



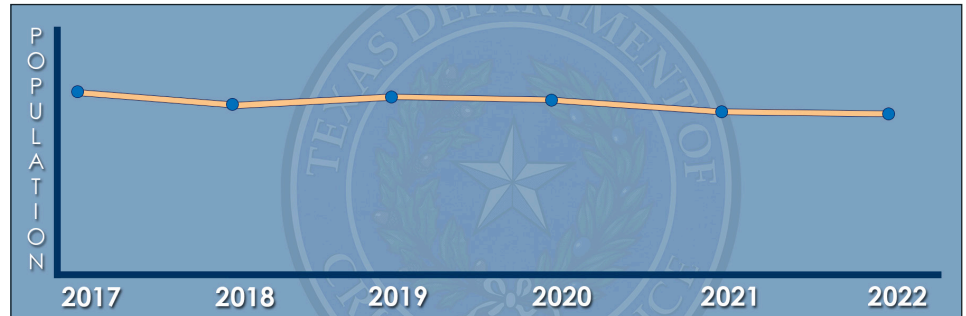
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Legislative Budget Board reports on population growth, recidivism, cost-per-day

The Legislative Budget Board recently released three reports relating to the Texas criminal justice system. The reports are available on the LBB website.

According to the LBB's *Adult and Juvenile Correctional Population Projections*, the number of adult offenders who are incarcerated or on supervision for felony offenses will remain relatively stable during the next five fiscal years, while the number of misdemeanor offenders placed on community supervision is expected to continue decreasing slightly.

The *Statewide Criminal and Juvenile Justice Recidivism and Revocation Rates* report shows the recidivism rate for prison offenders continued to decline; currently, 21



percent of the offenders are re-incarcerated within three years of release, while the state jail recidivism rate increased slightly, with 32.2 percent being re-incarcerated within three years of release. The state jail population consists almost entirely of low-level property and drug offenders who are more likely to recidivate. Based on this agency's review of nationwide recidivism rates, the Texas prison recidivism rate remains one of the lowest, if not the lowest, in the nation.

The *Criminal and Juvenile Justice Uniform Cost Report* shows the average cost-per-day to incarcerate a prison offender increased to \$61.63 during fiscal year 2016. Pay raises for correctional staff, increasing health care costs and a decreasing offender population are among the cost drivers affecting this average. The average daily cost to supervise offenders on parole and probation also increased, but remained well below the cost of incarceration. ●