

# WHAT WORKED IN TEXAS

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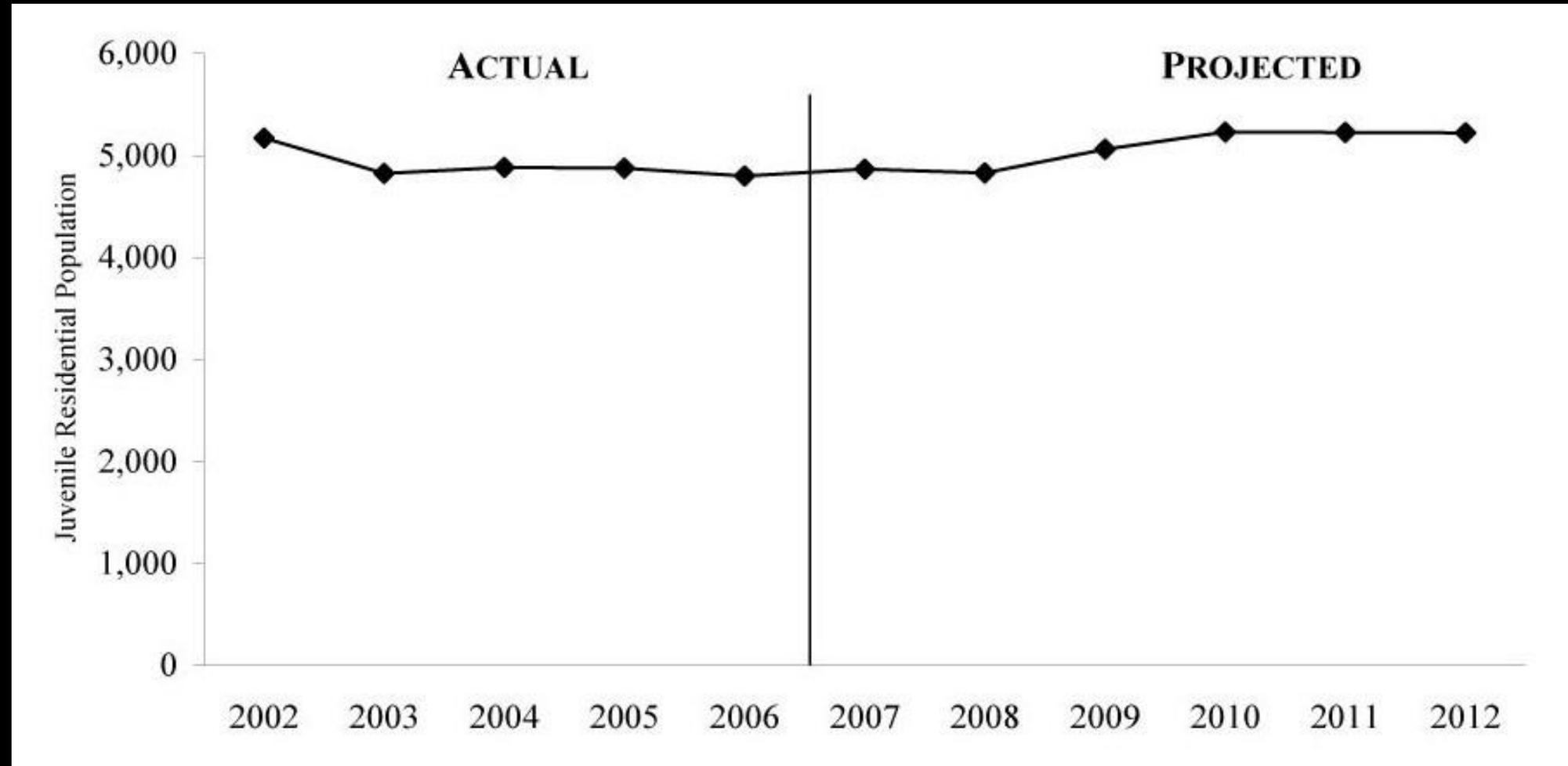
What Works - Juvenile Justice: A Developmental Approach



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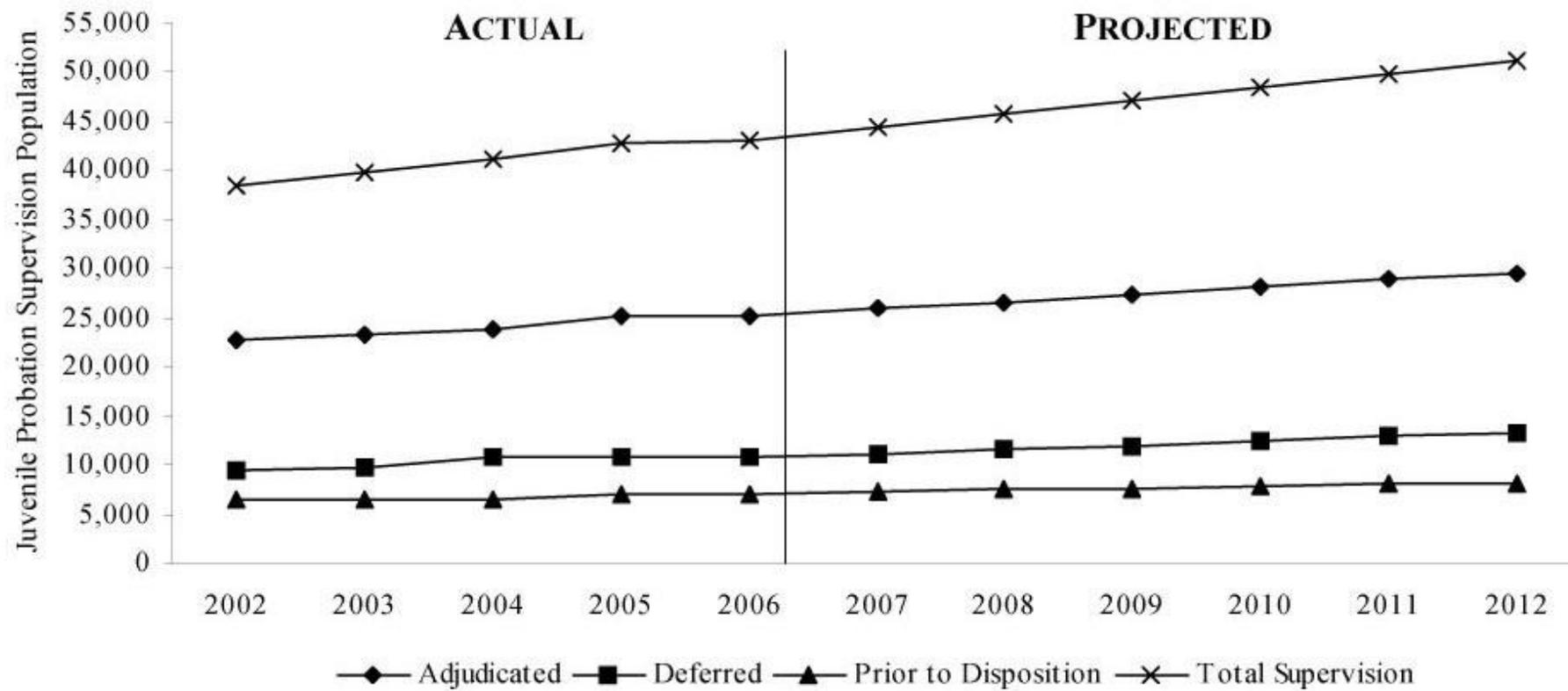
“DON’T BUILD NEW PRISONS  
THEY COST TOO MUCH”

# ACTUAL AND PROJECTED TYC RESIDENTIAL POPULATIONS, FISCAL YEARS 2002-2012

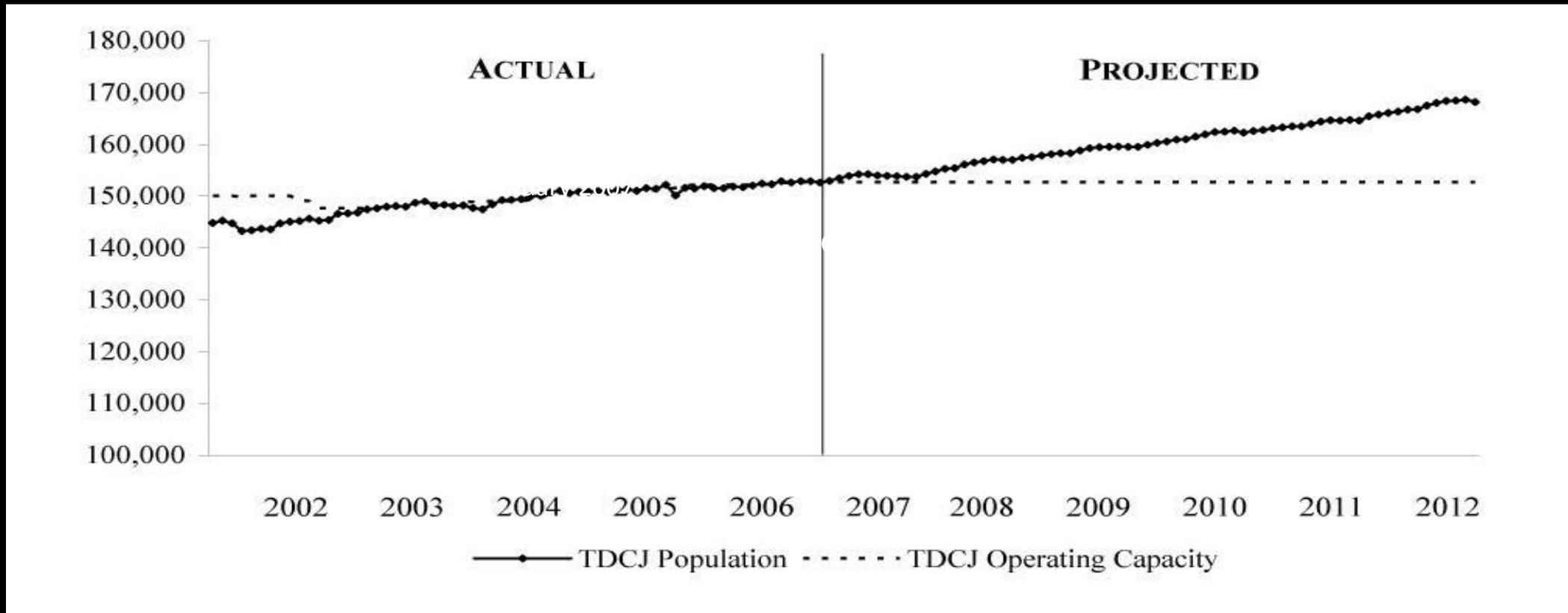


# ACTUAL AND PROJECTED JUVENILE PROBATION SUPERVISION POPULATIONS

BY SUPERVISION TYPE, CALENDAR YEARS 2002-2003 AND FISCAL YEARS 2002-2012



# ACTUAL AND PROJECTED TDCJ INMATE POPULATION AND OPERATING CAPACITY, FISCAL YEARS 2002-2013



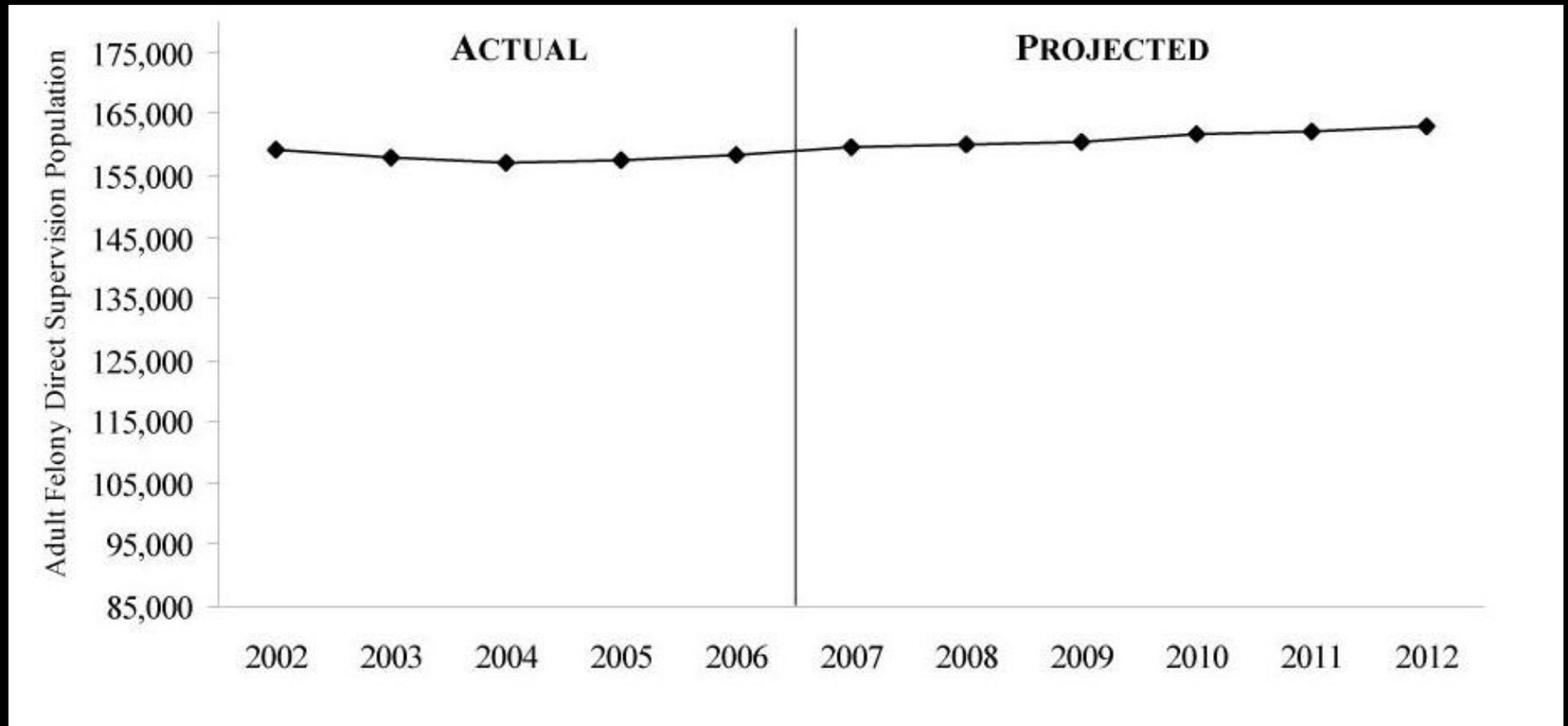
Report dated January 2007

Projected cost for building these prisons would have been 1.5 billion dollars

# TDCJ END-OF-MONTH POPULATIONS

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2007</b>	<b>END-OF-MONTH POPULATION</b>
Sep-06	152,625
Oct-06	152,882
Nov-06	152,875
Dec-06	152,680
Jan-07	152,949
Feb-07	153,498
Mar-07	153,901
Apr-07	154,258
May-07	154,235
Jun-07	153,974
Jul-07	153,933
Aug-07	153,849
<b>FY 07 Average</b>	<b>153,472</b>

# ACTUAL AND PROJECTED ADULT FELONY COMMUNITY SUPERVISION POPULATIONS, FISCAL YEARS 2002-2012



INSTEAD OF BUILDING NEW PRISONS THERE WAS A “DELIBERATE DECISION,”  
TO HAVE A RANGE OF PROGRAMS THAT WOULD REDUCE THE PRISON  
POPULATION BY KEEPING FEWER PEOPLE FROM COMING INTO THE PRISONS

- Completely overhauled the Juvenile Justice System.
- To assist both probation and parole we created hundreds of new beds in drug treatment programs with names like the In-Prison Therapeutic Treatment and Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facilities.
- Some probation and parole violators could be sent to intermediate sanction facilities, a step lower than prison, aimed at getting an offender’s attention without locking them up.
- More slots were set aside in outpatient drug and mental health treatment programs for criminals sentenced to probation.
- Pre-trial diversion programs for those suffering from mental illnesses, overseen by officers who specialize in mental health and drug treatment helped more people avoid jail.
- We expanded the use of specialty courts.

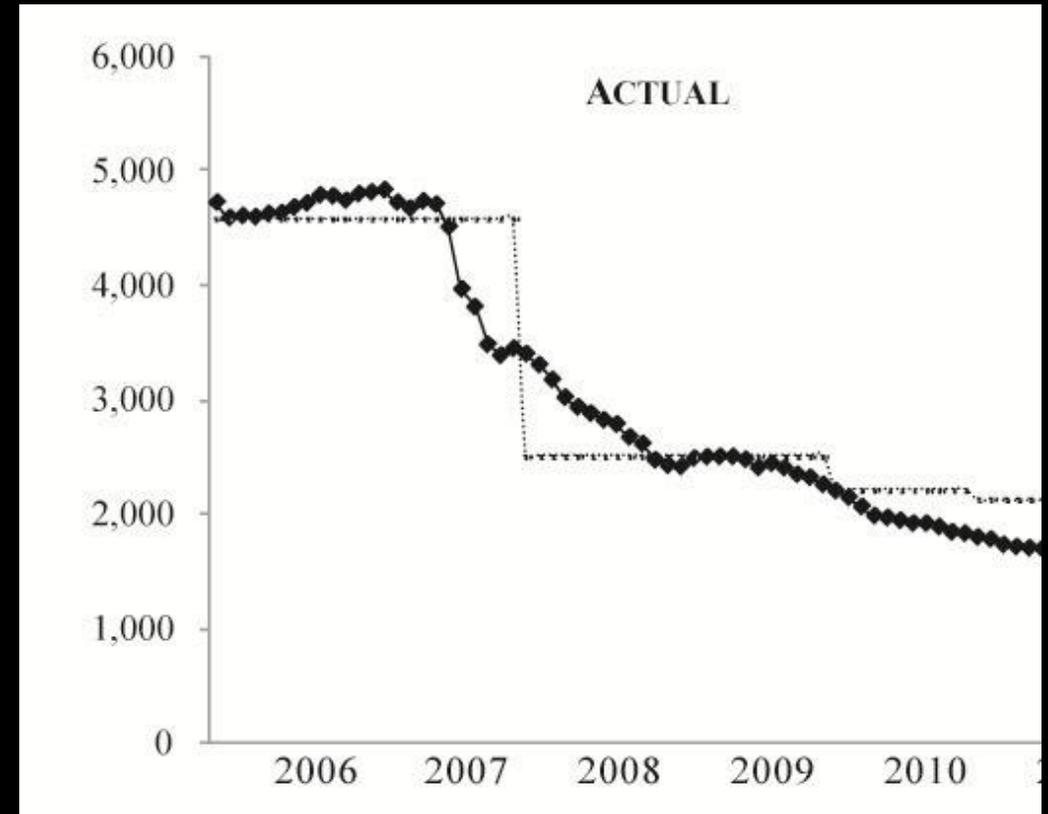
# 2007 JUVENILE REFORMS

- Put TYC under Conservatorship.
- Mandated additional training for staff.
- Mandated staff to youth ratios in facility.
- Created Ombudsman.
- Created committee of Juvenile Advocates, family members and others to work with the TYC.
- Added several thousand cameras to the facility.
- Edict no misdemeanors at TYC, all convictions had to be felonies.
- Edict, with few exceptions, no 19 and 20 year olds at TYC.
- Created Inspector General Division.
- Required additional programs for youth.

# SUBSEQUENT JUVENILE ACTIONS

- Closed 8 facilities.
- Combined State Juvenile Probation and Texas Youth Commission into Texas Juvenile Justice Division.
- Provided funding to counties that retained juveniles instead of sending them to TYC.

# ACTUAL TEXAS YOUTH COMMISSION RESIDENTIAL POPULATION AND STATE- FUNDED FACILITY CAPACITY, FISCAL YEARS 2006–2010



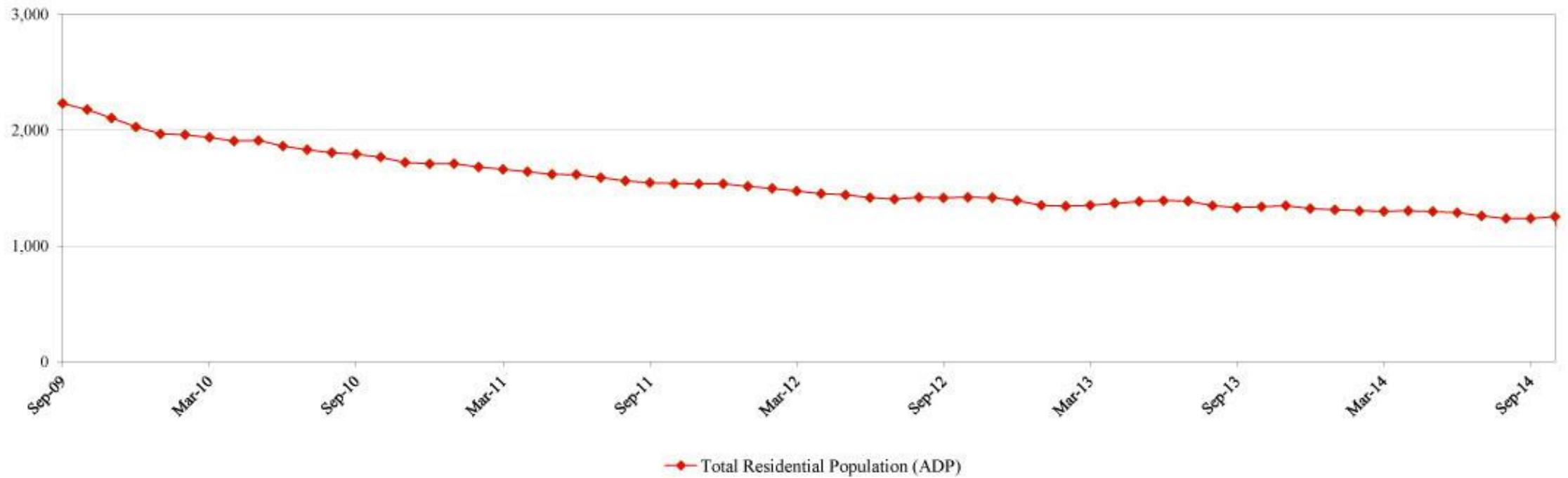
..... TYC State-Funded Facility Capacity  
—●— TYC Population

Source: Legislative Budget Board: Texas Youth Commission

## Monthly Tracking of Juvenile Correctional Population Indicators (November 2014)

### Texas Juvenile Justice Department: State Correctional Populations<sup>1</sup>

State Residential Population, Fiscal Years 2010–Present

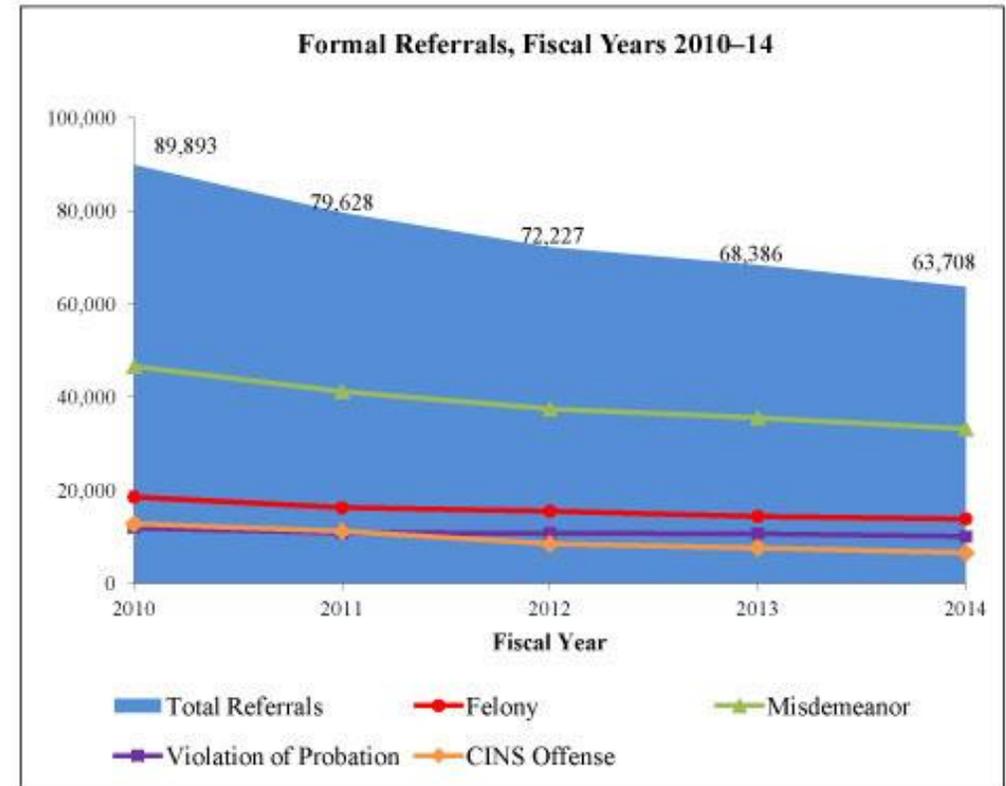


## Juvenile Probation Department Supervision Population Indicators (November 2014)

### Texas Juvenile Justice Department: Juvenile Probation Department Supervision Populations

#### Formal Referrals to Juvenile Probation Department by Offense Type<sup>1</sup>

Month/Year	Felony Offense	Misdemeanor Offense <sup>2</sup>	Violation of Probation	Conduct in Need of Supervision <sup>3</sup>	Total Referrals
Oct-13	1,286	3,132	993	587	↑ 5,998
Nov-13	1,046	2,682	774	541	↓ 5,043
Dec-13	966	2,593	727	495	↓ 4,781
Jan-14	1,188	2,816	899	570	↑ 5,473
Feb-14	1,207	2,901	856	612	↑ 5,576
Mar-14	1,246	3,087	893	647	↑ 5,873
Apr-14	1,258	3,559	950	686	↑ 6,453
May-14	1,471	3,471	917	672	↑ 6,531
Jun-14	1,082	2,475	805	498	↓ 4,860
Jul-14	1,008	2,168	739	375	↓ 4,290
Aug-14	1,008	1,818	708	414	↓ 3,948
Sep-14	1,130	2,446	801	391	↑ 4,768
FY '14 thru Sept.	1,087	2,526	805	464	4,882
FY '15 thru Sept.	1,130	2,446	801	391	4,768
# change '14 to '15	43	-80	-4	-73	-114
% change '14 to '15	4.0%	-3.2%	-0.5%	-15.7%	-2.3%



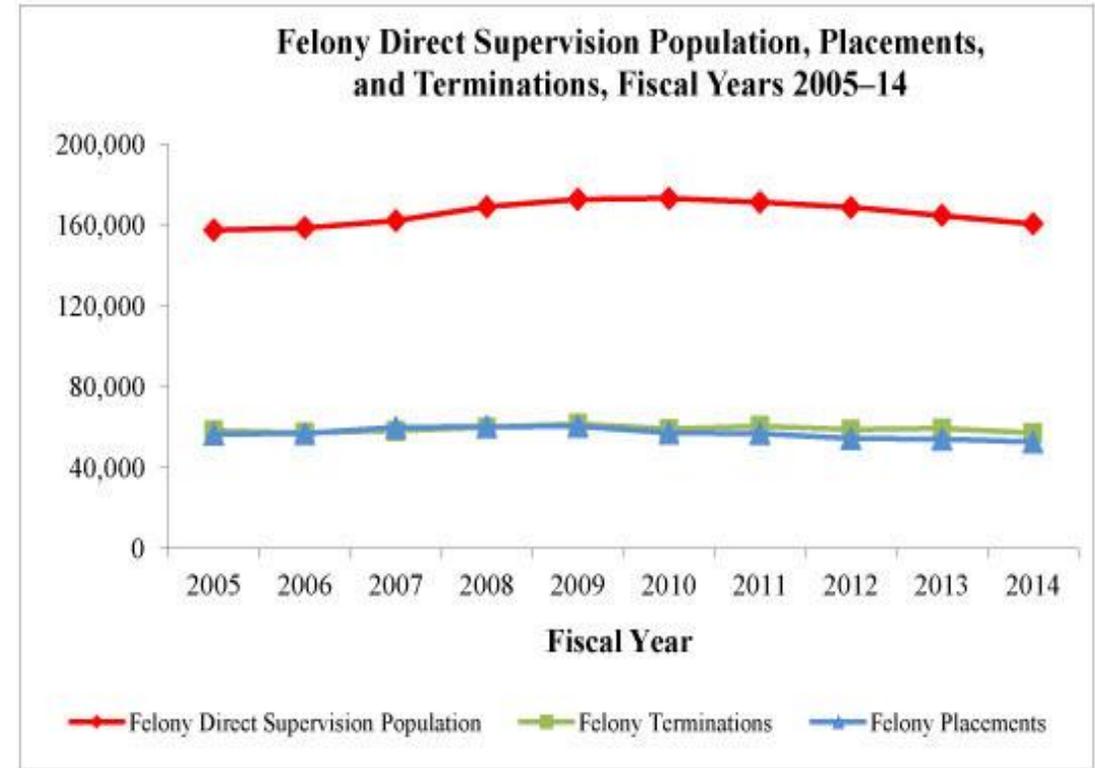
# TDCJ CURRENT POPULATION

Month/Year	Total Population (End of Month)
November 2013	 151,273
December 2013	 151,080
January 2014	 150,935
February 2014	 150,668
March 2014	 150,573
April 2014	 150,549
May 2014	 150,461
June 2014	 150,645
July 2014	 150,545
August 2014	 150,367
September 2014	 150,569
October 2014	 150,354

## Monthly Tracking of Adult Correctional Population Indicators (November 2014)

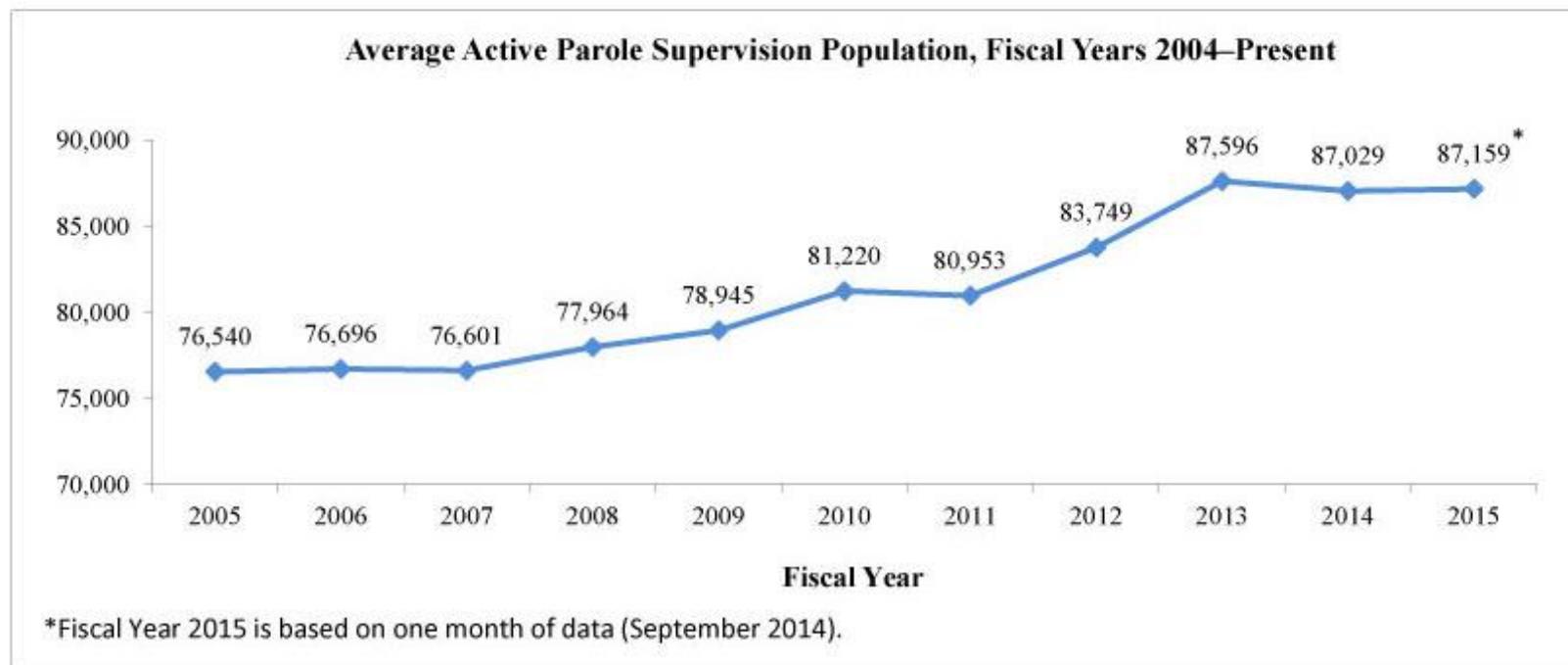
### Texas Department of Criminal Justice Community Supervision (Adult Probation) Populations<sup>1</sup>

Offenders Under Direct Supervision (End of Month)			Supervision Placements <sup>2</sup>		
Month/Year	Felony	Misdemeanor	Month/Year	Felony	Misdemeanor
Oct. 2013	161,771	96,323	Oct. 2013	5,122	9,601
Nov. 2013	161,327	95,632	Nov. 2013	4,112	7,393
Dec. 2013	161,004	94,835	Dec. 2013	3,653	6,534
Jan. 2014	160,888	94,429	Jan. 2014	4,415	8,648
Feb. 2014	160,794	93,667	Feb. 2014	4,231	8,176
Mar. 2014	160,195	93,950	Mar. 2014	4,208	8,282
Apr. 2014	160,158	93,941	Apr. 2014	4,635	8,895
May 2014	159,864	93,857	May 2014	4,508	8,627
Jun. 2014	159,615	93,873	Jun. 2014	4,563	8,257
Jul. 2014	159,110	93,224	Jul. 2014	4,482	8,223
Aug. 2014	158,798	92,549	Aug. 2014	4,511	8,115
Sep. 2014	158,339	92,508	Sep. 2014	4,405	8,003
Average	160,155	94,066	Total	52,845	98,754



## Parole Supervision Population

Active Parole Supervision Population	
Month/Year	Total Population (End of Month)
Oct. 2013	↓ 86,832
Nov. 2013	↓ 86,738
Dec. 2013	↓ 86,706
Jan. 2014	↓ 86,438
Feb. 2014	↑ 86,677
Mar. 2014	↑ 87,029
Apr. 2014	↑ 87,411
May 2014	↓ 87,322
Jun. 2014	↓ 87,146
Jul. 2014	↑ 87,184
Aug. 2014	↑ 87,489
Sep. 2014	↓ 87,159



<sup>1-4</sup> All footnotes are detailed on page 5.

# AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE 2007

- The crime rate has dropped to crime levels not seen in Texas since the 1960's.
- Reduced juvenile population from 4800 to 1200.
- We have fewer juveniles on probation.
- In subsequent years the legislature has required risk assessment tools and has done true justice reinvestment by sending money to counties if they reduced the number of people they sent to adult and juvenile systems.
- Net results have been that the prison population has not risen but it has fallen.
- We have fewer people on adult probation.



NET SAVING TO DATE  
ESTIMATED AT ABOUT  
3 BILLION DOLLARS.

SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLIONS OF  
DOLLARS WERE SAVED IN THE  
JUVENILE SYSTEM.