

## **Nevada Data Analysis Part I: Admissions Trends**

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Summary Takeaways

### Admissions to Prison:

- Prison admissions are up 6% in the last decade, driven by admissions for probation and parole violations
  - Parole violator admissions grew 43% and probation violator admissions grew 15%
- 66% of prison admissions in 2017 were for non-person offenses (e.g., property or drug crimes)
  - Burglary was the most common offense on admission to prison in 2017
  - Over one third of property and drug admissions in 2017 had no prior felony conviction
- The number of offenders admitted to prison with a mental health need has increased 35% since 2008

### Total Prison Population:

- Between 2009 and 2016, the U.S prison population declined 7%, while Nevada's prison population increased 7% since 2009 to over 13,300 in 2017
- People serving time for non-person offenses made up 43% of the prison population in 2017
- Approximately 2,500 current prisoners entered prison for a parole or probation violation, without a new felony conviction

### Female Population:

- Female prison admissions are up 39% in the last decade with increases across all admissions types and felony categories
  - 79% of female admissions in 2017 were for non-person offenses
  - Burglary and drug possession are the most common offenses at admission
- The female prison population has grown 29% since 2009 to over 1,200, four times the rate of the overall prison population
- More than half of the women admitted to prison have mental health needs

*This analysis of Nevada Department of Corrections data was conducted for the Advisory Commission on the Administration of Justice by the Crime and Justice Institute. Please direct inquiries to Christian Schiavone (cschiavone@crj.org).*