

**2012  
PROBATION SURVEY**

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# **Introduction**

Minnesota's probation system is a combination of state and county agencies spread throughout the state's 87 counties. In 28 counties, the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) provides all probation services. In 27 counties, probation services are provided by a combination of county probation offices (CPO) and the DOC. In these counties, the DOC provides supervision for adult felons and the county provides supervision for juveniles and adult non-felony cases. The remaining 32 counties participate in the Minnesota Community Corrections Act (CCA) where county staff provides all probation services.

The primary purpose of the Minnesota Probation Survey is to collect probation data from all counties annually for use by the DOC, the Minnesota Legislature, other state agencies, county probation offices, and other entities for management, policy-making, and federal reporting purposes. Please note: This survey does **not** count all offenders that state or county probation agencies provide service to; the survey specifically is designed to count only those offenders under "probation" supervision.

# **Methodology**

## **Survey Design**

The probation survey originally was designed to collect data requested by the Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Justice Statistics regarding Minnesota probationers. In the past, two important tenets were considered in the survey design: the definition of "probationer" and capturing an individual probationer only once.

The definition of "probationer" essentially has stayed the same and refers to both adults and juveniles: "All probationers, regardless of conviction status, who were under the supervision of a probation agent as part of a court order at any time including those ordered to pay restitution, complete community service, or monitoring."

## **Survey Administration**

As part of Minnesota's criminal justice information integration efforts, the Statewide Supervision System (S<sup>3</sup>) was designed to provide criminal justice professionals with electronic offender information through a secure website. This information includes data on juveniles and adults who are or have been on probation, detention, imprisoned, or jailed.

The DOC pulled and compiled probation data directly from S<sup>3</sup> for 86 counties. For those counties, the DOC made county reports available for review and approval by each county prior to publication in this report. Hennepin County data was reported directly from their agency by using the standard Probation Survey questionnaire (see Appendix A).

## **Data Quality**

Caution must be used before drawing any conclusions from the fluctuation in total probationers between 2000 and 2006. A great deal of that variance can be attributed to a concerted effort on the part of county and state agencies to clarify data definitions and submission standards.

In addition, some recent changes in the judicial branch have impacted the numbers being placed on probation. This is particularly true for the updated statewide lists authorized by Minnesota Statute 609.101, subd.4, which allows an individual to choose to pay a fine in lieu of making a court appearance.

# Findings

**Table 1. Minnesota Probation Population: 1995-2012**

	Felony	Gross Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor	All Adults	Juvenile	All Probationers
1995	26,114	19,966	37,698	83,778	15,655	99,433
1996	27,373	20,736	39,930	88,039	15,835	103,874
1997	29,694	22,120	43,106	94,920	17,144	112,064
1998	33,829	24,732	42,257	100,818	17,774	118,592
1999	33,896	26,797	43,922	104,615	18,000	122,615
2000	36,704	29,889	48,589	115,182	16,695	131,877
2001	35,186	31,119	47,303	113,608	16,723	130,331
2002	38,862	34,644	48,402	121,915	17,460	139,375
2003	38,130	31,877	40,726	110,733	15,977	126,710
2004	40,107	32,031	41,102	113,240	15,142	128,382
2005	41,195	33,557	42,321	117,073	14,312	131,385
2006	45,030	36,517	45,742	127,289	14,742	142,031
2007	45,633	38,177	43,987	127,797	14,181	141,978
2008	44,537	37,642	45,448	127,627	13,088	140,715
2009	44,353	36,788	40,305	121,446	11,025	132,471
2010	42,661	34,877	34,348	111,886	9,670	121,556
2011	41,073	33,444	33,269	107,786	8,540	116,326
2012	41,588	33,263	33,306	108,157	8,624	116,781

**Table 2. Five Largest Probation Organizations in Minnesota**

	Adult Felony 2012	Adult Gross Misdemeanor 2012	Adult Misdemeanor 2012	Juvenile 2012	Total 2012
Hennepin County Community Corrections	7,341	8,296	8,669	1,512	25,818
MN Dept of Corrections Field Services	12,099	2,726	2,430	1,200	18,455
Ramsey County Community Corrections	5,246	2,732	4,013	927	12,918
Anoka County Community Corrections	2,451	2,602	2,959	458	8,470
Dakota County Community Corrections	3,245	2,285	2,197	469	8,196
Statewide Total	41,588	33,263	33,306	8,624	116,781

**Table 3. 2012 Probation Totals by Delivery System**

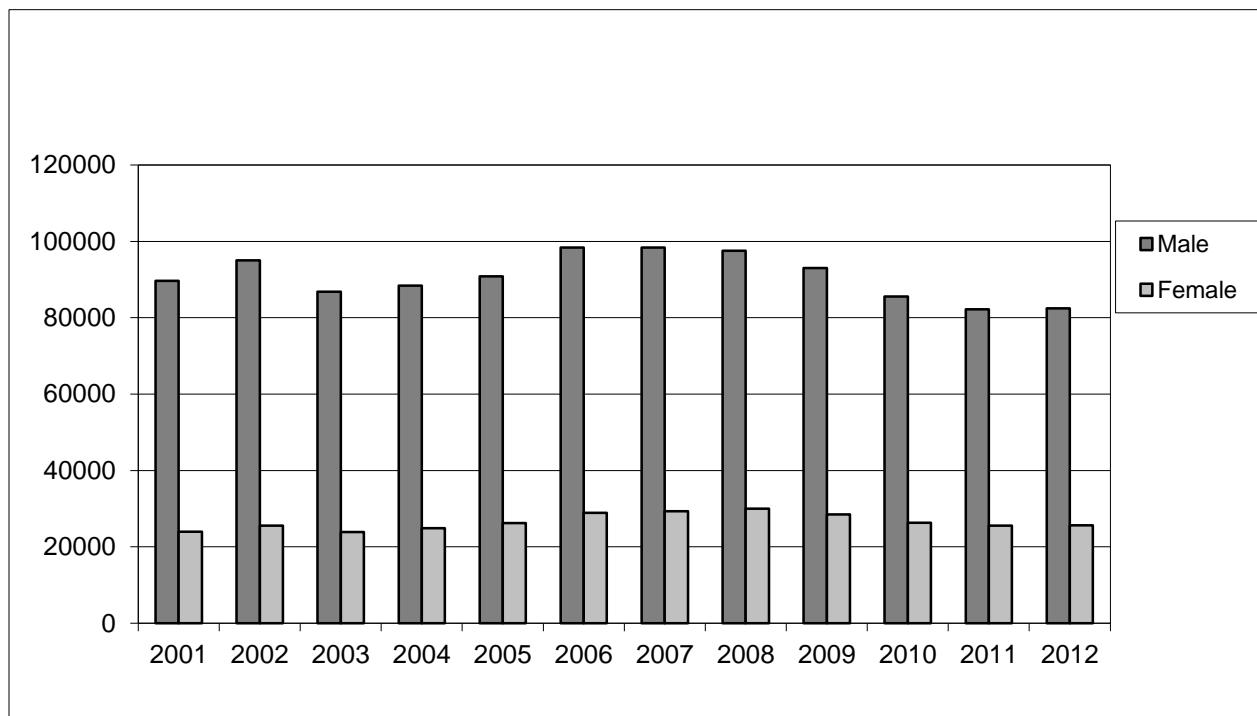
	2012 Year End	Males	Females	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Other/ Unknown	Hispanic	Non- Hispanic
CCA agencies	83,372	63,559	19,813	53,739	17,717	2,556	2,758	6,602	5,078	78,294
CPO agencies	14,954	11,194	3,760	10,272	558	831	117	3,176	514	14,440
DOC agencies	18,455	14,084	4,371	14,787	895	1,888	164	721	1,008	17,447
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,781</b>	<b>88,837</b>	<b>27,944</b>	<b>78,798</b>	<b>19,170</b>	<b>5,275</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>10,499</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>110,181</b>

**Table 4. 2012 Probation Totals: Metro vs. Non-Metro**

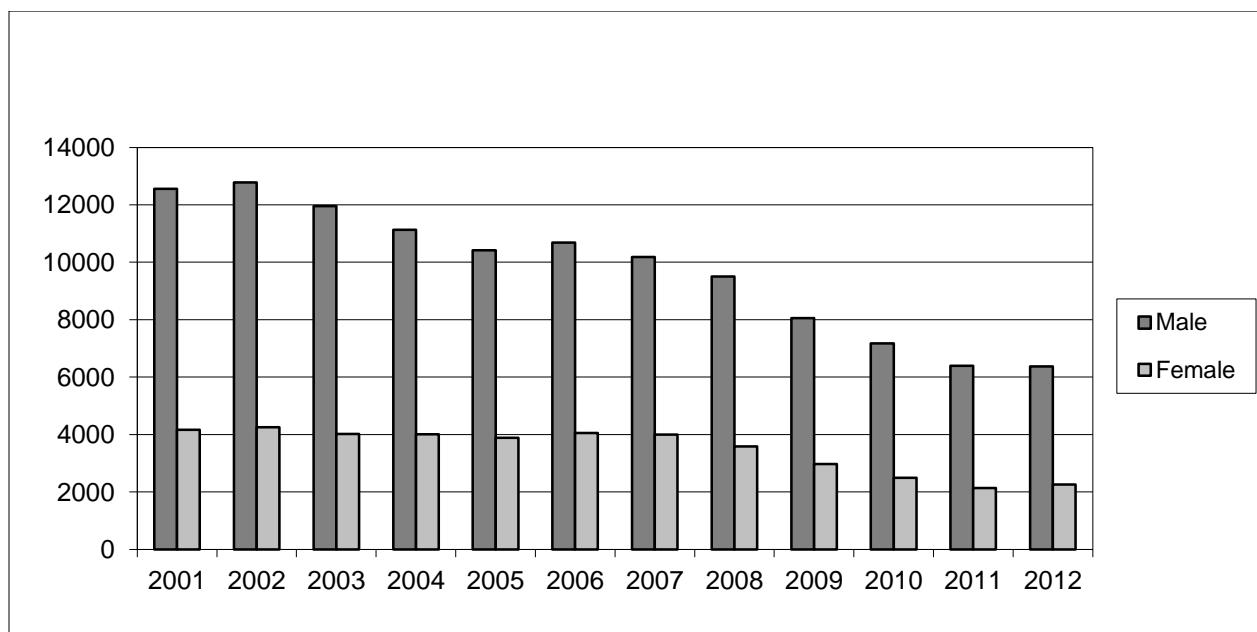
	2012 Year End	Males	Females	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	Other	Hispanic	Non- Hispanic
7-County Metro*	64,049	48,606	15,443	38,045	15,925	1,524	2,508	6,047	3,453	60,596
Non-metro	52,732	40,231	12,501	40,753	3,245	3,751	531	4,452	3,147	49,585
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,781</b>	<b>88,837</b>	<b>27,944</b>	<b>78,798</b>	<b>19,170</b>	<b>5,275</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>10,499</b>	<b>6,600</b>	<b>110,181</b>

\*7-County Metro: Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington

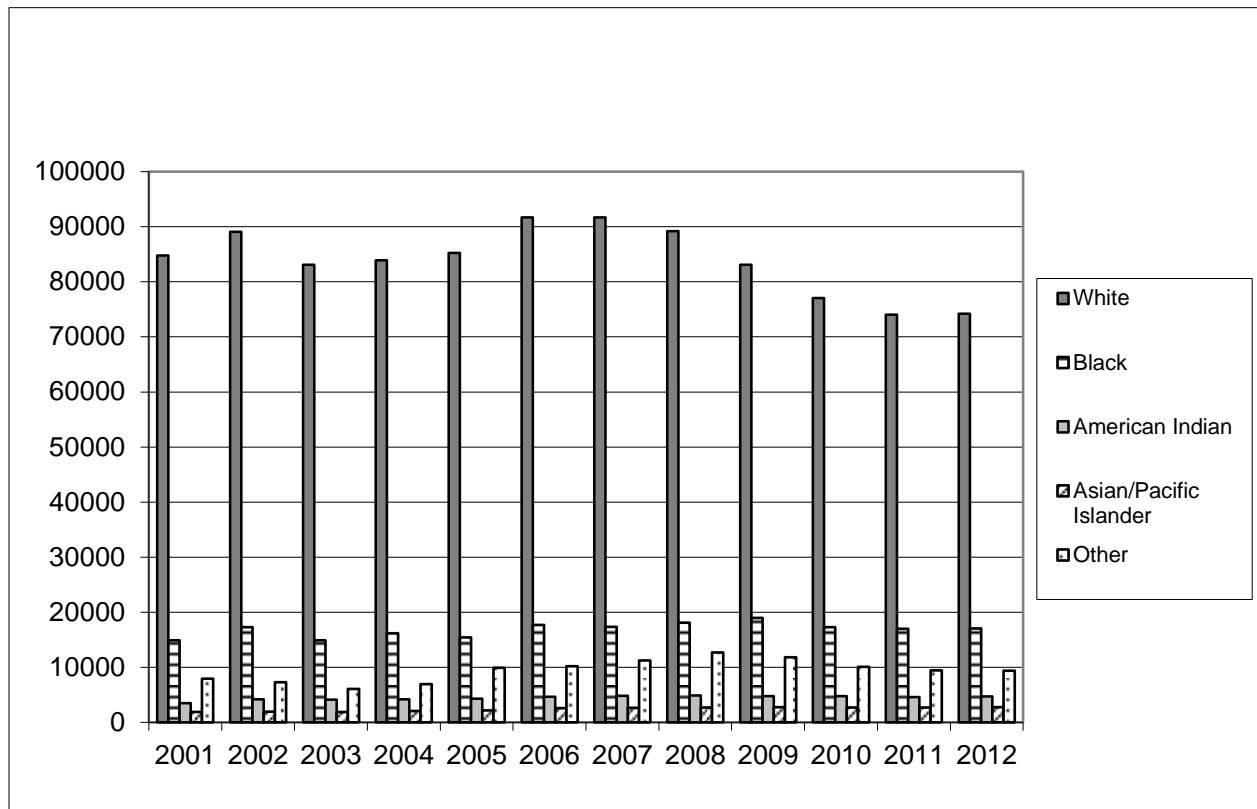
**Figure 1. Adult Probationers by Gender: 2001-2012**



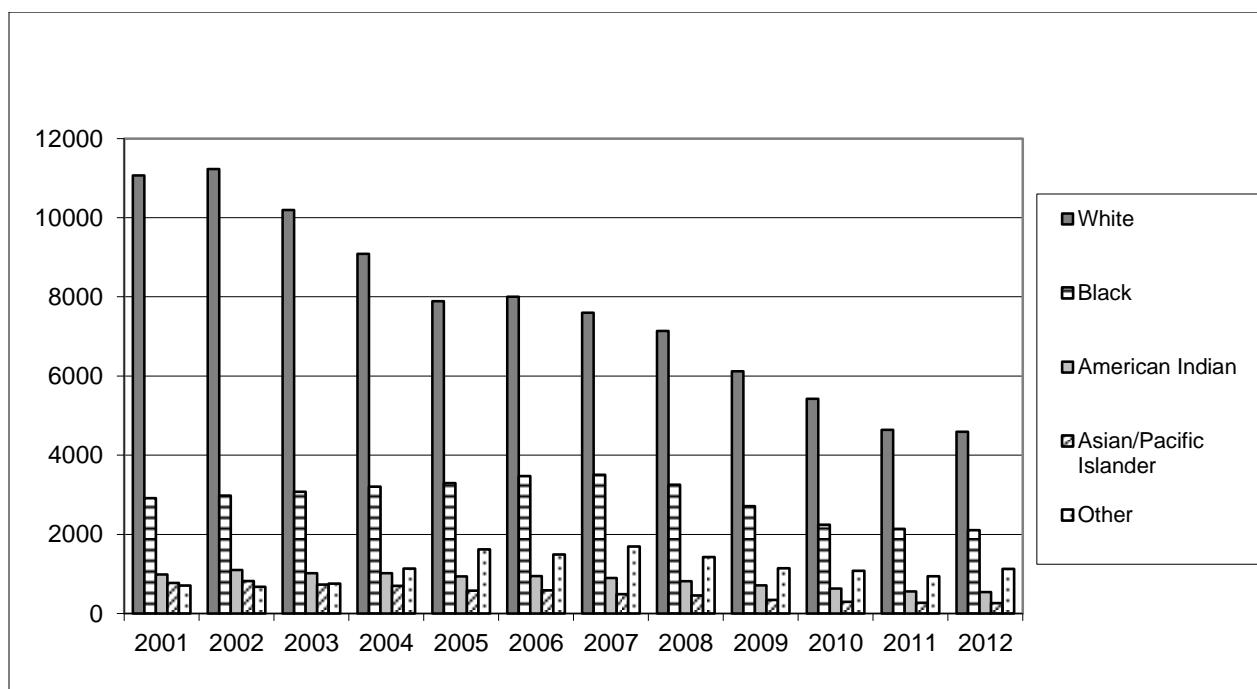
**Figure 2. Juvenile Probationers by Gender: 2001-2012**



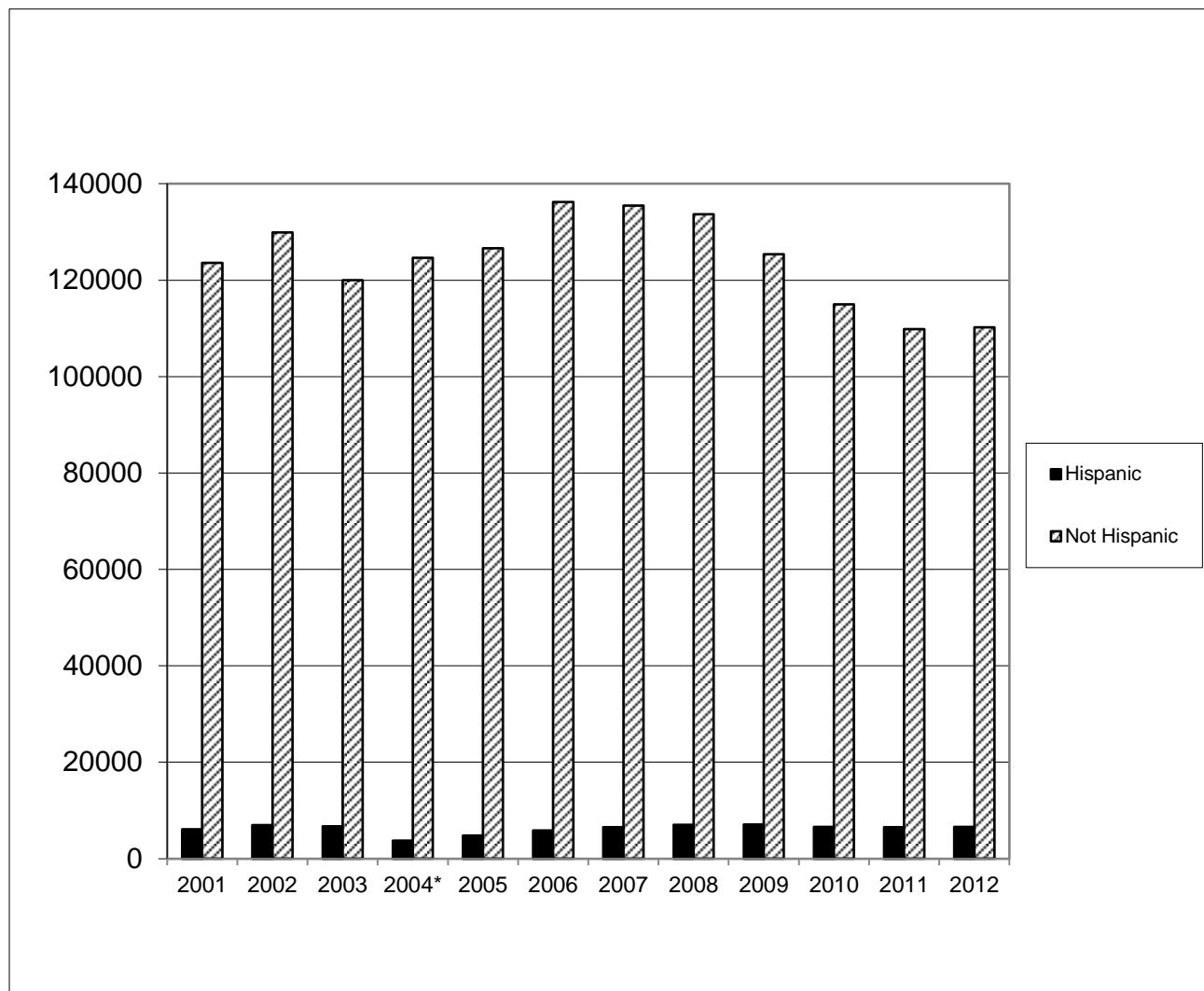
**Figure 3. Adult Probationers by Race: 2001-2012**



**Figure 4. Juvenile Probationers by Race: 2001-2012**



**Figure 5. All Probationers by Ethnicity Status: 2001-2012**



\*2004 Hispanic numbers are under-reported due to software conversion issues that occurred in 2004.

## Appendix A. 2012 Probation Survey and Instructions

### Probation Survey

County:

Contact Person:

	<b>Adult Felony Probationers</b>	<b>Adult GM Probationers</b>	<b>Adult Misd. Probationers</b>	<b>Juvenile Probationers</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>1. 2011 Year-end population</b> How many individuals were you supervising on 12/31/11?					
<b>2. 2012 Entries</b> How many individuals entered your caseload in 2012?					
<b>3. 2012 Removals</b> How many individuals were removed from your caseload in 2012?					
<b>4. 2012 Year-end population</b> How many individuals were you supervising on 12/31/12?					
<b>5. Gender</b> of 12/31/2012 population	<b>Male</b>				
	<b>Female</b>				
<b>(Must equal Line 4)</b>					
<b>Total</b>					
<b>6. Race</b> of the 12/31/2012 population	<b>White</b>				
	<b>Black</b>				
	<b>American Indian</b>				
	<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>				
	<b>Other</b>				
<b>(Must equal Line 4)</b>					
<b>Total</b>					

<b>7. Hispanic Origin</b> As of 12/31/2012 - <b>Hispanic</b>						
<b>Non-Hispanic</b>						
<b>Unknown</b>						
<b>(Must equal line 4)</b>	<b>Total</b>					
<b>8. Offense Categories</b>		<b>Adult Felony</b>	<b>Adult GM</b>	<b>Adult Misd</b>	<b>Juvenile</b>	<b>Total</b>
Arson						
Assault						
Assault-Domestic						
Against Family						
Against Justice						
Against Government						
Burglary						
Counterfeiting/Fraud						
Criminal Sexual Conduct						
Criminal Vehicle Oper Harm						
Criminal Vehicle Oper Death						
Disturbing Peace						
Drugs						
DWI						
Escape/Flight						
Gambling						
Harassment/Stalking						
Homicide						
Kidnapping						
Obscenity						
Other Person						
Property Damage						
Robbery						
Sex Related						
Status/Federal/Misc.						
Stolen Property						
Theft						
Traffic						
Vehicle Theft						
Weapons						
[Unknown/NA]						
<b>Total</b>						
<b>9. Comments</b>						
Completed by: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____						

## **Instructions for Completing the Probation Survey**

Thank you for your participation in this annual survey, which is conducted to provide supervision information to legislators, policymakers, the Minnesota Department of Corrections, Minnesota counties, and other government agencies. This survey is being mailed to:

Community Corrections directors, to collect all CCA county probation information

Department of Corrections District supervisors, to collect data on all probationers supervised by DOC felony agents and DOC contract agents, and

Chief probation officers in non-CCA counties, to collect data on all probationers supervised by non-CCA county agents.

One survey is enclosed for each county in which your office provides probation services. Please answer the questions for all probationers under your supervision.

### ***Who should be counted as a “probationer”?***

All probationers, regardless of conviction status, who were under the supervision of your agency as part of a court order at any time between December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012.

Probationers for whom there is a court order for supervision and/or services such as restitution, community service, or monitoring.

Persons placed on probation under Minnesota Statutes 152.18 (“deferred adjudication” for certain drug offenders) and 609.135 (stay of imposition or execution) if you are providing probation supervision or services.

Persons who are sent to your county from another county or state for supervision.

### ***Who is excluded as a “probationer”?***

Persons on investigative status only, such as PSIs, pre-pleas, bail evaluations, etc.

Persons on “bench probation,” “court probation,” or “summary probation,” who have not been placed under the supervision of a probation agency.

Pre-trial diversion and pre-trial supervision cases.

Juveniles receiving services under a CHIPS petition.

Persons released from state correctional facilities, who are on supervised release, parole, intensive community supervision, etc.

***Exclude*** from year-end counts (questions 1, 4, etc.) those whom you send to another county or state for supervision.

For questions 1-7, report each **probationer** only once, not the number of offenses or open files. If an offender is on probation for offenses or differing severity, count him/her in the category of highest severity. If a probationer is under both juvenile and adult supervision, count the offender only once, placing the individual as an adult or juvenile according to the more serious offense. If you are unable to eliminate double counting of individuals under both adult and juvenile supervision, asterisk the juvenile total on line 4 of page 1 and in the “Comments” section on page 2, estimate the number of juveniles also counted as adults.

**Question 8: Report statistics on the most serious offense for which each offender was under supervision.** This is a change from previous years in which the number of cases under supervision for each listed offense was reported.









































## Appendix C. 2012 Supervised Release Totals

**Table 1. December 31, 2012, Supervised Release, Parole, and Intensive Supervised Release (ISR) Population by County**

County	Adult						Certified Adult			Juvenile		Total
	CIP*	CMR	ISR	Parole	SR	Sub-Total	ISR	SR	Sub-Total	Parole	Sub-Total	
Aitkin	0	0	0	0	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
Anoka	14	0	57	2	153	226	2	0	2	0	0	228
Becker	3	0	4	0	59	66	0	0	0	0	0	66
Beltrami	4	0	21	1	71	97	0	0	0	0	0	97
Benton	4	0	2	0	42	48	0	0	0	1	1	49
Bigstone	1	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Blue Earth	6	0	14	0	41	61	0	0	0	0	0	61
Brown	3	0	0	0	8	11	0	0	0	0	0	11
Carlton	3	0	75	0	70	148	2	0	2	0	0	150
Carver	1	0	3	0	13	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
Cass	2	0	8	0	38	48	0	0	0	0	0	48
Chippewa	0	0	2	0	18	20	0	0	0	0	0	20
Chisago	3	0	6	0	35	44	0	0	0	0	0	44
Clay	7	0	8	0	68	83	0	0	0	0	0	83
Clearwater	1	0	0	0	16	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
Cook	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Cottonwood	0	0	3	0	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Crow Wing	9	0	15	1	47	72	0	0	0	0	0	72
Dakota	12	0	23	0	127	162	2	0	2	0	0	164
Dodge	1	0	3	0	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Douglas	2	0	7	0	33	42	0	0	0	0	0	42
Faribault	0	0	4	0	15	19	0	0	0	0	0	19

\* It should be noted that the Department of Corrections supervises all CIP offenders statewide.

County	Adult						Certified Adult			Juvenile		Total
	CIP*	CMR	ISR	Parole	SR	Sub-Total	ISR	SR	Sub-Total	Parole	Sub-Total	
Fillmore	1	0	0	0	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Freeborn	4	0	6	0	18	28	0	0	0	1	1	29
Goodhue	3	0	4	0	22	29	1	0	1	1	1	31
Grant	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hennepin	56	0	311	13	989	1369	9	14	23	1	1	1393
Houston	3	0	0	0	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Hubbard	2	0	2	0	21	25	0	0	0	0	0	25
Isanti	4	0	0	0	26	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
Itasca	4	0	11	0	48	63	1	0	1	0	0	64
Jackson	0	0	1	0	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Kanabec	0	0	8	1	9	18	0	0	0	0	0	18
Kandiyohi	4	0	9	0	33	46	0	0	0	0	0	46
Kittson	0	0	2	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Koochiching	0	0	3	0	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Lac Qui Parle	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lake	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Lake of the Woods	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Le Sueur	0	0	4	0	12	16	0	0	0	0	0	16
Lincoln	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lyon	6	0	8	0	23	37	0	0	0	0	0	37
Mahnomen	0	0	4	0	16	20	0	0	0	0	0	20
Marshall	2	0	2	0	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	11
Martin	2	0	4	0	17	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
McLeod	2	0	2	0	25	29	0	0	0	0	0	29
Meeker	1	0	2	0	22	25	0	0	0	0	0	25

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County	Adult						Certified Adult			Juvenile		Total
	CIP*	CMR	ISR	Parole	SR	Sub-Total	ISR	SR	Sub-Total	Parole	Sub-Total	
Mille Lacs	6	0	8	0	41	55	0	0	0	0	0	55
Morrison	1	0	6	1	40	48	0	0	0	0	0	48
Mower	2	0	11	1	37	51	0	0	0	1	1	52
Murray	0	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	4
Nicollet	2	6	44	0	38	90	0	0	0	0	0	90
Nobles	0	0	1	0	13	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Norman	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Olmsted	16	0	36	0	114	166	0	1	1	0	0	167
Otter Tail	4	0	8	0	38	50	0	0	0	0	0	50
Pennington	0	0	5	0	18	23	0	0	0	0	0	23
Pine	4	0	5	0	29	38	0	0	0	0	0	38
Pipestone	1	0	1	0	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Polk	5	0	4	0	66	75	0	0	0	0	0	75
Pope	1	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Ramsey	47	0	140	6	516	709	5	4	9	0	0	718
Red Lake	0	0	1	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Redwood	1	0	4	0	15	20	0	0	0	0	0	20
Renville	3	0	4	0	8	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
Rice	3	0	6	0	33	42	0	0	0	0	0	42
Rock	0	0	1	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Roseau	0	0	4	0	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
St. Louis	15	0	72	0	127	214	0	0	0	1	1	215
Scott	4	0	12	0	52	68	0	0	0	0	0	68
Sherburne	1	0	12	0	39	52	0	0	0	0	0	52

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County	Adult						Certified Adult			Juvenile		Total
	CIP*	CMR	ISR	Parole	SR	Sub-Total	ISR	SR	Sub-Total	Parole	Sub-Total	
Sibley	2	0	1	0	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Stearns	17	1	21	0	120	159	0	1	1	0	0	160
Steele	3	0	8	0	32	43	0	0	0	1	1	44
Stevens	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Swift	1	0	1	0	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Todd	0	0	0	0	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	22
Traverse	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wabasha	0	0	2	0	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	14
Wadena	1	0	2	0	13	16	0	0	0	0	0	16
Waseca	0	0	0	0	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	16
Washington	3	0	16	0	77	96	0	0	0	0	0	96
Watonwan	1	0	0	0	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	8
Wilkin	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Winona	4	0	10	0	30	44	0	0	0	0	0	44
Wright	3	0	5	0	49	57	0	0	0	1	1	58
Yellow Medicine	2	0	0	0	11	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Unknown	0	0	58	0	154	212	0	2	2	0	0	214
Interstate	1	0	31	1	385	418	0	4	4	0	0	422
Non-US	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1183</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4413</b>	<b>5956</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6015</b>

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#### Key

CIP: Challenge Incarceration Program  
 CMR: Conditional Medical Release  
 ISR: Intensive Supervised Release  
 SR: Supervised Release

**Table 2. December 31, 2012, Supervised Release, Parole, and Intensive Supervised Release (ISR) Population: Summary Statistics**

Summary Level	Adult						Certified Adult			Juvenile		
	CIP*	CMR	ISR	PAROLE	SR	Sub-Total	ISR	SR	Sub-Total	Parole	Sub-Total	
CCA Counties	221	1	832	23	2745	3822	20	20	40	2	2	3864
Non-CCA Counties	104	6	262	3	1129	1504	3	0	3	6	6	1513
Total (In-State)	325	7	1094	26	3874	5326	23	20	43	8	8	5377
7-County Metro	137	0	562	21	1927	2647	18	18	36	1	1	2684
Non-Metro	188	7	532	5	1947	2679	5	2	7	7	7	2693
Total (In-State)	325	7	1094	26	3874	5326	23	20	43	8	8	5377
Total (In-State)	325	7	1094	26	3874	5326	23	20	43	8	8	5377
In Transit	0	0	58	0	154	212	0	2	2	0	0	214
Supervised out of State	1	0	31	1	385	418	0	4	4	0	0	422
Non-US	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1183</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4413</b>	<b>5956</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6015</b>

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**Table 3. December 31, 2012, In-State Supervised Release, Parole, and Intensive Supervised Release (ISR) Population by Status, Gender, and Race/Ethnicity**

Status, Gender, Race/Ethnicity Category	Adult	Certified Adult	Juvenile	Total
Challenge Incarceration Prg. (CIP)	325	0	0	325
Conditional Medical Release (CMR)	7	0	0	7
Intensive Supervised Release (ISR)	1094	23	0	1117
Parole	26	0	8	34
Supervised Release (SR)	3874	20	0	3894
Female	493	2	1	496
Male	4833	41	7	4881
American Indian-Non Hispanic	377	2	0	379
American Indian-Hispanic	1	0	0	1
Asian	99	7	0	106
Black-Non Hispanic	1371	19	3	1393
Black-Hispanic	1	0	0	1
Other/Unknown-Hispanic	2	0	0	2
White-Non-Hispanic	3175	11	4	3190
White-Hispanic	300	4	1	305
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5326</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5377</b>

## Appendix D. Court Services in Minnesota

(December 31, 2012)

### 32 CCA

Community Corrections Act area provides all court services.

### 27 DOC/CPO

State Corrections Department provides services for adult felons; County provides svcs. for juveniles/adult non-felons

### 28 DOC

State Corrections Department provides all court services

