

# TJC Baseline Measures Jail Population Characteristics

## I. Demographic Breakouts

- # of individuals booked in the county jail per reporting period<sup>1</sup>
- # /% of individuals booked multiple times (3 or more) during reporting period (% = # of individuals with multiple bookings/ total # of individuals booked)
- #/% first time arrestees
- #/% with multiple priors, and range, mean, median # of priors among clients with priors
- Age – range, mean, median for individuals booked during the reporting period
- Race/Ethnicity – #/% by category
- Sex – #/% by category
- Offense type – #/% by category (i.e., drug/person/property)
- Offense severity - #/% by category (misdemeanor; felony; municipal, parole violation, other)
- Length of Stay (LOS) – mean, median in days; may calculate mean and median of hours for book and release
- #/% with mental health flag
- #/% with substance abuse flag
- Initial Classification Score – #/% by category (i.e., high/medium/low risk); range of scores if risk classification is based on a score generated from the assessment.

## II. Status type - by age, race, sex, offense type, criminal history (none, moderate, extensive), and LOS (mean, median # days in jail)

- #/% book and release
- #/% release within 48-72 hours
- #/% pre-trial
- #/% sentenced;
- #/% in for technical violations
- #/% other status (?)

## III. Returning Clients (frequent fliers) – by age, race, sex, offense type

- Total #/% of clients with 3 or more jail stays (custody events) in 12-month period
- # returns per client (average # of times in custody regardless of duration) in 12-month period among those clients with 3 or more stays – range, mean, median
- Duration of stay – mean, median # of days in jail for subsequent stays

## IV. Screening/ Assessment/Needs (LSIR?)

- #/% clients screened at booking/intake (%=# individuals screened/ total # booked)
- #/% clients assessed (% = # individuals assessed/ total # booked; ideally would want to know % and # assessed of those flagged for assessment at screening)
- # days between screening and assessment – range, mean, median
- #/% mental health flag that are screened, assessed, served
- #/% substance abuse flag that are screened, assessed, served
- #/% homeless at booking<sup>2</sup>
- #/% employed at booking, by status (full time, part time, seasonal/sporadic)
- #/% with GED or high school, college, etc at booking (educational status)

<sup>1</sup> There is some flexibility in defining this initial reporting period. For example, the reporting period could focus on one month of data (September 2008); this would provide a snapshot of the jail population. A longer reporting period, such as January-June 2008, would provide a more comprehensive picture of the jail population.

<sup>2</sup> \*Would also want to know where people are released -- # with a permanent address live, or to where they anticipate returning upon release (geographic location) – would want to know both.

## V. In-Jail Services and Programming

- # inmates (unduplicated) enrolled in services/programs, by type
- Average # hours of services/programming received
- #/% completing programs
- #/% non-completers, by reason (released, dropped out, etc)
- #/% eligible for Life Skills program; #/% referred and served by Life Skills program
- #/% eligible for other in-jail programs; #/% referred and served by other programs (by program type, if possible)

## VI. Criminal History Breakouts

- Age at first arrest – range, mean, median
- Age at first conviction – range, mean, median
- First arrest offense (report on offense categories)
- First conviction offense (report on offense categories)
- *Types of crimes committed (specialist vs generalist) – individual level measure*
- Prior arrests – #/%clients; range, mean and median # arrests, offense type
- Prior convictions – #/%clients; range, mean and median # convictions, offense type
- Prior jail stays\* – #/%clients; range, mean and median # stays (*could run for incarcerations*)