

# STATE CORRECTIONS PROFILE



## SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF ADULT INMATES (FISCAL YEAR 2004)

### PROFILE QUESTION

AVERAGE AGE AT COMMITMENT:

TOTAL NUMBER OF INMATES 50 YEARS OR OLDER:

AVERAGE SENTENCE FOR NEW COMMITMENTS:  
(EXCLUDING LIFE SENTENCES)

AVERAGE TIME SERVED BY THOSE RELEASED:  
(EXCLUDING LIFE SENTENCES)

THE THREE (3) MOST FREQUENTLY COMMITTED CRIMES FOR WHICH  
INMATES ARE CURRENTLY SERVING TIME:

### RACE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION:

PERCENTAGE WHITE

PERCENTAGE BLACK

PERCENTAGE HISPANIC

PERCENTAGE OTHER

PERCENTAGE MALE

PERCENTAGE FEMALE

NUMBER OF INMATES SERVING LIFE

NUMBER OF INMATES SERVING LIFE (WITHOUT PAROLE)

NEW COMMITMENTS TO LIFE SENTENCES:

### STATE RESPONSE:

31.9 YEARS

3,208 INMATES

7.1 YEARS IN PRISON

0.9 YEARS IN STATE JAIL

4.4 YEARS IN PRISON

0.9 YEARS IN STATE JAIL

A. DRUGS

B. ROBBERY

C. BURGLARY

31.90%

38.20%

29.50%

0.40%

92.10%

7.90%

8,059 INMATES

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305 INMATES

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STATE RESPONSE:

INMATES SERVING DEATH SENTENCES (AS OF AUGUST 2005):

411 INMATES

INMATES EXECUTED IN FY 2005:

12 INMATES

INMATES SERVING TWENTY (20) YEARS OR MORE:

42,747 INMATES

INMATES THAT HAVE ALREADY SERVED TWENTY (20)

YEARS OF THEIR CURRENT SENTENCE (AS OF JUNE 2005):

3,135 INMATES

INMATES ADMITTED WHO WERE PAROLE VIOLATORS:

11,311 INMATES

NUMBER OF TECHNICAL PAROLE VIOLATORS:

2,488 INMATES

NUMBER OF NEW CRIME PAROLE VIOLATORS:

8,823 INMATES

INMATES RELEASED FROM CUSTODY IN FY 2004 FOR THE FOLLOWING:

EXPIRATION OF SENTENCE

32,639 INMATES

PAROLE

16,286 INMATES

GOODTIME

16,399 INMATES

PROBATION

1,245 INMATES

DEATH

415 INMATES

OTHER (SUBSTANCE ABUSE & FELONY PREVENTION PROGRAM)

5,561 INMATES

TOTAL

72,545 INMATES

METHOD IN WHICH "GOODTIME" IS CALCULATED:

ELIGIBILITY REQUIRES PRISON TIME PLUS GOOD  
CONDUCT TIME TO EQUAL THE TOTAL SENTENCE.

IS MEDICAL-EARLY OR COMPASSIONATE RELEASE ALLOWED:

Yes

THE MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED INTENSIVE SUPERVISION (HB 1670 - 78TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION) PROGRAM PROVIDES  
FOR EARLY PAROLE AND RELEASE OF CERTAIN OFFENDERS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO RELEASE  
INMATES WHO POSE NO OR MINIMAL PUBLIC SAFETY RISK FROM INCARCERATIONS.

NUMBER OF INMATES RELEASED IN FY 2005 BASED ON THE ABOVE:

174 INMATES

RECIDIVISM RATE FOR TOTAL POPULATION BASE 3 YEARS AFTER RELEASE:

28.30%

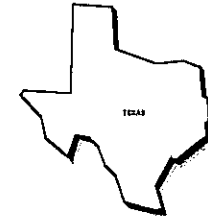
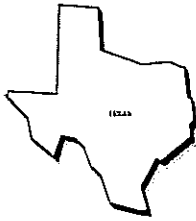
INMATES BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 AND 20:

5,606 INMATES

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### PROFILE QUESTION

NUMBER OF AIDS CASES:  
NUMBER OF INMATES TESTED FOR HIV ANTIBODIES

### STATE RESPONSE:

803 INMATES  
32,469 INMATES

### TESTING OF INMATES BY CATEGORY:

ADMISSION	YES
RANDOM	N/A
INCIDENT	YES
HIGH RISK GROUP	YES

SYSTEMS FREQUENCY OF TESTING:  
INMATES TESTING POSITIVE FOR HIV ANTIBODIES:

UPON INTAKE (CAN REFUSE)/UPON RELEASE  
1,605 INMATES

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DOES NOT SEGREGATE OR ISOLATE HIV-INFECTED INMATES.

NUMBER OF KNOWN HEPATITIS C CASES:  
NUMBER OF INMATES BEING TREATED FOR HEPATITIS C:

20,432 INMATES  
264 INMATES

### TESTING OF INMATES BY CATEGORY:

ADMISSION	N/A
RANDOM	N/A
INCIDENT	N/A
HIGH RISK GROUP	YES

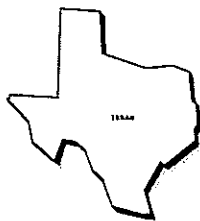
SYSTEMS FREQUENCY OF TESTING:

UPON REQUEST, ANNUALLY

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DOES NOT SEGREGATE OR ISOLATE HEPATITIS C INMATES, BUT EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE TO INMATES.

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## COURT ORDER REQUIREMENTS

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ARE UNDER NO CURRENT COURT ORDERS THAT GOVERN CAPACITY OF FACILITIES. COURT ORDERS THAT GOVERN OTHER REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM PREVIOUS REPORTS. TEXAS WAS PLACED UNDER THE FEDERAL COURT ORDER IN 1977.

## STATE INITIATIVES

### ELDERLY OR INFIRMED INMATES

CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 8,415 OFFENDERS OVER THE AGE OF 55 WITHIN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE. THIS IS A 9.3% INCREASE OVER FY 2004. ONE OF THE GROWING CONCERNS IS THE IMPACT THIS GROWING POPULATION WILL LIKELY HAVE ON HEALTH CARE COSTS. THROUGH A STATEWIDE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CORRECTIONAL SYSTEM AND TWO OF THE STATE'S MEDICAL SCHOOLS, TEXAS OPERATES A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF FACILITIES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE RANGE OF CARE WHILE THE OFFENDER IS INCARCERATED AND PROVIDE FOR MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED INTENSIVE SUPERVISION OF OFFENDERS WHEN APPROPRIATE. ALL OFFENDERS ARE CLASSIFIED AND ASSIGNED TO UNITS THAT BEST MEET THEIR NEEDS. TYPE II GERIATRIC OFFENDERS ARE CURRENTLY HOUSED AT THE 60-BED GERIATRIC CENTER ON THE ESTELLE UNIT. TYPE I GERIATRIC OFFENDERS ARE ASSIGNED TO 7 OTHER UNITS THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM WHERE THEY ARE CAPABLE OF CONDUCTING ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, HOWEVER AT A SLOWER PACE. IN FY 2003, THE COST OF MEDICAL CARE FOR ELDERLY OFFENDERS WAS APPROXIMATELY \$25.16 PER OFFENDER PER DAY. THE TEXAS BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES HAS THE OPTION OF RELEASING ELDERLY OFFENDERS ON MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED INTENSIVE SUPERVISION UPON RECOMMENDATION OF A PHYSICIAN. A NURSING HOME IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR PLACEMENT OF SOME OFFENDERS AT THE TIME OF THEIR RELEASE. IT IS CLEAR THAT OLDER OFFENDERS ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGHER CONSUMERS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

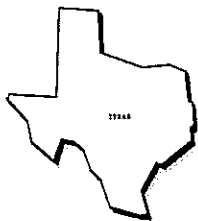
### PRISON BASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE HAS IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS: (ESTIMATED FY 05 EXPENDITURES FOR PROGRAMS IS \$50.5 MILLION AND HAS ADMISSIONS/ENROLLMENT OF 7,852.)

(1) SUBSTANCE ABUSE FELONY PUNISHMENT FACILITIES (SAFPF) - AN INTENSIVE SIX TO NINE MONTH THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY PROGRAM SENTENCED BY A JUDGE AS A CONDITION OF PROBATION OR AS A MODIFICATION OF PAROLE/PROBATION. THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF ORIENTATION, MAIN TREATMENT, AND RE-ENTRY. OFFENDERS MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE IN PEER SUPPORT GROUPS.

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## STATE INITIATIVES (CONTINUED)

### PRISON BASED SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

(2) IN-PRISON THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY (IPTC) - SIX MONTH INTENSIVE THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR OFFENDERS APPROVED FOR PAROLE CONTINGENT UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM.

(3) PRE-RELEASE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM (PRSAP) - AN INTENSIVE 6-MONTH TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR OFFENDERS WITH SERIOUS SUBSTANCE ABUSE/DEPENDENCY AND ANTISOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS FROM INSTITUTIONAL DIVISION UNITS. THESE OFFENDERS ARE WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF RELEASE AS IDENTIFIED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLASSIFICATION, DEPARTMENT AND PAROLE DIVISION. TREATMENT MODALITY IS SIMILAR TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE FELONY PUNISHMENT FACILITIES, BUT IS MUCH MORE CONDENSED. OFFENDERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN PEER SUPPORT GROUPS.

(4) PRE-RELEASE THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY (PRTC) - AN INTENSIVE 6-MONTH PROGRAM FOR OFFENDERS IN A THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY SETTING WHICH PROVIDES PRE-RELEASE SERVICES. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES THREE PROGRAMMING TRACKS (SUBSTANCE ABUSE, COGNITIVE INTERVENTION AND LIFE SKILLS, AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

### PRE-RELEASE/POST-RELEASE ("REENTRY") PROGRAMS

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE HAS A VARIETY OF PRE-RELEASE AND POST-RELEASE PROGRAMS FOR OFFENDERS. FOR OFFENDERS BEING RELEASED ON SUPERVISION, A RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT IS APPROVED BY PAROLE OFFICERS. THIS PLACEMENT MAY BE A PRIVATE RESIDENCE OR A HALFWAY HOUSE UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

#### *INNERCHANGE FREEDOM INITIATIVE:*

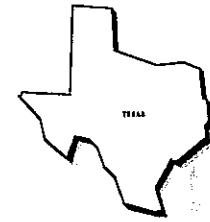
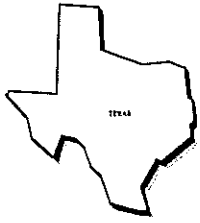
THIS PROGRAM IS OFFERED BY THE PRISON FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES. NO STATE DOLLARS ARE USED FOR THIS PROGRAM. MALE OFFENDERS WHO ARE WITHIN 18 TO 30 MONTHS OF RELEASE VOLUNTEER FOR THIS PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM USES BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES TO ASSIST OFFENDERS IN MAKING GOOD MORAL DECISIONS AND APPLYING BIBLICAL VALUES TO LIFE SITUATIONS. SIX MONTHS OF AFTERCARE IS PROVIDED BY THE PAROLE DIVISION THROUGH THE DISTRICT RESOURCE CENTERS.

#### *HALFWAY HOUSES:*

THE PAROLE DIVISION CURRENTLY HAS 1,199 CONTRACT BEDS IN HALFWAY HOUSES ACROSS THE STATE FOR OFFENDERS WHO DO NOT HAVE RESIDENTIAL PLANS. TEMPORARY PLACEMENT IS ESSENTIAL IN THE TRANSITION OF OFFENDERS FROM PRISON LIFE TO THE FREE WORLD.

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### PRE-RELEASE/POST-RELEASE ("REENTRY") PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

#### *PROJECT RIO (REINTEGRATION OF OFFENDERS):*

PROJECT RIO BEGAN IN 1985 AS A TWO-CITY PILOT PROJECT AS A MEASURE OF REDUCING THE RECIDIVISM RATE OF OFFENDERS. IN AUGUST 2005, PROJECT RIO HAD 35,512 PARTICIPANTS WITHIN THE SYSTEM. ONCE RELEASED, THE PAROLE DIVISION WORKS WITH THE TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION IN TRAINING AND GETTING OFFENDERS TO WORK.

#### *SERIOUS AND VIOLENT OFFENDER REENTRY INITIATIVE PROGRAM:*

THE TDCJ REHABILITATION AND REENTRY PROGRAMS DIVISION AND PAROLE DIVISION HAVE BEEN AWARDED A \$1.9 MILLION GRANT FROM THE US DOJ TO PROVIDE PRE-RELEASE AND TRANSITIONAL SERVICES TO OFFENDERS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION. THE GRANT ENDS JUNE 30, 2006. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM BY BETTER PREPARING AND ASSISTING OFFENDERS CONFINED TO ADMINISTRATIVE SEGREGATION TO SUCCESSFULLY REENTER THEIR COMMUNITIES.

#### *SEX OFFENDER EDUCATION PROGRAM:*

OFFENDERS WHO ARE WITHIN TWO YEARS OF RELEASE ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO OFFENDERS WHO ARE ASSESSED AS LOW RISK TO RE-OFFEND. OFFENDERS PARTICIPATE IN DIDACTIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMING FOR THREE TO FOUR MONTHS.

#### *SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM:*

OFFENDERS WHO ARE WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF RELEASE ARE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM. PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO OFFENDERS WITH TWO OR MORE CONVICTIONS FOR A SEX OFFENSE, WHO ARE DISCHARGING THEIR SENTENCE AND WILL BE RELEASED WITHOUT SUPERVISION. THE PROGRAM OPERATES IN A THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY AND USES A COGNITIVE BASED TREATMENT MODALITY. PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO OFFENDERS WHO ARE ASSESSED AS HIGH RISK TO RE-OFFEND.

#### *SUBSTANCE ABUSE AFTERCARE/CONTINUUM OF CARE:*

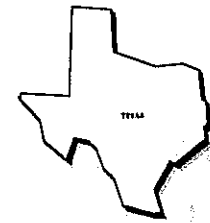
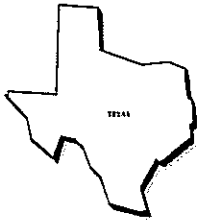
FOR OFFENDERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SAFFP OR THE IPTC PROGRAM, A CONTINUUM OF CARE IS COORDINATED AND PROVIDED AT THE TIME OF THEIR RELEASE. THESE OFFENDERS ARE PLACED IN RESIDENTIAL TRANSITIONAL TREATMENT CENTERS (TTC) FOR 90 DAYS FOLLOWED BY A YEAR OF OUTPATIENT COUNSELING SERVICES.

#### *WRAP AROUND:*

FOR OFFENDERS WHO ARE NOT BEING RELEASED TO SUPERVISION, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE RECRUITED TO MEET WITH OFFENDERS AND DEVELOP COMMUNITY RESOURCE PLANS TO ASSIST IN MEETING THEIR NEEDS AT THE TIME OF THEIR RELEASE. OFFENDERS ARE INTERVIEWED BY STAFF TO DETERMINE THEIR NEEDS PRIOR TO THEIR RELEASE.

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## STATE INITIATIVES (CONTINUED)

### PRE-RELEASE/POST-RELEASE ("REENTRY") PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)

#### *STREET READY INITIATIVE:*

THE GOAL OF THIS INITIATIVE IS TO HAVE THE OFFENDER READY TO HIT THE STREET ONCE THEY ARE RELEASED FROM PRISON. THE PROGRAM GETS ESSENTIAL EMPLOYMENT DOCUMENTS TO THE OFFENDER AT THE TIME THEY ARE RELEASED.

#### *SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING PROGRAM:*

A PROGRAM INITIATED WITH THE \$10 MILLION APPROPRIATED FUNDS DESIGNATED TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR AND REDUCE THE RECIDIVISM RATE OF OFFENDERS WHO HAVE A CHRONIC HISTORY OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

STUDIES PERFORMED BY THE TEXAS CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY COUNCIL HAVE SHOWN THAT THE RECIDIVISM RATE IS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED WHEN THE OFFENDERS COMPLETE PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE SAFFP, IPTC, AND INNERCHANGE. THE RECIDIVISM RATE FOR THESE OFFENDERS WAS 5%, 5%, AND 8% RESPECTIVELY FOR OFFENDERS WHO WERE RELEASED IN 1999 AND 2000 AND TRACKED FOR 2 YEARS. THIS SAME STUDY DOCUMENTED THAT 16.7% OF THE OFFENDERS WHO COMPLETED THE SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM WERE RE-INCARCERATED AFTER TWO YEARS AS COMPARED TO 27.7% OF THE COMPARISON GROUP WHO DID NOT RECEIVE TREATMENT.

### CONCERNS WITH AGING ADULT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE HAS 106 TOTAL FACILITIES AS OF JULY 1, 2005. THE NEWEST PRISON, HAMILTON, WAS OPENED IN 2004 FOR MALE PRE-RELEASE OFFENDERS. TEXAS HAS 8 FACILITIES THAT WERE OPENED BETWEEN 1900-1920. TEXAS HAS 4 FACILITIES THAT WERE OPENED BEFORE 1900.

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