Criminal Justice Forecasts - April 2023

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Introductions

- Met with forecast advisory committees in March to discuss the general state of the criminal justice system and trends/patterns we were seeing in the data.
- Reviewed preliminary forecast recommendations and finalized forecasts.
- Distributed publications for review/comment.
- Published adult forecast on March 31 and will post youth forecast on April 15.

Adult Corrections Forecast















Risks to the Forecast:

- Ramos/Wadkins: The Supreme Court found that the Sixth Amendment entitled defendents to a unanimous jury trial. Wadkins allows retroactive relief for nonunanimous jury convictions. Currently approximately 500 cases are in the process of being relitigated.
- Intakes pick up more quickly and start to reflect the underlying rate of crime commission.

Community Corrections

- Local Control (County Jails)
- Probation
- Parole/Post-Prison Supervision

Local Control (County Jails)



Probation



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Parole/Post-Prison Supervision



Youth Corrections Forecast





Referrals by Type of Crime





Risks to the Forecast:

- Intakes to close custody are not currently reflecting the underlying rate of crime commission for a variety of reasons (detection, referral and committing to OYA). Should these rates return to pre-pandemic levels soon, the close custody population could rise sharply.
- Most incarcerated youth have indeterminate sentences, and even more will after the passage of SB 1008. Given the modeling of projected release dates on past youth, potential changes in lengths of stay could introduce significant error into the forecast.



Questions:

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