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OREGON 10 YEAR PRISON POPULATION FORECAST CONSISTENTLY HIGH

Damon Bell, Senior Analyst, for the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis provided recently revised prison population forecast numbers showing the 10 year prison population forecasts from 1995 to 2002 as compared to the actual number of inmates in prison. All forecasts were still high. In fact, the 8 year average went from 14.4% high to 14.7% high and the 6 year average went from 7.1% high to 7.3% high. The revised edits and numbers are shown in red.

<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Future Date</u>	<u>Forecast</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>% High</u>
October 1995	July 2005	18168	12875	5293	+41.1%
April 1996	July 2005	19246	12875	6371	+49.5%
October 1996	July 2006	17752	13229	4523	+34.2%
April 1997	January 2007	15168	13292	1876	+14.1%
October 1997	July 2007	14346	13498	848	+6.3%
April 1998	January 2008	14158	13405	753	+5.6%
October 1998	July 2008	14275	13547	728	+5.4%
April 1999	January 2009	14557	13631	926	+6.8%
October 1999	July 2009	14676	13926	750	+5.4%
April 2000	January 2010	14952	13820	1132	+8.2%
October 2000	July 2010	14956	14016	940	+6.7%
April 2001	January 2011	14949	13924	1025	+7.4%
October 2001	July 2011	15100	14073	1027	+7.3%
April 2002	January 2012	14973	13921	1052	+7.4%

- **8 year average**-1995 to 2002--the forecast is 14.7% high which means an over forecast of approximately **2051 inmates** in 2020. (Forecast 2020 is 16,000/114.7% = 13,949. 16,000 - 13,949 = 2051)
- **6 year average**-1997 to 2002--the forecast is 7.3% high which means an over forecast of approximately **1089 inmates** in 2020.(Forecast 2020 is 16,000/107.3% = 14,911. 16,000 - 14,911 = 1089)
- Oregon's general population increase is predicted to be 10.68% from 2011 to 2020. A 10.68% increase in 14,000 inmates is 1497 additional inmates.