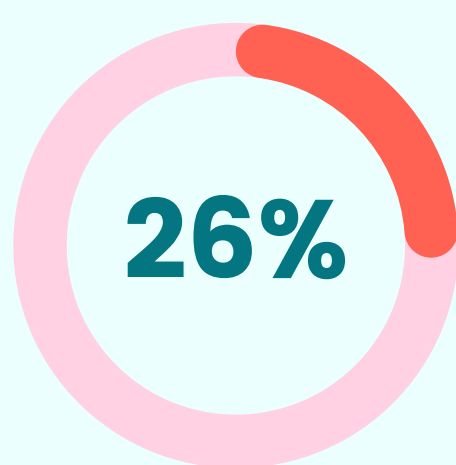
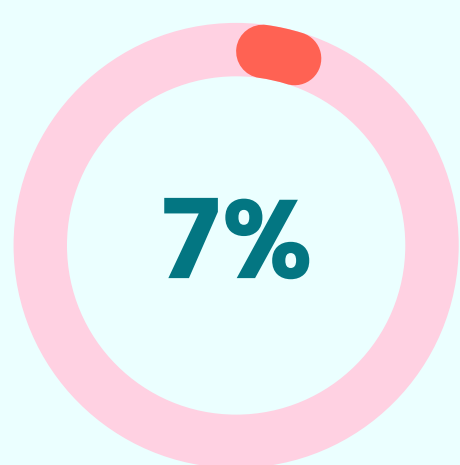


# Gender Disparities in Sentencing of White-Collar Crime



Women comprise only 7% of the federal offender's population.

However, women account for 26% of all fraud offenses.

## Are women offenders treated differently by the criminal justice system?

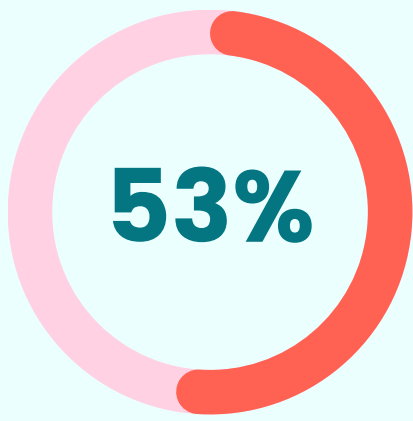
We know generally for crime that women receive lesser sentences than men. But there are gaps in the literature about sentencing disparities in white-collar crime, especially high-level white-collar crimes.



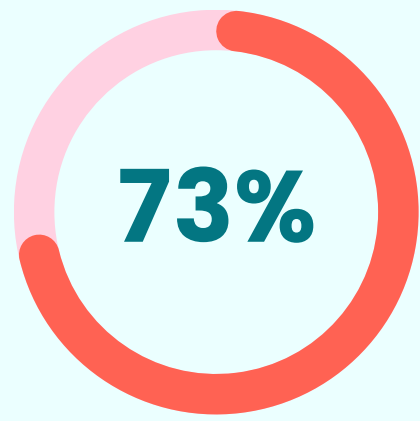
### My Research Question

To what extent do the sentence length and restitution amount differ between males and females for federal health care fraud offenses?

# A quantitative study of 28 large-scale federal health care fraud cases sentenced between 2015 and 2019 found that....

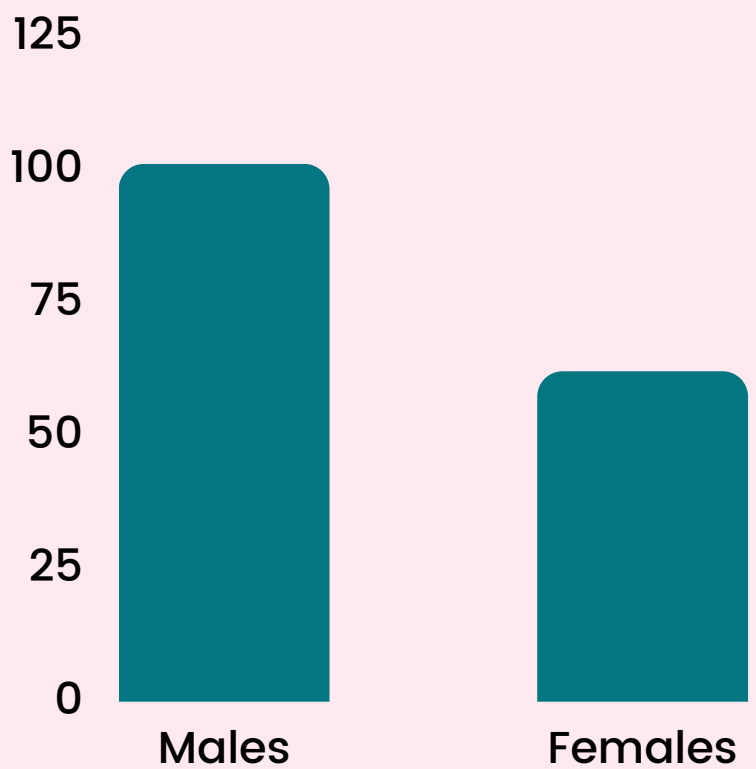


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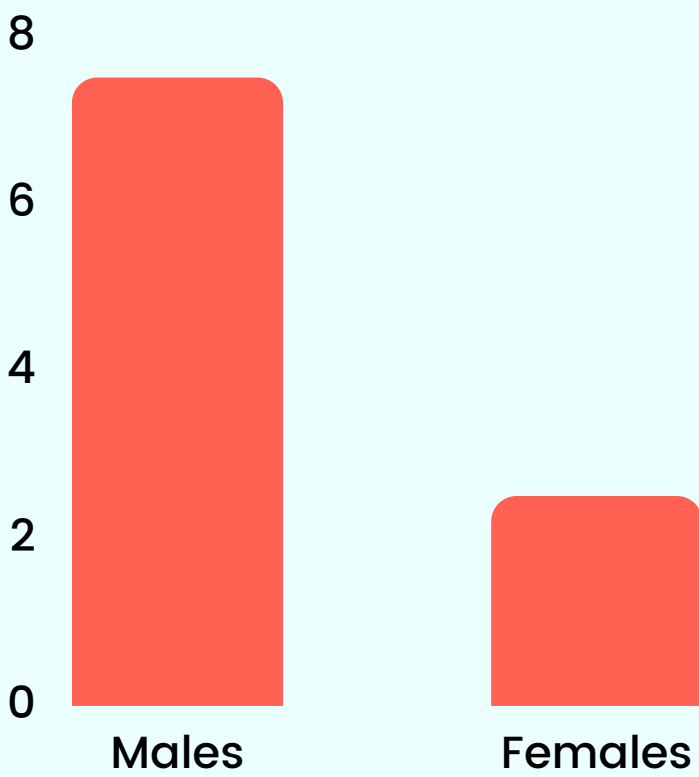


73% of females took a plea deal.

The average sentence length of males was about **101 months** of incarceration.



The average sentence length of females was about **62 months** of incarceration.



The average restitution amount for males was **\$7.5 million**.

The average restitution amount for females was **\$2.5 million**.

Women received less severe sentences than men for high-level health care fraud. But we still don't know why.



Future research:

- Other types of white-collar crime at higher levels
- The intersection of race, gender, and status in white-collar sentencing.