Results of the October 2010 Criminal Justice Estimating Conference

Prepared by the Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research for the House Justice Appropriations Committee Meeting, February 9, 2011 Criminal Justice Estimating Conference will typically meet three times a year to "develop official information relating to the criminal justice system, including forecasts of prison admissions and population...for the state planning and budgeting system."

Projections are usually based on current law/current administration.

Principals include staff from the House and Senate, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budgeting, and the Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research. In addition, the Criminal Justice Impact Conference meets to determine the prison bed impact of proposed legislation.

Proposed legislation which creates new felony offenses or increases the penalty for existing offenses may impact the number of prison beds that are needed.

Alternatively, proposed legislation which creates diversion programs or reduces the penalty for existing offenses may impact the number of prison beds that are needed (fewer beds).

CJEC met last year on February 19th and on October 19th

February had projected that FY 09-10 admissions would decline by 6.6% from FY 08-09.

Actual admissions were 5.6% lower than in FY 08-09.

For the CURRENT fiscal year (FY 10-11)

February CJEC had projected that admissions would remain the same as in FY 09-10.

In first three months of this fiscal year, admissions were 5.1% lower than in the same period in FY 09-10.

Going into the October CJEC, it appeared that admissions needed to be adjusted downward from the February CJEC.

October's CJEC projected prison admissions compared to February 2010 CJEC :

- 1,010 for FY 10-11
- 1,376 for FY 11-12
- 1,741 for FY 12-13

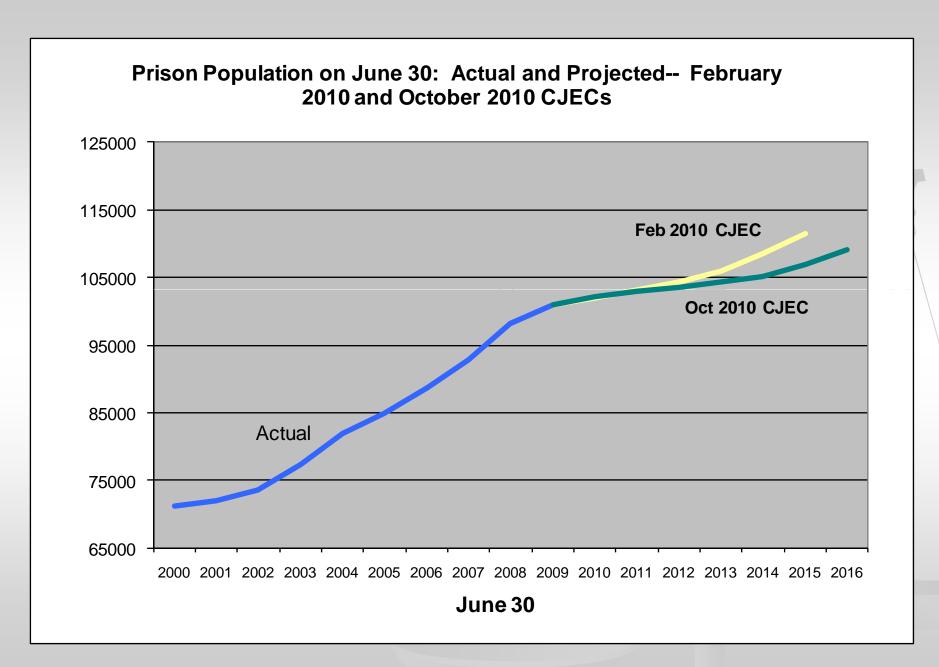
FY 10-11 admissions now projected to be 36,394

October's CJEC projected prison population compared to February's CJEC:

June 30th prison population:

- 169 for FY 10-11
- 785 for FY 11-12
- 1,572 for FY 12-13

June 30, 2011 prison population projection **102,954**



Why were projections lowered in October?

Review of criminal justice indicators suggest that trends first observed in 2008 are continuing.

These trends will result in smaller numbers of new commitments coming to prison than previously anticipated.

Indicators

- Crime Trends
- Judicial System Trends
- New Commitments to Prison
- Technical Violators
- Year-and-a Day Sentences

Indicator 1—Crime Trends Six-Month Uniform Crime Report – January through June

TOTAL INDEX CRIMES

Change from prior

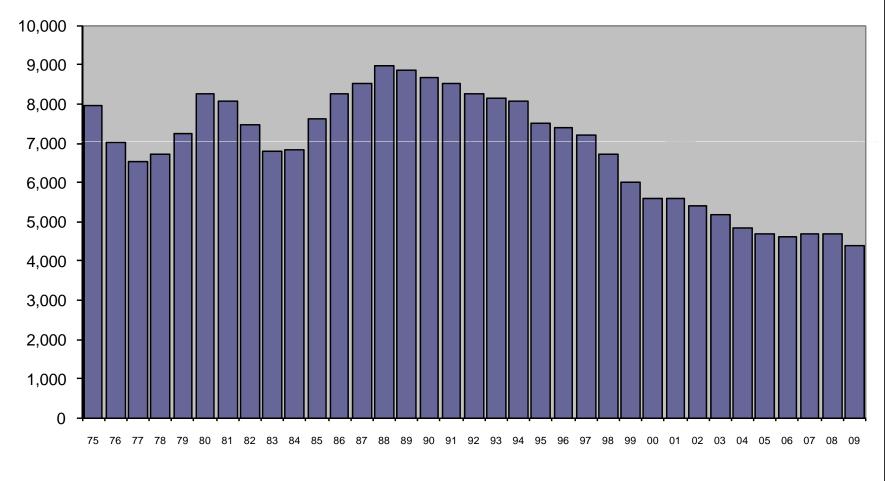
	Å	year
2002	442,604	0.7%
2003	436,882	-1.3%
2004	426,702	-2.3%
2005	412,743	-3.3%
2006	411,608	-0.3%
2007	427,646	3.9%
2008	434,563	1.6%
2009	400,065	-7.9%
2010	381,050	-4.8%

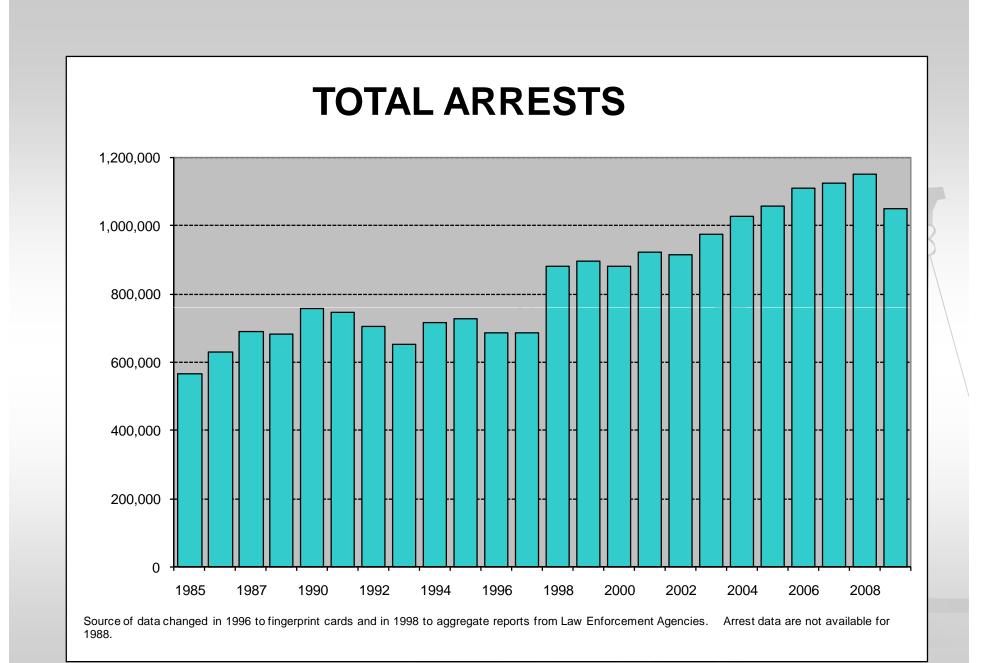
Crime Trends by Type of Crime Six Month Uniform Crime Report: January - June

	VIOLENT CRIME		NON-VIOLENT CRIME		
	Cha	inge from prior year	S C	nange from prior year	
2002	62,770	-1.6%	379,834	1.1%	
2003	61,699	-1.7%	375,183	-1.2%	
2004	61,345	-0.6%	365,357	-2.6%	
2005	61,737	0.6%	351,006	-3.9%	
2006	63,712	3.2%	347,896	-0.9%	
2007	65,011	2.0%	362,635	4.2%	
2008	63,421	-2.4%	371,142	2.3%	
2009	57,253	-9.7%	342,814	-7.6%	
2010	51,113	-10.7%	329,937	-3.8%	

CRIME RATE

Index Crimes per 100,000 Population





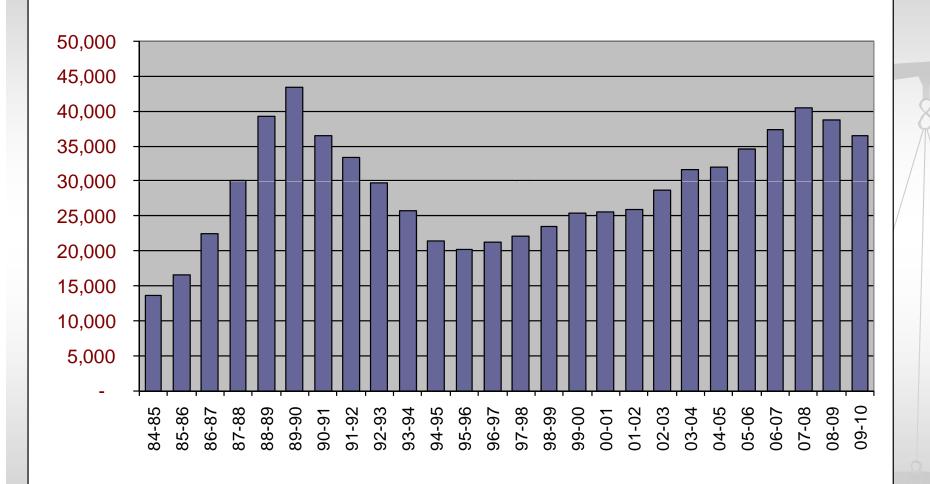
Indicator 2 Judicial System Trends

RECENT TRENDS IN FELONY FILINGS AND GUILTY DISPOSITIONS

	Felony	Filings		Guilty Dis	positions	
		Percent			Percent	
	Number	Change		Number	Change	
2000	186,086		J	138,884		
2001	184,571	-0.8%	Ř	142,907	2.9%	
2002	184,295	-0.1%		143,253	0.2%	
2003	187,379	1.7%		147,707	3.1%	
2004	194,863	4.0%		151,544	2.6%	/
2005	208,540	7.0%		159,007	4.9%	
2006	220,757	5.9%		171,072	7.6%	
2007	230,886	4.6%		184,112	7.6%	
2008	224,743	-2.7%		186,130	1.1%	
2009	205,407	-8.6%		160,435	-13.8%	
Jan-Jun 2009 ¹	101,848			83,393		
Jan-Jun 2010	98,124	-3.7%		75,677	-9.3%	

Indicator 3 New Commitments

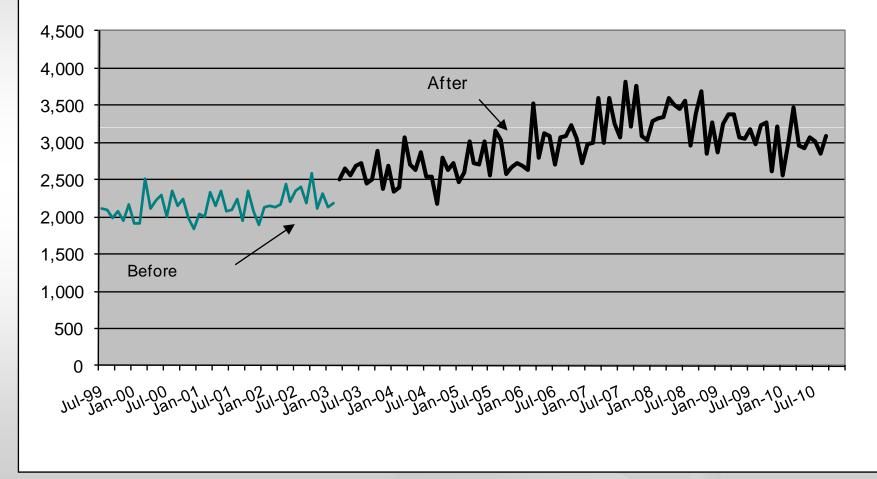
New Commitments



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Indicator 4 Technical Violators

New Commitments Before and After Zero-Tolerance Implementation



Technical Violators to Prison

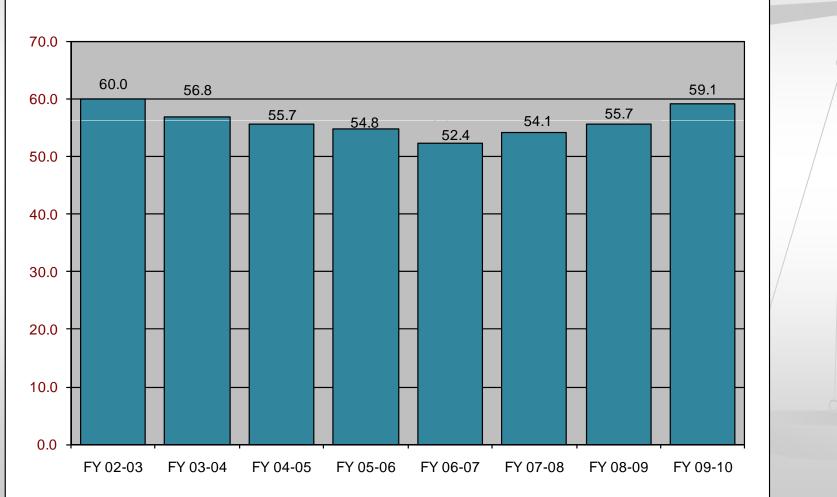
			Technical violators		
			as % of all new		
		% change	commitments		
2003	8,805	Ř			
2004	9,648	9.6%	30.7%		
2005	10,246	6.2%	30.8%		
2006	11,045	7.8%	30.9%		
2007	10,953	-0.8%	27.8%		
2008	9,290	-15.2%	23.1%		
2009	7,497	-19.3%	20.0%		
an-Aug 2009	5,104		20.3%		
an-Aug 2010	5,125	0.4%	21.5%		

Indicator 5 – Yearand-a-Day Sentences

Year-and-a-day New Commitments to Prison

	Year-and-a-			
	Day New			
	Commitments	Change	% Change	
FY 00-01	2,371	370	18.5%	
FY 01-02	2,263	(108)	-4.6%	/
FY 02-03	2,887	624	27.6%	
FY 03-04	3,667	780	27.0%	
FY 04-05	4,157	490	13.4%	
FY 05-06	5,217	1,060	25.5%	
FY 06-07	6,605	1,388	26.6%	
FY 07-08	6,089	(516)	-7.8%	
FY 08-09	4,777	(1,311)	-21.5%	
FY 09-10	3,600	(1,177)	-24.6%	

Sentence Length of New Commitments



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MONITORING PRISON ADMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SINCE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE HELD 10/19/2010

			MONTHLY	CUMULATIVE
	ADMISS	IONS	OVER/	OVER/
MONTH	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	(UNDER)	(UNDER)
				. ,
October 2010	3,132	2,938	-194	-194
November 2010	2,692	2,686	-6	-200
December 2010	3,173	2,956	-217	-417
January 2011 *	2,668	2,608	-60	-477
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Total	11,665	11,188	% Error:	-4.1%

* Preliminary

MONITORING PRISON POPULATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SINCE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE HELD 10/19/2010

	POPULA	TION	CUMULATIVE OVER/
MONTH	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	(UNDER)
October 2010	102,569	102,397	-172
November 2010	102,375	102,220	-155
December 2010	102,437	102,138	-299
January 2011	102,138	101,746	-392
	-0.4%	Error	

Next CJEC: February 21st

For Additional Information

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