

Incarceration: Race and Gender

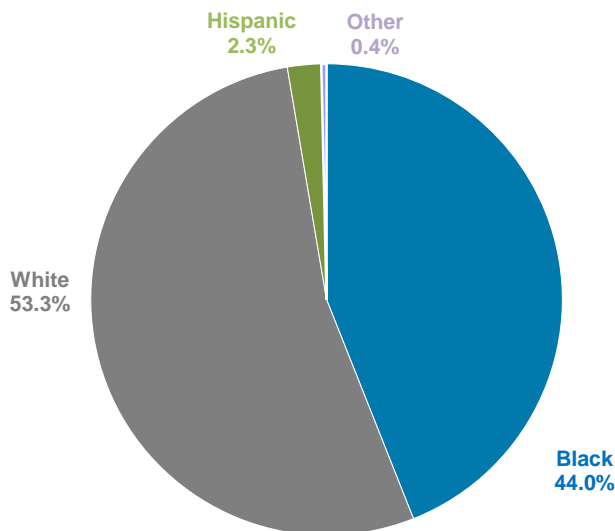
Table 1. Characteristics of Persons Committed to Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Prisons from Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, 2008*

Characteristic	% of committed
Male	87.9%
Female	12.1%
Unemployed	39.1%
Not a High School Graduate or GED	41.5%
Indication of Physical Abuse as a Child or Adolescent	9.2%
Indication of Sexual Abuse as a Child or Adolescent	9.7%
History of Mental Health Problems	29.6%
History of Recent Drug Abuse	75.5%
History of Recent Alcohol Abuse	44.4%
Juvenile Record	46.3%

*281 commitments in intake sample

- In 2008, 41.5% of those committed from Franklin County courts did not have a high school diploma or GED and 39.1% were unemployed. Nearly half of those committed had a juvenile record (46.3%). Drug abuse (75.5%) in the past 6 months was more common than alcohol abuse (44.4%).

Chart 1. Commitments from the Franklin County Courts to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction by Race , 2010



Total commitments: 24,023

- In 2010, blacks represented 44.0% of those committed to state prison facilities from the Franklin County court system, although they comprised only 19.3% of the population of Franklin County.

About the Data

Data Sources:

- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), Fiscal Year 2009 Commitment Report (race and gender data)
- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, 2008 Intake Study, (characteristics of offenders entering the state prison system)

Definitions:

- **State fiscal year:** The State of Ohio fiscal year is July 1-June 30.

Explanations and Caveats:

- The ODRC 2008 Intake Study collected data on all inmates who entered the ODRC prison system during a 2-month period. Information was obtained from interviews with inmates at reception centers, written investigations, and ODRC records to supplement partial or incomplete investigation reports. The total sample size was 3,264.
- Of the total persons included in the ODRC 2008 Intake Study, 281 (8.6%) were from Franklin County. This included 247 males and 34 females.

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