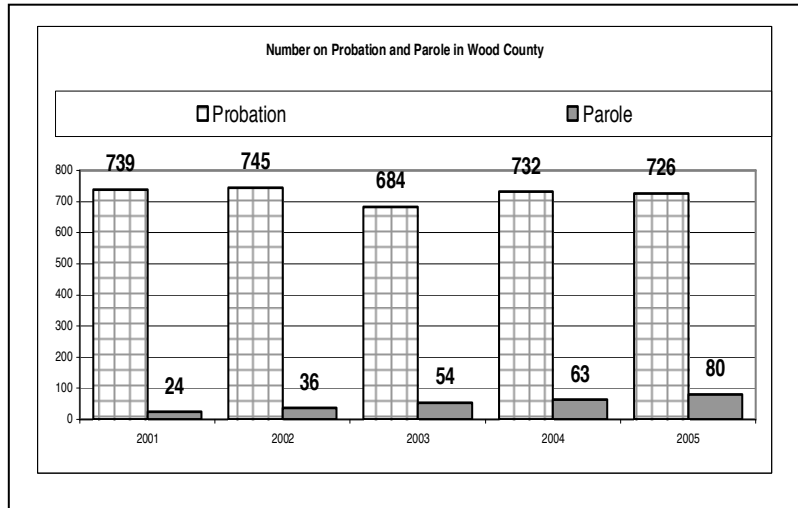


**Number on Probation and Parole Down Slightly**



**Key Facts**

- The number of offenders who are on probation and parole influences the perception of public safety.
- Community-based supervision protects the public from persons who are released on parole or sentenced to probation.
- Through supervision, offenders are given opportunities to live, work, and receive treatment and training that helps them become productive citizens.

**Why is this Information Important?**

Community residents often feel uneasy and threatened knowing that offenders are being integrated back into the community. When the public feels safe, there is an increased quality of life. Such perceptions are common when the number of offenders on probation and parole is low.

**Probation and Parole**

Through community-based supervision, offenders are given opportunities to live, work, and receive treatment and training that helps them become productive citizens. When such opportunities are offered, the likelihood of future criminal behavior is reduced, and self-esteem and the strength of the family unit is increased.

Across the state at the end of February 2001, the offender population was 87,054. Of these, 75 percent were on probation and parole. Probationers numbered 55,245 and parolees accounted for 9,926.

The remaining 25 percent of offenders were in state operated prisons or housed in out-of-state, contracted facilities.

*Source: Wisconsin Department of Corrections*