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### Presentation to Assembly Judiciary

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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF SENTENCING POLICY

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

### Today's Presentation





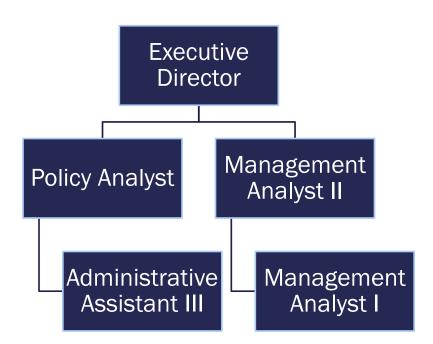
# History and Staff

### HISTORY Established in 2019 Nevada Department of Sentencing Policy (NDSP) was created as an independent agency to collect data to assist the Nevada

Sentencing Commission in making data-driven recommendations

• Nevada Sentencing Commission was moved from the Legislative Branch to NDSP

### STAFF



### Mission

Promote an equitable and reliable criminal justice system by providing reliable criminal justice data, practical fiscal analysis, and comprehensive policy resources to lawmakers, stakeholders, and the public to ensure Nevada's sentencing and corrections policies and the Nevada criminal justice system as a whole are effective, data-driven, and resource sensitive.





### Core Values

### We dedicate ourselves to data that is...





### NSC and NLJRCC

 NDSP supports the Nevada Sentencing Commission (NSC) and Nevada Local Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council (NLJRCCC) in fulfilling their statutory duties

•NSC meets monthly

•NLJRCC meets as needed

- •NSC statutorily required to:
  - Evaluate the effectiveness and fiscal impact of various policies and practices regarding sentencing
  - Make data-driven recommendations for sentencing and corrections policies

•NLJRCC required to:

- Advise NSC on actions needed to implement AB 236 (2019) at the local level
- Administer grants to reduce recidivism, as funded by costs avoided



### Criminal Justice Data Advances

•Created first interactive dashboard of prison population data

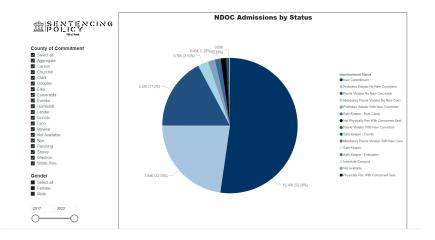
- Provide monthly snapshots and analysis of the prison population in our "Data Dispatches"
- •Created a guide to understanding sentence credits
- •Make Nevada-Focused data presentations to the Nevada Sentencing Commission and criminal justice stakeholders

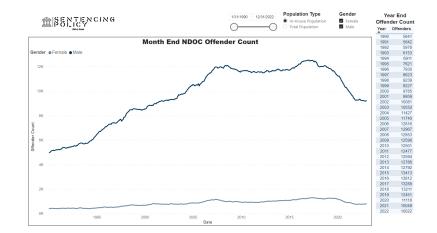
Available on our website sentencing.nv.gov and visit "The Hub"



### Dashboards

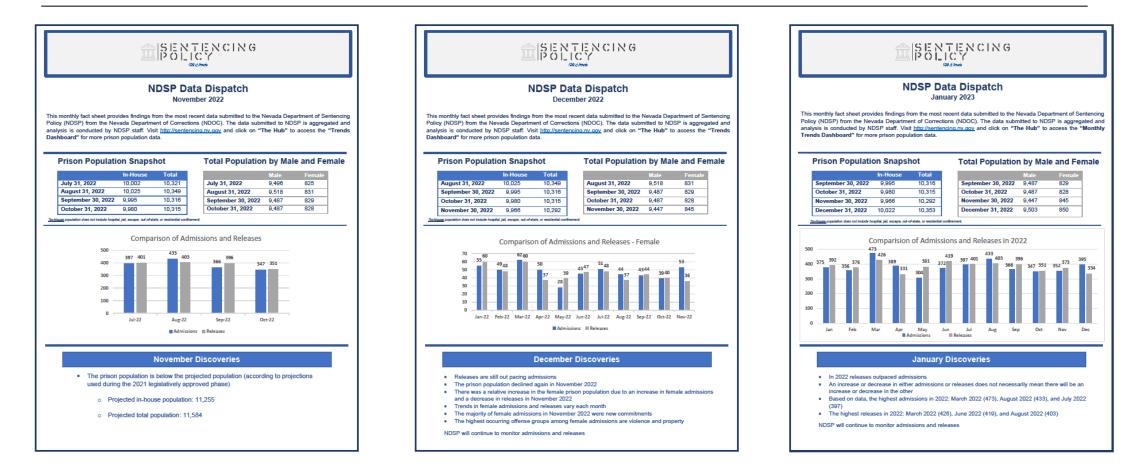
- Available at "The Hub" at sentencing.nv.gov
- Monthly Trends Dashboard
- •Yearly Admissions and Releases Dashboard







### Monthly Data Dispatches





### Measuring AB 236 Outcomes

#### DATA PRESENTED AND ANALYZED

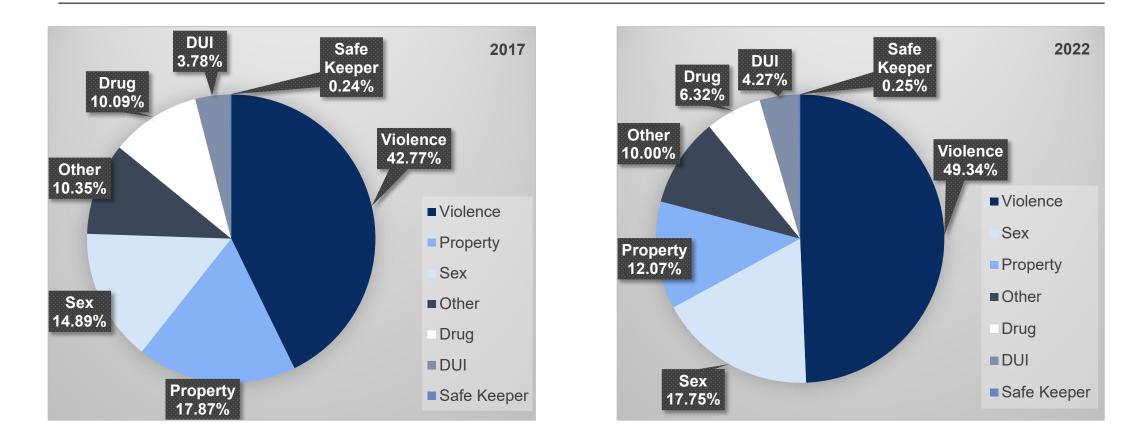
- Presented preliminary findings at November 4, 2022, Nevada Sentencing Commission meeting
- Data analyzed
  - Compared December 31, 2022, total population to September 30, 2022, total population
  - Most serious offense
- Are we focusing our resources on serious and violent offenders?
- Serious and violent includes:
  - Sex and violence offense groups
  - All category A felonies

### FINDINGS

- Prison population started declining in 2017
- AB 236 reforms and COVID-19 enhanced the prison population decline
- The majority of those housed in prison were convicted of category A and B felonies
- The highest occurring offense groups among categories A and B are sex and violence
- Property and drug offense group totals and percentages decreased



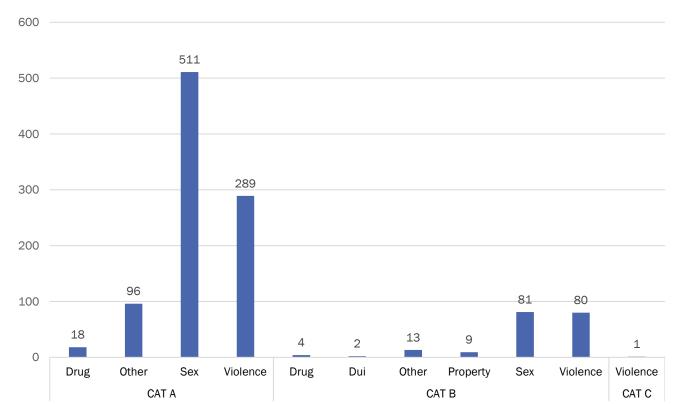
# Total Population by Offense Group 2017 and 2022 Comparison



# Analysis of Aging Population

Based on request from NSC member

- •Presented to the Nevada Sentencing Commission on August 24, 2022 (starts on slide 10)
- Data analyzed
  - July 2022 Total Prison Population Data
  - 50+ years of age
  - Minimum sentence of 120 months or more
  - Felony category and offense group by most serious offense



### Criminal History of Convicted Persons with Zero Prior Felonies

- Based on request from NSC members
- Analysis of criminal history of those admitted to prison who had zero prior felonies
- Presented to the Nevada Sentencing Commission on November 4, 2022 (starts on slide 29)
- Data analyzed
  - Total population on September 30, 2022
  - Most serious offense
- 5.31% of the total population are new commitments and have no priors
  - Total population: 10,318

09/30/2022						
Categories	Totals	Percentages				
CAT A	203	37.04%				
CAT B	312	56.93%				
CAT C	24	4.38%				
CAT D	9	1.64%				
Grand Total	548					

09/30/2022					
Groups	Totals	Percentages			
Violence	265	48.36%			
Sex	191	34.85%			
Drug	27	4.93%			
DUI	26	4.74%			
Other	21	3.83%			
Property	18	3.28%			
Grand Total	548				

Recidivism and Re-entry Project

Collecting qualitative data about parole violators and what they think would support their re-entry Meeting with parole violators at Northern Nevada Correctional Center and High Desert State Prison



Medically-assisted treatment is needed. I've seen eight friends die from Fentanyl.

It takes too long to get into any program.

I came in with nothing, I was put out with nothing.

I was released addicted

to crime.

Need mentors or sponsors. Show me your friends and I'll show you your future.

Need help with figuring out why we use. Using will lead

Parole was never a place to go for help.

barber, you're gonna get your hair cut.

Centers and shelters are always in a terrible neighborhood-dangerous, drug-infested, and full of crime.

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Addiction-YUM!

Need housing that is not a ticket to come back to prison. If you go to the Waiting lists for help are too long; already back to the demons.

Anxiety drives familiarity.

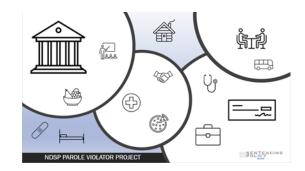
It seems like a setup.

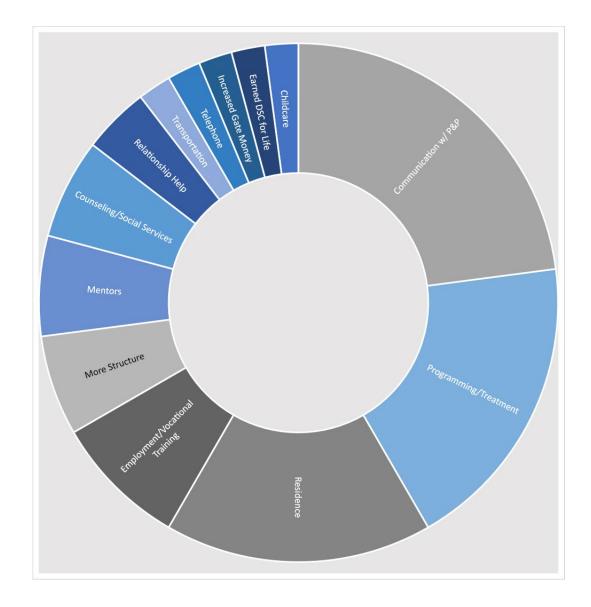
I was in prison almost 22 years. Why wouldn't you give me resources? I'm going back to society.



### **Resources and Support Needs**

We talked about resources and support earlier—What helped the most? What, if anything, would have made a bigger difference?







# Preview of 2017-2022 Prison Population Analysis

### DETAILS OF FORTHCOMING REPORT

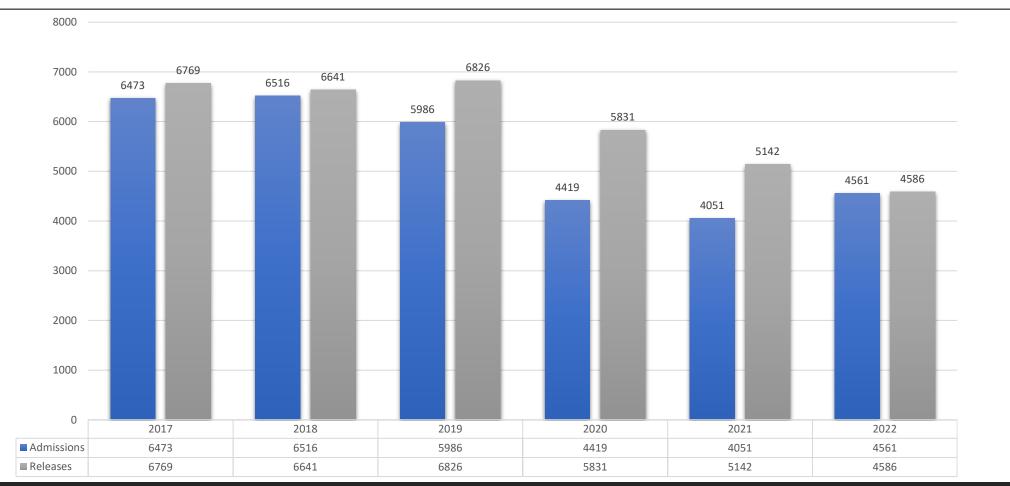
- Report analyzes the prison population from 2017 to 2022
- Data includes:
  - Total population
  - Admissions
  - Releases
- Detailed analysis by:
  - Offense group
  - Felony category
  - Female population

### PREVIEW OF DATA INCLUDES

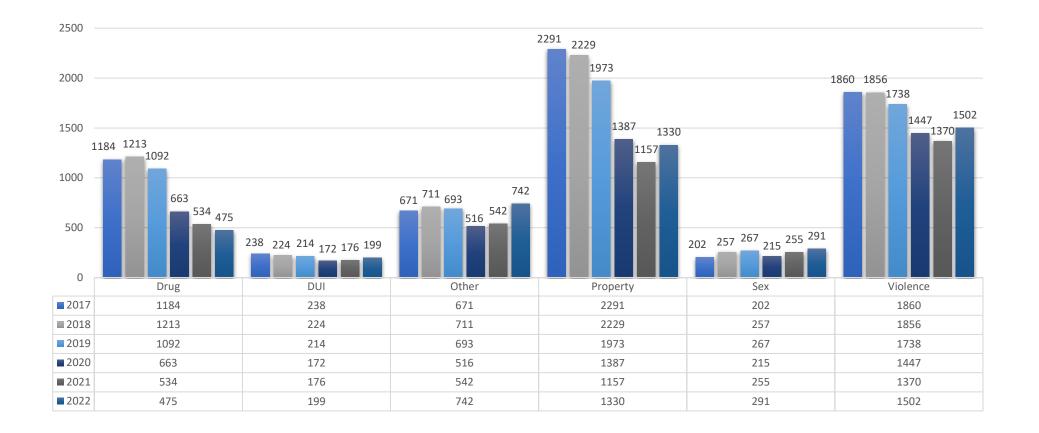
- Comparison of admissions and releases
- •Admissions by offense group
- Admissions: Imprisonment status totals and percentages
- Releases by offense group
- Female admission trends
- Female admissions: new commitments by offense group



### 2017-2022 Comparison of Admissions and Releases



# 2017-2022 Admissions by Offense Group

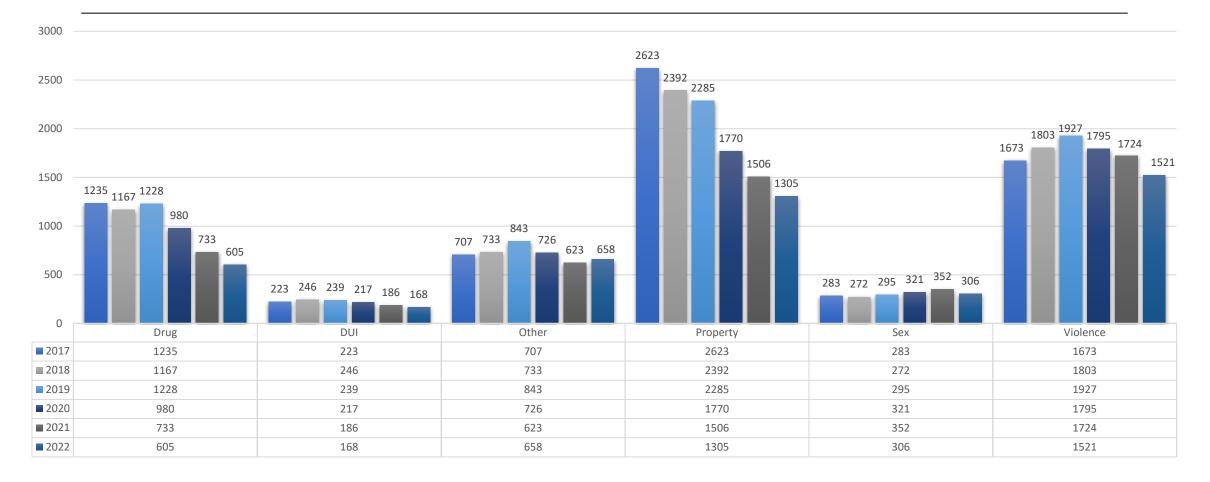


# Admissions: Imprisonment Status Totals and Percentage

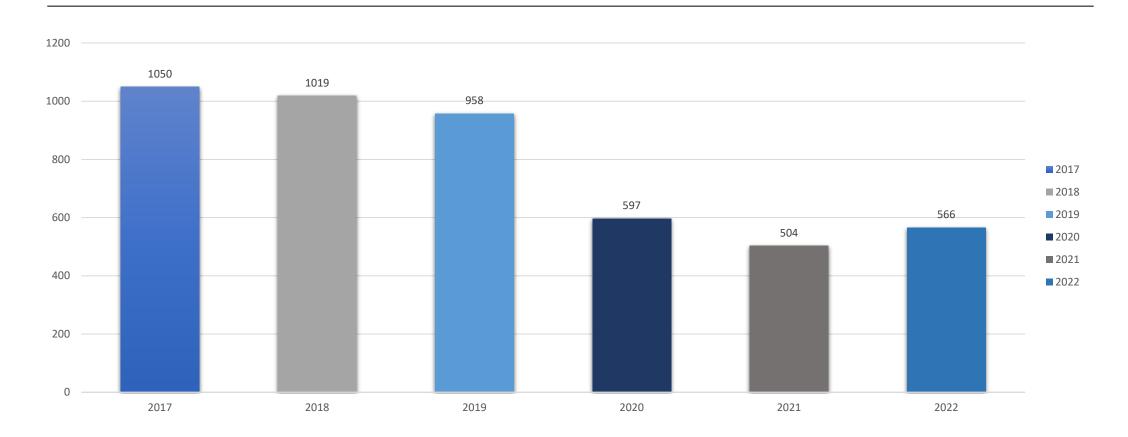
Imprisonment Status	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
New Commitment	3338	3350	3001	2199	1963	2329
Probation Violator No New Conviction	1572	1407	1320	1013	814	910
Parole Violator No New Conviction	644	921	954	832	946	1025
Parole Housing Unit	394	357	295	13	0	0
Mandatory Parole Violator No New Conv	133	145	159	126	108	111
Probation Violator With New Conviction	70	80	65	112	95	96
Safe Keeper - Boot Camp	186	145	69	25	1	1
Not Physically Rec With Concurrent Sent	78	51	75	58	91	48
Parole Violator With New Conviction	18	19	25	17	16	15
Safe Keeper - County	21	19	5	15	13	18
Mandatory Parole Violator With New Conv	8	6	7	4	0	4
Safe Keeper	5	7	4	5	4	4
Safe Keeper - Evaluation	6	6	3	0	0	0
Interstate Compact	0	2	1	0	0	0
Unavailable	0	0	3	0	0	0
Physically Rec With Concurrent Sent	0	1	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	6473	6516	5986	4419	4051	4561

Imprisonment Status	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
New Commitment	51.57%	51.41%	50.13%	49.76%	48.46%	51.06%
Probation Violator No New Conviction	24.29%	21.59%	22.05%	22.92%	20.09%	19.95%
Parole Violator No New Conviction	9.95%	14.13%	15.94%	18.83%	23.35%	22.47%
Parole Housing Unit	6.09%	5.48%	4.93%	0.29%	0.00%	0.00%
Mandatory Parole Violator No New Conv	2.05%	2.23%	2.66%	2.85%	2.67%	2.43%
Probation Violator With New Conviction	1.08%	1.23%	1.09%	2.53%	2.35%	2.10%
Safe Keeper - Boot Camp	2.87%	2.23%	1.15%	0.57%	0.02%	0.02%
Not Physically Rec With Concurrent Sent	1.21%	0.78%	1.25%	1.31%	2.25%	1.05%
Parole Violator With New Conviction	0.28%	0.29%	0.42%	0.38%	0.39%	0.33%
Safe Keeper - County	0.32%	0.29%	0.08%	0.34%	0.32%	0.39%
Mandatory Parole Violator With New Conv	0.12%	0.09%	0.12%	0.09%	0.00%	0.09%
Safe Keeper	0.08%	0.11%	0.07%	0.11%	0.10%	0.09%
Safe Keeper - Evaluation	0.09%	0.09%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Interstate Compact	0.00%	0.03%	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Unavailable	0.00%	0.00%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
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## 2017-2022 Releases by Offense Group

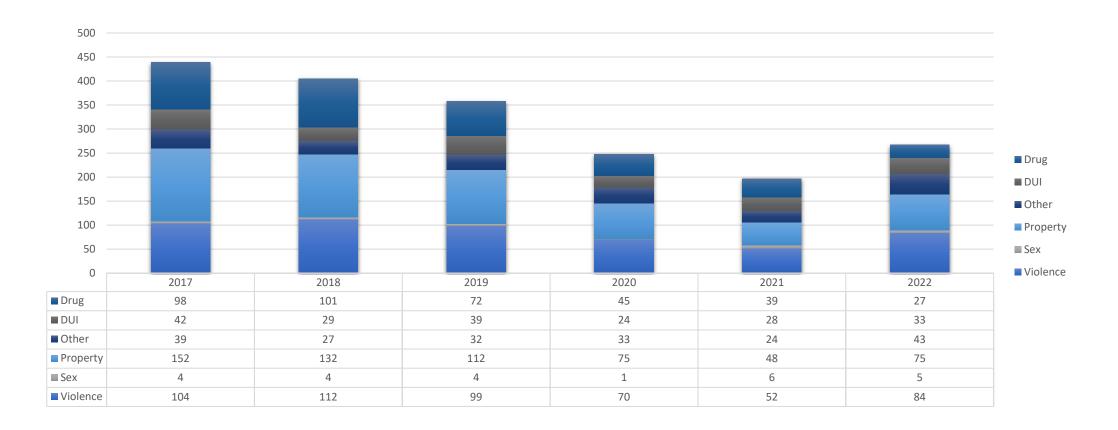


### Female Admission Trends





### Female Admissions: New Commitments by Offense Group





### In the Works

Identifying type of drug for drug offenses

Identifying type of burglary for burglary offenses

Full data analysis of temporary revocations

Data analysis to assist legislators in developing BDRs and bills

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