

# Oregon Department of Corrections

## ***Population of Women Inmates Increasing***

- Over the past ten years, the population of women inmates has grown by 569, or 128% compared with an increase of 4,512 male inmates, a 60% increase. From the 1990 to 2000 census, the population of Oregon grew by 21%.

- Property crimes are driving the increase in the population of women inmates.

- Women who's most serious crime is a property crime:

*85 in October of 2000 vs. 322 in February of 2006, a 279% increase*

- Women inmates who's most serious crime is a person to person crime:

*316 in October of 2000 vs. 440 in February of 2006, a 39% increase*

- Women inmates who's most serious crime is other than a property or person crime

*: 159 in October of 2000 vs. 250 in February of 2006, a 57% increase*

- Theft convictions are by far the largest group of property offenses, making up 62.3% of all of the property offenses on February 1 of 2006. Identify theft is included in the theft category.
- The increase in the women's population convicted of a property crime as their most serious conviction began in early 2002. In January of 2002, there were 127 women in prison for a property offense. By the end of 2002, that population had risen to 225.

## ***Women Inmates and Parenting***

- 68% of women in prison have children they were parenting prior to incarceration