

*The Vortex: The Concentrated Impact of Drug Imprisonment and the  
Characteristics of Punitive Counties*

Addendum

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As a result of a data transmission error between the North Carolina Department of Corrections and the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Corrections Reporting Program provides incorrect prison admissions information for counties in that state for 2002. As a result, the Justice Policy Institute has underestimated the rate of drug admissions for five counties in North Carolina. Rates of admission to prison for drug offenses were underestimated for the total population, the white population, and the African American population for these counties.

- Cumberland County, NC has an overall drug admission rate of 55.05, a white Rate of 21.11, and an African American rate of 99.81. The ratio of African American to white drug admission rates is 4.73 -- a disparity that is smaller than originally reported, though still large.
- Forsyth County, NC has an overall drug admission rate of 97.15, a white rate of 15.81, and an African American rate of 275. The ratio of African American to white drug admission rates is 17.4 -- a disparity that is smaller than originally reported, though still large.
- Guilford County, NC has an overall drug admission rate of 64.28, a white rate of 12.28, and an African American rate of 168.96. The ratio of African American to white drug admission rates is 13.76 -- a disparity that is smaller than originally reported, though still large.
- Mecklenburg County, NC has an overall drug admission rate of 45.94, a white rate of 9.96, and an African American rate of 126.60. The ratio of African American to white drug admission rates is 12.7 -- larger than originally reported.
- Wake County, NC has an overall drug admission rate of 44.41, a white rate of 7.04, and an African American rate of 175.53. The ratio of African American to white drug admission rates is 24.65 -- a disparity that is smaller than originally reported, though still large.

Updated information will be included in the individualized factsheets and spreadsheets available on *The Vortex* website.