

WHO ENTERED SUBSTANCE ABUSE FELONY PUNISHMENT FACILITIES?

SELECT DATA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 ADMISSIONS AN ISSUE BRIEF FROM LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD STAFF

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OBJECTIVE

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice's (TDCJ) statutory mission is to provide public safety, promote positive change in offender behavior, reintegrate offenders into society, and assist victims of crime. TDCJ is organized into multiple divisions and organizational units. Five of the agency's divisions carry out its major responsibilities regarding offenders: the Community Justice Assistance Division, the Correctional Institutions Division, the Rehabilitation Programs Division, the Reentry and Integration Division, and the Parole Division.

KEY FACTS

- ◆ 58.3 percent of Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF) participants were admitted as a modification of community supervision.
- ◆ 48.2 percent of SAFPf program participants were admitted for a drug or alcohol related offense.

STATUTORY REFERENCES

Texas Government Code, Chapter 491

The data highlight offense and sentence characteristics of offenders admitted to substance abuse felony punishment facilities during fiscal year 2011. A Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF) is a facility that provides an intensive therapeutic community program for offenders who are sentenced by a judge as a condition of community supervision or as a modification of parole supervision. The data do not include characteristics of prison offenders, state jail offenders, or parole violators in Intermediate Sanction 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.

SENTENCE LENGTH

A SAFPf is a program with a set length of stay. Offenders with regular needs sentenced by a judge as a condition of community supervision participate in the six-month program. Offenders with special needs sentenced by a judge as a condition of community supervision participate in the nine-month program. Offenders placed in the program as a modification of parole or community supervision may participate in a shorter program.

FIG. 1
ADMISSION TYPE OF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE FELONY PUNISHMENT FACILITY PARTICIPANT ADMISSION POPULATION, FISCAL YEAR 2011

ADMISSION TYPE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Direct Sentence	30	0.5%
Original Condition of Community Supervision	1,825	28.6
Modification of Community Supervision	3,717	58.3
Parole Modification	799	12.5
Total	6,371	100.0%

NOTE: Percentages presented in this report do not always add to 100% due to rounding.
SOURCE: Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

OFFENSE

**FIG. 2
OFFENSE OF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE FELONY PUNISHMENT FACILITY PARTICIPANT ADMISSION POPULATION,
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

OFFENSE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Homicide	34	0.5%
Kidnapping	14	0.2
Sexual Assault	0	0.0
Sexual Assault Against a Child	0	0.0
Robbery	361	5.7
Assault/Terroristic Threat	911	14.3
Arson	37	0.6
Burglary	845	13.3
Larceny	275	4.3
Stolen Vehicle	66	1.1
Forgery	154	2.4
Fraud	123	1.9
Stolen/Damaged Property	28	0.4
Drug-Possession	1,824	28.6
Drug-Delivery	417	6.5
Drug-Other	79	1.2
Commercialized/Other Sexual Offense	53	0.8
Sexual Offense Against a Child	0	0.0
Family Offense	63	1.0
Escape/Evading Arrest	103	1.6
Obstruction/Public Order	114	1.8
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	0	0.0
Weapons Offense	65	1.0
DWI	757	11.9
Other	48	0.8
Total	6,371	100.0%

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