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FROM: Ronald R. Vail, Coordinator, Research and Statistics

RE:  An Analysis of Time Served by Sentence Length for the  
Indiana Reformatory

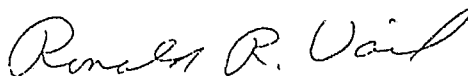
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You will find attached four studies of time served by sentence length for inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana Reformatory. These studies are for sentences of; (1) 1-5 years, (2) 2-5 years, (3) 1-10 years, and (4) 2-10 years.

In the near future additional studies will be conducted for those inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana Reformatory with a singular sentence of; (1) 2-14 years, (2) 2-21 years, (3) 10 years, (4) 10-20 years, and (5) 10-25 years.

The Research and Statistics Division also plans to conduct similar studies for those inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana Youth Center and the Indiana Women's Prison. These studies are to be completed within the next few weeks.

The present studies were conducted with the assistance of Miss Florence Muli, graduate student from Indiana State University, and Mr. James Hague, Indiana Parole Board Assistant.



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Attachment

AN ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL TIME SERVED IN THE  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION BY INMATES  
WITH A SENTENCE LENGTH OF 1-5 YEARS

-INDIANA REFORMATORY-

The primary goal of this study was to determine the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates at the Indiana Reformatory who had a sentence length of 1-5 years and who received parole authorization.

There were ninety-five (95) inmates with a singular sentence of 1-5 years authorized for parole from the Indiana Reformatory from January, 1975, through October, 1975. From this population a sample of twenty-five (25) inmates was randomly selected to serve as subjects. The data for this study was obtained from the "minutes" of the Indiana Parole Board and from the Central Office packets of the subjects. The following information was collected; (1) the inmate's file number, (2) the inmate's month and year of admission into the Indiana Department of Correction, (3) the month and year the inmate was authorized for parole, (4) the inmate's ethnic group, and (5) the most serious committing offense of the inmate.

This information was analyzed to determine; (1) the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana Reformatory who had a sentence length of 1-5 years, (2) the range of time served by all subjects in this study, (3) the ethnic breakdown of the subjects in this study, (4) the average (mean) length of time served by the White inmates in this study, (5) the range of time served by the White inmates in this study, (6) the average (mean) length of time served by the Black inmates in this study, and (7) the range of time served by the Black inmates in this study.

In this study (sentence length of 1-5 years) the following results were obtained:

Average Length of Time Served by All Subjects

1 year and 7.8 months  
(standard deviation of 11.19 months)

Range of Time Served by All Subjects

Shortest - 4 months  
Longest - 3 years and 8 months

Ethnic Breakdown of Subjects

White = 72%  
Black = 28%

Average Length of Time Served by White Subjects

1 year and 6.8 months  
(standard deviation of 1 year and .35 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

Shortest - 4 months  
Longest - 3 years and 8 months

Average Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

1 year and 10.6 months  
(standard deviation of 7.57 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

Shortest - 11 months  
Longest - 2 years and 8 months

Appendix A Contains a listing of the data collected (minus inmate file number ) for this study.

APPENDIX A

INDIANA REFORMATORY  
SENTENCE LENGTH OF 1-5 YEARS

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
March, 1973	October, 1975	White	Theft
June, 1975	October, 1975	White	Theft
August, 1974	October, 1975	Black	Entering to Commit a Felony
March, 1972	September, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony
January, 1973	September, 1975	Black	Entering to Commit a Felony
October, 1973	August, 1975	Black	Theft
March, 1974	August, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony
December, 1972	April, 1975	Black	Theft
May, 1972	April, 1975	White	Theft
March, 1973	April, 1975	Black	Theft
April, 1974	March, 1975	White	Theft
January, 1973	March, 1975	Black	Entering to Commit a Felony
April, 1974	March, 1975	Black	Theft
August, 1974	March, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony
April, 1974	February, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony
November, 1973	January, 1975	White	Drawing a Deadly Weapon
September, 1974	September, 1975	White	Escape
January, 1975	September, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
June, 1971	February, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony
June, 1974	June, 1975	White	Theft
July, 1973	March, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
September, 1974	July, 1975	White	Theft
July, 1974	July, 1975	White	Escape
December, 1973	June, 1975	White	4th Degree Arson
December, 1972	July, 1975	White	Entering to Commit a Felony

AN ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL TIME SERVED IN THE  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION BY INMATES  
WITH A SENTENCE LENGTH OF 2-5 YEARS

-INDIANA REFORMATORY-

The primary goal of this study was to determine the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates at the Indiana Reformatory who had a sentence length of 2-5 years and who received parole authorization.

There were twenty-nine (29) inmates with a singular sentence of 2-5 years authorized for parole from the Indiana Reformatory from January, 1975, through October, 1975. From this population a sample of twenty-five (25) inmates was randomly selected to serve as subjects. The data for this study was obtained from the "minutes" of the Indiana Parole Board and from the Central Office packets of the subjects. The following information was collected; (1) the inmate's file number, (2) the inmate's month and year of admission into the Indiana Department of Correction, (3) the month and year the inmate was authorized for parole, (4) the inmate's ethnic group, and (5) the most serious committing offense of the inmate.

This information was analyzed to determine; (1) the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana Reformatory who had a sentence length of 2-5 years, (2) the range of time served by all subjects in this study, (3) the ethnic breakdown of the subjects in this study, (4) the average (mean) length of time served by the White inmates in this study, (5) the range of time served by the White inmates in this study, (6) the average (mean) length of time served by the Black inmates in this study, and (7) the range of time served by the Black inmates in this study.

In this study (sentence length of 2-5 years) the following results were obtained:

Average Length of Time Served by All Subjects

1 year and 2.0 months  
(standard deviation of 8 months)

Range of Time Served by All Subjects

Shortest - 3 months  
Longest - 2 years and 5 months

Ethnic Breakdown of Subjects

White = 83%  
Black = 12%

Average Length of Time Served by White Subjects

1 year and 2.0 months  
(standard deviation of 8 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

Shortest - 3 months  
Longest - 2 years and 5 months

Average Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

1 year and no months  
(standard deviation of 8 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

Shortest - 6 months  
Longest - 1 year and 9 months

Appendix A contains a listing of the data collected (minus inmate file number) for this study.



## APPENDIX A

INDIANA REFORMATORY  
SENTENCE LENGTH OF 2-5 YEARS

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
February, 1973	March, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
May, 1973	July, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
September, 1973	April, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
February, 1974	February, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
June, 1974	February, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
July, 1973	February, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
October, 1974	September, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
March, 1975,	September, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
March, 1973	June, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
November, 1974	June, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
April, 1974	January, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
August, 1974	January, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
April, 1974	May, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
January, 1975	October, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
November, 1974	October, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
August, 1974	August, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
December, 1974	March, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
January, 1975	October, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Burglary
October, 1974	October, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
March, 1973,	August, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
February, 1974	March, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
September, 1974	March, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Burglary

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
November, 1973	August, 1975	Black	2nd Degree Burglary
February, 1975	September, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary
November, 1973	September, 1975	White	2nd Degree Burglary

AN ANALYSIS OF INSTITUTIONAL TIME SERVED IN THE  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION BY INMATES  
WITH A SENTENCE LENGTH OF 1-10 YEARS

-INDIANA REFORMATORY-

The primary goal of this study was to determine the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates at the Indiana Reformatory who had a sentence length of 1-10 years and who received parole authorization.

There were seventy-five (75) inmates with a singular sentence of 1-10 years authorized for parole from the Indiana Reformatory from January, 1975, through October, 1975. From this population a sample of twenty-five (25) inmates was randomly selected to serve as subjects. The data for this study was obtained from the "minutes" of the Indiana Parole Board and from the Central Office packets of the subjects. The following information was collected; (1) the inmate's file number, (2) the inmate's month and year of admission into the Indiana Department of Correction, (3) the month and year the inmate was authorized for parole, (4) the inmate's ethnic group, and (5) the most serious committing offense of the inmate.

This information was analyzed to determine; (1) the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates authorized for parole from the Indiana Reformatory who had a sentence length of 1-10 years, (2) the range of time served by all subjects in this study, (3) the ethnic breakdown of the subjects in this study, (4) the average (mean) length of time served by the White inmates in this study, (5) the range of time served by the White subjects in this study, (6) the average (mean) length of time served by the Black inmates in this study, and (7) the range of time served by the Black inmates in this study.

In this study (sentence length of 1-10 years) the following results were obtained:

Average Length of Time Served by All Subjects

2 years and 4.5 months  
(standard deviation of 1 year and 7.5 months)

Range of Time Served by All Subjects

Shortest - 3 months  
Longest - 6 years and 10 months

Ethnic Breakdown of Subjects

White = 60%  
Black = 40%

Average Length of Time Served by White Subjects

1 year and 10.7 months  
(standard deviation of 1 year and 3.8 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

Shortest - 3 months  
Longest - 4 years and 8 months

Average Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

3 years and 1.2 months  
(standard deviation of 1 year and 10.1 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

Shortest - 1 year and 3 months  
Longest - 6 years and 10 months

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SENTENCE LENGTH OF 1-10 YEARS

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
December, 1973	June, 1975	White	Theft From Person
August, 1973	April, 1975	White	Theft
April, 1974	March, 1975	White	Theft
March, 1974	March, 1975	White	Embezzlement
January, 1974	April, 1975	White	1st Degree Burglary
June, 1973	January, 1975	White	Theft
January, 1974	October, 1975	White	Offense Against Property Act
May, 1973	March, 1975	White	Sale of Dangerous Drugs
June, 1971	March, 1975	Black	Violation of 1935 Narcotics Act
January, 1973	June, 1975	Black	Assault and Battery With Intent to Commit a Felony
December, 1971	June, 1975	White	Theft
September, 1970	May, 1975	White	Robbery
May, 1972	October, 1975	White	Possession of Dangerous Drugs
November, 1968	September, 1975	Black	Assault and Battery With Intent to Commit Rape
June, 1974	September, 1975	Black	Theft by Threat
June, 1974	September, 1975	Black	Assault and Battery With Intent to Commit a Felony
May, 1974	January, 1975	White	Vehicle Theft
April, 1972	July, 1975	Black	Rape
May, 1973	July, 1975	Black	Assault and Battery With Intent to Commit a Felony

<u>Month/Year Admitted to Indiana Department of Correction</u>	<u>Month/Year Authorized for Parole</u>	<u>Ethnic Group</u>	<u>Most Serious Committing Offense</u>
June, 1975	September, 1975	White	Theft
April, 1974	September, 1975	Black	Theft
November, 1971	August, 1975	White	Burglary
April, 1970	August, 1975	Black	Theft From Person
December, 1974	July, 1975	White	Theft
November, 1971	February, 1975	Black	1st Degree Arson

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WITH A SENTENCE LENGTH OF 2-10 YEARS

-INDIANA REFORMATORY-

The primary goal of this study was to determine the average length of institutional time served in the Indiana Department of Correction by inmates at the Indiana Reformatory who had a sentence length of 2-10 years and who received parole authorization.

There were two (2) inmates with a singular sentence of 2-10 years authorized for parole from the Indiana Reformatory from January, 1975, through October, 1975. Both inmates served as subjects in this study. The data for this study was obtained from the "minutes" of the Indiana Parole Board and from the Central Office packets of the subjects. The following information was collected; (1) the inmate's file number, (2) the inmate's month and year of admission into the Indiana Department of Correction, (3) the month and year the inmate was authorized for parole, (4) the inmate's ethnic group, and (5) the most serious committing offense of the inmate.

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In this study (sentence length of 2-10 years) the following results were obtained:

Average Length of Time Served by All Subjects

4 years and 7 months  
(standard deviation of 1 year and 3.6 months)

Range of Time Served by All Subjects

Shortest - 3 years and 8 months  
Longest - 5 years and 6 months

Ethnic Breakdown of Subjects

White = 0%  
Black = 100%

Average Length of Time Served by White Subjects

There were no White subjects in this study.

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

See above

Average Length of Time Served by Black Subjects

4 years and 7 months  
(standard deviation of 1 year and 3.6 months)

Range of Length of Time Served by White Subjects

Shortest - 3 years and 8 months  
Longest - 5 years and 6 months

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SENTENCE LENGTH OF 2-10 YEARS

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January, 1970	July, 1975	Black	Violation of 1935 Narcotics Act
November, 1971	July, 1975	Black	Violation of 1935 Narcotics Act

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