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INMATES AND MENTAL HEALTH

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You asked for information on the number of inmates with mental health needs and how it has changed in recent years.

SUMMARY

On April 1, 2007, the incarcerated population was 18,989. Of these inmates, 18,794 received a mental health classification. The largest percentage, 52.9%, were classified as having no mental health history, 26% had minimal or intermittent impairment, 20.7% fell into the two categories of moderate impairment, and .4% were classified as having severe impairment.

We also obtained data on a monthly basis from January 1, 2002 through April 1, 2007. During this period, the percentage of inmates with no mental health history or current need declined by 5.6% and those with minimal or intermittent impairment declined by .9%. The other three categories increased: moderate impairment, controlled with medication by 6.1%; moderate impairment, precludes normal functioning by .2%; and severe impairment by .1%.

Also during this period, the category of:

1. no mental health history or current need ranged between a low of 52.9% on April 1, 2007 and a high of 60.5% on October 1 and November 1 of 2003;
2. minimal or intermittent impairment ranged between a low of 24.3% on May 1, 2004 and a high of 26.9% on January 1, 2002;
3. moderate impairment, controlled with medication ranged between a low of 12.1% on February 1, 2002 and a high of 18.6% on March 1, 2007;
4. moderate impairment, precludes normal functioning ranged between a low of 1.8% on September 1, 2003 and a high of 3.2% on January 1, 2006; and
5. severe impairment ranged between a low of .2% on February 1, 2004 and September 1, 2005 and a high of .5% on December 1, 2005.

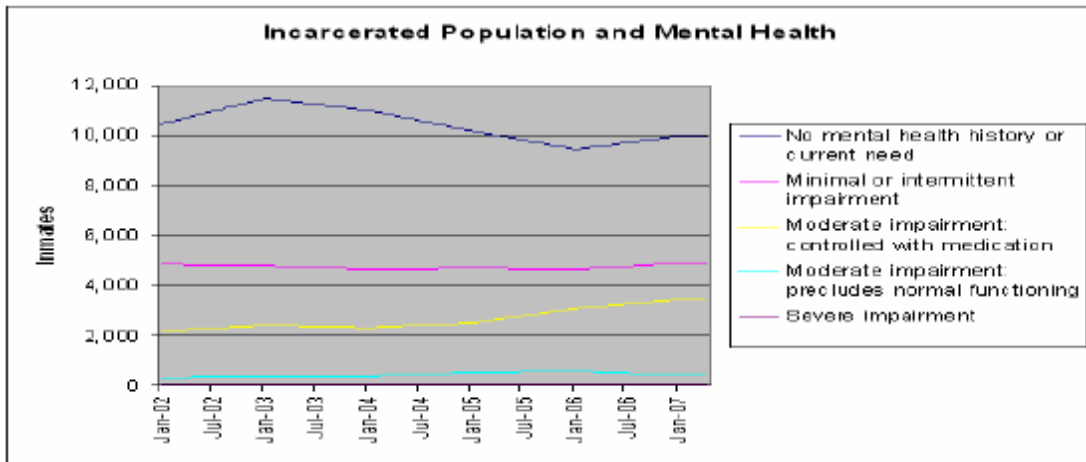
INMATE MENTAL HEALTH CLASSIFICATIONS, APRIL 1, 2007

Table 1 below displays the number of inmates in mental health categories and their percentage of the total on April 1, 2007.

Table 1: Inmates with Mental Health Classifications, April 1, 2007		
Category	Number of Inmates	Percent of Inmates
No mental health history or current need	9,938	52.9%
Minimal or intermittent impairment	4,895	26.0%
Moderate impairment: controlled with medication	3,467	18.4%
Moderate impairment: precludes normal functioning	427	2.3%
Severe impairment	67	0.4%
Total	18,794	100%

INMATE MENTAL HEALTH CLASSIFICATIONS BY MONTH, FROM JANUARY 2002 THROUGH APRIL 2007

The chart below displays the number of inmates in each mental health classification on a monthly basis from January 1, 2002 to April 1, 2007.



Monthly Data From January 2002 Through April 2007

Table 2 displays the data used in the graph above, displaying on a monthly basis, the total number of classified inmates and how many fall into each mental health category.

Table 2: Inmates With Mental Health Classifications						
Monthly From January 2002 Through April 2007						
<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Classified Inmates</i>	<i>No Mental Health History or Current Need</i>	<i>Minimal or Intermittent Impairment</i>	<i>Moderate Impairment: Controlled with Medication</i>	<i>Moderate Impairment: Precludes Normal Functioning</i>	<i>Severe Impairment</i>
01-Jan-02	17,875	10,460	4,816	2,191	358	50
01-Feb-02	18,330	10,815	4,863	2,211	368	73
01-Apr-02	18,495	10,885	4,895	2,289	368	58
01-May-02	18,573	10,975	4,929	2,251	365	53
01-Jun-02	18,646	11,073	4,910	2,253	353	57
01-Jul-02	18,705	11,090	4,880	2,323	354	58
01-Aug-02	18,875	11,261	4,834	2,357	361	62
01-Sep-02	18,943	11,313	4,793	2,410	356	71
01-Oct-02	19,306	11,563	4,822	2,479	377	65
01-Nov-02	19,378	11,641	4,844	2,451	384	58
01-Dec-02	19,224	11,492	4,785	2,500	387	60
01-Jan-03	19,114	11,465	4,767	2,438	392	52
01-Feb-03	19,522	11,773	4,782	2,528	382	57
01-Mar-03	19,307	11,611	4,784	2,467	377	68
01-Apr-03	19,222	11,604	4,721	2,456	385	56
01-Jun-03	19,152	11,573	4,745	2,420	362	52
01-Jul-03	19,027	11,440	4,729	2,445	352	61
04-Aug-03	19,009	11,448	4,715	2,441	345	60
01-Sep-03	18,979	11,428	4,696	2,446	338	71
01-Oct-03	19,173	11,601	4,761	2,398	349	64
01-Nov-03	19,038	11,514	4,721	2,382	359	62
01-Dec-03	18,764	11,319	4,621	2,395	367	62
01-Jan-04	18,403	10,985	4,640	2,346	363	69
01-Feb-04	18,663	11,175	4,685	2,362	396	45
01-Mar-04	18,628	11,188	4,623	2,353	398	66
01-Apr-04	18,667	11,169	4,576	2,424	437	61
01-May-04	18,443	10,953	4,481	2,528	413	68
01-Jun-04	18,442	10,800	4,535	2,626	431	50
01-Jul-04	18,494	10,848	4,507	2,632	431	76
01-Aug-04	18,387	10,694	4,559	2,624	445	65
01-Sep-04	18,634	10,854	4,583	2,666	455	76
01-Oct-04	18,770	10,869	4,740	2,622	481	58
01-Nov-04	18,680	10,759	4,808	2,541	507	65
01-Dec-04	18,449	10,553	4,758	2,555	510	73

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01-Jan-05	17,930	10,158	4,710	2,496	516	50
01-Feb-05	18,327	10,396	4,817	2,544	503	67
01-Mar-05	18,281	10,331	4,740	2,607	545	58
01-Apr-05	18,125	10,180	4,655	2,686	541	63
01-May-05	18,002	10,016	4,624	2,734	564	64
01-Jun-05	18,011	9,970	4,564	2,850	564	63
01-Jul-05	18,079	9,896	4,604	2,968	550	61
01-Aug-05	18,225	9,931	4,640	3,017	569	68
01-Sep-05	18,417	10,076	4,645	3,072	578	46
01-Oct-05	18,495	10,081	4,705	3,068	579	62
01-Nov-05	18,327	9,947	4,620	3,120	566	74
01-Dec-05	18,186	9,758	4,639	3,123	576	90
01-Jan-06	17,821	9,439	4,638	3,096	577	71
01-Feb-06	18,265	9,751	4,713	3,160	564	77
01-Mar-06	18,282	9,738	4,700	3,206	581	57
01-Apr-06	18,390	9,849	4,725	3,200	560	56
01-May-06	18,384	9,873	4,743	3,140	550	78
01-Jun-06	18,354	9,841	4,772	3,120	551	70
01-Jul-06	18,431	9,850	4,713	3,265	536	67
01-Aug-06	18,497	9,909	4,779	3,210	523	76
01-Sep-06	18,686	10,000	4,832	3,272	510	72
01-Oct-06	18,966	10,148	4,931	3,314	502	71
01-Nov-06	19,120	10,208	5,006	3,335	517	54
01-Dec-06	19,025	10,138	4,920	3,434	485	48
01-Jan-07	18,775	9,950	4,892	3,417	454	62
01-Feb-07	19,011	10,087	4,943	3,500	433	48
01-Mar-07	18,836	9,972	4,892	3,508	415	49
01-Apr-07	18,794	9,938	4,895	3,467	427	67

Table 3 below displays, on a monthly basis, the percentage of inmates that fall into each mental health category.

<i>Table 3: Inmates With Mental Health Classifications, By Percentage</i>						
<i>Monthly From January 2002 Through April 2007</i>						
<i>Date</i>	<i>Total Classified Inmates</i>	<i>No mental health history or current need</i>	<i>Minimal or intermittent impairment</i>	<i>Moderate impairment: controlled with medication</i>	<i>Moderate impairment: precludes normal functioning</i>	<i>Severe impairment</i>
01-Jan-02	17,875	58.5%	26.9%	12.3%	2.0%	0.3%
01-Feb-02	18,330	59.0%	26.5%	12.1%	2.0%	0.4%
01-Apr-02	18,495	58.9%	26.5%	12.4%	2.0%	0.3%
01-May-02	18,573	59.1%	26.5%	12.1%	2.0%	0.3%
01-Jun-02	18,646	59.4%	26.3%	12.1%	1.9%	0.3%
01-Jul-02	18,705	59.3%	26.1%	12.4%	1.9%	0.3%
01-Aug-02	18,875	59.7%	25.6%	12.5%	1.9%	0.3%
01-Sep-02	18,943	59.7%	25.3%	12.7%	1.9%	0.4%
01-Oct-02	19,306	59.9%	25.0%	12.8%	1.9%	0.3%
01-Nov-02	19,378	60.1%	25.0%	12.6%	2.0%	0.3%
01-Dec-02	19,224	59.8%	24.9%	13.0%	2.0%	0.3%
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01-Jul-03	19,027	60.1%	24.9%	12.9%	1.8%	0.3%
04-Aug-03	19,009	60.2%	24.8%	12.8%	1.8%	0.3%
01-Sep-03	18,979	60.2%	24.7%	12.9%	1.8%	0.4%
01-Oct-03	19,173	60.5%	24.8%	12.5%	1.8%	0.3%
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01-Jun-04	18,442	58.6%	24.6%	14.2%	2.3%	0.3%
01-Jul-04	18,494	58.7%	24.4%	14.2%	2.3%	0.4%
01-Aug-04	18,387	58.2%	24.8%	14.3%	2.4%	0.4%
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01-Apr-05	18,125	56.2%	25.7%	14.8%	3.0%	0.3%
01-May-05	18,002	55.6%	25.7%	15.2%	3.1%	0.4%
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