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OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

This report has been developed to provide information regarding offender characteristics in each correctional complex, major institution and satellite housing unit under the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Department of Corrections on January 11, 1999. The selected characteristics compiled in this report are Base Offense at Admission, Total Term at Admission, Ethnicity, Age, County of Commitment and Mandatory Minimum Terms.

The Prison Complex includes the New Jersey State Prison, Central Reception and Assignment Facility, East Jersey State Prison, Bayside State Prison, Riverfront State Prison, Mid-State, Southern State, Northern State Prison, South Woods, Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women and the Adult Diagnostic and Treatment Center (ADTC is a facility for adult male sex offenders).

The Youth Correctional Complex consists of the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility, the Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility and the Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility.

“Adult Offenders in Other Facilities” include state-sentenced inmates housed in county jails, Halfway Houses, the Central Medical Unit (St. Francis Hospital) and those assigned to Electronic Monitoring/Home Confinement.

“Not Coded” are records for offenders in the correctional system for whom admission characteristics data have not been entered into the computerized information system as of January 11, 1999.

Major institutions having Satellites include the following:

MAJOR INSTITUTIONS

*East Jersey State Prison
Bayside State Prison
Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility
Mountainview Youth Correctional Facility
Central Reception and Assignment Facility
Northern State Prison*

SATELLITES

*East Jersey Camp, Marlboro Camp and Secaucus Pre-Release Center
Bayside Farm and Ancora Unit
Adult Boot Camp
Stokes Unit
Jones Farm
Kearney Unit*

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◇ *Forty percent (40%) of all New Jersey Department of Corrections residents were committed for crimes against persons which include Homicide, Sexual Assault, Aggravated/Simple Assault, Assault, Robbery, Kidnapping, Other Sex Offenses and Other Person Offenses.*
- ◇ *Thirty-four percent (34%) of all Department of Corrections residents have been committed for narcotics law violations, including possession, sale and distribution. Over 90% of all narcotics law violations are sale/distribution offenses.*
- ◇ *The median term for adult offenders housed by the Department is six years.*
- ◇ *Thirty-three percent (33%) of all New Jersey Department of Corrections residents were committed with maximum sentences of 10 years or more. Of the total, four percent (4%) are serving Life Sentences and 14 offenders are under Capital Sentence.*
- ◇ *Fifty-four percent (54%) of all adult residents housed in the State System have sentences which include parole ineligibility terms.*
- ◇ *Forty-nine percent (49%) of all residents in the New Jersey Department of Corrections are 30 years of age or younger. The median age for inmates in our adult facilities is 31.*
- ◇ *Sixty-four percent (64%) of New Jersey Department of Corrections residents are Black, while 17% are White and 18% are Hispanic.*
- ◇ *Of the 21 New Jersey counties, ten (Atlantic, Bergen, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic and Union) account for 86% of Total State Correctional Residents. Essex County is the highest contributor with 21%.*

NOTES

- ***DUE TO SOFTWARE AND ROUNDING, WORKSHEET ROW TOTALS DO NOT ALWAYS EQUAL 100 PERCENT.***
- ***PIE CHART PERCENTAGES ALWAYS EQUAL 100%.***
- ***PIE CHART PERCENTAGES MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM WORKSHEET PERCENTAGES.***
- ***ACCOMPANYING NARRATIVES ALWAYS REFLECT PIE CHART PERCENTAGES.***

TOTAL RESIDENTS IN NEW JERSEY STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND SATELLITES ON JANUARY 11, 1999

TOTAL RESIDENTS 30,263

PRISON COMPLEX	19,306
ADTC (Male Sex Offenders)	767
Bayside -Main	1,340
Bayside -Farm	700
Bayside -Ancora	343
BAYSIDE TOTAL	2,383
CRAF -Jones Farm	314
CRAF -Reception	725
CRAF TOTAL	1,039
East Jersey -Main	1,480
East Jersey -Camp	148
East Jersey -Marlboro	125
East Jersey -Ad Seg	362
East Jersey -Pre-release	316
EAST JERSEY TOTAL	2,431
EDNA MAHAN CORR FACILITY- WOMEN	1,132
MIDSTATE TOTAL	613
NJ State Prison -Ad Seg Female	31
NJ State Prison -Main	1,821
NJ STATE PRISON TOTAL	1,852
Northern -Main	2,294
Northern -Ad Seg Male	413
Northern -Kearney	333
NORTHERN TOTAL	3,040
RIVERFRONT TOTAL	1,133
SOUTHERN TOTAL	1,585
SOUTH WOODS TOTAL	3,331

YOUTH COMPLEX	4,763
GARDEN STATE TOTAL	1,957
Mountainview -Main	1,179
Mountainview -Stokes	92
MOUNTAINVIEW TOTAL	1,271
Wagner - Main	1,234
Wagner -Ad Seg	182
Wagner -Adult Boot Camp	119
WAGNER TOTAL	1,535
OTHER ADULT FACILITIES	6,194
Central Medical	18
Halfway House	2,478
County Jail	3,486
Electronic Mon./Home Conf.(EM/HC)	212

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**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY BASE OFFENSE**

In these tabulations, the base offense is the most serious offense at the time of admission. These figures reflect base or controlling offenses at admissions only, and do not include any offenses in addition to the base offense in the case of multiple sentences at admission. Additional sentences imposed following initial admission to the state correctional system are not included in this data.

- Violent offenses include homicide, sexual assault, aggravated and simple assault, robbery, kidnapping, other sex offenses and other person offenses (i.e. terroristic threats, coercion, larceny from a person, death by auto and negligent manslaughter).
- Property offenses include burglary, arson, theft, forgery, embezzlement, and receiving/possessing stolen property.
- Miscellaneous offenses include in order of frequency, hindering arrest, conspiracy, probation violation, endangering the welfare of a child and other offenses (other offenses comprise only 1% of the total population) .
- Weapons offenses include weapon possession and operation.
- Drug violations include distribution/sale, manufacture, possession and use of drugs, over 90% of which are for distribution/sale.

OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY BASE OFFENSE

Base Offense	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	30,263	100%	17,407	100%	4,763	100%	767	100%	1,132	100%	6,194	100%
Violent Offenses	12,177	40%	8191	47%	1688	35%	716	93%	318	28%	1264	20%
Property Offenses	4,310	14%	2559	15%	524	11%	1	0%	171	15%	1055	17%
Miscellaneous	1,343	4%	756	4%	247	5%	2	0%	49	4%	289	5%
Weapons	870	3%	487	3%	172	4%	0	0%	18	2%	193	3%
Drugs	10,385	34%	4987	29%	1927	40%	3	0%	499	44%	2969	48%
Not Coded	1,178	4%	427	2%	205	4%	45	6%	77	7%	424	7%

- Inmates with violent offenses comprise 47% of the prison complex, 35% of the youth complex, 93% of ADTC, 28% of Edna Mahan, and 20% of other adult facilities.
- The most common offense category for all adults, except at ADTC, is drugs.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY TOTAL TERM AT ADMISSION**

Total term at admission is the total maximum term imposed for each offender at the time of commitment from the community or from parole. This includes the aggregate term for those admitted with multiple sentences. Additional sentences received following initial admission are not reflected or included in the data.

OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY TOTAL TERM AT ADMISSION

Total Term	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	30,263	100%	17,407	100%	4,763	100%	767	100%	1,132	100%	6,194	100%
1-2 Years	648	2%	208	1%	124	3%	3	0%	26	2%	287	5%
3 Years	4,154	14%	1750	10%	888	19%	4	1%	289	26%	1223	20%
4 Years	4,899	16%	2427	14%	877	18%	20	3%	244	22%	1331	21%
5 Years	5,748	19%	3164	18%	975	20%	72	9%	181	16%	1356	22%
6 Years	663	2%	357	2%	124	3%	20	3%	30	3%	132	2%
7 Years	2,153	7%	1170	7%	411	9%	82	11%	60	5%	430	7%
8-9 Years	1,508	5%	917	5%	228	5%	51	7%	33	3%	279	5%
10 Years	2,426	8%	1536	9%	382	8%	112	15%	56	5%	340	5%
11-14 Years	1,026	3%	643	4%	177	4%	53	7%	18	2%	135	2%
15 Years	1,328	4%	917	5%	164	3%	79	10%	24	2%	144	2%
16-20 Years	1,729	6%	1262	7%	188	4%	114	15%	36	3%	129	2%
20+ Years	2,389	8%	1958	11%	170	4%	118	15%	63	6%	80	1%
Life	1,085	4%	1009	6%	29	1%	3	0%	21	2%	23	0%
Capital	14	0%	14	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Not Coded	493	2%	75	0%	26	1%	36	5%	51	5%	305	5%

Among New Jersey Adult Correctional Offenders:

- The median term for adult offenders is 5 years.
- Fifty-one percent (51%) are serving terms of 1 -5 years.
- Fourteen percent (14%) are serving terms of 6-9 years.
- Thirty-three percent (33%) are serving terms of 10 years or more, which includes 1,099 offenders serving life or capital sentences.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY MANDATORY MINIMUM TERM**

In New Jersey, since 1979, the courts have utilized mandatory minimum sentences. This means that an offender must serve the entire minimum sentence before being eligible for parole consideration. Mandatory minimum terms are not reduced by earned credits (commutation, minimum security or work).

OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY MANDATORY MINIMUM TERM

Mandatory Minimum Term	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	16,336	100%	10,157	100%	2,581	100%	290	100%	425	100%	2,883	100%
<18 Months	1,299	8%	502	5%	329	13%	0	0%	73	17%	395	14%
18 Months	1,168	7%	524	5%	300	12%	1	0%	46	11%	297	10%
2 Years	2,852	17%	1610	16%	409	16%	4	1%	67	16%	762	26%
3 Years	2,966	18%	1519	15%	633	25%	13	4%	81	19%	720	25%
4 Years	1,143	7%	736	7%	194	8%	16	6%	18	4%	179	6%
5 Years	1,614	10%	1109	11%	221	9%	92	32%	23	5%	169	6%
6-9 Years	2,005	12%	1322	13%	317	12%	50	17%	46	11%	270	9%
10 Years	750	5%	588	6%	51	2%	53	18%	13	3%	45	2%
11-14 Years	427	3%	351	3%	35	1%	9	3%	14	3%	18	1%
15 Years	432	3%	356	4%	26	1%	27	9%	12	3%	11	0%
16-19 Years	167	1%	141	1%	14	1%	5	2%	0	0%	7	0%
20-24 Years	236	1%	221	2%	6	0%	7	2%	2	0%	0	0%
25-29 Years	222	1%	205	2%	2	0%	10	3%	3	1%	2	0%
30 Years	657	4%	595	6%	33	1%	2	1%	21	5%	6	0%
30+ Years	398	2%	378	4%	11	0%	1	0%	6	1%	2	0%

- Fifty-four percent (54%) of all adult offenders have mandatory minimum terms (16,336 out of 30,263).
- The median mandatory minimum term is 3 years.
- Twelve percent (12%) have mandatory minimum terms of 15 years or more.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY AGE**

The age of the offender is the chronological age as of January 1, 1999.

OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY AGE

Age	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	30,263	100%	17,407	100%	4,763	100%	767	100%	1,132	100%	6,194	100%
< 17 Years	15	0%	0	0%	5	0%	0	0%	0	0%	10	0%
17 Years	44	0%	2	0%	26	1%	0	0%	3	0%	13	0%
18-20 Years	1,599	5%	185	1%	928	19%	6	1%	26	2%	454	7%
21-22 Years	2,352	8%	481	3%	1275	27%	10	1%	54	5%	532	9%
23-24 Years	2,593	9%	875	5%	1069	22%	17	2%	60	5%	572	9%
25-27 Years	3,940	13%	2066	12%	913	19%	38	5%	113	10%	810	13%
28-30 Years	4,090	14%	2590	15%	372	8%	40	5%	185	16%	903	15%
31-33 Years	3,568	12%	2516	14%	84	2%	74	10%	167	15%	727	12%
34-36 Years	3,296	11%	2382	14%	47	1%	96	13%	155	14%	616	10%
37-39 Years	2,663	9%	1914	11%	22	0%	68	9%	132	12%	527	9%
40-44 Years	2,956	10%	2152	12%	17	0%	119	16%	115	10%	553	9%
45-49 Years	1,608	5%	1162	7%	3	0%	93	12%	66	6%	284	5%
50-54 Years	823	3%	591	3%	2	0%	82	11%	35	3%	113	2%
55-59 Years	379	1%	269	2%	0	0%	52	7%	13	1%	45	1%
60-64 Years	167	1%	117	1%	0	0%	28	4%	3	0%	19	0%
65+ Years	170	1%	105	1%	0	0%	44	6%	5	0%	16	0%

- The median age for adult residents is 31 years.
- Five percent (5%) of all adult offenders are 20 years of age or younger.
 Forty-four percent (44%) of all adult offenders are between the ages of 21-30.
 Thirty-two percent (32%) of all adult offenders are 31 to 39 years of age.
 Twenty-one percent (21%) of all adult offenders are 40 years of age and older.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY RACE/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION**

In these tabulations, a Hispanic is a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, South American or other Spanish culture or origin (Spain or Portugal) regardless of complexion.

OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY RACE/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION

Ethnic Identification	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	30,263	100%	17,407	100%	4,763	100%	767	100%	1,132	100%	6,194	100%
Black	19,488	64%	11175	64%	3348	70%	187	24%	740	65%	4038	65%
White	5,296	17%	2994	17%	610	13%	454	59%	262	23%	976	16%
Hispanic	5,356	18%	3169	18%	782	16%	116	15%	128	11%	1161	19%
Asian	93	0%	58	0%	21	0%	0	0%	2	0%	12	0%
American Indian	5	0%	4	0%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other	25	0%	7	0%	1	0%	10	1%	0	0%	7	0%

- On January 11,1999, 64% of all state correctional institution offenders were Black, 17% were White and 18% were Hispanic.
- The largest proportion of Black offenders was at the youth complex (70%).
- The largest proportion of White offenders was at ADTC (59%).
- The largest proportion of Hispanic offenders was at 'other facilities' (19%).

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 11, 1999 BY COUNTY OF COMMITMENT**

County of Commitment	Total		Prison Complex		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Adult Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	30,263	100%	17,407	100%	4,763	100%	767	100%	1,132	100%	6,194	100%
Atlantic	1,915	6%	1097	6%	241	5%	46	6%	96	8%	435	7%
Bergen	1,567	5%	1000	6%	216	5%	38	5%	57	5%	256	4%
Burlington	508	2%	328	2%	78	2%	31	4%	22	2%	49	1%
Camden	3,619	12%	2004	12%	530	11%	89	12%	117	10%	879	14%
Cape May	433	1%	257	1%	76	2%	20	3%	26	2%	54	1%
Cumberland	712	2%	451	3%	100	2%	28	4%	16	1%	117	2%
Essex	6,241	21%	3887	22%	1322	28%	71	9%	194	17%	767	12%
Gloucester	410	1%	232	1%	78	2%	21	3%	14	1%	65	1%
Hudson	2,849	9%	1715	10%	503	11%	38	5%	83	7%	510	8%
Hunterdon	145	0%	81	0%	19	0%	7	1%	4	0%	34	1%
Mercer	1,498	5%	958	6%	249	5%	33	4%	46	4%	212	3%
Middlesex	1,467	5%	757	4%	222	5%	50	7%	64	6%	374	6%
Monmouth	1,755	6%	916	5%	212	4%	58	8%	91	8%	478	8%
Morris	368	1%	212	1%	49	1%	25	3%	13	1%	69	1%
Ocean	730	2%	398	2%	135	3%	48	6%	39	3%	110	2%
Passiac	2,635	9%	1185	7%	271	6%	60	8%	89	8%	1030	17%
Salem	205	1%	112	1%	22	0%	9	1%	4	0%	58	1%
Somerset	413	1%	234	1%	58	1%	21	3%	11	1%	89	1%
Sussex	125	0%	65	0%	16	0%	11	1%	3	0%	30	0%
Union	2,376	8%	1330	8%	326	7%	42	5%	131	12%	547	9%
Warren	202	1%	123	1%	29	1%	21	3%	9	1%	20	0%
Not Coded	90	0%	65	0%	11	0%	0	0%	3	0%	11	0%

- Essex county has the highest percentage of commitments at the prison complex (22%), the youth complex (28%), and Edna Mahan (17%).
- Camden County has the highest percentage of commitments (12%) at ADTC.
- Passiac County has the highest percentage of commitments (17%) at other adult facilities.