

Nevada Department of Corrections

Definition of Terms

Sentence Length vs Length of Stay

- The sentence length is the amount of time the offender has been sentenced to serve by the court and will not change due to credits.
- The length of stay reflects the actual time served by the offender and includes credits to the sentence(s).

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Parole Violator with No New vs with New Offense

- If an offender violates parole and is brought back to the NDOC, and no JOC (Judgement of Conviction) accompanies the offender, the imprisonment status will be set to Parole Violator with No New Offense.
- The imprisonment status could be updated later if a JOC is received for the offender.
- This logic is applied similarly to mandatory parole violators and probation violators.

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Offense Group

- The offense category is specified on the Judgement of Conviction and defined in Nevada Revised Statute and the Nevada Offense Code.
- If the inmate has multiple convictions under the same booking number, the highest active offense for that booking is reported.
- The hierarchy for the highest active offense is as follows: sex, violence, property, drug, DUI and other.
- This means that if an offender has a property or drug conviction but also has a sex or violence conviction on the same booking, they will be reported as sex or violence.

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Offense Group

- On rare occasion, a conviction previously listed in one offense group may be changed to a different offense group.
- For example, the NDOC previously categorized animal abuse related convictions as violence. The Attorney General's Office informed us that animal abuse should be instead categorized as a property offense due to recent court rulings.

Scope of Reporting

- Admissions and Releases data represents felony offenders under our jurisdiction who were admitted or released during 2020.
- Total Current Population data represents felony offenders under our jurisdiction as of December 31st 2020.
- The NDOC did not include Safe Keepers in the data sets.
- The recidivism data in section II parts C & D (pages 16-18) is based on the 2016 release cohort.

Reporting Procedures

- The NDOC had to create three additional reports to extract all necessary variables to comply with the reporting requirement of AB236.
- Reporting under AB236 is a work in progress. NDOC will continue to strive for accuracy and completeness in providing the data requested.

Reporting Challenges

- Gender identity and sexual orientation are not values previously reported by NDOC due to HIPPA data privacy restrictions.
- In regard to recidivism, the NDOC has not previously reported the type of admission, gender identity, ethnicity or risk score.
- The NDOC does collect data regarding an offender's race however we are in the process of updating our procedures to incorporate contemporary demographic methodology to comply with national standards for race and ethnicity.

Undefined Terms

- Specific requirements in regard to prior felonies
- The NDOC can provide the highest offense group, the most recent prior felony or even a specific prior offense group.

