

Historical Criminal Justice Statistics

Texas Youth Commission Offender Characteristics 2010



Legislative Budget Board



FY 2010 TYC Residential Offender Characteristics

The following data highlights general characteristics of juvenile offenders in Texas Youth Commission (TYC) facilities as of 8/31/2010, those admitted to facilities during the 2010 fiscal year,¹ and those released during 2010 fiscal year. The data were extracted from individual-level records submitted to the Legislative Budget Board by TYC.

Age	On-Hand Population		FY 2010 Admissions		FY 2010 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	0.06%	4	0.28%	0	0.00%
12	7	0.39%	6	0.42%	0	0.00%
13	9	0.50%	24	1.69%	3	0.16%
14	69	3.84%	108	7.62%	39	2.05%
15	228	12.68%	273	19.25%	147	7.74%
16	499	27.75%	584	41.18%	366	19.28%
17	624	34.71%	338	23.84%	707	37.25%
18	310	17.24%	75	5.29%	544	28.66%
19 ^a	19	1.06%	1	0.07%	38	2.00%
20 ^a	32	1.78%	5	0.35%	53	2.79%
21 ^a	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.05%
Total	1,798	100.00%	1,418	100.00%	1,898	100.00%

Gender	On-Hand Population		FY 2010 Admissions		FY 2010 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
Male	1,657	92.16%	1,301	91.75%	1,730	91.15%
Female	141	7.84%	117	8.25%	168	8.85%
Total	1,798	100.00%	1,418	100.00%	1,898	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 SB103. TYC reports that this includes parole revocations.

¹ The 1,418 admissions include 1,056 new commitments; 55 recommitments; 249 parole revocations; and 58 admissions for other reasons (e.g., for a hearing).



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Race	On-Hand Population		FY 2010 Admissions		FY 2010 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
Black	688	38.26%	516	36.39%	696	36.67%
Hispanic	709	39.43%	623	43.94%	819	43.15%
White	386	21.47%	270	19.04%	370	19.49%
Other	15	0.83%	9	0.63%	13	0.68%
Total	1,798	100.00%	1,418	100.00%	1,898	100.00%

Citizenship	On-Hand Population		FY 2010 Admissions		FY 2010 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
United States	1,698	94.44%	1,346	94.92%	1,798	94.73%
Mexico	84	4.67%	62	4.37%	87	4.58%
Other	16	0.89%	10	0.71%	13	0.68%
Total	1,798	100.00%	1,418	100.00%	1,898	100.00%



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Offense Type ^a	On-Hand Population		FY 2010 Admissions		FY 2010 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
Determinate Sentence^b						
Capital	6	0.33%	3	0.21%	0	0.00%
First Degree Felony	289	16.07%	97	6.84%	143	7.53%
Second Degree Felony	47	2.61%	24	1.69%	40	2.11%
Third Degree Felony	7	0.39%	3	0.21%	6	0.32%
Indeterminate Sentence^c						
Capital	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
First Degree Felony	295	16.41%	156	11.00%	206	10.85%
Second Degree Felony	486	27.03%	473	33.36%	667	35.14%
Third Degree Felony	317	17.63%	281	19.82%	349	18.39%
State Jail Felony	351	19.52%	381	26.87%	485	25.55%
Misdemeanor Class A ^d	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.05%
Misdemeanor Class B ^d	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.05%
Total	1,798	100.00%	1,418	100.00%	1,898	100.00%

^a In September 2009, TYC reports began to reflect their new classification system. The information presented in this table now reflect new classification system categories.

^b 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.

^c 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.

^d Juveniles disposed of certain misdemeanor offenses were eligible for commitment to TYC prior to June 8, 2007. After this date, only juveniles disposed of felony offenses were eligible for commitment to TYC.



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Commitment Type	On-Hand Population		FY 2010 Admissions		FY 2010 Releases	
	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total	Number of Offenders	% of Total
New Commitment ^a	1,554	86.43%	1,056	74.47%	1,463	77.08%
Recommitment ^b	81	4.51%	55	3.88%	104	5.48%
Parole Violator - New Felony Offense ^c	29	1.61%	40	2.82%	42	2.21%
Parole Violator - New Misdemeanor Offense ^d	60	3.34%	88	6.21%	92	4.85%
Parole Violator - Technical Violation ^e	60	3.34%	121	8.53%	141	7.43%
Negative Movement ^f	14	0.78%	58	4.09%	56	2.95%
Total	1,798	100.00%	1,418	100.00%	1,898	100.00%

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

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

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

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

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

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