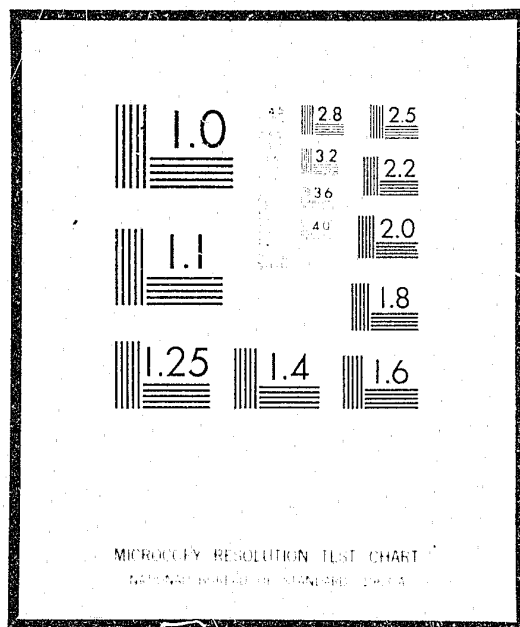


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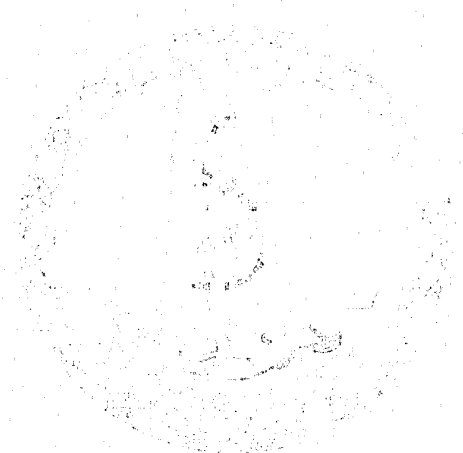
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RECIDIVISTS COMMITTED TO
THE VIRGINIA STATE PENAL SYSTEM

This report contains selected statistics for recidivists both committed to or confined in the Virginia State Penal System for fiscal year 1974. The report is divided into a narrative summary and statistical tables. The summary is a brief digest of significant facts and/or trends developed from an analysis of the recidivist data.

SECTION A

FELON PRISONERS COMMITTED TO THE VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY
AND TO THE INDUSTRIAL FARM FOR WOMEN DURING THE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1974 WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED
FELONY SENTENCES IN THE VIRGINIA STATE PENAL SYSTEM

The following data deals only with recidivists who had served prior felony sentences in the Virginia Prison System. This includes those felons convicted and sentenced for three or more petty larceny offenses.

NUMBER OF RECIDIVISTS: Among the 2,061 prisoners received on felon sentences during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1974, were 497 or 24 percent who had served one or more previous felon sentences in Virginia. After remaining constant at 17 percent for three years the recidivism rate has increased by 7 percent.

RACE AND SEX: Of the 497 recidivists, 481 were male. Of the 956 white felon prisoners committed during the fiscal year, 181 or 19 percent were recidivists; of the 1,105 non-white felon prisoners committed, 316 or 29 percent were recidivists.

PRIOR COMMITMENTS: Of the 497 recidivists, 374 or 75 percent had served one prior Virginia sentence; 89 or 18 percent had served two prior sentences; and 34 or 7 percent had served three or more prior sentences. This is compatible with last year's data.

PAROLE OR PARDON STATUS: 104 or 21 percent of the repeaters were on parole at the time of committing the offense for which they were returned. Another 116 or 23 percent had been paroled from their last sentence but had been discharged from parole supervision prior to committing the new offense.

OFFENSES: There were 227 or 46 percent of the recidivists committed for offenses against property; 202 or 40 percent for offenses against persons; and 14 percent for "other offenses." In 1973, 33 percent of the recidivists were committed for offenses against persons, and in 1972 only 30 percent.

COURT COMMITTED FROM: As in past years, the urban courts returned more repeaters to the State Penal System than did the rural courts.

AGE: Analysis of data on the age of recidivists shows that 304 or 61 percent were in the 20-29 age bracket. The median age for recidivists this year was 27; last year's median age was 29.

INTELLIGENCE: As noted in recent years, the intelligence level of recidivists has been increasing. For those for which test data is available, 51 percent were ranked as normal, 19 percent as dull normal, and 15 percent as borderline, moderately or severely retarded.

SECTION B

FELON PRISONERS COMMITTED TO THE VIRGINIA STATE PENAL SYSTEM
DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1974 WHO PREVIOUSLY
SERVED FELONY SENTENCES IN VIRGINIA AND/OR ELSEWHERE

The data in this section deals with recidivists who had served prior felony sentences either in Virginia, another state or the Federal Prison System.

NUMBER AND DISTRIBUTION: A review of data shows that of the 2,061 new felon commitments, 610 or 30 percent of the prisoners committed had served one or more felon sentences in the Virginia Penal System and/or elsewhere. Further analysis shows that 424 or 69.5 percent of the 610 had served one prior sentence, 131 or 21.5 percent had served two prior sentences and 55 or 9 percent had served three to nine prior felony sentences. A comparison with similar data for 1967-1973 indicates a gradual but steady decline in the overall percentage of repeaters who have served prior felony sentences until this year, when the recidivist rate jumped to 30 percent from last year's 23 percent rate.

SECTION C

PRIOR RECORD OF FELONS CONFINED IN THE VIRGINIA PENAL SYSTEM
ON JUNE 30, 1974

The following data deals with prior felon sentences and juvenile records for the total felon population confined as of June 30, 1974.

PRIOR VIRGINIA SENTENCE: On June 30, 1974, 1,551 or 28 percent of the 5,447 felons confined had served one or more felony sentences in the Virginia Prison System. Further analysis showed that 1038 or 67 percent of these had served one prior sentence, 364 or 23 percent had served two prior sentences and 149 or 10 percent had served three or more prior sentences. In comparing the breakdown according to number of prior sentences served with recent years, the percentages have remained approximately the same.

PRIOR SENTENCE: Of the total felon population, 1,949 or 36 percent had served one or more felon sentences in the Virginia Prison System and/or elsewhere as of June 30, 1974. A further breakdown of the 1,949 recidivists reveals that 1,172 or 60 percent had served one prior sentence, 497 or 26 percent had served two prior sentences, and 280 or 14 percent had served three to nine prior sentences.

JUVENILE RECORD: Records as of June 30, 1974, reveal 2,486 or 46 percent of the total felon prison population had a record of juvenile delinquency while 2,558 or 47 percent had no record; prior juvenile record was unknown for 403 prisoners. Of the 46 percent who had a juvenile record, 1,268 or 51 percent had been committed to the Department of Welfare and Institutions as juveniles.

SECTION A

FELON PRISONERS COMMITTED TO THE VIRGINIA PENITENTIARY
AND TO THE INDUSTRIAL FARM FOR WOMEN
DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1974
WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED FELONY SENTENCES
IN THE VIRGINIA STATE PENAL SYSTEM

Table I
Repeaters Committed to the Virginia
State Penal System According to
the Number of Previous Commitments

NUMBER OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS	TOTAL	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	497	179	2	302	14
1	374	143	2	219	10
2	89	25	-	62	2
3	24	7	-	15	2
4	7	3	-	4	-
5	1	1	-	-	-
7	1	-	-	1	-
9	1	-	-	1	-

Table II
Repeaters Committed to the
Virginia State Penal System
According to Parole or Pardon Status

PAROLE - PARDON STATUS	TOTAL	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	497	179	2	302	14
On parole at time of new offense	104	33	-	68	3
Discharged from parole	116	49	-	64	3
Discharged from conditional pardon	-	-	-	-	-
Not paroled or pardoned from previous sentence	277	97	2	170	8

Table III
Repeaters Committed to the Virginia
State Penal System According to
the Last Offense Committed

OFFENSES	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	497	179	2	302	14
<u>OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS</u>					
Criminal homicide	42	6	-	36	-
Rape - Attempted rape	23	13	-	10	-
Robbery	83	14	-	68	1
Assault	49	14	-	33	2
Kidnapping - Abduction	5	3	-	2	-
Group Total	202	50	-	149	3
<u>OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY</u>					
Forgery - Counterfeiting	27	7	1	17	2
Burglary and break and enter	114	56	1	57	-
Grand larceny (except auto)	47	25	-	20	2
Petty larceny	9	-	-	5	4
Theft of auto - use of auto without authority of owner	8	5	-	3	-
Larceny of certain farm animals	2	1	-	1	-
Possession of stolen goods	7	1	-	6	-
Fraud	1	-	-	1	-
Embezzlement	2	1	-	1	-
Arson	10	3	-	5	2
Group Total	227	99	2	116	10
<u>OTHER OFFENSES</u>					
Violation of weapons laws	4	-	-	4	-
Violation of drug laws	39	15	-	23	1
Violation of traffic and vehicle laws	13	8	-	5	-
Violation of liquor laws	2	2	-	-	-
Sodomy	7	2	-	5	-
Sex offenses other than rape, sodomy	2	2	-	-	-
False Public Alarm	1	1	-	-	-
Group Total	68	30	-	37	1

Table IV
Repeaters Committed to the Virginia
State Penal System According to
Term of Sentence

TERM OF SENTENCE	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	497	179	2	302	14
Under 1 year	2	1	-	1	-
1 year	28	10	1	15	2
2 years	48	22	-	25	1
3 years	80	33	-	43	4
4 years	47	16	1	25	5
5 years	75	30	-	45	-
6 - 9 years	72	22	-	49	1
10 - 14 years	46	13	-	33	-
15 - 19 years	28	13	-	15	-
20 years and over	58	14	-	43	1
Life	13	5	-	8	-

Table V
Repeaters Committed to the Virginia
State Penal System According to
Court Committed From

COURT COMMITTED FROM	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	497	179	2	302	14
<u>County Courts</u>					
Accomack	2	1	-	1	-
Albemarle	5	2	-	3	-
Alleghany	4	3	-	1	-
Amelia	3	-	-	3	-
Amherst	2	1	-	1	-
Arlington	8	4	-	4	-
Augusta	10	8	-	2	-
Bedford	7	6	-	1	-
Bland	1	1	-	-	-
Botetourt	2	2	-	-	-
Campbell	1	1	-	-	-
Caroline	1	-	-	1	-

Table V
Continued

County Courts (continued)	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Carroll	1	1	-	-	-
Charles City	1	-	-	1	-
Charlotte	2	-	-	2	-
Chesterfield	5	2	-	3	-
Craig	1	1	-	-	-
Culpeper	1	-	-	1	-
Dinwiddie	1	1	-	-	-
Essex	3	2	-	1	-
Fairfax	19	10	1	8	-
Fauquier	2	1	-	1	-
Franklin	6	4	-	2	-
Frederick	1	1	-	-	-
Giles	1	1	-	-	-
Goochland	1	-	-	1	-
Greene	1	-	-	1	-
Greensville	2	-	-	2	-
Halifax	1	1	-	-	-
Hanover	1	-	-	1	-
Henrico	10	2	-	8	-
Henry	3	2	-	1	-
Isle of Wight	6	1	-	5	-
Louisa	1	1	-	-	-
Mecklenburg	2	-	-	2	-
Montgomery	2	2	-	-	-
Nansemond	6	2	-	3	1
Nelson	1	1	-	-	-
Northampton	2	-	-	2	-
Orange	3	2	-	1	-
Page	1	1	-	-	-
Patrick	3	2	-	1	-
Pittsylvania	4	3	-	1	-
Powhatan	3	1	-	2	-
Prince George	1	1	-	-	-
Prince William	3	2	-	1	-
Pulaski	4	4	-	-	-
Rappahannock	1	1	-	-	-
Richmond	1	-	-	1	-
Roanoke	2	2	-	-	-
Rockingham	2	1	-	1	-
Russell	1	1	-	-	-
Shenandoah	1	-	-	1	-
Smyth	3	3	-	-	-
Southampton	2	-	-	2	-
Stafford	1	-	-	1	-
Sussex	3	-	-	3	-
Tazewell	2	2	-	-	-
Warren	2	1	-	1	-
Westmoreland	2	-	-	2	-
York	2	1	-	1	-
Total Counties	176	93	1	81	1

Table V
Continued

City Courts	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Alexandria	3	1	-	2	-
Bristol	2	-	-	2	-
Charlottesville	4	1	-	3	-
Chesapeake	10	5	-	5	-
Colonial Heights	2	2	-	-	-
Danville	12	3	-	6	3
Fredericksburg	4	2	-	2	-
Hampton	11	2	-	9	-
Hopewell	2	1	-	-	1
Lynchburg	8	4	-	3	1
Martinsville	9	5	-	4	-
Newport News	24	9	-	15	-
Norfolk	57	11	-	43	3
Norton	2	-	-	1	1
Petersburg	7	1	-	5	1
Portsmouth	21	-	-	21	-
Richmond	86	15	1	68	2
Roanoke	19	10	-	8	1
Salem	1	1	-	-	-
Staunton	4	1	-	3	-
Suffolk	6	-	-	6	-
Virginia Beach	19	8	-	11	-
Waynesboro	1	1	-	-	-
Williamsburg	6	2	-	4	-
Winchester	1	1	-	-	-
Total Cities	321	86	1	221	13

Table VI
Repeaters Committed to the Virginia
State Penal System According to
Marital Status of Prisoners

MARITAL STATUS	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	497	179	2	302	14
Single	254	72	-	175	7
Married	123	52	-	70	1
Separated	51	16	1	30	4
Divorced	59	35	1	22	1
Widow or widower	10	4	-	5	1

Table VII
Repeaters Committed to the Virginia
State Penal System According to
Status of Parents

STATUS OF PARENTS	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	497	179	2	302	14
Living together	121	56	-	62	3
Separated	34	5	-	28	1
Divorced	69	38	1	29	1
Not married	52	4	-	46	2
One parent deceased	152	54	1	93	4
Both parents deceased	60	19	-	39	2
Unknown	9	3	-	5	1

Table VIII
Repeaters Committed to the Virginia
State Penal System According to
Age

AGE	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	497	179	2	302	14
Under 20	12	3	-	9	-
20 - 24	150	55	1	91	3
25 - 29	154	50	-	101	3
30 - 34	57	16	-	38	3
35 - 39	46	19	1	24	2
40 - 44	32	18	-	14	-
45 - 49	20	7	-	10	3
50 - 54	14	5	-	9	-
55 - 59	8	4	-	4	-
60 and over	4	2	-	2	-

Table IX
Repeaters Committed to the Virginia
State Penal System According
to Intelligence

INTELLIGENCE	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	497	179	2	302	14
Severely retarded	10	1	-	9	-
Moderately retarded	17	3	-	14	-
Borderline	47	10	-	32	5
Dull normal	94	20	1	70	3
Normal	249	96	1	148	4
Bright normal	62	38	-	24	-
Superior	10	9	-	1	-
No test	8	2	-	4	2

Table X
Repeaters Committed to the Virginia
State Penal System According to
Education Upon Admittance

EDUCATION LEVEL	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	497	179	2	302	14
Beginners (0.0 - 4.9)	198	48	-	145	5
Intermediate (5.0 - 8.9)	235	94	1	135	5
Advanced (9.0 - 11.9)	42	27	-	15	-
High School and Above (12.0 and above)	1	1	-	-	-
No test	21	9	1	7	4

Table XI
Rate of Recidivism in the
Past Ten Years

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Total Commitments	Repeaters*	Percentage Repeaters of Total Commitments
1965	1,487	333	22.4
1966	1,504	339	22.5
1967	1,439	343	23.8
1968	1,562	342	21.9
1969	1,549	311	20.1
1970	1,850	366	19.8
1971	2,019	357	17.7
1972	2,494	415	16.6
1973	2,230	378	17.0
1974	2,061	497	24.1
Total Ten Years	18,195	3,681	20.2

*Had previously served one or more felony
sentences in the Virginia State Penal System

SECTION B

FELON PRISONERS COMMITTED TO THE VIRGINIA STATE PENAL SYSTEM
DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1974
WHO PREVIOUSLY SERVED FELONY SENTENCES
IN VIRGINIA AND/OR ELSEWHERE

Table XII
 Number of Previous
 Felony Commitments

NUMBER OF PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	610	244	4	346	16
1	424	177	2	234	11
2	131	47	2	79	3
3	36	13	-	21	2
4	9	4	-	5	-
5	6	1	-	5	-
6	2	2	-	-	-
7	1	-	-	1	-
9	1	-	-	1	-

SECTION C
 PRIOR RECORD OF FELONS
 CONFINED IN THE VIRGINIA PENAL SYSTEM
 ON JUNE 30, 1974

Table XIII
Served Previous Felony
Sentences in Virginia

NUMBER OF PRIOR COMMITMENTS	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	1,551	556	3	969	23
1	1,038	393	2	627	16
2	364	119	1	239	5
3	113	34	-	77	2
4	27	9	-	18	-
5	4	1	-	3	-
6	2	-	-	2	-
7	2	-	-	2	-
9	1	-	-	1	-

Table XIV
Served Previous Felony Sentences
in Virginia and/or Elsewhere

NUMBER OF PRIOR COMMITMENTS	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	1,949	797	7	1,118	27
1	1,172	475	3	676	18
2	497	201	3	288	5
3	174	71	-	100	3
4	63	29	-	33	1
5	24	11	-	13	-
6	11	7	-	4	-
7	6	3	1	2	-
8	1	-	-	1	-
9	1	-	-	1	-

Table XV
 Juvenile Record

PREVIOUS JUVENILE RECORD	Total	WHITE		NONWHITE	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total	5,447	2,224	49	3,070	104
No juvenile record	2,558	1,078	33	1,379	68
Committed to the State Department of Welfare and Institutions	1,268	450	7	791	20
Other juvenile delinquency	1,218	525	6	678	9
Unknown	403	171	3	222	7

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