

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What do the digits in Offense Term, Prison Term, Probation Term or Parole Term refer to? (0000000, are they years, months, days?)

A: 3 digits for years, 2 for months, and 2 for days. Note that this is done just as the court did the sentencing documents and so can be 0 years, 18 months, and 0 days. 9999998 is Life and 9999999 is a Death sentence. The releasedateflag_descr also provides information on sentence length such as Life and Death.

Q: What do the letters in Race Code refer to? (A, B, H, W, I, U)

A: See the Race_Descr field for description as follows: W White, B Black, A Asian, H Hispanic, I American Indian or Pacific Islander, and U All others or unknown.

Q: Is Receipt Date the date the individual was received into prison, system, or something else?

A: It is the original admission to prison for the current commitment for active inmates, the last commitment for inmate releases, or the admission to supervision for active offenders. For inmates, there may be multiple periods of incarceration all with the same initial admission date, normally due to the inmate having been released on parole or other post-prison release such as conditional release, and then coming back as a supervision violator without a new commitment.

Q: What does Custody Description refer to? Is it where the prisoner was held prior to release? If so, what do Close, Community, Maximum, Minimum, NA mean?

A: These are custody levels. Minimum custody means the individual is eligible for placement at a community release center. Medium custody inmates are eligible for placement at a work camp with a secure perimeter. Close custody inmates must be maintained in a facility with a secure perimeter or with direct supervision outside. Maximum custody refers to inmates who are under a sentence of death.

Q: What does Facility Description refer to?

A: It is the current facility for active inmates, and the last facility prior to release for inmate releases.

Q: Is a person fully released if they are in the release file AND not in the offender OR active file?

A: Yes, that means they are no longer with FDC in prison or on active supervision.

Q: Is a DC# unique to a person or to a crime?

A: It is unique to a person and carries over for each period of supervision or incarceration. Case numbers are unique to a crime.

Q: What does Sequence refer to in the offenses tables? Is this the sequence of crimes committed for an individual, or something else?

A: This is just an arbitrary number in the FDC system that orders multiple offenses in a commitment.

Q: What does County refer to? Is this county for prosecution, where the crime was committed, or something else?

A: This is the county where the individual was sentenced for that offenses.

Q: There are some DC numbers in the root table that do not have corresponding offense records. Why is that?

A: It may reflect sentence structures not yet entered, released inmates where they were admitted and immediately released due to an expired sentence because they had served all their time in county jail, or database errors where the admission date on the sentence does not match the admission date for inmate movements in and out of prison.

Q: Is there any information in any of the tables in the DC database for individuals with sealed or expunged records?

A: No, these and any confidential data fields in specific tables are blanked out at the time the data tables are produced for distribution via the web site.

Q: Can you be in more than one part of the database, like active inmate, released inmate and active community supervision?

A: Yes, you can be both an active inmate and in the active community supervision tables. Almost all of these are in suspense status for their community supervision, with their sentence "tolled" while they are in prison. Inmates who are in the release file at one point disappear from releases when readmitted to prison. Inmate releases DO overlap with supervision offenders. You can stay in releases when admitted to supervision.

Active inmates that are scheduled to be released within the next 60 days are in the inmate release tables.

Q: Are there inmates/offenders who are NOT in these tables?

A: If an individual's entire record has been sealed or expunged, if their information is confidential for security reasons, if they were released from prison prior to 10/1/1997, or they are inactive community supervision offenders, they are not in these tables.

Q: Are deceased inmates in these tables?

A: Yes, they are included as inmate releases.