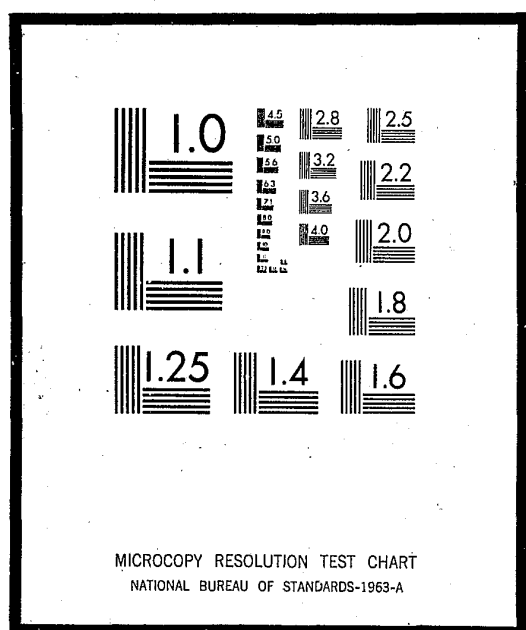


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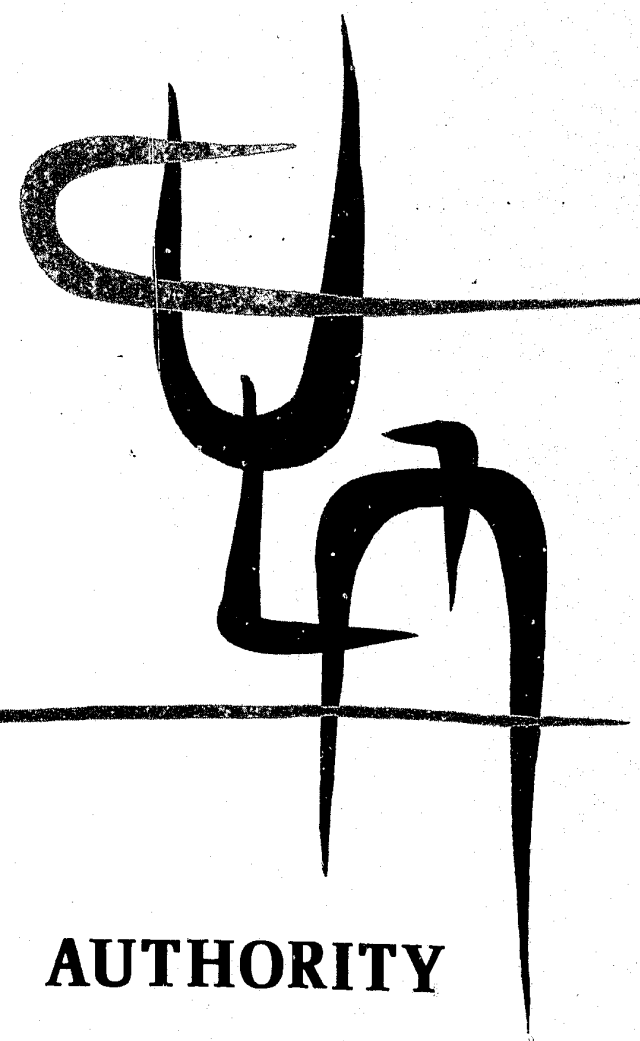
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INTRODUCTION

Since its inception, the Youth Authority has gathered basic data on the characteristics of all first commitments. The number of items collected and the method of collection have varied considerably over the years, and it is not possible to recapture all of these data in a uniform fashion for comparative analysis. However, this report does give all of the characteristics that could be gathered with any consistency from 1965 through 1973. These data were originally gathered from Referral Documents, Clinic Summaries, and Initial Home Visit research schedules.

The offense categories used in this report consist of the following:

Offenses against persons: homicide, robbery, and assaults
of all types;

Offenses against property: burglary, theft (including auto),
and forgery and check offenses;

Narcotics and drugs: all offenses related to narcotics and
dangerous drugs;

Welfare and Institutions Code violations: all age-related
offenses such as incorrigibility, truancy, runaway, foster
home or county camp failure, and escape from county camp
or juvenile hall.

HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of wards newly committed to the Youth Authority has been declining since 1965 with an apparent leveling off in 1972 and 1973.
- Juvenile court commitments (which include most of the females) in 1973 were less than one-third of what they had been in 1965.
- Commitments from criminal courts constituted about 25 percent of all new commitments in 1965. This proportion rose to a high of about 49 percent in 1971 and then appeared to level off at about 46 percent during 1972 and 1973.
- Commitments for offenses against persons have shown a consistent proportional rise over the time span shown with 1973 showing one-third of all new commitments falling in this category. The proportion of wards committed for a crime involving weapons has also shown an increase. Over the last two years, there has been an increase in the proportion of wards with alcohol associated offenses. The corresponding proportional decrease in commitment offense is in the narcotic and drug offenses as well as W & I Code violations.
- Median age at commitment increased more than one full year in the last nine years.

SUMMARY OF ITEMS

Commitment Offense

In the last nine years, the proportion of commitments for offenses against persons has more than doubled. For juvenile court males, offenses against persons increased from 16 percent in 1965 to 37 percent in 1973, while for criminal court males offenses against persons increased from 21 percent to 32 percent in the same time span. Female commitments for offenses against persons increased from 6 percent in 1965 to 25 percent in 1973.

Ethnic Group

There has been a small but consistent decline in the proportion of Caucasian commitments since 1970, with a corresponding increase in Negro commitments.

Median Age at Commitment

Although there has been an overall rise in the median age at commitment from under 17 years in 1965 to 18 years in 1973; most of this increase can be explained by the greater number of youths committed by the criminal courts. The median age of the criminal court male group has remained unchanged over the past nine years, while the median age of the juvenile court male group has risen by about six months. The median age of females has risen by about 8 months.

Prior Record

Youths with two or more commitments to local confinement prior to commitment to the Youth Authority now constitute 21 percent of the new admissions, six percentage points more than in 1965. Most of this increase is attributed to male wards with juvenile court commitments. Over the last three years there has been a noticeable increase in criminal court male and female commitments with no prior contacts with law enforcement officials.

Parents Marital Status

A considerably larger proportion of juvenile court males came from broken homes in 1972 and 1973 than in prior years.

Weapons

The proportion of wards carrying weapons at the time of the commitment offense has more than tripled over the time span shown. Most of this increase is attributable to the juvenile court males and to females.

Escapes

Males first committed via the criminal courts have a noticeably lower proportion of escapes prior to their Youth Authority commitment than do the juvenile court males.

Co-offenders

There seems to be a small but definite decline in the proportion of commitments for offenses in which more than one youth participated.

Dependency Contacts

Never a large proportion, wards with prior dependency contacts has always been greater for females than for males.

Foster Homes

Proportionately more female than male wards and more juvenile court males than criminal court males have lived in foster homes. In recent years, foster home placements have increased for all groups.

Age at First Delinquent Contact

The median age at the time of the first delinquent contact has not varied appreciably over the nine-year period for each of the groups: juvenile court males, 13.2 years; criminal court males, 15.6 years; and females, 14.1 years.

Age at First Prior Non-state Commitment

Although the median age at the time of the first Youth Authority commitment increased more than a full year over the nine-year period, the median age at the time of the first non-state commitment has remained relatively stable for males. However, the median age at the time of first local commitment for females has fluctuated between 14.8 and 15.6 years.

Criminal court males have a considerably higher median age at the time of their first prior commitment (17.5 years) than do juvenile court males (15.1 years) and females (15.2 years).

Months From First Delinquent Contact to First Commitment

The median number of months from first delinquent contact to commitment to the Youth Authority has increased for all wards.

Alcohol

The proportion of wards who use alcohol to excess reached a new high in 1973 (28 percent). This rise is mainly attributable to the criminal court male wards. The proportion of wards who were involved with alcohol at the time of the commitment offense has risen sharply over the last three years.

School

Of the wards committed in 1973, 82 percent were last enrolled in the tenth grade or higher, compared to 52 percent in 1965. However, wards' attitude toward and behavior in school does not show any consistent change for the better over the past nine years. Fewer criminal court males have a history of school misbehavior or extremely negative attitudes toward school than do wards of the other two groups.

Parents

Both the educational level and the socioeconomic status of the wards' families have risen steadily over the past several years. Fewer of the males with criminal court commitments have fathers with a criminal record.

Public Assistance

A smaller proportion of criminal court wards received some type of public assistance than did wards of the other groups.

Description of Wards Friends

A greater proportion of females than males were reported to have friends who were primarily delinquently oriented.

TABLE 1A

CHARACTERISTICS OF TOTAL FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

(Showing totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total first admissions ^a	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Sex.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Male.....	5,210	4,583	4,217	3,973	3,860	3,319	2,880	2,476	2,535
Female.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Court.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Juvenile court.....	4,648	4,130	3,571	3,164	2,779	2,206	1,651	1,461	1,465
Criminal court.....	1,542	1,340	1,427	1,526	1,715	1,540	1,567	1,267	1,293
Area of commitment.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Southern California.....	4,121	3,798	3,412	3,172	2,825	2,245	1,788	1,464	1,653
Los Angeles.....	2,863	2,599	2,188	1,856	1,657	1,209	959	791	985
San Diego.....	444	419	331	427	295	251	254	189	200
8 other counties.....	814	780	893	889	873	785	575	484	468
San Francisco Bay area.....	1,129	894	824	735	884	861	787	669	566
Alameda.....	333	317	242	195	277	158	190	159	162
San Francisco.....	277	200	226	210	211	171	122	126	127
7 other counties.....	519	377	356	330	396	532	475	384	277
Sacramento Valley.....	329	220	300	316	283	205	201	248	200
San Joaquin Valley.....	454	377	328	338	376	273	256	217	203
22 other counties.....	157	181	134	129	126	162	186	130	136
Commitment offense.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Offenses against persons.....	943	844	764	838	860	793	774	763	927
Offenses against property.....	2,478	2,140	1,837	1,565	1,360	1,117	1,098	993	1,005
Narcotic and drug offenses.....	352	417	660	680	844	723	605	322	258
W & I Code violations.....	1,700	1,443	1,246	1,128	975	752	449	385	288
Other.....	717	626	491	479	455	361	292	265	280
Ethnic group.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
White.....	3,188	2,885	2,738	2,670	2,409	2,077	1,673	1,326	1,229
Mexican-American.....	1,153	970	854	736	750	657	612	534	520
Negro.....	1,728	1,509	1,299	1,208	1,253	927	832	800	934
Other.....	121	106	107	76	82	85	101	68	75
Median age in years.....	16.9	16.9	17.2	17.3	17.6	17.7	18.1	18.0	18.0
Prior record.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	242	198	190	172	161	128	115	110	136
Del. contacts w/o commitments.....	2,731	2,467	2,367	2,238	2,163	1,597	1,298	1,073	1,220
One prior commitment.....	2,281	1,997	1,805	1,640	1,485	1,302	1,058	872	815
Two or more prior commitments.....	936	808	636	640	685	719	747	673	587
Parental marital status.....	6,086	5,340	4,908	4,645	4,379	3,681	3,147	2,686	2,702
Not married.....	220	429	383	289	231	193	196	81	106
Unbroken.....	2,051	1,754	1,653	1,676	1,631	1,361	1,129	919	830
Divorced/separated/death.....	3,815	3,157	2,872	2,680	2,517	2,127	1,822	1,686	1,766

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Total first admissions ^a	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Religion.....	5,915	5,204	4,807	4,456	4,186	3,450	2,854	2,322	2,314
Catholic.....	2,299	2,047	1,840	1,666	1,555	1,414	1,239	984	990
Protestant.....	3,579	3,115	2,923	2,742	2,597	2,003	1,522	1,276	1,272
Other.....	37	42	44	48	34	33	93	62	52
Tattoos.....	4,874	4,203	3,621	3,264	2,958	2,359	2,683	2,706	-
None.....	3,590	3,168	2,616	2,369	2,112	1,605	1,528	1,526	-
One or more.....	1,284	1,035	1,005	895	846	754	1,155	1,180	-
Narcotics.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	-
None or unknown.....	5,064	4,098	3,042	2,267	1,396	769	486	592	-
Dangerous drugs.....	287	217	205	328	351	269	214	132	-
Marijuana.....	737	1,048	1,538	1,814	2,296	2,129	1,816	1,471	-
Opiates.....	102	107	213	281	451	579	702	533	-
Weapons with present offense.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	5,500	4,915	4,558	4,127	3,804	3,027	2,388	1,980	1,806
Weapons used.....	690	555	440	563	690	719	830	748	952
Number of escapes.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	5,454	4,823	4,458	4,178	3,984	3,161	2,579	2,145	2,272
One or more.....	736	647	540	512	510	585	639	583	486
Number of co-offenders.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	2,972	2,631	2,407	2,429	2,320	1,945	1,725	1,510	1,467
One or two.....	2,378	2,115	1,974	1,736	1,652	1,413	1,207	1,030	1,092
Three or more.....	840	724	617	525	522	388	286	188	199
Number of prior depend. contacts.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	5,644	4,910	4,538	4,371	4,171	3,524	3,056	2,549	2,613
One.....	383	430	350	247	208	138	109	109	90
Two or more.....	163	130	110	72	115	84	53	70	55
Number of foster home placements.....	5,638	5,002	4,501	4,097	3,928	3,200	2,723	2,344	2,016
None.....	4,553	4,074	3,701	3,379	3,311	2,648	2,224	1,859	1,602
One.....	604	483	448	407	343	325	257	249	204
Two or more.....	481	445	352	311	274	227	242	236	210
Median age at first del. contact.....	13.9	13.9	14.0	14.0	14.2	14.2	14.1	13.9	13.9
Median age at first prior commit.....	15.4	15.4	15.6	15.6	15.8	15.8	15.9	15.8	15.9
Median months from first del. contact to Y.A. commitment.....	32.0	33.3	34.6	35.3	37.1	38.4	43.5	45.9	46.8
Alcohol with present offense.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	5,330	4,821	4,572	4,257	4,039	3,407	2,906	2,332	2,272
Alcohol used.....	860	649	426	433	455	339	312	396	486
Overall alcohol usage.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Slight to moderate.....	-	1,483	1,606	1,504	2,277	2,223	2,042	1,405	985
Excessive.....	-	422	197	261	305	562	475	714	766

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Total first admissions ^a	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Evidence of psychol. disorder...	5,300	4,732	4,238	3,847	3,694	3,009	2,555	2,194	1,907
Yes.....	1,520	1,355	1,159	1,067	1,082	828	665	633	543
No.....	3,780	3,377	3,079	2,780	2,612	2,181	1,890	1,561	1,364
Grade last enrolled in school...	5,972	5,323	4,841	4,548	4,168	3,607	3,114	2,653	2,659
Grades 1-6.....	258	268	141	112	57	40	26	17	10
Grades 7-9.....	2,612	2,303	1,922	1,673	1,141	887	650	528	470
Grades 10-12.....	3,043	2,613	2,614	2,543	2,737	2,416	2,238	1,991	1,931
High School grad. or college..	59	139	164	220	233	264	200	117	248
Attitude toward school.....	5,413	4,673	4,174	3,744	3,563	2,879	2,517	2,200	1,882
Positive.....	1,337	1,093	995	927	900	754	798	648	556
Indifferent.....	2,054	1,692	1,561	1,335	1,306	1,031	893	727	648
Negative.....	1,535	1,516	1,315	1,180	1,100	872	675	666	526
Extremely negative.....	487	372	303	302	257	222	151	159	152
Freq. of school misbehavior.....	5,567	4,875	4,372	3,990	3,754	3,041	2,658	2,309	2,016
None.....	693	565	469	438	390	342	333	291	219
Occasional.....	1,862	1,557	1,411	1,278	1,277	1,036	873	686	657
Between occasional and often..	1,415	1,326	1,231	1,009	951	763	669	613	542
Often.....	1,597	1,427	1,261	1,265	1,136	900	783	719	598
Parental education level.....	5,312	4,702	4,173	3,873	3,609	2,979	2,579	2,165	1,936
8th grade or less.....	1,701	1,386	1,161	993	933	742	598	494	438
Some high school.....	1,910	1,741	1,499	1,352	1,254	1,004	894	771	713
High School grad. or college..	1,701	1,575	1,513	1,528	1,422	1,233	1,087	900	785
Family income from pub. assist..	5,555	4,960	4,447	4,089	3,873	3,139	2,682	2,322	2,016
None.....	4,086	3,585	3,263	3,010	2,695	2,126	1,727	1,490	1,251
Some.....	647	552	500	465	544	491	466	379	360
All.....	822	823	684	614	634	522	489	453	405
Socioeconomic level of family...	5,629	5,018	4,524	4,144	3,933	3,163	2,721	2,388	2,074
Below average.....	3,698	3,146	2,706	2,398	2,261	1,717	1,534	1,298	1,151
Average.....	1,595	1,532	1,495	1,453	1,408	1,193	946	893	745
Above average.....	336	340	323	293	264	253	241	197	178
Father (or surrogate)									
Criminal record.....	4,793	4,283	3,829	3,465	3,288	2,620	2,250	1,875	1,652
Yes.....	1,417	1,254	988	849	765	591	484	481	402
No.....	3,376	3,029	2,841	2,616	2,523	2,029	1,766	1,394	1,250
Description of ward's friends...	5,610	4,971	4,442	4,104	3,879	3,184	2,743	2,395	2,066
No friends.....	218	165	139	96	72	72	62	59	40
Total with friends.....	5,392	4,806	4,303	4,008	3,807	3,112	2,681	2,336	2,026
Mainly delinquent.....	2,078	1,953	1,818	1,782	1,752	1,408	1,175	1,090	883
Mixed-tend to delinquency...	2,276	1,929	1,760	1,625	1,522	1,247	1,026	853	797
Mixed-tend to non-delinq....	622	582	447	388	351	299	320	232	222
Mainly non-delinquent.....	416	342	278	213	182	158	160	161	124

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Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total first admissions ^a	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Sex.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Male.....	84.2	83.8	84.4	84.7	85.9	88.6	89.5	90.8	91.9
Female.....	15.8	16.2	15.6	15.3	14.1	11.4	10.5	9.2	8.1
Court.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Juvenile court.....	75.1	75.5	71.4	67.5	61.8	58.9	51.3	53.6	53.1
Criminal court.....	24.9	24.5	28.6	32.5	38.2	41.1	48.7	46.4	46.9
Area of commitment.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Southern California.....	66.6	69.4	68.3	67.6	62.8	59.9	55.6	53.7	59.9
Los Angeles.....	46.3	47.5	43.8	39.6	36.9	32.3	29.8	29.0	35.7
San Diego.....	7.2	7.7	6.6	9.1	6.5	6.7	7.9	6.9	7.2
8 other counties.....	13.1	14.2	17.9	18.9	19.4	20.9	17.9	17.8	17.0
San Francisco Bay area.....	18.3	16.4	16.5	15.7	19.7	23.0	24.5	24.5	20.5
Alameda.....	5.4	5.8	4.9	4.2	6.2	4.2	5.9	5.8	5.9
San Francisco.....	4.5	3.7	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.6	3.8	4.6	4.6
7 other counties.....	8.4	6.9	7.1	7.0	8.8	14.2	14.8	14.1	10.0
Sacramento Valley.....	5.3	4.0	6.0	6.7	6.3	5.5	6.2	9.1	7.3
San Joaquin Valley.....	7.3	6.9	6.5	7.2	8.4	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.4
22 other counties.....	2.5	3.3	2.7	2.8	2.8	4.3	5.8	4.8	4.9
Commitment offense.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Offenses against persons.....	15.2	15.4	15.3	17.9	19.1	21.2	24.0	28.0	33.6
Offenses against property.....	40.0	39.1	36.8	33.4	30.3	29.8	34.1	36.4	36.4
Narcotic and drug offenses....	5.7	7.6	13.2	14.5	18.8	19.3	18.8	11.8	9.4
W & I Code violations.....	27.5	26.4	24.9	24.0	21.7	20.1	14.0	14.1	10.4
Other.....	11.6	11.5	9.8	10.2	10.1	9.6	9.1	9.7	10.2
Ethnic group.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
White.....	51.5	52.8	54.8	56.9	53.6	55.4	52.0	48.6	44.6
Mexican-American.....	18.6	17.7	17.1	15.7	16.7	17.5	19.0	19.6	18.8
Negro.....	27.9	27.6	26.0	25.8	27.9	24.8	25.9	29.3	33.9
Other.....	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.6	1.8	2.3	3.1	2.5	2.7
Prior record.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	3.9	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.6	4.0	4.9
Del. contacts w/o commitments.	44.1	45.1	47.4	47.7	48.1	42.6	40.3	39.3	44.2
One prior commitment.....	36.9	36.5	36.1	35.0	33.1	34.8	32.9	32.0	29.6
Two or more prior commitments.	15.1	14.8	12.7	13.6	15.2	19.2	23.2	24.7	21.3
Parental marital status.....	6,086	5,340	4,908	4,645	4,379	3,681	3,147	2,686	2,702
Not married.....	3.6	8.0	7.8	6.2	5.3	5.2	6.2	3.0	3.9
Unbroken.....	33.7	32.9	33.7	36.1	37.2	37.0	35.9	34.2	30.7
Divorced/separated/death.....	62.7	59.1	58.5	57.7	57.5	57.8	57.9	62.8	65.4

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TABLE 1B

 CHARACTERISTICS OF TOTAL FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973
 (Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total first admissions ^a	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Religion.....	5,915	5,204	4,807	4,456	4,186	3,450	2,854	2,322	2,314
Catholic.....	38.9	39.3	38.3	37.4	37.2	41.0	43.4	42.4	42.8
Protestant.....	60.5	59.9	60.8	61.5	62.0	58.1	53.3	54.9	55.0
Other.....	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.9	3.3	2.7	2.2
Tattoos.....	4,874	4,203	3,621	3,264	2,958	2,359	2,683	2,706	-
None.....	73.7	75.4	72.2	72.6	71.4	68.0	57.0	56.4	-
One or more.....	26.3	24.6	27.8	27.4	28.6	32.0	43.0	43.6	-
Narcotics.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	-
None or unknown.....	81.8	74.9	60.9	48.3	31.1	20.5	15.1	21.7	-
Dangerous drugs.....	4.6	4.0	4.1	7.0	7.8	7.2	6.7	4.9	-
Marijuana.....	11.9	19.2	30.8	38.7	51.1	56.8	56.4	53.9	-
Opiates.....	1.7	1.9	4.2	6.0	10.0	15.5	21.8	19.5	-
Weapons with present offense....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	88.9	89.9	91.2	88.0	84.6	80.8	74.2	72.6	65.5
Weapons used.....	11.1	10.1	8.8	12.0	15.4	19.2	25.8	27.4	34.5
Number of escapes.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	88.1	88.2	89.2	89.1	88.7	84.4	80.1	78.6	82.4
One or more.....	11.9	11.8	10.8	10.9	11.3	15.6	19.9	21.4	17.6
Number of co-offenders.....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	48.0	48.1	48.2	51.8	51.6	51.9	53.6	55.3	53.2
One or two.....	38.4	38.7	39.5	37.0	36.8	37.7	37.5	37.8	39.6
Three or more.....	13.6	13.2	12.3	11.2	11.6	10.4	8.9	6.9	7.2
Number of prior depend. contacts	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	91.2	89.8	90.8	93.2	92.8	94.1	95.0	93.4	94.7
One.....	6.2	7.8	7.0	5.3	4.6	3.7	3.4	4.0	3.3
Two or more.....	2.6	2.4	2.2	1.5	2.6	2.2	1.6	2.6	2.0
Number of foster home placements	5,638	5,002	4,501	4,097	3,928	3,200	2,723	2,344	2,016
None.....	80.8	81.4	82.2	82.5	84.3	82.7	81.7	79.3	79.5
One.....	10.7	9.7	10.0	9.9	8.7	10.2	9.4	10.6	10.1
Two or more.....	8.5	8.9	7.8	7.6	7.0	7.1	8.9	10.1	10.4
Alcohol with present offense....	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	86.1	88.1	91.5	90.8	89.9	91.0	90.3	85.5	82.4
Alcohol used.....	13.9	11.9	8.5	9.2	10.1	9.0	9.7	14.5	17.6
Overall alcohol usage.....	-	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
None or unknown.....	-	65.2	63.9	62.4	42.5	25.7	21.8	22.3	36.5
Slight to moderate.....	-	27.1	32.1	32.1	50.7	59.3	63.4	51.5	35.7
Excessive.....	-	7.7	4.0	5.5	6.8	15.0	14.8	26.2	27.8

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TABLE 1B

 CHARACTERISTICS OF TOTAL FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973
 (Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total first admissions ^a	6,190	5,470	4,998	4,690	4,494	3,746	3,218	2,728	2,758
Evidence of psychol. disorder...	5,300	4,732	4,238	3,847	3,694	3,009	2,555	2,194	1,907
Yes.....	28.7	28.6	27.3	27.7	29.3	27.5	26.0	28.9	28.5
No.....	71.3	71.4	72.7	72.3	70.7	72.5	74.0	71.1	71.5
Grade last enrolled in school...	5,972	5,323	4,841	4,548	4,168	3,607	3,114	2,653	2,659
Grades 1-6.....	4.3	5.0	2.9	2.5	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.4
Grades 7-9.....	43.7	43.3	39.7	36.8	27.4	24.6	20.9	19.9	17.7
Grades 10-12.....	51.0	49.1	54.0	55.9	65.6	67.0	71.9	75.1	72.6
High School grad. or college..	1.0	2.6	3.4	4.8	5.6	7.3	6.4	4.4	9.3
Attitude toward school.....	5,413	4,673	4,174	3,744	3,563	2,879	2,517	2,200	1,882
Positive.....	24.7	23.4	23.8	24.8	25.3	26.2	31.7	29.5	29.5
Indifferent.....	37.9	36.2	37.4	35.6	36.6	35.8	35.5	33.0	34.4
Negative.....	28.4	32.4	31.5	31.5	30.9	30.3	26.8	30.3	28.0
Extremely negative.....	9.0	8.0	7.3	8.1	7.2	7.7	6.0	7.2	8.1
Freq. of school misbehavior.....	5,567	4,875	4,372	3,990	3,754	3,041	2,658	2,309	2,016
None.....	12.5	11.6	10.7	11.0	10.4	11.2	12.5	12.6	10.8
Occasional.....	33.4	31.9	32.3	32.0	34.0	34.1	32.8	29.7	32.6
Between occasional and often..	25.4	27.2	28.2	25.3	25.3	25.1	25.2	26.6	26.9
Often.....	28.7	29.3	28.8	31.7	30.3	29.6	29.5	31.1	29.7
Parental education level.....	5,312	4,702	4,173	3,873	3,609	2,979	2,579	2,165	1,936
8th grade or less.....	32.0	29.5	27.8	25.6	25.9	24.9	23.2	22.8	22.6
Some high school.....	36.0	37.0	35.9	34.9	34.7	33.7	34.7	35.6	36.8
High School grad. or college..	32.0	33.5	36.3	39.5	39.4	41.4	42.1	41.6	40.6
Family income from pub. assist..	5,555	4,960	4,447	4,089	3,873	3,139	2,682	2,322	2,016
None.....	73.6	72.3	73.4	73.6	69.6	67.7	64.4	64.2	62.0
Some.....	11.6	11.1	11.2	11.4	14.0	15.7	17.4	16.3	17.9
All.....	14.8	16.6	15.4	15.0	16.4	16.6	18.2	19.5	20.1
Socioeconomic level of family...	5,629	5,018	4,524	4,144	3,933	3,163	2,721	2,388	2,074
Below average.....	65.7	62.7	59.8	57.9	57.5	54.3	56.4	54.4	55.5
Average.....	28.3	30.5	33.1	35.0	35.8	37.7	34.8	37.4	35.9
Above average.....	6.0	6.8	7.1	7.1	6.7	8.0	8.8	8.2	8.6
Father (or surrogate)									
Criminal record.....	4,793	4,283	3,829	3,465	3,288	2,620	2,250	1,875	1,652
Yes.....	29.6	29.3	25.8	24.5	23.3	22.6	21.5	25.7	24.3
No.....	70.4	70.7	74.2	75.5	76.7	77.4	78.5	74.3	75.7
Description of ward's friends...	5,610	4,971	4,442	4,104	3,879	3,184	2,743	2,395	2,066
No friends.....	218	165	139	96	72	72	62	59	40
Total with friends.....	5,392	4,806	4,303	4,008	3,807	3,112	2,681	2,336	2,026
Mainly delinquent.....	38.6	40.6	42.2	44.5	46.0	45.2	43.8	46.7	43.6
Mixed-tend to delinquency...	42.2	40.2	40.9	40.5	40.0	40.1	38.3	36.5	39.3
Mixed-tend to non-delinq....	11.5	12.1	10.4	9.7	9.2	9.6	11.9	9.9	11.0
Mainly non-delinquent.....	7.7	7.1	6.5	5.3	4.8	5.1	6.0	6.9	6.1

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TABLE 2A

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Juvenile Court Males

(Showing totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total juvenile court males ^a	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
Area of commitment.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
Southern California.....	2,410	2,227	1,896	1,638	1,263	1,041	671	634	746
Los Angeles.....	1,612	1,459	1,149	833	629	480	264	291	390
San Diego.....	295	290	204	290	193	167	151	116	116
8 other counties.....	503	478	543	515	441	394	256	227	240
San Francisco Bay area.....	746	598	527	473	535	452	369	303	280
Alameda.....	241	235	163	122	191	90	127	88	76
San Francisco.....	178	117	133	127	111	76	56	59	66
7 other counties.....	327	246	231	224	233	286	186	156	138
Sacramento Valley.....	194	124	174	157	162	123	127	140	91
San Joaquin Valley.....	303	239	177	186	210	141	131	120	109
22 other counties.....	97	117	76	76	72	100	99	70	70
Commitment offense.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
Offenses against persons.....	579	505	430	400	399	373	354	386	474
Offenses against property.....	1,463	1,278	1,063	821	667	520	442	394	386
Narcotic and drug offenses.....	162	199	305	268	270	208	140	64	64
W & I Code violations.....	1,111	923	781	753	660	563	322	278	215
Other.....	435	400	271	288	246	193	139	145	157
Ethnic group.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
White.....	1,859	1,662	1,520	1,440	1,209	992	713	572	557
Mexican-American.....	758	626	521	441	379	359	266	258	262
Negro.....	1,060	959	752	616	614	462	368	397	441
Other.....	73	58	57	33	40	44	50	40	36
Median age in years.....	16.3	16.3	16.4	16.5	16.6	16.7	16.7	16.7	16.8
Prior record.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	125	111	92	81	56	60	18	23	30
Del. contacts w/o commitments.....	1,473	1,381	1,236	1,069	951	670	469	412	558
One prior commitment.....	1,584	1,387	1,207	1,069	911	776	547	495	430
Two or more prior commitments.....	568	426	315	311	324	351	363	337	278
Parental marital status.....	3,683	3,226	2,800	2,495	2,186	1,820	1,364	1,252	1,267
Not married.....	155	287	239	186	135	114	104	53	54
Unbroken.....	1,303	1,060	956	897	787	635	471	405	367
Divorced/separated/death.....	2,225	1,879	1,605	1,412	1,264	1,071	789	794	846

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TABLE 2A

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Juvenile Court Males

(Showing totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total juvenile court males ^a	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
Religion.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,085	1,103
Catholic.....	1,418	1,234	1,058	917	745	717	551	457	481
Protestant.....	2,153	1,875	1,658	1,462	1,322	967	648	603	601
Other.....	179	196	134	151	175	173	198	25	21
Tattoos.....	3,706	3,271	2,819	2,501	2,221	1,839	1,385	1,262	-
None.....	2,690	2,523	2,064	1,793	1,566	1,220	828	750	-
One or more.....	1,016	748	755	708	655	619	557	512	-
Narcotics.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	-
None or unknown.....	3,291	2,723	1,963	1,553	897	494	266	334	-
Dangerous drugs.....	107	98	108	166	176	149	109	69	-
Marijuana.....	316	452	689	712	1,003	1,031	811	703	-
Opiates.....	36	32	90	99	166	183	211	161	-
Weapons with present offense.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	3,381	3,021	2,687	2,319	1,991	1,568	1,044	902	824
Weapons used.....	369	284	163	211	251	289	353	365	472
Number of escapes.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	3,210	2,867	2,429	2,122	1,843	1,407	939	851	959
One or more.....	540	438	421	408	399	450	458	416	337
Number of co-offenders.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	1,826	1,558	1,430	1,430	1,218	1,046	770	673	678
One or two.....	1,408	1,287	1,070	851	782	633	511	493	509
Three or more.....	516	460	350	249	242	178	116	101	109
Number of prior depend. contacts.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	3,410	2,954	2,596	2,346	2,072	1,725	1,313	1,154	1,212
One.....	233	275	197	147	119	75	57	66	51
Two or more.....	107	76	57	37	51	57	27	47	33
Number of foster home placements.....	3,524	3,136	2,663	2,315	2,056	1,652	1,222	1,132	974
None.....	2,908	2,606	2,233	1,930	1,753	1,341	960	853	734
One.....	358	275	239	227	179	186	133	146	123
Two or more.....	258	255	191	158	124	125	129	133	117
Median age at first del. contact.....	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.4	13.1	12.9	13.0
Median age at first prior commit.....	15.1	15.0	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.2	15.1	15.2	15.1
Median months from first del. contact to Y.A. commitment.....	32.1	33.7	35.5	35.6	37.7	37.9	43.0	45.8	44.1
Alcohol with present offense.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	3,291	2,986	2,659	2,344	2,078	1,731	1,271	1,111	1,102
Alcohol used.....	459	319	191	186	164	126	126	156	194
Overall alcohol usage.....	-	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	-	2,599	2,294	2,026	1,213	606	307	294	522
Slight to moderate.....	-	556	509	485	996	1,113	926	692	462
Excessive.....	-	150	47	19	33	138	164	281	312

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TABLE 2A

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Juvenile Court Males

(Showing totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total juvenile court males ^a	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
Evidence of psychol. disorder...	3,350	2,974	2,512	2,186	1,940	1,575	1,134	1,055	927
Yes.....	976	900	710	650	604	463	332	329	307
No.....	2,374	2,074	1,802	1,536	1,336	1,112	802	726	620
Grade last enrolled in school...	3,600	3,205	2,734	2,412	1,980	1,772	1,344	1,235	1,250
Grades 1-6.....	236	242	128	97	38	33	16	12	4
Grades 7-9.....	1,839	1,633	1,324	1,158	666	548	397	360	312
Grades 10-12.....	1,505	1,287	1,250	1,126	1,257	1,159	913	850	912
High School grad. or college..	20	43	32	31	19	32	18	13	22
Attitude toward school.....	3,429	2,959	2,487	2,159	1,906	1,523	1,155	1,085	931
Positive.....	836	661	541	496	407	300	296	252	220
Indifferent.....	1,265	1,065	922	740	694	558	428	352	308
Negative.....	1,015	996	838	727	637	520	339	387	297
Extremely negative.....	313	237	186	196	168	145	92	94	106
Frequency of school misbehavior.	3,523	3,081	2,614	2,311	2,002	1,624	1,204	1,123	994
None.....	387	283	211	171	125	140	87	84	55
Occasional.....	1,170	983	811	714	660	505	347	294	295
Between occasional and often..	914	859	776	607	524	420	331	321	280
Often.....	1,052	956	816	819	693	559	439	424	364
Parental education level.....	3,373	2,979	2,480	2,210	1,898	1,561	1,161	1,044	944
8th grade or less.....	1,134	905	713	603	508	424	297	263	224
Some high school.....	1,202	1,092	907	746	656	516	397	378	345
High School grad. or college..	1,037	982	860	861	734	621	467	403	375
Family income from pub. assist..	3,497	3,114	2,634	2,317	2,020	1,627	1,197	1,117	972
None.....	2,514	2,205	1,894	1,653	1,330	1,035	733	644	559
Some.....	445	359	307	285	322	285	223	205	187
All.....	538	550	433	379	368	307	241	268	226
Socioeconomic level of family...	3,535	3,152	2,678	2,342	2,053	1,642	1,214	1,149	1,004
Below average.....	2,369	1,990	1,602	1,374	1,230	974	720	690	603
Average.....	964	966	883	815	698	542	388	387	325
Above average.....	202	196	193	153	125	126	106	72	76
Father (or surrogate)									
Criminal record.....	3,038	2,694	2,268	1,934	1,705	1,354	1,002	883	799
Yes.....	940	790	615	519	451	345	256	258	220
No.....	2,098	1,904	1,653	1,415	1,254	1,009	746	625	579
Description of ward's friends...	3,527	3,105	2,618	2,319	2,023	1,649	1,220	1,150	998
No friends.....	144	107	90	69	38	50	32	32	19
Total with friends.....	3,383	2,998	2,528	2,250	1,985	1,599	1,188	1,118	979
Mainly delinquent.....	1,273	1,150	1,029	948	901	725	543	547	439
Mixed-tend to delinquency...	1,460	1,245	1,058	967	811	632	453	414	386
Mixed-tend to non-delinq....	403	386	280	219	180	169	126	101	99
Mainly non-delinquent.....	247	217	161	116	93	73	66	56	55

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TABLE 2B

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Juvenile Court Males

(Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total juvenile court males ^a	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
Area of commitment.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
Southern California.....	64.2	67.4	66.5	64.7	56.3	56.1	48.0	50.0	57.6
Los Angeles.....	43.0	44.1	40.3	32.9	28.0	25.9	18.9	23.0	30.1
San Diego.....	7.8	8.8	7.2	11.5	8.6	9.0	10.8	9.1	9.0
8 other counties.....	13.4	14.5	19.0	20.3	19.7	21.2	18.3	17.9	18.5
San Francisco Bay area.....	19.9	18.1	18.5	18.7	23.9	24.3	26.4	23.9	21.6
Alameda.....	6.4	7.1	5.7	4.8	8.5	4.8	9.1	6.9	5.9
San Francisco.....	4.8	3.5	4.7	5.0	5.0	4.1	4.0	4.7	5.1
7 other counties.....	8.7	7.5	8.1	8.9	10.4	15.4	13.3	12.3	10.6
Sacramento Valley.....	5.2	3.8	6.1	6.2	7.2	6.6	9.1	11.1	7.0
San Joaquin Valley.....	8.1	7.2	6.2	7.4	9.4	7.6	9.4	9.5	8.4
22 other counties.....	2.6	3.5	2.7	3.0	3.2	5.4	7.1	5.5	5.4
Commitment offense.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
Offenses against persons.....	15.5	15.3	15.1	15.8	17.8	20.1	25.3	30.5	36.6
Offenses against property.....	39.0	38.7	37.3	32.4	29.8	28.0	31.6	31.1	29.8
Narcotic and drug offenses....	4.3	6.0	10.7	10.6	12.0	11.2	10.0	5.1	4.9
W & I Code violations.....	29.6	27.9	27.4	29.8	29.4	30.3	23.1	21.9	16.6
Other.....	11.6	12.1	9.5	11.4	11.0	10.4	10.0	11.4	12.1
Ethnic group.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
White.....	49.6	50.3	53.3	56.9	53.9	53.4	51.0	45.1	43.0
Mexican-American.....	20.2	18.9	18.3	17.4	16.9	19.3	19.0	20.4	20.2
Negro.....	28.3	29.0	26.4	24.4	27.4	24.9	26.4	31.3	34.0
Other.....	1.9	1.8	2.0	1.3	1.8	2.4	3.6	3.2	2.8
Prior record.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2	2.5	3.2	1.3	1.8	2.3
Del. contacts w/o commitments.	39.3	41.8	43.4	42.3	42.4	36.1	33.6	32.5	43.1
One prior commitment.....	42.2	42.0	42.3	42.3	40.6	41.8	39.1	39.1	33.2
Two or more prior commitments.	15.2	12.9	11.1	12.2	14.5	18.9	26.0	26.6	21.4
Parental marital status.....	3,683	3,226	2,800	2,495	2,186	1,820	1,364	1,252	1,267
Not married.....	4.2	8.9	8.5	7.5	6.2	6.3	7.6	4.2	4.2
Unbroken.....	35.4	32.9	34.2	35.9	36.0	34.9	34.5	32.3	29.0
Divorced/separated/death.....	60.4	58.2	57.3	56.6	57.8	58.8	57.9	63.5	66.8

^aTotals vary with availability of data.

TABLE 2B

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Juvenile Court Males
(Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total juvenile court males ^a	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
Religion.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,085	1,103
Catholic.....	37.8	37.4	37.1	36.2	33.2	38.6	39.4	42.1	43.6
Protestant.....	57.4	56.7	58.2	57.8	59.0	52.1	46.4	55.6	54.5
Other.....	4.8	5.9	4.7	6.0	7.8	9.3	14.2	2.3	1.9
Tattoos.....	3,706	3,271	2,819	2,501	2,221	1,839	1,385	1,262	-
None.....	72.6	77.1	73.2	71.7	70.5	66.3	59.8	59.4	-
One or more.....	27.4	22.9	26.8	28.3	29.5	33.7	40.2	40.6	-
Narcotics.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	-
None or unknown.....	87.8	82.4	68.9	61.4	40.0	26.6	19.0	26.4	-
Dangerous drugs.....	2.8	2.9	3.8	6.6	7.9	8.0	7.8	5.4	-
Marijuana.....	8.4	13.7	24.2	28.1	44.7	55.5	58.1	55.5	-
Opiates.....	1.0	1.0	3.1	3.9	7.4	9.9	15.1	12.7	-
Weapons with present offense....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	90.2	91.4	94.3	91.7	88.8	84.4	74.7	71.2	63.6
Weapons used.....	9.8	8.6	5.7	8.3	11.2	15.6	25.3	28.8	36.4
Number of escapes.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	85.6	86.7	85.2	83.9	82.2	75.8	67.2	67.2	74.0
One or more.....	14.4	13.3	14.8	16.1	17.8	24.2	32.8	32.8	26.0
Number of co-offenders.....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	48.7	47.1	50.2	56.5	54.3	56.3	55.1	53.1	52.3
One or two.....	37.5	39.0	37.5	33.6	34.9	34.1	36.6	38.9	39.3
Three or more.....	13.8	13.9	12.3	9.9	10.8	9.6	8.3	8.0	8.4
Number of prior depend. contacts	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	90.9	89.4	91.1	92.7	92.4	92.9	94.0	91.1	93.5
One.....	6.2	8.3	6.9	5.8	5.3	4.0	4.1	5.2	3.9
Two or more.....	2.9	2.3	2.0	1.5	2.3	3.1	1.9	3.7	2.6
Number of foster home placements	3,524	3,136	2,663	2,315	2,056	1,652	1,222	1,132	974
None.....	82.5	83.1	83.8	83.4	85.3	81.2	78.6	75.4	75.4
One.....	10.2	8.8	9.0	9.8	8.7	11.2	10.9	12.9	12.6
Two or more.....	7.3	8.1	7.2	6.8	6.0	7.6	10.5	11.7	12.0
Alcohol with present offense....	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	87.8	90.3	93.3	92.6	92.7	93.2	91.0	87.7	85.0
Alcohol used.....	12.2	9.7	6.7	7.4	7.3	6.8	9.0	12.3	15.0
Overall alcohol usage.....	-	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
None or unknown.....	-	78.6	80.5	80.1	54.1	32.6	22.0	23.2	40.3
Slight to moderate.....	-	16.8	17.9	19.2	44.4	60.0	66.3	54.6	35.6
Excessive.....	-	4.6	1.6	0.7	1.5	7.4	11.7	22.2	24.1

^aTotals vary with availability of data.

TABLE 2B

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Juvenile Court Males
(Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total juvenile court males ^a	3,750	3,305	2,850	2,530	2,242	1,857	1,397	1,267	1,296
Evidence of psychol. disorder...	3,350	2,974	2,512	2,186	1,940	1,575	1,134	1,055	927
Yes.....	29.1	30.3	28.3	29.7	31.1	29.4	29.3	31.2	33.1
No.....	70.9	69.7	71.7	70.3	68.9	70.6	70.7	68.8	66.9
Grade last enrolled in school...	3,600	3,205	2,734	2,412	1,980	1,772	1,344	1,235	1,250
Grades 1-6.....	6.6	7.5	4.7	4.0	1.9	1.9	1.2	1.0	0.3
Grades 7-9.....	51.1	51.0	48.4	48.0	33.6	30.9	29.5	29.1	25.0
Grades 10-12.....	41.8	40.2	45.7	46.7	63.5	65.4	67.9	68.8	72.9
High School grad. or college..	0.5	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.8
Attitude toward school.....	3,429	2,959	2,487	2,159	1,906	1,523	1,155	1,085	931
Positive.....	24.4	22.3	21.7	23.0	21.4	19.7	25.6	23.2	23.6
Indifferent.....	36.9	36.0	37.1	34.3	36.4	36.6	37.1	32.4	33.1
Negative.....	29.6	33.7	33.7	33.6	33.4	34.2	29.3	35.7	31.9
Extremely negative.....	9.1	8.0	7.5	9.1	8.8	9.5	8.0	8.7	11.4
Frequency of school misbehavior.	3,523	3,081	2,614	2,311	2,002	1,624	1,204	1,123	994
None.....	11.0	9.2	8.1	7.4	6.2	8.6	7.2	7.5	5.5
Occasional.....	33.2	31.9	31.0	30.9	33.0	31.1	28.8	26.2	29.7
Between occasional and often..	25.9	27.9	29.7	26.3	26.2	25.9	27.5	28.6	28.2
Often.....	29.9	31.0	31.2	35.4	34.6	34.4	36.5	37.7	36.6
Parental education level.....	3,373	2,979	2,480	2,210	1,898	1,561	1,161	1,044	944
8th grade or less.....	33.6	30.4	28.7	27.3	26.8	27.2	25.6	25.2	23.7
Some high school.....	35.6	36.6	36.6	33.7	34.5	33.0	34.2	36.2	36.6
High School grad. or college..	30.8	33.0	34.7	39.0	38.7	39.8	40.2	38.6	39.7
Family income from pub. assist..	3,497	3,114	2,634	2,317	2,020	1,627	1,197	1,117	972
None.....	71.9	70.8	71.9	71.3	65.9	63.6	61.3	57.7	57.5
Some.....	12.7	11.5	11.7	12.3	15.9	17.5	18.6	18.3	19.2
All.....	15.4	17.7	16.4	16.4	18.2	18.9	20.1	24.0	23.3
Socioeconomic level of family...	3,535	3,152	2,678	2,342	2,053	1,642	1,214	1,149	1,004
Below average.....	67.0	63.1	59.8	58.7	59.9	59.3	59.3	60.0	60.0
Average.....	27.3	30.7	33.0	34.8	34.0	33.0	32.0	33.7	32.4
Above average.....	5.7	6.2	7.2	6.5	6.1	7.7	8.7	6.3	7.6
Father (or surrogate)									
Criminal record.....	3,038	2,694	2,268	1,934	1,705	1,354	1,002	883	799
Yes.....	30.9	29.3	27.1	26.8	26.5	25.5	25.5	29.2	27.5
No.....	69.1	70.7	72.9	73.2	73.5	74.5	74.5	70.8	72.5
Description of ward's friends...	3,527	3,105	2,618	2,319	2,023	1,649	1,220	1,150	998
No friends.....	144	107	90	69	38	50	32	32	19
Total with friends.....	3,383	2,998	2,528	2,250	1,985	1,599	1,188	1,118	979
Mainly delinquent.....	37.6	38.4	40.7	42.1	45.4	45.3	45.7	48.9	44.9
Mixed-tend to delinquency...	43.2	41.5	41.8	43.0	40.8	39.5	38.1	37.0	39.4
Mixed-tend to non-delinq....	11.9	12.9	11.1	9.7	9.1	10.6	10.6	9.1	10.1
Mainly non-delinquent.....	7.3	7.2	6.4	5.2	4.7	4.6	5.6	5.0	5.6

^aTotals vary with availability of data.

TABLE 3A

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Criminal Court Males

(Showing totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total criminal court males ^a	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,433	1,209	1,239
Area of commitment.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
Southern California.....	1,073	968	1,008	1,047	1,174	967	933	702	768
Los Angeles.....	820	719	731	737	820	630	617	456	532
San Diego.....	69	46	55	61	42	47	76	57	62
8 other counties.....	184	203	222	249	312	290	240	189	174
San Francisco Bay area.....	181	135	139	148	216	279	319	308	238
Alameda.....	27	34	26	37	44	49	52	66	74
San Francisco.....	44	39	53	47	58	58	39	43	52
7 other counties.....	110	62	60	64	114	172	228	199	112
Sacramento Valley.....	76	59	86	120	96	64	63	80	97
San Joaquin Valley.....	85	71	95	89	96	105	100	76	79
22 other counties.....	45	45	39	39	36	47	68	43	57
Commitment offense.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
Offenses against persons.....	302	264	275	366	389	359	375	335	397
Offenses against property.....	850	720	681	644	616	537	586	559	580
Narcotic and drug offenses.....	147	167	290	332	469	445	404	219	165
Other.....	161	127	121	101	144	121	118	96	97
Ethnic group.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
White.....	804	749	784	796	816	818	764	607	563
Mexican-American.....	247	216	218	211	290	244	296	230	224
Negro.....	381	296	336	413	485	373	386	349	423
Other.....	28	17	29	23	27	27	37	23	29
Median age in years.....	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5	19.5
Prior record.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	67	59	71	68	80	60	81	72	94
Del. contacts w/o commitments.....	670	490	572	657	747	643	629	493	515
One prior commitment.....	431	402	433	409	459	414	423	333	343
Two or more prior commitments.....	292	327	291	309	332	345	350	311	287
Parental marital status.....	1,448	1,254	1,354	1,436	1,586	1,444	1,454	1,187	1,214
Not married.....	18	44	77	52	58	42	63	17	40
Unbroken.....	532	468	519	574	660	611	575	447	404
Divorced/separated/death.....	898	742	758	810	868	791	816	723	770

^aTotals vary with availability of data.

TABLE 3A

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Criminal Court Males

(Showing totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total criminal court males ^a	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
Religion.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,026	1,021
Catholic.....	509	467	497	500	560	532	566	444	441
Protestant.....	881	746	796	841	927	812	707	549	552
Other.....	70	65	74	102	131	118	210	33	28
Tattoos.....	199	48	25	47	108	94	965	1,194	-
None.....	193	46	16	34	71	59	524	633	-
One or more.....	6	2	9	13	37	35	441	561	-
Narcotics.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	-
None or unknown.....	1,053	795	671	430	350	213	182	199	-
Dangerous drugs.....	83	59	40	73	82	60	75	33	-
Marijuana.....	279	375	586	811	985	910	849	672	-
Opiates.....	45	49	70	129	201	279	377	305	-
Weapons with present offense.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	1,182	1,040	1,105	1,113	1,210	1,071	1,047	854	806
Weapons used.....	278	238	262	330	408	391	436	355	433
Number of escapes.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	1,347	1,149	1,299	1,377	1,547	1,372	1,358	1,085	1,129
One or more.....	113	129	68	66	71	90	125	124	110
Number of co-offenders.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	579	526	519	567	683	621	741	675	640
One or two.....	665	570	661	665	712	668	608	465	520
Three or more.....	216	182	187	211	223	173	134	69	79
Number of prior depend. contacts.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	1,401	1,204	1,300	1,406	1,567	1,427	1,449	1,172	1,206
One.....	44	57	59	28	39	24	24	28	24
Two or more.....	15	17	8	9	12	11	10	9	9
Number of foster home placements.....	1,210	1,051	1,125	1,158	1,322	1,186	1,224	999	874
None.....	1,074	958	1,033	1,068	1,232	1,104	1,108	900	775
One.....	83	54	56	58	63	57	68	55	53
Two or more.....	53	39	36	32	27	25	48	44	46
Median age at first del. contact.....	15.7	15.6	15.8	15.8	15.9	15.8	15.5	15.4	15.1
Median age at first prior commit.....	16.9	17.2	17.5	17.6	17.7	17.7	17.4	17.6	17.6
Median months from first del. contact to Y.A. commitment.....	46.2	48.0	45.0	46.0	44.3	45.9	49.0	51.2	53.7
Alcohol with present offense.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	1,189	1,029	1,180	1,246	1,370	1,279	1,313	986	963
Alcohol used.....	271	249	187	197	248	183	170	223	276
Overall alcohol usage.....	-	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	-	246	246	313	307	154	243	211	372
Slight to moderate.....	-	784	977	892	1,042	921	944	605	450
Excessive.....	-	248	144	238	269	387	296	393	417

^aTotals vary with availability of data.

TABLE 3A

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Criminal Court Males

(Showing totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total criminal court males ^a	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
Evidence of psychol. disorder...	1,104	981	1,048	1,070	1,236	1,104	1,166	949	827
Yes.....	226	179	202	182	237	223	215	217	177
No.....	878	802	846	888	999	881	951	732	650
Grade last enrolled in school...	1,444	1,270	1,354	1,439	1,590	1,449	1,450	1,176	1,192
Grades 1-6.....	12	13	7	9	17	5	8	3	3
Grades 7-9.....	375	281	295	277	257	221	170	96	94
Grades 10-12.....	1,029	890	935	981	1,127	1,002	1,113	983	883
High School grad. or college..	28	86	117	172	189	221	159	94	212
Attitude toward school.....	1,120	957	1,027	1,032	1,170	1,048	1,117	924	810
Positive.....	346	294	315	338	398	387	443	350	302
Indifferent.....	470	380	407	397	456	376	379	310	295
Negative.....	263	244	266	256	292	248	257	220	187
Extremely negative.....	41	39	39	41	24	37	38	44	26
Frequency of school misbehavior.	1,151	999	1,075	1,074	1,224	1,078	1,184	976	859
None.....	222	210	198	213	225	185	228	184	157
Occasional.....	489	409	429	434	499	450	455	343	321
Between occasional and often..	257	222	251	231	282	255	277	242	216
Often.....	183	158	197	196	218	188	224	207	165
Parental education level.....	1,108	970	1,042	1,070	1,208	1,096	1,158	926	842
8th grade or less.....	306	290	287	265	315	245	250	191	185
Some high school.....	423	338	375	372	414	381	406	328	316
High School grad. or college..	379	342	380	433	479	470	502	407	341
Family income from pub. assist..	1,162	1,041	1,105	1,154	1,308	1,166	1,208	993	876
None.....	958	837	880	922	1,000	870	839	707	584
Some.....	91	94	98	106	145	143	173	135	143
All.....	113	110	127	126	163	153	196	151	149
Socioeconomic level of family...	1,194	1,056	1,136	1,177	1,328	1,169	1,230	1,026	900
Below average.....	704	598	617	624	701	538	644	493	461
Average.....	396	358	426	452	518	520	472	421	352
Above average.....	94	100	93	101	109	111	114	112	87
Father (or surrogate)									
Criminal record.....	1,029	895	955	992	1,118	979	1,019	821	714
Yes.....	219	197	166	177	176	150	165	170	146
No.....	810	698	789	815	942	829	854	651	568
Description of ward's friends...	1,187	1,050	1,120	1,169	1,308	1,181	1,243	1,027	893
No friends.....	30	23	25	14	24	12	25	21	14
Total with friends.....	1,157	1,027	1,095	1,155	1,284	1,169	1,218	1,006	879
Mainly delinquent.....	416	403	437	491	544	489	472	420	354
Mixed-tend to delinquency...	492	419	457	470	547	501	490	377	351
Mixed-tend to non-delinq....	149	131	122	126	134	110	177	120	110
Mainly non-delinquent.....	100	74	79	68	59	69	79	89	64

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TABLE 3B

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Criminal Court Males

(Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total criminal court males ^a	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
Area of commitment.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
Southern California.....	73.5	75.7	73.7	72.6	72.6	66.1	62.9	58.1	62.0
Los Angeles.....	56.2	56.2	53.5	51.1	50.7	43.1	41.6	37.7	42.9
San Diego.....	4.7	3.6	4.0	4.2	2.6	3.2	5.1	4.7	5.0
8 other counties.....	12.6	15.9	16.2	17.3	19.3	19.8	16.2	15.7	14.1
San Francisco Bay area.....	12.4	10.6	10.2	10.2	13.4	19.1	21.5	25.5	19.2
Alameda.....	1.9	2.7	1.9	2.6	2.7	3.3	3.5	5.5	6.0
San Francisco.....	3.0	3.1	3.9	3.2	3.6	4.0	2.6	3.5	4.2
7 other counties.....	7.5	4.8	4.4	4.4	7.1	11.8	15.4	16.5	9.0
Sacramento Valley.....	5.2	4.6	6.3	8.3	5.9	4.4	4.3	6.6	7.8
San Joaquin Valley.....	5.8	5.6	6.9	6.2	5.9	7.2	6.7	6.3	6.4
22 other counties.....	3.1	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.2	3.2	4.6	3.5	4.6
Commitment offense.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
Offenses against persons.....	20.7	20.7	20.1	25.4	24.0	24.6	25.3	27.7	32.1
Offenses against property.....	58.2	56.3	49.8	44.6	38.1	36.7	39.5	46.2	46.8
Narcotic and drug offenses....	10.1	13.1	21.2	23.0	29.0	30.4	27.2	18.1	13.3
Other.....	11.0	9.9	8.9	7.0	8.9	8.3	8.0	8.0	7.8
Ethnic group.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
White.....	55.1	58.6	57.4	55.2	50.4	56.0	51.5	50.2	45.4
Mexican-American.....	16.9	16.9	15.9	14.6	17.9	16.7	20.0	19.0	18.1
Negro.....	26.1	23.2	24.6	28.6	30.0	25.5	26.0	28.9	34.1
Other.....	1.9	1.3	2.1	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.5	1.9	2.4
Prior record.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None.....	4.6	4.6	5.2	4.7	4.9	4.1	5.5	6.0	7.6
Del. contacts w/o commitments.	45.9	38.3	41.8	45.5	46.2	44.0	42.4	40.8	41.6
One prior commitment.....	29.5	31.5	31.7	28.4	28.4	28.3	28.5	27.5	27.7
Two or more prior commitments.	20.0	25.6	21.3	21.4	20.5	23.6	23.6	25.7	23.1
Parental marital status.....	1,448	1,254	1,354	1,436	1,586	1,444	1,454	1,187	1,214
Not married.....	1.2	3.5	5.7	3.6	3.7	2.9	4.3	1.4	3.3
Unbroken.....	36.7	37.3	38.3	40.0	41.6	42.3	39.6	37.7	33.3
Divorced/separated/death.....	62.1	59.2	56.0	56.4	54.7	54.8	56.1	60.9	63.4

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TABLE 3B

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Criminal Court Males
(Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total criminal court males ^a	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
Religion.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,026	1,021
Catholic.....	34.9	36.5	36.4	34.6	34.6	36.4	38.2	43.3	43.2
Protestant.....	60.3	58.4	58.2	58.3	57.3	55.5	47.7	53.5	54.1
Other.....	4.8	5.1	5.4	7.1	8.1	8.1	14.1	3.2	2.7
Tattoos.....	199	48	25	47	108	94	965	1,194	-
None.....	97.0	95.8	64.0	72.3	65.7	62.8	54.3	53.0	-
One or more.....	3.0	4.2	36.0	27.7	34.3	37.2	45.7	47.0	-
Narcotics.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	-
None or unknown.....	72.1	62.2	49.1	29.8	21.6	14.6	12.3	16.5	-
Dangerous drugs.....	5.7	4.6	2.9	5.1	5.1	4.1	5.1	2.7	-
Marijuana.....	19.1	29.4	42.9	56.2	60.9	62.2	57.2	55.6	-
Opiates.....	3.1	3.8	5.1	8.9	12.4	19.1	25.4	25.2	-
Weapons with present offense....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	81.0	81.4	80.8	77.1	74.8	73.3	70.6	70.6	65.1
Weapons used.....	19.0	18.6	19.2	22.9	25.2	26.7	29.4	29.4	34.9
Number of escapes.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	92.3	89.9	95.0	95.4	95.6	93.8	91.6	89.7	91.1
One or more.....	7.7	10.1	5.0	4.6	4.4	6.2	8.4	10.3	8.9
Number of co-offenders.....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	39.7	41.2	38.0	39.3	42.2	42.5	50.0	55.8	51.6
One or two.....	45.5	44.6	48.3	46.1	44.0	45.7	41.0	38.5	42.0
Three or more.....	14.8	14.2	13.7	14.6	13.8	11.8	9.0	5.7	6.4
Number of prior depend. contacts	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	96.0	94.2	95.1	97.4	96.9	97.6	97.7	96.9	97.3
One.....	3.0	4.5	4.3	2.0	2.4	1.6	1.6	2.3	2.0
Two or more.....	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7
Number of foster home placements	1,210	1,051	1,125	1,158	1,322	1,186	1,224	999	874
None.....	88.7	91.2	91.8	92.2	93.2	93.1	90.5	90.1	88.7
One.....	6.9	5.1	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.8	5.6	5.5	6.1
Two or more.....	4.4	3.7	3.2	2.8	2.0	2.1	3.9	4.4	5.2
Alcohol with present offense....	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	81.4	80.5	86.3	86.3	84.7	87.5	88.5	81.6	77.7
Alcohol used.....	18.6	19.5	13.7	13.7	15.3	12.5	11.5	18.4	22.3
Overall alcohol usage.....	-	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
None or unknown.....	-	19.3	18.0	21.7	19.0	10.5	16.4	17.5	30.0
Slight to moderate.....	-	61.3	71.5	61.8	64.4	63.0	63.6	50.0	36.3
Excessive.....	-	19.4	10.5	16.5	16.6	26.5	20.0	32.5	33.7

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TABLE 3B

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

Criminal Court Males
(Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total criminal court males ^a	1,460	1,278	1,367	1,443	1,618	1,462	1,483	1,209	1,239
Evidence of psychol. disorder...	1,104	981	1,048	1,070	1,236	1,104	1,166	949	827
Yes.....	20.5	18.2	19.3	17.0	19.2	20.2	18.4	22.9	21.4
No.....	79.5	81.8	80.7	83.0	80.8	79.8	81.6	77.1	78.6
Grade last enrolled in school...	1,444	1,270	1,354	1,439	1,590	1,449	1,450	1,176	1,192
Grades 1-6.....	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.6	1.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2
Grades 7-9.....	26.0	22.1	21.8	19.2	16.1	15.3	11.2	8.2	7.9
Grades 10-12.....	71.3	70.1	69.1	68.2	70.9	69.1	76.8	83.6	74.1
High School grad. or college..	1.9	6.8	8.6	12.0	11.9	15.3	11.0	8.0	17.8
Attitude toward school.....	1,120	957	1,027	1,032	1,170	1,048	1,117	924	810
Positive.....	30.9	30.7	30.7	32.7	34.0	36.9	39.7	37.9	37.3
Indifferent.....	42.0	39.7	39.6	38.5	39.0	35.9	33.9	33.5	36.4
Negative.....	23.5	25.5	25.9	24.8	25.0	23.7	23.0	23.8	23.1
Extremely negative.....	3.6	4.1	3.8	4.0	2.0	3.5	3.4	4.8	3.2
Frequency of school misbehavior.	1,151	999	1,075	1,074	1,224	1,070	1,184	976	859
None.....	19.3	21.0	18.4	19.8	18.4	17.2	19.3	18.9	18.3
Occasional.....	42.5	41.0	39.9	40.4	40.8	41.7	38.4	35.1	37.4
Between occasional and often..	22.3	22.2	23.4	21.5	23.0	23.7	23.4	24.8	25.1
Often.....	15.9	15.8	18.3	18.3	17.8	17.4	18.9	21.2	19.2
Parental education level.....	1,108	970	1,042	1,070	1,208	1,096	1,158	926	842
8th grade or less.....	27.6	29.9	27.5	24.8	26.1	22.3	21.6	20.6	22.0
Some high school.....	38.2	34.8	36.0	34.8	34.3	34.8	35.1	35.4	37.5
High School grad. or college..	34.2	35.3	36.5	40.5	39.6	42.9	43.3	44.0	40.5
Family income from pub. assist..	1,162	1,041	1,105	1,154	1,308	1,166	1,208	993	876
None.....	82.5	80.4	79.6	79.9	76.4	74.6	69.5	71.2	66.7
Some.....	7.8	9.0	8.9	9.2	11.1	12.3	14.3	13.6	16.3
All.....	9.7	10.6	11.5	10.9	12.5	13.1	16.2	15.2	17.0
Socioeconomic level of family...	1,194	1,056	1,136	1,177	1,328	1,169	1,230	1,026	900
Below average.....	58.9	56.6	54.3	53.0	52.8	46.0	52.3	48.1	51.2
Average.....	33.2	33.9	37.5	38.4	39.0	44.5	38.4	41.0	39.1
Above average.....	7.9	9.5	8.2	8.6	8.2	9.5	9.3	10.9	9.7
Father (or surrogate)									
Criminal record.....	1,029	895	955	992	1,118	979	1,019	821	714
Yes.....	21.3	22.0	17.4	17.8	15.7	15.3	16.2	20.7	20.4
No.....	78.7	78.0	82.6	82.2	84.3	84.7	83.8	79.3	79.6
Description of ward's friends...	1,187	1,050	1,120	1,169	1,308	1,181	1,243	1,027	893
No friends.....	30	23	25	14	24	12	25	21	14
Total with friends.....	1,157	1,027	1,095	1,155	1,284	1,169	1,218	1,006	879
Mainly delinquent.....	36.0	39.2	39.9	42.5	42.4	41.8	38.8	41.8	40.3
Mixed-tend to delinquency...	42.5	40.8	41.7	40.7	42.6	42.9	40.2	37.5	39.9
Mixed-tend to non-delinq....	12.9	12.8	11.2	10.9	10.4	9.4	14.5	11.9	12.5
Mainly non-delinquent.....	8.6	7.2	7.2	5.9	4.6	5.9	6.5	8.8	7.3

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TABLE 4A

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

All Females

(Showing totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total females ^a	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Juvenile court.....	898	825	721	634	537	349	254	194	168
Criminal court.....	82	62	60	83	97	78	84	58	55
Area of commitment.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Southern California.....	638	603	508	487	388	237	184	128	139
Los Angeles.....	431	421	308	285	208	99	78	44	63
San Diego.....	80	83	72	76	60	37	27	16	22
8 other counties.....	127	99	128	125	120	101	79	68	54
San Francisco Bay area.....	202	161	158	114	133	130	99	58	48
Alameda.....	65	48	53	36	42	19	11	5	12
San Francisco.....	55	44	40	36	42	37	27	24	9
7 other counties.....	82	69	65	42	49	74	61	29	27
Sacramento Valley.....	59	37	40	39	25	18	11	28	12
San Joaquin Valley.....	66	67	56	63	70	27	25	21	15
22 other counties.....	15	19	19	14	18	15	19	17	9
Commitment offense.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Offenses against persons.....	62	75	59	72	72	61	45	42	56
Offenses against property.....	165	142	93	100	77	60	70	40	39
Narcotic and drug offenses.....	43	51	65	80	105	70	61	39	29
W & I Code violations.....	589	520	465	375	315	189	127	107	73
Other.....	121	99	99	90	65	47	35	24	26
Ethnic group.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
White.....	525	474	434	434	384	267	196	147	109
Mexican-American.....	148	128	115	84	81	54	50	46	34
Negro.....	287	254	211	179	154	92	78	54	70
Other.....	20	31	21	20	15	14	14	5	10
Median age in years.....	16.2	16.0	16.3	16.3	16.5	16.5	16.8	16.7	16.9
Prior record.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	50	28	27	23	25	8	16	15	12
Del. contacts w/o commitments.....	588	596	559	512	465	284	200	168	147
One prior commitment.....	266	208	165	162	115	112	88	44	42
Two or more prior commitments.....	76	55	30	20	29	23	34	25	22
Parental marital status.....	955	860	754	714	607	417	329	247	221
Not married.....	47	98	67	51	38	37	29	11	12
Unbroken.....	216	226	178	205	184	115	83	67	59
Divorced/separated/death.....	692	536	509	458	385	265	217	169	150

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TABLE 4A

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

All Females

(Showing totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total females ^a	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Religion.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	211	190
Catholic.....	372	346	285	249	250	165	122	83	68
Protestant.....	545	494	469	439	348	224	167	124	119
Other.....	63	47	27	29	36	38	49	4	3
Tattoos.....	969	884	777	716	629	426	333	250	-
None.....	707	599	536	542	475	326	176	143	-
One or more.....	262	285	241	174	154	100	157	107	-
Narcotics.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	-
None or unknown.....	720	580	408	284	149	62	38	59	-
Dangerous drugs.....	97	60	57	89	93	60	30	30	-
Marijuana.....	142	221	263	291	308	188	156	96	-
Opiates.....	21	26	53	53	84	117	114	67	-
Weapons with present offense.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	937	854	766	695	603	388	297	224	176
Weapons used.....	43	33	15	22	31	39	41	28	47
Number of escapes.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	897	807	730	679	594	382	282	209	184
One or more.....	83	80	51	38	40	45	56	43	39
Number of co-offenders.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	567	547	458	432	419	278	214	162	149
One or two.....	305	258	243	220	158	112	88	72	63
Three or more.....	108	82	80	65	57	37	36	18	11
Number of prior depend. contacts.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	833	752	642	619	532	372	294	223	195
One.....	106	98	94	72	50	39	28	15	15
Two or more.....	41	37	45	26	52	16	16	14	13
Number of foster home placements.....	904	815	713	624	550	362	277	213	168
None.....	571	510	435	381	326	203	156	106	93
One.....	163	154	153	122	101	82	56	48	28
Two or more.....	170	151	125	121	123	77	65	59	47
Median age at first del. contact.....	14.2	14.2	14.1	14.2	14.2	14.1	14.1	13.9	13.9
Median age at first prior commit.....	14.9	14.9	15.1	15.3	14.8	15.3	15.6	15.6	15.4
Median months from first del. contact to Y.A. commitment.....	19.6	19.9	21.7	22.6	24.8	25.8	28.3	30.5	34.5
Alcohol with present offense.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	850	806	733	667	591	397	322	235	207
Alcohol used.....	130	81	48	50	43	30	16	17	16
Overall alcohol usage.....	-	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	-	720	655	586	392	201	151	104	113
Slight to moderate.....	-	143	120	127	239	189	172	108	73
Excessive.....	-	24	6	4	3	37	15	40	37

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TABLE 4A

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

All Females
(Showing totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total females ^a	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Evidence of psychol. disorder...	846	777	678	591	518	330	255	190	153
Yes.....	318	276	247	235	241	142	118	87	59
No.....	528	501	431	356	277	188	137	103	94
Grade last enrolled in school...	928	848	753	697	598	386	320	242	217
Grades 1-6.....	10	13	6	6	2	2	2	2	3
Grades 7-9.....	398	389	303	238	218	118	83	72	64
Grades 10-12.....	509	436	429	436	353	255	212	158	136
High School grad. or college..	11	10	15	17	25	11	23	10	14
Attitude toward school.....	864	757	660	553	487	308	245	191	141
Positive.....	155	138	139	93	95	67	59	46	34
Indifferent.....	319	247	232	198	156	97	86	65	45
Negative.....	257	276	211	197	171	104	79	59	42
Extremely negative.....	133	96	78	65	65	40	21	21	20
Frequency of school misbehavior.	893	795	683	605	528	339	270	210	163
None.....	84	72	60	54	40	17	18	23	7
Occasional.....	203	165	171	130	118	81	71	49	41
Between occasional and often..	244	245	204	171	145	88	61	50	46
Often.....	362	313	248	250	225	153	120	88	69
Parental education level.....	831	753	651	593	503	322	260	195	150
8th grade or less.....	261	191	161	125	110	73	51	40	29
Some high school.....	285	311	217	234	184	107	91	65	52
High School grad. or college..	285	251	273	234	209	142	118	90	69
Family income from pub. assist..	896	805	708	618	545	346	277	212	168
None.....	614	543	489	435	365	221	155	139	108
Some.....	111	99	95	74	77	63	70	39	30
All.....	171	163	124	109	103	62	52	34	30
Socioeconomic level of family...	900	810	710	625	552	352	277	213	170
Below average.....	625	558	487	400	330	205	170	115	87
Average.....	235	208	186	186	192	131	86	85	68
Above average.....	40	44	37	39	30	16	21	13	15
Father (or surrogate)									
Criminal record.....	726	694	606	539	465	287	229	171	139
Yes.....	258	267	207	153	138	96	63	53	36
No.....	468	427	399	386	327	191	166	118	103
Description of ward's friends...	896	816	704	616	548	354	280	218	175
No friends.....	44	35	24	13	10	10	5	6	7
Total with friends.....	852	781	680	603	538	344	275	212	168
Mainly delinquent.....	389	400	352	343	307	194	160	123	90
Mixed-tend to delinquency...	324	265	245	188	164	114	83	62	60
Mixed-tend to non-delinq....	70	65	45	43	37	20	17	11	13
Mainly non-delinquent.....	69	51	38	29	30	16	15	16	5

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TABLE 4B

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1965-1973

All Females
(Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total females ^a	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Juvenile court.....	91.6	93.0	92.3	88.4	84.7	81.7	75.1	77.0	75.3
Criminal court.....	8.4	7.0	7.7	11.6	15.3	18.3	24.9	23.0	24.7
Area of commitment.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Southern California.....	65.1	68.0	65.1	67.9	61.2	55.5	54.4	50.8	62.3
Los Angeles.....	44.0	47.5	39.5	39.9	32.8	23.2	23.1	17.5	28.2
San Diego.....	8.2	9.3	9.2	10.6	9.5	8.7	8.0	6.3	9.9
8 other counties.....	12.9	11.2	16.4	17.4	18.9	23.6	23.3	27.0	24.2
San Francisco Bay area.....	20.6	18.1	20.2	15.9	21.0	30.5	29.3	23.0	21.5
Alameda.....	6.6	5.4	6.8	5.0	6.6	4.5	3.3	2.0	5.4
San Francisco.....	5.6	5.0	5.1	5.0	6.6	8.7	8.0	9.5	4.0
7 other counties.....	8.4	7.7	8.3	5.9	7.8	17.3	18.0	11.5	12.1
Sacramento Valley.....	6.0	4.2	5.1	5.4	4.0	4.2	3.3	11.1	5.4
San Joaquin Valley.....	6.8	7.6	7.2	8.8	11.0	6.3	7.4	8.3	6.7
22 other counties.....	1.5	2.1	2.4	2.0	2.8	3.5	5.6	6.8	4.2
Commitment offense.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Offenses against persons.....	6.3	8.5	7.6	10.0	11.4	14.3	13.3	16.7	25.1
Offenses against property.....	16.8	16.0	11.9	13.9	12.1	14.0	20.7	15.9	17.5
Narcotic and drug offenses....	4.4	5.7	8.3	11.2	16.6	16.4	18.0	15.5	13.0
W & I Code violations.....	60.1	58.6	59.5	52.3	49.7	44.3	37.6	42.4	32.7
Other.....	12.4	11.2	12.7	12.6	10.2	11.0	10.4	9.5	11.7
Ethnic group.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
White.....	53.6	53.5	55.6	60.5	60.6	62.5	58.0	58.3	48.9
Mexican-American.....	15.1	14.4	14.7	11.7	12.8	12.7	14.8	18.3	15.2
Negro.....	29.3	28.6	27.0	25.0	24.3	21.5	23.1	21.4	31.4
Other.....	2.0	3.5	2.7	2.8	2.3	3.3	4.1	2.0	4.5
Prior record.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	5.1	3.2	3.5	3.2	3.9	1.9	4.7	5.9	5.4
Del. contacts w/o commitments.	60.0	67.2	71.6	71.4	73.4	66.5	59.2	66.7	65.9
One prior commitment.....	27.1	23.4	21.1	22.6	18.1	26.2	26.0	17.5	18.8
Two or more prior commitments.	7.8	6.2	3.8	2.8	4.6	5.4	10.1	9.9	9.9
Parental marital status.....	955	860	754	714	607	417	329	247	221
Not married.....	4.9	11.4	8.9	7.1	6.2	8.9	8.8	4.4	5.4
Unbroken.....	22.6	26.3	23.6	28.7	30.3	27.6	25.2	27.1	26.7
Divorced/separated/death.....	72.5	62.3	67.5	64.2	63.5	63.5	66.0	68.5	67.9

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All Females

(Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total females ^a	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Religion.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	211	190
Catholic.....	38.0	39.0	36.5	34.7	39.4	38.6	36.1	39.3	35.8
Protestant.....	55.6	55.7	60.0	61.2	54.9	52.5	49.4	58.8	62.6
Other.....	6.4	5.3	3.5	4.1	5.7	8.9	14.5	1.9	1.6
Tattoos.....	969	884	777	716	629	427	333	250	-
None.....	73.0	67.8	69.0	75.7	75.5	76.5	52.9	57.2	-
One or more.....	27.0	32.2	31.0	24.3	24.5	23.5	47.1	42.8	-
Narcotics.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	-
None or unknown.....	73.5	65.4	52.2	39.6	23.5	14.5	11.2	23.4	-
Dangerous drugs.....	9.9	6.8	7.3	12.4	14.7	14.1	8.9	11.9	-
Marijuana.....	14.5	24.9	36.7	40.6	48.6	44.0	46.2	38.1	-
Opiates.....	2.1	2.9	6.8	7.4	13.3	27.4	33.7	26.6	-
Weapons with present offense....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	95.6	96.3	98.1	96.9	95.1	90.9	87.9	88.9	78.9
Weapons used.....	4.4	3.7	1.9	3.1	4.9	9.1	12.1	11.1	21.1
Number of escapes.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	91.5	91.0	93.5	94.7	93.7	89.5	83.4	82.9	82.5
One or more.....	8.5	9.0	6.5	5.3	6.3	10.5	16.6	17.1	17.5
Number of co-offenders.....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	57.9	61.7	58.6	60.2	66.1	65.1	63.3	64.3	66.8
One or two.....	31.1	29.1	31.1	30.7	24.9	26.2	26.0	28.6	28.3
Three or more.....	11.0	9.2	10.3	9.1	9.0	8.7	10.7	7.1	4.9
Number of prior depend. contacts	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	85.0	84.8	82.2	86.3	83.9	87.1	87.0	88.5	87.5
One.....	10.8	11.0	12.0	10.1	7.9	9.1	8.3	5.9	6.7
Two or more.....	4.2	4.2	5.8	3.6	8.2	3.8	4.7	5.6	5.8
Number of foster home placements	904	815	713	624	550	362	277	213	168
None.....	63.2	62.6	61.0	61.1	59.3	56.1	56.3	49.8	55.3
One.....	18.0	18.9	21.5	19.5	18.4	22.6	20.2	22.5	16.7
Two or more.....	18.8	18.5	17.5	19.4	22.3	21.3	23.5	27.7	28.0
Alcohol with present offense....	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	86.7	90.9	93.9	93.0	93.2	93.0	95.3	93.3	92.8
Alcohol used.....	13.3	9.1	6.1	7.0	6.8	7.0	4.7	6.7	7.2
Overall alcohol usage.....	-	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
None or unknown.....	-	81.2	83.9	81.7	61.8	47.1	44.7	41.3	50.7
Slight to moderate.....	-	16.1	15.3	17.7	37.7	44.2	50.9	42.8	32.7
Excessive.....	-	2.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	8.7	4.4	15.9	16.6

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All Females

(Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total females ^a	980	887	781	717	634	427	338	252	223
Evidence of psychol. disorder...	846	777	678	591	518	330	255	190	153
Yes.....	37.6	35.5	36.4	39.8	46.5	43.0	46.3	45.8	38.6
No.....	62.4		63.6	60.2	53.5	57.0	53.7	54.2	61.4
Grade last enrolled in school...	928	848	753	697	598	386	320	242	217
Grades 1-6.....	1.1	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.4
Grades 7-9.....	42.9	45.9	40.2	34.1	36.5	30.6	25.9	29.8	29.5
Grades 10-12.....	54.8	51.4	57.0	62.6	59.0	66.1	66.3	65.3	62.7
High School grad. or college..	1.2	1.2	2.0	2.4	4.2	2.8	7.2	4.1	6.4
Attitude toward school.....	864	757	660	553	487	308	245	191	141
Positive.....	18.0	18.2	21.1	16.8	19.5	21.7	24.1	24.1	24.1
Indifferent.....	36.9	32.6	35.1	35.8	32.0	31.5	35.1	34.0	31.9
Negative.....	26.7	36.5	32.0	35.6	35.1	33.8	32.2	30.9	29.8
Extremely negative.....	15.4	12.7	11.8	11.8	13.4	13.0	8.6	11.0	14.2
Frequency of school misbehavior.	893	795	683	605	528	339	270	210	163
None.....	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.9	7.6	5.0	6.7	11.0	4.3
Occasional.....	22.7	20.7	25.0	21.5	22.3	23.9	26.3	23.3	25.2
Between occasional and often..	27.3	30.8	29.9	28.3	27.5	26.0	22.6	23.8	28.2
Often.....	40.6	39.4	36.3	41.3	42.6	45.1	44.4	41.9	42.3
Parental education level.....	831	753	651	593	503	322	260	195	150
8th grade or less.....	31.4	25.4	24.7	21.0	21.9	22.7	19.6	20.5	19.3
Some high school.....	34.3	41.3	33.3	39.5	36.6	33.2	35.0	33.3	34.7
High School grad. or college..	34.3	33.3	42.0	39.5	41.5	44.1	45.4	46.2	46.0
Family income from pub. assist..	896	805	708	618	545	346	277	212	168
None.....	68.5	67.5	69.1	70.4	67.0	63.9	55.9	65.6	64.2
Some.....	12.4	12.3	13.4	12.0	14.1	18.2	25.3	18.4	17.9
All.....	19.1	20.2	17.5	17.6	18.9	17.9	18.8	16.0	17.9
Socioeconomic level of family...	900	810	710	625	552	352	277	213	170
Below average.....	69.5	68.9	68.6	64.0	59.8	58.2	61.4	54.0	51.2
Average.....	26.1	25.7	26.2	29.8	34.8	37.2	31.0	39.9	40.0
Above average.....	4.4	5.4	5.2	6.2	5.4	4.6	7.6	6.1	8.8
Father (or surrogate)									
Criminal record.....	726	694	606	539	465	287	229	171	139
Yes.....	35.5	38.5	34.2	28.4	29.7	33.4	27.5	31.0	25.9
No.....	64.5	61.5	65.8	71.6	70.3	66.6	72.5	69.0	74.1
Description of ward's friends...	896	816	704	616	548	354	280	218	175
No friends.....	44	35	24	13	10	10	5	6	7
Total with friends.....	852	781	680	603	538	344	275	212	168
Mainly delinquent.....	45.7	51.2	51.8	56.9	57.0	56.4	58.2	58.0	53.6
Mixed-tend to delinquency...	38.0	34.0	36.0	31.2	30.5	33.1	30.2	29.2	35.7
Mixed-tend to non-delinq....	8.2	8.3	6.6	7.1	6.9	5.8	6.2	5.2	7.7
Mainly non-delinquent.....	8.1	6.5	5.6	4.8	5.6	4.7	5.4	7.6	3.0

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