

Historical Criminal Justice Statistics

Texas Youth Commission Offender Characteristics 2008



Legislative Budget Board



FY 2008 TYC Residential Offender Characteristics

The following data highlights general characteristics of juvenile offenders in Texas Youth Commission (TYC) facilities as of 8/31/2008, those admitted to facilities during the 2008 fiscal year, and those released during 2008 fiscal year. The data were extracted from individual-level records submitted to the LBB by TYC.

Age	Age as of 08/31/2008		Age at Admission		Age at Release	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
10 years	0	0.00%	1	0.05%	0	0.00%
11 years	1	0.04%	1	0.05%	0	0.00%
12 years	5	0.21%	13	0.60%	5	0.16%
13 years	33	1.36%	63	2.90%	23	0.72%
14 years	144	5.94%	207	9.54%	69	2.17%
15 years	365	15.05%	462	21.30%	288	9.04%
16 years	695	28.66%	880	40.57%	772	24.22%
17 years	739	30.47%	439	20.24%	1,101	34.55%
18 years	342	14.10%	99	4.56%	813	25.51%
19 years	73 ^a	3.01%	3 ^b	0.14%	55	1.73%
20 years	28 ^a	1.15%	1 ^b	0.05%	61	1.91%
Total	2,425	100.00%	2,169	100.00%	3,187	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	2,252	92.87%	2,007	92.53%	2,880	90.37%
Female	173	7.13%	162	7.47%	307	9.63%
Total	2,425	100.00%	2,169	100.00%	3,187	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	887	36.58%	776	35.78%	1,163	36.49%
Hispanic	986	40.66%	936	43.15%	1,347	42.27%
White	537	22.14%	440	20.29%	646	20.27%
Other	15	0.62%	17	0.78%	31	0.97%
Total	2,425	100.00%	2,169	100.00%	3,187	100.00%

^aBased 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 that were committed to the Youth Commission prior to June 8, 2007, effective date of SB103.

^bTYC reports that this includes parole revocations for technical offenses.



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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	2,298	94.76%	2,059	94.93%	3,011	94.48%
Mexico	109	4.49%	94	4.33%	145	4.55%
Other	18	0.74%	16	0.74%	31	0.97%
Total	2,425	100.00%	2,169	100.00%	3,187	100.00%

Classification 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
Sentenced Offender	446	18.39%	117	5.39%	182	5.71%
Violent A	257	10.60%	88	4.06%	154	4.83%
Violent B	677	27.92%	554	25.54%	812	25.48%
Chronic Serious Offender	49	2.02%	43	1.98%	40	1.26%
Controlled Substance Dealer	23	0.95%	22	1.01%	38	1.19%
Firearms Offender	67	2.76%	69	3.18%	104	3.26%
Violation of CINS Probation	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
General Offender	906	37.36%	1,276	58.83%	1,857	58.27%
Total	2,425	100.00%	2,169	100.00%	3,187	100.00%

The Texas Youth Commission 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 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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Admission 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
New Commitment	2,135	88.04%	1,582	72.94%	2,572	80.70%
Recommitments	107	4.41%	99	4.56%	92	2.89%
New Felony Offense Parole Violator	37	1.53%	49	2.26%	68	2.13%
Misdemeanor or Technical Parole Violator	133	5.48%	372	17.15%	390	12.24%
Negative Movements	13	0.54%	67	3.09%	65	2.04%
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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 or Technical Parole Violators: juveniles revoked from parole for a new misdemeanor offense or technical violation of parole.

Negative Movements: juveniles moved back into residential care from parole (not revoked or recommitted).