

## Drug Trafficking Sentencing (G.S. 90-95(h))

Drug trafficking is not sentenced using the regular Structured Sentencing grid. Instead, a person convicted of drug trafficking must be sentenced as set out below, including the mandatory fine, regardless of his or her prior criminal record.

Offense Class and Minimum Fines for Drug Trafficking			
Drug	Amount	Class	Fine (not less than)
Marijuana	In excess of 10 lbs.–49 lbs.	H	\$ 5,000
	50–1,999 lbs.	G	\$ 25,000
	2,000–9,999	F	\$ 50,000
	10,000 or more	D	\$200,000
Methaqualone	1,000–4,999 dosage units	G	\$ 25,000
	5,000–9,999	F	\$ 50,000
	10,000 or more	D	\$200,000
Cocaine	28–199 grams	G	\$ 50,000
	200–399	F	\$100,000
	400 or more	D	\$250,000
Methamphetamine	28–199 grams	F	\$ 50,000
	200–399	E	\$100,000
	400 or more	C	\$250,000
Amphetamine	28–199 grams	H	\$ 5,000
	200–399	G	\$ 25,000
	400 or more	E	\$100,000
Opium, Opiate, Opioid, or Heroin*	4–13 grams	F	\$ 50,000
	14–27	E	\$100,000
	28 or more	C	\$500,000
LSD	100–499 units	G	\$ 25,000
	500–999	F	\$ 50,000
	1,000 or more	D	\$200,000
MDA/MDMA	100–499 units/28–199 grams	G	\$ 25,000
	500–999 units/200–399 grams	F	\$ 50,000
	1,000 units/400 grams or more	D	\$250,000
Substituted Cathinones*	28–199 grams	F	\$ 50,000
	200–399	E	\$100,000
	400 or more	C	\$250,000
Synthetic Cannabinoids	In excess of 50–249 dosage units**	H	\$ 5,000
	250–1,249	G	\$ 25,000
	1,250–3,749	F	\$ 50,000
	3,750 or more	D	\$200,000

\* Effective December 1, 2018. S.L. 2018-44.

\*\*A “dosage unit” is 3 grams of synthetic cannabinoid or any mixture containing such substance.

Minimum-Maximum Sentences for Drug Trafficking Crimes, by Offense Class				
Class	Offense Committed On/After 12/1/2012		Offense Committed Before 12/1/2012	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Class C	225 mos.	282	225 mos.	279
Class D	175	222	175	219
Class E	90	120	90	117
Class F	70	93	70	84
Class G	35	51	35	42
Class H	25	39	25	30