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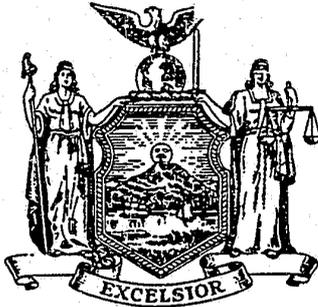
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1987 RELEASES: FIVE YEAR POST RELEASE FOLLOW-UP

The subject of this report is a population of 12,799 inmates released for the first time in 1987 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 1972-1986 are also analyzed by rate of return for selected characteristics:

1. Out of 12,799 inmates released in 1987, there were 6,452 (50.4%) who returned to custody within five years, 24.8% as new commitments and 25.6% for violation of parole (see Table 2, p.5).
2. People released via parole tended to have a lower rate of return (50.5%) than did conditional releases (52.0%) (see Table 1, p.3).
3. Of the 6,452 returned, the largest portion (64.8%) were returned within 24 months of release (see Table 3, p.7).
4. Among 10,817 offenders released via parole, 23.4% were returned for new felony convictions while 27.2% were returned for parole violation. Among conditional releases, 27.5% were returned for new felonies while 24.5% returned for parole violation (see Table 2, p.5).
5. Women had a much lower rate of return at 35.4% than did males at 51.2%. The proportion of women returned for new felonies at 15.9% was substantially below the proportion of males returned for new felonies at 25.3% (see Table 5, p.13).
6. Offenses with higher than the average (50.4%) rate of return included: robbery (all degrees); burglary (all degrees); stolen property; and grand larceny. Offenses with return rates below the average included: all homicide; arson (all degrees); all sex offenses; kidnapping; assault (all degrees); drugs; forgery; and dangerous weapons (see Table 6, p.14).

7. Drug felonies were the most frequent crime for which members of the 1987 release population were re-committed to DOCS custody. There were 1,102 drug commitments or 34.7% of those returned to DOCS for new felonies. Robbery offenses had the second highest frequency at 597 or 18.8% followed by burglary at 593 (18.6%); dangerous weapons at 217 (6.8%); and crimes of homicide at 103 (3.2%). No other crimes accounted for 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, 67.0% returned to custody within five years while only 48.7% of those 21 and over returned (see Table 15, p.27).
9. The highest rate of return was found among Hispanic inmates at 58.4% followed by black inmates at 52.6%; whites at 33.1%; and other ethnic groups at 28.0% (see Table 16, p.29).
10. People who had been sentenced as predicate felons had a substantially higher rate of return at 55.1% than did first felony offenders at 46.9% (see Table 17, p.30).
11. There appeared to be no clear relationship between time served in prison and rate of return to prison (see Table 18, 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 47.3% and Suburban New York City cases returned at a rate of 44.3% (see Table 19, p.34).
13. Offenders with life maximum terms had the lowest rate of return at 13.0% (see Table 21, p.38).
14. Among offenders returned for new felonies, the proportion returned for drug crimes has risen from 8.0% in 1978 to 34.7% in 1987.

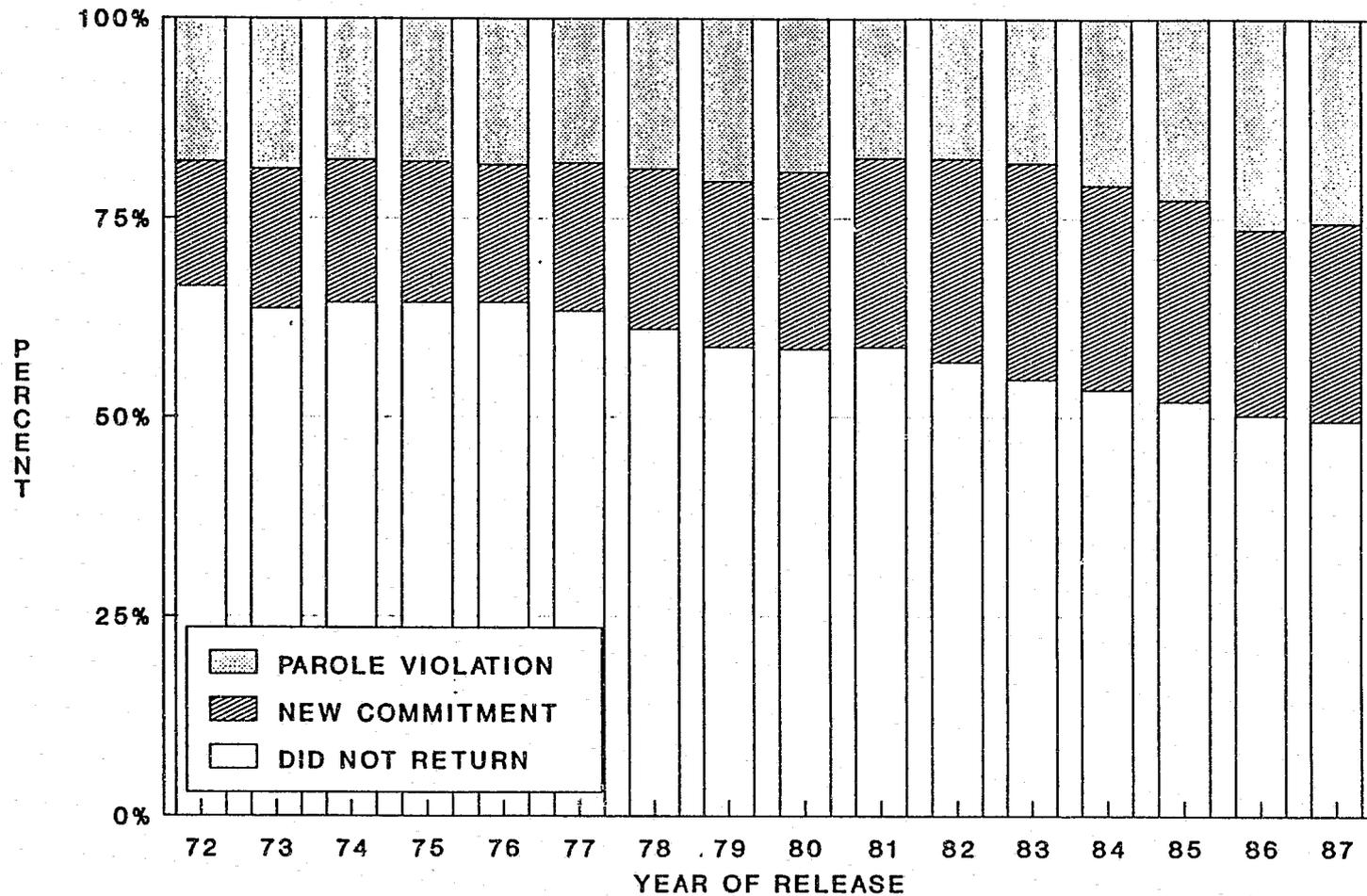
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A total of 17,296 inmates were released from facilities of the Department of Correctional Services (DOCS) during calendar year 1987. From this total a study population of 12,799 inmates was selected that included 12,185 first releases to parole supervision (10,817 via parole and 1,368 via conditional release) and 614 persons discharged upon maximum expiration of sentence as their initial release during 1987. Excluded are a total of 4,497 releases which consist of: 2,107 released to parole supervision who had been previously released to parole supervision and subsequently returned to custody as violators; 145 released by court order; 319 absconders from temporary release; 12 escapes; 232 deaths; 896 transfers to other agencies; 13 other releases; and 35 maximum expiration of sentence cases who had already been released to parole supervision before and returned as violators during 1987.

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, 6,347 or 49.6% did not return to custody during the follow-up period. The remaining 6,452 (50.4%) were returned to a DOCS facility at least once during the follow-up period.

CHART 1
1972 - 1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TYPE OF RETURN



RETURNS TO CUSTODY BY RELEASE TYPE Three types of release are included in the 12,799 study cohort of inmates released during 1987. The largest group is composed of 10,817 inmates who were released at the discretion of the Board of Parole. The next largest group were conditional releases (CR's). These 1,368 inmates were released to parole supervision after serving two-thirds of their maximum sentence. The third release group includes 614 inmates released upon maximum expiration (ME) of their sentence.

The highest rate of return was registered by the CR group with 52.0% or 711 returned during the five years subsequent to release. The proportion of returns among parolees was 50.5% or 5,463 returns. While discharges upon maximum expiration of sentence registered an apparent return rate of 45.3% 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
1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TYPE OF RELEASE

Release Type	1987 Releases	Number Returned	Percent Returned
Total Releases	12,799	6,452	50.4%
Parole	10,817	5,463	50.5%
Conditional Release	1,368	711	52.0%
Maximum Expiration	614	278	45.3%

Over the 16-year period 1972-1987, 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 increments with a high of 12,799 in 1987. Parole releases, at 3,582 in 1972, have generally increased over this 16-year period reaching a high of 10,817 in 1987. ME's, in contrast have generally declined from a 1972 high of 979 to 614 in 1987. The all time low of 328 for ME's occurred in 1979. Conditional releases, which increased from 1,032 in 1972 to a high of 2,194 in 1980, have gradually declined in subsequent study cohorts.

The overall rate of return for the 16 release cohorts varied by 16.8% from a low rate of return of 33.6% in 1972 to a high of 50.4% in 1987. The highest rates of return for the parole and conditional release groups occurred in 1987 at 50.5% and 52.3% 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. Where 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 to 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 1987 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, 23.4%. An additional 27.2% were returned for violation of parole. The proportion of the CR release cohort returned for new felony offenses was somewhat higher at 27.5% while 24.5% were returned as violators. The maximum expiration of sentence group represents the highest proportion of returns for new felony offenses at 45.3%. 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.

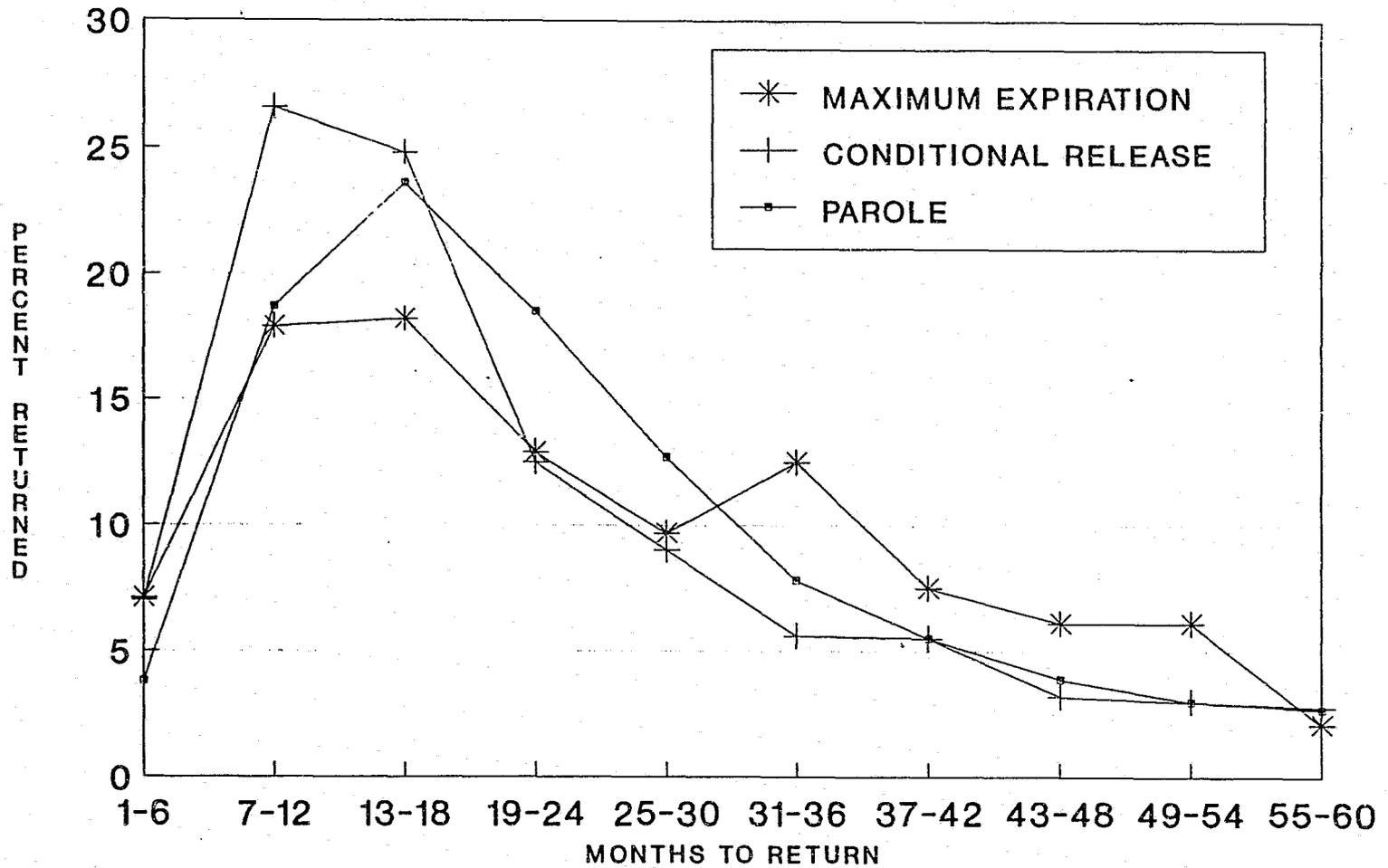
TABLE 2
1972 - 1987 RELEASES: RETURNS FOR NEW FELONY
OFFENSES AND FOR VIOLATION OF PAROLE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972-1987	125,472	53,548	42.7%	28,026	22.3%	25,522	20.3%
PAROLE	92,003	38,850	42.2%	18,420	20.0%	20,430	22.2%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	25,782	11,932	46.3%	6,840	26.5%	5,092	19.8%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	7,687	2,766	36.0%	2,766	36.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1987	12,799	6,452	50.4%	3,180	24.8%	3,272	25.6%
PAROLE	10,817	5,463	50.5%	2,526	23.4%	2,937	27.2%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,368	711	52.0%	376	27.5%	335	24.5%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	614	278	45.3%	278	45.3%	0	0.0%

SEE APPENDIX TABLE A FOR INDIVIDUAL YEARS.

Among the 16 release cohorts encompassing the period 1972-1987 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 20.0% 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 22.2% ranging from a low of 18.5% for the 1976 release cohort to a high of 27.7% for the 1986 cohort. Among conditional releases the average rate of return for new commitment was 26.5% 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 19.7% with a low of 15.7% in 1983 to a high of 24.6% in 1986. Among the maximum expiration of sentence cases the average rate of return was 36.0%, 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.)

CHART 2
1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE



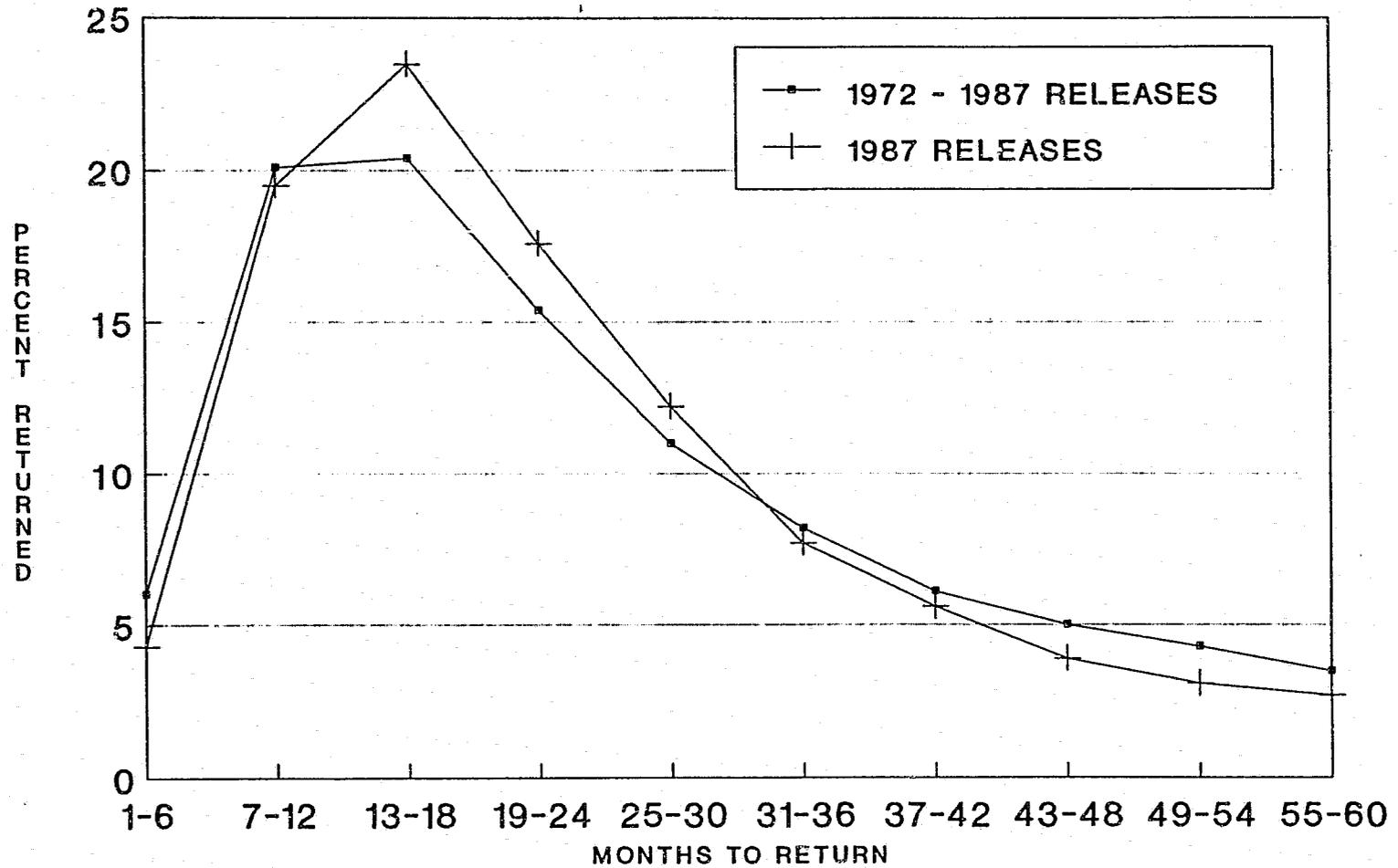
RETURNS TO CUSTODY: TIME TO RETURN Among the 1987 releases who returned, the largest portion of offenders returned during the 13th-18th month period subsequent to date of release. The 7th-12th month period accounted for the next largest group of returns. Combined, these two periods accounted for over two-fifths (43.0%) of those returned. Of all returns, 64.8% 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 20.0 months.

TABLE 3

1987 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	12,799	xxx	10,817	xxx	1,368	xxx	614	xxx
PORTION RETURNED	6,452	100.0%	5,463	100.0%	711	100.0%	278	100.0%
1 - 6 MONTHS	273	4.2%	205	3.8%	50	7.0%	18	6.5%
7 - 12 MONTHS	1,258	19.5%	1,019	18.7%	189	26.6%	50	18.0%
13 - 18 MONTHS	1,514	23.5%	1,287	23.6%	176	24.8%	51	18.3%
19 - 24 MONTHS	1,134	17.6%	1,009	18.5%	89	12.5%	36	12.9%
25 - 30 MONTHS	785	12.2%	694	12.7%	64	9.0%	27	9.7%
31 - 36 MONTHS	500	7.7%	425	7.8%	40	5.6%	35	12.6%
37 - 42 MONTHS	361	5.6%	301	5.5%	39	5.5%	21	7.6%
43 - 48 MONTHS	251	3.9%	211	3.9%	23	3.2%	17	6.1%
49 - 54 MONTHS	201	3.1%	163	3.0%	21	3.0%	17	6.1%
55 - 60 MONTHS	175	2.7%	149	2.7%	20	2.8%	6	2.2%
MEDIAN MONTHS TO RETURN	20.0	xxx	20.3	xxx	17.0	xxx	22.2	xxx

CHART 3
1972 - 1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
TIME TO RETURN



The pattern of time to return to DOCS custody was somewhat similar for the combined 1972-1987 release cohorts to that experienced by the 1987 cohort. Well over half (61.9%) of those who returned 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 overall median time (20.5 months) to return was slightly higher than the 20.0 months for the 1987 cohort. The parole; CR; and ME groups for the combined 1972-1987 cohort all registered higher median times to return than did their counterparts in the 1987 group.

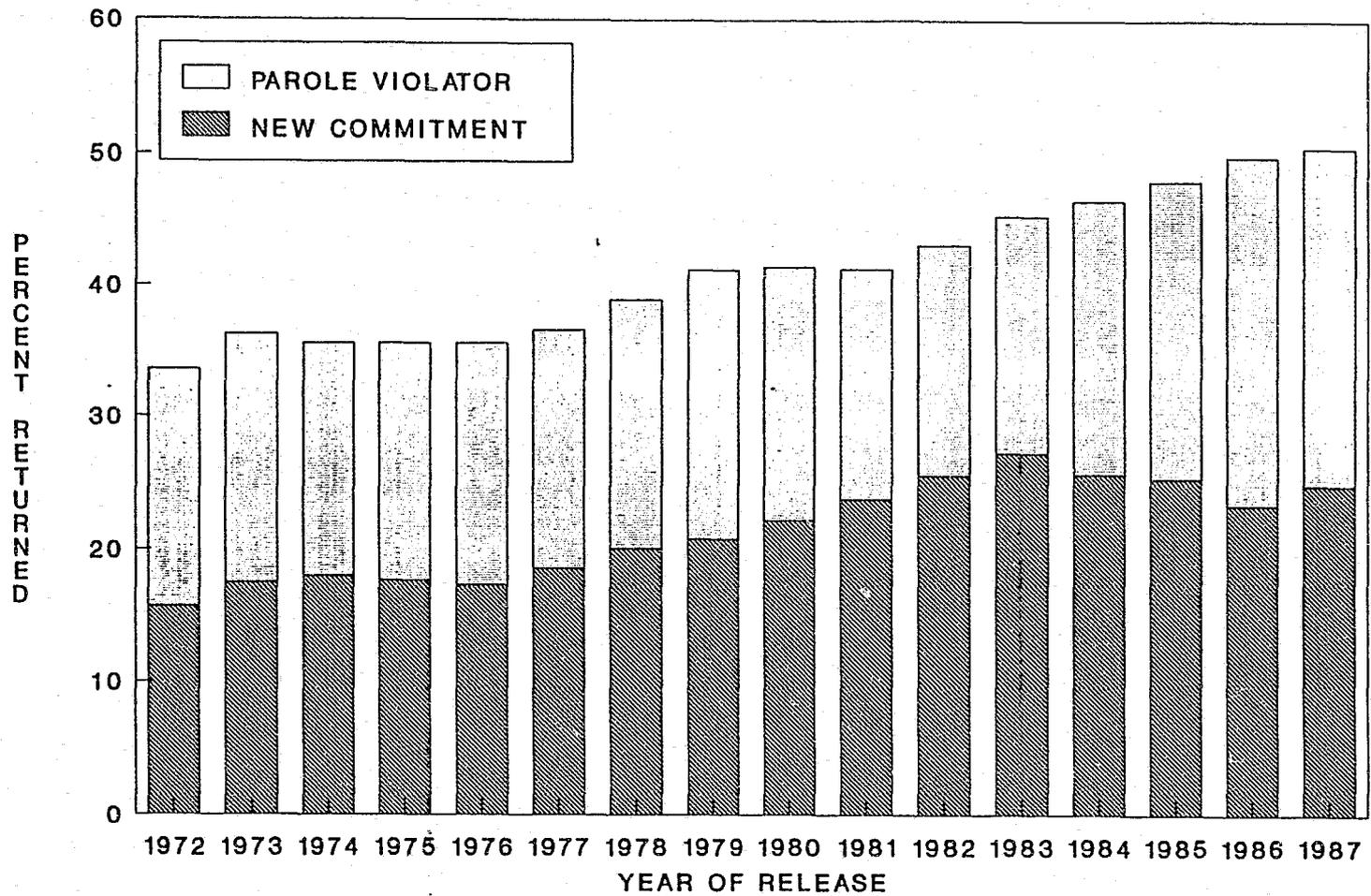
When considering these time patterns, the reader should be aware that our definition of recidivism, return to DOCS, measures the length of time it takes for an offender to return state prison.

TABLE 4

1972 - 1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE

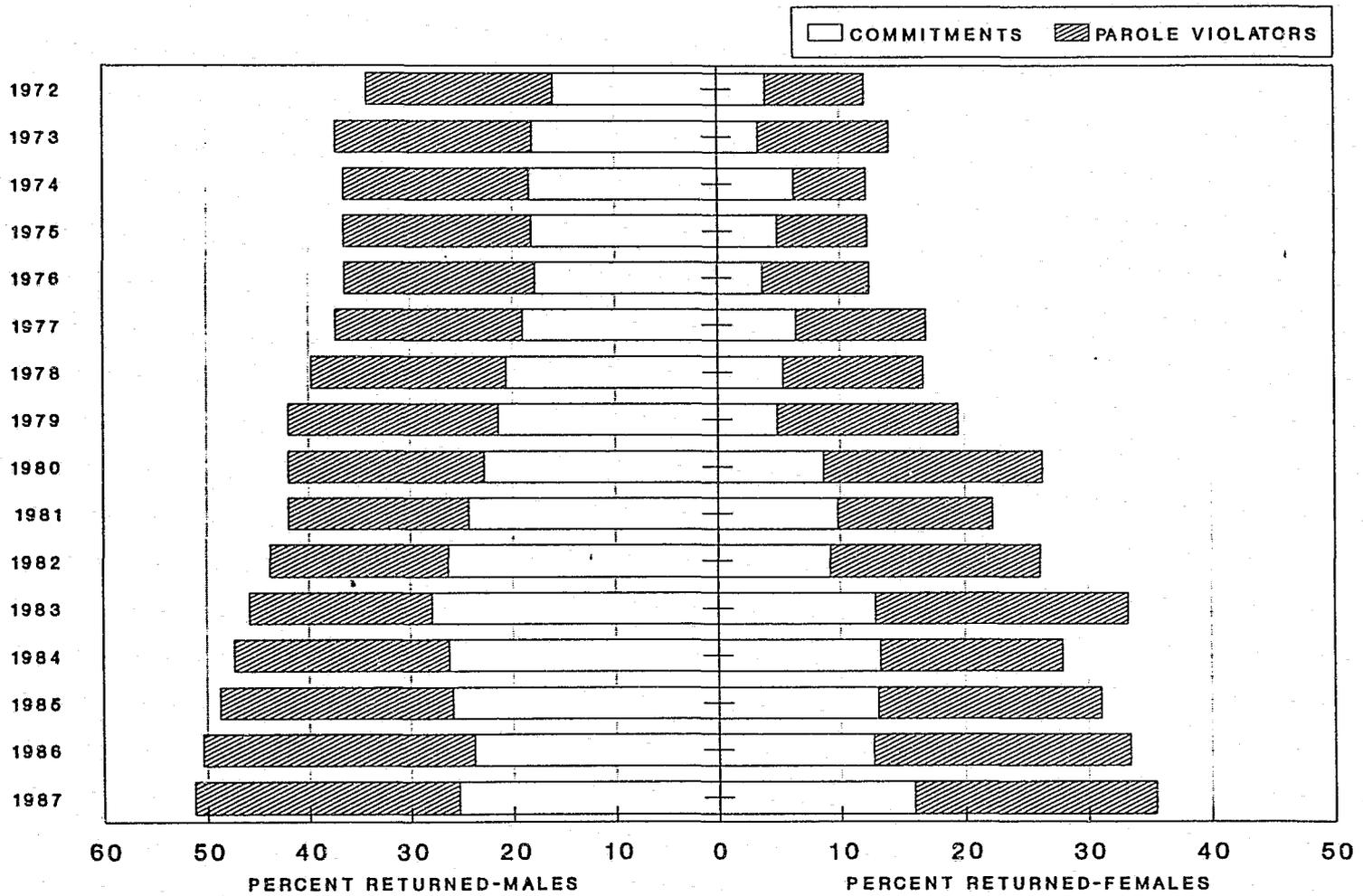
ELAPSED TIME BETWEEN RELEASE AND RETURN (MONTHS)	TYPE OF RELEASE							
	TOTAL RELEASE NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	PERCENT PAROLE OF THOSE NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT CR OF THOSE NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT ME OF THOSE NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT OF THOSE NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT OF THOSE NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT OF THOSE NUMBER RETURNED
NUMBER RELEASED	125,472	xxx	92,003	xxx	25,782	xxx	7,687	xxx
PORTION RETURNED	53,547	100.0%	38,850	100.0%	11,931	100.0%	2,766	100.0%
1 - 6 MONTHS	3,196	6.0%	1,922	4.9%	1,131	9.5%	143	5.2%
7 - 12 MONTHS	10,783	20.1%	7,223	18.6%	3,115	26.1%	445	16.1%
13 - 18 MONTHS	10,921	20.4%	8,125	20.9%	2,318	19.4%	478	17.3%
19 - 24 MONTHS	8,261	15.4%	6,363	16.4%	1,463	12.3%	435	15.7%
25 - 30 MONTHS	5,887	11.0%	4,503	11.6%	1,081	9.1%	303	11.0%
31 - 36 MONTHS	4,377	8.2%	3,337	8.6%	770	6.5%	270	9.8%
37 - 42 MONTHS	3,286	6.1%	2,431	6.3%	658	5.5%	197	7.1%
43 - 48 MONTHS	2,670	5.0%	1,858	5.0%	516	4.3%	196	7.1%
49 - 54 MONTHS	2,299	4.3%	1,881	4.3%	470	3.9%	168	6.1%
55 - 60 MONTHS	1,867	3.5%	1,327	3.4%	409	3.4%	131	4.7%
MEDIAN MONTHS TO RETURN	20.5	xxx	21	xxx	17.5	xxx	23.4	xxx

CHART 4
 1972 - 1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
 TYPE OF RETURN



CHARACTERISTICS OF RELEASE AND RETURN POPULATIONS The following section presents selected characteristics of the 1987 study group. Where available, similar data are provided for the total 125,472 offenders released over the 1972-1987 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 - 1987 RELEASES: RETURNS BY GENDER
COMMITMENT AND PAROLE VIOLATION



GENDER The largest portion of the 1987 study population consisted of male inmates (12,175 or 95.1%). This is consistent with the composition of the total inmate population at the close of 1987 where only 3.6% were females. The rate of return for females was substantially less than the return rate for men. Of the women in the study population, only 221 or 35.4% returned within the follow-up period while 6,231 or 51.2% of the males returned. The proportion of women returned for new felony offenses at 15.9% was lower than the rate for males (25.3%). The proportion of women returned for parole violation was also lower than the proportion of male returns, 19.6% compared to 25.9% respectively.

As with the 1987 study group, the combined releases for 1972-1987 was predominated by males, 120,606 compared to 4,866 women. Males returned at a higher rate than did females (43.4% compared to 25.0%). As in 1987, males were much more likely to be returned for a new felony offense (22.8%) than were women with a new commitment rate of only 9.8%. It should be noted, however, that the proportion of women returning as new commitments with the 15.9% reported for the 1987 cohort, was over four times greater than the low of 3.4% reported in 1973. (See Appendix Table B.)

TABLE 5
1972-1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY GENDER AND TYPE OF RELEASE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972-1987							
TOTAL	125,472	53,548	42.7%	28,027	22.3%	25,521	20.3%
MALES	120,606	52,333	43.4%	27,550	22.8%	24,783	20.5%
FEMALES	4,866	1,215	25.0%	477	9.8%	738	15.2%
1987 RELEASES							
TOTAL	12,799	6,452	50.4%	3,182	24.9%	3,270	25.5%
MALES	12,175	6,231	51.2%	3,083	25.3%	3,148	25.9%
FEMALES	624	221	35.4%	99	15.9%	122	19.6%

TABLE 6

1987 RELEASES: ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1987 RELEASES BY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	12,799	6,450	50.4%	3,182	24.9%	3,270	25.5%
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	6,638	3,430	51.7%	1,604	24.2%	1,828	27.5%
MURDER	41	9	22.0%	2	4.9%	7	17.1%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	121	39	32.2%	20	16.5%	19	15.7%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	355	90	25.4%	32	9.0%	58	16.3%
RAPE 1ST	198	87	43.9%	36	18.2%	51	25.8%
ROBBERY 1ST	1,682	931	55.4%	446	26.5%	486	28.9%
ROBBERY 2ND	1,675	1,019	60.8%	482	28.8%	538	32.1%
ASSAULT 1ST	212	69	32.5%	21	9.9%	48	22.6%
ASSAULT 2ND	232	106	45.7%	49	21.1%	57	24.6%
BURGLARY 1ST	102	55	53.9%	26	25.5%	29	28.4%
BURGLARY 2ND	1,101	666	60.5%	322	29.2%	344	31.2%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	48	16	33.3%	4	8.3%	12	25.0%
SODOMY 1ST	84	25	29.8%	13	15.5%	12	14.3%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	103	29	28.2%	9	8.7%	20	19.4%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	657	279	42.5%	140	21.3%	139	21.2%
KIDNAPPING	27	10	37.0%	2	7.4%	8	29.6%
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	778	372	47.8%	181	23.3%	191	24.6%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	88	14	15.9%	6	6.8%	8	9.1%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	44	7	15.9%	4	9.1%	3	6.8%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	21	6	28.6%	1	4.8%	5	23.8%
ROBBERY 3RD	367	242	65.9%	116	31.6%	126	34.3%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	103	48	46.6%	26	25.2%	22	21.4%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	14	6	42.9%	4	28.6%	2	14.3%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	55	21	38.2%	8	14.5%	13	23.6%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL	86	28	32.6%	16	18.6%	12	14.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	2,470	1,034	41.9%	556	22.5%	478	19.4%
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	2,586	1,422	55.0%	762	29.5%	660	25.5%
BURGLARY 3RD	952	566	59.5%	296	31.1%	270	28.4%
GRAND LARCENY	699	388	55.5%	211	30.2%	177	25.3%
FORGERY	212	95	44.8%	34	16.0%	61	28.8%
STOLEN PROPERTY	454	270	59.5%	161	35.5%	109	24.0%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	269	103	38.3%	60	22.3%	43	16.0%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	327	192	58.7%	79	24.2%	113	34.6%
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

REASON FOR COMMITMENT The greatest part (97.4%) of the 1987 study population had been originally committed for felony offenses. The remainder, 327 or 2.6% were Youthful Offenders. Table 6 groups commitment offenses into the violent offense and other offense categories 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 (55.0%) was registered by the property and other offense group. The VFO group had the next highest rate of return at 51.7% followed by the offenses involving violence and/or coercion group at 47.8%. The lowest rate among the major felony groups was for drug offenders at 41.9%. The Youthful Offender group had the highest rate of return rate at 58.7%.

There were marked differences in the rate of return between individual crimes. Among those offenses with higher than the average (50.4%) rate of return we find: robbery (all degrees); burglary (all degrees); stolen property; and grand larceny. Among offenses with return rates below the average were: all crimes of homicide; arson (all degrees); all sex felonies; kidnapping; assault (all degrees); drugs; forgery; and dangerous weapons. (See Appendix Table C for aggregate data for the 1978-1987 release cohorts.)

Over the 1972-1987 period the rate of return increased by 16.8% from 33.6% in 1972 to 50.4% in 1987. The 16 annual release cohorts for the 1972-1987 period, which include 125,472 offenders, have been grouped into 11 generic felony categories plus Youthful Offenders. Over this 16-year period, the four offense categories with the greatest change in rate of return include: grand larceny, up 23.6%; rape, up 23.4%; murder, up 21.8%; and robbery, up 19.3%. (See Table 7 and Appendix Table D.)

CHART 6
1972 - 1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
OFFENSE ON ORIGINAL COMMITMENT

SELECTED OFFENSES

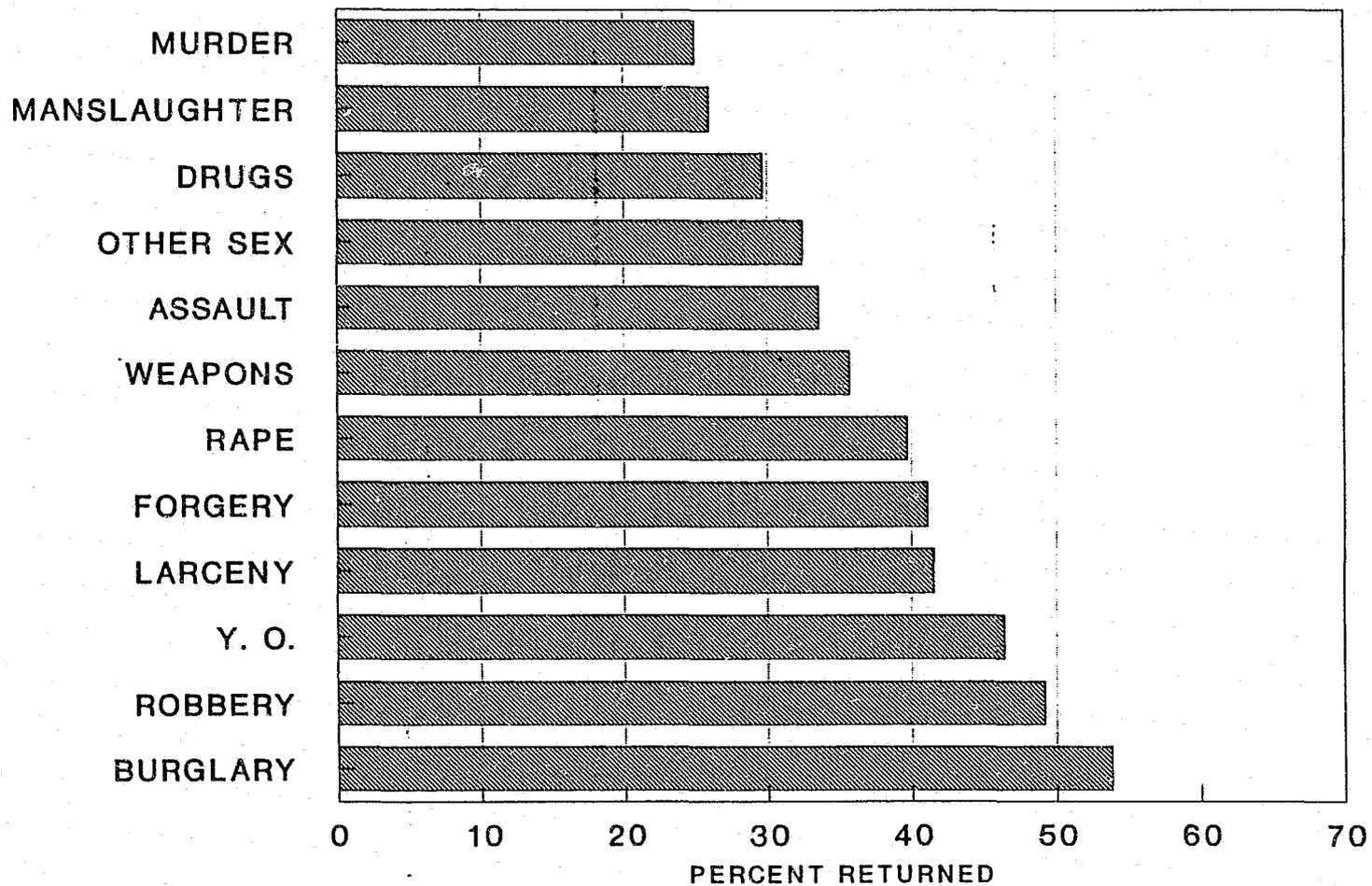


TABLE 7

1972 - 1987 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1972 - 1987 RELEASES			1972 RELEASES			1987 RELEASES		
	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	125,472	53,548	42.7%	5,563	1,877	33.6%	12,789	6,452	50.4%
TOTAL FELONIES	118,474	50,351	42.5%	4,892	1,567	32.6%	12,472	6,280	50.2%
MURDER	1,311	328	25.0%	77	8	7.6%	182	48	29.6%
MANSLAUGHTER	7,778	2,024	26.0%	585	132	22.6%	487	111	22.8%
ROBBERY	41,859	20,806	49.2%	1,733	868	49.8%	3,724	2,184	58.6%
BURGLARY	20,088	10,818	53.8%	562	255	45.4%	2,155	1,287	59.7%
ASSAULT	6,071	2,037	33.6%	335	88	26.7%	547	223	40.8%
LARCENY	5,422	2,348	43.3%	373	119	31.9%	688	368	55.5%
RAPE	2,182	868	39.7%	88	13	19.1%	219	83	42.5%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	1,812	588	32.5%	73	20	27.4%	201	80	29.6%
DRUGS	16,909	5,025	29.7%	633	161	23.6%	2,470	1,034	41.9%
FORGERY	1,908	784	41.1%	88	30	33.7%	212	85	44.8%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	6,403	2,289	35.7%	188	42	24.0%	857	279	42.5%
OTHER FELONIES	6,725	2,842	39.3%	145	37	25.5%	838	448	47.7%
MISDEMEANORS	428	133	31.2%	217	75	34.6%	0	0	0.0%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	6,334	2,982	47.1%	465	188	42.8%	327	182	58.7%
JUVENILE DELQUENT	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%

N/A = NOT APPLICABLE
SEE APPENDIX TABLE D FOR INDIVIDUAL YEARS.

TABLE 8
 1987 RELEASES: OFFENDERS RETURNED AS NEW FELONY COMMITMENTS
 BY CRIME ON RETURN FOR 1987 AND 1978 - 1986

CRIME ON RETURN	1987 RELEASES CRIME ON RETURN		1978 - 1986 RELEASES CRIME ON RETURN		CHANGE IN PERCENT RETURNED
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	
TOTAL	3,180	100.0%	18,763	100.0%	N/A
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	1,203	37.8%	9,953	53.0%	-15.2%
MURDER	71	2.2%	521	2.8%	-0.5%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	28	0.9%	198	1.1%	-0.2%
RAPE 1ST	24	0.8%	272	1.4%	-0.7%
ROBBERY 1ST	237	7.5%	2,432	13.0%	-5.5%
ROBBERY 2ND	242	7.6%	2,121	11.3%	-3.7%
ASSAULT 1ST	21	0.7%	185	1.0%	-0.3%
ASSAULT 2ND	35	1.1%	302	1.6%	-0.5%
BURGLARY 1ST	16	0.5%	198	1.1%	-0.6%
BURGLARY 2ND	277	8.7%	2,100	11.2%	-2.5%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	4	0.1%	40	0.2%	-0.1%
SODOMY 1ST	12	0.4%	99	0.5%	-0.2%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	15	0.5%	100	0.5%	-0.1%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	217	6.8%	1,346	7.2%	-0.3%
KIDNAPPING	4	0.1%	39	0.2%	-0.1%
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	192	6.0%	1,107	5.9%	0.1%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	4	0.1%	31	0.2%	-0.0%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	5	0.2%	20	0.1%	0.1%
ROBBERY 3RD	118	3.7%	762	4.1%	-0.4%
ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	4	0.1%	41	0.2%	-0.1%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL	61	1.9%	253	1.3%	0.6%
DRUG OFFENSES	1,102	34.7%	3,009	16.0%	18.6%
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	683	21.5%	4,694	25.0%	-3.5%
BURGLARY 3RD	300	9.4%	2,381	12.7%	-3.3%
GRAND LARCENY	156	4.9%	745	4.0%	0.9%
FORGERY	32	1.0%	359	1.9%	-0.9%
STOLEN PROPERTY	140	4.4%	561	3.0%	1.4%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	55	1.7%	648	3.5%	-1.7%

CRIME ON RETURN Of the 12,799 inmates in the 1987 release study cohort, 3,180 or 24.8% were returned to DOCS custody following conviction for a new felony offense subsequent to their release in 1987. This section will look at the crimes for which these offenders were returned to prison.

Drug felonies accounted for 34.7% of all the 1987 releases who were returned for a new felony. This represents an increase of 18.6% over the average portion returned for drug crimes among the nine previous release cohorts.

There have been some major changes in the distribution of crimes for which offenders are returned to custody. In the previous nine release cohorts, the crimes of robbery and burglary each had accounted for an average of 28.3% and 24.9% of the new felony returns. In 1987, the most frequent offense for which an offender returned to prison was a drug felony. The proportion returned for violent felony offenses in the 1987 cohort was 37.8% compared to 53.0% for the previous nine cohorts, a drop of 15.2%. The proportion returned for property and other offenses declined slightly (-3.5%) while other violent/coercive crimes remained relatively unchanged +0.1%. Table 8 compares the distribution of return crimes of the 1987 cohort with the return crimes of the previous nine (1978-1986) release cohorts.

TABLE 9
1987 RELEASES: OFFENDERS RETURNED AS FELONY COMMITMENTS BY ORIGINAL OFFENSE AND BY RETURN OFFENSE

CRIME ON COMMITMENT	CRIME ON RETURN																											
	TOTAL	MURDER	MURDER ATTEMPTED																									
TOTAL	3,180	51	20	28	24	237	242	21	35	18	277	4	12	15	217	4	4	5	118	4	61	300	158	1,102	32	140	55	
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	1,802	36	15	18	19	148	149	12	21	8	183	2	7	9	147	3	2	3	69	0	37	111	61	471	8	49	14	
MURDER	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
ATTEMPTED MURDER	20	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	2	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	32	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	12	0	0	0	0	0
RAPE 1ST	36	1	0	0	7	1	2	0	3	2	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	9	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY 1ST	445	10	7	5	2	72	43	4	8	0	22	1	0	0	57	2	2	0	18	0	11	14	18	137	0	7	7	
ROBBERY 2ND	481	8	2	8	3	48	31	4	5	1	25	0	1	1	42	0	0	1	29	0	8	24	28	147	2	11	2	
ASSAULT 1ST	21	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	10	0	0	0	0
ASSAULT 2ND	49	1	0	1	0	4	3	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	1	16	0	3	0	0
BURGLARY 1ST	26	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	5	0	1	0	0
BURGLARY 2ND	322	3	3	0	3	6	7	0	0	3	113	1	1	1	10	0	0	2	10	0	8	49	10	65	5	22	1	
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
SODOMY 1ST	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	9	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	140	4	2	3	1	12	10	3	4	0	4	0	0	0	18	1	0	0	7	0	3	8	1	53	1	3	4	0
KIDNAPPING	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	181	5	0	1	1	18	19	3	3	3	8	1	1	3	8	0	1	0	18	2	5	15	7	45	1	3	10	
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	4	1	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	3
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY 3RD	116	2	0	1	1	15	17	2	1	2	4	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	17	0	1	6	8	31	1	1	3	
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	28	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	9	0	0	0	2	
ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	1	2	
DRUG OFFENSES	558	1	0	2	1	19	18	2	2	0	10	0	1	1	23	0	0	0	12	1	9	12	8	416	3	13	4	
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	762	9	4	3	3	44	48	4	8	4	85	1	3	1	36	1	1	2	17	0	8	108	79	143	20	74	27	
BURGLARY 3RD	298	2	0	1	2	16	14	1	2	1	45	1	2	0	9	0	0	0	3	0	4	108	13	57	3	9	5	
GRAND LARCENY	215	5	1	1	1	17	21	1	2	1	10	0	0	0	11	1	1	0	9	0	2	22	36	44	3	19	4	
FORGERY	34	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	1	10	5	1	
STOLEN PROPERTY	185	1	2	1	0	5	7	2	3	1	8	0	1	0	12	0	0	2	4	0	3	21	18	34	2	35	5	
ALL OTHER FELONIES	52	1	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	6	3	7	2	8	12		
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	79	0	1	4	0	8	12	0	1	1	11	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	1	27	0	1	0	
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	
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	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	

CRIME ON RETURN BY PREVIOUS CRIME A question often asked is do offenders tend to repeat the same type of crime. The following section looks at five crime groups to determine what proportion of each group return to DOCS custody and if those returned for new felonies are coming back for similar or for different type crimes. Data from these nine cohorts released during 1978-1987 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. (The data in Tables 10 through 14 are drawn from Appendix Tables C and E. Data for 1987 only are shown in Table 6 and Table 9.)

Homicide Of the 90,705 offenders released during the 1978-1987 period, 5,290 had originally been committed for a homicide offense. A total of 1,434 (27.1%) of these homicide offenders returned to prison within five years, 13.9% for parole violation and 13.2% for new felonies. This overall rate of return was much below the return rate of 47.0% for the 85,415 offenders who had been committed for other than homicide offenses. The homicide release group was more likely to return for a crime other than homicide (11.7%) than for a new homicide offense (1.5%). (See Table 10.)

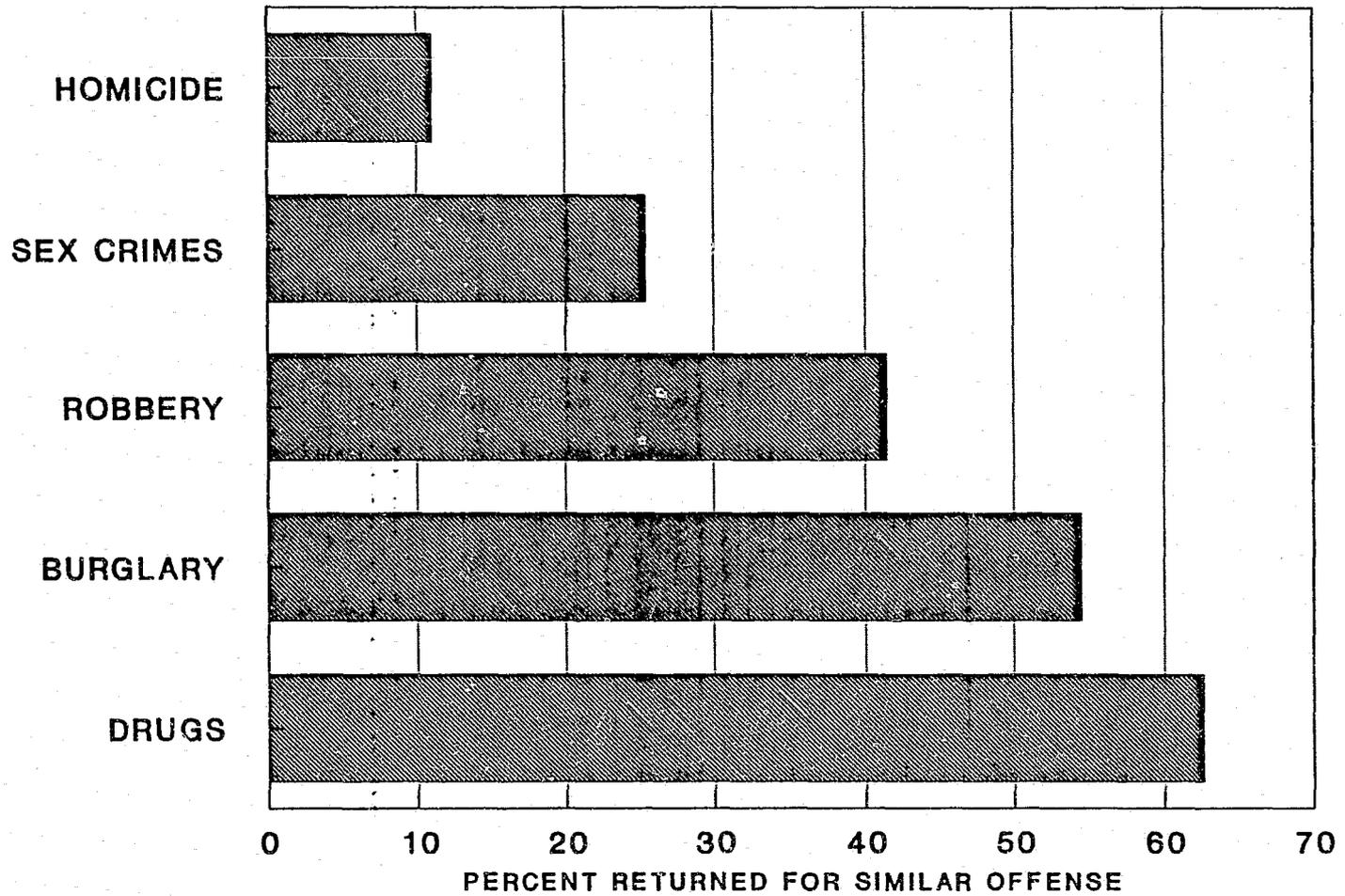
Looking only at those who returned for new felonies, we find that of the 698 homicide offenders returned for new crimes, that 77 or 11.0% returned for homicide offenses while of the 21,247 non-homicide offenders returned for new felonies, 673 or 3.2% returned for crimes of homicide.

TABLE 10
1978 - 1987 HOMICIDE OFFENDER RELEASES: RETURNS BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSES
BY RETURN CRIME

1978 - 1987 HOMICIDE OFFENDERS RELEASED BY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENTS					
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL		NEW HOMICIDE FELONIES		OTHER FELONIES	
						NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL HOMICIDE FELONS RELEASED	5,290	1,434	27.1%	736	13.9%	698	13.2%	77	1.5%	621	11.7%
MURDER	277	63	22.7%	39	14.1%	24	8.7%	7	2.5%	17	6.1%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	577	171	29.6%	71	12.3%	100	17.3%	8	1.0%	94	16.3%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	2,920	809	27.7%	432	14.8%	377	12.9%	42	1.4%	335	11.5%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	1,244	337	27.1%	170	13.7%	167	13.4%	18	1.4%	149	12.0%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	272	54	19.9%	24	8.8%	30	11.0%	4	1.5%	26	8.6%
ALL OTHER RELEASED OFFENDERS	85,415	40,171	47.0%	18,924	22.2%	21,247	24.9%	673	0.8%	17,382	20.4%

CHART 7
1978-1987 RELEASES: FELONY RETURNS FOR
OFFENSES SIMILAR TO ORIGINAL OFFENSE

ORIGINAL OFFENSE



Robbery Of the 1978-1987 release group, 30,113 had originally been committed for robbery offenses. A total of 16,524 (54.9%) of these robbery offenders returned to prison within five years, 27.7% for parole violation and 27.2% for new felonies. This return rate was considerably above the return rate of 45.2% for non-robbery offenses. The robbery release group was more likely (15.9%) to return for a crime other than robbery than for a new robbery offense (11.3%). (See Table 11.) However, looking only at the 8,196 of the robbery group who returned for new felonies, there were 41.4% or 3,396 returned for robbery offenses compared to 18.3% or 2,516 of non-robbery group.

TABLE 11
1978 - 1987 ROBBERY OFFENDER RELEASES: RETURNS BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE
BY RETURN CRIME

1978-1987 ROBBERY RELEASES COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENTS					
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL		NEW ROBBERY FELONIES		OTHER FELONIES	
						NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL ROBBERY FELONS RELEASED	30,113	16,524	54.9%	8,328	27.7%	8,196	27.2%	3,396	11.3%	4,800	15.9%
ROBBERY 1ST	12,036	6,598	54.8%	3,550	29.5%	3,048	25.3%	1,247	10.4%	1,801	15.0%
ROBBERY 2ND	13,566	7,997	58.7%	3,868	28.5%	3,819	28.1%	1,572	11.6%	2,247	16.0%
ROBBERY 3RD	4,507	2,236	49.7%	910	20.2%	1,329	29.5%	577	12.8%	752	16.7%
ALL OTHER RELEASED OFFENDERS	60,562	27,362	45.2%	13,615	22.5%	13,747	22.7%	2,518	4.2%	11,231	18.5%

Burglary Of the 1978-1987 release group, 16,190 had originally been committed for burglary. A total of 8,610 (53.2%) of these burglary offenders returned to prison within five years, 21.3% for parole violation and 31.9% for new felonies. This return rate was considerably above the return rate of 40.0% for non-burglary offenses. The burglary group was more likely to return for a crime of burglary (17.4%) than for a non-burglary offense (14.5%). (See Table 12.) Looking only at the 5,164 of the burglary group who returned for new felonies, 54.5% or 2,813 returned for burglary offenses compared to 18.1% or 2,459 of the non-burglary group.

TABLE 12
1978 - 1987 BURGLARY OFFENDER RELEASES: RETURNS BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE
BY RETURN CRIME

1978 - 1987 BURGLARY OFFENDER RELEASES BY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENTS					
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL		NEW BURGLARY FELONIES		OTHER FELONIES	
						NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL BURGLARY FELONS RELEASED	16,190	8,610	53.2%	3,446	21.3%	5,164	31.9%	2,813	17.4%	2,351	14.5%
BURGLARY 1ST	487	293	52.9%	153	30.8%	110	22.1%	41	8.2%	89	13.8%
BURGLARY 2ND	5,284	2,803	53.0%	1,180	22.3%	1,623	30.7%	864	16.4%	759	14.4%
BURGLARY 3RD	10,409	5,544	53.3%	2,113	20.3%	3,431	33.0%	1808	18.3%	1,523	14.6%
ALL OTHER RELEASED OFFENDERS	74,515	29,813	40.0%	16,214	21.8%	13,599	18.3%	2,459	3.3%	11,140	15.0%

Sex Offenders Of the 1978-1987 release group, 3,061 had originally been committed for sex offenses. A total of 1,230 (40.2%) of these sex offenders returned to prison within five years, 22.1% for parole violation and 18.1% for a new felony. This return rate was below the return rate of 42.4% for felonies other than sex offenses. The sex offender group was more likely (13.5%) to return for a non-sex crime than for a new sex offense (4.6%). (See Table 13.) However, among the 489 of the sex offender group who returned for new felonies, 25.4% or 140 returned for sex offenses compared to 2.3% or 412 of the non-sex offender group.

TABLE 13
1978 - 1987 SEX OFFENDER RELEASES: RETURNS BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE
BY RETURN CRIME

1978 - 1987 SEX OFFENDER RELEASES BY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENTS					
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL		NEW SEX FELONIES		OTHER FELONIES	
						NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL SEX OFFENDERS RELEASED	3,061	1,230	40.2%	678	22.1%	552	18.0%	140	4.6%	412	13.5%
RAPE 1ST	1,485	688	47.0%	385	25.9%	314	21.1%	80	5.4%	234	15.7%
SODOMY 1ST	488	187	37.9%	113	22.9%	74	15.0%	18	3.7%	58	11.4%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	788	348	34.7%	133	18.8%	113	15.9%	29	4.1%	84	11.8%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	218	82	38.9%	28	12.8%	24	11.0%	4	1.8%	20	9.2%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	189	69	36.1%	19	12.4%	27	17.6%	9	5.9%	18	11.8%
ALL OTHER RELEASED OFFENDERS	87,844	37,188	42.4%	18,082	21.7%	18,211	20.8%	412	0.5%	17,799	20.3%

Drug Felonies Of the 1978-1987 release group, 12,513 had originally been committed for drug felonies. A total of 4,068 (32.5%) of these drug felons returned to prison within five years, 15.8% for parole violation and 16.7% for a new felony. This return rate was below the return rate of 48.0% for crimes other than drug felonies. Drug felons were more likely (10.5%) to return for a new drug felony than for another felony (6.3%). (See Table 14.) Looking only at the 2,094 drug felons who returned for new felonies, 62.6% or 1,311 returned for a new drug crime compared to 14.1% or 2,800 of the non-drug felony group.

TABLE 14
1978 - 1987 DRUG OFFENDER RELEASES: RETURNS BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE
BY RETURN CRIME

1978-1987 DRUG FELON RELEASES COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENTS					
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL		NEW DRUG FELONIES		OTHER FELONIES	
						NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL DRUG OFFENDERS RELEASED	12,513	4,068	32.5%	1,974	15.8%	2,094	16.7%	1,311	10.5%	783	6.3%
ALL OTHER RELEASED OFFENDERS	78,162	37,535	48.0%	17,988	22.8%	19,849	25.4%	2,800	3.8%	17,049	21.8%

AGE ON RELEASE The median age of the 1987 study population at time of release was 28.4 years. The largest age category was the 25-29 year old group which accounted for 3,366 (26.3%) of all releases. The releases tended to be under 30 years of age with 58.2% 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 years and over.

Among those returned to custody, the median age at time of release was 27.0 years or 1.4 years younger than the total study population. Correspondingly, persons not returned had a median age of 30.2 years or 1.8 years greater than the total study population. The 16-18 year old group registered the highest rate of return at 70.8%. The second highest return rate, 66.0%, occurred in the 19-20 year group followed by a 53.8% 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 15 and graph on pages 26 and 27).

A somewhat similar pattern of returns is found looking only at those returned for new felonies. The median age on release of those returned as new commitments was 26.7 years which is 1.7 years younger than the total study population. The 16-18 and the 19-20 year old categories had the highest new commitment rates of return at 31.3% and 32.6% respectively. The proportion of returns decreased as age on release increased for each successive category except for the 50-64 year group. Among those returned for violation of parole the median age at time of release was 27.3 years, one half a year greater than the age of those returned for new commitments. The pattern of higher return rates for younger releases was less pronounced for the returned violators. As with the new commitment returns, the proportion of returns for parole violation tended to decrease as age on release increased.

The median age at time of release of the combined 1972-1987 study population was 27.7 years. As with the 1987 cohort, the largest age category was the 25-29 year group which accounted for 25.5% of all releases. Again, most (61.9%) of the study population was under 30 years of age.

Among those returned to custody, the median age on return was 26.3 years at time of release. This was 2.5 years younger than the 28.8 years of age of those who did not return. The 16-18 year old group registered the highest rate of return at 70.8%. 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 16 study cohorts. (See Appendix Table F.)

CHART 8
1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
AGE ON RELEASE

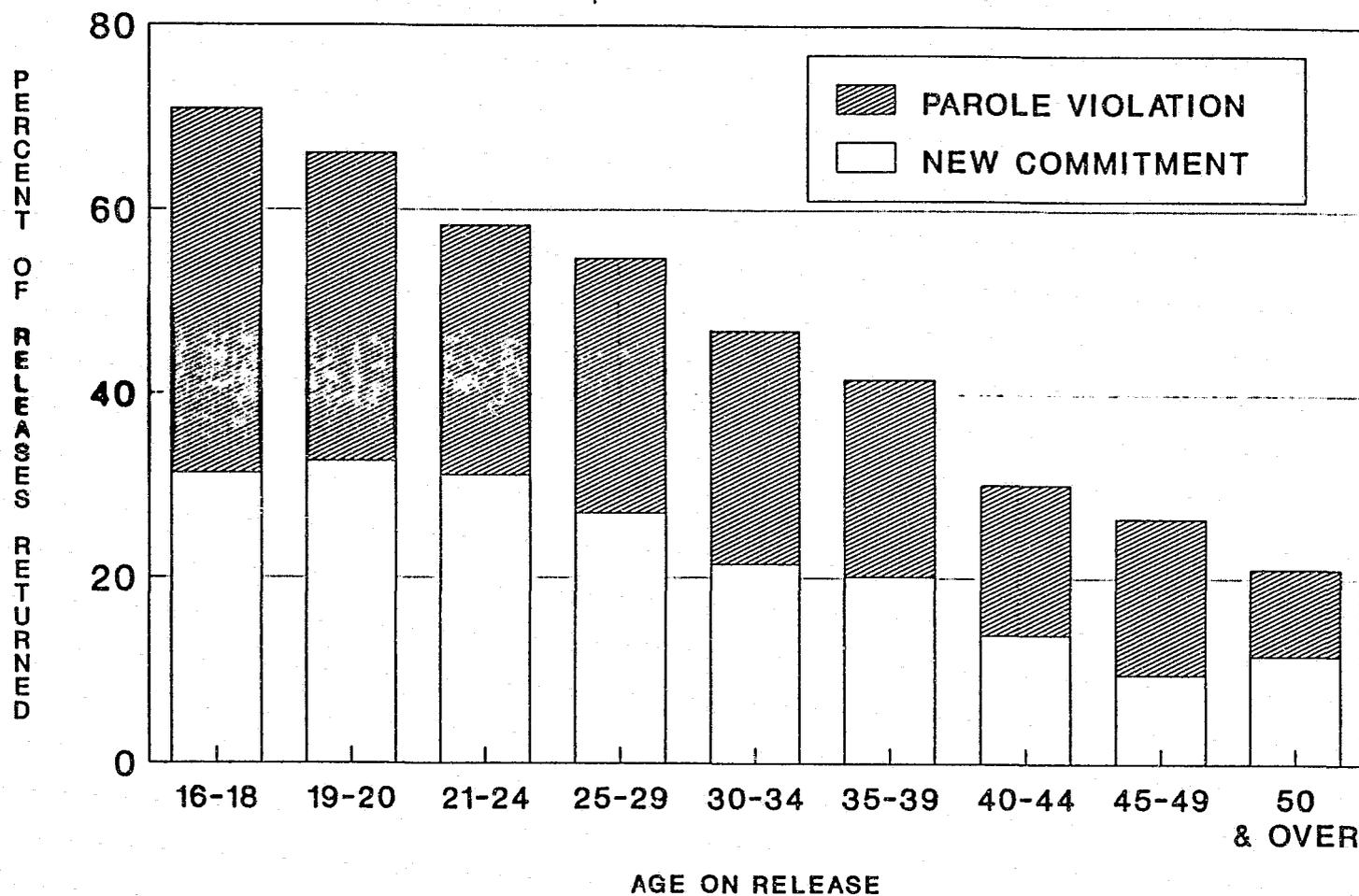
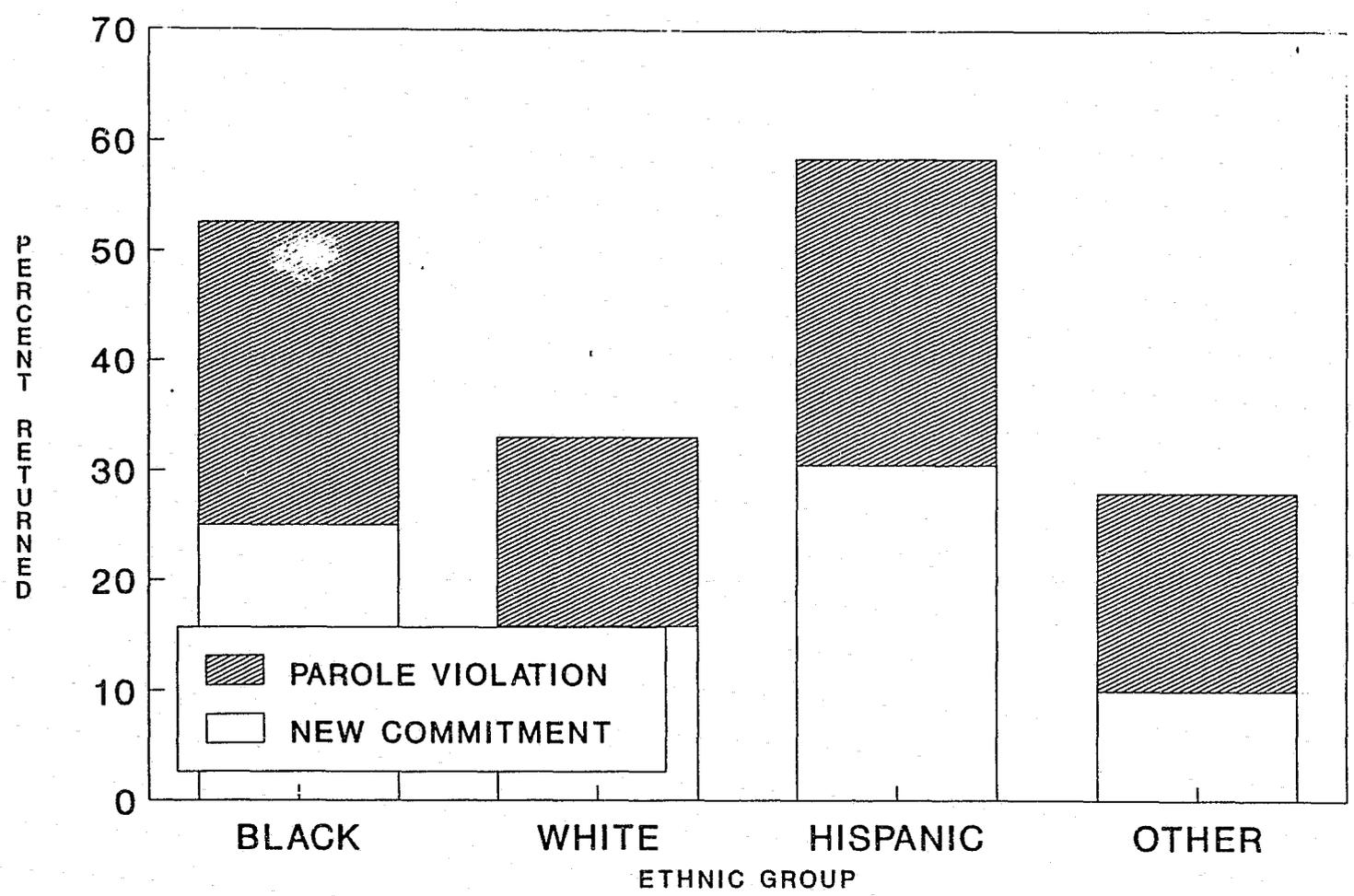


TABLE 15
1972-1987 RELEASES: RETURNS BY AGE ON RELEASE

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	AGE AT TIME OF RELEASE										
	TOTAL	16-18	19-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-64	65 AND OVER
1972-1987 RELEASES	125,423	3,288	11,855	30,542	31,938	21,063	12,306	6,812	3,746	3,549	324
TOTAL RETURNED	53,526	1,867	6,384	14,836	14,227	8,567	4,229	1,920	882	588	26
PERCENT RETURNED	42.7%	56.8%	53.9%	48.6%	44.5%	40.7%	34.4%	28.2%	23.5%	16.6%	8.0%
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	28,013	903	3,515	8,322	7,553	4,179	2,019	894	377	244	7
PERCENT RETURNED	22.3%	27.5%	29.6%	27.2%	23.6%	19.8%	16.4%	13.1%	10.1%	6.9%	2.2%
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	25,513	964	2,869	6,514	6,674	4,388	2,210	1,026	505	344	19
PERCENT RETURNED	20.3%	29.3%	24.2%	21.3%	20.9%	20.8%	18.0%	15.1%	13.5%	9.7%	5.9%
1987 RELEASES	12,799	243	930	2,910	3,366	2,359	1,485	755	384	340	27
TOTAL RETURNED	6,452	172	614	1,696	1,840	1,107	617	227	102	75	2
PERCENT RETURNED	50.4%	70.8%	66.0%	58.3%	54.7%	46.9%	41.5%	30.1%	26.6%	22.1%	7.4%
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	3,182	76	303	904	908	508	298	105	37	41	2
PERCENT RETURNED	24.9%	31.3%	32.6%	31.1%	27.0%	21.5%	20.1%	13.9%	9.6%	12.1%	7.4%
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	3,270	96	311	792	932	599	319	122	65	34	0
PERCENT RETURNED	25.5%	39.5%	33.4%	27.2%	27.7%	25.4%	21.5%	16.2%	16.9%	10.0%	0.0%

AGE DATA NOT READILY AVAILABLE FOR 49 CASES.

CHART 9
1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF RETURN



ETHNIC GROUP The ethnic distribution of the 1987 study population closely followed that of the inmate population under custody in DOCS facilities during 1987. The largest portion of releases, 5,909 or 46.2% were in the black ethnic group. Hispanics comprised the second largest group with 4,215 or 32.9%. Whites accounted for 2,625 or 20.5% and other ethnic groups made up the remaining 50 or 0.4%.

The highest rate of return for the 1987 study population was found among Hispanic inmates at 58.4% followed by blacks at 52.6%; whites at 33.1%; and other ethnic groups at 28.0%. Among returns for new felonies, the Hispanic release group had the highest proportion returned at 30.5%. Blacks had the next highest new commitment rate at 25.0% while whites at 15.8% returned at a slightly higher new commitment rate than did other ethnic groups at 10.0%.

For the combined 1972-1987 release cohorts, the Hispanic ethnic group had the highest overall rate of return at 47.9% for this 16-year period. The second highest rate was for the black ethnic group at 45.8% followed by the white and the other ethnic groups at 32.9%. For returns with new felonies the Hispanic group had a slightly higher rate of return at 26.0% than did blacks at 24.2%. The white group had a new felony return rate of 16.1%. (See Table 16 and Appendix Table G).

TABLE 16
1972 - 1987 RELEASES: ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF RETURN

ETHNIC GROUP	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
1972-1987	125,052	53,379	42.7%	27,951	22.4%	25,430	20.3%
BLACK	54,955	29,766	45.8%	15,732	24.2%	14,034	21.6%
WHITE	33,566	11,037	32.9%	5,411	16.1%	5,626	16.8%
HISPANIC	25,732	12,313	47.9%	6,700	26.0%	5,613	21.8%
OTHER	799	263	32.9%	108	13.5%	155	19.4%
1987 RELEASES*	12,799	6,452	50.4%	3,182	24.9%	3,270	25.5%
BLACK	5,909	3,107	52.6%	1,476	25.0%	1,631	27.6%
WHITE	2,625	868	33.1%	416	15.8%	452	17.2%
HISPANIC	4,215	2,463	58.4%	1,285	30.5%	1,178	27.9%
OTHER	50	14	28.0%	5	10.0%	9	18.0%

SEE APPENDIX TABLE G FOR 1972 - 1987 AGGREGATE DATA.

NOTE: Ethnic data not available on 420 cases.

* Definition of Hispanic modified in 1987 to expand use of country of birth.

TABLE 17
1987 RELEASES: RETURNS OF PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDERS

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	TOTAL RELEASED	FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS*			SECOND FELONY OFFENDERS**		
		NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED	NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED
TOTAL	12,789	7,325	3,437	46.9%	5,474	3,016	55.1%
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	6,638	4,193	2,085	49.7%	2,445	1,348	55.1%
MURDER	41	40	9	22.5%	1	0	0.0%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	121	89	30	33.7%	32	9	28.1%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	355	300	72	24.0%	55	18	32.7%
RAPE 1ST	198	150	59	39.3%	48	28	58.3%
ROBBERY 1ST	1,682	1,188	653	55.0%	494	280	56.7%
ROBBERY 2ND	1,675	1,042	638	61.2%	633	382	60.3%
ASSAULT 1ST	212	163	51	31.3%	49	18	36.7%
ASSAULT 2ND	232	141	58	41.1%	91	48	52.7%
BURGLARY 1ST	102	68	31	45.6%	34	24	70.6%
BURGLARY 2ND	1,101	579	332	57.3%	522	334	64.0%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	48	38	15	39.5%	10	1	10.0%
SODOMY 1ST	84	70	21	30.0%	14	4	28.6%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	103	75	22	29.3%	28	7	25.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	657	228	86	37.7%	429	193	45.0%
KIDNAPPING	27	22	8	36.4%	5	2	40.0%
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	778	394	148	37.6%	384	224	58.3%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	88	76	10	13.2%	12	4	33.3%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	44	34	4	11.8%	10	3	30.0%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	21	19	5	26.3%	2	1	50.0%
ROBBERY 3RD	367	140	89	63.6%	227	153	67.4%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	103	22	8	36.4%	81	40	49.4%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	14	7	3	42.9%	7	3	42.9%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	55	38	13	34.2%	17	8	47.1%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL	86	58	16	27.6%	28	12	42.9%
DRUG OFFENSES	2,470	1,523	557	37.2%	947	467	49.3%
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	2,586	888	445	50.1%	1,698	977	57.5%
BURGLARY 3RD	952	324	184	56.8%	628	382	60.8%
GRAND LARCENY	699	210	104	49.5%	489	284	58.1%
FORGERY	212	69	28	40.6%	143	67	46.9%
STOLEN PROPERTY	454	122	76	62.3%	332	194	58.4%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	269	163	53	32.5%	106	50	47.2%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	327	327	192	58.7%	0	0	0.0%
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

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

**INCLUDES 5,440 WITH SECOND FELONY SENTENCE AND 34 WITH PERSISTENT FELONY SENTENCES.

SEE APPENDIX TABLE H FOR COMBINED 1980 - 1987 DATA.

RETURNS OF PREDICATE FELONS Of the 12,799 offenders in the 1987 study population, there were 5,474 or 42.7% who had originally been committed as second 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 1987 study group had an 8.2% higher rate of return at 55.1% than did first felony offenders who returned at a rate of 46.9%. This higher rate of return for second felony offenders occurred in each of the major crime groupings. The highest rate of return for second felony offenders occurred in the other violence/coercion group at 58.3% followed by the property/other group at 57.5%; the violent felony offender group at 55.1%; and the drug group at 49.3%.

There was considerable variation by individual crime in return rates for second felony offenders. Appendix Table H indicates there were 28,316 second felony offenders released over the 1980-1987 eight-year period. The return rate for this group of predicate felons was 51.7%. For this combined group, we find that among crimes with 100 or more second felony releases, the higher than average rates of return were for: rape 1st; robbery (all degrees); burglary (all degrees); grand larceny and stolen property. Second felony offender crimes with below average rates of return included: manslaughter 1st and 2nd; sexual abuse 1st; assault (all degrees); dangerous weapons; arson 3rd and 4th; drugs; and forgery.

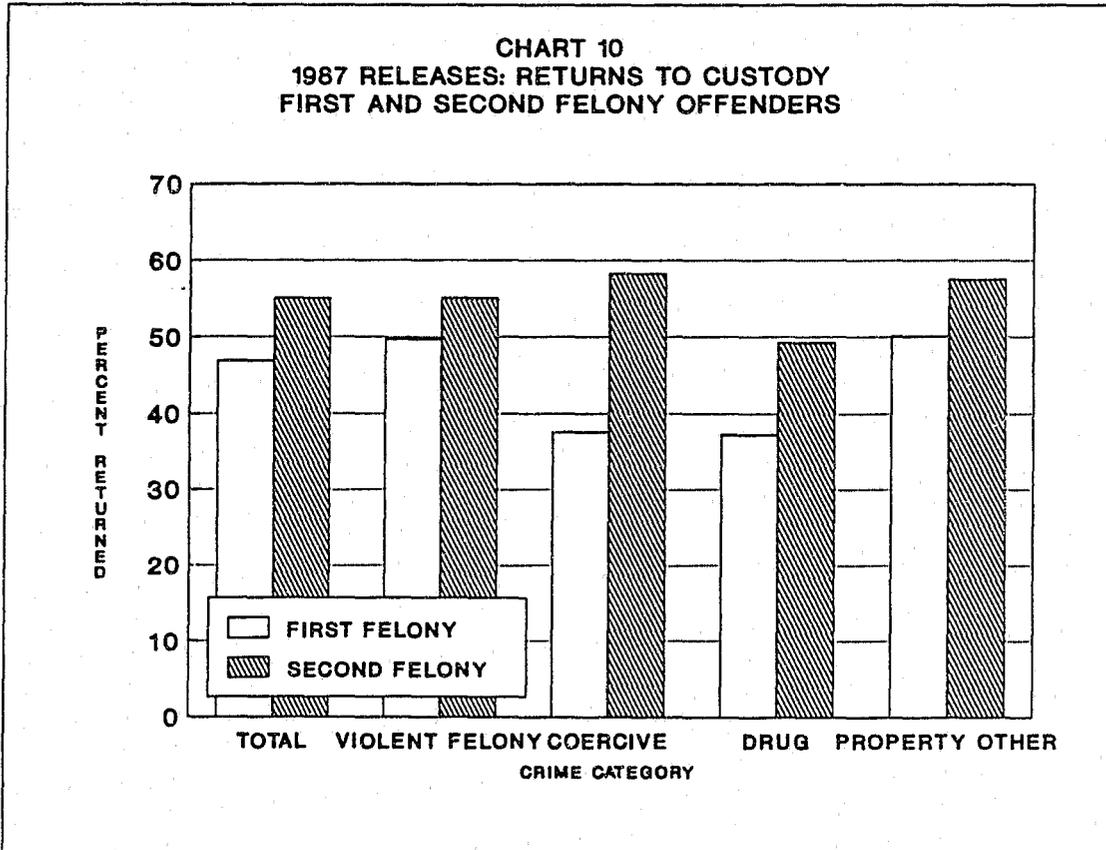
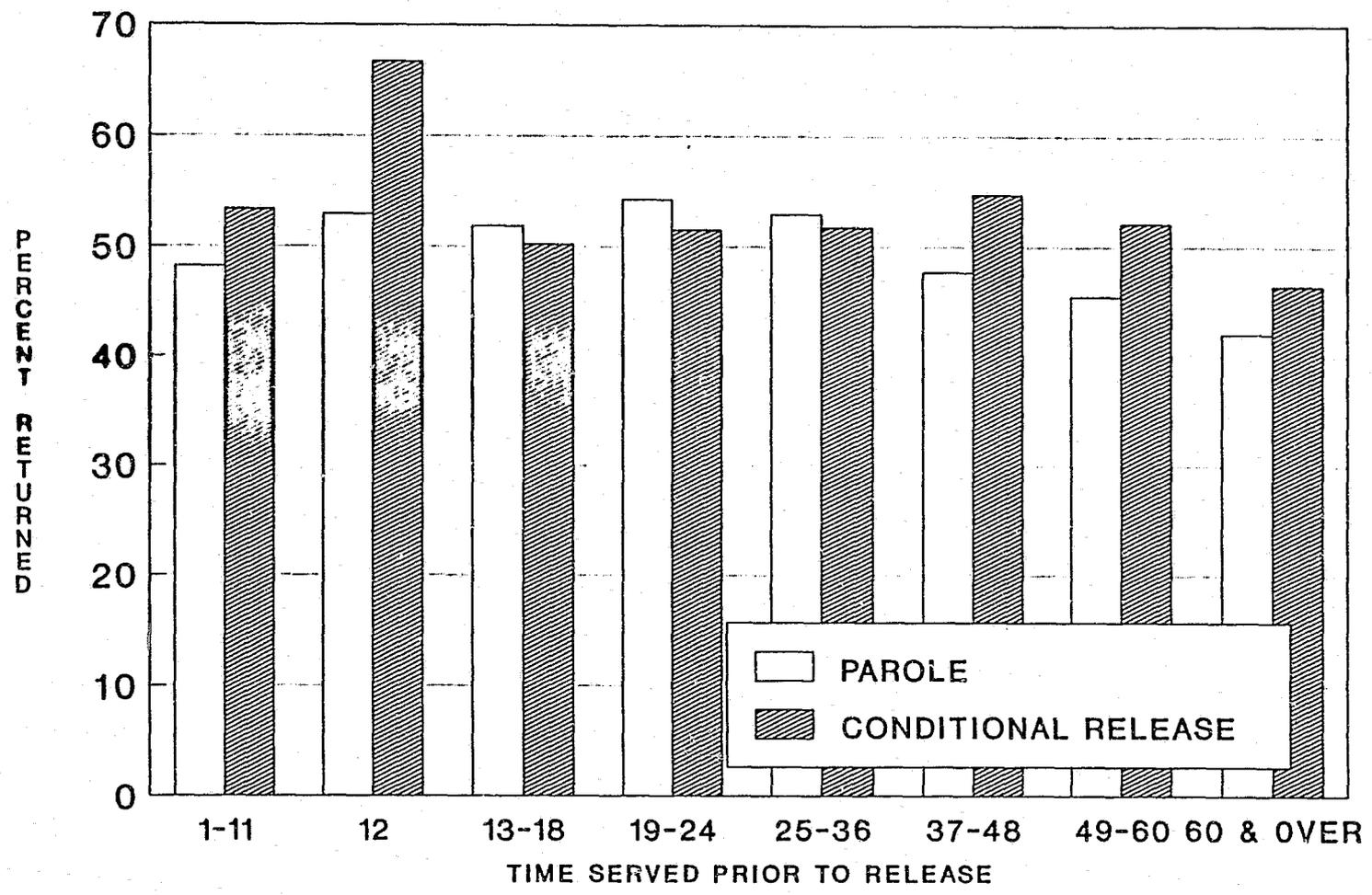


CHART 11
1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
TIME SERVED IN MONTHS PRIOR TO RELEASE



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 prior periods of incarceration are not readily available from the material contained on our computer files.

As previously stated, offenders released via parole had a lower rate of return at 50.5% than did conditional releases at 52.0%. The lowest rate of return among the 1987 paroles was registered by persons serving over five years in DOCS custody (42.1%) followed by those serving 4-5 years at 45.5%; and 3-4 years at 47.7%. The return rate for persons serving shorter periods tended to be somewhat higher. For the combined 1976-1987 release cohorts, those serving 12 months had the lowest rate of return at 30.6% followed by the five or more years group at 41.3% followed by those who served less than one year at 42.1%.

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

TABLE 18 -
1976 - 1987 RELEASES: TIME SERVED IN DOCS FACILITIES

TIME SERVED IN DOCS FACILITIES

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	TOTAL	LESS THAN 12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	13 - 18 MONTHS	19 - 24 MONTHS	2 - 3 YEARS	3 - 4 YEARS	4 - 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
1976-1987 PAROLES	69,696	6,540	3,845	17,308	13,903	14,854	6,100	3,261	3,885
NUMBER RETURNED	30,162	2,754	1,175	7,311	6,144	6,880	2,870	1,424	1,604
PERCENT	43.3%	42.1%	30.6%	42.2%	44.2%	46.3%	47.0%	43.7%	41.3%
1987 PAROLES	10,817	1,834	391	2,504	1,850	2,014	949	536	739
NUMBER RETURNED	5,463	884	207	1,296	1,003	1,065	453	244	311
PERCENT	50.5%	48.2%	52.9%	51.8%	54.2%	52.9%	47.7%	45.5%	42.1%
1976-1987 CR'S	19,327	1,298	282	3,081	5,958	5,422	1,766	745	775
NUMBER RETURNED	9,176	573	145	1,468	2,672	2,664	908	377	369
PERCENT	47.5%	44.1%	51.4%	47.6%	44.8%	49.1%	51.4%	50.6%	47.6%
1987 RELEASES, CR	1,348	60	21	219	334	385	159	71	99
NUMBER RETURNED	697	32	14	110	172	199	87	37	46
PERCENT	51.7%	53.3%	66.7%	50.2%	51.5%	51.7%	54.7%	52.1%	46.5%

TABLE 19

1978-1987 RELEASES: COUNTY OF COMMITMENT
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1987 RELEASES BY COUNTY OF COMMITMENT	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL STATE	12,799	6,454	50.4%	3,182	24.9%	3,272	25.6%
NEW YORK CITY	9,064	4,733	52.2%	2,432	26.8%	2,301	25.4%
BRONX COUNTY	1,756	894	50.9%	461	26.3%	433	24.7%
KINGS COUNTY	2,289	1,255	54.8%	618	27.0%	637	27.8%
NEW YORK COUNTY	3,439	1,777	51.7%	903	26.3%	874	25.4%
QUEENS COUNTY	1,471	762	51.8%	425	28.8%	337	22.9%
RICHMOND COUNTY	109	45	41.3%	25	22.9%	20	18.3%
SUBURBAN N.Y.C.	1,532	678	44.3%	344	22.5%	334	21.8%
NASSAU	511	226	44.2%	116	22.7%	110	21.5%
ROCKLAND	89	33	37.1%	15	16.9%	18	20.2%
SUFFOLK	518	226	43.6%	121	23.4%	105	20.3%
WESTCHESTER	414	193	46.6%	92	22.2%	101	24.4%
OTHER NEW YORK STATE	2,203	1,043	47.3%	406	18.4%	637	28.9%
1978-1987 RELEASES BY COUNTY OF COMMITMENT							
TOTAL STATE	90,703	36,601	40.4%	19,416	21.4%	17,185	18.9%
NEW YORK CITY	54,215	25,810	47.6%	14,087	26.0%	11,723	21.6%
BRONX COUNTY	11,342	5,227	46.1%	2,875	25.3%	2,352	20.7%
KINGS COUNTY	13,866	6,655	48.0%	3,663	26.4%	2,992	21.6%
NEW YORK COUNTY	20,383	9,830	48.2%	5,156	25.3%	4,674	22.9%
QUEENS COUNTY	7,846	3,742	47.7%	2,159	27.5%	1,583	20.2%
RICHMOND COUNTY	778	356	45.8%	234	30.1%	122	15.7%
SUBURBAN N.Y.C.	9,890	3,928	39.7%	2,215	22.4%	1,713	17.3%
NASSAU	3,607	1,489	41.3%	880	24.4%	609	16.9%
ROCKLAND	572	207	36.2%	119	20.8%	88	15.4%
SUFFOLK	3,030	1,120	37.0%	634	20.9%	486	16.0%
WESTCHESTER	2,681	1,112	41.5%	582	21.7%	530	19.8%
OTHER NEW YORK STATE	16,770	6,863	40.9%	3,114	18.6%	3,749	22.4%

REGION The largest portion, (9,064 or 70.8%) of the 1987 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 12.0% while the remaining 17.2% 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 44.3% and 47.3% respectively.

Data for the combined nine-year period 1978-1987 follow a somewhat similar distribution. As with the 1987 study group the combined 1978-1987 cohort had been committed predominantly (59.8%) from New York City. Similarly, the New York City category had a higher rate of return (47.6%) than did the Suburban New York City category at 39.7% and other areas of the state at 40.9%. 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 22.4% and other areas of the state at 18.6%.

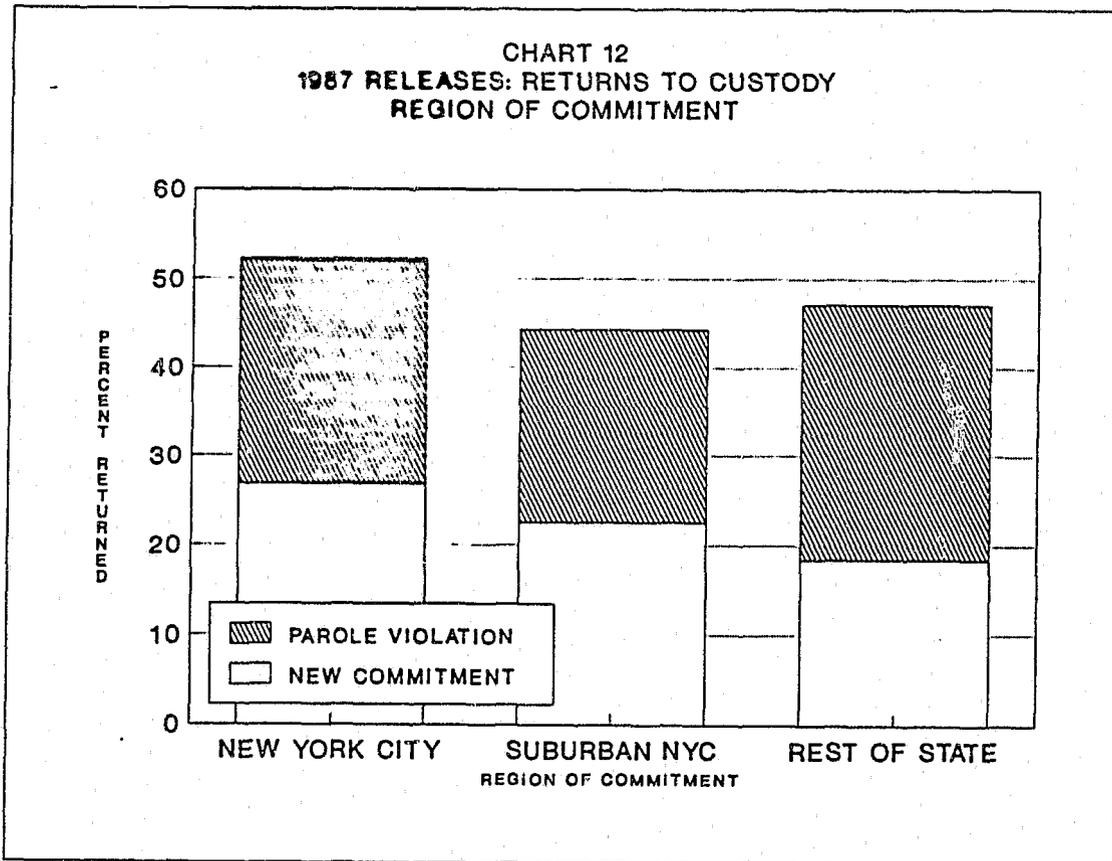


TABLE 20

1987 RELEASES: MINIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1987 RELEASES BY MINIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASE	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	12,799	6,452	50.4%	3,182	24.9%	3,270	25.5%
NO MINIMUM	23	7	30.4%	6	26.1%	1	4.3%
12 - 23 MONTHS	5,752	2,942	51.1%	1,556	27.1%	1,386	24.1%
24 - 35 MONTHS	3,576	1,926	53.9%	921	25.8%	1,005	28.1%
36 - 47 MONTHS	1,517	749	49.4%	317	20.9%	432	28.5%
48 - 59 MONTHS	814	369	45.3%	172	21.1%	197	24.2%
60 - 71 MONTHS	494	187	37.9%	91	18.4%	96	19.4%
72 - 119 MONTHS	526	241	45.8%	106	20.2%	135	25.7%
120 - 179 MONTHS	56	20	35.7%	9	16.1%	11	19.6%
180 - 239 MONTHS	31	7	22.6%	4	12.9%	3	9.7%
240 MONTHS AND OVER	10	4	40.0%	0	0.0%	4	40.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE		0	xxx	0	xxx	0	xxx

1979 - 1987 RELEASES: MINIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1979 - 1987 RELEASES BY MINIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASE	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	84,145	38,623	45.9%	20,626	24.5%	17,997	21.4%
NO MINIMUM	12,569	5,067	40.3%	2,881	22.9%	2,186	17.4%
12 - 23 MONTHS	32,385	14,778	45.6%	8,489	26.2%	6,289	19.4%
24 - 35 MONTHS	20,592	10,296	50.0%	5,249	25.5%	5,047	24.5%
36 - 47 MONTHS	8,840	4,278	48.4%	2,057	23.3%	2,221	25.1%
48 - 59 MONTHS	3,730	1,720	46.1%	797	21.4%	923	24.7%
60 - 71 MONTHS	2,571	1,116	43.4%	517	20.1%	599	23.3%
72 - 119 MONTHS	2,790	1,148	41.1%	536	19.2%	612	21.9%
120 - 179 MONTHS	239	111	46.4%	50	20.9%	61	25.5%
180 - 239 MONTHS	220	46	20.9%	18	8.2%	28	12.7%
240 MONTHS AND OVER	117	32	27.4%	13	11.1%	19	16.2%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	92	31	33.7%	19	20.7%	12	13.0%

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 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. This accounts for the "No Minimum" category in Table 20.

1. Minimum Sentence - Over three quarters (73.1%) of the 1987 release population had a minimum term of less than three years with the 12-23 month being the largest category. The following categories generally accounted for a declining number of releases. Excluding the "no minimum" group, the lowest return rates were posted by the two of the longest sentence categories, 120-179 months at 35.7% and 180-239 months at 22.6%. The highest rates of return were found in the 24-35 month category at 53.9% and the 12-23 month category at 51.1%.

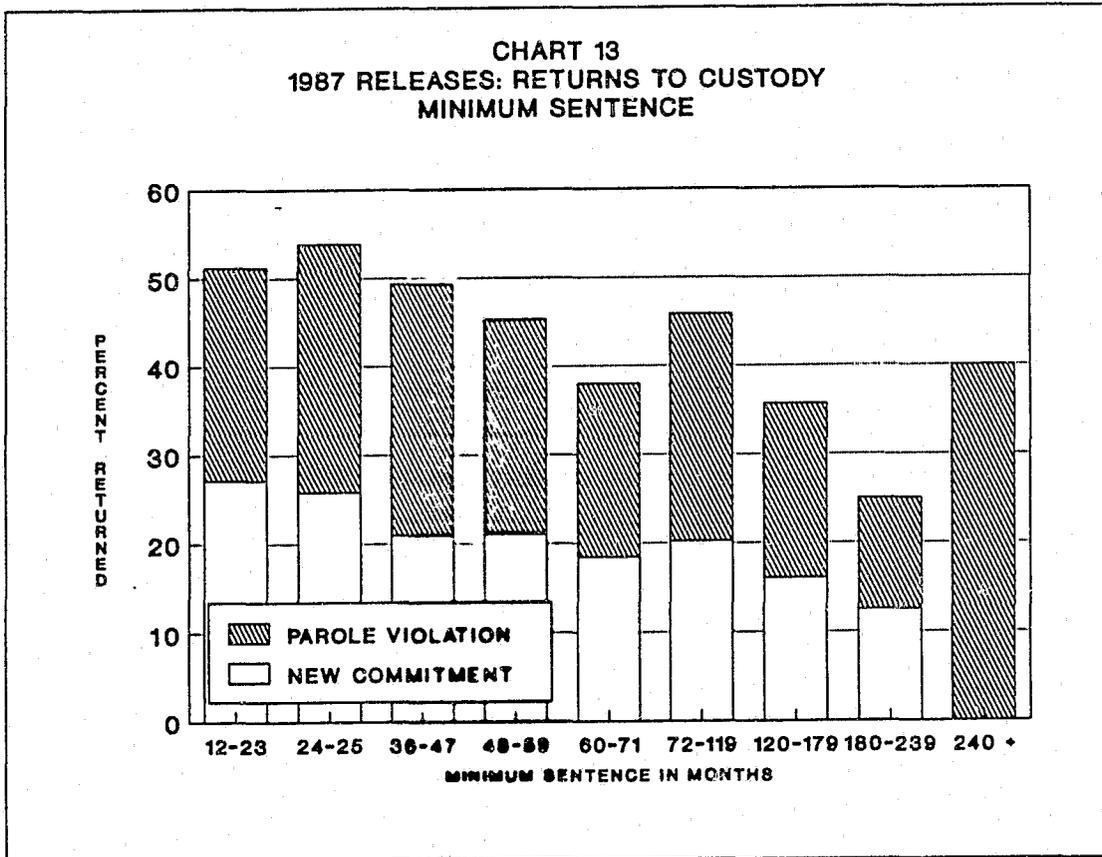


TABLE 21

1987 RELEASES: MAXIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1987 RELEASES BY MAXIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	12,799	6,452	50.4%	3,182	24.9%	3,270	25.5%
36 MONTHS	3,913	1,963	50.2%	1,107	28.3%	856	21.9%
37 - 48 MONTHS	2,183	1,199	54.9%	598	27.4%	601	27.5%
49 - 60 MONTHS	1,842	1,008	54.7%	470	25.5%	538	29.2%
61 - 120 MONTHS	3,392	1,753	51.7%	762	22.5%	991	29.2%
121 - 239 MONTHS	1,012	427	42.2%	203	20.1%	224	22.1%
240 MONTHS OR MORE	165	64	38.8%	28	17.0%	36	21.8%
LIFE	292	38	13.0%	14	4.8%	24	8.2%
DEATH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

1979 - 1987 RELEASES: MAXIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1979 - 1987 RELEASES BY MAXIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	84,145	38,623	45.9%	20,626	24.5%	17,997	21.4%
36 MONTHS	25,277	11,228	44.4%	6,942	27.5%	4,286	17.0%
37 - 48 MONTHS	15,751	7,654	48.6%	4,157	26.4%	3,497	22.2%
49 - 60 MONTHS	11,793	5,741	48.7%	2,977	25.2%	2,764	23.4%
61 - 120 MONTHS	21,717	10,653	49.1%	5,012	23.1%	5,641	26.0%
121 - 239 MONTHS	5,103	2,216	43.4%	1,039	20.4%	1,177	23.1%
240 MONTHS OR MORE	1,114	416	37.3%	179	16.1%	237	21.3%
LIFE	3,312	694	21.0%	307	9.3%	387	11.7%
DEATH	12	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	1	8.3%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	66	20	30.3%	13	19.7%	7	10.6%

2. Maximum Sentence - Well over one-half (62.0%) of the 1987 release population had maximum terms that did not extend beyond five years. Only about one out of ten (11.5%) had maximum terms of over ten years including 292 with life maximum terms. The lowest rate of return was for the life maximum group at 13.0% followed by the 240 and over group at 38.8%. The highest rates of return were registered by the 37-48 month category at 54.9% followed by the 49-60 group at 54.7%.

For the combined nine 1979-1987 cohorts, there is a somewhat similar pattern of returns for both minimum and maximum sentence. The lowest minimum term return rates were for the 180-239 month group at 21.3% while the highest rate was for the 24-35 group at 50.0%. For maximum term, the lowest rate was for lifers at 21.0% and death sentences converted to life at 8.3% while the highest rate was for the 61-120 month group at 49.1%.

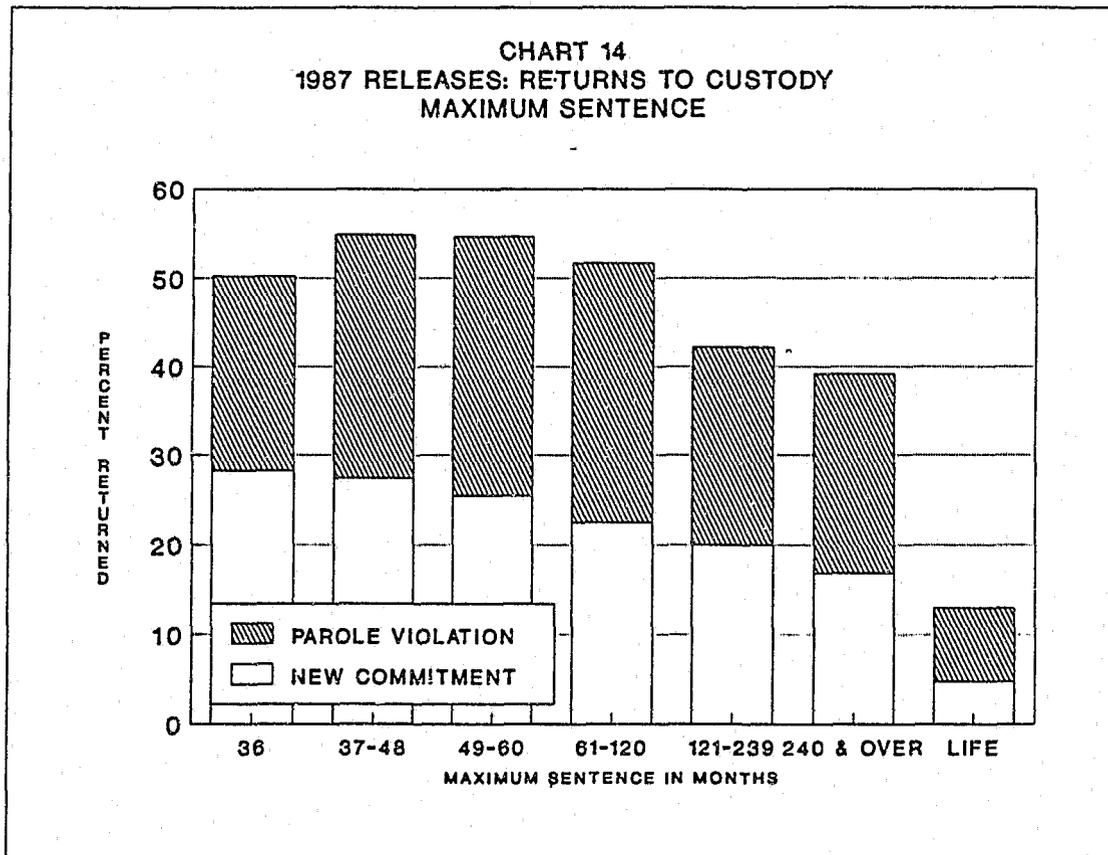


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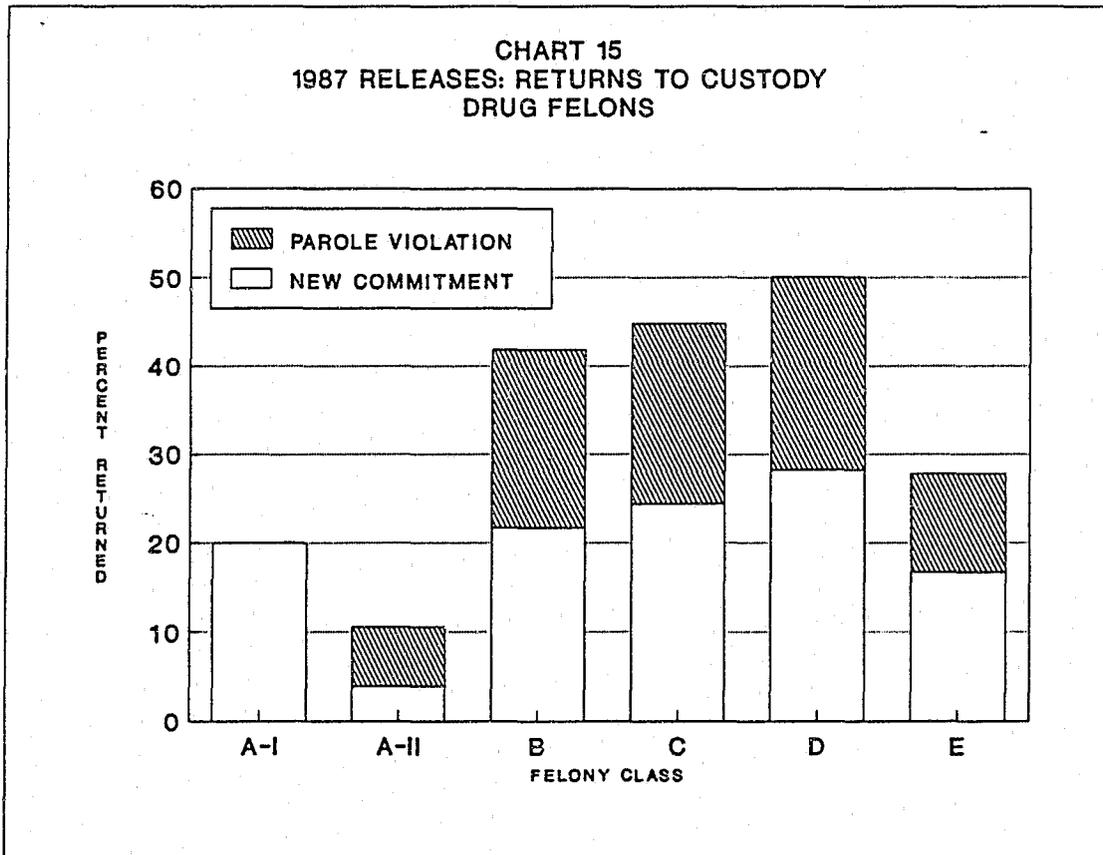
1987 RELEASES: DRUG OFFENDERS BY FELONY CLASS
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1987 RELEASES OF DRUG FELONY OFFENDERS BY FELONY CLASS	RETURNED						
	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		NEW COMMITMENT		VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL DRUG COMMITMENTS	2,470	1,034	41.9%	556	22.5%	478	19.4%
CLASS A-I	15	3	20.0%	3	20.0%	0	0.0%
CLASS A-II	226	24	10.6%	9	4.0%	15	6.6%
CLASS B	1,127	471	41.8%	244	21.7%	227	20.1%
CLASS C	221	99	44.8%	54	24.4%	45	20.4%
CLASS D	863	432	50.1%	243	28.2%	189	21.9%
CLASS E	18	5	27.8%	3	16.7%	2	11.1%
SALE	1,835	807	44.0%	443	24.1%	364	19.8%
CLASS A-I	12	2	16.7%	2	16.7%	0	0.0%
CLASS A-II	162	13	8.0%	4	2.5%	9	5.6%
CLASS B	843	374	44.4%	195	23.1%	179	21.2%
CLASS C	120	63	52.5%	39	32.5%	24	20.0%
CLASS D	692	354	51.2%	202	29.2%	152	22.0%
CLASS E	6	1	16.7%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
POSSESSION	635	227	35.7%	113	17.8%	114	18.0%
CLASS A-I	3	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%
CLASS A-II	64	11	17.2%	5	7.8%	6	9.4%
CLASS B	284	97	34.2%	49	17.3%	48	16.9%
CLASS C	101	36	35.6%	15	14.9%	21	20.8%
CLASS D	171	78	45.6%	41	24.0%	37	21.6%
CLASS E	12	4	33.3%	2	16.7%	2	0.0%

1984 - 1986 RELEASES OF DRUG FELONY OFFENDERS BY FELONY CLASS	RETURNED						
	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		NEW COMMITMENT		VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL DRUG COMMITMENTS	6,852	2,629	38.4%	1,358	19.8%	1,271	18.5%
CLASS A-I	62	7	11.3%	5	8.1%	2	3.2%
CLASS A-II	747	99	13.3%	37	5.0%	62	8.3%
CLASS B	3,031	1,092	36.0%	569	18.8%	523	17.3%
CLASS C	616	254	41.2%	124	20.1%	130	21.1%
CLASS D	2,335	1,160	49.7%	609	26.1%	551	23.6%
CLASS E	61	17	27.9%	14	23.0%	3	4.9%
SALE	5,109	2,052	40.2%	1,073	21.0%	979	19.2%
CLASS A-I	44	3	6.8%	3	6.8%	0	0.0%
CLASS A-II	534	75	14.0%	25	4.7%	50	9.4%
CLASS B	2,312	879	38.0%	464	20.1%	415	17.9%
CLASS C	343	155	45.2%	76	22.2%	79	23.0%
CLASS D	1,852	933	50.4%	498	26.9%	435	23.5%
CLASS E	24	7	29.2%	7	29.2%	0	0.0%
POSSESSION	1,743	577	33.1%	285	16.4%	292	16.8%
CLASS A-I	18	4	22.2%	2	11.1%	2	11.1%
CLASS A-II	213	24	11.3%	12	5.6%	12	5.6%
CLASS B	719	213	29.6%	105	14.6%	108	15.0%
CLASS C	273	99	36.3%	48	17.6%	51	18.7%
CLASS D	483	227	47.0%	111	23.0%	116	24.0%
CLASS E	37	10	27.0%	7	18.9%	3	8.1%

DRUG FELONS Drug felons at 41.9%, had a lower rate of return than did the 50.4% average for the total 1987 release cohort. There was, however, 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 through D, the rate of return increased as the seriousness of the felony declined. Only 11.2% of the Class A felons returned while 50.1% of the Class D returned. This did not hold true for the Class E felony group, however, where only 27.8% returned. There was also a difference between crimes of sale and crimes of possession. Sales offenders had a return rate of 44.0% compared to 35.7% for possessions.

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, as well as the number, returned for drug felonies is steadily rising. Among the 1978 release cohort, drug crimes accounted for only 8.0% (105) of those returned for new felonies. This proportion has grown to 34.7% (1,102) for the 1987 release cohort.



SUBSEQUENT RELEASE COHORTS This section provides information on the 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991 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 1987 cohort. Comparisons can be made, however, at the one, two, three and four year periods subsequent to the date of release for some or all of these cohorts.

These partial data tend to indicate a rise in the return rates reaching a high with the 1988 cohort with a subsequent decline in 1989, 1990 and 1991 cohorts.

TABLE 23

1987 - 1991 TOTAL STUDY RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN
(ALL RETURNS)

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
NUMBER RELEASED	12,799	14,130	14,745	18,648	18,938
NUMBER RETURNED	6,452	6,930	5,958	5,428	2,102
1ST - 6th MONTH	273	347	536	531	407
7th - 12th MONTH	1,258	1,820	1,791	1,693	1,695
13TH - 18TH MONTH	1,514	1,781	1,408	1,749	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	1,134	1,169	952	1,455	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	785	742	738		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	500	434	533		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	361	369			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	251	268			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	201				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	175				

TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
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NUMBER RELEASED	12,799	14,130	14,745	18,648	18,938
NUMBER RETURNED	6,452	6,930	5,958	5,428	2,102
1ST - 6th MONTH	2.1%	2.5%	3.6%	2.8%	2.1%
7th - 12th MONTH	9.8%	12.9%	12.1%	9.1%	9.0%
13TH - 18TH MONTH	11.8%	12.6%	9.5%	9.4%	
19TH - 24TH MONTH	8.9%	8.3%	6.5%	7.8%	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	6.1%	5.3%	5.0%		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	3.9%	3.1%	3.6%		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	2.8%	2.6%			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	2.0%	1.9%			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	1.6%				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	1.4%				

SUMMARY Among the 12,799 inmates released from DOCS facilities in 1987, 50.4% 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 of 24.8% while violation of parole resulted in the return of 25.6%. Well over half of the returns (64.8%) were back in prison within two years. The median time to return was 20.0 months.

Women returned to custody at a much lower rate (35.4%) than did men (51.2%). Persons committed for burglary had the highest (59.7%) rate of return while manslaughter commitments had the lowest return rate (22.8%). 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 27.0 years compared to 30.2 years for those who did not return. By ethnic group, the highest rate of return was for Hispanic inmates at 58.4% followed by black inmates at 52.6%, whites at 33.1% and others at 28.0%. Among the 3,180 offenders recommitted to DOCS for a new felony, drug felonies were the most frequent crime on return, accounting for 34.7% of those returned for new crimes. The return rate by region was 52.2% for New York City compared to 44.3% for Suburban New York City and 47.3% for Upstate areas. Offenders with the longest minimum terms tended to have a lower rate of return for new felonies than did those with shorter minimum terms. The same was true for maximum terms with life maximum terms registering the lowest rate of return. Offenders originally committed for drug felonies tended 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 in the prior decade. A study* of the 1969 releases to parole supervision recorded a 46.1% rate of return. The analysis of the 16 release cohorts for the 1972-1987 period indicates the rate of return 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 16.8% since 1972 to the 1987 level of 50.4%. Both returns for new felony commitments and for violation of parole have contributed to this increase.

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(Part I)
 1972-1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
 BY TYPE OF RELEASE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972-1987	125,472	53,548	42.7%	28,026	22.3%	25,522	20.3%
PAROLE	92,003	38,850	42.2%	18,420	20.0%	20,430	22.2%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	25,782	11,832	46.3%	6,840	26.5%	5,092	19.8%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	7,687	2,766	36.0%	2,766	36.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1972	5,593	1,877	33.6%	876	15.7%	1,001	17.9%
PAROLE	3,582	1,239	34.6%	458	12.8%	781	21.8%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,032	395	38.3%	175	17.0%	220	21.3%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	979	243	24.8%	243	24.8%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1973	5,400	1,963	36.4%	946	17.5%	1,017	18.8%
PAROLE	3,788	1,406	37.1%	594	15.7%	812	21.4%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,051	420	40.0%	215	20.5%	205	19.5%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	561	137	24.4%	137	24.4%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1974	5,222	1,859	35.6%	938	18.0%	921	17.6%
PAROLE	3,429	1,176	34.3%	514	15.0%	662	19.3%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,333	555	41.6%	296	22.2%	259	19.4%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	460	128	27.8%	128	27.8%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1975	5,546	1,973	35.6%	981	17.7%	992	17.9%
PAROLE	3,654	1,258	34.4%	558	15.3%	700	19.2%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,464	602	41.1%	310	21.2%	292	19.9%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	428	113	26.4%	113	26.4%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1976	6,345	2,260	35.6%	1,100	17.3%	1,160	18.3%
PAROLE	4,445	1,483	33.4%	662	14.9%	821	18.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,522	652	42.8%	313	20.6%	339	22.3%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	378	125	33.1%	125	33.1%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1977	6,663	2,441	36.6%	1,238	18.6%	1,203	18.1%
PAROLE	4,828	1,702	35.3%	768	15.9%	934	19.3%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,449	610	42.1%	341	23.5%	269	18.6%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	386	129	33.4%	129	33.4%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1978	6,558	2,552	38.9%	1,319	20.1%	1,233	18.8%
PAROLE	4,520	1,654	36.6%	733	16.2%	921	20.4%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,663	756	45.5%	444	26.7%	312	18.8%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	375	142	37.9%	142	37.9%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1979	7,115	2,928	41.2%	1,480	20.8%	1,448	20.4%
PAROLE	4,730	1,863	39.4%	847	17.9%	1,016	21.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,057	946	46.0%	514	25.0%	432	21.0%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	328	119	36.3%	119	36.3%	0	0.0%

APPENDIX TABLE A(Part II)
 1972-1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
 BY TYPE OF RELEASE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1980	7,661	3,173	41.4%	1,704	22.2%	1,469	19.2%
PAROLE	4,960	1,941	39.1%	921	18.6%	1,020	20.6%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,194	1,029	46.9%	590	26.4%	449	20.5%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	507	203	40.0%	203	40.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1981	6,938	2,860	41.2%	1,649	23.8%	1,211	17.5%
PAROLE	4,298	1,663	38.7%	847	19.7%	816	19.0%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,068	964	46.6%	569	27.5%	395	19.1%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	572	233	40.7%	233	40.7%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1982	8,141	3,507	43.1%	2,083	25.6%	1,424	17.5%
PAROLE	5,481	2,241	40.9%	1,189	21.7%	1,052	19.2%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,129	1,039	48.8%	667	31.3%	372	17.5%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	531	227	42.7%	227	42.7%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1983	10,088	4,570	45.3%	2,752	27.3%	1,818	18.0%
PAROLE	7,627	3,376	44.3%	1,387	24.7%	1,489	19.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,092	1,035	49.5%	706	33.7%	329	15.7%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	369	159	43.1%	159	43.1%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1984	9,828	4,576	46.6%	2,529	25.7%	2,047	20.8%
PAROLE	7,854	3,609	46.0%	1,859	23.7%	1,750	22.3%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,572	782	49.7%	485	30.9%	297	18.9%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	402	185	46.0%	185	46.0%	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%
TOTAL 1986	11,280	5,613	49.8%	2,638	23.4%	2,975	26.4%
PAROLE	9,523	4,722	49.6%	2,081	21.9%	2,641	27.7%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,359	711	52.3%	377	27.7%	334	24.6%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	398	180	45.2%	180	45.2%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1987	12,789	6,452	50.4%	3,180	24.8%	3,272	25.6%
PAROLE	10,817	5,463	50.5%	2,526	23.4%	2,937	27.2%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,368	711	52.0%	376	27.5%	335	24.5%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	614	278	45.3%	278	45.3%	0	0.0%

APPENDIX TABLE B(Part I)
 1972 -1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
 BY GENDER AND TYPE OF RELEASE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972-1987							
TOTAL	125,472	53,548	42.7%	28,027	22.3%	25,521	20.3%
MALES	120,606	52,333	43.4%	27,550	22.8%	24,783	20.5%
FEMALES	4,866	1,215	25.0%	477	9.8%	738	15.2%
1972 RELEASES							
TOTAL	5,593	1,877	33.6%	876	15.7%	1,001	17.9%
MALES	5,417	1,856	34.3%	869	16.0%	987	18.2%
FEMALES	176	21	11.9%	7	4.0%	14	8.0%
1973 RELEASES							
TOTAL	5,400	1,963	36.4%	946	17.5%	1,017	18.8%
MALES	5,192	1,934	37.2%	939	18.1%	995	19.2%
FEMALES	208	29	13.9%	7	3.4%	22	10.6%
1974 RELEASES							
TOTAL	5,222	1,859	35.6%	938	18.0%	921	17.6%
MALES	5,033	1,836	36.5%	926	18.4%	910	18.1%
FEMALES	189	23	12.2%	12	6.3%	11	5.8%
1975 RELEASES							
TOTAL	5,546	1,973	35.6%	981	17.7%	992	17.9%
MALES	5,340	1,948	36.5%	971	18.2%	977	18.3%
FEMALES	206	25	12.1%	10	4.9%	15	7.3%
1976 RELEASES							
TOTAL	6,345	2,260	35.6%	1,100	17.3%	1,160	18.3%
MALES	6,126	2,233	36.5%	1,092	17.8%	1,141	18.6%
FEMALES	219	27	12.3%	8	3.7%	19	8.7%
1977 RELEASES							
TOTAL	6,663	2,441	36.6%	1,238	18.6%	1,203	18.1%
MALES	6,432	2,402	37.3%	1,223	19.0%	1,179	18.3%
FEMALES	231	39	16.9%	15	6.5%	24	10.4%
1978 RELEASES							
TOTAL	6,558	2,552	38.9%	1,319	20.1%	1,233	18.8%
MALES	6,336	2,515	39.7%	1,307	20.8%	1,208	19.1%
FEMALES	222	37	16.7%	12	5.4%	25	11.3%
1979 RELEASES							
TOTAL	7,115	2,928	41.2%	1,480	20.8%	1,448	20.4%
MALES	6,869	2,880	41.9%	1,468	21.4%	1,412	20.6%
FEMALES	246	48	19.5%	12	4.9%	36	14.6%

APPENDIX TABLE B(Part II)
 1972-1987 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
 BY GENDER AND TYPE OF RELEASE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
1980 RELEASES							
TOTAL	7,661	3,173	41.4%	1,704	22.2%	1,469	19.2%
MALES	7,372	3,097	42.0%	1,679	22.8%	1,418	19.2%
FEMALES	289	76	26.3%	25	8.7%	51	17.6%
1981 RELEASES							
TOTAL	6,938	2,860	41.2%	1,649	23.8%	1,211	17.5%
MALES	6,672	2,801	42.0%	1,623	24.3%	1,178	17.7%
FEMALES	266	59	22.2%	26	9.8%	33	12.4%
1982 RELEASES							
TOTAL	8,141	3,507	43.1%	2,082	25.6%	1,425	17.5%
MALES	7,815	3,422	43.8%	2,052	26.3%	1,370	17.5%
FEMALES	326	85	26.1%	30	9.2%	55	16.9%
1983 RELEASES							
TOTAL	10,088	4,570	45.3%	2,752	27.3%	1,818	18.0%
MALES	9,857	4,427	45.8%	2,697	27.9%	1,730	17.9%
FEMALES	431	143	33.2%	55	12.8%	88	20.4%
1984 RELEASES							
TOTAL	9,828	4,576	46.6%	2,529	25.7%	2,047	20.8%
MALES	9,480	4,479	47.2%	2,483	26.2%	1,996	21.1%
FEMALES	348	97	27.9%	46	13.2%	51	14.7%
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%
1986 RELEASES							
TOTAL	11,280	5,613	49.8%	2,638	23.4%	2,975	26.4%
MALES	10,818	5,459	50.5%	2,560	23.8%	2,879	26.6%
FEMALES	462	154	33.3%	58	12.6%	96	20.8%
1987 RELEASES							
TOTAL	12,799	6,452	50.4%	3,182	24.9%	3,270	25.5%
MALES	12,175	6,231	51.2%	3,083	25.3%	3,148	25.9%
FEMALES	624	221	35.4%	99	15.9%	122	19.6%

APPENDIX TABLE C

1978 - 1987 RELEASES: ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1978 - 1987 RELEASES COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	90,705	41,605	45.9%	21,945	24.2%	19,660	21.7%
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	46,526	22,682	48.8%	11,278	24.2%	11,404	24.5%
MURDER	277	63	22.7%	24	8.7%	39	14.1%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	577	171	29.6%	100	17.3%	71	12.3%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	2,920	809	27.7%	377	12.9%	432	14.8%
RAPE 1ST	1,488	699	47.0%	314	21.1%	385	25.9%
ROBBERY 1ST	12,038	6,599	54.8%	3,049	25.3%	3,550	29.5%
ROBBERY 2ND	13,568	7,688	56.7%	3,820	28.2%	3,868	28.5%
ASSAULT 1ST	1,545	591	38.3%	247	16.0%	344	22.3%
ASSAULT 2ND	1,790	665	37.2%	332	18.5%	333	18.6%
BURGLARY 1ST	497	263	52.9%	110	22.1%	153	30.8%
BURGLARY 2ND	5,284	2,803	53.0%	1,623	30.7%	1,180	22.3%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	356	129	36.2%	36	10.1%	93	26.1%
SODOMY 1ST	493	187	37.9%	74	15.0%	113	22.9%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	709	246	34.7%	113	15.9%	133	18.8%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	4,849	1,718	35.4%	1,039	21.4%	679	14.0%
KIDNAPPING	135	51	37.8%	20	14.8%	31	23.0%
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	8,201	3,337	40.7%	1,912	23.3%	1,425	17.4%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	1,244	337	27.1%	167	13.4%	170	13.7%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	272	54	19.9%	30	11.0%	24	8.8%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	218	52	23.9%	24	11.0%	28	12.8%
ROBBERY 3RD	4,507	2,239	49.7%	1,329	29.5%	910	20.2%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	674	255	37.8%	150	22.3%	105	15.6%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	153	46	30.1%	27	17.6%	19	12.4%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	504	153	30.4%	75	14.9%	78	15.5%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	629	201	32.0%	110	17.5%	91	14.5%
DRUG OFFENSES	12,513	4,068	32.5%	2,094	16.7%	1,974	15.8%
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	19,588	9,664	49.3%	5,700	29.1%	3,964	20.2%
BURGLARY 3RD	10,409	5,544	53.3%	3,431	33.0%	2,113	20.3%
GRAND LARCENY	3,348	1,814	47.1%	956	24.8%	858	22.3%
FORGERY	1,432	596	41.6%	312	21.8%	284	19.8%
STOLEN PROPERTY	2,431	1,255	51.6%	747	30.7%	508	20.9%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	1,468	455	31.0%	254	17.3%	201	13.7%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	3,782	1,825	48.3%	941	24.9%	884	23.4%
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	12	5	0.0%	3	0.0%	2	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	83	24	28.9%	17	20.5%	7	8.4%

NOTE: DATA NOT AVAILABLE ON 8 CONDITIONAL RELEASE VIOLATORS.

TABLE D (PART I)

1972 - 1987 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1972 - 1987 RELEASES			1972 RELEASES			1973 RELEASES			1974 RELEASES		
	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	125,472	53,548	42.7%	8,983	1,877	20.9%	5,400	1,963	36.4%	5,222	1,859	35.6%
TOTAL FELONIES	118,474	50,351	42.5%	8,892	1,967	22.1%	4,838	1,748	36.1%	4,743	1,688	35.2%
MURDER	1,311	328	25.0%	77	8	7.8%	89	8	13.0%	50	10	20.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	7,778	2,024	26.0%	585	132	22.6%	552	128	23.2%	560	131	23.4%
ROBBERY	41,858	20,808	49.7%	1,733	898	51.8%	1,948	845	43.4%	1,773	748	42.1%
BURGLARY	20,098	10,818	53.8%	502	255	50.8%	580	259	44.7%	555	254	45.8%
ASSAULT	6,071	2,037	33.6%	335	98	29.2%	325	87	26.8%	328	95	29.0%
LARCENY	5,422	2,346	43.3%	373	119	31.9%	241	78	32.4%	234	79	33.8%
RAPE	2,182	868	39.7%	88	13	14.8%	55	14	25.5%	52	19	36.5%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	1,812	588	32.5%	73	20	27.4%	64	22	34.4%	80	20	25.0%
DRUGS	16,909	5,025	29.7%	683	161	23.6%	659	178	27.0%	671	156	23.2%
FORGERY	1,908	784	41.1%	89	30	33.7%	80	37	46.3%	60	21	35.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	6,403	2,289	35.7%	169	42	24.9%	173	47	27.2%	212	75	35.4%
OTHER FELONIES	6,725	2,642	39.3%	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	6,334	2,982	47.1%	465	198	42.6%	418	170	40.7%	392	173	44.1%
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	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 - 1987 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1975 RELEASES			1976 RELEASES			1977 RELEASES			1978 RELEASES		
	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT									
TOTAL OFFENSES	5,548	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	262	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 - 1987 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1979 RELEASES			1980 RELEASES			1981 RELEASES			1982 RELEASES		
	TOTAL RELEASED	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	2,368	1,119	46.9%	2,595	1,242	47.9%	2,328	1,117	48.0%	2,843	1,319	46.4%
BURGLARY	1,190	631	54.4%	1,207	656	54.3%	1,288	665	51.8%	1,551	845	54.5%
ASSAULT	306	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	138	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	58	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	168	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 V)

1972 - 1987 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1987 RELEASES					
	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT			
TOTAL OFFENSES	12,799	6,452	50.4%			
TOTAL FELONIES	12,472	6,260	50.2%			
MURDER	162	48	29.6%			
MANSLAUGHTER	487	111	22.8%			
ROBBERY	3,724	2,194	58.9%			
BURGLARY	2,155	1,287	59.7%			
ASSAULT	547	223	40.8%			
LARCENY	699	388	55.5%			
RAPE	219	93	42.5%			
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	201	60	29.9%			
DRUGS	2,470	1,034	41.9%			
FORGERY	212	95	44.8%			
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	657	279	42.5%			
OTHER FELONIES	939	448	47.7%			
MISDEMEANORS	0	0	0.0%			
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	327	192	58.7%			
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	0	0	0.0%			
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	0	0	0.0%			

TABLE D (PART IV)

1972 - 1987 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1983 RELEASES			1984 RELEASES			1985 RELEASES			1986 RELEASES		
	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT									
TOTAL OFFENSES	10,088	4,570	45.3%	9,828	4,576	46.6%	10,295	4,944	48.0%	11,280	5,613	49.8%
TOTAL FELONIES	9,709	4,400	45.3%	9,541	4,431	46.4%	10,030	4,816	48.0%	10,999	5,461	49.6%
MURDER	94	29	30.9%	89	26	29.2%	110	28	25.5%	128	41	32.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	450	117	26.0%	511	146	28.6%	448	158	35.3%	373	129	34.6%
ROBBERY	3,630	1,868	51.5%	3,378	1,810	53.6%	3,492	1,974	56.5%	3,523	2,024	57.5%
BURGLARY	1,987	1,103	55.5%	1,916	1,080	56.4%	1,915	1,065	55.6%	2,103	1,227	58.3%
ASSAULT	456	168	36.8%	431	170	39.4%	388	128	33.0%	479	183	38.2%
LARCENY	386	166	43.0%	348	173	49.7%	459	205	44.7%	584	300	51.4%
RAPE	169	65	38.5%	208	80	38.5%	209	95	45.5%	194	91	46.9%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	150	57	38.0%	171	58	33.9%	158	51	32.3%	191	69	36.1%
DRUGS	1,087	326	30.0%	1,153	370	32.1%	1,397	511	36.6%	1,832	714	39.0%
FORGERY	171	67	39.2%	164	63	38.4%	190	72	37.9%	177	69	39.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	585	213	36.4%	579	226	39.0%	592	252	42.6%	654	288	44.0%
OTHER FELONIES	544	221	40.6%	593	229	38.6%	672	277	41.2%	761	326	42.8%
MISDEMEANORS	0	0	0.0%	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%	281	152	54.1%
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	0	0	0.0%	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%	0	0	0.0%

APPENDIX TABLE E
1976 - 1987 RELEASES: OFFENDERS RETURNED AS FELONY COMMITMENTS BY ORIGINAL OFFENSE AND BY RETURN OFFENSE

CRIME ON COMMITMENT	CRIME ON RETURN																															
	MURDER	MURDER ATTEMPTED																														
TOTAL	21,843	482	110	228	290	2,988	2,383	308	337	214	2,377	44	111	115	1,563	43	35	25	880	45	314	2,681	901	4,111	381	701	703					
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	11,278	321	82	168	184	1,713	1,478	127	167	113	1,128	22	83	73	1,048	27	18	14	492	14	187	857	384	1,950	94	254	304					
MURDER	24	3	0	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	1	1	0					
ATTEMPTED MURDER	100	3	0	3	0	13	12	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	11	2	0	0	3	0	0	7	3	24	0	3	5					
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	377	23	7	11	11	88	38	19	12	3	12	0	3	4	99	0	1	0	9	0	5	15	3	83	3	3	7					
RAPE 1ST	314	18	1	8	83	89	22	9	11	0	18	0	13	12	14	1	2	2	12	0	7	18	3	30	2	8	8					
ROBBERY 1ST	3,048	87	27	38	38	647	495	32	48	28	167	2	11	7	321	12	3	1	145	3	39	108	124	537	18	53	82					
ROBBERY 2ND	3,819	82	18	50	48	626	714	38	48	27	227	9	9	13	336	5	8	1	232	3	57	247	157	618	31	68	115					
ASSAULT 1ST	247	15	0	0	3	30	16	0	0	7	0	2	3	3	27	1	0	0	3	1	10	15	9	52	1	6	5					
ASSAULT 2ND	332	14	4	7	3	44	21	11	18	3	19	3	0	2	28	0	1	8	2	8	35	13	63	3	11	13						
BURGLARY 1ST	110	3	0	1	3	13	10	0	1	5	25	0	1	1	5	1	0	0	4	0	1	11	2	18	1	2	2					
BURGLARY 2ND	1,823	17	7	5	8	89	92	10	15	27	565	2	5	8	83	0	2	5	37	2	21	272	38	217	22	54	40					
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	36	0	0	1	0	3	5	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	3	2	0	0	2						
SODOMY 1ST	74	7	0	0	3	8	9	0	2	0	5	0	8	7	4	0	1	0	3	0	4	4	2	8	0	1	0					
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	113	3	1	1	8	7	8	3	4	1	8	0	7	11	4	1	0	2	8	0	13	5	1	8	3	1	5					
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	1,039	36	11	10	8	125	70	18	17	5	63	2	1	3	185	3	1	2	29	1	18	80	28	282	9	24	36					
KIDNAPPING	20	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	2					
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	1,912	81	3	25	41	281	283	25	42	22	117	3	13	14	128	5	4	3	148	15	43	186	96	221	27	55	80					
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	167	13	1	4	6	22	18	4	2	1	8	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	8	3	2	12	8	27	1	4	1					
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	50	3	0	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	4					
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	24	1	0	1	4	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	2					
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	27	1	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	3	1	3	0	1	0					
ROBBERY 3RD	1,329	26	1	15	20	231	215	12	21	18	77	1	5	7	78	1	1	0	131	1	17	144	72	147	18	33	38					
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	150	14	0	2	3	13	15	2	7	0	13	0	1	0	8	2	1	1	8	2	4	18	5	23	3	3	6					
ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	75	2	1	1	2	8	6	3	2	1	9	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	8	0	7	4	4	3	2	3					
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	110	1	0	1	2	3	4	3	9	2	4	1	3	4	9	1	1	1	2	0	14	10	5	11	4	7	8					
DRUG OFFENSES	2,084	15	5	14	5	109	101	9	14	8	78	1	1	6	141	2	2	1	33	1	15	94	34	1311	17	38	41					
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	5,700	83	15	27	45	389	368	32	78	57	947	14	27	11	207	7	7	7	160	13	82	1,400	358	534	244	338	280					
BURGLARY 3RD	3,431	36	8	12	31	242	195	18	48	37	758	12	14	8	105	3	3	2	78	8	31	1113	121	273	55	127	84					
GRAND LARCENY	960	11	2	5	8	88	88	4	13	7	60	1	8	0	41	3	2	1	53	2	11	117	138	113	37	39	78					
FORGERY	312	5	1	1	2	11	10	0	8	0	24	0	1	0	9	0	0	1	4	2	5	30	41	21	102	25	11					
STOLEN PROPERTY	751	5	3	7	4	48	51	5	9	9	83	0	1	1	35	1	2	2	18	0	8	112	52	96	40	101	50					
ALL OTHER FELONIES	248	6	3	2	2	14	14	4	4	4	12	1	5	1	17	0	0	1	8	1	7	28	8	31	10	18	49					
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	941	22	5	14	20	180	155	13	15	14	109	1	7	11	40	2	4	0	47	2	7	130	28	95	9	18	17					
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	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					
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	0	1				

APPENDIX TABLE F(Part I)
1972-1987 RELEASES: RETURNS BY AGE ON RELEASE

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	AGE AT TIME OF RELEASE										
	TOTAL	16-18	19-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-64	65 AND OVER
1972-1987 RELEASES	125,423	3,288	11,855	30,542	31,938	21,063	12,306	6,812	3,746	3,549	324
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	28,013	903	3,515	8,322	7,553	4,179	2,019	894	377	244	7
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	25,513	964	2,869	6,514	6,674	4,388	2,210	1,026	505	344	19
1972 RELEASES	5,589	213	555	1,423	1,313	791	504	348	202	208	32
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	873	24	95	301	207	136	64	28	8	10	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,004	87	148	233	209	142	85	52	20	25	3
1973 RELEASES	5,397	216	527	1,473	1,320	747	476	305	169	152	12
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	942	50	104	317	254	112	49	31	13	12	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,016	70	132	277	245	133	65	53	26	15	0
1974 RELEASES	5,222	165	579	1,303	1,302	820	425	283	178	156	11
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	936	34	126	303	245	123	57	28	13	7	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	921	52	135	212	221	145	77	43	18	18	0
1975 RELEASES	5,546	184	526	1,299	1,445	883	502	325	190	173	19
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	981	40	129	292	282	120	62	32	16	7	1
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	992	66	137	243	237	151	76	40	28	14	0
1976 RELEASES	6,343	230	645	1,522	1,670	980	531	290	218	222	35
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,100	50	147	323	304	150	75	22	15	14	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,159	70	144	288	310	178	82	35	26	23	3
1977 RELEASES	6,658	228	599	1,557	1,859	1,034	581	350	216	206	28
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,238	54	142	340	359	177	91	42	22	11	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,207	62	160	302	293	190	100	45	28	27	0
1978 RELEASES	6,542	162	663	1,638	1,723	1,130	552	305	188	169	12
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,318	52	174	393	343	208	86	35	17	10	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,233	39	158	313	319	215	89	55	27	17	1
1979 RELEASES	7,113	180	750	1,701	1,972	1,126	643	346	176	204	15
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,480	47	212	423	427	202	98	41	15	15	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,448	59	172	384	407	216	114	47	22	26	1

APPENDIX TABLE F(Part II)
1972-1987 RELEASES: RETURNS BY AGE ON RELEASE

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	AGE AT TIME OF RELEASE										
	TOTAL	16-18	19-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-64	65 AND OVER
1980 RELEASES	7,652	208	783	1,820	1,959	1,338	701	418	218	191	18
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,703	51	221	499	495	249	106	44	26	10	2
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,466	60	193	339	390	272	114	52	26	18	2
1981 RELEASES	6,932	188	700	1,848	1,685	1,222	691	366	217	192	23
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,647	56	208	459	437	263	116	59	24	15	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,211	42	149	301	293	221	107	54	30	12	2
1982 RELEASES	8,139	213	897	2,034	1,964	1,378	801	414	198	229	11
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,082	64	328	608	538	308	142	64	25	5	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,422	37	167	371	371	248	126	58	26	18	0
1983 RELEASES	10,068	252	1,047	2,568	2,491	1,673	1,022	510	246	256	23
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,752	99	393	839	691	391	194	91	32	22	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,818	47	178	484	491	330	169	68	31	19	1
1984 RELEASES	9,828	220	898	2,400	2,454	1,726	975	615	268	255	17
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,529	82	344	729	646	386	186	99	30	27	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	2,047	56	195	532	537	373	182	106	43	22	1
1985 RELEASES	10,295	193	907	2,467	2,569	1,825	1,153	564	311	286	20
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,612	61	315	755	707	412	213	86	43	19	1
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	2,332	59	232	642	608	417	216	85	45	25	3
1986 RELEASES	11,280	195	849	2,779	2,846	2,031	1,264	618	367	310	21
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,638	63	274	827	710	434	182	87	41	19	1
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	2,967	62	258	801	811	558	289	111	44	31	2
1987 RELEASES	12,799	243	930	2,910	3,366	2,359	1,485	755	384	340	27
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	3,182	76	303	904	908	508	298	105	37	41	2
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	3,270	96	311	792	932	599	319	122	65	34	0

APPENDIX TABLE G(Part I)
1972 - 1987 RELEASES: ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF RETURN

ETHNIC GROUP & BY ETHNIC GROUP	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
1972-1987	125,052	53,379	42.7%	27,951	22.4%	25,428	20.3%
BLACK	84,955	29,788	45.8%	15,732	24.2%	14,034	21.6%
WHITE	33,566	11,037	32.9%	5,411	16.1%	5,626	16.8%
HISPANIC	25,732	12,313	47.9%	6,700	28.0%	5,813	21.8%
OTHER	799	263	32.9%	108	13.5%	155	19.4%
1972 RELEASES	5,583	1,877	33.6%	878	15.7%	1,001	17.9%
BLACK	3,114	1,108	35.6%	552	17.7%	657	17.6%
WHITE	1,834	489	26.7%	174	10.6%	312	18.1%
HISPANIC	824	271	32.9%	148	18.0%	123	14.9%
OTHER	21	11	52.4%	2	9.5%	9	42.9%
1973 RELEASES	5,400	1,983	36.4%	947	17.5%	1,018	18.8%
BLACK	3,170	1,243	39.2%	634	20.0%	809	18.2%
WHITE	1,438	482	32.1%	193	13.4%	299	18.7%
HISPANIC	782	253	32.4%	118	15.1%	135	17.3%
OTHER	10	8	80.0%	2	20.0%	3	30.0%
1974 RELEASES	5,222	1,859	35.6%	938	18.0%	921	17.6%
BLACK	3,024	1,130	37.4%	617	20.4%	513	17.0%
WHITE	1,355	440	32.5%	184	13.6%	258	18.9%
HISPANIC	622	283	34.4%	138	18.5%	147	17.9%
OTHER	21	6	28.6%	1	4.8%	5	23.8%
1975 RELEASES	5,546	1,973	35.6%	981	17.7%	982	17.6%
BLACK	3,197	1,225	38.3%	638	20.0%	587	18.4%
WHITE	1,400	418	29.9%	184	13.1%	234	16.7%
HISPANIC	929	324	34.8%	157	16.9%	167	18.0%
OTHER	20	6	30.0%	2	10.0%	4	20.0%
1976 RELEASES	6,345	2,280	36.0%	1,100	17.3%	1,160	18.3%
BLACK	3,440	1,319	38.3%	682	19.2%	657	18.1%
WHITE	1,814	571	31.5%	254	14.0%	317	17.5%
HISPANIC	1,052	381	34.3%	181	17.2%	180	17.1%
OTHER	33	9	27.3%	3	9.1%	6	18.2%
1977 RELEASES	6,883	2,441	35.5%	1,238	18.0%	1,203	18.1%
BLACK	3,881	1,450	37.4%	754	20.5%	698	18.0%
WHITE	1,792	598	33.4%	258	14.4%	340	18.0%
HISPANIC	1,145	388	33.9%	223	19.5%	183	14.2%
OTHER	45	7	15.6%	3	6.7%	4	8.9%
1978 RELEASES	6,568	2,552	39.0%	1,319	20.1%	1,233	18.6%
BLACK	3,525	1,458	41.4%	740	21.0%	710	20.4%
WHITE	1,785	594	33.3%	283	16.4%	301	16.9%
HISPANIC	1,208	492	40.7%	281	23.3%	211	17.5%
OTHER	40	8	20.0%	5	12.5%	3	7.5%
1979 RELEASES	7,115	2,928	41.3%	1,480	20.8%	1,448	20.4%
BLACK	3,558	1,600	45.0%	818	22.9%	784	22.0%
WHITE	2,108	721	34.2%	348	16.5%	373	17.7%
HISPANIC	1,415	597	42.2%	311	22.0%	286	20.2%
OTHER	34	10	29.4%	5	14.7%	5	14.7%

NOTE: Ethnic data not available on 420 cases.

APPENDIX TABLE G (Part II)
1972 - 1987 RELEASES: ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF RETURN

ETHNIC GROUP & YEAR OF RELEASE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
1980 RELEASES	7,681	3,173	41.4%	1,704	22.2%	1,469	19.2%
BLACK	3,815	1,719	45.1%	954	25.0%	785	20.1%
WHITE	2,293	782	33.2%	360	17.0%	372	16.2%
HISPANIC	1,508	678	45.0%	353	23.4%	325	21.6%
OTHER	45	14	31.1%	7	15.6%	7	15.6%
1981 RELEASES	6,838	2,880	41.2%	1,640	23.8%	1,211	17.5%
BLACK	3,447	1,548	44.9%	918	26.6%	628	18.2%
WHITE	2,110	670	31.8%	368	17.3%	304	14.4%
HISPANIC	1,352	633	46.8%	363	26.8%	270	20.0%
OTHER	20	11	37.9%	2	6.9%	9	31.0%
1982 RELEASES	6,141	3,505	43.1%	2,062	25.6%	1,423	17.5%
BLACK	4,119	1,911	46.4%	1,186	28.3%	745	18.1%
WHITE	2,354	793	33.7%	423	18.0%	370	15.7%
HISPANIC	1,621	782	48.2%	435	29.9%	297	18.3%
OTHER	47	19	40.4%	8	17.0%	11	23.4%
1983 RELEASES	10,082	4,570	45.3%	2,752	27.3%	1,818	18.0%
BLACK	5,118	2,504	48.9%	1,545	30.2%	959	18.7%
WHITE	2,625	956	33.8%	530	18.8%	426	15.1%
HISPANIC	2,089	1,066	52.1%	669	32.0%	419	20.1%
OTHER	56	22	39.3%	8	14.3%	14	25.0%
1984 RELEASES	9,828	4,568	46.5%	2,529	25.7%	2,039	20.7%
BLACK	5,019	2,529	50.4%	1,407	28.0%	1,122	22.4%
WHITE	2,994	919	34.1%	484	17.2%	455	16.9%
HISPANIC	2,051	1,100	53.6%	649	31.6%	451	22.0%
OTHER	64	20	31.3%	9	14.1%	11	17.2%
1985 RELEASES	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,812	25.4%	2,332	22.7%
BLACK	5,253	2,805	53.4%	1,445	27.5%	1,360	25.9%
WHITE	2,569	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	16.5%
1986 RELEASES	10,860	5,454	50.2%	2,562	23.6%	2,692	26.6%
BLACK	5,580	3,111	56.0%	1,408	25.3%	1,703	30.6%
WHITE	2,740	940	34.3%	485	17.0%	475	17.3%
HISPANIC	2,512	1,389	55.3%	684	27.2%	705	28.1%
OTHER	48	14	29.2%	5	10.4%	9	18.8%
1987 RELEASES*	12,799	6,452	50.4%	3,182	24.9%	3,270	25.5%
BLACK	5,909	3,107	52.6%	1,478	25.0%	1,631	27.6%
WHITE	2,625	888	33.1%	418	15.8%	452	17.2%
HISPANIC	4,215	2,483	58.4%	1,285	30.5%	1,178	27.9%
OTHER	50	14	28.0%	5	10.0%	9	18.0%

NOTE: Ethnic data not available on 420 cases.

* Definition of Hispanic modified in 1987 to expand use of country of birth.

APPENDIX TABLE H
1980 - 1987 RELEASES: RETURNS OF PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDERS

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	TOTAL RELEASED	FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS*			SECOND FELONY OFFENDERS**		
		NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED	NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED
TOTAL	77,030	48,714	21,059	43.2%	28,316	14,636	51.7%
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	41,203	28,783	13,347	46.4%	12,420	6,447	51.9%
MURDER	232	231	50	21.6%	1	0	0.0%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	531	437	140	32.0%	94	31	33.0%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	2,489	2,141	602	28.1%	348	146	42.0%
RAPE 1ST	1,278	1,010	403	39.9%	268	157	58.6%
ROBBERY 1ST	10,743	8,235	4,189	50.9%	2,508	1,329	53.0%
ROBBERY 2ND	11,774	8,360	4,425	52.9%	3,414	1,989	58.3%
ASSAULT 1ST	1,324	1,046	352	33.7%	278	131	47.1%
ASSAULT 2ND	1,536	1,049	331	31.6%	487	226	46.4%
BURGLARY 1ST	452	343	158	46.1%	109	62	56.9%
BURGLARY 2ND	5,092	2,992	1,681	56.2%	2,100	1,235	58.8%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	333	286	93	32.5%	47	16	34.0%
SODOMY 1ST	442	373	124	33.2%	69	35	50.7%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	630	464	141	30.4%	166	62	37.3%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	4,229	1,718	627	36.5%	2,511	1,019	40.6%
KIDNAPPING	118	98	31	31.6%	20	9	45.0%
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	5,787	3,270	1,203	36.8%	2,517	1,256	49.9%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	843	667	183	24.4%	176	65	36.9%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	227	178	32	18.0%	49	12	24.5%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	163	118	25	21.2%	45	18	40.0%
ROBBERY 3RD	2,996	1,471	747	50.8%	1,525	870	57.0%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	549	178	62	34.8%	371	150	40.4%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	120	62	16	25.8%	58	18	31.0%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	394	282	71	25.2%	112	49	43.8%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL	495	314	87	27.7%	181	74	40.9%
DRUG OFFENSES	10,646	7,518	2,203	29.3%	3,128	1,445	46.2%
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	16,540	6,290	2,929	46.6%	10,250	5,488	53.5%
BURGLARY 3RD	8,578	3,224	1,752	54.3%	5,354	3,039	56.8%
GRAND LARCENY	3,341	1,199	466	38.9%	2,142	1,125	52.5%
FORGERY	1,221	430	174	40.5%	791	331	41.8%
STOLEN PROPERTY	2,148	687	344	50.1%	1,461	793	54.3%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	1,252	750	193	25.7%	502	200	39.8%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	2,794	2,794	1,362	48.7%	0	0	0.0%
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	60	59	15	0.0%	1	0	0.0%

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

**INCLUDES 27,252 WITH SECOND FELONY SENTENCE AND 228 WITH PERSISTENT FELONY SENTENCES.