

Classification of State Inmates

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Definitions

Controlled Intake (CI): inmate sentenced to the Department of Corrections (judgment received) pending classification to a jail program or awaiting admission to an Assessment Center.

Class D (CD): inmate serving on Class D felonies, 5 year sentence or less (unless sex offense – sentence must be less than 2 years). *Inmates serving a sentence for Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registry or Providing False, Misleading or Incomplete Information on Registration Form are ineligible.

Class C Program (CC): inmate serving on Class C felony or Class D felonies with more than 5 year sentence, classified as community custody.

Class D Extended Program (DE): inmate serving on Class D felony with a sentence greater than 5 years but less than 5 years remaining to be served; not serving on violent or sex offense by statute.

Classification Basics

The Department of Corrections uses an objective-based risk instrument that was developed with the assistance of the National Institute of Corrections (NIC). The classification manual is reviewed and updated in accordance with recommendations from validity and reliability studies.

Instruments:

- Initial Male, Reclassification Male
- Initial Female, Reclassification Female



Classification Basics

Levels of Custody:

- Community
- Minimum
- Medium
- Maximum



Classification Basics

Scored Risk Factors include:

- Disciplinary behavior (both in jail and institution)
- Severity of Current Offense
- History and Severity of Other Convictions
- Escape history
- Age
- High School Diploma/GED
- Employment/Attending School at time of arrest
- KyRAS Peer Companion and Family/Social Score



Classification Basics

Administrative Overrides:

- >90 days statutory good time loss or any amount of non-restorable good time loss
- >48 months remaining to parole eligibility/minimum expiration date
- Escape in last 10 yrs.
- Pending Escape, Class X, A, B, Immigration detainer
- Current conviction for murder/sexual offense, prior sex incarceration
- Not serve 1 year from date of conviction for Robbery I/Assault I or Aiding/Abetting



Classification Process - Jail

- Jail classification process
- In 2019, the Department classified an average of 992 inmates/month into jail programs (total 11,913).
- In 2020, the Department classified an average of 699 inmates/month into jail programs (total 8,395).
- In 2021, the Department has classified an average of 691 inmates/month into jail programs (total 5,526).

Year	Average number of Days to Classification (CD/CD/DE)
2019	30
2020	37
2021	40



Controlled Intake Inmates Pending Classification to Jail Programs

Program	Number of Inmates Waiting	Average length of wait
CD/DE	93	27
CC	21	47



Classification Process - Institution

- Institutional classification process

RCC	2019	2020	2021	Ross Cash	2019	2020	2021
Average # days	184	183	368	Average # days	100	86	194
Total # of inmates	3077	972	1323	Total # of inmates	172	32	60

KCIW	2019	2020	2021
Average # days	239	273	283
Total # of inmates	195	76	210

The Assessment Centers were on pause for a significant amount of time during 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This had a tremendous effect on controlled intake and inmate transfers.



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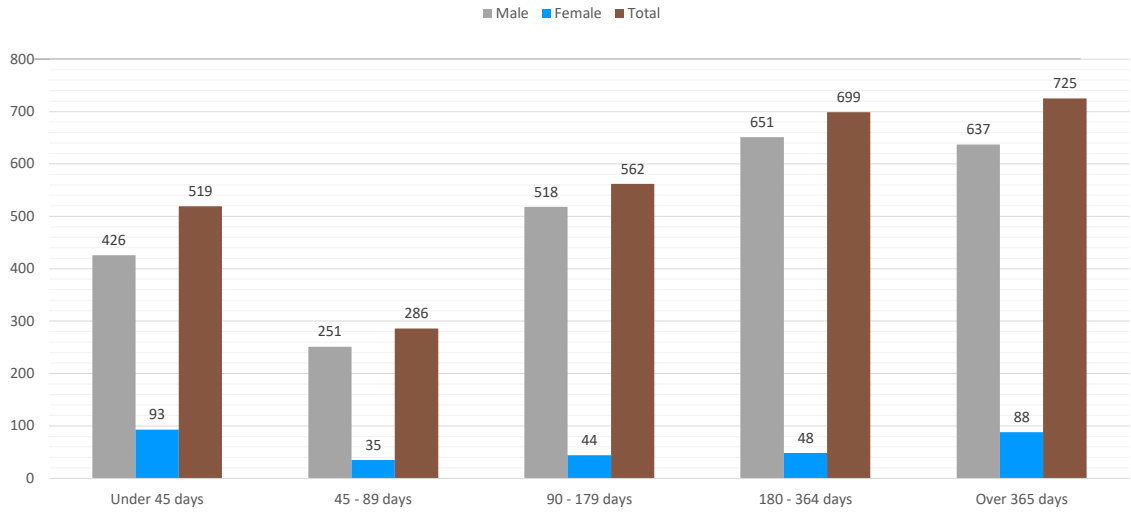
The Department opened satellite Assessment Centers to assist with controlled intake movement out of the jails.

BCC	2021
Average # days	364
Total # of inmates	232

WKCC	2021
Average # days	582
Total # of inmates	79



Controlled Intake by Days and Gender – February 15, 2021



Controlled Intake by Days and Gender – September 15, 2021

