Summary of Criminal History Overview Slides

Criminal History Points over Time
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Review Materials

Four components of Minnesota’s criminal history score

- Felony, 73%
- Misdemeanor, 4%
- Juvenile, 1%
- Custody Status, 22%

2014 Average CHS
Average Criminal History Scores Have Grown Since 1990

Percentage with Criminal History Score 0 has Dropped
CHS Part 2: Misdemeanor/Gross Misdemeanor Point

Percent of Offenders with Misdemeanor/Gross Misdemeanor Point: Guidelines Years 1991-2014

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CHS Part 3: Juvenile Point

Percent of Offenders with Juvenile Point: Guidelines Years 1991-2014

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Number of Offenders with Juvenile Points: Guidelines Years 1991-2014

Percentage with Felony Weights: Guidelines Years 1991-2013

CHS Part 3: Juvenile Point

CHS Part 4: Felony Point
**CHS Part 5: Custody Status Point**

**Percentage with Custody Status Point: Guidelines Years 1991-2014**

- 2001: Custody point if within initial probationary period
- 2002: Custody point for GM DWI if current offense is DWI
- 2010: Custody point for targeted misdemeanor

**Custody Status Point Policy: Breakdown of Custody Status Type Assigned**

**Custody Status Type Assigned for Guidelines Years 2001-2014**

- Conditional Release 0%
- W/in Original Probation Term 3%
- Other 0%
- EJJ 1%
- Escape 0%
- Release Pending Sentencing 4%
- Confined 1%
- Parole/Supervised Release 12%
- Probation 79%
In 2015, the 16,763 offenders sentenced had 32,848 prior non-decayed felonies in their criminal histories. For those priors, staff calculated the time elapsed between the disposition dates of the prior offense and the current offense. The chart displays the age distribution of the prior offenses as a percentage of the total. (Not shown: 0.2% of priors were more than 25 years old.)
In 2015, the 16,763 offenders sentenced had 32,848 prior non-decayed felonies in their criminal histories. For those priors, staff calculated the estimated remaining time until decay. The chart displays the estimated percentage of prior felony offenses that would decay within each future year. (Not shown: 2.5% of priors would decay after 25 years.)