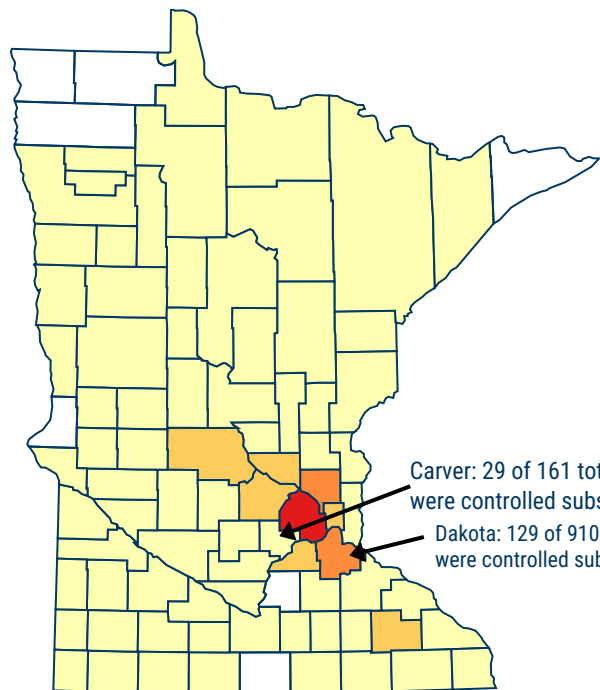


Quick Facts 2024

Felony Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree (Controlled Substance 5), Minn. Stat. § 152.025

Controlled Substance 5: Case Volume

In 2024, Minnesota courts sentenced **14,229** felony cases. **Controlled Substance 5 offenses comprised 2,052** of these cases, **accounting for approximately 14% (1 in 7)** of the total felony volume. This offense was the most frequently sentenced felony in 2024. Controlled Substance 5 is the **least severe of the five felony drug offenses**.



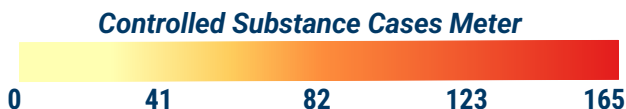
Carver: 29 of 161 total cases were controlled substance 5.
Dakota: 129 of 910 total cases were controlled substance 5.

Volume of Controlled Substance 5 by County

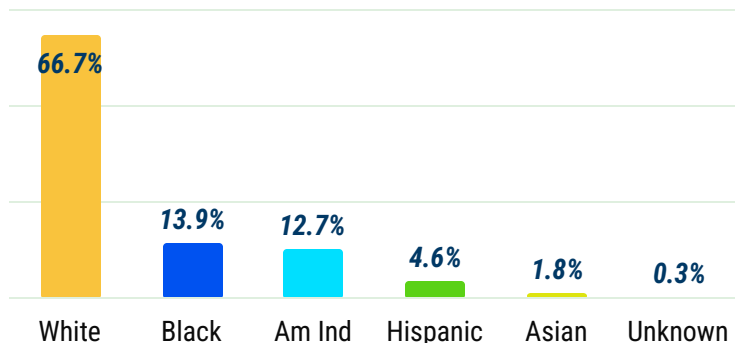
- Sentencing activity was notably concentrated in **Carver County (18%)** and **Dakota County (14%)**, reflecting overall felony volume in those jurisdictions.
- However **Hennepin County (165 sentences)** and **Anoka County (150 sentences)** recorded the highest total number of Controlled Substance Crime 5 sentences, these figures highlight significant regional concentrations across the state.

Sentencing patterns for Controlled Substance 5

- Individuals sentenced for Controlled Substance Crime 5 reflected the **overall 2024 racial distribution**, with a plurality of sentences imposed on **white persons**.
- Most sentences were **stayed with probation (62%)**, consistent with guideline expectations for **lower-severity drug offenses**.
- Average stayed (probation) sentence: approximately 14 months.**
- Average committed (prison) sentence: approximately 23 months.**
- In 2024, the **criminal history score** included **prior felonies, custody status, certain misdemeanors and all gross misdemeanors**. The **average criminal history score** among individuals sentenced for Controlled Substance 5 was **2 points**.
- The offense was **most frequently sentenced** among individuals **aged 31-40**.



Graph by Race



Age Distribution

