

FIRST COMMITMENT CHARACTERISTICS

CALENDAR YEAR 2009

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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 (M-Cases); and under age 18 youth sentenced directly to state prison, but housed in DJJ facilities based upon administrative agreement with the prison authority (E-Cases). In previous years, this report identified M-Case youth and did not include E-Cases in the DAI reporting.

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), and amenability/diagnostic services by contract (Bz, C and D Cases). In 2009, the total of these cases were 50 (G Cases = 5; J Cases = 32; Bz Cases = 2; C Cases = 7; D Cases = 4).

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, and compiled through the Offender Based Information Tracking System (OBITS) data system.

HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2009, there were 635 first commitments to the DJJ, of which 333 (52.4%) were direct commitments (DJJ cases) and 302 (47.6%) were offenders who were committed to state prison (DAI cases), but serving at least part of their sentence at the DJJ.
- Of the 635 first commitments, 52.0 percent were from Juvenile Court and 48.0 percent were from Criminal Court. Of the 333 DJJ cases, 99.1 percent were from Juvenile Court and 0.9 percent were from Criminal Court.
- By geographical region, 49.3 percent of commitments came from Northern California counties, with 50.7 percent from Southern California counties.
- 88.7 percent of the offenders were committed *primarily* for a violent offense, 3.9 percent for a property offense, and 7.4 percent for an other offense including non-violent sex offenses (excludes narcotic and drug offenses). During the same period no youth were committed for narcotic and drug offenses as their primary offense.
- 48.0 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.
- 59.7 percent of all 2009 first commitments were Hispanic, 29.4 percent were African American, 7.6 percent were White, 2.0 percent were Asian, and 1.3 percent were Other.
- 27.5 percent of the first commitments had no prior conviction or sustained petition.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE - 2009
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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				
TOTAL FIRST ADMISSIONS	635		333		317		315		2		16		302		291		11					
COURT OF COMMITMENT	635	100.0	333	100.0	317	100.0	315	100.0	2	100.0	16	100.0	302	100.0	291	100.0	11	100.0				
JUVENILE	330	52.0	330	99.1	315	99.4	315	100.0	0	0.0	15	93.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0				
CRIMINAL	305	48.0	3	0.9	2	0.6	0	0.0	2	100.0	1	6.3	302	100.0	291	100.0	11	100.0				
COUNTY OF COMMITMENT	635	100.0	333	100.0	317	100.0	315	100.0	2	100.0	16	100.0	302	100.0	291	100.0	11	100.0				
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	102	16.1	85	25.5	82	25.9	81	25.7	1	50.0	3	18.8	17	5.6	16	5.5	1	9.1				
ALAMEDA	25	3.9	24	7.2	24	7.6	24	7.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.3	1	0.3	0	0.0				
CONTRA COSTA	20	3.1	20	6.0	20	6.3	20	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0				
MONTEREY	14	2.2	14	4.2	13	4.1	13	4.1	0	0.0	1	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0				
SAN FRANCISCO	3	0.5	3	0.9	3	0.9	3	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0				
SAN MATEO	7	1.1	7	2.1	6	1.9	5	1.6	1	50.0	1	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0				
SANTA CLARA	9	1.4	4	1.2	4	1.3	4	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	1.7	4	1.4	1	9.1				
10 OTHER COUNTIES	24	3.8	13	3.9	12	3.8	12	3.8	0	0.0	1	6.3	11	3.6	11	3.8	0	0.0				
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	211	33.2	121	36.3	118	37.2	118	37.5	0	0.0	3	18.8	90	29.8	86	29.6	4	36.4				
BUTTE	2	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.7	2	0.7	0	0.0				
FRESNO	42	6.6	35	10.5	34	10.7	34	10.8	0	0.0	1	6.3	7	2.3	6	2.1	1	9.1				
KERN	45	7.1	34	10.2	32	10.1	32	10.2	0	0.0	2	12.5	11	3.6	11	3.8	0	0.0				
MADERA	5	0.8	2	0.6	2	0.6	2	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.0	3	1.0	0	0.0				
SACRAMENTO	39	6.1	15	4.5	15	4.7	15	4.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	24	7.9	23	7.9	1	9.1				
SAN JOAQUIN	11	1.7	9	2.7	9	2.8	9	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.7	2	0.7	0	0.0				
STANISLAUS	8	1.3	4	1.2	4	1.3	4	1.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	1.3	4	1.4	0	0.0				
TULARE	12	1.9	5	1.5	5	1.6	5	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	2.3	7	2.4	0	0.0				
25 OTHER COUNTIES	47	7.4	17	5.1	17	5.4	17	5.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	30	9.9	28	9.6	2	18.2				
LOS ANGELES	171	26.9	85	25.5	78	24.6	78	24.8	0	0.0	7	43.8	86	28.5	83	28.5	3	27.3				
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	151	23.8	42	12.6	39	12.3	38	12.1	1	50.0	3	18.8	109	36.1	106	36.4	3	27.3				
ORANGE	36	5.7	4	1.2	4	1.3	3	1.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	32	10.6	31	10.7	1	9.1				
RIVERSIDE	21	3.3	5	1.5	5	1.6	5	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	5.3	15	5.2	1	9.1				
SAN BERNARDINO	37	5.8	7	2.1	7	2.2	7	2.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	30	9.9	30	10.3	0	0.0				
SAN DIEGO	26	4.1	17	5.1	14	4.4	14	4.4	0	0.0	3	18.8	9	3.0	9	3.1	0	0.0				
SANTA BARBARA	18	2.8	6	1.8	6	1.9	6	1.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	4.0	11	3.8	1	9.1				
VENTURA	12	1.9	2	0.6	2	0.6	2	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	10	3.3	10	3.4	0	0.0				
2 OTHER COUNTIES	1	0.2	1	0.3	1	0.3	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0				

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PRIMARY COMMITMENT																		
OFFENSE	635	100.0	333	100.0	317	100.0	315	100.0	2	100.0	16	100.0	302	100.0	291	100.0	11	100.0
VIOLENT OFFENSES	563	88.7	290	87.1	274	86.4	272	86.3	2	100.0	16	100.0	273	90.4	262	90.0	11	100.0
PROPERTY OFFENSES	25	3.9	9	2.7	9	2.8	9	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	5.3	16	5.5	0	0.0
NARCOTIC/DRUG OFFENSES	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
OTHER OFFENSES	47	7.4	34	10.2	34	10.7	34	10.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	4.3	13	4.5	0	0.0
ETHNIC GROUP	635	100.0	333	100.0	317	100.0	315	100.0	2	100.0	16	100.0	302	100.0	291	100.0	11	100.0
WHITE	48	7.6	30	9.0	29	9.1	29	9.2	0	0.0	1	6.3	18	6.0	18	6.2	0	0.0
HISPANIC	379	59.7	184	55.3	174	54.9	173	54.9	1	50.0	10	62.5	195	64.6	187	64.3	8	72.7
AFRICAN AMERICAN	187	29.4	110	33.0	106	33.4	105	33.3	1	50.0	4	25.0	77	25.5	74	25.4	3	27.3
ASIAN	13	2.0	5	1.5	5	1.6	5	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	2.6	8	2.7	0	0.0
OTHER	8	1.3	4	1.2	3	0.9	3	1.0	0	0.0	1	6.3	4	1.3	4	1.4	0	0.0
AVERAGE AGE AT ADMISSION	17.2		17.2		17.2		17.2		16.0		17.8		17.1		17.1		17.4	
OFFENDER'S MARITAL STATUS*	452	100.0	243	100.0	236	100.0	235	100.0	1	100.0	7	0.0	209	100.0	202	100.0	7	100.0
NEVER MARRIED	450	99.6	242	99.6	235	99.6	234	99.6	1	100.0	7	0.0	208	99.5	201	99.5	7	100.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	1	0.2	1	0.4	1	0.4	1	0.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	1	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.5	1	0.5	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S CHILDREN*	462	100.0	249	100.0	240	100.0	239	100.0	1	100.0	9	100.0	213	100.0	206	100.0	7	100.0
NONE	404	87.4	212	85.1	204	85.0	203	84.9	1	100.0	8	88.9	192	90.1	186	90.3	6	85.7
ONE	54	11.7	35	14.1	34	14.2	34	14.2	0	0.0	1	11.1	19	8.9	18	8.7	1	14.3
TWO OR MORE	4	0.9	2	0.8	2	0.8	2	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.9	2	1.0	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S SIBLINGS*	448	100.0	245	100.0	236	100.0	235	100.0	1	100.0	9	100.0	203	100.0	196	100.0	7	100.0
NONE	25	5.6	14	5.7	13	5.5	13	5.5	0	0.0	1	11.1	11	5.4	8	4.1	3	42.9
ONE	57	12.7	30	12.2	29	12.3	29	12.3	0	0.0	1	11.1	27	13.3	27	13.8	0	0.0
TWO	85	19.0	50	20.4	46	19.5	46	19.6	0	0.0	4	44.4	35	17.2	35	17.9	0	0.0
THREE	100	22.3	48	19.6	48	20.3	48	20.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	52	25.6	50	25.5	2	28.6
FOUR OR MORE	181	40.4	103	42.0	100	42.4	99	42.1	1	100.0	3	33.3	78	38.4	76	38.8	2	28.6
PARENT'S MARITAL STATUS*	450	100.0	245	100.0	237	100.0	236	100.0	1	100.0	8	100.0	205	100.0	198	100.0	7	100.0
NEVER MARRIED	162	36.0	75	30.6	75	31.6	75	31.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	87	42.4	82	41.4	5	71.4
PRESENTLY MARRIED	103	22.9	56	22.9	52	21.9	52	22.0	0	0.0	4	50.0	47	22.9	45	22.7	2	28.6
NO LONGER MARRIED	185	41.1	114	46.5	110	46.4	109	46.2	1	100.0	4	50.0	71	34.6	71	35.9	0	0.0

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RELIGION*	413	100.0	225	100.0	222	100.0	221	100.0	1	100.0	3	100.0	188	100.0	186	100.0	2	100.0
CATHOLIC	169	40.9	81	36.0	81	36.5	81	36.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	88	46.8	88	47.3	0	0.0
PROTESTANT	119	28.8	67	29.8	67	30.2	67	30.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	52	27.7	52	28.0	0	0.0
NONE	84	20.3	58	25.8	55	24.8	54	24.4	1	100.0	3	100.0	26	13.8	24	12.9	2	100.0
OTHER	41	9.9	19	8.4	19	8.6	19	8.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	11.7	22	11.8	0	0.0
DISABILITIES*	200	100.0	75	100.0	75	100.0	75	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	125	100.0	125	100.0	0	0.0
NONE	166	83.0	58	77.3	58	77.3	58	77.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	108	86.4	108	86.4	0	0.0
DISABILITIES PRESENT	34	17.0	17	22.7	17	22.7	17	22.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	13.6	17	13.6	0	0.0
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	635	100.0	333	100.0	317	100.0	315	100.0	2	100.0	16	100.0	302	100.0	291	100.0	11	100.0
NO	330	52.0	176	52.9	164	51.7	162	51.4	2	100.0	12	75.0	154	51.0	147	50.5	7	63.6
YES	305	48.0	157	47.1	153	48.3	153	48.6	0	0.0	4	25.0	148	49.0	144	49.5	4	36.4
CO-OFFENDERS*	463	100.0	249	100.0	240	100.0	239	100.0	1	100.0	9	100.0	214	100.0	207	100.0	7	100.0
NONE	203	43.8	127	51.0	122	50.8	121	50.6	1	100.0	5	55.6	76	35.5	72	34.8	4	57.1
ONE OR TWO	215	46.4	103	41.4	99	41.3	99	41.4	0	0.0	4	44.4	112	52.3	109	52.7	3	42.9
THREE OR MORE	45	9.7	19	7.6	19	7.9	19	7.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	26	12.1	26	12.6	0	0.0
PRIOR CONVICTIONS OR SUSTAINED PETITIONS*	440	100.0	237	100.0	228	100.0	227	100.0	1	100.0	9	100.0	203	100.0	197	100.0	6	100.0
NONE	121	27.5	57	24.1	56	24.6	56	24.7	0	0.0	1	11.1	64	31.5	60	30.5	4	66.7
ONE	61	13.9	34	14.3	33	14.5	33	14.5	0	0.0	1	11.1	27	13.3	25	12.7	2	33.3
TWO	55	12.5	22	9.3	21	9.2	21	9.3	0	0.0	1	11.1	33	16.3	33	16.8	0	0.0
THREE	75	17.0	46	19.4	43	18.9	43	18.9	0	0.0	3	33.3	29	14.3	29	14.7	0	0.0
FOUR	42	9.5	22	9.3	20	8.8	19	8.4	1	100.0	2	22.2	20	9.9	20	10.2	0	0.0
FIVE OR MORE	86	19.5	56	23.6	55	24.1	55	24.2	0	0.0	1	11.1	30	14.8	30	15.2	0	0.0
PRIOR COMMITMENTS*	454	100.0	248	100.0	239	100.0	238	100.0	1	100.0	9	100.0	206	100.0	199	100.0	7	100.0
NONE	209	46.0	91	36.7	88	36.8	88	37.0	0	0.0	3	33.3	118	57.3	112	56.3	6	85.7
ONE	74	16.3	47	19.0	44	18.4	44	18.5	0	0.0	3	33.3	27	13.1	27	13.6	0	0.0
TWO	49	10.8	25	10.1	25	10.5	25	10.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	24	11.7	24	12.1	0	0.0
THREE OR MORE	122	26.9	85	34.3	82	34.3	81	34.0	1	100.0	3	33.3	37	18.0	36	18.1	1	14.3
PRIOR ESCAPES*	456	100.0	247	100.0	238	100.0	237	100.0	1	100.0	9	100.0	209	100.0	202	100.0	7	100.0
NONE	420	92.1	229	92.7	222	93.3	221	93.2	1	100.0	7	77.8	191	91.4	184	91.1	7	100.0
ONE OR MORE	36	7.9	18	7.3	16	6.7	16	6.8	0	0.0	2	22.2	18	8.6	18	8.9	0	0.0

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