	--	0
\$2A4.1	212	168	87	166	156	48	343	210	7	199	172	14	143	120	5	230	264	4	230	120	7	--	--	2
\$2A6.1	10	20	123	17	14	44	19	13	12	13	12	17	37	36	10	33	30	9	39	36	13	72	72	18
\$2B1.1	34	24	5,535	30	21	3,572	36	24	543	38	24	598	41	28	294	48	33	193	53	37	334	--	--	1
\$2B3.1	126	96	1,701	90	60	456	120	71	208	121	87	310	125	94	214	112	96	105	148	105	148	193	151	260
\$2B5.1	20	18	366	13	11	83	14	12	45	15	12	63	19	18	60	29	30	40	31	30	75	--	--	0
\$2B5.9	20	18	82	17	12	57	14	12	10	35	20	8	35	34	4	--	1	--	--	2	--	--	0	
\$2C1.1	36	24	222	31	24	191	57	46	13	66	27	10	116	46	4	31	37	3	--	--	0	--	--	1
\$2D1.1	73	58	19,239	53	37	8,930	67	60	2,625	76	60	2,972	83	70	1,449	98	84	754	109	96	865	141	130	1,644

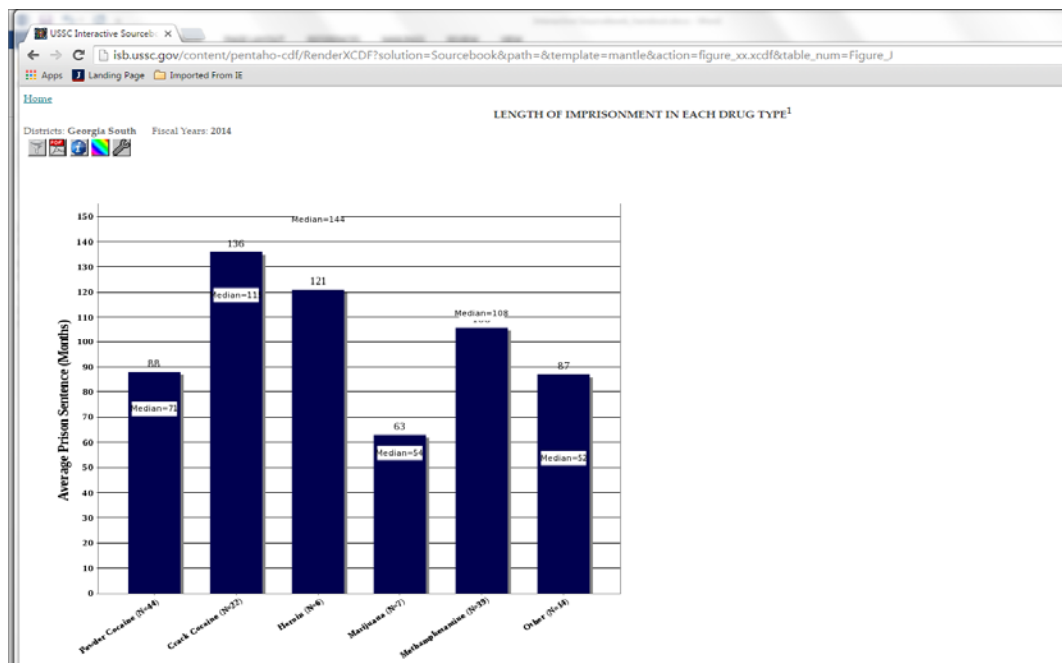
It shows, for example, that a defendant sentenced under § 2B1.1 in Criminal History Category I and sentenced to prison receives an average sentence of 30 months. To find out this information for a particular district or circuit, or for a particular year or span of years, click on the little square on the left that shows a funnel. Click on the PDF icon to turn it into a document for filing.

Also under “Sentencing Information,” you can find out the average length of imprisonment by drug type for a district or circuit. Click on “Drug Cases” and scroll down to Figure J.

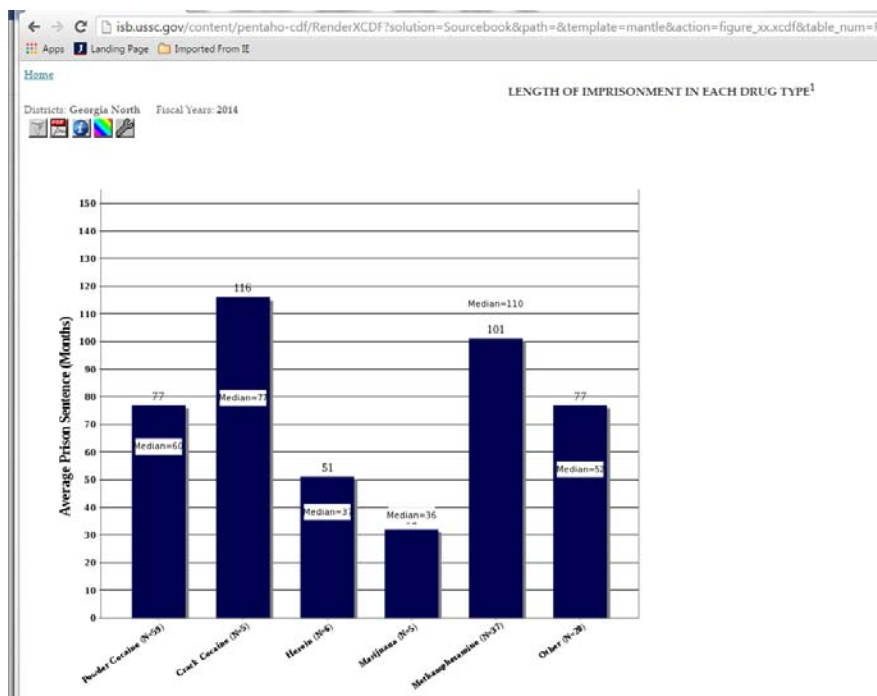
Below is Figure J showing the information shown in the regular Sourcebook. It shows, for example, that the average sentence length in all heroin cases is 70 months.



By comparison, here is Figure J shown just for the Southern District of Georgia. It shows that in this district, the average sentence length in heroin cases is significantly higher at 121 months.



And here is Figure J shown just for the Northern District of Georgia. There, the average sentence length in heroin cases is 51 months.



These are just a few examples of useful information available only through the Interactive Sourcebook. It is worthwhile to spend some time exploring it for other sources of information in support of your arguments for a downward variance.

SENTENCES RELATIVE TO THE GUIDELINE RANGE FOR DRUG OFFENDERS IN EACH DRUG TYPE (OPTION 5: EIGHT CATEGORIES)¹

Fiscal Year: 2014

DRUG TYPE	WITHIN RANGE			UPWARD DEPARTURES ²			OTHERWISE ABOVE RANGE ²			\$5K1.1			\$5K3.1/EDP			GOV'T SPONSORED BELOW RANGE			DOWNWARD DEPARTURES ³			OTHERWISE BELOW RANGE ³		
	N		%	N		%	N		%	N		%	N		%	N		%	N		%	N		%
	TOTAL																							
TOTAL	21,900	6,213	28.4	80	0.4	0.6	127	0.6	5,622	25.7	1,480	6.8	3,008	13.7	647	3.0	4,723	21.6						
Powder Cocaine	4,958	1,674	33.8	13	0.3	0.5	25	0.5	1,365	27.5	200	4.0	569	11.5	147	3.0	965	19.5						
Crack Cocaine	2,438	792	32.5	8	0.3	0.7	18	0.7	593	24.3	3	0.1	295	12.1	103	4.2	626	25.7						
Heroin	2,430	686	28.2	10	0.4	1.1	27	1.1	587	24.2	119	4.9	368	15.1	82	3.4	551	22.7						
Marijuana	3,971	1,257	31.7	28	0.7	0.7	28	0.7	723	18.2	608	15.3	480	12.1	112	2.8	735	18.5						
Methamphetamine	6,300	1,379	21.9	9	0.1	0.2	14	0.2	1,816	28.8	545	8.7	1,026	16.3	159	2.5	1,352	21.5						
Other (-)	1,081	212	19.6	3	0.3	0.6	6	0.6	353	32.7	2	0.2	183	16.9	23	2.1	299	27.7						
Oxycodone/Oxycontin	134	32	23.9	0	0.0	1	0.7	41	30.6	1	0.7	16	11.9	5	3.7	38	28.4							
MDMA/Ecstasy	70	28	40.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	18	25.7	0	0.0	3	4.3	1	1.4	20	28.6						
Hydrocodone	52	22	42.3	0	0.0	1	1.9	12	23.1	0	0.0	6	11.5	2	3.8	9	17.3							
PCP	32	12	37.5	0	0.0	1	3.1	10	31.3	0	0.0	2	6.3	0	0.0	7	21.9							
Steroids	4	1	25.0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0						
Gamma-hydroxybutyric acid	430	118	27.4	9	2.1	1.4	6	1.4	102	23.7	2	0.5	59	13.7	13	3.0	121	28.1						

¹ Of the 75,836 cases, 22,193 were sentenced under USSC Chapter Two, Part D (Drugs). Of these, 21,907 cases were sentenced under §§2D1.1 (Drug Trafficking), 2D1.2 (Protected Locations), 2D1.5 (Continuing Criminal Enterprise), 2D1.6 (Use of a Communication Facility), 2D1.8 (Rent/Manage Drug Establishment), or 2D2.1 (Simple Possession). Of these 21,907 cases, seven were excluded due to missing information from the submitted documents that prevented the comparison of the sentence and the guideline range. Descriptions of variables used in this table are provided in [Appendix A](#).

² See Tables 24-24B for a list of departure reasons comprising these categories.

³ See Tables 25-25B for a list of departure reasons comprising these categories.

SOURCE: This was produced using the U.S. Sentencing Commission's Interactive Sourcebook (isb.ussc.gov) using the Commission's fiscal year 2014 Datafile, USSCFY2014.