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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.