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## INTRODUCTION

This is the tenth in a series of quarterly reports on the state of crime and justice in South Australia. It was produced with the co-operation of the Police Department, administrative personnel of the Supreme and District Criminal Courts, the Department of Correctional Services, and the Department for Community Welfare. These reports are intended to provide public officials with systematic and timely information for use in decision making, and to enhance public awareness of issues in crime and criminal policy.

The report which follows is divided into four sections, pertaining to Police, Supreme and District Criminal Courts, Correctional Services, and the juvenile justice activity of the Department for Community Welfare. Each section reflects the activity of the relevant department during the period, covered by the report, 1st January-31st March, 1981.

It must be emphasised that these tables do not purport to represent the flow of business through the justice system. For example, a number of offences coming to the attention of the Police will not lead to apprehensions and court proceedings until after the period covered by this report. For these reasons this report is analogous to four snapshots rather than to motion picture.

In addition, accounting practices differ across contributing departments. For example, in Table 1.2, the incidence of rape known to Police includes reported attempts. In returns from Supreme and District Criminal Courts, the offences of rape and attempted rape are counted separately, and no distinction is made regarding the victim's gender. Moreover, the totals in Part One reflect distinct offences, a number of which may have been committed by the same person, and the totals in Part Two reflect distinct defendants, who may have been singly or jointly charged with one or more offences. Comparisons between departments are thus inappropriate. More detailed explanations of these counting rules and definitions may be found in Appendices.

PART 1  
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The Australian Bureau of Statistics, in cooperation with police departments throughout the Commonwealth, has recently developed a more detailed classification of selected offences, as part of their programme to establish a system of uniform statistics on crime and criminal justice in Australia. Tables 1.1 through 1.5 show the number of selected offences coming to the attention of the South Australian Police during the three months covered by this report, and provide comparisons with previous quarterly totals, when available.

Totals for the current quarter include two sets of numbers. The first includes only those offences reported or becoming known to the police during the period 1st January-31st March, 1981. The second set of figures, enclosed in parentheses, reflects those offences which come to the attention of the police prior to 31st December, 1980 but had yet to be recorded as of that date.

With the attainment of more detailed classification, and consistency in processing and recording, stricter comparability over time should be possible.

Even so, these figures are to be interpreted with caution. As not all offences are reported to the police, variations from quarter to quarter might, in part, reflect changes in reporting behaviour rather than in the incidence of crime per se. Moreover, although the definitions of a particular crime may be explicit, the charging practices may vary according to circumstances and subjective judgment. For example, the distinction between "other robbery" and "larceny from the person" is not always clear cut. Borderline cases may give rise to the more serious or to the lesser charge.

Moreover, not all crimes are reported to the police, and the magnitude of the "dark figure of unreported crime" can vary over time. Factors which increase the likelihood that a crime will be reported include public confidence in the police, whether the crime was committed by a stranger, and the degree of physical injury or property loss inflicted upon the victim. With regard to the serious driving offences reported in Table 1.5, totals reflect not only the driving behaviour of offenders, but also police enforcement practices.

Statistics on homicide known to police are generally regarded as the most reliable. The rate of murder and manslaughter coming to police attention over the past year in South Australia, just over 1 per 100,000 population, is low by Australian and world standards. A more detailed report on homicide and serious assault in South Australia will be published later this year.

TABLE 1.1: STATISTICS OF SELECTED CRIME REPORTED OR BECOMING KNOWN TO THE POLICE: HOMICIDE AND GENERAL ASSAULTS.

OFFENCE	1st January- 31st March, 1981	1st October- 31st December, 1980	1st July- 30th Septem- ber, 1980	1st April- 30th June, 1980	1st January- 31st March, 1980	Quarterly Average - 1st July, 1977-30th June, 1980
Murder	1	5 (2)	3	1	3 (4)	6.5
Manslaughter	0 (1)	0	1	5 (2)	1 (4)	6.5
Driving Causing Death	2 (2)	2 (5)	1 (4)			
Conspiracy to Murder	0	0	0			
Attempted Murder	1 (1)	3	3 (1)	2	2 (2)	2.8
Assault Occasioning Grievous Bodily Harm	10	5 (2)	13 (2)	105 (11)	72 (21)	91.5
Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm	108 (8)	113 (12)	98 (7)			
Other Assault	1189 (153)	1178 (131)	944 (103)			
Kidnapping and Abduction	7 (4)	10 (3)	4			
Ill treatment of Children	0 (1)	0	0			
Other	28 (1)	3	7 (1)			

NOTE: Offences reported or becoming known to the police prior to the commencement of each of the above reporting periods, but recorded after those dates and not included in previous returns, are enclosed in parentheses.



TABLE 1.2: STATISTICS OF SELECTED CRIME REPORTED OR BECOMING KNOWN TO THE POLICE: SEXUAL ASSAULTS AND OTHER SEXUAL OFFENCES.

OFFENCE	1st January- 31st March, 1981	1st October- 31st Decem- ber, 1980	1st July- 30th Septem- ber, 1980	1st April- 30th June, 1980	1st January- 31st March, 1980	Quarterly Average - 1st July, 1977 - 30th June, 1980
Rape (Female)	54 (7)	60 (10)	51 (5)	41 (13)	41 (7)	47.3
Rape (Male)	6 (2)	2 (4)	9			
Indecent Assault	M. 19 (2) F. 82 (10)	73 (8)	60 (8)			
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	M. 1 F. 12	11 (4)	12			
Incest	10	3 (2)	2 (1)			
Other Sexual Offences	177 (14)	129 (6)	156 (3)			

TABLE 1.3: STATISTICS OF SELECTED CRIME REPORTED OR BECOMING KNOWN TO THE POLICE: ROBBERY, EXTORTION, AND LARCENY FROM THE PERSON.

OFFENCE	1st January- 31st March, 1981	1st October- 31st Decem- ber, 1980	1st July- 30th Septem- ber, 1980	1st April- 30th June, 1980	1st January- 31st March, 1980	Quarterly Average - 1st July, 1977 - 30th June, 1980
Robbery with Firearm	18 (3)	8	13 (2)	111 (4)	106 (5)	88.0
Robbery with Other Weapon	11 (1)	9 (1)	15 (1)			
Other Robbery	72 (4)	73 (9)	62 (7)			
Stealing from the Person	69 (3)	51 (1)	39 (1)			
Extortion	8	5 (1)	4			

NOTE: Offences reported or becoming known to the police prior to the commencement of each of the above reporting periods, but recorded after those dates and not included in previous returns, are enclosed in parentheses.

TABLE 1.4: STATISTICS OF SELECTED CRIME REPORTED OR BECOMING KNOWN TO THE POLICE: OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY

OFFENCE	1st January- 31st March, 1981	1st October- 31st December, 1980	1st July- 30th Septem- ber, 1980	1st April- 30th June, 1980	1st January- 31st March, 1980	Quarterly Average - 1st July, 1977 - 30th June, 1980
Breaking and Entering Dwellings	2529 (92)	2580 (57)	3204 (36)	3123 (93)	2209 (124)	2435.7
Breaking and Entering Shops	935 (56)	1050 (32)	1115 (33)	1039 (34)	866 (67)	1110.2
Breaking and Entering-Other	1435 (53)	1343 (47)	1524 (63)	1432 (67)	1298 (82)	1291.9
Fraud, Forgery and False Pretences	585 (122)	497 (128)	512 (128)	814 (93)	565 (238)	738.8
Misappropriation	102 (21)	139 (65)	180 (12)			
Receiving Stolen Goods	88 (72)	44 (79)	53 (50)			
Unlawful Possession of Stolen Goods	95 (43)	86 (47)	57 (14)			
Motor Vehicle Theft	1392	1511	1572	1478	1390	1487.6
Shoplifting	1400 (380)	1342 (389)	1077 (173)			
Other Theft	9801 (274)	10316 (217)	10356 (184)			
Arson	156 (7)	95 (5)	94 (7)			
Other Property Damage	2488 (110)	2713 (99)	2672 (75)			

NOTE: Offences reported or becoming known to the police prior to the commencement of each of the above reporting periods, but recorded after those dates and not included in previous returns, are enclosed in parentheses.

TABLE 1.5: STATISTICS OF SELECTED CRIME REPORTED OR BECOMING KNOWN TO THE POLICE: MOTOR VEHICLE, TRAFFIC AND RELATED OFFENCES.

OFFENCE	1st January- 31st March, 1981	1st October- 31st Decem- ber, 1980	1st July- 30th Septem- ber, 1980	1st April- 30th June, 1980	1st January- 31st March, 1980	Quarterly Average - 1st July, 1977 - 30th June, 1980
Driving under the influence of Alcohol or Drugs	1399 (106)	1507 (333)	1130 (102)			
Dangerous, Reckless or Negligent Driving	314	181	209			

NOTE: Offences reported or becoming known to the police prior to the commencement of each of the above reporting periods, but recorded after those dates and not included in previous returns, are enclosed in parentheses.

PART 2  
SUPREME AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURTS

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This section of the report includes returns from Supreme and District Criminal Courts, and thus concerns only the more serious criminal matters heard in South Australia. The vast majority of criminal cases are heard in Courts of Summary Jurisdiction, and are the subject of special reports, published twice yearly.

Beginning 1st July, 1980, the Office of Crime Statistics began collecting more detailed information on Supreme and District Criminal Court matters. This expanded coverage includes particulars of the defendant's background, information on the duration of proceedings, remands, and details of case outcomes. These data are now stored in a computer file, thus permitting more refined analysis than was previously possible.

In addition to regular quarterly returns, a special report covering the twelve months ending 30th June, 1981 will be published later this year. Information from this system will be made available to members of the Judiciary upon request, and to other authorised persons on a fee for service basis.

Tables 2.1 through 2.4 show the principal charge laid, the plea entered, and the outcome of proceedings for specific offences during the quarter ended 31st March, 1981. Tables 2.5 through 2.8 show the major penalty imposed upon defendants convicted of specific principal offences during the quarter.

In many instances, more than one penalty is imposed following conviction for a given principal offence. For example, it is not uncommon for a term of imprisonment to be suspended, and accompanied by a period of supervised probation. Tables 2.9 through 2.12 summarise all penalties imposed upon conviction for each principal offence.

The mean sentence of immediate imprisonment refers to the average term imposed upon those sent to prison; the median reflects the middle value of a set of sentences: half were for longer periods, and half were for shorter.

Table 2.13 summarises the time elapsed for various types of cases as they passed through the judicial process. In some instances, the inordinate duration of a case results from prolonged illness or disappearance of the accused prior to disposition. For this reason, the median rather than the mean duration provides a more informative picture of the typical time elapsed during the adjudication of a particular matter. Again, the median represents the midpoint of a set of cases: half of the cases took longer, and half took less. The mean, on the other hand, is the simple arithmetic average duration of a set of cases.

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Table 2.16 provides a general overview of higher court dispositions during the quarter. During 1980, 89% of all defendants charged in the higher courts were ultimately convicted. 85% of these convictions arose from pleas of guilty by the defendant. Thus, 75% of all higher criminal court dispositions during the year were convictions resulting from pleas of guilty. Aside from a slight increase in the likelihood of conviction following a plea of not guilty, these patterns do not differ noticeably from those observed during 1979.

Explanatory notes for the tables in this section may be found in Appendix I.

TABLE 2.1 PRINCIPAL CHARGE LAID AND PLEA BY CASE OUTCOME: HOMICIDE AND ASSAULT

CASE OUTCOME	PRINCIPAL CHARGE LAID AND PLEA															
	Murder		Attempted Murder		Manslaughter		Major Assault		Minor Assault		Death by Driving		Other Offences		Total	
	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)
CONVICTED: Murder																
Attempted Murder																
Manslaughter																
Major Assault			1				19	6				1			20	7
Minor Assault							2	1	1						3	1
Death by Driving											1				1	
Other Offences													1	1	1	1
NOLLE PROSEQUI								1 (1)			(3)					1(4)
ACQUITTED								1		3						4
TOTAL		1*	1				21	9 (1)	1	3 (3)	1	1	1	1	25	15*(4)

\* 1 defendant found not guilty on grounds of insanity

## PLEA:

G = Guilty  
 NG = Not Guilty  
 (NP) = No Plea

TABLE 2.2 PRINCIPAL CHARGE LAID AND PLEA BY CASE OUTCOME: SEXUAL OFFENCES

CASE OUTCOME	PRINCIPAL CHARGE LAID AND PLEA											
	Rape		Attempted Rape		Indecent Assault		Unlawful Sexual Intercourse		Other Offences		Total	
	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)
CONVICTED: Rape		1										1
Attempted Rape			1								1	
Indecent Assault					1	2					1	2
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse							6	1			6	1
Other Offences									2		2	
NOLLE PROSEQUI		1										1
ACQUITTED		3				1						4
TOTAL		5	1		1	3	6	1	2		10	9

## PLEA:

G = Guilty  
 NG = Not Guilty  
 (NP) = No Plea



TABLE 2.3 PRINCIPAL CHARGE LAID AND PLEA BY CASE OUTCOME: OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY

CASE OUTCOME	PRINCIPAL CHARGE LAID AND PLEA																											
	Armed Robbery		Other Robbery		Arson		Burglary		House Break and Enter		Other Break and Enter		Larceny		Embezzlement		False Pretences		Fraud		Forge (and/or) Utter		Other Offences		Total			
	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)		
CONVICTED: Armed Robbery	1																									1		
Other Robbery			8																								8	
Arson					2																						2	
Burglary																												
House Break & Enter								43	5																	43	5	
Other Break & Enter										67	3															67	3	
Larceny							2				1	23	5													26	5	
Embezzlement													5													5		
False Pretences															4											4		
Fraud																	1									1		
Forge and/or Utter																				6	1					6	1	
Other Offences									1		1		1										9	2	11	3		
NOLLE PROSEQUI		(1)			(1)				1(1)		1(5)				(1)			1								3	(1)	
ACQUITTED		1		2					1		1		4						2				1			12		
TOTAL	1	1(1)	8	2	2	(2)*	2		44	7(1)	69	5(5)	23	10	5	(1)	4		1	3	6	1	9	3	174	32(10)		

PLEA:

G = Guilty  
 NG = Not Guilty  
 (NP) = No Plea

\*1 defendant deceased before trial

TABLE 2.4 PRINCIPAL CHARGE LAID AND PLEA BY CASE OUTCOME: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES

CASE OUTCOME	PRINCIPAL CHARGE LAID AND PLEA															
	Cultivate Marijuana		Sell Marijuana		Possess Marijuana for Sale		Possess or use Marijuana		Other Narcotics (Sell, etc.)		Other Narcotics (Use, etc.)		All other Offences		Total	
	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)	G	NG (NP)
CONVICTED: Cult. Marijuana	29	3													29	3
Sell Marijuana			5												5	
Possess Marijuana for sale					5	2									5	2
Possess or use Marijuana																
Other Narcotics (Sell, etc.)									3	2					3	2
Other Narcotics (Use, etc.)									1						1	
All other Offences													5		5	
NOLLE PROSEQUI		(2)														(2)
ACQUITTED																
TOTAL	29	3 (2)	5		5	2			4	2			5		48	7 (2)

## PLEA:

G = Guilty  
 NG = Not Guilty  
 (NP) = No Plea

**TABLE 2.5 SENTENCE IMPOSED BY PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED: HOMICIDE AND ASSAULT**

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED	SENTENCE IMPOSED											Bonds Revoked	Median Duration (in months) prior to revocation
	Probation and/or bond	Fine Only	Imprisonment Suspended	Immediate Imprisonment						Total			
				Less than 6 months	6 months up to 1 year	1 year up to 2 years	2 years up to 5 years	5 years up to 10 years	10 years or more				
Murder													
Attempted Murder													
Manslaughter													
Major Assault	2	5	14	5	1						27	1	6
Minor Assault	1	2		1							4	1	17
Death by Driving			1								1		
Other			2								2		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>						<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	

TABLE 2.6 SENTENCE IMPOSED BY PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED: SEXUAL OFFENCES

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED	SENTENCE IMPOSED											Bonds Revoked	Median Duration (in months) prior to revocation
	Probation and/or bond	Fine Only	Imprisonment Suspended	Immediate Imprisonment						Total			
				Less than 6 months	6 months up to 1 year	1 year up to 2 years	2 years up to 5 years	5 years up to 10 years	10 years or more				
Rape								1			1	1	10
Attempted Rape						1					1		
Indecent assault		1	2								3	1	1
Unlawful sexual intercourse		1	4	2		1	1				9		
Other						2					2		
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	

TABLE 2.7 SENTENCE IMPOSED BY PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED: OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED	SENTENCE IMPOSED										Bonds Revoked	Median Duration (in months) prior to revocation
	Probation and/or bond	Fine Only	Imprisonment Suspended	Immediate Imprisonment						Total		
				Less than 6 months	6 months up to 1 year	1 year up to 2 years	2 years up to 5 years	5 years up to 10 years	10 years or more			
Armed Robbery									1	1		
Other Robbery			4			1	3			8	1	26
Arson							1	1		2		
Burglary												
House Break and Enter	3	1	25	2	6	9	2			48	3	5
Other Break and Enter	5	5	45	1	7	7				70		
Larceny		7	17	2	3	2				31	2	10
Embezzlement	1		4							5		
False Pretences			4							4		
Fraud	1									1		
Forge and/or Utter	3		3				1			7	1	23
Other		2	11							13		
Total	13	15	113	5	16	19	7	1	1	190	7	

TABLE 2.8 SENTENCE IMPOSED BY PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES

PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED	SENTENCE IMPOSED											Bonds Revoked	Median Duration (in months) prior to revocation
	Probation and/or bond	Fine Only	Imprisonment Suspended	Immediate Imprisonment						Total			
				Less than 6 months	6 months up to 1 year	1 year up to 2 years	2 years up to 5 years	5 years up to 10 years	10 years or more				
Cultivate Marijuana	1	11	12			3	5				32		
Possess Marijuana for Sale		1	3			2	1				7		
Sell Marijuana			5								5		
Possess or use Marijuana													
Other Narcotics (Sell, etc.)	1						3	1			5		
Other Narcotics (Use; etc.)	1										1		
All other Offences	1			1	1	1	2				6		
Other	4	12	20	1	1	6	11	1			56		

**TABLE 2.9 SENTENCE IMPOSED BY PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED: HOMICIDE AND ASSAULT  
(Total Effective Sentence, Principal Offence)**

Offence	Total Convictions	Probation and/or Bond			Total Fines			Suspended Sentence			Immediate Imprisonment		
		(n) mean	median (in months)	range	(n) mean	median (in dollars)	range	(n) mean	median (in months)	range	(n) mean	median (in months)	range
Murder	0												
Attempted Murder	0												
Manslaughter	0												
Major Assault	27	(17) 7.4	5.7	2-30	(8) 238	250	150-300	(14) 7.0	4.5	2-30	(6) 4.0	3.8	3-6
Minor Assault	4	(1) 24.0	24.0	24-24	(3) 167	175	100-200				(1) 2.0	2.0	2-2
Death by Driving	1	(1) 6	6	6-6				(1) 6	6	6-6			
Other Offences	2	(2) 7.5	7.5	6-9				(2) 7.5	7.5	6-9			

**TABLE 2.10 SENTENCE IMPOSED BY PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED: SEXUAL OFFENCES**  
**(Total Effective Sentence, Principal Offence)**

Offence	Total Convictions	Probation and/or Bond			Total Fines			Suspended Sentence			Immediate Imprisonment		
		(n) mean.	median (in months)	range	(n) mean	median (in dollars)	range	n	median (in months)	range	(n) mean	median (in months)	range
Rape	1										(1) 96.0	96.0	96-96
Attempted Rape	1										(1) 12.0	12.0	12-12
Indecent Assault	3	(2) 6.0	6.0	3-9	(1) 150	150	150-150	(2) 6.0	6.0	3-9			
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	7	(2) 13.5	13.5	12-15	(1) 100	100	100-100	(2) 13.5	13.5	12-15	(4) 12.0	6.0	0-36
Other Offences	2										(2) 15.0	15.0	12-18



**TABLE 2.11 SENTENCE IMPOSED BY PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED: OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY**  
**(Total Effective Sentence, Principal Offence)**

Offence	Total Convictions	Probation and/or Bond			Total Fines			Suspended Sentence			Immediate Imprisonment		
		(n) mean	median (in months)	range	(n) mean	median (in dollars)	range	(n) mean	median (in months)	range	(n) mean	median (in months)	range
Armed Robbery	1										(1) 144.0	144.0	144-144
Other Robbery	8	(4) 25.5	18.0	6-60				(4) 25.5	18.0	6-60	(4) 38.0	44.0	18-46
Arson	2										(2) 42.0	42.0	24-60
Burglary													
House Break and Enter	48	(28) 9.8	9.5	3-19	(3) 233	250	100-300	(25) 9.5	9.1	3-19	(19) 11.6	11.8	1-24
Other Break and Enter	70	(52) 10.7	9.1	3-27	(6) 292	275	100-400	(45) 9.8	8.9	3-27	(15) 9.8	9.0	3-21
Larceny	31	(18) 7.4	8.0	3-12	(7) 221	233	100-300	(18) 7.3	7.9	3-12	(7) 9.1	8.0	3-22
Embezzlement	5	(5) 13.6	12.0	8-24	(1) 500	500	500-500	(4) 14.0	12.0	8-24			
False Pretences	4	(4) 8.3	7.5	3-12				(4) 8.3	7.5	3-12			
Fraud	1	(1) 36.0	36.0	36-36							(1) 0.0	0.0	0-0
Forge and/or Utter	7	(6) 18.0	18.0	12-24				(3) 16.0	16.5	12-18	(1) 24.0	24.0	24-24
Other Offences	13	(11) 7.9	6.3	3-24	(5) 220	213	150-300	(11) 7.9	6.3	3-24			

**TABLE 2.12 SENTENCE IMPOSED BY PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CONVICTED: MISCELLANEOUS OFFENCES**  
**(Total Effective Sentence, Principal Offence)**

Offence	Total Convictions	Probation and/or Bond			Total Fines			Suspended Sentence			Immediate Imprisonment		
		(n) mean	median (in months)	range	(n) mean	median (in dollars)	range	(n) mean	median (in months)	range	(n) mean	median (in months)	range
Cultivate Marijuana	32	(13) 6.3	5.8	1-18	(12) 250	275	100-350	(12) 5.8	5.7	1-18	(8) 19.5	20.4	12-24
Sell Marijuana	5	(5) 14.2	9.0	6-24				(5) 14.2	9.0	6-24			
Possess Marijuana for Sale	7	(3) 5.0	5.25	3-6	(2) 650	650	300-1000	(3) 5.0	5.25	3-6	(3) 18.0	18.0	12-24
Possess or Use Marijuana	0												
Other Narcotics (Sell, etc.)	5	(1) 12.0	12.0	12-12	(2) 938	938	375-1500				(4) 49.5	48.0	30-72
Other Narcotics (Use, etc.)	1	(1) 24.0	24.0	24-24									
All Other Offences	6	(1) 36.0	36.0	36-36							(5) 13.8	12.0	3-24

TABLE 2.13 DURATION OF PROCEEDINGS BY PRINCIPAL OFFENCE CHARGED AND PLEA AT INITIAL APPEARANCE

Offence	(Unk.) Total Cases	Date of Initial Court Appearance to Date of Committal			Date of Committal to Date of Initial High Court Appearance			Date of Initial Higher Court Appearance to Date of Verdict			Date of Initial Court Appearance to Date of Disposition		
		mean	median (in days)	range	mean	median (in days)	range	mean	median (in days)	range	mean	median (in days)	range
<b>Murder</b>													
Guilty	0												
Not Guilty	1	98	98	98-98	47	47	47-47	45	45	45-45	190	190	190-190
Change of Plea	0												
No Plea	0												
<b>Rape</b>													
Guilty	0												
Not Guilty	5	129	102	42-220	50	49	17-82	24	5	2-104	205	143	102-370
Change of Plea	0												
No Plea	0												
<b>Robbery</b>													
Guilty	4	77	53	30-118	66	71	19-102	23	12	0-52	165	146	79-231
Not Guilty	3	198	171	122-301	95	26	25-235	4	4	1-7	297	334	197-361
Change of Plea	1	59	59	59-59	53	53	53-53	10	10	10-10	122	122	122-122
No Plea	2	89	89	37-141	52	52	42-61	1	1	0-1	141	141	80-202
<b>Burglary</b>													
<b>Break and Enter</b>													
Guilty	84	65	49	0-780	43	40	17-133	39	5	0-1280	148	104	35-1336
Not Guilty	14	106	88	2-297	41	32	18-132	60	45	0-193	215	196	131-362
Change of Plea (3)	8	57	51	14-142	35	26	17-80	455	22	0-3285	811	145	70-3325
No Plea (1)	7	23	2	0-60	44	47	19-56	32	6	0-176	119	85	48-237
<b>Major Assault</b>													
Guilty	16	68	66	8-156	59	48	24-132	22	9	0-79	149	148	61-265
Not Guilty	10	81	51	0-254	58	52	34-136	22	8	0-56	161	135	34-352
Change of Plea (1)	2	210	210	210-210	83	83	32-134	25	25	0-50	292	292	292-292
No Plea	1	210	210	210-210	56	56	56-56	0	0	0-0	266	266	266-266
<b>Cultivate Cannabis</b>													
Guilty (3)	25	39	36	0-113	42	35	24-102	6	0	0-104	88	88	31-262
Not Guilty	1	113	113	113-113	45	45	45-45	87	87	87-87	262	262	262-262
Change of Plea (2)	2	unk.	unk.	unk.	217	217	217-217	17	17	9-24	unk.	unk.	unk.
No Plea	1	214	214	214-214	53	53	53-53	95	95	95-95	362	362	362-362

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TABLE 2.14 APPEALS FROM THE SUPREME AND DISTRICT CRIMINAL COURTS

Appeals Against Conviction								
	Carried Over From Previous Period	New Appeals Lodged	Appeals Withdrawn	Appeals Decided	Appeals Dismissed	Convictions Quashed: No Further Action	Convictions Quashed: New Trials Ordered	Appeals Pending At End of Period
1st Oct - 31st Dec, 1979	3	6		3	1	2		6
Jan - Mar, 1980	6	9	1	4	4			10
Apr - Jun, 1980	10	4	3	8	8			3
Jul - Sep, 1980	3	7		5	3	2		5
Oct - Dec, 1980	5	3		4	3	1		4
Jan - Mar, 1981	4	12		5	10	1		6

Appeals Against Sentence								
	Carried Over From Previous Period	New Appeals Lodged	Appeals Withdrawn	Appeals Decided	Appeals Dismissed	Sentences Reduced	Sentences Increased	Appeals Pending At End Of Period
1st Oct - 31st Dec, 1979	6	11	2	9	6	3		6
Jan - Mar, 1980	6	9	4	7	5	2		4
Apr - Jun, 1980	4	17	2	12	9	3		7
Jul - Sep, 1980	7	11	3	8	7	1		7
Oct - Dec, 1980	7	13	1	12	6	6		7
Jan - Mar, 1981	7	15		8	12	2		7

TABLE 2.15 APPEALS FROM COURTS OF SUMMARY JURISDICTION

Appeals Against Conviction				
Charge	Appeals Heard and Decided	Appeals Withdrawn or Dismissed	Appeals Allowed: Cases Remitted to Courts of Summary Jurisdiction	Appeals Allowed: Convictions Quashed No further action
Alcohol related driving offences	3		3	
Other road traffic offences	8	3	4	1
Other offences	12	5	4	3
Total	23	8	11	4

Appeals Against Sentence				
Charge	Appeals Heard and Decided	Appeals Withdrawn or Dismissed	Appeals Allowed: Cases Remitted to Courts of Summary Jurisdiction	Appeals Allowed: Sentences Reduced
Alcohol related driving offences	6	4		2
Other road traffic offences	11	5	2	4
Other offences	7	3	1	3
Total	24	12	3	9

Orders			
Appeals Heard and Decided	Appeals Withdrawn or Dismissed	Appeals Allowed: Cases Remitted to Courts of Summary Jurisdiction	Appeals Allowed: Order Reduced
6		4	2

TABLE 2.16 DISPOSITIONS BY PLEA, TYPE OF COURT AND MONTH

Plea	Jan '81		Feb '81		Mar '81		Total for Quarter		Total	1st January - 31st December, 1980		
	District	Supreme	District	Supreme	District	Supreme	District	Supreme		District	Supreme	Total
No plea (Nolle Pros.)	2		8	2	3		13 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>4</sup>	15 <sup>4</sup>	40 <sup>3</sup>	17 <sup>6</sup>	57 <sup>3.6</sup>
Guilty	78	7	72	6	72	22	222 <sup>7.8</sup>	35 <sup>7.1</sup>	257 <sup>7.7</sup>	1033 <sup>7.9</sup>	171 <sup>5.9</sup>	1204 <sup>7.5.4</sup>
Not guilty: leading to verdict of	12	3	17	4	21	5	50 <sup>1.7</sup>	12 <sup>2.5</sup>	62 <sup>1.9</sup>	235 <sup>1.8</sup>	101 <sup>3.5</sup>	336 <sup>2.1.0</sup>
(1) guilty	7		13	2	15		35 <sup>7.0</sup>	2 <sup>1.7</sup>	37 <sup>6.0</sup>	148 <sup>6.3</sup>	69 <sup>6.8</sup>	217 <sup>6.4.6</sup>
(2) not guilty	2	3	4	1*	6	4	12 <sup>2.4</sup>	8* <sup>6.7</sup>	20* <sup>3.2</sup>	83 <sup>3.5</sup>	31 <sup>3.1</sup>	114 <sup>3.3.9</sup>
(3) nolle pros.	3					1	3 <sup>6</sup>	1 <sup>8</sup>	4 <sup>6</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1.5</sup>
Total	92	10	97	12	96	27	285 <sup>10.0</sup>	49 <sup>10.0</sup>	334 <sup>10.0</sup>	1308 <sup>10.0</sup>	289 <sup>10.0</sup>	1597 <sup>10.0</sup>

\*1 additional defendant not guilty on grounds of insanity

PART 3  
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

Part 3 of this report contains returns from the Department of Correctional Services. The daily average number of persons in custody, in proportion to the general population (64.6 per 100,000) approximates the nationwide average for Australia of 66.4.<sup>1</sup>

Some 15% of all prisoners in custody at 31st March, were on remand. The current rate of remandees per 100,000 population (9.4) remains higher than the nationwide average of 7.2.

Some 30.5% of all persons received into custody under sentence during the quarter were Aboriginal. This, however, does not represent the racial composition of the South Australian prison population on any given day. Because a significant proportion of Aboriginal prisoners serve relatively short sentences, Aborigines constitute between 10 and 15 percent of the prison population at any one time. These enumerations however, do not include persons held in police custody; proportional Aboriginal presence in all places of detention in South Australia may well be somewhat greater.

Readers should be aware that Table 3.3 now reflects only new admissions to prison, and no longer includes change of status admissions or new sentences commenced by currently serving prisoners.

<sup>1</sup>David Biles, *Australian Prison Trends*, no. 58 (Canberra: Australian Institute of Criminology, 1981).

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TABLE 3.1 DAILY AVERAGE IN CUSTODY

	Male	Female	Total	
			n	%
Remand	123	3	126	15
Sentenced	689	20	709	85
Total	812	23	835	100

TABLE 3.2 PRISON POPULATION AND PERSONS UNDER SUPERVISION AT END OF QUARTER

## PERSONS IN CUSTODY

	Male	Female	Total	
			n	%
Remand	126	3	129	15
Sentenced	706	20	726	85
Total	832	23	855	100

## PERSONS UNDER SUPERVISION

	Male	Female	Total	
			n	%
Probation	1990	457	2447	93
Parole	185	10	195	7
Total	2175	467	2642	100

TABLE 3.3 PERSONS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY OR PLACED UNDER SUPERVISION

## PERSONS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY

	Male	Female	Total	
			n	%
Remand	469	26	495	39
Sentenced	720	47	767	61
Total	1189	73	1262	100

(does not include change of status, admissions or new sentences commenced by currently serving prisoners)

## PERSONS PLACED UNDER SUPERVISION

	Male	Female	Total	
			n	%
Probation	260	63	323	89
Parole	37	4	41	11
Total	297	67	364	100

(does not include voluntary supervision of in-prison clients)

TABLE 3.4 PERSONS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY BY RACE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS AT TIME OF LATEST OFFENCE (new Admissions only)

	ABORIGINAL				NON-ABORIGINAL				TOTAL							
	Employed	Unemployed	Unkn.	Total	Employed	Unemployed	Unkn.	Total	Employed n %	Unemployed n %	Unknown n %	Total n %				
Remand	13	42	23	78	124	190	103	417	137	28	232	47	126	25	495	100
Sentenced	18	154	60	232	133	280	22	535	151	20	434	57	182	23	767	100

TABLE 3.5 PERSONS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY BY AGE (new Admissions only) (Amended)

	under 18	18- 19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-49	50-59	60 & over	Unknown	Total
Remand		57	183	85	61	35	38	17	6	13	495
Sentenced		36	198	129	94	48	123	78	36	25	767

TABLE 3.6 PERSONS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY BY OFFENCE CHARGED (new Admissions &amp; further sentences)

	Homicides	Assaults	Robbery and Extortion	Fraud, Forgery	Theft, Break & Enter	Property Damage	Driving and Related	Drunk	Offensive Behaviour	Breach of Rec.	Other	Total
Remand	6	93	8	42	193	13	44	3	16	20	59	497
Sentenced	2	80	6	40	121	22	359	199	74	280	112	1295
Total	8	173	14	82	314	35	403	202	90	300	171	1792

(includes admissions from Court, change of status admissions, and new sentences commenced by currently serving prisoners.)

TABLE 3.7 PERSONS DISCHARGED FROM CUSTODY BY FORM OF DISCHARGE

	Sentence Served	Fine Paid	To Parole	To Licence	To Bail	Off Court	Appeal Upheld	Deceased	Deported	Extradited	Escaped	Other	Total
Male	591	159	33	2	99	206	1		3	1	1		1096
Female	48	19	2		9	11	1					2	92

TABLE 3.8 PROBATION AND PAROLE CASES COMPLETED BY TYPE OF CASE COMPLETION

	EXPIRED		REVOKED/ESTREATED		DECEASED		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Probation	207	48	16	1	1		224	49	273
Parole	26	1	5		1		32	1	33
Total	233	49	21	1	2		256	50	306

TABLE 3.9: TRENDS IN SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS IN CUSTODY AND UNDER SUPERVISION

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	Table Reference	Quarter Ended 31st March, 1981	Quarter Ended 31st December, 1980	Quarter Ended 30th September, 1980	Quarter Ended 30th June, 1980	Quarter Ended 31st March, 1980	Quarter Ended 31st December, 1979
Daily Average Remand	3.1	126	138	153	150	113	135
Daily Average Sentenced	3.1	709	718	727	719	692	710
End of Quarter Remand	3.2	129	106	141	140	119	118
End of Quarter Sentenced	3.2	726	688	702	768	694	662
End of Quarter Probation	3.2	2447	2486	2424	2434	2388	2422
End of Quarter Parole	3.2	195	187	168	182	200	178
Total Received Remand	3.4	495	534	526	622	424	472
Total Received Sentenced	3.4	767	625	733	788	690	656
% <i>Aboriginal</i>	3.4	30.5	31.9	30.7	33.2	29.6	30.0
% <i>Unemployed</i>	3.4	56.6	62.8	64.4	65.6	65.2	68.5
% <i>Aged 24 and Younger</i>	3.5	30.5	33.3	33.5			
% <i>Convicted Offences Against Property</i>	3.6	14.6	16.9	13.2	12.7	12.3	16.2
% <i>Convicted Drunkenness</i>	3.6	15.3	11.2	16.3	16.4	12.8	13.2
% <i>Convicted Driving and Related Offences</i>	3.6	27.7	25.8	27.2	26.2	28.8	26.4
Total Received Probation	3.3	323	390	373	355	320	324
Total Received Parole	3.3	41	47	32	29	45	38
Estreatment/Revocation Probation	3.8	17	37	17	18	24	27
Estreatment/Revocation Parole	3.8	5	3	8	4	8	6

PART 4  
DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY WELFARE

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The tables in this section present selected details of appearances before Children's Courts and aid panels during the reporting period.

The great majority of appearances arose from offences against property; less than 1% of all appearances involved serious crimes of violence.

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TABLE 4.1 APPEARANCES BY OFFENCE AND OUTCOME  
CHILDREN'S COURTS - JANUARY - MARCH, 1981

Offence	Homicide	Assault	Robbery	Rape	Other sexual Offences	Break and Enter	Vehicle Theft	Theft	Wilful Damage	Receiving	Fraud	Driving and Traffic	Drug Offences	Transport and communication	Liquor	Unlawfully on premises	Indecent Behaviour	Disorderly, Drunk	Other Offences	Total	
Outcome																					
Referred to Adult Court				2																	2
Detention		2	1	1		8	13									1					26
Detention-Suspended other Bonds		1				12	6	1	1		1	1				1				1	25
Bond with Supervision		13	1			89	31	30	6	4	4	1			2			6	2		189
Other Bonds		12	2		4	35	23	28	6	2	4	1	3		1	2		8	4		135
Fine		14	1		1	22	16	48	13	2	8	78	11		18	6	8	50	26		322
Discharge		6	1			36	15	32	10	2	6	11	3		4	3	1	18	8		156
Recognizance Estreated						1	2					1	1								5
Recognizance Discharged																					
Recognizance Restored																					
Recognizance Varied																					
Total		48	6	3	5	203	106	139	36	10	23	93	18		25	13	9	82	41		860

TABLE 4.2 APPEARANCES BY OFFENCE AND OUTCOME

CHILDREN'S AID PANELS - JANUARY - MARCH, 1981

Offence	Homi- cide	Assault	Robb- ery	Rape	Other sexual Offenc- es	Break and Enter	Vehicle Theft	Theft	Wilful Damage	Receiv- ing	Fraud	Driving and Traffic	Drug Offences	Tran- sport and comm- unica- tion	Liquor	Unlaw- fully on premises	Indecent Behav- iour	Disorder ly, Drunk	Other Offences	Total	
Outcome																					
Warning & Counselling		43			5	115	49	749	51	31	51	67	22	3	20	18	13	69	73	1 379	
Undertaking- Child		3				15	9	33	7		2	2	1		1	2	1	3	5	84	
Undertaking- Parents																					
Vary Undertaking								1												1	
New Undertaking																					
Refer to Court		7				7	1	25	1	1	2	2				4	1	6	4	61	
Undertaking Completed		2				24	3	26	8	1	2	2			1	1		1	3	74	
Total		55			5	161	62	834	67	33	57	73	23	3	22	25	15	79	85	1 599	



TABLE 4.3 APPEARANCES BY AGE, SEX AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

CHILDREN'S COURTS JANUARY - MARCH, 1981

	10		11		12		13		14		15		16		17		17+		Sub Total		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
Student Apprentice	1		4		8		34	6	45	6	34	1	12	1	8					146	14	160
Unemployed							1		14	1	33	3	79	14	59	6				186	24	210
Employed									3		10		19	2	27	1				59	3	62
Not in Workforce																						
Unknown			3		11		16	4	33	3	67	8	124	8	146	5				400	28	428
Total	1		7		19		51	10	95	10	144	12	234	25	240	12				791	69	860

## CHILDREN'S AID PANELS

	10		11		12		13		14		15		16		17		17+		Sub Total		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
Student Apprentice	25	3	62	23	105	68	145	115	182	107	157	71	56	16	24	10				756	413	1 169
Unemployed							2		11	2	39	26	71	25	52	16				175	69	244
Employed							2	1	2		24	5	51	6	67	13				146	25	171
Not in Workforce																						
Unknown	1				1				1	2	1		6		2	1				12	3	15
Total	26	3	62	23	106	68	149	116	196	111	221	102	184	47	145	40				1 089	510	1 599

TABLE 4.4 APPEARANCES BY AGE, SEX AND RACE

## CHILDREN'S COURTS JANUARY - MARCH, 1981

	10		11		12		13		14		15		16		17		17+		Sub Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Non Aboriginal	1		4		13		41	8	76	8	126	10	204	17	227	12			692	55	747
Aboriginal			3		6		10	2	19	2	18	2	30	8	13				99	14	113
Unknown																					
Total	1		7		19		51	10	95	10	144	12	234	25	240	12			791	69	860

## CHILDREN'S AID PANELS

	10		11		12		13		14		15		16		17		17+		Sub Total		Total
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Non Aboriginal	19	2	54	22	103	67	146	114	186	108	212	100	179	47	142	36			1 041	496	1 537
Aboriginal	7		7	1	2	1	2	2	10	3	9	2	5		3	4			45	13	58
Unknown		1	1		1		1												3	1	4
Total	26	3	62	23	106	68	149	116	196	111	221	102	184	47	145	40			1 089	510	1 599

TABLE 4.5 TYPE OF APPEARANCE BY RACE  
CHILDREN'S COURTS JANUARY - MARCH, 1981

	Aboriginal	Other	Total
Arrest	63	335	398
Summons	53	409	462
Total	116	744	860

TABLE 4.6 APPEARANCE BY SECURE CARE, RACE AND D.C.W. REGION  
CHILDREN'S COURTS JANUARY - MARCH 1981

Regional Office	Number of Appearances		Number of Custodial Remands		% of Appearances Involving Custodial Remands		% of Remands where Offender is on 1st Court Appearance		Number of Detention Orders		% of Appearances involving Detention Order	
	Aboriginal	Other	Aboriginal	Other	Aboriginal	Other	Aboriginal	Other	Aboriginal	Other	Aboriginal	Other
Central Southern	6	98	2	11	33	11		1		2		2
Central Eastern	1	66	1	12	100	18		6		2		3
Central Western	16	153	7	23	44	15		5	1		6	
Central Northern	23	311	7	51	30	16		6	2	8	9	3
Southern Country	17	53	13	1	77	2	12		4	1	24	2
Northern Country	50	66	9	4	18	6		2	4	2	8	3
Total	113	747	39	102	35	14	2	4	11	15	10	2

TABLE 4.7 APPEARANCES BY LIVING ARRANGEMENTS : CHILDREN'S COURTS, CHILDREN'S AID PANELS : JANUARY - MARCH, 1981

	Natural Parents	Parent and Step-Parent	Parent and De-Facto	One Parent Family	Foster Parents	Relatives	Independent	Institution or Home	No Fixed Abode	I.N.C. Family	Independent & De-Facto	Unknown	Total
Court	206	9	2	101	5	26	53	16			1	441	860
Panel	1 093	41	12	311	26	38	39	9			6	24	1 599
Total	1 299	50	14	412	31	64	92	25			7	465	2 459

TABLE 4.8 APPEARANCES BY DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE

## CHILDRENS COURTS AND AID PANELS (OFFENCES ONLY)

D.C.W. District in which Child is Normally Resident	Total Court Appearances	Total Panel Appearances	Courts & Panels: Distinct persons Appearing per 1000 Age Specific Population	Appearances Where Major Charge was Serious Crime of Violence	D.C.W. District in which Child is Normally Resident	Total Court Appearances	Total Panel Appearances	Courts & Panels: Distinct persons Appearing per 1000 Age Specific Population	Appearances Where Major Charge was Serious Crime of Violence
Elizabeth	82	149	20.8	1	Thebarton	22	39	16.1	
Salisbury	84	185	20.1	4	West Torrens	18	48	9.8	1
Modbury	42	74	12.5		Woodville	51	137	18.0	
Enfield	65	115	14.4		Pt. Adelaide	45	58	17.0	4
Nuriootpa	13	31	19.3		The Parks	33	53	26.5	1
Gawler	5	19	10.9						
Kadina	12	27	6.7	1					
<b>Central Northern Region</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Central Western Region</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>6</b>
Marion	26	45	6.3	1	Berri	21	23	9.4	
Noarlunga	43	126	17.2	1	Mt. Gambier	24	54	8.3	
Mitcham	23	43	7.4	1	Murray Bridge	25	17	9.2	1
Glenelg	12	21	7.2						
<b>Central Southern Region</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Southern Country Region</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>1</b>
Adelaide	12	2	14.2		Pt. Pirie	20	40	12.1	1
Campbelltown	29	73	9.6		Pt. Augusta	15	33	13.5	
Norwood	20	66	8.3		Whyalla	23	59	11.6	
The Hills	6	32	6.9		Pt. Lincoln	20	13	11.0	
					Far North	14	11	30.6	1
					Ceduna	24	1	26.9	
<b>Central Eastern Region</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>8.7</b>		<b>Northern Country Region</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>2</b>
					Interstate	18	5		
					N.F.P.A.	13			
<b>Total</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>1599</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>18</b>					

TABLE 4.9: TRENDS IN SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN'S COURT AND AID PANEL APPEARANCES

	Table Reference	Quarter Ended 31st March, 1981	Quarter Ended 31st December, 1980	Quarter Ended 30th September, 1980	Quarter Ended 30th June, 1980	Quarter Ended 31st March, 1980	Quarter Ended 31st December, 1979
COURT							
Total Appearances	4.1	860	745	804	716	676	737
% Offences Against Property	4.1	60.1	61.7	65.8	61.4	63.8	63.2
% Aboriginal	4.4	13.1	14.4**	12.2**	12.7	12.4	11.2
% Unemployed	4.3	24.4	21.9**	22.3**	23.9*	N/A	N/A
% Female	4.4	8.0	10.1**	14.1**	9.8	11.4	12.3
% Under 15	4.4	22.5	21.5**	20.1**	29.1	25.0	23.6
% Detention	4.6	3.0	4.2	5.7	3.9	2.4	4.6
PANEL							
Total Appearances	4.2	1599	1239	1248	993	1126	634
% Offences Against Property	4.2	75.9	77.3	75.8	73.4	76.6	76.2
% Aboriginal	4.4	3.6	3.9**	4.4**	3.4	2.4	3.0
% Unemployed	4.3	15.3	8.7**	7.8**	2.2	8.7	N/A
% Female	4.4	31.9	27.4**	27.0**	27.3	29.8	29.3
% Under 15	4.4	53.8	54.5**	52.0**	53.1	54.6	50.6

\* Unemployment status was not recorded in an additional 50% of Children's Court cases. The true rate of unemployment amongst all children appearing before the Courts is likely to be somewhat higher.

\*\* Beginning with the quarter ended 30th September, 1980, Tables 4.3 and 4.4 include offences only, and no longer include appearances for charges of neglect, truancy, breach of bond, and applications.

APPENDIX I: EXPLANATORY NOTESTables 1.1 to 1.5:

One offence is counted for each individual or premises victimised, or for each distinct criminal act. Attempts are counted as offences, except in the case of attempted murder, which is counted separately.

Specific definitions and counting procedures are contained in the publication -

A Revised Statistical Collection Of Offences Reported Or Becoming Known To The Police.  
(Canberra: Australian Bureau of Statistics, July, 1980).

Tables 2.1-2.16:

"Principal Charge Laid" refers to the most serious offence with which the defendant has been charged. "Case Outcome", in the event of a conviction, refers to the most serious offence for which the defendant has been convicted; in the event of an acquittal or a decision by the Crown not to prosecute ("Nolle Prosequi"), it refers to all offences with which the defendant has been charged. For example, an individual charged with an convicted of both armed robbery and common assault would be recorded in Tables 2.3 and 2.7 only under armed robbery.

Tables 2.1-2.16:

These tables refer to appearances by individual defendants. For example, four co-defendants tried and convicted jointly of an offence which they committed in concert, would each be recorded separately in the case outcome and sentencing tables. An individual tried or sentenced on two separate occasions within the same reporting period would be recorded twice.

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Tables 2.1, 2.5, 2.9:

Major assault includes assaults occasioning bodily harm, and driving occasioning bodily harm; minor assault includes common assault, aggravated assault, and other assaults of a non-sexual nature and which did not involve bodily harm.

Tables 2.5-2.8:

"Sentence imposed" refers to the major penalty awarded. If, for example, a defendant were awarded both a six month suspended sentence and a fine of \$500.00, only the suspended sentence would be noted in the table. "Bonds revoked" and duration prior to revocation refer specifically to revocations made during the period 1 January - 31 March, 1981. The original offences occurred prior to this reporting period.

Tables 2.5-2.12:

"Principal Offence Convicted" refers to the most serious offence with which the defendant has been convicted.

Principal offences are grouped in the following order:

Murder	Indecent Assault
Attempted Murder	Larceny
Manslaughter	Embezzlement
Death by Driving	False Pretences
Rape	Fraud
Attempted Rape	Other Property Offences
Armed Robbery	Other Narcotics - sell, etc.
Violent Robbery	Cultivate Marijuana
Major Assault	Sell Marijuana
Other Robbery	Possess Marijuana for sale
Burglary	Other Narcotics - use, etc.
Arson	Possess-Use Narcotics
House Break & Enter	Other Sex Offences
Other Break & Enter	Minor Assault
Forge And/Or Utter	Other Assault Offences
Unlawful Sexual Intercourse	All Other Offences

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Tables 2.9-2.12:

"Total effective sentence" refers to multiple penalties imposed for the principal offence convicted. If, for example, a defendant were awarded both a six month suspended sentence and a fine of \$500.00, each of these penalties would be noted in the table.

Tables 2.5-2.12:

Sentences shown are those awarded for the principal offence only. Although they incorporate cumulative or concurrent sentences for multiple counts of the principal offence, they do not include sentences imposed for lesser offences of which the defendant may have been also convicted and for which additional sentences may have been awarded.

Tables 3.1 and 3.9:

Daily average figures are rounded to the nearest whole number.

Table 3.3:

"Persons received into Custody or Supervision" includes only new admissions to prison. It does not include change of status admissions or new sentences commenced by currently serving prisoners.

Table 3.4:

Race and Employment Status are as defined by the individual received into custody. The extent to which Aboriginality is under-reported and un-employment over-reported is not known.

Tables 3.4 and 3.5:

"Persons received into Custody" includes only new admissions to prison, that is, from court or other external places. It excludes change of status admissions. Employment status is at the time when last offence was committed.

Table 3.6:

"Persons received into Custody" includes total admissions for all persons. In the case of sentenced persons with multiple offences, only the most serious offence category is counted.

Table 3.7:

"Persons discharged from Custody" does not include transfers to other institutions within that state.

Table 3.8:

"Persons discharged from Supervision" includes only those persons placed on a supervised bond, not unsupervised cases.

Table 4.1:

The term recognizance is defined as a bond entered into by a child who agrees to observe certain conditions. A monetary sum is pledged as a surety for such observance. Estreatment is defined as the acceptance by the Court that the original bond has been broken. This breach may entail forfeiture of the monetary sum.

Tables 4.1-4.7:

These tables represent enumerations of appearances, not individuals; some individuals may have appeared on more than one occasion. They are limited to appearances for specific offences.

Tables 4.3, 4.4 and 4.7:

These tables no longer include appearances for charges of neglect, truancy, breach of bond, and applications.

Table 4.5:

The classification "Aboriginal" has been assigned to individuals by social workers, and not by the individuals themselves.

Table 4.6:

This table illustrates the proportion of offenders whose appearance has been preceded by a remand in custody and shows those appearances resulting in an order by the Court to a period of detention.

Table 4.7:

This table reports the living arrangements of young offenders at the time of offence.

Table 4.8:

"Serious crimes of violence" include the following:

murder;  
 attempted murder;  
 manslaughter;  
 cause death by negligent driving;  
 malicious wounding;  
 inflict grievous bodily harm;  
 assault occasioning actual bodily harm;  
 rape;  
 attempted rape;  
 robbery;  
 assault with intent to rob;  
 demand money with menaces.

APPENDIX II - DEFINITIONS

Tables 1.1 to 1.5:

The following notes describe the more detailed classification of offences developed by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the state police forces. They also permit comparison with the more general categories in previously published reports.

Homicide - This group now includes the offence "Conspiracy to Murder". The offence "Manslaughter" does not include "Cause Death by Negligent Driving" which is now separately categorised. Thus the offences, Manslaughter and Cause Death by Negligent Driving, need to be combined for comparisons with previous statistics for Manslaughter.

Assaults - The report now includes all cases of assault. The previous category of Serious Assault has been redefined as Assault Occasioning Grievous Bodily Harm and Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm.

Rape - This category has been redefined to reflect the victim's gender, i.e. Rape (Female) and Rape (Male). It includes attempts.

Other Sexual Offences - This group includes buggery, gross indecency and indecent exposure.

Other Offences Against The Person - This group includes, abortion, concealment of birth, defamation, threat of violence, arson (person therein) and other acts endangering life.

Robbery - The robbery offence group has been redefined into three sub-groups viz, Robbery with Firearm, Robbery with other Weapon and Other Robbery.

Fraud and Misappropriation - The statistics for this group are comparable with the statistics published in previous quarters. However the sub-classification has been amended. The previous sub-group, Pass Valueless Cheques, is now incorporated in the sub-group, Fraud, Forgery, and False Pretences.

Other Theft - This sub-group includes, stock theft, stealing other animals, stealing from motor vehicles, theft or unlawful use of boats, aircrafts or other vehicles other than motor vehicles, lost or stolen, and any other theft not included elsewhere.

Arson - This offence is the unlawful and wilful or malicious setting fire to any building or any other property (such as vehicles, aircraft, vessels, mines, fences, crops, grass, grazing and forest land) where no person is there within.

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Other Property Damage - The group, Other Property Damage, includes damage or injury to Government or private property, malicious damage, and killing or injury of animals other than with the intent to steal.

Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs - This offence only refers to the use of motor vehicles. It includes refuse to supply blood/alcohol test sample and refuse breath test.

Tables 2.1-2.6:

The offence categories used in these statistical tables include the offences shown and are defined as follows:

- Murder
- Attempted Murder
- Manslaughter: (Other than Motor vehicle).

Major Assault - Any assault involving the use of a weapon or committed in company with another person; and any assault causing, or which might reasonably have caused, serious physical or mental injury. Serious injury includes any condition which would normally be regarded as requiring treatment by a medical practitioner. It would therefore include:

- (1) any injury resulting in detention in hospital as an in-patient for the primary purpose of treatment;
- (2) fractures, concussions, internal injuries, severe cuts or stabs requiring stitching, and
- (3) severe general shock requiring medical attention.

Minor Assault - All assaults not classified under major assault, i.e. Common assault, Assault police, Resist arrest.

Death by Driving - Manslaughter - driving only; Death caused by negligent or careless driving.

Other Offences - Conspiracy to murder; Endanger life; Kidnapping; Abduction; Abortion; Conceal birth of dead baby; Threat of murder.

Rape - Includes Rape in marriage, Oral, Anal or Homosexual rape.

Attempted Rape - Attempt to or Assault with intent to rape.

Indecent Assault

Unlawful Sexual Intercourse - Includes Carnal knowledge.

Other Offences - Incest; Indecent interference; Buggery.

Robbery - Assaulting another person and stealing, or Assaulting another person with intent to steal, property from that person, or in his presence (i.e. from under his immediate and personal care and protection).

Armed Robbery - Armed robbery; Attempted robbery whilst armed; Assault with intent to rob whilst armed.

Other robbery - Robbery with violence; Robbery with minor assault; Assault with intent to rob.

Arson - Arson and attempted - person not therein.

Burglary - Burglary; Break and enter dwelling and commit (or intend to commit) a felony.

Break and Enter - Break and enter a building (other than a dwelling) and commit (or intend to commit) a felony; Sacrilege.

Larceny - Larceny of a motor vehicle; Unlawful use of a motor vehicle; Rob or steal from the person; Stock theft; Shop theft; Other larceny.

Embezzlement - Embezzlement; Falsification of accounts; Larceny by a servant, bailee, partner; Fraudulent misappropriation by trustee.

False Pretences

Fraud - Misrepresentation, or fraud to obtain goods, money, etc.

Forge and/or Utter - Includes counterfeit.

Other Offences - Extortion; Receiving; Unlawful possession; Wilful damage; Kill or injure animal.

Cultivate Marijuana

Sell Marijuana

Possess Marijuana for sale

Possess or use Marijuana

Other Narcotic Offences - All other drugs; Import addictive drugs; Premises used for sale or cultivation of drugs.

All Other Offences - Driving offences; Offensive behaviour; Prostitution; Offences relating to firearms; Escape from lawful custody; Accessory; Breach of recognizance.

Table 4.1 and 4.2:

The offence categories used in these statistical tables include the following offences:

Homicide - Murder; Manslaughter; Cause death by negligent driving.

Assault - Inflict grievous bodily harm; Common assault; Assault occasioning actual bodily harm; Assault with intent.

Robbery - Robbery with violence; Demand money with menaces.

Rape - Rape; Attempted rape.

Other Sexual Offences - Carnal knowledge; Indecent assault; Buggery.

Break and Enter - Burglary, Break, enter and steal; Break, enter with intent.

Vehicle Theft - Illegal use; Illegal interference.

Table 4.1 and 4.2 cont:

Theft - Stealing Commonwealth property; Larceny; Stealing cattle, bird, animal, etc; Stealing bonds, bills, etc; Larceny from the person; Larceny in dwelling houses; Larceny of things attached to land.

Wilful Damage - Arson; Damage to building by tenants; Damage trees; Malicious damage to ships; Removing, damaging buoys, etc; Other malicious damage; Sacrilege; Wilful damage; Write on walls, post bills, etc; Extinguish street light.

Receiving - Receiving; Receiving (other than principal).

Fraud - Forgery; Embezzlement; Larceny as a servant; Falsification of accounts; Fraudulent misappropriation; False pretences; Forge and utter, Utter with intent; Fraud.

Drug Offences - Use or possess drugs; Possess deleterious drugs.

Driving and Traffic - All serious offences such as cause bodily harm by dangerous driving; fail to stop after accident in which a person is killed or injured; drive in manner dangerous and drive while disqualified from holding a licence. It includes many minor traffic offences dealt with at the same time as other offences. It does not include liquor offences such as exceed .08 or offences relating to the illegal use of vehicles.

Transport and Communications - Throw stones at railway train; Endangering railway passengers; Illegal use of bicycle, etc; Illegal interference with boats, ships, etc.

Liquor - All offences under Licensing Act; Exceed .08; Driving whilst under the influence of liquor.

Unlawfully on Premises - Unlawfully on premises; Unlawfully on reserve.

Indecent Behaviour - Indecent interference; Gross indecency; Indecent language; Indecent exposure; Urinate in public place; Solicit for prostitution.

Disorderly, Drunk - Disorderly or offensive behaviour; Drunk in a public place.

Other Offences - Any offence which cannot be fitted into a more appropriate category.

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