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# Florida's Prison Population:

## Monthly Report: Current Status and Annual Changes

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# FLORIDA'S PRISON POPULATION: NCI 88-001

## MONTHLY REPORT

### MARCH 1992

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This report describes the nature of Florida's current prison population as compared with the population one year ago. Tables providing detailed information on the total population (see page 3) and the female population (see page 8) are included.

Significant changes in the system population from March 31, 1991 to March 31, 1992 are identified below.

### Total Population

1. The prison population increased by 1,517 inmates (+3.4%) from 44,921 to 46,438.
2. Florida's prison capacity (99% level) increased by 2,112 beds (+4.6%) from 46,038 to 48,150.
3. Race demographics continue to change as the number of black inmates increased 1,367 (+5.3%) and the number of white inmates decreased 153 (-0.8%). The number of Hispanic inmates decreased 119 (-3.7%).
4. The fastest growing age group (those 36-55 years old) increased 1,176 (+10.4%).
5. Inmates committed from Hillsborough County increased 282 (+6.0%), a higher percentage increase than any other large county. Hillsborough has the third largest number of inmates in the state prison system at 4,966 (11.0% of the total population).
6. Inmates committed for theft/forgery offenses decreased 556 (-13.1%) and drug offenders decreased 670 (-6.7%). Inmates imprisoned for robbery increased 621 (+9.4%).
7. Drug offenders continue to comprise the largest percentage of the total population at 9,266 (20.5%), although this percentage has declined from 22.2% of the total last year.
8. Life felons increased 1,136 (+9.6%) over the last year.
9. Inmates with prior prison commitments increased 1,355 (+6.1%) and now comprise a majority (52.1%) of the total population. Inmates with three or more prior commitments increased 1,063 (+19.3%).
10. Medium class custody inmates increased 7,021 (+89.1%), as those classified medium-in decreased 4,955 (-99.5%). This decrease represents the phase-out of the medium-in category under the new classification system begun in July 1991. The percentage of

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inmates in close custody decreased from 47.4% to 46.8%. Minimum custody inmates also declined as a percentage of the total population from 23.8% to 20.0%.

11. Inmates sentenced to 5 years or more increased 1,815 (+8.4%), while those sentenced to 1 year decreased 224 (-38.2%).
12. The death row population increased by 5 (+1.6%) to 318.
13. Habitual offenders increased 2,060 (+53.4%) and now comprise 12.8% of the total population.
14. Inmates with mandatory sentences now comprise 36.8% of the total population.
15. Inmates eligible for parole increased 600 (+10.5%) from 5,700 to 6,300. (Note: A computer coding adjustment made in 1991 accounts for this increase).

## **Female Population**

1. The female population decreased 88 (-3.4%) from 2,584 to 2,496.
2. The racial composition of the female population changed somewhat as white female decreased 107 (-10.2%) and Hispanic females decreased 5 (-8.8%), while black females decreased 35 (-2.3%).
3. Female inmates committed from Duval County decreased 24 (-18.8%) and those committed from Broward County decreased 74 (-17.5%). Broward County continues to account for the largest percentage of the female population at (14.6%).
4. Female drug offenders decreased 197 (-14.2%) while females committed for second degree murder increased 34 (+20.2%).
5. Female inmates classified as medium custody increased 220 (+38.3%) while those classified as minimum custody decreased 292 (-21.2%).
6. Females sentenced to 5 years or more increased 14 (+8.6%) while those sentenced to 1 year decreased 32 (-42.7%).
7. One female was added to death row bringing the total of death row females to 4.
8. Female habitual offenders increased 79 (+72.5%).
9. Females not eligible for parole decreased 172 (-7.2%) from 2,400 to 2,496.

**FLORIDA PRISON POPULATION:  
CURRENT STATUS AND ANNUAL CHANGES  
MARCH 1991 - MARCH 1992**

**TOTAL POPULATION**

	March 1992		March 1991		Annual Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
End-of-Month Population	46,438		44,921		1,517	3.4%
99% Capacity	48,150		46,038		2,112	4.6%
<b>Demographics</b>						
<b>Sex:</b>						
Male	43,942	94.6%	42,337	94.2%	1,605	3.8%
Female	2,496	5.4%	2,584	5.8%	-88	-3.4%
<b>Race:</b>						
White	18,171	39.4%	18,324	40.9%	-153	-0.8%
Black	27,155	58.9%	25,788	57.6%	1,367	5.3%
Other	775	1.7%	693	1.5%	82	11.8%
Data Unavailable (1)	337		116			
<b>Ethnicity:</b>						
Non-Hispanic	42,743	93.3%	41,390	92.9%	1,353	3.3%
Hispanic	3,060	6.7%	3,179	7.1%	-119	-3.7%
Data Unavailable	635		352			
<b>Age (Current):</b>						
17 or below	612	1.3%	679	1.5%	-67	-9.9%
18 to 35	31,981	69.3%	31,913	71.1%	68	0.2%
36 to 55	12,531	27.1%	11,355	25.3%	1,176	10.4%
56 and over	1,042	2.3%	967	2.2%	75	7.8%
Data Unavailable	272		7			

**TOTAL  
POPULATION**

**March 1992**

**March 1991**

**Annual Change**

	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Youthful Offender:</b>						
No	43,963	94.7%	42,701	95.1%	1,262	3.0%
Yes	2,206	4.8%	2,220	4.9%	-14	-0.6%
Data Unavailable	269		0			
<b>County of Commitment:</b>						
Broward	5,309	11.7%	5,616	12.6%	-307	-5.5%
Dade	6,189	13.7%	6,247	14.0%	-58	-0.9%
Hillsborough	4,966	11.0%	4,684	10.5%	282	6.0%
Duval	3,075	6.8%	3,124	7.0%	-49	-1.6%
Pinellas	3,304	7.3%	3,216	7.2%	88	2.7%
Orange	2,490	5.5%	2,421	5.4%	69	2.9%
Mid-Size Counties(2)	12,312	27.2%	11,578	25.9%	734	6.3%
Small Counties(3)	7,613	16.8%	7,812	17.5%	-199	-2.5%
Data Unavailable	1,180		223			
<b>THE OFFENSE</b>						
<b>Primary Offense:</b>						
First Degree Murder	3,446	7.6%	3,126	7.0%	320	10.2%
Second Degree Murder	2,999	6.6%	2,676	6.0%	323	12.1%
3rd Deg. Murder; Mansl.	644	1.4%	624	1.4%	20	3.2%
Sexual Offenses	5,152	11.4%	4,913	10.9%	239	4.9%
Robbery	7,245	16.0%	6,624	14.7%	621	9.4%
Other Violent	2,837	6.3%	2,507	5.6%	330	13.2%
Burglary	6,795	15.0%	6,777	15.2%	18	0.3%
Theft, Forgery	3,688	8.1%	4,244	9.5%	-556	-13.1%
Drugs	9,266	20.5%	9,936	22.2%	-670	-6.7%
Other	3,184	7.0%	3,265	7.3%	-81	-2.5%
Data Unavailable	1,182		229			

TOTAL POPULATION	March 1992		March 1991		Annual Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Degree of Felony:						
Capital	2,495	5.8%	2,240	5.3%	255	11.4%
Life	4,548	10.5%	4,106	9.7%	442	10.8%
First Degree	12,913	29.8%	11,777	27.9%	1,136	9.6%
Second Degree	14,840	34.3%	14,600	34.6%	240	1.6%
Third Degree	8,517	19.7%	9,491	22.5%	-974	-10.3%
Data Unavailable	3,125		2,707			
Prior D.C. Commitments						
None	21,696	47.9%	22,493	50.3%	-797	-3.5%
One	10,418	23.0%	10,498	23.5%	-80	-0.8%
Two	6,584	14.5%	6,212	13.9%	372	6.0%
Three or more	6,563	14.5%	5,500	12.3%	1,063	19.3%
Data Unavailable	1,177		218			
(1+ Priors)	23,565	52.1%	22,210	49.7%	1,355	6.1%
Probation Violator:						
No	38,863	85.9%	37,667	84.3%	1,196	3.2%
Yes	6,398	14.1%	7,036	15.7%	-638	-9.1%
Data Unavailable	1,177		218			
Custody Classification:						
Minimum	8,943	20.0%	10,621	23.8%	-1,678	-15.8%
Medium	14,897	33.2%	7,876	17.6%	7,021	89.1%
Medium-In	27	0.1%	4,982	11.2%	-4,955	-99.5%
Close	20,960	46.8%	21,171	47.4%	-211	-1.0%
Maximum	274	0.6%	265	0.6%		
Unassigned	1068	2.4%	0	0.0%		
Data Unavailable	269		6			

TOTAL POPULATION	March 1992		March 1991		Annual Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>THE SENTENCE</b>						
Sentence Length:						
1 Year (366 days)	363	0.8%	587	1.3%	-224	-38.2%
1+ to 3 Years	7,160	15.9%	8,536	19.2%	-1,376	-16.1%
3+ to 5 Years	9,193	20.4%	9,232	20.8%	-39	-0.4%
5+ Years	23,465	52.2%	21,650	48.7%	1,815	8.4%
Life	4,773	10.6%	4,406	9.9%	367	8.3%
Data Unavailable	1,484		510			
Average (Exc. Life/Death)	12.6	Years	12.0	Years	0.6	Years
					4.7%	
Death Row Count	318		313		5	1.6%
Mandatory Sentences:						
Life with 25 Years (4)	2,489	5.4%	2,242	5.5%	247	11.0%
Firearm 3 Years	6,629	14.4%	5,636	13.8%	993	17.6%
Habitual Offender	5,918	12.8%	3,858	9.5%	2,060	53.4%
Drug Trafficker	1,969	4.3%	2,197	5.4%	-228	-10.4%
No Mandatory	29,164	63.2%	26,775	65.8%	2,389	8.9%
Data Unavailable	269		4,213			
Parole Eligibility:						
Not Parole Eligible	38,961	86.1%	39,003	87.2%	-42	-0.1%
Parole Eligible	6,300	13.9%	5,700	12.8%	600	10.5%
Data Unavailable	1,177		218			
Control Release Eligibility:						
Eligible Status Population	4,030	8.8%				
Eligible New Admission	11,288	24.6%				
Temporarily Ineligible	9,616	20.9%				
Permanently Ineligible	21,043	45.8%				
Data Unavailable	461					

**TOTAL  
POPULATION**

March 1992		March 1991		Annual Change	
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent

**Control Release Pool**

Unassigned	34,737	75.6%
Immediate Release	45	0.1%
Trd Advanceable	3,176	6.9%
Maximum Non-Advanceable	6,483	14.1%
Fixed Date	818	1.8%
Other Advanceable	549	1.2%
Refused Inmate	90	0.2%
Postponed	79	0.2%
Data Unavailable	461	

**Disciplinary Days:**

None	27,308	58.8%	28,846	64.2%	-1,538	-5.3%
1 or more	19,130	41.2%	16,075	35.8%	3,055	19.0%
Average Total	89		77		12.0	
Average Per Month Served (5)	2.9		2.7		0.2	

**Incentive Gaintime Days:**

None	12,185	26.2%	12,759	28.4%	-574	-4.5%
1 or more	34,253	73.8%	32,162	71.6%	2,091	6.5%
Average Total	221		146		75.0	
Average Per Month Served (5)	8.3		8.2		0.1	

**Provisional Release Credit Days:**

None	39,604	85.3%	28,670	63.8%	10,934	38.1%
1 or more	6,834	14.7%	16,251	36.2%	-9,417	-57.9%
Average Total	99		181		-82.0	
Average Per Month Served (5)	1.9		8.5		-6.6	

**FLORIDA PRISON POPULATION:  
CURRENT STATUS AND ANNUAL CHANGES  
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**FEMALE POPULATION**

	March 1992		March 1991		Annual Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
End-of-Month Population	2,496		2,584		-88	-3.4%
99% Capacity	3,154		3,031		123	4.1%
<b>Demographics</b>						
<b>Race:</b>						
White	943	38.7%	1,050	40.7%	-107	-10.2%
Black	1,496	61.3%	1,531	59.3%	-35	-2.3%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Data Unavailable	57		3			
<b>Ethnicity:</b>						
Non-Hispanic	2,353	97.8%	2,485	97.8%	-132	-5.3%
Hispanic	52	2.2%	57	2.2%	-5	-8.8%
Data Unavailable	91		42			
<b>Age (Current):</b>						
17 or below	12	0.5%	13	0.5%	-1	-7.7%
18 to 35	1,788	73.3%	1,976	76.6%	-188	-9.5%
36 to 55	601	24.7%	557	21.6%	44	7.9%
56 and over	37	1.5%	35	1.4%	2	5.7%
Data Unavailable	58		3			

**FEMALE  
POPULATION**

	March 1992		March 1991		Annual Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent

**Youthful Offender:**

No	2,357	97.8%	2,487	97.6%	-130	-5.2%
Yes	52	2.2%	60	2.4%	-8	-13.3%
Data Unavailable	87		37			

**County of Commitment:**

Broward	349	14.6%	423	16.7%	-74	-17.5%
Dade	229	9.6%	258	10.2%	-29	-11.2%
Hillsborough	334	13.9%	342	13.5%	-8	-2.3%
Duval	104	4.3%	128	5.1%	-24	-18.8%
Pinellas	210	8.8%	219	8.6%	-9	-4.1%
Orange	136	5.7%	144	5.7%	-8	-5.6%
Mid-Size Counties(6)	676	28.2%	659	26.0%	17	11.8%
Small Counties(7)	359	15.0%	361	14.2%	-2	-0.6%
Data Unavailable	99		50			

**THE OFFENSE**

**Primary Offense:**

First Degree Murder	143	6.0%	121	4.8%	22	18.2%
Second Degree Murder	202	8.4%	168	6.6%	34	20.2%
3rd Deg. Murder; Mansl.	72	3.0%	62	2.4%	10	16.1%
Sexual Offenses	34	1.4%	30	1.2%	4	13.3%
Robbery	210	8.8%	190	7.5%	20	10.5%
Other Violent	203	8.5%	182	7.2%	21	11.5%
Burglary	152	6.3%	145	5.7%	7	4.8%
Theft, Forgery	370	15.4%	431	17.0%	-61	-14.2%
Drugs	898	37.5%	1,095	43.2%	-197	-18.0%
Other	112	4.7%	110	4.3%	2	1.8%
Data Unavailable	100		50			

**FEMALE  
POPULATION**

	March 1992		March 1991		Annual Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Degree of Felony:</b>						
Capital	89	3.8%	76	3.1%	13	17.1%
Life	102	4.3%	89	3.6%	13	14.6%
First Degree	678	28.7%	630	25.3%	48	7.6%
Second Degree	744	31.5%	826	33.2%	-82	-9.9%
Third Degree	748	31.7%	869	34.9%	-121	-13.9%
Data Unavailable	135		94			
<b>Prior D.C. Commitments</b>						
None	1,428	59.6%	1,559	61.5%	-131	-8.4%
One	537	22.4%	584	23.0%	-47	-8.0%
Two	268	11.2%	251	9.9%	17	6.8%
Three or more	164	6.8%	140	5.5%	24	17.1%
Data Unavailable	99		50			
(1+ Priors)	969	40.4%	975	38.5%	-6	-0.6%
<b>Probation Violator:</b>						
No	1,766	73.7%	1,842	72.7%	-76	-4.1%
Yes	631	26.3%	692	27.3%	-61	-8.8%
Data Unavailable	99		50			
<b>Custody Classification:</b>						
Minimum	1,083	44.4%	1,375	53.3%	-292	-21.2%
Medium	795	32.6%	575	22.3%	220	38.3%
Medium-In	0	0.0%	97	3.8%	-97	-100.0%
Close	437	17.9%	532	20.6%	-95	-17.9%
Maximum	3	0.1%	0	0.0%		
Unassigned	121	5.0%	0	0.0%		
Data Unavailable	57		5			

FEMALE POPULATION	March 1992		March 1991		Annual Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>THE SENTENCE</b>						
Sentence Length:						
1 Year (366 days)	43	1.8%	75	3.0%	-32	-42.7%
1+ to 3 Years	771	32.2%	907	35.8%	-136	-15.0%
3+ to 5 Years	568	23.7%	621	24.5%	-53	-8.5%
5+ Years	871	36.4%	802	31.7%	69	8.6%
Life	141	5.9%	127	5.0%	14	11.0%
Data Unavailable	102		52			
Average (Exc. Life/Death)	7.6	Years	6.6	Years	1.0 Year	14.9%
Death Row Count	4		3		1	33.3%
Mandatory Sentences:						
Life with 25 Years	97	4.0%	87	3.4%	10	11.5%
Firearm 3 Years	271	11.1%	199	7.7%	72	36.2%
Habitual Offender	188	7.7%	109	4.2%	79	72.5%
Drug Trafficker	181	7.4%	231	8.9%	-50	-21.6%
No Mandatory	1,702	69.8%	1,958	75.8%	-256	-13.1%
Data Unavailable	57		0			
Parole Eligibility:						
Not Parole Eligible	2,228	93.0%	2,400	94.7%	-172	-7.2%
Parole Eligible	168	7.0%	134	5.3%	34	25.4%
Data Unavailable	100		50			
Control Release Eligibility:						
Eligible Status Population	235	9.5%				
Eligible New Admission	976	39.3%				
Temporarily Ineligible	449	18.1%				
Permanently Ineligible	824	33.2%				
Data Unavailable	12					

FEMALE  
POPULATION

	March 1992		March 1991		Annual Change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Control Release Pool</b>						
Unassigned	1,738	70.0%				
Immediate Release	11	0.4%				
Trd Advanceable	342	13.8%				
Maximum Non-Advanceable	264	10.6%				
Fixed Date	78	3.1%				
Other Advanceable	25	1.0%				
Refused Inmate	11	0.4%				
Postponed	15	0.6%				
Data Unavailable	12					
<b>Disciplinary Days:</b>						
None	1,479	59.3%	1,730	67.0%	-251	-14.5%
1 or more	1,017	40.7%	854	33.0%	163	19.1%
Average Total	64		52		12.0	
Average Per Month Served	3.1		2.8		0.3	
<b>Incentive Gaintime Days:</b>						
None	731	29.3%	662	25.6%	69	10.4%
1 or more	1,765	70.7%	1,922	74.4%	-157	-8.2%
Average Total	133		119		14.0	
Average Per Month Served	7.3		8.0		-0.7	
<b>Provisional Release Credit Days:</b>						
None	2,158	86.5%	1,557	60.3%	601	38.6%
1 or more	338	13.5%	1,027	39.7%	-689	-67.1%
Average Total	61		148		-87.0	
Average Per Month Served	1.5		8.4		-6.9	

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Notes:

1. Data for this report is captured from the Department's database on the last day of each month. Some data is unavailable because all the information on inmates who were admitted on the last few days of the month has not yet been entered.
2. Mid-size counties include those having 400 to 1600 male inmates in prison.
3. Small counties include those having less than 400 inmates in prison.
4. Some inmates have more than one type of mandatory sentence. For this report, the types of mandatory sentences are prioritized in the order displayed, from Life with 25 Years to Drug Trafficking. Inmates with multiple mandatory sentences are included only in the highest category applicable. For example, an inmate with a Life with 25 Years mandatory and who is also an Habitual Offender are in the Life with 25 Years category.
5. This figure is computed by dividing the total days by the number of months the inmate has served in prison to date.
6. Mid-size counties include those having 20 to 70 female inmates in prison.
7. Small counties include those having less than 20 female inmates in prison.