Trends Related to New Commitments to Prison with a Drug Primary Offense

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New Commitments

Offenders sentenced by the court to

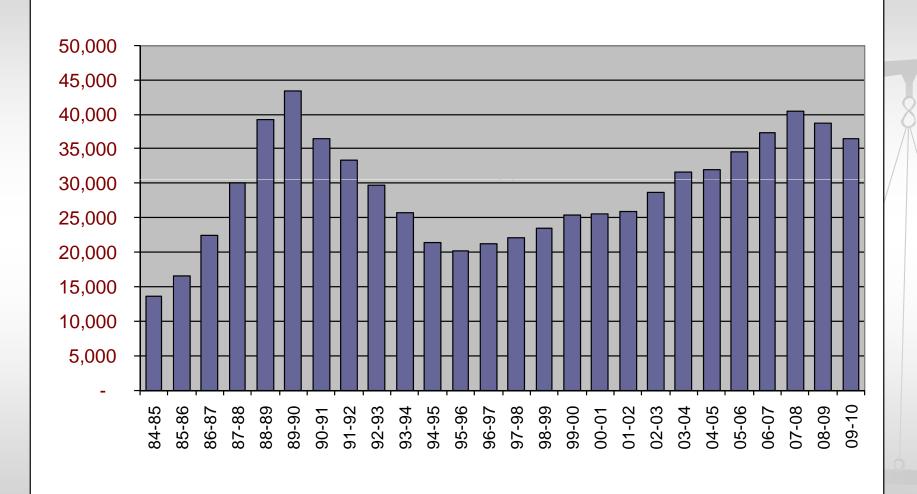
Prison

For—

- Felony offense(s)
- 366 days or more

Prison "admissions" include some offenders in addition to new commitments





Recent new commitment trends

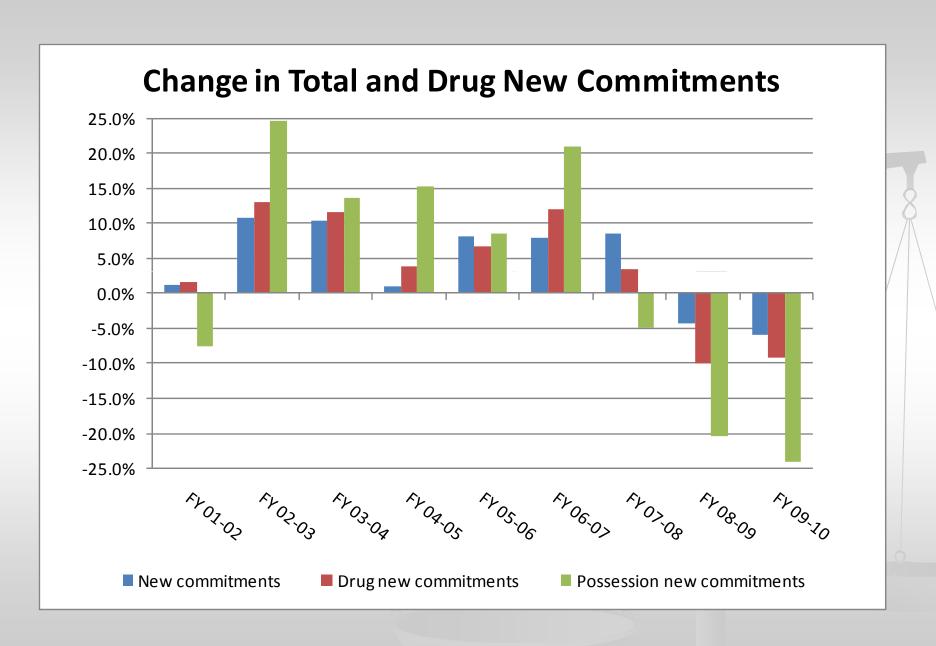
	Number	Percent	
FY 99-00	25,379	8.3%	
FY 00-01	25,525	0.6%	8
FY 01-02	25,854	1.3%	
FY 02-03	28,658	10.8%	
FY 03-04	31,638	10.4%	
FY 04-05	31,964	1.0%	
FY 05-06	34,546	8.1%	
FY 06-07	37,299	8.0%	
FY 07-08	40,491	8.6%	
FY 08-09	38,735	-4.3%	
FY 09-10	36,447	-5.9%	4

New Commitments to Prison by Primary Offense Type



Prison Admissions

				Drug possession
				admissions as %
	Total	Drug	Drug possession	of drug
	admissions	admissions	admissions	admissions
FY 84-85	14,393	2,013	542	26.9%
FY 89-90	44,701	16,169	6,807	42.1%
FY 94-95	22,247	5,616	1,811	32.2%
FY 99-00	25,743	7,325	2,186	29.8%
FY 09-10	36,444	9,753	2,624	26.9%



Cocaine Possession

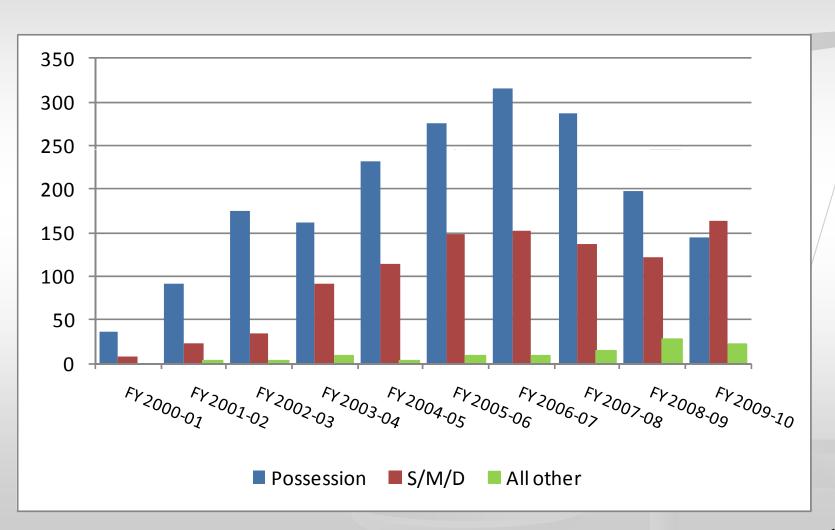
	New			Percent of
	Statewide	commitments		Drug New
	Rank	to prison	Change	Commitments
FY 2005-06	2	2774	11.3%	26.9%
FY 2006-07	1	3264	17.7%	28.3%
FY 2007-08	2	3036	-7.0%	25.4%
FY 2008-09	3	2295	-24.4%	21.4%
FY 2009-10	4	1562	-31.9%	16.0%

Cocaine Possession

In FY 2009-10

- 12% of all cocaine possession offenders were sentenced to prison
- 20% of new commitments were sentenced for a year-and-a-day
- Mean sentence length: 22.6 months
- 51% of new commitments were probation violators (technical and new offense violations)

Methamphetamine New Commitments



Trafficking in Heroin, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, etc.— At least 4 grams but less than 14 grams

	New commitments to prison	Statewide Rank	Increase
FY 2000-01	60	62	
FY 2009-10	660	11	Eleven-times

Characteristics

Cocaine Possession

- 33% white
- 17% female
- 37% on first DOC commitment

Trafficking in heroin, oxycodone, hydrocodone, etc. (at least 4 but LT 14 grams)

- 78% white
- 23% female
- 68% on first DOC commitment

For additional information

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