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SUBJECT: Interim Prison Population Projections – June 30, 2003

This memorandum serves to update the Division of Criminal Justice's 2002 Adult Prison and Parole Populations to reflect fiscal year-end inmate population figures as of June 30, 2003. It is important to note that these interim figures are the result of a recalibration of the 2002 Projection Models. New models were not developed since new data are not available mid-year. Because of the DOC resources required to extract the necessary data to develop these models, data are only requested for annual projections.

- DCJ predicted that adult prison populations would reach 19,295 by July 1, 2003, a 6.9 percent increase from fiscal year 2002. During FY 2002, the inmate population had grown by 7.2 percent. The actual population for June 30, 2003 was 18,846, an increase of 4.4 percent. ***The population has grown at a lower rate than expected, and these interim projections have been adjusted to reflect slower growth.***
- DCJ's model predicted that male inmates would total 17,624 at the end of June 2003. This figure is 2.3 percent higher than the actual male inmate population of 17,226. ***The male prison population increased 4.15 percent between FY02 and FY03, compared to an increase of 6.75 percent between FY01 and FY02.*** The fluctuations in the percentage of growth observed can be viewed in Figure 1, attached.
- DCJ predicted that 1,671 females would be incarcerated by June 30, 2003. This figure is 3.1 percent above the actual population of 1,620. ***The percentage increase (8.0 percent) in female inmates between FY02 and FY03 was considerably less than the 12.3 percent increase between FY01 and FY02.*** The variations in the percentage of growth observed are shown in Figure 2.
- DCJ originally predicted a total parole caseload of 6,371 compared to the actual parole caseload of 6,764 for June 30, 2003. The total parole caseload decreased 2.1 percent between June 2001 and June 2002.

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In contrast, the number of parolees increased 18.3 percent between June 2002 and June 2003. The fiscal year-end caseload of parolees supervised in Colorado increased from 5,717 as of June 30, 2002 to 6,764 for June 30, 2003. The fluctuations in the percentage of growth in the actual parole caseload are displayed in Figure 5.

Projections were adjusted to more closely align projected and actual figures as follows:

- Recalibrations for the male inmate population reflect lower than projected regular commitments, technical violations and parole violations resulting from a new crime. Projections for female inmates were only adjusted downward for regular commitments and technical violators. Table 1 provides new inmate population projections. Figures 3 and 4 demonstrate the pattern of growth observed for the male and female populations, respectively.
- The recalibrations of the parole population include the July 2003 discharge of 275 parolees no longer subject to post-release supervision per Senate Bill 03-252. Though these projections are typically based on the actual numbers as of June 30, the projections shown in Table 2 take this significant event into account.

**Table 1: The Division of Criminal Justice
Adult Prison Population Table Projections by Type and Gender
Interim 2003**

DATE		REGULAR COMMITS		PV NEW CRIME		TECH VIOLATORS		COMBINED		
YEAR	MONTH	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
2003	OCTOBER	13,361	1,254	1,502	127	2,672	275	17,535	1,656	19,192
2004	JANUARY	13,510	1,287	1,517	129	2,783	278	17,810	1,694	19,504
	APRIL	13,659	1,317	1,532	131	2,893	281	18,085	1,729	19,814
	JULY	13,808	1,355	1,548	134	3,004	285	18,359	1,775	20,134
	OCTOBER	13,979	1,388	1,548	136	3,110	289	18,637	1,813	20,450
2005	JANUARY	14,150	1,424	1,549	138	3,216	293	18,915	1,854	20,769
	APRIL	14,321	1,457	1,550	139	3,323	296	19,193	1,893	21,086
	JULY	14,492	1,500	1,550	142	3,429	301	19,471	1,943	21,414
	OCTOBER	14,636	1,524	1,552	143	3,459	306	19,646	1,973	21,619
2006	JANUARY	14,779	1,549	1,554	145	3,489	311	19,821	2,005	21,826
	APRIL	14,922	1,573	1,555	146	3,519	316	19,996	2,036	22,032
	JULY	15,065	1,604	1,557	148	3,549	323	20,171	2,075	22,246
	OCTOBER	15,175	1,626	1,576	150	3,594	328	20,344	2,104	22,448
2007	JANUARY	15,284	1,649	1,594	152	3,639	334	20,518	2,135	22,653
	APRIL	15,394	1,671	1,613	154	3,685	339	20,692	2,164	22,856
	JULY	15,504	1,699	1,631	156	3,730	346	20,865	2,202	23,067
	OCTOBER	15,603	1,721	1,647	158	3,758	352	21,007	2,231	23,239
2008	JANUARY	15,702	1,745	1,663	160	3,785	358	21,150	2,263	23,413
	APRIL	15,801	1,767	1,679	162	3,812	364	21,292	2,293	23,585
	JULY	15,900	1,795	1,695	165	3,839	372	21,434	2,332	23,766
	OCTOBER	16,006	1,818	1,707	167	3,847	378	21,560	2,363	23,923
2009	JANUARY	16,113	1,842	1,719	170	3,854	384	21,687	2,396	24,083

**** Please Note: All projections are rounded to the next whole number.**

**Table 2: The Division of Criminal Justice
2003 Interim Prison Population Projections
Adult Parole Population
By Supervision Type**

YEAR	MONTH	DOMESTIC			ADDITIONAL PAROLE			TOTAL
		REGULAR	ISP	INTERSTATE IN	INTERSTATE OUT	ABSCONDERS	TOTAL	
2002 <i>actual data</i>	January	3,139	629	308	1,283	374	1,657	5,733
	April	3,132	656	297	1,255	397	1,652	5,737
	July	3,216	530	291	1,279	401	1,680	5,717
	October	3,156	688	275	1,269	430	1,699	5,818
2003 <i>actual data</i>	January	3,438	740	289	1,286	430	1,716	6,183
	April	3,579	845	288	1,323	481	1,804	6,516
	July	3,681	879	298	1,377	529	1,906	6,764
	October	3,596	879	293	1,481	529	2,010	6,778
2004	January	3,677	879	294	1,518	529	2,047	6,897
	April	3,757	879	294	1,554	529	2,083	7,012
	July	3,836	879	294	1,589	529	2,118	7,127
	October	3,911	879	294	1,623	529	2,152	7,236
2005	January	3,993	879	295	1,660	529	2,189	7,356
	April	4,072	879	295	1,696	529	2,225	7,471
	July	4,152	879	295	1,731	529	2,260	7,587
	October	4,225	879	295	1,764	529	2,293	7,692
2006	January	4,305	879	295	1,800	529	2,329	7,808
	April	4,383	879	295	1,835	529	2,364	7,921
	July	4,461	879	295	1,870	529	2,399	8,034
	October	4,520	879	295	1,896	529	2,425	8,119
2007	January	4,584	879	295	1,925	529	2,454	8,212
	April	4,647	879	295	1,954	529	2,483	8,303
	July	4,709	879	295	1,982	529	2,511	8,394
	October	4,771	879	295	2,009	529	2,538	8,483
2008	January	4,838	879	295	2,039	529	2,568	8,580
	April	4,903	879	295	2,069	529	2,598	8,675
	July	4,969	879	295	2,098	529	2,627	8,770
	October	5,081	879	295	2,148	529	2,677	8,932
2009	January	5,203	879	293	2,204	529	2,733	9,108

(*) Colorado Department of Corrections Monthly Adult Inmate Jurisdictional Population Reports

**** Please Note: All projections are rounded to the next whole number. Calculations may appear slightly off.**

Figure 1: Actual Growth in Adult Male Inmate Population: Percent Change

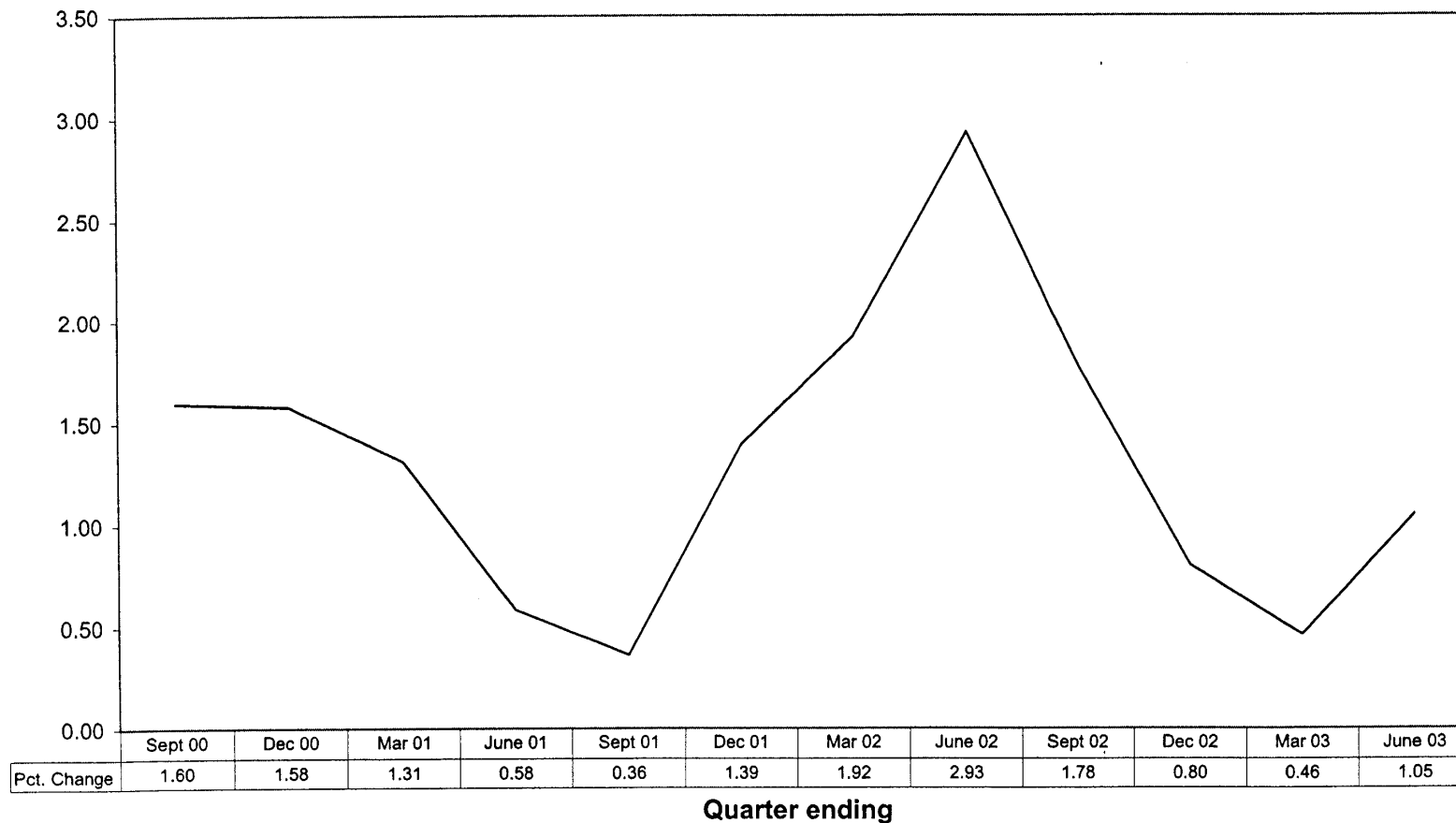


Figure 2: Actual Growth in Adult Female Inmate Population: Percent Change

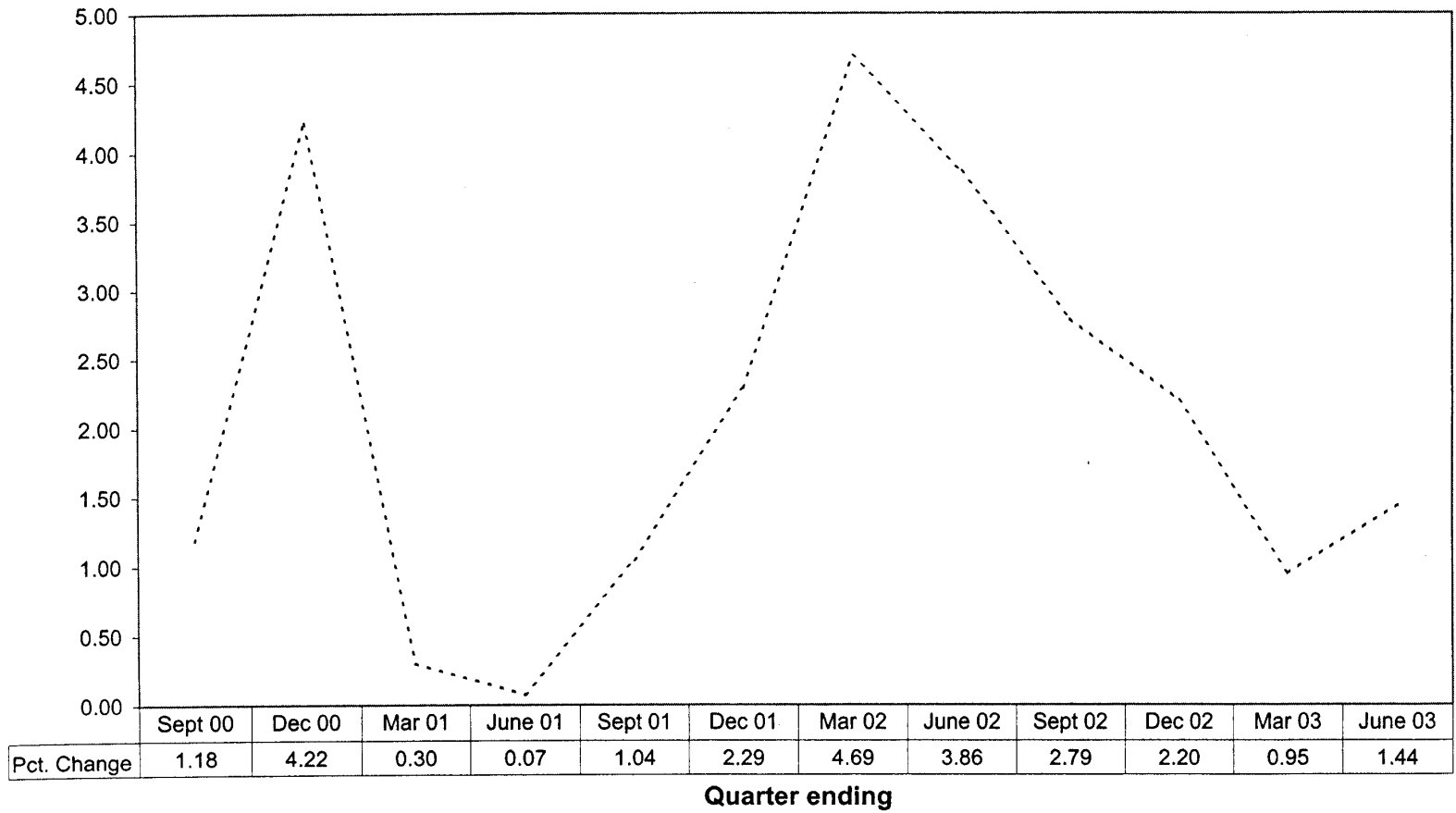
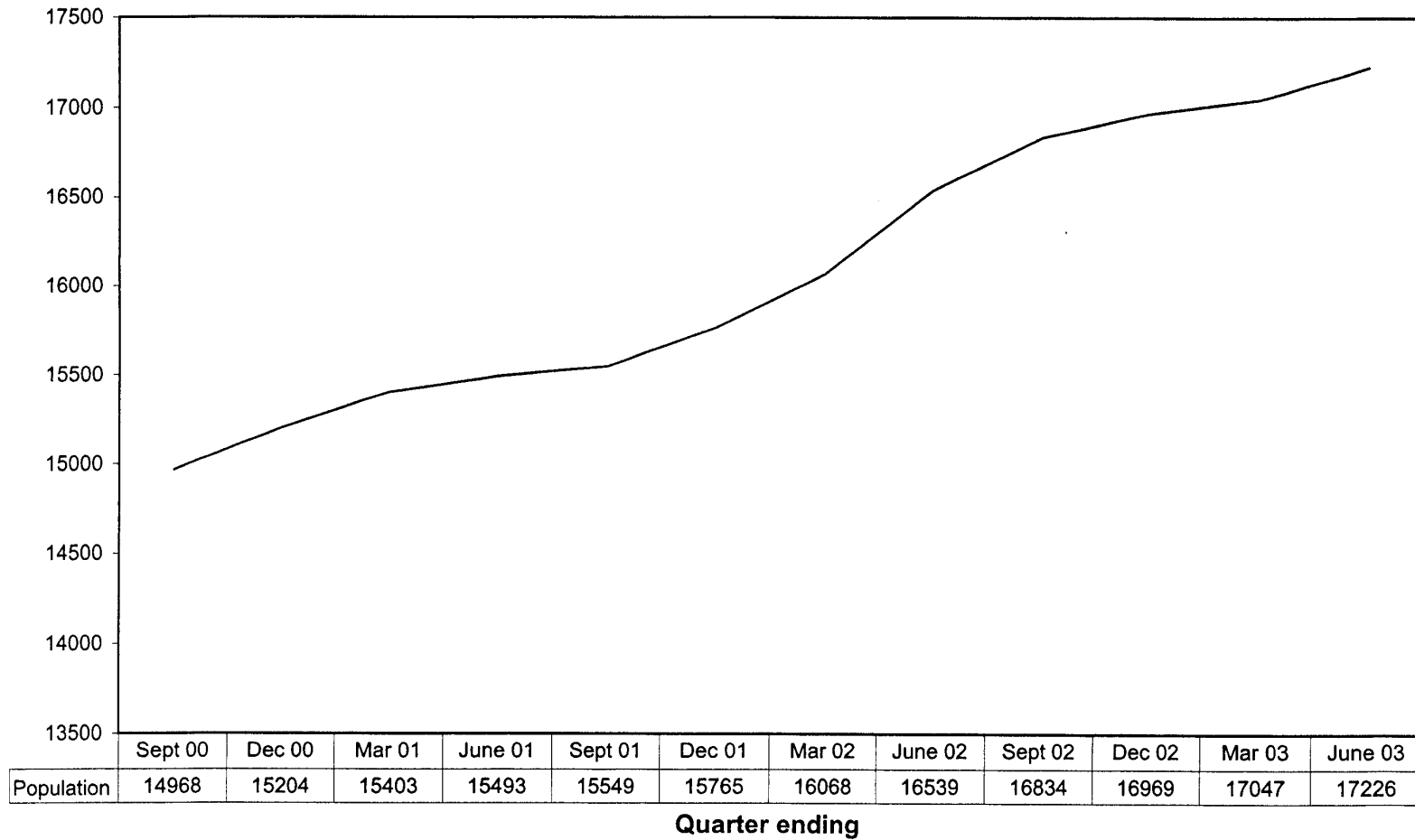
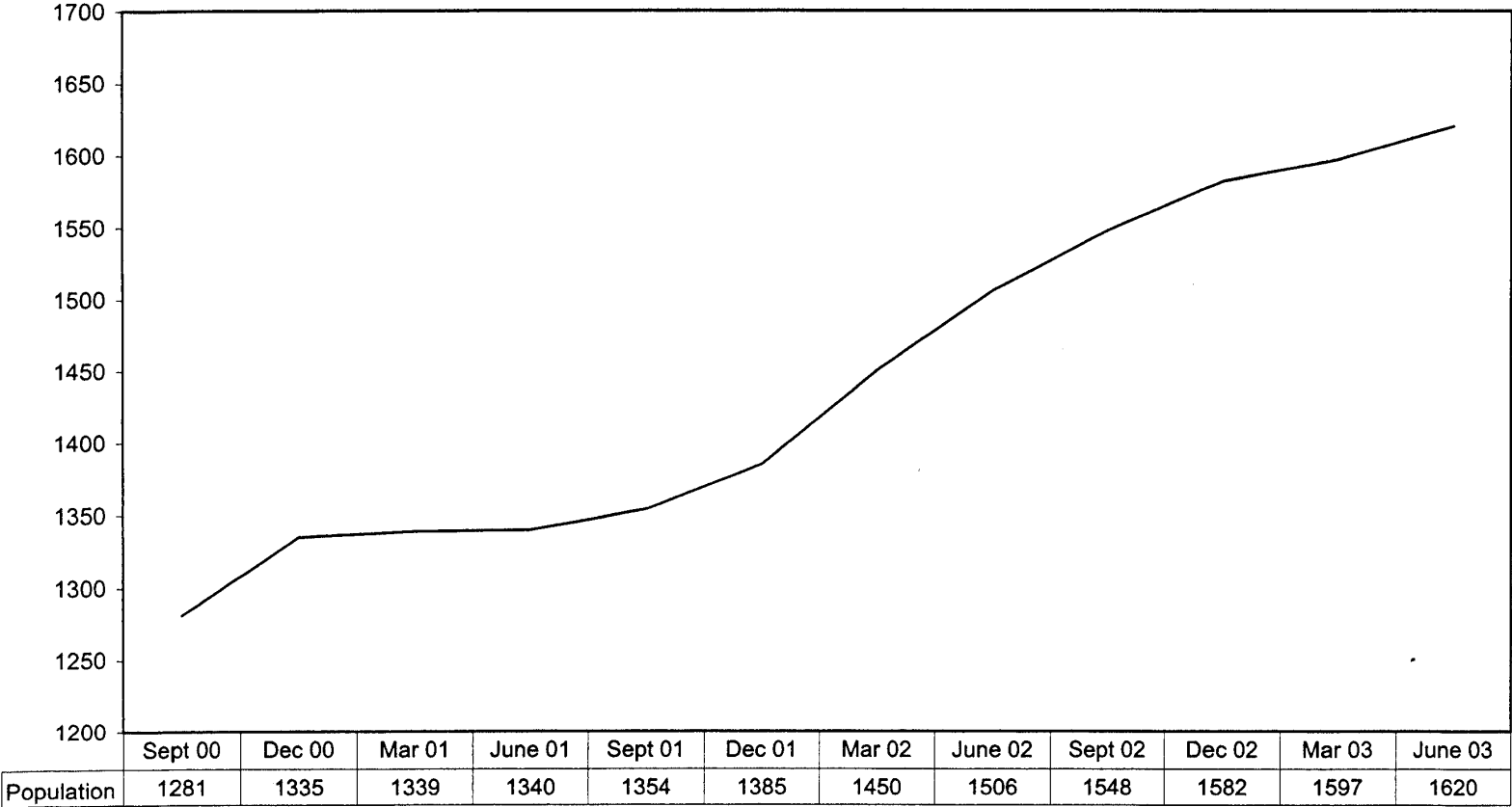


Figure 3: Actual Quarterly Growth: Adult Male Prison Population



**Figure 4: Actual Quarterly Growth:
Female Adult Prison Population**



Quarter ending

Figure 5:

Actual Growth in Active Parole Caseload
(Regular Parole, ISP and Interstate Parole)

*Excludes absconders and parolees placed out of state

