

Historical Criminal Justice Statistics

Texas Youth Commission Offender Characteristics 2009



Legislative Budget Board



FY 2009 TYC Residential Offender Characteristics

The following data highlights general characteristics of juvenile offenders in Texas Youth Commission (TYC) facilities as of 8/31/2009, those admitted to facilities during the 2009 fiscal year¹, and those released during 2009 fiscal year. The data were extracted from individual-level records submitted to the Legislative Budget Board by TYC.

| Age | On-Hand Population | | FY 2009 Admissions | | FY 2009 Releases | |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| 10 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 11 | 1 | 0.04% | 1 | 0.05% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 12 | 2 | 0.09% | 4 | 0.19% | 1 | 0.04% |
| 13 | 28 | 1.24% | 52 | 2.49% | 4 | 0.18% |
| 14 | 109 | 4.83% | 183 | 8.76% | 44 | 1.95% |
| 15 | 326 | 14.43% | 410 | 19.63% | 178 | 7.87% |
| 16 | 664 | 29.39% | 858 | 41.07% | 472 | 20.87% |
| 17 | 719 | 31.83% | 438 | 20.97% | 833 | 36.83% |
| 18 | 315 | 13.94% | 138 | 6.61% | 637 | 28.16% |
| 19 ^a | 60 | 2.66% | 2 | 0.10% | 43 | 1.90% |
| 20 ^a | 35 | 1.55% | 3 | 0.14% | 50 | 2.21% |
| Total | 2,259 | 100.00% | 2,089 | 100.00% | 2,262 | 100.00% |

| Gender | On-Hand Population | | FY 2009 Admissions | | FY 2009 Releases | |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| Male | 2,070 | 91.63% | 1,906 | 91.24% | 2,093 | 92.53% |
| Female | 189 | 8.37% | 183 | 8.76% | 169 | 7.47% |
| Total | 2,259 | 100.00% | 2,089 | 100.00% | 2,262 | 100.00% |

^a Based on counsel from the Office of the Attorney General, the Youth Commission has the authority to retain custody of determinate sentence youth beyond age 19 who were committed to the Youth Commission prior to June 8, 2007, effective date of SB103. TYC reports that this includes parole revocations.

¹ The 2,089 admissions include 1,481 new commitments; 111 re-commitments; 421 parole revocations; and 76 admissions for other reasons (e.g., for a hearing).



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| Race | On-Hand Population | | FY 2009 Admissions | | FY 2009 Releases | |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| Black | 866 | 38.34% | 764 | 36.57% | 782 | 34.57% |
| Hispanic | 893 | 39.53% | 907 | 43.42% | 1,006 | 44.47% |
| White | 481 | 21.29% | 405 | 19.39% | 464 | 20.51% |
| Other | 19 | 0.84% | 13 | 0.62% | 10 | 0.44% |
| Total | 2,259 | 100.00% | 2,089 | 100.00% | 2,262 | 100.00% |

| Citizenship | On-Hand Population | | FY 2009 Admissions | | FY 2009 Releases | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| United States | 2,136 | 94.56% | 1,978 | 94.69% | 2,151 | 95.09% |
| Mexico | 105 | 4.65% | 93 | 4.45% | 94 | 4.16% |
| Other | 18 | 0.80% | 18 | 0.86% | 17 | 0.75% |
| Total | 2,259 | 100.00% | 2,089 | 100.00% | 2,262 | 100.00% |



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| Classification Type | On-Hand Population | | FY 2009 Admissions | | FY 2009 Releases | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| Sentenced Offender | 416 | 18.42% | 155 | 7.42% | 181 | 8.00% |
| Violent A | 208 | 9.21% | 83 | 3.97% | 134 | 5.92% |
| Violent B | 682 | 30.19% | 546 | 26.14% | 552 | 24.40% |
| Chronic Serious Offender | 40 | 1.77% | 39 | 1.87% | 47 | 2.08% |
| Controlled Substance Dealer | 17 | 0.75% | 17 | 0.81% | 24 | 1.06% |
| Firearms Offender | 68 | 3.01% | 69 | 3.30% | 70 | 3.09% |
| General Offender | 828 | 36.65% | 1,180 | 56.49% | 1,254 | 55.44% |
| Total | 2,259 | 100.00% | 2,089 | 100.00% | 2,262 | 100.00% |

The TYC General Administrative Policy Manual, Chapter 85, Subchapter B, Rule 23, defines the following offense classifications:

Sentenced Offenders: juveniles given a "determinate sentence" by the courts which, depending on behavior, may be completed in the adult prison system.

Type A Violent Offenders: juveniles classified for committing or attempting murder, capital murder, aggravated sexual assault, or sexual assault.

Type B Violent Offenders: juveniles classified for committing or attempting a violent offense other than murder or sexual assault.

Chronic Serious Offenders: juveniles adjudicated on at least three separate occasions for having committed a felony.

Controlled Substance Dealers: juveniles classified for felony-level drug manufacturing or delivery.

Firearms Offenders: juveniles who possessed a firearm during the offense for which classified.

Violation of CINS Probation: juveniles who violated a condition of their Conduct Indicating a Need for Supervision probation.

General Offenders: All other juveniles - generally sent to TYC for non-violent or property crime offenses.



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| Commitment Type | On-Hand Population | | FY 2009 Admissions | | FY 2009 Releases | |
|---|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| New Commitment | 1,947 | 86.19% | 1,481 | 70.90% | 1,680 | 74.27% |
| Recommitment | 129 | 5.71% | 111 | 5.31% | 88 | 3.89% |
| Parole Violator - New Felony Offense | 30 | 1.33% | 39 | 1.87% | 46 | 2.03% |
| Parole Violator - New Misdemeanor Offense | 64 | 2.83% | 140 | 6.70% | 131 | 5.79% |
| Parole Violator - Technical Violation | 77 | 3.41% | 242 | 11.58% | 239 | 10.57% |
| Negative Movement | 12 | 0.53% | 76 | 3.64% | 78 | 3.45% |
| Total | 2,259 | 100.00% | 2,089 | 100.00% | 2,262 | 100.00% |

New Commitments: juveniles committed to TYC for the first time.

Recommitments: juveniles previously committed to TYC who are again committed by the court.

New Felony Offense Parole Violators: juveniles revoked from parole for a new felony offense.

Misdemeanor Violators: juveniles revoked from parole for a new misdemeanor offense.

Technical Parole Violators: juveniles revoked from parole for a technical violation of parole.

Negative Movements: juveniles returned to residential care from parole but not due to revocation or recommitment (e.g., to participate in a hearing).