

Historical Criminal Justice Statistics

Prison Offender Characteristics 2008



Legislative Budget Board



FY2008 TDCJ Prison Offender Characteristics

The following data highlights general characteristics of offenders in prison facilities as of 8/31/2008, those admitted to prison during fiscal year 2008, and those released during fiscal year 2008. The data do not include characteristics of state jail offenders, SAFPF participants, or parole violators in ISF facilities. The data were extracted from individual-level records submitted by TDCJ-Executive Services and may differ from the TDCJ Statistical Report due to methodological differences.

Age as of 8/31/2008	On-Hand Population		FY 2008 Admissions		FY 2008 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
14 Years	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
15 - 19 Years	2,014	1.45%	2,399	5.51%	516	1.23%
20 - 24 Years	16,099	11.57%	8,302	19.08%	5,541	13.17%
25 - 29 Years	23,136	16.63%	8,402	19.31%	8,013	19.05%
30 - 39 Years	40,454	29.08%	11,537	26.52%	11,963	28.44%
40 - 49 Years	36,149	25.98%	8,913	20.48%	10,666	25.35%
50 - 59 Years	16,517	11.87%	3,340	7.68%	4,413	10.49%
60 + Years	4,765	3.42%	617	1.42%	957	2.27%
Total	139,134	100.00%	43,510	100.00%	42,069	100.00%

Gender	On-Hand Population		FY 2008 Admissions		FY 2008 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
Male	130,521	93.81%	39,139	89.95%	37,938	90.18%
Female	8,613	6.19%	4,371	10.05%	4,131	9.82%
Total	139,134	100.00%	43,510	100.00%	42,069	100.00%

Race	On-Hand Population		FY 2008 Admissions		FY 2008 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
Black	52,351	37.63%	15,074	34.64%	14,683	34.90%
Hispanic	43,541	31.29%	14,975	34.42%	13,766	32.72%
White	42,541	30.58%	13,280	30.52%	13,415	31.89%
Other	701	0.50%	181	0.42%	205	0.49%
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Citizenship	On-Hand Population		FY 2008 Admissions		FY 2008 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
United States	127,102	91.35%	41,505	95.39%	38,266	90.96%
Mexico	7,779	5.59%	1,559	3.58%	2,984	7.09%
<i>All Others</i>	775	0.56%	124	0.28%	215	0.51%
El Salvador	643	0.46%	105	0.24%	162	0.39%
Honduras	421	0.30%	82	0.19%	116	0.28%
Germany	174	0.13%	35	0.08%	56	0.13%
Cuba	171	0.12%	27	0.06%	33	0.08%
Guatemala	140	0.10%	34	0.08%	40	0.10%
Colombia	98	0.07%	18	0.04%	21	0.05%
Vietnam	187	0.13%	21	0.05%	48	0.11%
Unknown	1,644	1.18%	0	0.00%	128	0.30%
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Offense Type	On-Hand Population		FY 2008 Admissions		FY 2008 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
Violent	76,639	55.08%	12,406	28.51%	11,163	26.53%
Property	19,332	13.89%	8,395	19.29%	8,613	20.47%
Drug	23,624	16.98%	13,297	30.56%	13,318	31.66%
Other	19,539	14.04%	9,412	21.63%	8,975	21.33%
Total	139,134	100.00%	43,510	100.00%	42,069	100.00%

3g Offense	On-Hand Population		FY 2008 Admissions		FY 2008 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
Yes	62,345	44.81%	7,780	17.88%	5,928	14.09%
No	76,789	55.19%	35,730	82.12%	36,141	85.91%
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Sentence Length	On-Hand Population		FY 2008 Admissions		FY 2008 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
2 Years & Less	8,592	6.18%	10,243	23.54%	9,335	22.19%
3 Years	7,540	5.42%	5,910	13.58%	5,513	13.10%
4 Years	7,195	5.17%	4,223	9.71%	4,194	9.97%
5 Years	12,920	9.29%	5,884	13.52%	5,784	13.75%
6 Years	5,328	3.83%	2,107	4.84%	1,942	4.62%
7 Years	5,043	3.62%	1,697	3.90%	1,553	3.69%
8 Years	6,977	5.01%	1,993	4.58%	1,853	4.40%
9 Years	1,316	0.95%	340	0.78%	314	0.75%
10 Years	12,852	9.24%	3,515	8.08%	3,267	7.77%
11 to 15 Years	14,954	10.75%	2,794	6.42%	3,007	7.15%
16 to 20 Years	13,639	9.80%	1,769	4.07%	2,094	4.98%
21 to 25 Years	9,530	6.85%	1,103	2.54%	1,468	3.49%
26 to 30 Years	5,641	4.05%	487	1.12%	497	1.18%
31 to 40 Years	7,442	5.35%	521	1.20%	509	1.21%
41 to 59 Years	5,419	3.89%	348	0.80%	274	0.65%
60 Years +	5,730	4.12%	241	0.55%	247	0.59%
Life	6,584	4.73%	279	0.64%	212	0.50%
Capital Life	1,965	1.41%	36	0.08%	6	0.01%
Life w/o Parole	121	0.09%	10	0.02%	0	0.00%
Death	346	0.25%	10	0.02%	0	n/a
Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
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Offense Category	On-Hand Population		FY 2008 Admissions		FY 2008 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
Homicide	15,984	11.49%	1,054	2.42%	808	1.92%
Kidnapping	1,300	0.93%	171	0.39%	147	0.35%
Sexual Assault	7,488	5.38%	587	1.35%	710	1.69%
Sexual Assault Against a Child	11,810	8.49%	1,366	3.14%	953	2.27%
Robbery	22,682	16.30%	3,846	8.84%	3,551	8.44%
Assault/Terroristic Threat	17,375	12.49%	5,364	12.33%	4,975	11.83%
Arson	728	0.52%	246	0.57%	212	0.50%
Burglary	14,033	10.09%	5,709	13.12%	6,065	14.42%
Larceny	2,336	1.68%	1,310	3.01%	1,229	2.92%
Stolen Vehicle	856	0.62%	345	0.79%	371	0.88%
Forgery	778	0.56%	427	0.98%	463	1.10%
Fraud	525	0.38%	307	0.71%	231	0.55%
Stolen/Damaged Prop	76	0.05%	51	0.12%	42	0.10%
Drug-Possession	13,432	9.65%	8,418	19.35%	8,768	20.84%
Drug-Delivery	9,686	6.96%	4,529	10.41%	4,096	9.74%
Drug-Other	506	0.36%	350	0.80%	454	1.08%
Commercialized/Other Sex Offense	122	0.09%	91	0.21%	72	0.17%
Sexual Offense Against a Child	5,016	3.61%	1,137	2.61%	1,008	2.40%
Family Offenses	250	0.18%	126	0.29%	139	0.33%
Escape	1,125	0.81%	465	1.07%	471	1.12%
Obstruction/Public Order	1,833	1.32%	992	2.28%	931	2.21%
Failure to Register as Sex Offender	1,687	1.21%	676	1.55%	497	1.18%
Weapons Offenses	2,768	1.99%	1,382	3.18%	1,310	3.11%
DWI	5,641	4.05%	3,879	8.92%	3,989	9.48%
Other	1,097	0.79%	682	1.57%	577	1.37%
Total	139,134	100.00%	43,510	100.00%	42,069	100.00%