

KNOWN DATA LIMITATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

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ARRESTS

Monthly Arrest and Citation Register

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ADULT PROBATION

- Sierra County did not report data for 1998.
- Solano County reported estimates for the number of placements.
- The data include adults placed on supervised probation only. Court probation, diversion, and summary probation are not included.
- Persons are counted once for each jurisdiction. Therefore, data include original grants of probation and do not include subsequent grants of probation to persons already under probation supervision ordered by the same level court in the same county. Also, the probationers under jurisdiction of both superior and lower courts (or consolidated courts) and any who are jurisdictional cases of more than one county are counted more than one time in statewide totals.

- Labels were changed from Superior Court and Lower Court to Felony offense and Misdemeanor offense because of court consolidation.
- Counties that have consolidated their courts only report felony caseloads.
- The sources of data are county probation departments' monthly reports of summary data.

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS)

- Adult felony arrest disposition data normally represent final dispositions on approximately 65-75 percent of the total adult felony arrests made during a calendar year. In the aggregate, the data generally describe state dispositional patterns.
- Data selected for the 1989 and 1990 OBTS report files include dispositions given in the calendar year and processed by the DOJ in April of the following year. The 1991 and 1992 OBTS report files were accessed through August of the following year. The 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996 OBTS report files were accessed in May 1998. The 1997 OBTS report file was accessed in September 1998.
- Caution should be used when comparing conviction and nonconviction dispositions since budget constraints necessitated the processing of conviction dispositions on a priority basis. The impact of this procedural change has yet to be determined.
- OBTS data are grouped by the year of disposition regardless of the year in which the arrest occurred.
- Only the final disposition of an arrest event is selected for statistical purposes. Intermediate dispositions (diversion programs, suspended proceedings, reopenings, retrials, or subsequent actions) are not included in OBTS data.
- If a person is arrested for multiple offenses, OBTS selects only the most serious offense, based on the severity of possible punishment. If there are multiple court dispositions, OBTS selects the most serious court disposition and the associated offense.
- OBTS data on state institutional commitments may vary from information compiled and reported by other state agencies because of differences in the data collection systems and criteria.
- The OBTS file includes some persons whose age at arrest was under 18. These minors received a final disposition in adult court under provisions of the Welfare and Institutions Code sections 602, 707(a), 707(b), 707(c), and 707.1(a).

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