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All parents want their children to become responsible law abiding citizens. In those instances when a youth is committed to the Department it then becomes our responsibility to try to accomplish this goal. This is attempted through the utilization of various programs geared to educate and rehabilitate those youths either incarcerated in institutions or under field supervision.

On December 31, 1973 white boys, including the less than one percent white of Mexican origin, comprised about 72 percent of the male population. The non-white group is predominantly black, making up 22 percent. The female population is 68 percent white, including less than one percent white of Mexican origin. Blacks comprise 23 percent.

Resident girls are slightly younger than boys. Median age for boys is 16.7; for girls, 16.4. This shows little change from a year ago, when median ages were 16.6 and 16.3, respectively.

Commitments from Milwaukee County make up about 32 percent of the male population and 24 percent of the female population. Last year these proportions were higher for both groups, 34 percent for males and 32 percent for females.

Table A

Time in Institution for Youth in Residence on December 31, 1969-1973

<u>Time in Institution</u>	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
<u>Total Boys</u>	904	886	802	564	684
<u>Total Percent of Boys</u>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 3 months	53.6	51.0	40.0	31.7	35.8
3 months, less than 6	35.3	38.6	29.6	27.1	21.8
6 months or more	11.1	10.4	30.4	41.2	42.4
<u>Total Girls</u>	210	208	138	111	138
<u>Total Percent of Girls</u>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Less than 3 months	53.8	54.8	37.0	36.0	35.5
3 months, less than 6	32.9	30.7	31.2	27.0	23.2
6 months or more	13.3	14.5	31.8	37.0	41.3

The total number of boys in Wisconsin juvenile correctional institutions at the end of 1973 was 684, representing an increase of slightly more than 21 percent from a year ago and the first increase since 1969. Total girls was 138, an increase of about 24 percent over last year and also the first increase since 1969.

After declining from 1969 to 1972 the proportion of boys incarcerated for "less than 3 months" rose by 4.1 percentage points from a year ago. "Three months, less than 6" decreased by 5.3 percentage points from last year, after declining since 1970. "Six months or more" increased for each of the five years and is now 42.4 percent of the male population.

The proportion of girls in the category of "less than 3 months" has declined since 1970, but fell less than one percentage point from a year ago. "Three months, less than 6" decreased over the entire five years, showing a difference of 3.8 percentage points from last year. Girls in the category of "6 months or more" now comprise 41.3 percent of that population, an increase of 4.3 percentage points over last year and 28 percentage points over the 1969 level.

Table B

Type of Admission for Youth in Residence on December 31, 1969-1973

Type of Admission	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Total Boys	904	886	802	564	684
<u>Total Percent of Boys</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
New commitment	45.0	44.7	50.1	65.2	71.2
First return from aftercare	30.3	27.0	22.7	17.9	19.1
Second or subsequent return from aftercare	23.3	27.0	24.7	14.9	7.5
Return for replacement or medical care	1.4	1.3	2.5	2.0	0.9
Return pending revocation hearing	-	-	-	-	1.3
Total Girls	210	208	138	111	138
<u>Total Percent of Girls</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>
New commitment	60.5	59.1	58.8	69.4	82.6
First return from aftercare	23.3	28.4	29.7	15.3	6.5
Second or subsequent return from aftercare	14.8	11.0	10.1	8.1	7.3
Return for replacement or medical care	1.4	1.5	1.4	7.2	3.6
Return pending revocation hearing	-	-	-	-	-

Because county jails are over-crowded the Department authorizes admitting people on field supervision who are awaiting revocation hearings into institutions on a temporary basis. At the end of 1973, 1.3 percent of resident boys fall into this category.

New commitments for boys are the highest in five years, making up 71.2 percent of the total, an increase of six percentage points over last year. Second or subsequent returns from aftercare are at 7.5 percent, the lowest for the five year period and a decline of 7.4 percentage points from 1972.

New commitments for girls are also the highest in five years, making up 82.6 percent of the total, and representing an increase of 13.2 percentage points over last year. First returns from aftercare also show a noticeable change, reflecting only 6.5 percent of the population, the lowest for the five-year span and a decline of 8.8 percentage points from last year.

The marked increase over the last two years in the proportion of the resident population comprising new commitments seems to be related to the legal change in the age of majority from 21 to 18 which occurred in 1972. Because of this lowered age limit there were fewer people remaining on aftercare status; also, fewer violators were eligible for return. There is also a probability that a violator close to age 18 would not be returned to the institution, since the time he could be held would be considered to be too short to be beneficial. Another factor causing lower proportions of returns from aftercare is the Hahn Decision in 1970, whereby anyone on field supervision has the right to a hearing before a decision to revoke can be made. This procedure probably has resulted in fewer revocations.

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Table 3  
 Youth Resident in Juvenile Institutions, by Institution and Sex  
 Age  
 December 31, 1973

Age	Total Youth		Wis. School for Boys		Lincoln Boys School				Kettle Moraine Boys School		Juvenile Camp System		Wisconsin School for Girls			
					Boys		Girls						Boys		Girls	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Less than 13	1	0.1	1	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	17	2.1	4	1.4	9	4.4	-	-	2	1.5	-	-	-	-	2	2.5
14	52	6.3	15	5.1	17	8.3	4	7.0	6	4.6	-	-	2	8.7	8	9.9
15	139	16.9	42	14.2	40	19.6	13	22.8	18	13.6	7	23.3	3	13.0	16	19.7
16	302	36.8	111	37.6	64	31.4	26	45.6	42	31.8	11	36.7	12	52.2	36	44.4
17	311	37.8	122	41.4	74	36.3	14	24.6	64	48.5	12	40.0	6	26.1	19	23.5
Median		16.7		16.8		16.6		16.4		17.0		16.7		16.5		16.6

Table 4  
 Youth Resident in Juvenile Institutions, by Institution and Sex  
 Time in Institution  
 December 31, 1973

Time in Institution	Total Youth		Wis. School for Boys		Lincoln Boys School				Kettle Moraine Boys School		Juvenile Camp System		Wisconsin School for Girls			
					Boys		Girls						Boys		Girls	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Less than 3 months	294	35.8	107	36.3	81	39.7	21	36.8	48	36.4	-	-	9	39.1	28	34.6
3 months, less than 6	181	22.0	61	20.7	54	26.5	14	24.6	26	19.7	6	20.0	2	8.7	18	22.2
6 months, less than 9	153	18.6	52	17.6	37	18.1	12	21.1	24	18.2	14	46.7	4	17.4	10	12.4
9 months, less than 12	127	15.4	43	14.6	21	10.3	7	12.3	25	18.9	9	30.0	7	30.4	15	18.5
12 months, less than 15	40	4.9	21	7.1	9	4.4	2	3.5	6	4.5	1	3.3	-	-	1	1.2
15 months, less than 18	14	1.7	5	1.7	1	0.5	1	1.7	2	1.5	-	-	1	4.4	4	4.9
18 months and over	13	1.6	6	2.0	1	0.5	-	-	1	0.8	-	-	-	-	5	6.2

Table 5  
 Youth Resident in Juvenile Institutions, by Institution and Sex  
 County of Commitment  
 December 31, 1973

County of Commitment	Total Youth	Wis. School for Boys	Lincoln Boys School		Kettle Moraine Boys School	Juvenile Camp System	Wis. School for Girls	
			Boys	Girls			Boys	Girls
<u>Total</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>81</u>
Adams	6	1	3	2	-	-	-	-
Ashland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barron	5	1	1	2	-	1	4	-
Bayfield	6	3	2	-	-	1	-	-
Brown	12	4	6	-	1	1	-	-
Buffalo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burnett	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Calumet	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Chippewa	7	-	5	1	-	1	-	-
Clark	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
Columbia	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Crawford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dane	10	7	-	-	1	-	1	1
Dodge	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-
Door	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Douglas	40	3	14	15	2	6	-	-
Dunn	5	-	3	1	-	1	-	-
Eau Claire	16	3	8	2	-	2	1	-
Florence	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Fond du Lac	7	4	-	-	1	2	-	-
Forest	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Grant	5	1	-	-	3	-	1	-
Green	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Green Lake	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Iron	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jackson	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Jefferson	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	5
Juneau	4	-	-	2	1	-	1	-
Kenosha	54	34	-	-	7	-	1	12
Kewaunee	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
La Crosse	20	2	10	5	1	-	2	-
Lafayette	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Langlade	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Lincoln	8	-	6	1	1	-	-	-
Manitowoc	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Marathon	44	1	33	9	-	1	-	-
Marinette	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Marquette	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Menominee	11	-	8	1	-	-	1	1

Table 5 (Concluded)

County of Commitment	Total Youth	Wis. School for Boys	Lincoln Boys School		Kettle Moraine Boys School	Juvenile Camp System	Wis. School For Girls	
			Boys	Girls			Boys	Girls
Milwaukee	251	134	-	-	74	2	5	33
Monroe	12	7	1	4	-	-	-	-
Oconto	11	-	10	-	-	1	-	-
Oneida	11	-	10	1	-	-	-	-
Outagamie	26	1	22	1	2	-	-	-
Ozaukee	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pepin	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pierce	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Polk	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	1
Portage	9	1	6	1	-	1	-	-
Price	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Racine	21	7	-	-	10	-	-	4
Richland	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock	37	17	-	-	7	-	3	10
Rusk	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
St. Croix	6	1	4	-	-	-	1	-
Sauk	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sawyer	6	-	3	-	-	2	1	-
Shawano	4	1	2	-	-	1	-	-
Sheboygan	12	8	-	-	3	-	-	1
Taylor	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Trempealeau	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Vernon	8	-	3	2	1	1	-	1
Vilas	10	1	6	1	-	1	-	1
Walworth	5	3	-	-	1	-	-	1
Washburn	3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Washington	8	4	-	-	2	-	-	2
Waukesha	22	16	-	-	1	-	1	4
Waupaca	5	-	3	1	-	1	-	-
Waushara	5	1	2	-	-	1	-	1
Winnebago	24	10	2	-	9	-	-	3
Wood	6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-

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