

# Drug Trafficking Sentences in Idaho

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# Drug Trafficking Tiers

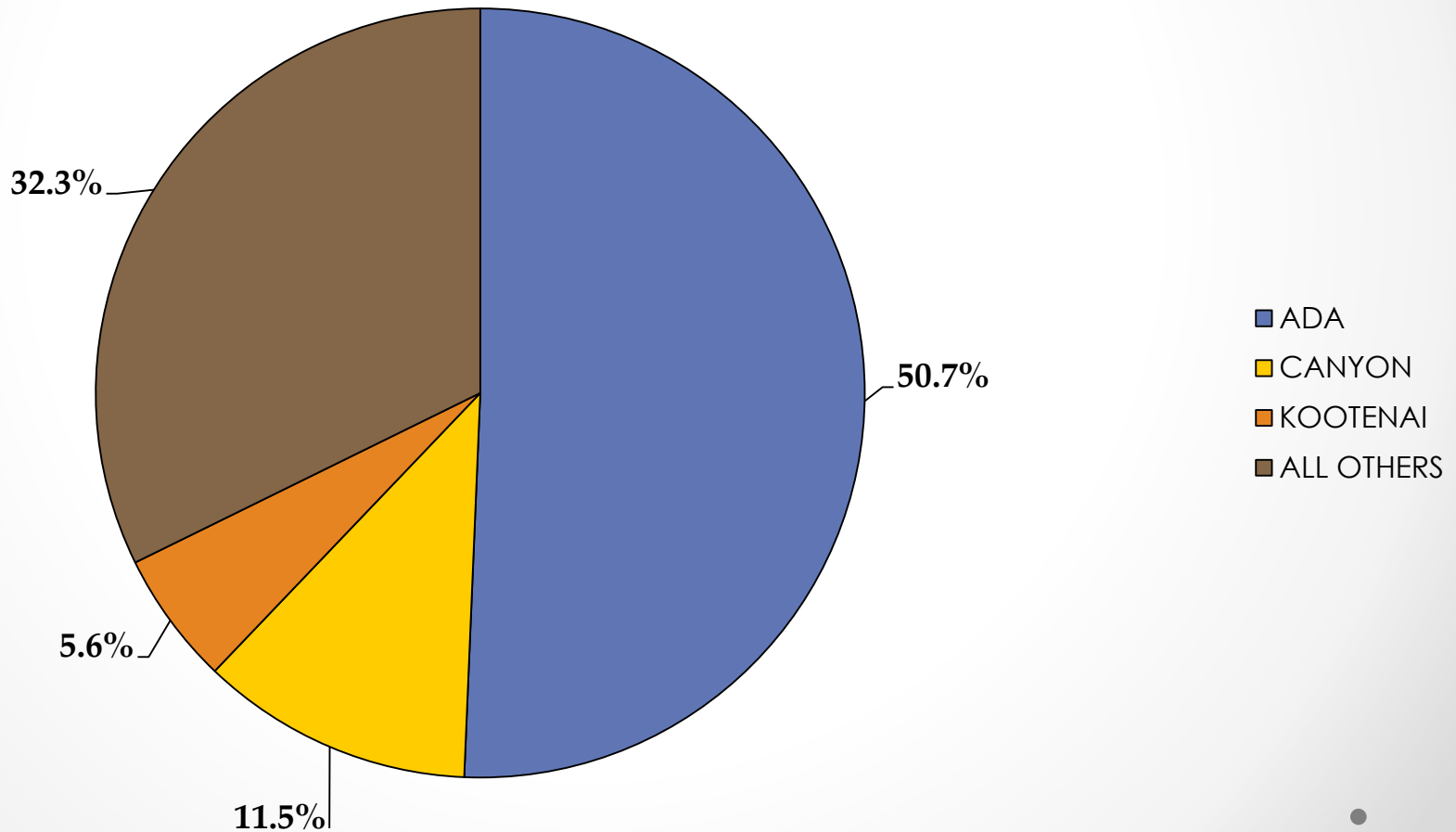
- There are five drug types drug traffickers can fall into
  - Marijuana (all minimum years)
    - Level 1 – 1 year; Level 2 – 3 years; Level 3 – 5 years; Maximum – 15 years
  - Cocaine (all minimum years)
    - Level 1 – 3 years; Level 2 – 5 years; Level 3 – 10 years; Maximum – Life
  - Immediate Pre-cursors to methamphetamines
    - Ranges between 1 year to life (does not have specified levels)
  - Methamphetamines (all minimum years)
    - Level 1 – 3 years; Level 2 – 5 years; Level 3 – 10 years; Maximum – Life
  - Heroin (all minimum years)
    - Level 1 – 3 years; Level 2 – 10 years; Level 3 – 15 years; Maximum – Life

# Drug Trafficking Inmates

- As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, IDOC housed 375 offenders with active Drug Trafficking convictions as their instant offense
  - Instant offense is the crime with the longest out sentence
- The average LSI Score for these offenders is 28
- The majority (70%; 257) are either minimum or medium custody

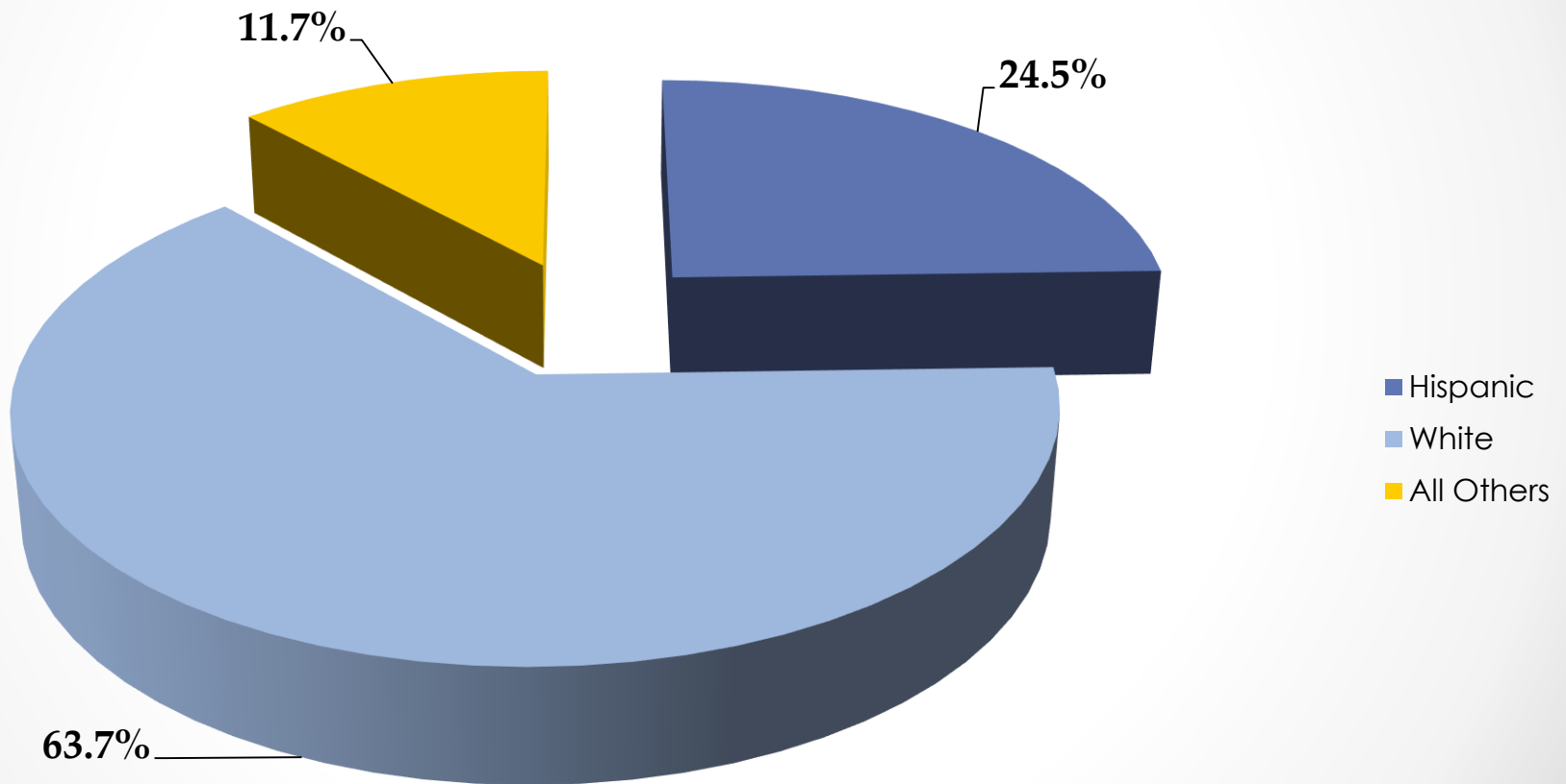
# Drug Trafficking by County of Conviction

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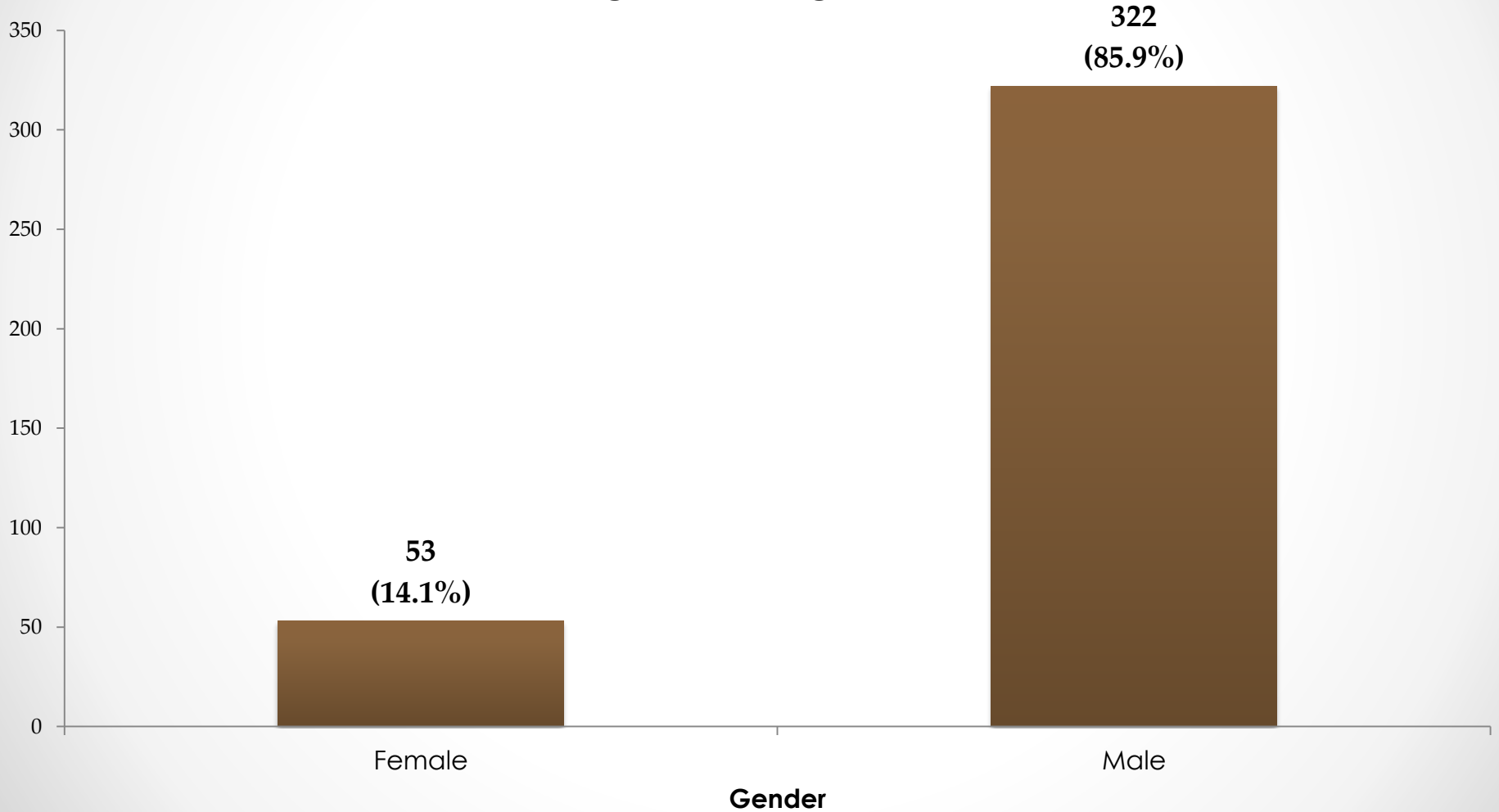
# Drug Trafficking by Race

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# Drug Trafficking by Sex

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# Drug Trafficking Inmates

- Offenders currently incarcerated in our facilities
  - 159 (42%) inmates have no other crimes (prior criminal record) in Idaho – does not mean they do not have a record in other states
  - 64 (17%) inmates have a violent criminal record (i.e. Murder/Manslaughter charge (1; vehicular manslaughter), Sex Crime or Assault Crime)
  - Of those who have received and completed a drug trafficking mandatory minimum since 1990 – approximately 22% recidivate or return to incarceration (within Idaho)
    - A lot of Drug Trafficking offenders are from out of state and deliver along Idaho's drug corridor

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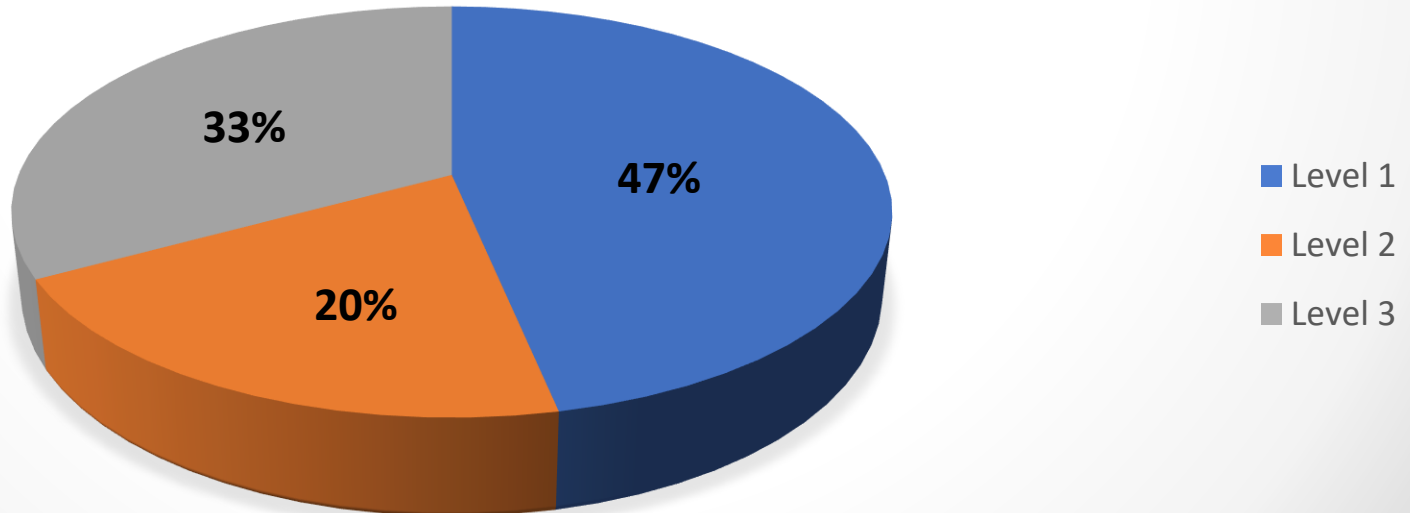
- All incarcerated offenders with drug trafficking charges (N = 375)
  - Most (91.5%) are first time traffickers and have no previous trafficking charges in Idaho
    - They may have other prior crimes
  - 30.6% had felony drug charges, such as possession of a controlled substance or delivery
  - Only 8.5% had previous drug trafficking charges in Idaho
- 313 (83.5%) are serving on their determinate or mandatory minimum portion of their crime currently
  - Median sentence length = 3.4 years



# Drug Trafficking Inmates

- Out of the approximately 375 offenders currently incarcerated for drug trafficking related crimes
  - We have current Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSI) on about 276 (not all offenders receive a PSI – although most do)
  - Using the PSI it was determined that most offenders fall into the first tier of sentencing; with the third tier the next highest percent

## MANDATORY MINIMUM TIER



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- Also using the PSI, it was found most offenders have a small amount of drugs in their possession (i.e. Tier 1 levels)
- The most common drug to traffic is methamphetamines – 115 offenders (49%)

