

HIGH UTILIZER STUDY

At the request of DCHS, DAJD has begun an analysis of the recent population of the jail who are high utilizers of jail services – either being booked often (rapid cyclers) or staying for longer than expected based on the type of offense causing their incarceration. The specific criteria used to define the population are called out below.

- *Defining Criteria*

1. “Rapid cyclers” persons with at least 5 bookings in a rolling 12 month period, (based on date of booking) and who meet the criteria:
 - ◆ only misdemeanor charges
 - ◆ no DUI offenses
 - ◆ at least one booking since September 2005
 - ◆ at least one booking includes a housing location on the 7th floor or a psych flag on the booking

2. “Long stayers” persons with (1) at least 2 bookings within a rolling 18 month period with at least one booking having a length of stay over 30 days in that time frame, based on date of booking or (2) has a length of stay greater than 180 days
 - ◆ only misdemeanants
 - ◆ no DUI offenses
 - ◆ has **been in custody** at any time since September 2005
 - ◆ at least one booking includes a housing location on the 7th floor or a psych flag on the booking

- *Initial Results*

Rapid Cyclers - Based on the criteria above, there are 507 persons who were booked 5 or more times in a 12 month period when including only misdemeanor arrests. This group averaged over 7 bookings per person within the study period. 166 of the inmates each had more than 10 bookings when counting only misdemeanors. Including bookings that also had felony charges, the number increases to 292.

Long stayers – Based on the above criteria, there were 564 persons with an unexpectedly long stay for misdemeanor charges. 76 persons had length of stay on the longest booking of over 90 days. Including bookings with a felony charge or charges, the number increases to 134.

Overlap – 183 persons were found to meet both sets of criteria. That is, they both are booked frequently and sometimes stay for longer than expected. This group averaged over 7.5 bookings and stayed in custody an average on 120 days (over all bookings in the study period, not per booking).

The data are presented in tabular form on the following page.

King County Misdemeanor Inmate With Many Bookings, Long Stays or Both

Rapid Cyclers - releases between Jan 1, 2004 and Aug 31, 2006	
N	Mean Bookings
507	7.12

Both Rapid Cyclers and Long Stayers		
N	Mean Bookings	Mean Total Days
183	7.55	120.01

Long Stayers - releases between Jan 1, 2004 and Aug 31, 2006	
N	Mean Total Days
564	103.26

Rapid Cyclers - Misd Only Bookings from 1/2004 through 8/2006		
# Bookings	Persons	
< 5	16	
5	60	
6-7	154	
8-9	111	
10-11	76	
12+	90	
Total	507	

Rapid Cyclers - All Bookings from 1/2004 through 8/2006		
# Bookings	Persons	
< 5	16	
5	60	
6-7	154	
8-9	111	
10-11	76	
12+	90	
Total	507	

Long Stayers - Longest Stay on Misd Bookings from 1/2004 through 6/2006		
LOS	Persons	
0-3 Days	5	
4-10 Days	13	
11-30 Days	33	
31-60 Days	348	
61-90 Days	89	
91-180 Days	63	
181+ Days	13	
Total	564	

Long Stayers - Longest Stay on Any Booking from 1/2004 through 6/2006		
LOS	Persons	
0-3 Days	1	
4-10 Days	6	
11-30 Days	31	
31-60 Days	278	
61-90 Days	114	
91-180 Days	111	
181+ Days	23	
Total	564	