

**FIRST
COMMITMENT
CHARACTERISTICS**

**CALENDAR YEAR
2007**

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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 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 2007, the total of these cases were 267 (G Cases = 3; J Cases = 40; Bz Cases = 5; C Cases = 31; D Cases = 9; E Cases = 179).

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 2007, there were 559 first commitments to the DJJ, of which 467 (83.5%) were direct commitments (DJJ cases) and 92 (16.5%) 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 559 first commitments, 82.6 percent were from Juvenile Court and 17.4 percent were from Criminal Court. Of the 467 DJJ cases, 98.9 percent were from Juvenile Court and 1.1 percent were from Criminal Court.
- By area, 47.9 percent of commitments came from Northern California, with 52.1 percent from Southern California.
- 71.7 percent of the offenders were committed *primarily* for a violent offense, 13.4 percent for a property offense, 2.1 percent for a drug offense, and 12.7 percent for other offense.
- 38.3 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 17.3 years.
- 55.6 percent of all 2007 first commitments were Hispanic, 30.2 percent were African American, 10.6 percent were White, 2.0 percent were Asian, and 1.6 percent were Other.
- 27.3 percent of the first commitments had no prior conviction or sustained petition.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE - 2007
BY SEX AND COURT OF COMMITMENT

CHARACTERISTICS	***** MALES *****								FEMALES				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
TOTAL FIRST ADMISSIONS	559		467		445		440		5		22		92		91		1	
COURT OF COMMITMENT	559	100.0	467	100.0	445	100.0	440	100.0	5	100.0	22	100.0	92	100.0	91	100.0	1	100.0
JUVENILE	462	82.6	462	98.9	440	98.9	440	100.0	0	0.0	22	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
CRIMINAL	97	17.4	5	1.1	5	1.1	0	0.0	5	100.0	0	0.0	92	100.0	91	100.0	1	100.0
COUNTY OF COMMITMENT	559	100.0	467	100.0	445	100.0	440	100.0	5	100.0	22	100.0	92	100.0	91	100.0	1	100.0
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	101	18.1	92	19.7	89	20.0	88	20.0	1	20.0	3	13.6	9	9.8	9	9.9	0	0.0
ALAMEDA	18	3.2	18	3.9	17	3.8	17	3.9	0	0.0	1	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
CONTRA COSTA	10	1.8	10	2.1	9	2.0	9	2.0	0	0.0	1	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
MONTEREY	7	1.3	7	1.5	6	1.3	6	1.4	0	0.0	1	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SAN FRANCISCO	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
SAN MATEO	7	1.3	7	1.5	7	1.6	7	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SANTA CLARA	36	6.4	35	7.5	35	7.9	35	8.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
10 OTHER COUNTIES	23	4.1	15	3.2	15	3.4	14	3.2	1	20.0	0	0.0	8	8.7	8	8.8	0	0.0
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	167	29.9	151	32.3	141	31.7	140	31.8	1	20.0	10	45.5	16	17.4	16	17.6	0	0.0
BUTTE	3	0.5	3	0.6	3	0.7	3	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FRESNO	35	6.3	34	7.3	30	6.7	30	6.8	0	0.0	4	18.2	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
KERN	20	3.6	20	4.3	19	4.3	19	4.3	0	0.0	1	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
MADERA	5	0.9	3	0.6	3	0.7	3	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.2	2	2.2	0	0.0
SACRAMENTO	26	4.7	21	4.5	20	4.5	19	4.3	1	20.0	1	4.5	5	5.4	5	5.5	0	0.0
SAN JOAQUIN	14	2.5	13	2.8	13	2.9	13	3.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
STANISLAUS	9	1.6	8	1.7	8	1.8	8	1.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
TULARE	15	2.7	15	3.2	15	3.4	15	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
25 OTHER COUNTIES	40	7.2	34	7.3	30	6.7	30	6.8	0	0.0	4	18.2	6	6.5	6	6.6	0	0.0
LOS ANGELES	141	25.2	112	24.0	110	24.7	108	24.5	2	40.0	2	9.1	29	31.5	28	30.8	1	100.0
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	150	26.8	112	24.0	105	23.6	104	23.6	1	20.0	7	31.8	38	41.3	38	41.8	0	0.0
ORANGE	19	3.4	12	2.6	11	2.5	10	2.3	1	20.0	1	4.5	7	7.6	7	7.7	0	0.0
RIVERSIDE	25	4.5	18	3.9	18	4.0	18	4.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	7.6	7	7.7	0	0.0
SAN BERNARDINO	35	6.3	21	4.5	20	4.5	20	4.5	0	0.0	1	4.5	14	15.2	14	15.4	0	0.0
SAN DIEGO	50	8.9	46	9.9	41	9.2	41	9.3	0	0.0	5	22.7	4	4.3	4	4.4	0	0.0
SANTA BARBARA	8	1.4	3	0.6	3	0.7	3	0.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	5.4	5	5.5	0	0.0
VENTURA	7	1.3	6	1.3	6	1.3	6	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
2 OTHER COUNTIES	6	1.1	6	1.3	6	1.3	6	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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	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
PRIMARY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	559	100.0	467	100.0	445	100.0	440	100.0	5	100.0	22	100.0	92	100.0	91	100.0	1	100.0
VIOLENT OFFENSES	401	71.7	320	68.5	306	68.8	301	68.4	5	100.0	14	63.6	81	88.0	80	87.9	1	100.0
PROPERTY OFFENSES	75	13.4	70	15.0	64	14.4	64	14.5	0	0.0	6	27.3	5	5.4	5	5.5	0	0.0
NARCOTIC/DRUG OFFENSES	12	2.1	12	2.6	11	2.5	11	2.5	0	0.0	1	4.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER OFFENSES	71	12.7	65	13.9	64	14.4	64	14.5	0	0.0	1	4.5	6	6.5	6	6.6	0	0.0
ETHNIC GROUP	559	100.0	467	100.0	445	100.0	440	100.0	5	100.0	22	100.0	92	100.0	91	100.0	1	100.0
WHITE	59	10.6	57	12.2	50	11.2	50	11.4	0	0.0	7	31.8	2	2.2	2	2.2	0	0.0
HISPANIC	311	55.6	264	56.5	257	57.8	254	57.7	3	60.0	7	31.8	47	51.1	46	50.5	1	100.0
AFRICAN AMERICAN	169	30.2	128	27.4	120	27.0	118	26.8	2	40.0	8	36.4	41	44.6	41	45.1	0	0.0
ASIAN	11	2.0	9	1.9	9	2.0	9	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.2	2	2.2	0	0.0
OTHER	9	1.6	9	1.9	9	2.0	9	2.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
AVERAGE AGE AT ADMISSION	17.3		17.3		17.3		17.3		16.7		17.5		17.1		17.1		17.5	
OFFENDER'S MARITAL STATUS	462	100.0	392	100.0	374	100.0	369	100.0	5	100.0	18	0.0	70	100.0	70	100.0	0	0.0
NEVER MARRIED	460	99.6	390	99.5	373	99.7	368	99.7	5	100.0	17	0.0	70	100.0	70	100.0	0	0.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	2	0.4	2	0.5	1	0.3	1	0.3	0	0.0	1	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*	471	100.0	400	100.0	381	100.0	376	100.0	5	100.0	19	100.0	71	100.0	71	100.0	0	0.0
NONE	415	88.1	352	88.0	337	88.5	332	88.3	5	100.0	15	78.9	63	88.7	63	88.7	0	0.0
ONE	47	10.0	40	10.0	36	9.4	36	9.6	0	0.0	4	21.1	7	9.9	7	9.9	0	0.0
TWO OR MORE	9	1.9	8	2.0	8	2.1	8	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S SIBLINGS	459	100.0	391	100.0	372	100.0	367	100.0	5	100.0	19	100.0	68	100.0	68	100.0	0	0.0
NONE	24	5.2	19	4.9	17	4.6	17	4.6	0	0.0	2	10.5	5	7.4	5	7.4	0	0.0
ONE	49	10.7	39	10.0	38	10.2	38	10.4	0	0.0	1	5.3	10	14.7	10	14.7	0	0.0
TWO	92	20.0	77	19.7	73	19.6	72	19.6	1	20.0	4	21.1	15	22.1	15	22.1	0	0.0
THREE	108	23.5	96	24.6	93	25.0	92	25.1	1	20.0	3	15.8	12	17.6	12	17.6	0	0.0
FOUR OR MORE	186	40.5	160	40.9	151	40.6	148	40.3	3	60.0	9	47.4	26	38.2	26	38.2	0	0.0
PARENT'S MARITAL STATUS	463	100.0	392	100.0	373	100.0	369	100.0	4	100.0	19	100.0	71	100.0	71	100.0	0	0.0
NEVER MARRIED	143	30.9	122	31.1	116	31.1	115	31.2	1	25.0	6	31.6	21	29.6	21	29.6	0	0.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	80	17.3	70	17.9	67	18.0	67	18.2	0	0.0	3	15.8	10	14.1	10	14.1	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	240	51.8	200	51.0	190	50.9	187	50.7	3	75.0	10	52.6	40	56.3	40	56.3	0	0.0

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

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	TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL		JUVENILE		CRIMINAL		JUVENILE &		TOTAL		CRIMINAL		CRIMINAL	
	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT
RELIGION	450	100.0	381	100.0	368	100.0	363	100.0	5	100.0	13	100.0	69	100.0	69	100.0	0	0.0
CATHOLIC	203	45.1	180	47.2	175	47.6	173	47.7	2	40.0	5	38.5	23	33.3	23	33.3	0	0.0
PROTESTANT	170	37.8	133	34.9	126	34.2	124	34.2	2	40.0	7	53.8	37	53.6	37	53.6	0	0.0
NONE	35	7.8	34	8.9	34	9.2	34	9.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.4	1	1.4	0	0.0
OTHER	42	9.3	34	8.9	33	9.0	32	8.8	1	20.0	1	7.7	8	11.6	8	11.6	0	0.0
DISABILITIES	391	100.0	328	100.0	326	100.0	321	100.0	5	100.0	2	100.0	63	100.0	63	100.0	0	0.0
NONE	361	92.3	304	92.7	302	92.6	297	92.5	5	100.0	2	100.0	57	90.5	57	90.5	0	0.0
DISABILITIES PRESENT	30	7.7	24	7.3	24	7.4	24	7.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	9.5	6	9.5	0	0.0
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	559	100.0	467	100.0	445	100.0	440	100.0	5	100.0	22	100.0	92	100.0	91	100.0	1	100.0
NO	345	61.7	285	61.0	267	60.0	263	59.8	4	80.0	18	81.8	60	65.2	59	64.8	1	100.0
YES	214	38.3	182	39.0	178	40.0	177	40.2	1	20.0	4	18.2	32	34.8	32	35.2	0	0.0
CO-OFFENDERS	468	100.0	397	100.0	378	100.0	373	100.0	5	100.0	19	100.0	71	100.0	71	100.0	0	0.0
NONE	214	45.7	192	48.4	182	48.1	181	48.5	1	20.0	10	52.6	22	31.0	22	31.0	0	0.0
ONE OR TWO	193	41.2	157	39.5	149	39.4	145	38.9	4	80.0	8	42.1	36	50.7	36	50.7	0	0.0
THREE OR MORE	61	13.0	48	12.1	47	12.4	47	12.6	0	0.0	1	5.3	13	18.3	13	18.3	0	0.0
PRIOR CONVICTIONS OR SUSTAINED PETITIONS	458	100.0	387	100.0	368	100.0	363	100.0	5	100.0	19	100.0	71	100.0	71	100.0	0	0.0
NONE	125	27.3	95	24.5	91	24.7	90	24.8	1	20.0	4	21.1	30	42.3	30	42.3	0	0.0
ONE	60	13.1	50	12.9	49	13.3	48	13.2	1	20.0	1	5.3	10	14.1	10	14.1	0	0.0
TWO	52	11.4	41	10.6	39	10.6	38	10.5	1	20.0	2	10.5	11	15.5	11	15.5	0	0.0
THREE	47	10.3	40	10.3	39	10.6	38	10.5	1	20.0	1	5.3	7	9.9	7	9.9	0	0.0
FOUR	45	9.8	38	9.8	35	9.5	34	9.4	1	20.0	3	15.8	7	9.9	7	9.9	0	0.0
FIVE OR MORE	129	28.2	123	31.8	115	31.3	115	31.7	0	0.0	8	42.1	6	8.5	6	8.5	0	0.0
PRIOR COMMITMENTS	455	100.0	387	100.0	368	100.0	363	100.0	5	100.0	19	100.0	68	100.0	68	100.0	0	0.0
NONE	221	48.6	177	45.7	169	45.9	166	45.7	3	60.0	8	42.1	44	64.7	44	64.7	0	0.0
ONE	69	15.2	62	16.0	60	16.3	59	16.3	1	20.0	2	10.5	7	10.3	7	10.3	0	0.0
TWO	59	13.0	47	12.1	45	12.2	44	12.1	1	20.0	2	10.5	12	17.6	12	17.6	0	0.0
THREE OR MORE	106	23.3	101	26.1	94	25.5	94	25.9	0	0.0	7	36.8	5	7.4	5	7.4	0	0.0
PRIOR ESCAPES	469	100.0	398	100.0	379	100.0	374	100.0	5	100.0	19	100.0	71	100.0	71	100.0	0	0.0
NONE	393	83.8	327	82.2	310	81.8	305	81.6	5	100.0	17	89.5	66	93.0	66	93.0	0	0.0
ONE OR MORE	76	16.2	71	17.8	69	18.2	69	18.4	0	0.0	2	10.5	5	7.0	5	7.0	0	0.0