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- An Offender's Parole Guideline Score is Based on 8 Factors
 - Active Sentence
 - Prior Criminal Record
 - Institutional Conduct
 - Statistical Risk
 - Age
 - Program Performance
 - Mental Health
 - Housing
- The process results in all offenders being placed in the following categories: High Probability, Average Probability, or Low Probability of Parole.



Active Sentence

- Offenders receive negative points for aggravating factors (use of weapon, force/injury, sex offense, etc.) and positive points for mitigating factors (minor role in multiple offender crime), which are then used to determine where they fall on the active sentence grid based on their time served.



Prior Criminal Record

- This section applies points for the following:
 - Assaultive Misdemeanors After 17th Birthday
 - Previous Jail Sentences
 - Prior Felony Convictions
 - Prior Assaultive Felony Convictions
 - Prior Prison Terms
 - Probation, Parole, and Delayed Sentence Failures
 - On Probation, Parole, or Delayed Sentence at the Time of the Current Offense
 - Juvenile Commitments
 - Juvenile Probation



Institutional Conduct

• This section totals the following and applies it to the Institutional Conduct grid

Major Misconducts in Last 5 Years

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• Non-Bond Major Misconducts in Last 5 Years

• Number of Assault, Sexual Assault, Riot, or Homicide Misconducts in Last 5 Years

• Number of Security Classification Increases in Last 5 Years

• Number of Security Classification Increases in Last Year



Statistical Risk

- The Department utilizes the COMPAS risk assessment tool to determine the offender's assault risk and property risk. Utilizing grids based on their time served, the offender will receive positive or negative points based on their risk.

Age

- The offender receives points based on the age and the length of time they have served. The age variable only impacts prisoners who have served more than 3 years and awards negative points for those under 28 and positive points for those over 30.



Programming

- Offenders receive positive or negative points based on the following program performance categories:

- At Least One Adequate; No Inadequates

- More Adequates than Inadequates

- Adequates Equal Inadequates

- More Inadequates than Adequates

- At Least One Inadequate; No Adequates



Mental Health

- Offenders with a history of a sex offense related to compulsive, deviant, or a psychotic mental state receive -5 points.
- The Parole Board may adjust this score to -4 if the offender has shown significant improvement in therapy.

Housing

- A prisoner housed in Level V with Level V management points receives -20 points on their guideline score.



Guideline Score

- The final grid points for each of the 8 sections are totaled and the offender is placed in one of the 3 categories based on the following criteria.
 - High Probability of Parole: +3 points or higher
 - Average Probability of Parole: -12 to 2 points
 - Low Probability of Parole: -13 points or lower



Example One

- Prisoner One is 25 years old and serving for Armed Robbery with a minimum sentence of 51 months.
- Prisoner One has 2 previous misdemeanors and 1 previous non-assaultive felony, but has never been to jail or prison and was not under supervision at the time of the instant offense.
- Prisoner One's COMPAS scores indicate medium risk for assaultive behavior and high for property risk.
- Prisoner One has successfully completed Violence Prevention Programing and is housed as a Level I prisoner with only 1 major misconduct that did not occur in the past year.

Example One

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- Active Sentence Score: -1
- Prior Criminal Record Score: +1
- Institutional Conduct Score: +4
- Statistical Risk Score: -2
- Age: -1
- Programming: +2
- Mental Health: 0
- Housing: 0
- Total: +3
- High Probability of Parole

Example Two

- Prisoner Two is 35 years old and serving for Assault GBH Habitual with a minimum sentence of 57 months.
- Prisoner Two has 2 previous misdemeanors and 2 previous assaultive felonies, has been to prison once and was on parole at the time of the instant offense.
- Prisoner Two's COMPAS scores indicate high risk for assaultive behavior and low for property risk.
- Prisoner Two has successfully completed Violence Prevention Programing and is housed as a Level II prisoner with 3 major misconducts, one of which occurred in the past year.

Example Two

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- Active Sentence Score: -1
- Prior Criminal Record Score: +2
- Institutional Conduct Score: 0
- Statistical Risk Score: -3
- Age: +1
- Programming: +2
- Mental Health: 0
- Housing: 0
- Total: +1
- Average Probability of Parole

