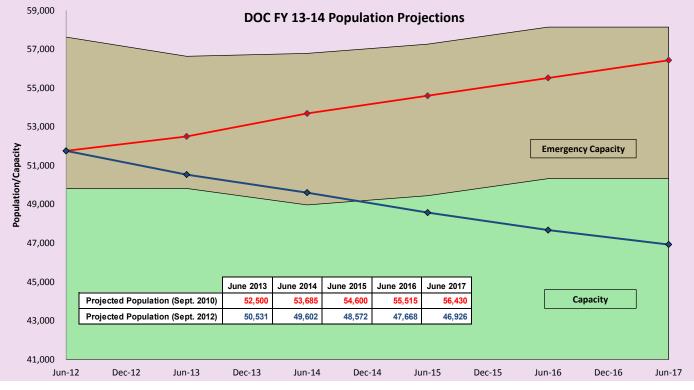
# Pennsylvania Department of Corrections



February 2013

### **Overview**:

- In 2012, two pieces of correctional reform legislation were passed as a result of Governor Corbett's Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI): Act 122 of 2012, and Act 196 of 2012.
- The DOC population decreased by 454 inmates during 2012, which is the largest one-year population drop in over 40 years.
- The DOC population is expected to decrease by 3,605 inmates over the next five years, largely as a result of the enacted JRI legislation as well as internal population-reduction initiatives.
- As a result of the projected population decrease, and also in order to open the new SCI Benner prison, the DOC is planning to close two facilities (SCI Cresson and SCI Greensburg) by June 2013.
- New recidivism statistics indicate that the DOC's overall 3-year recidivism rate is 62%, and has remained largely unchanged for the past 10 years. This is the baseline for measuring improved outcomes resulting from the JRI initiative in future years.
- The DOC has developed a web page to track monthly progress of key department indicators: <a href="http://www.cor.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/major\_initiatives/21262">www.cor.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/major\_initiatives/21262</a>.



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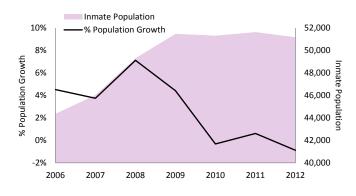
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# Population

The state prison population decreased by 454 inmates between 2011 and 2012.... The inmate population decreased by the largest number in forty years, from 51,638 in 2011 to 51,184 in 2012. New court commitments grew by 13% between 2006 and 2012.

#### **DOC Population Growth**



The DOC population increased 16%, from 44,365 in 2006 to 51,184 in 2012.

#### The population grew:

at an average annual rate of 4% per year from 2005 to 2007,

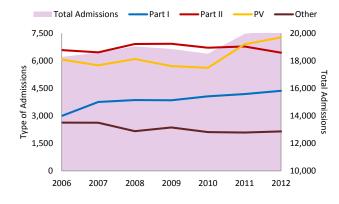
spiked to a 7% growth in 2008 due to parole moratorium,

decreased by 0.3% in 2010,

increased by .6% in 2011,

decreased by almost 1% in 2012.

#### Number of annual admissions increased 13% since 2006



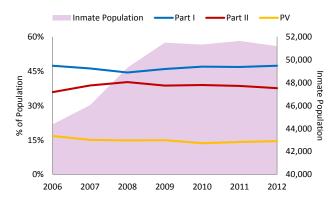
New court commitments grew 14.5% from 9,578 in 2006 to 10,969 in 2011, before decreasing 1.4% to 10,810 in 2012.

In 2012, 6,446 of the new court commitments were Part II less serious offenders and 4,364 were more serious Part I offenders.

There were 1,378 more parole violator admissions in 2012 compared to 2011.

Other admissions have increased since 2006 primarily due to the State Intermediate Punishment Program.

#### Population by Type

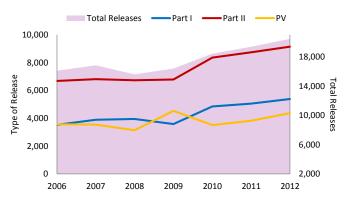


Pat I violent offenders comprised less than half of the inmate population for the past 5 years.

The composition of the population has remained consistent between 2006 and 2012:

| <u>2006</u>           | <u>2012</u>           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 47% Part I Offenders  | 47% Part I Offenders  |
| 36% Part II Offenders | 38% Part II Offenders |
| 17% Parole Violators  | 15% Parole Violators  |

#### In 2012, 45% of all releases were Part II offenders



In 2012, there were 18,598 releases back into the community as initial paroles, re-paroles, or max-outs. In addition, there were 1,841 other releases (such as release detentioners, deaths, and releases to other jurisdictions).

| 10,385 initial paroles | 26% Part I offenders  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 4,378 re-paroles       | 45% Part II offenders |  |  |  |  |
| 3,835 max-outs         | 21% Parole Violators  |  |  |  |  |
| 1,841 other releases   | 8% Other              |  |  |  |  |
| 20,439 Total           | 100% Total            |  |  |  |  |

## Inmate Profile-

### As of December 31, 2012

Males (48,432 offenders) Average age 38 50% black, 38% White, 11% Hispanic, 1% Other Offenses: 55.3% are serving time for part 1 offenses, of which: 21.0% are for robbery, 17.2% are for aggravated assault, and 12.8% are for 1st Degree Murder. 44.2% are serving time for part 2 offenses, of which: 43.5% are for drugs, 12.5% are for other sexual crimes, and 11.6% are for other part 2. 14.7% of the offenders are parole violators. Min Length of Sentence: 8.3% - 1 year and under, 17.9% - over 1 to 2 years, 31.6% - over 2 to 5 years, 17.2% - over 5 to 10 years, 10.0% - over 10 to 20 years, 4.2% - over 20 years, 10.3% - Life. 0.5% - Death Sentence. Max Length of Sentence 0.5% - under 2 years, 4.5% - 2 years only, 21.2% - over 2 to 5 years, 27.7% - over 5 to 10 years, 19.0% - over 10 to 20 years. 13.3% - over 20 to 50 years, 3.2% - over 50 years, 10.2% - Life, 0.4% - Death Sentence. Risk **Risk** 31.9% are high risk for re-offending, 44.1% have a moderate risk for re-offending, 24.0% are low risk for re-offending. Alcohol and Other Drug 40.6% need intensive AOD treatment, 25.0% need outpatient treatment, and 34.4% do not need AOD treatment. Mental Health 19.1% are on the mental health roster (MHR), 1.6% of those are considered seriously mentally ill. Unskilled Workers 80.6% are unskilled or possessed no skills. 19.4% are semi-skilled or skilled workers. Education Average reading level is slightly below 8th grade. 41.8% have less than a 12th grade education. **Top Committing County and % of Commitment** Philadelphia 30.4% Lancaster 3.3% 3.2% Allegheny 8.1% Berks 4.4% 3.1% Delaware Montgomery Dauphin 3.8% 3.0% \_ehigh 3.3% 2.6% York Bucks

Females (2,752 offenders) Average age 37 30% black, 61% White, 7% Hispanic, 2% Other Offenses: 50.6% are serving time for part 1 offenses, of which: 27.3% are for theft. 16.6% are for aggravated assault, and 13.4% are for 3rd Degree Murder. 47.2% are serving time for part 2 offenses, of which: 48.1% are for drugs, 11.8% are for other part 2, and 9.8% are for DUI. 11.1% of the offenders are parole violators. Min Length of Sentence: 18.3% - 1 year and under, 30.3% - over 1 to 2 years, 26.3% - over 2 to 5 years. 10.1% - over 5 to 10 years, 5.8% - over 10 to 20 years, 1.8% - over 20 years, 7.0% - Life. 0.4% - Death Sentence. Max Length of Sentence 2.4% - under 2 years, 13.9% - 2 years only, 31.3% - over 2 to 5 years, 25.8% - over 5 to 10 years, 11.4% - over 10 to 20 years. 7.0% - over 20 to 50 years, 1.3% - over 50 years, 6.8% - Life, 0.1% - Death Sentence. 22.0% are high risk for re-offending, 42.7% have a moderate risk for re-offending, 35.3% are low risk for re-offending. Alcohol and Other Drug 55.6% need intensive AOD treatment, 14.6% need outpatient treatment, and 29.8% do not need AOD treatment. Mental Health 51.8% are on the mental health roster (MHR), 4.9% of those are considered seriously mentally ill. Unskilled Workers 68.3% are unskilled or possessed no skills. 31.7% are semi-skilled or skilled workers. Education Average reading level is slightly above 8th grade. 33.1% have less than a 12th grade education. **Top Committing County and % of Commitment** Philadelphia 16.2% Dauphin 4.0% 4.7% Bucks 3.3% Allegheny 4.4% 3.2% Delaware Berks Lancaster 4.3% Montgomery 3.1%

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# Staff and Inmate Safety-

Assaults, misconducts, and drug use are all indicators of prison safety.

The rate of total inmate on staff assaults remained stable since 2006 (between 12 and 17 per 1,000), with the rate of assaults requiring medical treatment remaining below 1 per 1,000 since 2006.

The rate of total inmate on inmate assaults has remained stable since 2006 (between 11 and 13 per 1,000).

### **Key Indicators**

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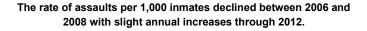
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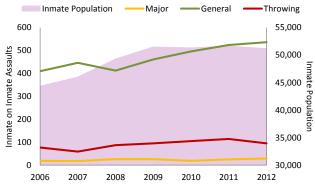
2006

2007

2008

% Random Drug test Positives





|                           | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Incidents                 | 456  | 494  | 491  | 543  | 569  | 607  | 607  |
| Major                     | 19   | 18   | 26   | 26   | 19   | 25   | 29   |
| General                   | 410  | 446  | 412  | 461  | 496  | 524  | 536  |
| Throwing                  | 77   | 59   | 87   | 95   | 105  | 114  | 95   |
| Total                     | 506  | 523  | 525  | 582  | 620  | 663  | 660  |
| Rate per 1,000<br>inmates | 11.4 | 11.4 | 10.6 | 11.3 | 12.1 | 12.8 | 12.9 |

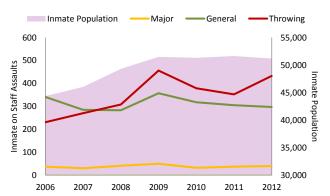
DOC annual random drug test positive rate remained at less than 0.25% since 2001

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2010

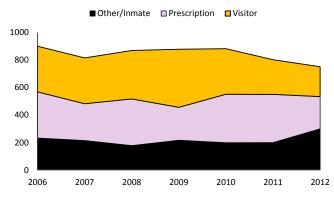
2011

The rate of staff assaults per 1,000 inmates is up slightly from 2006 while the number of incidents declined by 18% from 2009 to 2011 with 99% of the increase in 2012 due to throwing incidents.



|                           | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Incidents                 | 574  | 531  | 589  | 764  | 661  | 629  | 694  |
| Major                     | 37   | 30   | 41   | 50   | 32   | 37   | 40   |
| General                   | 341  | 285  | 283  | 357  | 318  | 305  | 297  |
| Throwing                  | 231  | 270  | 308  | 456  | 379  | 352  | 433  |
| Total                     | 609  | 565  | 632  | 863  | 729  | 694  | 770  |
| Rate per 1,000<br>inmates | 13.7 | 12.3 | 12.8 | 16.8 | 14.2 | 13.4 | 15.0 |

Since 2006, almost 75% of all drug finds are either found on visitors or are unused inmate prescription medicines.



A small percentage of inmates are responsible for a disproportionate number of misconducts. Since 2006, 5.9% of inmates have accounted for 33% of the serious misconducts written.

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