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Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission

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AT A GLANCE

- Eleven Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission (MSGC) members represent key criminal justice stakeholders and the public
- MSGC creates and improves Sentencing Guidelines
- Guidelines give judges uniform standards to apply when sentencing over 18,000 felony cases annually
- MSGC staff help criminal justice professionals in all 87 counties use the Guidelines correctly
- MSGC staff publish reports and conduct research on felony sentencing for Commission, Legislature, and the public

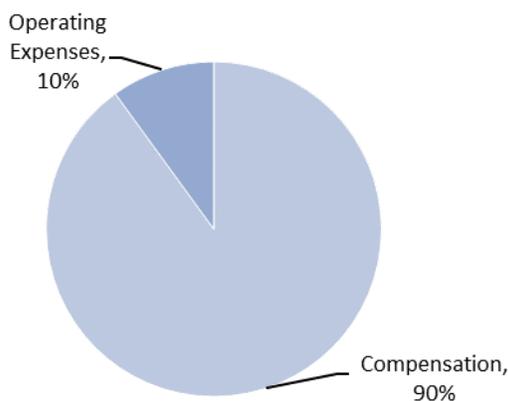
PURPOSE

The MSGC exists to establish rational and consistent sentencing standards that—

- Promote public safety;
- Reduce sentencing disparity;
- Recommending felony sanctions that are proportional to the crime’s severity and the offender’s criminal history; and
- Support the appropriate use of finite correctional resources.
- The MSGC supports the statewide outcome that **people in Minnesota are safe**
- The MSGC supports the statewide outcome of **efficient and accountable government services**

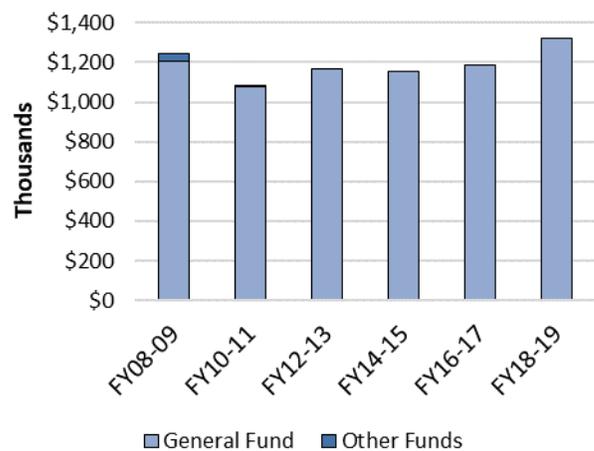
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2019 Actual**



Source: BPAS

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The MSGC’s activities are financed entirely through the General Fund. Its payroll budget consists of one (1) Executive Director, four (4) Research Analysts, and one (1) Management Analyst. Operating expenses included leased space, technology costs, education delivery costs, and office expenses.

STRATEGIES

The Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission utilizes the following strategies to accomplish its mission:

- The MSGC meets monthly to work on improving the Sentencing Guidelines and, from time to time, making recommendations to the Legislature regarding changes to criminal law, criminal procedure, and other aspects of sentencing.
- MSGC staff create and maintain a comprehensive and accurate database on felony sentences.
- MSGC staff publish reports on sentencing practices and related criminal justice issues. These reports help policymakers, criminal justice officials, and the public evaluate felony sentencing policy and proposed legislation.
- A sentencing worksheet is required whenever a judge sentences a felony, and MSGC staff review every worksheet to ensure the accurate and consistent application of the Guidelines.
- MSGC staff provide in-person and web-based educational opportunities to help practitioners understand and correctly apply Guidelines policies.
- As needed, the MSGC and its staff respond to changes in case law, legislation, and issues raised by interested parties.
- Annually, MSGC staff work with the Department of Corrections to generate prison bed projections.
- MSGC members and staff serve on committees and task forces to further the goals of the criminal justice system.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Felony offenders' sentencing worksheets reviewed	18,288	18,284	2017 & 2018
Quantity	Individual data reports prepared for practitioners, media, and the public	375	300	2018 & 2019
Quality	Number of agency fiscal notes completed; timeliness percentage	38; 100%	50; 100%	2018 & 2019
Results	Percentage of felony offenders receiving the recommend Guidelines sentence	75.5%	75%	2017 & 2018

Minn. Stat. sec. 244.09 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/244.09>) provides the legal authority for the MSGC.

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Agency Expenditure Overview

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23

Expenditures by Fund

1000 - General	646	670	673	693	687	687
Total	646	670	673	693	687	687
Biennial Change				51		8
Biennial % Change				4		1

Expenditures by Program

Mn Sentencing Guideline Com	646	670	673	693	687	687
Total	646	670	673	693	687	687

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	569	604	626	650	644	644
Operating Expenses	76	66	47	43	43	43
Other Financial Transaction	1					
Total	646	670	673	693	687	687

Full-Time Equivalent

	5.70	6.00	5.95	5.91	5.78	5.74
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Agency Financing by Fund

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base FY22 FY23	
1000 - General						
Balance Forward In		11		6		
Direct Appropriation	655	670	679	687	687	687
Transfers Out		10				
Cancellations		1				
Balance Forward Out	9		6			
Expenditures	646	670	673	693	687	687
Biennial Change in Expenditures				51	8	
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				4	1	
Full-Time Equivalents	5.70	6.00	5.95	5.91	5.78	5.74

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Agency Change Summary

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2021 Appropriations	687	687	687	1,374
Forecast Base	687	687	687	1,374