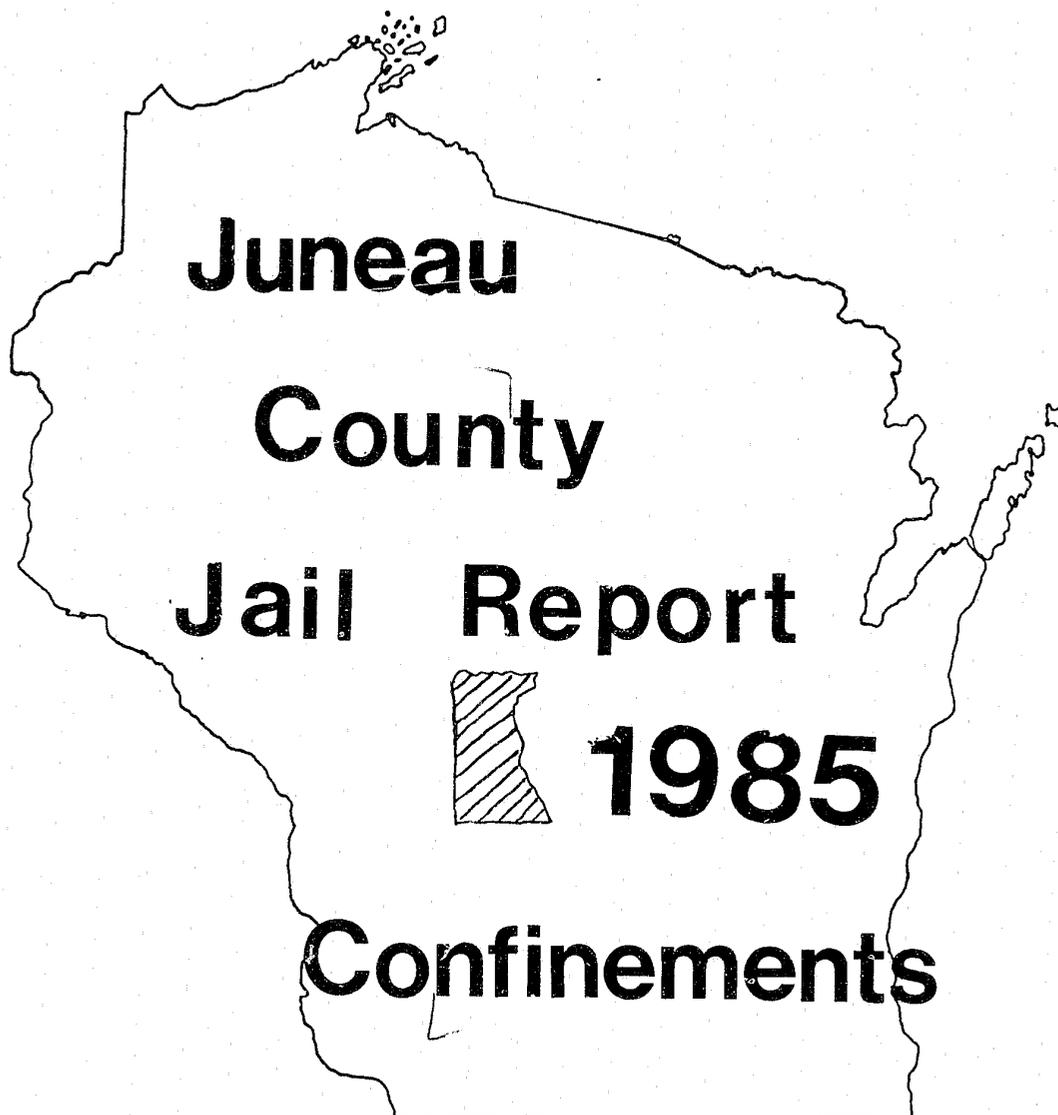


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I. INTRODUCTION

This report studies various aspects of the 705 confinements at the Juneau County Jail during 1985. The report is divided into four major sections:

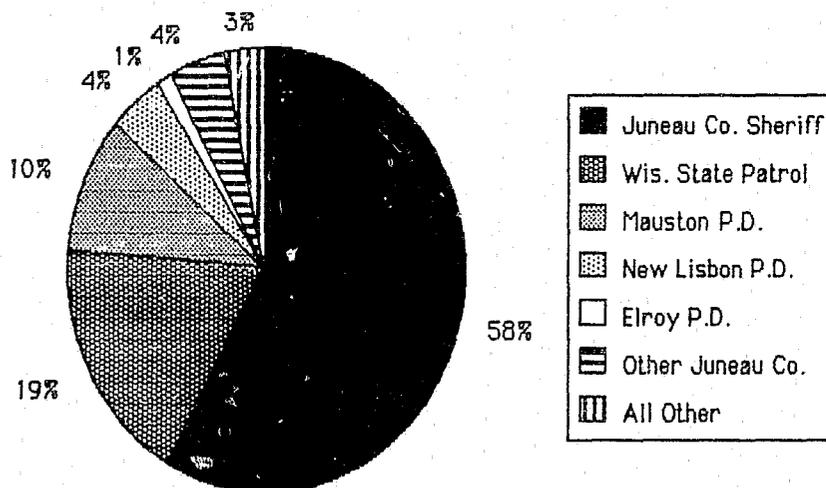
1. *Management Information* - including month/day/hour of admission, time served, and Average Daily Population (ADP).
2. *Inmate Profile* - including gender, race, age and charge(s).
3. *Other Issues* - analyses of "long-term" inmates and drunk driving violators.
4. *Historical Information* - a comparison of 1983 - 1985 confinements and a summary of confinements from 1975 through 1985.

The data in this report are based upon information submitted by the Juneau County Sheriff's Department to the Wisconsin Statistical Analysis Center (SAC). Individual forms were submitted for each jail admission and were then entered into a computerized database. While the report is based largely on information concerning inmates confined during 1985, some individuals were either admitted during 1984 (6) or released during 1986 (8). However, unless noted otherwise, all the data presented are based on the 705 confinements during 1985.

II. MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Graph 1 identifies the arresting agency for those confined at the Juneau County Jail during 1985.

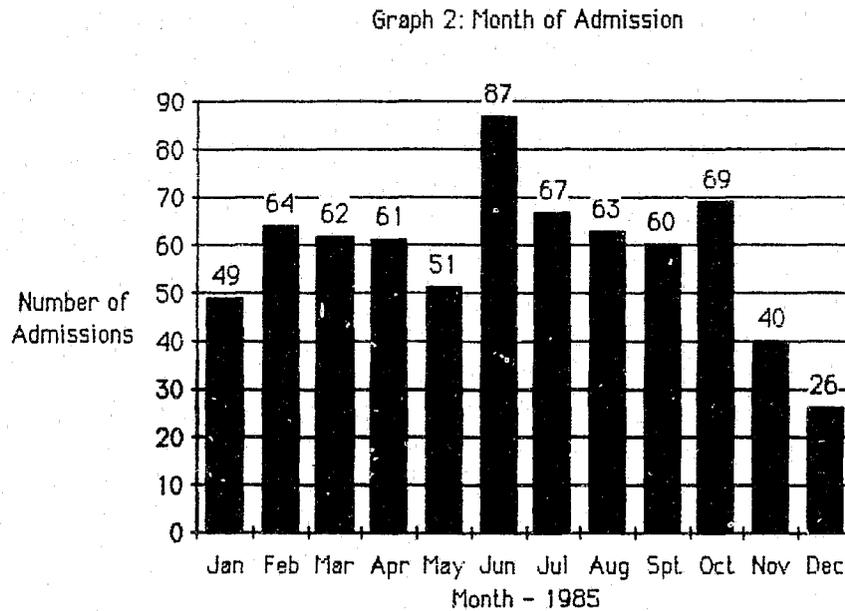
Graph 1: Arresting Agency



The various proportions in Graph 1 are similar to those for previous years.

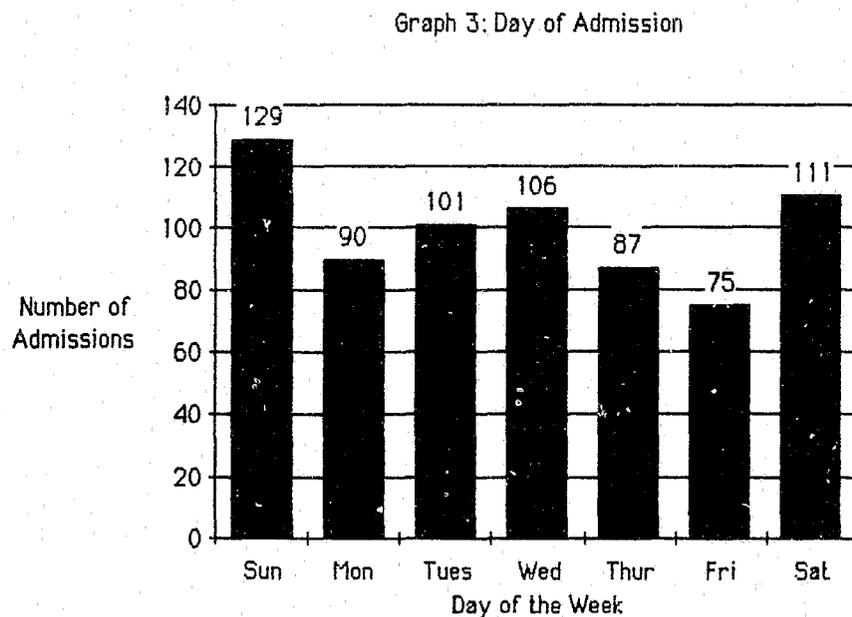
A large proportion of limited jail resources are used in the various activities needed to complete a formal jail admission. Thus, the next few graphs identify temporal patterns in Juneau County Jail admissions (i.e., month, day and hour of admission). This information may assist the Sheriff's Department in the most efficient allocation of its personnel and other resources.

Graph 2 portrays monthly patterns in admissions.¹



Admission levels were highest during June and fell off sharply in November and December.

Patterns in the day of admission are presented in Graph 3.¹

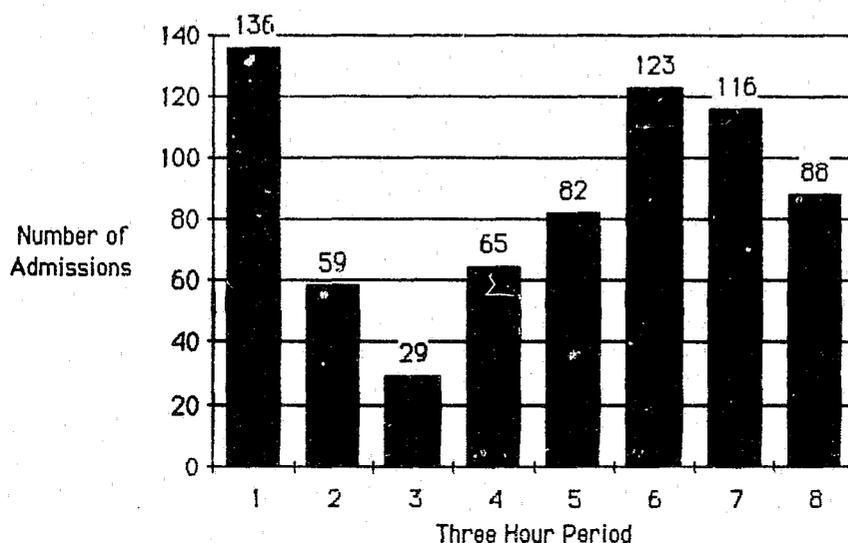


Admission levels were somewhat higher on Saturday and Sunday.

¹Data do not include inmates admitted during 1984.

Graph 4 presents information on the hour of admission but divides the day into eight consecutive three-hour periods (e.g., period 1 equals midnight to 3 a.m., period 2 equals 3 a.m. to 6 a.m., and so on).²

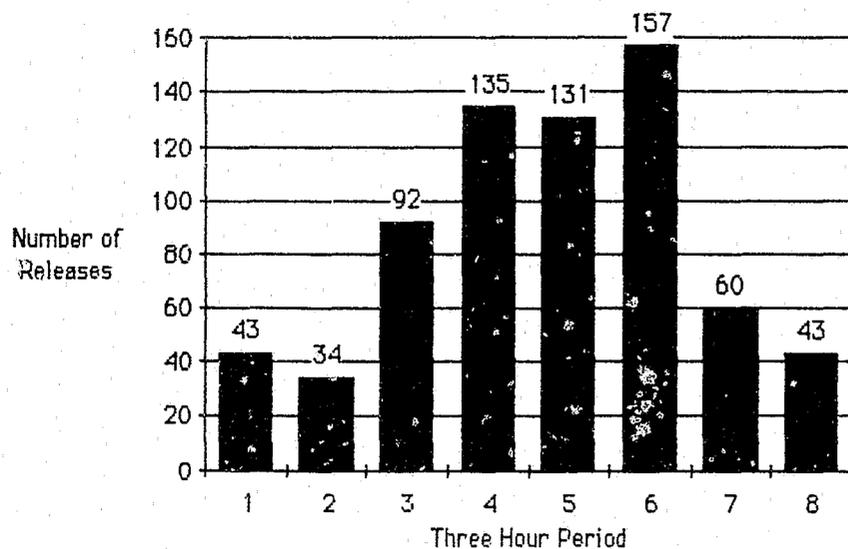
Graph 4: Hour of Admission



Admissions are concentrated from 3 p.m. to 3 a.m., a pattern similar to that in 1984.

Corresponding figures for the hour of release can be seen in Graph 5.

Graph 5: Hour of Release



In this case, releases are concentrated in the morning and afternoon hours.

² Data do not include inmates admitted during 1984.

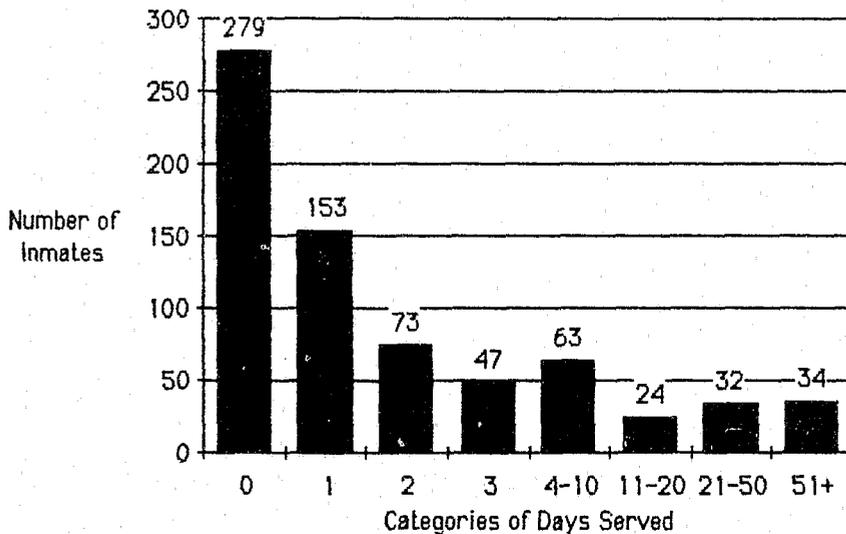
The amount of time served by inmates directly affects the financial and personnel resources of a local jail. Information presented in Table 1 and Graph 6 indicate that **over three-fourths of all inmates remained in jail less than four days.**

Table 1: Time Served

<u>Days Served</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Less than 1	279	39.6	39.6
1	153	21.6	61.2
2	73	10.4	71.6
3	47	6.7	78.3
4 - 10	63	8.9	87.2
11 - 20	24	3.4	90.6
21 - 50	32	4.5	95.1
Over 50	<u>34</u>	<u>4.9</u>	<u>100.0</u>
TOTAL	705	100.0	100.0

Average (Mean) Time Served = 8.3 Days³
Median Time Served = 1 Day

Graph 6: Days Served in Jail



The average time served figure of 8.3 days is considerably higher than the comparable 1984 figure of 6.4 days.

³Based upon an analysis of Juneau County Jail data, those persons serving less than one day were assigned an average stay of 4.2 hours.

Table 2 presents various characteristics of inmates held on the five "peak days" during 1985 and averages these figures for the five dates. The various categories presented may be useful in identifying sections of the jail (e.g., maximum security) which may suffer from periodic overcrowding.

Table 2: Peak Day Inmate Characteristics

<u>Characteristic</u>	<u>DATES</u>					<u>Average</u>
	<u>6/9</u>	<u>6/10</u>	<u>6/11</u>	<u>6/12</u>	<u>6/13</u>	
<u>Total Inmates Held</u>	50	46	47	37	37	43.4
<u>Age/Sex</u>						
Adult - Male	43	44	44	36	36	40.6
Adult - Female	7	2	3	1	1	2.8
<u>Long-Term Confinements</u> ⁴	14	14	14	15	15	11.6
<u>Reason Held</u>						
Making Bond	20	21	21	10	11	16.6
Serving Sentence	8	8	9	9	9	8.6
Paying Fine	8	7	7	8	8	7.6
Turned over To ⁵	10	10	10	10	9	9.8

The Average Daily Population (ADP) for the entire year was 17.0 inmates, a figure considerably higher than the 12.8 figure in 1984.

The preceding section of management-related information could be summarized in terms of an "average admission" to the Juneau County Jail during 1985. **This "average admission" was arrested by the Juneau County Sheriff's Department, admitted on a weekend night during the summer or fall, and was released at mid-day after having spent less than four days in jail.**

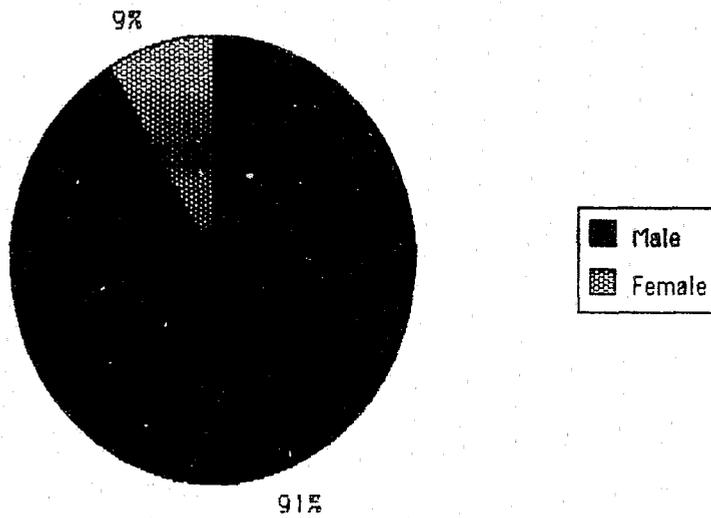
⁴ Those held over 30 days.

⁵ Includes those released to the State Prison System.

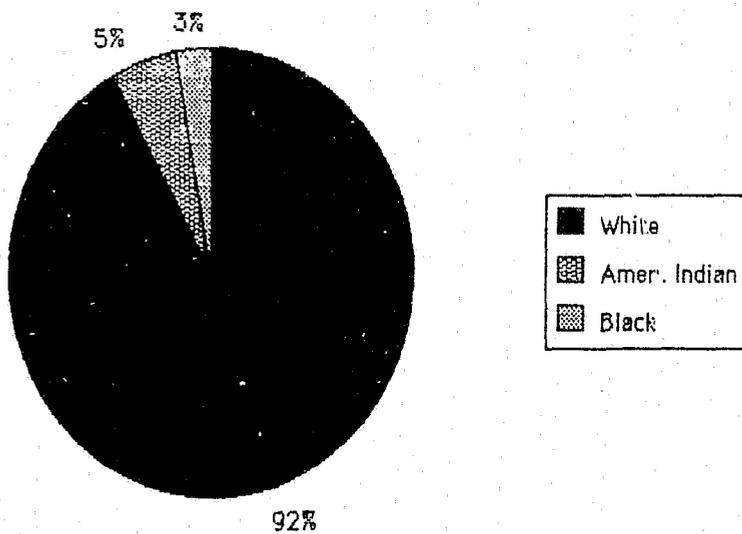
III. INMATE PROFILE

Certain demographic characteristics of inmates such as age or gender may affect the staffing and space limitations of local correctional facilities. Graphs 7 through 9 characterize the 1985 confinements on the basis of gender, race and age.

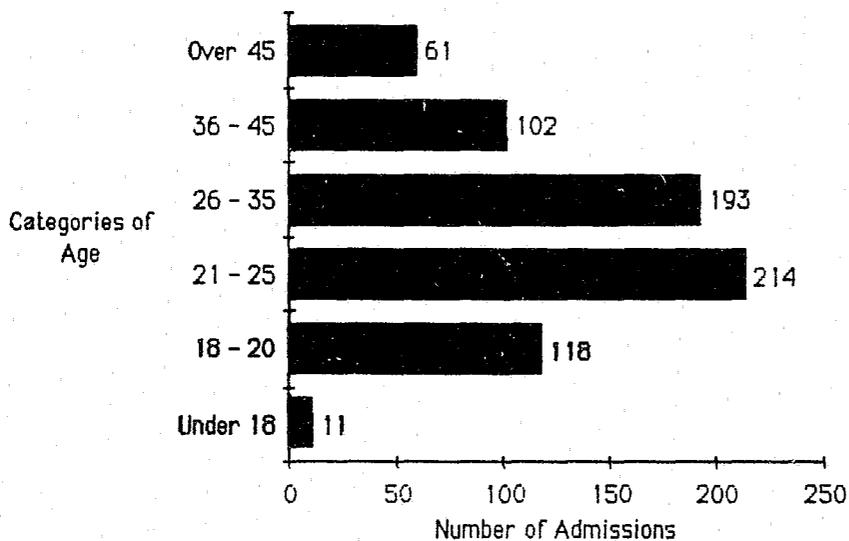
Graph 7: Gender of Admissions



Graph 8: Race of Admission



Graph 9: Age of Admissions



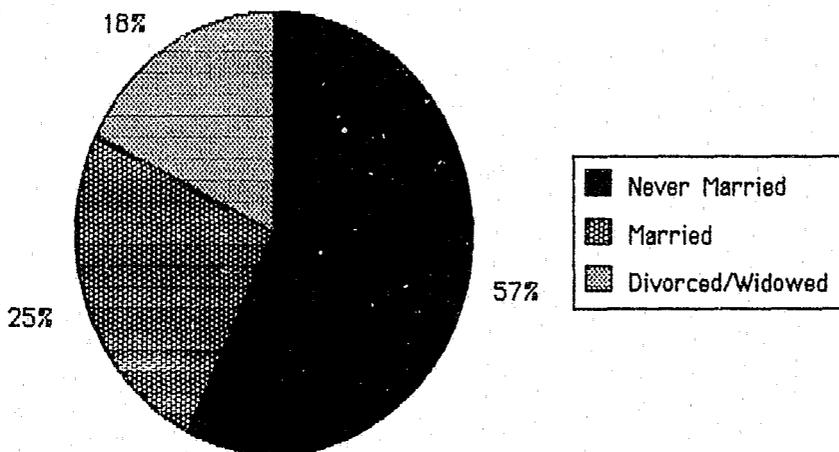
Average (Mean) Age = 29.2 Years

Median Age = 26 Years

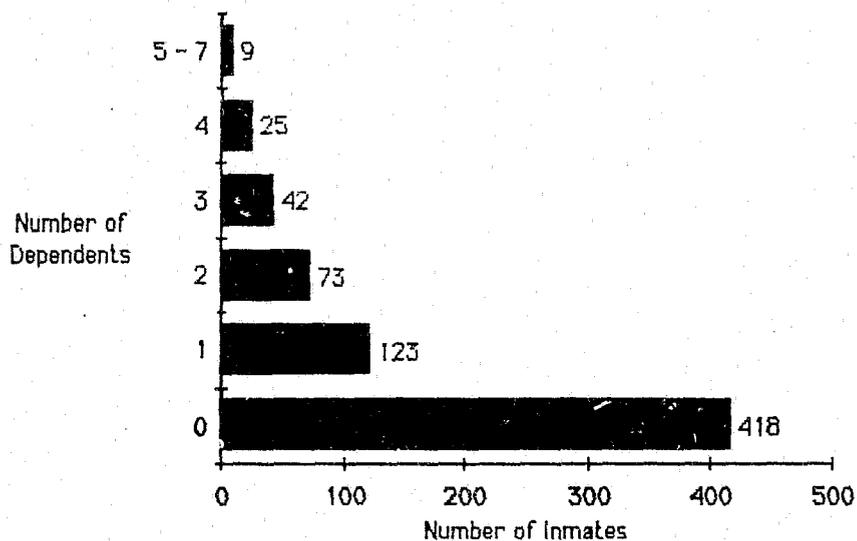
Patterns in all three inmate characteristics are very similar to those during 1984.

Data in Graphs 10 and 11 describe the family situation of 1985 confinements in terms of marital status and number of dependents.

Graph 10: Marital Status

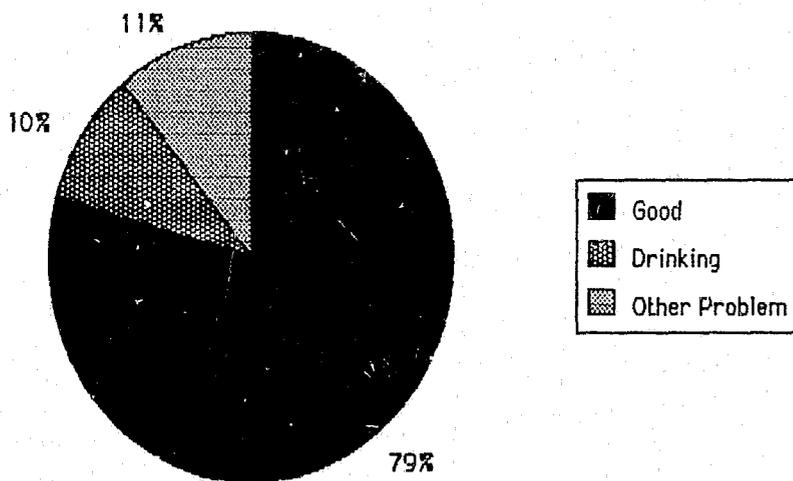


Graph 11: Number of Dependents

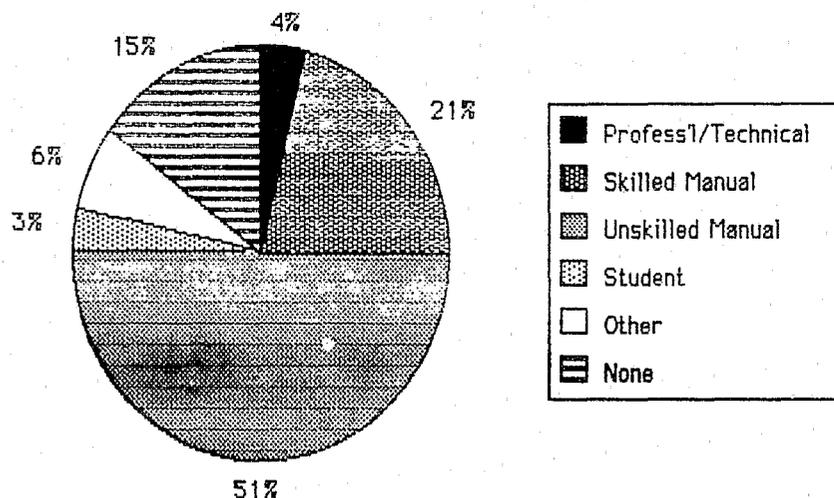


Information in Graph 12 shows the physical condition of 1985 confinements while Graph 13 portrays the occupation of these inmates.

Graph 12: Physical Condition



Graph 13: Occupation



The composite description of 1985 confinements emerging from these graphs is that of an unmarried white male in his mid-twenties, in good physical condition, and having an unskilled manual job. This portrait is identical to that of the 1984 Juneau County Jail confinements and very similar to that of jail populations in other Wisconsin counties.

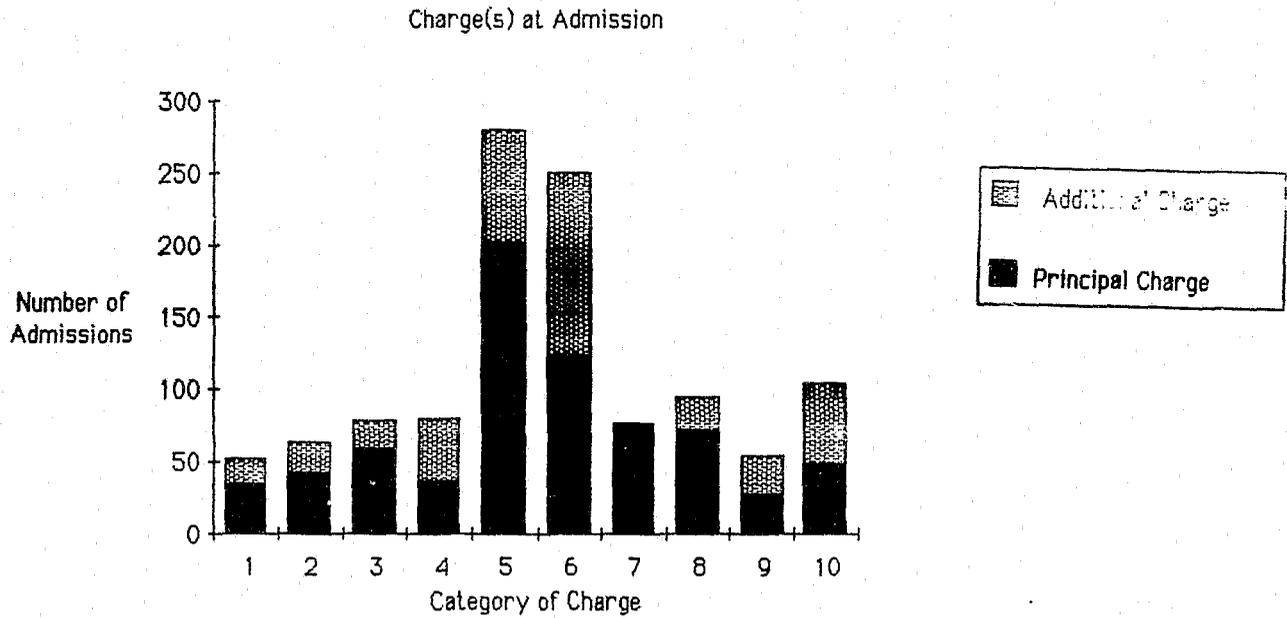
Table 3 summarizes a series of inmate characteristics on the basis of positive or negative responses to various questions asked upon admission.

Table 3: Selected Inmate Characteristics

Item	Yes		No	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Employed?	442	64.0	248	36.0
Veteran?	156	22.7	532	77.3
High School Graduate?	360	51.9	333	48.1
G.E.D.?	99	15.7	530	84.3
Receiving Assistance?	124	18.2	557	81.8
Prior Convictions?	223	32.2	469	67.8
On Probation/Parole?	95	13.8	595	86.2

These percentages are quite similar to those for 1984 Juneau County Jail admissions although the percentages employed and with prior convictions are somewhat higher in 1985.

Those admitted to jail can also be studied with reference to the type and seriousness of their charge(s). Graph 14 and Table 4 delineate the principal and additional (if any) charges for those confined at the Juneau County Jail during 1985.⁶



- ⁶ Charge Categories:
- 1 - Violent Index
 - 2 - Property Index
 - 3 - Drug-Related
 - 4 - Public Order
 - 5 - OMYWI
 - 6 - OARS and Other Motor Vehicle
 - 7 - Sentence Commitment
 - 8 - Warrant
 - 9 - Probation/Parole Violation
 - 10 - All Other Offenses

Table 4: Charge - Principal and Additional⁷

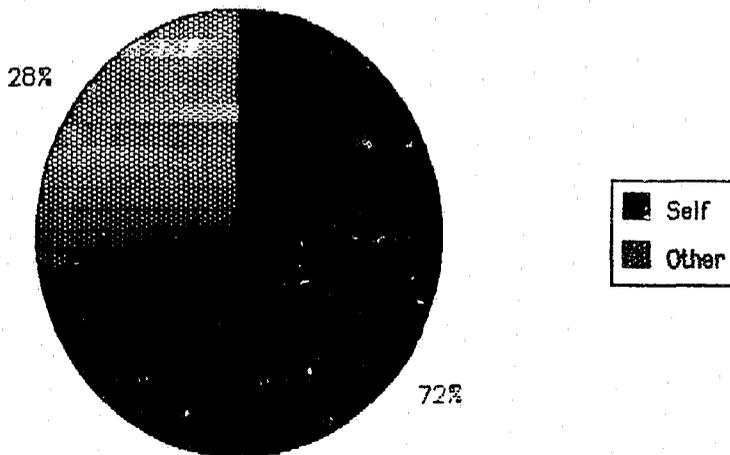
Charge	Principal		Additional	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Violent Index</u>				
Negligent Homicide	3	0.4	-	-
Sexual Assault	17	2.4	6	1.4
Assault/Battery	<u>15</u>	<u>2.1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2.8</u>
TOTAL	35	4.8	18	4.2
<u>Property Index</u>				
Burglary	27	3.8	7	1.6
Theft	15	2.1	10	2.3
Motor Vehicle Theft	-	-	3	0.7
Arson	<u>1</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0.7</u>
TOTAL	43	6.1	23	5.3
<u>Drug-Related</u>				
Possession	21	3.0	12	2.8
Sale	<u>37</u>	<u>5.2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1.9</u>
TOTAL	58	8.2	20	4.7
<u>Public Order</u>				
Disorderly Conduct/ Criminal Damage	18	2.6	16	3.7
Weapons	9	1.3	3	0.7
Resisting Arrest	<u>7</u>	<u>1.0</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>6.0</u>
TOTAL	34	4.9	45	10.5
<u>Motor Vehicle</u>				
OMVW	200	28.4	81	18.8
Operating after License Suspension/Revocation	44	6.3	48	11.2
Other Motor Vehicle	<u>78</u>	<u>11.1</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>18.8</u>
TOTAL	322	45.7	210	48.8
<u>Sentence Commitment</u>	73	10.4	2	0.5
<u>Warrant</u>	70	10.0	25	5.8
<u>Probation/Parole Violation</u>	25	3.6	29	6.7
<u>All Other Offenses</u>				
Forgery/Fraud	13	1.8	11	2.6
Poss. Stolen Property	5	0.7	3	0.7
Hold	5	0.7	2	0.5
Non-Support	-	-	4	0.9
All Other Offenses	<u>22</u>	<u>3.1</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>8.8</u>
TOTAL	45	6.4	58	13.5
TOTAL - ALL OFFENSES	705	100.0	430	100.0

⁷The percent column refers to either the percent of all principal charges or percent of all additional charges. Thus, the 70 principal warrant charges make up 10.0% of all principal charges and the 25 additional warrant charges constitute 5.8% of all additional charges.

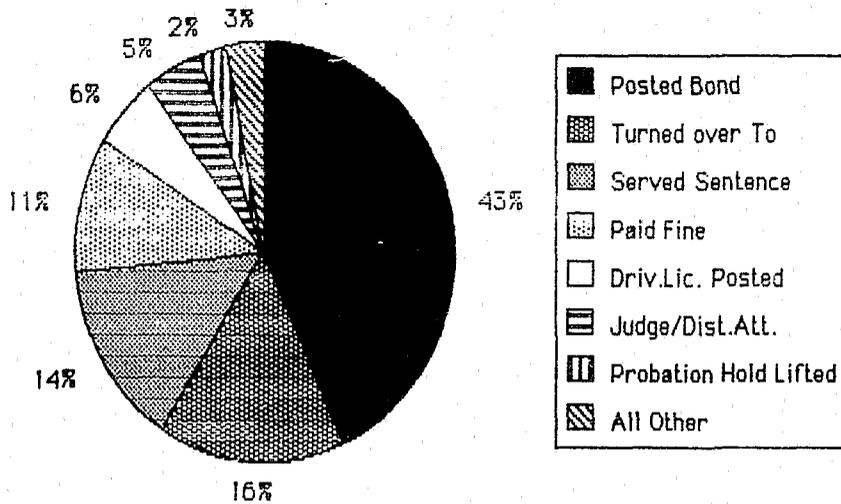
Offense patterns are quite similar to those for 1984 Juneau County Jail admissions although **the number charged with drug-related offenses rose somewhat**, while the number charged with OMYWI declined.

Information in Graphs 15 and 16 detail the custody of release and reason for release for 1985 confinements.

Graph 15: Custody of Release



Graph 16: Reason Released



As seen in Graph 16, **nearly sixty percent of inmates were either released on bond or turned over to another party.**

IV. OTHER ISSUES

1. "Long-Term" Inmates

While a large majority of 1985 confinements were in custody for three days or less, a significant proportion (21.7 percent) served four or more days. For purposes of this analysis, the 153 persons confined for over three days are defined as "long-term" inmates. Table 5 differentiates short and long-term inmates at the Juneau County Jail on the basis of various characteristics.

Table 5: Selected Characteristics of Short and Long-Term Inmates During 1985

<u>Item</u>	<u>Short-Term (3 Days or Less)</u>	<u>Long-Term (Over 3 Days)</u>
Number	552	153
Male	89.8%	97.3%
Employed	65.3%	58.2%
Principal Charge:		
- Index Offense	8.8%	19.0%
- OMYWI	34.1%	8.0%
- Probation/Parole Violation	1.3%	11.5%
- Drug-Related	5.8%	16.9%
Reason Released:		
- Posted Bond	47.7%	26.4%
- Served Sentence	7.8%	39.8%
Criminal Career		
- Prior Convictions - "yes"	25.0%	58.2%
- On Probation/Parole - "yes"	6.5%	37.5%

The preceding information indicates that "long-term" inmates were more likely to be admitted for an index offense, drug-related offense or a probation/parole violation; and less likely to be admitted on a drunk driving charge. Also, "long-term" inmates were more likely to be male, much more likely to be serving a sentence, and were more likely to have a criminal career, at least as measured by probation/parole status and prior convictions.

2. Driving Under the Influence (OMVWI)

As seen in Table 4, 200 of the 705 confinements (28.4%) were principally charged with driving while intoxicated (OMVWI). This proportion is slightly smaller than in 1984 but OMVWI offenders still make up the largest category of Juneau County Jail inmates. These inmates were 90% male, their average age was 32.3 years and they spent an average of 2.3 days in jail. Only 5.5% of these offenders served a sentence, the vast majority posted bond or were turned over to a responsible party.

Compared to the general inmate population, OMVWI offenders were slightly older, spent much less time in jail, and were less likely to be serving a sentence.

V. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

1. 1983 - 1985 Confinements

A comparison of confinements at the Juneau County Jail since 1983 reveals similar patterns with regard to the month, day and hour of admission. The three groups of inmates are also quite similar with respect to age, reason released and the series of characteristics noted in Table 3. However, some differences among the three groups were identified and they are summarized in Table 6.

Table 6: 1983 - 1985 Confinements

<u>Item</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>Percent Change: 1983 - 1985</u>
Total Confinements	529	698	705	+33.3%
Males	483	632	645	+33.5%
Females	46	66	60	+30.4%
Average Days Served	11.5	6.4	8.3	-27.8%
Average Daily Population (ADP)	16.7	12.8	17.0	+1.8%
Principal Charge				
Probation/Parole	13	34	25	+92.3%
OMVWI	118	246	200	+69.5%
Drug-Related	8	12	58	+625.0%

While total confinements remained stable from 1984 to 1985, the ADP did rise substantially due to an increase in the average length of stay. Also, the large proportion of OMVWI offenders and the dramatic rise in drug-related offenses should be noted.

2. Annual Confinements: 1975 - 1985

A somewhat longer perspective on the Juneau County Jail population can be seen by examining annual confinements during the past decade. Graph 17 and Table 7 present the total number of adult confinements from 1975 through 1985 and subdivide the information by gender of inmate.⁸

Graph 17: Adult Confinements

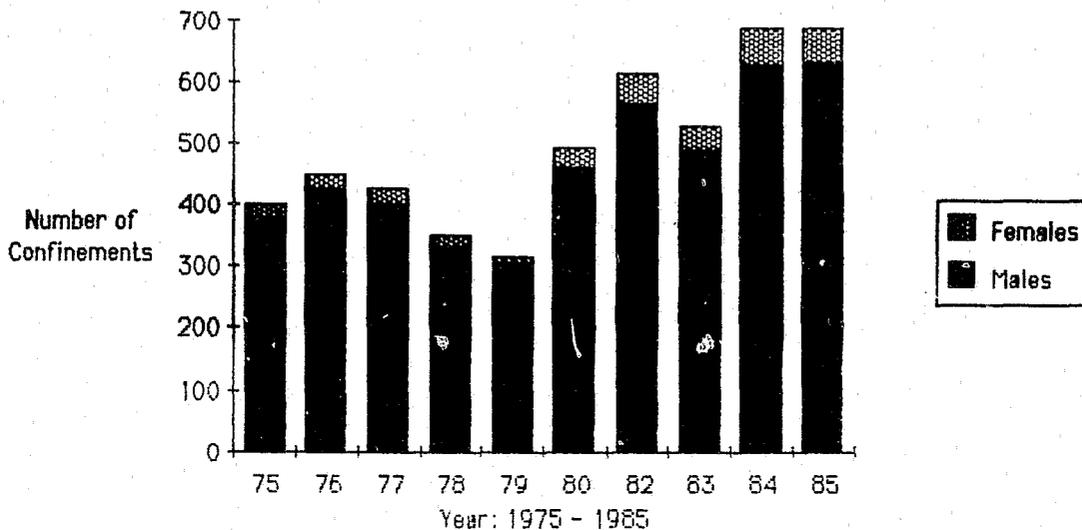


Table 7: Confinements by Gender: 1975 - 1985

<u>Year</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1975	377	27	404
1976	422	29	451
1977	397	32	429
1978	329	21	350
1979	302	14	316
1980	460	31	491
1982	562	54	616
1983	483	46	529
1984	622	65	687
1985	634	60	694

After confinements declined during the late 1970's, confinement levels rose sharply in 1980. Both male and female confinements have remained at a relatively high level since 1982.

⁸ 1981 confinement data are not available.

VI. SUMMARY

This report has analyzed the characteristics of those confined at the Juneau County Jail during 1985 and has compared these inmates with those of previous years. In general, admission patterns and inmate characteristics resemble those found in other Wisconsin county jails. **The large numbers of OMVWI offenders and the sharp rise in inmates with drug-related offenses are noteworthy. Finally, while total confinements remained quite stable in 1985, a sharp increase in average days served led to an increase in the 1985 ADP.**