

# Crime in California

2002

# ADULT CORRECTIONS

"The statistical measurement of crime in our society is one of the most difficult and most often misunderstood of law enforcement's activities. A major objective of criminal statistics is to provide a relief map of crime for law enforcement purposes. These studies must be viewed as a series rather than individually if the outlines which they attempt to describe are to become apparent... Each volume added to these series increases our knowledge of crime and greatly aids us in dealing with one of this nation's major domestic problems."

Thomas C. Lynch, Attorney General  
"Crime in California, 1964"

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## **WHAT IS ADULT CORRECTIONS?**

Adults convicted in California courts are frequently placed under the jurisdiction of either the state correctional system or a correctional system operated by local government. The state correctional system provides confinement, rehabilitation, and parole services through the California Department of Corrections (CDC) which includes the California Rehabilitation Center (CRC). The state correctional system also includes the California Youth Authority (CYA) and the California Department of Mental Health (CDMH). Local correctional agencies provide confinement, rehabilitation, and probation services for those sentenced to their care and also those persons awaiting trial or sentencing.

## **HOW ARE ADULTS UNDER SUPERVISION COUNTED?**

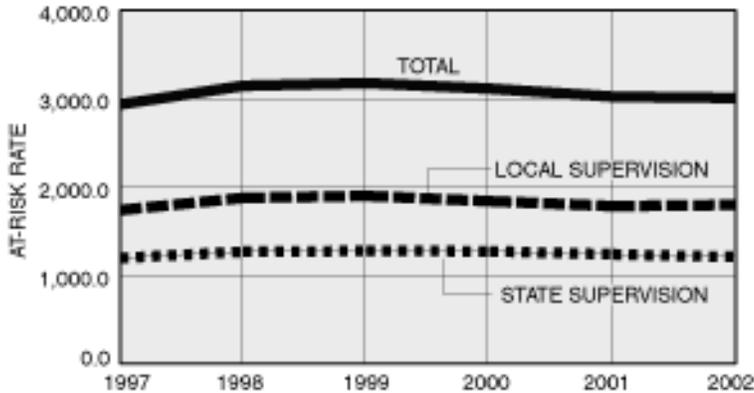
At the state level, supervision data are obtained annually from the CDC and CYA. At the local level, supervision data are obtained from the Board of Corrections and county probation departments.

## **WHAT IS A RATE?**

A rate describes the number of events that occurred within a given population. The formula for calculating an adult correction rate can be found in the Appendix.

## Adults Under State and Local Supervision

ADULTS UNDER SUPERVISION, 1997-2002  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 42.

ADULTS UNDER STATE AND LOCAL SUPERVISION, 2002



Source: Table 42A.

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 2.4 percent increase in the rate of adults under supervision.
- There was a 1.1 percent increase in the rate of adults under state supervision and a 3.4 percent increase in the rate of adults under local supervision.

### From 2001 to 2002:

- There was a 0.5 percent rate decrease in adults under supervision.
- There was a 2.4 percent rate decrease in adults under state supervision and a 0.8 percent increase in the rate of adults under local supervision.

### In 2002, of 689,515 adults under supervision:

- State supervision accounted for 40.2 percent (277,230).
- Local supervision accounted for 59.8 percent (412,285).

*The rate of adults under state and local supervision has decreased for three consecutive years after increasing for the previous six years (see Table 41).*

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## Adults Under State Supervision

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 1.9 percent decrease in the rate of adults in institutions.
- There was a 5.4 percent increase in the rate of adult parolees/outpatients.

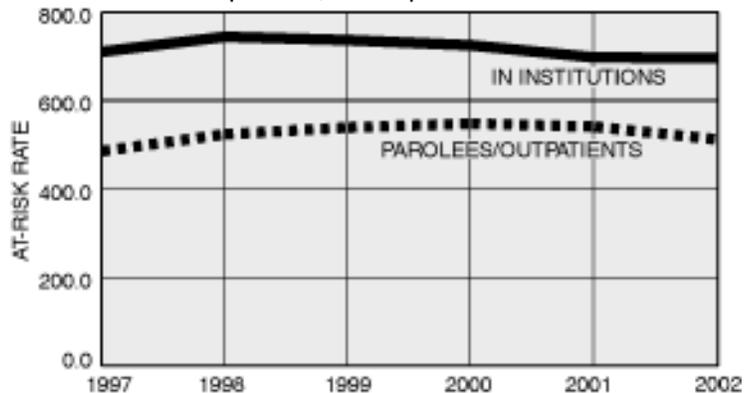
### From 2001 to 2002:

- There was a 0.1 percent rate decrease of adults in institutions.
- There was a 5.4 percent rate decrease in adult parolees/outpatients.

In 2002, of 277,230 adults under state supervision:

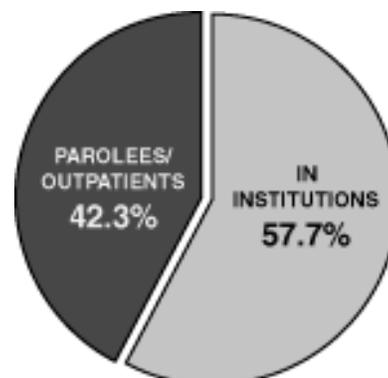
- Those in institutions accounted for 57.7 percent (159,869).
- Parolees/outpatients accounted for 42.3 percent (117,361).

ADULTS UNDER STATE SUPERVISION, 1997-2002  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 42.

ADULTS UNDER STATE SUPERVISION, 2002

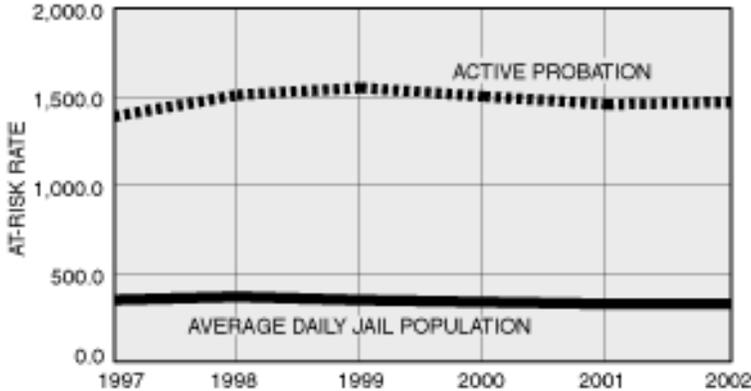


Source: Table 42A.

*The rate of adults in institutions declined for the fourth consecutive year.*

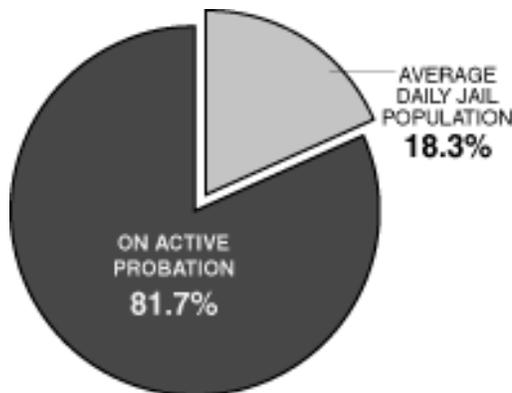
## Adults Under Local Supervision

ADULTS UNDER LOCAL SUPERVISION, 1997-2002  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 42.

ADULTS UNDER LOCAL SUPERVISION, 2002



Source: Table 42A.

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 6.0 percent rate decrease in the average daily jail population.
- There was a 5.8 percent increase in the rate of adults on active probation.

### From 2001 to 2002:

- There was a 0.6 percent rate increase in the average daily jail population.
- There was a 0.8 percent rate increase in adults on active probation.

### In 2002, of 412,285 adults under local supervision:

- The average daily jail population accounted for 18.3 percent (75,545). Of these,
  - There were 28,107 serving sentences.
  - There were 47,438 awaiting trial or sentencing.
- Those on active probation accounted for 81.7 percent (336,740).

*In 2002, slight increases were seen in the average daily jail population and in adults on active probation.*

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## Adults on Active Probation

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- The total number of adults on active probation increased 10.6 percent.

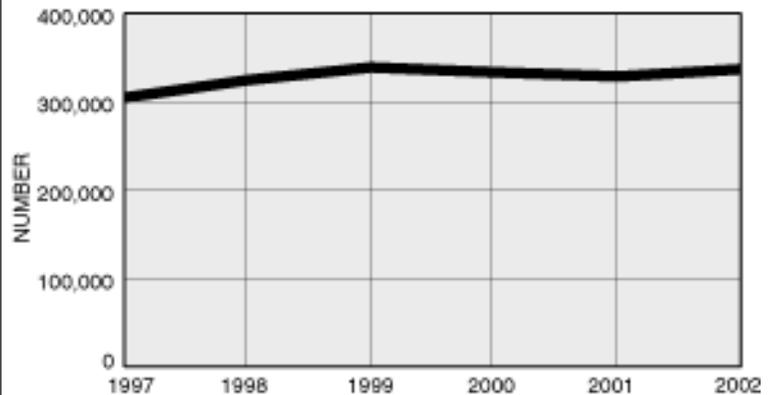
### From 2001 to 2002:

- The total number of adults on active probation increased 2.5 percent.

### In 2002, of 336,740 adults on active probation:

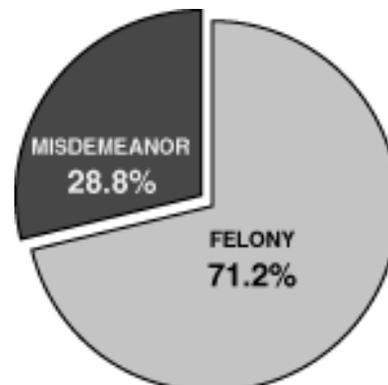
- Those sentenced for felony-level offenses accounted for 71.2 percent (239,618).
- Those sentenced for misdemeanor-level offenses accounted for 28.8 percent (97,122).

ADULTS ON ACTIVE PROBATION, 1997-2002



Source: Table 43.

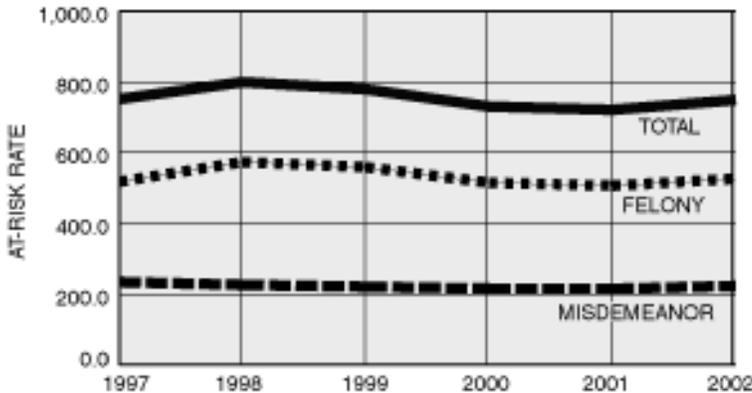
ADULTS ON ACTIVE PROBATION, 2002  
By Level of Offense



Source: Table 43.

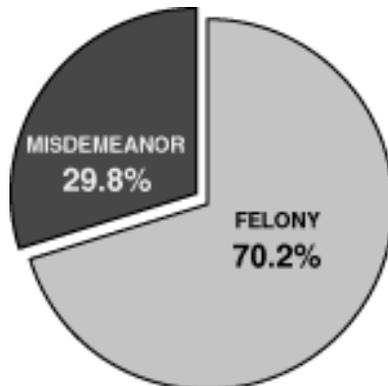
*The number of adults on active probation increased annually from 1997 to 2002 with the exception of slight decreases in 2000 and 2001.*

ADULTS PLACED ON PROBATION, 1997-2002  
By Level of Offense  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 44.

ADULTS PLACED ON PROBATION, 2002  
By Level of Offense



Source: Table 44.

## Adults Placed on Probation

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 0.3 percent decrease in the rate of adults placed on probation.
- There was a 1.6 percent increase in the rate of adults placed for felony offenses and a 4.7 percent decrease in the rate of adults placed for misdemeanor offenses.

### From 2001 to 2002:

- There was a 3.9 percent rate increase in adults placed on probation.
- There was a 3.9 percent rate increase in adults placed for felony offenses and a 3.7 percent rate increase in adults placed for misdemeanor offenses.

In 2002, of the 171,738 adults placed on probation:

- Those placed for felony offenses accounted for 70.2 percent (120,645).
- Those placed for misdemeanor offenses accounted for 29.8 percent (51,093).

*For the years shown, the rate of adults placed on probation showed a net decrease of 0.3 percent despite a 3.9 percent increase from 2001 to 2002.*

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## Adults Removed From Probation

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 7.1 percent increase in the rate of adults removed from probation.
- There was a 17.6 percent increase in the rate of terminations, a 6.5 percent increase in revocations, and a 21.6 percent decrease in those removed for other reasons.

### From 2001 to 2002:

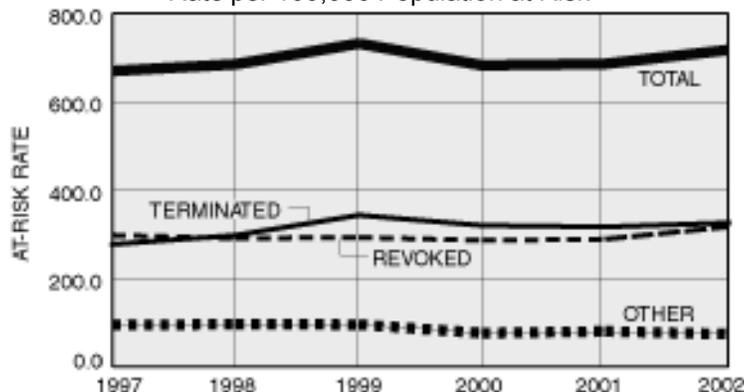
- There was a 4.6 percent increase in the rate of adults removed from probation.
- There was a 3.0 percent increase in the rate of terminations, a 9.7 percent increase in revocations, and a 7.5 percent decrease in those removed for other reasons.

In 2002, of the 164,434 adults removed from probation:

- Those whose probation was terminated (completed their terms of probation successfully) accounted for 45.5 percent (74,745).
- Those whose probation was revoked accounted for 44.2 percent (72,686).
- Those removed for other reasons accounted for 10.3 percent (17,003).

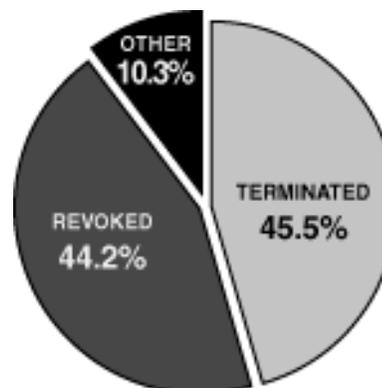
***From 1997 to 2002, there was a 17.6 percent increase in the rate of probations terminated, including a 3.0 percent increase from 2001 to 2002.***

ADULTS REMOVED FROM PROBATION, 1997-2002  
By Type of Removal  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 44.

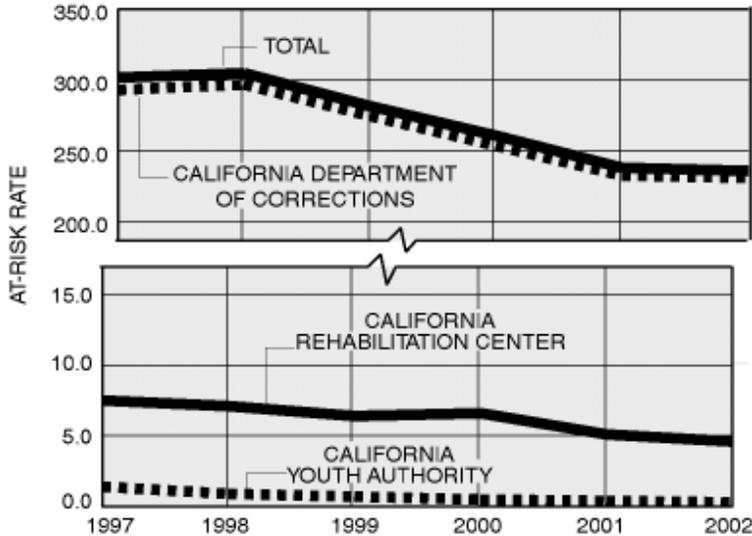
ADULTS REMOVED FROM PROBATION, 2002  
By Type of Removal



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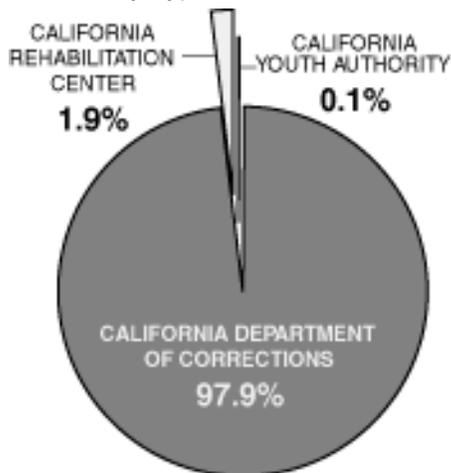
# ADULT CORRECTIONS

ADULTS COMMITTED TO STATE INSTITUTIONS, 1997-2002  
By Type of Institution  
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 45.

ADULTS COMMITTED TO STATE INSTITUTIONS, 2002  
By Type of Institution



Source: Table 45.

Note: Percentages do not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

## Adults Committed to State Institutions

### Comparing 1997 to 2002:

- There was a 21.9 percent decrease in the rate of adults committed to state institutions.
- There was a 21.2 percent decrease in the rate of CDC commitments.
- There was a 38.7 percent decrease in the rate of commitments to CRC and a 78.6 percent decrease in the rate of commitments to CYA.

### From 2001 to 2002:

- There was a 0.9 percent decrease in the rate of adults committed to state institutions.
- There was a 0.7 percent decrease in the rate of CDC commitments.
- There was a 9.8 percent decrease in the rate of commitments to CRC and a 25.0 percent decrease in the rate of commitments to CYA.

### In 2002, of 54,056 adults committed to state institutions:

- New commitments accounted for 73.5 percent (39,707).
- Parolees/outpatients returned with new commitments accounted for 26.5 percent (14,349).

And,

- Commitments to CDC accounted for 97.9 percent (52,933).
- Commitments to CRC accounted for 1.9 percent (1,047).
- Commitments to CYA accounted for 0.1 percent (76).

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