

Drop the Rock¹
The Campaign to Repeal the Rockefeller Drug Laws
TRENDS IN NEW YORK STATE PRISON COMMITMENTS

| | TOTAL COMMITMENTS | *VIOLENT FELONIES | PERCENT VIOLENT | DRUG OFFENSES | % DRUGS | *NON- VIOLENT | % NON- VIOLENT |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1980 | 7,959 | 4,550 | 57% | 886 | 11% | 2,654 | 33% |
| 1981 | 10,311 | 6,236 | 60% | 1,037 | 10% | 3,318 | 32% |
| 1982 | 10,403 | 6,615 | 63% | 1,243 | 11% | 3,146 | 30% |
| 1983 | 12,538 | 7,926 | 63% | 1,625 | 12% | 3,851 | 30% |
| 1984 | 12,248 | 7,324 | 59% | 1,877 | 15% | 4,069 | 33% |
| 1985 | 12,410 | 6,993 | 56% | 2,218 | 17% | 4,483 | 36% |
| 1986 | 14,920 | 7,759 | 52% | 3,228 | 21% | 5,966 | 39% |
| 1987 | 15,705 | 6,939 | 44% | 5,106 | 32% | 7,608 | 48% |
| 1988 | 17,374 | 6,751 | 38% | 6,432 | 37% | 9,218 | 53% |
| 1989 | 21,518 | 7,116 | 33% | 9,763 | 45% | 12,846 | 59% |
| 1990 | 23,098 | 7,435 | 32% | 10,785 | 46% | 14,030 | 60% |
| 1991 | 24,069 | 8,312 | 35% | 10,766 | 45% | 14,073 | 58% |
| 1992 | 25,099 | 8,628 | 34% | 11,209 | 45% | 14,697 | 59% |
| 1993 | 24,834 | 8,629 | 35% | 10,920 | 44% | 14,398 | 58% |
| 1994 | 23,140 | 7,725 | 33% | 10,508 | 45% | 13,695 | 59% |
| 1995 | 22,969 | 7,122 | 31% | 10,418 | 45% | 13,050 | 57% |
| 1996 | 21,171 | 6,192 | 29% | 9,841 | 46.5% | 12,865 | 61% |
| 1997 | 20,800 | 5,774 | 27.8% | 9,809 | 47.2% | 12,985 | 62.5% |
| 1998 | 19,453 | 5,385 | 27.7% | 9,063 | 46.6% | 11,937 | 61.4% |
| 1999 | 19,157 | 5,374 | 28.1% | 8,520 | 44.5% | 11,641 | 60.8% |
| 2000 | 18,561 | 5,077 | 27.3% | 8,225 | 44.3% | 11,448 | 61.7% |
| 2001 | 16,497 | 4,812 | 29.2% | 6,606 | 40.1% | 9,596 | 58.2% |
| 2002 | 16,999 | 5,104 | 30.0% | 6,647 | 39.1% | 9,751 | 57.3% |
| 2003 | 17,336 | 5,116 | 29.5% | 6,540 | 37.7% | 9,944 | 57.3% |
| TOTAL | 428,569 | 158,894 | | 163,272 | | 231,269 | |

*Example of violent felonies include murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, assault, and 1st and 2nd degree burglary.

**Examples of non-violent felonies include the possession or sale of drugs, forgery, larceny, and 3rd degree burglary.

NOTE: The combination of violent and non-violent commitments doesn't equal the total because a number of offenders do not fall neatly into either category.

SOURCE: New York State Department of Correctional Services, Feb-04

¹ Chart data obtained from Correctional Association of New York/Drop the Rock Coalition, email correspondence to Human Rights Watch, February 19, 2004.