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**Inmates Received Who Have
Been in the Conservatorship of
Child Protective Services
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Overview

Texas Government Code § 501.023 requires the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) 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, disaggregated by age, and the number of inmates who have not previously served a term of imprisonment.

The TDCJ established a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to receive data of individuals who were in DFPS conservatorship for verification purposes. During Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 there were 2,104 inmates received by the TDCJ who were verified as having been in conservatorship in Texas at some time. This represents approximately 5.6% of the inmates received during the fiscal year. Aggregate statistical information regarding their age, county of conviction, gender, offense of record and race is included in this report.

Of the 2,104 inmates received in FY 2020 by the TDCJ who were verified as having been in conservatorship in Texas, 962 inmates, or approximately 46%, had not previously served a term of imprisonment.

Inmates received who were verified as having been in the conservatorship of child protective services in Texas

Effective FY 2020, the TDCJ began receiving data from DFPS to cross-reference with inmates received into the TDCJ to identify which inmates had been under DFPS conservatorship.

Information collected in FY 2020 indicated that 2,104 or approximately 5.6% of the inmates received by the TDCJ during the fiscal year had previously been in the conservatorship of the child protective services agency.

The following is a breakdown of the current demographics of those inmates.

Race	Male	Female	Total
Black	593	116	709
Hispanic	585	103	688
White	502	202	704
Other and Unknown	3	0	3
Total	1,683	421	2,104

County of Conviction	Prison	SAFP	State Jail	Total
Harris	168	4	54	226
Bexar	137	19	24	180
Tarrant	97	4	41	142
Dallas	90	31	19	140
Hidalgo	51	6	16	73
Travis	56	4	9	69
McLennan	34	6	14	54
Lubbock	35	1	12	48
Montgomery	35	0	8	43
Potter	30	2	8	40
El Paso	24	4	9	37
Brazos	27	1	6	34
Taylor	22	3	9	34
Galveston	22	0	10	32
Bell	21	4	6	31
Cameron	26	1	4	31
Ector	21	0	5	26
Tom Green	18	4	4	26
Brazoria	13	0	12	25
Smith	16	1	8	25
Jefferson	17	1	4	22
Brown	11	5	4	20
Grayson	9	1	10	20
Counties with Fewer Than 20	441	108	177	726
Total	1,421	210	473	2,104

It should be noted that 1,162 inmates who claimed having been in conservatorship upon intake could not be verified according to the shared DFPS data and are not included in this report.

Age at Time of Receive	Male	Female	Total
14-16	0	0	0
17-18	74	13	87
19-20	188	26	214
21-24	374	74	448
25-29	451	128	579
30-39	503	140	643
40-49	86	36	122
50-59	7	4	11
60+	0	0	0
Total	1,683	421	2,104

Offense of Record	Prison	SAFP	State Jail	Total
Homicide	42	0	0	42
Kidnapping	10	0	1	11
Sexual Assault	11	0	0	11
Sexual Assault Against a Child	52	0	0	52
Indecency with a Child	21	0	0	21
Other Violent Sexual Offenses	3	0	0	3
Robbery	156	12	0	168
Assault/Terroristic Threat/Trafficking	316	54	7	377
Arson	8	3	1	12
Burglary	125	18	32	175
Larceny	43	11	96	150
Stolen Vehicle	9	5	61	75
Forgery	6	1	12	19
Fraud	21	1	30	52
Stolen/Damaged Property	2	0	6	8
Drug-Delivery	85	20	10	115
Drug-Possession	184	58	148	390
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	18	0	9	27
Family Offense	10	1	11	22
Commercialized/Sex Offense	7	2	5	14
Obstruction/Public Order	70	7	13	90
Escape	106	6	22	134
Weapons Offenses	77	6	3	86
DWI	13	2	6	21
Other	26	3	0	29
Total	1,421	210	473	2,104

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

Inmates received by the TDCJ during the fiscal year who had previously been in the conservatorship of child protective services in Texas who had not previously served a term of imprisonment in TDCJ

Effective FY 2020, the TDCJ began receiving data from DFPS to cross-reference with inmates received into the TDCJ to identify which inmates had been under DFPS Conservatorship.

Information collected in FY 2020 indicated that 962 or approximately 45.7% of the inmates received by the TDCJ during the fiscal year who had previously been in the conservatorship of a child protective services agency had not previously served a term of imprisonment.

The following is a breakdown of the current demographics of those inmates.

Age at Time of Receive	Male	Female	Total
14-16	0	0	0
17-18	73	12	85
19-20	162	23	185
21-24	232	55	287
25-29	148	77	225
30-39	91	58	149
40-49	14	14	28
50-59	2	1	3
60+	0	0	0
Total	722	240	962



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