

WHO IS IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE FELONY PUNISHMENT FACILITIES?

SELECT DATA FOR THOSE ON-HAND AS OF AUGUST 31, 2011 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

- ◆ 74.7 percent of Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility (SAFPF) program participants are male.
- ◆ 47.0 percent of SAFPf program participants are White.
- ◆ 35.0 percent of SAFPf program participants were incarcerated for a drug offense.
- ◆ Of those incarcerated for a drug offense 77.8 percent were incarcerated for drug possession and 18.7 percent were incarcerated for drug delivery.

STATUTORY REFERENCES

Texas Government Code, Chapter 491

The data highlight general demographic characteristics of state jail felony punishment facility participants as of August 31, 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 or community 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.

GENDER

FIG. 1
GENDER OF THE SAFPf POPULATION, AS OF AUGUST 31, 2011

GENDER	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Male	2,456	74.7%
Female	832	25.3
Total	3,288	100.0%

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

RACE AND ETHNICITY

FIG. 2
RACE AND ETHNICITY OF THE SAFPf POPULATION, AS OF AUGUST 31, 2011

GENDER	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
African American	816	24.8%
Hispanic	915	27.8
White	1,544	47.0
Other	13	0.5
Total	3,288	100.0%

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

OFFENSE CATEGORIZATION**FIG. 3
OFFENSE CATEGORIZATION, AS OF AUGUST 31, 2011**

OFFENSE CATEGORY	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Violent	702	21.4%
Property	791	24.1
Drug	1,150	35.0
Other	645	19.6
Total	3,288	100.0%

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

KEY TERMS

Gender: A demographic variable in which offenders are classified as either male or female.

Race and Ethnicity: A demographic variable in which offenders are classified as African American, Hispanic, White or Other.

Offense Categorization: A demographic variable in which offenses are classified as violent, property, drug, or other. Violent offenses include homicide, kidnapping, and sexual assault, sexual assault against a child, robbery, and assault/terroristic threat. Property offenses include arson, burglary, larceny, stolen vehicle, forgery, fraud, and stolen/damaged property. Drug offenses include drug delivery, drug possession, and other drug offenses. Other offenses include commercialized sex offense, driving while intoxicated, escape or evading arrest, failure to register as a sex offender, family offense, sex offense against a child, obstruction/public order, weapons offense, and any other offense not previously mentioned.

USEFUL REFERENCES

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

<http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/>

Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Statistical Report FY2011

http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/documents/Statistical_Report_FY2011.pdf

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