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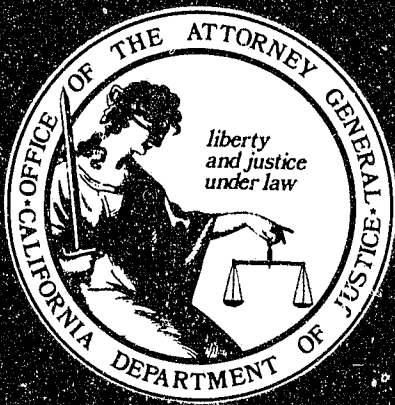
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INTRODUCTION

Crime and Delinquency in California, 1988, Advance Release is published by the Bureau of Criminal Statistics in order to provide annual criminal justice data at the earliest possible time. Information on crimes, arrests, the juvenile justice system, and adult felony arrest dispositions is contained in this publication.

This information is based on data reported to the Bureau of Criminal Statistics for the calendar year. The more extensive and detailed report, *Crime and Delinquency in California, 1988*, will be published later this year.

The most momentous thing in human life is the art of winning the soul to good or to evil.

Pythagoras
(circa 582 - 500 B.C.)

CRIMES

The California Crime Index (CCI) comprises willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, and motor vehicle theft.

From 1983 to 1988:

- California Crime Index offenses reported increased 2.2 percent in rate per 100,000 population.

From 1987 to 1988:

- The California Crime Index increased 1.1 percent in rate.

The offenses which make up the California Crime Index are grouped into violent and property crime categories.

Violent crimes comprise willful homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property crimes comprise burglary and motor vehicle theft.

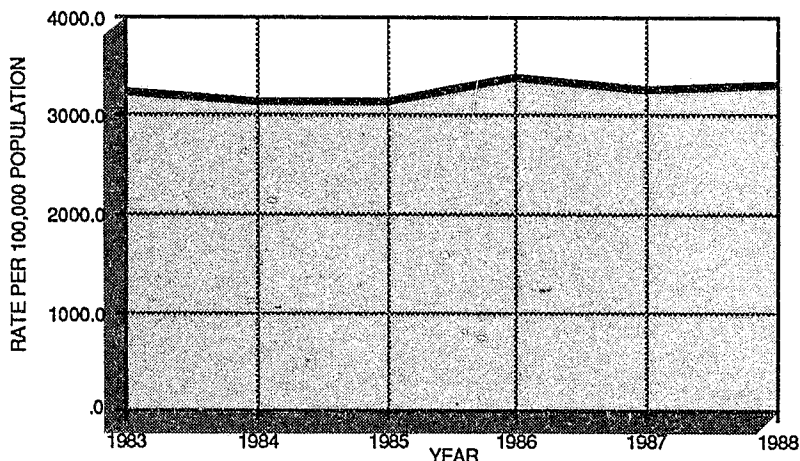
In 1988,

Of 935,520 California Crime Index offenses reported:

- Violent crimes accounted for 28.0 percent (261,990).
- Property crimes accounted for 72.0 percent (673,530).

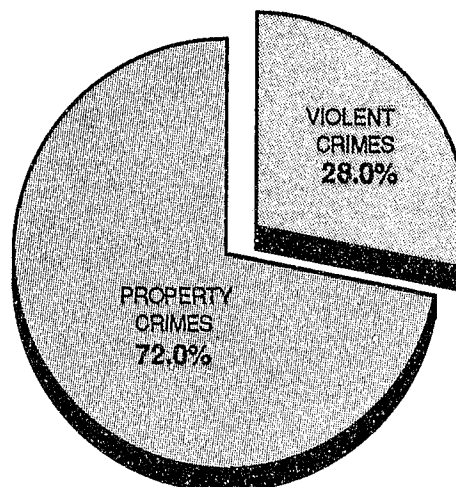
The CCI has increased 2.2 percent in rate since 1983.

CALIFORNIA CRIME INDEX, 1983-1988
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 1.

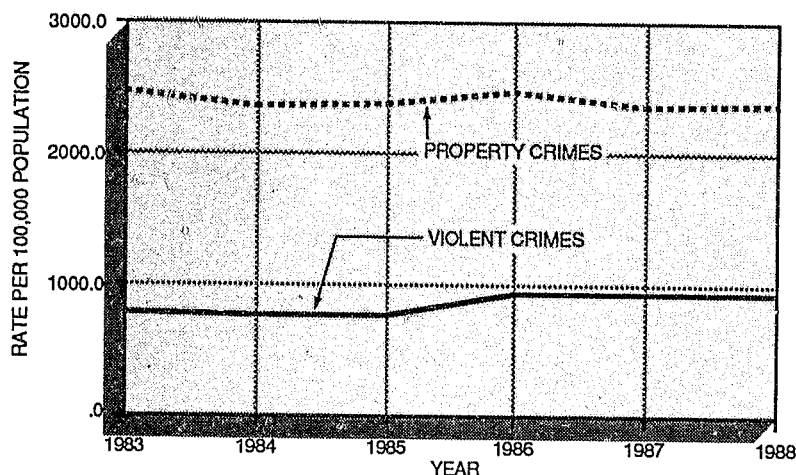
CALIFORNIA CRIME INDEX, 1988
By Category



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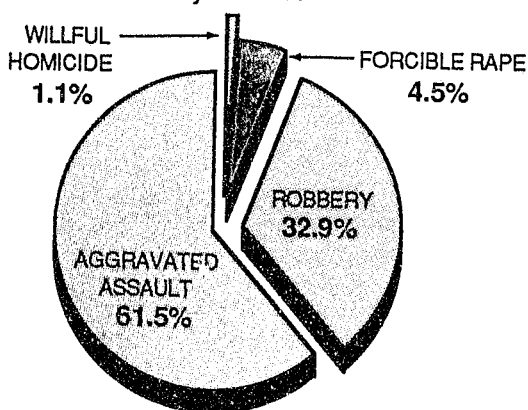
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VIOLENT AND PROPERTY CRIMES, 1983-1988
Rate per 100,000 Population

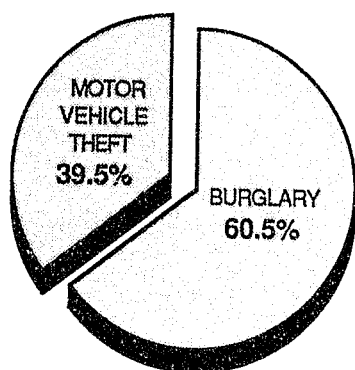


Source: Table 1.

VIOLENT CRIMES, 1988
By Offense



PROPERTY CRIMES, 1988
By Offense



Source: Table 1.

From 1983 to 1988:

- Violent crimes reported increased 19.8 percent in rate.
- Property crimes reported decreased 3.3 percent in rate.

From 1987 to 1988:

- The violent crime rate increased .7 percent.
- The property crime rate increased 1.3 percent.

In 1988,

Of 261,990 violent crimes reported:

- Willful homicide accounted for 1.1 percent (2,947).
- Forcible rape accounted for 4.5 percent (11,771).
- Robbery accounted for 32.9 percent (86,190).
- Aggravated assault accounted for 61.5 percent (161,082).

Of 673,530 property crimes reported:

- Burglary accounted for 60.5 percent (407,555).
- Motor vehicle theft accounted for 39.5 percent (265,975).

The violent crime trend reflects increases in aggravated assault caused by domestic violence being reported as criminal conduct.

The property crime rate is up slightly in 1988 because of a large increase in motor vehicle theft.

CRIMES

From 1983 to 1988:

- There was a 1.0 percent decrease in the rate of willful homicide crimes.
- There was a 13.3 percent decrease in the rate of forcible rape crimes.
- There was a 10.7 percent decrease in the rate of robbery crimes.
- There was a 52.5 percent increase in the rate of aggravated assault crimes.

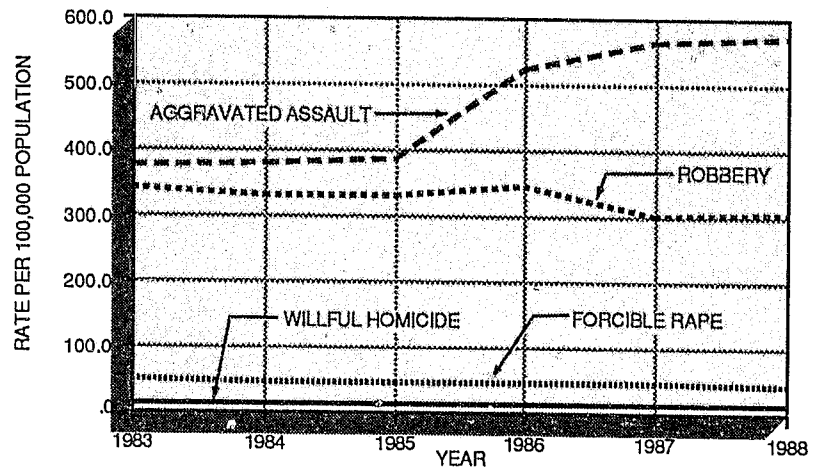
From 1987 to 1988:

- There was a 1.9 percent rate decrease in willful homicide crimes.
- There was a 5.0 percent rate decrease in forcible rape crimes.
- There was a 1.0 percent rate increase in robbery crimes.
- There was a 1.1 percent rate increase in aggravated assault crimes.

Aggravated assault has the highest rate of the four violent crime offenses. The large increase from 1985 to 1986 is attributed to a 1986 law change which required reporting domestic violence incidents as criminal conduct.

VIOLENT CRIMES, 1983-1988

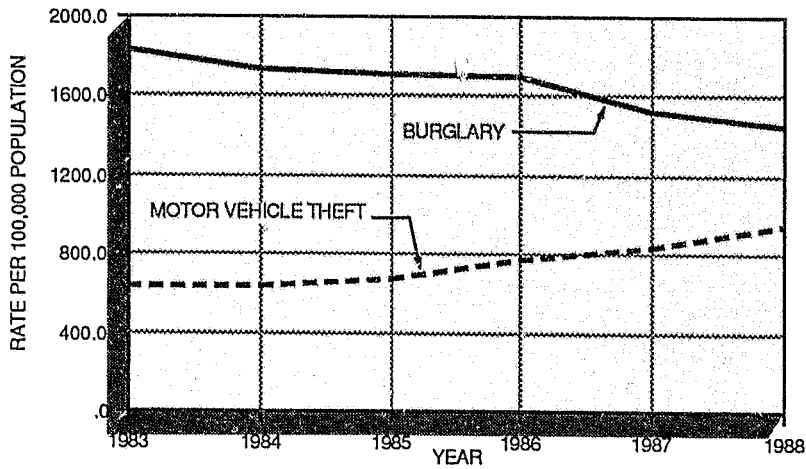
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 1.

CRIMES

PROPERTY CRIMES, 1983-1988
Rate per 100,000 Population



Source: Table 1.

From 1983 to 1988:

- There was a 21.3 percent decrease in the rate of burglary crimes.
- There was a 48.8 percent increase in the rate of motor vehicle theft crimes.

From 1987 to 1988:

- There was a 5.2 percent rate decrease in burglary crimes.
- There was a 13.1 percent rate increase in motor vehicle theft crimes.

The 48.8 percent increase in the motor vehicle theft rate since 1983 has influenced both the property crime rate and the CCI.

ARRESTS

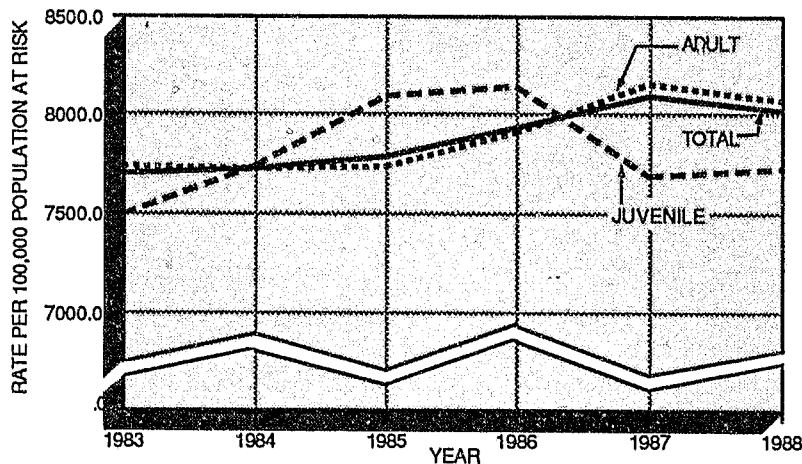
From 1983 to 1988:

- For total arrests, there was a 4.1 percent increase in rate per 100,000 population at risk.
- There was a 4.2 percent increase in the rate of adult arrests and a 3.1 percent increase in the rate of juvenile arrests.

From 1987 to 1988:

- There was a .9 percent rate decrease in total arrests.
- There was a 1.1 percent decrease in the rate of adult arrests and a .6 percent increase in the rate of juvenile arrests.

ARRESTS IN CALIFORNIA, 1983-1988
Total, Adult, and Juvenile
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 2.

In 1988,

Of 1,903,067 arrests reported:

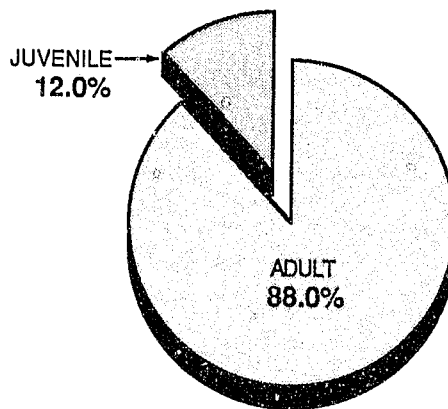
- Adult arrests accounted for 88.0 percent (1,673,864).
- Juvenile arrests accounted for 12.0 percent (229,203).

And,

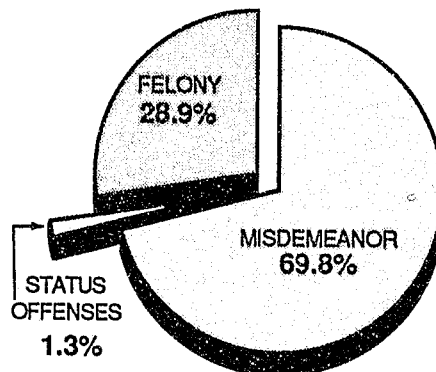
- Felony arrests accounted for 28.9 percent (550,446).
- Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 69.8 percent (1,328,737).
- Status offense arrests accounted for 1.3 percent (23,884).

The total arrest rate registered a slight decrease in 1988 (down .9 percent).

TOTAL ARRESTS, 1988
By Type of Arrest



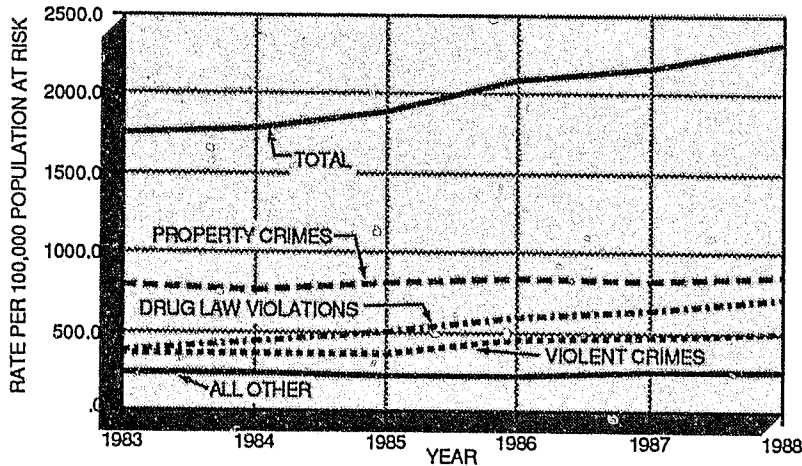
By Level of Arrest



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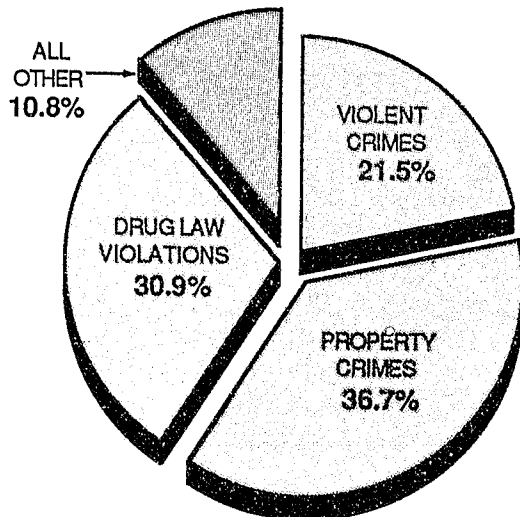
ARRESTS

FELONY ARRESTS, 1983-1988
Arrest Offense Category
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



Source: Table 3.

FELONY ARRESTS, 1988
By Offense Category



Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.
Source: Table 3.

From 1983 to 1988:

- There was a 33.3 percent increase in the rate of felony arrests.
- Violent crime arrests increased 43.3 percent in rate.
- Property crime arrests increased 7.7 percent in rate.
- Drug law violation arrests increased 93.9 percent in rate.
- All other felony arrests increased 9.1 percent in rate.

From 1987 to 1988:

- There was a 7.4 percent increase in the rate of felony arrests.
- Violent crime arrests increased 6.3 percent in rate.
- Property crime arrests increased 5.0 percent in rate.
- Drug law violation arrests increased 12.4 percent in rate.
- All other felony arrests increased 4.4 percent in rate.

In 1988,

Of 550,446 felony arrests reported:

- Violent crimes accounted for 21.5 percent (118,601).
- Property crimes accounted for 36.7 percent (202,053).
- Drug law violations accounted for 30.9 percent (170,156).
- All other felony offenses accounted for 10.8 percent (59,636).

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

The term "new referral" means that the juvenile was not on probation or parole at the time of referral. This does not mean that the juvenile has not had previous contact with the juvenile justice system.

From 1983 to 1988:

- New referrals to probation departments increased 6.4 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk.

From 1987 to 1988:

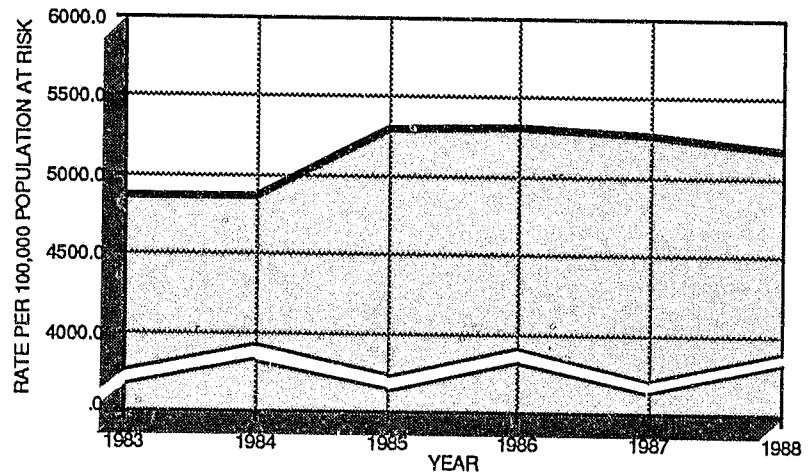
- New referrals decreased 1.8 percent in rate.

In 1988,

Of 104,674 new referrals disposed of by the probation departments:

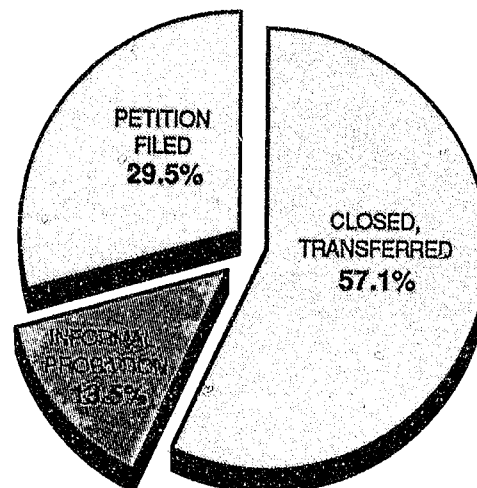
- Closed or transferred dispositions accounted for 57.1 percent (59,731).
- Placements on informal probation accounted for 13.5 percent (14,087).
- Petitions filed with the juvenile court accounted for 29.5 percent (30,856).

NEW REFERRALS, 1983-1988^a
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



^a Los Angeles County data are not included.
Source: Table 4.

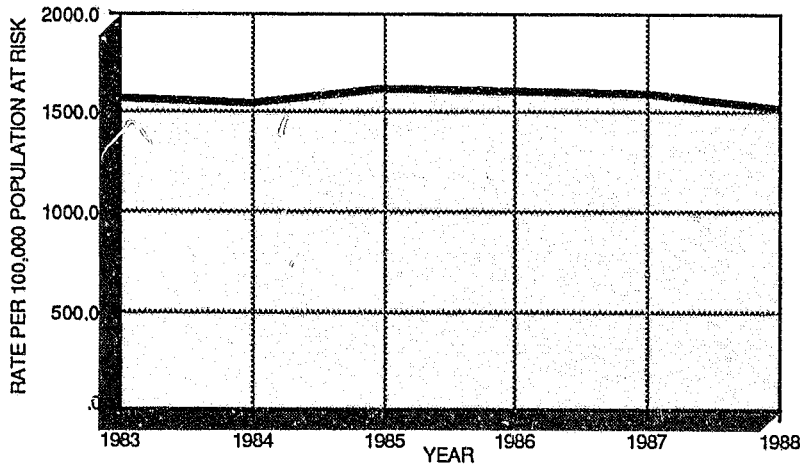
PROBATION DEPARTMENT DISPOSITIONS OF NEW REFERRALS, 1988^a



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Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.
Source: Table 4.

JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

NEW PETITIONS IN JUVENILE COURT, 1983-1988^a
Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk



^a Los Angeles County data are not included.
Source: Table 5.

The term "new petition" means that the juvenile was not on probation or parole at the time the petition was filed in juvenile court. This does not mean that the juvenile has not previously had a petition filed.

From 1983 to 1988:

- New petitions in juvenile court decreased 2.6 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk.

From 1987 to 1988:

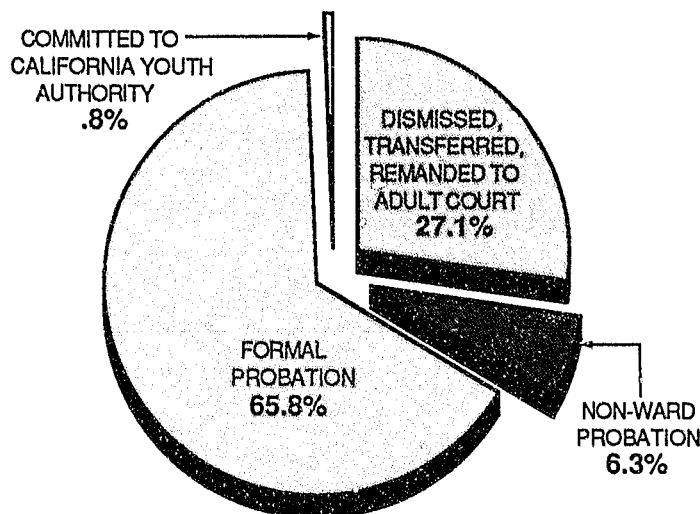
- New petitions decreased 4.2 percent in rate.

In 1988,

Of 30,856 juvenile court dispositions of new petitions:

- Dismissed, transferred, and remanded to adult court accounted for 27.1 percent (8,349).
- Non-ward probation accounted for 6.3 percent (1,948).
- Formal probation accounted for 65.8 percent (20,300).
- Commitments to the California Youth Authority accounted for .8 percent (259).

JUVENILE COURT DISPOSITIONS OF NEW PETITIONS, 1988^a



^a Los Angeles County data are not included.
Source: Table 5.

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

The proportion of convictions were calculated using both the total number of reported adult felony arrest dispositions and the total number of reported complaints filed.

From 1983 to 1988,

As a percent of reported adult felony arrest dispositions:

- Convictions increased 2.3 percentage points (55.5 to 57.8 percent).

As a percent of reported complaints filed:

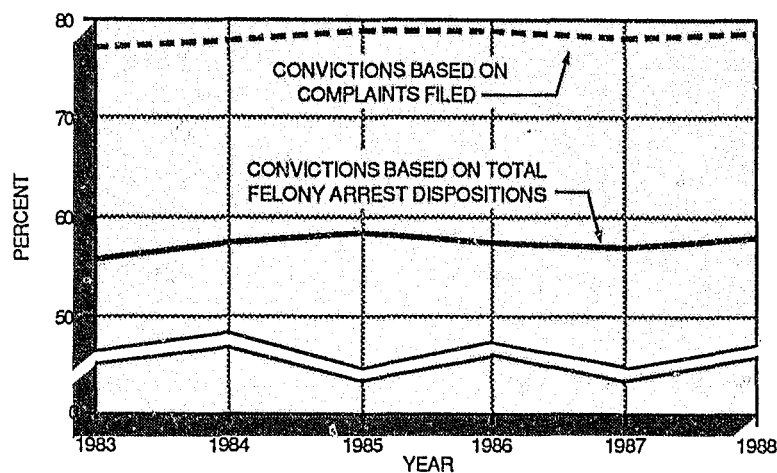
- Convictions increased 1.6 percentage points (77.0 to 78.6 percent).

In 1988,

Of the 265,990 reported dispositions of adult felony arrests:

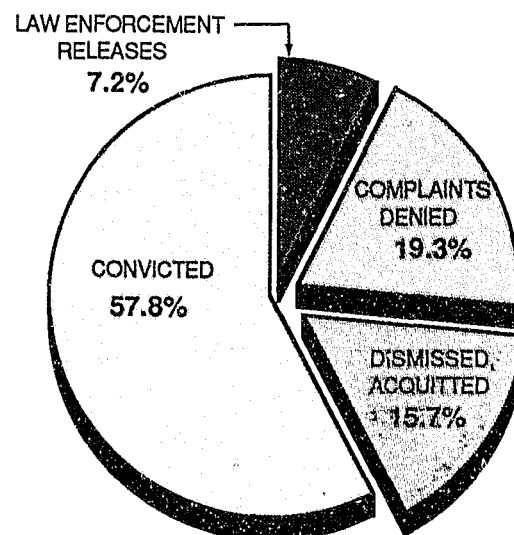
- 7.2 percent were law enforcement releases.
- 19.3 percent were complaints denied.
- 15.7 percent were dismissed or acquitted.
- 57.8 percent were convicted.

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1983-1988
Percent Convicted Based on Total Felony Arrest Dispositions and on Total Complaints Filed



Source: Table 7.

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1988
By Type of Disposition

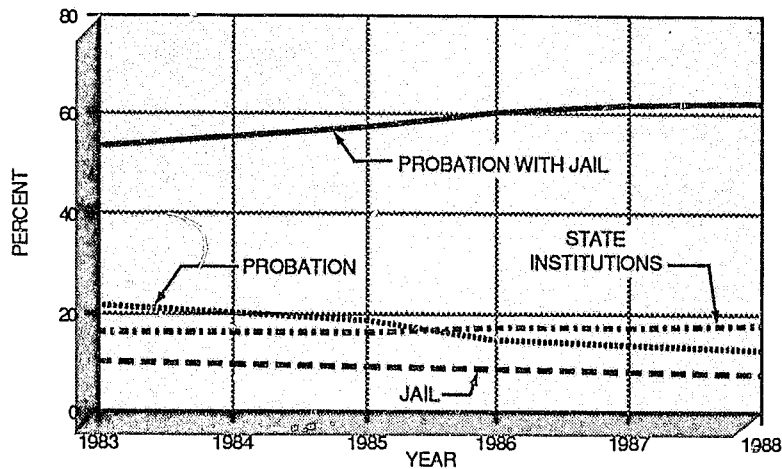


Notes: The "complaints denied" category includes petitions to revoke probation.
The "dismissed, acquitted" category includes diversions which have been dismissed.

Source: Table 6.

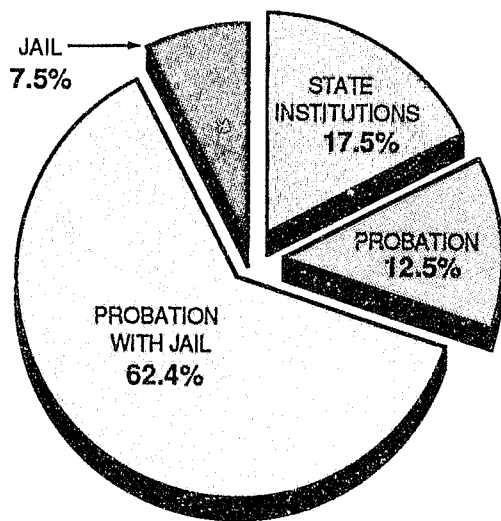
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1983-1988
Type of Sentence by Year



Source: Table 7.

ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1988
By Type of Sentence



Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding. The "state institutions" category includes prisons, the Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Centers. The "probation" category includes straight probation, fine, and "other" (no sentence given and sentence suspended).

Source: Table 7.

From 1983 to 1988,

Of the total adult felony arrestees convicted:

- The largest increase was for sentences to probation with jail (up 9.1 percentage points).
- The largest decrease was for straight probation sentences (down 8.5 percentage points).
- The proportion of sentences to state institutions and jail varied slightly (up 1.8 and down 2.5 percentage points, respectively).

In 1988,

Of the 153,671 adult felony arrestees convicted:

- 87.4 percent received incarcerative sentences.
- 12.5 percent received sentences of probation.

Since 1983, sentences to probation with jail have increased 9.1 percentage points and now account for more than six out of ten sentences.

DATA TABLES

TABLE 1
CRIMES, 1983-1988
FBI CRIME INDEX TOTAL AND THE CALIFORNIA CRIME INDEX OFFENSES
 Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

Year	FBI Crime Index total ^a	California Crime Index total	Violent crimes					Property crimes			Larceny-theft
			Total	Willful homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Total	Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	
1988	1,868,235	935,520	261,990	2,947	11,771	86,190	161,082	673,530	407,555	265,975	932,715
1987	1,800,784	904,014	254,137	2,929	12,114	83,373	155,721	649,877	420,182	229,695	896,770
1986	1,824,754	911,697	248,352	3,030	12,118	92,513	140,691	663,345	457,743	205,602	913,057
1985	1,721,107	828,461	202,066	2,781	11,442	86,464	101,379	626,395	449,065	177,330	892,646
1984	1,658,332	800,615	195,650	2,724	11,702	84,015	97,209	604,965	443,624	161,341	857,717
1983	1,680,781	813,789	194,489	2,640	12,092	85,824	93,933	619,300	460,401	158,899	866,992
Percent change in number from											
1987 to 1988....	3.7	3.5	3.1	.6	-2.8	3.4	3.4	3.6	-3.0	15.8	4.0
1986 to 1987....	-1.3	-.8	2.3	-3.3	.0	-9.9	10.7	-2.0	-8.2	11.7	-1.8
1985 to 1986....	6.0	10.0	22.9	9.0	5.9	7.0	38.8	5.9	1.9	15.9	2.3
1984 to 1985....	3.8	3.5	3.3	2.1	-2.2	2.9	4.3	3.5	1.2	9.9	4.1
1983 to 1984....	-1.3	-1.6	.6	3.2	-3.2	-2.1	3.5	-2.3	-3.6	1.5	-1.1
1983 to 1988....	11.2	15.0	34.7	11.6	-2.7	.4	71.5	8.8	-11.5	67.4	7.6
Rate per 100,000 population ^b											
1988	6,598.2	3,304.0	925.3	10.4	41.6	304.4	568.9	2,376.7	1,439.4	939.4	3,294.1
1987	6,509.7	3,268.0	918.7	10.6	43.8	301.4	562.9	2,349.3	1,518.9	830.3	3,241.8
1986	6,763.2	3,379.1	920.5	11.2	44.9	342.9	521.4	2,458.6	1,696.6	762.0	3,384.1
1985	6,528.0	3,142.3	766.4	10.5	43.4	327.9	384.5	2,375.8	1,703.3	672.6	3,385.7
1984	6,472.3	3,124.7	763.6	10.6	45.7	327.9	379.4	2,361.1	1,731.4	629.7	3,347.6
1983	6,676.7	3,232.7	772.6	10.5	48.0	340.9	373.1	2,460.1	1,828.9	631.2	3,444.0
Percent change in rate from											
1987 to 1988....	1.4	1.1	.7	-1.9	-5.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	-5.2	13.1	1.6
1986 to 1987....	-3.7	-3.3	-.2	-5.4	-2.4	-12.1	8.0	-4.4	-10.5	9.0	-4.2
1985 to 1986....	3.6	7.5	20.1	6.7	3.5	4.6	35.6	3.5	-.4	13.3	.0
1984 to 1985....	.9	.6	.4	-.9	-5.0	.0	1.3	.6	-1.6	6.8	1.1
1983 to 1984....	-3.1	-3.3	-1.2	1.0	-4.8	-3.8	1.7	-4.0	-5.3	-.2	-2.8
1983 to 1988....	-1.2	2.2	19.8	-1.0	-13.3	-10.7	52.5	-3.3	-21.3	48.8	-4.4

^aThe FBI Crime Index total includes larceny-theft; the FBI modified Crime Index (not shown) also includes arson.

^bRates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Population Research Unit, Department of Finance.

Note: The 1986 increase in aggravated assaults is attributed to the change in police procedures for handling domestic violence incidents as alleged criminal conduct.

Source: Uniform Crime Reporting, Crime and Clearance System.

TABLE 2
ARRESTS, 1983-1988
Number and Rate per 100,000 Population

Year	Total			Law violations									Status offenses ^a
	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total			Felony			Misdemeanor			Total (juvenile only)
				Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	
1988.....	1,903,067	1,673,864	229,203	1,879,183	1,673,864	205,319	550,446	469,688	80,758	1,328,737	1,204,176	124,561	23,884
1987.....	1,859,342	1,635,731	223,611	1,834,012	1,635,731	198,281	496,246	422,663	73,583	1,337,766	1,213,068	124,698	25,330
1986.....	1,794,481	1,558,601	235,880	1,769,204	1,558,601	210,603	469,982	393,790	76,192	1,299,222	1,164,811	134,411	25,277
1985.....	1,716,040	1,485,079	230,961	1,690,267	1,485,079	205,188	413,673	340,152	73,521	1,276,594	1,144,927	131,667	25,773
1984.....	1,680,721	1,458,674	222,047	1,653,997	1,458,674	195,323	384,861	315,872	68,989	1,269,136	1,142,802	126,334	26,724
1983.....	1,653,914	1,435,788	218,126	1,631,397	1,435,788	195,609	373,609	302,421	71,188	1,257,788	1,133,367	124,421	22,517
Percent change in number from													
1987 to 1988.....	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.3	3.5	10.9	11.1	9.8	-7	-7	-1	-5.7
1986 to 1987.....	3.6	4.9	-5.2	3.7	4.9	-5.9	5.6	7.3	-3.4	3.0	4.1	-7.2	.2
1985 to 1986.....	4.6	5.0	2.1	4.7	5.0	2.6	13.6	15.8	3.6	1.8	1.7	2.1	-1.9
1984 to 1985.....	2.1	1.8	4.0	2.2	1.8	5.1	7.5	7.7	6.6	.6	.2	4.2	-3.6
1983 to 1984.....	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.6	-1	3.0	4.4	-3.1	.9	.8	1.5	18.7
1983 to 1988.....	15.1	16.6	5.1	15.2	16.6	5.0	47.3	55.3	13.4	5.6	6.2	.1	6.1
Rate per 100,000 population (total) ^b													
1988.....	6,721.2	5,911.7	809.5	6,636.8	5,911.7	725.1	1,944.0	1,658.8	285.2	4,692.8	4,252.9	439.9	84.4
1987.....	6,721.4	5,913.1	808.3	6,629.9	5,913.1	716.8	1,793.9	1,527.9	266.0	4,836.0	4,385.2	450.8	91.6
1986.....	6,651.0	5,776.7	874.3	6,557.3	5,776.7	780.6	1,741.9	1,459.5	282.4	4,815.4	4,317.2	498.2	93.7
1985.....	6,508.8	5,632.7	876.0	6,411.0	5,632.7	778.3	1,569.0	1,290.2	278.9	4,842.0	4,342.6	499.4	97.8
1984.....	6,559.7	5,693.1	866.6	6,455.4	5,693.1	762.3	1,502.1	1,232.8	269.3	4,953.3	4,460.2	493.1	104.3
1983.....	6,569.9	5,703.5	866.5	6,480.5	5,703.5	777.0	1,484.1	1,201.3	282.8	4,996.4	4,502.1	494.2	89.4
Rate per 100,000 population at risk ^c													
1988.....	8,020.1	8,062.2	7,725.6	7,919.4	8,062.2	6,920.5	2,319.7	2,262.2	2,722.1	5,599.7	5,799.9	4,198.5	805.0
1987.....	8,091.0	8,150.2	7,682.8	7,980.8	8,150.2	6,812.5	2,159.4	2,106.0	2,528.1	5,821.4	6,044.3	4,284.3	870.3
1986.....	7,934.5	7,903.5	8,145.8	7,822.8	7,903.5	7,272.9	2,078.1	1,996.9	2,631.2	5,744.7	5,906.6	4,641.7	872.9
1985.....	7,781.2	7,734.7	8,094.7	7,664.4	7,734.7	7,191.4	1,875.8	1,771.6	2,576.8	5,788.6	5,963.1	4,614.6	903.3
1984.....	7,724.8	7,723.5	7,733.3	7,602.0	7,723.5	6,802.6	1,768.9	1,672.5	2,402.7	5,833.1	6,051.0	4,399.9	930.7
1983.....	7,703.2	7,736.1	7,493.2	7,598.3	7,736.1	6,719.7	1,740.1	1,629.5	2,445.5	5,858.2	6,106.6	4,274.2	773.5
Percent change in rate per 100,000 population at risk from													
1987 to 1988.....	-9	-1.1	.6	-8	-1.1	1.6	7.4	7.4	7.7	-3.8	-4.0	-2.0	-7.5
1986 to 1987.....	2.0	3.1	-5.7	2.0	3.1	-6.3	3.9	5.5	-3.9	1.3	2.3	-7.7	-3
1985 to 1986.....	2.0	2.2	.6	2.1	2.2	1.1	10.8	12.7	2.1	-8	-9	.6	-3.4
1984 to 1985.....	.7	.1	4.7	.8	.1	5.7	6.0	5.9	7.2	-8	-1.5	4.9	-2.9
1983 to 1984.....	.3	-2	3.2	.0	-2	1.2	1.7	2.6	-1.8	-4	-9	2.9	20.3
1983 to 1988.....	4.1	4.2	3.1	4.2	4.2	3.0	33.3	38.8	11.3	-4.4	-5.0	-1.8	4.1

^aStatus offenses include truancy, incorrigibility, running away, and curfew violations.

^bRates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Population Research Unit, Department of Finance.

^cThese rates are based on the population at risk for each year: total (10 years of age and older), adult (18 years of age and older), and juvenile (10-17 years of age).

Note: Arrest rates calculated from the total population may not add to the total or subtotal arrest rates because of rounding.

Source: Monthly Arrest and Citation Register System.

TABLE 3
FELONY ARRESTS, 1983-1988
By Offense Category
Number and Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk

Year	Total	Violent crimes ^a	Property crimes ^b	Drug law violations	All other
1988	550,446	118,601	202,053	170,156	59,636
1987	496,246	108,034	186,285	146,588	55,339
1986	469,982	101,143	187,679	131,672	49,488
1985	413,673	78,916	176,849	108,729	49,179
1984	384,861	76,437	164,751	93,124	50,549
1983	373,609	74,898	169,813	79,422	49,476
Rate per 100,000 population at risk					
1988	2,319.7	499.8	851.5	717.1	251.3
1987	2,159.4	470.1	810.6	637.9	240.8
1986	2,078.1	447.2	829.8	582.2	218.8
1985	1,875.8	357.8	801.9	493.0	223.0
1984	1,768.9	351.3	757.2	428.0	232.3
1983	1,740.1	348.8	790.9	369.9	230.4
Percent change in rate from					
1987 to 1988	7.4	6.3	5.0	12.4	4.4
1986 to 1987	3.9	5.1	-2.3	9.6	10.1
1985 to 1986	10.8	25.0	3.5	18.1	-1.9
1984 to 1985	6.0	1.9	5.9	15.2	-4.0
1983 to 1984	1.7	.7	-4.3	15.7	.8
1983 to 1988	33.3	43.3	7.7	93.9	9.1

a Violent crimes include homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assault, and kidnapping offenses.

b Property crimes include burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, arson, and forgery, checks, and access card offenses.

Source: Monthly Arrest and Citation Register System.

TABLE 4
NEW REFERRALS TO PROBATION DEPARTMENTS, 1983-1988^a
 Source of Referral, Disposition, Sex, and New Referral Rate per 100,000 Population at Risk^b

Source of referral, type of disposition and sex	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1983-1988	1987-1988
TOTAL.....	96,617	100.0	95,462	100.0	103,564	100.0	106,683	100.0	105,664	100.0	104,674	100.0	8.3	-9
Source of referral														
Law enforcement.....	87,918	91.0	86,637	90.8	93,797	90.6	95,760	89.8	94,624	89.6	93,844	89.7	6.7	-8
Schools.....	1,099	1.1	1,260	1.3	1,738	1.7	1,964	1.8	1,627	1.5	1,576	1.5	43.4	-3.1
Parents.....	660	.7	548	.6	478	.5	394	.4	481	.5	533	.5	-19.2	10.8
Other and unknown.....	6,940	7.2	7,017	7.4	7,551	7.3	8,565	8.0	8,932	8.5	8,721	8.3	25.7	-2.4
Disposition														
Closed, transferred.....	52,445	54.3	51,456	53.9	56,458	54.5	59,544	55.8	59,700	56.5	59,731	57.1	13.9	.1
Informal probation.....	13,068	13.5	13,656	14.3	15,427	14.9	14,797	13.9	14,030	13.3	14,087	13.5	7.8	.4
Petition filed.....	31,104	32.2	30,350	31.8	31,679	30.6	32,342	30.3	31,934	30.2	30,856	29.5	-8	-3.4
Sex														
Male.....	73,612	76.2	72,663	76.1	78,561	75.9	80,933	75.9	79,868	75.6	80,187	76.6	8.9	.4
Female.....	23,005	23.8	22,799	23.9	25,003	24.1	25,750	24.1	25,796	24.4	24,487	23.4	6.4	-5.1
New referral rate per 100,000 population at risk ^b	4,852.8		4,854.3		5,290.1		5,301.5		5,253.5		5,161.0		6.4	-1.8

^aThese 1983-1988 data exclude Los Angeles County. In 1988 a new reporting system was implemented by the Los Angeles County Probation Department. Data are being examined for consistency with prior years.

^bJuvenile population at risk includes ages 10 through 17.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System.

TABLE 5
JUVENILE COURT DISPOSITIONS OF NEW PETITIONS, 1983-1988^a
 Type of Disposition

Type of disposition	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		Percent change	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1983-1988	1987-1988
TOTAL.....	31,104	100.0	30,350	100.0	31,679	100.0	32,342	100.0	31,934	100.0	30,856	100.0	-8	-3.4
Dismissed, transferred, remanded to adult court.....	7,438	23.9	7,390	24.3	7,571	23.9	8,454	26.1	8,851	27.7	8,349	27.1	12.2	-5.7
Dismissed, transferred.....	7,233	23.3	7,243	23.9	7,416	23.4	8,308	25.7	8,733	27.3	8,197	26.6	13.3	-6.1
Remanded to adult court.....	205	.7	147	.5	155	.5	146	.5	118	.4	152	.5	-25.9	28.8
Non-ward probation ^b	2,037	6.5	1,964	6.5	2,050	6.5	1,923	5.9	1,906	6.0	1,948	6.3	-4.4	2.2
Formal probation.....	21,386	68.8	20,777	68.5	21,799	68.8	21,749	67.2	20,943	65.6	20,300	65.8	-5.1	-3.1
Committed to Youth Authority..	243	.8	219	.7	259	.8	216	.7	234	.7	259	.8	6.6	10.7
New petition rate per 100,000 population at risk ^c	1,562.3		1,543.3		1,618.2		1,607.2		1,587.7		1,521.4		-2.6	-4.2

^aThese 1983-1988 data exclude Los Angeles County. In 1988 a new reporting system was implemented by the Los Angeles County Probation Department. Data are being examined for consistency with prior years.

^bIncludes both 654 and 725a Welfare and Institutions Codes.

^cJuvenile population at risk includes ages 10 through 17.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 or to subtotals because of rounding.

Source: Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System.

TABLE 6
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1983-1988
 Type of Disposition by Number and Percent Distribution

Type of disposition	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Disposition of felony arrests	201,158	100.0	210,398	100.0	240,978	100.0	258,832	100.0	270,496	100.0	265,990	100.0
Law enforcement releases.....	19,006	9.4	20,180	9.6	23,003	9.5	22,773	8.8	21,019	7.8	19,230	7.2
Complaints denied	37,215	18.5	35,498	16.9	39,732	16.5	47,807	18.5	52,464	19.4	50,170	18.9
Petition to revoke probation ^a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,052	.4
Complaints filed.....	144,937	72.1	154,720	73.5	178,243	74.0	188,252	72.7	197,013	72.8	195,538	73.5
Misdemeanor.....	59,948	29.8	65,844	31.3	77,331	32.1	78,832	30.5	82,999	30.7	79,131	29.7
Felony.....	84,989	42.2	88,876	42.2	100,912	41.9	109,420	42.3	114,014	42.1	116,407	43.8
Lower court dispositions.....	92,063	45.8	97,757	46.5	110,109	45.7	113,419	43.8	119,675	44.2	113,078	42.5
Dismissed.....	28,160	14.0	29,527	14.0	32,799	13.6	34,882	13.5	38,370	14.2	29,361	11.0
Diversions dismissed ^a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,784	2.9
Acquitted.....	309	.2	298	.1	339	.1	281	.1	287	.1	259	.1
Convicted.....	63,594	31.6	67,932	32.3	76,971	31.9	78,256	30.2	81,018	30.0	75,674	28.4
Sentence												
Youth Authority.....	5	.0	3	.0	3	.0	1	.0	2	.0	5	.0
Probation.....	16,257	8.1	16,391	7.8	17,949	7.4	14,839	5.7	14,862	5.5	12,895	4.8
Probation with jail.....	34,957	17.4	39,114	18.6	45,043	18.7	49,865	19.3	53,271	19.7	50,448	19.0
Jail.....	10,241	5.1	10,228	4.9	11,574	4.8	11,484	4.4	11,113	4.1	10,807	4.1
Fine.....	2,004	1.0	2,042	1.0	2,118	.9	1,871	.7	1,628	.6	1,391	.5
Other.....	130	.1	154	.1	284	.1	196	.1	142	.1	128	.0
Superior court dispositions	52,874	26.3	56,963	27.1	68,134	28.3	74,833	28.9	77,338	28.6	82,460	31.0
Dismissed.....	3,986	2.0	3,858	1.8	3,902	1.6	4,132	1.6	4,062	1.5	3,568	1.3
Diversions dismissed ^a	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	328	.1
Acquitted.....	829	.4	770	.4	670	.3	667	.3	694	.3	567	.2
Convicted.....	48,059	23.9	52,335	24.9	63,562	26.4	70,034	27.1	72,582	26.8	77,997	29.3
Sentence												
Death	34	.0	27	.0	16	.0	21	.0	25	.0	34	.0
Prison.....	16,677	8.3	18,094	8.6	21,421	8.9	24,218	9.4	25,029	9.3	25,887	9.7
Youth Authority.....	464	.2	331	.2	225	.1	171	.1	125	.0	168	.1
Probation.....	5,017	2.5	5,091	2.4	4,978	2.1	4,434	1.7	4,128	1.5	4,818	1.8
Probation with jail.....	24,540	12.2	27,260	13.0	35,197	14.6	39,529	15.3	41,671	15.4	45,455	17.1
Jail.....	926	.5	944	.4	950	.4	912	.4	830	.3	760	.3
Fine.....	28	.0	26	.0	20	.0	28	.0	21	.0	28	.0
California Rehabilitation Center.....	357	.2	547	.3	678	.3	721	.3	743	.3	833	.3
Other.....	16	.0	15	.0	77	.0	0	.0	10	.0	14	.0

^aData not available prior to 1988.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 or to subtotals because of rounding.

Source: Offender-Based Transaction Statistics System.

TABLE 7
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1983-1988
 Percent Convicted Based on Total Felony Arrest Dispositions
 and on Total Complaints Filed

Type of disposition	1983				1984				1985			
	Number	Percent of total	Percent of complaints filed	Percent of convicted	Number	Percent of total	Percent of complaints filed	Percent of convicted	Number	Percent of total	Percent of complaints filed	Percent of convicted
Disposition of felony arrests	201,158	100.0			210,398	100.0			240,978	100.0		
Complaints filed.....	144,937		100.0		154,720		100.0		178,243		100.0	
Convicted.....	111,653	55.5	77.0	100.0	120,267	57.2	77.7	100.0	140,533	58.3	78.8	100.0
State institutions	17,537	8.7		15.7	19,002	9.0		15.8	22,343	9.3		15.9
Probation	23,452	11.7		21.0	23,719	11.3		19.7	25,426	10.6		18.1
Probation with jail.....	59,497	29.6		53.3	66,374	31.5		55.2	80,240	33.3		57.1
Jail.....	11,167	5.6		10.0	11,172	5.3		9.3	12,524	5.2		8.9
Type of disposition	1986				1987				1988			
	Number	Percent of total	Percent of complaints filed	Percent of convicted	Number	Percent of total	Percent of complaints filed	Percent of convicted	Number	Percent of total	Percent of complaints filed	Percent of convicted
Disposition of felony arrests	258,832	100.0			270,496	100.0			265,990	100.0		
Complaints filed.....	188,252		100.0		197,013		100.0		195,538		100.0	
Convicted.....	148,290	57.3	78.8	100.0	153,600	56.8	78.0	100.0	153,671	57.8	78.6	100.0
State institutions	25,132	9.7		16.9	25,924	9.6		16.9	26,927	10.1		17.5
Probation	21,368	8.3		14.4	20,791	7.7		13.5	19,274	7.2		12.5
Probation with jail.....	89,394	34.5		60.3	94,942	35.1		61.8	95,903	36.1		62.4
Jail.....	12,396	4.8		8.4	11,943	4.4		7.8	11,567	4.3		7.5

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 or to subtotals because of rounding.

The "state institutions" category includes prisons, the Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Centers.

The "probation" category includes straight probation, fine, and "other" (no sentence given and sentence suspended).

Source: Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) System.