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**1985 RELEASES: FIVE YEAR POST RELEASE FOLLOW-UP**

The subject of this report is the group of 10,295 inmates released from facilities of the New York State Department of Correctional Services during 1985 and followed for the five year period 1985-1990 to determine the number subsequently returned to prison. This five year post release follow-up indicates that 48.0% returned within the study period including 25.4% committed by the courts for new felony offenses and 22.6% returned for violation of parole. An analysis of selected characteristics include: type of release; commitment offense; sex; age; ethnic group; time to return; drug offenders; time served in prison; returns of second felony offenders; region of commitment; minimum sentence and maximum sentence. Preliminary data on returns from the 1986-1989 annual release cohorts have also been included in this edition. In addition, similar data are also presented for comparable annual release cohorts for the years 1972-1984.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 1985 RELEASES: FIVE YEAR POST RELEASE FOLLOW-UP

The subject of this report is a population of 10,295 inmates released for the first time in 1985 from facilities of the New York State Department of Correctional Services. Each case was followed for a period of five years to determine the number returned to Department custody. For purposes of comparison, similar release cohorts for 1972-1984 are also analyzed by rate of return for selected characteristics.

1. Out of 10,295 inmates released in 1985, there were 4,944 (48.0%) who returned to custody within five years, 25.4% as new commitments and 22.6% for violation of parole (see Table 2, p.6).
2. People released via parole tended to have a lower rate of return (47.9%) than did conditional releases (50.7%) (see Table 1, p.3).
3. Of the 4,944 returned, the largest portion (58.6%) were returned within 24 months (see Table 3, p.9).
4. Among 8,467 offenders released via parole, 23.3% were returned for new felony convictions while 24.5% were returned for violation of parole. Among conditional releases, 33.0% were returned for new felonies while 17.7% were returned for parole violation (see Table 2, p.6).
5. Women had a much lower rate of return at 31.0% than did males at 48.8%. The proportion of women returned for new felonies at 13.0% was substantially below the proportion of males returned for new felonies at 25.9% (see Table 5, p.13).
6. Offenses with higher than average rates of return included: robbery (all degrees); burglary (all degrees); stolen property and Youthful Offenders. Among offenses with return rates below the average were murder; homicide (all); assault (all degrees); sex crimes; arson (all degrees); forgery; drugs; and other felonies (see Table 6, p.14).
7. Crimes of robbery were the most frequent felony offenses for which members of the 1985 release population were re-committed to DOCS custody. There were 624 robbery commitments or 23.9% of those returned to DOCS for new felonies. Burglary offenses had the second highest frequency at 605 or 23.2% followed by drug felonies at 582 (22.3%); dangerous weapons at 162 (6.2%); grand larceny at 102 (3.9%); and crimes of homicide at 96 (3.7%). No other crimes accounted for more than three percent (see Table 8, p.18).

8. Inmates who were younger at time of release had higher return rates. Of those under 21 years of age, 60.6% returned to custody within five years while 46.5% of those 21 and over returned (see Table 11, p.27).
9. There was some difference in the return rates between ethnic groups. Offenders of Hispanic birth or parentage returned at a rate of 55.0% while black offenders returned at a rate of 53.4% and whites returned at 32.3% (see Table 12, p.29).
10. People who had been sentenced as predicate felons had a substantially higher rate of return at 52.7% than did first felony offenders at 44.9% (see Table 13, p.30).
11. There appeared to be no clear relationship between time served in prison and rate of return to prison (see Table 14, p.33).
12. The largest portion of the study population had been originally committed from New York City. The highest rate of return was for New York City commitments at 52.2% while upstate cases returned at a rate of 37.7% and Suburban New York City cases returned at a rate of 40.5% (see Table 15, p.34).
13. Among offenders returned for new felonies, the proportion returned for drug crimes has risen from 8.0% in 1978 to 22.3% in 1985 (see Table 10, p.20).

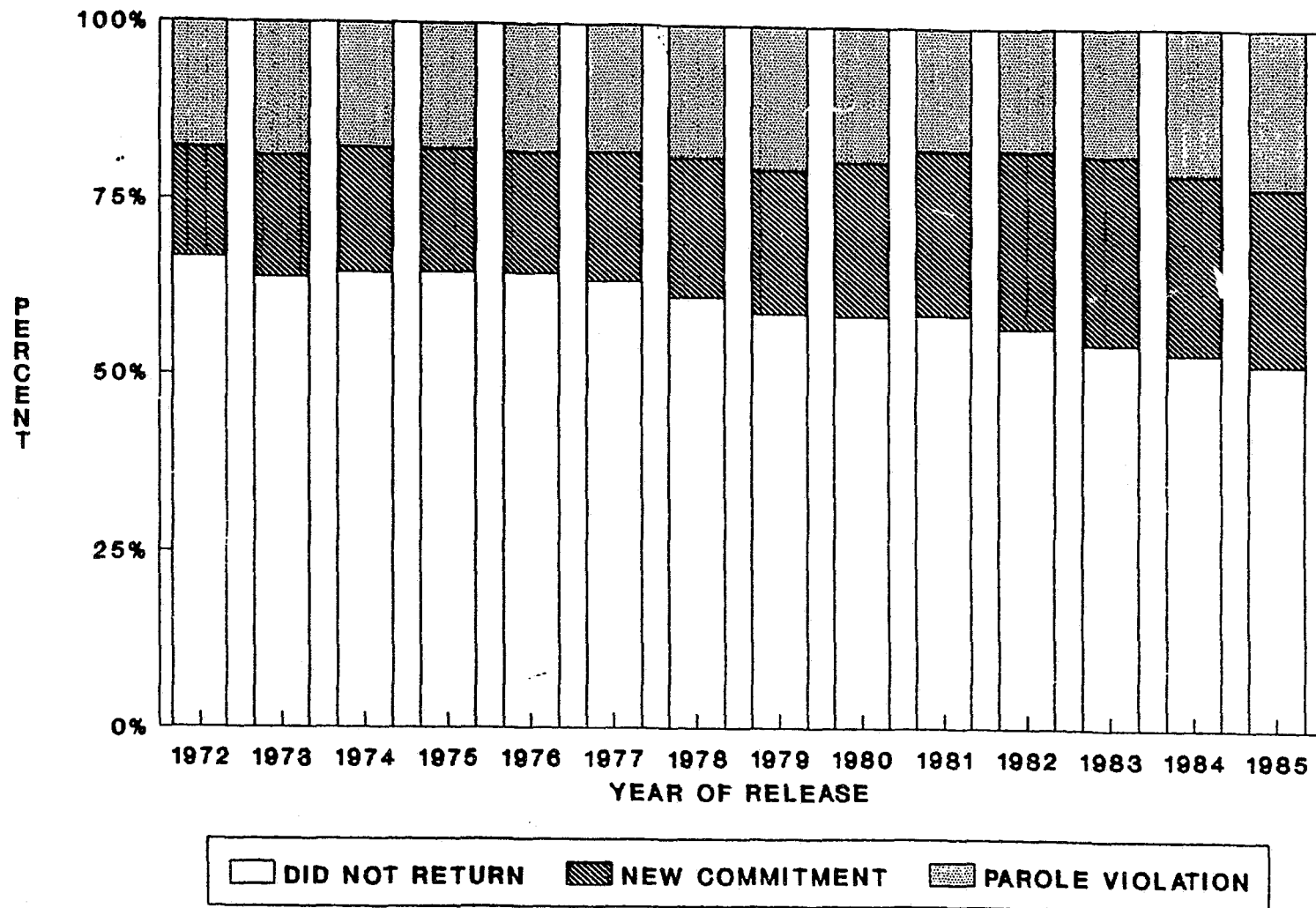
## 1985 RELEASES: FIVE YEAR POST RELEASE FOLLOW-UP

A total of 14,198 inmates were released from facilities of the Department of Correctional Services (DOCS) during calendar year 1985. From this total a study population of 10,295 inmates was selected that included 9,896 first releases to parole supervision (8,467 via parole and 1,429 via conditional release) and 399 persons discharged upon maximum expiration of sentence as their initial release during 1985. Excluded are a total of 3,903 releases which consist of: 2,466 released to parole supervision who had been previously released to parole supervision and subsequently returned to custody as violators; 87 released by court order; 170 absconders from temporary release; 11 escapes; 163 deaths; 728 transfers to other agencies; 263 other releases; and 15 maximum expiration of sentence cases who had already been released to parole supervision before and returned as violators during 1985.

The purpose of this report is to provide information on annual cohorts of inmates released from DOCS facilities as well as the proportion and characteristics of these offenders who are subsequently returned to facility custody within five years of release. This methodology is utilized by many criminal justice agencies in studies of recidivism including the United States Department of Justice. This study does not attempt to determine whether an offender who leaves prison via parole or conditional release is under parole supervision at the time that the offender is returned to prison. Therefore, assumptions should not be made from this study as to the effectiveness of parole supervision. DOCS and the Division of Parole are presently coordinating the development of a shared data base on our mainframe computer. This information will eventually allow the application of data relevant to the period of parole supervision to be added to these analyses. We will then be able to determine which returns are made while the offender is still under parole supervision as well as learn more about the relationship between length of supervision and return to prison.

Each case in the study group is followed up for a period of five years from date of release to ascertain if a return to DOCS custody occurred. Of the study group, 5,351 or 52.0% did not return to custody during the follow-up period. The remaining 4,944 (48.0%) were returned to a DOCS facility at least once during the follow-up period.

CHART 1  
1972 - 1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY



RETURNS TO CUSTODY BY RELEASE TYPE Three types of release are included in the 10,295 study cohort of inmates released during 1985. The largest group is composed of 8,467 inmates who were released at the discretion of the Board of Parole. The next largest group were conditional releases (CR's). These 1,429 inmates were released to parole supervision after serving two-thirds of their maximum sentence. The third release group includes 399 inmates released upon maximum expiration (ME) of their sentence.

The highest rate of return was registered by the CR group with 50.7% or 725 returned during the five years subsequent to release. The proportion of returns among parolees was 47.9% or 4,054 returns. While discharges upon maximum expiration of sentence registered an apparent rate of return of 41.4% it must be noted that the ME group is not subject to the conditions of parole or post release supervision and may be returned to DOCS only on commitment by the courts following conviction for a felony offense.

TABLE 1  
1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY  
BY TYPE OF RELEASE

Release Type	1985 Releases	Number Returned	Percent Returned
Total Releases	10,295	4,944	48.0%
Parole	8,467	4,054	47.9%
Conditional Release	1,429	725	50.7%
Maximum Expiration	399	165	41.4%

Over the 14-year period 1972-1985, there was an initial decline in the volume of releases which fell from 5,593 in 1972 to 5,222 in 1974. Subsequent years with the exception of 1978 and 1981 registered annual incremental growth with a high of 10,295 reached in 1985. Parole releases started at 3,582 in 1972, initially increased to 3,788 persons in 1973, in contrast to ME's which dropped from 979 to 561. In subsequent years paroles have generally increased, reaching a high of 8,467 in 1985. ME's did not share in this increase falling to 328 in 1979 and then rising to 572 in 1981. Conditional releases increased from 1,032 in 1972 to a high of 2,194 in 1980.

The overall rate of return for the 14 release cohorts varied by 14.4% from a low rate of return of 33.6% in 1972 to a high of 48.0% in 1985. The highest rates of return for the parole and conditional release groups occurred in 1985 at 47.9% and 50.7% respectively while the highest rate of return for ME's occurred in 1984 at 46.0%.

RETURNS TO CUSTODY: FELONY COMMITMENTS AND PAROLE VIOLATION

In New York State, inmates released to parole supervision, either at the discretion of the Board of Parole or by mandatory CR after satisfactory completion of two-thirds of their maximum sentence, are subject to abide by the general rules governing parole for the remaining unexpired portion of their sentence. A serious violation of these rules during the period of supervision may result in the return of the parolee to DOCS' custody as a violator at the discretion of the Board of Parole. Inmates released upon maximum expiration of sentence are not subject to the rules of parole and may not be returned as violators. When an offender commits a new felony subsequent to release, the court must sentence the offender to a new indeterminate term to be served in DOCS custody regardless of prior type of release.

If the reader wishes to compare the rate of return in New York State with return rates of other states, it is critical to understand that many states have adapted a determinate sentencing policy. With determinate sentencing the offender serves the balance of his or her sentence in prison with either no period of parole supervision or only an abbreviated period of parole with a very limited provision for return to prison in the event parole is violated. Under the indeterminate sentence policy of New York State, the offender remains under parole supervision until the maximum expiration of the sentence. It is not unusual for an offender to serve more time on parole than in prison. As noted above, during this period of supervision the offender may be returned to prison, not only for a new felony conviction, but also for violation of the conditions of parole, should the Board of Parole construe such a violation to be a possible threat to public safety. In order to compare return rates between states, only offenders returned for conviction on a new felony charge should be counted. Returns for parole violation should only be compared to states with indeterminate sentencing policies similar to those of New York State.

In the 1985 release cohort there are marked differences between the parole, CR, and ME groups in the reason for return to custody. The parole group had the lowest proportion of those released who were later returned for new felony offenses, 23.3%. An additional 24.5% were returned for violation of parole. The proportion of the CR release cohort returned for new felony offenses was somewhat higher at 33.0%, while 17.7% were returned as violators. The maximum expiration of sentence group represents the highest proportion of returns for new felony offenses at 41.1%. No parole violation returns are possible for the ME group. The inmates released via maximum expiration of sentence had virtually all been released in prior years to parole supervision and returned to custody as violators. In contrast, the parole and conditional release groups include only original releases upon the sentence being served. Thus, the ME group includes inmates who, for the most part, had previously failed to successfully complete a period of parole supervision and who might reasonably be expected to experience a higher return rate than first releases.

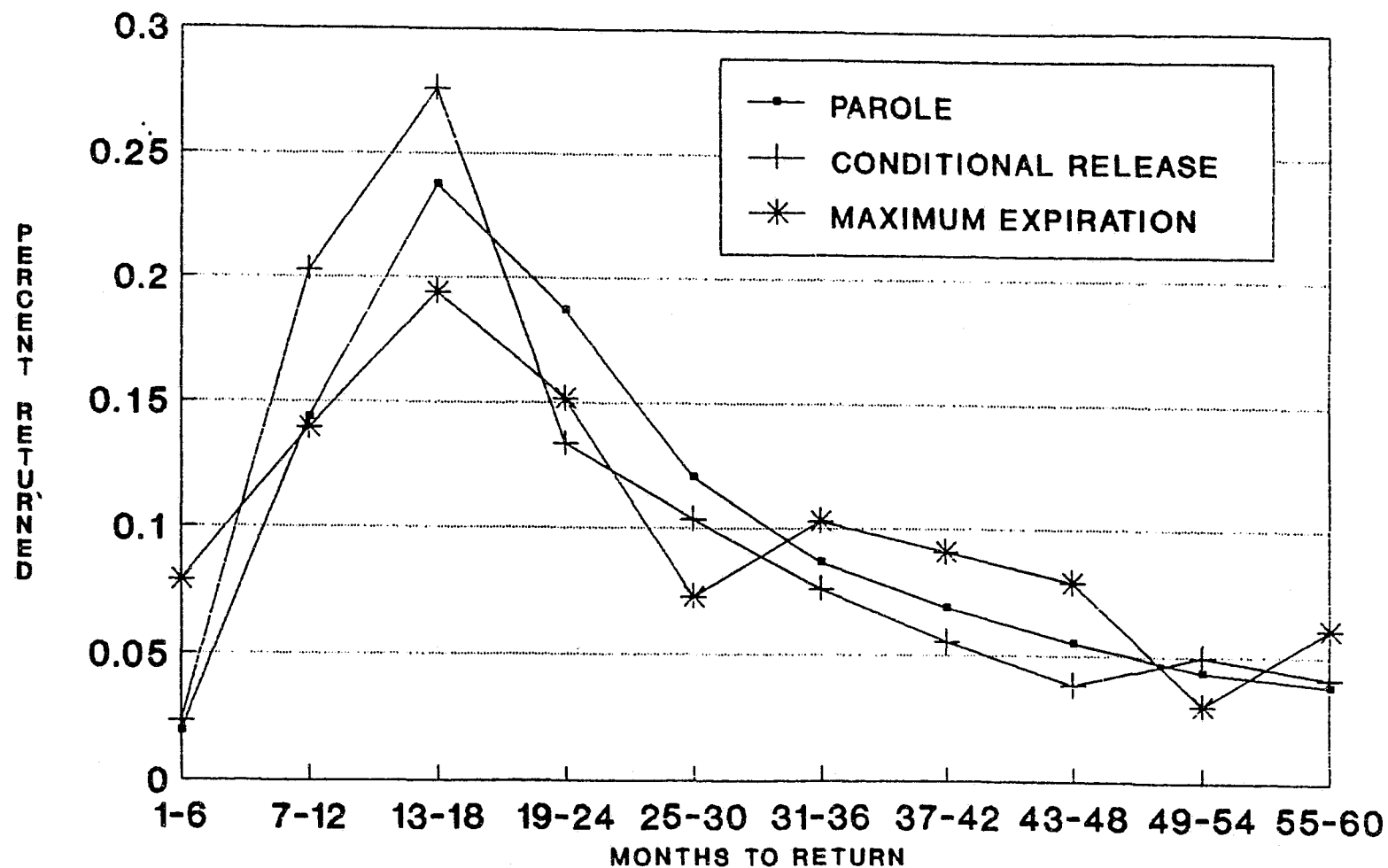


TABLE 2  
1972 - 1985 RELEASES: RETURNS FOR NEW FELONY  
OFFENSES AND FOR VIOLATION OF PAROLE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972-1985	101,393	41,482	40.9%	22,208	21.9%	19,274	19.0%
PAROLE	71,663	28,665	40.0%	13,813	19.3%	14,852	20.7%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	23,055	10,509	45.6%	6,087	26.4%	4,422	19.2%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	6,675	2,308	34.6%	2,308	34.6%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1985	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,613	25.4%	2,331	22.6%
PAROLE	8,467	4,054	47.9%	1,976	23.3%	2,078	24.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,429	725	50.7%	472	33.0%	253	17.7%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	399	165	41.4%	165	41.4%	0	0.0%

Among the 14 release cohorts encompassing the period 1972 - 1985 there was some change in the proportion of inmates returned as new felony commitments who had been originally released by discretionary parole. The average rate of return of paroles for new commitment was 19.3% ranging from a low of 12.8% in 1972 to a high of 24.7% for the 1983 release cohort. The average rate of return for violation only for persons released by parole was 20.7% ranging from a low of 18.5% for the 1976 release cohort to a high of 24.5% for the 1985 cohort. Among conditional releases the average rate of return for new commitment was 26.4% ranging from a low of 17.0% in 1972 to a high of 33.7% in 1983. Conditional releases returned for violation of parole averaged 19.2% with a low of 15.7% in 1983 to a high of 22.3% in 1976. Among the maximum expiration of sentence cases the average rate of return was 34.6%, all of which were new commitments. The rate of return for maximum expiration of sentence cases increased from a low of 24.4% in 1972 to a high of 46.0% in 1984. (See Appendix Table A, p.45)

**CHART 2**  
**1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY**  
**TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE**



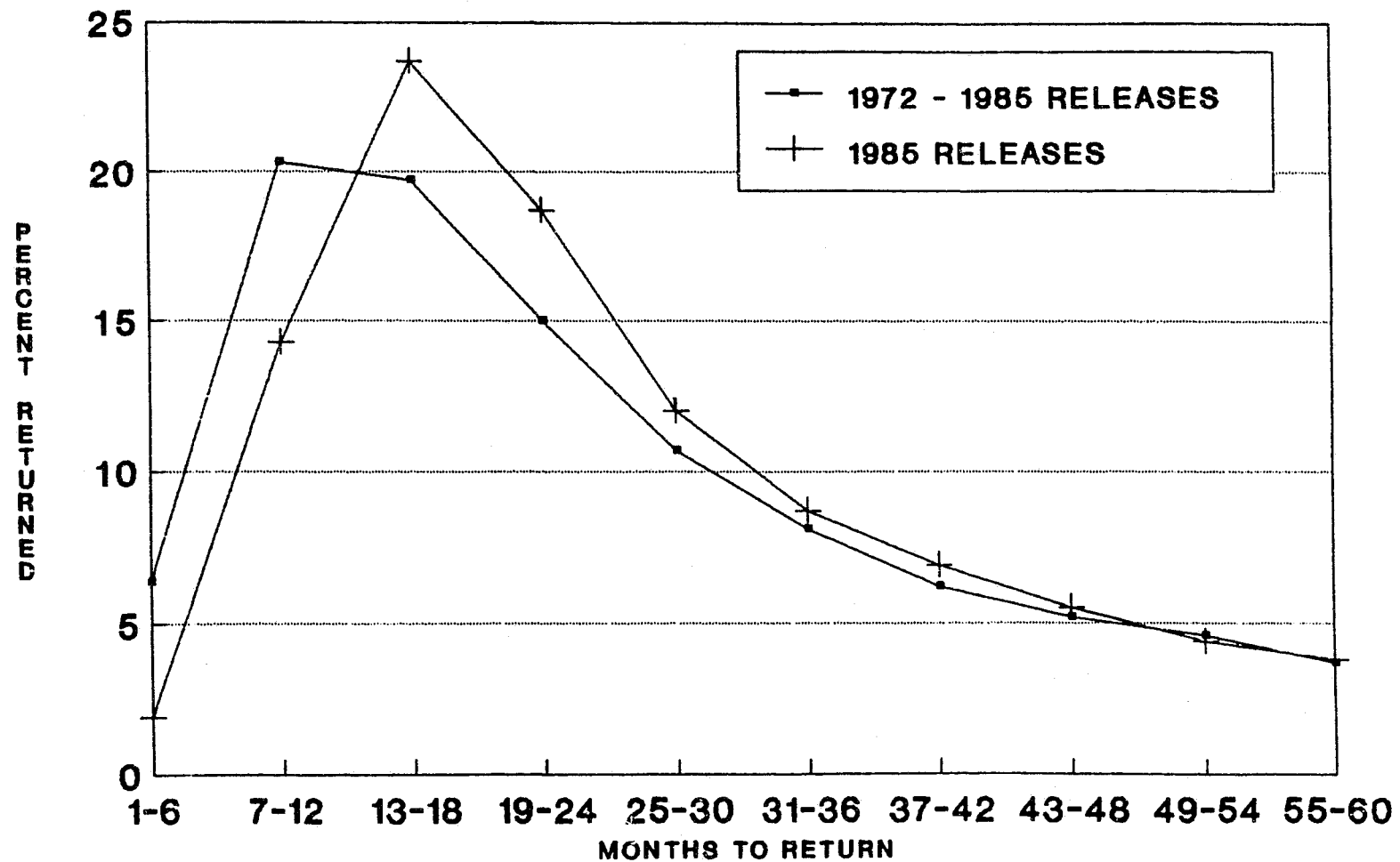
**RETURNS TO CUSTODY: TIME TO RETURN** Among the 1985 releases who returned, the largest portion of offenders returned during the 13th-18th month period subsequent to date of release. The 19th-24th month period accounted for the next largest group of returns. Combined, these two periods accounted for over a third (42.4%) of those returned. Of all returns, 58.6% were back in DOCS custody within 24 months after release. Subsequent periods account for declining portions of the return cohort. The median time between date of release and initial return was 22.2 months.

TABLE 3

1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY  
BY TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE

TYPE OF RELEASE								
ELAPSED TIME BETWEEN RELEASE AND RETURN (MONTHS)	TOTAL RELEASED NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	PAROLE NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	CR NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	ME NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED
NUMBER RELEASED	10,295	xxx	8,467	xxx	1,429	xxx	399	xxx
PORTION RETURNED	4,944	100.0%	4,054	100.0%	725	100.0%	165	100.0%
1 - 6 MONTHS	96	1.9%	66	1.6%	17	2.3%	13	7.9%
7 - 12 MONTHS	709	14.3%	539	13.3%	147	20.3%	23	13.9%
13 - 18 MONTHS	1,174	23.7%	942	23.2%	200	27.6%	32	19.4%
19 - 24 MONTHS	924	18.7%	802	19.8%	97	13.4%	25	15.2%
25 - 30 MONTHS	595	12.0%	508	12.5%	75	10.3%	12	7.3%
31 - 36 MONTHS	428	8.7%	356	8.8%	55	7.6%	17	10.3%
37 - 42 MONTHS	340	6.9%	285	7.0%	40	5.5%	15	9.1%
43 - 48 MONTHS	272	5.5%	231	5.7%	28	3.9%	13	7.9%
49 - 54 MONTHS	216	4.4%	175	4.3%	36	5.0%	5	3.0%
55 - 60 MONTHS	190	3.8%	150	3.7%	30	4.1%	10	6.1%
MEDIAN MONTHS TO RETURN	22.2	xxx	22.6	xxx	19	xxx	22.5	xxx

**CHART 3**  
**1972 - 1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY**  
**TIME TO RETURN**



The pattern of time to return to DOCS custody was somewhat similar for the combined 1972-1985 release cohorts to that of the 1985 cohort. Well over half of those returned (61.4%) were back in prison within 24 months of release. The portion returned in each subsequent six-month period declined following a high in the 7-12 month period. The time to return was longer for the 1985 cohort with a median time of 22.2 months compared to the 20.4 months for the combined 1972-1985 group. Both the parole and CR groups for 1985 shared in this longer median time between release and return while the ME cases for 1985 showed a reduced median time to return.

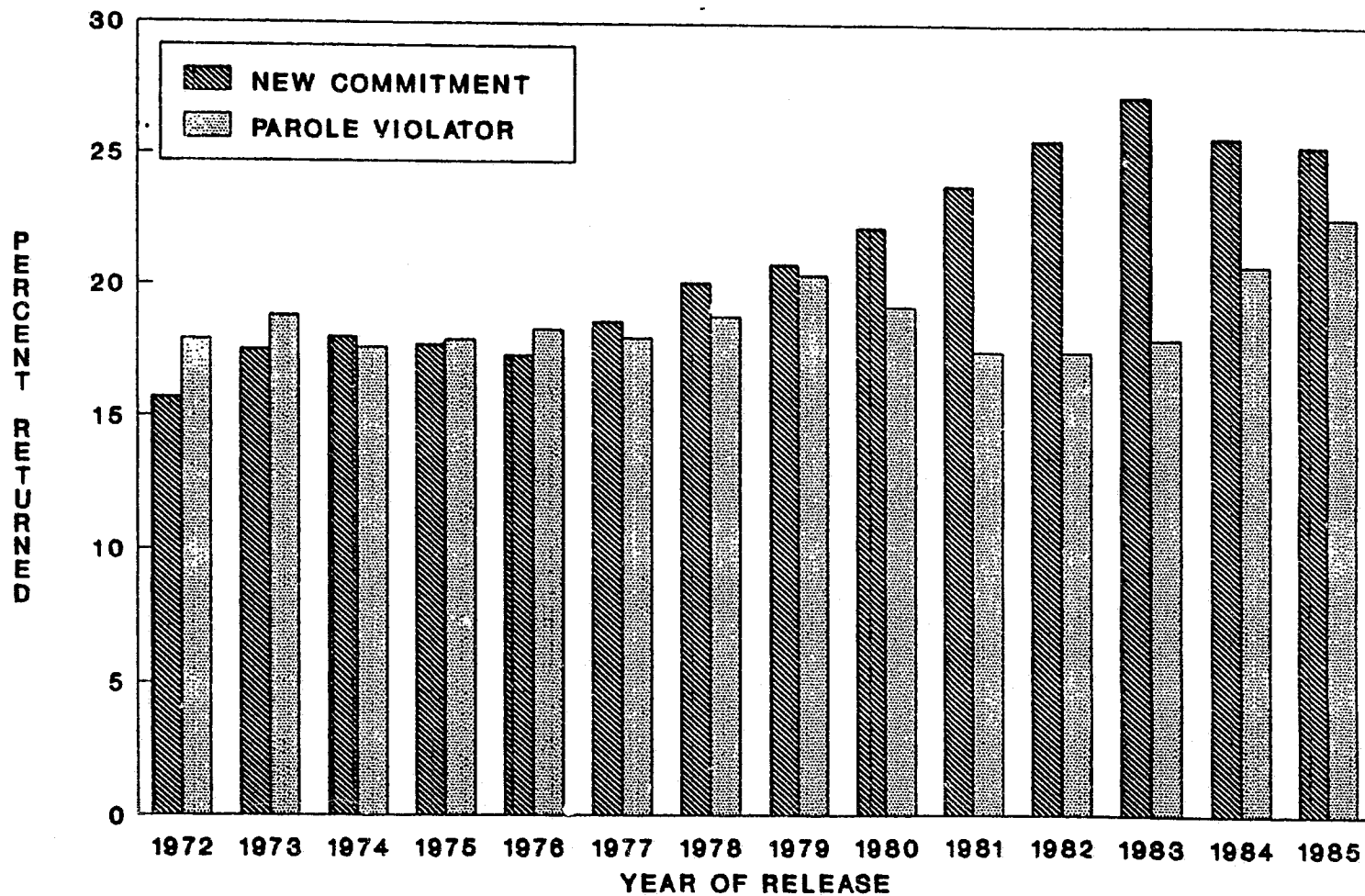
When considering these time patterns, the reader should be aware that our definition of recidivism, return to DOCS, measures the speed of the system just as much as it measures the length of time it takes for an offender to return to criminal activity.

TABLE 4

1972 - 1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY  
BY TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE

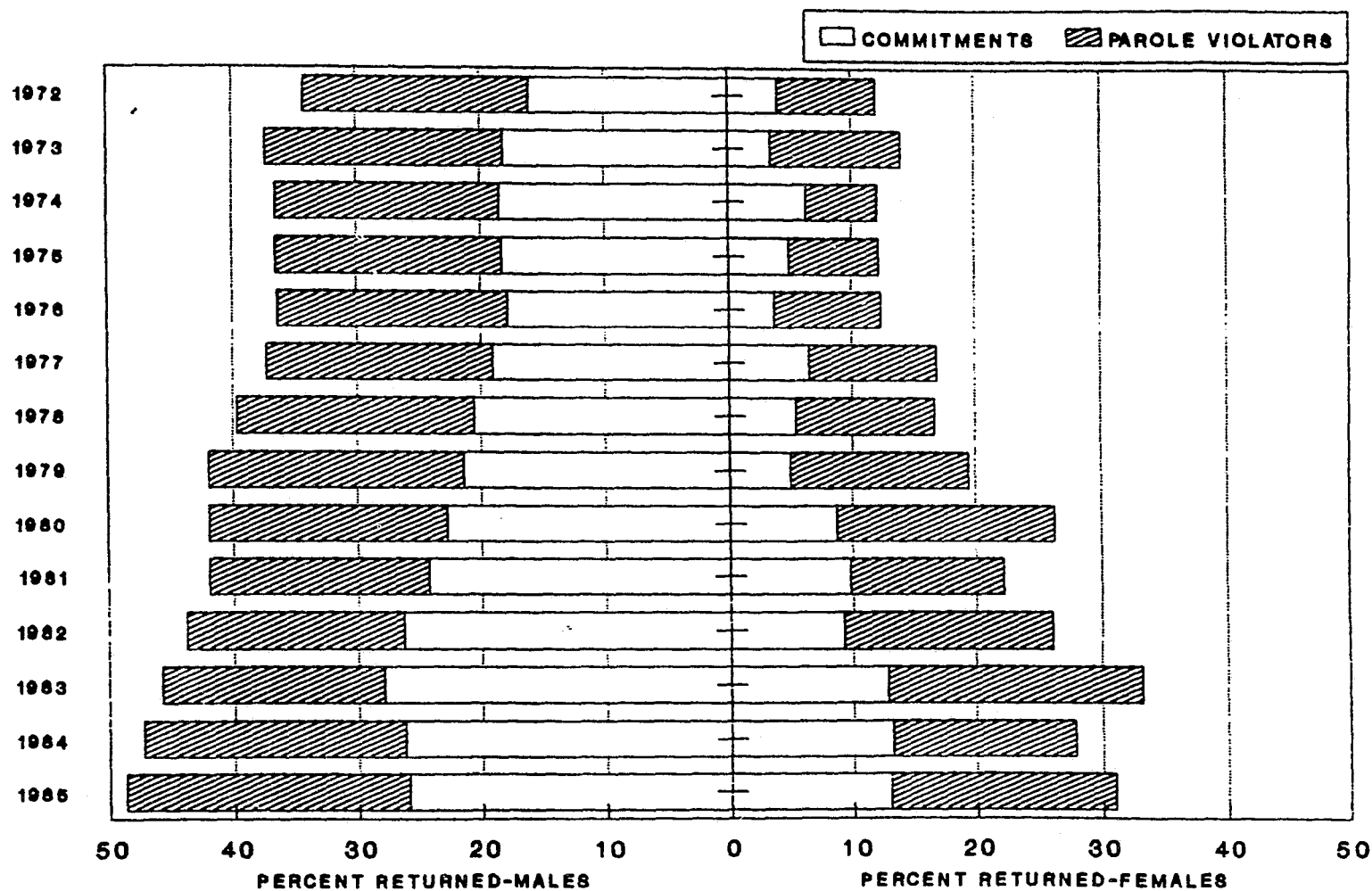
ELAPSED TIME BETWEEN RELEASE AND RETURN (MONTHS)	TYPE OF RELEASE							
	TOTAL RELEASED NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	PAROLE NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	CR NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	ME NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED
NUMBER RELEASED	101,393	xxx	71,663	xxx	23,055	xxx	6,675	xxx
PORTION RETURNED	41,483	100.0%	28,665	100.0%	10,510	100.0%	2,308	100.0%
1 - 6 MONTHS	2,659	6.4%	1,519	5.3%	1,021	9.7%	119	5.2%
7 - 12 MONTHS	8,408	20.3%	5,311	18.5%	2,737	26.0%	360	15.6%
13 - 18 MONTHS	8,192	19.7%	5,817	20.3%	1,979	18.8%	396	17.2%
19 - 24 MONTHS	6,225	15.0%	4,575	16.0%	1,284	12.2%	366	15.9%
25 - 30 MONTHS	4,430	10.7%	3,231	11.3%	948	9.0%	251	10.9%
31 - 36 MONTHS	3,366	8.1%	2,464	8.6%	682	6.5%	220	9.5%
37 - 42 MONTHS	2,572	6.2%	1,817	6.3%	589	5.6%	166	7.2%
43 - 48 MONTHS	2,164	5.2%	1,524	5.3%	471	4.5%	169	7.3%
49 - 54 MONTHS	1,925	4.6%	1,356	4.7%	426	4.1%	143	6.2%
55 - 60 MONTHS	1,542	3.7%	1,051	3.7%	373	3.5%	118	5.1%
MEDIAN MONTHS TO RETURN	20.4	xxx	21.2	xxx	17.5	xxx	23.6	xxx

CHART 4  
1972 - 1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY  
TYPE OF RETURN



CHARACTERISTICS OF RELEASE AND RETURN POPULATIONS The following section presents selected characteristics of the 1985 study group. Where available, similar data are provided for the total 101,393 offenders released over the 1972-1985 period. The selected characteristics include: gender; reason for commitment; age on release; prior adult record; ethnic group; time served in DOCS custody; sentence; drug felons; and region. The reader is cautioned not to automatically assume a causative relationship where certain characteristics exhibit a high correlation with rate of return to custody. The factors which determine return of an individual to prison are numerous and their interaction is often complex. It is hoped that a review of these selected characteristics will, however, identify areas for future in-depth study which will provide greater insight into the overall process by which certain persons are subject to reincarceration while others are able to maintain themselves in a free society.

**CHART 5**  
**1972 - 1985 RELEASES: RETURNS BY GENDER**  
**COMMITMENT AND PAROLE VIOLATION**





**GENDER** The largest portion of the 1985 study population consisted of male inmates (9,872 or 95.9%). This is consistent with the composition of the total inmate population at the close of 1985 where only about 3% were females. The rate of return for females was substantially less than the return rate for men. Of the 423 women in the study population, only 131 or 31.0% returned within the follow-up period while 4,813 or 48.8% of the males returned. The proportion of women returned for new felony offenses at 13.0% was about one-half the rate for males (25.9%). The proportion of women returned for parole violation was also lower than the proportion of male returns, 18.0% compared to 22.8% respectively.

As with the 1985 study group, the combined releases for 1972-1985 was predominated by males, 97,613 compared to 3,780 women. Males returned at nearly twice the rate of females (41.6% compared to 22.2%). As in 1985, males were much more likely to be returned for a new felony offense (22.4%) than were women with a new commitment rate of only 8.5%. It should be noted, however, that the proportion of women returning as new commitments, with the 13.0% reported for the 1985 cohort, was almost four times greater than the low of 3.4% reported in 1973. (See Appendix Table B, p.46)

TABLE 5  
1972 - 1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY BY GENDER

GENDER AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
1972 - 1985 COMBINED RELEASES							
TOTAL RELEASES	101,393	41,485	40.9%	22,207	21.9%	19,278	19.0%
MALES	97,613	40,645	41.6%	21,887	22.4%	18,758	19.2%
FEMALES	3,780	840	22.2%	320	8.5%	520	13.8%
1985 RELEASES							
TOTAL	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,613	25.4%	2,331	22.6%
MALES	9,872	4,813	48.8%	2,558	25.9%	2,255	22.8%
FEMALES	423	131	31.0%	55	13.0%	76	18.0%

TABLE 6

1985 RELEASES: ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE  
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1985 RELEASES COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,612	25.4%	2,332	22.7%
A. VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	5,974	3,049	51.0%	1,520	25.4%	1,529	25.6%
MURDER	31	3	9.7%	1	3.2%	2	6.5%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	79	25	31.6%	11	13.9%	14	17.7%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	339	123	36.3%	51	15.0%	72	21.2%
RAPE 1ST	193	91	47.2%	40	20.7%	51	26.4%
ROBBERY 1ST	1,678	914	54.5%	419	25.0%	495	29.5%
ROBBERY 2ND	1,546	910	58.9%	471	30.5%	439	28.4%
ASSAULT 1ST	152	55	36.2%	22	14.5%	33	21.7%
ASSAULT 2ND	170	54	31.8%	29	17.1%	25	14.7%
BURGLARY 1ST	84	47	56.0%	23	27.4%	24	28.6%
BURGLARY 2ND	897	497	55.4%	280	31.2%	217	24.2%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	50	21	42.0%	4	8.0%	17	34.0%
SODOMY 1ST	60	20	33.3%	7	11.7%	13	21.7%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	88	30	34.1%	20	22.7%	10	11.4%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	592	252	42.6%	140	23.6%	112	18.9%
KIDNAPPING	15	7	46.7%	2	13.3%	5	33.3%
B. OTHER FELONY OFFENSES	4,056	1,767	43.6%	1,023	25.2%	744	18.3%
1. OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	572	236	41.3%	137	24.0%	99	17.3%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	86	28	32.6%	14	16.3%	14	16.3%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	23	7	30.4%	3	13.0%	4	17.4%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	16	4	25.0%	4	25.0%	0	0.0%
ROBBERY 3RD	268	150	56.0%	90	33.6%	60	22.4%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	66	19	28.8%	14	21.2%	5	7.6%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	10	1	10.0%	1	10.0%	0	0.0%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	46	12	26.1%	5	10.9%	7	15.2%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	57	15	26.3%	6	10.5%	9	15.8%
2. DRUG OFFENSES	1,397	511	36.6%	263	18.8%	248	17.8%
3. PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES	2,087	1,020	48.9%	623	29.9%	397	19.0%
BURGLARY 3RD	934	521	55.8%	319	34.2%	202	21.6%
GRAND LARCENY	459	205	44.7%	115	25.1%	90	19.6%
FORGERY	190	72	37.9%	45	23.7%	27	14.2%
STOLEN PROPERTY	324	175	54.0%	113	34.9%	62	19.1%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	180	47	26.1%	31	17.2%	16	8.9%
C. YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	265	128	48.3%	69	26.0%	59	22.3%
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
D. DATA NOT AVAILABLE	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

SEE APPENDIX TABLE C FOR 1978-1985 AGGREGATE DATA.

REASON FOR COMMITMENT The greatest part (97.4%) of the 1985 study population had been originally committed for felony offenses. The remainder, 265 or 2.6% were Youthful Offenders. Table 7 groups commitment offenses into the violent offense and other offense categories as specified in the 1978 New York State legislation which designates certain crimes against persons as violent felony offenses (VFO).

There was some difference in the rate of return between the four major felony groups shown in Table 7. The highest rate of return (51.0%) was registered by the VFO group. The property and other offense group had the next highest rate of return at 48.9% followed by the offenses involving violence and/or coercion group at 41.3%. The lowest return rate among the major felony groups was for drug offenders at 36.6%. The Youthful Offender group had a return rate of 48.3%.

There were marked differences in the rate of return between individual crimes. Among those offenses with higher than average rates of return we find: robbery (all degrees); burglary (all degrees); stolen property and Youthful Offenders. Among offenses with return rates below the average were murder; homicide (all); assault (all degrees); sex crimes; arson (all degrees); forgery; drugs; and other felonies. (See Appendix Table C on page 47 for aggregate data for the 1978-1985 release cohorts).

For the 14 annual release cohorts of the 1972-1985 period, offenses have been grouped into 11 or the larger generic felony categories plus Youthful Offenders. (See Table 7 on page 17 and Appendix Table D on page 48). The average rate of return for these 14 release cohorts, by offense category, from lowest to highest rate of return, is as follows: releases in the murder category returned at a rate of 23.4%; manslaughter at 25.8%; drugs at 26.0%; other sex offenses and assault at 32.3%; dangerous weapons offenses at 33.8%; other felonies at 37.2%; rape at 38.6%; grand larceny at 40.1%; forgery at 40.9%; robbery at 47.3% and burglary at 52.4%. The return rate for Youthful Offenders was 46.1%.

Over the 1972-1985 period the rate of return increased by 14.4% from 33.6% in 1972 to 48.0% in 1985. The four offense categories with the greatest change in rate of return include: rape up 26.3%; murder and dangerous weapons up 17.7% and robbery up 16.9%.

**CHART 6**  
**1972 - 1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY**  
**OFFENSE ON ORIGINAL COMMITMENT**

**SELECTED OFFENSES**

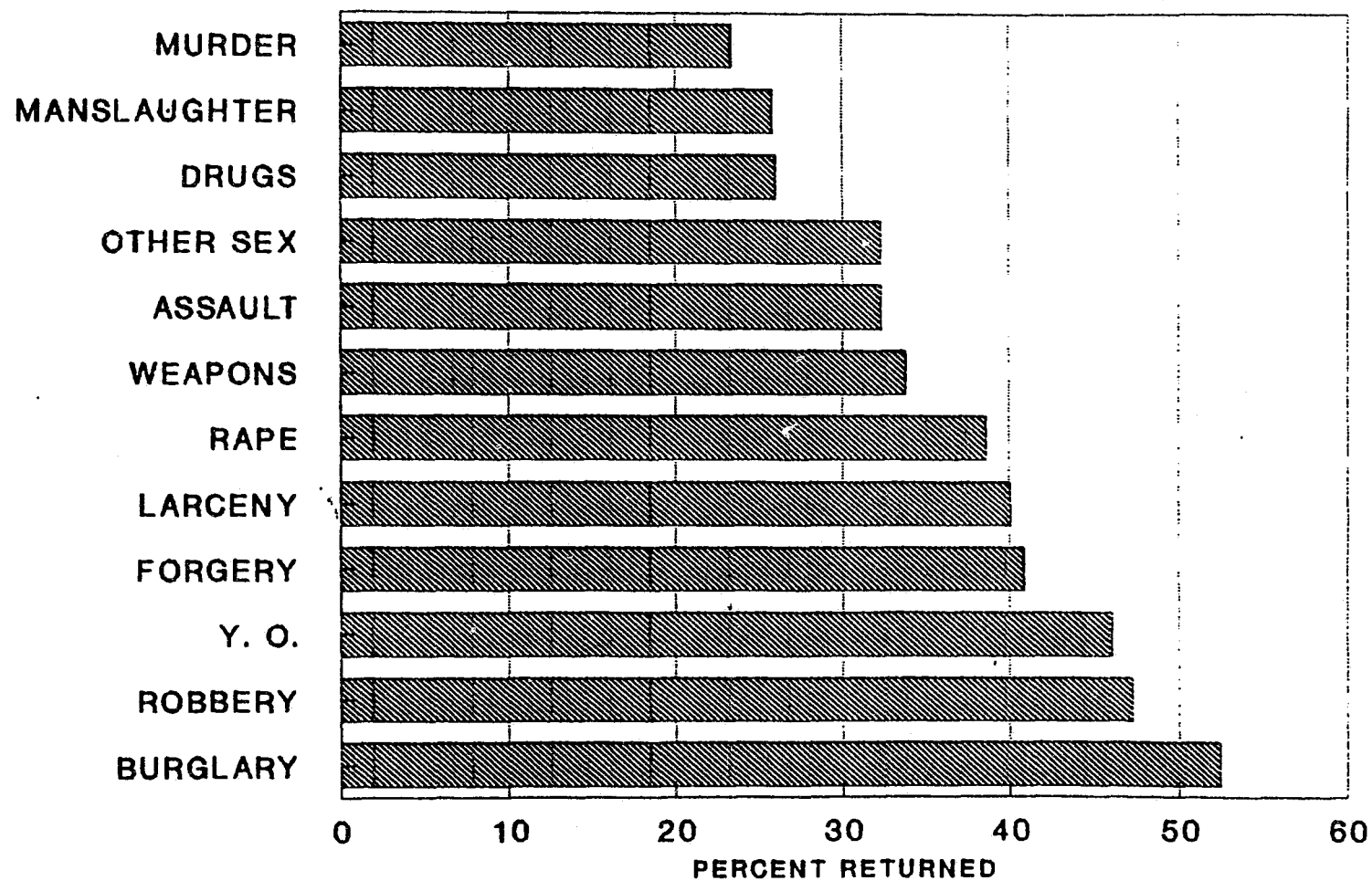


TABLE 7

1972 - 1985 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1972 - 1985 RELEASES			1972 RELEASES			1985 RELEASES		
	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	101,393	41,483	40.9% :	5,593	1,877	33.6% :	10,295	4,944	48.0%
TOTAL FELONIES	95,003	38,630	40.7% :	4,892	1,597	32.6% :	10,030	4,816	48.0%
MURDER	1,021	239	23.4% :	77	6	7.8% :	110	28	25.5%
MANSLAUGHTER	6,918	1,784	25.8% :	585	132	22.6% :	448	158	35.3%
ROBBERY	34,612	16,388	47.3% :	1,733	686	39.6% :	3,492	1,974	56.5%
BURGLARY	15,838	8,302	52.4% :	562	255	45.4% :	1,915	1,065	55.6%
ASSAULT	5,045	1,631	32.3% :	335	96	28.7% :	388	128	33.0%
LARCENY	4,139	1,658	40.1% :	373	119	31.9% :	459	205	44.7%
RAPE	1,769	682	38.6% :	68	13	19.1% :	209	95	45.5%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	1,420	459	32.3% :	73	20	27.4% :	158	51	32.3%
DRUGS	12,607	3,277	26.0% :	683	161	23.6% :	1,397	511	36.6%
FORGERY	1,517	620	40.9% :	89	30	33.7% :	190	72	37.9%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	5,092	1,722	33.8% :	169	42	24.9% :	592	252	42.6%
OTHER FELONIES	5,025	1,868	37.2% :	145	37	25.5% :	672	277	41.2%
MISDEMEANORS	426	133	31.2% :	217	75	34.6% :	0	0	0.0%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	5,726	2,638	46.1% :	465	198	42.6% :	265	128	48.3%
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	108	35	32.4% :	19	7	36.8% :	0	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	130	47	36.2% :	0	0	0.0% :	0	0	0.0%

TABLE 8  
1985 RELEASES: OFFENDERS RETURNED AS NEW FELONY COMMITMENTS  
BY CRIME ON RETURN FOR 1985 AND 1978 - 19843

CRIME ON RETURN	1985 RELEASES CRIME ON RETURN		1978 - 1984 RELEASES CRIME ON RETURN		CHANGE IN PERCENT RETURNED
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	
TOTAL	2,612	100.0%	13,513	100.0%	0.0%
A. VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	1,237	47.4%	7,601	56.2%	-8.9%
MURDER	66	2.5%	407	3.0%	-0.5%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	23	0.9%	150	1.1%	-0.2%
RAPE 1ST	31	1.2%	215	1.6%	-0.4%
ROBBERY 1ST	251	9.6%	1,970	14.6%	-5.0%
ROBBERY 2ND	269	10.3%	1,619	12.0%	-1.7%
ASSAULT 1ST	27	1.0%	136	1.0%	0.0%
ASSAULT 2ND	37	1.4%	227	1.7%	-0.3%
BURGLARY 1ST	26	1.0%	145	1.1%	-0.1%
BURGLARY 2ND	308	11.8%	1,509	11.2%	0.6%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	2	0.1%	36	0.3%	-0.2%
SODOMY 1ST	15	0.6%	68	0.5%	0.1%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	14	0.5%	71	0.5%	0.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	162	6.2%	1,020	7.5%	-1.3%
KIDNAPPING	6	0.2%	28	0.2%	0.0%
B. OTHER FELONY OFFENSES	1,375	52.6%	5,912	43.8%	8.9%
1. OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	165	6.3%	789	5.8%	0.5%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	7	0.3%	19	0.1%	0.1%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	1	0.0%	17	0.1%	-0.1%
ROBBERY 3RD	104	4.0%	558	4.1%	-0.1%
ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	6	0.2%	31	0.2%	0.0%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	47	1.8%	164	1.2%	0.6%
2. DRUG OFFENSES	582	22.3%	1,666	12.3%	10.0%
3. PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES	628	24.0%	3,457	25.6%	-1.5%
BURGLARY 3RD	271	10.4%	1,838	13.6%	-3.2%
GRAND LARCENY	102	3.9%	617	4.6%	-0.7%
FORGERY	49	1.9%	261	1.9%	-0.1%
STOLEN PROPERTY	62	2.4%	480	3.6%	-1.2%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	144	5.5%	261	1.9%	3.6%

CRIME ON RETURN Of the 10,295 inmates in the 1985 release study cohort, 2,612 or 25.4% were returned to DOCS custody following conviction for a new felony offense subsequent to their release in 1985. This section will look at the crimes for which these offenders were returned to prison.

Crimes of robbery were the most frequent felony offenses for which members of the 1985 release population were re-committed to DOCS custody. There were 624 robbery commitments or 23.9% of those returned to DOCS for new felonies. Burglary offenses had the second highest frequency at 605 or 23.2% followed by drug felonies at 582 (22.3%); dangerous weapons at 162 (6.2%); grand larceny at 102 (3.9%); and crimes of homicide at 96 (3.7%). No other crimes accounted for more than three percent.

The distribution of crimes for which offenders are returned to custody has remained relatively constant over time. For example, the crimes of robbery and burglary each account for one-quarter to one-third of the returns from each release cohort. Changes, however, do occur over time. Table 8 compares the distribution of return crimes of the 1985 study population to distribution experienced by the seven previous (1978-1984) release cohorts.

TABLE 9  
1985 RELEASES: OFFENDERS RETURNED AS FELONY COMMITMENTS BY RETURN COMMITMENT OFFENSE

COMMITMENT OFFENSE	CRIME ON RETURN																										
	TOTAL	MURDER	ATTEMPTED MURDER	MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	RAPE 1ST	ROBBERY 1ST	ROBBERY 2ND	ASSAULT 1ST	ASSAULT 2ND	BURGLARY 1ST	BURGLARY 2ND	ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	SODOMY 1ST	SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	DANGEROUS WEAPONS	KIDNAPPING	MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	ATT. SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	ROBBERY 3RD	ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	DRUGS	PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES	YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS
TOTAL	2,612	43	23	23	31	251	269	27	37	26	308	2	15	14	162	6	7	1	104	6	47	271	102	582	49	62	144
A. VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	1,520	32	18	13	19	189	192	16	22	19	185	1	11	10	123	5	4	0	67	2	36	125	41	297	13	20	60
MURDER	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATTEMPTED MURDER	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	51	2	4	0	0	1	4	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	2	0	1	4	0	16	1	1	4
RAPE 1ST	40	1	0	0	5	3	6	1	0	2	4	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	5	0	1	1
ROBBERY 1ST	419	4	4	6	8	84	70	1	7	1	23	0	2	1	35	4	0	0	23	1	6	25	10	79	2	7	16
ROBBERY 2ND	471	12	3	4	3	67	76	5	9	5	39	1	1	1	39	1	3	0	30	1	11	23	15	92	1	3	26
ASSAULT 1ST	22	2	1	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	7	0	0	0
ASSAULT 2ND	29	2	0	0	1	3	2	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	6	0	1	1
BURGLARY 1ST	23	2	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	0
BURGLARY 2ND	280	2	2	0	0	7	17	1	1	7	100	0	1	1	13	0	0	0	5	0	6	57	6	40	7	3	4
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
SODOMY 1ST	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	20	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	1	1	1	2
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	140	5	3	3	0	18	6	2	1	1	8	0	1	0	21	0	0	0	4	0	5	6	4	43	1	2	6
KIDNAPPING	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. OTHER FELONY OFFENSES	1,022	11	4	10	12	51	67	7	14	6	115	1	4	4	35	1	3	1	33	4	10	141	57	272	35	42	82
1. OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	138	6	0	3	3	11	14	1	2	2	13	0	1	2	6	0	0	0	10	3	2	10	6	24	2	9	8
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	7	0	1	0	0
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ATT. SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY 3RD	90	2	0	1	1	9	13	1	1	1	7	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	10	0	2	7	5	10	2	6	7
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	1
ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	6	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
2. DRUGS	263	0	0	4	0	9	16	2	2	0	13	0	0	0	11	1	2	0	3	0	0	13	2	172	3	3	7
3. PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES	621	5	4	3	9	31	37	4	10	4	89	1	3	2	18	0	1	1	20	1	8	118	49	76	30	30	67
BURGLARY 3RD	319	3	2	2	4	19	19	2	5	1	56	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	8	0	4	98	12	39	6	6	26
GRAND LARCENY	114	1	0	0	1	5	11	1	1	1	10	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	8	0	1	7	16	12	5	6	20
FORGERY	45	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	8	4	14	1	3
STOLEN PROPERTY	113	0	0	1	3	4	4	1	2	2	19	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	10	13	20	4	17	6
ALL OTHER FELONIES	30	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	12
C. YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	69	0	1	0	0	10	10	4	1	1	8	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	1	5	4	13	1	0	2
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. DATA NOT AVAILABLE	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SEE APPENDIX TABLE E FOR 1978 - 1985 DATA.



CRIME ON RETURN BY PREVIOUS CRIME A question often asked is do offenders tend to repeat the same type of crime. The following section summarizes data on several specific crimes for which members of the 1978-1985 release cohorts were returned to DOCS custody. Data from these eight cohorts are used to provide a broader numeric base than would data for a single year as the number of annual returns for certain crimes is quite small. (See graph on page 22, as well as Table 10 and Appendix Table E on page 52).

Murder There were 399 (0.6%) offenders returned for the crime of murder among the 66,624 offenders included in the 1978-1985 release cohorts. Three persons originally committed for murder were returned for that crime. Among other offenders returned for murder, 173 (43.3%) had originally been committed for robbery (robbery 1st, 71; robbery 2nd, 80; and robbery 3rd, 22). Forty-five (11.3%) offenders originally committed for burglary (burglary 1st, 2; burglary 2nd, 12; and burglary 3rd, 31) were returned for murder. Other crimes of homicide accounted for 37 (9.3%) (attempted murder, 3; manslaughter 1st, 19; manslaughter 2nd, 13; and criminally negligent homicide, 2) of the returns for murder. Assault accounted for 36 (9.0%) of the murder returns; dangerous weapons for 29 (7.3%); sex offenses for 22; and Youthful Offenders at 21 (5.3%) each. No other crime category exceeded five percent of those returned for murder.

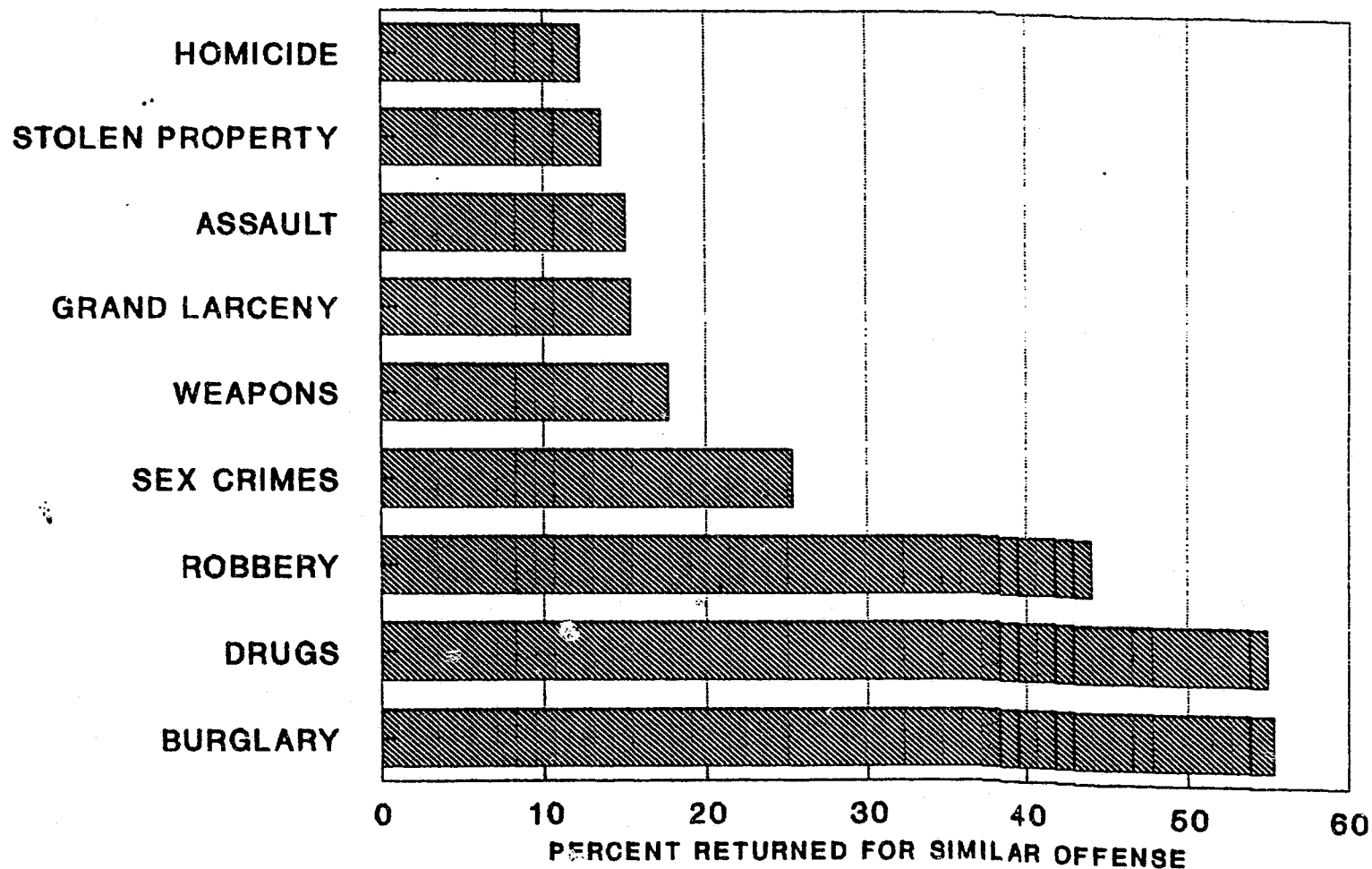
Robbery 1st The single largest crime on return was robbery 1st at 2,221. Of these, 1,257 (56.6%) had originally been committed for robbery (517 for robbery 1st; 536 for robbery 2nd; and 204 for robbery 3rd). Burglary made up the next largest group at 285 (12.8%) (11 for burglary 1st; 64 for burglary 2nd; and 210 for burglary 3rd). Youthful Offenders at 146 (6.6%) made up the next largest group. No other crime category exceeded five percent of those returned for robbery 1st.

Robbery 2nd There were 1,888 offenders returned for robbery 2nd. Of these 1,114 (59.0%) had originally been committed for robbery (353 for robbery 1st; 578 for robbery 2nd; and 183 for robbery 3rd). Burglary at 243 was the next largest group (7 for burglary 1st; 69 for burglary 2nd; and 167 for burglary 3rd). Youthful Offenders accounted for 135. No other crime category exceeded five percent of those returned for robbery 2nd.

Burglary 2nd There were 1,817 offenders returned for burglary 2nd. Of these, 1,010 (55.6%) had originally been committed for burglary (11 for burglary 1st; 328 for burglary 2nd; and 671 for burglary 3rd). There were 370 originally committed for robbery (123 for robbery 1st; 180 for robbery 2nd; and 67 for robbery 3rd). Youthful Offenders accounted for 92. No other crime category exceeded five percent of those returned for burglary 2nd.

**CHART 7**  
**1972-1985 RELEASES: PERCENT RETURNED FOR**  
**OFFENSES SIMILAR TO ORIGINAL OFFENSE**

**ORIGINAL OFFENSE**



Burglary 3rd There were 2,109 offenders returned for burglary 3rd. Of these, 1,086 (51.4%) had originally been committed for burglary (8 for burglary 1st; 174 for burglary 2nd; and 904 for burglary 3rd). There were 465 originally committed for robbery (135 for robbery 1st; 200 for robbery 2nd; and 130 for robbery 3rd). Youthful Offenders accounted for 121. No other crime category exceeded five percent of those returned for burglary 3rd.

Drugs There were 2,248 offenders returned for drug felonies. Of these, 655 (29.1%) had originally been committed for drugs. There were 737 originally committed for robbery (285 for robbery 1st; 359 for robbery 2nd; and 93 for robbery 3rd). Burglary accounted for 290 (6 for burglary 1st; 102 for burglary 2nd; and 182 for burglary 3rd) followed by dangerous weapons at 174. No other category exceeded five percent of those returned for drug felonies.

TABLE 10  
1972-1985 RELEASES: RETURNS BY AGE ON RELEASE

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	AGE AT TIME OF RELEASE										65 AND OVER
	TOTAL	16-18	19-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-64	
1972-1985 RELEASES	101,344	2,850	10,076	24,853	25,726	16,673	9,557	5,439	2,995	2,899	276
TOTAL RETURNED PERCENT RETURNED	41,469 40.9%	1,570 55.1%	5,238 52.0%	11,512 46.3%	10,866 42.2%	6,468 38.8%	3,141 32.9%	1,495 27.5%	695 23.2%	463 16.0%	21 7.6%
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT PERCENT RETURNED	22,193 21.9%	764 26.8%	2,938 29.2%	6,591 26.5%	5,935 23.1%	3,237 19.4%	1,539 16.1%	702 12.9%	299 10.0%	184 6.3%	4 1.4%
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION PERCENT RETURNED	14,897 14.7%	806 28.3%	2,300 22.8%	4,921 19.8%	4,931 19.2%	3,231 19.4%	1,602 15.8%	793 14.6%	396 13.2%	279 9.6%	17 6.2%
1985 RELEASES	10,295	193	907	2467	2569	1825	1153	564	311	286	20
TOTAL RETURNED PERCENT RETURNED	4,944 48.0%	120 62.2%	547 60.3%	1,397 56.6%	1,315 51.2%	829 45.4%	429 37.2%	171 30.3%	88 28.3%	44 15.4%	4 20.0%
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT PERCENT RETURNED	2,612 25.4%	61 31.6%	315 34.7%	755 30.6%	707 27.5%	412 22.6%	213 18.5%	86 15.2%	43 13.8%	19 6.6%	1 5.0%
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION PERCENT RETURNED	2,332 22.7%	59 30.6%	232 25.6%	642 26.0%	608 23.7%	417 22.8%	216 18.7%	85 15.1%	45 14.5%	25 8.7%	3 15.0%

AGE DATA NOT READILY AVAILABLE FOR 49 CASES.

AGE ON RELEASE The median age of the 1985 study population at time of release was 28.1 years. The largest age category was the 25-29 year old group which accounted for 2,569 (25.0%) of all releases. The releases tended to be under 30 years of age with 59.6% falling within the 16-29 age on release group which spans only 14 years while the remainder of the releases were spread over a 35 year plus category ranging from 30 to 65 and over.

Among those returned to custody, the median age at time of release was 26.6 years or 1.5 years younger than the total study population. Correspondingly, persons not returned had a median age of 29.7 years or 1.6 years greater than the total study population. The 16-18 year old group registered the highest rate of return with more than half (62.2%) returned within five years of release. The second highest return rate, 60.3%, occurred in the 19-20 year group followed by a 30.6% rate for the 21-24 year group. For the remaining age categories as age at time of release increased the proportion of cases returned to custody decreased for each age category. (See Table 11 and graph on page 26).

A somewhat similar pattern of returns is found for those returned for new felony commitments. The median age on release of those returned as new commitments was 26.2 years which is almost two years younger than the total study population. The 19-20 year old category had the highest rate of return at 34.7% followed by the 16-18 year old category with a new commitment rate of 31.6%. The proportion of returns decreased as age on release increased for each successive category. Among those returned for violation of parole the median age at time of release was 26.9 years, about one-half year greater than those return for new commitments. The pattern of higher return rates for younger releases was less pronounced for the returned violators. While the highest rate of return (30.6%) was found in the 16-18 year group, the next highest return rate, 26.0% occurred in the 21-24 age group followed by the 19-20 age group. Decreasing rates of return for successive age categories were found in the older age categories of returned parole violators.

The median age at time of release of the combined 1972-1985 study population was 27.5 years. The 21-29 category accounted for one-half of those released with another 12.8% being under 21 years of age. The remaining 37.3% of the study population fell into the 30 years and over categories.

Among those returned to custody, the median age on return was 25.7 years at time of release. This was 2.8 years younger than the 28.5 years of age of those who did not return. The 16-18 year old group registered the highest rate of return with over half (55.1%) returned within five years of release. Each successive age group had decreasing rates of return. This reduction in rate of return as age on release increased was found in each of the 14 study cohorts.

**CHART 8**  
**1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY**  
**AGE ON RELEASE**

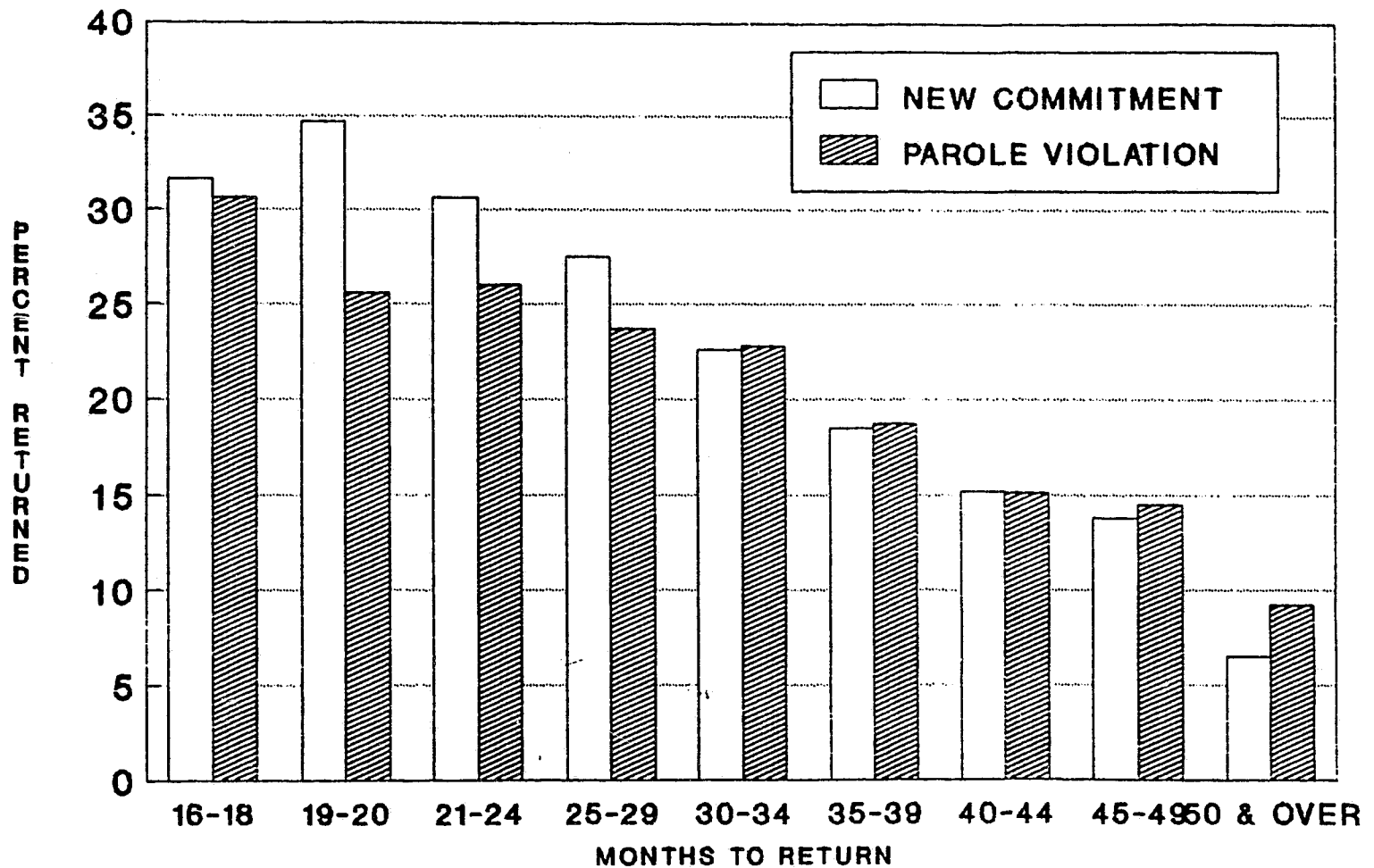
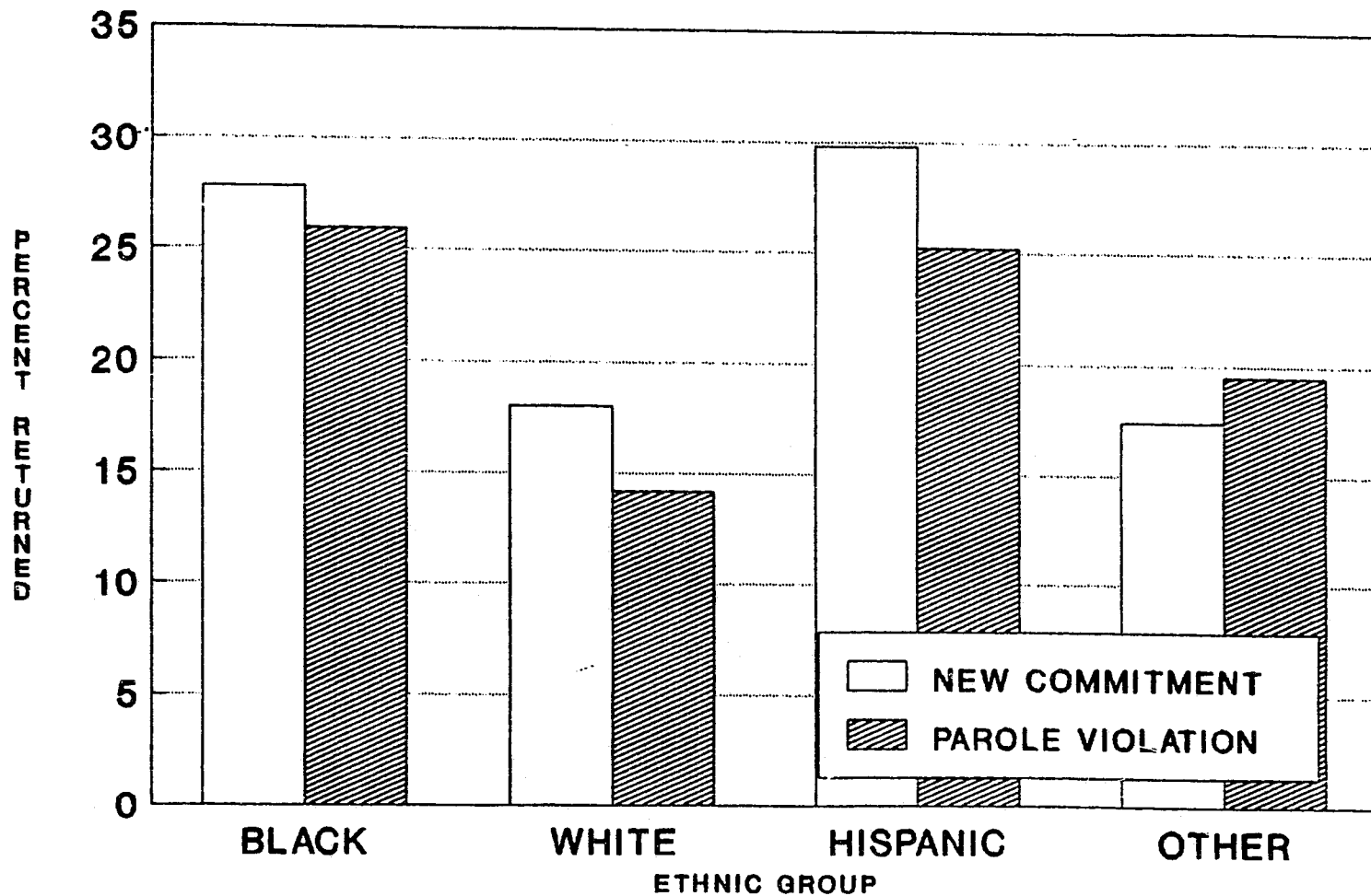


TABLE 11  
1972-1985 RELEASES: RETURNS BY AGE ON RELEASE

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	AGE AT TIME OF RELEASE					
	TOTAL	16-20	21-29	30-39	40-49	50 AND OVER
1972-1985 RELEASES	101,364	12,926	50,581	26,230	8,434	3,193
NUMBER RETURNED	41,463	6,808	22,378	9,609	2,183	485
PERCENT	40.9%	52.7%	44.2%	36.6%	25.9%	15.2%
1972 RELEASES	5,591	768	2,736	1,295	550	242
NUMBER RETURNED	1,877	354	950	427	108	38
PERCENT	33.6%	46.1%	34.7%	33.0%	19.6%	15.7%
1973 RELEASES	5,397	743	2,793	1,223	474	164
NUMBER RETURNED	1,958	356	1,093	359	123	27
PERCENT	36.3%	47.9%	39.1%	29.4%	25.9%	16.5%
1974 RELEASES	5,222	744	2,605	1,245	461	167
NUMBER RETURNED	1,859	347	981	402	104	25
PERCENT	35.6%	46.6%	37.7%	32.3%	22.6%	15.0%
1975 RELEASES	5,546	710	2,744	1,385	515	192
NUMBER RETURNED	1,973	372	1,054	409	116	22
PERCENT	35.6%	52.4%	38.4%	29.5%	22.5%	11.5%
1976 RELEASES	6,343	875	3,192	1,511	508	257
NUMBER RETURNED	2,259	411	1,225	485	98	40
PERCENT	35.6%	47.0%	38.4%	32.1%	19.3%	15.6%
1977 RELEASES	6,658	827	3,416	1,615	566	234
NUMBER RETURNED	2,440	418	1,294	558	132	38
PERCENT	36.6%	50.5%	37.9%	34.6%	23.3%	16.2%
1978 RELEASES	6,558	825	3,361	1,682	493	197
NUMBER RETURNED	2,548	423	1,368	598	130	29
PERCENT	38.9%	51.3%	40.7%	35.6%	26.4%	14.7%
1979 RELEASES	7,115	930	3,675	1,769	522	219
NUMBER RETURNED	2,928	490	1,641	630	125	42
PERCENT	41.2%	52.7%	44.7%	35.6%	23.9%	19.2%
1980 RELEASES	7,652	989	3,779	2,039	636	209
NUMBER RETURNED	3,169	525	1,723	741	148	32
PERCENT	41.4%	53.1%	45.6%	36.3%	23.3%	15.3%
1981 RELEASES	6,932	888	3,333	1,913	583	215
NUMBER RETURNED	2,858	455	1,500	707	167	29
PERCENT	41.2%	51.2%	45.0%	37.0%	28.6%	13.5%
1982 RELEASES	8,139	1,110	3,998	2,179	612	240
NUMBER RETURNED	3,504	596	1,888	824	173	23
PERCENT	43.1%	53.7%	47.2%	37.8%	28.3%	9.6%
1983 RELEASES	10,088	1,299	5,059	2,695	756	279
NUMBER RETURNED	4,570	717	2,505	1,084	222	42
PERCENT	45.3%	55.2%	49.5%	40.2%	29.4%	15.1%
1984 RELEASES	9,828	1,118	4,854	2,701	883	272
NUMBER RETURNED	4,576	677	2,444	1,127	278	50
PERCENT	46.6%	60.6%	50.4%	41.7%	31.5%	18.4%
1985 RELEASES	10,295	1,100	5,036	2,978	875	306
NUMBER RETURNED	4,944	667	2,712	1,258	259	48
PERCENT	48.0%	60.6%	53.9%	42.2%	29.6%	15.7%

AGE DATA NOT READILY AVAILABLE ON 29 CASES.

**CHART 9**  
**1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY**  
**ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF RETURN**





**ETHNIC GROUP** The ethnic distribution of the 1985 study population closely followed that of the inmate population under custody in DOCS facilities during 1985. The largest portion of releases, 5,253 or 51.0% were in the black ethnic group. Whites comprised the second largest group with 2,599 or 25.3%. Hispanics accounted for 2,207 or 21.4% and other ethnic groups made up the remaining 236 or 2.3%.

The highest rate of return for the 1985 study population was found among Hispanic inmates at 55.0% followed by blacks at 53.4%; other ethnic groups at 36.9% and whites at 32.3%. A somewhat similar pattern is found for those returned for new felony commitments. The Hispanic release group had the highest proportion returned for new felonies, 29.8%. Blacks had the next highest new commitment rate at 27.5% while whites at 18.0% returned at a slightly higher new commitment rate than did other ethnic groups at 17.4%.

For the combined 1972-1985 study population, the Hispanic ethnic group had the highest overall rate of return at 44.5% for this 14-year period. The second highest return rate was for the black ethnic group at 44.0% followed by other ethnic groups at 33.5% and whites at 32.7%. For returns with new felonies the Hispanic group had a slightly higher rate of return at 24.9% than did the blacks at 24.0%. The white group had a new felony rate of 16.1% followed by the other group at 14.0%. (See Table 12 and Appendix Table F).

TABLE 12  
1972 - 1985 RELEASES: ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF RETURN

1972 - 1985 RELEASES BY ETHNIC GROUP AND YEAR OF RELEASE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
1972-1985	101,393	41,473	40.9%	22,207	21.9%	19,266	19.0%
BLACK	53,486	23,548	44.0%	12,848	24.0%	10,700	20.0%
WHITE	28,201	9,229	32.7%	4,530	16.1%	4,699	16.7%
HISPANIC	19,005	8,461	44.5%	4,731	24.9%	3,730	19.6%
OTHER	701	235	33.5%	98	14.0%	137	19.5%
1985 RELEASES	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,612	25.4%	2,332	22.7%
BLACK	5,253	2,805	53.4%	1,445	27.5%	1,360	25.9%
WHITE	2,599	839	32.3%	469	18.0%	370	14.2%
HISPANIC	2,207	1,213	55.0%	657	29.8%	556	25.2%
OTHER	236	87	36.9%	41	17.4%	46	19.5%

SEE APPENDIX TABLE F FOR 1972 - 1985 AGGREGATE DATA.

TABLE 13  
1985 RELEASES: RETURNS OF PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDERS

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	TOTAL RELEASES	FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS*			SECOND FELONY OFFENDERS**		
		NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED	NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED
TOTAL	10,295	6,145	2,758	44.9%	4,150	2,186	52.7%
A. VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	5,974	4,042	1,994	49.3%	1,932	1,055	54.6%
MURDER	31	31	3	9.7%	0	0	0.0%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	79	63	23	36.5%	16	2	12.5%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	339	268	88	32.8%	71	35	49.3%
RAPE 1ST	193	151	66	43.7%	42	25	59.5%
ROBBERY 1ST	1,678	1,298	705	54.3%	380	209	55.0%
ROBBERY 2ND	1,546	1,027	579	56.4%	519	331	63.8%
ASSAULT 1ST	152	112	37	33.0%	40	18	45.0%
ASSAULT 2ND	170	113	33	29.2%	57	21	36.8%
BURGLARY 1ST	84	72	39	54.2%	12	8	66.7%
BURGLARY 2ND	897	498	267	53.6%	399	230	57.6%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	50	42	17	40.5%	8	4	50.0%
SODOMY 1ST	60	51	17	33.3%	9	3	33.3%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	88	63	18	28.6%	25	12	48.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	592	241	97	40.2%	351	155	44.2%
KIDNAPPING	15	12	5	41.7%	3	2	66.7%
B. OTHER FELONY OFFENSES							
1. OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	572	300	103	34.3%	272	133	48.9%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	86	65	17	26.2%	21	11	52.4%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	23	21	5	23.8%	2	2	100.0%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	16	13	2	15.4%	3	2	66.7%
ROBBERY 3RD	268	114	62	54.4%	154	88	57.1%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	66	17	5	29.4%	49	14	28.6%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	10	4	0	0.0%	6	1	16.7%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	46	29	3	10.3%	17	9	52.9%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	57	37	9	24.3%	20	6	30.0%
2. DRUG OFFENSES	1,397	846	243	28.7%	551	268	48.6%
3. PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES	2,079	684	288	42.1%	1,395	730	52.3%
BURGLARY 3RD	934	279	152	54.5%	655	369	56.3%
GRAND LARCENY	459	158	52	32.9%	301	153	50.8%
FORGERY	190	53	18	34.0%	137	54	39.4%
STOLEN PROPERTY	324	93	47	50.5%	231	128	55.4%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	172	101	19	18.8%	71	26	36.6%
C. YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	265	265	128	48.3%	0	0	0.0%
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
D. DATA NOT AVAILABLE	8	8	2	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

\*INCLUDES THOSE SENTENCED AS FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS AND CLASS A FELONS NOT SUBJECT TO PREDICATE SENTENCING.

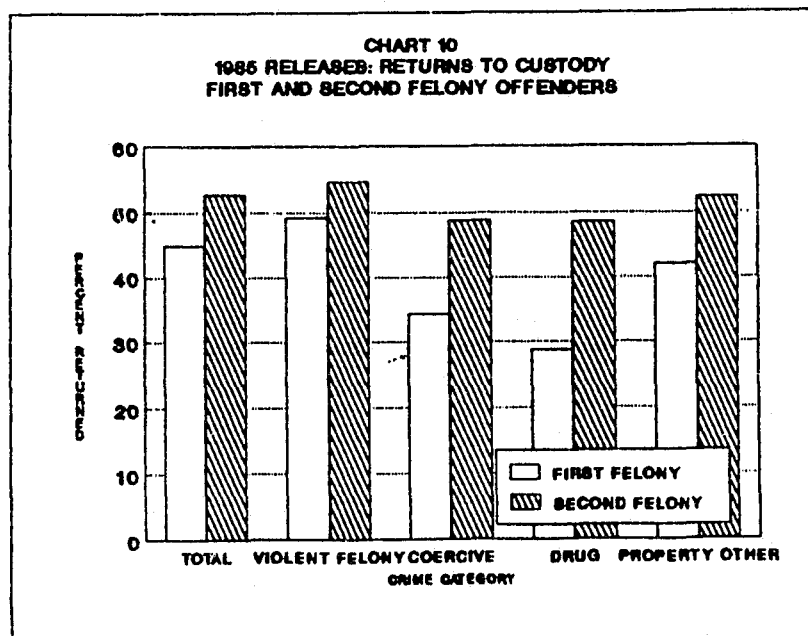
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SEE APPENDIX TABLE G FOR COMBINED 1978 - 1984 DATA.

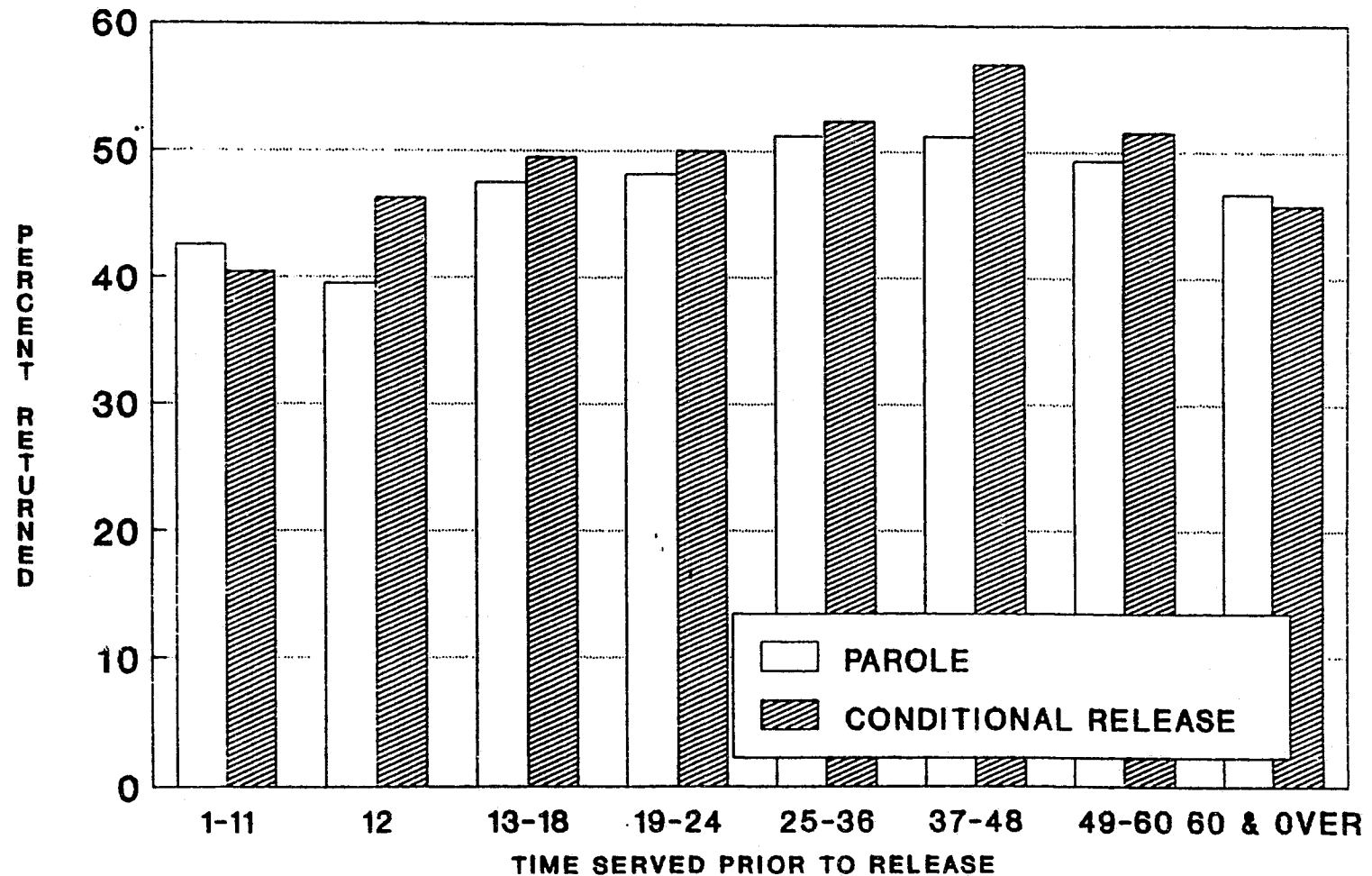
**RETURNS OF PREDICATE OFFENDERS** Of the 10,295 offenders in the 1985 study population, there were 4,150 or 40.3% who had originally been committed as predicate felony offenders. New York State law (effective September 1973) provides more severe penalties for persons convicted of a second felony. The basic provisions of the second felony offender law mandate a state prison sentence with a minimum term equal to one-half of the maximum (compared to a limit of one-third the maximum for first felony offenders).

The second felony offenders in the 1985 study group had a 7.8% higher rate of return at 52.7% than did the first felony offenders who returned at a rate of 44.9%. This difference in return rates between second felony and first felony offenders occurred in each of the major crime groupings. The highest rate of return for second felony offenders occurred in the violent felony offender group at 54.6% followed by the property/other offender group at 52.3%; the other violence/coercion group at 48.9% and the drug group at 48.6%.

There was considerable variation by individual crime in return rates for second felony offenders. Appendix Table G on page 54 indicates there were 18,039 second felony offenders released over the 1980-1985 six-year period. The return rate for this group of predicate felons was 50.1%. For this combined group, we find that among crimes with 100 or more second felony releases, the highest rates of return were for robbery 2nd; burglary 2nd; burglary 3rd; rape 1st; robbery 3rd; stolen property; and assault 1st. Crimes with return rates below the average for second felony offenders included manslaughter 2nd; dangerous weapons; attempted assault 2nd; sexual abuse 1st; forgery; assault 2nd; manslaughter 1st; and grand larceny.



**CHART 11**  
**1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY**  
**TIME SERVED PRIOR TO RELEASE**



TIME SERVED IN DOCS CUSTODY This section deals with time served in DOCS facilities and subsequent rates of return to DOCS custody. The maximum expiration group is excluded as these cases have had prior episodes of DOCS incarceration on their current commitment and time served data for these periods of incarceration are not readily available from material contained on our computer files.

Offenders released via parole had a lower rate of return 48.0% than did conditional releases at 50.9%. The lowest rate of return among the 1985 paroles was registered by persons serving one year on DOCS custody (39.5%) followed by those serving less than 12 months at 42.5%. The return rate for persons serving more than one year was somewhat higher ranging from 46.6% to 51.2% in the six categories shown in Table 14. The combined 1976-1985 release cohorts exhibited a somewhat similar pattern.

There seems to be no pattern among conditional releases between time served in DOCS facilities and rate of return.

TABLE 14  
1976 - 1985 RELEASES: TIME SERVED IN DOCS FACILITIES

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	TIME SERVED IN DOCS FACILITIES								
	TOTAL	LESS THAN 12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	13 - 18 MONTHS	19 - 24 MONTHS	2 - 3 YEARS	3 - 4 YEARS	4 - 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
1976-1985 PAROLES	49,356	3,397	3,123	12,651	10,263	10,801	4,298	2,264	2,559
NUMBER RETURNED	19,977	1,280	817	4,951	4,205	4,753	1,978	957	1,036
PERCENT	40.5%	37.7%	26.2%	39.1%	41.0%	44.0%	46.0%	42.3%	40.5%
1985 PAROLES	8,085	1,005	281	1,925	1,729	1,850	760	361	174
NUMBER RETURNED	3,880	427	111	914	833	947	389	178	81
PERCENT	48.0%	42.5%	39.5%	47.5%	48.2%	51.2%	51.2%	49.3%	46.6%
1976-1985 CR'S	16,603	1166	248	2699	5240	4617	1449	610	574
NUMBER RETURNED	7,756	511	124	1274	2315	2244	726	299	263
PERCENT	46.7%	43.8%	50.0%	47.2%	44.2%	48.6%	50.1%	49.0%	45.8%
1985 RELEASES, CR	1,365	57	13	190	436	424	144	66	35
NUMBER RETURNED	695	23	6	94	218	222	82	34	16
PERCENT	50.9%	40.4%	46.2%	49.5%	50.0%	52.4%	56.9%	51.5%	45.7%

TABLE 15

1978-1985 RELEASES: COUNTY OF COMMITMENT  
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1985 RELEASES BY COUNTY OF COMMITMENT	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL STATE	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,612	25.4%	2,332	22.7%
NEW YORK CITY	7,073	3,695	52.2%	1,946	27.5%	1,749	24.7%
BRONX COUNTY	1,389	711	51.2%	383	27.6%	328	23.6%
KINGS COUNTY	1,802	985	54.7%	505	28.0%	480	26.6%
NEW YORK COUNTY	2,769	1,419	51.2%	721	26.0%	698	25.2%
QUEENS COUNTY	1,025	535	52.2%	314	30.6%	221	21.6%
RICHMOND COUNTY	88	45	51.1%	23	26.1%	22	25.0%
SUBURBAN N.Y.C.	1,241	503	40.5%	288	23.2%	215	17.3%
NASSAU	395	174	44.1%	97	24.6%	77	19.5%
ROCKLAND	54	18	33.3%	10	18.5%	8	14.8%
SUFFOLK	392	147	37.5%	96	0.0%	51	13.0%
WESTCHESTER	400	164	41.0%	85	21.3%	79	19.8%
OTHER NEW YORK STATE	1,981	746	37.7%	378	19.1%	368	18.6%
1978-1985 RELEASES BY COUNTY OF COMMITMENT							
TOTAL STATE	66,624	29,110	43.7%	16,125	24.2%	12,985	19.5%
NEW YORK CITY	37,378	16,960	45.4%	9,711	26.0%	7,249	19.4%
BRONX COUNTY	8,144	3,583	44.0%	2,058	25.3%	1,525	18.7%
KINGS COUNTY	9,630	4,329	45.0%	2,543	26.4%	1,786	18.5%
NEW YORK COUNTY	13,750	6,384	46.4%	3,517	25.6%	2,867	20.9%
QUEENS COUNTY	5,287	2,394	45.3%	1,408	26.6%	986	18.6%
RICHMOND COUNTY	567	270	47.6%	185	32.6%	85	15.0%
SUBURBAN N.Y.C.	6,984	2,665	38.2%	1,566	22.4%	1,099	15.7%
NASSAU	2,651	1,066	40.2%	661	24.9%	405	15.3%
ROCKLAND	413	145	35.1%	87	21.1%	58	14.0%
SUFFOLK	2,024	700	34.6%	408	0.0%	292	14.4%
WESTCHESTER	1,896	754	39.8%	410	21.6%	344	18.1%
OTHER NEW YORK STATE	12,434	4,909	39.5%	2,319	18.7%	2,590	20.8%

**REGION** The largest portion, (7,073 or 68.7%) of the 1985 study population had been originally committed from one of the five counties of New York City. Suburban New York City counties accounted for an additional 12.1% while the remaining 19.2% of the study population had been committed from other areas of the state. The highest rate of return was registered by those originally committed from New York City at 52.2%. Study cases from the Suburban New York City counties and other areas of New York State had notably lower return rates of 40.5% and 37.7% respectively.

Data for the combined eight-year period 1978-1985 follow a somewhat similar distribution. As with the 1985 study group the combined 1978-1985 cohort had been committed predominantly (56.1%) from New York City. Similarly, the New York City category had a higher rate of return (45.4%) than did the Suburban New York City category at 38.2% and other areas of the state at 39.5%. The higher return rate for New York City reflects a higher proportion (26.0%) of New York City cases returning with new felony commitments than was found among the Suburban New York City group with a new commitment rate of 22.4% and other state at 18.7%.

CHART 12  
1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY  
REGION OF COMMITMENT

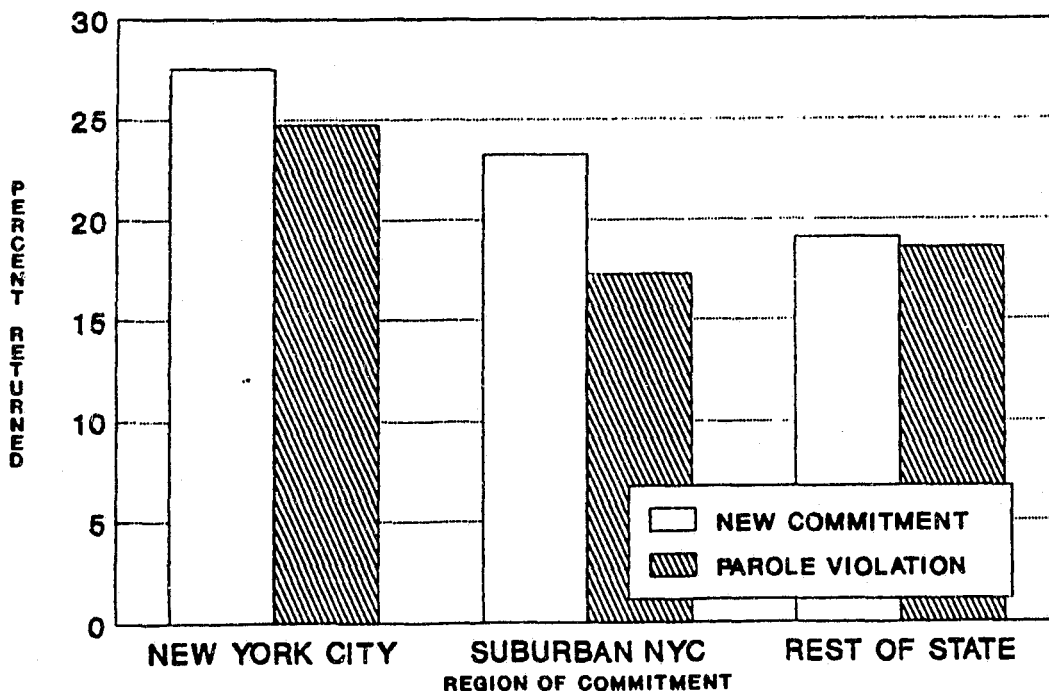


TABLE 16

1985 RELEASES: MINIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT  
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1985 RELEASES BY MINIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,612	25.4%	2,332	22.7%
NO MINIMUM	70	27	38.6%	18	25.7%	9	12.9%
12 - 23 MONTHS	4,538	2,073	45.7%	1,196	26.4%	877	19.3%
24 - 25 MONTHS	3,061	1,558	50.9%	788	25.7%	770	25.2%
36 - 47 MONTHS	1,317	666	50.6%	335	25.4%	331	25.1%
48 - 59 MONTHS	540	268	49.6%	118	21.9%	150	27.8%
60 - 71 MONTHS	335	158	47.2%	72	21.5%	86	25.7%
72 - 119 MONTHS	351	163	46.4%	72	20.5%	91	25.9%
120 - 179 MONTHS	40	21	52.5%	9	22.5%	12	30.0%
180 - 239 MONTHS	25	5	20.0%	2	8.0%	3	12.0%
240 MONTHS AND OVER	13	2	15.4%	0	0.0%	2	15.4%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	5	4	80.0%	2	40.0%	1	20.0%

1979 - 1985 RELEASES: MINIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT  
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1979 - 1985 RELEASES BY MINIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	60,066	26,558	44.2%	14,806	24.6%	11,752	19.6%
NO MINIMUM	12,509	5,051	40.4%	2,867	22.9%	2,184	17.5%
12 - 23 MONTHS	21,749	9,463	43.5%	5,726	26.3%	3,737	17.2%
24 - 25 MONTHS	13,648	6,596	48.3%	3,515	25.8%	3,081	22.6%
36 - 47 MONTHS	5,886	2,792	47.4%	1,424	24.2%	1,368	23.2%
48 - 59 MONTHS	2,229	1,020	45.8%	479	21.5%	541	24.3%
60 - 71 MONTHS	1,710	754	44.1%	361	21.1%	393	23.0%
72 - 119 MONTHS	1,849	729	39.4%	358	19.4%	371	20.1%
120 - 179 MONTHS	135	65	48.1%	32	23.7%	33	24.4%
180 - 239 MONTHS	166	32	19.3%	13	7.8%	19	11.4%
240 MONTHS AND OVER	94	25	26.6%	12	12.8%	13	13.8%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	91	31	34.1%	19	20.9%	12	13.2%



**SENTENCE** Offenders committed to DOCS custody receive an indeterminate sentence of imprisonment consisting of a minimum term and a maximum term. The minimum term is the time that an offender must serve before becoming eligible for parole consideration. Prior to the 1980 Penal Law revision, the minimum term of imprisonment could, in certain cases, be set by the Board of Parole after commitment rather than the sentencing court. This accounts for the "No Minimum" category in Table 16.

1. Minimum Sentence - Close to half (44.8%) of the 1985 release population had a minimum term of less than two years or "no minimum" sentence. Offenders with 24-35 month and 36-47 month minimum terms accounted for 29.7% and 12.8% of the release population respectively. Lower than average rates of return were registered by the shortest (no minimum at 38.6% and 12-23 months at 45.7%) and the longest (60-71 months at 47.2%; 72-119 months at 46.4%; 180-239 months and 240 months and over at 15.4%). The shorter minimum categories tended to have a higher proportion of returns resulting from court commitments than did the longer sentence categories where the proportion of parole violators was higher.

CHART 13  
1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY  
MINIMUM SENTENCE

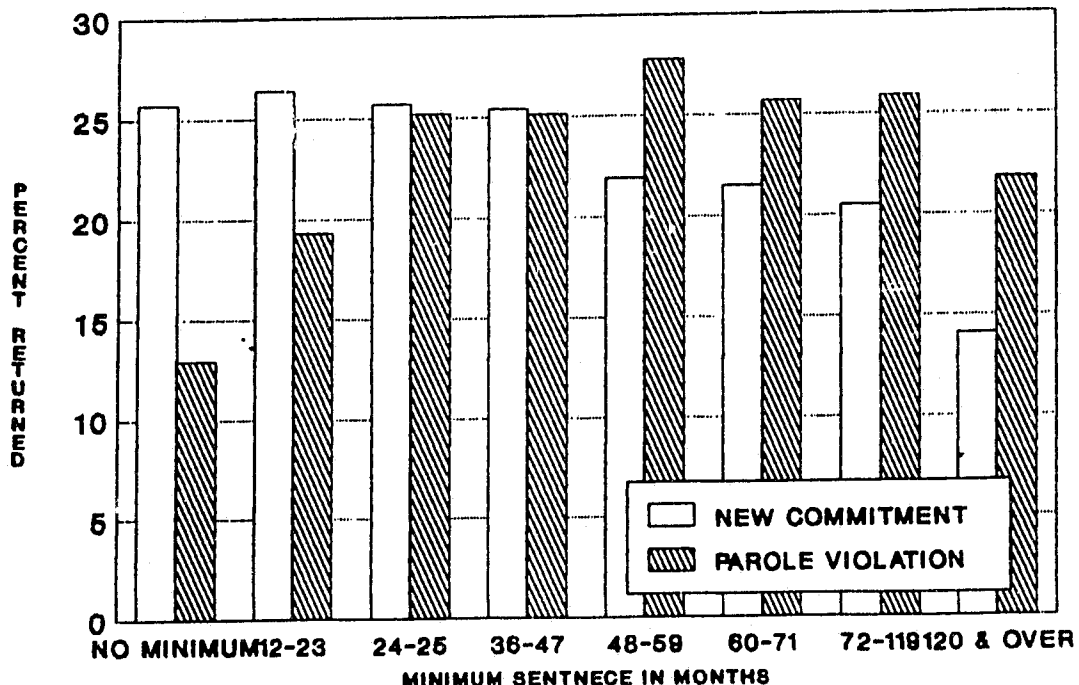


TABLE 17

1985 RELEASES: MAXIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT  
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1985 RELEASES BY MAXIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,612	25.4%	2,332	22.7%
36 MONTHS	2,831	1,258	44.4%	800	28.3%	458	16.2%
37 - 48 MONTHS	1,773	868	49.0%	472	26.6%	396	22.3%
49 - 60 MONTHS	1,636	820	50.1%	412	25.2%	408	24.9%
61 - 120 MONTHS	3,007	1,591	52.9%	748	24.9%	843	28.0%
121 - 239 MONTHS	684	316	46.2%	143	20.9%	173	25.3%
240 MONTHS OR MORE	139	59	42.4%	25	18.0%	34	24.5%
LIFE	221	30	13.6%	11	5.0%	19	8.6%
DEATH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	4	2	50.0%	1	25.0%	1	25.0%

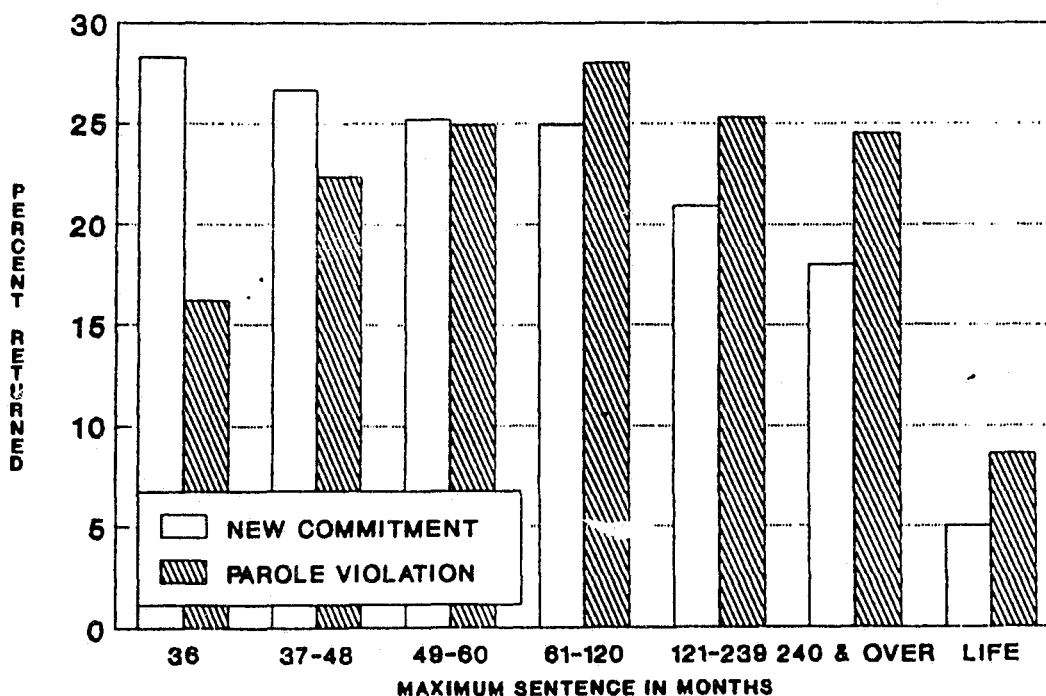
1979 - 1985 RELEASES: MAXIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT  
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1979 - 1985 RELEASES BY MAXIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	60,066	26,558	44.2%	14,806	24.6%	11,752	19.6%
36 MONTHS	18,176	7,758	42.7%	4,988	27.4%	2,770	15.2%
37 - 48 MONTHS	11,556	5,413	46.8%	3,076	26.6%	2,337	20.2%
49 - 60 MONTHS	8,243	3,824	46.4%	2,098	25.5%	1,726	20.9%
61 - 120 MONTHS	15,170	7,229	47.7%	3,549	23.4%	3,680	24.3%
121 - 239 MONTHS	3,286	1,403	42.7%	670	20.4%	733	22.3%
240 MONTHS OR MORE	800	291	36.4%	130	16.3%	161	20.1%
LIFE	2,758	619	22.4%	282	10.2%	337	12.2%
DEATH	12	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	1	8.3%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	65	20	30.8%	13	20.0%	7	10.8%

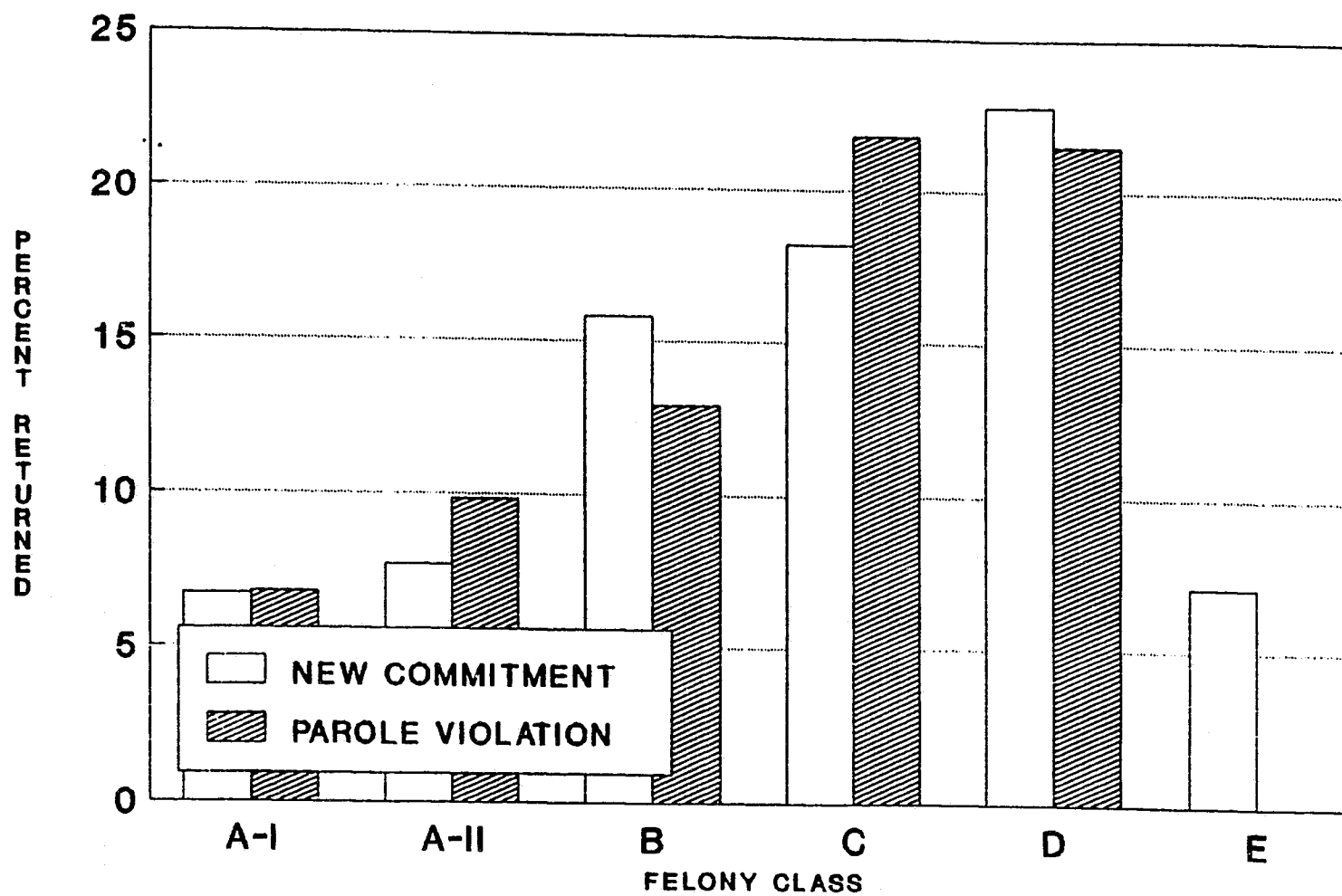
2. **Maximum Sentence** - The maximum sentence of over half (60.6%) of the 1985 release population did not extend beyond five years. Only one out of ten (10.2%) had maximum terms of over ten years including 221 with life maximum terms. As with minimum sentence, the lowest rates of return were found among offenders with the shortest (36 month group at 44.0%) and the longest (240+ months at 42.4% and Life at 13.6%) maximum sentence categories. Maximum sentence categories of 120 months or less tended to have a higher proportion of returns resulting from new commitments than did categories with maximum terms of more than 10 years.

The combined release population for the seven year 1979-1985 period registered a somewhat similar pattern of returns. The highest rates of return were registered by the categories falling in the four through ten year maximum term range. The 36 month maximum term group had a lower than average rate of return as did categories with maximums greater than ten years. The lowest rates of return were for inmates with life sentences at 22.4% and inmates who originally received death sentences which were later converted to life (8.3%).

CHART 14  
1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY  
MAXIMUM SENTENCE



**CHART 15**  
**1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY**  
**DRUG FELONS**



**DRUG FELONS** As previously noted, drug felons, at 36.6% had a lower rate of return than the 48.0% average for the entire 1985 release cohort. There was a considerable amount of variation between felony classes. (Note: New York State grades felonies into classes ranging from the most serious Class A-I to the least serious Class E.) For felony Classes A-I through D, the rate of return increased as the seriousness of the felony declined. Two or 11.1% of the 18 Class A-I felons returned while 50.5% of the Class D had returned to prison within the five year follow-up period. This did not hold true for the Class E felony group, however, where only 36.4% returned. The variation between drug crimes involving sales and those involving possession was less pronounced. Sales offenders had a return rate of 37.8% compared to 32.6% for possession.

While the rate of return for those whose original commitment was for drugs remains below average, it appears that for those offenders returned as new commitments, the proportion returned for drug felonies is steadily rising. Among the 1978 release cohort, drug crimes accounted for only 8.0% of the returns. This proportion has grown to 22.3% in the 1985 release cohort.

TABLE 18  
1985 RELEASES: DRUG OFFENDERS BY FELONY CLASS  
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1985 RELEASES OF DRUG FELONY OFFENDERS BY FELONY CLASS	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL DRUG COMMITMENTS	1,397	511	36.6%	263	18.8%	248	17.8%
CLASS A-I	18	2	11.1%	1	5.6%	1	5.6%
CLASS A-II	166	22	13.3%	7	4.2%	15	9.0%
CLASS B	579	187	32.3%	108	18.7%	79	13.6%
CLASS C	148	56	37.8%	26	17.6%	30	20.3%
CLASS D	475	240	50.5%	117	24.6%	123	25.9%
CLASS E	11	4	36.4%	4	36.4%	0	0.0%
SALE	1,057	400	37.8%	210	19.9%	190	18.0%
CLASS A-I	12	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CLASS A-II	117	19	16.2%	6	5.1%	13	11.1%
CLASS B	448	150	33.5%	89	19.9%	61	13.6%
CLASS C	95	16	16.8%	15	15.8%	23	24.2%
CLASS D	379	27	7.1%	97	25.6%	93	24.5%
CLASS E	6	3	50.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
POSSESSION	340	111	32.6%	53	15.6%	58	17.1%
CLASS A-I	6	2	33.3%	1	16.7%	1	16.7%
CLASS A-II	49	3	6.1%	1	2.0%	2	4.1%
CLASS B	131	37	28.2%	19	14.5%	18	13.7%
CLASS C	53	18	34.0%	11	20.8%	7	13.2%
CLASS D	96	50	52.1%	20	20.8%	30	31.3%
CLASS E	5	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%

SUBSEQUENT RELEASE COHORTS This section provides information on the 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989 annual release cohorts. Only partial data are available for these cohorts as none had been at risk for the full five years that we have for the 1985 cohort. Comparisons can be made, however, at the one, two, three and four year periods subsequent to date of release for some or all of these cohorts.

These partial data tend to indicate a rise in the return rates of these four cohorts compared to the 1985 cohort with each year exhibiting a higher rate of return than that registered by the previous year's cohort. (See Table 19 and Appendix Table H)

TABLE 19					
1985 - 1989 TOTAL STUDY RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN					
TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	10,295	11,282	12,881	14,222	14,937
NUMBER RETURNED	4,944	5,282	5,458	5,116	2,240
1ST MONTH	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
2ND MONTH	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%
3RD MONTH	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.6%
4TH MONTH	0.2%	0.6%	0.6%	0.8%	1.2%
5TH MONTH	0.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%	2.3%
6TH MONTH	0.9%	2.3%	2.2%	2.5%	3.7%
7TH MONTH	1.6%	3.6%	3.4%	4.1%	5.4%
8TH MONTH	2.3%	5.0%	4.8%	6.0%	7.1%
9TH MONTH	3.2%	6.8%	6.4%	8.1%	9.2%
10TH MONTH	4.6%	8.5%	7.9%	10.3%	11.4%
11TH MONTH	6.2%	10.4%	9.8%	12.7%	13.5%
12TH MONTH	7.8%	12.2%	11.9%	15.3%	15.7%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	19.2%	23.0%	23.7%	27.8%	0.0%
19TH - 24TH MONTH	28.2%	31.0%	32.4%	36.0%	0.0%
25TH - 30TH MONTH	34.0%	36.9%	38.5%	0.0%	0.0%
31ST - 36TH MONTH	38.1%	41.4%	42.4%	0.0%	0.0%
37TH - 42ND MONTH	41.4%	44.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
43RD - 48TH MONTH	44.1%	46.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
49TH - 54TH MONTH	46.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
55TH - 60TH MONTH	48.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

SUMMARY Among the 10,295 inmate cohort released from DOCS facilities in 1985, 48.0% returned to DOCS custody within five years of the date on which they were released. Conviction on a new felony charge was the cause of return for 25.4% while violation of parole resulted in the return of 22.6%. Well over half of the returns (58.6%) were back in prison within two years. The median time to return was 22.2 months.

Women returned to custody at a much lower rate (31.0%) than did men (48.8%). Persons committed for robbery had the highest (56.5%) rate of return while murder commitments had the lowest return rate (25.5%). Offenders who were older at time of release tended to return at a lower rate than did those in the younger age brackets. The median age at time of release of those returned was 26.6 years compared to 29.7 years for those who did not return. Hispanics returned to custody at a rate of 55.0% while blacks and whites registered rates of 53.4% and 32.3% respectively. Among the 2,612 offenders recommitted to DOCS for a new felony, the most frequent crime was robbery which accounted for 23.9% of these returns. The return rate by region was 52.2% for New York City compared to 40.5% for Suburban New York City and 37.7% for Upstate areas. Offenders with shorter minimum terms tended to have a higher rate of return for new felonies than did those with longer minimum terms. The same was true with maximum terms with offenders with life maximum terms registering the lowest return rate. Offenders originally committed for drug felonies tend to return at a lower than average rate. However, the portion of releases returned for subsequent drug felonies is rising.

In retrospect, the proportion of releases returning to custody declined in the early 1970's compared to levels of the prior decade. A study\* of the 1969 original releases to parole supervision recorded a 46.1% level of return to custody. The analysis of the 14 release cohorts for 1972-1985 indicates that the return rate reached a low of 33.6% in 1972. This decline primarily reflected a drop in returns for parole violation. The overall rate of return has risen by 14.4% since 1972 to the 1985 level of 48.0%. Returns for new felony commitments have accounted for the greatest portion of this increase while the rate of return for parole violation is only moderately higher than in 1972.

Each year the release experience of various inmate cohorts released from facility custody of the Department of Correctional Services is reviewed. The data base developed in this process serves as a resource for examination of the interaction of various characteristics and institutional program experience which relate to the probability of ex-offenders to remain at liberty in a free society as compared to those who are reincarcerated.

\*"Five Year Follow-Up of 1969 Releases": New York State Department of Correctional Services, prepared by Mr. Donald Macdonald and Mrs. Emma Lou Hamilton, October 1975.

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**APPENDIX TABLE A**  
**1972 -1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY**  
**BY TYPE OF RELEASE**

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAR		RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972-1985	101,393	41,482	40.9%	22,208	21.9%	19,274	19.0%								
PAROLE	71,663	28,665	40.0%	13,813	19.3%	14,852	20.7%								
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	23,055	10,509	45.6%	6,087	26.4%	4,422	19.2%								
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	6,675	2,308	34.6%	2,308	34.6%	0	0.0%								
TOTAL 1972	5,593	1,877	33.6%	876	15.7%	1,001	17.9%	TOTAL 1979	7,115	2,928	41.2%	1,480	20.8%	1,448	20.4%
PAROLE	3,582	1,239	34.6%	458	12.8%	781	21.8%	PAROLE	4,730	1,863	39.4%	847	17.9%	1,016	21.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,032	395	38.3%	175	17.0%	220	21.3%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,057	946	46.0%	514	25.0%	432	21.0%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	979	243	24.8%	243	24.8%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	328	119	36.3%	119	36.3%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1973	5,400	1,963	36.4%	946	17.5%	1,017	18.8%	TOTAL 1980	7,661	3,173	41.4%	1,704	22.2%	1,469	19.2%
PAROLE	3,788	1,406	37.1%	594	15.7%	812	21.4%	PAROLE	4,960	1,941	39.1%	921	18.6%	1,020	20.6%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,051	420	40.0%	215	20.5%	205	19.5%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,194	1,029	46.9%	580	26.4%	449	20.5%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	561	137	24.4%	137	24.4%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	507	203	40.0%	203	40.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1974	5,222	1,859	35.6%	938	18.0%	921	17.6%	TOTAL 1981	6,938	2,860	41.2%	1,649	23.8%	1,211	17.5%
PAROLE	3,429	1,176	34.3%	514	15.0%	662	19.3%	PAROLE	4,298	1,663	38.7%	847	19.7%	816	19.0%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,333	555	41.6%	296	22.2%	259	19.4%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,068	964	46.6%	569	27.5%	395	19.1%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	460	128	27.8%	128	27.8%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	572	233	40.7%	233	40.7%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1975	5,546	1,973	35.6%	981	17.7%	992	17.9%	TOTAL 1982	8,141	3,507	43.1%	2,083	25.6%	1,424	17.5%
PAROLE	3,654	1,258	34.4%	558	15.3%	700	19.2%	PAROLE	5,481	2,241	40.9%	1,189	21.7%	1,052	19.2%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,464	602	41.1%	310	21.2%	292	19.9%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,129	1,039	48.8%	667	31.3%	372	17.5%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	428	113	26.4%	113	26.4%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	531	227	42.7%	227	42.7%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1976	6,345	2,260	35.6%	1,100	17.3%	1,160	18.3%	TOTAL 1983	10,088	4,570	45.3%	2,752	27.3%	1,818	18.0%
PAROLE	4,445	1,483	33.4%	662	14.9%	821	18.5%	PAROLE	7,627	3,376	44.3%	1,887	24.7%	1,489	19.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,522	652	42.8%	313	20.6%	339	22.3%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,092	1,035	49.5%	706	33.7%	329	15.7%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	378	125	33.1%	125	33.1%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	369	159	43.1%	159	43.1%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1977	6,663	2,440	36.6%	1,238	18.6%	1,202	18.0%	TOTAL 1984	9,828	4,576	46.6%	2,529	25.7%	2,047	20.8%
PAROLE	4,828	1,702	35.3%	768	15.9%	934	19.3%	PAROLE	7,854	3,609	46.0%	1,859	23.7%	1,750	22.3%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,449	609	42.0%	341	23.5%	268	18.5%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,572	782	49.7%	485	30.9%	297	18.9%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	386	129	33.4%	129	33.4%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	402	185	46.0%	185	46.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1978	6,558	2,552	38.9%	1,319	20.1%	1,233	18.8%	TOTAL 1985	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,613	25.4%	2,331	22.6%
PAROLE	4,520	1,654	36.6%	733	16.2%	921	20.4%	PAROLE	8,467	4,054	47.9%	1,976	23.3%	2,078	24.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,663	756	45.5%	444	26.7%	312	18.8%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,429	725	50.7%	472	33.0%	253	17.7%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	375	142	37.9%	142	37.9%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	399	165	41.4%	165	41.4%	0	0.0%

**APPENDIX TABLE B**  
**1972 - 1985 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY BY GENDER**

GENDER AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RRETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED-VIOLATION OF PAROLE		GENDER AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED-VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
<b>TOTAL 1972-1985</b>								<b>1978 RELEASES</b>							
TOTAL	101,393	41,485	40.9%	22,207	21.9%	19,278	19.0%	TOTAL	6,558	2,552	38.9%	1,319	20.1%	1,233	18.8%
MALES	97,613	40,645	41.6%	21,887	22.4%	18,758	19.2%	MALES	6,336	2,515	39.7%	1,307	20.6%	1,208	19.1%
FEMALES	3,780	840	22.2%	320	8.5%	520	13.8%	FEMALES	222	37	16.7%	12	5.4%	25	11.3%
<b>1972 RELEASES</b>								<b>1979 RELEASES</b>							
TOTAL	5,593	1,877	33.6%	876	15.7%	1,001	17.9%	TOTAL	7,115	2,928	41.2%	1,480	20.8%	1,448	20.4%
MALES	5,417	1,856	34.3%	869	16.0%	987	18.2%	MALES	6,869	2,880	41.9%	1,468	21.4%	1,412	20.6%
FEMALES	176	21	11.9%	7	4.0%	14	8.0%	FEMALES	246	48	19.5%	12	4.9%	36	14.6%
<b>1973 RELEASES</b>								<b>1980 RELEASES</b>							
TOTAL	5,400	1,963	36.4%	946	17.5%	1,017	18.8%	TOTAL	7,661	3,173	41.4%	1,704	22.2%	1,469	19.2%
MALES	5,192	1,934	37.2%	939	18.1%	995	19.2%	MALES	7,372	3,097	42.0%	1,679	22.8%	1,418	19.2%
FEMALES	208	29	13.9%	7	3.4%	22	10.6%	FEMALES	289	76	26.3%	25	8.7%	51	17.6%
<b>1974 RELEASES</b>								<b>1981 RELEASES</b>							
TOTAL	5,222	1,859	35.6%	938	18.0%	921	17.6%	TOTAL	6,938	2,860	41.2%	1,649	23.8%	1,211	17.5%
MALES	5,033	1,836	36.5%	926	18.4%	910	18.1%	MALES	6,672	2,801	42.0%	1,623	24.3%	1,178	17.7%
FEMALES	189	23	12.2%	12	6.3%	11	5.8%	FEMALES	266	59	22.2%	26	9.8%	33	12.4%
<b>1975 RELEASES</b>								<b>1982 RELEASES</b>							
TOTAL	5,546	1,973	35.6%	981	17.7%	992	17.9%	TOTAL	8,141	3,507	43.1%	2,082	25.6%	1,425	17.5%
MALES	5,340	1,948	36.5%	971	18.2%	977	18.3%	MALES	7,815	3,422	43.8%	2,052	26.3%	1,370	17.5%
FEMALES	206	25	12.1%	10	4.9%	15	7.3%	FEMALES	326	85	26.1%	30	9.2%	55	16.9%
<b>1976 RELEASES</b>								<b>1983 RELEASES</b>							
TOTAL	6,345	2,260	35.6%	1,100	17.3%	1,160	18.3%	TOTAL	10,088	4,570	45.3%	2,752	27.3%	1,818	18.0%
MALES	6,126	2,233	36.5%	1,092	17.8%	1,141	18.6%	MALES	9,657	4,427	45.8%	2,697	27.9%	1,730	17.9%
FEMALES	219	27	12.3%	8	3.7%	19	8.7%	FEMALES	431	143	33.2%	55	12.8%	88	20.4%
<b>1977 RELEASES</b>								<b>1984 RELEASES</b>							
TOTAL	6,663	2,440	36.6%	1,238	18.6%	1,202	18.0%	TOTAL	9,828	4,579	46.6%	2,529	25.7%	2,050	20.9%
MALES	6,432	2,401	37.3%	1,223	19.0%	1,178	18.3%	MALES	9,480	4,482	47.3%	2,483	26.2%	1,999	21.1%
FEMALES	231	39	16.9%	15	6.5%	24	10.4%	FEMALES	348	97	27.9%	46	13.2%	51	14.7%
<b>1978 RELEASES</b>								<b>1985 RELEASES</b>							
TOTAL	6,558	2,552	38.9%	1,319	20.1%	1,233	18.8%	TOTAL	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,613	25.4%	2,331	22.6%
MALES	6,336	2,515	39.7%	1,307	20.6%	1,208	19.1%	MALES	9,872	4,813	48.8%	2,558	25.9%	2,255	22.8%
FEMALES	222	37	16.7%	12	5.4%	25	11.3%	FEMALES	423	131	31.0%	55	13.0%	76	18.0%

APPENDIX TABLE C

1978 - 1985 RELEASES: ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE  
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1978 - 1985 RELEASES COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	66,624	29,462	44.2%	16,049	24.1%	13,413	20.1%
A. VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	33,636	15,989	47.5%	8,201	24.4%	7,788	23.2%
MURDER	206	44	21.4%	19	9.2%	25	12.1%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	358	101	28.2%	64	17.9%	37	10.3%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	2,274	612	26.9%	303	13.3%	309	13.6%
RAPE 1ST	1,129	529	46.9%	246	21.8%	283	25.1%
ROBBERY 1ST	8,697	4,772	54.9%	2,216	25.5%	2,556	29.4%
ROBBERY 2ND	10,355	5,748	55.5%	2,928	28.3%	2,820	27.2%
ASSAULT 1ST	1,151	453	39.4%	201	17.5%	252	21.9%
ASSAULT 2ND	1,328	468	35.2%	240	18.1%	228	17.2%
BURGLARY 1ST	297	160	53.9%	67	22.6%	93	31.3%
BURGLARY 2ND	3,106	1,501	48.3%	968	31.2%	533	17.2%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	256	95	37.1%	28	10.9%	67	26.2%
SODOMY 1ST	346	136	39.3%	54	15.6%	82	23.7%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	501	182	36.3%	88	17.6%	94	18.8%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	3,538	1,151	32.5%	764	21.6%	387	10.9%
KIDNAPPING	94	37	39.4%	15	16.0%	22	23.4%
B. OTHER FELONY OFFENSES	29,719	11,964	40.3%	7,032	23.7%	4,932	16.6%
1. OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	6,792	2,652	39.0%	1,570	23.1%	1,082	15.9%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	1,099	306	27.8%	154	14.0%	152	13.8%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	203	43	21.2%	23	11.3%	20	9.9%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	164	31	18.9%	12	7.3%	19	11.6%
ROBBERY 3RD	3,814	1,789	46.9%	1,102	28.9%	687	18.0%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	504	184	36.5%	115	22.8%	69	13.7%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	116	32	27.6%	18	15.5%	14	12.1%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	405	120	29.6%	64	15.8%	56	13.8%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	487	147	30.2%	82	16.8%	65	13.3%
2. DRUG OFFENSES	8,211	2,249	27.4%	1,120	13.6%	1,129	13.7%
3. PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES	14,716	7,063	48.0%	4,342	29.5%	2,721	18.5%
BURGLARY 3RD	8,528	4,434	52.0%	2,848	33.4%	1,586	18.6%
GRAND LARCENY	2,565	1,127	43.9%	616	24.0%	511	19.9%
FORGERY	1,043	432	41.4%	244	23.4%	188	18.0%
STOLEN PROPERTY	1,590	777	48.9%	472	29.7%	305	19.2%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	990	293	29.6%	162	16.4%	131	13.2%
C. YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	3,174 12	1,481 5	46.7% 0.0%	797 3	25.1% 0.0%	684 2	21.6% 0.0%
D. DATA NOT AVAILABLE	83	23	27.7%	16	19.3%	7	8.4%

NOTE: DATA NOT AVAILABLE ON 8 CONDITIONAL RELEASE VIOLATORS.

TABLE D (PART 1)  
1972 - 1985 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1972 - 1985 RELEASES			1972 RELEASES			1973 RELEASES			1974 RELEASES		
	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	101,393	41,483	40.9%	5,593	1,877	33.6%	5,400	1,963	36.4%	5,222	1,859	35.6%
TOTAL FELONIES	95,003	38,630	40.7%	4,892	1,597	32.6%	4,836	1,746	36.1%	4,743	1,668	35.2%
MURDER	1,021	239	23.4%	77	6	7.8%	69	9	13.0%	50	10	20.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	6,918	1,784	25.8%	585	132	22.6%	552	128	23.2%	560	131	23.4%
ROBBERY	34,612	16,388	47.3%	1,733	686	39.6%	1,946	845	43.4%	1,773	746	42.1%
BURGLARY	15,838	8,302	52.4%	562	255	45.4%	560	259	46.3%	555	254	45.8%
ASSAULT	5,045	1,631	32.3%	335	96	28.7%	325	87	26.8%	328	95	29.0%
LARCENY	4,139	1,658	40.1%	373	119	31.9%	241	76	31.5%	234	79	33.8%
RAPE	1,769	682	38.6%	68	13	19.1%	55	14	25.5%	52	19	36.5%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	1,420	459	32.3%	73	20	27.4%	64	22	34.4%	80	20	25.0%
DRUGS	12,607	3,277	26.0%	683	161	23.6%	659	178	27.0%	671	156	23.2%
FORGERY	1,517	620	40.9%	89	30	33.7%	80	37	46.3%	60	21	35.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	5,092	1,722	33.8%	169	42	24.9%	173	47	27.2%	212	75	35.4%
OTHER FELONIES	5,025	1,868	37.2%	145	37	25.5%	112	44	39.3%	168	62	36.9%
MISDEMEANORS	426	133	31.2%	217	75	34.6%	131	41	31.3%	71	15	21.1%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	5,726	2,638	46.1%	465	198	42.6%	418	170	40.7%	392	173	44.1%
JUVENILE DELINQUENT	108	35	32.4%	19	7	36.8%	13	4	30.8%	15	2	13.3%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	130	47	36.2%	0	0	0.0%	2	2	100.0%	1	1	100.0%

TABLE D (PART II)

1972 - 1985 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1975 RELEASES			1976 RELEASES			1977 RELEASES			1978 RELEASES		
	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	5,546	1,973	35.6%	6,345	2,260	35.6%	6,663	2,441	36.6%	6,558	2,552	38.9%
TOTAL FELONIES	5,165	1,777	34.4%	5,861	2,040	34.8%	6,155	2,202	35.8%	6,024	2,323	38.6%
MURDER	121	23	19.0%	74	14	18.9%	66	18	27.3%	38	16	42.1%
MANSLAUGHTER	525	96	18.3%	552	124	22.5%	568	140	24.6%	472	140	29.7%
ROBBERY	1,913	836	43.7%	2,090	867	41.5%	2,291	973	42.5%	2,212	986	44.6%
BURGLARY	624	282	45.2%	806	379	47.0%	800	383	47.9%	907	445	49.1%
ASSAULT	358	104	29.1%	377	101	26.8%	339	101	29.8%	295	106	35.9%
LARCENY	229	71	31.0%	238	90	37.8%	259	96	37.1%	246	108	43.9%
RAPE	76	24	31.6%	93	34	36.6%	132	57	43.2%	134	53	39.6%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	86	22	25.6%	77	25	32.5%	77	23	29.9%	72	25	34.7%
DRUGS	665	135	20.3%	797	147	18.4%	921	180	19.5%	898	195	21.7%
FORGERY	72	31	43.1%	88	32	36.4%	85	37	43.5%	109	42	38.5%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	313	93	29.7%	337	99	29.4%	350	103	29.4%	314	95	30.3%
OTHER FELONIES	183	60	32.8%	332	128	38.6%	267	91	34.1%	327	112	34.3%
MISDEMEANORS	7	2	28.6%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	352	186	52.8%	451	202	44.8%	474	228	48.1%	498	218	43.8%
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	22	8	36.4%	12	4	33.3%	15	5	33.3%	9	4	44.4%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	0	0	0.0%	21	14	66.7%	19	6	31.6%	27	7	25.9%

TABLE D (PART III)

1972 - 1985 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1979 RELEASES			1980 RELEASES			1981 RELEASES			1982 RELEASES		
	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	7,115	2,928	41.2%	7,661	3,173	41.4%	6,938	2,860	41.2%	8,141	3,507	43.1%
TOTAL FELONIES	6,615	2,678	40.5%	7,132	2,938	41.2%	6,560	2,688	41.0%	7,740	3,326	43.0%
MURDER	53	11	20.8%	55	11	20.0%	59	13	22.0%	66	25	37.9%
MANSLAUGHTER	405	113	27.9%	435	115	26.4%	432	125	28.9%	423	119	28.1%
ROBBERY	2,388	1,119	46.9%	2,595	1,242	47.9%	2,328	1,117	48.0%	2,843	1,319	46.4%
BURGLARY	1,160	631	54.4%	1,207	656	54.3%	1,288	665	51.6%	1,551	845	54.5%
ASSAULT	305	95	31.1%	369	121	32.8%	354	111	31.4%	385	148	38.4%
LARCENY	261	116	44.4%	298	125	41.9%	241	95	39.4%	326	139	42.6%
RAPE	131	49	37.4%	154	62	40.3%	132	50	37.9%	156	67	42.9%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	91	35	38.5%	112	23	20.5%	86	34	39.5%	123	44	35.8%
DRUGS	969	225	23.2%	1,040	248	23.8%	833	217	26.1%	834	228	27.3%
FORGERY	102	49	48.0%	94	48	51.1%	101	35	34.7%	112	56	50.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	306	89	29.1%	363	121	33.3%	336	105	31.3%	463	162	35.0%
OTHER FELONIES	444	146	32.9%	410	166	40.5%	370	121	32.7%	458	174	38.0%
MISDEMEANORS	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	490	245	50.0%	497	228	45.9%	376	171	45.5%	400	181	45.3%
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	3	1	33.3%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	7	4	57.1%	32	7	21.9%	2	1	50.0%	1	0	0.0%

TABLE D (PART IV)

1972 - 1985 RELEASES: OFFENSE OR COMMITMENT

OFFENSE OR COMMITMENT	1983 RELEASES			1984 RELEASES			1985 RELEASES		
	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	10,088	4,570	45.3%	9,828	4,576	46.6%	10,295	4,944	48.0%
TOTAL FELONIES	9,709	4,400	45.3%	9,541	4,431	46.4%	10,030	4,816	48.0%
MURDER	94	29	30.9%	89	26	29.2%	110	28	25.5%
MANSLAUGHTER	450	117	26.0%	511	146	28.6%	448	158	35.3%
ROBBERY	3,630	1,868	51.5%	3,378	1,810	53.6%	3,492	1,974	56.5%
BURGLARY	1,987	1,103	55.5%	1,916	1,080	56.4%	1,915	1,065	55.6%
ASSAULT	456	168	36.8%	431	170	39.4%	388	128	33.0%
LARCENY	386	166	43.0%	348	173	49.7%	459	205	44.7%
RAPE	169	65	38.5%	208	80	38.5%	209	95	45.5%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	150	57	38.0%	171	58	33.9%	158	51	32.3%
DRUGS	1,087	326	30.0%	1,153	370	32.1%	1,397	511	36.6%
FORGERY	171	67	39.2%	164	63	38.4%	190	72	37.9%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	585	213	36.4%	579	226	39.0%	592	252	42.6%
OTHER FELONIES	544	221	40.6%	593	229	38.6%	672	277	41.2%
MISDEMEANORS	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	365	166	45.5%	283	144	50.9%	265	128	48.3%
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	14	4	28.6%	4	1	25.0%	0	0	0.0%

APPENDIX TABLE E  
1978 - 1985 RELEASES: OFFENDERS RETURNED AS FELONY COMMITMENTS BY ORIGINAL OFFENSE AND BY RETURN OFFENSE

CRIME ON RETURN

CRIME ON COMMITMENT	TOTAL	MURDER	ATT MURDER	MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	RAPE 1ST	ROBBERY 1ST	ROBBERY 2ND	ASSAULT 1ST	ASSAULT 2ND	BURGLARY 1ST	BURGLARY 2ND	1ST ARSON	SODOMY 1ST	SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	WEAPONS	KIDNAPPING	MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	RAPE 2ND	ROBBERY 3RD	3RD ARSON	OTHER CRV	BURGLARY 3RD	GRD LARCENY	DRUGS	FORGERY	STOLEN PROP	ALL OTHER
TOTAL	16,125	399	74	173	246	2,221	1,880	163	264	171	1,817	38	83	85	1,182	34	26	18	662	37	211	2,109	719	2,248	310	542	405
A. VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	8,199	264	53	111	149	1,415	1,173	102	150	85	755	20	45	58	786	21	13	10	361	13	130	643	313	1,091	69	199	170
MURDER	19	3	0	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0
ATTEMPTED MURDER	64	3	0	2	0	9	10	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	8	2	0	0	2	0	0	5	3	11	0	1	1
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	302	19	7	10	10	49	31	14	11	3	9	0	2	3	43	0	1	0	6	0	5	13	2	54	3	3	4
RAPE 1ST	246	15	1	1	45	47	19	2	6	7	13	0	9	8	11	1	2	2	10	0	3	12	3	17	1	6	5
ROBBERY 1ST	2,216	71	16	27	28	517	353	17	34	19	123	1	11	7	226	9	1	1	110	3	24	135	104	285	14	45	35
ROBBERY 2ND	2,927	80	12	38	40	536	578	30	40	23	180	9	5	10	263	4	7	0	176	3	41	200	124	359	23	76	70
ASSAULT 1ST	201	12	5	5	3	25	15	5	9	6	6	2	2	2	24	1	0	0	3	1	9	12	9	35	1	5	4
ASSAULT 2ND	240	13	1	5	3	37	15	9	14	3	15	3	0	1	22	0	0	1	4	1	5	24	12	34	3	8	7
BURGLARY 1ST	67	2	0	0	2	11	7	0	1	4	11	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	8	2	6	1	1	2
BURGLARY 2ND	968	12	4	3	4	64	69	9	12	17	328	1	2	6	42	0	0	2	19	2	11	174	27	102	12	29	17
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	28	0	0	1	0	3	5	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	2	2	0	0	1
SODOMY 1ST	54	3	0	0	2	6	8	0	2	0	5	0	5	7	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	2	1	5	0	1	0
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	88	2	1	1	6	5	7	2	2	0	6	0	5	8	4	1	0	2	7	0	10	5	1	5	3	1	4
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	764	29	6	14	6	100	53	12	12	3	55	2	1	3	135	1	1	2	18	1	16	50	23	174	7	21	19
KIDNAPPING	15	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
B. OTHER FELONY OFFENSES	7,109	114	17	52	78	653	579	49	100	74	968	17	31	22	361	11	10	8	260	23	76	1,341	379	1,107	232	328	219
1. OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	1,578	53	2	22	38	251	228	21	34	17	102	5	10	8	108	5	3	3	117	11	32	169	84	145	26	49	35
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	154	13	1	3	6	21	17	4	2	1	8	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	5	3	1	9	6	23	1	4	1
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	23	2	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	0	1
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	19	1	0	1	4	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	18	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	1	0
ROBBERY 3RD	1,102	22	0	13	18	204	183	10	19	13	67	1	4	4	67	1	0	0	104	0	15	130	62	93	15	35	22
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	115	11	0	2	3	13	13	1	5	0	9	0	1	0	7	2	1	1	4	2	3	12	5	11	3	3	3
ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	65	2	1	1	2	4	6	3	2	0	8	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	6	0	7	3	4	3	1	3
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	82	1	0	1	2	3	4	2	6	1	4	1	2	3	6	1	1	1	2	0	9	6	4	9	4	5	4
2. DRUG OFFENSES	1,191	12	4	10	2	76	67	6	11	8	54	1	0	5	99	2	2	1	15	0	3	72	25	655	13	25	23
3. PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES	4,340	49	11	20	38	326	284	22	55	49	812	11	21	9	154	4	5	4	128	12	41	1,100	270	307	193	254	161
BURGLARY 3RD	2,848	31	6	10	25	210	167	15	33	34	671	9	10	8	92	2	2	2	71	7	23	904	104	182	44	116	70
GRAND LARCENY	615	5	1	3	5	61	64	2	9	4	37	1	5	0	24	1	1	0	37	2	7	84	95	49	32	45	41
FORGERY	244	5	1	0	2	7	8	0	4	0	20	0	1	0	6	0	0	1	3	2	3	25	34	16	81	20	5
STOLEN PROPERTY	472	3	1	5	4	39	36	2	5	8	76	0	0	1	19	1	2	0	13	0	3	68	34	44	29	64	15
ALL OTHER FELONIES	161	5	2	2	2	9	9	3	4	3	8	1	5	0	13	0	0	1	4	1	5	19	3	16	7	9	30
C. YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	797	21	4	10	18	146	135	12	13	12	92	1	7	5	35	2	3	0	41	1	5	121	24	50	9	15	15
	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
D. DATA NOT AVAILABLE	17	0	0	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	1



APPENDIX TABLE F  
1972 - 1985 RELEASES: ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF RETURN

RELEASES BY ETHNIC GROUP AND BY YEAR OF RELEASE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED-VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RELEASES BY ETHNIC GROUP AND BY YEAR OF RELEASE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED-VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
1972-1985	101,393	41,473	40.9%	22,207	21.9%	19,266	19.0%	1978 RELEASES	6,558	2,552	38.9%	1,319	20.1%	1,233	18.8%
BLACK	53,486	23,548	44.0%	12,848	24.0%	10,700	20.0%	BLACK	3,525	1,458	41.4%	740	21.0%	718	20.4%
WHITE	28,201	9,229	32.7%	4,530	16.1%	4,699	16.7%	WHITE	1,785	594	33.3%	293	16.4%	301	16.9%
HISPANIC	19,005	8,461	44.5%	4,731	24.9%	3,730	19.6%	HISPANIC	1,208	492	40.7%	281	23.3%	211	17.5%
OTHER	701	235	33.5%	98	14.0%	137	19.5%	OTHER	40	8	20.0%	5	12.5%	3	7.5%
1972 RELEASES	5,593	1,877	33.6%	876	15.7%	1,001	17.9%	1979 RELEASES	7,115	2,928	41.2%	1,480	20.8%	1,448	20.4%
BLACK	3,114	1,109	35.6%	552	17.7%	557	17.9%	BLACK	3,558	1,600	45.0%	816	22.9%	784	22.0%
WHITE	1,634	486	29.7%	174	10.6%	312	19.1%	WHITE	2,108	721	34.2%	348	16.5%	373	17.7%
HISPANIC	824	271	32.9%	148	18.0%	123	14.9%	HISPANIC	1,415	597	42.2%	311	22.0%	286	20.2%
OTHER	21	11	52.4%	2	9.5%	9	42.9%	OTHER	34	10	29.4%	5	14.7%	5	14.7%
1973 RELEASES	5,400	1,963	36.4%	947	17.5%	1,016	18.8%	1980 RELEASES	7,661	3,173	41.4%	1,704	22.2%	1,469	19.2%
BLACK	3,170	1,243	39.2%	634	20.0%	609	19.2%	BLACK	3,815	1,719	45.1%	954	25.0%	765	20.1%
WHITE	1,438	462	32.1%	193	13.4%	269	18.7%	WHITE	2,293	762	33.2%	390	17.0%	372	16.2%
HISPANIC	782	253	32.4%	118	15.1%	135	17.3%	HISPANIC	1,508	678	45.0%	353	23.4%	325	21.6%
OTHER	10	5	50.0%	2	20.0%	3	30.0%	OTHER	45	14	31.1%	7	15.6%	7	15.6%
1974 RELEASES	5,222	1,859	35.6%	938	18.0%	921	17.6%	1981 RELEASES	6,938	2,860	41.2%	1,649	23.8%	1,211	17.5%
BLACK	3,024	1,130	37.4%	617	20.4%	513	17.0%	BLACK	3,447	1,546	44.9%	918	26.6%	628	18.2%
WHITE	1,355	440	32.5%	184	13.6%	256	18.9%	WHITE	2,110	670	31.8%	366	17.3%	304	14.4%
HISPANIC	822	283	34.4%	136	16.5%	147	17.9%	HISPANIC	1,352	633	46.8%	363	26.8%	270	20.0%
OTHER	21	6	28.6%	1	4.8%	5	23.8%	OTHER	29	11	37.9%	2	6.9%	9	31.0%
1975 RELEASES	5,546	1,973	35.6%	981	17.7%	992	17.9%	1982 RELEASES	8,141	3,505	43.1%	2,082	25.6%	1,423	17.5%
BLACK	3,197	1,225	38.3%	638	20.0%	587	18.4%	BLACK	4,119	1,911	46.4%	1,166	28.3%	745	18.1%
WHITE	1,400	418	29.9%	184	13.1%	234	16.7%	WHITE	2,354	793	33.7%	423	18.0%	370	15.7%
HISPANIC	929	324	34.9%	157	16.9%	167	18.0%	HISPANIC	1,621	782	48.2%	485	29.9%	297	18.3%
OTHER	20	6	30.0%	2	10.0%	4	20.0%	OTHER	47	19	40.4%	8	17.0%	11	23.4%
1976 RELEASES	6,345	2,266	35.6%	1,100	17.3%	1,160	18.3%	1983 RELEASES	10,088	4,570	45.3%	2,752	27.3%	1,818	18.0%
BLACK	3,446	1,319	38.3%	662	19.2%	657	19.1%	BLACK	5,118	2,504	48.9%	1,545	30.2%	959	18.7%
WHITE	1,814	571	31.5%	254	14.0%	317	17.5%	WHITE	2,825	956	33.8%	530	18.8%	426	15.1%
HISPANIC	1,052	361	34.3%	181	17.2%	180	17.1%	HISPANIC	2,089	1,088	52.1%	669	32.0%	419	20.1%
OTHER	33	9	27.3%	3	9.1%	6	18.2%	OTHER	56	22	39.3%	8	14.3%	14	25.0%
1977 RELEASES	6,663	2,441	36.6%	1,238	18.6%	1,203	18.1%	1984 RELEASES	9,828	4,568	46.5%	2,529	25.7%	2,039	20.7%
BLACK	3,681	1,450	39.4%	754	20.5%	696	18.9%	BLACK	5,019	2,529	50.4%	1,407	28.0%	1,122	22.4%
WHITE	1,792	598	33.4%	258	14.4%	340	19.0%	WHITE	2,694	919	34.1%	464	17.2%	455	16.9%
HISPANIC	1,145	386	33.7%	223	19.5%	163	14.2%	HISPANIC	2,051	1,100	53.6%	649	31.6%	451	22.0%
OTHER	45	7	15.6%	3	6.7%	4	8.9%	OTHER	64	20	31.3%	9	14.1%	11	17.2%
1978 RELEASES	6,558	2,552	24.8%	1,319	12.8%	1,233	12.0%	1985 RELEASES	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,612	25.4%	2,332	22.7%
BLACK	3,525	1,458	27.8%	740	14.1%	718	13.7%	BLACK	5,253	2,805	53.4%	1,445	27.5%	1,360	25.9%
WHITE	1,785	594	22.9%	293	11.3%	301	11.6%	WHITE	2,599	839	32.3%	469	18.0%	370	14.2%
HISPANIC	1,208	492	22.3%	281	12.7%	211	9.6%	HISPANIC	2,207	1,213	55.0%	657	29.8%	556	25.2%
OTHER	40	8	3.4%	5	2.1%	3	1.3%	OTHER	236	87	36.9%	41	17.4%	46	19.5%

APPENDIX TABLE G  
1980 - 1985 RELEASES: RETURN RATES FOR FIRST FELONY AND PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDERS

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	TOTAL RELEASES	FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS*			SECOND FELONY OFFENDERS**		
		NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED	NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED
TOTAL	52,951	34,912	14,587	41.8%	18,039	9,043	50.1%
A. VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	28,314	20,549	9,215	44.8%	7,765	3,885	50.0%
MURDER	161	161	31	19.3%	0	0	0.0%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	312	260	82	31.5%	52	19	36.5%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	1,843	1,591	440	27.7%	252	110	43.7%
RAPE 1ST	919	743	292	39.3%	176	98	55.7%
ROBBERY 1ST	7,402	5,834	2,882	49.4%	1,568	809	51.6%
ROBBERY 2ND	8,561	6,311	3,184	50.5%	2,250	1,289	57.3%
ASSAULT 1ST	930	746	252	33.8%	184	93	50.5%
ASSAULT 2ND	1,074	758	222	29.3%	316	138	43.7%
BURGLARY 1ST	252	205	95	46.3%	47	22	46.8%
BURGLARY 2ND	2,915	1,868	1,032	55.2%	1,047	583	55.7%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	233	205	65	31.7%	28	10	35.7%
SODOMY 1ST	295	252	82	32.5%	43	26	60.5%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	422	314	94	29.9%	108	45	41.7%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	2,918	1,236	442	35.8%	1,682	637	37.9%
KIDNAPPING	77	65	20	30.8%	12	6	50.0%
B. OTHER FELONY OFFENSES	22,391	12,118	4,339	35.8%	10,273	5,158	50.2%
1. OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	4,379	2,559	914	35.7%	1,820	869	47.7%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	698	550	141	25.6%	148	56	37.8%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	158	124	25	20.2%	34	8	23.5%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	109	72	15	20.8%	37	14	37.8%
ROBBERY 3RD	2,303	1,196	567	47.4%	1,107	600	54.2%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	379	135	44	32.6%	244	97	39.8%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	83	42	10	23.8%	41	10	24.4%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	296	215	54	25.1%	81	35	43.2%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	353	225	58	25.8%	128	49	38.3%
2. DRUG OFFENSES	6,344	4,929	1,291	26.2%	1,415	609	43.0%
3. PROPERTY AND OTHER OFFENSES	11,668	4,630	2,134	46.1%	7,038	3,680	52.3%
BURGLARY 3RD	6,697	2,636	1,419	53.8%	4,061	2,262	55.7%
GRAND LARCENY	2,058	800	280	35.0%	1,258	623	49.5%
FORGERY	832	296	115	38.9%	536	226	42.2%
STOLEN PROPERTY	1,307	439	208	47.4%	868	451	52.0%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	774	459	112	24.4%	315	118	37.5%
C. YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	2,186 0	2,186 0	1,018 0	46.6% 0.0%	0 0	0 0	0.0% 0.0%
D. DATA NOT AVAILABLE	60	59	15	25.4%	1	0	0.0%

\*INCLUDES THOSE SENTENCED AS FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS AND CLASS A FELONS NOT SUBJECT TO PREDICATE SENTENCING.

\*\*INCLUDES 17,057 WITH SECOND FELONY SENTENCE AND 146 WITH PERSISTENT FELONY SENTENCES.

## APPENDIX TABLE H (Part I)

1985 - 1989 TOTAL STUDY RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN  
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	10,295	11,282	12,881	14,222	14,937
NUMBER RETURNED	4,944	5,282	5,458	5,116	2,340
1ST MONTH	0	1	11	4	19
2ND MONTH	0	6	5	8	19
3RD MONTH	6	11	21	27	50
4TH MONTH	13	50	39	70	97
5TH MONTH	26	75	86	93	155
6TH MONTH	51	122	120	149	215
7TH MONTH	68	142	155	226	256
8TH MONTH	71	154	187	275	248
9TH MONTH	97	205	201	293	315
10TH MONTH	138	191	198	321	322
11TH MONTH	168	212	244	345	317
12TH MONTH	167	212	271	358	327
13TH - 18TH MONTH	1,174	1,214	1,509	1,778	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	924	901	1,128	1,169	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	595	671	782		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	428	509	501		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	340	352			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	272	254			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	216				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	190				

## APPENDIX TABLE H (Part I)

1985 - 1989 TOTAL STUDY RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN  
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	10,295	11,282	12,881	14,222	14,937
NUMBER RETURNED	4,944	5,282	5,458	5,116	2,340
1ST MONTH	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
2ND MONTH	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
3RD MONTH	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
4TH MONTH	0.1%	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%
5TH MONTH	0.3%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	1.0%
6TH MONTH	0.5%	1.1%	0.9%	1.0%	1.4%
7TH MONTH	0.7%	1.3%	1.2%	1.6%	1.7%
8TH MONTH	0.7%	1.4%	1.5%	1.9%	1.7%
9TH MONTH	0.9%	1.8%	1.6%	2.1%	2.1%
10TH MONTH	1.3%	1.7%	1.5%	2.3%	2.2%
11TH MONTH	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%	2.4%	2.1%
12TH MONTH	1.6%	1.9%	2.1%	2.5%	2.2%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	11.4%	10.8%	11.7%	12.5%	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	9.0%	8.0%	8.8%	8.2%	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	5.8%	5.9%	6.1%		

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part I)

1985 - 1989 TOTAL STUDY RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN  
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	10,295	11,282	12,881	14,222	14,937
NUMBER RETURNED	4,944	5,282	5,458	5,116	2,340
1ST - 6th MONTH	96	265	282	351	555
7th - 12th MONTH	709	1,116	1,256	1,818	1,785
13TH - 18TH MONTH	1,174	1,214	1,509	1,778	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	924	901	1,128	1,169	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	595	671	782		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	428	509	501		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	340	352			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	272	254			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	216				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	190				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part I)

1985 - 1989 TOTAL STUDY RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN  
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	10,295	11,282	12,881	14,222	14,937
NUMBER RETURNED	4,944	5,282	5,458	5,116	2,340
1ST - 6th MONTH	0.9%	2.3%	2.2%	2.5%	3.7%
7th - 12th MONTH	6.9%	9.9%	9.8%	12.8%	12.0%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	11.4%	10.8%	11.7%	12.5%	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	9.0%	8.0%	8.8%	8.2%	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	5.8%	5.9%	6.1%		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	4.2%	4.5%	3.9%		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	3.3%	3.1%			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	2.6%	2.3%			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	2.1%				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	1.8%				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part II cumulative)

1985 - 1989 TOTAL STUDY RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	10,295	11,282	12,881	14,222	14,937
NUMBER RETURNED	4,944	5,282	5,458	5,116	2,340
1ST - 6th MONTH	96	265	282	351	555
7th - 12th MONTH	805	1,381	1,538	2,169	2,340
13TH - 18TH MONTH	1,979	2,595	3,047	3,947	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	2,903	3,496	4,175	5,116	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	3,498	4,167	4,957		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	3,926	4,676	5,458		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	4,266	5,028			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	4,538	5,282			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	4,754				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	4,944				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part II cumulative)

1985 - 1989 TOTAL STUDY RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	10,295	11,282	12,881	14,222	14,937
NUMBER RETURNED	4,944	5,282	5,458	5,116	2,340
1ST - 6th MONTH	0.9%	2.3%	2.2%	2.5%	3.7%
7th - 12th MONTH	7.8%	12.2%	11.9%	15.3%	15.7%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	19.2%	23.0%	23.7%	27.8%	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	28.2%	31.0%	32.4%	36.0%	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	34.0%	36.9%	38.5%		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	38.1%	41.4%	42.4%		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	41.4%	44.6%			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	44.1%	46.8%			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	46.2%				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	48.0%				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part III)

1985 - 1989 PAROLE RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN  
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	8,467	9,523	10,897	12,269	12,476
NUMBER RETURNED	4,054	4,444	4,632	4,395	1,893
1ST - 6th MONTH	66	198	212	281	437
7th - 12th MONTH	539	892	1,018	1,540	1,456
13TH - 18TH MONTH	942	1,020	1,282	1,533	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	802	778	1,003	1,041	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	508	577	691		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	356	445	426		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	285	312			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	231	222			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	175				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	150				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part III)

1985 - 1989 PAROLE RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN  
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	8,467	9,523	10,897	12,269	12,476
NUMBER RETURNED	4,054	4,444	4,632	4,395	1,893
1ST - 6th MONTH	0.8%	2.1%	1.9%	2.3%	3.5%
7th - 12th MONTH	6.4%	9.4%	9.3%	12.6%	11.7%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	11.1%	10.7%	11.8%	12.5%	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	9.5%	8.2%	9.2%	8.5%	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	6.0%	6.1%	6.3%		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	4.2%	4.7%	3.9%		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	3.4%	3.3%			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	2.7%	2.3%			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	2.1%				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	1.8%				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part IV cumulative)  
1985 - 1989 PAROLE RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	8,467	9,523	10,897	12,269	12,476
NUMBER RETURNED	4,054	4,444	4,632	4,395	1,893
1ST - 6th MONTH	66	198	212	281	437
7th - 12th MONTH	605	1,090	1,230	1,821	1,893
13TH - 18TH MONTH	1,547	2,110	2,512	3,354	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	2,349	2,888	3,515	4,395	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	2,857	3,465	4,206		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	3,213	3,910	4,632		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	3,498	4,222			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	3,729	4,444			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	3,904				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	4,054				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part IV cumulative)  
1985 - 1989 PAROLE RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	8,467	9,523	10,897	12,269	12,476
NUMBER RETURNED	4,054	4,444	4,632	4,395	1,893
1ST - 6th MONTH	0.8%	2.1%	1.9%	2.3%	3.5%
7th - 12th MONTH	7.1%	11.4%	11.3%	14.8%	15.2%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	18.3%	22.2%	23.1%	27.3%	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	27.7%	30.3%	32.3%	35.8%	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	33.7%	36.4%	38.6%		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	37.9%	41.1%	42.5%		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	41.3%	44.3%			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	44.0%	46.7%			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	46.1%				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	47.9%				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part V)

1985 - 1989 CONDITIONAL RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN  
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	1,429	1,359	1,368	1,283	1,528
NUMBER RETURNED	725	671	607	505	344
1ST - 6th MONTH	17	60	50	41	88
7th - 12th MONTH	147	189	188	217	256
13TH - 18TH MONTH	200	163	176	168	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	97	90	89	79	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	75	69	64		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	55	48	40		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	40	30			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	28	22			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	36				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	30				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part V)

1985 - 1989 CONDITIONAL RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN  
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	1,429	1,359	1,368	1,283	1,528
NUMBER RETURNED	725	671	607	505	344
1ST - 6th MONTH	1.2%	4.4%	3.7%	3.2%	5.8%
7th - 12th MONTH	10.3%	13.9%	13.7%	16.9%	16.8%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	14.0%	12.0%	12.9%	13.1%	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	6.8%	6.6%	6.5%	6.2%	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	5.2%	5.1%	4.7%		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	3.8%	3.5%	2.9%		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	2.8%	2.2%			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	2.0%	1.6%			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	2.5%				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	2.1%				



APPENDIX TABLE H (Part VI cumulative)

1985 - 1989 CONDITIONAL RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	1,429	1,359	1,368	1,283	1,528
NUMBER RETURNED	725	671	607	505	344
1ST - 6th MONTH	17	60	50	41	88
7th - 12th MONTH	164	249	238	258	344
13TH - 18TH MONTH	364	412	414	426	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	461	502	503	505	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	536	571	567		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	591	619	607		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	631	649			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	659	671			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	695				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	725				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part VI cumulative)

1985 - 1989 CONDITIONAL RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	1,429	1,359	1,368	1,283	1,528
NUMBER RETURNED	725	671	607	505	344
1ST - 6th MONTH	1.2%	4.4%	3.7%	3.2%	5.8%
7th - 12th MONTH	11.5%	18.3%	17.4%	20.1%	22.5%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	25.5%	30.3%	30.3%	33.2%	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	32.3%	36.9%	36.8%	39.4%	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	37.5%	42.0%	41.4%		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	41.4%	45.5%	44.4%		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	44.2%	47.8%			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	46.1%	49.4%			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	48.6%				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	50.7%				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part VII)

1985 - 1989 EXPIRATIONS OF SENTENCE: TIME TO RETURN  
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	399	400	616	670	933
NUMBER RETURNED	165	167	219	216	103
1ST - 6th MONTH	13	7	20	29	30
7th - 12th MONTH	23	35	50	61	73
13TH - 18TH MONTH	32	31	51	77	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	25	33	36	49	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	12	25	27		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	17	16	35		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	15	10			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	13	10			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	5				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	10				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part VII)

1985 - 1989 EXPIRATIONS OF SENTENCE: TIME TO RETURN  
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	399	400	616	670	933
NUMBER RETURNED	165	167	219	216	103
1ST - 6th MONTH	3.3%	1.8%	3.2%	4.3%	3.2%
7th - 12th MONTH	5.8%	8.8%	8.1%	9.1%	7.8%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	8.0%	7.8%	8.3%	11.5%	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	6.3%	8.3%	5.8%	7.3%	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	3.0%	6.3%	4.4%		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	4.3%	4.0%	5.7%		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	3.8%	2.5%			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	3.3%	2.5%			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	1.3%				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	2.5%				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part VIII cumulative)

1985 - 1989 EXPIRATIONS OF SENTENCE: TIME TO RETURN

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	399	400	616	670	933
NUMBER RETURNED	165	167	219	216	103
1ST - 6th MONTH	13	7	20	29	30
7th - 12th MONTH	36	42	70	90	103
13TH - 18TH MONTH	68	73	121	167	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	93	106	157	216	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	105	131	184		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	122	147	219		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	137	157			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	150	167			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	155				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	165				

APPENDIX TABLE H (Part VIII cumulative)

1985 - 1989 EXPIRATIONS OF SENTENCE: TIME TO RETURN

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
NUMBER RELEASED	399	400	616	670	933
NUMBER RETURNED	165	167	219	216	103
1ST - 6th MONTH	3.3%	1.8%	3.2%	4.3%	3.2%
7th - 12th MONTH	9.0%	10.5%	11.4%	13.4%	11.0%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	17.0%	18.3%	19.6%	24.9%	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	23.3%	26.5%	25.5%	32.2%	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	26.3%	32.8%	29.9%		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	30.6%	36.8%	35.6%		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	34.3%	39.3%			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	37.6%	41.8%			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	38.8%				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	41.4%				