

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Criminal Justice Estimating Conference December 23, 2025

The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference convened December 23, 2025, to revise the forecast of prison admissions and population. During the five months monitored since the July 2025 Conference, admissions totaled 11,367 at the end of November 2025 which was 260 below the estimate or a loss of -2.2 percent from the forecasted level. With a reported prison population that was just 228 lower than expected in July, the error rate was only -0.3 percent. While both metrics ran slightly below their estimated levels, the error rates are well within the range that various conferences generally attribute to noise.

Given the accuracy of the overall results and generally similar underlying trends, the Conference decided to preserve the commitment forecast for FY 2025-26 through FY 2030-31, with only minor changes to conditional and control release technical violators and small adjustments to new commitments for the end of December 2025. As a result, the revisions to final release dates and the new commitments release matrix drove most of the change to the prison population forecast adopted in July 2025. The annual percentage changes to the prison population are upward due to the lower near-term releases, but close to those assumed by the prior conference.

Year	Admissions	Releases	End of year pop	End of year over (under) July 2025 CJEC	End of year percent change
FY 25-26	28,095	25,893	91,289	189	2.5%
FY 26-27	28,521	26,982	92,828	243	1.7%
FY 27-28	28,612	27,224	94,216	678	1.5%
FY 28-29	28,664	27,744	95,136	541	1.0%
FY 29-30	28,256	27,841	95,551	585	0.4%
FY 30-31	28,276	28,102	95,725	415	0.2%