

**FIRST
COMMITMENT
CHARACTERISTICS**

**CALENDAR YEAR
2005**

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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 (formerly the Youth Authority). Adult Division cases are offenders from criminal court who have been committed to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – 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:

<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 2005, there were 906 first commitments to the DJJ, of which 816 (90%) were direct commitments (DJJ cases) and 90 (10%) were offenders who were committed to prison, but who were ordered to serve at least part of their sentence at the DJJ.
- Of the 906 first commitments, 89 percent were from Juvenile Court and 11 percent were from Criminal Court. Of the 816 DJJ cases, almost 100 percent were from Juvenile Court and less than 1 percent were from Criminal Court.
- By area, 51 percent of commitments came from Southern California, with 49 percent from Northern California.
- Sixty-one percent of the offenders were committed primarily for a violent offense, 20 percent for a property offense, 4 percent for a drug offense, and 15 percent for another offense.
- The average age of the first commitments at the time of admission was 17.3 years.
- Fifty-one percent of all 2004 first commitments were Hispanic, 30 percent were African American, 13 percent were White, 3 percent were Asian, and 3 percent were Other.
- Sixteen percent of the first commitments had no prior conviction or sustained petition.

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE - 2005
 BY SEX AND COURT OF COMMITMENT - INCLUDES ADULT DIVISION HOUSING CASES

CHARACTERISTICS	***** MALES *****										FEMALES		MALES		FEMALES			
	TOTAL		TOTAL DJJ CASES		TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT		JUVENILE & CRIMINAL		TOTAL ADULT DIV		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	906		816		778		772		6		38		90		88		2	
COURT OF COMMITMENT	906	100.0	816	100.0	778	100.0	772	100.0	6	100.0	38	100.0	90	100.0	88	100.0	2	100.0
JUVENILE	810	89.4	810	99.3	772	99.2	772	100.0	0	0.0	38	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
CRIMINAL	96	10.6	6	0.7	6	0.8	0	0.0	6	100.0	0	0.0	90	100.0	88	100.0	2	100.0
COUNTY OF COMMITMENT	906	100.0	816	100.0	778	100.0	772	100.0	6	100.0	38	100.0	90	100.0	88	100.0	2	100.0
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA	167	18.4	163	20.0	149	19.2	147	19.0	2	33.3	14	36.8	4	4.4	4	4.5	0	0.0
ALAMEDA	33	3.6	33	4.0	31	4.0	31	4.0	0	0.0	2	5.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
CONTRA COSTA	27	3.0	27	3.3	25	3.2	25	3.2	0	0.0	2	5.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
MONTEREY	47	5.2	46	5.6	43	5.5	42	5.4	1	16.7	3	7.9	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
SAN FRANCISCO	10	1.1	10	1.2	9	1.2	8	1.0	1	16.7	1	2.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SAN MATEO	14	1.5	14	1.7	11	1.4	11	1.4	0	0.0	3	7.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
SANTA CLARA	24	2.6	21	2.6	18	2.3	18	2.3	0	0.0	3	7.9	3	3.3	3	3.4	0	0.0
10 OTHER COUNTIES	12	1.3	12	1.5	12	1.5	12	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	274	30.2	246	30.1	235	30.2	234	30.3	1	16.7	11	28.9	28	31.1	27	30.7	1	50.0
BUTTE	10	1.1	10	1.2	9	1.2	9	1.2	0	0.0	1	2.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
FRESNO	47	5.2	47	5.8	46	5.9	46	6.0	0	0.0	1	2.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
KERN	14	1.5	14	1.7	12	1.5	12	1.6	0	0.0	2	5.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
MADERA	9	1.0	8	1.0	6	0.8	6	0.8	0	0.0	2	5.3	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
SACRAMENTO	32	3.5	23	2.8	22	2.8	22	2.8	0	0.0	1	2.6	9	10.0	9	10.2	0	0.0
SAN JOAQUIN	14	1.5	12	1.5	12	1.5	12	1.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.2	2	2.3	0	0.0
STANISLAUS	11	1.2	11	1.3	11	1.4	11	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TULARE	42	4.6	37	4.5	36	4.6	36	4.7	0	0.0	1	2.6	5	5.6	5	5.7	0	0.0
25 OTHER COUNTIES	95	10.5	84	10.3	81	10.4	80	10.4	1	16.7	3	7.9	11	12.2	10	11.4	1	50.0
LOS ANGELES	213	23.5	185	22.7	181	23.3	179	23.2	2	33.3	4	10.5	28	31.1	27	30.7	1	50.0
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	252	27.8	222	27.2	213	27.4	212	27.5	1	16.7	9	23.7	30	33.3	30	34.1	0	0.0
ORANGE	27	3.0	26	3.2	25	3.2	25	3.2	0	0.0	1	2.6	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
RIVERSIDE	60	6.6	58	7.1	54	6.9	54	7.0	0	0.0	4	10.5	2	2.2	2	2.3	0	0.0
SAN BERNARDINO	68	7.5	50	6.1	49	6.3	49	6.3	0	0.0	1	2.6	18	20.0	18	20.5	0	0.0
SAN DIEGO	47	5.2	40	4.9	38	4.9	38	4.9	0	0.0	2	5.3	7	7.8	7	8.0	0	0.0
SANTA BARBARA	3	0.3	2	0.2	2	0.3	2	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
VENTURA	43	4.7	42	5.1	41	5.3	40	5.2	1	16.7	1	2.6	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
2 OTHER COUNTIES	4	0.4	4	0.5	4	0.5	4	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

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	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT	NBR	PCT
PRIMARY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	906	100.0	816	100.0	778	100.0	772	100.0	6	100.0	38	100.0	90	100.0	88	100.0	2	100.0
VIOLENT OFFENSES	554	61.1	472	57.8	451	58.0	447	57.9	4	66.7	21	55.3	82	91.1	80	90.9	2	100.0
PROPERTY OFFENSES	181	20.0	177	21.7	162	20.8	161	20.9	1	16.7	15	39.5	4	4.4	4	4.5	0	0.0
NARCOTIC/DRUG OFFENSES	32	3.5	32	3.9	31	4.0	31	4.0	0	0.0	1	2.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
OTHER OFFENSES	139	15.3	135	16.5	134	17.2	133	17.2	1	16.7	1	2.6	4	4.4	4	4.5	0	0.0
ETHNIC GROUP	906	100.0	816	100.0	778	100.0	772	100.0	6	100.0	38	100.0	90	100.0	88	100.0	2	100.0
WHITE	119	13.1	113	13.8	105	13.5	105	13.6	0	0.0	8	21.1	6	6.7	6	6.8	0	0.0
HISPANIC	465	51.3	414	50.7	392	50.4	387	50.1	5	83.3	22	57.9	51	56.7	50	56.8	1	50.0
AFRICAN AMERICAN	272	30.0	244	29.9	237	30.5	236	30.6	1	16.7	7	18.4	28	31.1	27	30.7	1	50.0
ASIAN	25	2.8	24	2.9	24	3.1	24	3.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.1	1	1.1	0	0.0
OTHER	25	2.8	21	2.6	20	2.6	20	2.6	0	0.0	1	2.6	4	4.4	4	4.5	0	0.0
AVERAGE AGE AT ADMISSION	17.3		17.3		17.3		17.3		16.7		17.0		17.1		17.1		17.0	
OFFENDER'S MARITAL STATUS	830	100.0	753	100.0	717	100.0	711	100.0	6	100.0	36	0.0	77	100.0	75	100.0	2	100.0
NEVER MARRIED	823	99.2	747	99.2	711	99.2	705	99.2	6	100.0	36	0.0	76	98.7	74	98.7	2	100.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	4	0.5	4	0.5	4	0.6	4	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	3	0.4	2	0.3	2	0.3	2	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.3	1	1.3	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S CHILDREN*	857	100.0	781	100.0	745	100.0	739	100.0	6	100.0	36	100.0	76	100.0	74	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	765	89.3	699	89.5	671	90.1	665	90.0	6	100.0	28	77.8	66	86.8	64	86.5	2	100.0
ONE	81	9.5	73	9.3	65	8.7	65	8.8	0	0.0	8	22.2	8	10.5	8	10.8	0	0.0
TWO OR MORE	11	1.3	9	1.2	9	1.2	9	1.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	2.6	2	2.7	0	0.0
OFFENDER'S SIBLINGS	834	100.0	760	100.0	727	100.0	721	100.0	6	100.0	33	100.0	74	100.0	72	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	33	4.0	27	3.6	26	3.6	23	3.2	3	50.0	1	3.0	6	8.1	5	6.9	1	50.0
ONE	80	9.6	76	10.0	72	9.9	72	10.0	0	0.0	4	12.1	4	5.4	4	5.6	0	0.0
TWO	187	22.4	170	22.4	158	21.7	158	21.9	0	0.0	12	36.4	17	23.0	17	23.6	0	0.0
THREE	164	19.7	151	19.9	149	20.5	147	20.4	2	33.3	2	6.1	13	17.6	13	18.1	0	0.0
FOUR OR MORE	370	44.4	336	44.2	322	44.3	321	44.5	1	16.7	14	42.4	34	45.9	33	45.8	1	50.0
PARENT'S MARITAL STATUS	829	100.0	757	100.0	721	100.0	715	100.0	6	100.0	36	100.0	72	100.0	70	100.0	2	100.0
NEVER MARRIED	224	27.0	202	26.7	194	26.9	191	26.7	3	50.0	8	22.2	22	30.6	21	30.0	1	50.0
PRESENTLY MARRIED	174	21.0	157	20.7	154	21.4	154	21.5	0	0.0	3	8.3	17	23.6	17	24.3	0	0.0
NO LONGER MARRIED	431	52.0	398	52.6	373	51.7	370	51.7	3	50.0	25	69.4	33	45.8	32	45.7	1	50.0

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RELIGION	808	100.0	735	100.0	700	100.0	695	100.0	5	100.0	35	100.0	73	100.0	71	100.0	2	100.0
CATHOLIC	331	41.0	300	40.8	287	41.0	283	40.7	4	80.0	13	37.1	31	42.5	30	42.3	1	50.0
PROTESTANT	318	39.4	292	39.7	278	39.7	278	40.0	0	0.0	14	40.0	26	35.6	26	36.6	0	0.0
NONE	77	9.5	74	10.1	74	10.6	74	10.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	4.1	3	4.2	0	0.0
OTHER	82	10.1	69	9.4	61	8.7	60	8.6	1	20.0	8	22.9	13	17.8	12	16.9	1	50.0
DISABILITIES	797	100.0	724	100.0	688	100.0	683	100.0	5	100.0	36	100.0	73	100.0	71	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	705	88.5	641	88.5	608	88.4	603	88.3	5	100.0	33	91.7	64	87.7	62	87.3	2	100.0
HANDICAP PRESENT	92	11.5	83	11.5	80	11.6	80	11.7	0	0.0	3	8.3	9	12.3	9	12.7	0	0.0
REGISTRATION REQUIRED	906	100.0	816	100.0	778	100.0	772	100.0	6	100.0	38	100.0	90	100.0	88	100.0	2	100.0
NO	568	62.7	505	61.9	472	60.7	469	60.8	3	50.0	33	86.8	63	70.0	61	69.3	2	100.0
YES	338	37.3	311	38.1	306	39.3	303	39.2	3	50.0	5	13.2	27	30.0	27	30.7	0	0.0
CO-OFFENDERS	831	100.0	757	100.0	721	100.0	715	100.0	6	100.0	36	100.0	74	100.0	72	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	401	48.3	384	50.7	363	50.3	361	50.5	2	33.3	21	58.3	17	23.0	17	23.6	0	0.0
ONE OR TWO	322	38.7	282	37.3	271	37.6	267	37.3	4	66.7	11	30.6	40	54.1	39	54.2	1	50.0
THREE OR MORE	108	13.0	91	12.0	87	12.1	87	12.2	0	0.0	4	11.1	17	23.0	16	22.2	1	50.0
PRIOR CONVICTIONS OR SUSTAINED PETITIONS	828	100.0	754	100.0	720	100.0	714	100.0	6	100.0	34	100.0	74	100.0	72	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	130	15.7	103	13.7	98	13.6	96	13.4	2	33.3	5	14.7	27	36.5	25	34.7	2	100.0
ONE	115	13.9	100	13.3	95	13.2	94	13.2	1	16.7	5	14.7	15	20.3	15	20.8	0	0.0
TWO	133	16.1	118	15.6	117	16.3	115	16.1	2	33.3	1	2.9	15	20.3	15	20.8	0	0.0
THREE	129	15.6	121	16.0	120	16.7	120	16.8	0	0.0	1	2.9	8	10.8	8	11.1	0	0.0
FOUR	105	12.7	102	13.5	94	13.1	94	13.2	0	0.0	8	23.5	3	4.1	3	4.2	0	0.0
FIVE OR MORE	216	26.1	210	27.9	196	27.2	195	27.3	1	16.7	14	41.2	6	8.1	6	8.3	0	0.0
PRIOR COMMITMENTS	844	100.0	769	100.0	733	100.0	727	100.0	6	100.0	36	100.0	75	100.0	73	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	358	42.4	307	39.9	272	37.1	268	36.9	4	66.7	35	97.2	51	68.0	49	67.1	2	100.0
ONE	174	20.6	161	20.9	161	22.0	160	22.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	13	17.3	13	17.8	0	0.0
TWO	138	16.4	133	17.3	133	18.1	132	18.2	1	16.7	0	0.0	5	6.7	5	6.8	0	0.0
THREE OR MORE	174	20.6	168	21.8	167	22.8	167	23.0	0	0.0	1	2.8	6	8.0	6	8.2	0	0.0
PRIOR ESCAPES	845	100.0	770	100.0	734	100.0	728	100.0	6	100.0	36	100.0	75	100.0	73	100.0	2	100.0
NONE	695	82.2	623	80.9	589	80.2	583	80.1	6	100.0	34	94.4	72	96.0	70	95.9	2	100.0
ONE OR MORE	150	17.8	147	19.1	145	19.8	145	19.9	0	0.0	2	5.6	3	4.0	3	4.1	0	0.0