FIRST COMMITMENT CHARACTERISTICS

CALENDAR YEAR 2006

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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 Juvenlie Justice (formerly theYouth Authority). Adult Division cases are offenders from criminal court who have been committed to the Department of Corrections and Rehabiliation – Adult Division (formerly CDC) but who are ordered by the court to be housed in DJJ facilities pursuant to Section 1731.5(c) of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2006, there were 721 first commitments to the DJJ, of which 647 (89.7%) were direct commitments (DJJ cases) and 74 (10.3%) were offenders who were committed to prison, but who were ordered to serve at least part of their sentence at the DJJ.

- Of the 721 first commitments, 88.9 percent were from Juvenile Court and 11.1 percent were from Criminal Court. Of the 647 DJJ cases, 99.1 percent were from Juvenile Court and 0.9 percent were from Criminal Court.

- By area, 51.5 percent of commitments came from Northern California, with 48.5 percent from Southern California.

- 60.1 percent of the offenders were committed primarily for a violent offense, 20.4 percent for a property offense, 3.2 percent for a drug offense, and 15.8 percent for other offense.

- The average age of the first commitments at the time of admission was 17.3 years.

- 52.3 percent of all 2006 first commitments were Hispanic, 31.5 percent were African American, 11.9 percent were White, 3.2 percent were Asian, and 1.1 percent were Other.

- 17.1 percent of the first commitments had no prior conviction or sustained petition.

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					********** MALES **********						FEMALES				MALES		FEMALES	
	TOTAL		TOTAL DJJ CASES		TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT		JUVENILE & CRIMINAL		TOTAL ADULT DIV		CRIMINAL COURT		CRIMINAL COURT	
CHARACTERISTICS	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT
TOTAL FIRST ADMISSIONS	721		647		612		606		6		35		74		69		5	
COURT OF COMMITMENT	721	100.0	647	100.0	612	100.0	606	100.0	6	100.0	35	100.0	74	100.0	69	100.0	5	100.0
JUVENILE	641	88.9	641	99.1	606	99.0	606	100.0	0	0.0	35	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
CRIMINAL	80	11.1	6	0.9	6	1.0	0	0.0	6	100.0	0	0.0	74	100.0	69	100.0	5	100.0
COUNTY OF COMMITMENT	721	100.0	647	100.0	612	100.0	606	100.0	6	100.0	35	100.0	74	100.0	69	100.0	5	100.0
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	142	19.7	139	21.5	135	22.1	132	21.8	3	50.0	4	11.4	3	4.1	3	4.3	0	0.0
ALAMEDA	47	6.5	46	7.1	45	7.4	44	7.3	1	16.7	1	2.9	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
CONTRA COSTA	14	1.9	14	2.2	13	2.1	13	2.1	0	0.0	1	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
MONTEREY	18	2.5	17	2.6	17	2.8	17	2.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
SAN FRANCISCO	2	0.3	2	0.3	2	0.3	2	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SAN MATEO	18	2.5	18	2.8	17	2.8	17	2.8	0	0.0	1	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SANTA CLARA	23	3.2	23	3.6	23	3.8	23	3.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
10 OTHER COUNTIES	20	2.8	19	2.9	18	2.9	16	2.6	2	33.3	1	2.9	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	229	31.8	212	32.8	195	31.9	194	32.0	1	16.7	17	48.6	17	23.0	14	20.3	3	60.0
BUTTE	5	0.7	5	0.8	4	0.7	4	0.7	0	0.0	1	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FRESNO	39	5.4	38	5.9	34	5.6	34	5.6	0	0.0	4	11.4	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
KERN	45	6.2	44	6.8	39	6.4	39	6.4	0	0.0	5	14.3	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
MADERA	6	0.8	6	0.9	4	0.7	4	0.7	0	0.0	2	5.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SACRAMENTO	25	3.5	23	3.6	23	3.8	22	3.6	1	16.7	0	0.0	2	2.7	2	2.9	0	0.0
SAN JOAQUIN	12	1.7	11	1.7	10	1.6	10	1.7	0	0.0	1	2.9	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
STANISLAUS	13	1.8	13	2.0	13	2.1	13	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TULARE	24	3.3	20	3.1	19	3.1	19	3.1	0	0.0	1	2.9	4	5.4	2	2.9	2	40.0
25 OTHER COUNTIES	60	8.3	52	8.0	49	8.0	49	8.1	0	0.0	3	8.6	8	10.8	7	10.1	1	20.0
LOS ANGELES	168	23.3	138	21.3	129	21.1	128	21.1	1	16.7	9	25.7	30	40.5	29	42.0	1	20.0
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	182	25.2	158	24.4	153	25.0	152	25.1	1	16.7	5	14.3	24	32.4	23	33.3	1	20.0
ORANGE	29	4.0	26	4.0	26	4.2	25	4.1	1	16.7	0	0.0	3	4.1	3	4.3	0	0.0
RIVERSIDE	36	5.0	33	5.1	33	5.4	33	5.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	4.1	2	2.9	1	20.0
SAN BERNARDINO	54	7.5	43	6.6	41	6.7	41	6.8	0	0.0	2	5.7	11	14.9	11	15.9	0	0.0
SAN DIEGO	36	5.0	31	4.8	29	4.7	29	4.8	0	0.0	2	5.7	5	6.8	5	7.2	0	0.0
SANTA BARBARA	7	1.0	5	0.8	5	0.8	5	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.7	2	2.9	0	0.0
VENTURA	16	2.2	16	2.5	15	2.5	15	2.5	0	0.0	1	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
2 OTHER COUNTIES	4	0.6	4	0.6	4	0.7	4	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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CHARACTERISTICS	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT
PRIMARY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	721	100.0	647	100.0	612	100.0	606	100.0	6	100.0	35	100.0	74	100.0	69	100.0	5	100.0
VIOLENT OFFENSES	437	60.6	368	56.9	343	56.0	340	56.1	3	50.0	25	71.4	69	93.2	64	92.8	5	100.0
PROPERTY OFFENSES	147	20.4	146	22.6	138	22.5	137	22.6	1	16.7	8	22.9	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
NARCOTIC/DRUG OFFENSES	23	3.2	23	3.6	22	3.6	22	3.6	0	0.0	1	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER OFFENSES	114	15.8	110	17.0	109	17.8	107	17.7	2	33.3	1	2.9	4	5.4	4	5.8	0	0.0
ETHNIC GROUP	721	100.0	647	100.0	612	100.0	606	100.0	6	100.0	35	100.0	74	100.0	69	100.0	5	100.0
WHITE	86	11.9	81	12.5	78	12.7	78	12.9	0	0.0	3	8.6	5	6.8	5	7.2	0	0.0
HISPANIC	377	52.3	344	53.2	323	52.8	320	52.8	3	50.0	21	60.0	33	44.6	30	43.5	3	60.0
AFRICAN AMERICAN	227	31.5	194	30.0	184	30.1	181	29.9	3	50.0	10	28.6	33	44.6	31	44.9	2	40.0
ASIAN	23	3.2	21	3.2	21	3.4	21	3.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.7	2	2.9	0	0.0
OTHER	8	1.1	7	1.1	6	1.0	6	1.0	0	0.0	1	2.9	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
AVERAGE AGE AT ADMISSION	17.3		17.3		17.3		17.3		17.0		16.9		17.2		17.2		16.7	
OFFENDER'S MARITAL STATUS	639	100.0	572	100.0	552	100.0	546	100.0	6	100.0	20	0.0	67	100.0	63	100.0	4	100.0
NEVER MARRIED	637	99.7	570	99.7	550	99.6	544	99.6	6	100.0	20	0.0	67	100.0	63	100.0	4	100.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S CHILDREN*	662	100.0	594	100.0	573	100.0	567	100.0	6	100.0	21	100.0	68	100.0	64	100.0	4	100.0
NONE	588	88.8	529	89.1	510	89.0	504	88.9	6	100.0	19	90.5	59	86.8	55	85.9	4	100.0
ONE	61	9.2	53	8.9	51	8.9	51	9.0	0	0.0	2	9.5	8	11.8	8	12.5	0	0.0
TWO OR MORE	13	2.0	12	2.0	12	2.1	12	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.5	1	1.6	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S SIBLINGS	647	100.0	579	100.0	558	100.0	554	100.0	4	100.0	21	100.0	68	100.0	64	100.0	4	100.0
NONE	33	5.1	26	4.5	26	4.7	26	4.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	10.3	6	9.4	1	25.0
ONE	87	13.4	80	13.8	79	14.2	77	13.9	2	50.0	1	4.8	7	10.3	7	10.9	0	0.0
TWO	127	19.6	114	19.7	109	19.5	109	19.7	0	0.0	5	23.8	13	19.1	13	20.3	0	0.0
THREE	154	23.8	142	24.5	136	24.4	136	24.5	0	0.0	6	28.6	12	17.6	10	15.6	2	50.0
FOUR OR MORE	246	38.0	217	37.5	208	37.3	206	37.2	2	50.0	9	42.9	29	42.6	28	43.8	1	25.0
PARENT'S MARITAL STATUS	656	100.0	589	100.0	568	100.0	562	100.0	6	100.0	21	100.0	67	100.0	63	100.0	4	100.0
NEVER MARRIED	178	27.1	157	26.7	151	26.6	151	26.9	0	0.0	6	28.6	21	31.3	20	31.7	1	25.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	119	18.1	101	17.1	98	17.3	96	17.1	2	33.3	3	14.3	18	26.9	18	28.6	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	359	54.7	331	56.2	319	56.2	315	56.0	4	66.7	12	57.1	28	41.8	25	39.7	3	75.0

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

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RELIGION	636	100.0	570	100.0	549	100.0	543	100.0	6	100.0	21	100.0	66	100.0	62	100.0	4	100.0
CATHOLIC	261	41.0	236	41.4	228	41.5	226	41.6	2	33.3	8	38.1	25	37.9	24	38.7	1	25.0
PROTESTANT	233	36.6	207	36.3	203	37.0	200	36.8	3	50.0	4	19.0	26	39.4	26	41.9	0	0.0
NONE	70	11.0	65	11.4	63	11.5	63	11.6	0	0.0	2	9.5	5	7.6	5	8.1	0	0.0
OTHER	72	11.3	62	10.9	55	10.0	54	9.9	1	16.7	7	33.3	10	15.2	7	11.3	3	75.0
DISABILITIES	638	100.0	574	100.0	554	100.0	548	100.0	6	100.0	20	100.0	64	100.0	60	100.0	4	100.0
NONE	578	90.6	518	90.2	505	91.2	499	91.1	6	100.0	13	65.0	60	93.8	58	96.7	2	50.0
DISABILITIES PRESENT	60	9.4	56	9.8	49	8.8	49	8.9	0	0.0	7	35.0	4	6.3	2	3.3	2	50.0
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	721	100.0	647	100.0	612	100.0	606	100.0	6	100.0	35	100.0	74	100.0	69	100.0	5	100.0
NO	479	66.4	428	66.2	399	65.2	396	65.3	3	50.0	29	82.9	51	68.9	48	69.6	3	60.0
YES	242	33.6	219	33.8	213	34.8	210	34.7	3	50.0	6	17.1	23	31.1	21	30.4	2	40.0
CO-OFFENDERS	653	100.0	586	100.0	565	100.0	559	100.0	6	100.0	21	100.0	67	100.0	63	100.0	4	100.0
NONE	332	50.8	309	52.7	296	52.4	293	52.4	3	50.0	13	61.9	23	34.3	21	33.3	2	50.0
ONE OR TWO	245	37.5	214	36.5	206	36.5	204	36.5	2	33.3	8	38.1	31	46.3	29	46.0	2	50.0
THREE OR MORE	76	11.6	63	10.8	63	11.2	62	11.1	1	16.7	0	0.0	13	19.4	13	20.6	0	0.0
PRIOR CONVICTIONS OR SUSTAINED PETITIONS	646	100.0	578	100.0	558	100.0	553	100.0	5	100.0	20	100.0	68	100.0	64	100.0	4	100.0
NONE	113	17.5	87	15.1	82	14.7	80	14.5	2	40.0	5	25.0	26	38.2	24	37.5	2	50.0
ONE	72	11.1	64	11.1	64	11.5	64	11.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	11.8	8	12.5	0	0.0
TWO	91	14.1	76	13.1	75	13.4	74	13.4	1	20.0	1	5.0	15	22.1	15	23.4	0	0.0
THREE	97	15.0	89	15.4	87	15.6	86	15.6	1	20.0	2	10.0	8	11.8	7	10.9	1	25.0
FOUR	62	9.6	59	10.2	56	10.0	56	10.1	0	0.0	3	15.0	3	4.4	3	4.7	0	0.0
FIVE OR MORE	211	32.7	203	35.1	194	34.8	193	34.9	1	20.0	9	45.0	8	11.8	7	10.9	1	25.0
PRIOR COMMITMENTS	658	100.0	590	100.0	569	100.0	563	100.0	6	100.0	21	100.0	68	100.0	64	100.0	4	100.0
NONE	310	47.1	262	44.4	243	42.7	240	42.6	3	50.0	19	90.5	48	70.6	44	68.8	4	100.0
ONE	111	16.9	97	16.4	95	16.7	94	16.7	1	16.7	2	9.5	14	20.6	14	21.9	0	0.0
TWO	105	16.0	102	17.3	102	17.9	101	17.9	1	16.7	0	0.0	3	4.4	3	4.7	0	0.0
THREE OR MORE	132	20.1	129	21.9	129	22.7	128	22.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	3	4.4	3	4.7	0	0.0
PRIOR ESCAPES	660	100.0	592	100.0	571	100.0	565	100.0	6	100.0	21	100.0	68	100.0	64	100.0	4	100.0
NONE	494	74.8	429	72.5	409	71.6	404	71.5	5	83.3	20	95.2	65	95.6	62	96.9	3	75.0
ONE OR MORE	166	25.2	163	27.5	162	28.4	161	28.5	1	16.7	1	4.8	3	4.4	2	3.1	1	25.0