

# **Tennessee Felon Population Update**

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**INCARCERATED FELON POPULATION  
PROJECTIONS VS. ACTUAL  
AS OF September 30, 2009**

<b>2008/2009</b>	PROJECTED	ACTUAL	DIFF	% DIFF
JULY	26,906	27,204	298	1.1%
AUGUST	26,971	27,204	233	0.9%
SEPTEMBER	26,995	27,421	426	1.6%
OCTOBER	27,040	27,431	391	1.4%
NOVEMBER	26,968	27,507	539	2.0%
DECEMBER	26,950	27,228	278	1.0%
JANUARY	27,582	27,408	-174	-0.6%
FEBRUARY	27,652	27,669	17	0.1%
MARCH	27,695	27,573	-122	-0.4%
APRIL	27,694	27,546	-148	-0.5%
MAY	27,733	27,419	-314	-1.1%
JUNE	27,773	27,325	-448	-1.6%
<b>FY AVERAGE</b>	27,330	27,411	81	0.3%

<b>2009/2010</b>	PROJECTED	ACTUAL	DIFF	% DIFF
JULY	27,839	27,532	-307	-1.1%
AUGUST	27,868	27,392	-476	-1.7%
SEPTEMBER	27,882	27,538	-344	-1.2%
OCTOBER	27,884			
NOVEMBER	27,808			
DECEMBER	27,888			
JANUARY	27,934			
FEBRUARY	27,973			
MARCH	28,046			
APRIL	28,051			
MAY	28,074			
JUNE	28,112			
<b>FY AVERAGE</b>	27,947	27,487	-376	-1.4%

These tables compare the actual population to the projection model. Thus, whenever the actual population exceeds the projected population, the % difference is interpreted as either exceeding or falling short of the projected population.

**NOTE:** Projections were updated January 2009.  
Averages are column averages.



























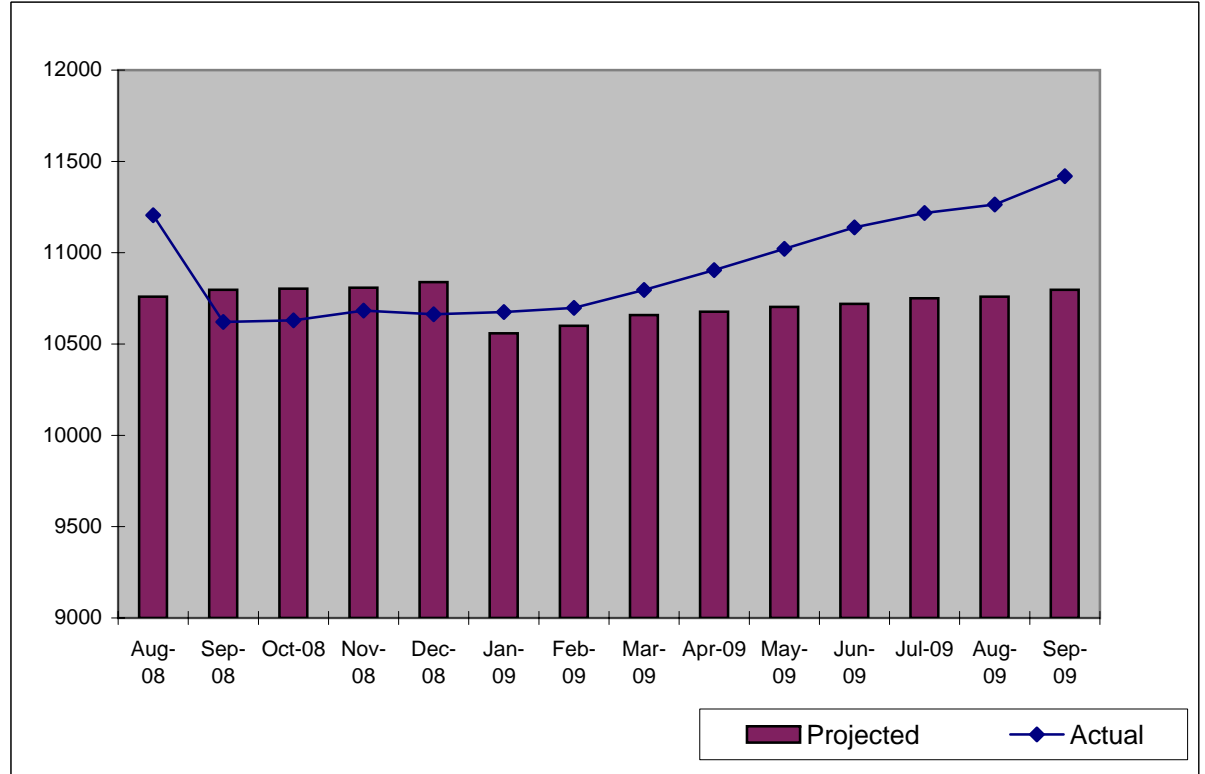






### PAROLE POPULATION PROJECTIONS VS. ACTUAL JULY 2008 to PRESENT

	Projected	Actual	Diff.	% Diff.
Jul-08	10751	10,634	117	1.1%
Aug-08	10759	11,205	-446	-4.0%
Sep-08	10797	10,621	176	1.7%
Oct-08	10803	10,630	173	1.6%
Nov-08	10808	10,683	125	1.2%
Dec-08	10839	10,663	176	1.7%
Jan-09	10559	10,675	-116	-1.1%
Feb-09	10600	10,698	-98	-0.9%
Mar-09	10659	10,796	-137	-1.3%
Apr-09	10677	10,905	-228	-2.1%
May-09	10703	11,021	-318	-2.9%
Jun-09	10720	11,139	-419	-3.8%
Jul-09	10751	11,218	-467	-4.2%
Aug-09	10759	11,264	-505	-4.5%
Sep-09	10797	11419	-622	-5.4%
Oct-09	10803			
Nov-09	10808			
Dec-09	10839			
Jan-10	10871			
Feb-10	10887			
Mar-10	10905			
Apr-10	10946			
May-10	10962			
Jun-10	10973			



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## Incarcerated Population

**TDOC Backup:** Felons sentenced to TDOC custody and held in local jails while awaiting transfer to a TDOC institution.

**Locally Sentenced:** Convicted felons sentenced to serve their time in a local jail. As felony offenders, these persons are under TDOC jurisdiction.

**Other Convicted Felons:** Convicted felons awaiting sentencing or not yet ready for transfer to TDOC because of other pending charges. Includes technical violators awaiting probable cause/revocation/recission hearing or adjudication of pending charges.

**Convicted Misdemeanants:** Inmates serving time because of a misdemeanor conviction.

**Total Pre-Trial Detainees:** Includes inmates charged with either a felony or a misdemeanor but not yet convicted.

**Others:** Inmates held in local facilities for federal crimes, city ordinances, etc.

**Community Corrections:** A grant program created in 1985 as an alternative to incarceration. Programs are developed based on the individual needs of the area served.

## Admissions

**New Commits:** Refers to any person convicted of a felony sentenced to TDOC, but who is not on probation or parole. This may include persons who had prior incarcerations.

**Violators Returned:** Refers to commitment of felons on technical violations of the conditions of their parole or probation, or community correction terms.

## Releases

**Parole:** Felons originally sentenced to an incarceration period and released to serve the remainder of their sentence under supervision.

**Probation-Community Correction:** Usually non-violent felons sentenced to serve a split sentence; a short jail or prison term and the remainder under state supervision.

## General Notes

**Backup:** All offenders sentenced to TDOC custody are counted as admissions. Some offenders are held in backup at a local jail while awaiting transfer to a TDOC facility. This is due to lack of room for all offenders in TDOC facilities. Offenders in backup can be released for a number of reasons before they are transferred to TDOC. Inmates released from Backup to a TDOC facility are not counted as releases.

**Primary Offense:** As of July 2000, offenses are categorized according to the Tennessee Incident Based Reporting System (TIBRS) which is based on the FBI's National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This system of reporting is an attempt to standardize categorical offense reporting across criminal justice agencies. For more detail on how TCA code is categorized according to the TIBRS system, see the TBI website at <http://www.tbi.state.tn.us/tca.htm> or the TDOC Research Brief, "Assessing the Impact of the TIBRS on TDOC Criminal Offense Reporting."

**Projected Felon Population-Admissions & Releases:** is taken from the Annual Felon Population Projection Report. Ten year felon projections including admissions and releases are estimated every fall in order to help the TDOC in it's long term strategic planning. The current projections can be found on our website at <http://www.state.tn.us/corrections>.

Total TDOC Inmates, considered "backup" for TDOC purposes, refers to inmates sentenced to TDOC custody and held in local jails while awaiting transfer to a TDOC institution.