

WHO ENTERED STATE JAIL?

SELECT DATA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 ADMISSIONS

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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

- ◆ 80.9 percent of state jail offenders were sentenced to incarceration for one year or less.
- ◆ 37.1 percent of state jail offenders 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 state jail facilities during fiscal year 2011. State jails house offenders convicted of state jail felonies. The punishment range for these offenders can range from 180 days to two years. The data do not include characteristics of prison offenders, Substance Abuse Felony Punishment participants, or parole violators in Intermediate Sanction facilities. The data were extracted from individual-level records submitted by Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Executive Services and may differ from the TDCJ Statistical Report due to methodological differences.

SENTENCE LENGTH

FIG. 1
SENTENCE LENGTH OF THE STATE JAIL ADMISSION POPULATION, FISCAL YEAR 2011

SENTENCE LENGTH	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
6 Months and Less	8,073	43.8%
6 to 7 Months	1,696	7.3
7 to 8 Months	1,758	7.6
8 to 9 Months	2,350	10.1
9 to 10 Months	1,222	5.3
10 to 11 Months	251	1.1
11 to 12 Months	3,433	14.8
12 to 13 Months	151	0.6
13 to 14 Months	483	2.1
14 to 15 Months	902	3.9
15 to 16 Months	318	1.4
16 to 17 Months	72	0.3
17 to 18 Months	1,115	4.8
18 to 19 Months	37	0.2
19 to 20 Months	307	1.3
20 to 21 Months	39	0.2
21 to 22 Months	63	0.3
22+ Months	961	4.1
Total	23,231	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 STATE JAIL ADMISSION POPULATION, FISCAL YEAR 2011

OFFENSE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Homicide	11	0.0%
Kidnapping	13	0.1
Sexual Assault	0	0.0
Sexual Assault Against a Child	0	0.0
Robbery	0	0.0
Assault/Terroristic Threat	284	1.2
Arson	7	0.0
Burglary	1,855	8.0
Larceny	5,384	23.2
Stolen Vehicle	938	4.0
Forgery	1,482	6.4
Fraud	1,150	5.0
Stolen/Damaged Property	307	1.3
Drug-Possession	7,210	31.0
Drug-Delivery	933	4.0
Drug-Other	33	0.1
Commercialized/Other Sexual Offense	673	2.9
Sexual Offense Against a Child	7	0.0
Family Offense	253	1.1
Escape/Evading Arrest	1,619	7.0
Obstruction/Public Order	285	1.2
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	188	0.8
Weapons Offense	100	0.4
DWI	451	1.9
Other	48	0.2
Total	23,231	100.0%

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USEFUL REFERENCES

Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Statistical Report FY2011
http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/documents/Statistical_Report_FY2011.pdf

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