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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Male new court commitments grew from 14,903 in 1987 to 19,894 in 1989, an increase of 33.5 percent. During this same time period, female new court commitments increased 98.9%, from 802 in 1987 to 1,595 in 1989 (see Table 1, p. 4).
2. The proportion of the male commitment population imprisoned for drug offenses rose from 32.0% in 1987 to 43.7% in 1989. The growth in female drug commitments has been even more striking, increasing from 42.4% of the 1987 new court commitment population to 66.4% of the 1989 new court commitment population (see Table 1, p. 4).
3. Over the three year period covered by this report, black females on average accounted for 46.1% of the female new court commitment population, followed by Hispanics at 37.3%, and whites at 16.5 percent. The proportion of white female commitments incarcerated for drug offenses ranged from 28.5% in 1987 to 49.3% in 1989; for blacks, from 30.3% to 57.8%; and for Hispanics, 70.6% to 81.8 percent (see Tables 2.1 and 2.2, pp. 5-6).
4. Generally, the prior adult criminal record category with the highest percentage of commitments is that for women who have served an earlier jail term. Among drug offenders, the proportion having served a prior jail term increased from 20.2% in 1987 to 41.0% in 1989 (see Tables 5, p. 17).
5. The proportion of the female drug population committed for the most serious drug offenses declined over the three years covered by this report. For example, commitments for class A-II felony drug offenses fell from 17.4% in 1987 to 7.0% in 1989, while commitments for class C offenses rose from 12.6% in 1987 to 22.4% in 1989 (see Table 6, p. 20).
6. On average, from 1987 to 1989, 77.4% of female drug offenders were admitted for the sale, as opposed to the possession, of a controlled substance (see Table 8, p. 22).
7. The average minimum sentence for female drug offenders fell from 29.8 months in 1987 to 24.3 months in 1989. The median minimum sentence declined as well, from 24.0 months (1987 and 1988) to 18.0 months (1989) (see Table 9, p. 23).

8. Among first felony drug offenders the median minimum sentence decreased from 18.0 months in 1987 to 12.0 months in 1989. There was no variation in the median minimum sentence (24 months) for female drug offenders sentenced as second felons (see Table 10, p. 26).
9. The five counties comprising New York City account for approximately 80% of the yearly drug admission population. The remaining commitments are about equally divided between Suburban New York (consisting of Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties) and the Upstate Counties (see Table 11, p.27).
10. About three-quarters of all female drug commitments report having at least one child (see Table 14, p.31).
11. In 1988, 43.3% of female drug commitments reported that the drug leading to their conviction was cocaine and another 30.6%, specified crack. This self-reported pattern of commitment was reversed in 1989, with 44.8% of women citing crack and 33.9%, cocaine (see Table 15, p.34).
12. The single largest proportion of 1988 and 1989 female cocaine commitments (33.2% and 27.9%, respectively) were imprisoned for class B offenses, whereas the single largest percentage of crack and opiate commitments were admitted for class D felony offenses (see Table 17, p.36).
13. The majority of whites committed for a drug crime were admitted for an offense involving cocaine (on average, 62.1%), while the single largest proportion of black women (on average, 53.2%) were admitted for the sale or possession of crack. Offenses involving cocaine dominated 1988 Hispanic drug admissions (43.8%) and crack, 1989 Hispanic drug admissions (39.0%) (see Table 18.2, p.40).
14. The proportion of females committed from New York City for crack offenses surpassed those imprisoned for cocaine in 1989 (40.7% versus 20.7%). However, in the remainder of the state, particularly in the Upstate Counties, female drug admissions were still dominated by cocaine offenses (see Table 20, p.42).
15. Fifty-two percent of 1988 female drug offenders denied drug usage, as did approximately 30% of 1989 drug commitments. Of those who report using drugs, the largest proportion claim opiate usage (37.6% in 1988 and 36.0% in 1989). The second most widely used drug in 1988 was cocaine (32.2%) but in 1989, it was crack (29.6%) (see Table 21, p.43).

INTRODUCTION

On December 31, 1986, the New York State Department of Correctional Services undercustody inmate population stood at 38,647. By the end of December 1989, it had grown to 51,234, an increase of 32.6 percent. However during this same time period, the female undercustody population increased 83.4%, from 1,344 to 2,465. Much of this growth is the direct result of the rise in admissions for various drug offenses.

This report profiles the female new court commitment population from January 1, 1987 through December 31, 1989, with special emphasis on those committed for drug offenses.

Section 1

FEMALE NEW COURT COMMITMENTS - DEMOGRAPHICS

A. New Court Commitments to DOCS by Sex

Felony offenses for male and female new court commitments appear in Table 1.¹ The first category in addition to containing all legislatively designated violent felonies also includes three offenses: murder 2nd, kidnapping 1st and arson 1st, which although not embodied in the 1978 Violent Felony Offender legislation, are included due to the nature of these crimes and the severe sentences attached to them. All remaining felonies with elements of violence or coercion appear in the category, Other Coercive. The third category contains all drug offenses and the fourth, is comprised of property crimes and all other remaining offenses.

Regardless of sex, commitments for drug offenses increased during the three year period under examination (see Table 1). Thirty-two percent (4,766) of all 1987 male commitments were admitted for drug offenses. By the end of 1989, male drug commitments accounted for 43.7% (8,689) of the male admission population. The growth in drug commitments corresponds with a decrease in the proportion of males committed for violent felony offenses.

The composition of the female new court commitment population has also been altered in recent years by the number of drug offenders being admitted to DOCS. On average, from 1980 to 1986, 22.3% of females were incarcerated for drug offenses.² This figure increased substantially in 1987 to 42.4% (340), and by the end of 1989, to 66.4% (1,059). In contrast, the percentage of females admitted for violent felonies steadily declined, from about 50% of the total admission population in the early 1980's, to 18% of 1989 commitments.

¹The numbers in Table 1 should be used as a base for male and female new court commitment population figures for the years 1987 through 1989. Note, not all tables in the remainder of the report reflect Table 1 subtotals and totals, due to missing variable information on some cases.

²See "Female New Court Commitments: 1976-1987." New York State Department of Correctional Services, Albany, NY 12226

TABLE 1 COMMITMENT TO DOCS BY SEX : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	1987				1988				1989			
	MALE		FEMALE		MALE		FEMALE		MALE		FEMALE	
VIOLENT FELONY												
MURDER	301	2.0%	13	1.6%	273	1.7%	7	.7%	335	1.7%	6	.4%
ATTEMPT MURDER	158	1.1%	4	.5%	147	.9%	7	.7%	183	.9%	4	.3%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	303	2.0%	31	3.9%	344	2.1%	22	2.2%	353	1.8%	37	2.3%
RAPE 1ST	257	1.7%	0	.0%	228	1.4%	3	.3%	229	1.2%	0	.0%
ROBBERY 1ST	1491	10.0%	42	5.2%	1263	7.7%	46	4.5%	1381	6.9%	43	2.7%
ROBBERY 2ND	1432	9.6%	69	8.6%	1512	9.2%	76	7.5%	1509	7.6%	72	4.5%
ASSAULT 1ST	212	1.4%	21	2.6%	204	1.2%	9	.9%	194	1.0%	28	1.8%
ASSAULT 2ND	219	1.5%	20	2.5%	243	1.5%	17	1.7%	252	1.3%	18	1.1%
BURGLARY 1ST	135	.9%	6	.7%	116	.7%	2	.2%	115	.6%	6	.4%
BURGLARY 2ND	1172	7.9%	38	4.7%	1158	7.1%	35	3.5%	1133	5.7%	37	2.3%
ARSON 1ST,2ND	41	.3%	9	1.1%	42	.3%	8	.8%	41	.2%	7	.4%
SODOMY 1ST	136	.9%	1	.1%	111	.7%	3	.3%	144	.7%	0	.0%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	144	1.0%	0	.0%	141	.9%	1	.1%	140	.7%	2	.1%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	635	4.3%	12	1.5%	687	4.2%	12	1.2%	768	3.9%	23	1.4%
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	34	.2%	3	.4%	31	.2%	3	.3%	43	.2%	4	.3%
TOTAL	6670	44.8%	269	33.5%	6500	39.7%	251	24.8%	6820	34.3%	287	18.0%
OTHER COERCIVE												
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	68	.5%	7	.9%	84	.5%	11	1.1%	64	.3%	8	.5%
OTHER HOMICIDE	40	.3%	3	.4%	47	.3%	3	.3%	38	.2%	4	.3%
ROBBERY 3RD	452	3.0%	12	1.5%	486	3.0%	18	1.8%	576	2.9%	30	1.9%
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	77	.5%	7	.9%	103	.6%	3	.3%	91	.5%	6	.4%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	84	.6%	0	.0%	102	.6%	0	.0%	102	.5%	0	.0%
OTHER COERCIVE	138	.9%	14	1.7%	168	1.0%	17	1.7%	181	.9%	10	.6%
TOTAL	859	5.8%	43	5.4%	990	6.1%	52	5.1%	1052	5.3%	58	3.6%
DRUG OFFENSES	4766	32.0%	340	42.4%	5896	36.0%	536	52.9%	8689	43.7%	1059	66.4%
TOTAL	4766	32.0%	340	42.4%	5896	36.0%	536	52.9%	8689	43.7%	1059	66.4%
PROPERTY AND OTHER												
BURGLARY 3RD	968	6.5%	6	.7%	1072	6.6%	12	1.2%	1154	5.8%	18	1.1%
GRAND LARCENY	567	3.8%	63	7.9%	559	3.4%	57	5.6%	574	2.9%	58	3.6%
FORGERY	155	1.0%	32	4.0%	172	1.1%	56	5.5%	136	.7%	46	2.9%
STOLEN PROPERTY	445	3.0%	29	3.6%	526	3.2%	25	2.5%	619	3.1%	28	1.8%
DRIVE INTOXICATED	96	.6%	2	.2%	142	.9%	3	.3%	173	.9%	3	.2%
ALL OTHR FELONIES	134	.9%	10	1.2%	158	1.0%	9	.9%	261	1.3%	14	.9%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	243	1.6%	8	1.0%	345	2.1%	13	1.3%	416	2.1%	24	1.5%
TOTAL	2608	17.5%	150	18.7%	2974	18.2%	175	17.3%	3333	16.8%	191	12.0%
GRAND TOTAL	14903	100.0%	802	100.0%	16360	100.0%	1014	100.0%	19894	100.0%	1595	100.0%

B. Female New Court Commitments and Ethnic Group Affiliation

The ethnic group affiliation of female new court commitments appears in Table 2.1 (row percent) and Table 2.2 (column percent). Native Americans, those of Asian descent and inmates with unknown ethnic membership, have been grouped with whites in these tables. Beginning in 1988, self-reports of inmate ethnic membership were recorded. Prior to this, ethnic status was determined by classification counselors at reception.

As they have in the recent past, black women continue to constitute the single largest group of female new court commitments, followed by Hispanics, and then whites (see bottom row of Table 2.1). However, from 1987 to 1989, the percentage of Hispanics increased from 30.9% to 40.3%, while the proportion of blacks and whites decreased.

Variation within ethnic groupings by commitment offense can be determined from Table 2.2. In 1987, 40.6% of all blacks and 36.4% of all whites were admitted for violent felonies. This means that more blacks and whites were admitted for violent felonies than for any other offense type. However, in 1988, the single largest group of whites were incarcerated for property offenses (34.8%) and the largest group of blacks, for drug offenses (42.5%). By far the majority of Hispanic women in both these years were committed for drug offenses (70.6% in 1987 and 75.7% in 1988). The 1989 figures indicate that irrespective of ethnicity, the predominance of all admissions were for drugs. That is, 49.3% of whites, 57.8% of blacks and 81.8% of Hispanics fell in this offense category.

Proportionally, the greatest change in drug admissions was in the black ethnic category. Approximately 30% of black women were committed for drug offenses in 1987 compared with about 58% in 1989. The proportion of white women committed for drug offenses rose from 28.5% in 1987 to 49.3% in 1989, while the proportion of Hispanic drug commitments increased the least, from 70.6% to 81.8 percent.

TABLE 2.1 COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION
FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS: JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	1987				1988				1989			
	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	TOTAL
VIOLENT FELONY												
MURDER	2	10	1	13	3	2	2	7	1	3	2	6
ATTEMPT MURDER	1	2	1	4	1	5	1	7	1	3	0	4
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	4	22	5	31	2	15	5	22	5	24	8	37
RAPE 1ST	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY 1ST	9	24	9	42	7	21	18	46	10	20	13	43
ROBBERY 2ND	19	36	14	69	8	44	24	76	6	45	21	72
ASSAULT 1ST	1	17	3	21	2	3	4	9	5	16	7	28
ASSAULT 2ND	2	15	3	20	6	10	1	17	3	14	1	18
BURGLARY 1ST	2	1	3	6	0	2	0	2	1	3	2	6
BURGLARY 2ND	15	17	6	38	15	14	6	35	11	14	12	37
ARSON 1ST,2ND	3	5	1	9	2	6	0	8	1	4	2	7
SODOMY 1ST	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1	6	5	12	2	8	2	12	1	14	8	23
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	0	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	3	4
TOTAL	60 22.3%	158 58.7%	51 19.0%	269 100.0%	51 20.3%	136 54.2%	64 25.5%	251 100.0%	47 16.4%	161 56.1%	79 27.5%	287 100.0%
OTHER COERCIVE												
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	2	4	1	7	5	4	2	11	4	4	0	8
OTHER HOMICIDE	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	1	1	4
ROBBERY 3RD	0	11	1	12	2	13	3	18	6	17	7	30
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	2	3	2	7	0	3	0	3	0	5	1	6
OTHER COERCIVE	3	4	7	14	6	7	4	17	4	3	3	10
TOTAL	10 23.3%	22 51.2%	11 25.6%	43 100.0%	16 30.8%	27 51.9%	9 17.3%	52 100.0%	16 27.6%	30 51.7%	12 20.7%	58 100.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	47	118	175	340	62	184	290	536	99	434	526	1059
TOTAL	47 13.8%	118 34.7%	175 51.5%	340 100.0%	62 11.6%	184 34.3%	290 54.1%	536 100.0%	99 9.3%	434 41.0%	526 49.7%	1059 100.0%
PROPERTY AND OTHER												
BURGLARY 3RD	0	5	1	6	4	5	3	12	4	9	5	18
GRAND LARCENY	19	40	4	63	23	28	6	57	12	39	7	58
FORGERY	13	19	0	32	24	30	2	56	10	31	5	46
STOLEN PROPERTY	4	22	3	29	7	15	3	25	4	18	6	28
DRIVE INTOXICATED	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	2	0	3
ALL OTHR FELONIES	7	1	2	10	5	2	2	9	4	9	1	14
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	3	4	1	8	4	5	4	13	4	18	2	24
TOTAL	48 32.0%	91 60.7%	11 7.3%	150 100.0%	69 39.4%	86 49.1%	20 11.4%	175 100.0%	39 20.4%	126 66.0%	26 13.6%	191 100.0%
GRAND TOTAL	165 20.6%	389 48.5%	248 30.9%	802 100.0%	198 19.5%	433 42.7%	383 37.8%	1014 100.0%	201 12.6%	751 47.1%	643 40.3%	1595 100.0%

TABLE 2.2 COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION
FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS: JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	1987				1988				1989			
	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	HISPANIC	TOTAL
VIOLENT FELONY												
MURDER	2	10	1	13	3	2	2	7	1	3	2	6
ATTEMPT MURDER	1	2	1	4	1	5	1	7	1	3	0	4
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	4	22	5	31	2	15	5	22	5	24	8	37
RAPE 1ST	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY 1ST	9	24	9	42	7	21	18	46	10	20	13	43
ROBBERY 2ND	19	36	14	69	8	44	24	76	6	45	21	72
ASSAULT 1ST	1	17	3	21	2	3	4	9	5	16	7	28
ASSAULT 2ND	2	15	3	20	6	10	1	17	3	14	1	18
BURGLARY 1ST	2	1	3	6	0	2	0	2	1	3	2	6
BURGLARY 2ND	15	17	6	38	15	14	6	35	11	14	12	37
ARSON 1ST,2ND	3	5	1	9	2	6	0	8	1	4	2	7
SODOMY 1ST	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1	6	5	12	2	8	2	12	1	14	8	23
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	0	3	0	3	2	1	0	3	1	0	3	4
TOTAL	60 36.4%	158 40.6%	51 20.6%	269 33.5%	51 25.8%	136 31.4%	64 16.7%	251 24.8%	47 23.4%	161 21.4%	79 12.3%	287 18.0%
OTHER COERCIVE												
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	2	4	1	7	5	4	2	11	4	4	0	8
OTHER HOMICIDE	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	1	1	4
ROBBERY 3RD	0	11	1	12	2	13	3	18	6	17	7	30
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	2	3	2	7	0	3	0	3	0	5	1	6
OTHER COERCIVE	3	4	7	14	6	7	4	17	4	3	3	10
TOTAL	10 6.1%	22 5.7%	11 4.4%	43 5.4%	16 8.1%	27 6.2%	9 2.3%	52 5.1%	16 8.0%	30 4.0%	12 1.9%	58 3.6%
DRUG OFFENSES	47	118	175	340	62	184	290	536	99	434	526	1059
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PROPERTY AND OTHER												
BURGLARY 3RD	0	5	1	6	4	5	3	12	4	9	5	18
GRAND LARCENY	19	40	4	63	23	28	6	57	12	39	7	58
FORGERY	13	19	0	32	24	30	2	56	10	31	5	46
STOLEN PROPERTY	4	22	3	29	7	15	3	25	4	18	6	28
DRIVE INTOXICATED	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	3	1	2	0	3
ALL OTHR FELONIES	7	1	2	10	5	2	2	9	4	9	1	14
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	3	4	1	8	4	5	4	13	4	18	2	24
TOTAL	48 29.1%	91 23.4%	11 4.4%	150 18.7%	69 34.8%	86 19.9%	20 5.2%	175 17.3%	39 19.4%	126 16.8%	26 4.0%	191 12.0%
GRAND TOTAL	165 100.0%	389 100.0%	248 100.0%	802 100.0%	198 100.0%	433 100.0%	383 100.0%	1014 100.0%	201 100.0%	751 100.0%	643 100.0%	1595 100.0%

C. Female New Court Commitments and Age at Admission

The age distribution of female new court commitments is presented in Table 3.1. Average and median age appears in Table 3.2. All tables refer to the age of inmate at admission to DOCS.

Table 3.1 crosstabulates offense type categories (e.g. violent crimes, drug offenses and property crimes) with various age groupings for female new court commitments. Additional tables based on either column or row percentages display age at admission for 1987 through 1989 commitments, and are found in Appendix A.

The median age of all violent felony commitments for the 36 months covered by this report was 27.0. The total number of commitments in the Other Coercive crime category is consistently small and as such, is sensitive to slight changes in its composition. For example, the median age of all those committed for this offense type in 1987 was 27.0, but in 1988 it rose to 29.0, and then fell to 28.0 in 1989. The median age in 1987 and 1988 for both drug and property offenders was 29.0, however the median age for drug offenders declined in 1989 to 28.0, while it held steady (29.0) for property offenders.

Drug offenders then, and to a greater extent property offenders, are slightly older than violent or other coercive felony offenders, although over time the average and median age for drug offenders has declined somewhat.

TABLE 3.1 COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY AGE AT ADMISSION
FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS : 1989

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	16-20 YEARS	21-24 YEARS	25-29 YEARS	30-34 YEARS	35-39 YEARS	40-49 YEARS	50-59 YEARS	60+ YEARS	TOTAL
VIOLENT FELONY									
MURDER	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	6
ATTEMPT MURDER	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	4
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	4	5	6	7	6	7	2	0	37
ROBBERY 1ST	3	9	19	9	2	1	0	0	43
ROBBERY 2ND	7	25	24	10	4	2	0	0	72
ASSAULT 1ST	1	4	10	6	4	2	1	0	28
ASSAULT 2ND	0	2	6	3	4	3	0	0	18
BURGLARY 1ST	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
BURGLARY 2ND	4	11	8	9	3	2	0	0	37
ARSON 1ST,2ND	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	7
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1	6	5	4	6	1	0	0	23
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	24 8.4%	69 24.0%	85 29.6%	55 19.2%	30 10.5%	21 7.3%	3 1.0%	0 .0%	287 100.0%
OTHER COERCIVE									
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	0	2	3	0	1	1	1	0	8
OTHER HOMICIDE	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
ROBBERY 3RD	4	5	10	9	2	0	0	0	30
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
OTHER COERCIVE	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	10
TOTAL	6 10.3%	11 19.0%	16 27.6%	16 27.6%	5 8.6%	2 3.4%	1 1.7%	1 1.7%	58 100.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	59	235	341	218	121	71	11	3	1059
TOTAL	59 5.6%	235 22.2%	341 32.2%	218 20.6%	121 11.4%	71 6.7%	11 1.0%	3 .3%	1059 100.0%
PROPERTY AND OTHER									
BURGLARY 3RD	2	2	9	4	1	0	0	0	18
GRAND LARCENY	0	5	18	21	7	5	2	0	58
FORGERY	2	3	12	12	11	5	1	0	46
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	5	9	3	8	3	0	0	28
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
ALL OTHR FELONIES	1	1	8	2	1	1	0	0	14
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
TOTAL	29 15.2%	16 8.4%	56 29.3%	43 22.5%	30 15.7%	14 7.3%	3 1.6%	0 .0%	191 100.0%
GRAND TOTAL	118 7.4%	331 20.8%	498 31.2%	332 20.8%	186 11.7%	108 6.8%	18 1.1%	4 .3%	1595 100.0%

TABLE 3.2 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN AGE OF FEMALE COMMITMENTS TO DOCS
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE AGE	MEDIAN AGE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE AGE	MEDIAN AGE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE AGE	MEDIAN AGE
VIOLENT FELONY									
MURDER	13	30.0	30.0	7	33.9	31.0	6	30.0	28.5
ATTEMPT MURDER	4	31.5	35.0	7	29.3	28.0	4	30.0	28.0
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	31	31.9	30.0	22	29.1	28.0	37	33.2	33.0
RAPE 1ST	0	.	.	3	28.0	29.0	0	.	.
ROBBERY 1ST	42	27.0	26.0	46	25.4	24.0	43	27.3	27.0
ROBBERY 2ND	69	26.3	26.0	76	26.8	26.0	72	26.4	26.0
ASSAULT 1ST	21	29.8	27.0	9	30.1	26.0	28	30.6	29.0
ASSAULT 2ND	20	30.0	29.5	17	31.2	30.0	18	31.9	30.5
BURGLARY 1ST	6	23.2	22.5	2	27.5	27.5	6	26.5	26.5
BURGLARY 2ND	38	27.1	27.0	35	29.1	28.0	37	28.2	28.0
ARSON 1ST,2ND	9	30.4	30.0	8	33.1	31.0	7	28.3	25.0
SODOMY 1ST	1	39.0	39.0	3	35.0	36.0	0	.	.
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	0	.	.	1	39.0	39.0	2	24.5	24.5
WEAPONS OFFENSES	12	31.0	30.0	12	29.1	27.0	23	29.0	29.0
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	3	30.7	31.0	3	26.0	23.0	4	28.5	30.5
TOTAL	269	28.3	27.0	251	28.2	27.0	287	28.8	27.0
OTHER COERCIVE									
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	7	23.9	24.0	11	27.2	25.0	8	32.3	28.5
OTHER HOMICIDE	3	23.0	22.0	3	30.7	32.0	4	32.8	31.5
ROBBERY 3RD	12	26.4	26.5	18	26.2	25.5	30	27.1	26.5
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	7	29.9	28.0	3	33.3	32.0	6	26.3	25.5
OTHER COERCIVE	14	31.9	31.5	17	34.1	37.0	10	32.4	30.0
TOTAL	43	28.1	27.0	52	29.6	29.0	58	29.0	28.0
DRUG OFFENSES	340	30.5	29.0	536	29.9	29.0	1059	29.1	28.0
TOTAL	340	30.5	29.0	536	29.9	29.0	1059	29.1	28.0
PROPERTY AND OTHER									
BURGLARY 3RD	6	25.8	25.0	12	27.8	26.5	18	26.8	25.5
GRAND LARCENY	63	32.9	32.0	57	32.9	32.0	58	32.0	30.5
FORGERY	32	31.6	30.5	56	32.3	31.0	46	32.3	32.0
STOLEN PROPERTY	29	27.9	29.0	25	30.3	28.0	28	31.4	30.5
DRIVE INTOXICATED	2	28.0	28.0	3	26.7	28.0	3	34.3	36.0
ALL OTHR FELONIES	10	29.4	28.5	9	31.4	30.0	14	28.4	28.0
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	8	18.0	17.5	13	19.2	18.0	24	18.1	18.0
TOTAL	150	30.3	29.0	175	30.8	29.0	191	29.5	29.0
GRAND TOTAL	802	29.6	28.5	1014	29.6	28.0	1595	29.1	28.0

Section 2

FEMALE NEW COURT COMMITMENTS - LEGAL STATUS

A. Female New Court Commitments and Felony Offender Status

This subsection examines variation in the proportion of female inmates committed to DOCS as first or second felony offenders. In view of their small numbers (less than one percent of the yearly admission population) persistent felony offenders, those convicted of and sentenced for three or more felonies (sentenced for each on a separate occasion), have been included in the second felony offender category.

Regardless of year, the majority of females committed for either violent felonies or other coercive offenses were first felons (see Table 4). Although female drug commitments were still predominately first felony offenders, the proportion of second felons increased from 31.8% in 1987 to 45.2% in 1989. On the other hand, in 1987 and 1988, most property offenders were committed as second felony offenders. But for the first time since 1982, more property offenders in 1989 were first felons.

B. Female New Court Commitments and Prior Adult Criminal Record

The prior adult criminal history for female new court commitments has been categorized and is displayed in Table 5. Information concerning the current commitment offense is not included and all categories are mutually exclusive, with women being classified according to their most serious prior contact with the criminal justice system.

In general among females committed to DOCS from 1987 to 1989, the prior record category with the highest percentage of female offenders is comprised of those having served an earlier jail term. Furthermore, with the exception of property offenders, the proportion of inmates in this category has risen every year. This is particularly true of drug offenders, where the percentage of women with prior jail terms increased from 20.0% in 1987 to 41.0% in 1989.

In contrast to the above, the category with the smallest percentage of inmates contains those previously incarcerated in state or federal prisons.

The data in this section indicate that the nature of the female commitment population is changing. Drug offenses now dominate female admissions and these offenders are increasingly likely to have been convicted of an earlier felony and to have served a prior jail term.

TABLE 4 OFFENSE BY FELONY OFFENDER STATUS FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	1987		1988		1989	
	FIRST FELONY	SECOND FELONY	FIRST FELONY	SECOND FELONY	FIRST FELONY	SECOND FELONY
VIOLENT FELONY						
MURDER	13	0	7	0	6	0
ATTEMPT MURDER	4	0	7	0	4	0
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	30	1	22	0	35	2
RAPE 1ST	0	0	2	1	0	0
ROBBERY 1ST	38	4	43	3	34	9
ROBBERY 2ND	54	15	54	22	52	20
ASSAULT 1ST	15	6	8	1	25	3
ASSAULT 2ND	14	6	12	5	13	5
BURGLARY 1ST	5	1	2	0	4	2
BURGLARY 2ND	25	13	25	10	23	14
ARSON 1ST,2ND	8	1	8	0	7	0
SODOMY 1ST	1	0	3	0	0	0
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	0	0	1	0	2	0
WEAPONS OFFENSES	6	6	8	4	10	13
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	3	0	3	0	3	1
TOTAL	216 80.3%	53 19.7%	205 81.7%	46 18.3%	218 76.0%	69 24.0%
OTHER COERCIVE						
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	6	1	11	0	7	1
OTHER HOMICIDE	3	0	3	0	4	0
ROBBERY 3RD	7	5	12	6	18	12
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	1	6	1	2	1	5
OTHER COERCIVE	11	3	16	1	10	0
TOTAL	28 65.1%	15 34.9%	43 82.7%	9 17.3%	40 69.0%	18 31.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	232	108	305	231	580	479
TOTAL	232 68.2%	108 31.8%	305 56.9%	231 43.1%	580 54.8%	479 45.2%
PROPERTY AND OTHER						
BURGLARY 3RD	1	5	4	8	8	10
GRAND LARCENY	21	42	24	33	28	30
FORGERY	8	24	16	40	14	32
STOLEN PROPERTY	14	15	9	16	10	18
DRIVE INTOXICATED	2	0	3	0	2	1
ALL OTHR FELONIES	6	4	8	1	11	3
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	8	0	13	0	24	0
TOTAL	60 40.0%	90 60.0%	77 44.0%	98 56.0%	97 50.8%	94 49.2%
GRAND TOTAL	536 66.8%	266 33.2%	630 62.1%	384 37.9%	935 58.6%	660 41.4%

TABLE 5 COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY PRIOR ADULT RECORD
FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

	1987						1988						1989					
	NO PRIOR ARREST	NO PRIOR CONVICT	PRIOR CONVICT NO JAIL	JAIL TERM	STATE OR FEDERAL PRISON TERM	TOTAL	NO PRIOR ARREST	NO PRIOR CONVICT	PRIOR CONVICT NO JAIL	JAIL TERM	STATE OR FEDERAL PRISON TERM	TOTAL	NO PRIOR ARREST	NO PRIOR CONVICT	PRIOR CONVICT NO JAIL	JAIL TERM	STATE OR FEDERAL PRISON TERM	TOTAL
VIOLENT FELONY																		
MURDER	7	4	1	1	0	13	4	1	1	0	1	7	4	0	0	0	1	5
ATTEMPT MURDER	2	1	1	0	0	4	5	1	0	1	0	7	0	2	1	1	0	4
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	13	9	3	4	2	31	11	6	0	3	0	22	18	10	1	5	2	34
RAPE 1ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY 1ST	9	12	10	10	1	42	11	15	6	14	0	46	6	13	3	17	4	43
ROBBERY 2ND	0	17	17	23	4	69	9	21	0	26	10	76	10	19	13	25	3	78
ASSAULT 1ST	5	5	3	7	1	21	2	3	0	3	1	9	9	3	7	2	2	28
ASSAULT 2ND	5	7	1	5	2	20	1	5	5	3	3	17	4	4	3	5	2	16
BURGLARY 1ST	2	1	1	1	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	0	1	6
BURGLARY 2ND	2	9	5	13	9	38	5	9	3	13	5	35	2	5	5	22	3	37
ARSON 1ST, 2ND	3	2	0	3	1	9	3	2	0	2	1	8	3	0	0	1	0	7
SODOMY 1ST	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
WEAPONS OFFENSES	2	1	2	6	1	12	2	2	2	3	3	12	4	0	4	4	1	23
KIDNAPPING 1ST, 2ND	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	4
TOTAL	60	68	45	74	22	269	56	73	27	71	24	251	62	75	40	86	20	283
	22.3%	25.3%	16.7%	27.5%	8.2%	100.0%	22.3%	29.1%	10.8%	26.3%	9.6%	100.0%	21.9%	26.5%	14.1%	30.4%	7.1%	100.0%
OTHER COERCIVE																		
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	5	0	0	2	0	7	6	3	1	1	0	11	6	0	1	0	0	7
OTHER HOMICIDE	1	1	0	1	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	4
ROBBERY 3RD	0	7	0	5	0	12	2	2	4	10	0	18	1	5	5	17	2	38
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	0	1	2	2	2	7	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	3	1	6
OTHER COERCIVE	9	3	0	2	0	14	4	6	2	4	1	17	3	4	0	2	1	10
TOTAL	15	12	2	12	2	43	14	12	7	16	3	52	12	12	7	22	4	57
	34.9%	27.9%	4.7%	27.9%	4.7%	100.0%	26.9%	23.1%	13.5%	30.8%	5.8%	100.0%	21.1%	21.1%	12.3%	38.6%	7.0%	100.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	105	74	63	68	30	340	111	116	69	205	35	536	198	223	132	431	68	1052
TOTAL	105	74	63	68	30	340	111	116	69	205	35	536	198	223	132	431	68	1052
	30.9%	21.8%	18.5%	20.0%	8.8%	100.0%	20.7%	21.6%	12.9%	38.2%	6.5%	100.0%	18.8%	21.2%	12.5%	41.0%	6.5%	100.0%
PROPERTY AND OTHER																		
BURGLARY 3RD	0	0	0	2	4	6	0	1	1	6	4	12	1	2	5	0	1	17
GRAND LARCENY	4	5	13	29	12	63	7	9	9	20	12	57	7	11	13	15	12	58
FORGERY	2	4	9	9	8	32	2	13	18	14	9	56	0	5	11	16	14	46
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	2	10	10	7	29	2	4	4	10	5	25	0	4	3	12	7	28
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	1	3
ALL OTHER FELONIES	4	0	3	1	2	10	1	2	2	4	0	9	4	3	0	7	0	14
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	2	2	2	2	0	8	5	3	2	3	0	13	10	9	0	4	1	24
TOTAL	12	13	38	54	33	150	17	33	37	58	30	175	22	34	32	64	36	198
	8.0%	8.7%	25.3%	36.0%	22.0%	100.0%	9.7%	18.9%	21.1%	33.1%	17.1%	100.0%	11.6%	18.9%	16.8%	33.7%	18.9%	100.0%
GRAND TOTAL	192	167	148	208	87	802	198	254	140	350	92	1014	294	346	211	403	128	1582
	25.9%	20.8%	18.5%	25.9%	10.8%	100.0%	19.5%	23.1%	13.8%	34.5%	9.1%	100.0%	18.6%	21.9%	15.3%	38.1%	8.1%	100.0%

Section 3

FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS - LEGAL STATUS

The remainder of this report will focus exclusively on female drug commitments. For those readers interested in male drug commitments, Appendixes B and C contain tables identical to those in following sections.

A. Felony Class Category

Table 6, like most of the tables in Sections 3 and 4, reflects the felony class category of the drug offense which led to the inmate's commitment to DOCS. As can be seen, the largest number of offenders in both 1987 and 1988 were admitted for class B drug offenses but by 1989, more offenders were admitted for class D offenses. In examining the composition of the drug population, note that the proportion of class A-I, A-II, and B felony drug commitments declined from 1987 to 1989, while class C, D, and E commitments increased.

Despite little change in the number of women committed for A-II drug offenses, the proportion of commitments for this class of offenses declined the most, from 17.4% to 7.0% of the overall drug population. In contrast, the proportion of class C offenders grew from 12.6% of the 1987 drug population to 22.4% of 1989 population. The actual number of class C drug offenders increased approximately 450% during this time period.

B. Felony Offender Status

Table 7 expands upon Table 6 through the addition of felony offender status. In 1987, less than one third (31.8%) of drug commitments were sentenced as second felony offenders but by the next year, 43.1% of these offenders were second felons and for 1989, this figure was 45.2 percent.

The crime class admission pattern for first felony offenders is similar to that of the total drug population as displayed in Table 6. Once again, admissions for class A-II drug offenses experienced the greatest decline, while those for class C drug offenses increased the most. Among second felony offenders there was a slight overall growth in every crime class category, with the largest increase occurring in admissions for class D drug offenses.

TABLE 6 FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY STATUS	1987		1988		1989	
A-I FELONY	7	2.1%	7	1.3%	7	.7%
A-II FELONY	59	17.4%	65	12.1%	74	7.0%
CLASS B FELONY	114	33.5%	141	26.3%	288	27.2%
CLASS C FELONY	43	12.6%	96	17.9%	237	22.4%
CLASS D FELONY	86	25.3%	137	25.6%	316	29.8%
CLASS E FELONY	31	9.1%	90	16.8%	137	12.9%
TOTAL	340	100.0%	536	100.0%	1059	100.0%

TABLE 7 FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY OFFENDER STATUS
AND BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY: JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY STATUS		1987		1988		1989	
FIRST FELONY							
A-I FELONY	7	2.1%	7	1.3%	7	.7%	
A-II FELONY	59	17.4%	65	12.1%	72	6.8%	
CLASS B FELONY	110	32.4%	128	23.9%	264	24.9%	
CLASS C FELONY	32	9.4%	77	14.4%	182	17.2%	
CLASS D FELONY	21	6.2%	19	3.5%	43	4.1%	
CLASS E FELONY	3	.9%	9	1.7%	12	1.1%	
TOTAL	232	68.2%	305	56.9%	580	54.8%	
SECOND FELONY							
A-II FELONY	0	.0%	0	.0%	2	.2%	
CLASS B FELONY	4	1.2%	13	2.4%	24	2.3%	
CLASS C FELONY	11	3.2%	19	3.5%	55	5.2%	
CLASS D FELONY	65	19.1%	118	22.0%	273	25.8%	
CLASS E FELONY	28	8.2%	81	15.1%	125	11.8%	
TOTAL	108	31.8%	231	43.1%	479	45.2%	
GRAND TOTAL	340	100.0%	536	100.0%	1059	100.0%	

C. Category of Commitment

Where earlier tables provide aggregate data on all drug commitments, Table 8 distinguishes between those convicted of the sale or the possession of controlled substances. A substantial majority of all offenders (ranging from 72.4% to 80.2%) were committed for the sale of controlled substances. The same crime class admission pattern evident in Table 6 is repeated in this table, particularly for those convicted drug sales, where the percentage of inmates imprisoned for the most serious offenses declined while the percentage of those convicted of lesser offenses increased.

D. Average and Median Minimum Sentence in Months

Table 9 is once again concerned with the total drug population and displays the average and median minimum sentence for each felony class category. Since only a small minority of inmates actually serve to the expiration of their maximum sentence, there is no discussion of maximum sentence length in this report. There are, however, several maximum sentence tables in Appendix A.

The total of Table 9 reveals that the average sentence fell from 29.8 months in 1987 to 24.3 months in 1989. The overall median sentence in 1987 and 1988 was 24.0 months but in 1989, it dropped to 18.0 months. The decline in the median sentence in 1989 was a product of both lower minimum sentences for class C offenses, and at the same time, a jump in the number of offenders sentenced for this class of offenses.

TABLE 8 FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY CATEGORY OF COMMITMENT
AND BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1987		1988		1989	
SALE						
A-I FELONY	4	1.2%	4	.7%	3	.3%
A-II FELONY	28	8.2%	30	5.6%	33	3.1%
CLASS B FELONY	84	24.7%	115	21.5%	229	21.6%
CLASS C FELONY	38	11.2%	85	15.9%	194	18.3%
CLASS D FELONY	71	20.9%	113	21.1%	264	24.9%
CLASS E FELONY	21	6.2%	83	15.5%	98	9.3%
TOTAL	246	72.4%	430	80.2%	821	77.5%
POSSESSION						
A-I FELONY	3	.9%	3	.6%	4	.4%
A-II FELONY	31	9.1%	35	6.5%	41	3.9%
CLASS B FELONY	30	8.8%	26	4.9%	59	5.6%
CLASS C FELONY	5	1.5%	11	2.1%	43	4.1%
CLASS D FELONY	15	4.4%	24	4.5%	52	4.9%
CLASS E FELONY	10	2.9%	7	1.3%	39	3.7%
TOTAL	94	27.6%	106	19.8%	238	22.5%
GRAND TOTAL	340	100.0%	536	100.0%	1059	100.0%

TABLE 9 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MINIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY CLASS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
A-I FELONY	7	186.0	180.0	7	147.4	180.0	7	176.6	180.0
A-II FELONY	59	55.2	48.0	65	46.3	36.0	74	51.6	48.0
CLASS B FELONY	114	17.5	12.0	141	19.4	12.0	288	18.5	12.0
CLASS C FELONY	43	23.3	18.0	96	21.8	16.0	237	21.5	12.0
CLASS D FELONY	86	23.5	24.0	137	24.0	24.0	316	24.6	24.0
CLASS E FELONY	31	17.8	18.0	90	18.5	18.0	137	18.2	18.0
TOTAL	340	29.8	24.0	536	25.8	24.0	1059	24.3	18.0

E. Average and Median Minimum Sentence in Months by Felony Class Category

The average and median sentences in Table 9 derive from the minimum sentences of first, second and persistent felons. Referring to Table 10 where drug admissions are categorized according to felony offender status, it can be seen that the overall median minimum sentence for first felony offenders decreased from 18.0 months in 1987 to 12.0 months in 1989. There was no variation in the overall median minimum sentence (24.0 months) for second felony offenders.

Reading across Table 10, note that for first felons the median minimum sentence for class D offenses in 1987, class E offenses in 1988 and both class D and E offenses in 1989, is higher than the median minimum sentence received by inmates committed for class B and C offenses in these years.

One possible explanation for this situation may be that judges prefer to give alternative sentences to many class D and E drug offenders. Those remaining class D and E first felony drug offenders sentenced to state prison may have had substantial involvement in the instant offense or more serious prior contacts with the criminal justice system and were thus viewed by judges as deserving of a lengthy sentence. This scenario may also account for the small number of class D and E offenders among first felons relative to the number among second felony offenders.

TABLE 10 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MINIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY OFFENDER STATUS
AND FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY STATUS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
FIRST FELONY									
A-I FELONY	7	186.0	180.0	7	147.4	180.0	7	176.6	180.0
A-II FELONY	59	55.2	48.0	65	46.3	36.0	72	51.1	48.0
CLASS B FELONY	110	16.0	12.0	128	15.7	12.0	264	15.2	12.0
CLASS C FELONY	32	16.9	12.0	77	17.5	12.0	182	16.5	12.0
CLASS D FELONY	21	20.1	18.0	19	16.8	12.0	43	20.0	18.0
CLASS E FELONY	3	14.0	12.0	9	15.6	16.0	12	16.0	18.0
TOTAL	232	31.6	18.0	305	25.8	16.0	580	22.4	12.0
SECOND FELONY									
A-II FELONY	0	.	.	0	.	.	2	72.0	72.0
CLASS B FELONY	4	58.5	57.0	13	56.3	54.0	24	55.3	54.0
CLASS C FELONY	11	42.0	36.0	19	39.3	36.0	55	38.1	36.0
CLASS D FELONY	65	24.6	24.0	118	25.2	24.0	273	25.3	24.0
CLASS E FELONY	28	18.2	18.0	81	18.8	18.0	125	18.4	18.0
TOTAL	108	26.0	24.0	231	25.8	24.0	479	26.7	24.0
GRAND TOTAL	340	29.8	24.0	536	25.8	24.0	1059	24.3	18.0

Section 4

FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS - DEMOGRAPHICS

A limited demographic portrait of the female drug offender is presented in this section.

A. Region of Commitment

The five counties comprising New York City account for approximately 80% of the yearly drug admission population (see Table 11). The remaining commitments are about equally divided between Suburban New York (consisting of Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester counties) and the Upstate Counties.

Irrespective of region of commitment, the percentage of offenders admitted for class A-I, A-II, and B drug offenses declined between 1987 and December of 1989. More interesting to note though, is the variation in the proportion of offenders committed for these classes of drug offenses within each region. For example, between 60% and 72% of commitments from Upstate Counties were admitted for these more serious drug offenses in contrast to New York City, where the proportion ranged between 33% and 50 percent.

TABLE 11 FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY REGION OF COMMITMENT
AND BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1987		1988		1989	
NEW YORK CITY						
A-I FELONY	5	1.5%	4	.7%	3	.3%
A-II FELONY	46	13.5%	43	8.0%	48	4.5%
CLASS B FELONY	86	25.3%	103	19.2%	236	22.3%
CLASS C FELONY	34	10.0%	77	14.4%	176	16.6%
CLASS D FELONY	74	21.8%	122	22.8%	266	25.1%
CLASS E FELONY	29	8.5%	86	16.0%	131	12.4%
TOTAL	274	80.6%	435	81.2%	860	81.2%
SUBURBAN NEW YORK						
A-I FELONY	0	.0%	1	.2%	0	.0%
A-II FELONY	8	2.4%	11	2.1%	7	.7%
CLASS B FELONY	10	2.9%	12	2.2%	15	1.4%
CLASS C FELONY	4	1.2%	15	2.8%	38	3.6%
CLASS D FELONY	6	1.8%	7	1.3%	39	3.7%
CLASS E FELONY	0	.0%	1	.2%	0	.0%
TOTAL	28	8.2%	47	8.8%	99	9.3%
UPSTATE COUNTIES						
A-I FELONY	2	.6%	2	.4%	4	.4%
A-II FELONY	5	1.5%	11	2.1%	19	1.8%
CLASS B FELONY	18	5.3%	26	4.9%	37	3.5%
CLASS C FELONY	5	1.5%	4	.7%	23	2.2%
CLASS D FELONY	6	1.8%	8	1.5%	11	1.0%
CLASS E FELONY	2	.6%	3	.6%	6	.6%
TOTAL	38	11.2%	54	10.1%	100	9.4%
GRAND TOTAL	340	100.0%	536	100.0%	1059	100.0%

B. Average and Median Minimum Sentence by Region of Commitment

Looking once again at region of commitment, Table 12 shows that the overall average minimum sentence in New York City and Suburban New York decreased between 1987 and 1989. The greatest change occurred in the Suburban New York region, where the average minimum sentence fell from 33.0 months in 1987 to 23.9 months in 1989. The average minimum sentence was most stable in the Upstate Counties region, ranging from 36.9 months to 32.5 months. Generally, average minimum sentences were lowest in the New York City area and highest in Upstate Counties.

Examining felony class categories across all three regions reveals minor variations in average minimum sentences. In 1989 for example, the average minimum sentence for class B drug offenders was somewhat lower in New York City (17.8 months) than in the Suburban New York region (20.5 months) or the Upstate Counties (22.3 months). The highest average minimum sentence for class C drug offenders was received by those committed from the Upstate Counties (24.4 months) while those committed from the Suburban New York area or New York City had slightly lower average minimum sentences (21.3 and 21.2 months, respectively). On the other hand, sentences for class D drug offenders were highest in New York City (on average, 25.0 months), followed by Suburban New York (on average, 22.9 months) and then the Upstate Counties (on average, 19.1 months). The relatively severe minimum sentences received by class D drug offenders from New York City may be indicative of the large number of second felony offenders in this felony class category.

Across all years, the median minimum sentence for the Suburban New York and the Upstate region was 24.0 months. However, for the New York City area, the median minimum sentence decreased from 24.0 months in 1987 to 18.0 months in 1989.

TABLE 12 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MINIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY REGION OF COMMITMENT
AND FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
NEW YORK CITY									
A-I FELONY	5	188.4	180.0	4	153.0	180.0	3	132.0	180.0
A-II FELONY	46	53.6	48.0	43	44.9	36.0	48	53.6	48.0
CLASS B FELONY	86	16.6	12.0	103	17.6	12.0	236	17.8	12.0
CLASS C FELONY	34	20.8	12.0	77	22.5	16.0	176	21.2	12.0
CLASS D FELONY	74	23.6	24.0	122	24.3	24.0	266	25.0	24.0
CLASS E FELONY	29	17.6	18.0	86	18.5	18.0	131	18.3	18.0
TOTAL	274	28.5	24.0	435	24.5	20.0	860	23.2	18.0
SUBURBAN NEW YORK									
A-I FELONY	0	.	.	1	180.0	180.0	0	.	.
A-II FELONY	8	61.5	48.0	11	51.8	36.0	7	50.6	48.0
CLASS B FELONY	10	16.8	12.0	12	19.0	12.0	15	20.5	12.0
CLASS C FELONY	4	33.0	36.0	15	17.6	12.0	38	21.3	14.0
CLASS D FELONY	6	22.0	24.0	7	24.0	24.0	39	22.9	24.0
CLASS E FELONY	0	.	.	1	16.0	16.0	0	.	.
TOTAL	28	33.0	24.0	47	30.3	24.0	99	23.9	24.0
UPSTATE COUNTIES									
A-I FELONY	2	180.0	180.0	2	120.0	120.0	4	210.0	210.0
A-II FELONY	5	60.0	60.0	11	46.2	36.0	19	47.2	36.0
CLASS B FELONY	18	22.0	24.0	26	26.8	12.0	37	22.3	12.0
CLASS C FELONY	5	32.8	20.0	4	25.5	24.0	23	24.4	18.0
CLASS D FELONY	6	23.3	21.0	8	19.3	14.0	11	19.1	18.0
CLASS E FELONY	2	21.0	21.0	3	18.0	18.0	6	16.0	15.0
TOTAL	38	36.9	24.0	54	32.5	24.0	100	34.3	24.0

C. Ethnic Group Affiliation

Looking at total commitments for drug offenses, note that in Table 13.1 (row percent) approximately 51% of this population is comprised of Hispanic women. On average black females accounted for another 38%, and whites, the remaining 11 percent. Blacks as a proportion of all female drug commitments increased from about 35% in 1987 to 41% in 1989. Whites declined from 13.8% in 1987 to 9.3% in 1989.

Observe that in Table 13.2, which displays the felony class distribution of drug offenses within ethnic groupings, the largest proportion of both white and black commitments were admitted for class B drug felonies. In 1987, about 42% of these inmates were imprisoned for this class of drug offenses although by 1989, only 29.3% of whites and 30.0% of blacks were. In contrast, between 29.7% and 33.3% of Hispanic females were admitted for class D drug offenses, making this the felony class category with the highest yearly percentage of Hispanics.

D. Number of Living Children

The last table in this section (Table 14) deals with the number of living children reported by female drug commitments. A caveat regarding these figures, the information used in this table is self-reported and includes both minor and adult children. Roughly three-quarters of all female drug offenders indicate that they have children, a figure that is comparable to that of the larger female admission population. The only category experiencing sustained growth throughout the three year period was for women who indicated that they had one child.

TABLE 14 FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY NUMBER OF LIVING CHILDREN
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

LIVING CHILDREN	1987		1988		1989	
NONE	82	24.3%	140	26.2%	246	23.3%
1 CH'LD	73	21.6%	142	26.5%	289	27.4%
2 CHILDREN	77	22.8%	94	17.6%	213	20.2%
3 CHILDREN	51	15.1%	84	15.7%	162	15.4%
4 OR MORE	55	16.3%	75	14.0%	145	13.7%
TOTAL	338	100.0%	535	100.0%	1055	100.0%

**TABLE 13.1 FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY
AND BY ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989**

FELONY CLASS	1987							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	1	14.3%	2	28.6%	4	57.1%	7	100.0%
A-II FELONY	8	13.6%	7	11.9%	44	74.6%	59	100.0%
CLASS B FELONY	20	17.5%	50	43.9%	44	38.6%	114	100.0%
CLASS C FELONY	5	11.6%	21	48.8%	17	39.5%	43	100.0%
CLASS D FELONY	8	9.3%	26	30.2%	52	60.5%	86	100.0%
CLASS E FELONY	5	16.1%	12	38.7%	14	45.2%	31	100.0%
TOTAL	47	13.8%	118	34.7%	175	51.5%	340	100.0%

FELONY CLASS	1988							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	5	71.4%	7	100.0%
A-II FELONY	16	24.6%	9	13.8%	40	61.5%	65	100.0%
CLASS B FELONY	21	14.9%	60	42.6%	60	42.6%	141	100.0%
CLASS C FELONY	10	10.4%	46	47.9%	40	41.7%	96	100.0%
CLASS D FELONY	8	5.8%	42	30.7%	87	63.5%	137	100.0%
CLASS E FELONY	6	6.7%	26	28.9%	58	64.4%	90	100.0%
TOTAL	62	11.6%	184	34.3%	290	54.1%	536	100.0%

FELONY CLASS	1989							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	0	.0%	2	28.6%	5	71.4%	7	100.0%
A-II FELONY	15	20.3%	11	14.9%	48	64.9%	74	100.0%
CLASS B FELONY	29	10.1%	130	45.1%	129	44.8%	288	100.0%
CLASS C FELONY	25	10.5%	119	50.2%	93	39.2%	237	100.0%
CLASS D FELONY	26	8.2%	115	36.4%	175	55.4%	316	100.0%
CLASS E FELONY	4	2.9%	57	41.6%	76	55.5%	137	100.0%
TOTAL	99	9.3%	434	41.0%	526	49.7%	1059	100.0%

**TABLE 13.2 FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY
AND BY ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989**

FELONY CLASS	1987							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	1	2.1%	2	1.7%	4	2.3%	7	2.1%
A-II FELONY	8	17.0%	7	5.9%	44	25.1%	59	17.4%
CLASS B FELONY	20	42.6%	50	42.4%	44	25.1%	114	33.5%
CLASS C FELONY	5	10.6%	21	17.8%	17	9.7%	43	12.6%
CLASS D FELONY	8	17.0%	26	22.0%	52	29.7%	86	25.3%
CLASS E FELONY	5	10.6%	12	10.2%	14	8.0%	31	9.1%
TOTAL	47	100.0%	118	100.0%	175	100.0%	340	100.0%

FELONY CLASS	1988							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	1	1.6%	1	.5%	5	1.7%	7	1.3%
A-II FELONY	16	25.8%	9	4.9%	40	13.8%	65	12.1%
CLASS B FELONY	21	33.9%	60	32.6%	60	20.7%	141	26.3%
CLASS C FELONY	10	16.1%	46	25.0%	40	13.8%	96	17.9%
CLASS D FELONY	8	12.9%	42	22.8%	87	30.0%	137	25.6%
CLASS E FELONY	6	9.7%	26	14.1%	58	20.0%	90	16.8%
TOTAL	62	100.0%	184	100.0%	290	100.0%	536	100.0%

FELONY CLASS	1989							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	0	.0%	2	.5%	5	1.0%	7	.7%
A-II FELONY	15	15.2%	11	2.5%	48	9.1%	74	7.0%
CLASS B FELONY	29	29.3%	130	30.0%	129	24.5%	288	27.2%
CLASS C FELONY	25	25.3%	119	27.4%	93	17.7%	237	22.4%
CLASS D FELONY	26	26.3%	115	26.5%	175	33.3%	316	29.8%
CLASS E FELONY	4	4.0%	57	13.1%	76	14.4%	137	12.9%
TOTAL	99	100.0%	434	100.0%	526	100.0%	1059	100.0%

FEMALE DRUG ADMISSIONS - TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT

The last two sections provide some indication of the type of controlled substance (drug type) for which the inmate was either convicted of selling or possessing.¹ Information regarding drug type is self-reported by the inmate at initial classification. Tables identical to those below, which juxtaposition drug type and legal and demographic variables, are available for males and appear in Appendix C.

Section 5

FEMALE ADMISSIONS BY DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT - LEGAL STATUS

A. Type of Drug Involved in Commitment

Most inmates report that their offenses involved cocaine, crack or opiates (see Table 15). In 1988, 43.3% of women reported that the drug leading to their conviction was cocaine and another 30.6%, specified crack. This self-reported pattern of commitment was reversed in 1989, with 44.8% of females citing crack and 33.9%, cocaine.

TABLE 15 FEMALE COMMITMENTS BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT
JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

DRUG INVOLVED	1988		1989	
COCAINE	232	43.3%	359	33.9%
CRACK	164	30.6%	474	44.8%
OPIATES	93	17.4%	162	15.3%
MARIJUANA	3	.6%	6	.6%
OTHER DRUGS	8	1.5%	4	.4%
UNKNOWN	36	6.7%	54	5.1%
TOTAL	536	100.0%	1059	100.0%

¹The tables in this section are limited to 1988 and 1989 drug offenders as drug type offense data was not available until 1988.

B. Drug Type by Sale or Possession of Controlled Substance

Table 16 breaks down the admission offense by indicating whether it was for the sale or possession of a controlled substance. Following the same pattern noted for Table 15 above, the proportion of women incarcerated for the sale of crack in 1989 (37.1%) exceeded that for cocaine (23.1%). In contrast, more women in both 1988 and 1989 reported that possession of cocaine led to their incarceration rather than possession of crack.

TABLE 16 FEMALE COMMITMENTS BY SALE OR POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
AND BY TYPE OF DRUG : JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1988		1989	
SALE				
COCAINE	165	30.8%	245	23.1%
CRACK	150	28.0%	393	37.1%
OPIATES	79	14.7%	139	13.1%
MARIJUANA	1	.2%	1	.1%
OTHER DRUGS	7	1.3%	1	.1%
UNKNOWN	28	5.2%	42	4.0%
TOTAL	430	80.2%	821	77.5%
POSSESSION				
COCAINE	67	12.5%	114	10.8%
CRACK	14	2.6%	81	7.6%
OPIATES	14	2.6%	23	2.2%
MARIJUANA	2	.4%	5	.5%
OTHER DRUGS	1	.2%	3	.3%
UNKNOWN	8	1.5%	12	1.1%
TOTAL	106	19.8%	238	22.5%
GRAND TOTAL	536	100.0%	1059	100.0%

C. Drug Type by Felony Class Category

A breakdown of the various drug types by felony class is found in Table 17. The largest proportion of 1988 cocaine commitments were admitted for class B offenses (33.2%), followed by admissions for class A-II offenses (26.3%). In contrast, 30.5% of inmates committed for crack were convicted of class D offenses, and another 27.4%, for class C offenses. Similarly, the greatest percentage of opiates admissions were for class D offenses (32.3%), followed by class B commitments (22.6%).

As mentioned above, 1989 commitments for crack exceeded those for cocaine. Once again, the largest percentage of crack commitments were for class D offenses (31.9%), but compared with 1988, slightly more inmates were admitted for class B offenses than class C offenses (26.8% versus 25.1%). The proportion of class B cocaine commitments fell to 27.9% in 1989 with commitments for both class D and C felony offenses (22.0% and 20.3%, respectively) surpassing class A-II felony commitments (18.6%). About 44% of 1989 opiate commitments were admitted for class D offenses, up from 32.3% in 1988.

The decrease in cocaine admissions in 1989, coupled with the corresponding drop in the proportion committed for the more serious class A-II and B felony class offenses, and the increase of inmates admitted for crack, may account in part for the decline in the average minimum sentence noted in Table 9 above.

TABLE 17 FEMALE COMMITMENTS BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT
AND BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY: JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY STATUS		1988										TOTAL			
		COCAINE		CRACK		OPIATES		MARIJUANA		OTHER DRUGS				UNKNOWN	
A-I	FELONY	6	2.6%	0	.0%	1	1.1%	0	.0%	0	.0%	0	.0%	7	1.3%
A-II	FELONY	61	26.3%	0	.0%	2	2.2%	0	.0%	0	.0%	2	5.6%	65	12.1%
CLASS B	FELONY	77	33.2%	38	23.2%	21	22.6%	0	.0%	0	.0%	5	13.9%	141	26.3%
CLASS C	FELONY	18	7.8%	45	27.4%	18	19.4%	0	.0%	2	25.0%	13	36.1%	96	17.9%
CLASS D	FELONY	41	17.7%	50	30.5%	30	32.3%	2	66.7%	4	50.0%	10	27.8%	137	25.6%
CLASS E	FELONY	29	12.5%	31	18.9%	21	22.6%	1	33.3%	2	25.0%	6	16.7%	90	16.8%
TOTAL		232	100.0%	164	100.0%	93	100.0%	3	100.0%	8	100.0%	36	100.0%	536	100.0%

FELONY STATUS	1989						TOTAL
	COCAINE	CRACK	OPIATES	MARIJUANA	OTHER DRUGS	UNKNOWN	
A-I FELONY	4 1.1%	0 .0%	1 .6%	0 .0%	0 .0%	2 3.7%	7 .7%
A-II FELONY	67 18.7%	2 .4%	3 1.9%	0 .0%	0 .0%	2 3.7%	74 7.0%
CLASS B FELONY	100 27.9%	127 26.8%	38 25.5%	1 16.7%	1 25.0%	21 38.9%	288 27.2%
CLASS C FELONY	73 20.3%	119 25.1%	30 18.5%	2 33.3%	1 25.0%	12 22.2%	237 22.4%
CLASS D FELONY	79 22.0%	151 31.9%	71 43.6%	3 50.0%	1 25.0%	11 20.4%	316 29.8%
CLASS E FELONY	36 10.0%	75 15.8%	19 11.7%	0 .0%	1 25.0%	6 11.1%	137 12.9%
TOTAL	359 100.0%	474 100.0%	162 100.0%	6 100.0%	4 100.0%	54 100.0%	1059 100.0%

Section 6

FEMALE ADMISSIONS BY DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT - DEMOGRAPHICS

A. Drug Type by Ethnic Group Affiliation

Tables 18.1 (row percent) and 18.2 (column percent) present the ethnic group affiliation of female drug commitments. As evidenced in Table 18.1, there is some association between drug type and ethnic group affiliation. For example, between 78.5% (1988) and 85.2% (1989) of females committed for the sale or possession of opiates were Hispanic. Although based on much smaller numbers, commitments for marijuana were primarily black and for the Other Drugs category (e.g. amphetamines, barbituates, hallucinogens, etc.), white. Hispanics accounted for approximately 55% of 1988 cocaine admissions and blacks, another 29 percent. The ethnic composition of cocaine admissions changed somewhat in 1989, with the proportion of Hispanics decreasing to 43.2% while the proportion of blacks increased to 39.3 percent. Among those incarcerated for either the sale or possession of crack in 1988, 49.4% were black, 43.3% Hispanic and 7.3% white. The percentage of Hispanic crack admissions in 1989 was nearly identical to that of 1988, while black crack admissions were up and white, down.

Looking within ethnic groups, roughly 60% of whites in both years were committed for offenses involving cocaine and another 20%, for crack (see Table 18.2). Forty-four percent of blacks in 1988 were committed for crack, while in 1989, 57.1% were. The percentage of blacks incarcerated for cocaine fell from 37.0% in 1988 to 32.5% in 1989. The largest group of Hispanics in 1988 were committed for cocaine (43.8%) but in 1989, the single largest group was comprised of those incarcerated for offenses involving crack (39.0%).

B. Drug Type by Average and Median Age

The average and median age of female drug commitments by drug type is displayed in Table 19. The drug type category with the youngest offenders for both years was crack, where the median age in 1988 was 26 and in 1989, 27. The oldest group of offenders, with median ages of 34 in 1988 and 30 in 1989, were admitted for offenses involving marijuana.

TABLE 18.1 FEMALE COMMITMENTS BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT
AND BY ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION : JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

DRUG INVOLVED	1988							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
COCAINE	37	15.9%	68	29.3%	127	54.7%	232	100.0%
CRACK	12	7.3%	81	49.4%	71	43.3%	164	100.0%
OPIATES	3	3.2%	17	18.3%	73	78.5%	93	100.0%
MARIJUANA	0	.0%	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	3	100.0%
OTHER DRUGS	5	62.5%	2	25.0%	1	12.5%	8	100.0%
UNKNOWN	5	13.9%	14	38.9%	17	47.2%	36	100.0%
TOTAL	62	11.6%	184	34.3%	290	54.1%	536	100.0%

DRUG INVOLVED	1989							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
COCAINE	63	17.5%	141	39.3%	155	43.2%	359	100.0%
CRACK	21	4.4%	248	52.3%	205	43.2%	474	100.0%
OPIATES	6	3.7%	18	11.1%	138	85.2%	162	100.0%
MARIJUANA	1	16.7%	4	66.7%	1	16.7%	6	100.0%
OTHER DRUGS	2	50.0%	1	25.0%	1	25.0%	4	100.0%
UNKNOWN	6	11.1%	22	40.7%	26	48.1%	54	100.0%
TOTAL	99	9.3%	434	41.0%	526	49.7%	1059	100.0%

TABLE 18.2 FEMALE COMMITMENTS BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT
AND BY ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION : JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

DRUG INVOLVED	1988							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
COCAINE	37	59.7%	68	37.0%	127	43.8%	232	43.3%
CRACK	12	19.4%	81	44.0%	71	24.5%	164	30.6%
OPIATES	3	4.8%	17	9.2%	73	25.2%	93	17.4%
MARIJUANA	0	.0%	2	1.1%	1	.3%	3	.6%
OTHER DRUGS	5	8.1%	2	1.1%	1	.3%	8	1.5%
UNKNOWN	5	8.1%	14	7.6%	17	5.9%	36	6.7%
TOTAL	62	100.0%	184	100.0%	290	100.0%	536	100.0%

DRUG INVOLVED	1989							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
COCAINE	63	63.6%	141	32.5%	155	29.5%	359	33.9%
CRACK	21	21.2%	248	57.1%	205	39.0%	474	44.8%
OPIATES	6	6.1%	18	4.1%	138	26.2%	162	15.3%
MARIJUANA	1	1.0%	4	.9%	1	.2%	6	.6%
OTHER DRUGS	2	2.0%	1	.2%	1	.2%	4	.4%
UNKNOWN	6	6.1%	22	5.1%	26	4.9%	54	5.1%
TOTAL	99	100.0%	434	100.0%	526	100.0%	1059	100.0%

TABLE 19 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN AGE OF FEMALE COMMITMENTS
BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT : JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE AGE	MEDIAN AGE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE AGE	MEDIAN AGE
COCAINE	232	31.4	30.0	359	30.6	29.0
CRACK	164	27.6	26.0	474	27.9	27.0
OPIATES	93	30.2	29.0	162	29.4	28.0
MARIJUANA	3	33.0	34.0	6	31.8	30.0
OTHER DRUGS	8	29.5	30.0	4	29.3	30.0
UNKNOWN	36	29.6	29.0	54	28.2	28.0

C. Drug Type by Region of Commitment

As discussed in Section 4 above, the majority of drug commitments are from New York City, with the remaining commitments about equally divided between Suburban New York and the Upstate Counties region. In 1988 the proportion of females admitted from New York City for cocaine or crack was about the same (29.1% and 28.5%, respectively), whereas in 1989, 40.7% were admitted for crack, while only 20.7% were imprisoned for cocaine (see Table 20). The preceding percentages are based on the total female drug population, if crack admissions from New York City are based on the proportion they represent in the New York City admission population only, this drug type is responsible for 35% of commitments in 1988 and 50% in 1989.

Even though there has been growth in commitments for crack from Suburban New York (21% to 35% of the Suburban drug population), most inmates are still admitted for cocaine. Eighty-one percent of Upstate drug commitments were incarcerated for cocaine, with Upstate drug commitments for crack rising from 2% to 8 percent.

Finally, New York City was the only area with substantial admissions for opiates (20% of 1988 and 18% of 1989 New York City drug commitments were for offenses involving opiates).

TABLE 20 FEMALE COMMITMENTS BY REGION OF COMMITMENT AND BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT: JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1988		1989	
NEW YORK CITY				
COCAINE	156	29.1%	219	20.7%
CRACK	153	28.5%	431	40.7%
OPIATES	87	16.2%	157	14.8%
MARIJUANA	3	.6%	2	.2%
OTHER DRUGS	7	1.3%	3	.3%
UNKNOWN	29	5.4%	48	4.5%
TOTAL	435	81.2%	860	81.2%
SUBURBAN NEW YORK				
COCAINE	32	6.0%	59	5.6%
CRACK	10	1.9%	35	3.3%
OPIATES	1	.2%	2	.2%
MARIJUANA	0	.0%	1	.1%
OTHER DRUGS	0	.0%	1	.1%
UNKNOWN	4	.7%	1	.1%
TOTAL	47	8.8%	99	9.3%
UPSTATE COUNTIES				
COCAINE	44	8.2%	81	7.6%
CRACK	1	.2%	8	.8%
OPIATES	5	.9%	3	.3%
MARIJUANA	0	.0%	3	.3%
OTHER DRUGS	1	.2%	0	.0%
UNKNOWN	3	.6%	5	.5%
TOTAL	54	10.1%	100	9.4%
GRAND TOTAL	536	100.0%	1059	100.0%

D. Drug Type by Self-Reported Drug Use

The last table in this section presents self-reported drug use information in addition to the drug reported to have led to the inmate's current incarceration. Drug use is obtained from the inmate at initial classification by asking what, if any, drugs the inmate used in the six months prior to last arrest. If the inmate reports using more than one controlled substance, the controlled substances are then ranked by a Departmental seriousness of use scale. (The seriousness scale, derived from the schedule used by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), provides no information regarding frequency of use.)

Table 21 is restricted to the most serious controlled substance used, hence it includes only those inmates reporting substance use. About 52% of 1988 drug commitments denied the use of any drugs, and for another 3%, information regarding drug usage was missing. Substantially fewer female drug commitments in 1989 denied drug usage (approximately 30%), and usage information was missing in only one percent of the cases.

The single largest group of drug users in 1988 reported using opiates (37.6%) and the next largest, cocaine (32.2%). Once again, the category with the highest proportion of drug users in 1989 was that for opiates, however, the proportion of crack users (20.6%) exceeded that of cocaine users (26.5%).

Looking only at those inmates for whom information is available regarding drug type, it can be seen that with the exception of the few 1989 commitments in the Other Drugs category, the majority of inmates reporting drug use, claimed to use the same type of drug for which they were incarcerated. This is particularly true of inmates committed for opiates, as 87.5% of these inmates in 1988 reported opiate use, as did 89.2% of 1989 opiate commitments.

TABLE 21 FEMALE COMMITMENTS BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT
AND BY SELF-REPORTED DRUG USE : JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

SELF-REPORTED DRUG USE	1988									
	COCAINE		CRACK		OPIATES		OTHER DRUGS		UNKNOWN	
COCAINE	59	71.1%	11	12.8%	6	9.4%	0	.0%	3	42.9%
CRACK	3	3.6%	55	64.0%	2	3.1%	0	.0%	1	14.3%
OPIATES	19	22.9%	15	17.4%	56	87.5%	0	.0%	2	28.6%
MARIJUANA	2	2.4%	5	5.8%	0	.0%	1	20.0%	1	14.3%
OTHER DRUGS	0	.0%	0	.0%	0	.0%	4	80.0%	0	.0%
TOTAL	83	100.0%	86	100.0%	64	100.0%	5	100.0%	7	100.0%

SELF-REPORTED DRUG USE	1989									
	COCAINE		CRACK		OPIATES		MARIJUANA		OTHER DRUGS	
COCAINE	144	66.4%	39	10.9%	8	6.2%	0	.0%	0	.0%
CRACK	7	3.2%	201	56.1%	2	1.5%	0	.0%	0	.0%
OPIATES	44	20.3%	91	25.4%	116	89.2%	2	40.0%	2	66.7%
MARIJUANA	18	8.3%	23	6.4%	3	2.3%	3	60.0%	0	.0%
OTHER DRUGS	4	1.8%	4	1.1%	1	.8%	0	.0%	1	33.3%
TOTAL	217	100.0%	358	100.0%	130	100.0%	5	100.0%	3	100.0%

CONCLUSION

Over the three years covered by this report (1987-1989), the rate of growth in female new court commitments was approximately three times that for males (98.9% for females versus 33.5% for males). The growth in both populations is in large part, the result of increased commitments for drug offenses. From January 1987 through December 1989, drug commitments for females rose 211% and for males, 82 percent.

One notable characteristic of the female drug population has been the dominance of this offense category by Hispanics. Averaging about 37% of the total female admission population, Hispanic females account for approximately 51% of the overall female drug population.

During the three years reported here, the median minimum sentence for female drug offenders fell from 24.0 months to 18.0 months. This reduction in the median minimum sentence occurred only among first felony offenders (with the median minimum sentence falling from 18.0 to 12.0 months), the median minimum sentence for second felony offenders held constant at 24.0 months.

Several factors were associated with the decline in the median minimum sentence. First, there was a decrease in the proportion of females incarcerated for offenses involving cocaine, from 43.9% in 1988 to 33.9% in 1989. At the same time, there was a drop in the proportion of cocaine offenders sentenced for the more serious class A-II and B felony offenses. (In 1988, 33.2% of cocaine offenders were sentenced for class B offenses and another 26.3%, for class A-II offenses. In contrast, the figures for 1989 were 27.9% for class B offenses and 18.7% for class A-II offenses.) Finally, female commitments for crack increased from 30.6% of the total drug population in 1988 to 44.8% in 1989. This is significant as the single largest proportion of female crack offenders were admitted for class D felony offenses.

It was also noted that of those female drug offenders reporting drug usage, the largest proportion in 1988 and 1989 (37.6% and 36.0%, respectively) stated they used opiates, followed by cocaine in 1988 (32.2%), and crack in 1989 (29.6%).

APPENDIX A

TABLE A.1A COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY AGE AT ADMISSION
FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS : 1987

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	16-20 YEARS	21-24 YEARS	25-29 YEARS	30-34 YEARS	35-39 YEARS	40-49 YEARS	50-59 YEARS	60+ YEARS	TOTAL
VIOLENT FELONY									
MURDER	0	3	2	6	1	1	0	0	13
ATTEMPT MURDER	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	4
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	3	5	7	4	6	4	2	0	31
ROBBERY 1ST	7	12	9	7	6	1	0	0	42
ROBBERY 2ND	9	17	28	10	3	2	0	0	69
ASSAULT 1ST	3	6	2	5	2	2	1	0	21
ASSAULT 2ND	4	2	4	5	2	2	1	0	20
BURGLARY 1ST	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
BURGLARY 2ND	6	8	9	11	4	0	0	0	38
ARSON 1ST,2ND	3	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	9
SODOMY 1ST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1	1	4	3	0	3	0	0	12
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	37 13.8%	58 21.6%	68 25.3%	57 21.2%	28 10.4%	16 5.9%	5 1.9%	0 .0%	269 100.0%
OTHER COERCIVE									
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
OTHER HOMICIDE	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ROBBERY 3RD	0	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	12
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	7
OTHER COERCIVE	0	1	4	6	2	1	0	0	14
TOTAL	1 2.3%	13 30.2%	15 34.9%	9 20.9%	3 7.0%	2 4.7%	0 .0%	0 .0%	43 100.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	17	56	103	84	37	36	7	0	340
TOTAL	17 5.0%	56 16.5%	103 30.3%	84 24.7%	37 10.9%	36 10.6%	7 2.1%	0 .0%	340 100.0%
PROPERTY AND OTHER									
BURGLARY 3RD	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
GRAND LARCENY	1	7	17	20	7	7	3	1	63
FORGERY	1	3	11	6	6	4	1	0	32
STOLEN PROPERTY	2	7	7	11	1	1	0	0	29
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
ALL OTHR FELONIES	0	3	4	0	3	0	0	0	10
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
TOTAL	13 8.7%	22 14.7%	41 27.3%	40 26.7%	17 11.3%	12 8.0%	4 2.7%	1 .7%	150 100.0%
GRAND TOTAL	68 8.5%	149 18.6%	227 28.3%	190 23.7%	85 10.6%	66 8.2%	16 2.0%	1 .1%	802 100.0%

TABLE A.1B COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY AGE AT ADMISSION
FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS : 1987

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	16-20 YEARS	21-24 YEARS	25-29 YEARS	30-34 YEARS	35-39 YEARS	40-49 YEARS	50-59 YEARS	60+ YEARS	TOTAL
VIOLENT FELONY									
MURDER	0	3	2	6	1	1	0	0	13
ATTEMPT MURDER	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	4
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	3	5	7	4	6	4	2	0	31
ROBBERY 1ST	7	12	9	7	6	1	9	0	42
ROBBERY 2ND	9	17	28	10	3	2	0	0	69
ASSAULT 1ST	3	6	2	5	2	2	1	0	21
ASSAULT 2ND	4	2	4	5	2	2	1	0	20
BURGLARY 1ST	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
BURGLARY 2ND	6	8	9	11	4	0	0	0	38
ARSON 1ST,2ND	3	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	9
SODOMY 1ST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1	1	4	3	0	3	0	0	12
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	37 54.4%	58 38.9%	68 30.0%	57 30.0%	28 32.9%	16 24.2%	5 31.3%	0 .0%	269 33.5%
OTHER COERCIVE									
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
OTHER HOMICIDE	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
ROBBERY 3RD	0	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	12
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	7
OTHER COERCIVE	0	1	4	6	2	1	0	0	14
TOTAL	1 1.5%	13 8.7%	15 6.6%	9 4.7%	3 3.5%	2 3.0%	0 .0%	0 .0%	43 5.4%
DRUG OFFENSES	17	56	103	84	37	36	7	0	340
TOTAL	17 25.0%	56 37.6%	103 45.4%	84 44.2%	37 43.5%	36 54.5%	7 43.8%	0 .0%	340 42.4%
PROPERTY AND OTHER									
BURGLARY 3RD	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
GRAND LARCENY	1	7	17	20	7	7	3	1	63
FORGERY	1	3	11	6	6	4	1	0	32
STOLEN PROPERTY	2	7	7	11	1	1	0	0	29
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
ALL OTHR FELONIES	0	3	4	0	3	0	0	0	10
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
TOTAL	13 19.1%	22 14.8%	41 18.1%	40 21.1%	17 20.0%	12 18.2%	4 25.0%	1 100.0%	150 18.7%
GRAND TOTAL	68 100.0%	149 100.0%	227 100.0%	190 100.0%	85 100.0%	66 100.0%	16 100.0%	1 100.0%	802 100.0%

TABLE A.2A COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY AGE AT ADMISSION
FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS : 1988

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	16-20 YEARS	21-24 YEARS	25-29 YEARS	30-34 YEARS	35-39 YEARS	40-49 YEARS	50-59 YEARS	60+ YEARS	TOTAL
VIOLENT FELONY									
MURDER	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	7
ATTEMPT MURDER	1	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	7
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	3	5	4	4	4	2	0	0	22
RAPE 1ST	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
ROBBERY 1ST	5	20	11	8	2	0	0	0	46
ROBBERY 2ND	8	20	28	13	5	2	0	0	76
ASSAULT 1ST	0	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	9
ASSAULT 2ND	2	2	4	3	4	1	1	0	17
BURGLARY 1ST	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
BURGLARY 2ND	7	5	7	8	4	4	0	0	35
ARSON 1ST,2ND	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
SODOMY 1ST	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	12
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	29 11.6%	62 24.7%	70 27.9%	43 17.1%	29 11.6%	15 6.0%	3 1.2%	0 .0%	251 100.0%
OTHER COERCIVE									
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	2	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	11
OTHER HOMICIDE	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
ROBBERY 3RD	3	2	10	2	1	0	0	0	18
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
OTHER COERCIVE	0	2	2	3	8	2	0	0	17
TOTAL	5 9.6%	9 17.3%	14 26.9%	9 17.3%	12 23.1%	3 5.8%	0 .0%	0 .0%	52 100.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	26	120	148	119	70	42	10	1	536
TOTAL	26 4.9%	120 22.4%	148 27.6%	119 22.2%	70 13.1%	42 7.8%	10 1.9%	1 .2%	536 100.0%
PROPERTY AND OTHER									
BURGLARY 3RD	2	1	6	1	1	1	0	0	12
GRAND LARCENY	0	12	10	18	6	8	1	2	57
FORGERY	1	6	17	13	9	9	1	0	56
STOLEN PROPERTY	2	2	9	4	5	3	0	0	25
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
ALL OTHR FELONIES	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	1	9
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
TOTAL	16 9.1%	26 14.9%	46 26.3%	40 22.9%	21 12.0%	21 12.0%	2 1.1%	3 1.7%	175 100.0%
GRAND TOTAL	76 7.5%	217 21.4%	278 27.4%	211 20.8%	132 13.0%	81 8.0%	15 1.5%	4 .4%	1014 100.0%

TABLE A.2B COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY AGE AT ADMISSION
FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS : 1988

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	16-20 YEARS	21-24 YEARS	25-29 YEARS	30-34 YEARS	35-39 YEARS	40-49 YEARS	50-59 YEARS	60+ YEARS	TOTAL
VIOLENT FELONY									
MURDER	0	1	1	2	0	3	0	0	7
ATTEMPT MURDER	1	1	3	0	0	2	0	0	7
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	3	5	4	4	4	2	0	0	22
RAPE 1ST	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
ROBBERY 1ST	5	20	11	8	2	0	0	0	46
ROBBERY 2ND	8	20	28	13	5	2	0	0	76
ASSAULT 1ST	0	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	9
ASSAULT 2ND	2	2	4	3	4	1	1	0	17
BURGLARY 1ST	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
BURGLARY 2ND	7	5	7	8	4	4	0	0	35
ARSON 1ST,2ND	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	8
SODOMY 1ST	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	12
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	29 38.2%	62 28.6%	70 25.2%	43 20.4%	29 22.0%	15 18.5%	3 20.0%	0 .0%	251 24.8%
OTHER COERCIVE									
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	2	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	11
OTHER HOMICIDE	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
ROBBERY 3RD	3	2	10	2	1	0	0	0	18
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
OTHER COERCIVE	0	2	2	3	8	2	0	0	17
TOTAL	5 6.6%	9 4.1%	14 5.0%	9 4.3%	12 9.1%	3 3.7%	0 .0%	0 .0%	52 5.1%
DRUG OFFENSES	26	120	148	119	70	42	10	1	536
TOTAL	26 34.2%	120 55.3%	148 53.2%	119 56.4%	70 53.0%	42 51.9%	10 66.7%	1 25.0%	536 52.9%
PROPERTY AND OTHER									
BURGLARY 3RD	2	1	6	1	1	1	0	0	12
GRAND LARCENY	0	12	10	18	6	8	1	2	57
FORGERY	1	6	17	13	9	9	1	0	56
STOLEN PROPERTY	2	2	9	4	5	3	0	0	25
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
ALL OTHR FELONIES	0	3	1	4	0	0	0	1	9
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	13
TOTAL	16 21.1%	26 12.0%	46 16.5%	40 19.0%	21 15.9%	21 25.9%	2 13.3%	3 75.0%	175 17.3%
GRAND TOTAL	76 100.0%	217 100.0%	278 100.0%	211 100.0%	132 100.0%	81 100.0%	15 100.0%	4 100.0%	1014 100.0%

TABLE A.3 COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY AGE AT ADMISSION
FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS : 1989

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	16-20 YEARS	21-24 YEARS	25-29 YEARS	30-34 YEARS	35-39 YEARS	40-49 YEARS	50-59 YEARS	60+ YEARS	TOTAL
VIOLENT FELONY									
MURDER	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	6
ATTEMPT MURDER	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	4
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	4	5	6	7	6	7	2	0	37
ROBBERY 1ST	3	9	19	9	2	1	0	0	43
ROBBERY 2ND	7	25	24	10	4	2	0	0	72
ASSAULT 1ST	1	4	10	6	4	2	1	0	28
ASSAULT 2ND	0	2	6	3	4	3	0	0	18
BURGLARY 1ST	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
BURGLARY 2ND	4	11	8	9	3	2	0	0	37
ARSON 1ST,2ND	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	7
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
WEAPONS OFFENSES	1	6	5	4	6	1	0	0	23
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL	24 20.3%	69 20.8%	85 17.1%	55 16.6%	30 16.1%	21 19.4%	3 16.7%	0 .0%	287 18.0%
OTHER COERCIVE									
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	0	2	3	0	1	1	1	0	8
OTHER HOMICIDE	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
ROBBERY 3RD	4	5	10	9	2	0	0	0	30
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
OTHER COERCIVE	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	1	10
TOTAL	6 5.1%	11 3.3%	16 3.2%	16 4.8%	5 2.7%	2 1.9%	1 5.6%	1 25.0%	58 3.6%
DRUG OFFENSES	59	235	341	218	121	71	11	3	1059
TOTAL	59 50.0%	235 71.0%	341 68.5%	218 65.7%	121 65.1%	71 65.7%	11 61.1%	3 75.0%	1059 66.4%
PROPERTY AND OTHER									
BURGLARY 3RD	2	2	9	4	1	0	0	0	18
GRAND LARCENY	0	5	18	21	7	5	2	0	58
FORGERY	2	3	12	12	11	5	1	0	46
STOLEN PROPERTY	0	5	9	3	8	3	0	0	28
DRIVE INTOXICATED	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
ALL OTHR FELONIES	1	1	8	2	1	1	0	0	14
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
TOTAL	29 24.6%	16 4.8%	56 11.2%	43 13.0%	30 16.1%	14 13.0%	3 16.7%	0 .0%	191 12.0%
GRAND TOTAL	118 100.0%	331 100.0%	498 100.0%	332 100.0%	186 100.0%	108 100.0%	18 100.0%	4 100.0%	1595 100.0%

TABLE A.4 OFFENSE BY FELONY OFFENDER STATUS FOR FEMALE COMMITMENTS
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	1987				1988				1989			
	FIRST	FELONY	SECOND	FELONY	FIRST	FELONY	SECOND	FELONY	FIRST	FELONY	SECOND	FELONY
VIOLENT FELONY												
MURDER	13	2.4%	0	.0%	7	1.1%	0	.0%	6	.6%	0	.0%
ATTEMPT MURDER	4	.7%	0	.0%	7	1.1%	0	.0%	4	.4%	0	.0%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	30	5.6%	1	.4%	22	3.5%	0	.0%	35	3.7%	2	.3%
RAPE 1ST	0	.0%	0	.0%	2	.3%	1	.3%	0	.0%	0	.0%
ROBBERY 1ST	38	7.1%	4	1.5%	43	6.8%	3	.8%	34	3.6%	9	1.4%
ROBBERY 2ND	54	10.1%	15	5.6%	54	8.6%	22	5.7%	52	5.6%	20	3.0%
ASSAULT 1ST	15	2.8%	6	2.3%	8	1.3%	1	.3%	25	2.7%	3	.5%
ASSAULT 2ND	14	2.6%	6	2.3%	12	1.9%	5	1.3%	13	1.4%	5	.8%
BURGLARY 1ST	5	.9%	1	.4%	2	.3%	0	.0%	4	.4%	2	.3%
BURGLARY 2ND	25	4.7%	13	4.9%	25	4.0%	10	2.6%	23	2.5%	14	2.1%
ARSON 1ST,2ND	8	1.5%	1	.4%	8	1.3%	0	.0%	7	.7%	0	.0%
SODOMY 1ST	1	.2%	0	.0%	3	.5%	0	.0%	0	.0%	0	.0%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	0	.0%	0	.0%	1	.2%	0	.0%	2	.2%	0	.0%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	6	1.1%	6	2.3%	8	1.3%	4	1.0%	10	1.1%	13	2.0%
KIDNAPPING 1ST,2ND	3	.6%	0	.0%	3	.5%	0	.0%	3	.3%	1	.2%
TOTAL	216	40.3%	53	19.9%	205	32.5%	46	12.0%	218	23.3%	69	10.5%
OTHER COERCIVE												
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	6	1.1%	1	.4%	11	1.7%	0	.0%	7	.7%	1	.2%
OTHER HOMICIDE	3	.6%	0	.0%	3	.5%	0	.0%	4	.4%	0	.0%
ROBBERY 3RD	7	1.3%	5	1.9%	12	1.9%	6	1.6%	18	1.9%	12	1.8%
ATT ASSAULT 2ND	1	.2%	6	2.3%	1	.2%	2	.5%	1	.1%	5	.8%
OTHER COERCIVE	11	2.1%	3	1.1%	16	2.5%	1	.3%	10	1.1%	0	.0%
TOTAL	28	5.2%	15	5.6%	43	6.8%	9	2.3%	40	4.3%	18	2.7%
DRUG OFFENSES	232	43.3%	108	40.6%	305	48.4%	231	60.2%	580	62.0%	479	72.6%
TOTAL	232	43.3%	108	40.6%	305	48.4%	231	60.2%	580	62.0%	479	72.6%
PROPERTY AND OTHER												
BURGLARY 3RD	1	.2%	5	1.9%	4	.6%	8	2.1%	8	.9%	10	1.5%
GRAND LARCENY	21	3.9%	42	15.8%	24	3.8%	33	8.6%	28	3.0%	30	4.5%
FORGERY	8	1.5%	24	9.0%	16	2.5%	40	10.4%	14	1.5%	32	4.8%
STOLEN PROPERTY	14	2.6%	15	5.6%	9	1.4%	16	4.2%	10	1.1%	18	2.7%
DRIVE INTOXICATED	2	.4%	0	.0%	3	.5%	0	.0%	2	.2%	1	.2%
ALL OTHR FELONIES	6	1.1%	4	1.5%	8	1.3%	1	.3%	11	1.2%	3	.5%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDER	8	1.5%	0	.0%	13	2.1%	0	.0%	24	2.6%	0	.0%
TOTAL	60	11.2%	90	33.8%	77	12.2%	98	25.5%	97	10.4%	94	14.2%
GRAND TOTAL	536	100.0%	266	100.0%	630	100.0%	384	100.0%	935	100.0%	660	100.0%

TABLE A.5 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MAXIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY CLASS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
A-I FELONY	7	300.0	300.0	7	300.0	300.0	7	300.0	300.0
A-II FELONY	59	300.0	300.0	65	300.0	300.0	74	300.0	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	114	50.6	36.0	141	53.2	36.0	288	51.0	36.0
CLASS C FELONY	43	57.5	54.0	96	55.6	36.0	237	54.4	36.0
CLASS D FELONY	86	49.7	48.0	137	49.6	48.0	316	50.6	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	31	36.4	36.0	90	38.2	36.0	137	36.9	36.0
TOTAL	340	98.4	48.0	536	83.4	48.0	1059	68.9	48.0

TABLE A.6 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MAXIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY OFFENDER STATUS
AND FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY STATUS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
FIRST FELONY									
A-I FELONY	7	300.0	300.0	7	300.0	300.0	7	300.0	300.0
A-II FELONY	59	300.0	300.0	65	300.0	300.0	72	300.0	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	110	48.2	36.0	128	47.0	36.0	264	45.5	36.0
CLASS C FELONY	32	48.0	36.0	77	49.7	36.0	182	47.9	36.0
CLASS D FELONY	21	51.4	48.0	19	45.2	36.0	43	50.5	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	3	36.0	36.0	9	42.7	36.0	12	37.0	36.0
TOTAL	232	119.9	54.0	305	107.2	36.0	580	81.1	36.0
SECOND FELONY									
A-II FELONY	0	.	.	0	.	.	2	300.0	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	4	117.0	114.0	13	114.0	108.0	24	111.0	108.0
CLASS C FELONY	11	85.1	72.0	19	79.6	72.0	55	76.3	72.0
CLASS D FELONY	65	49.2	48.0	118	50.3	48.0	273	50.6	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	28	36.4	36.0	81	37.7	36.0	125	36.9	36.0
TOTAL	108	52.1	48.0	231	51.9	48.0	479	54.0	48.0
GRAND TOTAL	340	98.4	48.0	536	83.4	48.0	1059	68.9	48.0

TABLE A.7 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MAXIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR FEMALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY REGION OF COMMITMENT
AND FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
NEW YORK CITY									
A-I FELONY	5	300.0	300.0	4	300.0	300.0	3	300.0	300.0
A-II FELONY	46	300.0	300.0	43	300.0	300.0	48	300.0	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	86	47.1	36.0	103	48.8	36.0	236	48.8	36.0
CLASS C FELONY	34	53.3	42.0	77	56.5	48.0	176	53.9	36.0
CLASS D FELONY	74	49.3	48.0	122	49.8	48.0	266	50.9	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	29	36.0	36.0	86	37.6	36.0	131	36.8	36.0
TOTAL	274	94.4	48.0	435	75.4	48.0	860	63.6	48.0
SUBURBAN NEW YORK									
A-I FELONY	0	.	.	1	300.0	300.0	0	.	.
A-II FELONY	8	300.0	300.0	11	300.0	300.0	7	300.0	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	10	50.4	36.0	12	52.0	36.0	15	54.0	36.0
CLASS C FELONY	4	72.0	72.0	15	48.0	36.0	38	52.1	42.0
CLASS D FELONY	6	46.0	48.0	7	49.7	48.0	39	48.2	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	0	.	.	1	48.0	48.0	0	.	.
TOTAL	28	123.9	54.0	47	113.6	48.0	99	68.4	48.0
UPSTATE COUNTIES									
A-I FELONY	2	300.0	300.0	2	300.0	300.0	4	300.0	300.0
A-II FELONY	5	300.0	300.0	11	300.0	300.0	19	300.0	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	18	67.3	72.0	26	71.3	36.0	37	63.7	36.0
CLASS C FELONY	5	74.4	60.0	4	67.5	72.0	23	62.2	54.0
CLASS D FELONY	6	59.0	48.0	8	46.5	42.0	11	50.7	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	2	42.0	42.0	3	52.0	48.0	6	38.0	36.0
TOTAL	38	108.5	72.0	54	121.3	72.0	100	114.8	66.0

APPENDIX B

TABLE B.1 MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY STATUS	1987		1988		1989	
A-I FELONY	94	2.0%	108	1.8%	98	1.1%
A-II FELONY	554	11.6%	601	10.2%	696	8.0%
CLASS B FELONY	1561	32.8%	1760	29.9%	2434	28.0%
CLASS C FELONY	803	16.8%	985	16.7%	1871	21.5%
CLASS D FELONY	1340	28.1%	1753	29.7%	2617	30.1%
CLASS E FELONY	414	8.7%	689	11.7%	973	11.2%
TOTAL	4766	100.0%	5896	100.0%	8689	100.0%

TABLE B.2 MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY OFFENDER STATUS
AND BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY: JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY STATUS		1987		1988		1989	
FIRST	FELONY						
A-I	FELONY	94	2.0%	108	1.8%	98	1.1%
A-II	FELONY	528	11.1%	559	9.5%	640	7.4%
CLASS B	FELONY	1296	27.2%	1412	23.9%	1947	22.4%
CLASS C	FELONY	380	8.0%	528	9.0%	1027	11.8%
CLASS D	FELONY	228	4.8%	266	4.5%	397	4.6%
CLASS E	FELONY	46	1.0%	42	.7%	99	1.1%
TOTAL		2572	54.0%	2915	49.4%	4208	48.4%
SECOND FELONY							
A-II	FELONY	26	.5%	42	.7%	56	.6%
CLASS B	FELONY	265	5.6%	348	5.9%	487	5.6%
CLASS C	FELONY	423	8.9%	457	7.8%	844	9.7%
CLASS D	FELONY	1112	23.3%	1487	25.2%	2220	25.5%
CLASS E	FELONY	368	7.7%	647	11.0%	874	10.1%
TOTAL		2194	46.0%	2981	50.6%	4481	51.6%
GRAND TOTAL		4766	100.0%	5896	100.0%	8689	100.0%

TABLE B.3 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MINIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY CLASS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
A-I FELONY	94	195.0	180.0	108	176.2	180.0	98	190.9	180.0
A-II FELONY	554	53.2	48.0	601	53.2	48.0	696	55.5	48.0
CLASS B FELONY	1561	25.9	12.0	1760	28.1	18.0	2434	28.5	18.0
CLASS C FELONY	803	28.1	36.0	985	26.8	24.0	1871	27.0	28.0
CLASS D FELONY	1340	24.8	24.0	1753	24.7	24.0	2617	25.1	24.0
CLASS E FELONY	414	18.2	18.0	689	18.3	18.0	973	18.4	18.0
TOTAL	4766	31.8	24.0	5896	31.0	24.0	8689	30.0	24.0

TABLE B.4 MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY CATEGORY OF COMMITMENT
AND BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1987		1988		1989	
SALE						
A-I FELONY	52	1.1%	60	1.0%	47	.5%
A-II FELONY	338	7.1%	360	6.1%	371	4.3%
CLASS B FELONY	1217	25.5%	1345	22.8%	1863	21.4%
CLASS C FELONY	656	13.8%	757	12.8%	1483	17.1%
CLASS D FELONY	1103	23.1%	1458	24.7%	1947	22.4%
CLASS E FELONY	328	6.9%	568	9.6%	564	6.5%
TOTAL	3694	77.5%	4548	77.1%	6275	72.2%
POSSESSION						
A-I FELONY	42	.9%	48	.8%	51	.6%
A-II FELONY	216	4.5%	241	4.1%	325	3.7%
CLASS B FELONY	344	7.2%	415	7.0%	571	6.6%
CLASS C FELONY	147	3.1%	228	3.9%	388	4.5%
CLASS D FELONY	237	5.0%	295	5.0%	670	7.7%
CLASS E FELONY	86	1.8%	121	2.1%	409	4.7%
TOTAL	1072	22.5%	1348	22.9%	2414	27.8%
GRAND TOTAL	4766	100.0%	5896	100.0%	8689	100.0%

TABLE B.5 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MAXIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY CLASS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
A-I FELONY	94	294.4	300.0	198	291.3	300.0	98	294.6	300.0
A-II FELONY	554	292.9	300.0	601	296.8	300.0	696	295.4	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	1561	66.4	36.0	1760	70.4	54.0	2434	71.5	49.5
CLASS C FELONY	803	63.4	72.0	985	62.1	72.0	1871	62.6	72.0
CLASS D FELONY	1340	51.6	48.0	1753	51.0	48.0	2617	51.9	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	414	37.1	36.0	689	37.0	36.0	973	37.5	36.0
TOTAL	4766	90.0	48.0	5896	86.5	48.0	8689	80.3	48.0

TABLE B.6 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MINIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY OFFENDER STATUS
AND FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY STATUS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
FIRST FELONY									
A-I FELONY	94	195.0	180.0	108	176.2	180.0	98	190.9	180.0
A-II FELONY	528	51.9	48.0	559	51.1	42.0	640	53.4	48.0
CLASS B FELONY	1296	18.6	12.0	1412	19.1	12.0	1947	19.2	12.0
CLASS C FELONY	380	17.4	12.0	528	18.2	12.0	1027	18.3	12.0
CLASS D FELONY	228	19.1	18.0	266	20.0	22.0	397	20.2	24.0
CLASS E FELONY	46	16.4	18.0	42	17.0	18.0	99	15.8	18.0
TOTAL	2572	31.7	18.0	2915	31.0	18.0	4208	28.2	18.0
SECOND FELONY									
A-II FELONY	26	81.2	72.0	42	80.7	72.0	56	79.8	72.0
CLASS B FELONY	265	61.5	54.0	348	64.8	54.0	487	65.6	54.0
CLASS C FELONY	423	37.7	36.0	457	36.6	36.0	844	37.5	36.0
CLASS D FELONY	1112	26.0	24.0	1487	25.6	24.0	2220	26.0	24.0
CLASS E FELONY	368	18.5	18.0	647	18.4	18.0	874	18.7	18.0
TOTAL	2194	31.9	24.0	2981	31.0	24.0	4481	31.7	24.0
GRAND TOTAL	4766	31.8	24.0	5894	31.0	24.0	8689	30.0	24.0

TABLE B.7 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MAXIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY OFFENDER STATUS
AND FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY STATUS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
FIRST FELONY									
A-I FELONY	94	294.4	300.0	108	291.3	300.0	98	294.6	300.0
A-II FELONY	528	293.3	300.0	559	297.3	300.0	640	296.2	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	1296	54.7	36.0	1412	55.7	36.0	1947	56.5	36.0
CLASS C FELONY	380	49.7	36.0	528	52.3	36.0	1027	52.2	36.0
CLASS D FELONY	228	48.4	48.0	266	49.4	48.0	397	50.4	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	46	36.5	36.0	42	39.1	36.0	99	37.6	36.0
TOTAL	2572	110.8	48.0	2915	109.4	54.0	4208	96.5	48.0
SECOND FELONY									
A-II FELONY	26	283.2	300.0	42	289.1	300.0	56	285.2	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	265	123.9	108.0	348	129.9	108.0	487	131.5	108.0
CLASS C FELONY	423	75.7	72.0	457	73.4	72.0	844	75.3	72.0
CLASS D FELONY	1112	52.2	48.0	1487	51.3	48.0	2220	52.1	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	368	37.2	36.0	647	36.8	36.0	874	37.5	36.0
TOTAL	2194	65.6	48.0	2981	64.1	48.0	4481	65.2	48.0
GRAND TOTAL	4766	90.0	48.0	5895	86.5	48.0	8689	80.3	48.0

TABLE B.8 MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY REGION OF COMMITMENT
AND BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1987		1988		1989	
NEW YORK CITY						
A-I FELONY	70	1.5%	71	1.2%	54	.6%
A-II FELONY	373	7.8%	366	6.2%	406	4.7%
CLASS B FELONY	1205	25.3%	1290	21.9%	1891	21.8%
CLASS C FELONY	611	12.8%	714	12.1%	1296	14.9%
CLASS D FELONY	1210	25.4%	1527	25.9%	2205	25.4%
CLASS E FELONY	378	7.9%	644	10.9%	867	10.0%
TOTAL	3847	80.7%	4612	78.2%	6719	77.3%
SUBURBAN NEW YORK						
A-I FELONY	10	.2%	13	.2%	5	.1%
A-II FELONY	119	2.5%	125	2.1%	116	1.3%
CLASS B FELONY	201	4.2%	220	3.7%	203	2.3%
CLASS C FELONY	114	2.4%	163	2.8%	352	4.1%
CLASS D FELONY	65	1.4%	129	2.2%	234	2.7%
CLASS E FELONY	8	.2%	10	.2%	51	.6%
TOTAL	517	10.8%	660	11.2%	961	11.1%
UPSTATE COUNTIES						
A-I FELONY	14	.3%	24	.4%	39	.4%
A-II FELONY	62	1.3%	110	1.9%	174	2.0%
CLASS B FELONY	155	3.3%	250	4.2%	340	3.9%
CLASS C FELONY	78	1.6%	108	1.8%	223	2.6%
CLASS D FELONY	65	1.4%	97	1.6%	178	2.0%
CLASS E FELONY	28	.6%	35	.6%	55	.6%
TOTAL	402	8.4%	624	10.6%	1009	11.6%
GRAND TOTAL	4766	100.0%	5896	100.0%	8689	100.0%

TABLE B.9 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MINIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY REGION OF COMMITMENT
AND FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
NEW YORK CITY									
A-I FELONY	70	200.7	180.0	71	184.6	180.0	54	204.1	180.0
A-II FELONY	373	53.8	48.0	366	55.2	48.0	406	57.5	48.0
CLASS B FELONY	1205	25.6	12.0	1290	27.7	16.0	1891	27.6	16.0
CLASS C FELONY	611	28.3	36.0	714	26.7	28.0	1296	27.0	30.0
CLASS D FELONY	1210	25.0	24.0	1527	25.0	24.0	2205	25.4	24.0
CLASS E FELONY	378	18.3	18.0	644	18.3	18.0	867	18.5	18.0
TOTAL	3847	31.0	24.0	4612	29.9	24.0	6719	28.8	24.0
SUBURBAN NEW YORK									
A-I FELONY	10	163.6	180.0	13	148.2	180.0	5	147.6	180.0
A-II FELONY	119	51.7	48.0	125	48.5	36.0	116	49.3	36.0
CLASS B FELONY	201	27.2	18.0	220	29.1	18.0	203	33.9	24.0
CLASS C FELONY	114	26.1	36.0	163	27.2	36.0	352	28.1	36.0
CLASS D FELONY	65	24.9	24.0	129	23.1	24.0	234	25.1	24.0
CLASS E FELONY	8	18.8	18.0	10	18.6	18.0	51	17.9	18.0
TOTAL	517	34.8	30.0	660	33.3	24.0	961	31.2	28.0
UPSTATE COUNTIES									
A-I FELONY	14	189.0	180.0	24	166.8	180.0	39	178.2	180.0
A-II FELONY	62	53.1	36.0	110	51.9	48.0	174	55.0	48.0
CLASS B FELONY	155	26.9	16.0	250	29.4	20.0	340	30.3	24.0
CLASS C FELONY	78	28.7	24.0	108	26.5	24.0	223	25.0	24.0
CLASS D FELONY	65	21.5	24.0	97	23.0	24.0	178	22.0	24.0
CLASS E FELONY	28	16.7	18.0	35	18.0	18.0	55	17.4	18.0
TOTAL	402	35.4	24.0	624	36.6	24.0	1009	36.9	24.0

TABLE B.10 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN MAXIMUM SENTENCE IN MONTHS
FOR MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY REGION OF COMMITMENT
AND FELONY CLASS CATEGORY : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1987			1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE SENTENCE	MEDIAN SENTENCE
NEW YORK CITY									
A-I FELONY	70	292.5	300.0	71	290.5	300.0	54	297.1	300.0
A-II FELONY	373	295.4	300.0	366	298.1	300.0	406	296.9	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	1205	65.4	36.0	1290	68.9	48.0	1891	68.7	48.0
CLASS C FELONY	611	63.7	72.0	714	61.5	72.0	1296	62.3	72.0
CLASS D FELONY	1210	51.5	48.0	1527	51.1	48.0	2205	51.8	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	378	37.1	36.0	644	36.8	36.0	867	37.5	36.0
TOTAL	3847	84.4	48.0	4612	79.0	48.0	6719	73.5	48.0
SUBURBAN NEW YORK									
A-I FELONY	10	300.0	300.0	13	300.0	300.0	5	261.6	300.0
A-II FELONY	119	295.7	300.0	125	292.0	300.0	116	296.3	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	201	67.5	54.0	220	70.7	54.0	203	81.2	72.0
CLASS C FELONY	114	59.7	72.0	163	61.4	72.0	352	62.7	72.0
CLASS D FELONY	65	52.9	48.0	129	49.7	48.0	234	52.1	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	8	39.0	36.0	10	37.2	36.0	51	37.3	36.0
TOTAL	517	120.5	72.0	660	110.2	72.0	961	91.9	60.0
UPSTATE COUNTIES									
A-I FELONY	14	300.0	300.0	24	289.0	300.0	39	295.2	300.0
A-II FELONY	62	271.9	300.0	110	297.6	300.0	174	291.1	300.0
CLASS B FELONY	155	73.0	48.0	250	77.9	60.0	340	81.6	72.0
CLASS C FELONY	78	66.9	72.0	108	66.9	72.0	223	64.7	60.0
CLASS D FELONY	65	50.8	48.0	97	51.8	48.0	178	52.8	48.0
CLASS E FELONY	28	36.9	36.0	35	40.5	36.0	55	38.1	36.0
TOTAL	402	104.3	54.0	624	116.7	72.0	1009	114.8	72.0

TABLE B.11A MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY
AND BY ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY CLASS	1987							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	16	5.3%	21	7.0%	57	19.0%	94	31.3%
A-II FELONY	110	5.9%	71	3.8%	373	20.2%	554	29.9%
CLASS B FELONY	173	3.0%	688	12.0%	700	12.2%	1561	27.1%
CLASS C FELONY	56	1.5%	345	9.4%	402	11.0%	803	21.9%
CLASS D FELONY	69	1.2%	490	8.6%	781	13.7%	1340	23.5%
CLASS E FELONY	30	1.4%	162	7.8%	222	10.7%	414	19.9%
TOTAL	454	2.3%	1777	9.2%	2535	13.1%	4766	24.6%

FELONY CLASS	1988							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	21	7.0%	21	7.0%	66	22.0%	108	36.0%
A-II FELONY	138	7.5%	102	5.5%	361	19.5%	601	32.5%
CLASS B FELONY	193	3.4%	856	14.9%	711	12.4%	1760	30.6%
CLASS C FELONY	70	1.9%	489	13.4%	426	11.6%	985	26.9%
CLASS D FELONY	82	1.4%	752	13.2%	919	16.1%	1753	30.7%
CLASS E FELONY	25	1.2%	290	14.0%	374	18.0%	689	33.2%
TOTAL	529	2.7%	2510	13.0%	2857	14.8%	5896	30.5%

FELONY CLASS	1989							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	25	8.3%	29	9.7%	44	14.7%	98	32.7%
A-II FELONY	121	6.5%	134	7.2%	441	23.8%	696	37.6%
CLASS B FELONY	223	3.9%	1197	20.8%	1014	17.6%	2434	42.3%
CLASS C FELONY	113	3.1%	961	26.3%	797	21.8%	1871	51.1%
CLASS D FELONY	135	2.4%	1179	20.6%	1303	22.8%	2617	45.8%
CLASS E FELONY	56	2.7%	493	23.7%	424	20.4%	973	46.9%
TOTAL	673	3.5%	3993	20.6%	4023	20.8%	8689	44.9%

TABLE B.11B MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY
AND BY ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION : JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY CLASS	1987							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	16	1.0%	21	.3%	57	.6%	94	.5%
A-II FELONY	110	6.6%	71	.9%	373	4.0%	554	2.9%
CLASS B FELONY	173	10.4%	688	8.3%	700	7.4%	1561	8.1%
CLASS C FELONY	56	3.4%	345	4.2%	402	4.3%	803	4.1%
CLASS D FELONY	69	4.2%	490	5.9%	781	8.3%	1340	6.9%
CLASS E FELONY	30	1.8%	162	2.0%	222	2.4%	414	2.1%
TOTAL	454	27.4%	1777	21.5%	2535	26.9%	4766	24.6%

FELONY CLASS	1988							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	21	1.3%	21	.3%	66	.7%	108	.6%
A-II FELONY	138	8.3%	102	1.2%	361	3.8%	601	3.1%
CLASS B FELONY	193	11.7%	856	10.3%	711	7.6%	1760	9.1%
CLASS C FELONY	70	4.2%	489	5.9%	426	4.5%	985	5.1%
CLASS D FELONY	82	5.0%	752	9.1%	919	9.8%	1753	9.1%
CLASS E FELONY	25	1.5%	290	3.5%	374	4.0%	689	3.6%
TOTAL	529	31.9%	2510	30.3%	2857	30.3%	5896	30.5%

FELONY CLASS	1989							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
A-I FELONY	25	1.5%	29	.4%	44	.5%	98	.5%
A-II FELONY	121	7.3%	134	1.6%	441	4.7%	696	3.6%
CLASS B FELONY	223	13.5%	1197	14.5%	1014	10.8%	2434	12.6%
CLASS C FELONY	113	6.8%	961	11.6%	797	8.5%	1871	9.7%
CLASS D FELONY	135	8.2%	1179	14.2%	1303	13.8%	2617	13.5%
CLASS E FELONY	56	3.4%	493	6.0%	424	4.5%	973	5.0%
TOTAL	673	40.6%	3993	48.2%	4023	42.7%	8689	44.9%

TABLE B.12 MALE DRUG COMMITMENTS BY NUMBER OF LIVING CHILDREN
JANUARY 1987 - DECEMBER 1989

LIVING CHILDREN	1987		1988		1989	
NONE	1628	35.3%	2092	36.2%	3201	37.0%
1 CHILD	1216	26.4%	1459	25.3%	2193	25.3%
2 CHILDREN	870	18.9%	1060	18.3%	1568	18.1%
3 CHILDREN	428	9.3%	584	10.1%	825	9.5%
4 OR MORE	469	10.2%	583	10.1%	868	10.0%
TOTAL	4611	100.0%	5778	100.0%	8655	100.0%

APPENDIX C

TABLE C.1 MALE COMMITMENTS BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT
JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

DRUG INVOLVED	1988		1989	
COCAINE	2768	46.9%	3622	41.7%
CRACK	1820	30.9%	3306	38.0%
OPIATES	799	13.6%	1175	13.5%
MARIJUANA	29	.5%	39	.4%
OTHER DRUGS	84	1.4%	102	1.2%
UNKNOWN	396	6.7%	445	5.1%
TOTAL	5896	100.0%	8689	100.0%

TABLE C.2 MALE COMMITMENTS BY SALE OR POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
AND BY TYPE OF DRUG : JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1988		1989	
SALE				
COCAINE	1997	33.9%	2482	28.6%
CRACK	1526	25.9%	2449	28.2%
OPIATES	684	11.6%	1004	11.6%
MARIJUANA	12	.2%	16	.2%
OTHER DRUGS	74	1.3%	77	.9%
UNKNOWN	255	4.3%	247	2.8%
TOTAL	4548	77.1%	6275	72.2%
POSSESSION				
COCAINE	771	13.1%	1140	13.1%
CRACK	294	5.0%	857	9.9%
OPIATES	115	2.0%	171	2.0%
MARIJUANA	17	.3%	23	.3%
OTHER DRUGS	10	.2%	25	.3%
UNKNOWN	141	2.4%	198	2.3%
TOTAL	1348	22.9%	2414	27.8%
GRAND TOTAL	5896	100.0%	8689	100.0%

TABLE C.3 MALE COMMITMENTS BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT
AND BY FELONY CLASS CATEGORY: JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

FELONY STATUS	1988									
	COCAINE		CRACK		OPIATES		MARIJUANA		OTHER DRUGS	
A-I FELONY	86	3.1%	11	.6%	2	.3%	0	.0%	0	.0%
A-II FELONY	474	17.1%	13	.7%	30	3.8%	0	.0%	1	1.2%
CLASS B FELONY	860	31.1%	581	31.9%	183	22.9%	2	6.9%	15	17.9%
CLASS C FELONY	433	15.6%	337	18.5%	131	16.4%	7	24.1%	3	3.6%
CLASS D FELONY	679	24.5%	629	34.6%	334	41.8%	11	37.9%	25	29.8%
CLASS E FELONY	236	8.5%	249	13.7%	119	14.9%	9	31.0%	40	47.6%
TOTAL	2768	100.0%	1820	100.0%	799	100.0%	29	100.0%	84	100.0%

FELONY STATUS	1989									
	COCAINE		CRACK		OPIATES		MARIJUANA		OTHER DRUGS	
A-I FELONY	72	2.0%	5	.2%	5	.4%	0	.0%	0	.0%
A-II FELONY	588	16.2%	24	.7%	24	2.0%	0	.0%	1	1.0%
CLASS B FELONY	1052	29.0%	944	28.6%	285	24.3%	7	17.9%	12	11.8%
CLASS C FELONY	715	19.7%	774	23.4%	259	22.0%	12	30.8%	9	8.8%
CLASS D FELONY	923	25.5%	1095	33.1%	470	40.0%	10	25.6%	27	26.5%
CLASS E FELONY	272	7.5%	464	14.0%	132	11.2%	10	25.6%	53	52.0%
TOTAL	3622	100.0%	3306	100.0%	1175	100.0%	39	100.0%	102	100.0%

TABLE C.4A MALE COMMITMENTS BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT
AND BY ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION : JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

DRUG INVOLVED	1988							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
COCAINE	380	13.7%	1055	38.1%	1333	48.2%	2768	100.0%
CRACK	19	1.0%	1148	63.1%	653	35.9%	1820	100.0%
OPIATES	24	3.0%	130	16.3%	645	80.7%	799	100.0%
MARIJUANA	15	51.7%	9	31.0%	5	17.2%	29	100.0%
OTHER DRUGS	25	29.8%	36	42.9%	23	27.4%	84	100.0%
UNKNOWN	66	16.7%	132	33.3%	198	50.0%	396	100.0%
TOTAL	529	9.0%	2510	42.6%	2857	48.5%	5896	100.0%

DRUG INVOLVED	1989							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
COCAINE	413	11.4%	1498	41.4%	1711	47.2%	3622	100.0%
CRACK	71	2.1%	2086	63.1%	1149	34.8%	3306	100.0%
OPIATES	38	3.2%	151	12.9%	986	83.9%	1175	100.0%
MARIJUANA	17	43.6%	16	41.0%	6	15.4%	39	100.0%
OTHER DRUGS	29	28.4%	50	49.0%	23	22.5%	102	100.0%
UNKNOWN	105	23.6%	192	43.1%	148	33.3%	445	100.0%
TOTAL	673	7.7%	3993	46.0%	4023	46.3%	8689	100.0%

TABLE C.4B MALE COMMITMENTS BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT
AND BY ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION : JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

DRUG INVOLVED	1988							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
COCAINE	380	71.8%	1055	42.0%	1333	46.7%	2768	46.9%
CRACK	19	3.6%	1148	45.7%	653	22.9%	1820	30.9%
OPIATES	24	4.5%	130	5.2%	645	22.6%	799	13.6%
MARIJUANA	15	2.8%	9	.4%	5	.2%	29	.5%
OTHER DRUGS	25	4.7%	36	1.4%	23	.8%	84	1.4%
UNKNOWN	66	12.5%	132	5.3%	198	6.9%	396	6.7%
TOTAL	529	100.0%	2510	100.0%	2857	100.0%	5896	100.0%

DRUG INVOLVED	1989							
	WHITE		BLACK		HISPANIC		TOTAL	
COCAINE	413	61.4%	1498	37.5%	1711	42.5%	3622	41.7%
CRACK	71	10.5%	2086	52.2%	1149	28.6%	3306	38.0%
OPIATES	38	5.6%	151	3.8%	986	24.5%	1175	13.5%
MARIJUANA	17	2.5%	16	.4%	6	.1%	39	.4%
OTHER DRUGS	29	4.3%	50	1.3%	23	.6%	102	1.2%
UNKNOWN	105	15.6%	192	4.8%	148	3.7%	445	5.1%
TOTAL	673	100.0%	3993	100.0%	4023	100.0%	8689	100.0%

TABLE C.5 AVERAGE AND MEDIAN AGE OF MALE COMMITMENTS
BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT : JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	1988			1989		
	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE AGE	MEDIAN AGE	NUMBER OF CASES	AVERAGE AGE	MEDIAN AGE
COCAINE	2768	30.0	28.0	3622	29.5	28.0
CRACK	1820	26.7	25.0	3306	27.2	26.0
OPIATES	799	30.1	29.0	1175	30.1	29.0
MARIJUANA	29	31.9	31.0	39	32.2	32.0
OTHER DRUGS	84	33.2	32.5	102	33.2	33.0
UNKNOWN	396	30.5	28.0	445	30.6	29.0

TABLE C.6 MALE COMMITMENTS BY REGION OF COMMITMENT AND BY
TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT: JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

COMMITMENT STATUS	1988		1989	
NEW YORK CITY				
COCAINE	1888	32.0%	2416	27.8%
CRACK	1628	27.6%	2876	33.1%
OPIATES	783	13.3%	1149	13.2%
MARIJUANA	14	.2%	19	.2%
OTHER DRUGS	65	1.1%	79	.9%
UNKNOWN	234	4.0%	180	2.1%
TOTAL	4612	78.2%	6719	77.3%
SUBURBAN NEW YORK				
COCAINE	457	7.8%	566	6.5%
CRACK	159	2.7%	353	4.1%
OPIATES	5	.1%	10	.1%
MARIJUANA	0	.0%	2	.0%
OTHER DRUGS	4	.1%	5	.1%
UNKNOWN	35	.6%	25	.3%
TOTAL	660	11.2%	961	11.1%
UPSTATE COUNTIES				
COCAINE	423	7.2%	640	7.4%
CRACK	33	.6%	77	.9%
OPIATES	11	.2%	16	.2%
MARIJUANA	15	.3%	18	.2%
OTHER DRUGS	15	.3%	18	.2%
UNKNOWN	127	2.2%	240	2.8%
TOTAL	624	10.6%	1009	11.6%
GRAND TOTAL	5896	100.0%	8689	100.0%

TABLE C.7 MALE COMMITMENTS BY TYPE OF DRUG INVOLVED IN COMMITMENT
AND BY SELF-REPORTED DRUG USE : JANUARY 1988 - DECEMBER 1989

SELF-REPORTED DRUG USE	1988													
	COCAINE		CRACK		OPIATES		MARIJUANA		OTHER DRUGS		UNKNOWN		TOTAL	
COCAINE	1059	49.8%	347	23.5%	154	22.1%	3	15.8%	23	33.3%	75	38.9%	1661	36.3%
CRACK	364	17.1%	584	39.6%	64	9.2%	3	15.8%	5	7.2%	34	17.6%	1054	23.0%
OPIATES	256	12.0%	171	11.6%	416	59.7%	1	5.3%	21	30.4%	24	12.4%	869	19.4%
MARIJUANA	424	20.0%	357	24.2%	55	7.9%	12	63.2%	10	14.5%	57	29.5%	915	20.0%
OTHER DRUGS	22	1.0%	15	1.0%	8	1.1%	0	.0%	10	14.5%	3	1.6%	58	1.3%
TOTAL	2125	100.0%	1474	100.0%	697	100.0%	19	100.0%	69	100.0%	193	100.0%	4577	100.0%

SELF-REPORTED DRUG USE	1989													
	COCAINE		CRACK		OPIATES		MARIJUANA		OTHER DRUGS		UNKNOWN		TOTAL	
COCAINE	1443	53.0%	691	26.3%	218	20.7%	9	34.6%	23	26.7%	96	45.7%	2480	36.9%
CRACK	369	13.6%	1003	38.2%	71	6.7%	1	3.8%	15	17.4%	33	15.7%	1492	22.2%
OPIATES	354	13.0%	352	13.4%	683	64.9%	2	7.7%	25	29.1%	37	17.6%	1453	21.6%
MARIJUANA	540	19.8%	549	20.9%	68	6.5%	14	53.8%	13	15.1%	44	21.0%	1228	18.3%
OTHER DRUGS	15	.6%	32	1.2%	12	1.1%	0	.0%	10	11.6%	0	.0%	69	1.0%
TOTAL	2721	100.0%	2627	100.0%	1052	100.0%	26	100.0%	86	100.0%	210	100.0%	6722	100.0%