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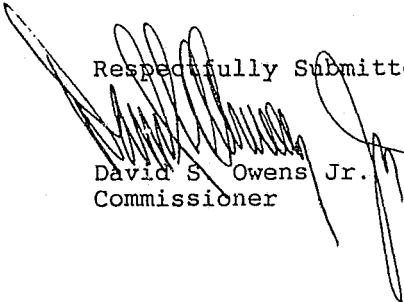
To the Citizens of Pennsylvania:

Since 1980, the state's inmate population has increased at an unparalleled rate. The state's prison population on January 1, 1980 was 7,806 and on December 31, 1987 the population had soared to 16,302, a 109% increase. The annual statistical report has been produced to help you, the reader, better understand the characteristics and management of the Department of Corrections.

This report provides a statistical representation of offenders admitted to, incarcerated in, and released from the Department. We are hopeful that the tables and charts presented in the following pages will be informative, useful, and provide you with a better understanding of the challenges encountered by the Department.

The information contained within this report provides you and I with an accurate means of assessing the size and scope of the task at hand. The data also provides an opportunity to view and anticipate future needs within the entire Pennsylvania criminal justice system and, particularly, within the Department of Corrections.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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# HIGHLIGHTS

## SECTION I

A decrease in court commitments during the last three years has been offset by an increase in parole violators.

From 1980 to 1987, the major contributing counties to state correctional institutions in terms of court commitments were Philadelphia (8,441 or 34%), Allegheny (2,981 or 12%), Montgomery (1,272 or 5%), Dauphin (906 or 4%) and Erie (894 or 4%). Allegheny county committed an additional 3,187 or 48% to the Regional Correctional Facilities at Greensburg and Mercer.

## SECTION II

The inmate population in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) increased 109% from 7,806 to 16,302 since January 1, 1980, while the civilian population remained constant.

On December 31, 1987, the Pennsylvania DOC was operating at 131% of designed capacity.

Since December 31, 1980, the number of long-term inmates, those serving minimum sentences exceeding ten years, increased 125% from 1,263 to 2,845.

Although the percentage of lifers to total inmate population has remained constant at 10% since 1980, the number of lifers has doubled from 848 to 1,674.

The inmate population is getting older. On December 31, the percentage of inmates under 25 years of age decreased from 30% or 2,467 in 1980 to 18% or 2,891 in 1987.

At the close of 1987, 63% or 10,343 of inmates confined in the Department were convicted of assaultive offenses.

Female populations in the Department increased 143% from 280 on December 31, 1980 to 680 on December 31, 1987. Female court commitments increased 78% from 163 in 1980 to 290 in 1987.

## SECTION III

Based on paroling actions by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, the percentage of paroles granted decreased from 81% in 1980 to 64% in 1987.

The average time served by inmates released from the Department in 1987 was 33 months.

## SECTION IV

While the inmate population doubled during the 1980's, inmate escapes declined from 91 in 1980 to 77 in 1987.

**SECTION**

**1**

*Receptions*

This section presents the receptions to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections from 1980-1987. Receptions include: (1) court commitments, that is, defendants convicted and sentenced to state correctional facilities by county criminal courts, (2) parole violators returned by state and local paroling authorities, and (3) county prison transfers from local correctional facilities. This section provides information about the committing county, the age, race and sex of those committed, the crimes for which the inmates were committed and the length of their sentence.

TABLE 1

**1987 RECEPTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS BY COMMITTING COUNTY**

Counties	Court Commitments			Parole Violators			County Prison Transfers	Total Admissions	Percent of Total
	State Corr. Institutions	Regional Corr. Facilities	Total	State	County	Total			
Adams	15	0	15	3	0	3	0	18	0.30
Allegheny	503	166	669	266	13	279	0	948	15.87
Armstrong	8	1	9	8	0	8	0	17	0.29
Beaver	31	0	31	16	0	16	0	47	0.79
Bedford	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	3	0.05
Berks	77	0	77	61	0	61	2	140	2.34
Blair	36	0	36	11	0	11	0	47	0.79
Bradford	11	0	11	1	0	1	0	12	0.20
Bucks	74	0	74	32	0	32	2	108	1.81
Butler	25	0	25	13	0	13	0	38	0.64
Cambria	21	0	21	10	0	10	0	31	0.52
Cameron	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.03
Carbon	12	0	12	3	0	3	0	15	0.25
Centre	10	0	10	8	0	8	0	18	0.30
Chester	45	0	45	13	0	13	0	58	0.97
Clarion	4	0	4	2	0	2	0	6	0.10
Clearfield	27	0	27	10	0	10	0	37	0.62
Clinton	20	0	20	4	0	4	0	24	0.40
Columbia	6	0	6	6	0	6	0	12	0.20
Crawford	49	0	49	7	0	7	0	56	0.94
Cumberland	47	0	47	21	0	21	1	69	1.16
Dauphin	106	0	106	95	0	95	0	201	3.36
Delaware	83	0	83	41	0	41	0	124	2.08
Elk	8	0	8	2	0	2	0	10	0.17
Erie	175	5	180	72	1	73	9	262	4.39
Fayette	36	0	36	7	0	7	0	43	0.72
Forest	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.07
Franklin	39	0	39	15	0	15	0	54	0.90
Fulton	8	0	8	3	0	3	0	11	0.18
Greene	14	0	14	3	0	3	0	17	0.29
Huntingdon	10	0	10	3	0	3	0	13	0.22
Indiana	14	0	14	6	0	6	0	20	0.33
Jefferson	4	0	4	3	0	3	0	7	0.12
Juniata	5	0	5	1	0	1	0	6	0.10
Lackawanna	58	0	58	19	0	19	0	77	1.29
Lancaster	77	0	77	42	0	42	2	121	2.03
Lawrence	33	4	37	9	0	9	0	46	0.77
Lebanon	39	0	39	6	0	6	0	45	0.75
Lehigh	58	0	58	17	0	17	0	75	1.26
Luzerne	13	0	13	20	0	20	1	34	0.57
Lycoming	52	0	52	22	0	22	0	74	1.24
McKean	9	0	9	1	0	1	0	10	0.17
Mercer	67	2	69	21	1	22	0	91	1.52
Mifflin	10	0	10	3	0	3	0	13	0.22
Monroe	24	0	24	6	0	6	0	30	0.50
Montgomery	123	0	123	119	0	119	2	244	4.08
Montour	2	0	2	3	0	3	0	5	0.08
Northampton	38	0	38	12	0	12	1	51	0.85
Northumberland	50	0	50	23	0	23	0	73	1.22
Perry	10	0	10	11	0	11	0	21	0.35
Philadelphia	1,155	0	1,155	902	0	902	0	2,057	34.43
Pike	18	0	18	2	0	2	0	20	0.33
Potter	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.05
Schuylkill	11	0	11	6	0	6	1	18	0.30
Snyder	14	0	14	4	0	4	0	18	0.30
Somerset	7	0	7	6	0	6	0	13	0.22
Sullivan	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.03
Susquehanna	6	0	6	4	0	4	0	10	0.17
Tioga	37	0	37	6	0	6	0	43	0.72
Union	6	0	6	1	0	1	0	7	0.12
Venango	17	0	17	1	0	1	0	18	0.30
Warren	17	0	17	2	0	2	0	19	0.32
Washington	30	0	30	6	0	6	0	36	0.60
Wayne	9	0	9	2	0	2	0	11	0.18
Westmoreland	48	0	48	23	0	23	0	71	1.19
Wyoming	5	0	5	5	0	5	0	10	0.17
York	70	0	70	42	0	42	0	112	1.87
Others	11	7	18	0	0	0	0	18	0.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,660</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>3,845</b>	<b>2,093</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2,108</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5,974</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## TRENDS

During the past three years, the number of court commitments declined, while the number of parole violators returned to state facilities increased. The reduction in court commitments may be attributed to two factors: (1) changing the classification of the Greensburg Facility from a regional to a state correctional institution, and (2) the periodic cap on new county receptions to the Mercer Regional Correctional Facility. As a result, there has been a reduction in the reception of inmates serving a county sentence to the Department of Corrections. (A county sentence is a period of incarceration less than two years.) The following table and bar graph summarize receptions to the Department from 1980 to 1987.

TABLE 2

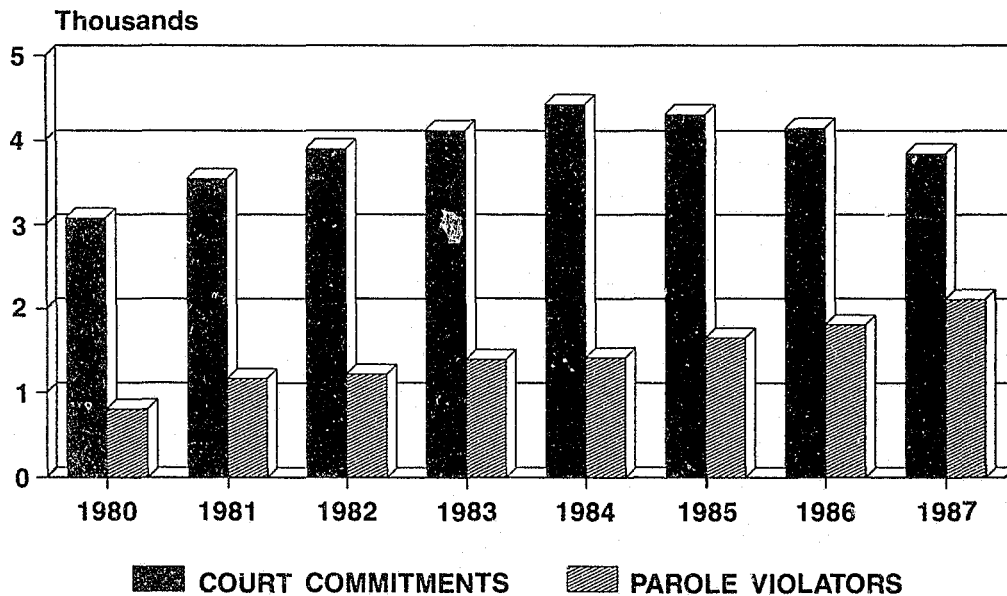
### RECEPTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, 1980 TO 1987

	COURT COMMITMENTS		PAROLE VIOLATORS		County Prison Transfers	Total Admissions
	State Corr. Instit.	Reg. Corr. Facilities	State	County		
1980 .....	2,206	877	762	44	75	3,964
1981 .....	2,674	877	1,121	50	45	4,767
1982 .....	3,032	873	1,180	44	38	5,167
1983 .....	3,219	903	1,343	54	40	5,559
1984 .....	3,316	1,112	1,361	53	32	5,874
1985 .....	3,168	1,138	1,582	69	26	5,983
1986 .....	3,455	690	1,748	56	16	5,965
1987 .....	3,660	185	2,093	15	21	5,974

**NOTE:** On May 1, 1986, The State Regional Correctional Facility at Greensburg was changed to a State Correctional Institution, leaving Mercer as the only Regional Correctional Facility within the Department.

TABLE 3

### RECEPTIONS BY TYPE 1980 TO 1987





## COURT COMMITMENTS

Since 1980, 24,730 county court commitments were received in state correctional institutions and an additional 6,655 were received in regional correctional facilities. The following table lists all 67 counties and the number of commitments from each for 1980-1987.

TABLE 4

### COURT COMMITMENTS RECEIVED IN STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 1980 TO 1987

Counties	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1980-87 Total	Percent of Total
Adams	5	16	9	7	9	3	15	15	79	0.32
Allegheny	249	270	272	350	425	428	484	503	2,981	12.05
Armstrong	6	13	4	13	7	3	7	8	61	0.25
Beaver	24	22	23	19	25	23	21	31	188	0.76
Bedford	4	2	3	8	2	0	3	2	24	0.10
Berks	58	69	95	109	122	68	64	77	662	2.68
Blair	17	7	25	20	20	12	24	36	161	0.65
Bradford	4	6	3	9	8	11	7	11	59	0.24
Bucks	43	54	81	67	69	88	85	74	561	2.27
Butler	22	10	18	15	17	15	15	25	137	0.55
Cambria	10	22	22	16	21	20	11	21	143	0.58
Cameron	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	2	9	0.04
Carbon	3	6	6	5	5	10	11	12	58	0.23
Centre	13	9	16	14	10	19	18	10	109	0.44
Chester	32	46	37	31	48	34	38	45	311	1.26
Clarion	0	3	0	2	3	8	4	4	24	0.10
Clearfield	16	15	12	17	21	22	30	27	160	0.65
Clinton	14	15	13	18	12	11	16	20	119	0.48
Columbia	10	19	12	8	10	3	11	6	79	0.32
Crawford	25	30	22	30	24	28	33	49	241	0.97
Cumberland	22	30	28	26	24	25	31	47	233	0.94
Dauphin	83	141	143	96	111	109	117	106	906	3.66
Delaware	51	79	100	97	63	72	63	83	608	2.46
Elk	2	0	2	5	7	7	4	8	35	0.14
Erie	80	74	91	113	83	94	184	175	894	3.62
Fayette	24	29	35	28	41	30	52	36	275	1.11
Forest	2	2	4	1	0	2	1	4	16	0.06
Franklin	16	27	22	19	13	13	21	39	170	0.69
Fulton	0	5	5	4	2	4	12	8	40	0.16
Greene	12	7	7	10	11	15	16	14	92	0.37
Huntingdon	3	7	13	4	12	5	5	10	59	0.24
Indiana	4	6	4	7	12	9	9	14	65	0.26
Jefferson	1	0	3	4	3	1	3	4	19	0.08
Juniata	2	5	2	3	7	1	13	5	38	0.15
Lackawanna	18	38	43	50	57	58	49	58	371	1.50
Lancaster	79	51	66	66	68	59	67	77	533	2.16
Lawrence	7	22	20	17	15	12	14	33	140	0.57
Lebanon	13	7	17	16	27	25	34	39	178	0.72
Lehigh	27	25	21	23	31	24	59	58	268	1.08
Luzerne	28	31	36	31	25	27	28	13	219	0.89
Lycoming	48	56	48	67	38	40	64	52	413	1.67
McKean	1	6	6	16	4	3	5	9	50	0.20
Mercer	39	25	31	31	27	24	54	67	298	1.21
Mifflin	10	20	13	4	19	14	12	10	102	0.41
Monroe	8	6	14	7	18	19	12	24	108	0.44
Montgomery	166	201	210	177	147	148	100	123	1,272	5.14
Montour	1	1	3	4	3	3	1	2	18	0.07
Northampton	10	39	46	35	27	24	20	38	239	0.97
Northumberland	36	25	33	24	26	24	32	50	250	1.01
Perry	4	6	9	21	9	9	12	10	80	0.32
Philadelphia	640	834	1,041	1,198	1,244	1,166	1,163	1,155	8,441	34.13
Pike	3	3	8	6	10	5	11	18	64	0.26
Potter	6	1	3	1	4	3	5	3	26	0.11
Schuylkill	7	7	9	15	10	7	16	11	82	0.33
Snyder	4	5	2	5	9	10	6	14	55	0.22
Somerset	18	15	13	16	19	5	11	7	104	0.42
Sullivan	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	8	0.03
Susquehanna	2	9	6	7	5	4	7	6	46	0.19
Tioga	14	30	32	26	30	16	29	37	214	0.87
Union	8	4	9	6	7	7	7	6	54	0.22
Venango	8	8	8	3	13	6	9	17	72	0.29
Warren	6	17	7	9	6	9	9	17	80	0.32
Washington	18	24	17	23	25	13	29	30	179	0.72
Wayne	5	5	9	15	8	5	13	9	69	0.28
Westmoreland	19	34	18	31	38	41	61	48	290	1.17
Wyoming	7	10	8	7	19	16	5	5	77	0.31
York	42	51	73	71	67	121	71	70	566	2.29
Others	43	11	18	15	12	27	11	11	148	0.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,206</b>	<b>2,674</b>	<b>3,032</b>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>3,168</b>	<b>3,455</b>	<b>3,660</b>	<b>24,730</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Note: This table does not include court commitments to the State Regional Correctional Facilities at Greensburg and Mercer.

The following table presents court commitments received in state regional correctional facilities (Mercer and Greensburg until May 1, 1986) by committing county from 1980 to 1987.

TABLE 5  
**COURT COMMITMENTS RECEIVED IN STATE REGIONAL  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES FROM 1980 TO 1987  
BY COMMITTING COUNTY**

County	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Total	Percent of Total
Allegheny.....	346	350	391	433	567	598	336	166	3,187	47.89
Armstrong.....	11	8	1	10	0	7	1	1	39	0.59
Beaver.....	26	31	21	24	9	17	6	0	134	2.01
Butler.....	22	27	33	19	25	13	10	0	149	2.24
Cameron.....	2	3	5	6	4	0	3	0	23	0.34
Clarion.....	19	5	5	14	14	13	5	0	75	1.13
Clearfield.....	23	13	16	18	19	26	15	0	130	1.95
Crawford.....	23	28	34	23	7	16	10	0	141	2.12
Elk.....	4	10	5	9	7	8	1	0	44	0.66
Erie.....	58	89	93	65	84	109	105	5	608	9.13
Fayette.....	47	28	28	27	39	45	19	0	233	3.50
Forest.....	4	4	6	2	3	2	2	0	23	0.34
Greene.....	11	10	5	5	2	11	7	0	51	0.77
Indiana.....	4	9	4	13	13	10	5	0	58	0.87
Jefferson.....	19	8	7	2	5	4	4	0	49	0.74
Lawrence.....	18	31	30	23	48	26	24	4	204	3.07
McKean.....	4	4	14	10	9	14	5	0	60	0.90
Mercer.....	53	45	39	46	47	61	37	2	330	4.96
Potter.....	6	16	11	9	8	0	1	0	51	0.77
Venango.....	19	15	20	17	30	16	5	0	122	1.83
Warren.....	8	22	9	8	18	6	2	0	73	1.10
Washington.....	41	42	21	23	30	20	8	0	185	2.78
Westmoreland.....	97	77	74	96	120	111	73	0	648	9.74
Others.....	12	2	1	1	4	5	6	7	38	0.57
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>1,112</b>	<b>1,138</b>	<b>690</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>6,655</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## MAJOR CONTRIBUTING COUNTIES

Since 1980, 70.5% of all court commitments to state correctional institutions were received from ten counties. Four of these ten counties are located in the densely populated southeastern corner of Pennsylvania. The two major contributing counties were Philadelphia at 34.1% and Allegheny at 12.0%.

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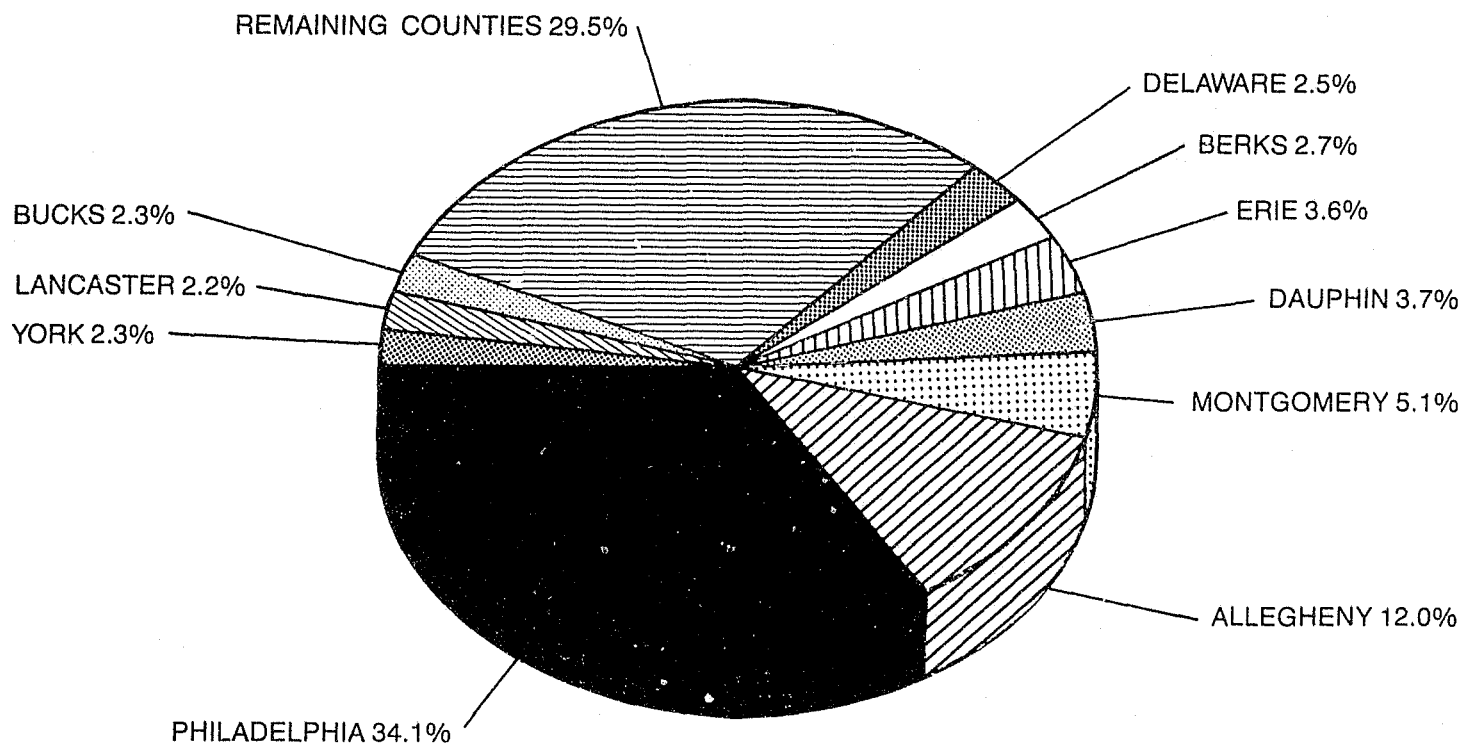
### TEN HIGHEST COUNTIES COMMITTING INMATES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, 1980 TO 1987

County	1980-1987 Total	Percent of State Total
1 Philadelphia .....	8,441	34.1
2 Allegheny .....	2,981	12.0
3 Montgomery .....	1,272	5.1
4 Dauphin .....	906	3.7
5 Erie .....	894	3.6
6 Berks .....	662	2.7
7 Delaware .....	608	2.5
8 York .....	566	2.3
9 Bucks .....	561	2.3
10 Lancaster .....	533	2.2
Sub-Total .....	17,424	70.5
Remaining Counties .....	7,306	29.5
<b>State Total .....</b>	<b>24,730</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Excludes state regional correctional facilities.

TABLE 7

### COMMITMENTS BY COUNTY TO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, 1980 - 1987



Excludes state regional correctional facilities.

In addition to committing 12.0% of all court commitments to state correctional institutions, Allegheny County also committed 47.9% of all inmates received in the regional correctional facilities since 1980. The following is a table and pie chart depicting all court commitments to regional facilities for the period 1980-1987.

TABLE 8

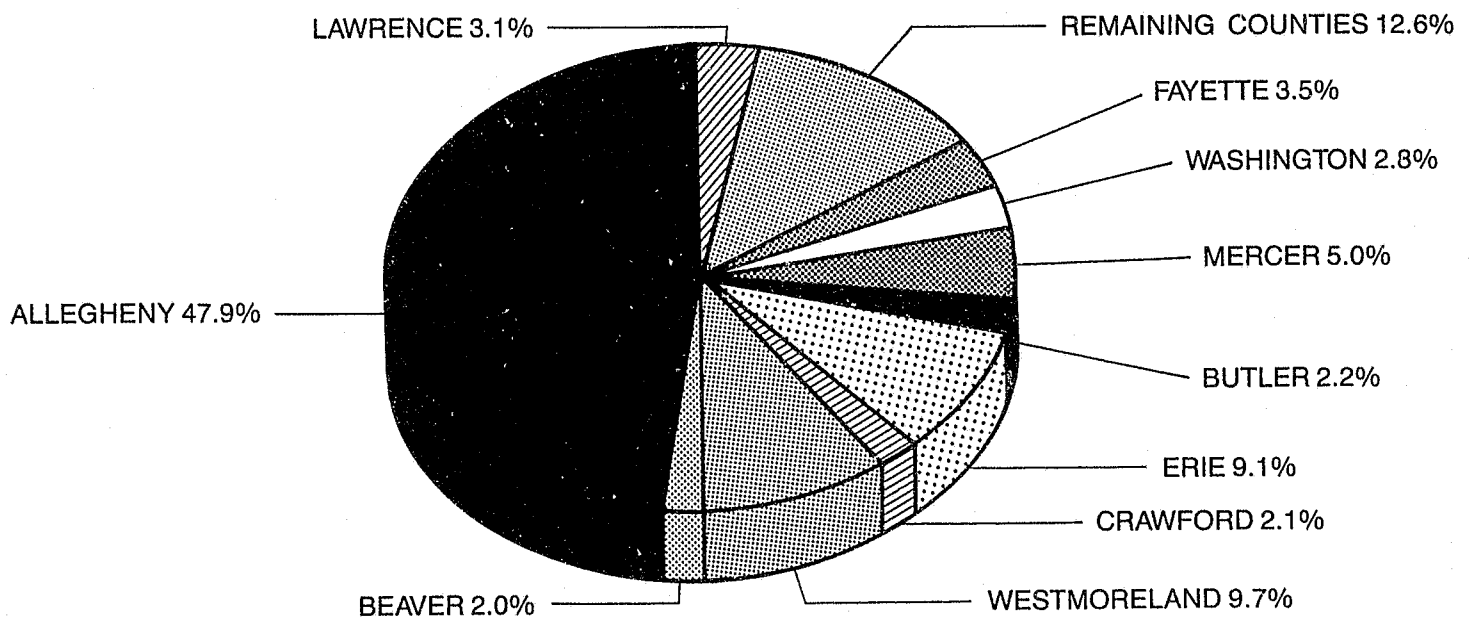
**TEN HIGHEST COUNTIES COMMITTING INMATES TO STATE REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, 1980 TO 1987**

Rank	County	1980 to 1987 Total	Percent of State Total
1	Allegheny .....	3,187	47.9
2	Westmoreland.....	648	9.7
3	Erie .....	608	9.1
4	Mercer.....	330	5.0
5	Fayette .....	233	3.5
6	Lawrence .....	204	3.1
7	Washington.....	185	2.8
8	Butler.....	149	2.2
9	Crawford.....	141	2.1
10	Beaver.....	134	2.0
	Sub-total .....	5,819	87.4
	Remaining counties .....	836	12.6
	<b>State total.....</b>	<b>6,655</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: Only counties located within Common Human Services Regions 5 and 6 commit short-term commitments to Greensburg and Mercer.

TABLE 9

**COMMITMENTS BY COUNTY TO REGIONAL FACILITIES, 1980 - 1987**



## AGE, RACE AND SEX

The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections is now receiving older individuals. It appears this trend will continue due to the advent of the sentencing guidelines and mandatory sentencing. During the period 1980-1987, the median age of court commitments to the Department increased from 25.8 to 28.6. Similarly, the average age increased from 28.1 in 1980 to 30.1 in 1987. The percent of receptions who were under 25 years of age decreased from 46.4% in 1980 to 32.4% in 1987, while the percent of receptions 40 years of age and over increased from 10% to 14.3%.

TABLE 10

### COURT COMMITMENTS RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 1980 TO 1987, BY AGE

Age	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Total	Percent of Total
Under 18 .....	40	53	78	41	31	27	24	24	318	1.0
18 to 20 .....	547	660	632	647	631	566	493	397	4,573	14.8
21 to 24 .....	827	964	1,062	1,066	1,125	1,015	930	807	7,796	25.2
25 to 29 .....	715	801	890	985	1,054	1,011	924	917	7,297	23.6
30 to 34 .....	407	484	561	614	732	716	716	659	4,889	15.8
35 to 39 .....	203	229	310	340	390	424	466	448	2,810	9.1
40 to 44 .....	127	125	163	181	190	194	252	245	1,477	4.8
45 to 49 .....	87	77	80	79	94	123	123	152	815	2.6
50 to 54 .....	42	41	43	61	54	63	67	63	434	1.4
55 to 59 .....	34	27	19	36	36	58	44	37	291	0.9
60 to 64 .....	12	19	13	18	23	26	32	30	173	0.6
65 and over .....	4	10	3	5	17	14	10	16	79	0.2
Unknown .....	38	61	51	49	51	69	64	50	433	—
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>3,551</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>4,122</b>	<b>4,428</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>4,145</b>	<b>3,845</b>	<b>31,385</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Median .....	25.8	25.4	24.9	26.4	26.9	27.5	28.0	28.6	26.9	—
Average .....	28.1	27.7	27.9	28.4	28.3	29.5	30.1	30.1	28.8	—
Percent under 25. ....	46.4	48.1	46.0	43.1	40.8	38.0	35.5	32.4	41.0	—
Percent 40 & over ....	10.0	8.6	8.3	9.3	9.5	11.3	12.9	14.3	10.6	—

The percent of white court commitments decreased from 56.3% in 1980 to 51.7% in 1987. This decrease was accompanied by a corresponding increase in the percent of non-white commitments from 43.7% to 48.3%.

Although the number of male court commitments increased from 1980 to 1987, the percent of male court commitments decreased from 94.7% in 1980 to 92.5% in 1987. On the contrary, female court commitments increased 77.9% from 163 in 1980 to 290 in 1987.

TABLE 11  
**PROFILE OF COURT COMMITMENTS RECEIVED  
IN 1980 BY AGE, RACE & SEX**

Age at Reception	RACE		SEX		Total	PERCENT	
	White	Non-White	Male	Female		White	Male
Under 18 .....	18	22	40	0	40	45.0	100.0
18 to 20 .....	337	210	531	16	547	61.6	97.1
21 to 24 .....	510	317	803	24	827	61.7	97.1
25 to 29 .....	381	334	671	44	715	53.3	93.8
30 to 34 .....	187	220	378	29	407	45.9	92.9
35 to 39 .....	113	90	186	17	203	55.7	91.6
40 to 44 .....	62	65	113	14	127	48.8	89.0
45 to 49 .....	47	40	82	5	87	54.0	94.3
50 to 54 .....	29	13	41	1	42	69.0	97.6
55 to 59 .....	20	14	31	3	34	58.8	91.2
60 to 64 .....	5	7	12	0	12	41.7	100.0
65 and over .....	3	1	2	2	4	75.0	50.0
Unkown .....	24	14	30	8	38	63.2	78.9
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,736</b>	<b>1,347</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>94.7</b>
Median Age .....	24.9	26.8	25.5	29.3	25.8	-	-
Average Age .....	27.7	28.6	27.9	31.3	28.1	-	-
Percent under 25 .....	50.5	41.2	47.5	25.8	46.4	-	-
Percent 40 & over .....	9.7	10.5	9.7	16.1	10.1	-	-

TABLE 12  
**PROFILE OF COURT COMMITMENTS RECEIVED  
IN 1987 BY AGE, RACE & SEX**

Age at Reception	RACE		SEX		Total	PERCENT	
	White	Non-White	Male	Female		White	Male
Under 18 .....	11	13	23	1	24	45.8	95.8
18 to 20 .....	208	189	377	20	397	52.4	95.0
21 to 24 .....	390	417	764	43	807	48.3	94.7
25 to 29 .....	457	460	844	73	917	49.8	92.0
30 to 34 .....	335	324	596	63	659	50.8	90.4
35 to 39 .....	243	205	411	37	448	54.2	91.7
40 to 44 .....	122	123	223	22	245	49.8	91.0
45 to 49 .....	101	51	134	18	152	66.4	88.2
50 to 54 .....	33	30	61	2	63	52.4	96.8
55 to 59 .....	25	12	36	1	37	67.6	97.3
60 to 64 .....	16	14	28	2	30	53.3	93.3
65 and over .....	9	7	15	1	16	56.2	93.8
Unkown .....	38	12	43	7	50	76.0	86.0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>3,845</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>92.5</b>
Median Age .....	29.0	28.3	28.5	30.4	28.6	—	—
Average Age .....	31.0	30.2	30.5	31.7	30.6	—	—
Percent under 25 .....	31.2	33.6	33.1	22.6	32.4	—	—
Percent 40 & over .....	15.7	12.8	14.2	16.3	14.3	—	—

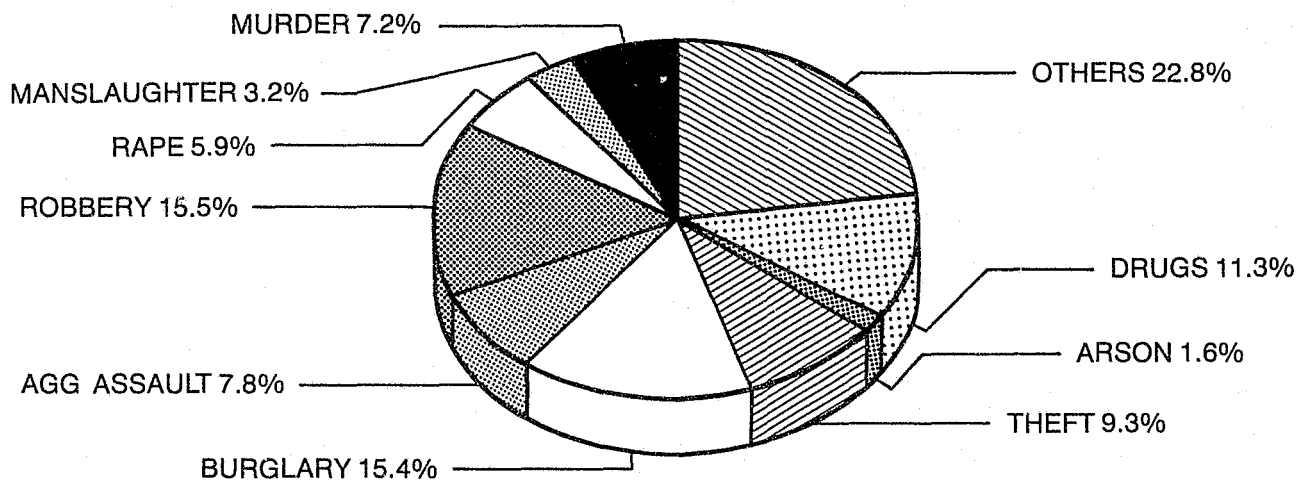
## OFFENSE

Since 1980, 70.1% of all court commitments were sentenced for the perpetration of the following offenses: murder, manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, and arson. Most commitments received were convicted for burglary at 19.4% and robbery at 18.7%.

**TABLE 13**  
**COURT COMMITMENTS RECEIVED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
**CORRECTIONS, 1980 TO 1987, BY OFFENSE**

Crime Index Offenses	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Total	Percent of Total
<b>Murder</b>										
1st degree	55	72	69	92	91	72	89	80	620	2.01
2nd degree	33	44	43	44	38	24	27	31	284	0.92
3rd degree	136	158	131	140	158	143	130	136	1,132	3.66
Unspecified	12	22	29	15	21	27	29	30	185	0.60
<b>Manslaughter</b>										
Voluntary	53	50	49	50	44	52	52	49	399	1.29
Involuntary	27	38	41	50	31	30	22	42	281	0.91
Homicide by motor vehicle	—	—	—	—	9	21	27	30	87	0.23
Forcible rape	156	130	166	161	195	204	241	228	1,481	4.79
Robbery	589	774	808	754	860	726	660	595	5,766	18.65
Aggravated assault	194	206	234	267	283	326	314	300	2,124	6.87
Burglary	596	776	830	890	873	765	678	593	6,001	19.41
Theft-larceny	267	268	356	405	445	429	353	356	2,879	9.32
Arson	41	48	43	71	57	59	56	61	436	1.41
<b>Total crime index offenses</b>	<b>2,159</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>2,799</b>	<b>2,939</b>	<b>3,105</b>	<b>2,878</b>	<b>2,678</b>	<b>2,531</b>	<b>21,675</b>	<b>79.12</b>
<b>Part II Offenses</b>										
Other assaults	88	100	107	112	108	129	121	80	845	2.73
Forgery	62	63	71	101	85	83	103	73	641	2.07
Fraud	44	56	59	58	65	38	51	39	410	1.33
Receiving stolen property	111	133	144	143	150	167	121	107	1,076	3.48
Weapons	34	33	49	48	48	59	56	35	362	1.17
Drunken driving	25	23	36	45	64	58	65	34	350	1.13
Prison breach	59	43	48	38	54	30	54	45	371	1.20
Conspiracy	28	45	57	67	94	89	65	38	483	1.56
Kidnapping	17	20	12	20	22	18	19	18	146	0.47
Statutory rape	14	14	13	13	22	24	13	11	124	0.40
Deviate sexual intercourse	37	32	41	63	81	127	150	145	676	2.19
Other sex offenses	48	28	37	28	57	49	51	53	351	1.14
Narcotic drug laws	202	220	275	286	304	346	401	436	2,470	7.99
Other Part II offenses	112	102	95	110	119	133	127	135	933	3.02
<b>Total Part II Offenses</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,249</b>	<b>9,238</b>	<b>29.88</b>
Unknown	43	53	62	51	49	78	70	65	471	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,083</b>	<b>3,551</b>	<b>3,905</b>	<b>4,122</b>	<b>4,427</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>4,145</b>	<b>3,845</b>	<b>31,384</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**TABLE 14**  
**COMMITMENTS RECEIVED BY OFFENSE 1987**



## SENTENCE

Excluding lifers, 1987 court commitments received an average minimum sentence of 3.36 years and an average maximum sentence of 8.45 years. In both cases, male court commitments received longer sentences than female court commitments.

TABLE 15  
**COURT COMMITMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
DURING 1987, BY MINIMUM SENTENCE AND SEX**

Minimum Sentence:	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total
1 year and under . . . . .	731	21.8	111	42.2	842	23.3
Over 1 to 2 years . . . . .	862	25.7	70	26.7	932	25.7
Over 2 to 3 years . . . . .	624	18.6	34	13.0	658	18.2
Over 3 to 5 years . . . . .	696	20.7	29	11.0	725	20.0
Over 5 to 10 years . . . . .	339	10.1	18	6.9	357	9.9
Over 10 to 20 years . . . . .	71	2.1	0	0.0	71	2.0
Over 20 years . . . . .	34	1.0	0	0.0	34	0.9
<b>Total*</b> . . . . .	<b>3,357</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,619</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Average min. sentence (yrs) . . . . .	3.45	—	2.13	—	3.36	—

\* Does not include lifers, other classes of sentences with no minimum term, and inmates released to a detainer sentence.

TABLE 16  
**COURT COMMITMENTS BY MINIMUM SENTENCE 1987**

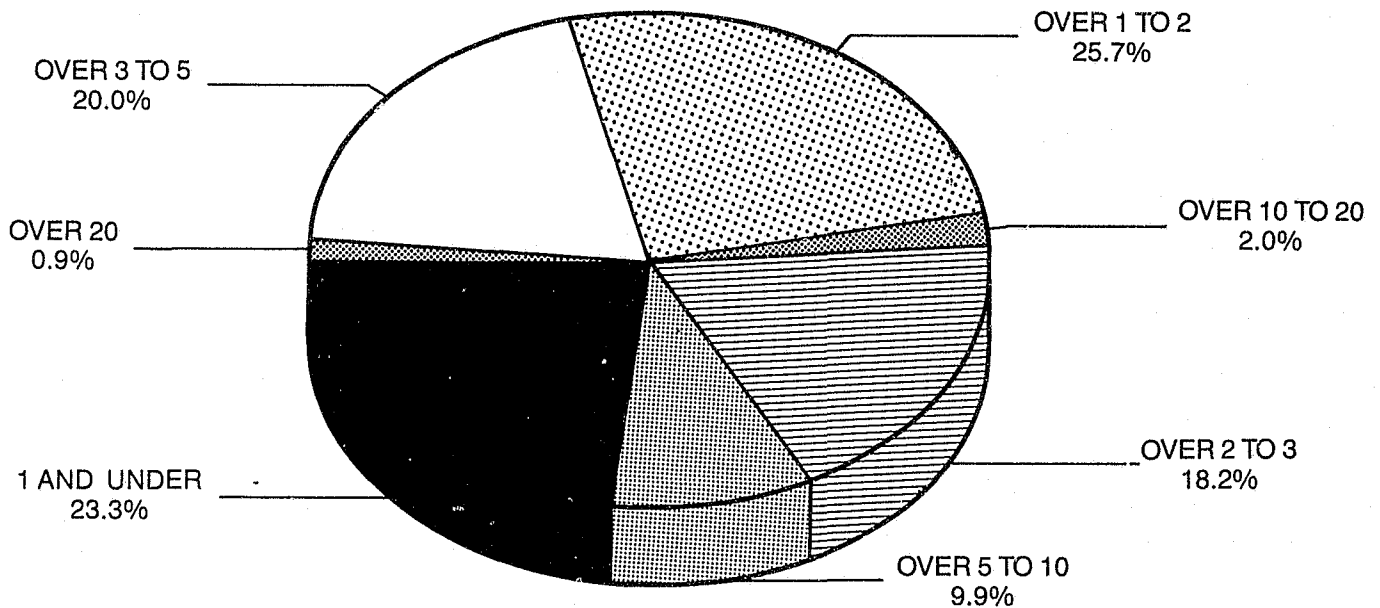




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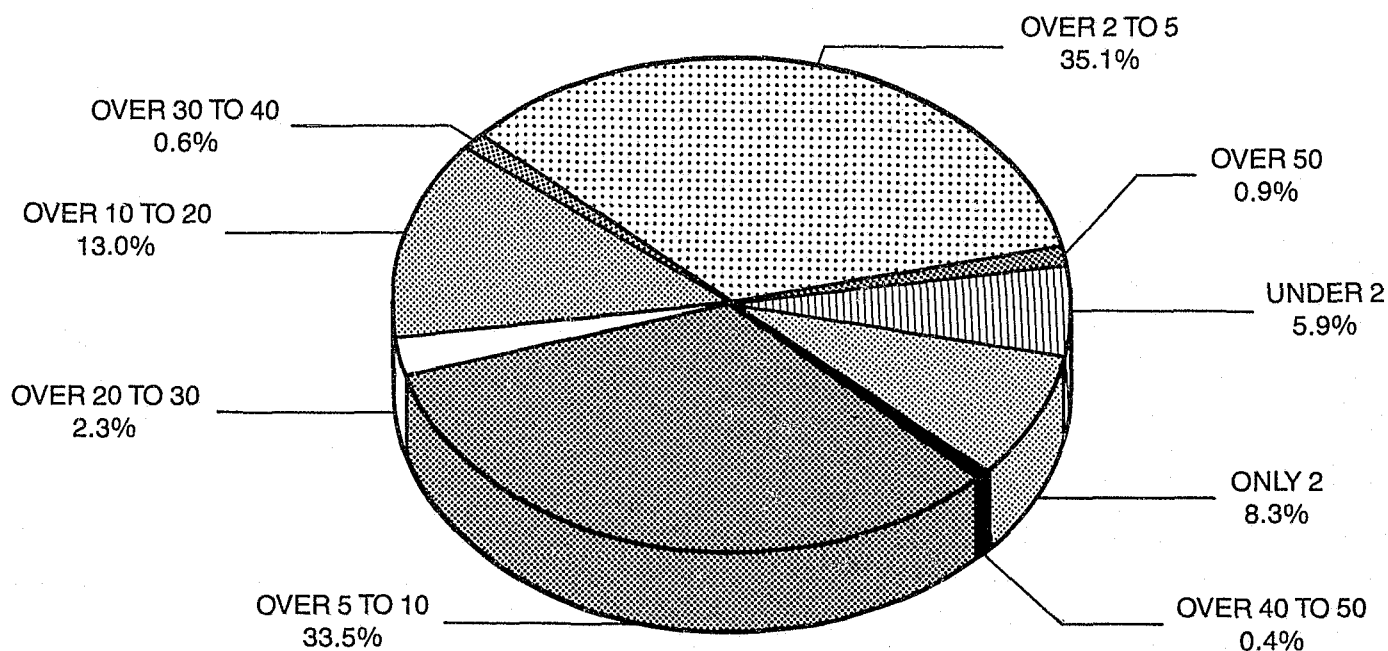
**COURT COMMITMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
DURING 1987, BY MAXIMUM SENTENCE AND SEX**

Maximum Sentence:	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total
Under 2 years . . . . .	182	5.4	32	12.2	214	5.9
Two years only . . . . .	269	8.0	33	12.5	302	8.3
Over 2 to 5 years . . . . .	1,162	34.5	113	43.0	1,275	35.1
Over 5 to 10 years . . . . .	1,156	34.4	59	22.4	1,215	33.5
Over 10 to 20 years . . . . .	448	13.3	24	9.1	472	13.0
Over 20 to 30 years . . . . .	82	2.4	1	0.4	83	2.3
Over 30 to 40 years . . . . .	21	0.6	0	0.0	21	0.6
Over 40 to 50 years . . . . .	13	0.4	1	0.4	14	0.4
Over 50 years . . . . .	33	0.1	0	0.0	33	0.9
<b>Total*</b> . . . . .	<b>3,366</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,629</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Average max. sentence (yrs) . . . . .	8.67	—	5.61	—	8.45	—

\* Does not include lifers, capital cases, federal inmates and inmates released to a detainer sentence.

TABLE 18

**COURT COMMITMENTS BY MAXIMUM SENTENCE 1987**



## LIFERS

Since 1980, the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections received 944 inmates who were sentenced to life without parole. This group represents approximately 10% of the inmate population. A profile of these lifers shows that the majority were: from Philadelphia County (52.5%), between the ages of 20 and 24 (27.0%), non-white (60.4%), and male (94.9%).

TABLE 19

### PROFILE OF LIFERS RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 1980 TO 1987

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Total	Percent of Total
<b>Committing County:</b>										
Philadelphia.....	45	50	46	88	78	50	79	60	496	52.5
Allegheny.....	6	19	16	9	11	15	11	13	100	10.6
Lebanon.....	3	5	10	6	3	4	2	4	37	3.9
Bucks.....	4	8	4	1	6	3	3	4	33	3.5
Dauphin.....	2	6	3	0	6	11	2	1	31	3.3
Chester.....	2	5	3	1	3	1	2	3	20	2.1
Berks.....	1	2	0	5	4	3	1	1	17	1.8
York.....	2	1	2	4	3	2	1	2	17	1.8
Fayette.....	1	3	3	0	2	0	0	3	12	1.3
Lancaster.....	4	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	12	1.3
Blair.....	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	5	11	1.2
Montgomery.....	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	4	11	1.2
Erie.....	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	3	10	1.0
Remaining Counties....	14	24	18	16	14	19	17	15	137	14.5
<b>Age:</b>										
Under 20.....	6	13	18	15	5	6	5	10	78	8.3
20-24.....	27	37	24	37	48	26	30	26	255	27.0
25-29.....	28	28	23	38	32	28	30	29	236	25.0
30-34.....	9	21	20	20	26	15	27	18	156	16.5
35-39.....	9	8	12	10	12	19	10	19	99	10.5
40-44.....	4	7	5	8	7	6	11	6	54	5.7
45 and over.....	3	12	9	4	6	11	10	11	66	7.0
Average.....	27.7	29.1	28.9	28.1	28.8	31.1	30.8	30.3	29.4	—
<b>Race:</b>										
White.....	30	57	47	46	55	47	41	51	374	39.6
Non-white.....	56	69	64	86	81	64	82	68	570	60.4
<b>Sex:</b>										
Male.....	86	119	105	127	128	104	117	110	896	94.9
Female.....	0	7	6	5	8	7	6	9	48	5.1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**SECTION**

**2**

*Inmate  
Population*

A major concern of correctional administrators is the rapid growth of the inmate population in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, during the 1980's. From January 1, 1980 to December 31, 1987, the inmate population increased 108.8% from 7,806 to 16,302 respectively. This section addresses various aspects of the inmate population, such as, incarceration rates, population trends, population versus capacity, sentence status and length, and demographic profiles.

### INCARCERATION RATE

The ratio of inmates per 100,000 civilian population has nearly doubled from 69.5 on December 31, 1980 to 136.6 on December 31, 1987. The subsequent table and bar graph present a comparison of the civilian population to the inmate population for 1980 to 1987.

TABLE 20

#### COMPARISON OF CIVILIAN AND INMATE POPULATIONS 1980 TO 1987

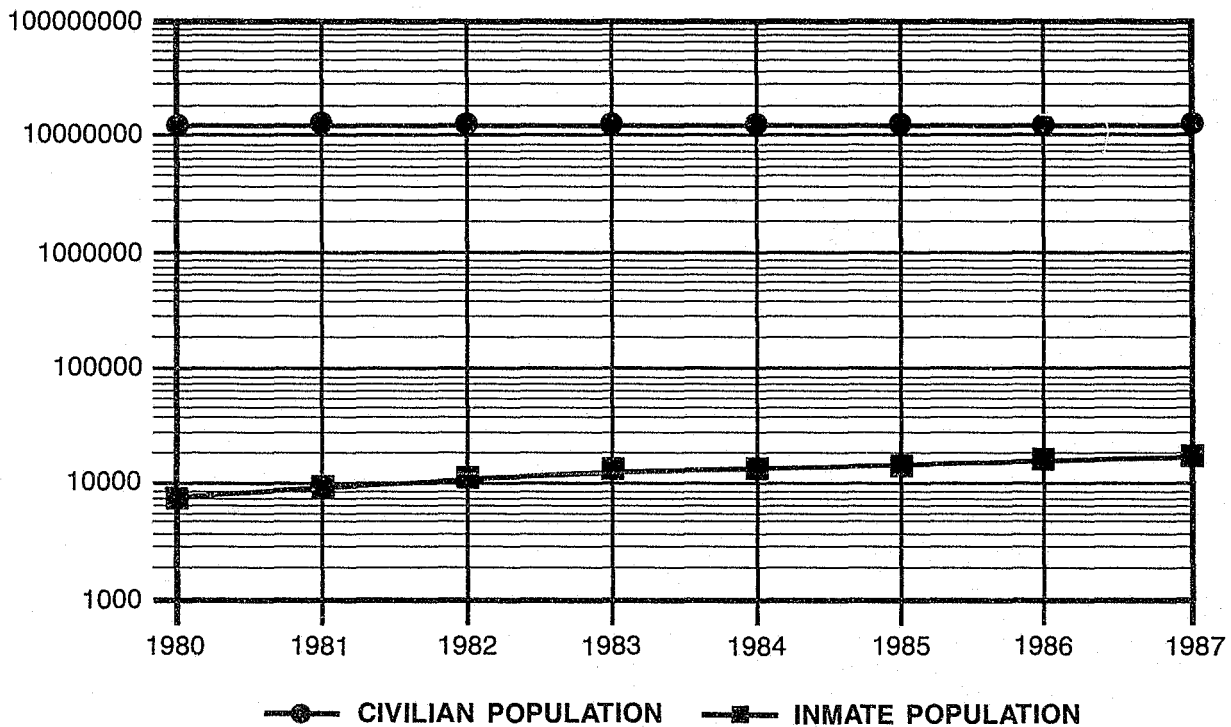
	CIVILIAN POPULATION	INMATE POPULATION*	RATE PER 100,000
1980 .....	11,863,895	8,243	69.5
1981 .....	11,879,200	9,420	79.3
1982 .....	11,882,500	10,572	89.0
1983 .....	11,894,500	11,798	99.2
1984 .....	11,891,300	13,126	110.4
1985 .....	11,863,700	14,260	120.7
1986 .....	11,889,000	15,227	128.1
1987 .....	11,936,000	16,302	136.6

\* December 31.

Note: The inmate population on January 1, 1980 was 7,806; the increase since this date was 8,496 or 108.8%.

TABLE 21

#### COMPARISON OF CIVILIAN AND INMATE POPULATIONS, 1980 - 1987



A comparison of the crime rates and the incarceration rates shows very little correlation between the two. While the civilian population has remained constant from 1980-1987, the incarceration rate has increased from 69.5 to 136.6. However, the crime rate has decreased from 3,745.7 to 3,152.5.

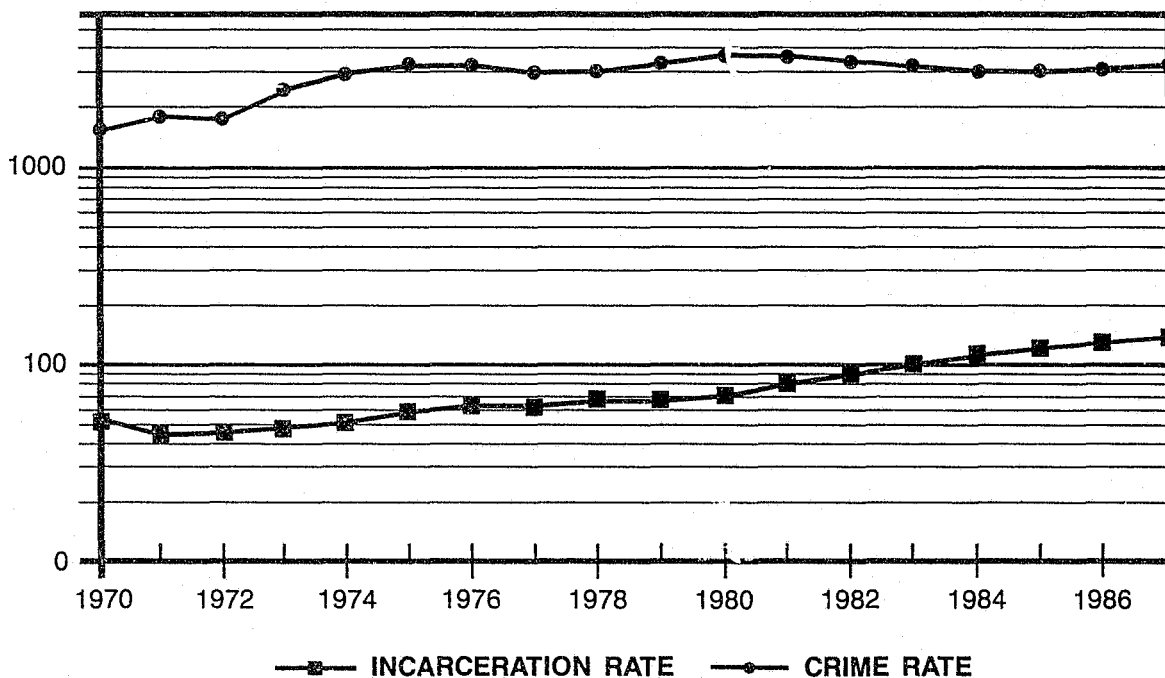
TABLE 22

**COMPARISON OF CRIME RATES AND INCARCERATION RATES IN PENNSYLVANIA, 1970 TO 1987**

	CIVILIAN POPULATION	INMATE POPULATION (DEC. 31)	INCARCERATION RATE	TOTAL INDEX CRIMES	REPORTED CRIME RATE
1970	11,793,909	6,289	53.3	181,781	1,541.3
1971	11,885,600	5,284	44.5	216,890	1,825.8
1972	11,906,100	5,355	45.0	212,314	1,780.3
1973	11,884,300	5,659	47.6	297,758	2,484.9
1974	11,864,800	6,094	51.4	359,131	2,979.7
1975	11,897,600	6,853	57.6	392,872	3,291.1
1976	11,885,000	7,545	63.5	394,773	3,302.8
1977	11,879,900	7,561	63.6	366,662	3,063.5
1978	11,862,700	7,807	65.8	370,600	3,092.1
1979	11,867,800	7,806	65.8	405,871	3,381.7
1980	11,863,895	8,243	69.5	443,043	3,745.7
1981	11,879,200	9,420	79.3	436,527	3,678.6
1982	11,882,500	10,573	89.0	411,778	3,470.0
1983	11,894,500	11,798	99.2	381,695	3,216.5
1984	11,891,300	13,146	110.4	363,024	3,051.9
1985	11,863,700	14,260	120.2	359,254	3,018.7
1986	11,889,000	15,227	128.1	367,113	3,097.0
1987	11,936,000	16,302	136.6	374,797	3,152.5

TABLE 23

**COMPARISON OF CRIME RATES AND INCARCERATION RATES, 1970 - 1987**



NOTE: Both rates are 100,000 per civilian population.  
Crime rates may be calculated using slightly different civilian populations.

The following table lists those ten counties with the highest incarceration rates for 1987 in comparison to 1980. At the close of 1987, the four counties with the highest incarceration rates were Philadelphia (385.1), Dauphin (253.9), Erie (198.8), and Allegheny (170.4).

TABLE 24

**INCARCERATION RATES**

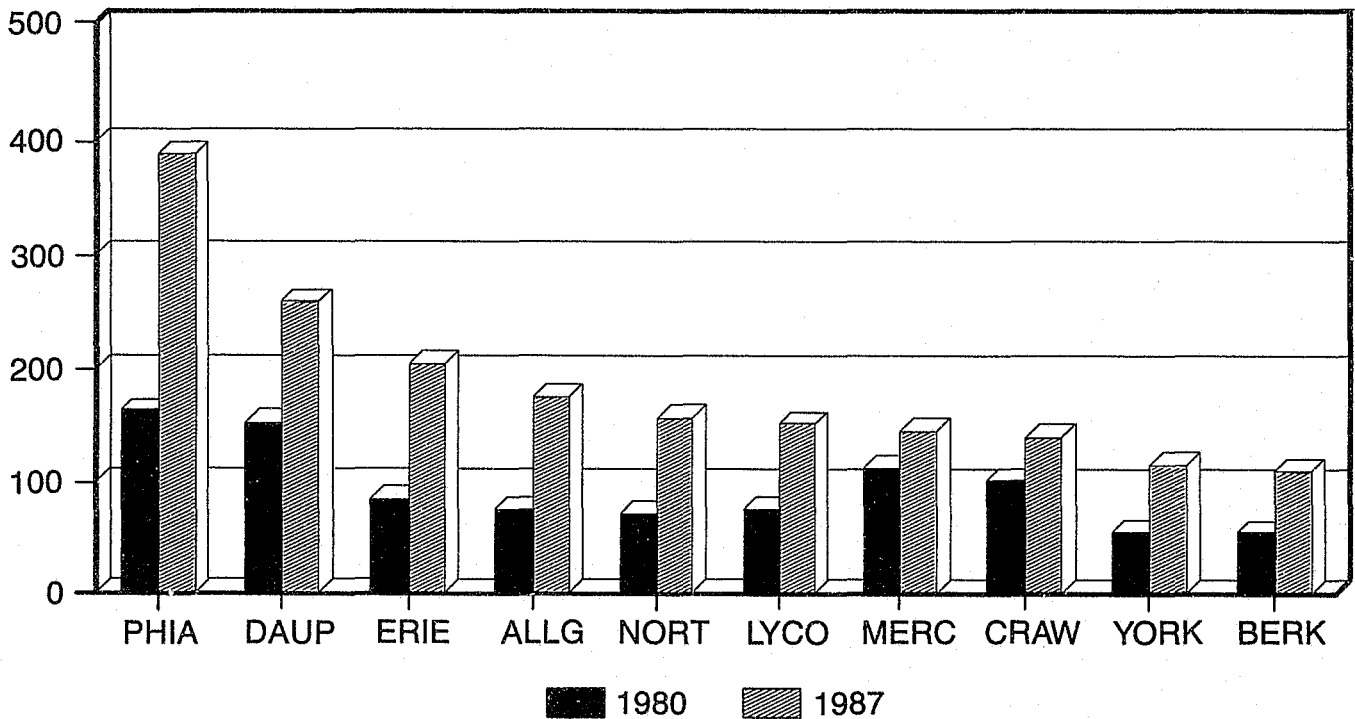
County	1980	1987*
1 Philadelphia .....	165.3	385.1
2 Dauphin .....	153.2	253.9
3 Erie .....	86.9	198.8
4 Allegheny .....	78.1	170.4
5 Northumberland .....	70.7	153.9
6 Lycoming .....	78.5	147.9
7 Mercer .....	111.5	144.8
8 Crawford .....	102.4	142.2
9 York .....	57.5	111.1
10 Berks .....	57.3	107.2

Ranking does not include 7th and 8th class counties.

\*NOTE: Since 1987 estimated civilian populations by county were not yet available, 1986 county populations were used to calculate 1987 incarceration rates per 100,000 in Table 24.

Table 25

**RATES OF INCARCERATION FOR THE TOP TEN COUNTIES**



EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF COUNTY POP.

## POPULATION TRENDS

Since January 1, 1980, populations in the Department increased 108.8% from 7,806 to 16,302. During this 96 months period, the average monthly increase was 85.5 inmates. The opening of three new facilities at Cresson, Frackville and Retreat during 1987 reduced inmate populations in several of the larger institutions.

TABLE 26

### YEAR-END POPULATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS BY FACILITY 1980 TO 1987

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY	DECEMBER 31								CHANGE, AMOUNT	1980-87 PERCENT
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987		
Camp Hill . . . . .	1,258	1,467	1,704	1,821	2,158	2,274	2,540	2,559	1,301	103.4
Cresson . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	585	585	*
Dallas . . . . .	997	1,117	1,367	1,488	1,634	1,828	1,990	1,983	986	98.9
Frackville . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	629	629	*
Graterford . . . . .	1,930	2,129	2,194	2,399	2,476	2,488	2,579	2,451	521	27.0
Greensburg . . . . .	258	322	306	434	482	786	782	760	502	194.6
Huntingdon . . . . .	1,101	1,261	1,513	1,669	1,950	2,031	2,035	2,053	952	86.5
Mercer . . . . .	157	240	278	393	460	492	679	678	521	331.8
Muncy . . . . .	252	298	333	376	427	532	553	517	265	105.2
Pittsburgh . . . . .	1,077	1,188	1,312	1,457	1,552	1,576	1,627	1,568	491	45.6
Retreat . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	38	*
Rockview . . . . .	959	1,123	1,276	1,434	1,647	1,852	1,929	1,921	962	100.3
Waynesburg . . . . .	—	—	—	—	37	79	110	135	135	*
CSC's . . . . .	249	269	280	316	295	315	351	351	102	41.0
Group Homes . . . . .	5	6	9	11	8	7	52	74	69	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>9,420</b>	<b>10,572</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<b>13,126</b>	<b>14,260</b>	<b>15,227</b>	<b>16,302</b>	<b>8,059</b>	<b>97.8</b>

\* Not calculated for base (1980) populations under 25.

TABLE 27

### MONTH-END POPULATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS JANUARY, 1980 TO DECEMBER, 1987

MONTH	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
January 31 . . . . .	7,865	8,311	9,518	10,646	11,927	13,294	14,405	15,248
February 28 . . . . .	7,920*	8,386	9,642	10,786	11,976*	13,435	14,472	15,314
March 31 . . . . .	8,008	8,418	9,776	10,905	12,117	13,483	14,685	15,518
April 30 . . . . .	8,040	8,645	9,922	10,984	12,225	13,619	14,782	15,634
May 31 . . . . .	8,083	8,760	10,011	11,056	12,370	13,722	14,951	15,743
June 30 . . . . .	8,135	8,859	10,161	11,146	12,496	13,834	15,055	15,910
July 31 . . . . .	8,199	8,959	10,251	11,273	12,595	13,880	15,120	16,005
August 31 . . . . .	8,123	8,986	10,247	11,352	12,662	13,989	15,051	16,019
September 30 . . . . .	8,210	9,074	10,336	11,480	12,799	14,069	15,088	16,125
October 31 . . . . .	8,232	9,246	10,443	11,636	12,979	14,151	15,295	16,204
November 30 . . . . .	8,299	9,323	10,540	11,698	13,115	14,292	15,315	16,203
December 31 . . . . .	8,243	9,420	10,572	11,798	13,126	14,260	15,227	16,302

\* February 29

## POPULATION VERSUS CAPACITY

Beginning in mid 1981, the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections has been housing more inmates than its facilities were designed to accommodate based upon a one-person, one-cell concept. The opening of three new facilities during 1987 reduced the percent of capacity from 137.8% to 131.0% on December 31, 1980 and 1987 respectively.

TABLE 28

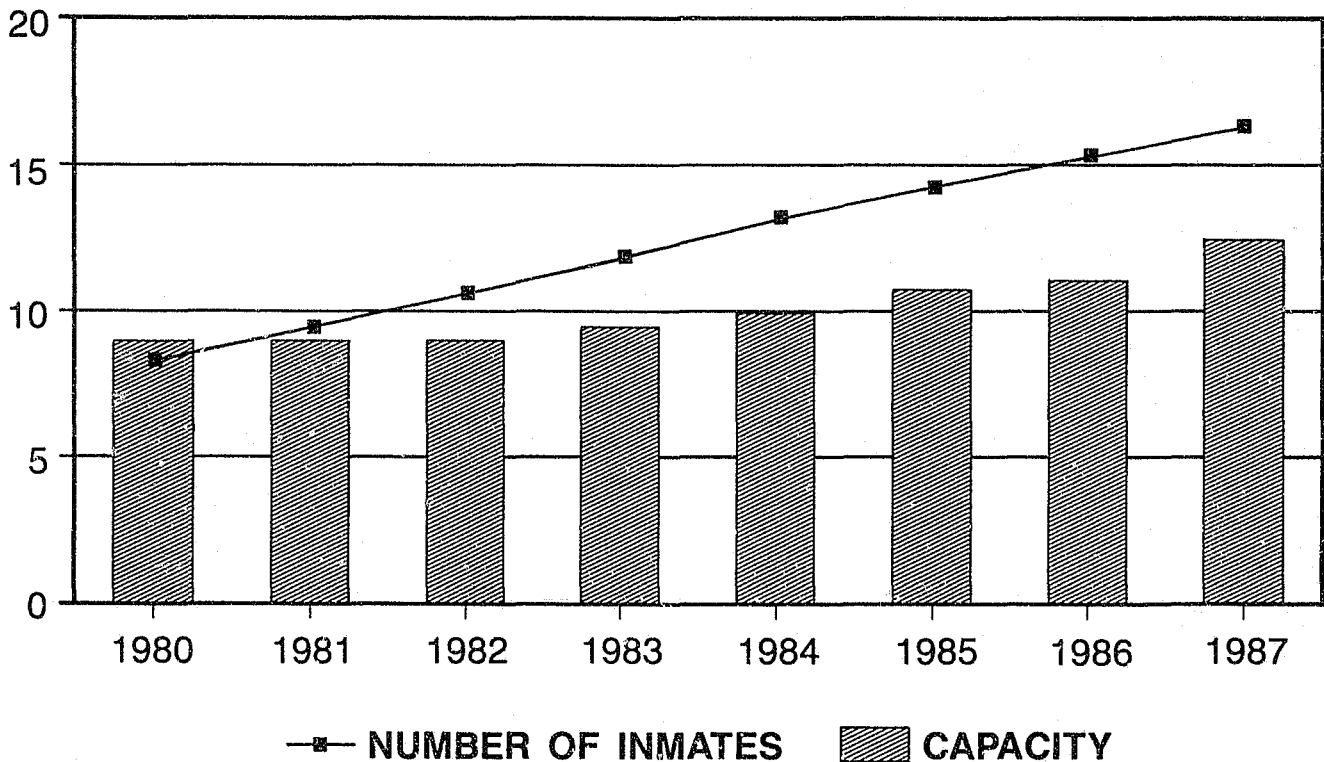
**INMATE POPULATION VERSUS CAPACITY ON DECEMBER 31, 1980 TO 1987**

YEAR	NUMBER OF INMATES	CAPACITY	PERCENT OF CAPACITY
1980.....	8,243	8,969	91.9
1981.....	9,420	8,959	105.1
1982.....	10,572	8,975	117.8
1983.....	11,798	9,451	124.8
1984.....	13,126	9,907	132.5
1985.....	14,260	10,742	132.8
1986.....	15,227	11,048	137.8
1987.....	16,302	12,447	131.0

TABLE 29

**INMATE POPULATION VERSUS CAPACITY ON DECEMBER 31, 1980 TO 1987**

Thousands





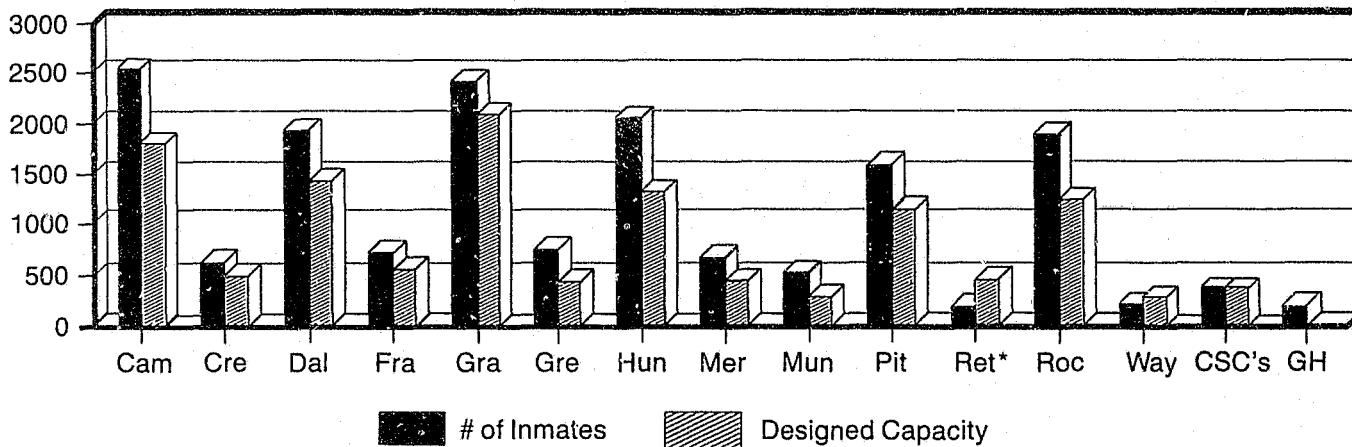
The following table is a comparison of the inmate population versus designed capacity for all state correctional institutions. At the close of 1987, the following four correctional facilities were operating at over 150% of their designed capacity: Greensburg at 164.5%, Rockview at 153.7%, Huntingdon at 152.4%, and Muncy at 150.3%.

TABLE 30  
**INMATE POPULATION VERSUS CAPACITY AS OF  
 DECEMBER 31, 1987**

INSTITUTION	NUMBER OF INMATES	DESIGNED CAPACITY*	PERCENT OF CAPACITY
Camp Hill.....	2,559	1,826	140.1
Cresson.....	585	499	117.2
Dallas.....	1,983	1,457	136.1
Frackville.....	629	540	116.5
Graterford.....	2,451	2,114	114.3
Greensburg.....	760	461	164.5
Huntingdon.....	2,053	1,347	152.4
Mercer.....	678	464	146.1
Muncy.....	517	344	150.3
Pittsburgh.....	1,568	1,140	137.5
Retreat*.....	38	480	7.9
Rockview.....	1,921	1,250	153.7
Waynesburg.....	135	144	93.8
CSC's.....	351	351	100.0
Group Homes.....	74	—	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,302</b>	<b>12,447</b>	<b>131.0</b>

\*Opened in December, 1987.

TABLE 31  
**POPULATION VERSUS CAPACITY  
 AT EACH STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION**



AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1987

\*Opened in December, 1987

## SENTENCE STATUS

Excluding inmates serving back-time for violations of parole, and based on all inmates serving a minimum sentence exceeding ten years, plus lifers and capital cases, the number of long-term inmates in the Department of Correction increased 125.3% from 1,263 on December 31, 1980 to 2,845 on December 31, 1987.

TABLE 32

### STATUS OF INMATES IN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ON DECEMBER 31, 1980 TO 1987

DECEMBER 31

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
<b>Status:</b>								
Sentenced .....	7,107	7,889	8,876	9,868	11,011	11,837	12,662	13,457
Parole Violators .....	1,050	1,422	1,608	1,852	2,052	2,352	2,521	2,798
Detentioners .....	53	59	44	86	29	23	13	22
Unknown .....	33	50	44	42	34	48	31	25
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>9,420</b>	<b>10,572</b>	<b>11,798</b>	<b>13,126</b>	<b>14,260</b>	<b>15,227</b>	<b>16,302</b>
<b>Percent distribution:</b>								
Sentenced .....	86.2	83.8	84.0	83.6	83.9	83.0	83.1	82.5
Parole Violators .....	12.7	15.1	15.2	15.7	15.6	16.5	16.6	17.2
Detentioners .....	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Unknown .....	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

TABLE 33

### LONG-TERM INMATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ON DECEMBER 31, 1980 TO 1987

	December 31								Change, Amount	1980-87 Percent
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987		
<b>Minimum Sentence:</b>										
Over 10 to 20 years .....	324	357	429	510	586	675	765	853	529	163.3
Over 20 years .....	83	98	114	130	143	174	201	237	154	185.5
Lifers .....	848	962	1,074	1,195	1,311	1,429	1,544	1,674	826	97.4
Capital Cases .....	8	11	25	33	48	55	74	81	73	912.5
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>1,428</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>2,333</b>	<b>2,584</b>	<b>2,845</b>	<b>1,582</b>	<b>125.3</b>
<b>Percent of total population ...</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>17.5</b>	—	—

Note: Above totals do not include parole violators.

## INMATES SERVING LIFE

In Pennsylvania, a life sentence is without parole. However, the governor can commute a lifer's sentence. Since 1980, only a few lifers' sentences were commuted. The majority of long-term inmates are serving a life sentence for the commission of first or second degree murder. At the close of 1987, 71.2% or 1,192 lifers were serving time for first degree murder, and 24.6% or 411 for second degree murder. The number of inmates serving a life without parole sentence on December 31 increased 97.4% from 848 in 1980 to 1,674 in 1987. At the close of 1987, lifers represented 10.3% of the total inmate population, 53.2% were committed by Philadelphia County, and four state correctional institutions housed more than 200 lifers. These institutions were Graterford (456), Huntingdon (378), Dallas (289), and Pittsburgh (277).

TABLE 34

### NUMBER OF INMATES SERVING LIFE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ON DECEMBER 31, 1980 AND 1987, BY INSTITUTION

Institution	December 31		Percent of Instit. Population		Percent of Change
	1980	1987	1980	1987	
Camp Hill .....	106	176	8.4	6.9	66.0
Dallas .....	138	289	13.8	14.6	109.4
Frackville .....	—	1	—	0.2	—
Graterford .....	275	456	14.2	18.6	65.8
Huntingdon .....	145	378	13.2	18.4	160.7
Muncy .....	29	74	11.5	14.3	155.2
Pittsburgh .....	132	277	12.3	17.7	109.8
Rockview .....	23	23	2.4	1.2	0.0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>10.3*</b>	<b>10.3*</b>	<b>97.4</b>

\*Percentage based on total inmate population in the Department of Corrections, including facilities with no inmates serving a life sentence. Based only on populations of institutions listed above, percentage of lifers are 11.2% for 1980 and 12.2% for 1987.

TABLE 35

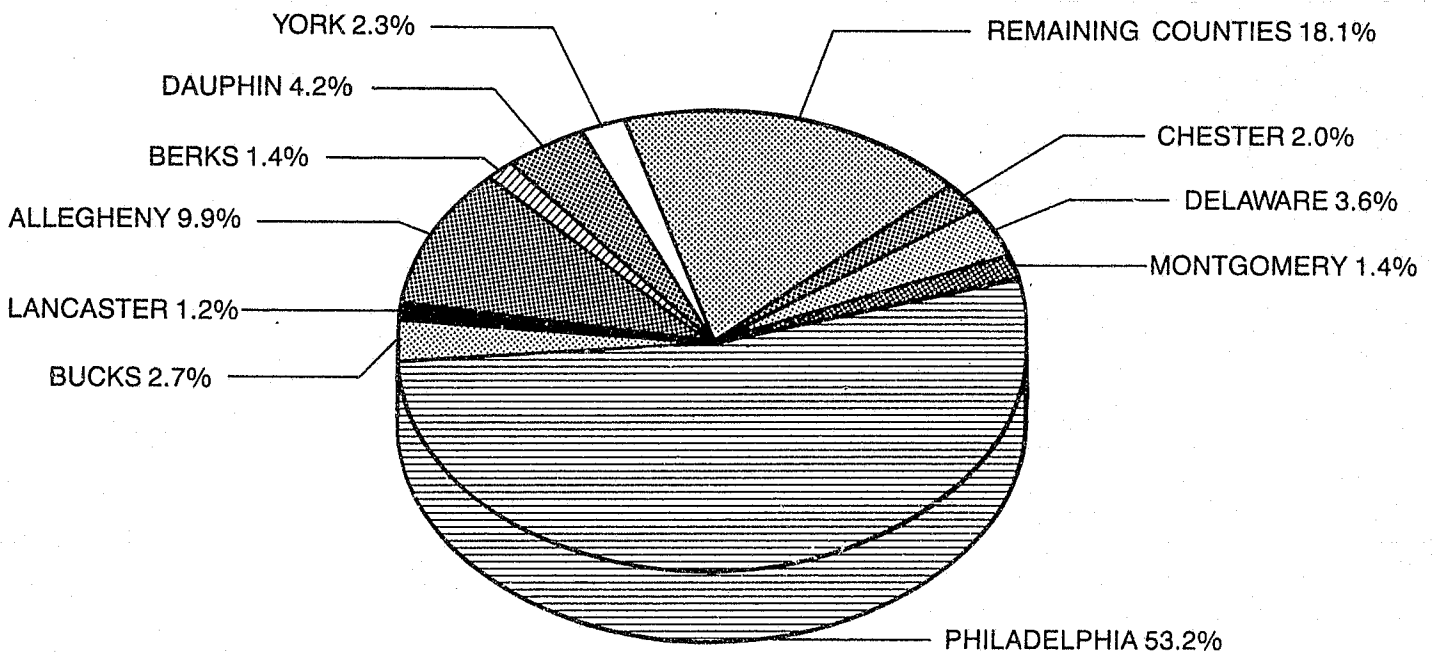
**TEN HIGHEST COUNTIES WITH INMATES SERVING LIFE ON DECEMBER 31, 1980 TO 1987**

Rank	Committing County	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Average	Percent of Total
1	Philadelphia . . . . .	443	482	535	621	688	741	826	890	653.2	52.0
2	Allegheny . . . . .	73	93	111	117	124	141	151	166	122.0	9.7
3	Dauphin . . . . .	46	51	53	53	58	68	69	70	58.5	4.7
4	Delaware . . . . .	28	34	43	48	51	56	56	60	47.0	3.8
5	Bucks . . . . .	17	26	28	29	34	36	40	46	32.0	2.5
6	York . . . . .	23	27	27	30	33	37	35	38	31.2	2.5
7	Chester . . . . .	14	20	23	24	26	27	30	33	24.6	2.0
8*	Berks . . . . .	9	10	11	18	21	23	23	23	17.2	1.4
9*	Montgomery . . . . .	13	14	16	17	16	19	20	23	17.2	1.4
10	Lancaster . . . . .	13	13	15	16	17	20	20	21	16.9	1.3
	Remaining counties . .	169	194	212	222	243	261	274	304	235.1	18.7
	<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>1,254.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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TABLE 36

**TEN HIGHEST COUNTIES WITH INMATES SERVING LIFE ON DECEMBER 31, 1987**



The lifer population in the Department is getting older. The median age of lifers increased from 31.5 on December 31, 1980 to 34.8 years on December 31, 1987. On these two dates, their average age increased from 33.6 to 36.3 years. The percentage of lifers under 30 years of age on December 31 decreased from 43.2% to 27.6% at the close of 1980 and 1987 respectively. The number of lifers 50 years of age and over has nearly doubled since 1980.

TABLE 37

**COMPARISON OF INMATES SERVING A LIFE SENTENCE  
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ON  
DECEMBER 31, 1980 AND 1987, BY AGE**

Age	December 31, 1980			December 31, 1987		
	Number	Percent of Total	Cumulative Percent	Number	Percent of Total	Cumulative Percent
Under 20 .....	17	2.00	2.00	12	0.72	0.72
20 - 24 .....	138	16.27	18.27	132	7.89	8.61
25 - 29 .....	211	24.88	43.15	318	19.00	27.61
30 - 34 .....	195	23.00	66.15	388	23.18	50.79
35 - 39 .....	118	13.91	80.06	334	19.95	70.74
40 - 44 .....	59	6.96	87.02	226	13.50	84.24
45 - 49 .....	33	3.89	90.91	113	6.75	90.99
50 - 54 .....	29	3.42	94.33	65	3.88	94.87
55 - 59 .....	26	3.07	97.40	37	2.21	97.08
60 - 64 .....	15	1.77	99.17	27	1.61	98.69
64 and over .....	7	0.83	100.00	22	1.31	100.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>100.00</b>		<b>1,674</b>	<b>100.00</b>	
Median Age .....	31.5	—	—	34.8	—	—
Average Age .....	33.6	—	—	36.3	—	—

TABLE 38

**TIME SERVED BY LIFERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
ON DECEMBER 31, 1980 TO 1987**

Time Served	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Average	Percent of Total
Under 5 years .....	316	354	373	440	481	481	458	470	421.6	33.6
5 to 9.9 years .....	346	367	404	415	420	457	520	531	432.5	34.5
10 to 14.9 years .....	136	174	213	236	282	319	341	391	261.5	20.8
15 to 19.9 years .....	30	45	56	70	84	129	164	209	98.4	7.8
20 to 24.9 years .....	8	11	13	18	28	27	42	49	24.5	2.0
25 to 29.9 years .....	6	7	8	8	4	5	8	12	7.3	0.6
30 to 34.9 years .....	4	4	3	2	6	6	6	7	4.8	0.4
35 to 39.9 years .....	2	2	4	5	4	3	3	2	3.1	0.2
40 years & over .....	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	3	1.2	0.1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>1,195</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>1,429</b>	<b>1,544</b>	<b>,674</b>	<b>1,254.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Median (years) .....	6.56	6.74	7.03	6.90	7.08	7.55	8.02	8.46	7.38	—
Average (years) .....	7.26	7.52	7.79	7.79	8.02	8.47	8.90	9.30	8.27	—

## CAPITAL CASES

Since the enactment of the new death sentence statute in September 1978, the number of capital cases in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections has grown to 81 on December 31, 1987. Seven of these 81 have yet to be formerly sentenced by a judge but received death verdicts by the jury. The typical capital inmate was committed from Philadelphia County, was between 25 to 29 years of age, was non-white, and was male.

TABLE 39

### DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF INMATES UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH ON DECEMBER 31, 1987

County:	Number	Percent of Total
Philadelphia .....	39	48.15
Allegheny .....	4	4.94
Bucks .....	3	3.71
Lackawanna .....	3	3.71
Luzerne .....	3	3.71
Montgomery .....	3	3.71
Washington .....	3	3.71
Beaver .....	2	2.47
Butler .....	2	2.47
Dauphin .....	2	2.47
Delaware .....	2	2.47
Erie .....	2	2.47
Lancaster .....	2	2.47
Westmoreland .....	2	2.47
Remaining counties .....	9*	11.07
<b>Age:</b>		
20 - 24 .....	7	8.75
25 - 29 .....	25	31.25
30 - 34 .....	13	16.25
35 - 39 .....	20	25.00
40 - 44 .....	5	6.25
45 & over .....	10	12.50
Not Provided .....	1	—
Average .....	33.4	—
<b>Race:</b>		
White .....	33	40.74
Non-White .....	48	59.26
<b>Sex:</b>		
Male .....	81	100.00
Female .....	0	0.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>81</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*One each from: Berks, Cambria, Crawford, Cumberland, Fayette, Huntingdon, Northampton, Pike, and York.

## MAJOR OFFENSE

Based on definitions of crimes reported in the Federal Uniform Crime Report (UCR) program, 79.7% of the inmates in the Department on December 31, 1987, were sentenced for crime index offenses, generally referred to as Part I Offenses. The remaining 20.3% were sentenced for Part II or unknown offenses. 9,474 or 58.1% of these inmates were serving a sentence for violent crimes: murder (3,069), manslaughter (377), forcible rape (1,456), robbery (3,534), and aggravated assault (1,038). Based on definitions established by the Department of Corrections, at the close of 1987, 63.4% of the inmate population were serving time for assaultive crimes.

TABLE 40

### INMATES BY OFFENSE CONFINED IN THE DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 31, 1980 AND 1987

Assaultive Offenses	12/31/80	12/31/87	Increase
<b>Murder:</b>			
1st Degree .....	711	1,303	83%
2nd Degree .....	385	535	39%
3rd Degree .....	588	1,043	77%
Unspecified .....	64	188	194%
Voluntary Manslaughter .....	172	218	27%
Involuntary Manslaughter .....	45	97	116%
Forcible Rape .....	687	1,456	112%
Robbery .....	1,953	3,534	81%
Aggravated Assault .....	417	1,038	149%
Other Assaults .....	104	170	63%
Weapons .....	45	96	113%
Kidnapping .....	67	100	49%
Deviate Sexual Intercourse .....	116	565	387%
<b>TOTAL ASSAULTIVE OFFENDERS .....</b>	<b>5,354</b>	<b>10,343</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Non-Assaultive Offenders</b>			
Burglary .....	1,278	2,436	91%
Theft .....	356	878	147%
Arson .....	85	203	139%
Homicide by Vehicle .....	N/A	62	N/A
Fraud .....	54	92	70%
Receiving Stolen Property .....	131	289	121%
Forgery .....	114	214	88%
Statutory Rape .....	34	44	29%
Narcotic Laws .....	311	857	176%
Drunken Driving .....	12	57	375%
Prison Break .....	160	171	7%
<b>TOTAL NON-ASSAULTIVE OFFENDERS .....</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>5,303</b>	<b>107%</b>
Others/Unknown .....	354	656	85%
<b>TOTAL INMATES .....</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>16,302</b>	<b>98%</b>

TABLE 41

**COMPARISON OF INMATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ON  
DECEMBER 31, 1980 AND 1987, BY AGE GROUP AND BY OFFENSE**

Offense Classification	12/31/80				12/31/87			
	Under 25	25-39	40 and over	Total	Under 25	25-39	40 and over	Total
<b>Crime Index Offenses:</b>								
Murder:								
1st degree .....	86	455	170	711	84	764	455	1,303
2nd degree .....	93	242	50	385	63	390	82	535
3rd degree .....	182	293	113	588	150	678	215	1,043
Unspecified .....	18	36	10	64	30	96	62	188
Manslaughter:								
Voluntary .....	26	109	37	172	29	125	64	218
Involuntary .....	15	20	10	45	24	55	18	97
Homicide by Motor Vehicle .....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	44	10	62
Forcible rape .....	201	402	84	687	203	955	298	1,456
Robbery .....	632	1,158	163	1,953	796	2,343	395	3,534
Aggravated Assault .....	122	242	53	417	199	657	182	1,038
Burglary .....	524	650	104	1,278	602	1,553	281	2,436
Theft .....	152	169	35	356	190	544	144	878
Arson .....	25	51	9	85	53	107	43	203
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,076</b>	<b>3,827</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>6,741</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>8,311</b>	<b>2,249</b>	<b>12,991</b>
<b>Part II Offenses:</b>								
Other Assaults .....	41	46	17	104	27	114	29	170
Fraud .....	4	29	21	54	10	40	42	92
Receiving stolen property .....	60	60	11	131	92	160	37	289
Forgery .....	28	69	17	114	30	146	38	214
Statutory rape .....	6	15	13	34	7	20	17	44
Deviate sexual intercourse .....	22	61	33	116	78	270	217	565
Narcotic drug laws .....	53	194	64	311	63	568	226	857
Weapons .....	10	33	2	45	11	54	31	96
Drunken driving .....	3	8	1	12	8	34	15	57
Prison breach .....	62	85	13	160	43	111	17	171
Kidnapping .....	14	44	9	67	13	59	28	100
All others .....	88	127	58	273	90	265	104	459
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>1,421</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>3,114</b>
Unknown .....	24	46	11	81	17	146	34	197
<b>Total inmates .....</b>	<b>2,491</b>	<b>4,644</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>10,298</b>	<b>3,084</b>	<b>16,302</b>
<b>Percent of total .....</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>



## DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Table 42 presents demographic profiles of inmates in the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections for December 31, 1980 and 1987. On December 31, 1987, the typical inmate was between the ages of 25 to 29 (24.8%), was black (56.6%), was male (95.8%), was single (61.7%), was born in Pennsylvania (79.2%), and was Protestant (49.3%). The number of female inmates at the close of 1980 and 1987 grew 142.9% from 280 to 680 respectively.

TABLE 42

### PROFILE COMPARISONS OF INMATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ON DECEMBER 31, 1980 and 1987

Item	DECEMBER 31, 1980		DECEMBER 31, 1987	
	Number	Percent of Total*	Number	Percent of Total*
<b>AGE:</b>				
Under 18 .....	31	0.38	21	0.13
18 - 20 .....	653	8.00	467	2.89
21 - 24 .....	1,783	21.84	2,403	14.89
25 - 29 .....	2,153	26.38	3,996	24.76
30 - 34 .....	1,650	20.22	3,521	21.81
35 - 39 .....	795	9.74	2,680	16.60
40 - 44 .....	461	5.65	1,445	8.95
45 - 59 .....	266	3.26	772	4.78
50 - 54 .....	164	2.01	388	2.40
55 - 59 .....	118	1.45	195	1.21
60 - 64 .....	59	0.72	160	1.00
65 and over .....	29	0.35	94	0.58
Unknown/not reported .....	81	—	160	—
Average .....	30.1	—	32.6	—
<b>RACE:</b>				
White .....	3,748	45.47	7,061	43.32
Black .....	4,490	54.47	9,219	56.55
American Indian .....	3	0.04	10	0.06
Mongolian .....	1	0.01	10	0.06
Other .....	1	0.01	2	0.01
<b>SEX:</b>				
Male .....	7,963	96.60	15,622	95.83
Female .....	280	3.40	680	4.17
<b>MARITAL STATUS:</b>				
Single .....	4,778	58.52	9,951	61.73
Married .....	2,067	25.31	3,524	21.86
Divorced .....	720	8.82	1,492	9.25
Separated .....	483	5.92	940	5.83
Widowed .....	117	1.43	214	1.33
Unknown/not reported .....	78	—	181	—
<b>BIRTHPLACE:</b>				
Pennsylvania .....	6,137	76.72	12,379	79.24
USA, not PA .....	1,805	22.57	3,015	19.30
Foreign born .....	57	0.71	229	1.46
Unknown/not reported .....	244	—	679	—
<b>RELIGION:</b>				
Catholic .....	1,457	20.15	3,338	21.44
Protestant .....	4,205	58.15	7,684	49.34
Jewish .....	49	0.68	73	0.47
Moslem .....	97	1.34	1,556	9.99
Other .....	1,119	15.47	1,338	8.59
No preference .....	305	4.21	1,584	10.17
Unknown/not reported .....	1,011	—	729	—
<b>Total Inmates .....</b>	<b>8,243</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>16,302</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*Percent of total based on cases reported, does not include unknown/not reported cases.

The following two tables present institution populations by age, race and sex for 1980 and 1987 respectively.

TABLE 43

**INMATE POPULATION ON DECEMBER 31, 1980 BY FACILITY, RACE, SEX AND AGE GROUP**

Facility	RACE		SEX		AGE			Total
	White	Non-White	Male	Female	Under 25	25 to 39	40 and over	
Camp Hill.....	599	659	1,258	0	899	322	37	1,258
Dallas.....	512	485	997	0	189	624	184	997
Graterford.....	439	1,491	1,930	0	245	1,326	359	1,930
Greensburg.....	174	84	258	0	135	104	19	258
Huntingdon.....	597	504	1,101	0	268	682	151	1,101
Mercer.....	135	22	157	0	109	40	8	157
Muncy.....	108	144	17	235	51	152	49	252
Pittsburgh.....	458	619	1,077	0	150	737	190	1,077
Rockview.....	580	379	959	0	384	497	78	959
Waynesburg.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
CSC's.....	142	107	204	45	60	157	32	249
Group Homes.....	4	1	5	0	1	3	1	5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>4,495</b>	<b>7,963</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>2,491</b>	<b>4,644</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>8,243</b>
Percent of Total.....	45.5	54.5	96.6	3.4	30.2	56.3	13.4	100.0

TABLE 44

**INMATE POPULATION ON DECEMBER 31, 1987 BY FACILITY, RACE, SEX AND AGE GROUP**

Facility	RACE		SEX		AGE			Total
	White	Non-White	Male	Female	Under 25	25 to 39	40 and over	
Camp Hill.....	1,227	1,332	2,559	0	1,088	1,275	196	2,559
Cresson.....	296	289	585	0	145	343	97	585
Dallas.....	777	1,206	1,983	0	150	1,392	441	1,983
Frackville.....	285	344	629	0	129	386	114	629
Graterford.....	614	1,837	2,451	0	237	1,599	615	2,451
Greensburg.....	368	392	760	0	154	470	136	760
Huntingdon.....	984	1,069	2,053	0	275	1,369	409	2,053
Mercer.....	413	265	678	0	197	381	100	678
Muncy.....	210	307	11	506	79	338	100	517
Pittsburgh.....	658	910	1,568	0	143	986	439	1,568
Retreat.....	16	22	38	0	6	25	7	38
Rockview.....	910	1,011	1,921	0	251	1,343	327	1,921
Waynesburg.....	63	72	0	135	21	92	22	135
CSC's.....	216	135	320	31	37	247	67	351
Group Homes.....	24	50	66	8	8	52	14	74
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>7,061</b>	<b>9,241</b>	<b>15,622</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>2,920</b>	<b>10,298</b>	<b>3,084</b>	<b>16,302</b>
Percent of Total.....	43.3	56.7	95.8	4.2	17.9	63.2	18.9	100.0

**SECTION**

**3**

*Releases*

## TYPES OF RELEASES

This section addresses those inmates discharged from the Department of Corrections from 1980 through 1987. Discharges include: (1) unconditional discharges, (2) conditional discharges, and (3) miscellaneous discharges. The majority of inmates discharged from the Department were paroled under the supervision of state and local paroling authorities for the remainder of their maximum sentence. Inmates whose maximum sentence was two years and over are supervised by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole (PBPP), a separate agency reporting directly to the Governor. Inmates supervised by the PBPP must serve their minimum sentence before becoming eligible for parole.

### UNCONDITIONAL DISCHARGES

Unconditional discharges refer to: (1) inmates who served their maximum sentence (maxed out) or (2) inmates released by court order before serving their minimum sentence. Included in this latter group are inmates whose conviction and/or sentence was vacated by the Court. Generally, these individuals are given a new trial. From 1980 to 1987, only 10.6% of all discharges were unconditional. Those who "maxed out" generally represent either short-term inmates who were discharged for the first time or parole violators who were returned to resume their original sentence.

### CONDITIONAL DISCHARGES

Most inmates released from prison are paroled to the supervision of a paroling authority for the remainder of their maximum sentence. From 1980 to 1987, 71.2% of first releases were paroled to state (54.2%) and county (17.0%) paroling authorities. An additional 14.5% were parole violators who were reparaoled from the sentence they violated. Since 1980, the influx of recommitted parole violators increased state reparaoles by 238.4% from 297 in 1980 to 1,005 in 1987.

### MISCELLANEOUS DISCHARGES

Miscellaneous discharges, including inmate deaths, accounted for 3.7% of all discharges since 1980.

TABLE 45

### DISCHARGES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 1980 TO 1987, BY TYPE

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	Total	Percent of Total
<b>Unconditional discharges:</b>										
Maxed out .....	195	231	247	302	296	388	484	506	2,649	7.6
By court order.....	215	138	112	123	110	115	134	104	1,051	3.0
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>3,700</b>	<b>10.6</b>
<b>Conditional discharges:</b>										
State parole .....	1,979	1,933	2,185	2,386	2,479	2,597	2,479	2,786	18,824	54.2
County parole.....	691	684	727	745	810	967	878	410	5,912	17.0
Reparaoled (state)* .....	297	438	556	544	669	668	872	1,005	5,049	14.5
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>3,055</b>	<b>3,468</b>	<b>3,675</b>	<b>3,958</b>	<b>4,232</b>	<b>4,229</b>	<b>4,201</b>	<b>29,785</b>	<b>85.7</b>
Deaths .....	22	26	21	29	40	35	34	47	254	0.8
Other .....	128	140	167	204	142	79	117	41	1,018	2.9
<b>Total discharges .....</b>	<b>3,527</b>	<b>3,590</b>	<b>4,015</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>4,546</b>	<b>4,849</b>	<b>4,998</b>	<b>4,899</b>	<b>34,757</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Includes parole violators who were not officially recommitted by the PBPP to the Department of Corrections but were detained and reinstated on parole as follows: 1980-14, 1981-52, 1982-80, 1983-76, 1984-116, 1985-120, 1986-162, and 1987-218.

The following table details paroling actions by the PBPP from 1980 to 1987. Although the number of paroles granted increased from 2,684 to 3,021 during this period, the percent of paroles granted decreased from 80.8% to 64.5%.

TABLE 46

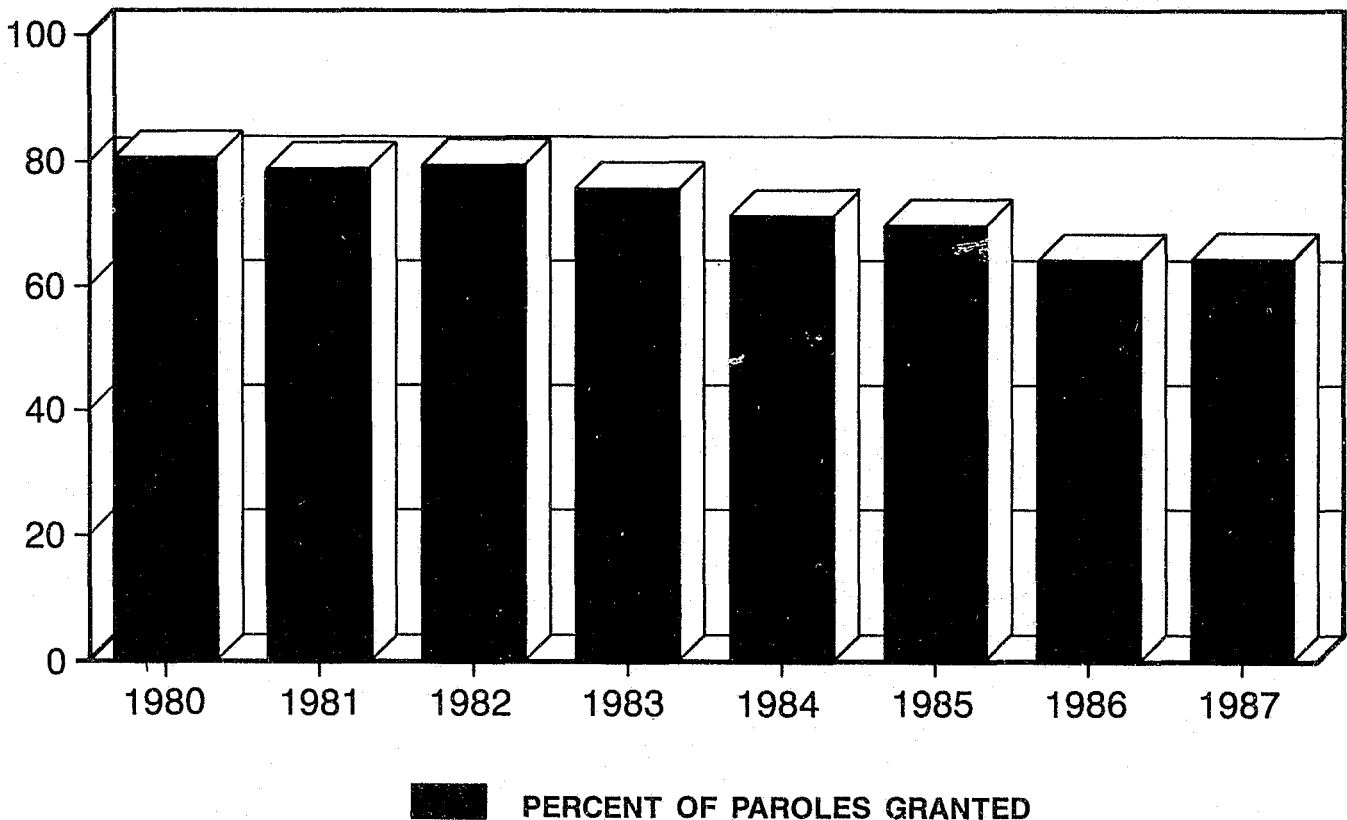
**PAROLING ACTIONS BY THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE INVOLVING INMATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 1980 THROUGH 1987**

Year	Paroles granted	Paroles refused	Total actions	Percent granted
1980.....	2,684	637	3,321	80.8
1981.....	2,728	727	3,455	79.0
1982.....	2,818	720	3,538	79.6
1983.....	2,825	901	3,726	75.8
1984.....	2,925	1,171	4,096	71.4
1985.....	2,699	1,162	3,861	69.9
1986.....	2,539	1,410	3,949	64.3
1987.....	3,021	1,665	4,686	64.5

Source: Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Monthly Statistical Reports.

TABLE 47

**PAROLING ACTIONS BY THE PA BOARD OF PROBATION AND PAROLE, 1980 - 1987**



## SENTENCE TYPES

The following table presents data on the average time served by inmates discharged from the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. Two major groups are depicted: (1) those inmates with a maximum sentence under two years (county sentence) and (2) those inmates with a maximum sentence of two years and over (state sentence).

### COUNTY SENTENCE

Since 1980, inmates paroled to the supervision of local paroling authorities served an average of 8.7 months. The reclassification of Greensburg from a Regional Correctional Facility to a State Correctional Institution resulted in the decline of inmates paroled from serving county sentences during 1986 and 1987.

### STATE SENTENCE

Since 1980, inmates paroled to the supervision of the PBPP served an average of 34.0 months. This group represented two-thirds of all discharges. During this period, only 32 commuted lifers (16 during 1980), were paroled and they collectively served an average of 19.1 years.

TABLE 48

#### AVERAGE MONTHS SERVED BY INMATES DISCHARGED FROM DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 1980 TO 1987

Year Released	Maximum Sentences Under Two Years		Maximum Sentences of Two Years and Over		All Sentences	
	Number Paroled	Average Months Served	Number Paroled	Average Months Served	Total Releases*	Average Months Served
1980.....	691	8.5	1,979	35.5	3,080	27.5
1981.....	684	9.3	1,933	33.7	2,986	26.7
1982.....	727	8.3	2,185	33.1	3,271	26.4
1983.....	745	8.6	2,386	32.2	3,556	26.2
1984.....	810	8.0	2,479	32.0	3,695	25.7
1985.....	967	8.5	2,597	34.5	4,067	27.5
1986.....	878	8.9	2,479	34.7	3,975	27.9
1987.....	410	9.9	2,786	36.1	3,806	33.1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>5,912</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>18,824</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>28,436</b>	<b>27.7</b>

\*Includes inmates released for other reasons (maxed out, released by court order and etc.).

Note: Above totals do not include parole violators reparaoled. Since 1981, only a few lifers were commuted and released.

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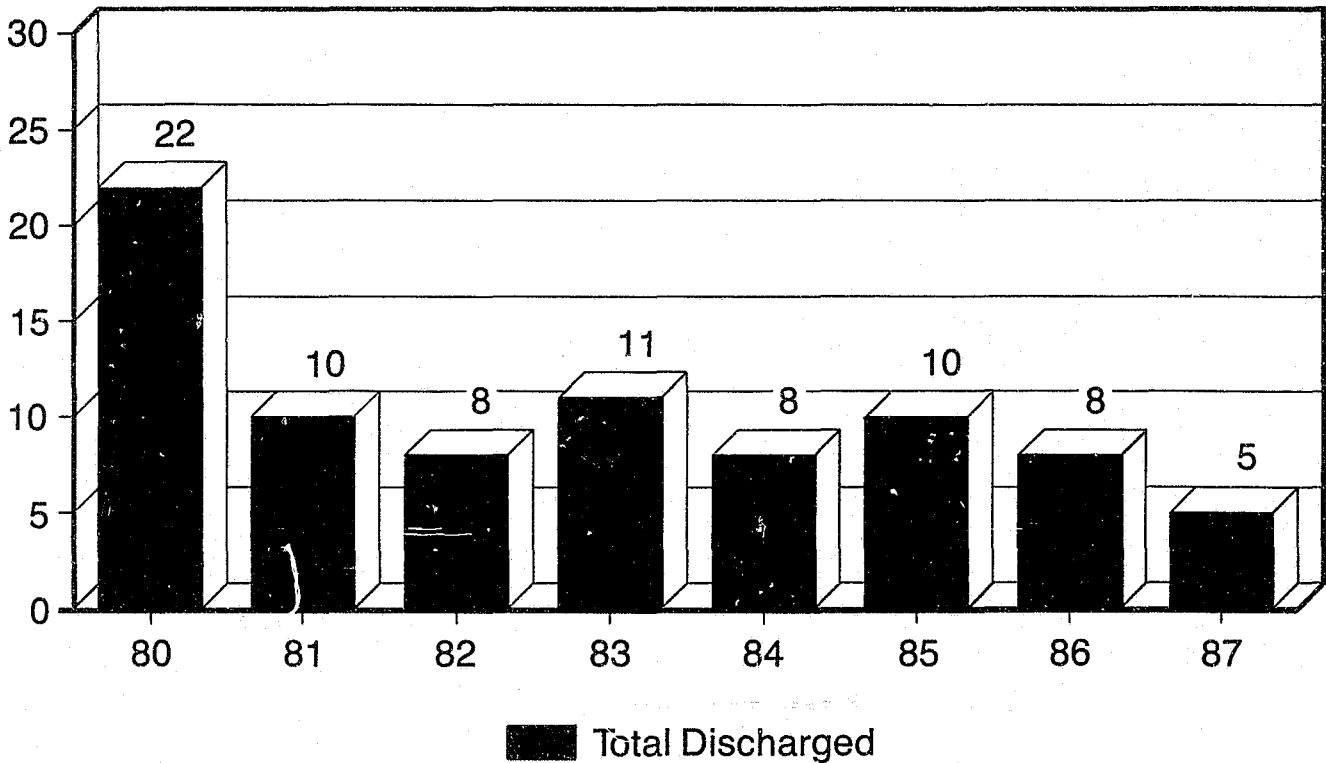
**LIFERS DISCHARGED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,  
1980 TO 1987**

Year	Commuted	Died	Total
1980 .....	16	6	22
1981 .....	5	5	10
1982 .....	4	4	8
1983 .....	3	8	11
1984 .....	1	7	8
1985 .....	2	8	10
1986 .....	1	7	8
1987 .....	0	5*	5
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>32</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>82</b>
Average Time Served (years) .....	19.1	9.9	13.5

\*Includes one commuted lifer returned as parole violator.

TABLE 50

**LIFERS DISCHARGED  
1980 TO 1987**



**SECTION**

**4**

*Miscellaneous*



## COMPLEMENT CONTROL

On December 31, 1987, the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections employed 4,972 individuals. 58% or 2,886 employees were correctional officers, amounting to 5.6 inmates per correctional officer. Administrative and clerical personnel held 638 or 12.8% of the filled positions. At the close of 1987, there were 332 vacant positions.

TABLE 51

### COMPLEMENT CONTROL REPORT BY LOCATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1987 JOB CLASSIFICATION

Facility	Admin. & Clerical	Cust.	Trtmt.	Edu.	Med.	Voc. & Maint.	Human Serv.	Insp. & Invest.	Ind.	Total
<b>Camp Hill</b>										
Filled .....	66	340	32	16	24	48	34	4	23	587
Vacant .....	4	13	2	0	2	2	2	0	1	26
<b>Cresson</b>										
Filled .....	28	189	8	6	0	23	13	2	0	269
Vacant .....	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
<b>Dallas</b>										
Filled .....	49	302	19	9	12	43	21	6	13	474
Vacant .....	2	32	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	38
<b>Frackville</b>										
Filled .....	29	170	7	6	0	18	13	2	0	245
Vacant .....	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
<b>Graterford</b>										
Filled .....	74	389	41	10	0	53	35	7	25	634
Vacant .....	6	56	1	1	0	4	8	0	7	83
<b>Greensburg</b>										
Filled .....	28	151	10	6	9	11	14	2	4	235
Vacant .....	0	13	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	18
<b>Huntingdon</b>										
Filled .....	48	267	19	10	13	39	25	4	27	452
Vacant .....	3	5	1	0	2	4	2	0	0	17
<b>Mercer</b>										
Filled .....	27	143	11	4	9	13	13	2	0	222
Vacant .....	1	4	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	9
<b>Muncy</b>										
Filled .....	30	152	10	8	13	22	16	2	3	256
Vacant .....	1	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	10
<b>Pittsburgh</b>										
Filled .....	64	309	26	11	14	37	29	4	14	508
Vacant .....	3	3	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	12
<b>Retreat</b>										
Filled .....	22	126	7	3	1	24	13	2	0	198
Vacant .....	3	24	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	33
<b>Rockview</b>										
Filled .....	55	276	20	11	12	49	27	5	17	472
Vacant .....	1	3	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	9
<b>Smithfield*</b>										
Filled .....	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	8
Vacant .....	21	3	5	3	0	3	1	2	0	38
<b>Waynesburg</b>										
Filled .....	18	68	2	3	6	5	9	1	0	112
Vacant .....	1	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	7
<b>Community Services</b>										
Filled .....	19	1	47	0	0	0	90	4	0	161
Vacant .....	1	0	4	0	0	0	6	0	0	11
<b>Central Office</b>										
Filled .....	81	2	11	3	2	3	5	22	10	139
Vacant .....	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
<b>Total</b>										
Filled .....	638	2,886	270	106	115	395	357	69	136	4,972
Vacant .....	55	172	19	14	11	20	27	2	12	332

\*Will not become operational until 1988.

## ESCAPES

While populations in the Department increased substantially during the 1980's, the number of escapes decreased. Excluding community service centers and group homes, the rate of escapes per 1,000 inmates decreased from 7.1 in 1980 to 1.7 in 1987. There were only three escapes from inside the fence in 1987. From 1980 to 1987, 51.4% of the escapes were from community based facilities. The reduction in escapes may be attributed to an increase in security by the Department since 1983.

TABLE 52

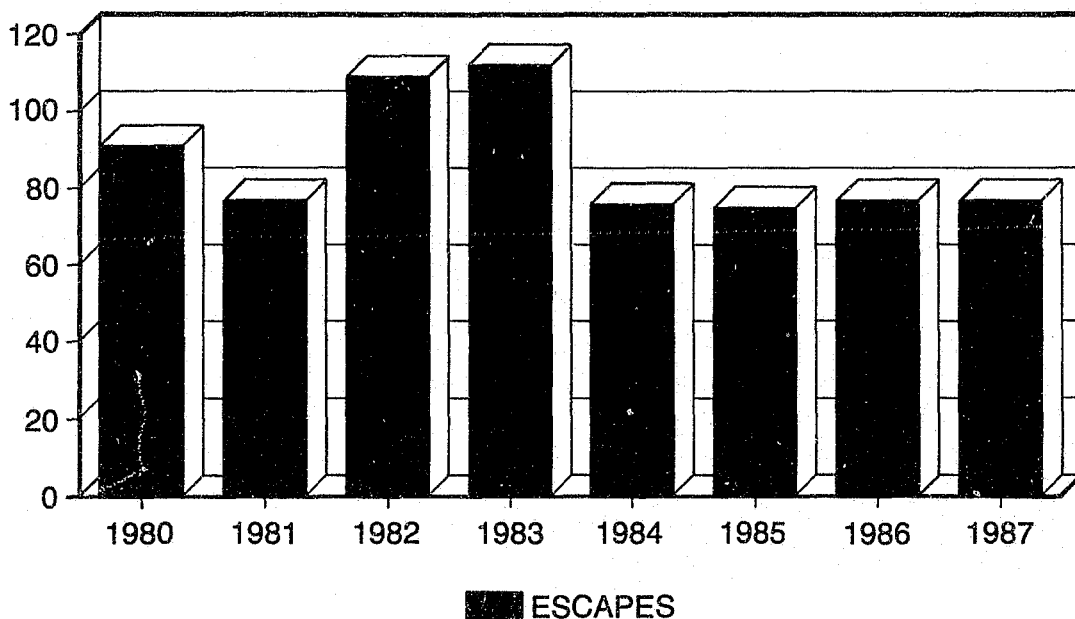
### NUMBER OF ESCAPES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS 1980 TO 1987, BY FACILITY AND BY TYPE

FACILITY		1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	TOTAL
Camp Hill	Breach	0	0	13	3	0	0	0	0	16
	Others	1	6	5	16	6	0	0	0	34
Cresson	Breach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
	Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Dallas	Breach	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Others	5	4	3	1	2	3	2	0	20
Frackville	Breach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
	Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Graterford	Breach	2	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	7
	Others	15	4	2	2	4	7	4	9	47
Greensburg	Breach	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	5
	Others	0	6	1	4	8	1	3	2	25
Huntingdon	Breach	1	0	2	0	0	2	2	1	8
	Others	0	2	1	4	1	2	0	2	12
Mercer	Breach	3	1	0	0	2	2	2	0	10
	Others	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	5
Muncy	Breach	16	15	12	16	4	2	0	0	65
	Others	2	1	2	2	2	1	3	0	13
Pittsburgh	Breach	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Others	0	1	1	4	0	3	2	3	14
Rockview	Breach	3	2	6	0	0	0	1	1	13
	Others	6	2	5	6	6	4	3	2	34
Waynesburg	Breach	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0
	Others	-	-	-	-	1	0	1	2	4
Institution Total	Breach	27	18	36	22	6	7	8	3	127
	Others	29	26	20	40	32	22	18	23	210
CSC's		35	33	53	50	38	45	51	51	356
<b>Total Escapes</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>693</b>

Note: Others include escapes that occurred outside the wall/fence while on work detail, work and/or educational release and furlough.

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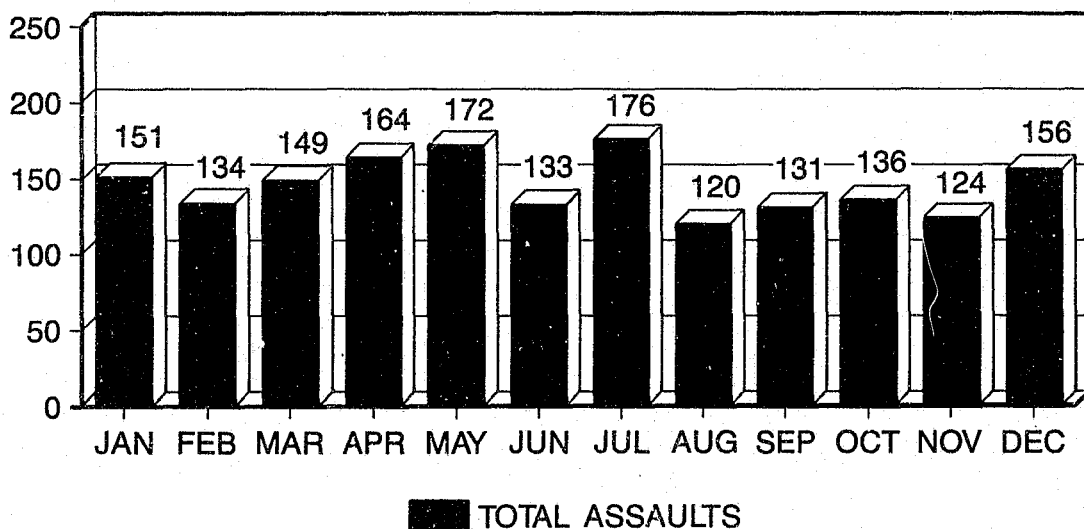
**TOTAL NUMBER OF ESCAPES  
1980 TO 1987**



The number of assaults that occur within an institution have been used as a barometer of the safety of that institution. All Department of Correction assaults have been standardized and are defined as the assaults that "require medical attention." The information is completed by the medical staff of each institution and reported to the Central Office on the monthly morbidity report.

TABLE 54

**INMATE ASSAULTS  
BY MONTH FOR 1987**

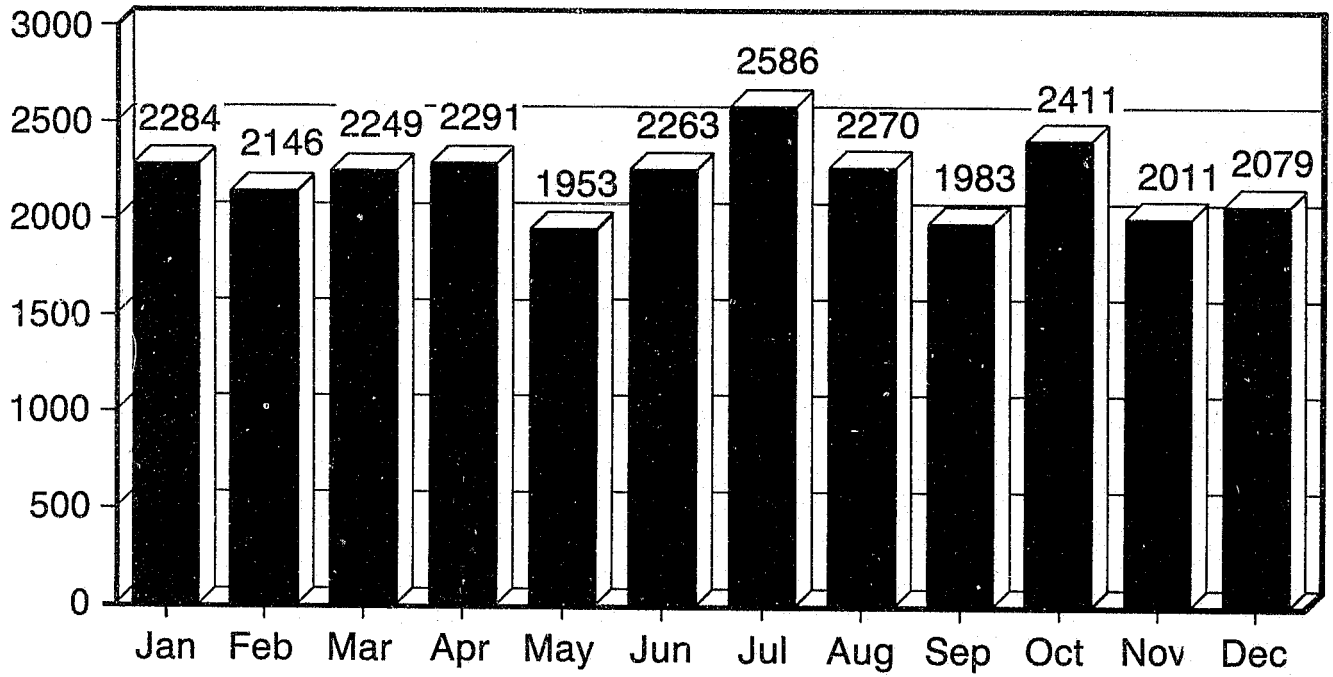


Total Assaults for inmate-inmate, inmate-custody staff and inmate-treatment staff for all institutions

The table below lists the number of misconducts reported to institutional hearing examiners in 1987. Misconduct reports may include more than one charge for violation of an institutional rule and/or regulation.

TABLE 55

**MISCONDUCTS  
BY MONTH FOR 1987**



■ Number of Misconducts

Total for all institutions