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David Olson provided a summary of analyses he has performed examining trends in the number and characteristics adult females admitted to IDOC, updating research that was published by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in 2011. Based on these updated analyses, Dr. Olson reported that the overall admission of females to IDOC between state fiscal year 2011 and 2012 was, for the most part, unchanged at 2,448 in SFY 2012 compared to 2,441 in SFY 2011. However, the number of court admissions of females increased 8 percent between SFY 2011 and 2012, while admissions for technical violations of Mandatory Supervised Release (MSR) fell roughly 30 percent. By comparison, overall admissions for adult males to IDOC fell roughly 5 percent between SFY 2011 and 2012, with a slight increase in court admissions (up 1 percent) and a 16 percent decrease in admissions for technical violations of MSR.

Females accounted for 8 percent of all IDOC admissions in SFY 2012, and 5.9 percent of the end-of-the-year SFY 2012 population in IDOC.

From Dr. Olson's analyses, it appears that the increase in females committed to IDOC by the courts between SFY 2011 and 2012 was the result of increased admissions for drug-law violations and property crimes, particularly Class 4 felonies and from Cook County. Class 4 felony court admissions of females increased roughly 20 percent between SFY 2011 and 2012. Dr. Olson indicated that he is in the process of finalizing all of his analyses and the updated report will be posted on the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority web-site within the next month. Advisory Board members will be e-mailed with the link once the document has been posted.