

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Distribution List

**From:** Caryl Colburn, Interim Criminal Justice Coordinator

**Date:** May 15, 2006

**Subject:** Travis County Justice System Profile

Please find attached a revised version of the Travis County Justice System Profile report that was distributed in March of this year. At the request of the County's OCA Committee (the committee that reviews data sent to the State), an annotation was added stating that some data may be inflated due to transitioning to a new computer system. We do apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

### Attachments:

- 1.) Travis County Justice System Profile
- 2.) Distribution List

# TRAVIS COUNTY JUSTICE SYSTEM PROFILE

## Courts and Attorneys

<b>Criminal District Courts<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005<sup>2</sup></b>
New felony cases (indictment/information)—total	8,061	7,710	8,525	9,831
<i>Selected Categories:</i>				
Capital murder	27	13	8	11
Robbery	278	248	380	386
Assault or attempted murder	694	671	1,084	1,419
Sexual assault	60	67	74	104
Indecency/Sexual assault of a child	208	171	196	200
Burglary	527	431	502	558
Theft (over \$1,500) <sup>3</sup>	736	679	713	900
Drug sale/manufacture	534	448	614	247
Drug possession	2,289	2,157	2,032	2,686
Felony DWI	350	441	415	537
Motions to revoke probation/Other cases added <sup>4</sup>	3,572	3,746	4,404	4,269
Cases disposed—original dispositions <sup>5</sup>	6,726	8,275	7,675	12,655
Convictions	4,765	5,693	5,332	9,354
Deferred adjudication	1,012	1,282	1,045	1,243
Acquittals	23	37	35	9
Dismissals (post-indictment)	926	1,263	1,263	2,049
Probation revocations/Other dispositions <sup>4</sup>	2,719	3,203	3,608	4,589
Cases pending	25,031	25,026	26,689	23,967
New Drug Court clients (pre-indictment)	228	219	234	184

<b>Criminal County Courts at Law<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
New misdemeanor cases (information)—total	25,230	24,369	26,345	27,677
<i>Selected Categories:</i>				
DWI/DUI	5,575	6,348	6,034	7,047
Theft/hot checks	5,637	4,270	5,718	4,297
Drug possession	1,703	1,890	1,837	2,130
Assault	4,478	3,843	4,098	4,138
Traffic (Class B or higher)	2,686	2,951	2,982	3,985
Motions to revoke probation/Other cases added <sup>4</sup>	1,914	1,840	2,238	1,930
Cases disposed—original dispositions <sup>5</sup>	20,961	24,762	22,068	24,326
Convictions	11,346	14,790	12,676	14,212
Deferred adjudication	1,303	1,312	1,220	1,231
Acquittals	76	62	59	58
Dismissals	8,236	8,598	8,113	8,825
Probation revocations/Other dispositions <sup>4</sup>	2,438	2,852	2,737	3,306
Cases pending	77,987	76,595	80,402	82,393

<b>Justices of the Peace (JP)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>FY 2002</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
Traffic cases filed	43,530	46,116	53,924	51,077
Non-traffic cases filed	21,955	23,834	24,447	28,492

<sup>1</sup> Data are by State fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup> Totals for FY 05 (except Drug Court) are inflated due to duplicate counts by a new computer system.

<sup>3</sup> Theft includes auto theft; however, many auto thefts are charged as Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, which is a state jail felony that is not included in this category.

<sup>4</sup> Includes case transfers, probation following shock commitment to TDCJ (felonies only), and appeals from lower courts (misdemeanor traffic cases only).

<sup>5</sup> Original dispositions do not include probation revoked/other dispositions.

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Juvenile Probation	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005 <sup>6</sup>
Felony referrals <sup>7,8</sup>	758	727	824	811
Misdemeanor referrals <sup>7,8</sup>	4,221	3,439	2,401	2,767
Juveniles under intensive supervision <sup>9</sup>	259	207	176	161
Juveniles under regular probation supervision <sup>9</sup>	945	1,044	923	1,568
Average daily population in detention <sup>8</sup>	83	81	84	84

## Adult Incarceration and Probation

Sheriff's Office	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Total persons booked	53,231	53,789	56,289	58,260
City of Austin arrests <sup>10</sup>	37,884	34,866	40,119	41,921
Other arrests <sup>11</sup>	15,347	18,923	16,170	16,339
Average daily population—County Jail <sup>12</sup>	2,725	2,263	2,333	2,536
% Pretrial offenders	64.1	61.4	60.7	62.9
% Convicted offenders	23.0	26.7	26.4	23.7
% Parole violators-technical	3.1	3.8	4.8	5.8
% Parole violators-new offenses	9.8	8.1	8.2	7.6

CSCD <sup>13</sup>	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
New felony probation sentences	1,955	2,078	1,825	1,891
New misdemeanor probation sentences	4,772	6,442	4,537	4,397
Total direct supervision caseload <sup>14</sup>	12,211	12,872	11,913	11,333
Total indirect supervision caseload <sup>15</sup>	12,298	12,415	12,136	11,288

## Data Sources

Data	Source
Criminal District & County Courts and JP data	Texas Judicial Council Monthly and Annual Reports
Drug Court data	Travis County Drug Court
Juvenile Probation data	Travis County Juvenile Probation
Sheriff's Office data	Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO)
Community Supervision and Corrections Department data	Travis County CSCD

<sup>6</sup> Juvenile Probation data for FY 05 are approximations.

<sup>7</sup> Includes new offenses only (no probation violations, administrative actions, or status offenses).

<sup>8</sup> Data are by calendar year.

<sup>9</sup> Supervision is after adjudication.

<sup>10</sup> City of Austin arrests are those made by the Austin Police Department, Municipal Courts, Airport Police, and Austin Park Police.

<sup>11</sup> Other Arrests are those made by the Travis County Sheriff's Office, school or college police, State or Federal agents, or the police of any city in Travis County except Austin.

<sup>12</sup> Average daily population does not include weekenders or Sheriff's Commitment Alternative Misdemeanant Program (SCAMP) inmates.

<sup>13</sup> Data are by State fiscal year.

<sup>14</sup> Direct supervision includes offenders receiving a minimum of one face-to-face contact every 3 months.

<sup>15</sup> Indirect supervision includes offenders transferred to another state, CSCD, or county; those who report by mail; absconders; and offenders incarcerated in jail, prison, or state jail (that have a term of community supervision to complete upon release from incarceration). The indirect population also includes offenders who are residing in substance abuse felony punishment facilities (SAFPF) that are not directly supervised by their local community supervision officers.