

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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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 8, 2001. The selected characteristics compiled in this report are Base Offense at Admission, total Term at Admission, Ethnicity, Age, County of Commitment and Mandatory Minimum Term.

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).

NOTE: In our data tables we provide separate subtotals for ADTC and Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women due to the interest in these unique populations. The remainder of the Prison Complex is labeled "Prison Males".

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.

"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 8, 2001.

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 Department of Corrections residents 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 15 offenders are under Capital Sentence.*
- *Fifty-seven percent (57%) of New Jersey Department of Corrections residents housed in the State System have sentences which include parole ineligibility terms.*
- *Forty-five percent (45%) 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 32.*
- *Sixty-three percent (63%) of New Jersey Department of Corrections residents are Black, while 19% 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 83% of Total Department of Corrections Residents. Essex County is the highest contributor with 18%.*

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 8,
2001

TOTAL RESIDENTS			28,622
PRISON COMPLEX	18,308		4622
ADTC	637	GARDEN STATE TOTAL	1793
Bayside – Main	1343	Mountainview – Main	1171
Bayside – Farm	703	Mountainview – Stokes	111
Bayside – Ancora	345	MOUNTAINVIEW TOTAL	1282
BAYSIDE TOTAL	2391		
		Wagner – Main	1224
CRAF – Jones Farms	292	Wagner – Ad Seg	189
CRAF – Reception	833	Wagner – Adult Boot Camp	134
CRAF TOTAL	1125	WAGNER TOTAL	1547
		OTHER FACILITIES	5692
East Jersey – Main	1281	Central Medical	19
East Jersey – Camp	139	Halfway Houses	2601
East Jersey – Marlboro	133	County Jail	2936
East Jersey – Ad Seg	356	Electronic Monitoring (EM)	136
EAST JERSEY TOTAL	1909		
EDNA MAHAN CORR FACILITY –	1075		
MID-STATE TOTAL	609		
NJ State Prison – Ad Seg Female	27		
NJ State Prison – Main	1777		
NJ STATE PRISON TOTAL	1804		
Northern State – Main	2292		
Northern State – Ad Seg Male	359		
NORTHERN STATE TOTAL	2651		
RIVERFRONT TOTAL	1144		
SOUTHERN STATE TOTAL	1640		
SOUTH WOODS TOTAL	3323		

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**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 8, 2001, BY BASE OFFENSE**

In these tabulations, the base offense is that which 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.
- Public policy offenses include racketeering, gambling, corruption, perjury, escape, bail jumping, juvenile and family related offenses and conspiracy.
- Weapons offenses include weapon possession and operation.
- Drug violations include distribution, manufacture, possession and use of drugs. Virtually all drug offenses are for sale and distribution rather than for mere possession.

OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 8, 2001, BY BASE OFFENSE

Base Offense	Total		Prison Males		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	28,622	100%	16,596	100%	4,622	100%	637	100%	1,075	100%	5,692	100%
Violent Offenses	11,513	40%	8001	48%	1563	34%	606	95%	343	32%	1000	18%
Property Offenses	3,752	13%	2198	13%	473	10%	1	0%	175	16%	905	16%
Miscellaneous	1,311	5%	761	5%	237	5%	13	2%	50	5%	250	4%
Weapons	879	3%	482	3%	197	4%	0	0%	12	1%	188	3%
Drugs	9,683	34%	4592	28%	2002	43%	2	0%	429	40%	2658	47%
Not Coded	1,484	5%	562	3%	150	3%	15	2%	66	6%	691	12%

- Inmates with violent offenses comprise 48% of the prison complex, 34% of the youth complex, 95% of ADTC, 32% of Edna Mahan, and 18% of other adult facilities. The department-wide percentage of violent offenders (40%) represents the lowest percentage of such offenders in the department's history.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 8, 2001, 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 8, 2001, BY TOTAL TERM AT ADMISSION

Total Term	Total		Prison Males		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	28,622	100%	16,596	100%	4,622	100%	637	100%	1,075	100%	5,692	100%
1-2 Years	410	1%	187	1%	82	2%	1	0%	37	3%	103	2%
3 Years	3,726	13%	1545	9%	897	19%	3	0%	218	20%	1063	19%
4 Years	4,041	14%	1961	12%	745	16%	32	5%	213	20%	1090	19%
5 Years	5,222	18%	2727	16%	1003	22%	58	9%	190	18%	1244	22%
6 Years	885	3%	452	3%	212	5%	18	3%	26	2%	177	3%
7 Years	2,180	8%	1180	7%	453	10%	56	9%	70	7%	421	7%
8-9 Years	1,698	6%	1048	6%	283	6%	41	6%	42	4%	284	5%
10 Years	2,195	8%	1429	9%	322	7%	100	16%	50	5%	294	5%
11-14 Years	1,007	4%	659	4%	154	3%	46	7%	26	2%	122	2%
15 Years	1,150	4%	829	5%	105	2%	61	10%	25	2%	130	2%
16-20 Years	1,654	6%	1258	8%	152	3%	91	14%	44	4%	109	2%
20+ Years	2,382	8%	2005	12%	140	3%	115	18%	60	6%	62	1%
Life	1,112	4%	1049	6%	23	0%	3	0%	22	2%	15	0%
Capital	15	0%	15	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Not Coded	945	3%	252	2%	51	1%	12	2%	52	5%	578	10%

Among New Jersey Adult Correctional Offenders:

- The median term for adult offenders is 6 years.
- Forty-seven percent (47%) are serving terms of 1 -5 years.
- Seventeen percent (17%) are serving terms of 6-9 years.
- Thirty-three percent (33%) are serving terms of 10 years or more, which includes 1,127 offenders serving life or capital sentences.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 8, 2001, 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 8, 2001, BY MANDATORY MINIMUM TERM

Mandatory Minimum Term	Total		Prison Males		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	16,403	100%	10,215	100%	2,810	100%	267	100%	464	100%	2,647	100%
<18 Months	1,485	9%	527	5%	482	17%	1	0%	71	15%	404	15%
18 Months	966	6%	426	4%	249	9%	0	0%	19	4%	272	10%
2 Years	2,519	15%	1,368	13%	436	16%	2	1%	76	16%	637	24%
3 Years	2,994	18%	1,628	16%	590	21%	8	3%	86	19%	682	26%
4 Years	1,332	8%	834	8%	260	9%	15	6%	37	8%	186	7%
5 Years	1,626	10%	1,098	11%	233	8%	87	33%	30	6%	178	7%
6-9 Years	1,951	12%	1,286	13%	331	12%	45	17%	59	13%	230	9%
10 Years	716	4%	572	6%	56	2%	47	18%	16	3%	25	1%
11-14 Years	536	3%	424	4%	67	2%	11	4%	17	4%	17	1%
15 Years	432	3%	361	4%	29	1%	27	10%	11	2%	4	0%
16-19 Years	224	1%	189	2%	20	1%	4	1%	5	1%	6	0%
20-24 Years	258	2%	234	2%	12	0%	7	3%	2	0%	3	0%
25-29 Years	238	1%	224	2%	3	0%	8	3%	3	1%	0	0%
30 Years	670	4%	609	6%	32	1%	3	1%	24	5%	2	0%
30+ Years	456	3%	435	4%	10	0%	2	1%	8	2%	1	0%

- Fifty- seven percent (57%) of all adult offenders have mandatory minimum terms (16,403 out of 28,622).
- The median mandatory minimum term is 3 years 6 months.
- Fourteen percent (14%) of those with mandatory minimum terms have mandatory minimum terms of 15 years or more.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 8, 2001, BY AGE**

The age of the offender is the chronological age as of January 1, 2001.

OFFENDERS IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 8, 2001, BY AGE

Age	Total		Prison Males		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	28,622	100%	16,596	100%	4,622	100%	637	100%	1,075	100%	5,692	100%
< 17 Years	5	0%	0	0%	4	0%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
17 Years	19	0%	1	0%	18	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
18-20 Years	1,104	4%	157	1%	774	17%	6	1%	25	2%	142	2%
21-22 Years	2,300	8%	451	3%	1392	30%	10	2%	58	5%	389	7%
23-24 Years	2,377	8%	719	4%	1102	24%	6	1%	58	5%	492	9%
25-27 Years	3,354	12%	1456	9%	1055	23%	18	3%	92	9%	733	13%
28-30 Years	3,597	13%	2354	14%	212	5%	39	6%	126	12%	866	15%
31-33 Years	3,335	12%	2367	14%	40	1%	44	7%	163	15%	721	13%
34-36 Years	3,082	11%	2186	13%	16	0%	75	12%	156	15%	649	11%
37-39 Years	2,734	10%	1949	12%	7	0%	71	11%	127	12%	580	10%
40-44 Years	3,150	11%	2296	14%	2	0%	101	16%	141	13%	610	11%
45-49 Years	1,751	6%	1285	8%	0	0%	89	14%	73	7%	304	5%
50-54 Years	969	3%	726	4%	0	0%	84	13%	35	3%	124	2%
55-59 Years	454	2%	359	2%	0	0%	34	5%	13	1%	48	1%
60-64 Years	199	1%	152	1%	0	0%	23	4%	4	0%	20	0%
65+ Years	192	1%	138	1%	0	0%	37	6%	4	0%	13	0%
Unspec	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

- The median age for adult residents is 32 years.
- Four percent (4%) of all adult offenders are 20 years of age or younger.
- Forty-one percent (41%) 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-three percent (23%) of all adult offenders are 40 years of age and older.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 8, 2001, 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 8, 2001, BY RACE/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION

Ethnic Identification	Total		Prison Males		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	28,622	100%	16,596	100%	4,622	100%	637	100%	1,075	100%	5,692	100%
Black	18,055	63%	10437	63%	3084	67%	167	26%	641	60%	3726	65%
White	5,343	19%	3082	19%	631	14%	378	59%	298	28%	954	17%
Hispanic	5,111	18%	3019	18%	881	19%	84	13%	130	12%	997	18%
Asian	93	0%	49	0%	22	0%	4	1%	6	1%	12	0%
American Indian	7	0%	3	0%	2	0%	0	0%	0	0%	2	0%
Other or Unspec.	13	0%	6	0%	2	0%	4	1%	0	0%	1	0%

- On January 8, 2001, 63% of all state correctional institution offenders were Black, 19% were White and 18% were Hispanic.

**OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
ON JANUARY 8, 2001, BY COUNTY OF COMMITMENT**

OFFENDERS IN NEW JERSEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ON JANUARY 8, 2001, BY COUNTY OF COMMITMENT

County of Commitment	Total		Prison Males		Youth Complex		ADTC		Edna Mahan		Other Facilities	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
TOTAL OFFENDERS	28,622	100%	16,596	100%	4,622	100%	637	100%	1,075	100%	5,692	100%
Atlantic	2,064	7%	1201	7%	291	6%	33	5%	118	11%	421	7%
Bergen	1,285	4%	741	4%	139	3%	30	5%	60	6%	315	6%
Burlington	474	2%	293	2%	92	2%	24	4%	14	1%	51	1%
Camden	3,874	14%	2269	14%	718	16%	91	14%	136	13%	660	12%
Cape May	484	2%	300	2%	77	2%	19	3%	18	2%	70	1%
Cumberland	641	2%	373	2%	84	2%	28	4%	21	2%	135	2%
Essex	5,209	18%	3271	20%	858	19%	48	8%	121	11%	911	16%
Gloucester	451	2%	260	2%	84	2%	18	3%	22	2%	67	1%
Hudson	2,695	9%	1608	10%	489	11%	31	5%	71	7%	496	9%
Hunterdon	132	0%	70	0%	20	0%	7	1%	5	0%	30	1%
Mercer	1,197	4%	728	4%	171	4%	30	5%	48	4%	220	4%
Middlesex	1,535	5%	853	5%	301	7%	56	9%	53	5%	272	5%
Monmouth	1,682	6%	921	6%	231	5%	46	7%	81	8%	403	7%
Morris	357	1%	217	1%	51	1%	25	4%	12	1%	52	1%
Ocean	769	3%	454	3%	133	3%	29	5%	40	4%	113	2%
Passaic	2,218	8%	892	5%	288	6%	44	7%	83	8%	911	16%
Salem	262	1%	136	1%	38	1%	8	1%	5	0%	75	1%
Somerset	444	2%	257	2%	61	1%	14	2%	28	3%	84	1%
Sussex	151	1%	87	1%	22	0%	11	2%	10	1%	21	0%
Union	2,327	8%	1405	8%	429	9%	27	4%	114	11%	352	6%
Warren	214	1%	124	1%	33	1%	18	3%	11	1%	28	0%
Not Coded	157	1%	136	1%	12	0%	0	0%	4	0%	5	0%

- Essex County has the highest percentage of commitments at the prison complex (20%) and the youth complex (19%).

- Camden County has the highest percentage of commitments at Edna Mahan (13%) and ADTC (14%).

- Passaic County and Essex County have the joint highest percentage of commitments (16%) at other adult facilities.

- Two counties, Essex and Camden, combine to comprise approximately a third of total DOC commitments.