

Massachusetts Department of Correction

Prison Re-entry Bulletin



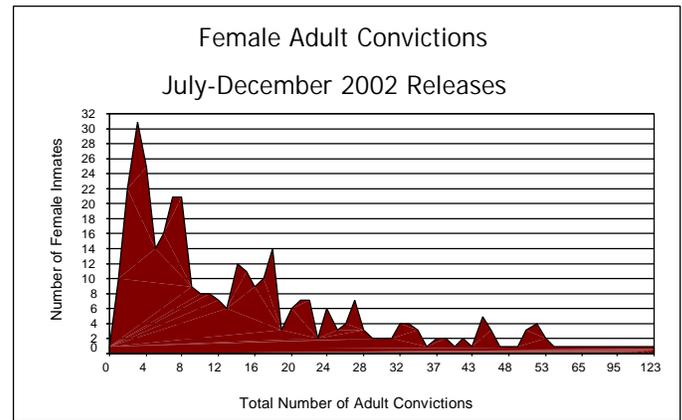
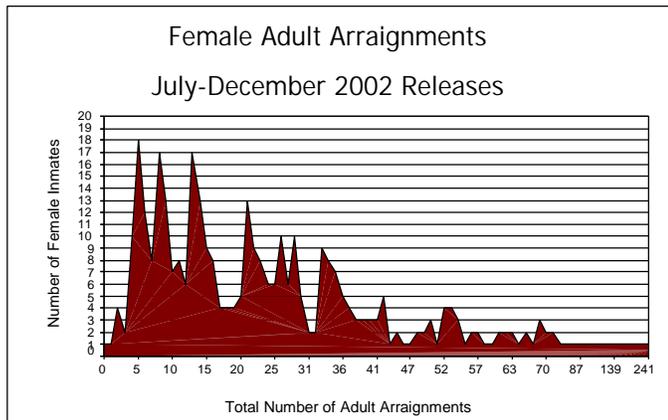
CRIMINAL HISTORY STATISTICS

Commissioner Michael T. Maloney initiated a Re-entry Unit at the DOC beginning in January 2002. Research and Reentry Unit Staff have collaborated to collect and report on information significant to improving the successful transition of inmates returning to their communities. This report is the first of many "Prison Re-entry Bulletins" the Massachusetts Department of Correction will be issuing on relevant statistics and other research findings. For more information please contact the DOC web-site at www.state.ma.us/doc or the DOC Research Division at Research@doc.state.ma.us.

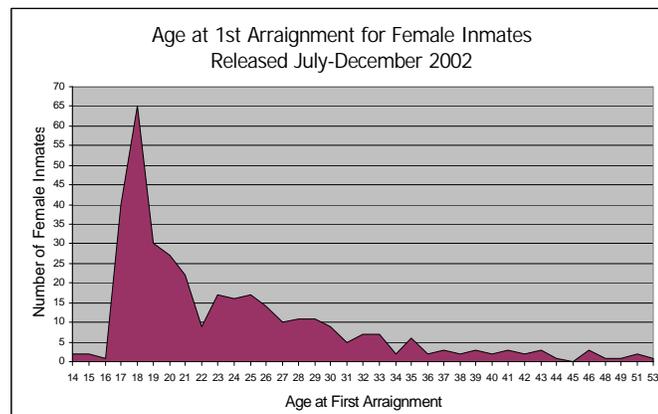
From July-December 2002, approximately 1,187 inmates were released to the street from the DOC, either on Good Conduct Discharge/Expiration of Sentence or Parole. Criminal history* data was collected on each of these inmates from the Massachusetts Court Activity Record Information (CARI) database by DOC Research Staff.

Females: 361 (30%) of inmates released to the street, July-Dec 2002, were females. Their criminal histories summarized as follows:

- .. They averaged 28 adult arraignments per female inmate.***
- .. They averaged 17 adult convictions per female inmate.***
- .. Most prior arraignments were for property offenses, followed by drug offenses, person offenses, and public order offenses.***

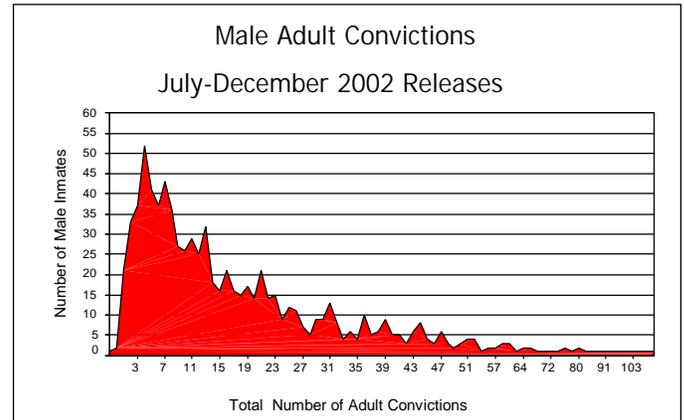
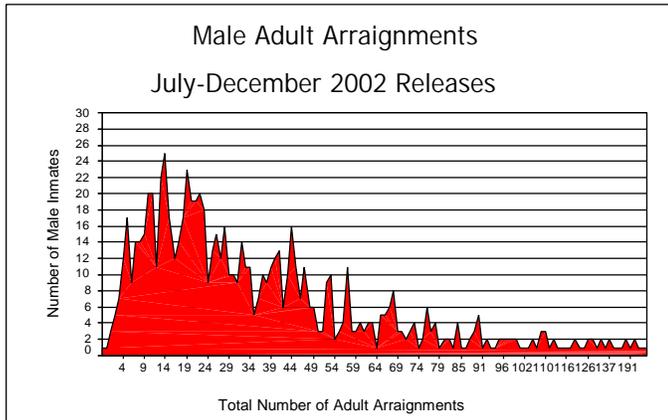


- .. The average AGE at their first arraignment was 24 years old.***
- .. The average AGE at their first alcohol arraignment was 27 years old.***
- .. The average AGE at their first drug arraignment was 28 years old.***

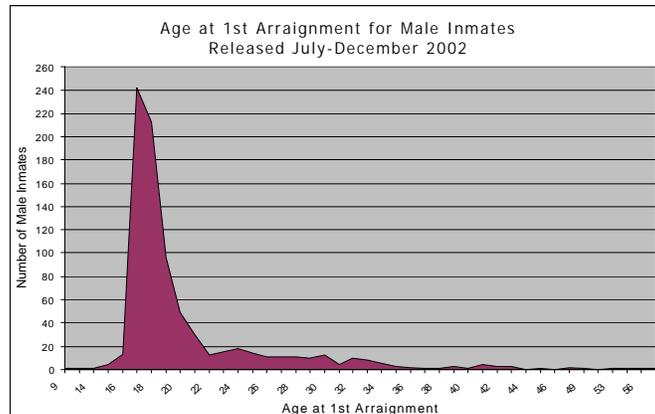


Males: 826 (70%) of inmates released to the street, July-Dec 2002, were males. Their criminal histories summarized as follows:

- .. **They averaged 39 adult arraignments per male inmate.**
- .. **They averaged 19 adult convictions per male inmate.**
- .. **Most prior arraignments were for property offenses, followed by person offenses, and public drug offenses.**



- .. **The average AGE at their first arraignment was 20 years old.**
- .. **The average AGE at their first alcohol arraignment was 23 years old.**
- .. **The average AGE at their first drug arraignment was 23 years old.**



Totals: The 1,187 inmates released July-Dec 2002 had a total of:

- **41,057 previous arraignments, averaging 34 per inmate.**
- **20,920 previous convictions, averaging 18 per inmate.**

*Criminal History data was based on records identified on the Massachusetts CARL database. All criminal arraignments and convictions occurring prior to the current offense(s) for which the inmate was incarcerated at or before their release date (including new arraignments or convictions which may have occurred during the incarceration period) were included.

NOTE: All data is subject to the reliability of its source and subject to change.