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BJS RELEASES FEDERAL SENTENCING DISPARITY: 2005–2012

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) released *Federal Sentencing Disparity: 2005–2012*, which examines patterns of federal sentencing disparity among white and black offenders, by sentence received, and looks at judicial variation in sentencing since *Booker v. United States*. This report summarizes U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, explains the methodology, discusses how approaches of other researchers to the study of sentencing practices differ from this approach, and defines disparity as used in this study.

This working paper was prepared by Abt Associates for BJS in response to a request by the Department of Justice’s Racial Disparities Working Group to design a study of federal sentencing disparity. Data are from BJS’s Federal Justice Statistics Program, which annually collects federal criminal justice processing data from various federal agencies, and the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

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