

# DEPARTMENT CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

## LENGTH OF STAY OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE WARDS\* CALENDAR YEAR 2007

The average amount of time (length of stay) Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) wards spent incarcerated prior to their release to parole in 2007 is presented in Tables 1 and 2. These tables display the institutional length of stay for first commitments by sex, ethnic group, age at parole release, primary commitment offense, and Parole Hearing Board category. Table 3 presents a multi-year comparison of the average length of stay on parole prior to removal from parole.

Note: This report does not include wards discharged from DJJ jurisdiction directly from an institution. In 2007, there was a total of 254 such cases. This total includes 117 wards who were never paroled from first admission; 135 parole violators; and 2 who were discharged after a recommitment to DJJ.

The 2007 **overall** institutional length of stay, including both first commitments and revoked parolees, was 22.6 months, slightly less than the average of 22.8 months in 2006.

The average length of stay for **first commitments only** was 33.6 months, slightly greater than the 2006 figure of 33.3 months.

The average length of stay for parole violators re-released in 2007 was 8.3 months, one month more than the 7.3 months reported for 2006. The average length of stay for recommitments who were released in 2007 was 24.7 months, a nearly three-month decrease from the figure of 27.4 months in 2006.

The average amount of time parolees spent on parole had decreased since 1987 until it reached a low of 15.3 months in 1990. The average then began to go increasing to the 2007 average length of stay of 23.0 months.

\* Does not include length-of-stay information for cases housed in DJJ facilities under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 1731.5(c).

TABLE 1

INSTITUTION LENGTH OF STAY OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITMENTS  
RELEASED TO PAROLE IN 2007

By Selected Characteristics and Court of Commitment

CHARACTERISTICS	TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT	
	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS
TOTAL PAROLE RELEASES.....	1,188	22.6	1,175	22.7	13	15.0
Parole Violator Releases* .....	507	8.3	-	-	-	-
Recommitment Releases* .....	17	24.7	-	-	-	-
<b>FIRST COMMITMENT</b>						
PAROLE RELEASES.....	664	33.6	659	33.6	5	21.8
<b>Sex</b>						
Males .....	634	33.6	630	33.7	4	18.7
Females .....	30	32.5	29	32.4	1	34.2
<b>Ethnic Group</b>						
White .....	88	34.8	88	34.8	-	-
Hispanic .....	329	32.7	324	32.9	5	21.8
African American .....	213	34.1	213	34.1	-	-
Asian .....	21	32.1	21	32.1	-	-
Other .....	13	38.8	13	38.8	-	-
<b>Age at Parole</b>						
16 and under .....	20	21.3	19	21.5	1	16.5
17.....	46	19.0	46	19.0	-	-
18.....	137	23.1	134	23.2	3	19.4
19.....	200	27.1	200	27.1	-	-
20.....	143	35.7	142	35.7	1	34.2
21 and over .....	118	61.6	118	61.6	-	-
<b>Board Hearing Category</b>						
Category 1.....	11	80.3	11	80.3	-	-
Category 2.....	61	51.2	61	51.2	-	-
Category 3.....	55	45.7	54	46.0	1	34.2
Category 4.....	225	34.3	223	34.4	2	23.6
Category 5.....	175	29.2	175	29.2	-	-
Category 6.....	133	21.4	131	21.5	2	13.8
Category 7.....	4	23.2	4	23.2	-	-
<b>Type of Offense</b>						
Misdemeanor .....	6	18.5	6	18.5	-	-
Felony .....	658	33.7	653	33.8	5	21.8

\*Information by committing court not available.

TABLE 2

INSTITUTION LENGTH OF STAY OF DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITMENTS  
RELEASED TO PAROLE IN 2007

By Primary Commitment Offense and Court

PRIMARY FIRST COMMITMENT OFFENSE	TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT	
	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS
Murder 1st Degree .....	3	84.6	3	84.6	-	-
Murder 2nd Degree .....	8	81.7	8	81.7	-	-
Manslaughter .....	6	37.8	6	37.8	-	-
Robbery, Enhanced .....	41	35.7	40	35.9	1	27.0
Carjacking .....	19	42.3	19	42.3	-	-
Other Robbery Offenses .....	86	32.9	85	33.0	1	20.2
Assault to Murder .....	17	50.2	17	50.2	-	-
Aggravated Assault .....	154	34.2	154	34.2	-	-
Other Assault Offenses .....	63	30.7	63	30.7	-	-
Burglary First Degree .....	53	27.3	53	27.3	-	-
Other Burglary Offenses .....	18	21.3	17	21.9	1	11.1
Grand Theft .....	8	22.7	8	22.7	-	-
Auto Theft .....	35	21.0	35	21.0	-	-
Other Theft Offenses .....	4	20.7	4	20.7	-	-
Forcible Rape .....	21	53.6	21	53.6	-	-
Other Sex Offenses .....	34	47.2	34	47.2	-	-
Possession Hard Narcotic .....	7	23.2	7	23.2	-	-
Selling Hard Narcotic .....	2	31.0	2	31.0	-	-
Possession Marijuana .....	4	28.3	4	28.3	-	-
Selling Marijuana .....	2	31.8	2	31.8	-	-
Other Drug Offenses .....	16	22.2	16	22.2	-	-
Weapons .....	31	19.6	31	19.6	-	-
Arson .....	8	38.9	8	38.9	-	-
Extortion/Kidnapping .....	5	54.8	4	60.0	1	34.2
Miscellaneous Felony .....	16	24.2	15	24.7	1	16.5
Miscellaneous Misdemeanor .....	3	33.1	3	33.1	-	-
Escape Juvenile Facility .....	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 3  
PAROLE LENGTH OF STAY  
By Year and Type of Removal from Parole

CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL REMOVED		NON-VIOLATION DISCHARGES		REVOCATIONS		VIOLATION DISCHARGES	
	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS
1987	3,357	19.0	1,084	23.5	1,491	14.1	782	22.1
1988	2,721	17.7	935	22.4	1,105	12.3	681	20.1
1989	2,859	15.8	979	18.7	1,135	11.6	745	18.1
1990	3,277	15.3	1,070	18.5	1,346	11.4	861	17.2
1991	3,583	16.3	1,169	19.3	1,369	12.2	1,045	18.4
1992	3,188	17.1	1,070	20.4	1,202	12.3	916	19.5
1993	3,326	16.9	998	21.2	1,359	12.3	969	18.8
1994	3,317	17.5	989	21.6	1,487	13.0	841	20.4
1995	3,479	18.2	1,213	21.8	1,478	13.7	788	21.3
1996	3,451	19.2	1,384	23.1	1,268	13.5	799	21.5
1997	3,618	18.9	1,467	22.4	1,340	13.6	811	21.1
1998	3,542	19.3	1,511	22.0	1,204	14.7	827	21.0
1999	3,686	20.5	1,756	22.7	1,081	15.4	849	22.3
2000	3,021	20.1	1,191	22.8	1,080	15.3	750	22.7
2001	2,808	21.1	1,114	24.2	968	15.7	726	23.5
2002	2,733	20.1	1,058	23.8	996	14.6	679	22.6
2003	2,527	19.6	932	23.6	883	13.7	712	21.7
2004	2,508	20.6	955	26.4	863	11.8	690	23.5
2005	2,309	20.9	765	27.7	897	12.7	647	24.3
2006	1,888	22.3	660	28.7	702	14.6	526	24.6
2007	1,758	23.0	722	28.6	577	14.3	459	25.2