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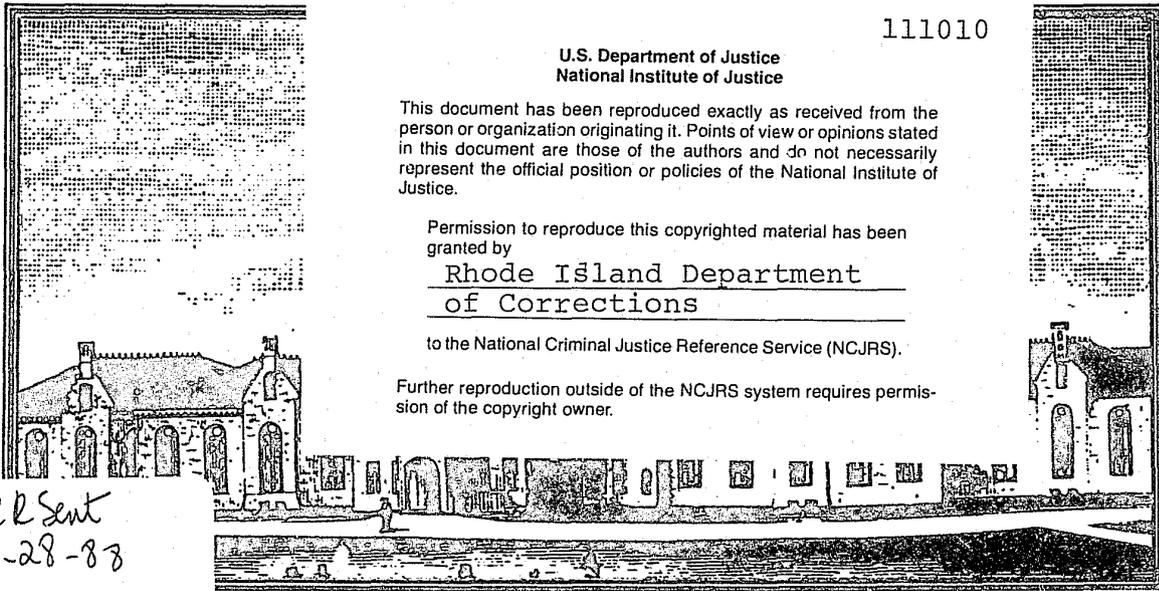
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## INTRODUCTION

This report, as the title suggests, is a complete evaluation of recidivism for inmates released from the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions during 1978-1980. This report also includes historical data on recidivism for inmates released in 1972-1977 and provisional data on inmates released in 1981.

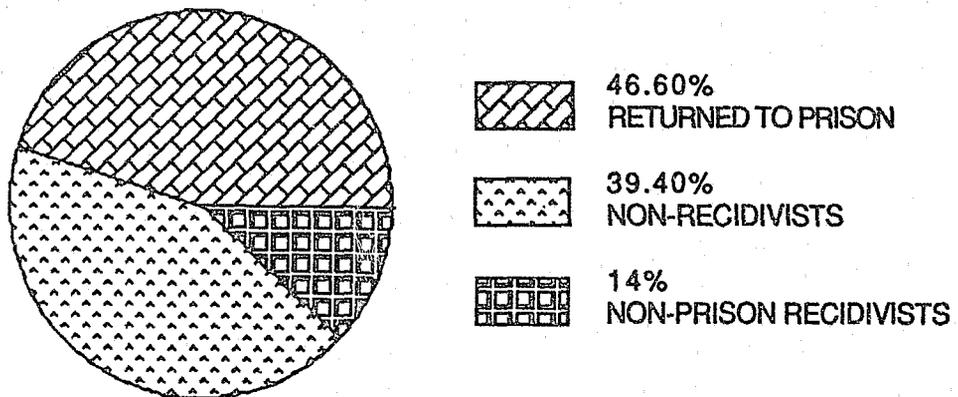
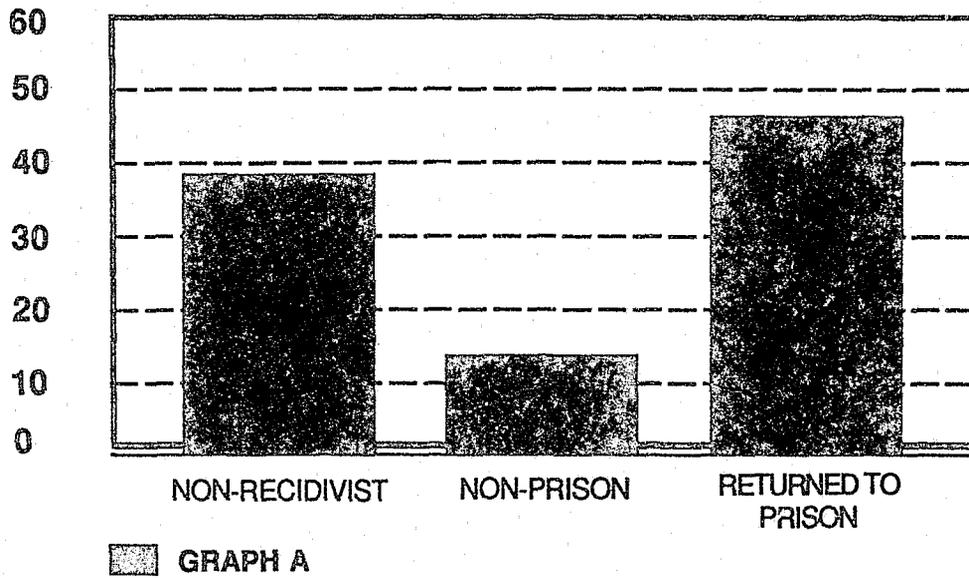
Recidivism in this report is defined in two (2) ways:

1. The total recidivism rate is the percentage of inmates released during the period of study who, within the period of study, were convicted of violations of the law that resulted in any of the following: (a) reincarceration at the Adult Correctional Institutions or other prison under a new sentence; (b) reincarceration resulting from technical violations of parole; (c) suspended or deferred sentences; or, (d) probation. Inmates whose parole was revoked in absentia but were never located, and inmates who were killed while participating in a crime were also classified as recidivists.
2. The jail or prison recidivism rate is the percentage of persons released from the ACI during the period of study who, within three years, returned to prison either as newly sentenced inmates (excluding fines) or parole violation parts "a" and "b" of definition (1) above.7

The recidivism data for 1978-1980 releases are summarized in Table I and illustrated in Figure 1. The total recidivism rate was 63.8 percent for the 1978 cohort, 57.9 percent for the 1979 cohort, and 60.3 percent for the 1980 cohort. The jail-prison recidivism rates were 45.9 percent for 1978 releases, 44.4 percent for 1979 releases, and 49.2 percent for 1980 releases.

FIGURE 1

PRISON AND NON PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES FOR INMATES RELEASED FROM THE R.I. ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS DURING 1978-1980



## RECIDIVISM STATUS

The recidivism status of the cohorts consisting of the 1267 persons from the Adult Correctional Institutions during 1978-1980 can be summarized in four categories:

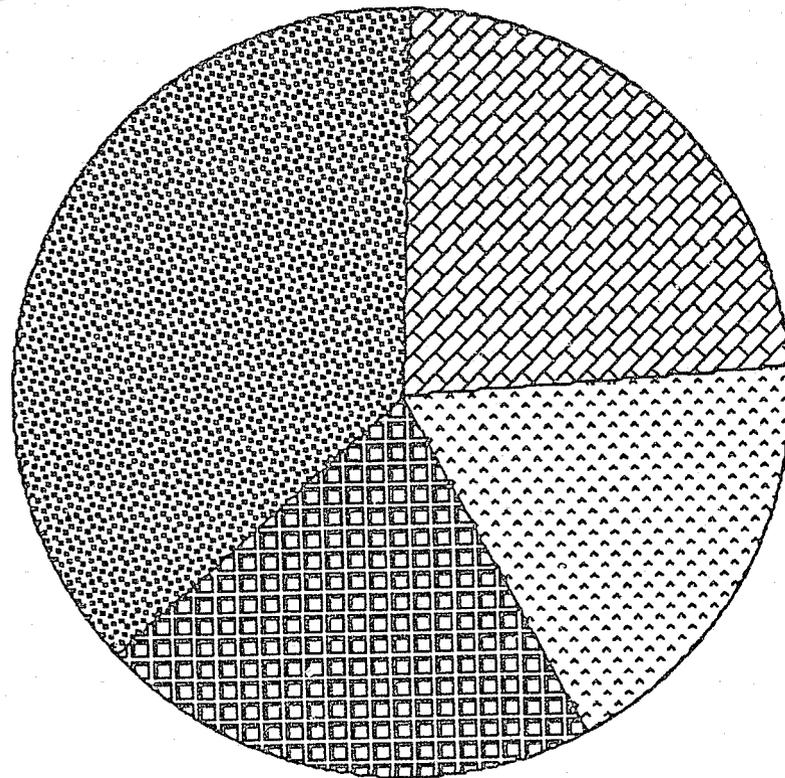
1. Category One - Those that had served a sentence prior to the sentence terminating in 1978-1980 and also returned to prison subsequent to their 1978-1980 release with a new sentence or parole violation.
2. Category Two - Those that served a sentence prior to the sentence terminating in 1978-1980, but did not return to prison subsequent to their 1978-1980 release.
3. Category Three - Those who were released from their first sentence in 1978-1980 but did return to prison subsequent to 1978-1980 either as a result of a new sentence or parole violation.
4. Category Four - Those that did not incur any sentences prior to or subsequent to their sentence terminating in 1978-1980. The recidivism status of the three cohorts are summarized in Table I and in Figure 2.

TABLE I

<u>Recidivism Category</u>	<u>Percentage Distribution</u>			
	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1978-1980 Combined</u>
1. Served Time both prior to and subsequent to 1978-1980.	26.0	20.8	24.5	23.9
2. Terminated their second or subsequent sentence in 1978-1980 but no sentence subsequent to 1978-1980.	20.7	19.8	16.0	18.6
3. Terminated their first sentence in 1978-1980 but returned to prison subsequent to 1976-1977.	19.9	23.6	24.6	22.8
4. Non-recidivism	33.4	35.8	34.9	34.7

FIGURE 2

RECIDIVISM STATUS OF ALL INMATES RELEASED FROM THE ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS DURING 1978-1980



- CATEGORY 1** 23.9% SERVED SENTENCE PRIOR TO 1978-1980 AND ALSO RETURNED TO PRISON SUBSEQUENT TO 1978-1980
- CATEGORY 2** 18.6% SERVED SENTENCE PRIOR TO 1978-1980 AND DID NOT RETURN SUBSEQUENT TO 1978-1980
- CATEGORY 3** 22.8% DID NOT SERVE A SENTENCE PRIOR TO 1978-1980 BUT DID RETURN TO PRISON SUBSEQUENT TO 1978-1980
- CATEGORY 4** 34.7% NON-RECIDIVIST

RECIDIVISM, TYPE OF RELEASE AND LENGTH OF SENTENCE

Table 2 is a cross-tabulation of recidivism by type of release - whether parole, expiration of sentence, or other release such as vacation of sentence, discharge at court or bail. Transfers to other states or federal authorities are not considered in this report. Releases to the State Police or the Medical Center, deaths, and escapes are also excluded.

Of the 392 persons released in 1978, 37 percent were paroled, 58.7 percent were released upon expiration of sentence, and 4.3 percent were released in some other manner (usually bail or court-ordered discharge.)

Sixty (60) out of 145 parolees (41.4 percent) released in 1978 returned to prison since their release. Thirteen (13) of these 60 recidivists were technical violators of parole who did not receive any new prison sentences. The other 47 recidivists incurred new prison sentences. In addition to the 60 prison recidivists, there were 22 parolees who became non-prison recidivists by (1) committing new offenses resulting in suspended sentences, deferred sentences or probation; (2) being declared a violator or probation subsequent to their release from prison without being re-incarcerated; or (3) having their parole revoked in absentia and never returning to prison.

Among the 230 persons whose sentence expired, 48.7 percent returned to prison with new sentences, and 20 percent became non-prison recidivists. These 46 non-prison recidivists included persons who either: (1) committed new offenses resulting in suspended or deferred sentences, or probation, but no imprisonments; (2) were declared a violator of probation subsequent to their 1978 release but were not reincarcerated; or, (3) were killed while committing a new felony.

RECIDIVISM, TYPE OF RELEASE AND LENGTH OF SENTENCE (Continued):

Among the 17 persons released in any other manner, eight (8) were returned to prison and two (2) committed new offenses resulting in suspended sentences with probation. Thus the recidivism rates for the 1978 cohort (as of December 31, 1984) were 63.8 percent for total recidivism, and 45.9 percent for jail-prison recidivism.

There were 399 inmates who were released from sentences in 1979. There were 174 inmates (43.6 percent) who were released on parole, 206 persons (51.6 percent) who were released upon expiration of sentence, and 19 persons (4.8 percent) who were released by other means.

Seventy-six (76) of the 174 parolees returned to prison. This included 14 technical violators of parole and 62 persons with new sentences. The jail-prison recidivism rate for parolees was 43.7 percent. In addition to these 76 prison recidivists, there were 18 non-prison recidivists. Thus, the total recidivism rate for parolees was 54 percent. These 18 non-prison recidivists included 16 persons who committed new offenses resulting in suspended sentences or probation, and two (2) persons whose parole was revoked in absentia but did not return to prison.

Ninety (90) of the 206 persons whose sentences expired returned to prison. An additional 35 persons committed new offenses resulting in probation or suspended sentences. Thus the jail-prison recidivism rate for this group was 43.7 percent, and the total recidivism rate was 60.7 percent.

Eleven (11) of the 19 persons released by other means returned to prison. One (1) of the other eight (8) inmates received a new suspended sentence. Thus, the total recidivism rates for the whole 1979 cohort (as of December 31, 1984) were 44.4 percent for prison recidivism and 57.9 percent for total recidivism.

RECIDIVISM, TYPE OF RELEASE AND LENGTH OF SENTENCE (Continued):

There were 476 inmates released from sentences in 1980. There were 223 persons (46.8 percent) who were paroled, 235 inmates (49.4 percent) who were released upon expiration of sentences, and 18 persons (3.8 percent) who were released by other means.

Forty-seven (47) percent of these 223 parolees returned to prison. These 105 persons included 15 technical violators of parole, and 90 persons who incurred new prison sentences. In addition to the 105 prison recidivists, there were 19 non-prison recidivists which included two (2) persons whose parole was revoked in absentia but did not return to prison, one (1) who was killed in a shoot-out with police, and 16 who incurred suspended sentences or probation as a result of new offenses. Thus the jail-prison recidivism rate for 1980 parolees was 47.1 percent, and the total recidivism rate for 1980 parolees was 58.6 percent.

There were 235 inmates released upon expiration of sentence during 1980. Among the 235 inmates, 126 returned to prison and 32 committed new offenses resulting in suspended sentences or probation. Thus the jail-prison recidivism rate for this group was 53.6 percent and the total recidivism rate was 67.2 percent.

Eighteen (18) inmates were released in 1980 by other means. This group had a prison recidivism rate of 16.7 percent and a total recidivism rate of 27.8 percent.

The three-year averages were as follows:

<u>TYPE OF RELEASE</u>	<u>PRISON RECIDIVISM RATE</u>	<u>TOTAL RECIDIVISM RATE</u>
ALL RELEASES.....	46.6 .....	60.6
Parole .....	44.5 .....	55.4
Expiration of Sentence.....	48.9 .....	65.7
Other Releases.....	40.7 .....	50.0

TABLE 2

Recidivism after the sentence from which the subject was released during calendar years 1978-1980 according to type of release and type of recidivism:

1978 COHORT

<u>TYPE OF RELEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>RECIDIVISTS PRISON OR JAIL SENTENCE</u>		<u>RECIDIVISTS NON-PRISON SENTENCE</u>		<u>NON-RECIDIVIST</u>	
		<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
TOTAL	392	180	45.9	70	17.9	142	36.2
PAROLE	145	60	41.4	22	15.2	63	43.4
EXPIRATION	230	112	48.7	46	20.0	72	31.3
OTHER	17	8	47.1	2	11.7	7	41.2

1979 COHORT

TOTAL	399	177	44.4	54	13.5	168	42.1
PAROLE	174	76	43.7	18	10.3	80	46.0
EXPIRATION	206	90	43.7	35	17.0	81	39.3
OTHER	19	11	57.9	1	5.3	7	36.8

1980 COHORT

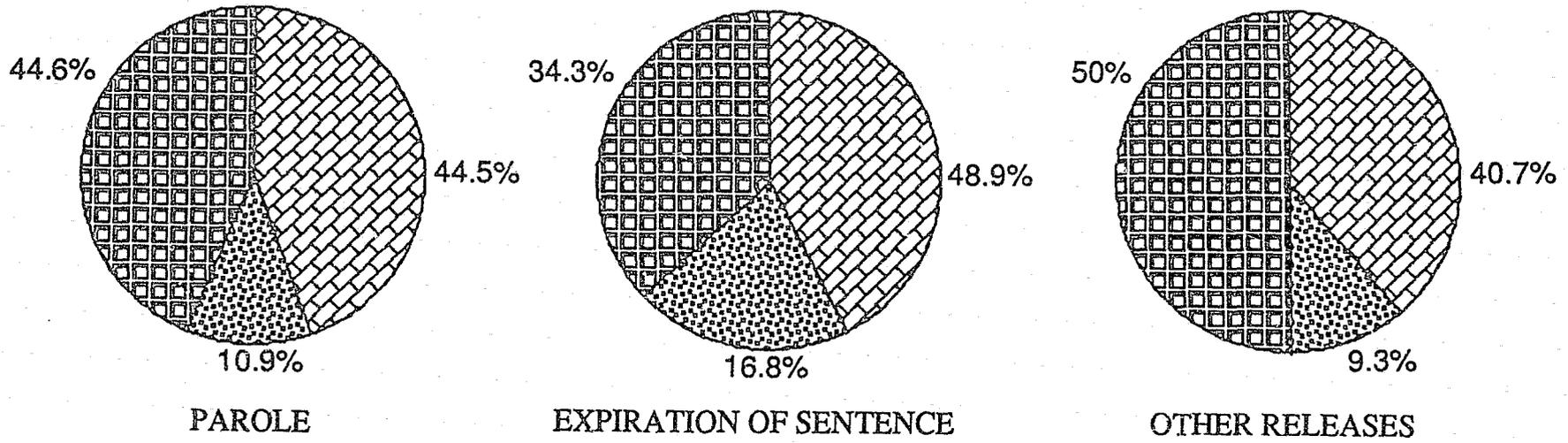
TOTAL	476	234	49.2	53	11.1	189	39.7
PAROLE	223	105	47.1	19	8.5	99	44.4
EXPIRATION	235	126	53.6	32	13.6	77	32.8
OTHER	18	3	16.7	2	11.1	13	72.2

1978-1980 COMBINED

TOTAL	1267	591	46.6	177	14.0	499	39.4
PAROLE	542	241	44.5	59	10.9	242	44.6
EXPIRATION	671	328	48.9	113	16.8	230	34.3
OTHER	54	22	40.7	5	9.3	27	50.0

FIGURE 3

RECIDIVISM RATES FOR INMATES RELEASED DURING 1978-1980  
ACCORDING TO TYPE OF RELEASE



-  RETURNED TO PRISON
-  SUSPENDED OR DEFERRED SENTENCES OR PROBATION - NO PRISON
-  NON-RECIDIVIST

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TYPE OF RELEASE AND LENGTH OF SENTENCE

Table 3 is a cross-tabulation of type of release and length of sentence. The table clearly shows that the percentage of inmates that are paroled increases with increasing length of sentence.

Persons sentenced to six months or less were not eligible for parole. During the three-year period 1978 - 1980, 92.8 percent of the inmates terminated sentences of under six months by expiration of sentence. The others were released as a result of an appeal bond, an overturning of their conviction, or a reduction of sentence. Persons sentenced to under six months accounted for 23 percent of the 1,267 inmates released during 1978 - 1980.

Slightly less than one-fourth (24.2 percent) of the inmates released during 1978 - 1980 were sentenced to at least six months but less than 18 months. Most of this group was sentenced to exactly one year. Slightly more than half (52.6 percent) were released upon expiration of sentence; 44.5 percent were released on parole, and 2.9 percent were released by other means.

The proportion of inmates whose sentence was terminated by parole was above 50 percent for inmates sentenced to 18 months or longer. The percentage paroled by length of sentence was as follows:

<u>Sentence Length</u>	<u>Percentage Paroled</u>
1.5 - 2.4 Years	51.3
2.5 - 3.4 Years	56.5
3.5 - 4.4 Years	71.4
4.5 - 5.4 Years	68.8
5.5 - 9.4 Years	66.7
9.5 - 14.0 Years	74.5
15 Years or Longer	78.8

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TYPE OF RELEASE AND LENGTH OF SENTENCE (Continued):

The proportion of inmates released by expiration of sentence decreased with increasing length of sentence. The percentage of inmates who "flattened" their sentence was as follows:

<u>Sentence Length</u>	<u>Percentage Released by Expiration</u>
1.5 - 2.4 Years	46.0
2.5 - 3.4 Years	40.8
3.5 - 4.4 Years	24.5
4.5 - 5.4 Years	28.1
5.5 - 9.4 Years	33.3
9.5 - 14.0 Years	21.6
15 Years or Longer	0.0

The proportion of inmates released by appeal, reduction of sentence, or overturning of the conviction was much higher for persons sentenced to 15 years or more (21.2 percent), than for any other sentence group. (Second highest group was 7.2 percent for 0 - 6 Months.) During 1978 - 1980, a significant number of inmates with very long sentences, including three (3) lifers, were released on bail while conducting an appeal.

TABLE 3

## TYPE OF RELEASE ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF SENTENCE (1978-1980)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Less Than 6 Months</u>	<u>6-17 Months</u>	<u>18-29 Months</u>	<u>2.5-3.4 Years</u>	<u>3.5-4.4 Years</u>	<u>4.5-5.4 Years</u>	<u>5.5-9.4 Years</u>	<u>9.5-14 Years</u>	<u>15 Yrs. or Over</u>
<u>1978</u>										
All Releases	392	86	78	70	75	19	16	23	12	13
Parole	145	0	21	34	37	12	6	15	8	12
Expiration	230	80	51	35	36	7	10	8	3	0
Other	17	6	6	1	2	0	0	0	1	1
<u>1979</u>										
All Releases	399	91	103	78	47	10	25	20	19	6
Parole	174	0	48	37	30	8	18	15	14	4
Expiration	206	80	53	38	17	2	6	5	5	0
Other	19	11	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	2
<u>1980</u>										
All Releases	476	113	125	76	62	20	23	23	20	14
Parole	223	0	67	44	37	15	20	14	16	10
Expiration	235	109	57	30	22	3	2	9	3	0
Other	18	4	1	2	3	2	1	0	1	4
<u>1978-1980 COMBINED (Percentage Distribution by Column)</u>										
All Releases	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Parole	42.8	0.0	44.5	51.3	56.5	71.4	68.8	66.7	74.5	78.8
Expiration	52.9	92.8	52.6	46.0	40.8	24.5	28.1	33.3	21.6	0.0
Other	4.3	7.2	2.9	2.7	2.7	4.1	3.1	0.0	3.9	21.2

## RECIDIVISM BY AGE

Recidivism rates subsequent to 1978-1980 are presented in Table 4 according to seven broad age groups. From this table, we can see that recidivism subsequent to 1978-1980 was higher among the younger inmates. Fifty-five (55) percent of the inmates released at ages 17-19, and 52 percent of the inmates released at ages 20-24 returned to prison during the period following their 1978-1980 release.

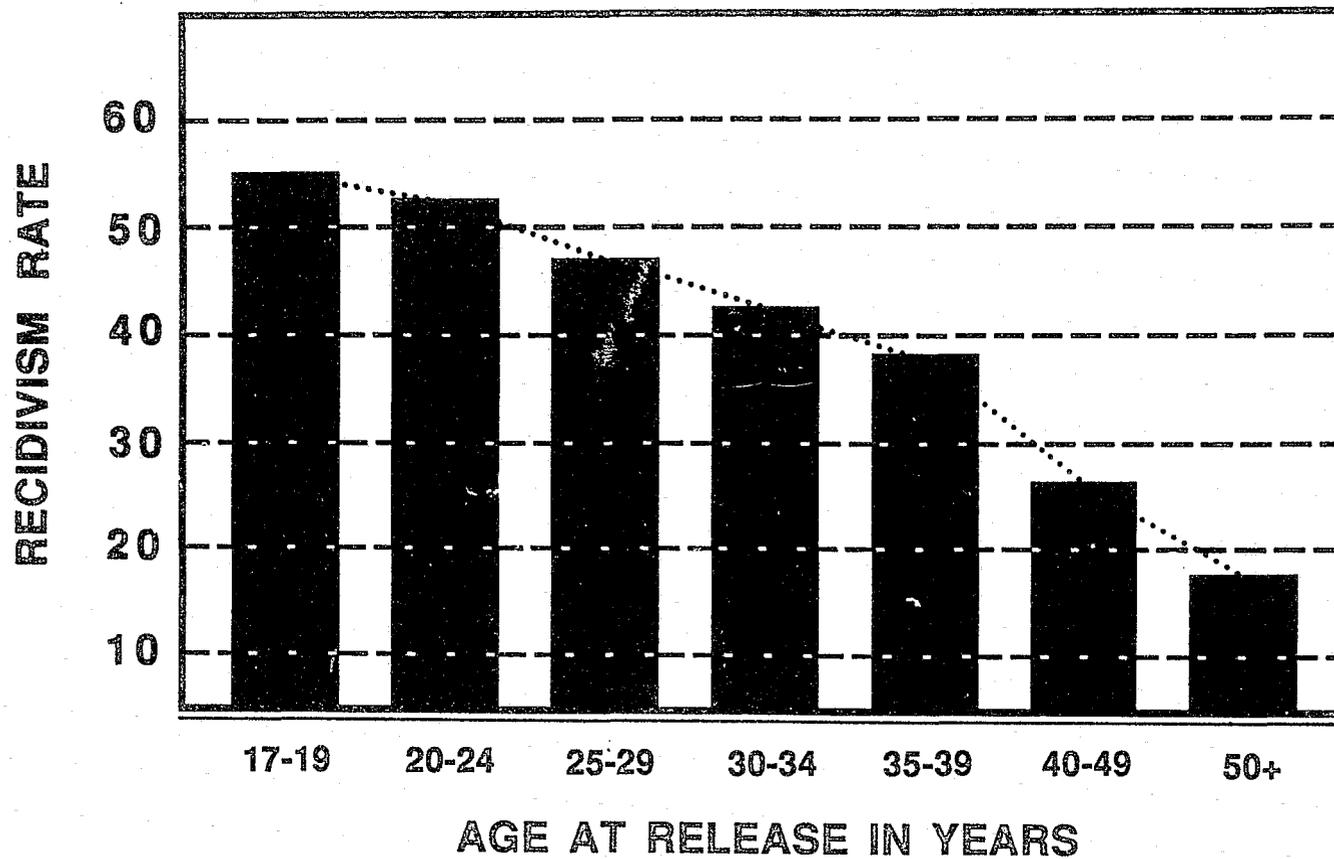
In contrast, the recidivism rate for those released at ages 30-39 was 40.4 percent, and the recidivism rate for those aged 40 or over was only 23.4 percent. These data are illustrated in Figure 4.

TABLE 4  
JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES  
ACCORDING TO AGE AT RELEASE

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>1978 Cohort</u>	<u>1979 Cohort</u>	<u>1980 Cohort</u>	<u>1978-1980 Combined</u>
TOTAL	45.9	44.4	49.2	46.6
17 - 19	56.0	47.6	57.7	55.1
20 - 24	52.8	50.3	52.8	52.0
25 - 29	45.6	40.4	53.2	46.6
30 - 34	41.4	42.6	40.8	41.6
35 - 39	36.7	41.9	38.7	38.1
40 - 49	20.0	31.8	24.0	25.8
50 or older	9.1	12.5	30.8	18.8

FIGURE 4

RECIDIVISM RATE BY AGE AT RELEASE



## RECIDIVISM BY RACE

Recidivism rates subsequent to 1978-1980 released are presented in Table 5 according to race. In all three years the jail-prison recidivism rate was higher for blacks than for either whites or Hispanics. In the same three years, the non-prison recidivism rate was higher for whites than blacks. In two of the three years, the white non-prison recidivism rate was higher than the corresponding rate for Hispanics. The total recidivism rate was highest for black inmates in all three years. Table 21 shows higher recidivism for blacks for the entire decade 1972-1981. It should be noted that there were only 22 Hispanics released from sentences during 1978-1980. Recidivism rates can vary widely for such a small population because each person stands for 4.5 percent of the population. Just one additional recidivist adds nearly five percent to the Hispanic recidivism rate. Since 1980, the composition of the Hispanic population has changed from predominantly Puerto Rican to predominantly Cuban and South American (particularly Columbian). Future recidivism rates for the Hispanic population may not be comparable to the current figures because of the change in the ACI population. For the three year period, the total recidivism rates were: White - 59.0 percent, Black - 67.4 percent, Hispanics - 50 percent. During the same period the jail-prison recidivism rates were White - 43.8 percent, Black - 58.1 percent, Hispanic - 36.4 percent.

TABLE 5

RECIDIVISM RATES ACCORDING TO RACE  
1978-1980

1978 Cohort

<u>Race</u>	<u>Total Recidivism Rate</u>	<u>Jail-Prison Recidivism Rate</u>	<u>Non-Prison Recidivism Rate</u>
TOTAL	63.8	45.9	17.9
White	61.8	42.5	19.3
Black	71.6	59.3	12.3
Hispanic	62.5	50.0	12.5

1979 Cohort

TOTAL	57.9	44.4	13.5
White	56.4	41.4	15.0
Black	62.8	55.8	8.1
Hispanic	60.0	40.0	20.0

1980 Cohort

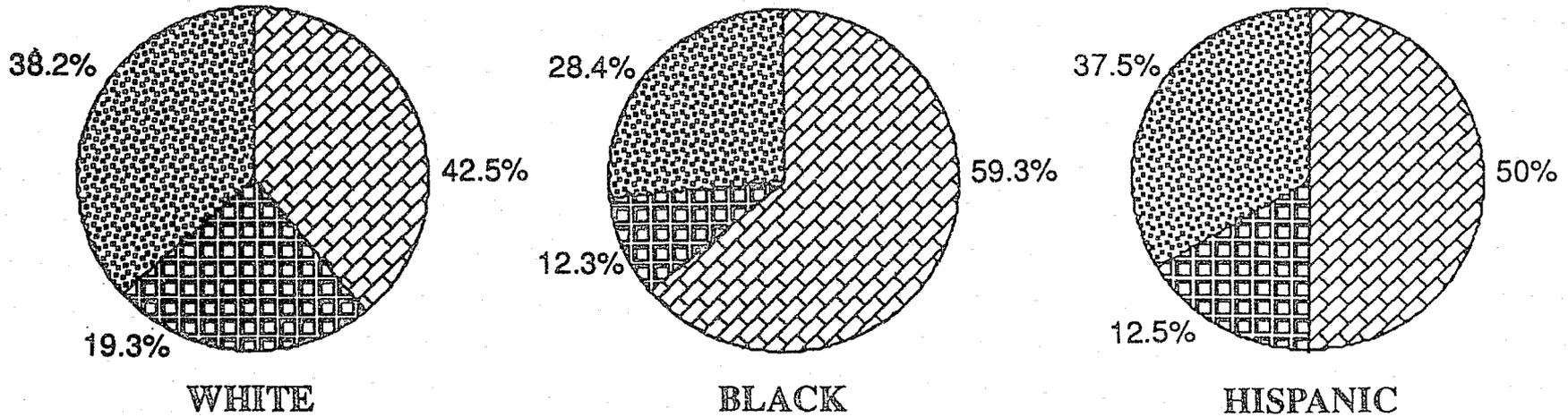
TOTAL	60.3	49.2	11.1
White	59.1	47.0	12.1
Black	67.0	59.2	7.8
Hispanic	33.3	22.2	11.1

1978-1980 Combined

TOTAL	60.6	46.6	14.0
White	59.0	43.8	15.2
Black	67.4	58.1	9.3
Hispanic	50.0	36.4	13.6

FIGURE 5

RECIDIVISM RATES BY RACE 1978-1980



-  RETURNED TO PRISON
-  SUSPENDED OR DEFERRED SENTENCES OR PROBATION - NO PRISON
-  NON-RECIDIVIST

## RECIDIVISM BY LENGTH OF SENTENCE

The jail-prison recidivism rate by length of sentence is summarized in Table 6 and illustrated in Figure 6. In all three years (1978-1980) inmates sentenced to six months had slightly lower recidivism rates than those sentenced to six months or more. For the three year period, the jail-prison recidivism rate (as of December 31, 1984) was 45.5 percent for persons sentenced to less than six months and 47.0 percent for person sentenced to six months or longer.

The highest recidivism rates for the three year period were for persons sentenced to between 18 and 29 months (55.3 percent) and persons sentenced to between 5½ and 9½ years (51.2 percent). The lowest recidivism was for those sentenced to 15 years or longer (30.3 percent). The only other sentence category with a recidivism rate under 40 percent was 3.5 - 4.4 years (36.7 percent).

TABLE 6

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES FO. 1978-1980

ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF SENTENCE

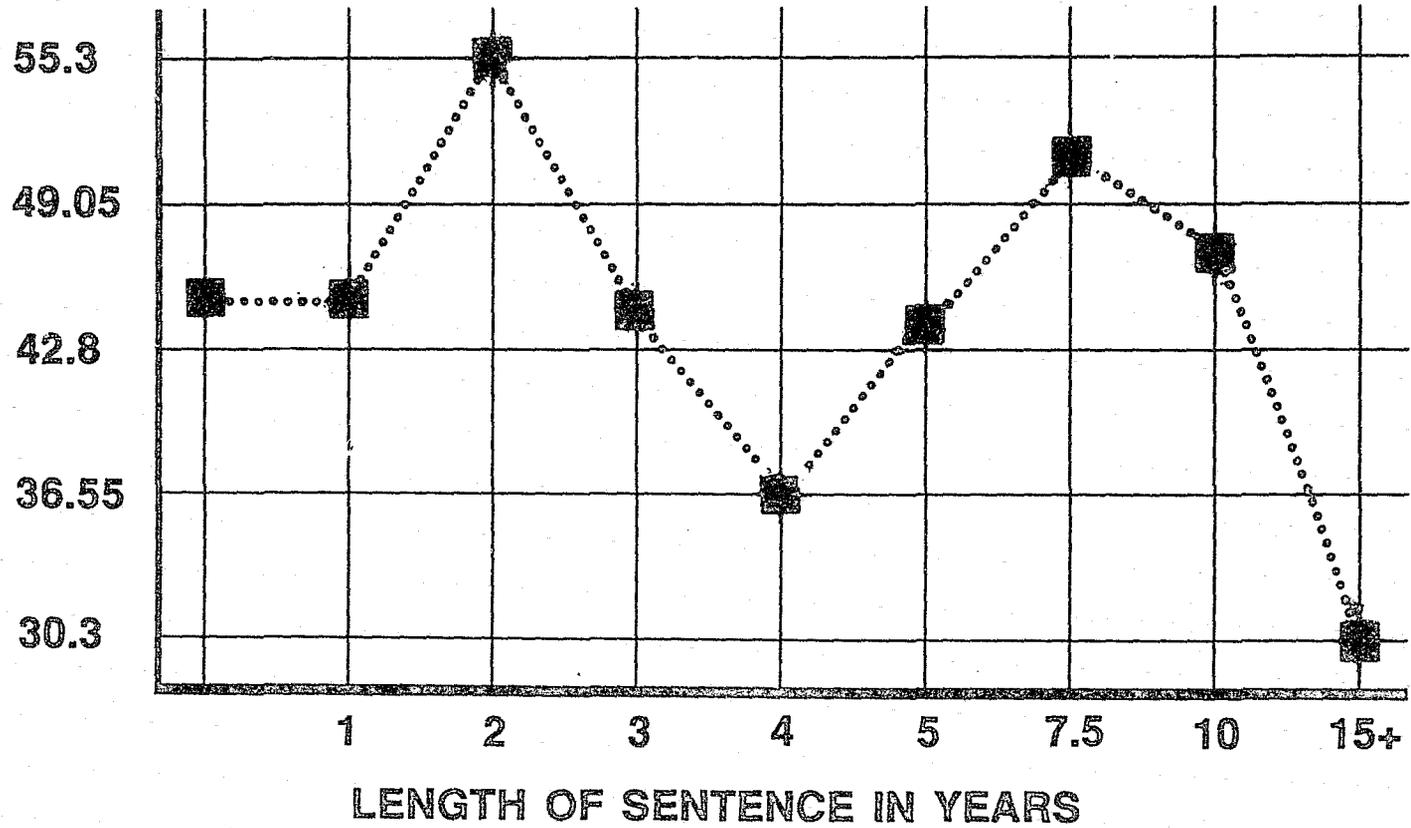
<u>Length of Sentence</u>	<u>1978 Cohort</u>	<u>1979 Cohort</u>	<u>1980 Cohort</u>	<u>1978-1980 Cohort</u>
TOTAL	45.9	44.4	49.2	46.6
Less than six months	45.3	44.0	46.9	45.5
Six months or more	46.1	44.5	49.9	47.0
6 - 17.9 months	52.6	37.9	47.2	45.4
18 - 29.9 months	48.6	56.4	60.5	55.3
2.5 - 3.4 years	41.3	42.6	50.0	44.6
3.5 - 4.4 years	31.6	20.0	50.0	36.7
4.5 - 5.4 years	37.5	48.0	43.5	43.8
5.5 - 9.4 years	56.5	40.0	56.5	51.2
9.5 - 14.4 years	58.3	52.6	35.0	47.1
15 years or longer	23.1	33.3	35.7	30.3

NOTE: These recidivism rates are as of December 31, 1984

FIGURE 6

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF SENTENCE 1978-1980

RECIDIVISM RATE



INTERVAL OF TIME BETWEEN RELEASE AND  
REINCARCERATION FOR RECIDIVISTS

Table 7 shows the time interval in completed months between release from the Adult Correctional Institutions and recommittal resulting in new sentences or revocation of parole. The interval of time for non-prison recidivists refers to the period of time beginning with the date of release and ending on the date of the new sentence which results in probation or a suspended or deferred sentence. The corresponding period of time for jail-prison recidivists begins upon release from prison and ends when the inmate returns to prison.

Among the 591 inmates released during 1978 who returned to prison with new sentences or violations of parole:

195 inmates ( 33 percent) returned within seven months  
302 inmates (51.1 percent) returned within 13 months  
432 inmates (73.1 percent) returned within 25 months  
510 inmates (86.3 percent) returned within 37 months

Only 13.7 percent stayed out of prison more than three years.

There were 177 non-prison recidivists, which included 176 persons who committed new offenses resulting in probation or a suspended or deferred sentence and one man who was killed in a shoot-out with the Providence Police.

Among the persons incurring non-prison sentences:

34.7 percent incurred this new sentence within 13 months  
64.8 percent were sentenced within 25 months  
80.1 percent were sentenced within three years  
19.9 percent were out of prison more than three years.

Table 8 shows the interval of time between release from prison and recommittal to prison as a recidivist for each of the three cohorts separately and for the three years combined. The data for the combined 1978-1980 cohort are illustrated in Figure 7.

The median interval of time between release from prison and return to prison was 14.6 months for the 1978 cohort, 12.9 months for the 1979 cohort, 11.2 months for the 1980 cohort and 12.6 months for the three cohorts combined.

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REINCARCERATION FOR RECIDIVISTS

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The median time interval between release from prison and re-sentencing for non-prison recidivists was 20.7 months for the 1978 cohort, 16 months for the 1979 cohort, 17.6 months for the 1980 cohort and 18.2 months for 1978-1980 combined.

TABLE 7

Interval of time between release from ACI and recommittal to the ACI on new sentence or revocation of parole or Interval of time between release from ACI and suspended sentence, deferred sentence or probation for a new offense.

<u>LENGTH OF TIME</u>	1978 COHORT			1979 COHORT			1980 COHORT		
	<u>ALL SENTENCES</u>	<u>JAIL OR PRISON</u>	<u>NON-PRISON</u>	<u>ALL SENTENCES</u>	<u>JAIL OR PRISON</u>	<u>NON-PRISON</u>	<u>ALL SENTENCES</u>	<u>JAIL OR PRISON</u>	<u>NON-PRISON</u>
TOTAL	250	180	70	231	177	54	287 *	234	53 *
Less than one month	8	8	0	11	10	1	13	11	2
1.0 - 3.4 months	25	20	5	31	24	7	52	46	6
4.0 - 6.9 months	29	23	6	32	29	3	30	24	6
7.0 - 9.9 months	22	18	4	20	14	6	31	29	2
10.0 - 12.9 months	20	16	4	18	12	6	21	18	3
13.0 - 18.9 months	32	18	14	29	21	8	42	33	9
19.0 - 24.9 months	25	18	7	27	20	7	28	20	8
25.0 - 36.9 months	32	22	10	30	24	6	43	32	11
37 months or longer #	57	37	20	33	23	10	26	21	5
Median (Months)	16.9	14.6	20.7	13.7	12.9	16.0	12.4	11.2	17.6

\* These two columns do not add because one inmate was killed by police in a shoot-out and was tabulated as a non-prison recidivist without having incurred any new sentences.

# This refers to all sentences prior to January 1, 1985.

FIGURE 7

INTERVAL OF TIME BETWEEN RELEASE FROM THE ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
AND RECOMMITTAL TO PRISON AS A SENTENCED INMATE 1978-1980 COHORTS COMBINED

INTERVAL OF TIME BETWEEN  
RELEASE AND  
RECOMMITTAL IN MONTHS

 33%  
WITHIN 7 M

 18.1%  
7M-13M

 22%  
13M-25M

 13.2%  
24M-3Y

 13.7%  
AFTER 37M

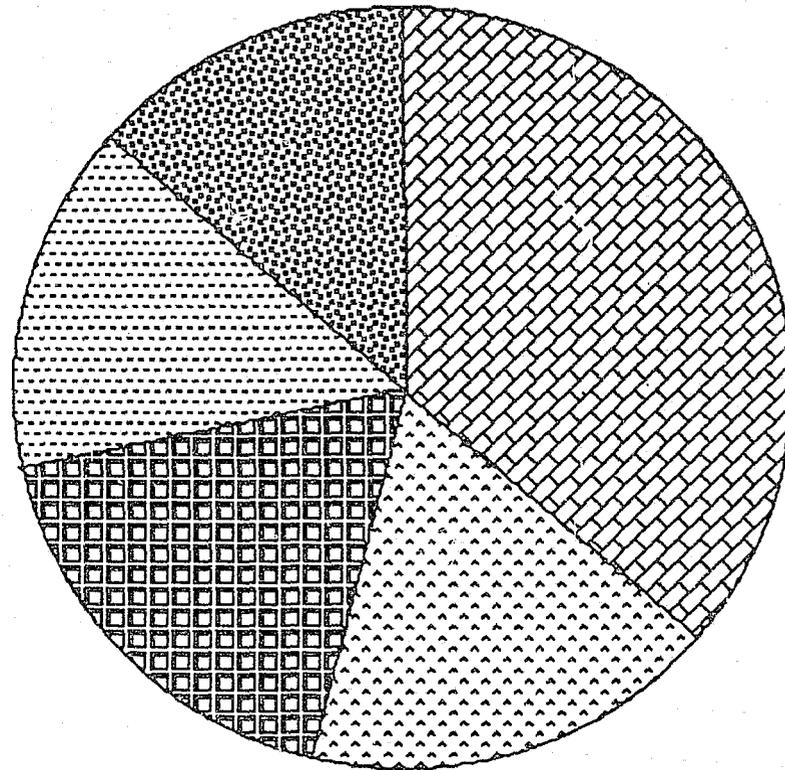


TABLE 8

Interval of Time Between Release from the  
ACI and Recommittal to Prison as a Sentenced Inmate

<u>LENGTH OF TIME</u>	<u>TOTAL 1978-1980 COHORTS</u>	<u>1978 COHORT</u>	<u>1979 COHORT</u>	<u>1980 COHORT</u>
TOTAL	591	180	177	234
Less than one month	29	8	10	11
1.0 - 3.9 months	90	20	24	46
4.0 - 6.9 months	76	23	29	24
7.0 - 9.9 months	61	18	14	29
10.0 - 12.9 months	46	16	12	18
13.0 - 18.9 months	72	18	21	33
19.0 - 24.9 months	58	18	20	20
25.0 - 36.9 months	78	22	24	32
37 months or longer	81	37	23	21
Median (Months)	12.6	14.6	12.9	11.2

RECIDIVISM BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

Table 9 shows the charges which resulted in the sentence from which the persons in this study were released during 1978-1980.

The five most common offenses were:

1. Burglary, Breaking and Entering, or Possession of Burglary Tools - 325 cases (25.7 percent of all offenses)
2. Robbery - 201 cases (15.9 percent)
3. Assault - 114 cases (9.0 percent)
4. Narcotics and Drug Related charges - 113 cases (8.9 percent)
5. Receiving or Possessing Stolen Property - 47 cases (3.7 percent)

Recidivism with regard to any particular offense in no way implies that the same offense has been repeated. For example, there were 59 persons released in 1978-1980 who had been convicted of Murder, Manslaughter, or Assault with Attempt to Murder. Seventeen returned to prison during the follow-up period of this study. The table below compares the old offense with the new offenses.

1978 RELEASES

<u>OLD CHARGE</u>	<u>NEW CHARGE</u>
1. Murder	Parole Violator-no new sentence
2. Murder	Possession Narcotics
3. Manslaughter	Possession Narcotics
4. Manslaughter	Possession Narcotics
5. Manslaughter	Assault and Battery
6. Assault Intent to Kill	Murder

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1. Manslaughter	Sale of Narcotics
2. Manslaughter	Possession Narcotics
3. Assault - Intent to Kill	Possession Firearm
4. Assault - Intent to Kill	Robbery
5. Assault - Intent to Kill	Parole Violator-no new sentence

RECIDIVISM BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

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1980 RELEASES

<u>OLD CHARGE</u>	<u>NEW CHARGE</u>
1. Murder	Sexual Assault - Second Degree
2. Murder	Shoplifting
3. Conspiracy to Murder	Murder
4. Manslaughter	Assault W/Dangerous Weapon
5. Manslaughter	Possession Controlled Substance
6. Assault Intent to Kill	Robbery

The categories of offense with jail-prison recidivism rates above 50 percent were:

1. Stolen Motor Vehicles	58.5 percent
2. Destruction of Property	55.6 percent
3. Assault/Intent to Rob	55.0 percent
4. Breaking and Entering, Burglary, or Possession of Burglary Tools	53.8 percent
5. Larceny from Person	53.1 percent
6. Weapons Offenses	51.6 percent
7. Receive Stolen Goods	51.1 percent
8. Assault	50 percent

Eight categories of offense had recidivism rates between 40 and 50 percent:

1. Motor Vehicle Offenses	49 percent
2. Robbery (or Conspiracy to Rob)	47.6 percent
3. Abominable and Detestable Crime Against Nature	47.1 percent
4. Manslaughter	46.7 percent
5. Rape or Sexual Assault- First Degree	46.2 percent
6. Kidnapping	45.5 percent
7. Forgery and other Fraud	41.3 percent
8. Tampering with Auto	40 percent

RECIDIVISM BY TYPE OF OFFENSE

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The categories of offense with the lowest recidivism rates were:

1. Murder 13.8 percent
2. Prostitution 20 percent
3. Arson or Statutory Burning 28.6 percent
4. Larceny 31.1 percent
5. Indecent Assault or Sexual Assault - Second Degree 33.3 percent
6. Narcotics/Drug Offenses 35.4 percent
7. Assault Intent to Murder 38.5 percent
8. Disorderly Conduct 38.5 percent

Recidivism studies were conducted for the inmates released during 1974-1977. The table below compares the 1974-1977 combined recidivism rates for twelve selected categories of offender with the corresponding recidivism rates for 1978-1980:

<u>1978-1980 RANK</u>	<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>1978-1980 RATE</u>	<u>1974-1977 RATE</u>
1.	Stolen Motor Vehicle	58.5	42.9
2.	Breaking and Entering or Burglary	53.8	51.0
3.	Larceny from Person	53.1	42.5
4.	Weapons Offenses	51.6	46.6
5.	Receive Stolen Goods (non-Motor Vehicle)	51.1	47.7
6.	Assault	50.0	44.0
7.	Robbery (or Conspiracy to Rob)	47.6	50.2
8.	Forgery and Other Fraud	41.3	55.6
9.	Sexual Assault-all degrees	37.0	50.0
10.	Narcotics and Drug Offenses	35.4	39.4
11.	Larceny (not from person)	31.1	46.1
12.	Murder, Manslaughter or Assault with Intent to Kill	28.8	26.5

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES FOR INMATES RELEASED DURING 1978-1980 ACCORDING TO TYPE OF OFFENSE

OFFENSE	<u>1978</u> NUMBER OF RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	<u>1979</u> RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	<u>1980</u> RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	<u>1978-1980</u> RECIDIVISM RATES*
ALL OFFENSES	392	180	399	177	476	234	46.6
HOMICIDE/RELATED OFFENSES	20	6	15	5	24	6	28.8
Murder	10	2	3	0	16	2	13.8
Conspiracy to Murder	0	0	1	0	1	1	
Manslaughter	8	3	4	2	3	2	46.7
Assault w/Int. to Murder	2	1	7	3	4	1	38.5
SEXUAL ASSAULT (TOTAL)	7	4	9	3	11	3	37.0
Rape or Sexual Assault I	2	2	6	3	5	1	46.2
Indecent Assault or Sexual Assault II	2	1	2	0	5	2	33.3
Carnal Knowledge/Sexual Assault III	1	1	1	0	0	0	---
Assault w/Int. to Rape	2	0	0	0	1	0	---
OTHER SEX OFFENSES (TOTAL)	6	0	8	3	12	7	38.5
Incest	1	0	0	0	0	0	---
Abominable Crime against nature	2	0	7	3	8	5	47.1
Indecent Exposure	0	0	1	0	2	1	---
Prostitution	3	0	0	0	2	1	20.0
ROBBERY/RELATED CHARGES (TOTAL)	77	41	84	35	97	50	48.8
Robbery	62	33	72	30	67	32	47.3
Assault W/Intent to Rob	8	4	4	1	8	6	55.0
Conspiracy to Rob	1	1	2	0	2	2	60.0
Larceny from Person	6	3	6	4	20	10	53.1

\*RECIDIVISM RATES WERE NOT CALCULATED FOR CATEGORIES WITH LESS THAN FIVE CASES.

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES FOR INMATES RELEASED DURING 1978-1980 ACCORDING TO TYPE OF OFFENSE

	<u>1978</u> NUMBER OF RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	<u>1979</u> RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	<u>1980</u> RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	<u>1978-1980</u> RECIDIVISM RATES*
ASSAULT (TOTAL)	46	20	35	15	33	22	50.0
With Dangerous Weapon (or Felony Assault)	32	13	23	11	19	12	48.6
Upon Police or Correc- tional Officer	3	3	4	0	5	4	58.3
Other Assault	11	4	8	4	9	6	50.0
KIDNAPPING	4	1	3	2	4	2	45.5
BURGLARY/RELATED OFFENSES (TOTAL)	86	40	93	54	146	81	53.8
Burglary	0	0	0	0	4	3	----
Breaking/Entering	84	39	91	52	137	76	53.5
Possession of Burglary tools	2	1	2	2	5	2	55.6
STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLES	19	10	15	7	7	7	58.5
Larceny/Theft (non-motor vehicle)	33	15	21	8	38	15	41.3
Larceny	16	5	11	3	18	6	31.1
Receive Stolen Goods	17	10	10	5	20	9	51.1
ARSON/STATUTORY BURNING	3	2	2	1	9	1	28.6
FORGERY/OTHER FRAUD	14	6	20	8	12	5	41.3
DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY	6	6	5	2	7	2	55.6
TAMPERING W/AUTO	1	0	3	1	1	1	40.0
NARCOTICS/DRUG RELATED OFFENSES	37	13	44	15	32	12	35.4

\*RECIDIVISM RATES WERE NOT CALCULATED FOR CATEGORIES WITH LESS THAN FIVE CASES.

TABLE 9

## JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES FOR INMATES RELEASED DURING 1978-1980 ACCORDING TO TYPE OF OFFENSE

OFFENSE	<u>1978</u> NUMBER OF RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	<u>1979</u> RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	<u>1980</u> RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	<u>1978-1980</u> RECIDIVISM RATES*
WEAPONS OFFENSES	11	7	9	3	11	6	51.6
MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES	13	6	22	10	14	8	49.0
With Death of Victim	2	0	9	3	2	0	23.1
Driving Under Influence	2	0	4	3	4	1	40.0
Other Motor Vehicle	9	6	9	4	8	7	65.4
OTHER OFFENSES	9	3	11	5	18	6	36.8
Disorderly Conduct	3	0	4	3	6	2	38.5
False Alarm	1	1	0	0	1	0	----
Harboring	1	0	2	1	0	0	----
Convey Contraband	1	0	0	0	0	0	----
False Crime Reports	1	1	0	0	0	0	----
Obscene Phone Calls	1	0	0	0	1	1	----
Escape	1	1	0	0	1	0	----
Extortion	0	0	1	1	3	0	----
Contempt of Court	0	0	1	0	0	0	----
Illegal Shellfishing	0	0	2	0	1	1	----
Trespassing	0	0	1	0	3	2	----
Poss. Electronic Device	0	0	0	0	1	0	----
Conduct Gambling Business	0	0	0	0	1	0	----

\* RECIDIVISM RATES WERE NOT CALCULATED FOR CATEGORIES WITH LESS THAN FIVE CASES.

## TYPE OF NEW OFFENSE RESULTING IN RECIDIVISM

The type of offenses for which the 591 jail or prison recidivists (1978-1980) returned to prison were often different from the type of offense resulting in their previous commitment. Forty-two (42) of the 591 recidivists (7.1 percent) were parole violators that incurred no new prison sentences. Among the remaining 549 recidivists with new sentences:

- (1) 39.7 percent were convicted of crimes against person (homicide, sex offenses, robbery, assault, or kidnapping.
- (2) 45.2 percent were convicted of crimes against property (burglary, auto theft, larceny, forgery or other fraud, or arson)
- (3) 8.4 percent were convicted of drug offenses
- (4) 6.7 percent were convicted of other types of offenses.

The distribution of the original offenses was similar:

- (1) 39.1 percent committed crimes against person
- (2) 42.7 percent committed crimes against property
- (3) 8.9 percent committed drug offenses
- (4) 9.3 percent committed other types of offenses.

The data on new offenses for those returning to prison is summarized in Table 10. Figure 8 compares the distribution of the original and subsequent offenses.

The five most common new offenses for recidivists were:

1. Breaking and Entering, Burglary - 181 cases (33.0 percent)  
or Possession of Burglary Tools
2. Robbery - 95 cases (17.3 percent)
3. Assault - 51 cases (9.3 percent)
4. Narcotics and Drug Offenses - 46 cases (8.4 percent)
5. Larceny - 23 cases (4.2 percent)

Four of the five most common original offenses were identical with the most common offenses resulting in recidivism.

1. Breaking and Entering, etc. - 25.7 percent
2. Robbery - 15.9 percent
3. Assault - 9.0 percent
4. Drug Offenses - 8.9 percent
5. Receiving Stolen Property - 3.7 percent

TABLE 10

Persons released from the ACI during 1978-1980 who returned to prison subsequent to 1978-1980 according to most serious new charges resulting in reincarceration.

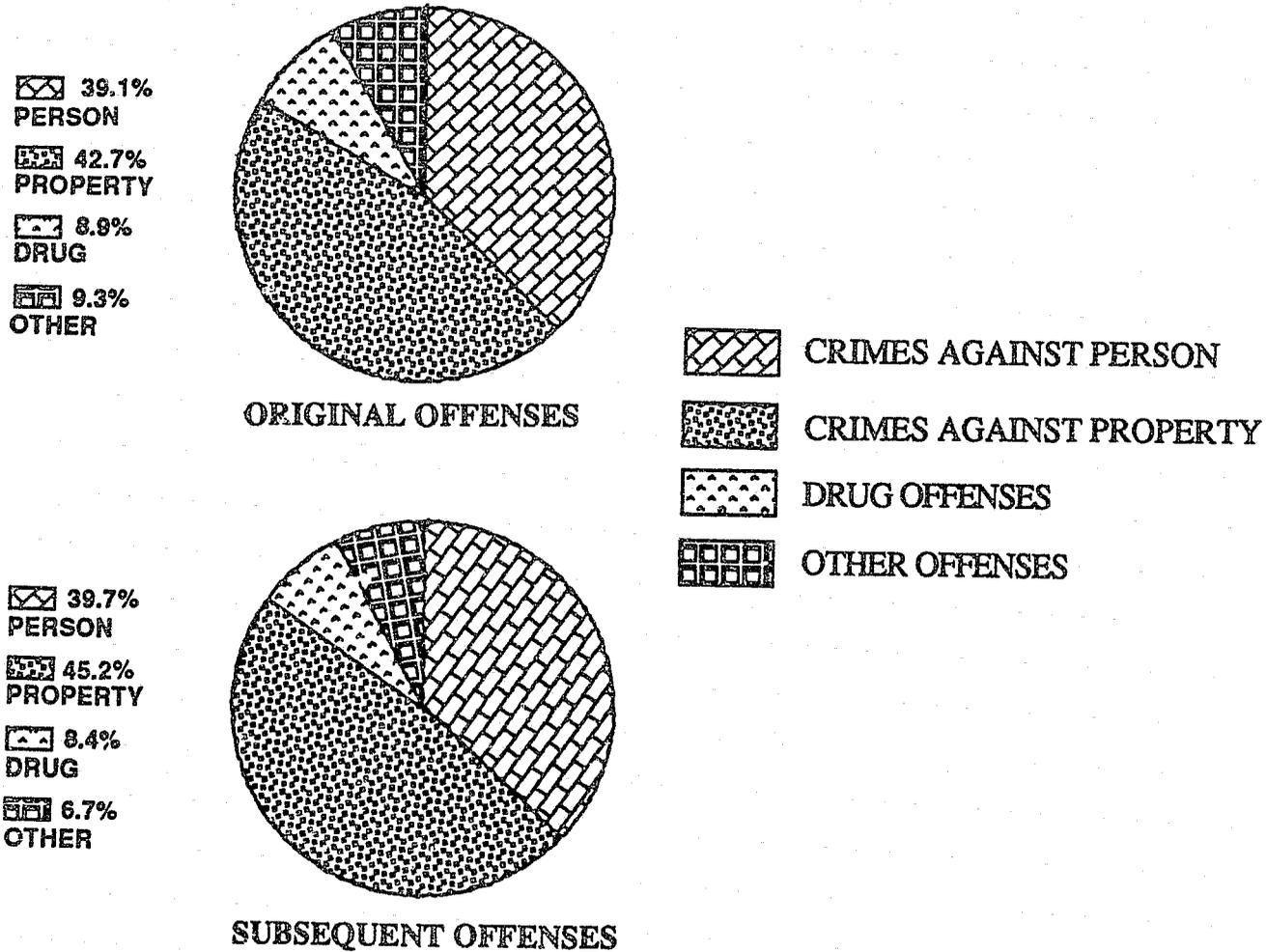
TYPE OF OFFENSE	NUMBER OF CASES			
	1978	1979	1980	1978-1980 COMBINED
ALL OFFENSES	180	177	234	591
Homicide and Related Offenses	10	8	8	26
Murder	5	7	6	18
Manslaughter	1	0	2	3
Assault w/Intent to Murder	4	1	0	5
Sexual Assault (Total)	5	4	9	18
Rape/First Degree Sexual Assault	4	2	3	9
Indecent Assault/Sexual Assault II	0	1	6	7
Carnal Knowledge/Sexual Assault III	1	1	0	2
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	1	2	5	8
Abominable/Detestable Crime Against Nature	1	2	2	5
Loitering for Prostitution Pandering	0	0	3	3
Robbery and Related Charges	36	39	39	114
Robbery	35	32	28	95
Assault W/Intent Rob	1	1	2	4
Larceny From Person	0	6	9	15
Assault (Total)	13	18	20	51
With Dangerous Weapon (or Felony Assault	8	10	13	31
Upon Police/Correctional Officer	1	3	3	7
Upon Elderly	1	0	0	1
Other Assault	3	5	4	12
Kidnapping	1	0	0	1

TABLE 10 (CONTINUED)

<u>TYPE OF OFFENSE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CASES</u>			
	1978	1979	1980	1978-1980 COMBINED
BURGLARY AND RELATED CHARGES	66	48	67	181
Burglary	2	2	1	5
Breaking and Entering	62	46	63	171
Possession of Burglary Tools	2	0	3	5
Stolen Motor Vehicles	3	5	8	16
Larceny and Theft	8	5	18	31
Larceny	6	3	14	23
Receive Stolen Goods	2	2	4	8
Arson/Statutory Burning	1	3	3	7
Forgery and Other Fraud	5	6	2	13
Narcotics and Drug Offenses	13	16	17	46
Weapons Offenses (including explosives)	2	3	4	9
MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES	3	3	6	12
With Death to Victim	0	1	0	1
Driving Under Influence	1	1	3	5
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	2	1	3	6
PAROLE VIOLATOR ONLY No new Prison Sentences	13	14	15	42
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES	0	3	13	16
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	2	3
Escape/Conspiracy to Escape	0	1	2	3
Destruction of Property	0	1	4	5
Shellfishing/Polluted Water	0	0	1	1
Perjury	0	0	1	1
Intimidate Witness	0	0	1	1
Possession of Alcohol by a minor	0	0	1	1
Conduct Gambling Business	0	0	1	1

FIGURE 8

COMPARISON OF THE ORIGINAL OFFENSES COMMITTED BY THOSE RELEASED IN 1978-1980  
WITH  
THE SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES COMMITTED BY THOSE WHO BECAME JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISTS



## LENGTH OF NEW SENTENCES FOR RECIDIVISTS

Inmates returning to prison with new offenses or violations of probation or parole for old offenses were very likely to incur a longer sentence for the new incarceration.

Among the 591 inmates who were returned to prison after a 1978-1980 release, 57.4 percent were sentenced to a longer period of time for the new offense than for the previous offense. The proportion of recidivists with longer sentences was 63.8 percent for the 1978 releases, 59.3 percent for 1979 releases and 50.9 percent for 1980 releases.

In addition to the 57.4 percent of the combined cohorts who returned with new and longer sentences, 29.1 percent returned with shorter sentences, 6.4 percent returned with a new sentence equal to the previous sentence, and 7.1 percent returned as parole violators and never incurred any new sentences. These data are summarized in Table 11 and illustrated in Figure 9.

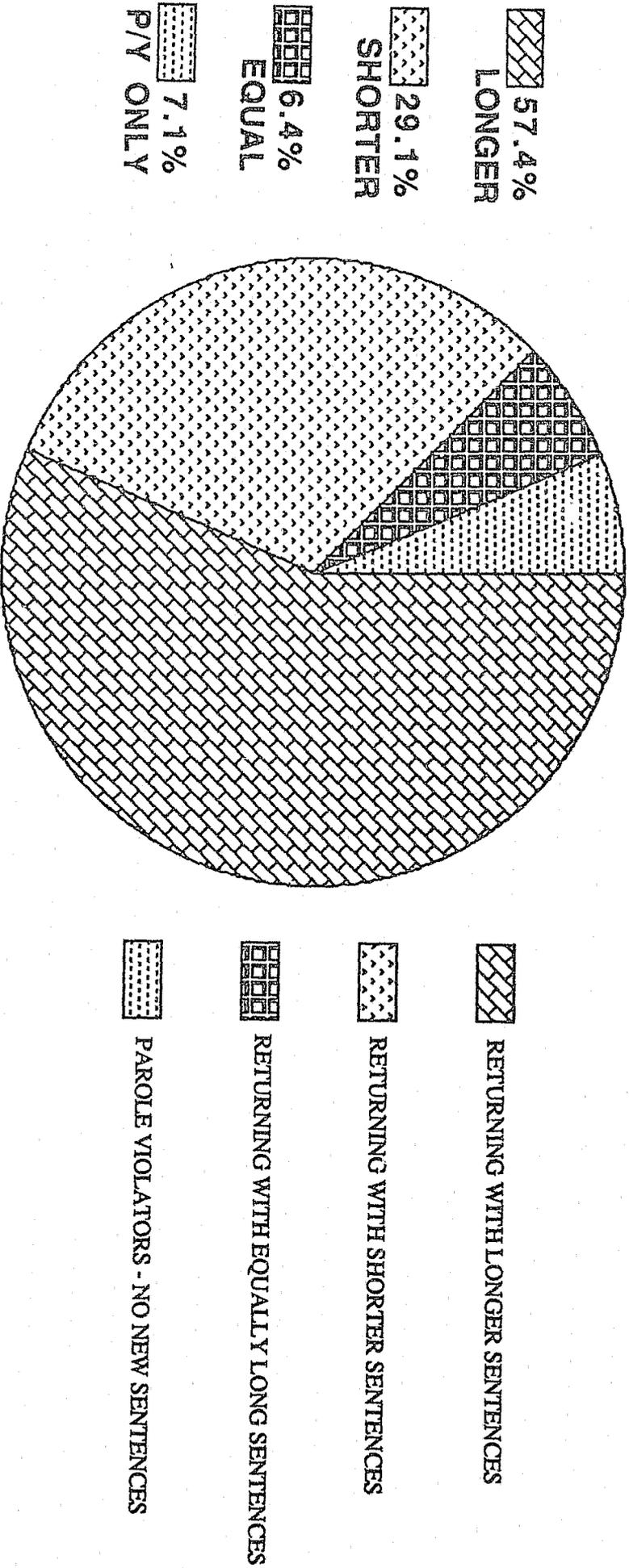
TABLE 11

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISTS IN THE 1978 - 1980 COHORT ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF SENTENCE TERMINATING IN 1978 - 1980 AND LONGEST SENTENCE INCURRED SUBSEQUENT TO 1978 - 1980

	1978 COHORT	1979 COHORT	1980 COHORT	1978-1980 COMBINED	(1978-1980) PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
NUMBER OF RECIDIVISTS . . . . .	180	177	234	591	100.0
NUMBER RETURNING TO PRISON WITH LONGER SENTENCES . . . . .	115	105	119	339	57.4
NUMBER RETURNING WITH SHORTER SENTENCES . . . . .	41	46	85	172	29.1
NUMBER RETURNING WITH EQUALLY LONG SENTENCES . . . . .	11	12	15	38	6.4
NUMBER RETURNED AS PAROLE VIOLATORS WITH NO NEW SENTENCES . .	13	14	15	42	7.1

FIGURE 9

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISTS IN THE 1978-1980 COHORT ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF SENTENCE TERMINATED IN 1978-1980 AND LONGER SENTENCE INCURRED SUBSEQUENT TO 1978-1980



TYPE OF RELEASE BY AGE

Table 12 is a cross-tabulation of age and type of releases for the 1978, 1979, and 1980 cohorts. In all three cohorts, the median age at release was higher for inmates that were paroled than for those whose sentence expired. In one of the three cohorts, inmates released by appeal, reduction of sentence, or vacation of sentence has a younger median age than inmates released by either parole or expiration of sentence.

Over the three-year period (1978-1980), parolees accounted for:

20.2 percent of the persons under 20 years old;

42.2 percent of inmates aged 20 - 24;

47.3 percent of inmates aged 25 - 29;

47.2 percent of those aged 30 - 39;

43.6 percent of those aged 40 or older.

Over the three-year period, inmates whose sentence expired accounted for:

71.7 percent of the inmates under 20 years old;

53.7 percent of inmates aged 20 - 24;

50.0 percent of those aged 25 - 29;

48.8 percent of those aged 30 - 39

48.9 percent of those aged 40 or older.

TABLE 12

Inmates released from the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions during 1978-1980 according to Age and Type of Release:

1978 COHORT

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Type of Release</u>		
		<u>Parole</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Other</u>
All Ages	392	145	230	17
17 - 19	25	4	18	3
20 - 24	163	57	97	9
25 - 29	90	36	51	3
30 - 34	58	21	36	1
35 - 39	30	13	16	1
40 - 49	15	6	9	0
50 or Older	11	8	3	0
Median Age	25.4	26.6	25.0	23.1

1979 COHORT

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Parole</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Other</u>
All Ages	399	174	206	19
17 - 19	21	3	16	2
20 - 24	171	73	91	7
25 - 29	99	45	51	3
30 - 34	47	21	24	2
35 - 39	31	21	9	1
40 - 49	22	6	12	4
50 or Older	8	5	3	0
Median Age	25.4	26.2	24.8	25.3

TABLE 12

Inmates Released from the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions During  
1978-1980 According to Age and Type of Release

## 1980 COHORT

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Type of Release</u>		
		<u>Parole</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Other</u>
ALL AGES	476	223	235	18
17 - 19	52	13	37	2
20 - 24	197	94	97	6
25 - 29	109	60	47	2
30 - 34	49	24	22	3
35 - 39	31	16	13	2
40 - 49	25	11	13	1
50 or Older	13	5	6	2
Median Age	24.7	25.4	24.1	27.5

## 1978 - 1980 COMBINED (PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION BY ROW)

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Parole</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Other</u>
ALL AGES	100.0	42.8	52.9	4.3
17 - 19	100.0	20.2	71.7	8.1
20 - 24	100.0	42.2	53.7	4.1
25 - 29	100.0	47.3	50.0	2.7
30 - 34	100.0	42.9	53.2	3.9
35 - 39	100.0	54.3	41.3	4.4
40 - 49	100.0	37.1	54.8	8.1
50 or Older	100.0	56.3	37.5	6.2
Median Age	25.0	25.9	24.6	24.5

TYPE OF OFFENSE BY TYPE OF RELEASE

Table 13 is a cross-tabulation of the 1978-1980 releases according to charge and type of release. Seventy-five (75) percent of those convicted of murder and assault with intent to murder were paroled. Seventy-three (73) percent of those who were convicted of manslaughter were paroled. A very high percentage (68.2 percent) of those convicted of robbery were paroled. Just over one-fourth (25.4 percent) of those incarcerated for assault were paroled. More than two-thirds (70.2 percent) of these persons were released upon expiration of sentence. Thirty-eight (38) percent of sex offenders were paroled; 52.8 percent were released upon expiration of sentence; and the remaining 9.4 percent were released on appeal bond. There were 11 kidnappers released during that three-year period. Eight of these kidnappers were paroled.

There were seven general categories of property offender. Arson was the only category in which more than half (57.1 percent) were released on parole. The proportion of parolees for the other six categories of property offender were:

1.) Burglary and related charges	44.6 percent
2.) Forgery and other fraud	42.2 percent
3.) Stolen Motor Vehicles	41.5 percent
4.) Larceny (except motor vehicle)	17.2 percent
5.) Destruction of Property	nobody
6.) Tampering with an Auto	nobody

The percentage of parolees for the three major categories of offenses which are neither violent crimes nor property crimes were:

1.) Narcotics and drug offenses	43.4 percent
2.) Weapon Offenses	41.9 percent
3.) Motor Vehicle Offenses	4.1 percent

INMATES WHO WERE RELEASED FROM THE A.C.I. DURING 1978-1980

ACCORDING TO CHARGE AND TYPE OF RELEASE

Charge	1978 Releases			1979 Releases			1980 Releases			1978 - 1980			
	Parole	Expir.	Other	Parole	Expir.	Other	Parole	Expir.	Other	Total	Parole	Expir.	Other
ALL OFFENSES	145	230	17	174	206	19	223	235	18	1267	542	671	54
Homicide & Related Charges....	13	6	1	12	1	2	19	2	3	59	44	9	6
Murder or Conspiracy to													
Murder	9	1	0	3	0	1	12	2	3	31	24	3	4
Manslaughter	4	3	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	15	11	3	1
Assault w/Intent to Murder	0	2	0	5	1	1	4	0	0	13	9	3	1
Sexual Assault.....	4	3	0	3	5	1	6	4	1	27	13	12	2
Rape/Sexual Assault I	2	0	0	2	3	1	3	2	0	13	7	5	1
Indecent Assault or Sexual													
Assault II	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	1	1	9	5	3	1
Carnal Knowledge (Sexual													
Assault III)	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Assault w/Intent to Rape	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	2	0
Other Sex Offenses.....	1	5	0	3	3	2	3	8	1	26	7	16	3
Incest	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Abom. & Detest. Crime													
Against Nature	1	1	0	3	3	1	2	5	1	17	6	9	2
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	2	1
Prostitution	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	1	4	0
Robbery & Related Charges.....	48	28	1	52	31	1	66	29	2	258	166	88	4
Robbery	41	20	1	46	25	1	50	15	2	201	137	60	4
Assault w/Intent to Rob	4	4	0	1	3	0	5	3	0	20	10	10	0
Conspiracy to Rob	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	5	2	3	0
Larceny from Person	2	4	0	4	2	0	11	9	0	32	17	15	0
Assault,.....	8	36	2	10	23	2	11	21	1	114	29	80	5
With Dangerous Weapon	8	22	2	7	16	0	10	8	1	74	25	46	3
Police or Correctional Officer	0	3	0	1	3	0	1	4	0	12	2	10	0
Simple Assault	0	11	0	2	4	2	0	9	0	28	2	24	2
Kidnapping	2	1	1	3	0	0	3	1	0	11	8	2	1

TABLE 13 (Continued)

## INMATES WHO WERE RELEASED FROM THE A.C.I. DURING 1978-1980 ACCORDING TO CHARGE AND TYPE OF RELEASE

Charge	1978 Releases			1979 Releases			1980 Releases			1978 - 1980			
	Parole	Expir.	Other	Parole	Expir.	Other	Parole	Expir.	Other	Total	Parole	Expir.	Other
Burglary & Related Charges....	34	50	2	48	44	1	63	80	3	325	145	174	6
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	2	2	0
Breaking & Entering	33	49	2	46	44	1	59	75	3	312	138	168	6
Possession of Burglary Tools	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	9	5	4	0
Stolen Motor Vehicles.....	8	11	0	4	10	1	5	2	0	41	17	23	1
Larceny and Theft.....	6	26	1	20	15	4	8	29	2	93	16	70	7
Larceny	2	13	1	0	10	1	1	15	2	45	3	38	4
Receiving Stolen Goods	4	13	0	2	5	3	7	14	0	48	13	32	3
Arson/Statutory Burning.....	1	2	0	2	0	0	5	3	1	14	8	5	1
Forgery and Other Fraud.....	3	10	1	9	11	0	7	3	1	45	19	24	2
Destruction of Property.....	0	5	1	0	4	1	0	7	0	18	0	16	2
Tampering with Auto.....	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	5	0	4	1
Narcotics and Drug Offenses...	12	23	2	19	25	0	18	13	1	113	49	61	3
Motor Vehicle Offenses.....	0	11	2	1	19	2	1	13	0	49	2	43	4
With Death of Victim	0	2	0	1	8	0	1	1	0	13	2	11	0
Driving Under Influence	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	10	0	8	2
Other Motor Vehicle	0	7	2	0	9	0	0	8	0	26	0	24	2
Weapons Offenses.....	4	6	1	5	4	0	4	7	0	31	13	17	1
Other Offenses.....	1	7	1	1	8	2	4	12	2	38	6	27	5

### TYPE OF RELEASE AND RACE

TABLE 14 shows that the proportion of releases by parole was slightly higher for non-whites than for whites. Over the three-year period 1978 - 1980, 45.6 percent of the Black inmates, 45.5 percent of the Hispanic inmates, and 41.9 percent of the White inmates were paroled. Two of the three inmates who were neither White, Black or Hispanic were paroled.

The proportion of inmates released upon expiration of sentence was slightly higher for White inmates (53.6 percent) than for Blacks (51.1 percent) or Hispanic inmates (50 percent).

The percentage of inmates released other than by parole or expiration of sentence was exactly the same for both White and Black inmates (4.5 percent). Only one Hispanic was released by neither parole nor expiration of sentence over the whole three-year period.

TABLE 14

Inmates released from the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions during 1978-1980 according to Race and Type of Release:

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Number Paroled</u>	<u>Number Sentence Expired</u>	<u>Number Other Releases</u>
<u>1978</u>				
TOTAL	392	145	230	17
White	301	111	178	12
Black	81	29	48	4
Hispanic	8	4	3	1
Other Races	2	1	1	0
<u>1979</u>				
TOTAL	399	174	206	19
White	307	128	163	16
Black	86	43	40	3
Hispanic	5	2	3	0
Other Races	1	1	0	0
<u>1980</u>				
TOTAL	476	223	235	18
White	364	168	180	16
Black	103	51	50	2
Hispanic	9	4	5	0
Other Races	0	0	0	0

1978 - 1980 COMBINED

<u>Race</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Percent Paroled</u>	<u>Percent Sentence Expired</u>	<u>Percent Other Releases</u>
TOTAL	1267	42.8	52.9	4.3
White	972	41.9	53.6	4.5
Black	270	45.6	51.1	3.3
Hispanic	22	45.5	50.0	4.5
Other Races	3	66.7	33.3	0.0

FIGURE 10

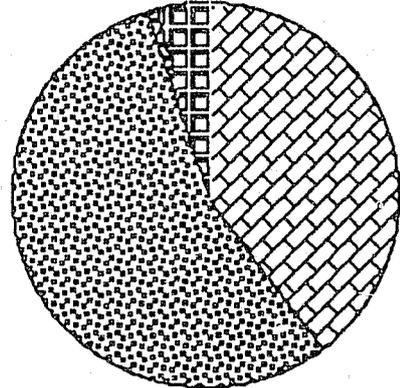
INMATES RELEASED FROM THE RHODE ISLAND ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
ACCORDING TO RACE AND TYPE OF RELEASE 1978-1980

RELEASED ON SENTENCE

41.9%  
PAROLE

53.6%  
EXPIRED

4.5%  
OTHER



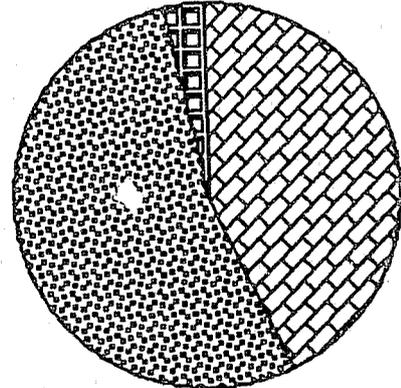
WHITE

RELEASED ON SENTENCE

45.6%  
PAROLE

51.1%  
EXPIRED

3.3%  
OTHER



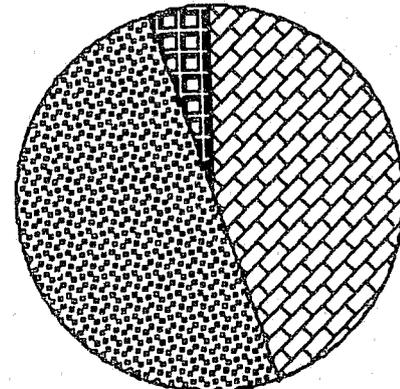
BLACK

RELEASED ON SENTENCE

45.5%  
PAROLE

50.0%  
EXPIRED

4.5%  
OTHER



HISPANIC

### TYPE OF OFFENSE BY RACE

Table 15 cross-tabulates type of offense and race for the 1978-1980 cohort. A much higher percentage of blacks was found among those who committed crimes against person than was found among those convicted of property crimes. Blacks accounted for 26.8 percent of the crimes against person, but only 19.4 percent of the property crimes. Blacks accounted for 32.6 percent of the murders or assaults with intent to murder, 38.5 percent of the robberies, 43.8 percent of those convicted of larceny from person, 21.9 percent of the assaults, and 53.3 percent of those convicted of manslaughter.

The two violent crimes with the lowest percentage of blacks were sex offenses (13.2 percent), and kidnapping (18.2 percent).

Blacks accounted for 20.3 percent of the breaking and entering offenses, 14.6 percent of those charged with receiving or possessing stolen goods, exactly 20 percent of the larceny (not from person) offenses, 19.5 percent of the stolen motor vehicles, and 24.4 percent of the inmates convicted of forgery or other fraud. Only one of the 14 persons convicted of arson was black. Blacks accounted for 15.0 percent of those charged with drug offenses. Blacks accounted for only 12.7 percent of the remaining categories of offender.

The five leading offenses for white inmates were:

	<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Percent of Cases</u>
1. Breaking & Entering, Burglary, or Possession of Burglary Tools	257	26.4
2. Robbery	143	14.7
3. Narcotics and Drug Offenses	95	9.8
4. Assault	85	8.7
5. Theft (non motor vehicle, including Receiving Stolen Goods)	74	7.6

TYPE OF OFFENSE BY TYPE OF RELEASE (Continued):

The five leading offenses for black inmates were:

	<u>Number of Cases</u>	<u>Percentage of Cases</u>
1.) Breaking & Entering or Possession of Burglary Tools	66	24.4
2.) Robbery	55	20.4
3.) Assault	25	9.3
4.) Narcotics and Drug Related Charges	17	6.3
5.) Theft (not motor vehicle) including Receiving Stolen Goods	16	5.9

TABLE 15

## INMATES WHO WERE RELEASED FROM THE A.C.I. DURING 1978-1980 ACCORDING TO CHARGE AND RACE

Charge	1978 Releases				1979 Releases				1980 Releases			1978 - 1980				
	W	Blk.	Hisp.	Other	W	Blk.	Hisp.	Other	W	Blk.	Hisp.	Total	W	Blk.	Hisp.	Other
ALL OFFENSES	301	81	8	2	307	86	5	1	364	103	9	1267	972	270	22	3
Homicide and Related Charges	12	8	0	0	9	5	1	0	14	10	0	59	35	23	1	0
Murder or Conspiracy to Murder	8	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	11	6	0	31	22	9	0	0
Manslaughter	2	6	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	15	7	8	0	0
Assault w/Intent Murder	2	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	1	3	0	13	6	6	1	0
Sexual Assault	7	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	9	1	1	27	23	3	1	0
Rape/Sex. Assault I	2	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	3	1	1	13	9	3	1	0
Indecent Assault or Sexual Assault II	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	9	9	0	0	0
Carnal Knowledge (Sexual Assault III)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Assault w/Intent Rape	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Other Sex Offenses	3	2	1	0	6	2	0	0	12	0	0	26	21	4	1	0
Incest	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Abominable & Detestable Crime Against Nature	2	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	8	0	0	17	15	2	0	0
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	2	2	1	0
Robbery & Related Charges	52	24	1	0	60	23	0	1	67	29	1	258	179	76	2	1
Robbery	45	16	1	0	49	22	0	1	49	17	1	201	143	55	2	1
Assault w/Intent Rob	4	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	3	0	20	13	7	0	0
Conspiracy to Rob	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	5	0	0	0
Larceny from Person	2	4	0	0	5	1	0	0	11	9	0	32	18	14	0	0
Assault	33	9	3	1	29	6	0	0	23	10	0	114	85	25	3	1
W/Dangerous Weapon	22	6	3	1	18	5	0	0	12	7	0	74	52	18	3	1
Police or Corr. Officer	2	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	5	0	0	12	11	1	0	0
Simple Assault	9	2	0	0	7	1	0	0	6	3	0	28	22	6	0	0

TABLE 15 (Continued)

## INMATES WHO WERE RELEASED FROM THE A.C.I. DURING 1978-1980 ACCORDING TO CHARGE AND RACE

Charge	1978 Releases				1979 Releases				1980 Releases			1978 - 1980				
	W	Blk.	Hisp.	Other	W	Blk.	Hisp.	Other	W	Blk.	Hisp.	Total	W	Blk.	Hisp.	Other
Kidnapping	4	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	11	9	2	0	0
Burglary & Related Charges	74	12	0	0	72	21	0	0	111	33	2	325	257	66	2	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	0
Breaking & Entering	73	11	0	0	71	20	0	0	105	30	2	312	249	51	2	0
Poss. of Burg. Tools	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	3	0	9	4	5	0	0
Stolen Motor Vehicles	14	3	1	1	10	5	0	0	7	0	0	41	31	8	1	1
Theft	28	5	0	0	16	5	0	0	30	6	3	93	74	16	3	0
Larceny	14	2	0	0	8	3	0	0	12	4	2	45	34	9	2	0
Rec. Stolen Goods	14	3	0	0	8	2	0	0	18	2	1	48	40	7	1	0
Arson/Statutory Burning	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	8	1	0	14	13	1	0	0
Forgery & Other Fraud	9	4	1	0	15	5	0	0	9	2	0	45	33	11	1	0
Destruction of Property	5	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	6	1	0	18	16	2	0	0
Tampering with Auto	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	4	1	0	0
Narcotics and Drug Offenses	30	7	0	0	37	6	1	0	28	4	0	113	95	17	1	0
Motor Vehicle Offenses	10	3	0	0	18	2	2	0	12	1	1	49	40	6	3	0
w/Death of Victim	2	0	0	0	7	1	1	0	1	0	1	13	10	1	2	0
Driving Under Influence	1	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	10	9	1	0	0
Other Motor Vehicle	7	2	0	0	7	1	1	0	7	1	0	26	21	4	1	0
Weapons Offenses	8	2	1	0	6	2	1	0	8	3	0	31	22	7	2	0
Other Offenses	8	1	0	0	10	1	0	0	17	0	1	38	35	2	1	0

## LENGTH OF SENTENCE BY RACE

TABLE 16 cross-tabulates length of sentence, type of release, and race for the 1978 - 1980 cohort.

The most outstanding finding in this table is the fact that sentences for black inmates were generally longer than the sentences for white inmates. This fact held true for parolees, those whose sentence expired, and those released by other means.

The median sentence was 0.3 years longer for black inmates than was the median sentence for white inmates (1.9 vs. 1.6 years).

The highest percentage of blacks was found among inmates sentenced to between 9.5 and 14.4 years (one-third). The lowest percentage of blacks was found among inmates sentenced to at least 15 years or less than six months.

In the previous study covering 1976 - 1977, the median sentence for black inmates was one-half year longer than the median for white inmates.

TABLE 16

## INMATES RELEASED DURING 1978-1980 ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF SENTENCE AND RACE

Race	Total	LENGTH OF SENTENCE							
		Less Than 6 Months	6-17 Months	18-29 Months	30-41 Months	3.5-5.4 Years	5.5-9.4 Years	9.5-14.4 Years	15 Years or More
<u>1978:</u>									
TOTAL	392	86	78	70	75	19	39	12	13
White	301	68	60	53	58	11	31	8	12
Black	81	16	15	16	13	8	8	4	1
Hispanic	8	1	3	1	3	0	0	0	0
Other Races	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<u>1979:</u>									
TOTAL	399	91	103	78	47	35	20	19	6
White	307	76	79	62	31	30	14	10	5
Black	86	13	23	15	16	5	6	7	1
Hispanic	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Other Races	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
<u>1980:</u>									
TOTAL	476	113	125	76	62	43	23	20	14
White	364	90	94	59	51	32	13	14	11
Black	103	21	26	17	10	11	9	6	3
Hispanic	9	2	5	0	1	0	1	0	0
Other Races	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>1978-1980 COMBINED (PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION BY RACE):</u>									
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
White	76.7	80.7	76.1	77.7	76.1	75.3	70.7	62.8	84.8
Black	21.3	17.2	21.0	21.5	21.2	24.7	28.1	33.3	15.2
Hispanic	1.8	1.7	2.9	0.4	2.2	0.0	1.2	3.9	0.0
Other Races	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

## RECIDIVISM BY EQUAL TIME INTERVALS - 1972-1981

Perhaps the most effective way to evaluate changes in the recidivism rate is by comparing the proportion of recidivists in the ten cohorts according to equal time intervals.

During nine of the ten years, the proportion of inmates who returned to prison within a month of release varied from 1.4 to 2.7 percent. In 1976, 6.1 percent returned during the first month. Over the whole ten-year period, the proportion of inmates who had returned to prison within four months averaged 10.1 percent.

The proportion of inmates returning within seven months increased for five consecutive years between 1972 and 1976, until the decade-high peak of 21 percent was reached. During 1977-1981, the average recidivism rate within seven months of release was 15.5 percent.

The 13 month recidivism rate varied between 21.7 percent and 28.5 percent during the ten year period. The highest rate was for 1976 releases, and the lowest rate was for 1978 releases.

The 19 month recidivism rate varied from a low of 26.3 percent (1978 releases) to a high of 35.1 percent (1974 releases). The 10 year average was 30.6 percent. Thus, nearly one-third of the sentenced inmates in this study returned to prison with 19 months.

The proportion of inmates returning to prison within 25 months varied from a low of 30.9 percent (1978 releases) to a high of 39.7 percent (1974 releases). The average recidivism rate after 25 months was 34.7 percent for the 10 year period.

The proportion of inmates returning to prison within three years varied from a low 35.9 percent (1972 releases) to a high of 44.7 percent (1980 releases).

As of January 1, 1985, the average recidivism rate was 47.8 percent. It should be noted that the year-to-year comparisons for this group are not possible due to the longer follow-up periods of the earlier cohorts. Two of the ten cohorts had recidivism rates over 50 percent. As of January 1, 1985, 51.7 percent of the inmates released in 1974 and 52.7 percent of the inmates released in 1976 had returned to prison as sentenced inmates.

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF PRISON OR JAIL SENTENCES SUBSEQUENT TO THE 1972-1981  
RELEASES ACCORDING TO TIME BETWEEN RELEASE AND RECOMMITTAL TO PRISON

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISTS  
WITHIN STATED PERIOD OF TIME

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF RECIDIVISTS

	<u>1972</u>		<u>1973</u>		<u>1974</u>		<u>1975</u>		<u>1976</u>	
	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>								
Number in Cohort	284	100.0	282	100.0	384	100.0	362	100.0	347	100.0
Recidivist within one Month	4	1.4	8	2.8	9	2.6	9	2.5	21	6.1
Within Four Months	19	6.7	35	12.4	44	12.7	38	10.5	44	12.7
Within Seven Months	30	10.5	50	17.7	65	18.7	70	19.3	73	21.0
Within Ten Months	47	16.5	62	22.0	84	24.1	83	22.9	85	24.5
Within Thirteen Months	64	22.5	76	27.0	98	28.1	95	26.2	99	28.5
Within Nineteen Months	78	27.4	93	33.0	122	35.1	111	30.7	120	34.6
Within Twenty-five Months	89	31.2	102	36.2	138	39.7	128	35.4	132	38.0
Within Thirty-seven Months	102	35.9	121	42.9	154	44.3	143	39.5	146	42.1
Recidivist as of January 1, 1985*	127	44.7	138	48.9	180	51.7	176	48.6	183	52.7

\*Not comparable because the stated interval of time is still in progress for at least part of the cohort.

TABLE 17  
(Continued)

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF PRISON OR JAIL SENTENCES SUBSEQUENT TO THE 1972-1981  
RELEASES ACCORDING TO TIME BETWEEN RELEASE AND RECOMMITTAL TO PRISON

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISTS  
WITHIN STATED PERIOD OF TIME

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF RECIDIVISTS

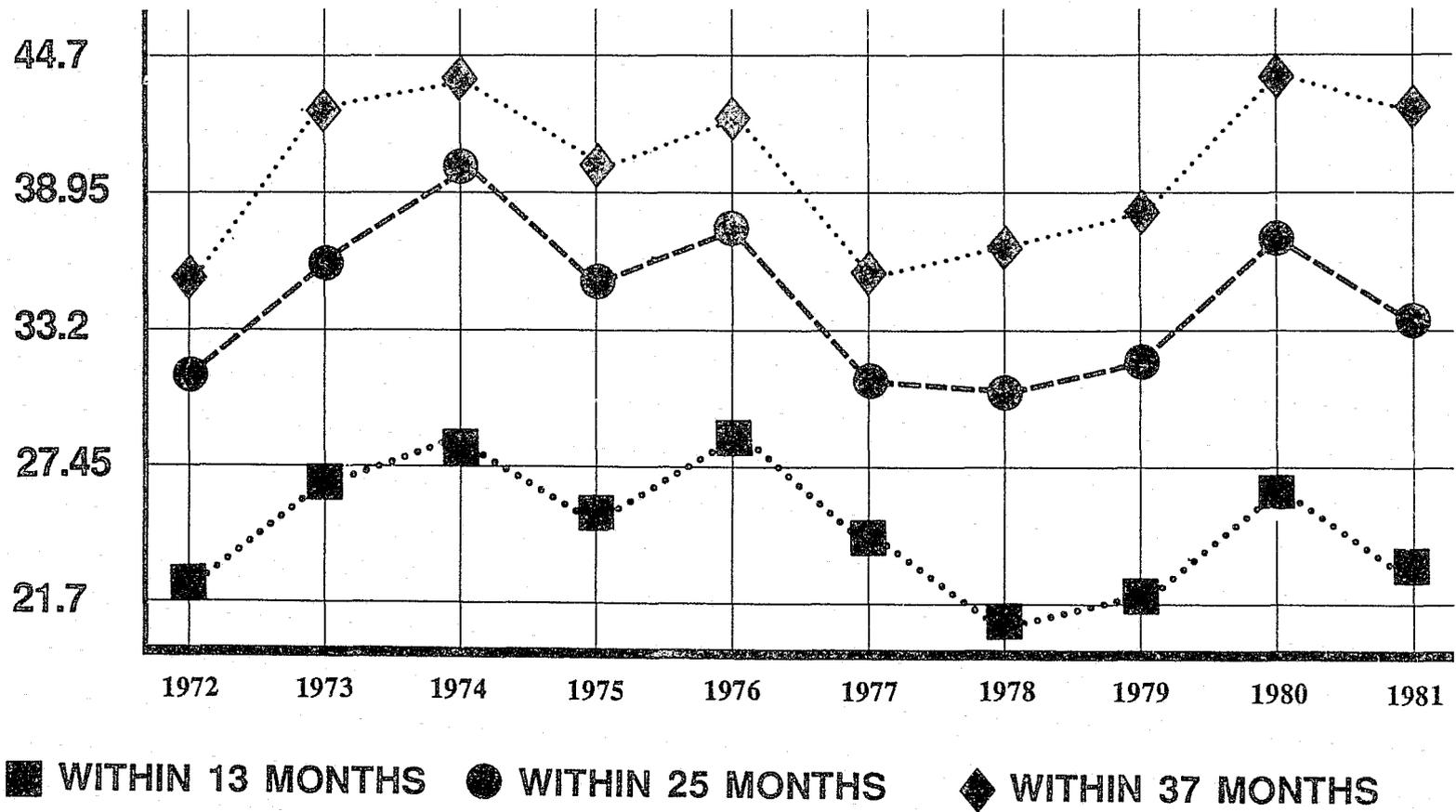
	<u>1977</u>		<u>1978</u>		<u>1979</u>		<u>1980</u>		<u>1981</u>	
	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>								
Number in Cohort	414	100.0	392	100.0	399	100.0	476	100.0	525	100.0
Recidivist within One Month	11	2.7	8	2.0	10	2.5	11	2.3	8	1.5
Within Four Months	40	9.7	28	7.1	34	8.5	57	12.0	47	9.0
Within Seven Months	69	16.7	51	13.0	63	15.8	81	17.0	80	15.2
Within Ten Months	86	20.8	69	17.6	77	19.3	110	23.1	104	19.8
Within Thirteen Months	102	24.6	85	21.7	89	22.3	128	26.9	127	24.2
Within Nineteen Months	116	28.0	103	26.3	110	27.6	161	33.8	152	29.0
Within Twenty-five Months	129	31.2	121	30.9	130	32.6	181	38.0	176	33.5
Within Thirty-seven Months	149	36.0	143	36.5	154	38.6	213	44.7	225	42.9
Recidivist as of January 1, 1985*	196	47.3	180	45.9	177	44.4	234	49.2	232	44.2

\*Not comparable because the stated interval of time is still in progress for at least part of the cohort.

FIGURE 11

RECIDIVISM RATES AFTER ONE, TWO, AND THREE YEAR FOLLOW UP PERIODS  
1972 - 1981  
(JAIL - PRISON RECIDIVISM ONLY)

RECIDIVISM RATES



RECIDIVISM OF INMATES SENTENCED TO AT LEAST SIX MONTHS - 1972-1981

Table 18 re-calculates the recidivism rate for 1972-1981 after removing from those cohorts all inmates sentenced to less than six months. The adjusted recidivism rate was invariably higher than the recidivism rate for the entire cohort.

A comparison of the two rates for each of the 10 years is presented in the table below.

<u>YEAR OF RELEASE</u>	<u>RECIDIVISM RATES AS OF JANUARY 1, 1985</u>	
	<u>ALL SENTENCES</u>	<u>6 MONTHS OR LONGER</u>
1972	44.7	48.3
1973	48.9	52.6
1974	51.7	54.6
1975	48.6	52.4
1976	52.7	56.0
1977	47.3	50.3
1978	45.9	46.1
1979	44.4	44.5
1980	49.2	49.9
1981	44.2	44.0
10 year average	47.8	49.9

TABLE 18

ADJUSTED RECIDIVISM RATES CAUSED BY REMOVING THOSE SENTENCED TO  
LESS THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE COHORTS (JAIL PRISON RECIDIVISM ONLY)

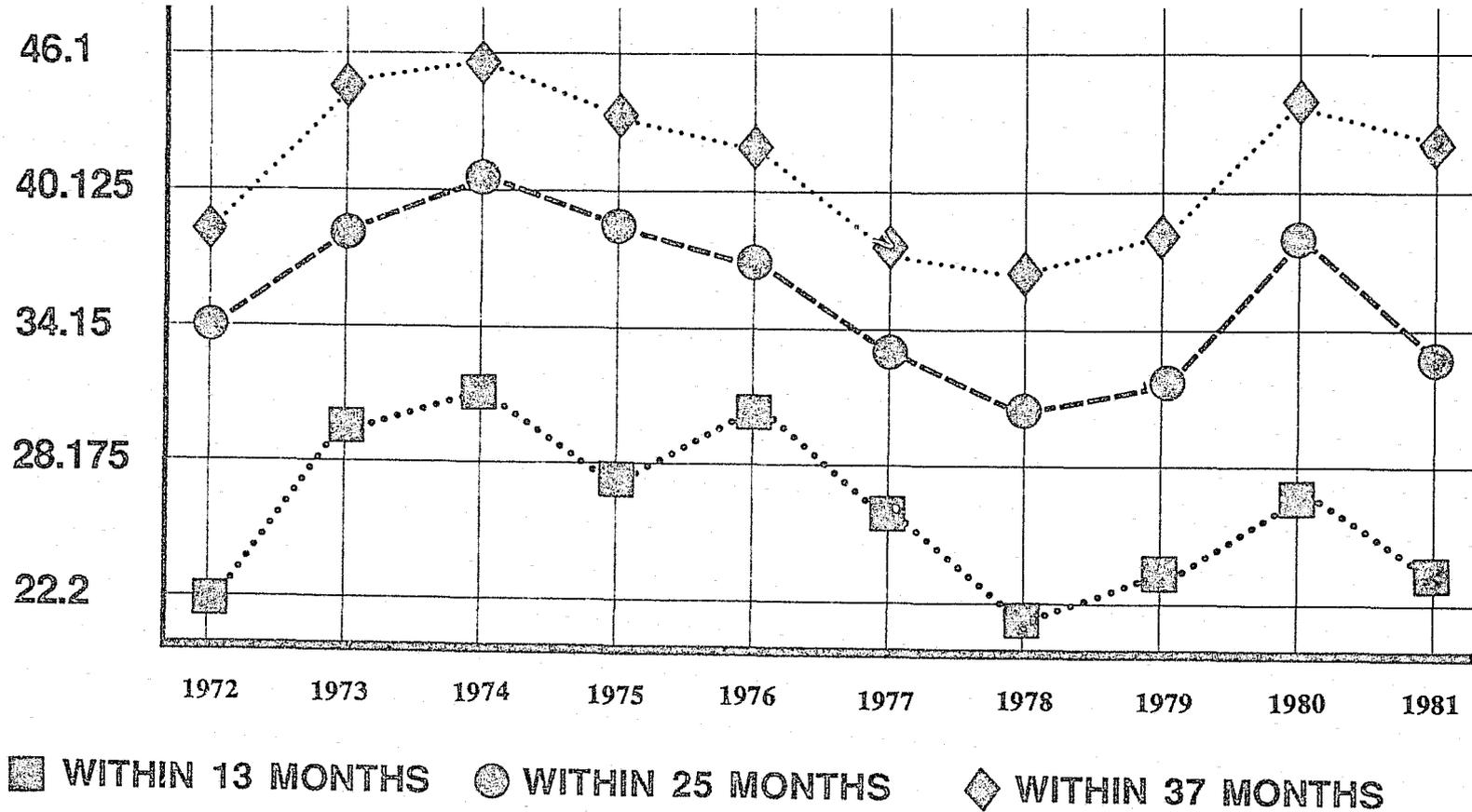
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER IN COHORT</u>	<u>RECIDIVIST WITHIN 13 MONTHS</u>		<u>RECIDIVIST WITHIN 25 MONIHS</u>		<u>RECIDIVIST WITHIN 37 MONTHS</u>		<u>RECIDIVISTS AS OF JANUARY 1, 1985</u>	
		<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENT*</u>
1972	203	46	22.7	70	34.5	79	38.9	98	48.3
1973	209	62	29.7	81	38.8	96	45.9	110	52.6
1974	271	84	30.8	111	40.7	125	46.1	148	54.6
1975	271	75	27.7	106	39.1	118	43.5	142	52.4
1976	268	81	30.2	102	38.1	115	42.9	150	56.0
1977	328	86	26.2	111	33.8	128	38.0	165	50.3
1978	306	68	22.2	94	30.7	114	37.3	141	46.1
1979	308	73	23.7	99	32.1	118	38.3	137	44.5
1980	363	98	27.0	140	38.6	164	45.2	181	49.9
1981	377	88	23.3	127	33.7	162	43.0	166	44.0

\*Figures not comparable because of the shorter follow-up period of the more recent cohorts.

FIGURE 12

RECIDIVISM RATES FOR 1972-1981 COHORTS ADJUSTED BY REMOVING INMATES SENTENCES TO LESS THAN SIX MONTHS (JAIL-PRISON TERMS ONLY)

RECIDIVISM RATES



## UPDATED RECIDIVISM RATES

The period of time for compiling the data, writing this report, and securing its publication was much longer than expected, causing some of the data to become obsolete.

During this period, additional recidivism occurred in all eleven (11) cohorts. As of May 1, 1987 the recidivism rates for all inmates released between 1972 and 1982 varied from a low of 45.4 per cent in 1972 to a high of 53.0 per cent (1976). The eleven-year average was 49.9 per cent.

The recidivism rate (as of May 1, 1987) for inmates sentenced to six months or longer varied from a low of 48.8 per cent (1982 cohort) to a high of 56.3 per cent (1976). The eleven-year average was 52 per cent.

The recidivism rate (as of May 1, 1987) for inmates sentenced to less than six months varied from 38 per cent (1982) to 50.7 per cent (1981). The average for the eleven-year period was 43.1 per cent.

TABLE 18-B

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES AS OF MAY 1, 1987ACCORDING TO YEAR OF RELEASE

<u>YEAR OF RELEASE</u>	<u>ALL SENTENCES</u>	<u>SENTENCES OF SIX MONTHS OR LONGER</u>	<u>SENTENCES LESS THAN SIX MONTHS</u>
1972	45.4	49.3	35.8
1973	49.3	52.6	39.7
1974	52.9	55.7	42.9
1975	49.4	53.5	37.4
1976	53.0	56.3	41.8
1977	50.0	52.7	39.5
1978	49.2	49.7	47.7
1979	49.4	49.0	50.5
1980	52.9	54.0	49.6
1981	49.3	48.8	50.7
1982	47.8	50.2	38.6
ELEVEN YEAR AVERAGE	49.9	52.0	43.1

PREVIOUS SENTENCES

1972 - 1981 COHORTS

The proportion of inmates who have served a previous adult prison sentence varied from a high of 48.9 percent of the 1973 cohort to a low of 37 percent for the 1977 cohort. During 1972-1976 the proportion of inmates who had served a previous sentence was 46.3 percent. In the past five years the proportion of inmates serving their second or subsequent sentence was 40.3 percent. The only two years in which the proportion of inmates serving their second or subsequent sentence was less than 40 percent were 1977 and 1981. This is partly due to the increase in the numbers of very young inmates whose last incarceration was in the juvenile system and hence were serving their first adult sentence.

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TABLE 19

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF PRISON OR JAIL RECIDIVISTS  
PRIOR TO THE SENTENCE TERMINATING IN 1972-1981

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>YES</u>		<u>NO</u>	
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1972	284	138	48.6	146	51.4
1973	282	138	48.9	144	51.1
1974	348	156	44.8	142	55.2
1975	362	166	45.9	196	54.1
1976	347	153	44.1	194	55.9
1977	414	153	37.0	261	63.0
1978	392	183	46.7	209	53.3
1979	399	162	40.6	237	59.4
1980	476	193	40.5	283	59.5
1981	525	199	37.9	326	62.1

RACIAL COMPOSITION OF THE ACI  
1972-1981

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The racial composition of the Rhode Island Adult Correctional Institutions changed very little during the ten (10) year period. The proportion of inmates who were white varied from as little as 72 per cent in 1977 to as much as 80.7 percent in 1974. The proportion of blacks varied from a low of 19 percent in 1974 to a high of 26.3 percent in 1977. The numbers of Hispanic inmates has been gradually increasing. There were no Hispanics in 1972 and only one in 1973 and 1974. The last two (2) years (1980 and 1981) had the highest number of Hispanics. There were only six sentenced inmates during the entire decade who were of any other races.

TABLE 20

PERSONS RELEASED FROM THE A.C.I. ACCORDING TO RACE - 1972-1981

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Releases</u>	<u>White</u>		<u>Black</u>		<u>Hispanic*</u>		<u>Other</u>	
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1972	284	225	79.2	59	20.8	0	--	0	--
1973	282	218	77.3	62	22.0	1	0.4	1	0.4
1974	348	281	80.7	66	19.0	1	0.3	0	--
1975	362	281	77.6	77	21.3	4	1.1	0	--
1976	347	266	76.6	76	21.9	4	1.2	1	0.3
1977	414	298	72.0	109	26.3	6	1.5	1	0.2
1978	392	301	76.8	81	20.7	8	2.0	2	0.5
1979	399	307	76.9	86	21.6	5	1.3	1	0.2
1980	476	364	76.5	103	21.6	9	1.9	0	--
1981	525	397	75.6	118	22.5	10	1.9	0	--

\*These may be either black or white.

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES BY RACE

Table 21 shows the recidivism rates by race for the ten-year period 1972-1981.

In each of the ten (10) cohorts, the recidivism rate for blacks was significantly higher than the corresponding rate for whites. There were insufficient numbers of inmates in the "other races" category to calculate recidivism rates on an annual basis. Most of the inmates in the "other races" category were Hispanics. In more recent years, Hispanics have become more numerous, and recidivism rates for this ethnic group will be available in the future.

The ten-year average jail-prison recidivism rates as of January 1, 1985 were as follows:

WHITES	- 45.2 percent
BLACKS	- 57.1 percent
OTHER RACES	- 38.9 percent

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES BY RACE\*

1972 - 1981

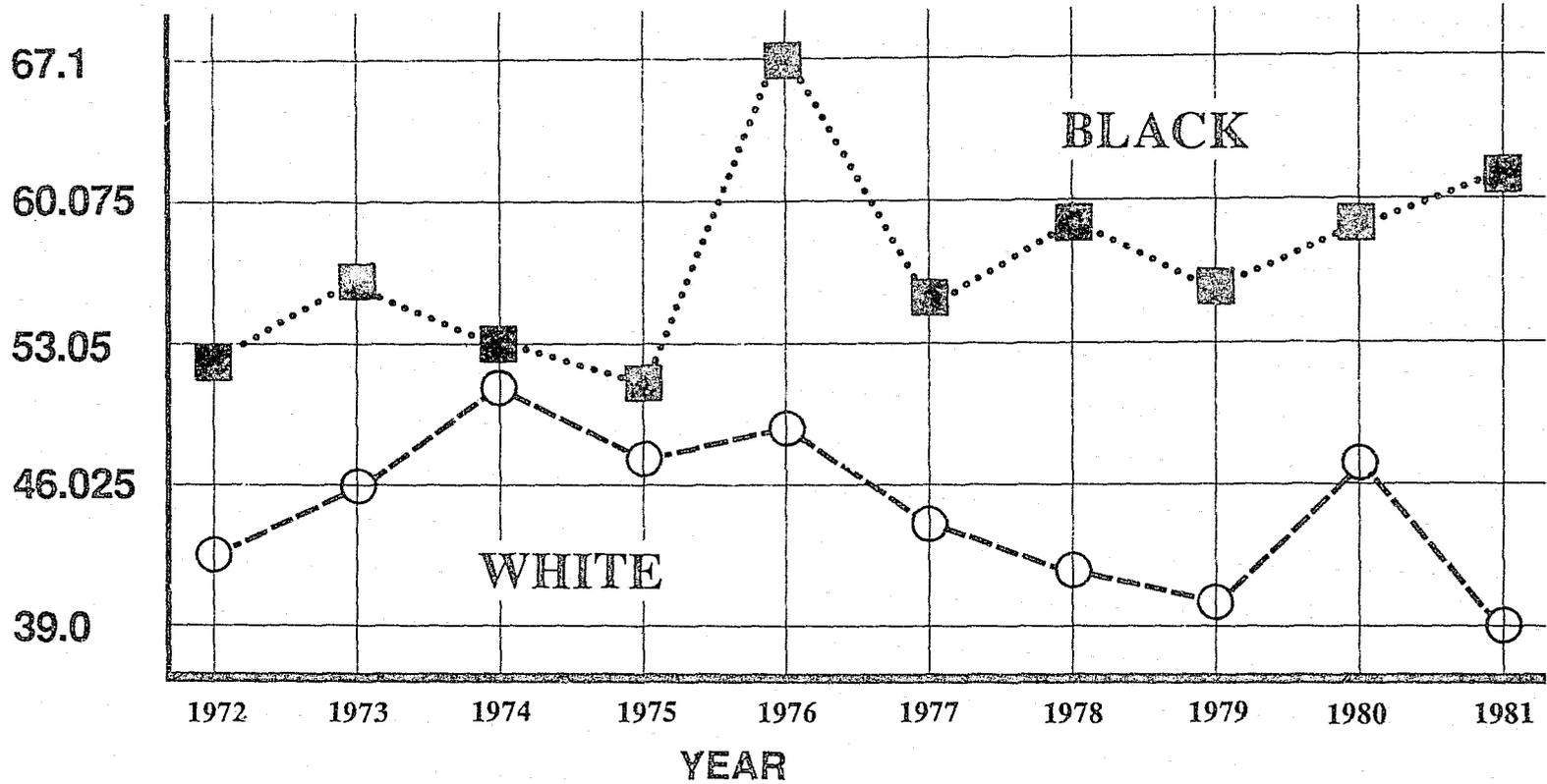
YEAR	WHITE			BLACK			OTHER RACES	
	RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	RATE	RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS	RATE	RELEASES	RECIDIVISTS
1972	225	96	42.7	59	31	52.5	0	0
1973	218	101	46.3	62	35	56.5	2	2
1974	281	145	51.6	66	35	53.0	1	0
1975	281	134	47.7	77	40	51.9	4	2
1976	266	130	48.9	76	51	67.1	5	2
1977	298	134	45.0	109	60	55.0	7	2
1978	301	128	42.5	81	48	59.3	10	4
1979	307	127	41.4	86	48	55.8	6	2
1980	364	171	47.0	103	61	59.2	9	2
1981	397	155	39.0	118	72	61.0	10	5

\*These rates included offenses committed through January 1, 1985. These rates are not strictly comparable due to the longer follow-up period for earlier years. No rates were calculated for the category "other races" because of the small number of cases.

FIGURE 13

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES BY RACE: 1972 - 1981

RECIDIVISM RATES



TYPE OF RELEASE

1972-1981

Considerable changes were noted during the period 1972-1981 in the mode of release (See Table 22). The proportion of releases which resulted from parole increased from 44 percent in 1972 to 51.8 percent for 1973; and then increased to a decade high of 57.8 percent in 1974.

During the next two years the proportion of parolees dropped off sharply. The percentage of inmates who were released by parole dropped by nearly 12 percentage points in 1975 to 46.1. In 1976, only 34.6 percent of the releases resulted from parole. In 1977-1978, the proportion of parolees was slightly higher (37.0 percent and 38.9 percent respectively.)

In the three most recent years the proportion of inmates who were released by parole was between 41.0 and 46.8 percent.

Corresponding to the increase in parolees was a decrease in the proportion of inmates discharged at expiration of sentence in the first three years. In 1972, 50.7 percent of the releases resulted from expiration of sentence. By 1974 this proportion had decreased to 35.9 percent. In 1975 the proportion of releases resulting from expiration of sentence increased to 41.4 percent. The proportion of releases by expiration of sentence jumped to 56.2 percent in 1976. In 1977, exactly 50 percent of the releases were by expiration of sentence. The proportion of releases by expiration of sentence was 58.7 percent in 1978, 51.6 percent in 1979, 49.4 percent in 1980, and 54.1 percent in 1981.

A steady increase was noticed in the proportion of inmates released neither on parole nor upon expiration of sentence between 1972 and 1975. That was a result of increasing numbers of persons being allowed to remain in the community while carrying out an appeal of their conviction or their sentence resulting from that conviction. The proportion of such releases remained relatively high during 1976 and 1977. In the latest four years, the proportion of inmates released neither on parole nor upon expiration of sentence has remained near four percent.

TABLE 22

RELEASES FROM THE ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ACCORDING TO TYPE OF RELEASE - 1972-1981

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Parole</u>		<u>Expiration of Sentence</u>		<u>Other Releases</u>	
		<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1972	284	125	44.0	144	50.7	15	5.3
1973	282	146	51.8	116	41.1	20	7.1
1974	348	201	57.8	125	35.9	22	6.3
1975	362	167	46.1	150	41.4	45	12.4
1976	347	120	34.6	195	56.2	32	9.2
1977	414	161	38.9	207	50.0	46	11.1
1978	392	145	37.0	230	58.7	17	4.3
1979	399	174	43.6	206	51.6	19	4.8
1980	476	223	46.8	235	49.4	18	3.8
1981	525	220	41.9	284	54.1	21	4.0

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM BY TYPE OF RELEASE

Table 23 shows the jail-prison recidivism rates for the ten-year period 1972-1981. It should be noted that persons with longer sentences were more likely to be paroled while persons with shorter sentences were more likely to be released upon expiration of sentence. Persons sentenced to six months or less cannot be paroled.

Persons released on parole in 1972-1975 had significantly higher recidivism rates than those who were released upon expiration of sentence. Inmates released in 1976 had the worst overall recidivism rates of the decade. In 1976, those released on expiration of sentence had a slightly higher recidivism rate than those who were paroled. In 1977, the parolees had a higher recidivism rate than those whose sentence had expired.

Starting with 1978 releases, the inmates whose sentence expired experienced higher recidivism rates than those who were paroled, reversing the trend of earlier years. Thus, we can summarize the data of table 23 by dividing the ten-year period into two periods:

1972 - 1977	
RECIDIVISM RATE - PAROLEES	51.9 percent
RECIDIVISM RATE - SENTENCE EXPIRED 1978-1981	44.1 percent
RECIDIVISM RATE - PAROLEES	43.7 percent
RECIDIVISM RATE - SENTENCE EXPIRED	48.0 percent

JAIL-PRISON RECIDIVISM RATES FOR 1972-1981 ACCORDING TO TYPE OF RELEASE\*

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TYPE OF RELEASE</u>								
	<u>PAROLE</u>			<u>EXPIRATION</u>			<u>OTHER</u>		
	<u>NUMBER OF RELEASES</u>	<u>RECIDIVISTS</u>	<u>RECIDIVISM RATE</u>	<u>RELEASES</u>	<u>RECIDIVISTS</u>	<u>RECIDIVISM RATE</u>	<u>RELEASES</u>	<u>RECIDIVISTS</u>	<u>RECIDIVISM RATE</u>
1972	125	60	48.0	144	58	40.3	15	9	60.0
1973	146	76	52.1	116	49	42.2	20	13	65.0
1974	201	113	56.2	125	53	42.4	22	14	63.6
1975	167	90	53.9	150	64	42.7	45	22	48.9
1976	120	62	51.7	195	103	52.8	32	18	56.3
1977	161	80	49.7	207	91	44.0	46	25	54.3
1978	145	60	41.4	230	112	48.7	17	8	47.1
1979	174	76	43.7	206	90	43.7	19	11	57.9
1980	223	105	47.0	235	126	53.6	18	3	16.7
1981	220	94	42.7	284	130	45.8	21	8	38.1

\*These rates include offenses committed through January 1, 1985. These rates are not perfectly comparable because of the longer follow-up periods for the earlier years.

AGE AT RELEASE FROM PRISON

1972 - 1981

Table 24 shows the age distribution of sentenced inmates who were released from the A.C.I. during 1972 through 1981.

There has been a gradual increase in the proportion of younger inmates. During 1972 - 1974, the median age was between 25.7 and 27.0. In the seven (7) most recent years, the median age has remained within the narrow range of 24.6 - 25.4.

The number and percentage of inmates aged 17 - 19 has shown very erratic changes over the 10-year period. A very consistent pattern has been the increase in the proportion of inmates aged 20 - 24. In the two earliest years (1971 - 1973) the proportion of inmates aged 20 - 24 was only 33.6 percent. During 1974 - 1975, the proportion of inmates released at ages 20 - 24 was 38.6 percent. In each of the next six (6) years, between 41.6 and 42.9 percent of the inmates released from prison were 20 - 24 years of age.

TABLE 24

PERSONS RELEASED FROM THE RHODE ISLAND

ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ACCORDING TO AGE

1972 - 1981

NUMBER OF RELEASES ACCORDING TO AGE AT RELEASE

	<u>17-19</u>	<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-29</u>	<u>30-34</u>	<u>35-39</u>	<u>40 or Older</u>	<u>Total</u>
1972	23	99	73	42	15	32	284
1973	23	91	69	43	19	37	282
1974	30	132	82	43	29	32	348
1975	37	142	81	41	24	37	362
1976	39	146	81	38	16	27	347
1977	35	173	94	42	29	41	414
1978	25	163	90	58	30	26	392
1979	21	171	99	47	31	30	399
1980	52	197	109	49	31	38	476
1981	40	222	133	49	34	47	525

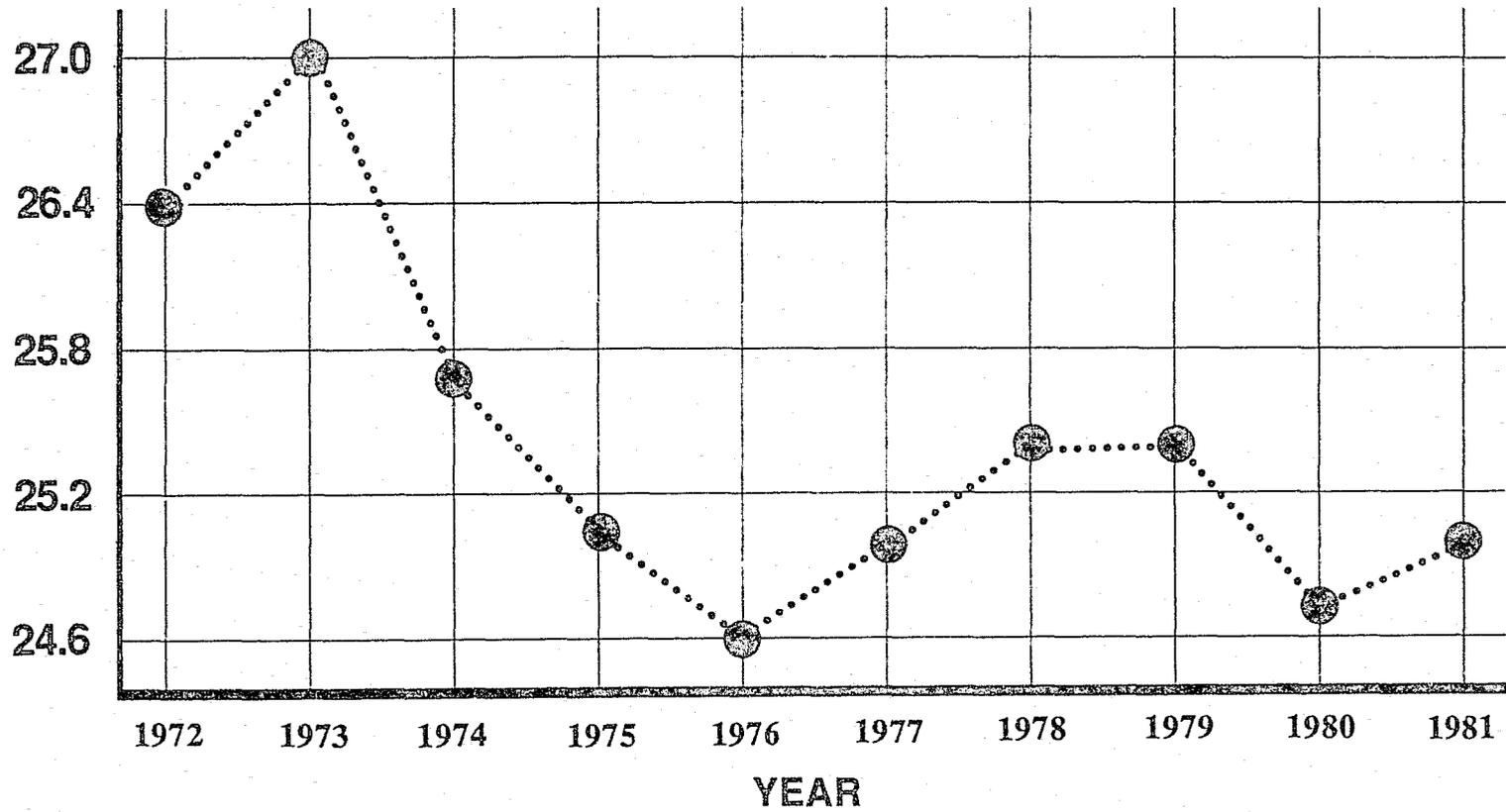
AGE AT RELEASE (PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION)

	<u>17-19</u>	<u>20-24</u>	<u>25-29</u>	<u>30-34</u>	<u>35-39</u>	<u>40 or Older</u>	<u>Median Age</u>
1972	8.1	34.9	25.7	14.8	5.3	11.2	26.4
1973	8.2	32.3	24.5	15.2	6.7	13.1	27.0
1974	8.6	37.9	23.6	12.4	8.3	9.2	25.7
1975	10.2	39.2	22.4	11.3	6.6	10.2	25.1
1976	11.2	42.1	23.3	11.0	4.6	7.8	24.6
1977	8.5	41.8	22.7	10.1	7.0	9.9	25.0
1978	6.4	41.6	23.0	14.8	7.6	6.6	25.4
1979	5.2	42.9	24.8	11.8	7.8	7.5	25.4
1980	10.9	41.4	22.9	10.3	6.5	8.0	24.7
1981	7.6	42.5	25.3	9.1	6.7	8.8	25.0

FIGURE 14

INMATES RELEASED FROM THE ADULT CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ACCORDING TO MEDIAN AGE AT RELEASE (1972 - 1981)

AGE AT RELEASE



LENGTH OF SENTENCE

1972-1981

Table 25 compares the 1972-1981 cohort according to length of sentence.

The proportion of inmates sentenced to less than six months was highest in 1972 (28.5 percent) and lowest in 1977 (20.8 percent).

The proportion of inmates sentenced to between six and 29 months was highest in 1979 (45.4 percent) and lowest in 1972 (33.1 percent).

The proportion of inmates sentenced to between 2½ and 5½ years varied from a high of 27.3 percent in 1974 to a low of 18.5 percent in 1981. The proportion of inmates sentenced to over 5½ years was highest in 1978 (16.3 percent) and lowest in 1981 (10.8 percent).

The median length of sentence by years was as follows:

1972	-----	21.6 months
1973	-----	22.5 months
1974	-----	25.4 months
1975	-----	21.8 months
1976	-----	21.5 months
1977	-----	22.9 months
1978	-----	23.8 months
1979	-----	20.4 months
1980	-----	20.9 months
1981	-----	18.3 months

INMATES RELEASED DURING 1972 - 1981 ACCORDING TO LENGTH OF SENTENCE

Number of Inmates Released in	Length of Sentence											
	Total		Less Than 6 Months		6-29 Mos.		2.5-5.4 Yrs.		5.5-9.4 Yrs.		9.5 Years or Longer	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1972	284	100.0	81	28.5	94	33.1	74	26.1	17	6.0	18	6.3
1973	282	100.0	73	25.9	99	35.1	68	24.1	21	7.4	21	7.4
1974	348	100.0	77	22.1	120	34.5	95	27.3	22	6.3	34	9.8
1975	362	100.0	91	25.1	137	37.8	88	24.3	25	6.9	21	5.8
1976	347	100.0	79	22.8	146	42.1	81	23.3	23	6.6	18	5.2
1977	414	100.0	86	20.8	179	43.2	92	22.2	27	6.5	30	7.3
1978	392	100.0	86	21.9	148	37.8	94	24.0	39	9.9	25	6.4
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1980	476	100.0	113	23.7	201	42.2	105	22.1	23	4.8	34	7.2
1981	525	100.0	148	28.2	223	42.5	97	18.5	28	5.3	29	5.5