

DRC Population

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

May 6, 2016

Overcrowding Factors

- An Ohio Supreme Court decision resulted in an estimated increase of 6,700 beds, erasing the intended population reduction by legislative efforts. In *Foster* (2006), the Supreme Court struck down the requirement that judges make specific findings when imposing the maximum or enhanced sentence. More inmates were then sentenced to the maximum term.
- Tough-on-crime sentencing has increased penalties.

Legislative Initiatives

- **House Bill 86 of the 129th General Assembly (2011)** redirected lower level felons to community-based sanctions
- **Senate Bill 337 of the 129th General Assembly (2012)** reduced unnecessary collateral sanctions that impeded ex-offenders' ability to reenter society.
- **Drug Treatment Transfers (2015):** Authorized in the 2015 budget bill, the bill allows for the DRC to transition inmates serving time for nonviolent, low level felonies to community sanctions for the remaining year of their sentence.
- **Increased substance abuse funding:** Ohio has directed greater funding toward recovery service programs inside and outside prison.

Women in Prison

- The female population has rapidly increased, outpacing the increase in the male population.
- Women are more likely to be incarcerated for nonviolent offenses or as accomplices to offenses.
- The Treatment Transfers will target women for release.

Key Statistics

The total DRC population **increased by 15.1 percent** from FY 2005 – 2016 YTD. The **rate of overcrowding increased from 114.8 percent to 132.1 percent.**

Commitments and releases declined. However, commitments for higher level felony offenses **increased 9.1%.**

Drug offenses result in the highest percentage of commitments to the DRC.

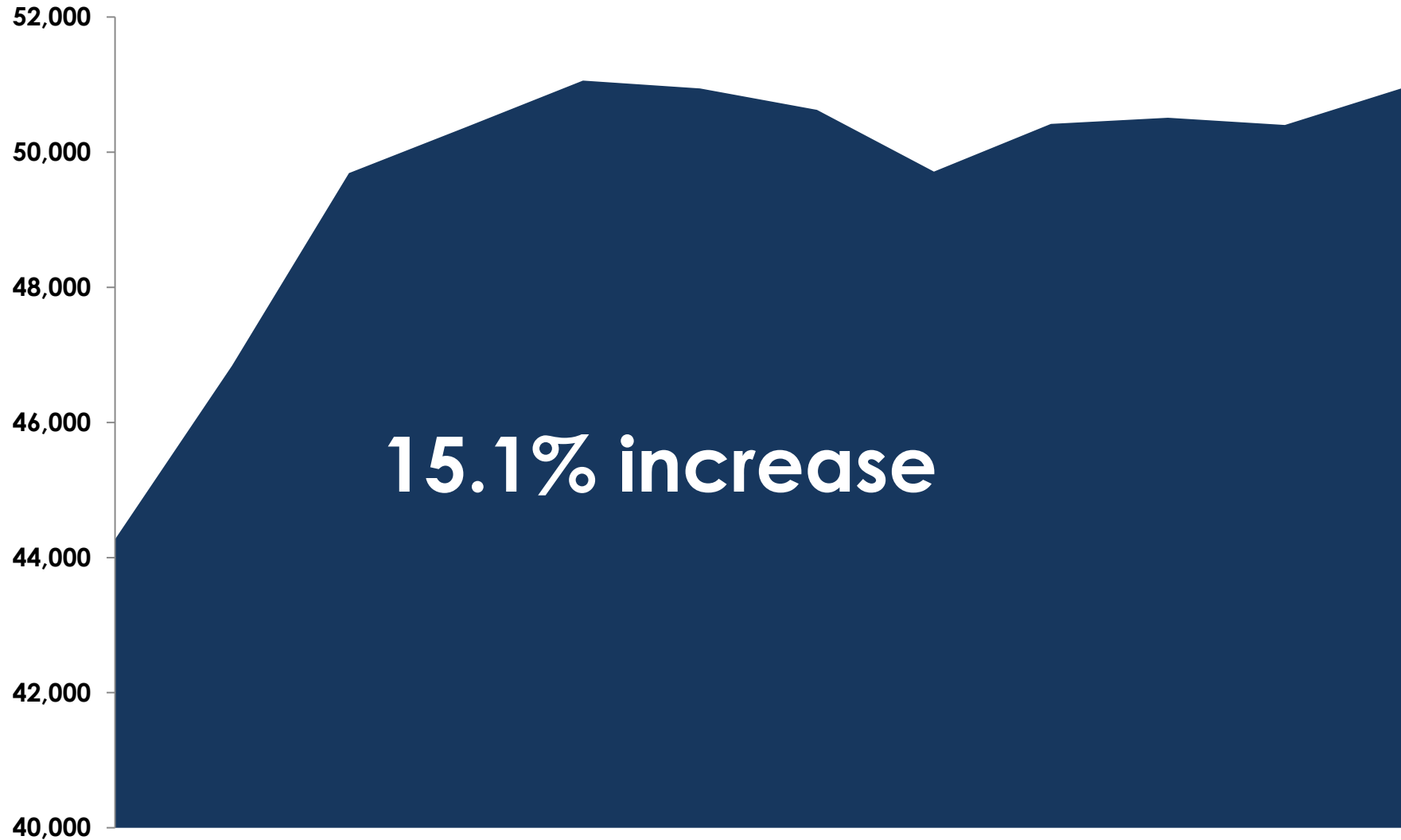
Females have a faster rate of increase in the number of commitments than men.

Women were disproportionately committed to prison for drug and other nonviolent offenses.

Since 2005, **the majority of commitments have been white.**

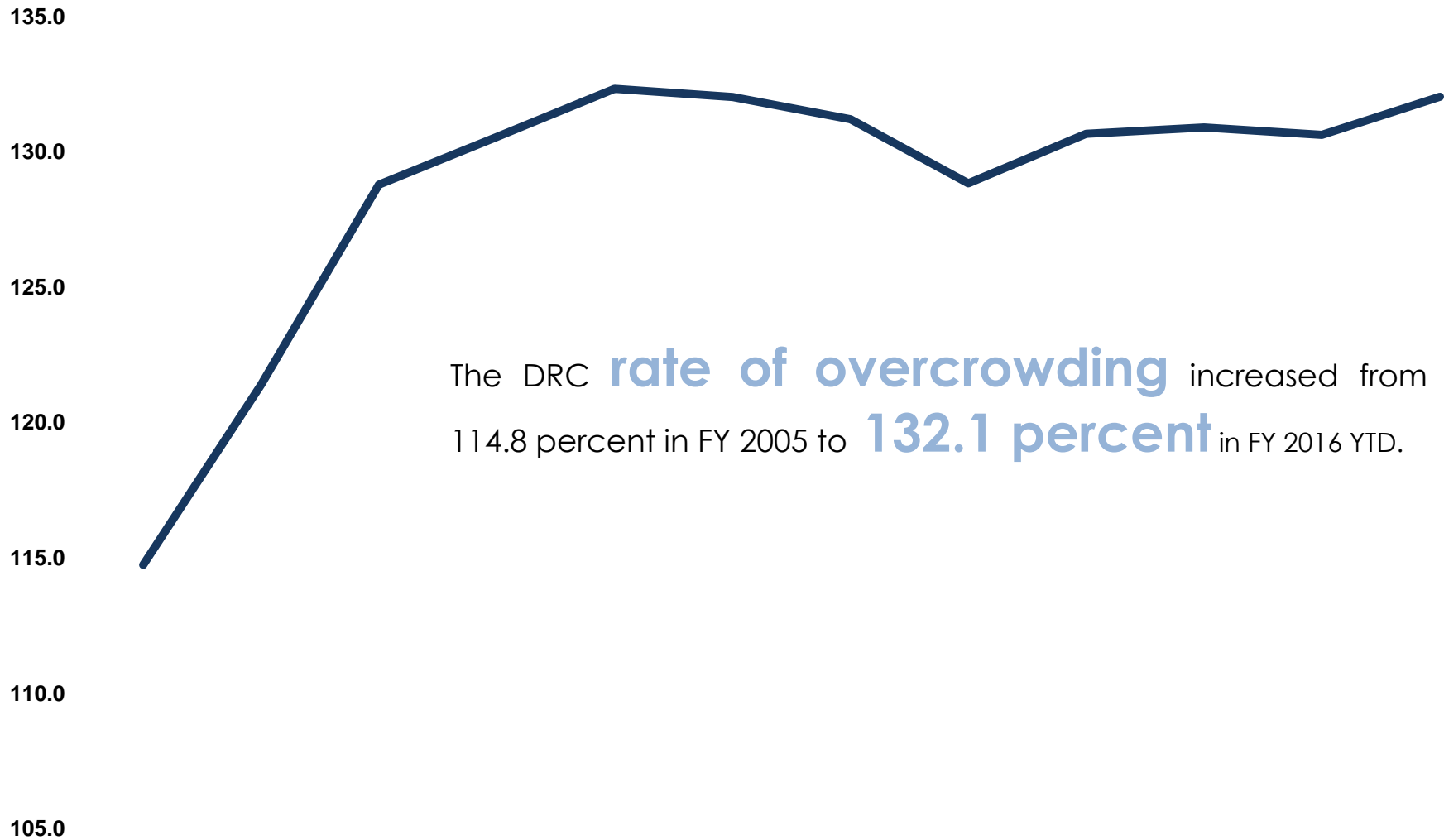
Ohio's rate of incarceration is roughly the same as the national average.

Total DRC population¹ FY 2005 – 2016 YTD



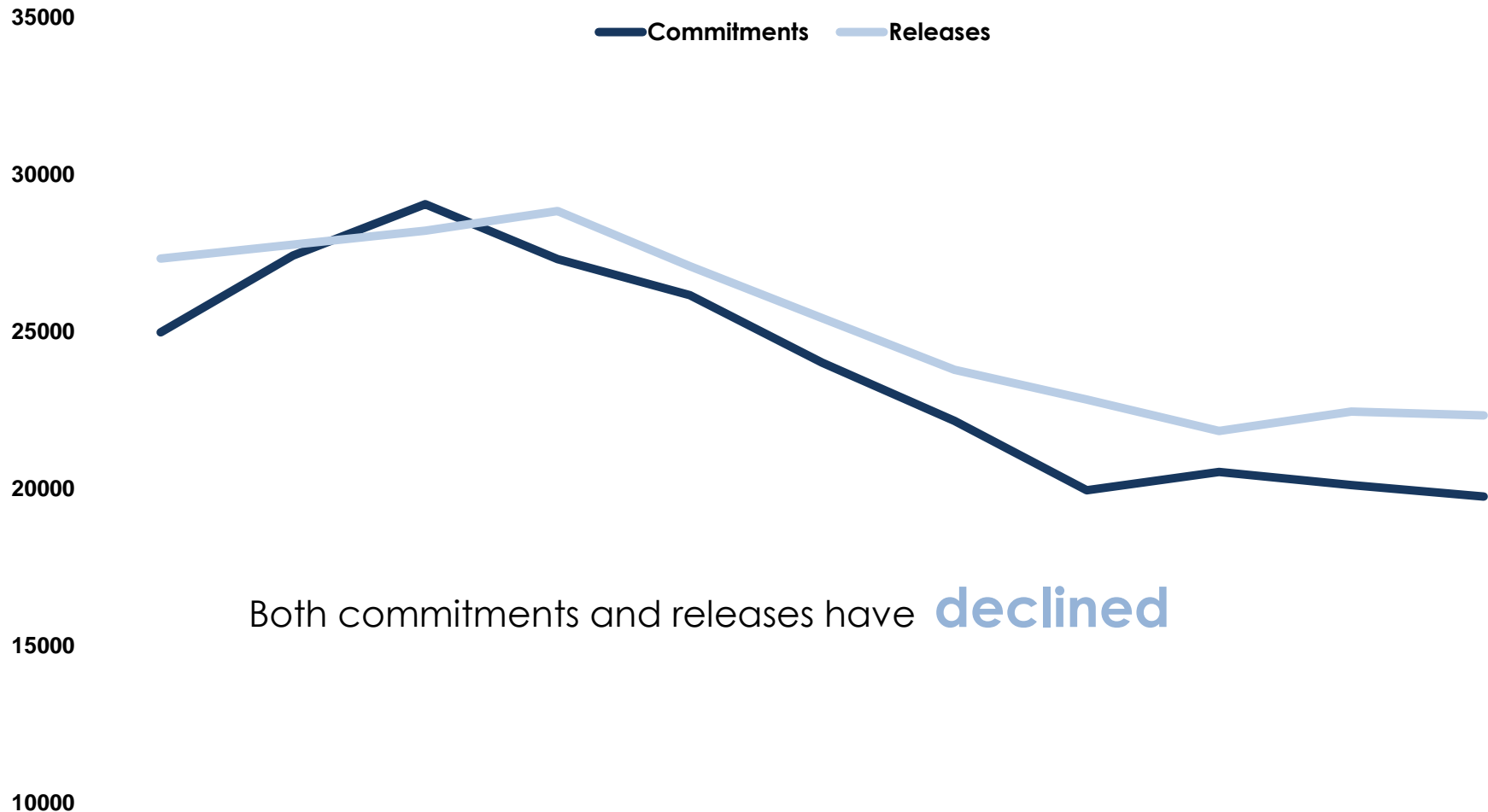
¹ Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Yearly Intake and Population for Fiscal Year 2005-2013. FY 2014 and 2015 data is taken from <http://www.drc.ohio.gov/web/Reports/Progress/Fiscal%20Year%202015%20Summary%20Statistics.pdf>.

DRC rate of overcrowding² FY 2005 – 2016 YTD



² The rate of overcrowding is obtained by dividing the total population by the rated or design capacity. The rated capacity of 38,579 beds is utilizing the last publicly disclosed rated capacity of the DRC from the DRC fact sheets. Monthly fact sheets can be accessed here: <http://drc.ohio.gov/web/Reports/reports3.asp>.

Commitments³ and releases⁴ FY 2005 – 2015



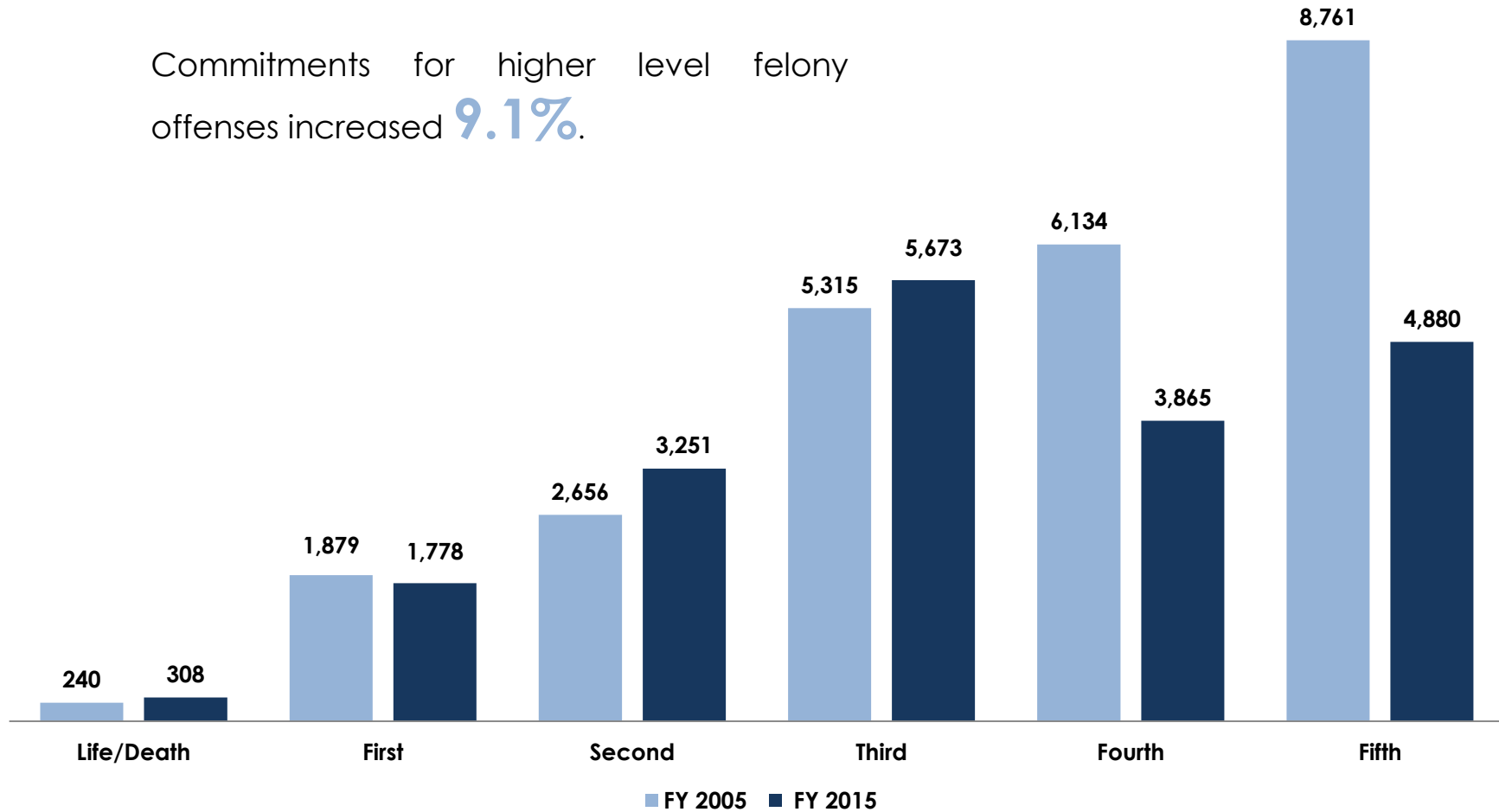
Both commitments and releases have **declined**

³ Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, DRC Commitment Reports, FY 2005-2015. Accessed at <http://www.drc.ohio.gov/web/Reports/reports12.asp>.

⁴ Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Institution Progress Reports, Fiscal Years 2005-2015. Accessed at <http://www.drc.ohio.gov/web/Reports/reports16.asp>. FY 2013 data was obtained from the DRC 2013 annual report.

Commitments by felony level⁵ FY 2005 and FY 2015

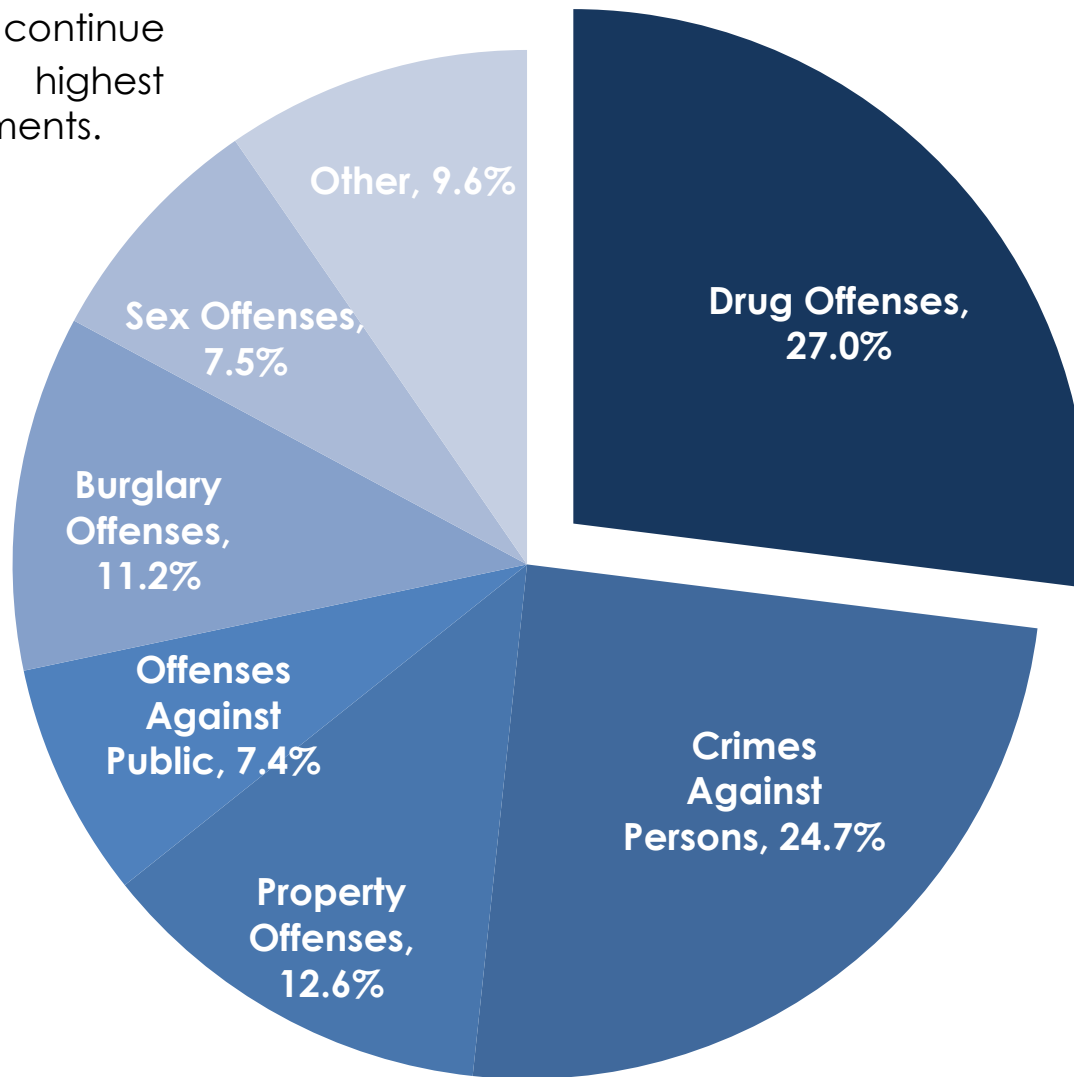
Commitments for higher level felony offenses increased **9.1%**.



⁵ Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Commitment Reports. Fiscal Years 2005 and 2015, p.5. Accessed at <http://drc.ohio.gov/web/Reports/reports12.asp>.

Total commitments by offense type ⁶ FY 2015

Drug offenses continue to constitute the highest percentage of commitments.



⁶ Data provided by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Commitments Fiscal Year 2005 and Fiscal Year 2015. Commitment data was taken from FY 2005 and FY 2015 reports that can be accessed here: <http://www.drc.ohio.gov/web/Reports/reports12.asp>.

Change in population: gender⁷

FY 1975 – 2015



Population	Percent Increase	Population	Percent Increase	Population	Percent Increase	Population	Percent Increase
10,301 - 18,813	83%	18,813 - 40,496	115%	40,496 - 41,130	2%	41,130 - 46,276	13%
1975 - 1985		1985 - 1995		1995 - 2005		2005 - 2015	
406 - 1,051	159%	1,051 - 2,662	153%	2,662 - 3,140	18%	3,140 - 4,127	31%



⁷ Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Yearly Intake and Population for Fiscal Years 1975-2013. The FY 2015 data was taken from FY 2015 Institutional Progress Report <http://www.drc.ohio.gov/web/Reports/Progress/Fiscal%20Year%202015%20Summary%20Statistics.pdf>, page 5.

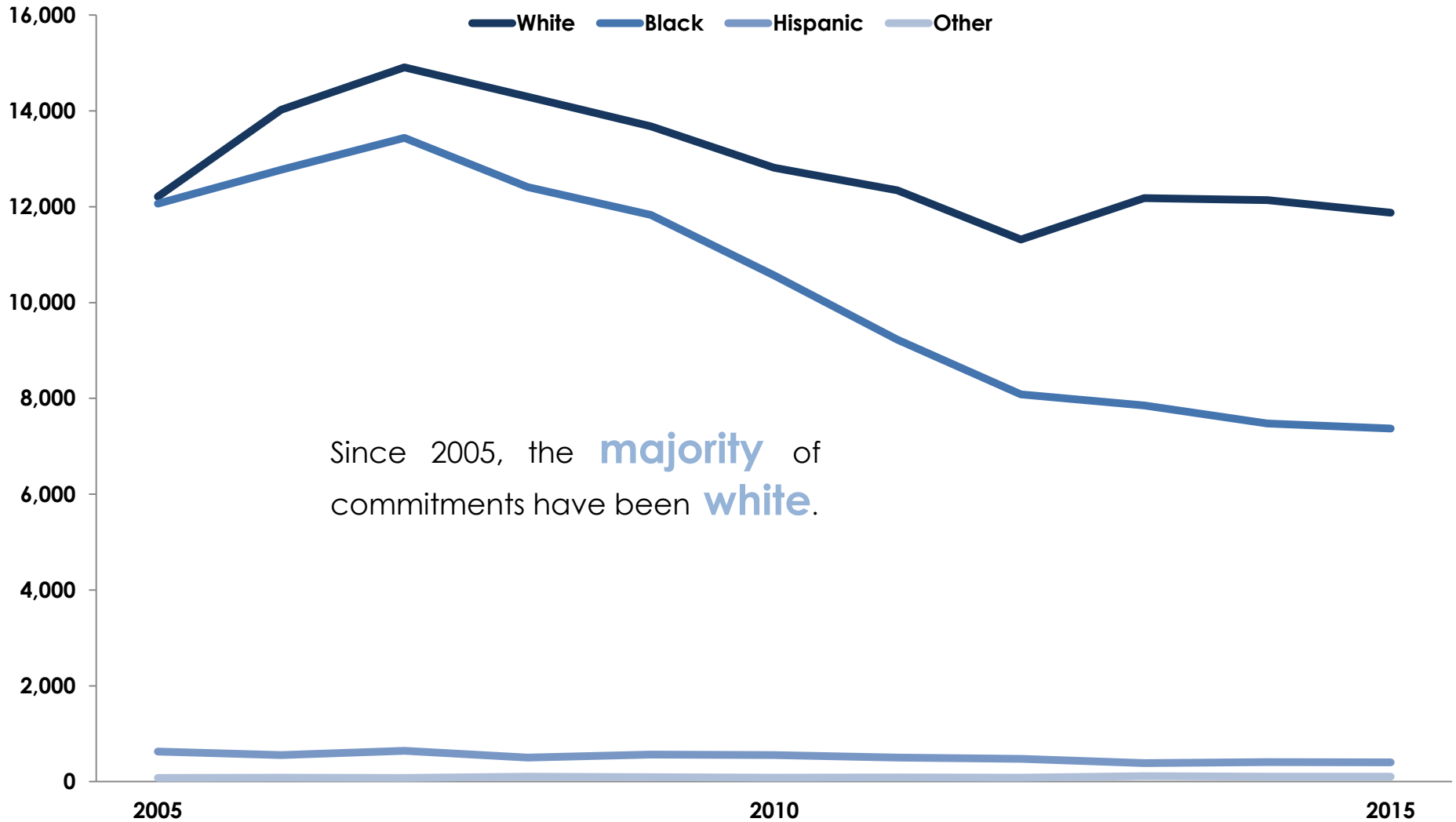
Gender comparison: commitments by offense type⁸
FY 2015

	Male	Female
Drug	25.0	38.9
Crimes against persons	26.2	15.7
Property	11.8	17.3
Burglary	11.5	9.3
Sex	8.5	1.7
Offenses against public peace/justice/administration	6.9	10.1
Firearm	6.4	1.2
Other	3.7	5.8

The comparison of commitments indicates that **women are disproportionately committed for drug and other nonviolent offenses.**

⁸ Data provided by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Commitments Fiscal Year 2015.
<http://www.drc.ohio.gov/web/Reports/Commitment/Fiscal%20Year%202015%20Commitment%20Report.pdf>

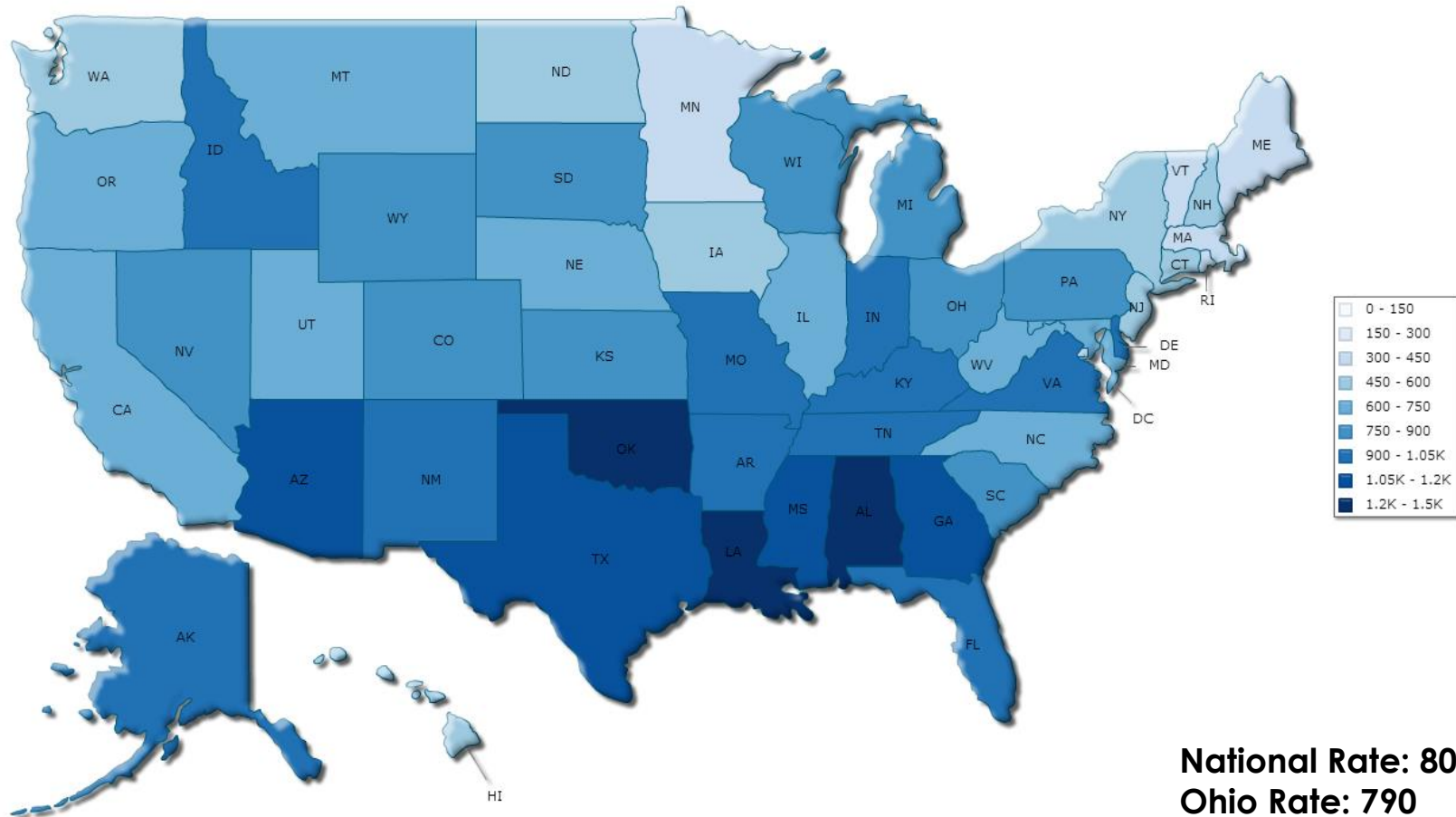
Comparison of commitments by race⁹ FY 2005 – 2015



Since 2005, the **majority** of commitments have been **white**.

⁹ Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Commitment Reports. Fiscal Years 2005-2015, p.3. <http://drc.ohio.gov/web/Reports/reports12.asp>.

Rate of incarceration per 100,000 US residents ages 18 or older^{10,11} CY 2014



¹⁰ Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, "Prisoners in 2014: Advance Counts," p.17. Accessed at <http://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/p12ac.pdf>. Rates were computed using estimates of the U.S. resident population of persons age 18 or older within jurisdiction

¹¹ Rate is based on total prison and jail population for each state. National rate is based on state prison and jail population and does not include federal inmates.

DRC Population Statistics

Fiscal Year	Male Intake	Male Population	Female Intake	Female Population	Total Population
1975	6,804	10,301	415	406	10,707
1976	6,882	11,806	470	479	12,285
1977	6,254	12,440	540	607	13,047
1978	6,406	12,609	524	612	13,221
1979	6,366	13,048	541	591	13,639
1980	7,126	12,796	602	596	13,392
1981	8,382	13,579	704	667	14,246
1982	9,267	15,298	866	837	16,135
1983	9,603	17,097	926	957	18,054
1984	9,063	17,513	865	966	18,479
1985	8,896	18,813	783	1,051	19,864
1986	9,182	20,387	961	1,234	21,621
1987	9,667	21,972	1,019	1,258	23,230
1988	10,232	23,370	1,183	1,380	24,750
1989	12,773	26,379	1,488	1,697	28,076
1990	15,622	29,799	2,074	2,063	31,862
1991	15,933	31,283	1,963	2,070	33,353
1992	18,228	34,764	2,333	2,352	37,116
1993	17,786	36,943	2,413	2,453	39,396
1994	16,918	38,268	2,325	2,516	40,784
1995	17,209	40,496	2,460	2,662	43,158
1996	17,038	42,234	2,518	2,802	45,036
1997	16,187	44,152	2,217	2,843	46,995
1998	15,644	46,131	2,037	2,898	49,029
1999	15,943	43,950	2,222	2,856	46,806
2000	17,098	43,692	2,320	2,845	46,537
2001	17,412	42,545	2,389	2,699	45,244
2002	19,250	42,043	2,537	2,874	44,917
2003	20,112	42,512	2,537	2,890	45,402
2004	20,987	41,123	2,879	3,011	44,134
2005	21,841	41,130	3,144	3,140	44,270
2006	23,926	43,386	3,505	3,453	46,839
2007	25,222	45,851	3,847	3,840	49,691
2008	23,746	46,523	3,569	3,848	50,371
2009	22,804	47,166	3,361	3,894	51,060
2010	20,830	46,941	3,193	4,003	50,944
2011	19,332	46,776	2,830	3,851	50,627
2012	17,420	45,919	2,537	3,794	49,713
2013	17,733	46,418	2,800	4,001	50,419
2014	17,302	46,411	2,818	4,099	50,510
2015	16,952	46,276	2,803	4,127	50,403

DRC requested the following response and disclaimer be added to this report:

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