

FIRST COMMITMENT CHARACTERISTICS

CALENDAR YEAR 2008

State of California
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
OFFICE OF RESEARCH
INFORMATION SYSTEMS UNIT – OBITS

FIRST COMMITMENT CHARACTERISTICS CALENDAR YEAR 2008

INTRODUCTION

The characteristics presented in the following tables include such commitment statistics as court of commitment, primary commitment offense, and average age at the time of commitment, as well as offender profile information such as ethnicity and prior delinquent behavior. Significant statistics are highlighted on the next page.

DJJ cases are offenders who have been committed directly to the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). DAI cases are offenders from criminal court who have been committed to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Division of Adult Institutions (DAI), but are ordered by the court to be housed in DJJ facilities pursuant to Section §1731.5(c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

Special note: This report does not include other youth admitted to DJJ facilities who have not been committed by the court. This includes county contracted housing (G and J Cases); amenability and diagnostic services by contract (Bz, C and D Cases); or youths sentenced directly to state prison (E Cases), but housed in DJJ facilities based upon administrative agreement with the prison authority. In 2008, the total of these cases were 222 (G Cases = 0; J Cases = 48; Bz Cases = 5; C Cases = 8; D Cases = 2; E Cases = 159).

The primary commitment offense categories used in this report consists of the following:

<u>Violent Offenses:</u>	Homicide, robbery, all types of assaults, forcible rape, and kidnapping.
<u>Property Offenses:</u>	Burglary, theft (including auto), forgery and check offenses, and arson.
<u>Narcotic and Drug Offenses:</u>	All offenses related to narcotics and dangerous drugs.
<u>Other Offenses:</u>	All offenses not specified above.

Information for this report is gathered from Referral Documents and Reception Center-Clinic Summaries.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2008, there were 522 first commitments to the DJJ, of which 402 (77.0%) were direct commitments (DJJ cases) and 120 (23.0%) were offenders who were committed to state prison (DAI cases), but ordered to serve at least part of their sentence at the DJJ.
- Of the 522 first commitments, 76.1 percent were from Juvenile Court and 23.9 percent were from Criminal Court. Of the 402 DJJ cases, 98.8 percent were from Juvenile Court and 1.2 percent were from Criminal Court.
- By area, 49.8 percent of commitments came from Northern California, with 50.2 percent from Southern California.
- 84.9 percent of the offenders were committed *primarily* for a violent offense, 3.4 percent for a property offense, 0.6 percent for a drug offense, and 11.1 percent for an other offense.
- 46.2 percent of the offenders are subject to one or more legal requirements for court ordered registration (i.e.: Arson, Drug, Gang, Sex Offender, etc.).
- The average age of the first commitments at the time of admission was 17.2 years.
- 61.1 percent of all 2008 first commitments were Hispanic, 29.5 percent were African American, 5.6 percent were White, 2.3 percent were Asian, and 1.5 percent were Other.
- 33.1 percent of the first commitments had no prior conviction or sustained petition.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE - 2008
BY SEX AND COURT OF COMMITMENT

CHARACTERISTICS	***** MALES *****																***** FEMALES *****			
	TOTAL		TOTAL DJJ CASES		TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT		JUVENILE & CRIMINAL		TOTAL DAI CASES		CRIMINAL COURT		CRIMINAL COURT			
	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT		
PRIMARY COMMITMENT																				
OFFENSE	522	100.0	402	100.0	378	100.0	373	100.0	5	100.0	24	100.0	120	100.0	117	100.0	3	100.0		
VIOLENT OFFENSES	443	84.9	340	84.6	318	84.1	314	84.2	4	80.0	22	91.7	103	85.8	101	86.3	2	66.7		
PROPERTY OFFENSES	18	3.4	14	3.5	14	3.7	13	3.5	1	20.0	0	0.0	4	3.3	3	2.6	1	33.3		
NARCOTIC/DRUG OFFENSES	3	0.6	1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.7	2	1.7	0	0.0		
OTHER OFFENSES	58	11.1	47	11.7	45	11.9	45	12.1	0	0.0	2	8.3	11	9.2	11	9.4	0	0.0		
ETHNIC GROUP	522	100.0	402	100.0	378	100.0	373	100.0	5	100.0	24	100.0	120	100.0	117	100.0	3	100.0		
WHITE	29	5.6	26	6.5	25	6.6	24	6.4	1	20.0	1	4.2	3	2.5	3	2.6	0	0.0		
HISPANIC	319	61.1	238	59.2	222	58.7	219	58.7	3	60.0	16	66.7	81	67.5	78	66.7	3	100.0		
AFRICAN AMERICAN	154	29.5	120	29.9	113	29.9	112	30.0	1	20.0	7	29.2	34	28.3	34	29.1	0	0.0		
ASIAN	12	2.3	11	2.7	11	2.9	11	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.8	1	0.9	0	0.0		
OTHER	8	1.5	7	1.7	7	1.9	7	1.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.8	1	0.9	0	0.0		
AVERAGE AGE AT ADMISSION	17.2		17.2		17.2		17.2		17.3		17.3		17.0		17.0		17.2			
OFFENDER'S MARITAL STATUS	400	100.0	304	100.0	286	100.0	282	100.0	4	100.0	18	0.0	96	100.0	94	100.0	2	100.0		
NEVER MARRIED	400	100.0	304	100.0	286	100.0	282	100.0	4	100.0	18	0.0	96	100.0	94	100.0	2	100.0		
PRESENTLY MARRIED	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
NO LONGER MARRIED	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
OFFENDER'S CHILDREN*	409	100.0	309	100.0	291	100.0	287	100.0	4	100.0	18	100.0	100	100.0	98	100.0	2	100.0		
NONE	355	86.8	268	86.7	250	85.9	246	85.7	4	100.0	18	100.0	87	87.0	86	87.8	1	50.0		
ONE	49	12.0	37	12.0	37	12.7	37	12.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	12.0	11	11.2	1	50.0		
TWO OR MORE	5	1.2	4	1.3	4	1.4	4	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.0	1	1.0	0	0.0		
OFFENDER'S SIBLINGS	399	100.0	305	100.0	287	100.0	283	100.0	4	100.0	18	100.0	94	100.0	92	100.0	2	100.0		
NONE	19	4.8	12	3.9	12	4.2	12	4.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	7.4	6	6.5	1	50.0		
ONE	43	10.8	37	12.1	37	12.9	37	13.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	6.4	6	6.5	0	0.0		
TWO	81	20.3	56	18.4	52	18.1	51	18.0	1	25.0	4	22.2	25	26.6	25	27.2	0	0.0		
THREE	87	21.8	72	23.6	69	24.0	68	24.0	1	25.0	3	16.7	15	16.0	15	16.3	0	0.0		
FOUR OR MORE	169	42.4	128	42.0	117	40.8	115	40.6	2	50.0	11	61.1	41	43.6	40	43.5	1	50.0		
PARENT'S MARITAL STATUS	402	100.0	305	100.0	287	100.0	283	100.0	4	100.0	18	100.0	97	100.0	95	100.0	2	100.0		
NEVER MARRIED	157	39.1	125	41.0	117	40.8	114	40.3	3	75.0	8	44.4	32	33.0	31	32.6	1	50.0		
PRESENTLY MARRIED	89	22.1	64	21.0	62	21.6	62	21.9	0	0.0	2	11.1	25	25.8	25	26.3	0	0.0		
NO LONGER MARRIED	156	38.8	116	38.0	108	37.6	107	37.8	1	25.0	8	44.4	40	41.2	39	41.1	1	50.0		

*A significant percentage of this information is self-reported and has not been independently verified.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE - 2008
BY SEX AND COURT OF COMMITMENT

CHARACTERISTICS	***** MALES *****						***** FEMALES *****											
	TOTAL		TOTAL DJJ CASES		TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT		JUVENILE & CRIMINAL		TOTAL DAI CASES		MALES CRIMINAL COURT		FEMALES CRIMINAL COURT	
	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT
RELIGION	385	100.0	288	100.0	277	100.0	273	100.0	4	100.0	11	100.0	97	100.0	95	100.0	2	100.0
CATHOLIC	168	43.6	123	42.7	122	44.0	120	44.0	2	50.0	1	9.1	45	46.4	45	47.4	0	0.0
PROTESTANT	128	33.2	99	34.4	99	35.7	98	35.9	1	25.0	0	0.0	29	29.9	29	30.5	0	0.0
NONE	55	14.3	43	14.9	33	11.9	32	11.7	1	25.0	10	90.9	12	12.4	10	10.5	2	100.0
OTHER	34	8.8	23	8.0	23	8.3	23	8.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	11.3	11	11.6	0	0.0
DISABILITIES	211	100.0	131	100.0	131	100.0	129	100.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	80	100.0	80	100.0	0	0.0
NONE	194	91.9	120	91.6	120	91.6	118	91.5	2	100.0	0	0.0	74	92.5	74	92.5	0	0.0
DISABILITIES PRESENT	17	8.1	11	8.4	11	8.4	11	8.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	7.5	6	7.5	0	0.0
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	522	100.0	402	100.0	378	100.0	373	100.0	5	100.0	24	100.0	120	100.0	117	100.0	3	100.0
NO	281	53.8	222	55.2	201	53.2	199	53.4	2	40.0	21	87.5	59	49.2	56	47.9	3	100.0
YES	241	46.2	180	44.8	177	46.8	174	46.6	3	60.0	3	12.5	61	50.8	61	52.1	0	0.0
CO-OFFENDERS	409	100.0	309	100.0	292	100.0	288	100.0	4	100.0	17	100.0	100	100.0	98	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	184	45.0	157	50.8	148	50.7	147	51.0	1	25.0	9	52.9	27	27.0	26	26.5	1	50.0
ONE OR TWO	155	37.9	112	36.2	105	36.0	103	35.8	2	50.0	7	41.2	43	43.0	42	42.9	1	50.0
THREE OR MORE	70	17.1	40	12.9	39	13.4	38	13.2	1	25.0	1	5.9	30	30.0	30	30.6	0	0.0
PRIOR CONVICTIONS OR SUSTAINED PETITIONS	397	100.0	302	100.0	284	100.0	280	100.0	4	100.0	18	100.0	95	100.0	93	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	133	33.5	97	32.1	90	31.7	86	30.7	4	100.0	7	38.9	36	37.9	35	37.6	1	50.0
ONE	59	14.9	42	13.9	40	14.1	40	14.3	0	0.0	2	11.1	17	17.9	16	17.2	1	50.0
TWO	43	10.8	33	10.9	32	11.3	32	11.4	0	0.0	1	5.6	10	10.5	10	10.8	0	0.0
THREE	50	12.6	39	12.9	38	13.4	38	13.6	0	0.0	1	5.6	11	11.6	11	11.8	0	0.0
FOUR	35	8.8	26	8.6	25	8.8	25	8.9	0	0.0	1	5.6	9	9.5	9	9.7	0	0.0
FIVE OR MORE	77	19.4	65	21.5	59	20.8	59	21.1	0	0.0	6	33.3	12	12.6	12	12.9	0	0.0
PRIOR COMMITMENTS	409	100.0	309	100.0	291	100.0	287	100.0	4	100.0	18	100.0	100	100.0	98	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	211	51.6	144	46.6	133	45.7	129	44.9	4	100.0	11	61.1	67	67.0	65	66.3	2	100.0
ONE	70	17.1	56	18.1	55	18.9	55	19.2	0	0.0	1	5.6	14	14.0	14	14.3	0	0.0
TWO	41	10.0	33	10.7	31	10.7	31	10.8	0	0.0	2	11.1	8	8.0	8	8.2	0	0.0
THREE OR MORE	87	21.3	76	24.6	72	24.7	72	25.1	0	0.0	4	22.2	11	11.0	11	11.2	0	0.0
PRIOR ESCAPES	410	100.0	310	100.0	292	100.0	288	100.0	4	100.0	18	100.0	100	100.0	98	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	381	92.9	284	91.6	268	91.8	264	91.7	4	100.0	16	88.9	97	97.0	95	96.9	2	100.0
ONE OR MORE	29	7.1	26	8.4	24	8.2	24	8.3	0	0.0	2	11.1	3	3.0	3	3.1	0	0.0