

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT: SENTENCED STATEWIDE 2020

Judicial District	Total Presumptive Stays	Aggravated Dispositional Departure	Judicial District	Total Presumptive Commits	Mitigated Dispositional Departure
1	1028	0	1	442	177
2	511	0	2	445	225
3	556	2	3	308	138
4	1362	2	4	937	418
5	605	1	5	246	101
6	362	0	6	185	96
7	855	1	7	425	148
8	247	0	8	85	25
9	742	2	9	409	152
10	1166	0	10	601	283
Total	7434	8	Total	4083	1763

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 7,434 (64.5%) offenders sentenced statewide had a presumptive stayed disposition. Eight (0.1%) received an aggravated dispositional departure. Aggravated dispositional departure numbers are displayed by judicial district in column C.

Effective for crimes committed on or after August 1, 2015, a sentence that is executed pursuant to an offender's right to demand execution is no longer considered an aggravated dispositional departure.

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 4,083 offenders sentenced statewide had a presumptive prison disposition. 1,763 (43.2%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 1,151 cases (65.3%). Column G displays the mitigated dispositional departure numbers by judicial district.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 2,602 (22.6%) offenders received prison. Of the 2,602 offenders who received prison, 79 (3%) received an aggravated durational departure and 540 (20.8%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns S-T display durational departure numbers by judicial district.

Judicial District	Total Received Prison	Received Prison	
		Aggravated Durational Departure	Mitigated Durational Departure
1	299	6	48
2	233	6	98
3	202	6	13
4	540	25	231
5	171	3	33
6	99	2	6
7	310	7	37
8	76	2	4
9	323	12	31
10	349	10	39
Total	2602	79	540

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDGE: SENTENCED DISTRICT 1, 2020

Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Presumptive Commit Cases	Number of Cases that Received a Mitigated Dispositional Departure
Abrams	Jerome B.	7	3
Asphaug	Karen	1	
Bayley	Douglas C.	14	9
Biren	Patrick M.	7	1
Braaten	Eric J.	10	1
Cain	Janet L. Barke	5	4
Carter	Joseph T.	14	1
Clark	Lawrence F.	3	1
Cork	Jamie L.	4	2
Donley	Amber R.	8	3
Edwards	Dannia L.	8	2
Eide	Kevin W.	4	2
Goggins	Patrick	6	4
King	Colleen G	12	4
Knutson	David L.	7	3
Lehmann	Christopher J.	21	7
Lennon	Caroline H.	12	2
Looby	Timothy J.	4	2
Maher	Jessica J.W.	10	6
Mark	Kevin F.	14	8
Mayer	Michael J.	16	6
McCollum	Cynthia L.	24	16
McManus	Timothy J.	47	21
Messerich	Kathryn Davis	3	2
Metzen	Leslie M.	1	1
Moynihan	Shawn M.	3	1
O'Brien	Tanya O.	27	13
Offermann	Ann M.	12	5
Perkkio	Arlene	15	8
Perzel	Tracy	6	3
Poston	Janet Nordell	1	
Stacey	Rex D.	22	6
Taylor	Vicki V.	9	4
Vandelist	Mark C.	6	2
Vraa	Paula D.	12	3
Wahi	Richelle M.	3	1
Wentzell	Michael	19	8
Wermager	Tim D.	14	7
Wilton	Christian S.	24	3
Winters	Jody L.	7	2
TOTAL DISTRICT 1 MITIGATED DEPARTURES		442	177

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 1,028 offenders in the 1st District had a presumptive stayed disposition. None received an aggravated dispositional departure.

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 442 offenders in the 1st District had a presumptive prison disposition. 177 (40%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 46 cases (26%). Column D display the mitigated departure numbers by judge.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 299 offenders in the 1st District received prison. Of the 299 offenders who received prison, 6 (2%) received an aggravated durational departure and 48 (16.1%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns Q - R display durational departure numbers by judge.

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Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Total Received Prison	Durational Departure (prison only)	
			Aggravated	Mitigated
Abrams	Jerome B.	6		1
Asphaug	Karen	1		
Bayley	Douglas C.	5		
Biren	Patrick M.	6		
Braaten	Eric J.	9		2
Cain	Janet L.	2		
Carter	Joseph T.	13		2
Clark	Lawrence F.	2		
Cork	Jamie L.	2		
Donley	Amber R.	6		1
Edwards	Dannia L.	6		1
Eide	Kevin W.	2		1
Goggins	Patrick	6	1	
King	Colleen G	8		2
Knutson	David L.	5		
Larson	Gary R.	1		1
Lehmann	Christopher	14		3
Lennon	Caroline H.	10		1
Looby	Timothy J.	3		
Maher	Jessica J.W.	5		1
Mark	Kevin F.	7		3
Mayer	Michael J.	13		6
McCollum	Cynthia L.	8		2
McManus	Timothy J.	30	1	3
Messerich	Kathryn	1		
Moynihan	Shawn M.	3		
O'Brien	Tanya O.	15		4
Offermann	Ann M.	9		4
Perkkio	Arlene	8	1	
Perzel	Tracy	3		1
Poston	Janet Nordell	1		
Stacey	Rex D.	19	1	2
Taylor	Vicki V.	6		
Vandelist	Mark C.	5		
Vraa	Paula D.	10		2
Wahi	Richelle M.	3		1
Wentzell	Michael	11		2
Wermager	Tim D.	8	1	1
Wilton	Christian S.	21	1	1
Winters	Jody L.	6		
TOTAL DISTRICT 1 DURATIONAL DEPARTURE		299	6	48

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDGE: SENTENCED DISTRICT 2, 2020

Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Presumptive Commit Cases	Number of Cases that Received a Mitigated Dispositional Departure
Aligada, Jr.	Reynaldo A.	16	9
Awsumb	Robert	37	19
Bartscher	Joy D.	48	29
Bartsh	Shawn M.	1	
Brown	David C.	9	3
Castro	Leonardo	13	3
Charles	Kellie M.	7	4
Diamond	Patrick	19	13
Frisch	Jennifer L.	2	
Gilligan, Jr.	Thomas A.	3	1
Grewing	Sara R.	28	15
Harris	JaPaul J.	24	9
Ireland	Mark	5	2
Kyle, Jr.	Richard H.	12	6
Millenacker	Robyn A.	1	
Mulrooney	Timothy T.	4	1
Nelson	Laura E.	2	1
Olmstead	Kelly	33	15
Ostby	Elena L.	9	6
Rosas	Salvador M.	11	6
Sheu	Edward P.	5	4
Smith	Stephen L.	6	2
Starr	Nicole J.	46	26
Stephenson	George T.	61	31
Tilsen	Judith M.	10	3
Vuelo	Sophia Y.	10	6
Warner	Teresa R.	3	1
Yang	Adam C.	2	2
Yang	P. Paul	18	8
TOTAL DISTRICT 2 MITIGATED DEPARTURES		445	225

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 511 offenders in the 2nd District had a presumptive stayed disposition. None received an aggravated dispositional departure.

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 445 offenders in the 2nd District had a presumptive prison disposition. 225 (50.6%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 136 cases (60.4%). Column D displays the mitigated departure number by judge.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 233 offenders in the 2nd District received prison. Of the 233 offenders who received prison, 6 (2.6%) received an aggravated durational departure and 98 (42.1%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns Q-R display durational departure numbers by judge.

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Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Total Received Prison	Durational Departure (prison only)	
			Aggravated	Mitigated
Aligada, Jr.	Reynaldo A.	8		4
Awsumb	Robert	19	1	7
Bartscher	Joy D.	19		6
Bartsh	Shawn M.	1		
Brown	David C.	7		5
Castro	Leonardo	11	1	4
Charles	Kellie M.	3		2
Diamond	Patrick	7		3
Frisch	Jennifer L.	2		1
Gilligan, Jr.	Thomas A.	3		2
Grewing	Sara R.	13	1	5
Harris	JaPaul J.	15		4
Ireland	Mark	3		
Kyle, Jr.	Richard H.	6		3
Millenacker	Robyn A.	1		
Mulrooney	Timothy T.	3		3
Nelson	Laura E.	1		
Olmstead	Kelly	18		9
Ostby	Elena L.	3		1
Rosas	Salvador M.	5		2
Sheu	Edward P.	1		
Smith	Stephen L.	4		1
Starr	Nicole J.	23	2	9
Stephenson	George T.	31	1	14
Tilsen	Judith M.	7		2
Vuelo	Sophia Y.	5		4
Warner	Teresa R.	2		
Yang	P. Paul	12		7
TOTAL DISTRICT 2 DURATIONAL DEPARTURE		233	6	98

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDGE: SENTENCED DISTRICT 3, 2020

Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Presumptive Commit Cases	Number of Cases that Received a Mitigated Dispositional Departure
Allen	Jacob C.	13	6
Anderson	Karie M.	4	3
Birnbaum	Robert	2	
Bueltel	Joseph A.	15	4
Buytendorp	Nancy L.	16	7
Cajacob	John T.	3	1
Chase	Joseph F.	27	13
Daily	Christa M.	1	
Duncan	Karen R.	13	4
Hanks	Carol M.	9	7
Hayne	Lisa R.	27	11
Jacobson	Debra A.	1	
Johnson	Jeffrey M.	11	2
King	Pamela A.W.	14	8
Kritzer	Jeffrey M.	25	14
Larson	Gary R.	2	1
Leahy	Mary C.	12	6
Leuning	Ross L.	11	
Long	Christine A.	7	3
Lund	Kevin	2	1
Neisen	Christopher A.	6	4
Opat	Matthew J.	9	5
Schwab	Steven	15	8
Siefken	Kevin H.	28	8
Stevens	Christina Kilbo	4	2
Sturino	Carmaine M.	5	2
Wallace	Katherine M.	15	11
Walters	Terrence M.	1	1
Williamson	Jodi L.	10	6
TOTAL DISTRICT 3 MITIGATED DEPARTURES		308	138

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 556 offenders in the 3rd District had a presumptive stayed disposition. Two received an aggravated dispositional departure.

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 308 offenders in the 3rd District had a presumptive prison disposition. 138 (44.8%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 59 cases (42.8%). Column D displays the mitigated departure number by judge.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 202 offenders in the 3rd District received prison. Of the 202 offenders who received prison, 6 (3.0%) received an aggravated durational departure and 13 (6.4%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns Q - R display durational departure numbers by judge.

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Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Total Received Prison	Durational Departure (prison only)	
			Aggravated	Mitigated
Allen	Jacob C.	8		
Anderson	Karie M.	2		
Birnbaum	Robert	2		
Bueltel	Joseph A.	13	1	
Buytendorp	Nancy L.	11	2	
Cajacob	John T.	3		1
Chase	Joseph F.	16	1	4
Daily	Christa M.	4		
Duncan	Karen R.	9	1	
Hanks	Carol M.	3		
Hayne	Lisa R.	18		
Jacobson	Debra A.	2		1
Johnson	Jeffrey M.	11	1	1
King	Pamela A.W.	6		
Kritzer	Jeffrey M.	12		2
Larson	Gary R.	1		
Leahy	Mary C.	7		1
Leuning	Ross L.	13		
Long	Christine A.	7		
Lund	Kevin	1		
Neisen	Christopher A.	4		
Opat	Matthew J.	5		
Schwab	Steven	7		1
Siefken	Kevin H.	22		
Stevens	Christina Kilbo	2		
Sturino	Carmaine M.	4		1
Wallace	Katherine M.	4		1
Williamson	Jodi L.	5		
TOTAL DISTRICT 3 DURATIONAL DEPARTURE		202	6	13

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDGE: SENTENCED DISTRICT 4, 2020

Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Presumptive Commit Cases	Number of Cases that Received a Mitigated Dispositional Departure
Barnette	Toddrick S.	45	24
Bartolomei	Luis	13	5
Cahill	Peter A.	57	23
Caligiuri	Hilary L.	30	11
Chou	Marta M.	38	22
Chu	Regina M.	54	24
Conroy	Lois R.	38	22
Engisch	Nicole A.	38	9
Fellman	Todd M.	19	10
Gaitas	Theodora K.	32	19
Garcia	Tamara G.	39	15
Holton Dimick	Martha A.	48	16
Hoyos	Juan G.	1	
Janzen	Lisa K.	5	3
Koch	William H.	33	19
Lamas	Carolina A.	34	20
Magill	Frank J.	1	1
Manning	Bruce D.	1	
Meyer	Kerry W.	60	20
Moore	James A.	19	6
Moreno	Daniel C.	32	18
Quaintance	Kathryn	21	5
Quam	Jay M.	67	35
Reding	Jeannice M.	61	24
Scoggin	Paul R.	97	34
Sheehy	Kathleen D.	2	2
Smith	Stephen L.	1	
West	Sarah S.	42	26
Willms	Angela J.	9	5
TOTAL DISTRICT 4 MITIGATED DEPARTURES		937	418

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 1,362 offenders in the 4th District had a presumptive stayed disposition. Two received an aggravated dispositional departure.

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 937 offenders in the 4th District had a presumptive prison disposition. 418 (44.6%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 235 cases (56.2%). Column D displays the mitigated departure numbers by judge.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 540 offenders in the 4th District received prison. Of the 540 offenders who received prison, 25 (4.6%) received an aggravated durational departure and 231 (42.8%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns Q-R display durational departure numbers by judge.

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Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Total Received Prison	Durational Departure (prison only)	
			Aggravated	Mitigated
Barnette	Toddrick S.	21	2	8
Bartolomei	Luis	9		5
Cahill	Peter A.	37		18
Caligiuri	Hilary L.	19	1	10
Chou	Marta M.	17		7
Chu	Regina M.	31	1	11
Conroy	Lois R.	16	2	4
Engisch	Nicole A.	29		13
Fellman	Todd M.	10		7
Gaitas	Theodora K.	13		5
Garcia	Tamara G.	25		12
Holton Dimick	Martha A.	35	1	14
Hoyos	Juan G.	1		1
Janzen	Lisa K.	2		
Koch	William H.	15	1	4
Lamas	Carolina A.	14	1	4
Manning	Bruce D.	2		1
Meyer	Kerry W.	42	4	17
Moore	James A.	14		4
Moreno	Daniel C.	14	1	7
Quaintance	Kathryn	17		7
Quam	Jay M.	33	6	13
Reding	Jeannice M.	39	1	18
Scoggin	Paul R.	63	3	29
Smith	Stephen L.	1		
West	Sarah S.	16	1	10
Willms	Angela J.	5		2
TOTAL DISTRICT 4 DURATIONAL DEPARTURE		540	25	231

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDGE: SENTENCED DISTRICT 5, 2020

Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Presumptive Commit Cases	Number of Cases that Received a Mitigated Dispositional Departure
Anderson	Gregory J.	14	2
Bentz	Darci J.	17	6
Bettters	Mark E.	27	13
Dietrich	Michelle A.	11	4
Docherty	Robert A.	8	3
Ferrazzano	Stephen J.	10	2
Haley	Sherry	3	
Jass	Krista J.	21	12
Johnson	Kurt D.	19	7
Krehbiel	Allison L.	15	6
Moore, III	Gordon L.	4	4
Rohland	Patrick	18	5
Timmerman	Troy G.	9	4
Trushenski	Michael D.	26	10
Vajgrt	Terry S.	10	6
Westphal	Todd W.	7	5
Wietzema	Christina M.	12	5
Zimmer	Tricia B.	15	7
TOTAL DISTRICT 5 MITIGATED DEPARTURES		246	101

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 605 offenders in the 5th District had a presumptive stayed disposition. One received an aggravated dispositional departure.

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 246 offenders in the 5th District had a presumptive prison disposition. 101 (41.1%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 74 cases (73.3%). Column D displays the mitigated departure numbers by judge.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 171 offenders in the 5th District received prison. Of the 171 offenders who received prison, 3 (1.8%) received an aggravated durational departure and 33 (19.3%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns Q-R display durational departure numbers by judge.

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Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Total Received Prison	Durational Departure (prison only)	
			Aggravated	Mitigated
Anderson	Gregory J.	13		2
Bentz	Darci J.	14		1
Bettters	Mark E.	16	1	3
Dietrich	Michelle A.	9		
Docherty	Robert A.	5		2
Ferrazzano	Stephen J.	9		2
Haley	Sherry	2		
Jass	Krista J.	12	1	
Johnson	Kurt D.	12		2
Krehbiel	Allison L.	9	1	2
Meyer	Kerry W.	1		1
Moore, III	Gordon L.	1		
Rohland	Patrick	15		
Timmerman	Troy G.	6		1
Trushenski	Michael D.	21		8
Vajgrt	Terry S.	5		1
Westphal	Todd W.	3		
Wietzema	Christina M.	10		6
Zimmer	Tricia B.	8		2
TOTAL DISTRICT 5 DURATIONAL DEPARTURE		171	3	33

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDGE: SENTENCED DISTRICT 6, 2020

Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Presumptive Commit Cases	Number of Cases that Received a Mitigated Dispositional Departure
Anderson	Michelle M.	11	5
Beiers	Leslie E.	10	4
Cuzzo	Michael J.	1	1
Eichenwald	Jill A.	10	9
Floerke	Shaun R.	22	14
Friday	Robert C.	10	4
Harris	Dale O.	12	4
Hylden	Eric D.	17	8
Johnson	David M.	16	10
Macaulay	Robert E.	15	8
Neo	Theresa M.	17	12
Peterson	Andrew R.	9	4
Starr	Mark M.	15	4
Stumme	Rebekka Lynn	9	4
Sullivan	Rachel C.	5	2
Tarnowski	Sally L.	6	3
TOTAL DISTRICT 6 MITIGATED DEPARTURES		185	96

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 362 offenders in the 6th District had a presumptive stayed

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 185 offenders in the 6th District had a presumptive prison disposition. 96 (51.9%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 72 cases (75%). Column D display the mitigated departure numbers by judge.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 99 offenders in the 6th District received prison. Of the 99 offenders who received prison, 2 (2%) received an aggravated durational departure and 6 (6.1%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns Q-R display durational departure numbers by judge.

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Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Total Received Prison	Durational Departure (prison only)	
			Aggravated	Mitigated
Anderson	Michelle M.	6		
Beiers	Leslie E.	6		
Eichenwald	Jill A.	1		
Floerke	Shaun R.	8		
Friday	Robert C.	6		
Harris	Dale O.	9		
Hylden	Eric D.	10		
Johnson	David M.	7		
Macaulay	Robert E.	9	1	3
Neo	Theresa M.	5	1	
Peterson	Andrew R.	7		2
Starr	Mark M.	12		
Stumme	Rebekka Lynn	6		1
Sullivan	Rachel C.	4		
Tarnowski	Sally L.	3		
TOTAL DISTRICT 6 DURATIONAL DEPARTURE		99	2	6

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDGE: SENTENCED DISTRICT 7, 2020

Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Presumptive Commit Cases	Number of Cases that Received a Mitigated Dispositional Departure
Benson	Daniel A.	5	2
Benson	Sharon G.	13	3
Carlson	Jay D.	20	2
Cashman	William J.	13	5
Churchwell	Timothy M.	10	2
Clark	Douglas B.	13	4
Clark	Michelle L.	3	1
Davick-Halfen	Kris	22	10
Engelking	Matthew E.	18	5
Fritz	Michael D.	16	6
Gustafson	Amber B.	4	
Hanson	Barbara R.	20	8
Hennesy	Sarah E.	1	
Herzing	Mark J.	11	5
Irvine	Peter	1	
Jesse	Michael S.	25	6
Kulick	Gail T.	14	6
Larson	Gary R.	1	1
Lawson	Michelle W.	22	4
Mahler	Mary B.	23	10
Merkins	Tammy L.	9	1
Miller	Kevin M.	21	9
Moehrle	Laura A	9	3
Pearson	Andrew B.	10	6
Quinn	Matthew M.	12	8
Raupp	Robert	15	
Rosenfeldt	Jade M.	7	
Scherer	John H.	7	6
Thilmony	Gretchen D.	25	10
Wang	Shan C.	26	9
Weiler	Leonard A.	7	5
Welte	Nathaniel D.	8	4
Wetzel	Antoinette C.	14	7
TOTAL DISTRICT 7 MITIGATED DEPARTURES		425	148

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 855 offenders in the 7th District had a presumptive stayed disposition. One received an aggravated dispositional departure.

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 425 offenders in the 7th District had a presumptive prison disposition. 148 (34.8%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 84 cases (56.8%). Column D display the mitigated departure numbers by judge.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 310 offenders in the 7th District received prison. Of the 310 offenders who received prison, 74 (2.3%) received an aggravated durational departure and 37 (11.9%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns Q-R display durational departure numbers by judge.

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Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Total Received Prison	Durational Departure (prison only)	
			Aggravated	Mitigated
Benson	Daniel A.	3		0
Benson	Sharon G.	11		2
Carlson	Jay D.	19		
Cashman	William J.	12		4
Churchwell	Timothy M.	8		1
Clark	Douglas B.	13		1
Clark	Michelle L.	2		0
Davick-	Kris	14		2
Engelking	Matthew E.	13		1
Fritz	Michael D.	10		
Gustafson	Amber B.	4		
Hanson	Barbara R.	13	1	1
Hennesy	Sarah E.	1		
Herzing	Mark J.	8	1	2
Irvine	Peter	1		
Jesse	Michael S.	20	1	1
Kulick	Gail T.	8		
Lawson	Michelle W.	20	1	1
Mahler	Mary B.	13		1
Merkins	Tammy L.	8	1	
Miller	Kevin M.	14		1
Moehrle	Laura A	7		1
Pearson	Andrew B.	6		3
Quinn	Matthew M.	7		1
Raupp	Robert	16		
Rosenfeldt	Jade M.	7		
Scherer	John H.	1		
Thilmony	Gretchen D.	18		4
Wang	Shan C.	17	1	7
Weiler	Leonard A.	3	1	
Welte	Nathaniel D.	5		2
Wetzel	Antoinette C.	8		1
TOTAL DISTRICT 7 DURATIONAL DEPARTURE		310	7	37

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDGE: SENTENCED DISTRICT 8, 2020

Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Presumptive Commit Cases	Number of Cases that Received a Mitigated Dispositional Departure
Beckman	Stephanie L.	6	1
Doll	Amy J.	8	3
Glasrud	Charles	6	2
Hanson	Rodney C.	9	1
Knutsen	Dwayne	11	4
Listug	Melissa J.	8	5
Mennis	David L.	8	1
Stratton	Laurence J.	11	4
Van Hon	Thomas W.	15	2
Wentzell	Stephen J.	3	2
TOTAL DISTRICT 8 MITIGATED DEPARTURES		85	25

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Note: A word of caution about departure rates by judge: departure rates can be affected by how many cases a judge sentences, the type of cases sentenced, and the criminal history score of the cases sentenced. When performing data analysis, it is important to consider the number of offenders represented in the population. For example, if we only have four cases, and two of those cases received a dispositional departure, the departure rate is high at 50 percent, but only reflects two cases. Small sample sizes may cause low statistical power and inflated false discovery rates. The type of cases can also affect departure rates. For example, a judge may have more cases with offense types more likely to receive a departure.

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 247 offenders in the 8th District had a presumptive stayed disposition. None received an aggravated dispositional departure.

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 85 offenders in the 8th District had a presumptive prison disposition. 25 (29.4%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 13 cases (52%). Column D display the mitigated departure numbers by judge.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 76 offenders in the 8th District received prison. Of the 76 offenders who received prison, 2 (2.6%) received an aggravated durational departure and 4 (5.3%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns Q-R display durational departure numbers by judge.

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Judge First Name	Judge Last Name	Total Received Prison	Durational Departure (prison only)	
			Aggravated	Mitigated
Beckman	Stephanie L.	5	1	1
Doll	Amy J.	8	1	
Glasrud	Charles	5		
Hanson	Rodney C.	10		
Knutsen	Dwayne	9		
Listug	Melissa J.	5		
Mennis	David L.	8		
Stratton	Laurence J.	7		2
Van Hon	Thomas W.	16		1
Wentzell	Stephen J.	3		
TOTAL DISTRICT 8 DURATIONAL DEPARTURE		76	2	4

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDGE: SENTENCED DISTRICT 9, 2020

Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Presumptive Commit Cases	Number of Cases that Received a Mitigated Dispositional Departure
Aanes	Patricia A.	12	5
Askegaard	Erik J.	17	7
Austad	Jana M.	17	3
Benshoof	Paul T.	9	3
Brand	Jeanine R.	4	
Chandler	Heidi M.	13	6
Dehn	James E.	5	4
DeMay	Kristine R.	20	13
DeSanto	John E.	3	2
Dixon	Donna K.	10	5
Halverson	Charles D.	22	9
Harbott	Corey A.	10	2
Harrington	David F.	3	2
Hermerding	David F.	14	6
Huseby-Claesson	Annie P.	10	1
LeDuc, II	Charles H.	8	6
Marben	Kurt J.	1	
Maturi	Jon	1	
McBroom	Sarah L.	21	7
Melbye	John G.	20	4
Rasmusson	Anne Marie	25	10
Remick	Jeffrey S.	33	7
Rivera Spalla	Darlene	16	4
Schieferdecker	Eric P.	7	1
Schluchter	Shari R.	18	5
Senyk	Waldemar B.	2	1
Strandlie	Christopher J.	13	4
TenEyck	David	1	
Tiffany	Robert D.	6	
Vaa	Galen	2	2
Wahwassuck	Korey	37	23
Wolf	Dale A.	1	1
Yon	Tamara L.	27	8
Zimmerman	Richard A.	1	1
TOTAL DISTRICT 9 DEPARTURES	MITIGATED	409	152

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 742 offenders in the 9th District had a presumptive stayed disposition. Two received an aggravated dispositional departure.

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 409 offenders in the 9th District had a presumptive prison disposition. 152 (37.2%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 124 cases (81.6%). Column D display the mitigated departure numbers by judge.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 323 offenders in the 9th District received prison. Of the 323 offenders who received prison, 12 (3.7%) received an aggravated durational departure and 31 (9.6%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns Q-R display durational departure numbers by judge.

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Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Total Received Prison	Durational Departure (prison only)	
			Aggravated	Mitigated
Aanes	Patricia A.	7		2
Anderson	Douglas P.	1		
Askegaard	Erik J.	10	1	1
Austad	Jana M.	15		1
Benshoof	Paul T.	6		
Brand	Jeanine R.	4		
Chandler	Heidi M.	9		
Dehn	James E.	1		
DeMay	Kristine R.	9		1
DeSanto	John E.	1		
Dixon	Donna K.	8	1	
Halverson	Charles D.	13	2	1
Harbott	Corey A.	13		2
Harrington	David F.	2		1
Hermerding	David F.	10	1	
Huseby-Claesson	Annie P.	9	1	
LeDuc, II	Charles H.	3		
Marben	Kurt J.	1		
Maturi	Jon	1		1
McBroom	Sarah L.	19		1
Melbye	John G.	18		2
Metzen	Leslie M.	1		
Rasmusson	Anne Marie	31	1	6
Remick	Jeffrey S.	37	2	4
Rivera Spalla	Darlene	15	1	4
Schieferdecker	Eric P.	9		1
Schluchter	Shari R.	14		1
Senyk	Waldemar B.	1		
Strandlie	Christopher J.	10		
TenEyck	David	1		
Tiffany	Robert D.	7		
Wahwassuck	Korey	15		
Yon	Tamara L.	22	2	2
TOTAL DISTRICT 9 DURATIONAL DEPARTURE		323	12	31

NUMBER OF DEPARTURES BY JUDGE: SENTENCED DISTRICT 10, 2020

Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Presumptive Commit Cases	Number of Cases that Received a Mitigated Dispositional Departure
Bollman	Suzanne	13	4
Brosnahan	Amy R.	6	4
Brown	Suzanne M.	14	9
Buccicone	Brianne J.	15	3
Cunningham	James A.	23	18
Davis	Michele A.	28	18
Dehen	John	3	
Dowdal	Bridgid E.	13	2
Fitzpatrick	Thomas M.	5	3
Flanagan	Patrick W.	17	11
Fountain	Bethany A.	17	10
Freeman	Juanita C.	24	13
Galler	Gregory G.	8	2
Hall	Sharon L.	1	
Halsey	Stephen M.	7	2
Hannon	Mary E.	11	5
Hawley	Sheridan	14	7
Hiljus	Stoney L.	13	10
Hoffman	John C.	19	8
Ilkka	Richard C.	15	6
Jasper	Jenny Walker	50	30
Jasper	Jonathan N.	11	8
Jude	Tad	16	6
Kaminsky	Walter	17	9
Klossner	John D.	19	4
Larson	Kristin C.	20	13
Lehmann	Thomas R.	6	3
Logering	Nancy	3	
Maas	Ellen L.	6	2
Martin	Krista K.	13	3
McBride	John R.	1	1
McCarthy	Karin L.	2	1
McPherson	Catherine	7	2
Meslow	Douglas B.	24	12
Mottl	Kathleen A.	14	7
Pietan	Laura A.	12	4
Rancourt	Robert G.	5	3
Saterbak	Melissa M.	2	
Schoffelman	Todd R.	4	2
Schommer	Karen B.	20	4
Strand	Elizabeth	9	4
Street	Dyanna L.	21	8
Sullivan	Barry A.	4	2
Tenney	Geoffrey W.	5	1
Trevino	Catherine A.	9	5
Wynn	Heather	18	9
Yunker	Mary	17	5
TOTAL DISTRICT 10 MITIGATED DEPARTURES		601	283

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Aggravated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 1,166 offenders in the 10th District had a presumptive stayed disposition. None received an aggravated dispositional departure.

Mitigated Dispositional Departures

In 2020, 601 offenders in the 10th District had a presumptive prison disposition. 283 (47.1%) offenders received a mitigated dispositional departure. The Court cited plea negotiation on the sentence in 132 cases (46.6%). Column D displays the mitigated departure numbers by judge.

Durational Departures for Offenders Receiving Prison

In 2020, 349 offenders in the 10th District received prison. Of the 349 offenders who received prison, 10 (2.9%) received an aggravated durational departure and 39 (11.2%) received a mitigated durational departure. Columns Q-R display durational departure numbers by judge.

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Judge Last Name	Judge First Name	Total Received Prison	Durational Departure (prison only)	
			Aggravated	Mitigated
Bollman	Suzanne	9		
Brosnahan	Amy R.	4		
Brown	Suzanne M.	5		1
Buccicone	Brianne J.	14		
Cunningham	James A.	5		
Davis	Michele A.	10		
Dehen	John	3		
Dowdal	Bridgid E.	11	1	2
Fitzpatrick	Thomas M.	3		1
Flanagan	Patrick W.	6		
Fountain	Bethany A.	8		
Freeman	Juanita C.	12		3
Galler	Gregory G.	6		1
Hall	Sharon L.	1		
Halsey	Stephen M.	7		
Hannon	Mary E.	6		
Hawley	Sheridan	8	1	1
Hiljus	Stoney L.	4		
Hoffman	John C.	11		4
Ilkka	Richard C.	9		
Jasper	Jenny Walker	20	1	2
Jasper	Jonathan N.	4	0	0
Jude	Tad	11		3
Kaminsky	Walter	9		1
Klossner	John D.	15	1	
Larson	Kristin C.	8	1	3
Lehmann	Thomas R.	3		1
Logering	Nancy	3		1
Maas	Ellen L.	4		1
Martin	Krista K.	10		
McCarthy	Karin L.	1		
McPherson	Catherine	6		
Meslow	Douglas B.	12	1	2
Mottl	Kathleen A.	9		2
Pietan	Laura A.	8		3
Rancourt	Robert G.	3		
Saterbak	Melissa M.	3		
Schoffelman	Todd R.	2		
Schommer	Karen B.	17	1	1
Strand	Elizabeth	5		1
Street	Dyanna L.	14	2	3
Sullivan	Barry A.	2		
Tenney	Geoffrey W.	10		1
Trevino	Catherine A.	4		1
Wynn	Heather	9		
Yunker	Mary	15	1	
TOTAL DISTRICT 10 DURATIONAL DEPARTURE		349	10	39