Sentencing Snapshot

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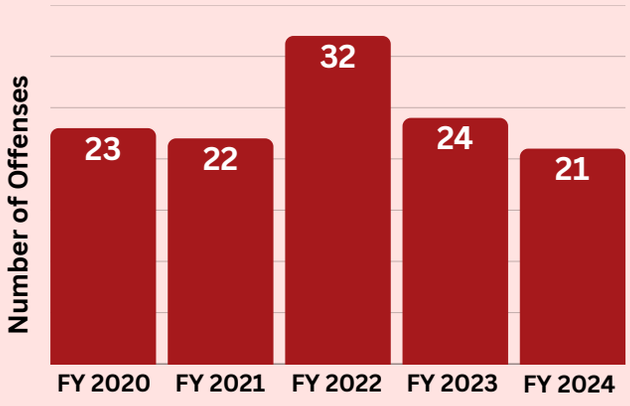
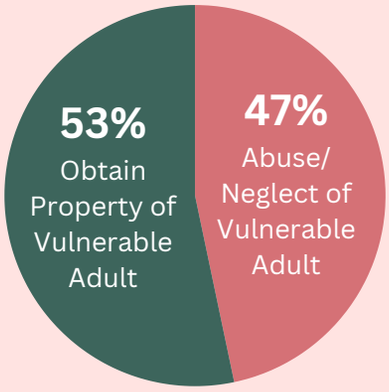
Offenses Involving Vulnerable Adults, Sentenced in Maryland Circuit Courts, FY 2020 - FY 2024

This Sentencing Snapshot explores sentences for offenses involving vulnerable adults, sentenced in Maryland circuit courts from fiscal year (FY) 2020 through FY 2024. Additional information, including methodology, may be found on the MSCCSP website.

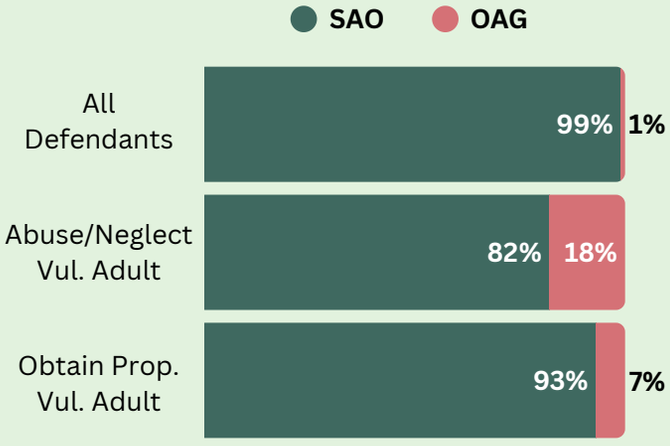
Offenses Involving Vulnerable Adults





Offense	#
Obtain property of vulnerable adult	65
Abuse/neglect of vulnerable adult	57
Total	122

Prosecuting Office



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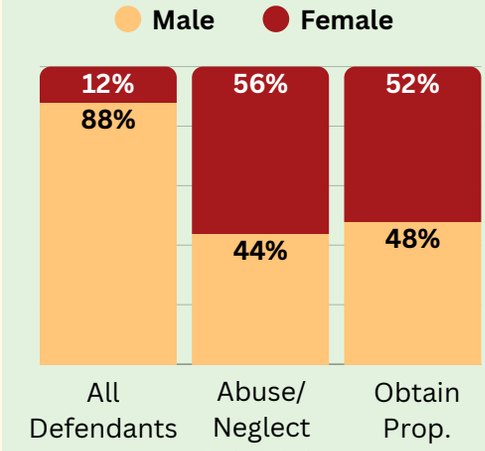
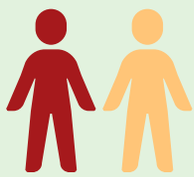
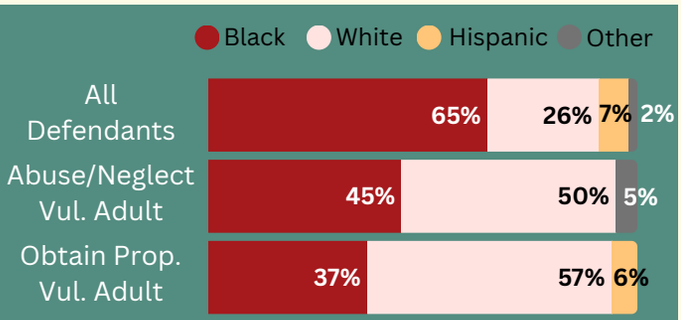




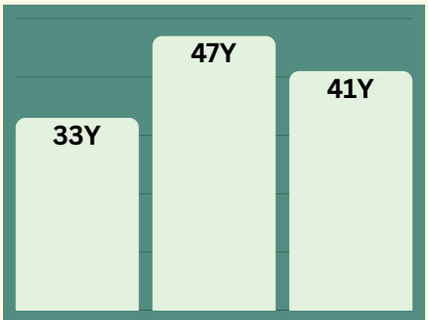
Vulnerable adult offenses are one of the only categories of offenses where the **majority** of defendants are **female**.

Race

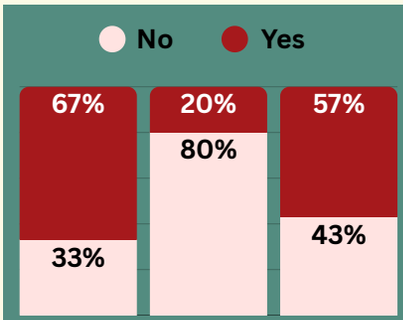


Individuals sentenced for offenses involving vulnerable adults are more likely than individuals sentenced for other offenses to be **white**, **older**, and have **no prior adult criminal record**.

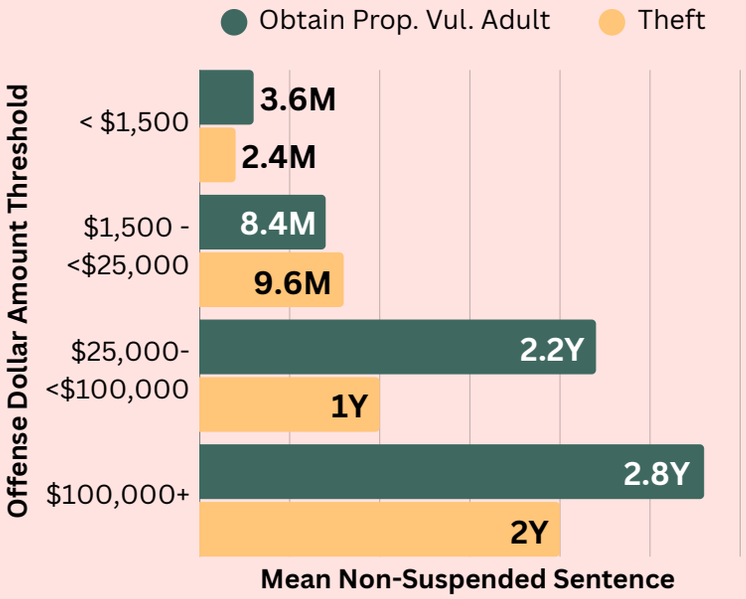
Mean Age



Prior Criminal Record

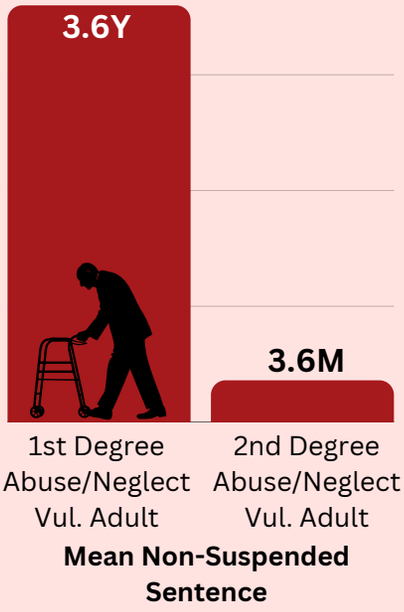


Sentences for Guidelines-Eligible Offenses Involving Vulnerable Adults, Sentenced in Maryland Circuit Courts, FY 2020 - FY 2024

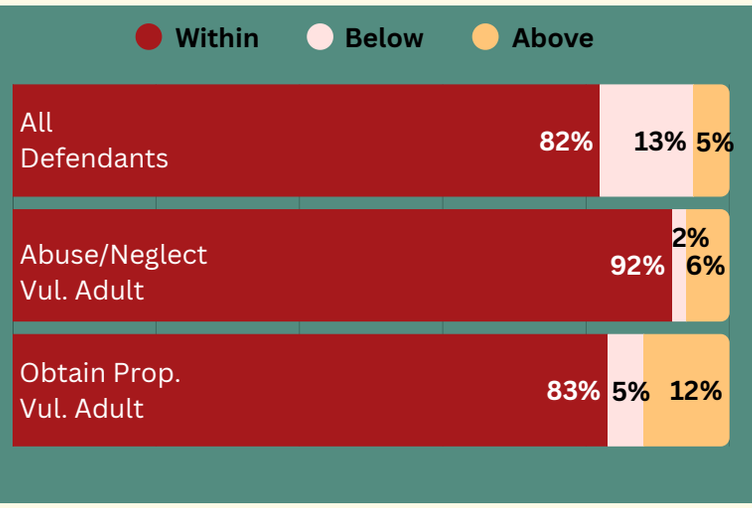


72% **Incarceration rate** for **obtaining property of a vulnerable adult**

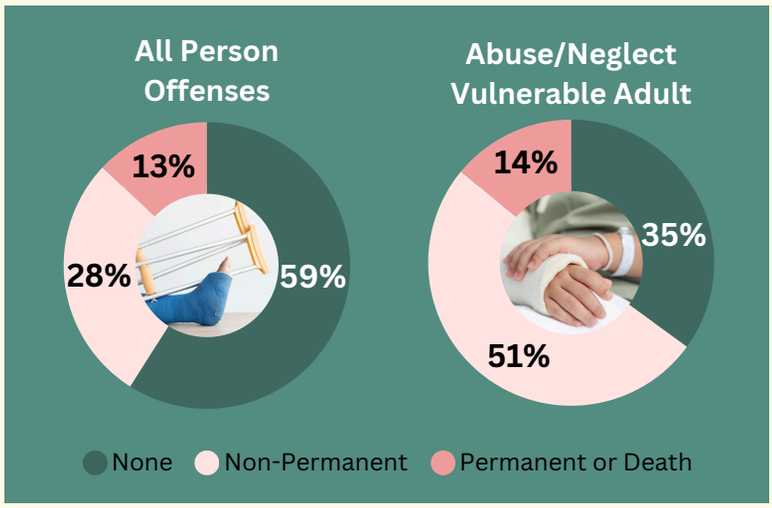
65% **Incarceration rate** for **abuse/neglect of a vulnerable adult**



Compliance

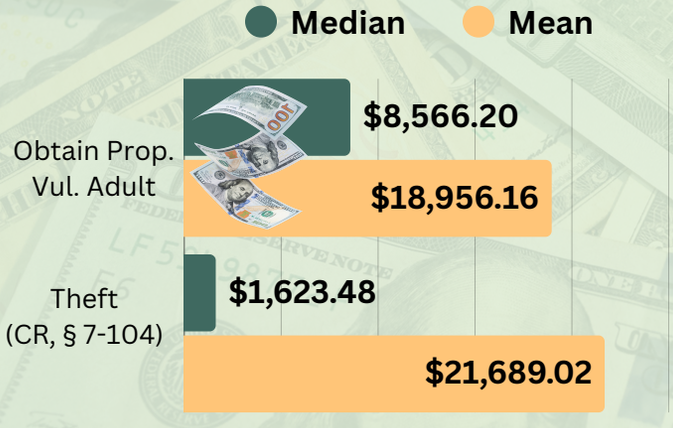


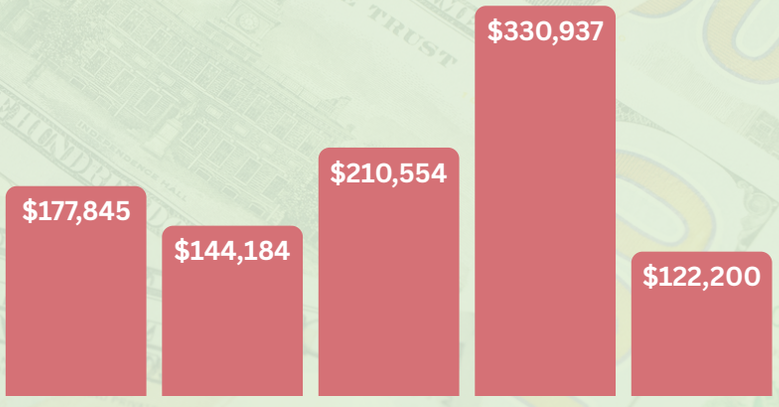
Victim Injury



Economic Loss

Reported Economic Loss, FY 2020-2024



The fact that the mean economic loss is larger than the median indicates that a few extremely large loss amounts increase the mean above the median.

Total Reported Economic Loss for All Offenses Involving Vulnerable Adults, by Fiscal Year