

# Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project  
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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RE: Incarceration of Adult Mental Health Service Recipients

This brief report provides information regarding rates of incarceration for individuals served during FY2010 by Department of Mental Health (DMH) designated agency adult mental health programs (AOP and CRT). Rates of incarceration are provided for the service year, the year prior to the service year, and for the year after the service year. For purposes of comparison, these rates are provided for service recipients overall and in age and gender groups.

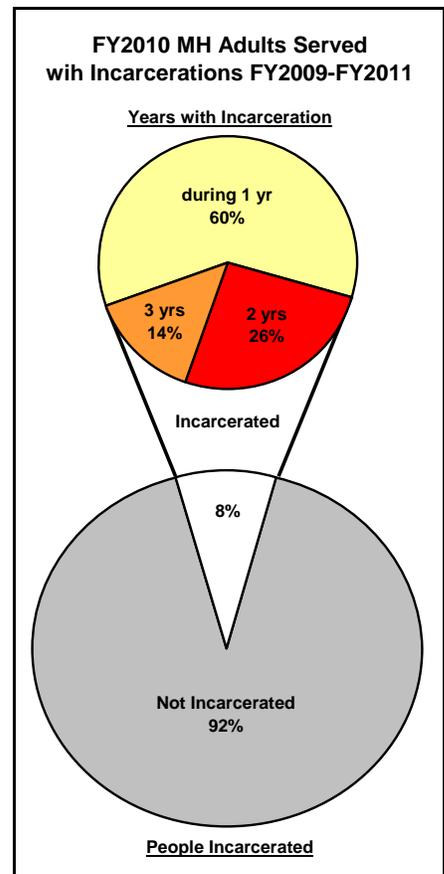
This report is based on analysis of data submitted to DMH by designated community mental health agencies' in conjunction with data provided by the Vermont Department of Corrections.

As you will see, 770 individuals (8% of the 9,183 adults served during the study period) had been incarcerated at some time during the study period. Among those incarcerated, 60% had been incarcerated during one year only, 26% had been incarcerated during two years, and 14% had been incarcerated during all three of the years under examination.

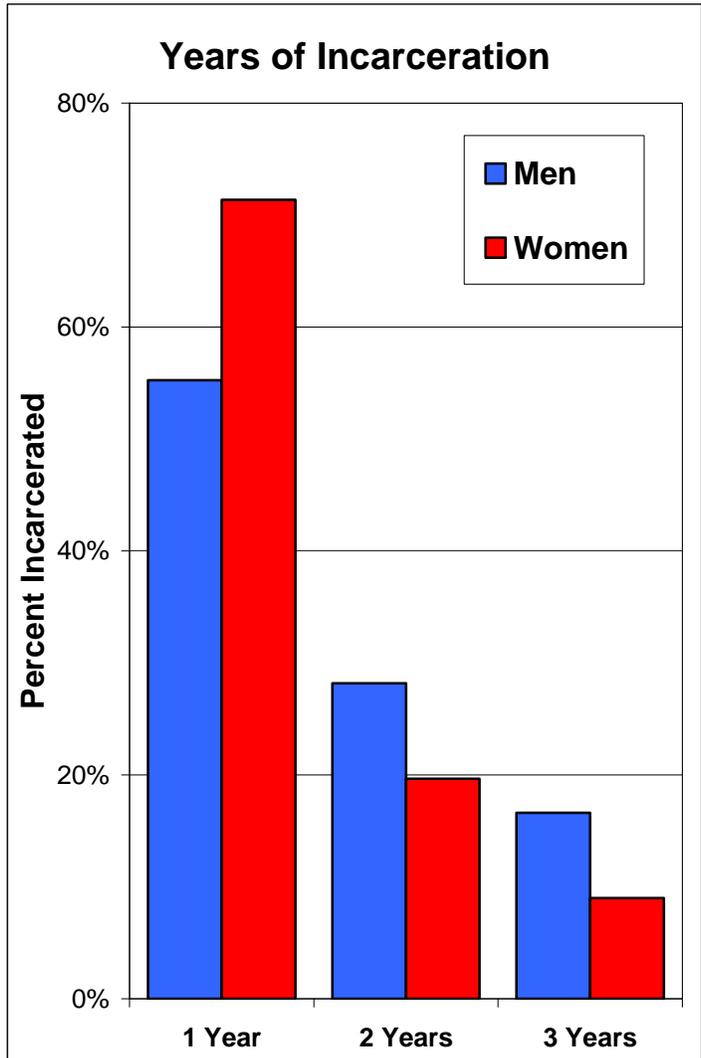
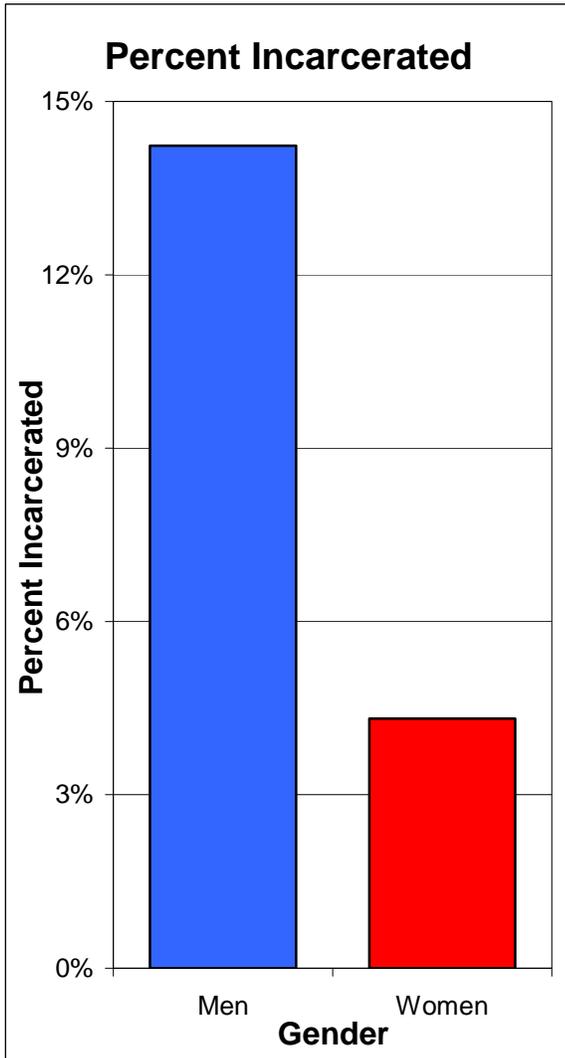
There were substantial differences among gender and age groups in rates of incarceration during this study period. Overall, men were substantially more likely than women to be incarcerated during the study period (14% vs. 4%). For those incarcerated, men were more likely to be incarcerated in all three years (17% vs. 9%), and in two of the three years (28% vs. 20%), but men were less likely than women to be incarcerated during only one year (55% vs. 71%).

Among age groups, young service recipients were more likely than older service recipients to be incarcerated any time during the study period (15% for individuals less than 35 years of age vs. 9% for individuals aged 35-49 vs. 2% for individuals aged 50+). For those incarcerated, young service recipients were also more likely to be incarcerated in all three years (15% vs. 14% vs. 10%), and young service recipients were more likely to be incarcerated in two of the three years (29% vs. 23% vs. 14%). However, young service recipients were less likely than older service recipients to be incarcerated during only one year (56% vs. 63% vs. 75%).

We look forward to your interpretation of these findings, your questions and comments, and your requests for further analyses. As always, we can be reached at 802-828-1703 or [pip@state.vt.us](mailto:pip@state.vt.us).



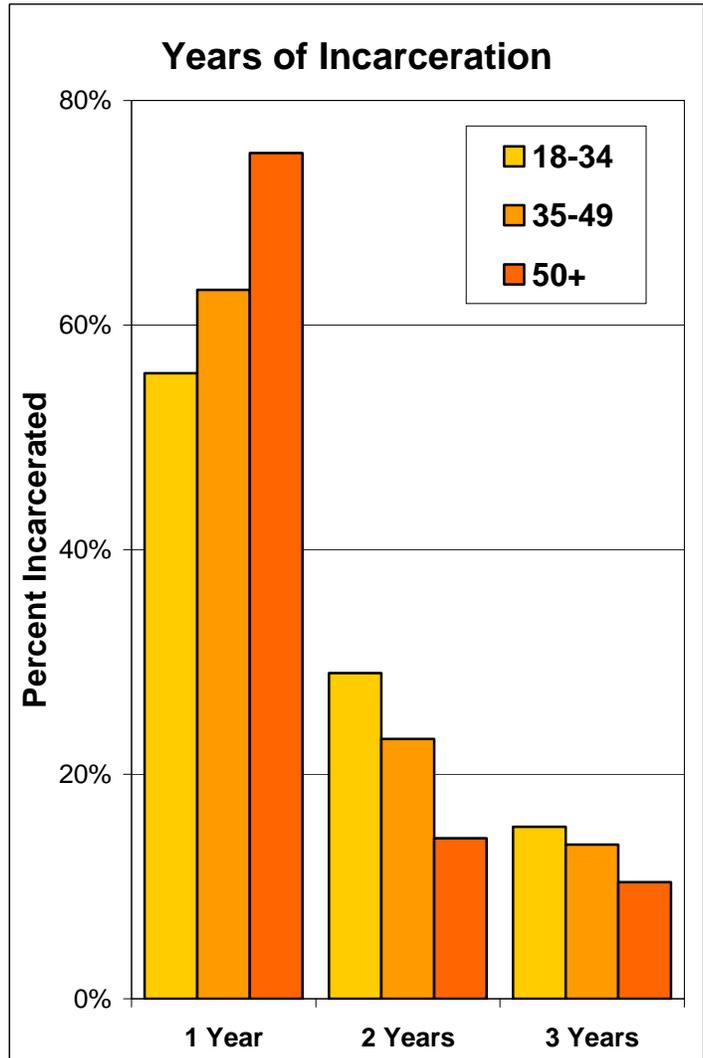
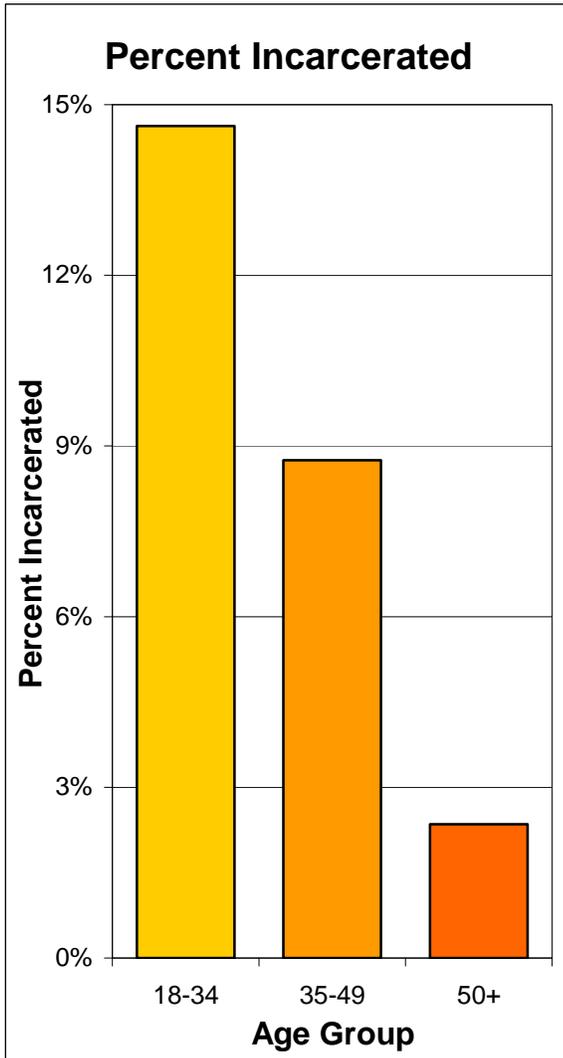
## FY2010 MH Adults Served Incarcerations FY2009 - FY2011 by Gender



Gender	Total Served	Incarcerated		Years with Incarceration					
		#	%	1 Year		2 Years		3 Years	
				#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Men</b>	3,766	536	14%	296	55%	151	28%	89	17%
<b>Women</b>	5,416	234	4%	167	71%	46	20%	21	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,182</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>14%</b>

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## FY2010 MH Adults Served Incarcerations FY2009 - FY2011 by Age Group



Age Group	Total Served	Incarcerated		Years with Incarceration					
		#	%	1 Year		2 Years		3 Years	
				#	%	#	%	#	%
18-34	2,995	438	15%	244	56%	127	29%	67	15%
35-49	2,915	255	9%	161	63%	59	23%	35	14%
50+	3,273	77	2%	58	75%	11	14%	8	10%
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