

Texas Department of Criminal Justice

Offenders Received Who Have Been in the Conservatorship of Child Protective Services

Fiscal Year 2019 Report

Chapter 501.023, Texas Government Code, requires the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to assess whether an incoming inmate has been in the conservatorship of a state agency responsible for providing child protective services and to report the number of inmates identified during the diagnostic process, including, disaggregated by age, the number of inmates who have not previously served a term of imprisonment.

During Fiscal Year 2019 there were 3,186 offenders received by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who reported having been in foster care at some time. This represents approximately 5 percent of the offenders received during the fiscal year. Aggregate statistical information regarding their age, county of conviction, gender, offense of record and race follows.

Of the 3,186 offenders received in Fiscal Year 2019 by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice who reported having been in foster care at some time, 1,418, or approximately 45%, had not previously served a term of imprisonment.

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Effective August 26, 2013, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) began collecting information upon intake regarding each offender's self reported foster care history. Information collected in Fiscal Year 2019 indicated that 3,186 or approximately 5% of the offenders received by the TDCJ during the fiscal year had previously been in the conservatorship of a child protective services agency. The following is a breakdown of the current demographics of those offenders.

Race	Male	Female	Total
Black	760	169	929
Hispanic	634	186	820
White	970	457	1,427
Other and Unknown	8	2	10
Total	2,372	814	3,186

Age at Time of Receive	Male	Female	Total
14-16	2	0	2
17-18	62	15	77
19-20	191	26	217
21-24	469	105	574
25-29	558	196	754
30-39	741	309	1,050
40-49	225	124	349
50-59	108	36	144
60+	16	3	19
Total	2,372	814	3,186

Offense of Record	Prison	SAFP	State Jail	Total
Homicide	45	1	1	47
Kidnapping	6	2	0	8
Sexual Assault	15	0	0	15
Sexual Assault Against a Child	73	0	0	73
Indecency with a Child	33	0	0	33
Other Violent Sexual Offenses	8	0	0	8
Robbery	214	5	0	219
Assault/Terroristic Threat/Trafficking	461	41	10	512
Arson	9	2	0	11
Burglary	189	16	71	276
Larceny	35	12	185	232
Stolen Vehicle	14	1	79	94
Forgery	21	6	25	52
Fraud	37	3	56	96
Stolen/Damaged Property	2	0	12	14
Drug-Delivery	139	17	23	179
Drug-Possession	309	70	369	748
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	47	0	15	62
Family Offense	8	5	17	30
Commercialized/Sex Offense	19	2	13	34
Obstruction/Public Order	101	5	11	117
Escape	109	3	30	142
Weapons Offenses	91	3	3	97
DWI	48	2	10	60
Other	23	0	4	27
Total	2,056	196	934	3,186

An offender's offense of record is the offense which incarcerates the offender for the longest period of time.

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County of Conviction	Prison	SAFP	State Jail	Total
Harris	278	5	136	419
Tarrant	145	13	78	236
Bexar	165	7	58	230
Dallas	139	27	35	201
Travis	70	6	27	103
McLennan	42	2	26	70
El Paso	50	6	13	69
Montgomery	44	4	21	69
Hidalgo	35	1	24	60
Johnson	29	14	16	59
Nueces	31	9	9	49
Bell	34	1	13	48
Smith	36	1	9	46
Taylor	31	3	12	46
Wichita	25	1	18	44
Potter	26	4	13	43
Brazoria	26	1	15	42
Galveston	28	2	11	41
Collin	29	0	11	40
Grayson	18	2	20	40
Lubbock	30	0	9	39
Jefferson	20	4	11	35
Parker	21	4	10	35
Williamson	27	0	8	35
Brazos	19	3	8	30
Ector	17	1	12	30
Lamar	20	3	7	30
Gregg	16	1	10	27
Midland	21	0	5	26
Hunt	8	4	13	25
Tom Green	14	2	9	25
Brown	16	2	5	23
Cameron	14	2	7	23
Coryell	8	2	12	22
Denton	15	0	5	20
Randall	10	2	8	20
Counties with Less Than 20	499	57	230	786
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Age at Time of Receive	Male	Female	Total
14-16	2	0	2
17-18	60	15	75
19-20	165	25	190
21-24	287	81	368
25-29	212	110	322
30-39	191	134	325
40-49	57	48	105
50-59	20	9	29
60+	1	1	2
Total	995	423	1,418