

A Review of Inmate/Outmate: Comparing Sentencing Options for DUI Offenders in Jefferson County, Colorado

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Reasons for Creating Inmate/Outmate Program

- To reduce the number of jail beds utilized by offenders with multiple DUI/DWAI convictions.
- To contain the amount and type of criminal behavior by these offenders while they serve their sentence in the community and to not increase recidivism among these offenders.

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Structure of the Evaluation

- A comparison of three sentencing options for repeat DUI/DWAI offenders:
 - ✓ Inmate Outmate
 - ✓ Work Release
 - ✓ Jail
- Using measures:
 - ✓ Before sentence
 - ✓ During sentence
 - ✓ Three years after sentence

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Primer for Interpreting Results

- Statistical significance is indicated by ($p < .05$).
- A statistically significant finding is one that is probably due to the treatment conditions being studied and not due to chance or some other effect.
- When the finding is not statistically significant ($p > .05$), there is not enough evidence to conclude that the observed difference is a result of the treatment conditions.

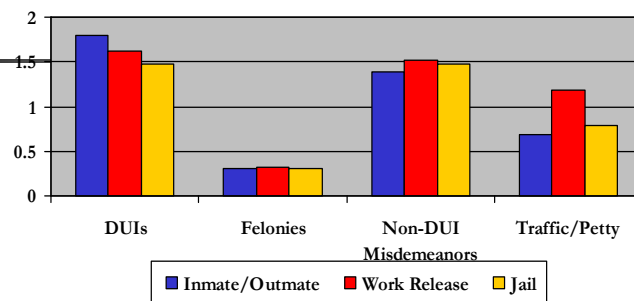
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Characteristics of Participants

- Sample of 154 participants released from sentence in 2002 and 2003:
 - ✓ 71 Inmate/Outmate
 - ✓ 50 Work Release
 - ✓ 33 Jail
- 91% male
 - ✓ No significant differences among the three groups in the distribution of sex ($p = .359$)
- Average Age = 39 years
 - ✓ The Work Release group was an average of six years older than Inmate/Outmate & Jail groups ($p = .001$).

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Convictions Prior to Index DUI



- Average number of convictions prior to Index DUI = 4.30
 - ✓ average number of DUIs = 1.67
 - ✓ average number of felonies = 0.31
- NO statistically significant differences among the three groups in the average number ($p = .602$) and type of convictions prior to the Index DUI

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Characteristics of Index DUI

- Average BAC = .215
 - ✓ NO differences in average BAC among the three groups for the index DUI ($p = .675$)
- Average number of concurrent convictions = .20
 - ✓ NO differences among the three groups in the average number of concurrent convictions ($p = .818$)

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The Three Outcome Measures

- Nature and Number of Criminal Convictions for Behavior During Sentence
 - ✓ DUIs / DWIs
 - ✓ Felonies
 - ✓ Non-DUI Misdemeanors
 - ✓ Traffic & Petty Offenses
- Nature and Number of Criminal Convictions for Behavior Three Years After Release from Sentence
 - ✓ DUIs / DWIs
 - ✓ Felonies
 - ✓ Non-DUI Misdemeanors
 - ✓ Traffic & Petty Offenses
- Jail Bed Use and Cost of the Use

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During Sentence Outcomes

- NO statistically significant difference in the average Number of Criminal Convictions for Behavior During Sentence ($p = .441$)
 - ✓ Inmate/Outmate = .08
 - ✓ Work Release = .04
 - ✓ Jail = .03
- NO statistically significant difference in the Average Number of DUIs During Sentence ($p = ---$)
 - ✓ Inmate/Outmate = 0.0
 - ✓ Work Release = 0.0
 - ✓ Jail = 0.0

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During Sentence Outcomes (continued)

- NO statistically significant difference in the Average Number of Felonies During Sentence ($p = .733$)
 - ✓ Inmate/Outmate = 0.01
 - ✓ Work Release = 0.02
 - ✓ Jail = 0.00
- Statistically significant difference in average Number of Days on Sentenced Status ($p < .001$)
 - ✓ Inmate/Outmate = 348
 - ✓ Work Release = 154
 - ✓ Jail = 179

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After Release from Sentence Outcomes

- NO statistically significant difference in Average Number of Convictions for Behavior During Three Years Post-Release ($p = .923$)
 - ✓ Inmate/Outmate = 0.65
 - ✓ Work Release = 0.66
 - ✓ Jail = 0.58

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After Release from Sentence Outcomes (continued)

- NO statistically significant difference in Average Number of DUIs After Release ($p = .069$)
 - ✓ Inmate/Outmate = 0.20
 - ✓ Work Release = 0.08
 - ✓ Jail = 0.06
- NO statistically significant difference in Average Number of Felonies After Release ($p = .109$)
 - ✓ Inmate / Outmate = 0.06
 - ✓ Work Release = 0.12
 - ✓ Jail = 0.21

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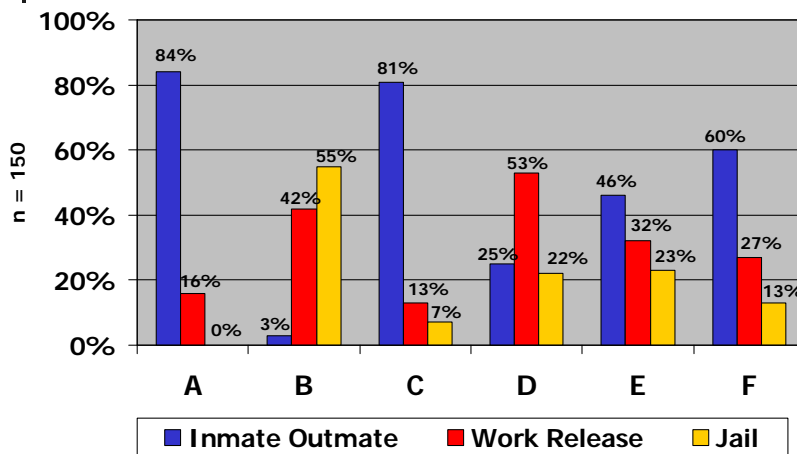
Jail Bed Use & Cost Outcomes

- A statistically significant difference in the Average Length of Stay in Jail ($p < .001$)
 - ✓ Inmate/Outmate = 30 days
 - ✓ Work Release = 154 days
 - ✓ Jail = 179 days

- Average Cost to County per Offender
 - ✓ Inmate/Outmate = \$1,776
 - ✓ Work Release = \$5,546
 - ✓ Jail = \$10,727

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Use of Sentencing Options by Court Divisions (2002-03)



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Summary of Major Findings

- Regardless of sentencing option or court division, there were NO differences in offenders' characteristics or behavior before, during, or after sentence.
- The only difference among sentencing options or court divisions was the consumption of jail beds and associated costs.
- Inmate/Outmate achieved the two purposes for which it was created:
 - ✓ Reduce jail bed use by repeat DUI offenders
 - ✓ Contain the amount and type of criminal behavior of these offenders while they serve their sentence in the community and not increase recidivism.