

Historical Criminal Justice Statistics

Texas Youth Commission Offender Characteristics 2011



Legislative Budget Board



FY 2011 TYC Residential Offender Characteristics

The following data highlights general characteristics of juvenile offenders in Texas Youth Commission (TYC) facilities as of 8/31/2011, those admitted to residential facilities during the 2011 fiscal year,¹ and those released during 2011 fiscal year. The data were extracted from individual-level records submitted to the Legislative Budget Board by TYC.

As of December 1, 2011, TYC was abolished and Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJJD) was initiated, absorbing TYC's functions. Future characteristics reports will be based on data provided by TJJJD.

| Age | On-Hand Population | | FY 2011 Admissions | | FY 2011 Releases | |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| 11 | 2 | 0.13% | 4 | 0.32% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 12 | 3 | 0.19% | 2 | 0.16% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 13 | 17 | 1.08% | 24 | 1.90% | 4 | 0.27% |
| 14 | 53 | 3.38% | 86 | 6.81% | 15 | 1.01% |
| 15 | 177 | 11.30% | 215 | 17.04% | 75 | 5.04% |
| 16 | 441 | 28.14% | 503 | 39.86% | 244 | 16.41% |
| 17 | 552 | 35.23% | 341 | 27.02% | 518 | 34.84% |
| 18 | 306 | 19.53% | 84 | 6.66% | 570 | 38.33% |
| 19 ^a | 10 | 0.64% | 1 | 0.08% | 20 | 1.34% |
| 20 ^a | 6 | 0.38% | 2 | 0.16% | 40 | 2.69% |
| 21 ^a | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 0.07% |
| Total | 1,567 | 100.00% | 1,262 | 100.00% | 1,487 | 100.00% |

| Gender | On-Hand Population | | FY 2011 Admissions | | FY 2011 Releases | |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| Male | 1,426 | 91.00% | 1,129 | 89.46% | 1,353 | 90.99% |
| Female | 141 | 9.00% | 133 | 10.54% | 134 | 9.01% |
| Total | 1,567 | 100.00% | 1,262 | 100.00% | 1,487 | 100.00% |

^a Based on counsel from the Office of the Attorney General, TYC has the authority to retain custody of determinate sentence youth beyond age 19 who were committed to TYC prior to June 8, 2007, the effective date of Senate Bill 103 which was implemented by the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007. TYC reports that this includes parole revocations.

¹ The 1,262 admissions include 960 new commitments; 28 recommitments; 231 parole revocations; and 43 admissions for other reasons (e.g., for a hearing).



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| Race | On-Hand Population | | FY 2011 Admissions | | FY 2011 Releases | |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| Black | 541 | 34.52% | 418 | 33.12% | 570 | 38.33% |
| Hispanic | 672 | 42.88% | 586 | 46.43% | 610 | 41.02% |
| White | 341 | 21.76% | 245 | 19.41% | 292 | 19.64% |
| Other | 13 | 0.83% | 13 | 1.03% | 15 | 1.01% |
| Total | 1,567 | 100.00% | 1,262 | 100.00% | 1,487 | 100.00% |

| Citizenship | On-Hand Population | | FY 2011 Admissions | | FY 2011 Releases | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| United States | 1,472 | 93.94% | 1,182 | 93.66% | 1,404 | 94.42% |
| Mexico | 77 | 4.91% | 65 | 5.15% | 69 | 4.64% |
| Other | 18 | 1.15% | 15 | 1.19% | 14 | 0.94% |
| Total | 1,567 | 100.00% | 1,262 | 100.00% | 1,487 | 100.00% |



FY 2011 TYC Residential Offender Characteristics

| Offense Type | On-Hand Population | | FY 2011 Admissions | | FY 2011 Releases | |
|---|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| Determinate Sentence^a | | | | | | |
| Capital | 9 | 0.57% | 4 | 0.32% | 1 | 0.07% |
| First Degree Felony | 207 | 13.21% | 63 | 4.99% | 144 | 9.68% |
| Second Degree Felony | 48 | 3.06% | 26 | 2.06% | 28 | 1.88% |
| Third Degree Felony | 5 | 0.32% | 3 | 0.24% | 6 | 0.40% |
| Indeterminate Sentence^b | | | | | | |
| Capital | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| First Degree Felony | 250 | 15.95% | 140 | 11.09% | 185 | 12.44% |
| Second Degree Felony | 457 | 29.16% | 448 | 35.50% | 470 | 31.61% |
| Third Degree Felony | 297 | 18.95% | 257 | 20.36% | 273 | 18.36% |
| State Jail Felony | 294 | 18.76% | 321 | 25.44% | 380 | 25.55% |
| Total | 1,567 | 100.00% | 1,262 | 100.00% | 1,487 | 100.00% |

^a A determinate sentence is a commitment for a specified period of time that is set by the juvenile court and can last up to 40 years in length. Youth who have not completed their sentence length by their 19th birthday are transferred to the adult system to complete the sentence unless the youth were committed to TYC prior to June 8, 2007, which allows TYC to retain the youth until his/her 21st birthday.

^b An indeterminate sentence is a commitment for an unspecified length of time up to the child's 19th birthday; TYC has sole discretion over the commitment length.



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| Commitment Type | On-Hand Population | | FY 2011 Admissions | | FY 2011 Releases | |
|---|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total | Number of Offenders | % of Total |
| New Commitment ^a | 1,369 | 87.36% | 960 | 76.07% | 1,145 | 77.00% |
| Recommitment ^b | 42 | 2.68% | 28 | 2.22% | 67 | 4.51% |
| Parole Violator - New Felony Offense ^c | 23 | 1.47% | 32 | 2.54% | 36 | 2.42% |
| Parole Violator - New Misdemeanor Offense ^d | 56 | 3.57% | 75 | 5.94% | 78 | 5.25% |
| Parole Violator - Technical Violation ^e | 66 | 4.21% | 124 | 9.83% | 115 | 7.73% |
| Negative Movement ^f | 11 | 0.70% | 43 | 3.41% | 46 | 3.09% |
| Total | 1,567 | 100.00% | 1,262 | 100.00% | 1,487 | 100.00% |

^a New Commitments are juveniles committed to TYC for the first time.

^b Reccommitments are juveniles previously committed to TYC who are again committed by the court.

^c New Felony Offense Parole Violators are juveniles revoked from parole for a new felony offense.

^d Misdemeanor Violators are juveniles revoked from parole for a new misdemeanor offense.

^e Technical Parole Violators are juveniles revoked from parole for a technical violation of parole.

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