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# Admission and Release Trends

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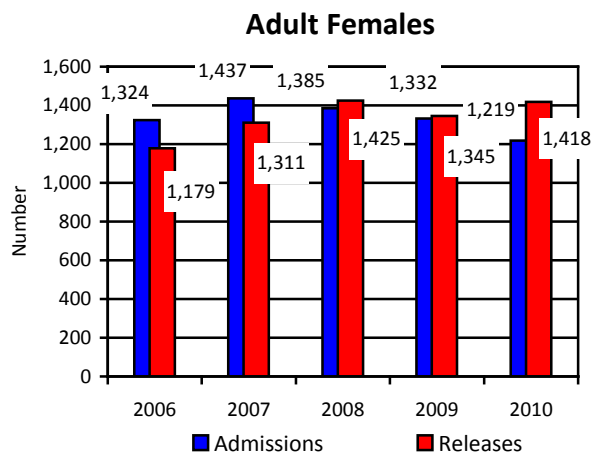
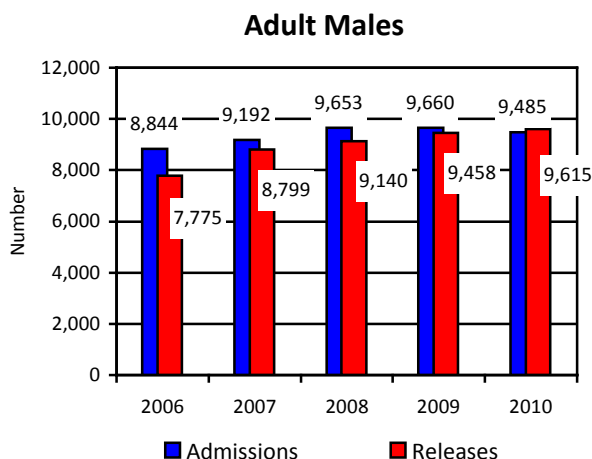
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### >> Prison Admissions and Releases by Fiscal Year\* <<<

Recent trends on the number of admissions and releases for the adult prison system and the Youthful Offender System (YOS) are reported in this bulletin. Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 figures reflect admission data.



\* Fiscal years 2008 through 2010 figures reflect admissions data, compared to sentence data for fiscal years 2006 through 2007.

### Annual Growth Rate for Fiscal Year 2006 to 2010

Fiscal Year	Admissions			Releases		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
2006	8%	3%	8%	6%	25%	9%
2007	4%	9%	5%	13%	11%	13%
2008	5%	-4%	4%	4%	9%	5%
2009	0%	-4%	0%	3%	-6%	2%
2010	-2%	-9%	-3%	2%	5%	2%

**ADMISSIONS AND RELEASES BY GENDER  
FY 2009 AND FY 2010**

ADULT	MALE			FEMALE			TOTAL		
	2009	2010	Change	2009	2010	Change	2009	2010	Change
<b>ADMISSIONS</b>									
New Court Commitments	5,171	4,708	-9.0%	751	637	-15.2%	5,922	5,345	-9.7%
Parole Returns									
Technical	3,343	3,685	10.2%	433	479	10.6%	3,776	4,164	10.3%
New Felony	999	946	-5.3%	132	93	-29.5%	1,131	1,039	-8.1%
<b>Total Parole Returns</b>	<b>4,342</b>	<b>4,631</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>4,907</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
Other <sup>a</sup>	147	146	-0.7%	16	10	-37.5%	163	156	-4.3%
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>9,660</b>	<b>9,485</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>1,332</b>	<b>1,219</b>	<b>-8.5%</b>	<b>10,992</b>	<b>10,704</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>
<b>RELEASES</b>									
Parole <sup>b</sup>									
Discretionary	3,531	2,371	-32.9%	587	497	-15.3%	4,118	2,868	-30.4%
Mandatory	2,900	2,869	-1.1%	370	325	-12.2%	3,270	3,194	-2.3%
Mandatory Reparole <sup>c</sup>	1,441	2,172	50.7%	207	298	44.0%	1,648	2,470	49.9%
HB1351 Mandatory <sup>d</sup>		431			84			515	
Accelerated Transition <sup>e</sup>		227			60			287	
<b>Total Parole</b>	<b>7,872</b>	<b>8,070</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>9,036</b>	<b>9,334</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Discharges									
Sentence Discharges	1,244	1,245	0.1%	145	129	-11.0%	1,389	1,374	-1.1%
Martin/Cooper Discharges <sup>f</sup>	63	40	-36.5%	0	1	100.0%	63	41	-34.9%
<b>Total Discharges</b>	<b>1,307</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>-10.3%</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>1,415</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>
Other <sup>g</sup>	279	260	-6.8%	36	24	-33.3%	315	284	-9.8%
<b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>	<b>9,458</b>	<b>9,615</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>1,418</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>10,803</b>	<b>11,033</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>YOS:</b>									
<b>ADMISSIONS</b>	58	82	41.4%	3	2	-33.3%	61	84	37.7%
<b>RELEASES</b>	59	46	-22.0%	4	2	-50.0%	63	48	-23.8%

<sup>a</sup> Other admissions include returns from a prior release to probation, court order discharge or appeal bond; interstate compact; and YOS terminations.

<sup>b</sup> Due to the decrease in community transportation services, the Department implemented a procedural change in December 2005 with regards to releasing inmates on weekends. As a result of this change, discretionary releases have increased and mandatory releases have decreased. December 2008 implementation of electronic coding enabled these releases to be correctly classified as discretionary or mandatory releases.

<sup>c</sup> Offenders revoked by the Parole Board reparole on a set date established by the Board, previously reported in discretionary parole.

<sup>d</sup> Released to parole, subject to earn time provisions of HB 09-1351.

<sup>e</sup> Released to parole prior to mandatory release by parole board based on program eligibility criteria.

<sup>f</sup> The Colorado Supreme Court decision on July 2001 resulted in the discharge of sex offenders who would have released to parole previously.

<sup>g</sup> Other releases include releases to probation, court order discharge, appeal bond, dual ICC and deceased.

- Total FY 2010 Releases exceeded Admissions for the first time in over ten years.
  - Female releases exceeded female admissions for the third consecutive year.
  - Male admissions decreased 1.8% in FY 2010. Male releases exceeded admissions for the first time.
- This is the third year that new court commitments decreased. In FY 2010 both male and female new court commitments decreased.
- Both male and female parole releases increased.

**ADMISSIONS AND RELEASES ACROSS 5 YEARS  
FY 2006 TO FY 2010**

<b>ADULT</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>ADMISSIONS</b>										
New Court Commitments	6,149	6.2%	6,380	3.8%	6,296	-1.3%	5,922	-5.9%	5,345	-9.7%
Parole Returns										
Technical	2,792	5.4%	3,047	9.1%	3,353	10.0%	3,776	12.6%	4,164	10.3%
New Felony	1,034	23.8%	1,014	-1.9%	1,221	20.4%	1,131	-7.4%	1,039	-8.1%
Total Parole Returns	3,826	9.8%	4,061	6.1%	4,574	12.6%	4,907	7.3%	5,203	6.0%
Other <sup>a</sup>	193	20.6%	188	-2.6%	168	-10.6%	163	-3.0%	156	-4.3%
<b>TOTAL ADMISSIONS</b>	<b>10,168</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>10,629</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>11,038</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>10,992</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>10,704</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>
<b>RELEASES</b>										
Parole <sup>b</sup>										
Discretionary	2,813		5,069		5,596		4,118		2,868	
Mandatory	3,192		2,375		2,227		3,270		3,194	
Mandatory Reparole <sup>c</sup>	1,178		1,064		1,052		1,648		2,470	
HB 1351 Mandatory <sup>d</sup>									515	
Accelerated Transition <sup>e</sup>									287	
Total Parole	7,183	14.3%	8,508	18.4%	8,875	4.3%	9,036	1.8%	9,334	3.3%
Discharges										
Sentence Discharges	1,246	39.5%	1,168	-6.3%	1,273	9.0%	1,389	9.1%	1,374	-1.1%
Martin/Cooper Discharges <sup>f</sup>	151	-77.9%	115	-23.8%	94	-18.3%	63	-33.0%	41	-34.9%
Total Discharges	1,397	-11.4%	1,283	-8.2%	1,367	6.5%	1,452	6.2%	1,415	-2.5%
Other <sup>g</sup>	374	-3.4%	319	-14.7%	323	1.3%	315	-2.5%	284	-9.8%
<b>TOTAL RELEASES</b>	<b>8,954</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>10,110</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>10,565</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>10,803</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>11,033</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>YOS:</b>										
ADMISSIONS	58	7.4%	61	5.2%	59	-3.3%	61	3.3%	84	37.7%
RELEASES	60	-11.8%	70	16.7%	49	-30.0%	63	28.6%	48	-23.8%

See footnotes a through g contained on page 2.

- Adult admissions in FY 2010 decreased 2.6% from 2009.
  - New court commitments decreased 9.7%.
  - Total parole returns increased 6.0%.
- Adult releases increased 2.1% in FY 2010.
  - Total parole releases increased by 3.3%.
  - Total discharges from incarceration were 2.5% lower.
- YOS admissions increased by 23 offenders (37.7% higher) due to HB 09-1122 which expanded the eligibility age.
- YOS releases decreased by 15 offenders (23.8% lower).
- Female compounded growth FY 2006 through FY 2010 - Admissions decreased 2.0% while Releases increased 4.7%.
- Male compounded growth FY 2006 through FY 2010 - Admissions increased 1.8% while Releases increased 5.5%.