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The statistical information presented in this report is intended to serve as a factual indicator of the number, types, and dispositions of arrests of all parolees in New Jersey and all New Jersey parolees in other states who are the responsibility of the New Jersey Bureau of Parole.

It is beyond the scope of this survey to answer questions about the reasons underlying the results.

Although all of the recorded arrests occurred during the period of July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977, many were not completely adjudicated until after the close of the fiscal year. Accordingly, the report is prepared one year thereafter in order to record as many dispositions as possible.

These arrests, as reported by the nine district parole offices and the former out-of-state unit of the Bureau of Parole, resulted from violations of the conditions of parole (Technical Violations) and/or Municipal Ordinances, State or Federal Statutes (New Offenses).

The criterion for recording the data is similar to the Uniform Crime Reporting procedure, i.e. one person, one arrest, regardless of the number of charges lodged.

Specifically, the data in addition to identifying information includes:

- (1) Number of parolees arrested and the number of arrests.
- (2) Disposition of recorded arrests for new offenses.
- (3) Disposition of arrests for technical parole violations.
- (4) Age at time of arrest and length of time on parole when arrested.
- (5) Types of arrests.

As shown in Table #5 the Bureau was responsible for the supervision of 12,489 parolees in the fiscal year 1976-77. During that year, there were 4,188 removed from parole, and 4,309 received on parole, resulting in a net increase of 121 (1.5%) over the previous year. There was an average of 8,296 on parole at any given time during the year. (See Table #1)

Some conclusions derived from this report may be stated as follows:

- (1) The percentage of total arrests for Juvenile Delinquency had consistently decreased in the previous four years ending July 1, 1976; however, fiscal 1977 has shown a slight rise (5.0-5.2%). (Table #5)

- (2) The rate of arrests for Technical Parole Violations has not fluctuated more than 1% over the past five years. During the past fiscal year the rate of arrests for Technical Parole Violations decreased by 0.4%, thereby breaking the trend of minor increases in this type of arrest as established in the previous four years. (Table #5)
- (3) During the same period of time there has been no significant change in the percentage of those arrested for violation of Local Ordinances, Motor Vehicle Laws, or as Material Witnesses. (Table #5)
- (4) Disorderly Persons arrests have shown a small decrease (0.4%) during the past fiscal year, thereby breaking the trend of small but significant increases in this type of arrest as established in the previous four years. (Table #5)
- (5) In each year under study, approximately 1/3 of individuals supervised were arrested notwithstanding considerable changes in caseload or in the total number of arrests. (Table #5)
- (6) Approximately three quarters of the individuals arrested were 21 years of age and over. (Table #4)
- (7) Fifty-nine percent (59%) of all arrests occurred within the first year on parole, 72% within 18 months and 93% within three years on parole. (Table #4)
- (8) Forty-four percent (44%) of all recorded arrests for New Offenses were disposed of as guilty by court action as compared to the dismissal rate of 17%; the remaining 39% of arrests were not processed for inclusion in the above figures because:
 - (a) The disposition was still pending in court.
 - (b) Maximum sentence expired while awaiting disposition.
 - (c) Returned as parole violator before disposition was rendered. (Table #2)
- (9) A total of 4,422 individuals accounted for all of the 6,221 arrests. (Table #1)
- (10) Forty-four percent (145) of the 329 arrests for Technical Parole Violations resulted in return to the institution as parole violators. (See note and Table #3)
- (11) Only 2.3% (145) of the total number of arrests (6,221) were returned to the institution for violating technical conditions of parole not requiring court action. (See note and Table #3)
- (12) Of the 5,892 arrests for New Offenses requiring court action 10.5% (619) resulted in a court commitment to a penal or correctional institution. (See note and Table #2)

It must be remembered that factors which influence the number of violators that are returned to institutions vary. Therefore, statistical comparisons between institutions should be made with caution.

Note: The percentage of those committed by the court as compared to those returned exclusively for technical reasons differs substantially, mainly because the screening process employed by the Bureau of Parole eliminates many cases that would otherwise be included as statistical arrests. Not all cases that were reviewed for parole violations resulted in an arrest as is the case with those brought before the court. The Bureau does not keep separate statistics for this, but a conservative estimate would be a figure as high if not higher than the number of cases that are brought to the attention of the court.

Parole violators are arrested only after a thorough review of the case is made by supervisory personnel. All of the cases so reviewed do not result in return. The probable cause hearing process cuts down the figure more and after the hearing the figure is reduced again by the action of the paroling authority who elect not to revoke.

When the overall violation rate is compared to the total number of cases under supervision by the Bureau, the percentage of return is substantially less. As an example, of all the individuals arrested 49% were returned to various institutions by order of a court commitment or as a result of technical violation of parole as compared to 26% of the average number on parole or 17% of the total supervised. Stated conversely, 83% of the total number of cases under supervision were "successful," i.e. were not returned to an institution. Consequently, the recidivism rate becomes more meaningful when the basis used is clearly defined.

The statistics compare favorably with those issued by the National Uniform Parole Reports.

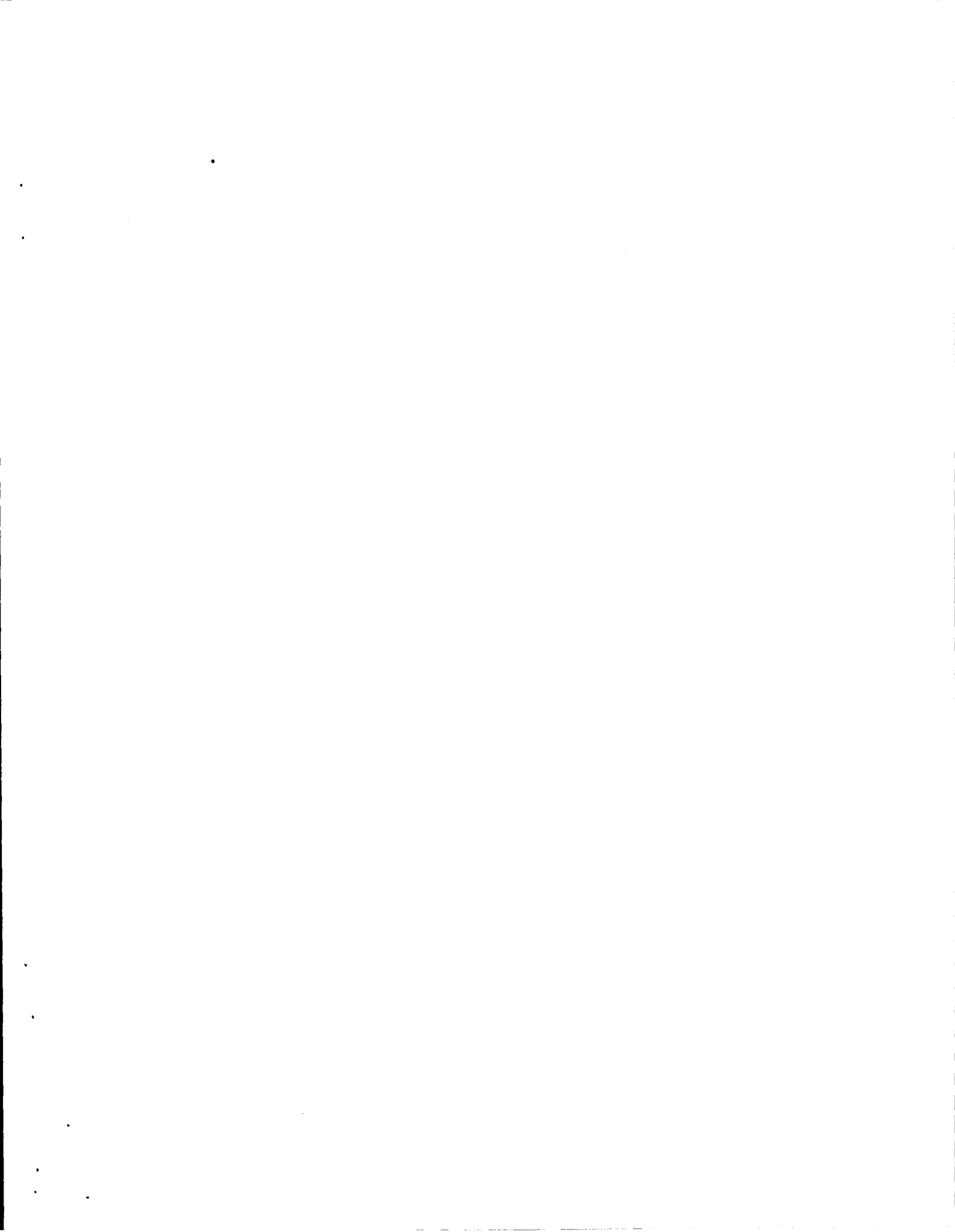


TABLE #1

CASELOAD - ARRESTS AND RETURNED VIOLATORS

7-1-76 thru 6-30-77

(By Institutions*)

INSTITUTIONS*	UNDER SUPERVISION 7-1-76	UNDER SUPERVISION 7/1/77	TOTAL NO. SUPER- VISED 1976 - 1977	AVERAGE NUMBER ON PAROLE	NO. PAROLEES ARRESTED			NO. OF ARRESTS			COMMITTED TO INSTITUTION**		
					NEW OFFENSES	TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS	TOTAL	NEW OFFENSES	TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS	TOTAL	BY COURT	BY PAROLING AUTHORITY	TOTAL
TSG	19	13	25	15	7	4	11	8	4	12	1	1	2
CIW	332	302	485	324	137	13	150	195	13	208	14	47	61
OS/F	20	19	34	20	4	0	4	5	0	5	0	0	0
TSB	195	212	338	204	201	14	215	310	14	324	46	99	145
YCIA	1,598	1,735	2,605	1,682	1,332	79	1,411	1,816	81	1,897	182	527	709
YCIB	1,920	1,983	2,937	1,985	1,079	83	1,162	1,455	85	1,540	133	385	518
YRCC	1,442	1,487	2,249	1,475	959	61	1,020	1,316	63	1,379	136	362	498
SP	2,197	2,088	3,094	2,130	513	61	574	651	63	714	92	134	226
PH	40	35	41	36	2	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	1
OS/M	418	426	681	425	106	5	111	134	6	140	14	5	19
TOTALS	8,181	8,300	12,489	8,296	4,340	320	4,660**	5,892	329	6,221	619	1,560	2,179

*Legend -

- TSG - Training School for Girls
- CIW - Correctional Institution for Women
- OS/F - Female parolees supervised for other states
- TSB - Training School for Boys
- YCIA - Youth Correctional Institution, Annandale
- YCIB - Youth Correctional Institution, Bordentown
- YRCC - Youth Reception and Correction Center
- SP - State Prison
- PH - Sex offenders paroled from Psychiatric Hospitals
- OS/M - Male parolees supervised for other states

** Actually only 4,422 individuals accounted for all the arrests - 238 individuals accounted for a combination of at least 1 arrest for a new offense and 1 arrest for technical violations. (See also Table No. 5)

*** Based on No. of Arrests.

**** Figure does not include those individuals revoked by the State Parole Board but not as yet returned to Prison Complex, rather remaining in county facilities.

TABLE #2

DISPOSITION OF RECORDED ARRESTS FOR NEW OFFENSES

7-1-76 thru 6-30-77

(By Institutions*)

		TSG	CIW	TSB	YCIA	YCIB	YRCC	SP	PH	OS MALE	OS FEMALE	TOTAL
<i>Adjudged guilty or delinquent by court action</i> — 44%	Committed to penal or correctional institution	1	14	46	182	133	136	92	1	14	0	619
	Suspended sentence or fined, and returned as parole violator	0	1	5	11	8	19	4	0	0	0	48
	Suspended sentence or fined, and continued under supervision	3	44	52	330	277	223	85	0	26	1	1,041
	Served county jail sentence, and returned as parole violator	0	6	0	13	17	12	16	0	2	0	66
	Served county jail sentence, and continued under supervision	0	27	20	208	145	130	45	0	10	0	585
	Placed on probation, and returned as parole violator	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	7
	Placed on probation, and continued under supervision	4	11	14	66	49	59	7	0	4	1	215
	Returned for adjustment	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Maximum expired while serving county jail sentence	0	0	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	7	
	TOTAL	8	103	138	817	633	582	251	1	56	2	2,591
<i>Dismissed by court action</i> — 17%	Continued under supervision	0	23	49	290	244	202	135	0	21	1	965
	Returned as parole violator	0	0	2	14	6	6	3	0	0	0	31
	TOTAL	0	23	51	304	250	208	138	0	21	1	996
<i>Miscel- laneous</i> — 39%	Disposition still pending	0	20	14	170	183	160	86	1	20	0	654
	Maximum expired while awaiting disposition	0	17	24	73	71	71	96	0	34	2	388
	Returned as parole violator awaiting disposition	0	32	83	452	318	295	80	0	3	0	1,263
	TOTAL	0	69	121	695	572	526	262	1	57	2	2,305
	GRAND TOTAL	8	195	310	1,816	1,455	1,316	651	2	134	5	5,892

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- YRCC — Youth Reception and Correction Center
- SP — State Prison
- PH — Sex offenders paroled from Psychiatric Hospital (Male)
- OS Male — Male parolees supervised for other states
- OS Female — Female parolees supervised for other states

TABLE # 3

DISPOSITION OF ARRESTS FOR TECHNICAL PAROLE VIOLATIONS
(By Institutions*)

7-1-76 thru 6-30-77

	TSG	CIW	TSB	YCIA	YCIB	YRCC	SP	PH	OS MALE	OS FEMALE	TOTAL
Returned as parole violator	1	8	8	36	35	27	30	0	0	0	145
Returned for adjustment	1	0	0	4	15	7	1	0	1	0	29
Released and continued under supervision	2	4	5	38	28	21	29	0	4	0	131
Turned over to police for new offense	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	5
Disposition pending	0	0	1	3	7	6	1	0	1	0	19
TOTAL	4	13	14	81	85	63	63	0	6	0	329

**Legend -*

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- YRCC — Youth Reception and Correction Center
- SP — State Prison
- PH — Sex offenders paroled from Psychiatric Hospitals (Males)
- OS Male — Male parolees supervised for other states
- OS Female — Female parolees supervised for other states

TABLE # 4

AGE AT TIME OF ARREST AND LENGTH ON PAROLE WHEN ARRESTED

7-1-76 thru 6-30-77

	AGE - (YEARS)					LENGTH OF TIME												
	15	16-17	18-20	21 AND OVER	TOTAL ARRESTS	1 Week	2 Wks.	3 Wks.	1-3 Mos.	4-6 Mos.	7-12 Mos.	13-18 Mos.	19-24 Mos.	3rd Year	4th Year	5th Year	OVER 5 Years	TOTAL ARRESTS
Training School for Girls	0	8	4	0	12	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	12
Correctional Institution for Women	1	3	18	186	208	2	0	1	22	26	38	32	18	37	30	2	0	208
Training School for Boys	17	146	151	10	324	2	1	2	74	51	78	31	29	31	9	11	5	324
Youth Correctional Inst., Annandale	1	115	709	1072	1897	11	15	11	321	307	425	299	171	214	101	13	9	1897
Youth Correctional Inst., Bordertown	1	4	47	1488	1540	11	6	10	213	242	331	186	131	232	144	25	9	1540
Youth Reception / Correction Ctr.	0	52	378	949	1379	12	7	6	219	244	332	168	134	165	66	19	7	1379
State Prison	0	2	14	698	714	8	4	3	130	137	178	93	54	49	31	14	13	714
Sex Offenders (Psychiatric Hosps.)	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Male (out-of-State)	1	7	5	127	140	1	0	1	20	20	35	24	9	8	4	3	9	140
Female (out-of-State)	0	2	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTALS	21	339	1326	4535	6221	47	33	34	1003	1038	1422	834	547	737	386	87	53	6221
	* 1%	5%	21%	73%		1%	* 1%	* 1%	16%	17%	23%	13%	9%	12%	6%	1%	1%	
1 Week						1%												
2 Weeks							2%											
3 Weeks								3%										
1-3 Mos.									19%									
4-6 Mos.										36%								
7-12 Mos.											59%							
13-18 Mos.												72%						
19-24 Mos.													81%					
2 Years														93%				

*Less than 1%

(Cumulative)

TABLE #5

5 YEAR COMPARISON (1972 - 77)

7-1-72 thru 6-30-77

FISCAL YEAR	CASELOAD		INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED			TOTAL ARRESTS		RECOMMITMENTS OR RETURNS RESULTING FROM ARRESTS	
	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS SUPERVISED	% OF INCREASE	NUMBER	% OF NUMBER SUPERVISED	% OF INCREASE	NUMBER	% OF INCREASE	NUMBER	% OF INCREASE
1976 - 1977	12,489	+ 0.5	4,422	35.4	+ 12.6	6,221	-14.8	2,179	-17.6
1975 - 1976	12,421	-4.9	3,927	31.6	-10.2	7,298	-10.0	2,646	-13.9
1974 - 1975	13,061	-4.0	4,374	33.4	+ 0.9	8,112	+ 6.3	3,076	+ 12.8
1973 - 1974	13,609	5.9	4,332	31.8	-1.5	7,627	-3.1	2,727	-0.7
1972 - 1973	12,852	9.9	4,398	34.2	-0.2	7,867	-5.2	2,745	-15.9
5 Year Increase		-2.8			+ 0.5		-20.9		-20.6

FISCAL YEAR	ARRESTS FOR INDICTABLE OFFENSES		ARRESTS FOR JUV. DELINQUENCY		ARRESTS UNDER DIS. PERSONS STATUTE		ARRESTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS		ARRESTS UNDER LOCAL ORDINANCES		ARRESTS AS MATERIAL WITNESSES		ARRESTS FOR TECH. VIOLATIONS	
	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	% OF TOTAL ARRESTS	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	% OF TOTAL ARRESTS	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	% OF TOTAL ARRESTS	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	% OF TOTAL ARRESTS	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	% OF TOTAL ARRESTS	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	% OF TOTAL ARRESTS	NUMBER OF ARRESTS	% OF TOTAL ARRESTS
1976 - 1977	3,385	54.4	328	5.2	1,852	29.7	205	3.3	118	1.8	4	.06	329	5.2
1975 - 1976	3,901	53.4	367	5.0	2,200	30.1	261	3.6	145	1.9	9	0.1	415	5.6
1974 - 1975	4,350	53.6	600	7.4	2,352	28.9	292	3.6	122	1.5	11	0.1	384	4.7
1973 - 1974	3,962	51.9	666	8.7	2,128	27.9	343	4.5	149	2.0	14	0.2	365	4.8
1972 - 1973	4,223	53.7	890	11.3	1,879	23.9	333	4.2	157	2.0	20	0.3	365	4.6
5 Year Increase	-19.8		-63.1		-1.4		-38.4		-24.8		-80.0		-9.8	

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