



# Snapshot of Current Incarceration Statistics

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# Missions

- ▶ The NC Department of Public Safety works to improve the quality of life for North Carolinians by reducing crime and enhancing public safety.
- ▶ The adult correction mission – To promote public safety by the administration of a fair and humane system which provides for adjudicated offenders to develop progressively responsible behavior.

# Prisons Population

- ▶ As of 12/31/2016, NC had an incarceration rate of 339 inmates per 100,000 state population, compared to 450 inmates per 100,000 US population – 29 states had higher rates.
- ▶ NC had the 13<sup>th</sup> highest total prisons population among the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

- Bureau of Justice Statistics (2018)

# NC Prisons

- ▶ 55 prisons, statewide
- ▶ Total authorized budget: \$1.27B
- ▶ FTEs: 16,195

# NC Prisons

## Inmate Average Daily Costs (FY 2016-17)

- ▶ Minimum Custody \$85.18
- ▶ Medium Custody \$98.49
- ▶ Close Custody \$114.26

# Prisons Population

## Average Yearly Populations

- 2002 – 32,982
- 2003 – 33,646
- 2004 – 34,988
- 2005 – 36,263
- 2006 – 37,038
- 2007 – 37,985
- 2008 – 38,957
- 2009 – 40,203
- 2010 – 39,899
- 2011 – 40,406
- 2012 – 38,104
- 2013 – 37,182
- 2014 – 37,433
- 2015 – 37,066
- 2016 – 36,462
- 2017 – 36,373

# Prisons Population

Prisons population, as of 2/28/18: 36,578

- By custody:
  - Close 18%
  - Medium 45%
  - Minimum 37%
  
- By gender:
  - Male 92%
  - Female 8%
  
- By race:
  - White 40%
  - Black 52%
  - Other 8%

# Prisons Population

- By conviction status:
  - Felony 98%
  - Misdemeanant 2%
  
- By age:
  - > 55 12%
  - > 20 97%
  - Youths < 18 < 1%



# Prisons Admissions

## ▶ Prisons admissions (CY 2017)

- By gender:

- Male 86%
- Female 14%

- By race:

- White 47%
- Black 47%
- Other 6%

# Prisons Admissions

## ▶ Prisons admissions (CY 2017)

### ◦ By age:

- Adults > 20 93%
- Young adults 18 to 20 6%
- Youths < 18 1%

### ◦ Education Level of Felon Admissions

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Highest Grade Claimed</u>
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# Prisons Population

- ▶ **118%**
  - % increase over the last 10 years of inmates age 55+
- ▶ **60%**
  - % increase over the last 10 years of inmates diagnosed with chronic illnesses
- ▶ **65%**
  - % increase over the last 10 years of inmates diagnosed with mental illness (approximately 17% of total population)
- ▶ Majority of inmates with these illnesses have co-occurring disorders
- ▶ **95%**
  - % of inmates expected to return to society after incarceration
  - = approximately 24,000/year

# Substance Use Disorder Treatment

- Treatment provided by the Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency Programs (ACDP) Section.
- Mission is “to deliver effective and comprehensive services to eligible NC Department of Public Safety offenders who meet criteria for a substance abuse disorder and are appropriate for treatment.”
- Provides both community-based and prison-based treatment environments.
- Implements best practices for treatment, based on cognitive-behavioral interventions.
- Prison-based program average inmate daily cost = \$16.98

# Treatment Needs

For FY 2016-17:

- Of the 17,366 inmates screened, 71% indicated a need for intermediate or long-term substance use disorder treatment = 1% increase from previous year.
  - Of the 2,259 adult **female** inmates screened, 78% indicated a need for intermediate or long-term substance use disorder treatment.
  - Of the 13,556 adult **male** inmates screened, 70% indicated a need for intermediate or long-term substance use disorder treatment.
  - Of the 1,551 **youthful male** inmates (under age 22) screened, 67% indicated a need for intermediate or long-term substance use disorder treatment.

# Treatment Resources

## Prison-based treatment resources:

- Intermediate Intensive Outpatient treatment (90-180 days) slots = 774
- Long-Term Intensive Outpatient treatment (180-365 days) slots = 238
- Total = 1,012 slots
- One in two inmates have an opportunity for placement in an intermediate program.
- One in six inmates have an opportunity for placement in a long-term program.

# Prisons Population

- ▶ Most Frequent Crimes of Inmates Entering Prison (CY 2017)
  - Drugs Possession/Sell (or intent) 17% (4,476)
  - Breaking and Entering 12%
  - Larceny 11%
  - Assault 7%
  - Fraud/Forgery 7%
  - DWI 6%
  - Robbery 6%
  - Weapons Offenses 5%
  - Habitual Felon 5%
  - Sexual Assault/Sexual Offenses 4%
  - Drugs Trafficking 4% (1,119)
  - Other Public Order Crimes 2%
  - Murder First Degree 1%
  - Burglary 1%
  - Other Traffic Violations 1%
  - Violation Sex Offense Conditions 1%
  - Kidnapping and Abduction 1%
  - Auto Theft 1%
  - Murder Second Degree 1%

# Questions?