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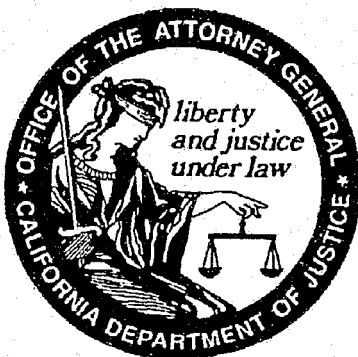


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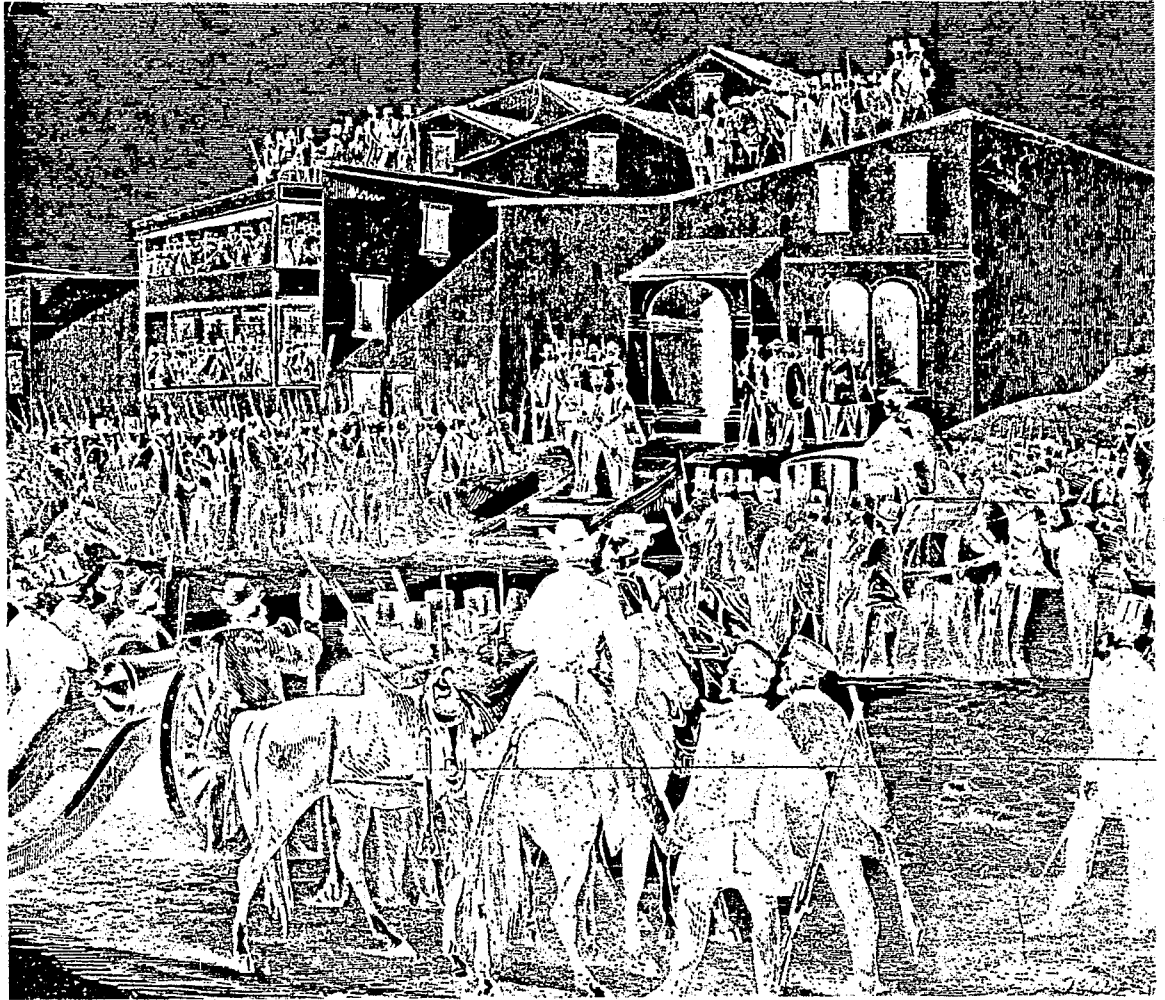
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HIGHLIGHTS

- *During the 1981-1990 period, more than half of the adult felony arrests resulted in a conviction. (page 6)*
- *Adults arrested for property offenses were more likely to be convicted than those arrested for violent or drug offenses. (page 8)*
- *Of the major arrest offenses examined, burglary had the highest conviction rate. (page 12)*
- *Since 1982, over half of the adult felony arrest convictions have resulted in sentences to probation with jail. (page 18)*
- *With the exception of assault, the most frequent sentence given to those convicted of a violent offense was state institutions. (page 20)*
- *The proportion of drug offenders sentenced to state institutions was nearly five times greater in 1990 than in 1981 (32.4 versus 6.7 percent). (page 28)*
- *Conviction rates were higher in the smaller county population groups than in the larger county population groups. (page 40)*

INTRODUCTION

The Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system in California describes the processing of adults arrested for felony offenses from arrest through *final* disposition. Data on Chart 1 pertain specifically to the 258,734 adult felony arrests which received final dispositions in 1990.

What is a Final Disposition?

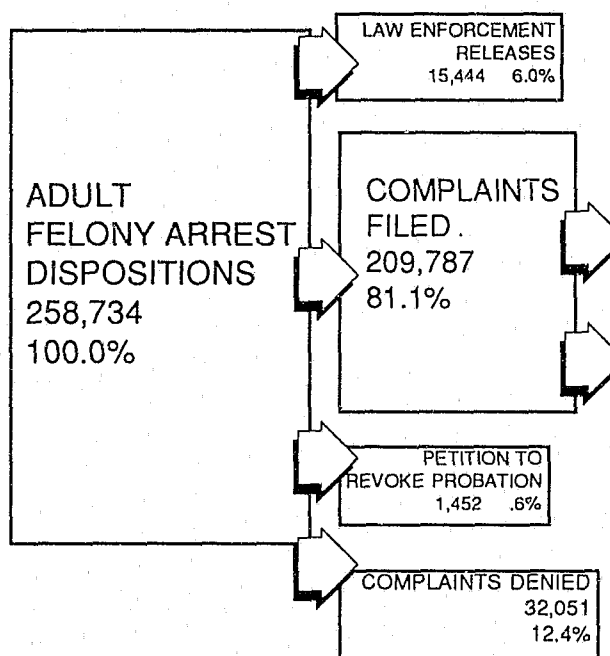
In the OBTS system, the term "final disposition" refers to a specific legal action which takes place following an adult felony arrest. A final disposition can occur at the law enforcement, prosecutor, lower court, or superior court level. For example, if an arrestee is released by a law enforcement agency or by a prosecutor who has determined that there is not enough evidence to justify the filing of a complaint, this release is recorded as a final disposition. If an arrestee is referred to court for adjudication, the outcome (i.e., dismissal, diversion dismissal, acquittal, or conviction) is also recorded as a final disposition. "Intermediate" dispositions (e.g., placements into diversionary programs) are not available.

How are OBTS Data Reported?

OBTS data are taken directly from the State's Automated Criminal History System (ACHS). All arrest information is entered into ACHS from fingerprint cards while most disposition data are entered from "Disposition of Arrest and Court Action" (JUS 8715) forms received by the Department of Justice.

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ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990



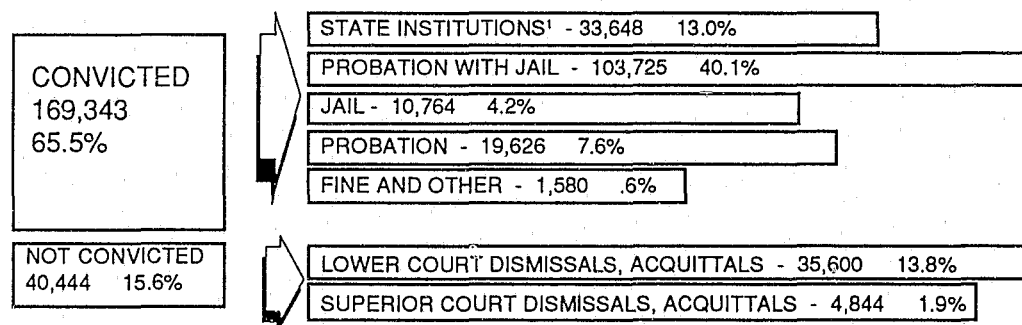
Dispositions of adult felony arrests were reported by almost 1,100 agencies in 1990. These agencies include the law enforcement, prosecutor, lower court, and superior court levels of the California criminal justice system. It is estimated that JUS 8715 forms were processed for approximately 60 percent of all adult felony arrests receiving final dispositions in 1990. (See page 78, "Data Limitations", for additional information.) These final dispositions provide an overview of the statewide processing of adult felony arrestees through California's criminal justice system.

How are Data Presented?

The data presented in this report are based upon the number of final dispositions, not the number of arrests. Since the OBTS Report File represents a sample — albeit large — of all adult felony arrest dispositions in California, the data are shown in a percent format.

The OBTS data are displayed in a variety of ways in order to give the broadest possible picture of the criminal justice system. Charts showing comparative data are used throughout this report to describe variables such as offenses committed, sentences given, and the offender's sex, race/ethnic group, and age.

When interpreting these data, one should remember that a person arrested for a particular offense can be convicted of an entirely different offense. Also, although dispositions are based on adult felony arrests, the resulting convictions include both misdemeanors and felonies.



Source: Table 1.

Note: Percents may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding.

¹The state institutions category includes sentences to death, prison, Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Center.

ARREST DISPOSITIONS

Final dispositions can be rendered at the law enforcement, prosecutor, or lower or superior court levels. The Arrest Dispositions section describes final dispositions of all reported adult felony arrests through 1981-1990 trends and 1990 arrest offense categories.

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

As a percent of all reported adult felony arrest dispositions:

- Law enforcement releases decreased from 10.3 to 6.0 percent.
- Prosecutor complaints denied decreased from 15.3 to 12.9 percent.
- Dismissals and acquittals decreased from 17.6 to 15.6 percent.
- Convictions increased from 56.8 to 65.5 percent.

Chart 3, the "system fallout" chart, provides a graphic presentation of the type of final disposition received in 1990. For example, beginning at the upper left-hand corner of the chart, 100 percent represents total felony arrest dispositions. Moving to the right, 6.0 percent of the final dispositions were law enforcement releases. The line then drops 12.9 percent for complaints denied. It continues to drop the appropriate percentage for each type of disposition and type of sentence category until all 100 percent are accounted for.

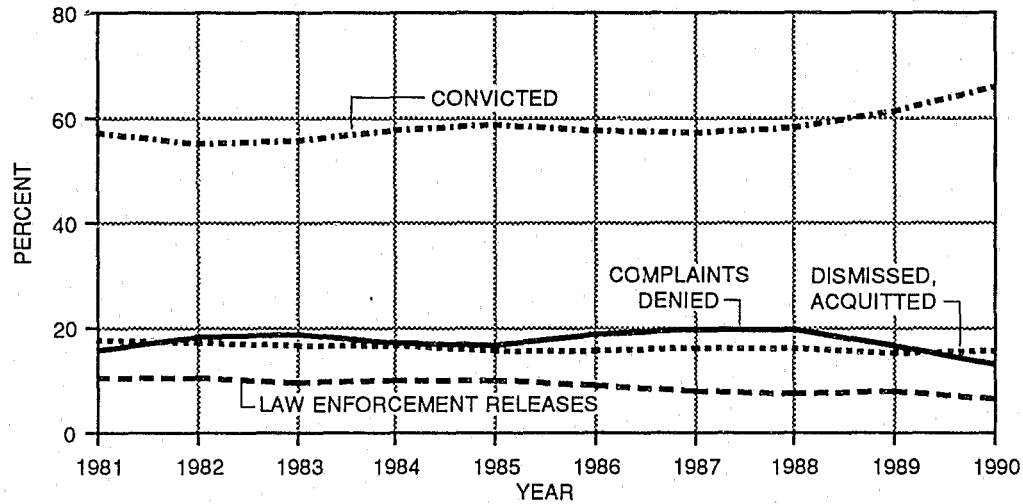
In 1990,

- 6.0 percent of the arrestees were released by law enforcement agencies. The most common reason for release was insufficient evidence (3.5 percent).
- 12.9 percent of the arrestees were released at the prosecutor level with the largest portion being released because of a lack of sufficient evidence (5.2 percent).
- 15.6 percent of the arrestees were released by the courts.
- 65.5 percent of the arrestees were convicted.

A complete listing of reasons for release is displayed on the Disposition Tree in the Data Section.

CHART 2

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990 By Type of Disposition

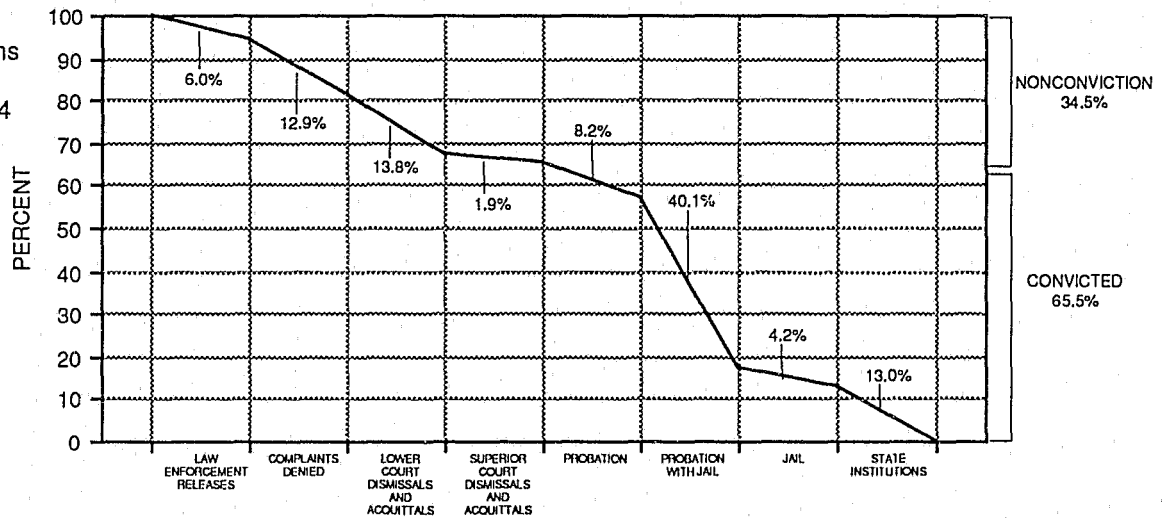


Source: Table 2.

CHART 3

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990 System Fallout

Arrest
dispositions
in system
N=258,734



Source: Table 2.

Notes: Complaints denied includes petitions to revoke probation.

The probation category includes sentences of straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given, sentence suspended and sentence stayed).

The state institutions category includes sentences to death, prison, Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Center.

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ARREST DISPOSITIONS

DISPOSITIONS BY ARREST OFFENSE CATEGORY

The arrest offense categories include only felonies. The violent offense category includes homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assault, and kidnapping. The property offense category includes burglary; theft; motor vehicle theft; forgery, checks, and access card offenses; and arson.

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

- The largest change was in dispositions for drug offense arrests which increased from 20.6 to 32.7 percent.
- Dispositions for property offense arrests decreased from 42.2 to 32.9 percent.
- Adult felony arrest dispositions for violent offense arrests remained fairly stable.

In 1990,

Of 258,734 adult felony arrest dispositions:

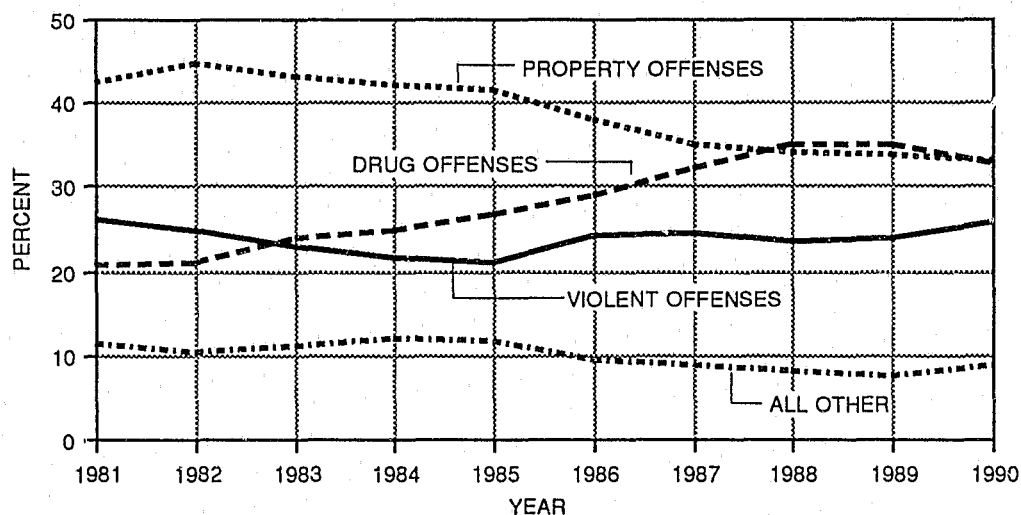
- Drug offense arrests showed the greatest percentage of law enforcement releases (7.4 percent).
- Violent offense arrests showed the largest percentage of complaints denied (20.3 percent).
- Property and "all other" offense arrests showed the highest rates of conviction (72.7 and 75.6 percent, respectively).

Adults arrested for property offenses in 1990 were more likely to be convicted than those arrested for violent or drug offenses.



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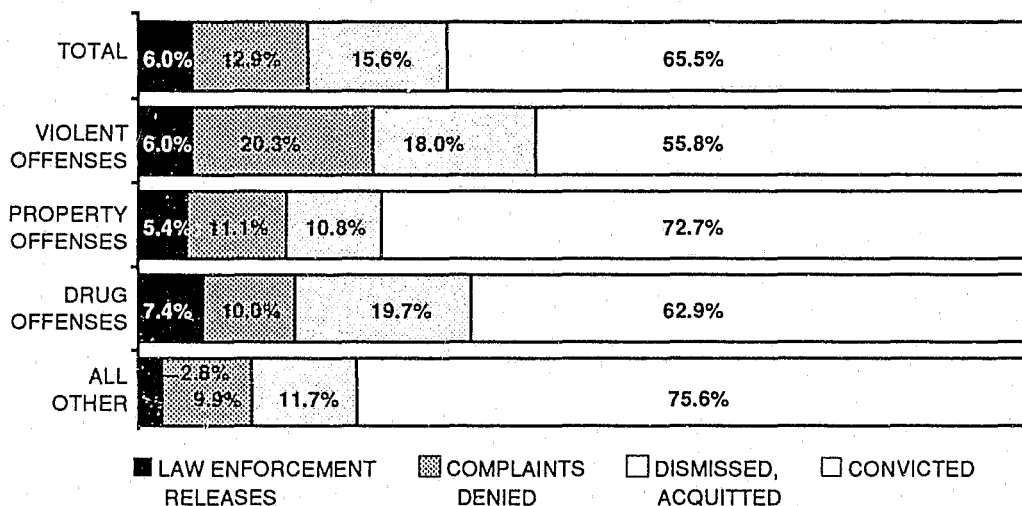
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Arrest Offense Category



Source: Table 4.

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ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990
Arrest Offense Category by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 3.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

ARREST DISPOSITIONS

DISPOSITIONS OF VIOLENT OFFENSE ARRESTS

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

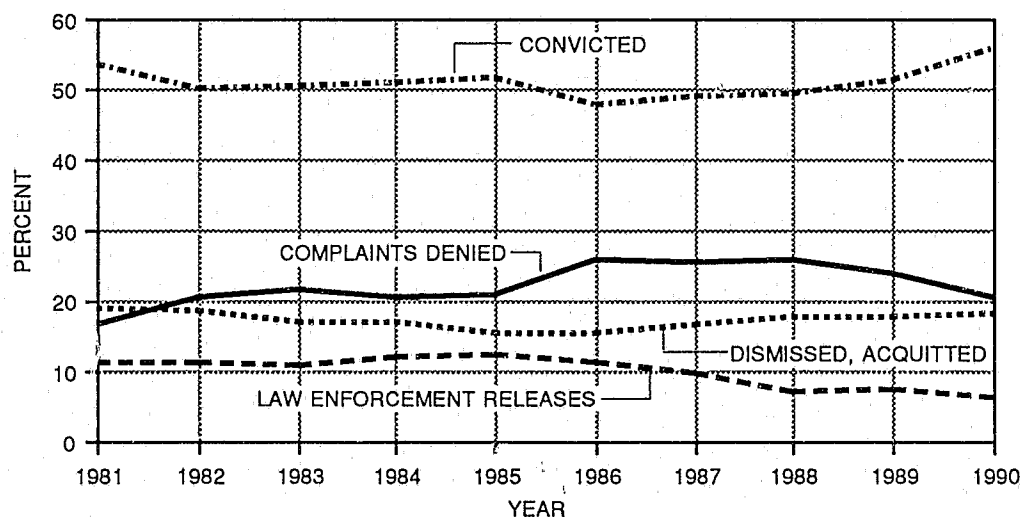
- Over half of the adult felony arrest dispositions for violent offenses resulted in a conviction.
- Law enforcement releases decreased from 11.2 to 6.0 percent.

In 1990,

- Persons arrested for forcible rape had the highest proportion of law enforcement releases (9.3 percent).
- Felony arrests for assault and forcible rape had the highest proportion of complaints denied by the prosecutor (21.1 and 20.6 percent, respectively).
- The combined proportion of lower and superior court dismissals and acquittals was highest for assault (19.6 percent).
- The proportion of violent offense arrests resulting in a conviction was highest for homicide (72.6 percent) and lowest for assault (53.7 percent).

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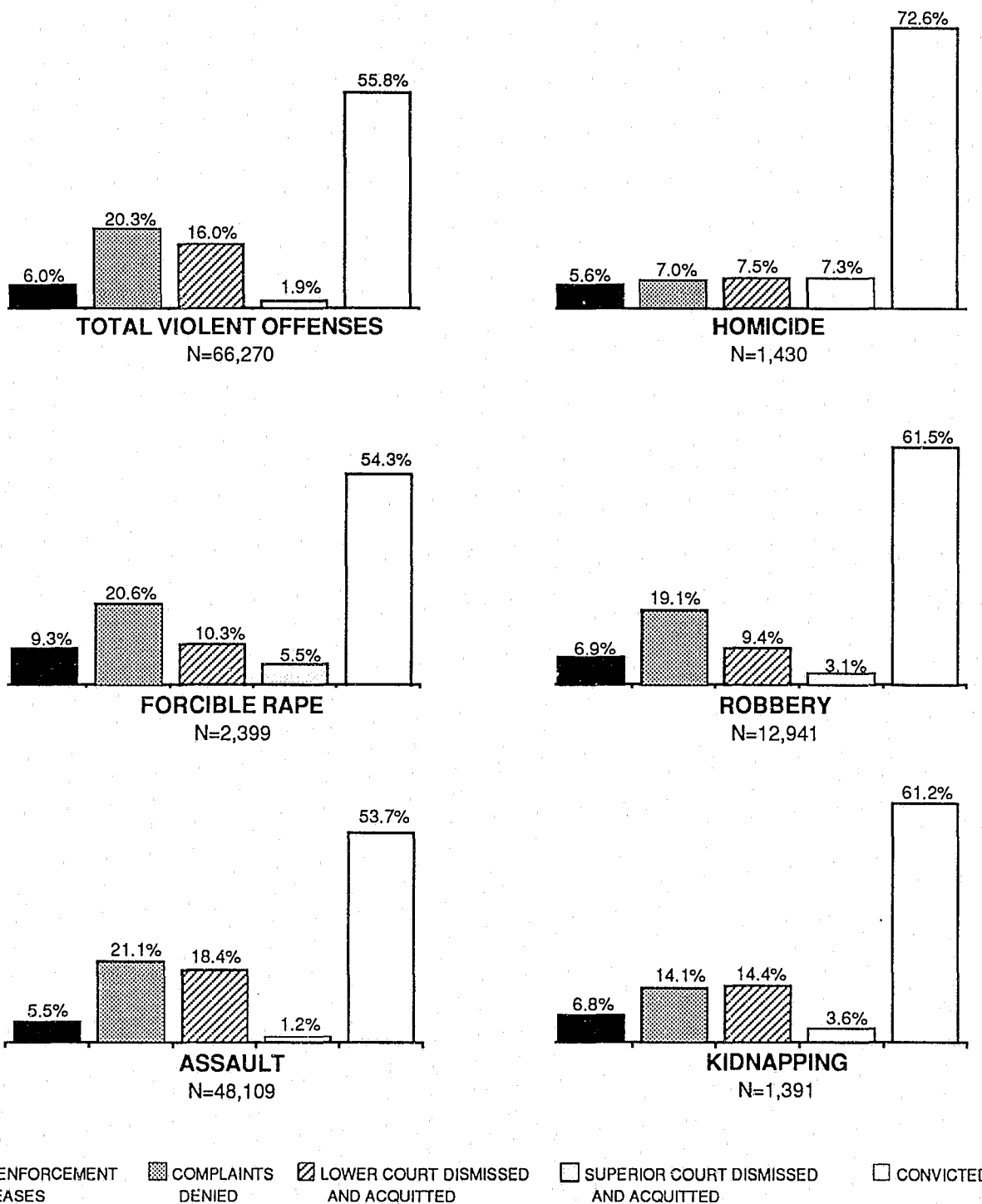
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Type of Disposition for Violent Offense Arrests



Source: Table 3.

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ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990 Violent Offense Arrests by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 6.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

ARREST DISPOSITIONS

DISPOSITIONS OF PROPERTY OFFENSE ARRESTS

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

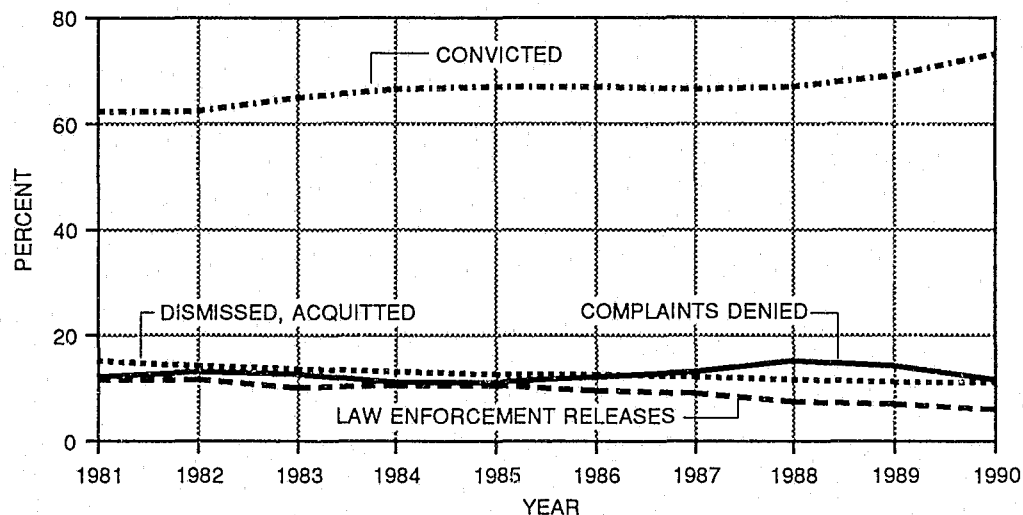
- The proportion of property offense arrests resulting in a conviction has been on the increase (62.1 to 72.7 percent).
- The largest decrease was in the law enforcement release category (11.1 to 5.4 percent).

In 1990,

- The proportion of law enforcement releases and complaints denied was much higher for motor vehicle theft arrests than for any of the other property offense arrests (11.9 and 20.3 percent, respectively).
- The combined proportion of lower and superior court dismissals and acquittals was highest for arson offense arrests (17.0 percent).
- The proportion of property offense arrests resulting in a conviction was highest for burglary (79.8 percent) and lowest for motor vehicle theft (58.0 percent).

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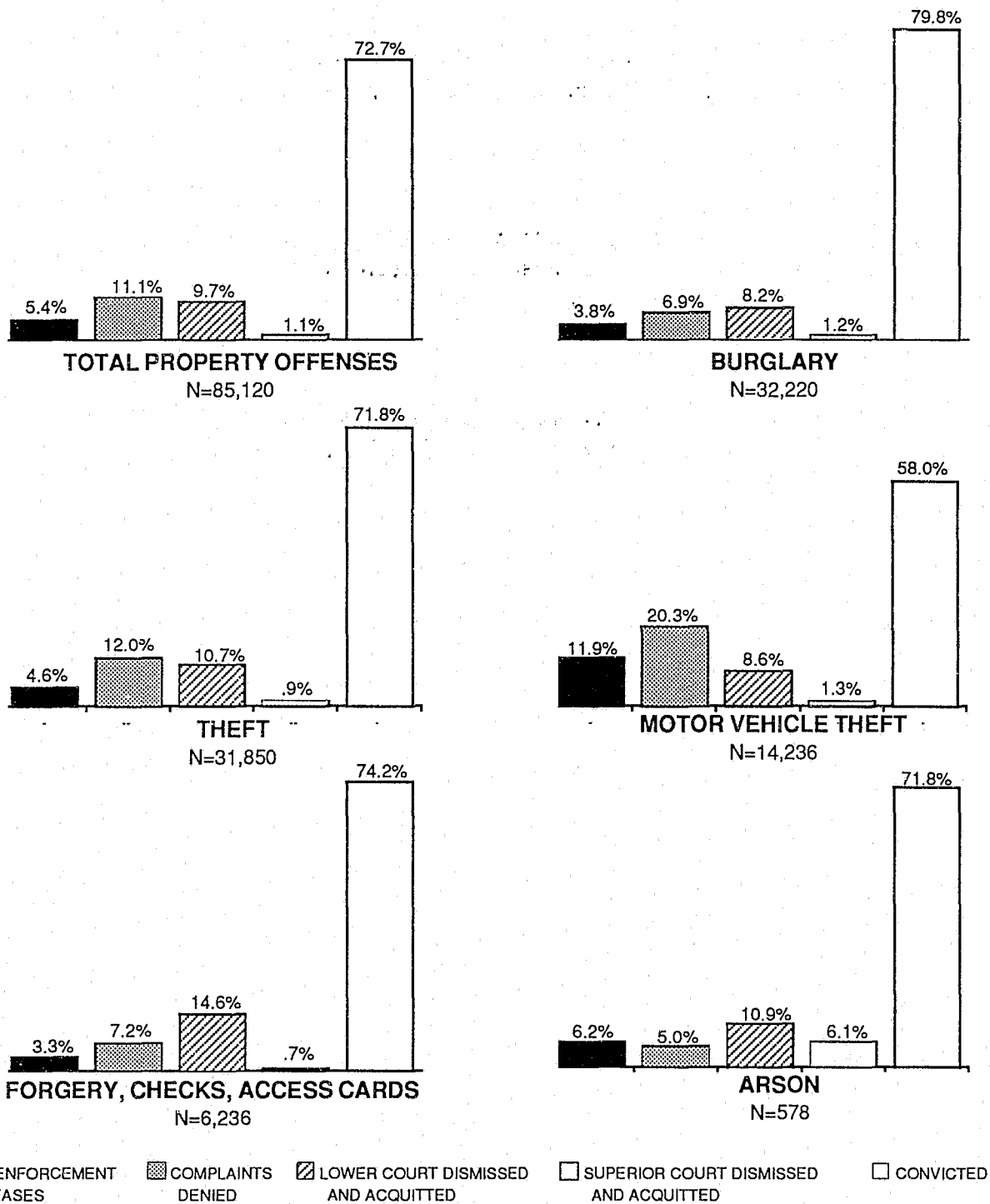
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Type of Disposition for Property Offense Arrests



Source: Table 3.

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ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990
Property Offense Arrests by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 6.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

ARREST DISPOSITIONS

DISPOSITIONS OF DRUG OFFENSE ARRESTS

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

- There has been a fairly constant growth in the proportion of drug offense arrests resulting in a conviction (45.6 to 62.9 percent).

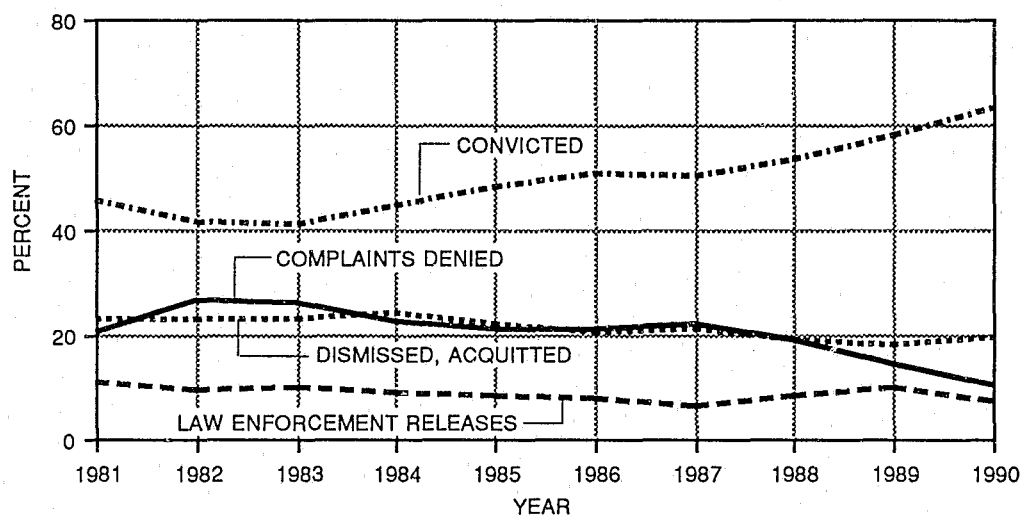
In 1990,

- Six out of ten drug offense arrests resulted in a conviction (62.9 percent).
- Less than two out of ten (17.4 percent) of the drug offense arrests were released prior to the court level.

The proportion of drug offense arrests resulting in a conviction has grown from 45.6 percent in 1981 to 62.9 percent in 1990.

CHART 10

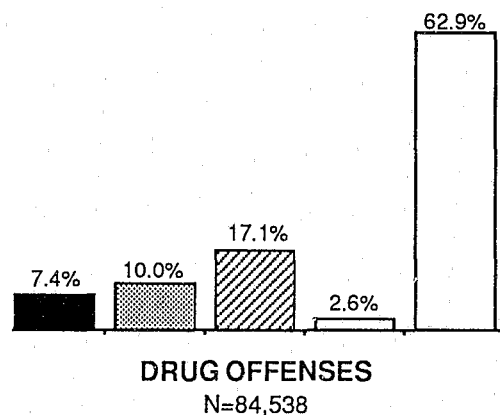
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990 By Type of Disposition for Drug Offense Arrests



Source: Table 3.

CHART 11

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990 Drug Offense Arrests by Type of Disposition



■ LAW ENFORCEMENT RELEASES ■ COMPLAINTS DENIED ■ LOWER COURT DISMISSED AND ACQUITTED ■ SUPERIOR COURT DISMISSED AND ACQUITTED ■ CONVICTED

Source: Table 6.

CONVICTIONS

Two different conviction rates are displayed in Chart 12:

- Conviction rates based on **total adult felony arrest dispositions** describe the *overall* treatment of offenders by the criminal justice system. This focuses on the proportion of defendants who are convicted out of the total number of offenders who are arrested.
- Conviction rates based on **total complaints filed** describe the *courts* treatment of defendants. This eliminates law enforcement releases, prosecutor complaints denied, and petitions to revoke probation (areas over which the court system has no control) from the computational formula.

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

- Conviction rates remained relatively stable.
- Conviction rates based on complaints filed were, on the average, about 20 percentage points higher than those based on total adult felony arrest dispositions.

Conviction rates displayed in Chart 13 graphically show the proportion of defendants tried and convicted in lower courts and superior courts during the 1981 through 1990 period.

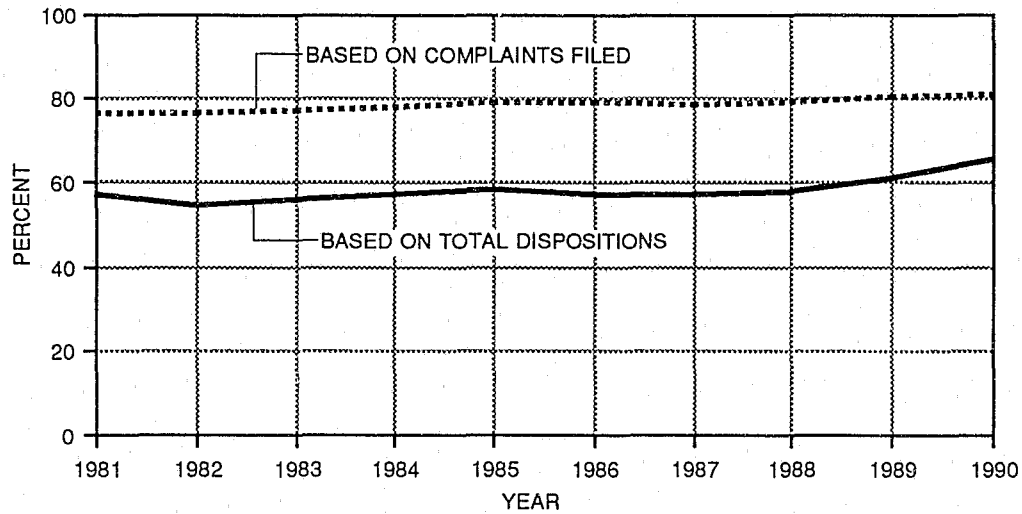
Comparing 1981 to 1990,

- Superior court conviction rates increased from 88.6 to 95.0 percent while lower court conviction rates decreased from 70.1 to 68.5 percent.



CHART 12

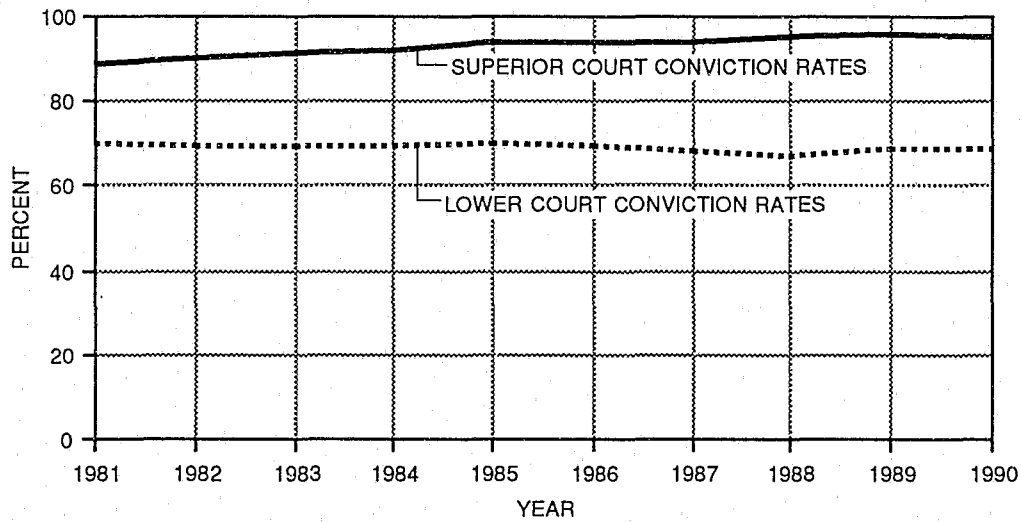
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
Conviction Rates Based on Total Adult Felony Arrest Dispositions and on Complaints Filed



Source: Table 7.

CHART 13

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
Conviction Rates Based on Lower and Superior Court Dispositions



Source: Table 7.

CONVICTIONS

CONVICTED OFFENSE CATEGORIES

OBTS is a system of adult **felony** arrest dispositions. However, convicted offenses resulting from those adult felony arrests may be either felonies or misdemeanors. The violent offense category includes homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assault, and kidnapping. Property offenses include burglary; theft; motor vehicle theft; forgery, checks, and access card offenses; and arson.

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

As a percent of total convictions:

- The largest proportion of convictions was for property offenses.
- The greatest increase occurred in convictions for the drug offense category (13.6 to 30.0 percent).
- The proportion of violent offense convictions remained relatively stable (18.3 to 17.9 percent).

TYPE OF SENTENCE

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

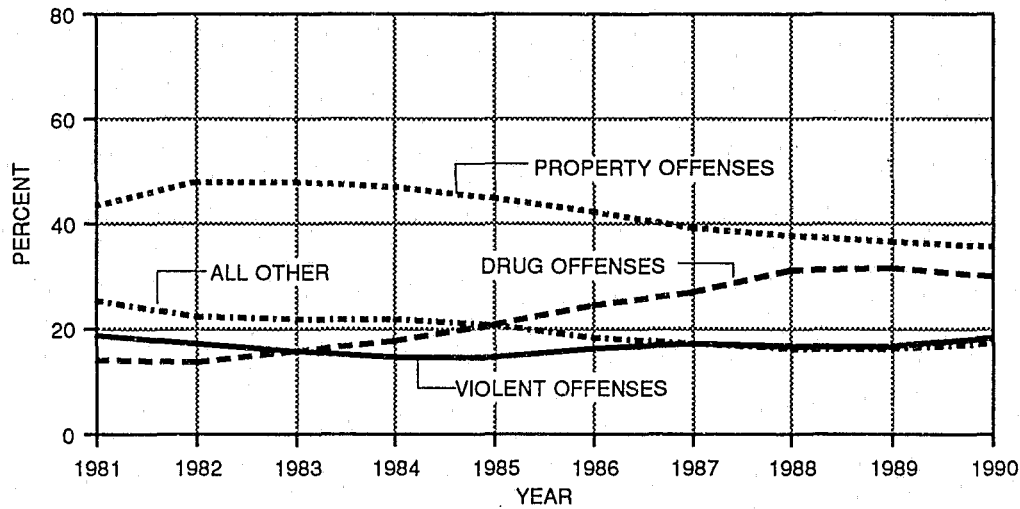
As a percent of total convictions:

- The greatest proportion of sentences was to probation with jail. Since 1982, probation with jail has accounted for more than half of the sentences.
- State institution sentences increased from 14.3 to 19.9 percent.
- Probation sentences decreased from 27.6 to 12.5 percent.
- Jail sentences continued to decrease to a ten-year low of 6.4 percent in 1990.



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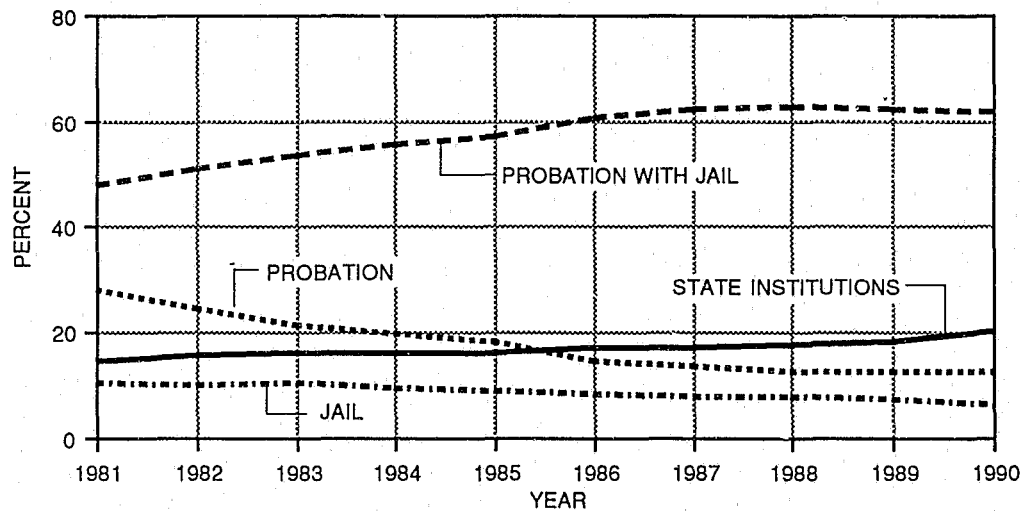
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1981-1990
By Convicted Offense Category



Source: Table 9.

CHART
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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1981-1990
By Type of Sentence



Source: Table 8.

SENTENCES

The Sentences section displays type of sentence by convicted offense and by convicted offense categories. The conviction data include convictions for both felony and misdemeanor offenses.

SENTENCES FOR VIOLENT OFFENSE CONVICTIONS

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

As a percent of adult felony arrestees convicted of violent offenses:

- Probation with jail was the most frequent sentence given and increased from 42.6 to 59.1 percent.
- Sentences to state institutions decreased 8.8 percentage points (31.8 to 23.0 percent).

From 1981 to 1990, assault convictions accounted for 71.5 percent (162,432) of the 227,110 violent offense convictions. The sentence pattern for the violent offense category is greatly influenced by the high volume of assault convictions. Therefore, Chart 17 is provided to display the sentence distribution for violent offense convictions excluding assault.

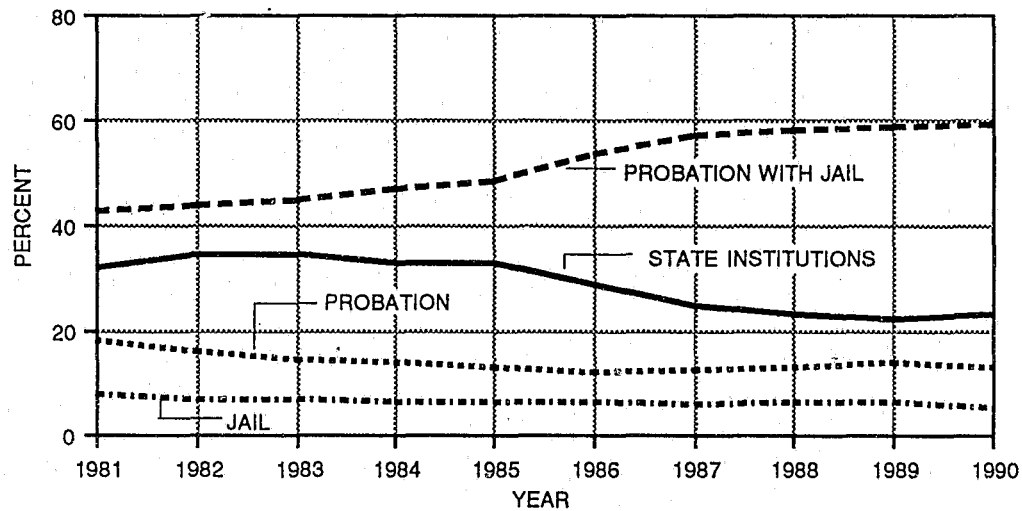
Comparing 1981 to 1990,

As a percent of adult felony arrestees convicted of violent offenses (excluding assault):

- Seven out of ten were sentenced to state institutions.
- Two out of ten were sentenced to probation with jail.

CHART 16

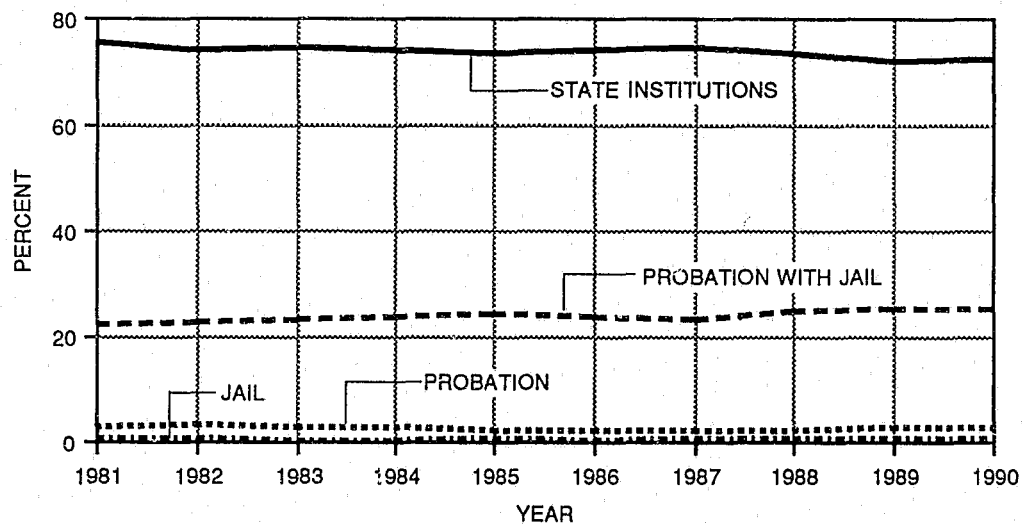
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1981-1990 By Type of Sentence



Source: Table 8.

CHART 17

ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES EXCLUDING ASSAULT, 1981-1990 By Type of Sentence



Source: Table 10.

SENTENCES

SENTENCES FOR VIOLENT OFFENSE CONVICTIONS - (continued)

In 1990,

As a percent of adult felony arrestees convicted of violent offenses:

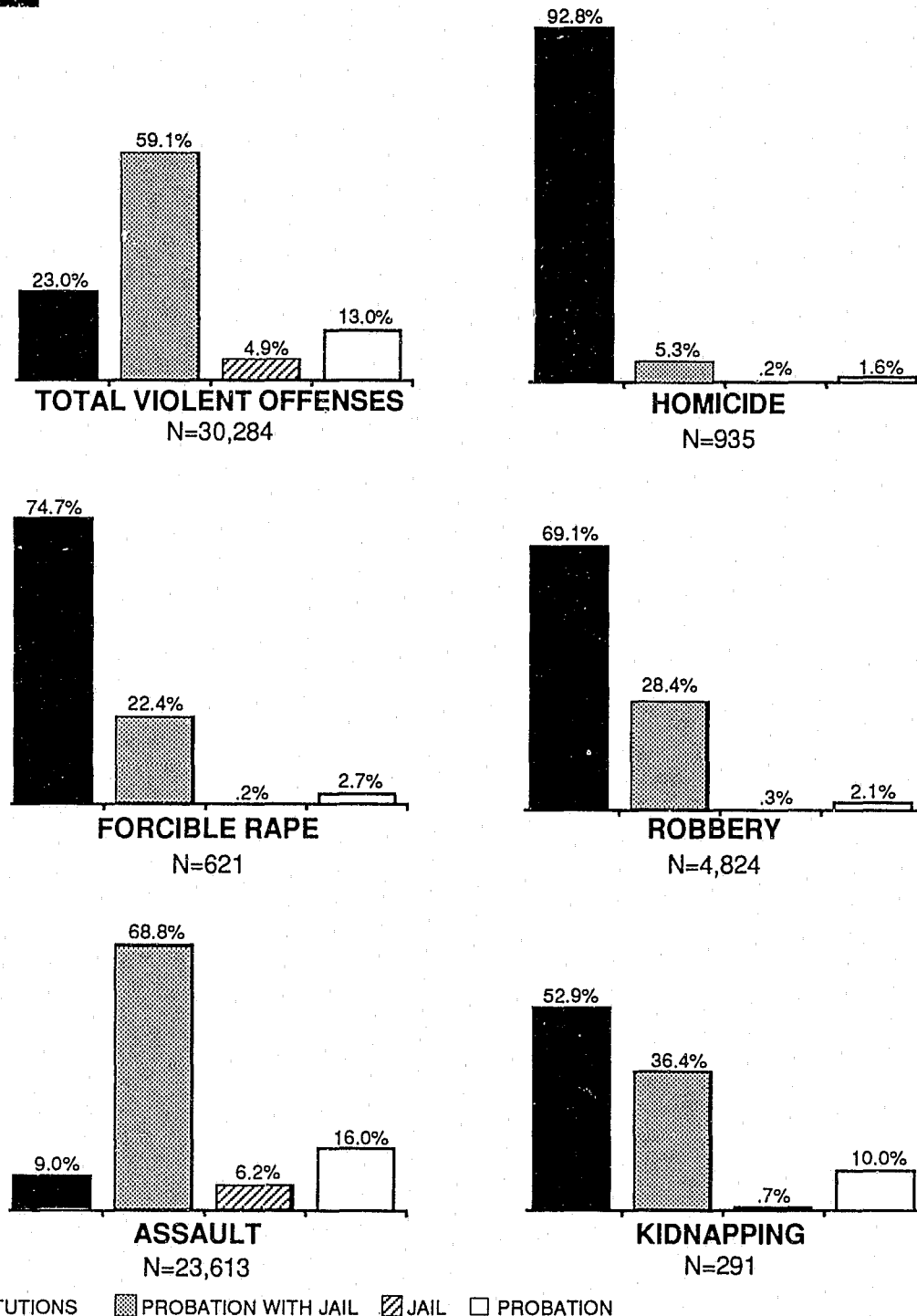
- State institutions was the most frequent sentence given for violent offense convictions. Assault convictions were the exception with only 9.0 percent receiving state institution sentences.
- Jail sentences accounted for less than one percent of the sentences for each of the violent offenses, except assault.
- The proportion of sentences to probation with jail were much greater for assault convictions than for the other four violent offenses (68.8 versus 5.3, 22.4, 28.4 and 36.4 percent).

The total violent offense category is heavily influenced by the volume of assault convictions.

State institutions was the most frequent sentence given for four of the five violent offenses.

**CHART
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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1990
Convicted Offense by Type of Sentence



Sources: Tables 11 and 12.

Notes: The probation category includes sentences of straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended). The state institutions category includes sentences to death, prison, Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Center. Prison accounted for over 90 percent of the state institution sentences, regardless of offense. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

SENTENCES

SENTENCES FOR PROPERTY OFFENSE CONVICTIONS

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

As a percent of adult felony arrestees convicted of property offenses:

- Probation with jail was the most common type of sentence (55.4 to 62.6 percent).
- Sentences to state institutions increased from 14.4 to 19.5 percent.
- Sentences to probation and sentences to jail decreased (19.5 to 10.7 percent and 10.7 to 7.2 percent, respectively).

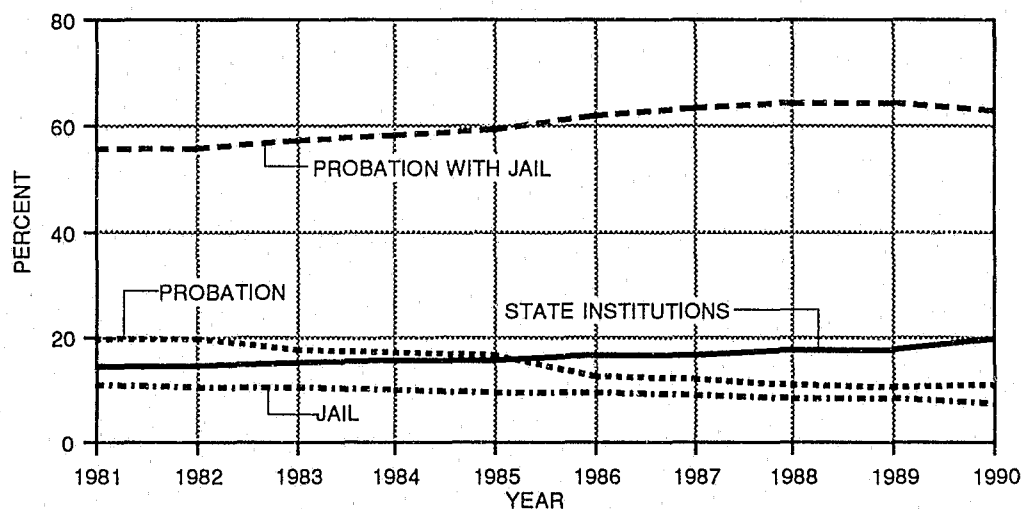
In 1990,

As a percent of adult felony arrestees convicted of property offenses:

- Probation with jail was the most frequent sentence given, regardless of offense.
- The highest proportion of sentences to state institutions was for burglary offense convictions (33.4 percent).
- The highest proportion of sentences to probation was for forgery, checks, and access card offenses (19.1 percent).

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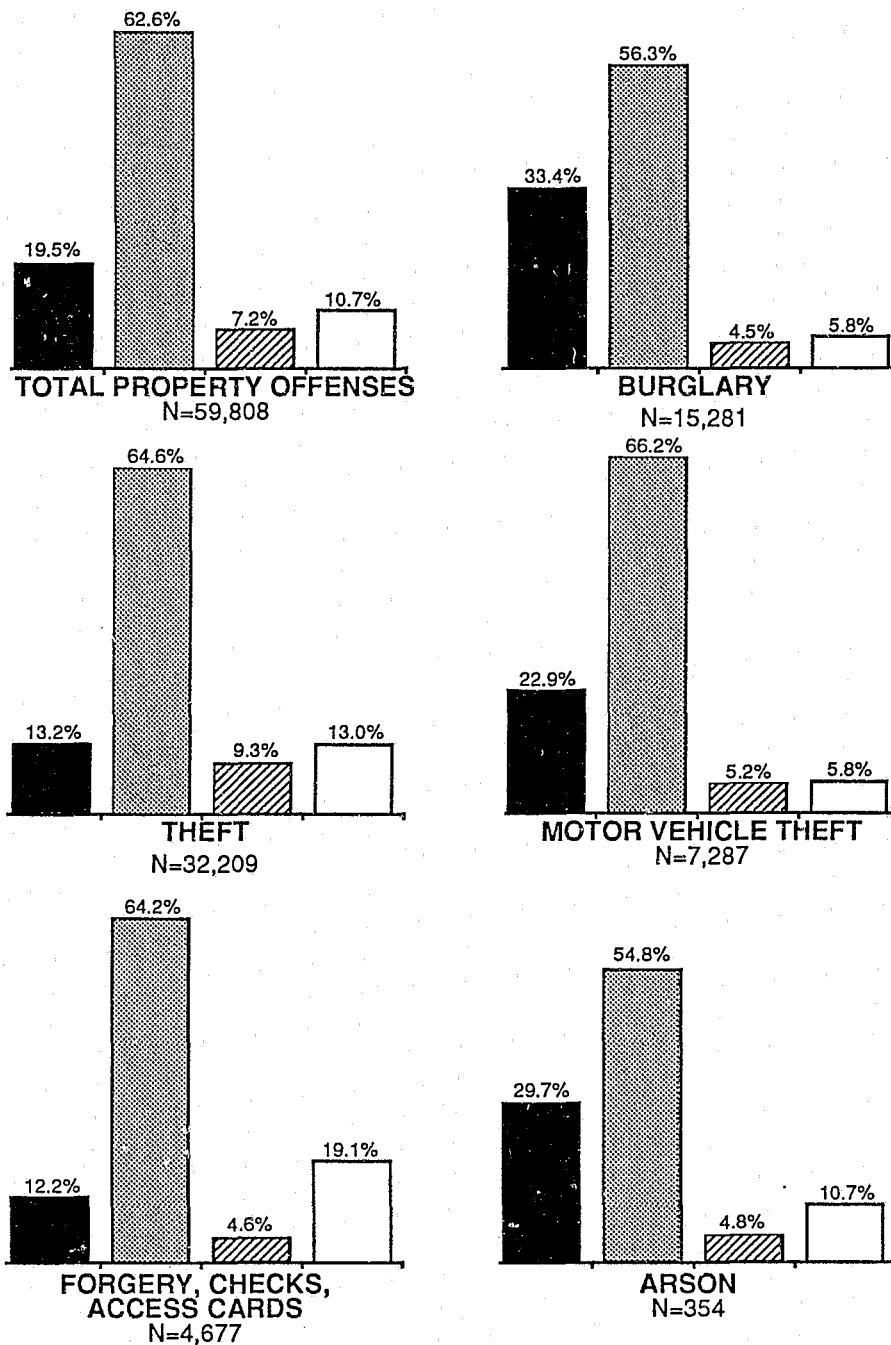
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED OF
PROPERTY OFFENSES, 1981-1990
By Type of Sentence



Source: Table 8.

**CHART
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**ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED OF
PROPERTY OFFENSES, 1990**
Convicted Offense by Type of Sentence



■ STATE INSTITUTIONS ▨ PROBATION WITH JAIL ▩ JAIL □ PROBATION

Sources: Tables 11 and 12.

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SENTENCES

SENTENCES FOR DRUG OFFENSE CONVICTIONS

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

As a percent of adult felony arrestees convicted of drug offenses:

- State institutions sentences tripled (increasing from 7.1 to 21.5 percent).
- Probation with jail sentences increased from 48.8 to 65.0 percent.
- Jail sentences decreased from 10.0 to 4.7 percent.
- Probation sentences decreased from 34.1 to 8.9 percent.

In 1990,

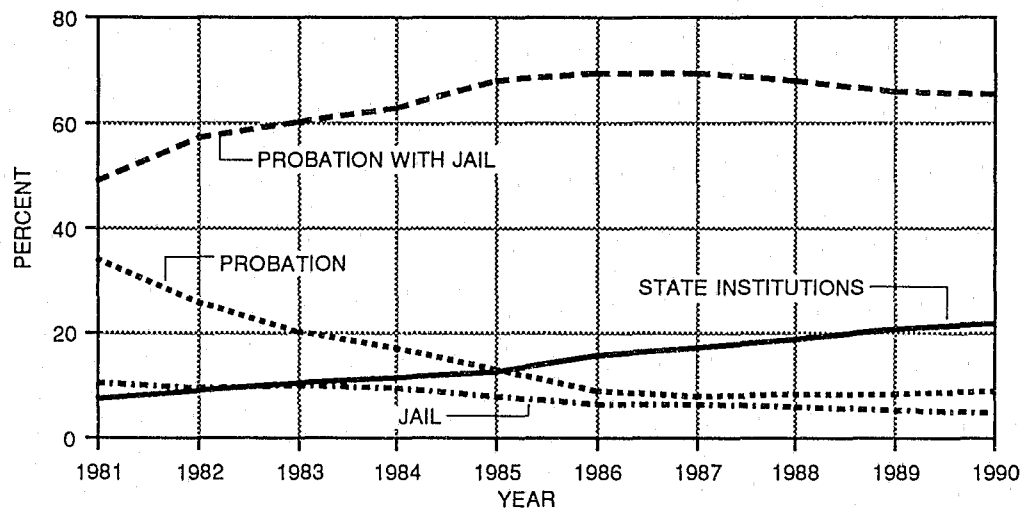
As a percent of adult felony arrestees convicted of drug offenses:

- Probation with jail sentences were given for the majority of these convictions (65.0 percent).
- Jail sentences were given for only 4.7 percent of these convictions.

Although there was a large increase in the proportion of sentences to state institutions for drug offense convictions, the majority of those convicted were sentenced to probation with jail.

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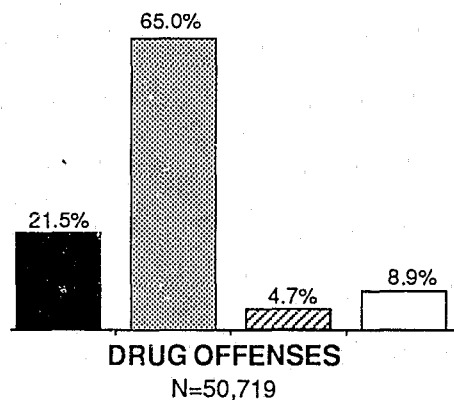
**ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED OF
DRUG OFFENSES, 1981-1990**
By Type of Sentence



Source: Table 8.

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**ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED OF
DRUG OFFENSES, 1990**
By Type of Sentence



■ STATE INSTITUTIONS ▨ PROBATION WITH JAIL ▩ JAIL □ PROBATION

Sources: Tables 11 and 12.

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SENTENCES

TYPE OF SENTENCE RECEIVED BY CONVICTED OFFENSE CATEGORY

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

When state institution sentences were analyzed by convicted offense category, it was found that:

- Sentences to state institutions for violent offense convictions decreased from 40.6 to 20.7 percent.
- Conversely, sentences to state institutions for drug offense convictions increased from 6.7 to 32.4 percent.

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

When probation with jail sentences were analyzed by convicted offense category, it was found that:

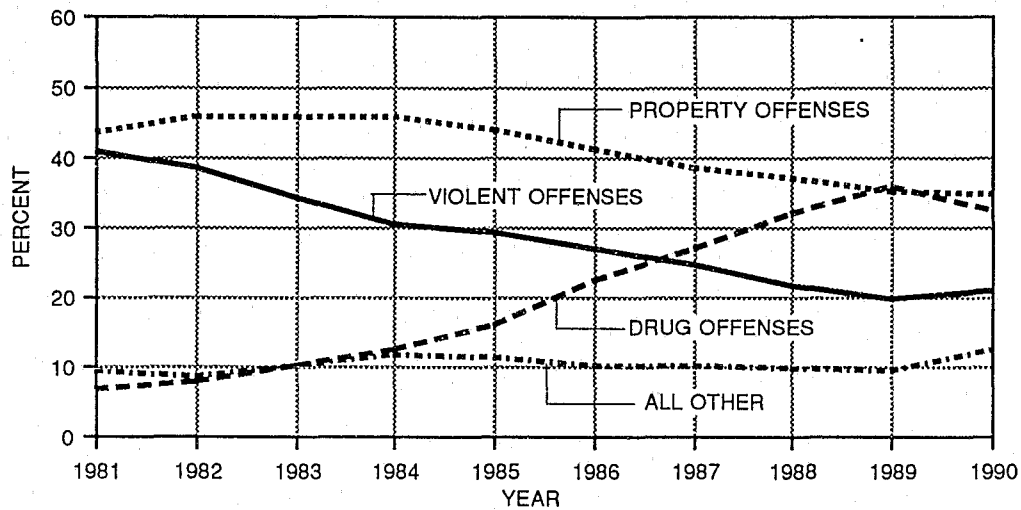
- Sentences to probation with jail for property offense convictions decreased from 50.2 to 36.1 percent.
- Probation with jail sentences for drug offense convictions increased from 13.9 to 31.8 percent.

From 1981 to 1990, the proportion of sentences to state institutions for violent offense convictions was cut in half (40.6 to 20.7 percent) while similar sentences for drug offense convictions were almost five times greater (6.7 to 32.4 percent).



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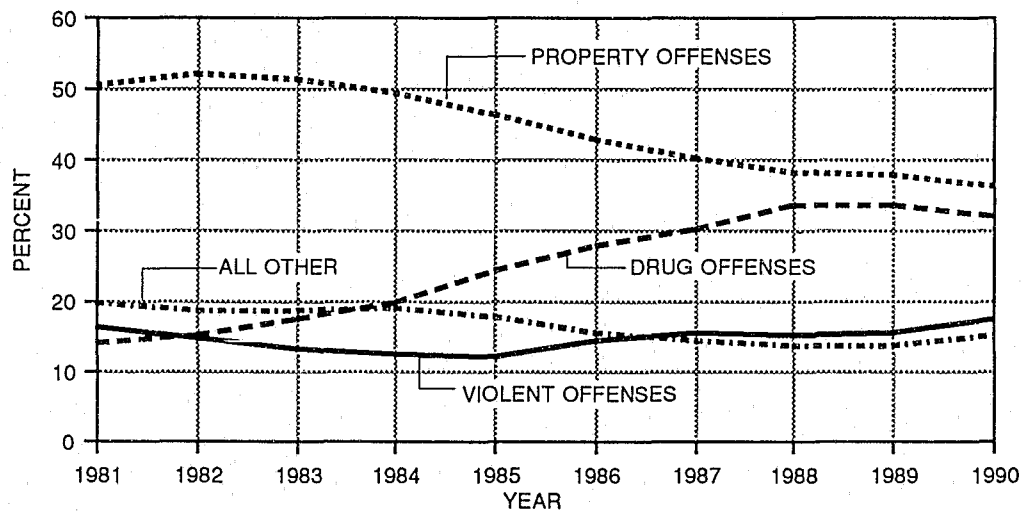
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED AND
SENTENCED TO STATE INSTITUTIONS, 1981-1990
By Convicted Offense Category



Source: Table 13.

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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED AND
SENTENCED TO PROBATION WITH JAIL, 1981-1990
By Convicted Offense Category



Source: Table 13.

SENTENCES

Comparing 1981 to 1990,

When jail sentences were analyzed by convicted offense category, it was found that:

- The largest change in jail sentences was in the proportion of drug offense convictions (up from 13.1 to 22.0 percent).
- Property offense convictions accounted for the largest proportion of sentences to jail.

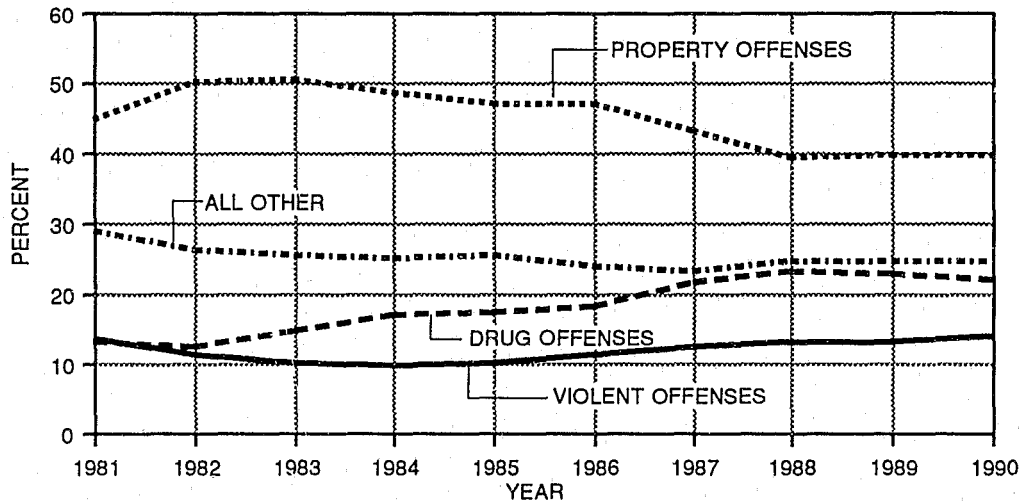
Comparing 1981 to 1990,

When probation sentences were analyzed by convicted offense category, it was found that:

- The proportion of violent offense convictions increased from 11.9 to 18.6 percent.
- As a percent of all probation sentences, "all other" offense convictions decreased from 40.9 to 29.9 percent.

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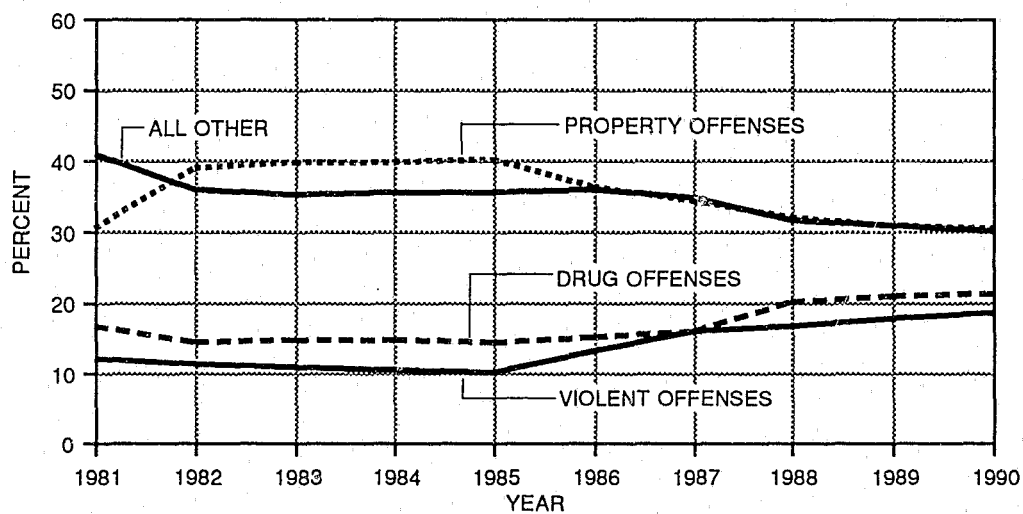
**ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED
AND SENTENCED TO JAIL, 1981-1990**
By Convicted Offense Category



Source: Table 13.

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**ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED AND
SENTENCED TO PROBATION, 1981-1990**
By Convicted Offense Category



Source: Table 13.

OFFENDER DEMOGRAPHICS

The Offender Demographics section describes the type of disposition, convicted offense category, and the type of sentence by sex, race/ethnic group, and age of the offender. Offender characteristics by type of disposition are displayed as a proportion of all adult felony arrest dispositions reported in 1990. Characteristics by convicted offense category and type of sentence are displayed as a proportion of the total lower and superior court convictions.

SEX BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

In 1990,

- A slightly larger proportion of females than males were convicted (66.1 versus 65.3 percent).

SEX BY CONVICTED OFFENSE CATEGORY

In 1990,

- Males were more than twice as likely to be convicted of a violent crime than females (19.6 versus 8.5 percent).
- The proportion of females convicted of a property crime was higher than the proportion of males (48.4 versus 32.9 percent).

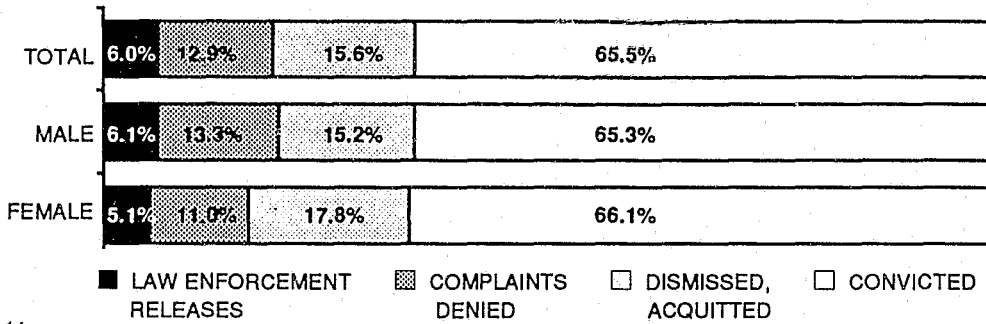
SEX BY TYPE OF SENTENCE

In 1990,

- Regardless of sex, probation with jail was the type of sentence given most often.

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ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990
Sex of Offender by Type of Disposition

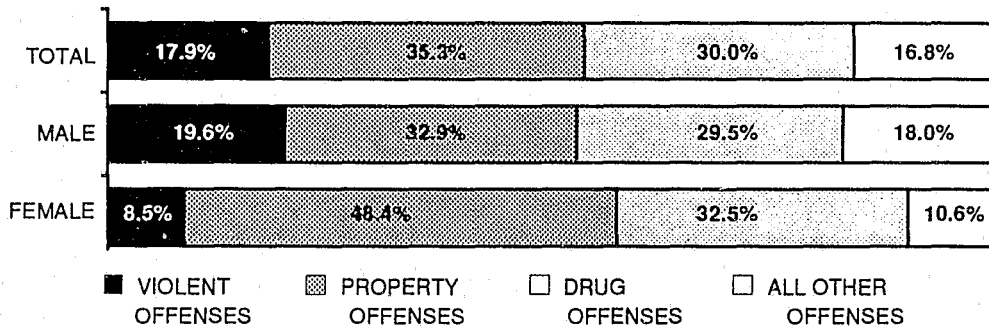


Source: Table 14.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

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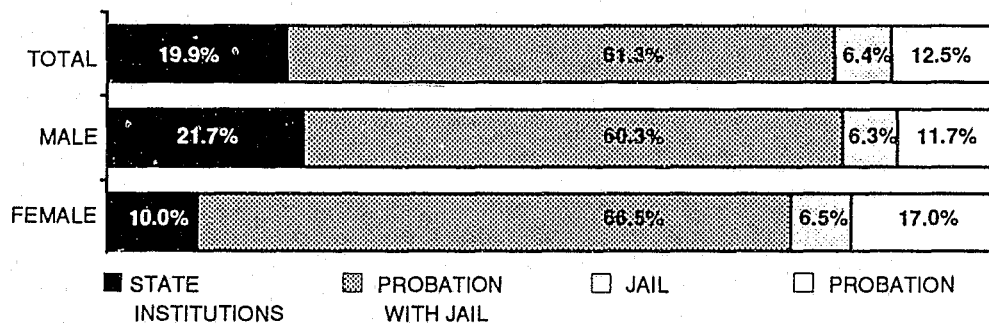
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Sex of Offender by Convicted Offense Category



Source: Table 15.

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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1990
Sex of Offender by Type of Sentence



Source: Table 17.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

OFFENDER DEMOGRAPHICS

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

In 1990,

- Whites (not Hispanic) and Hispanics were more likely to be convicted than blacks (67.5 and 69.4 versus 59.2 percent, respectively).
- Law enforcement releases and complaints denied occurred more frequently among blacks (26.4 percent) than among whites (not Hispanic) and Hispanics (13.8 and 18.0 percent, respectively).

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP BY CONVICTED OFFENSE CATEGORY

In 1990,

- The proportion of convictions for drug offenses was greater for blacks and Hispanics than for whites (not Hispanic) (34.3 and 33.0 versus 25.9 percent, respectively).

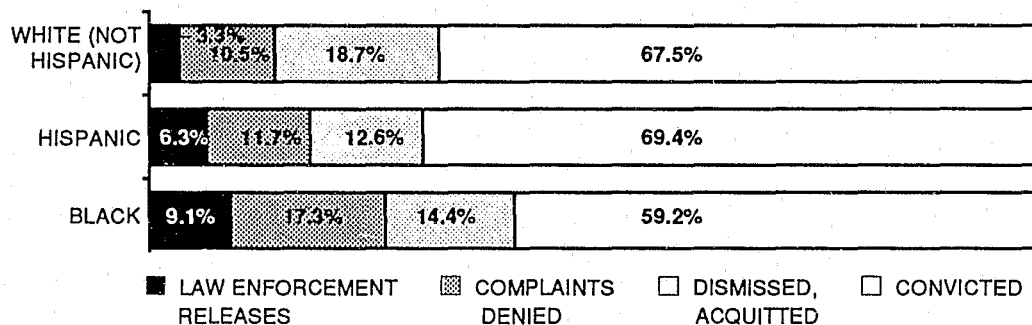
RACE/ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF SENTENCE

In 1990,

- Regardless of race/ethnic group, probation with jail was the type of sentence given most often.
- Sentences to state institutions were received most often by blacks (25.2 percent).

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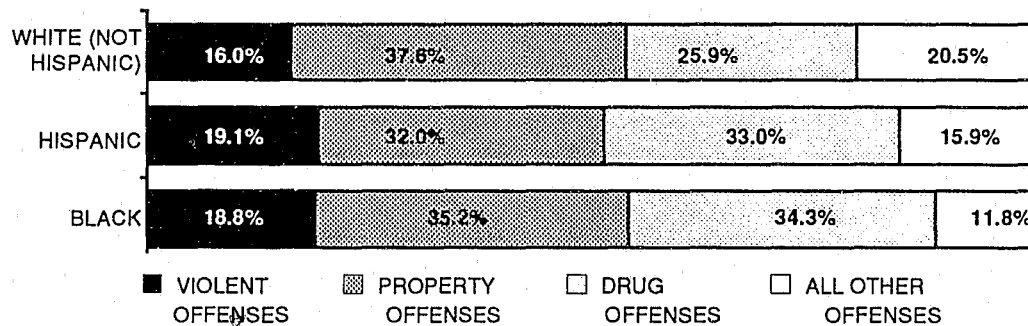
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990
Race/Ethnic Group of Offender by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 14.

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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1990
Race/Ethnic Group of Offender by Convicted Offense Category

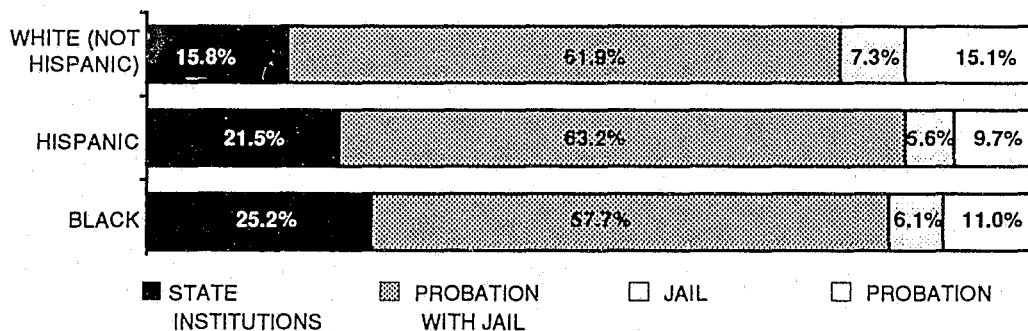


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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1990
Race/Ethnic Group of Offender by Type of Sentence



Source: Table 17.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

OFFENDER DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

In 1990,

- The proportional breakdown of dispositions is fairly similar for each of the four age groupings.
- Regardless of age, more than six out of ten were convicted.

AGE BY CONVICTED OFFENSE CATEGORY

In 1990,

- For each group, the largest proportion of convictions was for property offenses.
- A greater proportion of convictions was for drug offenses among those in the 20-29 and 30-39 age groups than for those in the under 20 and over 40 age groups (31.0 and 32.1 versus 19.5 and 28.6 percent, respectively).

AGE BY TYPE OF SENTENCE

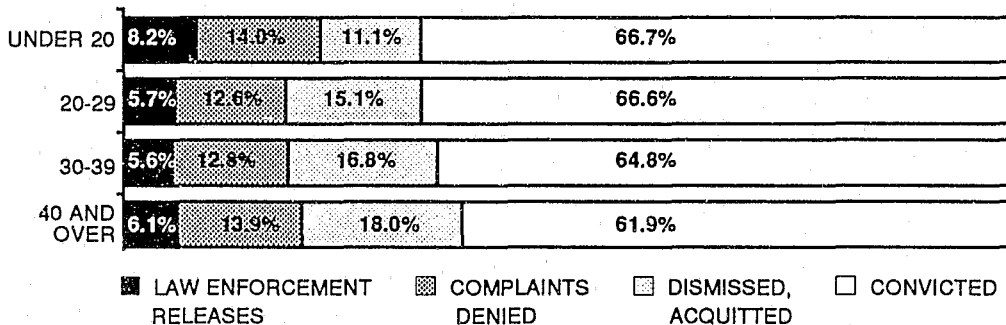
In 1990,

- Regardless of age group, probation with jail was the type of sentence given most often.



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ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990
Age of Offender by Type of Disposition

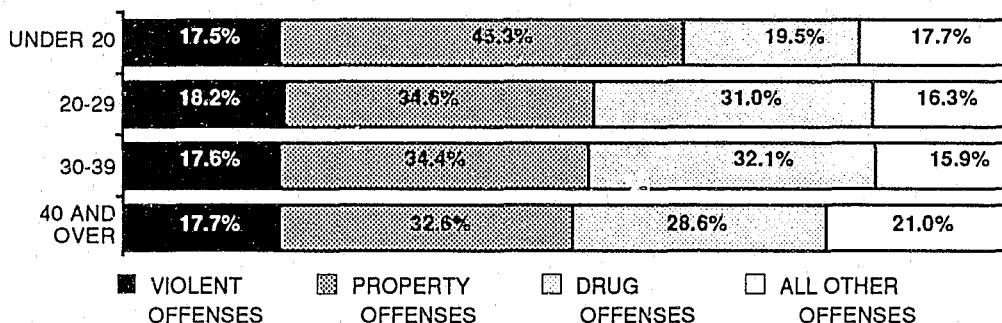


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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1990
Age of Offender by Convicted Offense Category

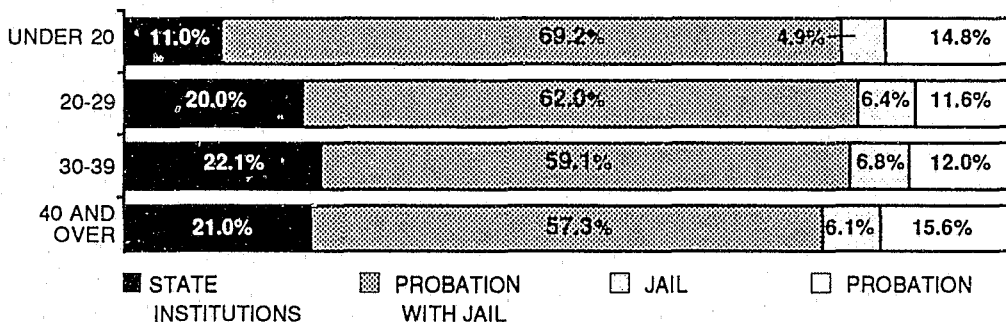


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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1990
Age of Offender by Type of Sentence



Source: Table 17.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

OFFENDER DEMOGRAPHICS

CHARACTERISTICS OF GENERAL AND CONVICTED POPULATIONS

The demographic portrait of convicted adult felony arrestees is very unlike California's general population.

When comparing the characteristics of California's 1990 population and the adult felony arrest convicted population:

- The proportion of males among the convicted population was almost twice as great as the proportion of males in the general population (84.4 versus 48.7 percent, respectively).
- The proportion of blacks among the convicted population was about four times as great as the proportion of blacks in the general population (26.2 versus 6.7 percent, respectively).
- The proportion of those 20-29 years of age among the convicted population was more than twice as great as the proportion of 20-29 year olds in the general population (48.2 versus 21.3 percent, respectively).

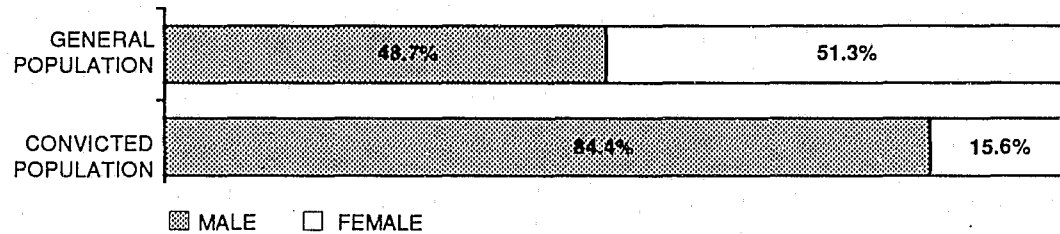
The proportion of males, blacks, and persons 20-29 years of age is greater in the convicted population than in the general population.



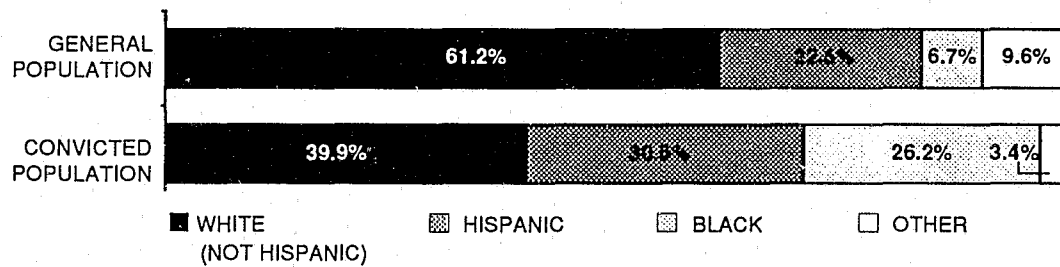
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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1990
General and Convicted Population Characteristics

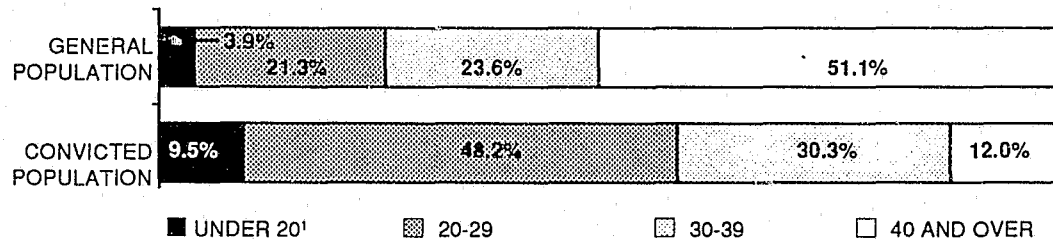
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RACE/ETHNIC GROUP



AGE



Source: Table 18.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

¹ The convicted population includes 98 convictions for offenders who were under 18 years of age at disposition. The "under 20" general population category includes only those 18 and 19 years of age.

OFFENDER DEMOGRAPHICS

The counties of the state were grouped into four categories by population size: 1,000,000 and over; 500,000 to 1,000,000; 100,000 to 500,000; and under 100,000. Further explanation of the categories can be found in the footnotes of Table 19.

DISPOSITIONS BY COUNTY SIZE

In 1990,

As a percent of all adult felony arrest dispositions:

- Law enforcement releases and prosecutor complaints denied were more frequent in the more populous county groups.
- Convictions were slightly more frequent in the two less populous county groups than in the two larger county groups (69.4 and 70.9 percent versus 62.3 and 65.2 percent).

CONVICTED OFFENSE CATEGORIES BY COUNTY SIZE

In 1990,

As a percent of total convictions:

- Regardless of county size, convictions for property offenses were the most frequent.
- Convictions for drug offenses occurred more often in the two larger county groups (32.4 and 27.1 percent versus 23.0 and 23.2 percent).

SENTENCES BY COUNTY SIZE

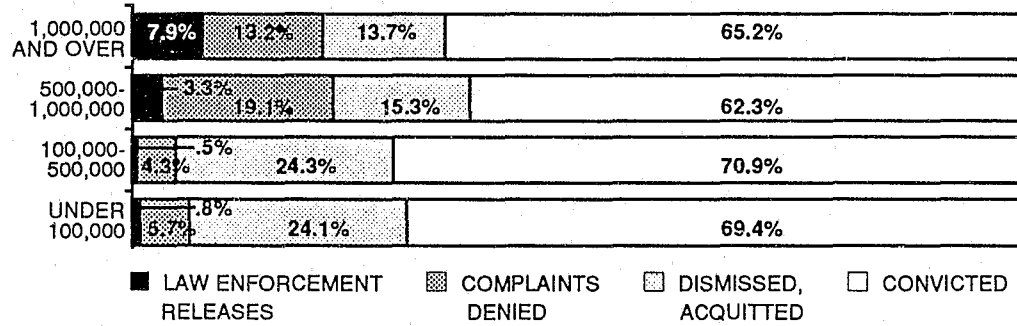
In 1990,

As a percent of total convictions:

- Regardless of county population group size, probation with jail was the most frequent sentence.
- The 100,000 to 500,000 population group had the smallest proportion of sentences to state institutions (15.7 percent).

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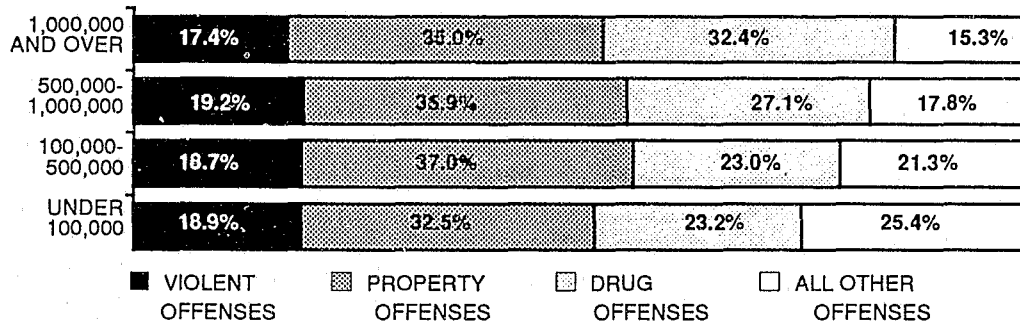
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990 County Population Group by Type of Disposition



Source: Table 19.

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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1990 County Population Group by Convicted Offense

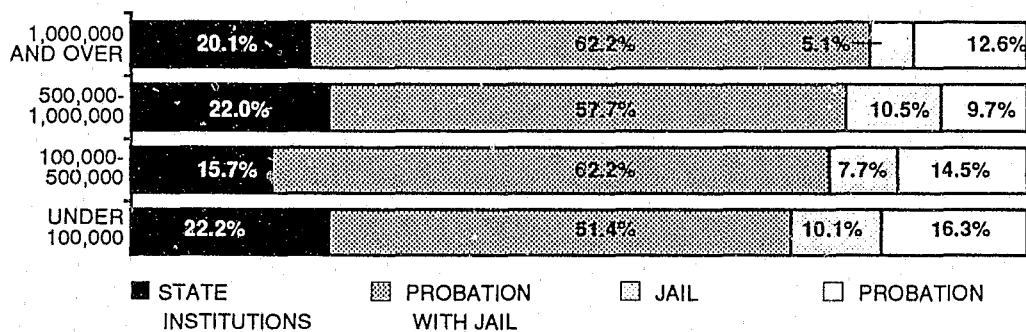


Source: Table 19.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

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ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1990 County Population Group by Type of Sentence



Source: Table 19.

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ELAPSED TIME

ELAPSED TIME FROM FELONY ARREST TO FINAL DISPOSITION

The average amount of time from date of arrest to the date of final disposition is called elapsed time, which is measured in days. Elapsed time figures are determined by calculating the sum of the days from arrest to the specific type of disposition and then dividing by the total number of dispositions in that specific disposition category. Elapsed time is not calculated for law enforcement releases or final dispositions occurring more than two years after the date of arrest. (These exclusions account for less than ten percent of the total dispositions.)

When elapsed times for 1981 and 1990 are compared:

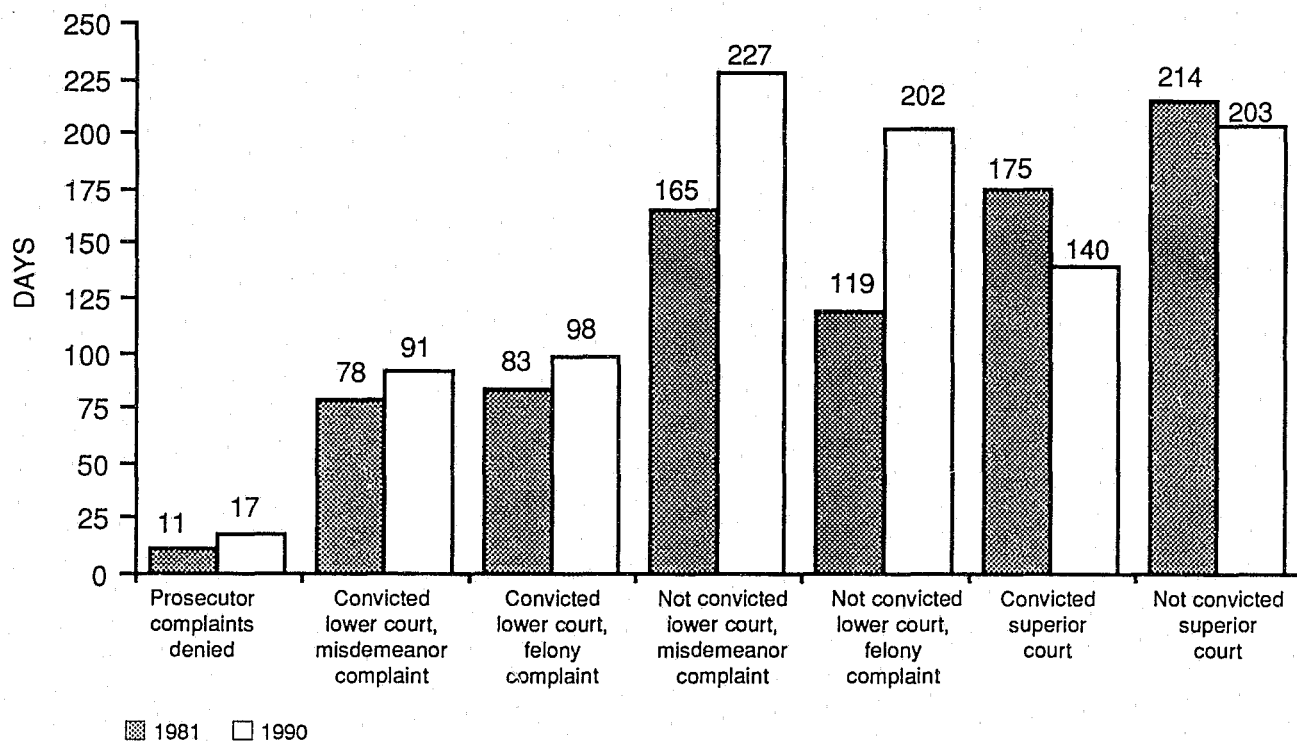
- Increases were noted in all except superior court dispositions.

For 1990:

- The elapsed time is greater for nonconvictions than for convictions.
- Nonconvictions in lower court took the longest time (227 days), while prosecutor complaints denied took the least time (17 days).

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ELAPSED TIME IN AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS, 1981 AND 1990



Source: Table 20.

ELAPSED TIME

ELAPSED TIME FROM FELONY ARREST TO CONVICTION IN SUPERIOR COURT

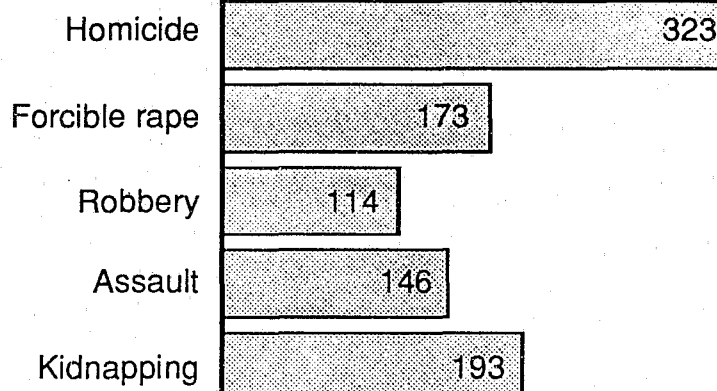
In 1990:

- Elapsed times for violent offenses are generally longer than the elapsed times for property or drug offenses.
- Elapsed time was longest for homicide (323 days) and shortest for motor vehicle theft convictions (99 days).

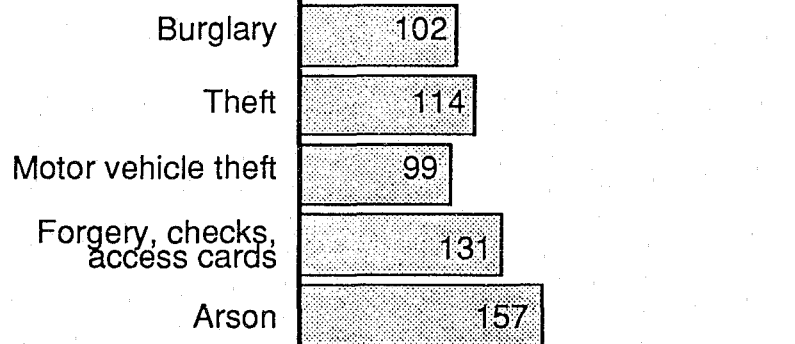
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ELAPSED TIME IN AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS, 1990
From Felony Arrest to Conviction in Superior Court by Convicted Offense

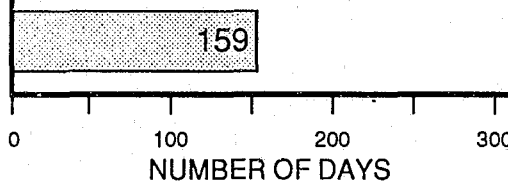
VIOLENT OFFENSES



PROPERTY OFFENSES



DRUG OFFENSES



Source: Table 21

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TABLE 1
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Type of Disposition and Sentence

Type of disposition and sentence	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	205,168	100.0	203,805	100.0	201,158	100.0	210,398	100.0	240,978	100.0
Law enforcement releases	21,122	10.3	20,895	10.3	19,006	9.4	20,180	9.6	23,003	9.5
Complaints denied	31,312	15.3	37,010	18.2	37,215	18.5	35,498	16.9	39,732	16.5
Petition to revoke probation ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Complaints filed	152,734	74.4	145,900	71.6	144,937	72.1	154,720	73.5	178,243	74.0
Misdemeanor	67,664	33.0	62,075	30.5	59,948	29.8	65,844	31.3	77,331	32.1
Felony	85,070	41.5	83,825	41.1	84,989	42.2	88,876	42.2	100,912	41.9
Lower court dispositions	100,793	49.1	93,960	46.1	92,063	45.8	97,757	46.5	110,109	45.7
Dismissed	29,689	14.5	28,593	14.0	28,160	14.0	29,527	14.0	32,799	13.6
Diversions dismissed ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquitted	482	.2	424	.2	309	.2	298	.1	339	.1
Convicted	70,622	34.4	64,943	31.9	63,594	31.6	67,932	32.3	76,971	31.9
Sentence										
Youth Authority	21	.0	3	.0	5	.0	3	.0	3	.0
Probation	21,740	10.6	18,683	9.2	16,257	8.1	16,391	7.8	17,949	7.4
Probation with jail	32,417	15.8	33,308	16.3	34,957	17.4	39,114	18.6	45,043	18.7
Jail	10,850	5.3	9,870	4.8	10,241	5.1	10,228	4.9	11,574	4.8
Fine	5,367	2.6	2,906	1.4	2,004	1.0	2,042	1.0	2,118	.9
Other ³	227	.1	173	.1	130	.1	154	.1	284	.1
Superior court dispositions	51,941	25.3	51,940	25.5	52,874	26.3	56,963	27.1	68,134	28.3
Dismissed	5,019	2.4	4,519	2.2	3,986	2.0	3,858	1.8	3,902	1.6
Diversions dismissed ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquitted	922	.4	921	.5	829	.4	770	.4	670	.3
Convicted	46,000	22.4	46,500	22.8	48,059	23.9	52,335	24.9	63,562	26.4
Sentence										
Death	36	.0	38	.0	34	.0	27	.0	16	.0
Prison	13,971	6.8	15,122	7.4	16,677	8.3	18,094	8.6	21,421	8.9
Youth Authority	1,907	.9	1,252	.6	464	.2	331	.2	225	.1
Probation	4,821	2.3	4,919	2.4	5,017	2.5	5,091	2.4	4,978	2.1
Probation with jail	23,234	11.3	23,474	11.5	24,540	12.2	27,260	13.0	35,197	14.6
Jail	1,224	.6	1,152	.6	926	.5	944	.4	950	.4
Fine	63	.0	36	.0	28	.0	26	.0	20	.0
California Rehabilitation Center	438	.2	353	.2	357	.2	547	.3	678	.3
State hospital ⁴	294	.1	141	.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other ³	12	.0	13	.0	16	.0	15	.0	77	.0

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ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Type of Disposition and Sentence

Type of disposition and sentence	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	258,832	100.0	270,496	100.0	265,990	100.0	275,151	100.0	258,734	100.0
Law enforcement releases	22,773	8.8	21,019	7.8	19,230	7.2	20,773	7.5	15,444	6.0
Complaints denied	47,807	18.5	52,464	19.4	50,170	18.9	43,328	15.7	32,051	12.4
Petition to revoke probation ¹	-	-	-	-	1,052	.4	2,354	.9	1,452	.6
Complaints filed	188,252	72.7	197,013	72.8	195,538	73.5	208,696	75.8	209,787	81.1
Misdemeanor	78,832	30.5	82,999	30.7	79,131	29.7	84,283	30.6	81,051	31.3
Felony	109,420	42.3	114,014	42.1	116,407	43.8	124,413	45.2	128,736	49.8
Lower court dispositions	113,419	43.8	119,675	44.2	113,078	42.5	117,375	42.7	112,914	43.6
Dismissed	34,882	13.5	38,370	14.2	29,361	11.0	28,266	10.3	26,453	10.2
Diversions dismissed ²	-	-	-	-	7,784	2.9	8,177	3.0	8,851	3.4
Acquitted	281	.1	287	.1	259	.1	244	.1	296	.1
Convicted	78,256	30.2	81,018	30.0	75,674	28.4	80,688	29.3	77,314	29.9
Sentence										
Youth Authority	1	.0	2	.0	5	.0	1	.0	0	.0
Probation	14,839	5.7	14,862	5.5	12,895	4.8	13,855	5.0	13,711	5.3
Probation with jail	49,865	19.3	53,271	19.7	50,448	19.0	53,556	19.5	52,227	20.2
Jail	11,484	4.4	11,113	4.1	10,807	4.1	11,630	4.2	9,994	3.9
Fine	1,871	.7	1,628	.6	1,391	.5	1,430	.5	1,221	.5
Other ³	196	.1	142	.1	128	.0	216	.1	161	.1
Superior court dispositions	74,833	28.9	77,338	28.6	82,460	31.0	91,321	33.2	96,873	37.4
Dismissed	4,132	1.6	4,062	1.5	3,568	1.3	3,427	1.2	3,946	1.5
Diversions dismissed ²	-	-	-	-	328	.1	363	.1	369	.1
Acquitted	667	.3	694	.3	567	.2	592	.2	529	.2
Convicted	70,034	27.1	72,582	26.8	77,997	29.3	86,939	31.6	92,029	35.6
Sentence										
Death	21	.0	25	.0	34	.0	33	.0	33	.0
Prison	24,218	9.4	25,029	9.3	25,887	9.7	29,056	10.6	32,265	12.5
Youth Authority	171	.1	125	.0	168	.1	149	.1	98	.0
Probation	4,434	1.7	4,128	1.5	4,818	1.8	5,344	1.9	5,915	2.3
Probation with jail	39,529	15.3	41,671	15.4	45,455	17.1	50,221	18.3	51,498	19.9
Jail	912	.4	830	.3	760	.3	776	.3	770	.3
Fine	28	.0	21	.0	28	.0	46	.0	54	.0
California Rehabilitation Center	721	.3	743	.3	833	.3	1,170	.4	1,252	.5
State hospital ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other ³	0	.0	10	.0	14	.0	144	.1	144	.1

Notes: Percents may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

¹ Prior to 1988, "petition to revoke probation" data were included in "complaints denied" and cannot be extracted.

² Prior to 1988, "diversions dismissed" data were included with "dismissed" and cannot be extracted.

³ The "other" category includes no sentence given, sentence suspended, and sentence stayed.

⁴ Section 6300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code for mentally disordered sex offenders was repealed in 1981, effective January 1982.

TABLE 2
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Type of Release and Convicted Sentence

Type of release and sentence	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	205,168	100.0	203,805	100.0	201,158	100.0	210,398	100.0	240,978	100.0
Released	88,546	43.2	92,362	45.3	89,505	44.5	90,131	42.8	100,445	41.7
Law enforcement releases	21,122	10.3	20,895	10.3	19,006	9.4	20,180	9.6	23,003	9.5
Complaints denied ¹	31,312	15.3	37,010	18.2	37,215	18.5	35,498	16.9	39,732	16.5
Dismissed, acquitted	36,112	17.6	34,457	16.9	33,284	16.5	34,453	16.4	37,710	15.6
Lower court	30,171	14.7	29,017	14.2	28,469	14.2	29,825	14.2	33,138	13.8
Superior court	5,941	2.9	5,440	2.7	4,815	2.4	4,628	2.2	4,572	1.9
Convicted	116,622	56.8	111,443	54.7	111,653	55.5	120,267	57.2	140,533	58.3
State institutions ²	16,667	8.1	16,909	8.3	17,537	8.7	19,002	9.0	22,343	9.3
Probation with jail	55,651	27.1	56,782	27.9	59,497	29.6	66,374	31.5	80,240	33.3
Jail	12,074	5.9	11,022	5.4	11,167	5.6	11,172	5.3	12,524	5.2
Probation ³	32,230	15.7	26,730	13.1	23,452	11.7	23,719	11.3	25,426	10.6

Type of release and sentence	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	258,832	100.0	270,496	100.0	265,990	100.0	275,151	100.0	258,734	100.0
Released	110,542	42.7	116,896	43.2	112,319	42.2	107,524	39.1	89,391	34.5
Law enforcement releases	22,773	8.8	21,019	7.8	19,230	7.2	20,773	7.5	15,444	6.0
Complaints denied ¹	47,807	18.5	52,464	19.4	51,222	19.3	45,682	16.6	33,503	12.9
Dismissed, acquitted	39,962	15.4	43,413	16.0	41,867	15.7	41,069	14.9	40,444	15.6
Lower court	35,163	13.6	38,657	14.3	37,404	14.1	36,687	13.3	35,600	13.8
Superior court	4,799	1.9	4,756	1.8	4,463	1.7	4,382	1.6	4,844	1.9
Convicted	148,290	57.3	153,600	56.8	153,671	57.8	167,627	60.9	169,343	65.5
State institutions ²	25,132	9.7	25,924	9.6	26,927	10.1	30,409	11.1	33,648	13.0
Probation with jail	89,394	34.5	94,942	35.1	95,903	36.1	103,777	37.7	103,725	40.1
Jail	12,396	4.8	11,943	4.4	11,567	4.3	12,406	4.5	10,764	4.2
Probation ³	21,368	8.3	20,791	7.7	19,274	7.2	21,035	7.6	21,206	8.2

Reference: Table 1.

Notes: Percents may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

¹Complaints denied includes petitions to revoke probation.

²The state institutions category includes sentences to death, prison, Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Center. State hospital is included from 1981-1982.

³The probation category includes sentences to straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given, sentence suspended and sentence stayed).

TABLE 3
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Type of Disposition and Arrest Offense Category

Type of disposition and arrest offense category	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total	205,168	100.0	203,805	100.0	201,158	100.0	210,398	100.0	240,978	100.0
Type of disposition										
Law enforcement releases	21,122	10.3	20,895	10.3	19,006	9.4	20,180	9.6	23,003	9.5
Complaints denied ¹	31,312	15.3	37,010	18.2	37,215	18.5	35,498	16.9	39,732	16.5
Dismissed, acquitted	36,112	17.6	34,457	16.9	33,284	16.5	34,453	16.4	37,710	15.6
Convicted	116,622	56.8	111,443	54.7	111,653	55.5	120,267	57.2	140,533	58.3
Arrest offense category										
Violent offenses ²	53,374	100.0	50,168	100.0	45,545	100.0	45,116	100.0	49,907	100.0
Law enforcement releases	5,975	11.2	5,666	11.3	4,981	10.9	5,412	12.0	6,083	12.2
Complaints denied ¹	8,857	16.6	10,168	20.3	9,809	21.5	9,182	20.4	10,324	20.7
Dismissed, acquitted	10,006	18.7	9,246	18.4	7,736	17.0	7,561	16.8	7,720	15.5
Convicted	28,536	53.5	25,088	50.0	23,019	50.5	22,961	50.9	25,780	51.7
Property offenses ³	86,614	100.0	90,474	100.0	86,264	100.0	88,537	100.0	99,483	100.0
Law enforcement releases	9,608	11.1	10,265	11.3	8,549	9.9	9,148	10.3	10,209	10.3
Complaints denied ¹	10,304	11.9	11,798	13.0	10,487	12.2	9,588	10.8	10,709	10.8
Dismissed, acquitted	12,949	15.0	12,465	13.8	11,575	13.4	11,223	12.7	12,308	12.4
Convicted	53,753	62.1	55,946	61.8	55,653	64.5	58,578	66.2	66,257	66.6
Drug offenses	42,308	100.0	42,285	100.0	47,461	100.0	51,659	100.0	63,766	100.0
Law enforcement releases	4,464	10.6	3,929	9.3	4,533	9.6	4,482	8.7	5,383	8.4
Complaints denied ¹	8,661	20.5	11,239	26.6	12,357	26.0	11,778	22.8	13,513	21.2
Dismissed, acquitted	9,873	23.3	9,674	22.9	11,004	23.2	12,351	23.9	14,002	22.0
Convicted	19,310	45.6	17,443	41.3	19,567	41.2	23,048	44.6	30,868	48.4
All other offenses	22,872	100.0	20,878	100.0	21,888	100.0	25,086	100.0	27,822	100.0
Law enforcement releases	1,075	4.7	1,035	5.0	943	4.3	1,138	4.5	1,328	4.8
Complaints denied ¹	3,490	15.3	3,805	18.2	4,562	20.8	4,950	19.7	5,186	18.6
Dismissed, acquitted	3,284	14.4	3,072	14.7	2,969	13.6	3,318	13.2	3,680	13.2
Convicted	15,023	65.7	12,966	62.1	13,414	61.3	15,680	62.5	17,628	63.4

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TABLE 3 - continued
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Type of Disposition and Arrest Offense Category

Type of disposition and arrest offense category	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total	258,832	100.0	270,496	100.0	265,990	100.0	275,151	100.0	258,734	100.0
Type of disposition										
Law enforcement releases	22,773	8.8	21,019	7.8	19,230	7.2	20,773	7.5	15,444	6.0
Complaints denied ¹	47,807	18.5	52,464	19.4	51,222	19.3	45,682	16.6	33,503	12.9
Dismissed, acquitted	39,962	15.4	43,413	16.0	41,867	15.7	41,069	14.9	40,444	15.6
Convicted	148,290	57.3	153,600	56.8	153,671	57.8	167,627	60.9	169,343	65.5
Arrest offense category										
Violent offenses ²	62,221	100.0	65,655	100.0	61,951	100.0	65,131	100.0	66,270	100.0
Law enforcement releases	6,992	11.2	6,302	9.6	4,369	7.1	4,714	7.2	3,947	6.0
Complaints denied ¹	15,943	25.6	16,556	25.2	15,963	25.8	15,526	23.8	13,421	20.3
Dismissed, acquitted	9,632	15.5	10,751	16.4	11,009	17.8	11,452	17.6	11,898	18.0
Convicted	29,654	47.7	32,046	48.8	30,610	49.4	33,439	51.3	37,004	55.8
Property offenses ³	97,463	100.0	94,788	100.0	90,080	100.0	93,128	100.0	85,120	100.0
Law enforcement releases	9,023	9.3	8,398	8.9	6,416	7.1	6,088	6.5	4,619	5.4
Complaints denied ¹	11,650	12.0	12,035	12.7	13,348	14.8	12,953	13.9	9,410	11.1
Dismissed, acquitted	11,776	12.1	11,386	12.0	10,390	11.5	9,935	10.7	9,205	10.8
Convicted	65,014	66.7	62,969	66.4	59,926	66.5	64,152	68.9	61,886	72.7
Drug offenses	75,056	100.0	86,173	100.0	92,562	100.0	96,126	100.0	84,538	100.0
Law enforcement releases	5,655	7.5	5,345	6.2	7,733	8.4	9,272	9.6	6,245	7.4
Complaints denied ¹	15,581	20.8	19,064	22.1	17,617	19.0	13,986	14.5	8,412	10.0
Dismissed, acquitted	15,571	20.7	18,287	21.2	17,766	19.2	17,229	17.9	16,665	19.7
Convicted	38,249	51.0	43,477	50.5	49,446	53.4	55,639	57.9	53,216	62.9
All other offenses	24,092	100.0	23,880	100.0	21,397	100.0	20,766	100.0	22,806	100.0
Law enforcement releases	1,103	4.6	974	4.1	712	3.3	699	3.4	633	2.8
Complaints denied ¹	4,633	19.2	4,809	20.1	4,294	20.1	3,217	15.5	2,260	9.9
Dismissed, acquitted	2,983	12.4	2,989	12.5	2,702	12.6	2,453	11.8	2,676	11.7
Convicted	15,373	63.8	15,108	63.3	13,689	64.0	14,397	69.3	17,237	75.6

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

¹ Complaints denied includes petitions to revoke probation.

² Violent offenses include homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assault, and kidnapping.

³ Property offenses include burglary; theft; motor vehicle theft; forgery, check, and access card offenses; and arson.

TABLE 4
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Arrest Offense Category

Arrest offense category	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	205,168	100.0	203,805	100.0	201,158	100.0	210,398	100.0	240,978	100.0
Violent offenses	53,374	26.0	50,168	24.6	45,545	22.6	45,116	21.4	49,907	20.7
Property offenses	86,614	42.2	90,474	44.4	86,264	42.9	88,537	42.1	99,483	41.3
Drug offenses	42,308	20.6	42,285	20.7	47,461	23.6	51,659	24.6	63,766	26.5
All other offenses	22,872	11.1	20,878	10.2	21,888	10.9	25,086	11.9	27,822	11.5

Arrest offense category	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	258,832	100.0	270,496	100.0	265,990	100.0	275,151	100.0	258,734	100.0
Violent offenses	62,221	24.0	65,655	24.3	61,951	23.3	65,131	23.7	66,270	25.6
Property offenses	97,463	37.7	94,788	35.0	90,080	33.9	93,128	33.8	85,120	32.9
Drug offenses	75,056	29.0	86,173	31.9	92,562	34.8	96,126	34.9	84,538	32.7
All other offenses	24,092	9.3	23,880	8.8	21,397	8.0	20,766	7.5	22,806	8.8

Reference: Table 3.

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

TABLE 5
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990
Arrest Offense by Type of Disposition and Sentence

Type of disposition and sentence	Total	Violent offenses						Property offenses						Drug offenses	All other offenses
		Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Assault	Kidnapping	Total	Burglary	Theft	Motor vehicle theft	Forgery, checks, access cards	Arson		
Total	258,734	66,270	1,430	2,399	12,941	48,109	1,391	85,120	32,220	31,850	14,236	6,236	578	84,538	22,806
Law enforcement releases	15,444	3,947	80	224	887	2,662	94	4,619	1,225	1,461	1,693	204	36	6,245	633
Complaints denied	32,051	13,163	99	490	2,414	9,966	194	8,911	2,091	3,567	2,787	437	29	7,764	2,213
Petition to revoke probation	1,452	258	1	4	60	191	2	499	146	243	97	13	0	648	47
Complaints filed	209,787	48,902	1,250	1,681	9,580	35,290	1,101	71,091	28,758	26,579	9,659	5,582	513	69,881	19,913
Misdemeanor	81,051	24,932	21	155	1,359	23,185	212	34,123	13,231	14,383	3,497	2,908	104	14,128	7,868
Felony	128,736	23,970	1,229	1,526	8,221	12,105	889	36,968	15,527	12,196	6,162	2,674	409	55,753	12,045
Lower court dispositions	112,914	31,487	131	438	2,707	27,740	471	43,162	16,316	18,017	4,895	3,746	188	27,622	10,643
Dismissed	26,453	8,782	107	239	1,194	7,056	186	7,571	2,415	3,111	1,172	813	60	7,945	2,155
Diversions dismissed	8,851	1,675	0	6	13	1,645	11	616	213	262	44	94	3	6,482	78
Acquitted	296	170	0	1	8	158	3	71	27	38	3	3	0	16	39
Convicted	77,314	20,860	24	192	1,492	18,881	271	34,904	13,661	14,606	3,676	2,836	125	13,179	8,371
Sentence															
Youth Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probation	13,711	4,156	7	25	189	3,870	65	5,325	2,015	2,157	445	685	23	1,979	2,251
Probation with jail	52,227	14,605	11	142	1,096	13,173	183	24,420	9,854	9,855	2,737	1,897	77	8,275	4,927
Jail	9,994	1,739	5	18	185	1,512	19	4,767	1,655	2,396	465	227	24	2,577	911
Fine	1,221	306	1	4	17	280	4	334	119	168	24	22	1	318	263
Other	161	54	0	3	5	46	0	58	18	30	5	5	0	30	19
Superior court dispositions	96,873	17,415	1,119	1,243	6,873	7,550	630	27,929	12,442	8,562	4,764	1,836	325	42,259	9,270
Dismissed	3,946	1,027	64	93	347	481	42	846	337	273	172	37	27	1,735	338
Diversions dismissed	369	5	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	360	2
Acquitted	529	239	41	39	56	95	8	99	49	24	13	5	8	127	64
Convicted	92,029	16,144	1,014	1,111	6,470	6,969	580	26,982	12,056	8,265	4,578	1,793	290	40,037	8,866
Sentence															
Death	33	33	32	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison	32,265	7,816	847	613	3,660	2,413	283	10,495	5,415	2,799	1,674	508	99	10,404	3,550
Youth Authority	98	45	4	2	19	20	0	34	17	6	8	3	0	13	6
Probation	5,915	830	25	50	195	527	33	1,552	502	669	158	199	24	3,028	505
Probation with jail	51,498	7,099	102	427	2,460	3,856	254	14,068	5,669	4,547	2,657	1,033	162	25,653	4,678
Jail	770	177	3	13	51	105	5	268	126	82	43	14	3	241	84
Fine	54	10	0	2	2	6	0	22	8	12	1	0	1	20	2
California Rehabilitation Center	1,252	124	1	4	77	38	4	502	299	134	32	36	1	591	35
Other	144	10	0	0	6	3	1	41	20	16	5	0	0	87	6

Note: Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

TABLE 6
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990
Arrest Offense by Type of Disposition and Sentence Category

Type of disposition and sentence category	Total	Violent offenses						Property offenses						Drug offenses	All other offenses
		Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Assault	Kidnapping	Total	Burglary	Theft	Motor vehicle theft	Forgery, checks, access cards	Arson		
Number															
Total	258,734	66,270	1,430	2,399	12,941	48,109	1,391	85,120	32,220	31,850	14,236	6,236	578	84,538	22,806
Law enforcement releases	15,444	3,947	80	224	887	2,662	94	4,619	1,225	1,461	1,693	204	36	6,245	633
Complaints denied¹	33,503	13,421	100	494	2,474	10,157	196	9,410	2,237	3,810	2,884	450	29	8,412	2,260
Dismissed, acquitted	40,444	11,898	212	378	1,618	9,440	250	9,205	3,041	3,708	1,405	953	98	16,665	2,676
Lower court dismissed, acquitted	35,600	10,627	107	246	1,215	8,859	200	8,258	2,655	3,411	1,219	910	63	14,443	2,272
Superior court dismissed, acquitted	4,844	1,271	105	132	403	581	50	947	386	297	186	43	35	2,222	404
Convicted	169,343	37,004	1,038	1,303	7,962	25,850	851	61,886	25,717	22,871	8,254	4,629	415	53,216	17,237
State institutions²	33,648	8,018	884	619	3,756	2,472	287	11,031	5,731	2,939	1,714	547	100	11,008	3,591
Probation with jail	103,725	21,704	113	569	3,556	17,029	437	38,488	15,523	14,402	5,394	2,930	239	33,928	9,605
Jail	10,764	1,916	8	31	236	1,617	24	5,035	1,781	2,478	508	241	27	2,818	995
Probation³	21,206	5,366	33	84	414	4,732	103	7,332	2,682	3,052	638	911	49	5,462	3,046
Percent of total felony arrest offense dispositions															
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Law enforcement releases	6.0	6.0	5.6	9.3	6.9	5.5	6.8	5.4	3.8	4.6	11.9	3.3	6.2	7.4	2.8
Complaints denied¹	12.9	20.3	7.0	20.6	19.1	21.1	14.1	11.1	6.9	12.0	20.3	7.2	5.0	10.0	9.9
Dismissed, acquitted	15.6	18.0	14.8	15.8	12.5	19.6	18.0	10.8	9.4	11.6	9.9	15.3	17.0	19.7	11.7
Lower court dismissed, acquitted	13.8	16.0	7.5	10.3	9.4	18.4	14.4	9.7	8.2	10.7	8.6	14.6	10.9	17.1	10.0
Superior court dismissed, acquitted	1.9	1.9	7.3	5.5	3.1	1.2	3.6	1.1	1.2	.9	1.3	.7	6.1	2.6	1.8
Convicted	65.5	55.8	72.6	54.3	61.5	53.7	61.2	72.7	79.8	71.8	58.0	74.2	71.8	62.9	75.6
State institutions²	13.0	12.1	61.8	25.8	29.0	5.1	20.6	13.0	17.8	9.2	12.0	8.8	17.3	13.0	15.7
Probation with jail	40.1	32.8	7.9	23.7	27.5	35.4	31.4	45.2	48.2	45.2	37.9	47.0	41.3	40.1	42.1
Jail	4.2	2.9	.6	1.3	1.8	3.4	1.7	5.9	5.5	7.8	3.6	3.9	4.7	3.3	4.4
Probation³	8.2	8.1	2.3	3.5	3.2	9.8	7.4	8.6	8.3	9.6	4.5	14.6	8.5	6.5	13.4

Reference: Table 5.

Notes: Percents may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding.

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¹ Complaints denied includes petitions to revoke probation.

² The state institutions category includes sentences to death, prison, Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Center.

³ The probation category includes sentences to straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given, sentence suspended, and sentence stayed).

TABLE 7
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
Percent Convicted Based on Total Dispositions, Complaints Filed, and Court Level

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Number										
Felony arrest dispositions	205,168	203,805	201,158	210,398	240,978	258,832	270,496	265,990	275,151	258,734
Complaints filed	152,734	145,900	144,937	154,720	178,243	188,252	197,013	195,538	208,696	209,787
Lower court dispositions	100,793	93,960	92,063	97,757	110,109	113,419	119,675	113,078	117,375	112,914
Superior court dispositions	51,941	51,940	52,874	56,963	68,134	74,833	77,338	82,460	91,321	96,873
Convicted	116,622	111,443	111,653	120,267	140,533	148,290	153,600	153,671	167,627	169,343
Lower court convictions	70,622	64,943	63,594	67,932	76,971	78,256	81,018	75,674	80,688	77,314
Superior court convictions ...	46,000	46,500	48,059	52,335	63,562	70,034	72,582	77,997	86,939	92,029
Percent based on total felony arrest dispositions										
Felony arrest dispositions	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Complaints filed	74.4	71.6	72.1	73.5	74.0	72.7	72.8	73.5	75.8	81.1
Lower court dispositions	49.1	46.1	45.8	46.5	45.7	43.8	44.2	42.5	42.7	43.6
Superior court dispositions	25.3	25.5	26.3	27.1	28.3	28.9	28.6	31.0	33.2	37.4
Convicted	56.8	54.7	55.5	57.2	58.3	57.3	56.8	57.8	60.9	65.5
Lower court convictions	34.4	31.9	31.6	32.3	31.9	30.2	30.0	28.4	29.3	29.9
Superior court convictions ...	22.4	22.8	23.9	24.9	26.4	27.1	26.8	29.3	31.6	35.6
Percent based on complaints filed										
Complaints filed	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lower court dispositions	66.0	64.4	63.5	63.2	61.8	60.2	60.7	57.8	56.2	53.8
Superior court dispositions	34.0	35.6	36.5	36.8	38.2	39.8	39.3	42.2	43.8	46.2
Convicted	76.4	76.4	77.0	77.7	78.8	78.8	78.0	78.6	80.3	80.7
Lower court convictions	46.2	44.5	43.9	43.9	43.2	41.6	41.1	38.7	38.7	36.9
Superior court convictions ...	30.1	31.9	33.2	33.8	35.7	37.2	36.8	39.9	41.7	43.9
Percent based on court dispositions										
Lower court dispositions	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Lower court convictions	70.1	69.1	69.1	69.5	69.9	69.0	67.7	66.9	68.7	68.5
Superior court dispositions	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Superior court convictions	88.6	89.5	90.9	91.9	93.3	93.6	93.9	94.6	95.2	95.0

Reference: Table 1.

Notes: Percents may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

TABLE 8
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1981-1990
By Convicted Offense Category and Sentence

Convicted offense category and sentence	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total convictions	116,622	100.0	111,443	100.0	111,653	100.0	120,267	100.0	140,533	100.0
Type of sentence										
State institutions ¹	16,667	14.3	16,909	15.2	17,537	15.7	19,002	15.8	22,343	15.9
Probation ²	32,230	27.6	26,730	24.0	23,452	21.0	23,719	19.7	25,426	18.1
Probation with jail	55,651	47.7	56,782	51.0	59,497	53.3	66,374	55.2	80,240	57.1
Jail	12,074	10.4	11,022	9.9	11,167	10.0	11,172	9.3	12,524	8.9
Convicted offense category and sentence										
Violent offenses	21,289	100.0	19,015	100.0	17,397	100.0	17,586	100.0	19,968	100.0
State institutions ¹	6,760	31.8	6,499	34.2	5,993	34.4	5,792	32.9	6,551	32.8
Probation ²	3,843	18.1	3,025	15.9	2,489	14.3	2,456	14.0	2,542	12.7
Probation with jail	9,077	42.6	8,244	43.4	7,791	44.8	8,245	46.9	9,610	48.1
Jail	1,609	7.6	1,247	6.6	1,124	6.5	1,093	6.2	1,265	6.3
Property offenses	50,415	100.0	53,202	100.0	53,342	100.0	56,073	100.0	63,006	100.0
State institutions ¹	7,264	14.4	7,706	14.5	8,018	15.0	8,662	15.4	9,818	15.6
Probation ²	9,820	19.5	10,377	19.5	9,327	17.5	9,395	16.8	10,181	16.2
Probation with jail	27,930	55.4	29,604	55.6	30,396	57.0	32,619	58.2	37,116	58.9
Jail	5,401	10.7	5,515	10.4	5,601	10.5	5,397	9.6	5,891	9.3
Drug offenses	15,832	100.0	14,884	100.0	17,112	100.0	20,706	100.0	28,788	100.0
State institutions ¹	1,123	7.1	1,271	8.5	1,775	10.4	2,332	11.3	3,491	12.1
Probation ²	5,398	34.1	3,787	25.4	3,426	20.0	3,486	16.8	3,673	12.8
Probation with jail	7,728	48.8	8,456	56.8	10,289	60.1	12,990	62.7	19,442	67.5
Jail	1,583	10.0	1,370	9.2	1,622	9.5	1,898	9.2	2,182	7.6
All other offenses	29,086	100.0	24,342	100.0	23,802	100.0	25,902	100.0	28,771	100.0
State institutions ¹	1,520	5.2	1,433	5.9	1,751	7.4	2,216	8.6	2,483	8.6
Probation ²	13,169	45.3	9,541	39.2	8,210	34.5	8,382	32.4	9,030	31.4
Probation with jail	10,916	37.5	10,478	43.0	11,021	46.3	12,520	48.3	14,072	48.9
Jail	3,481	12.0	2,890	11.9	2,820	11.8	2,784	10.7	3,186	11.1

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TABLE 8 - continued
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1981-1990
By Convicted Offense Category and Sentence

Convicted offense category and sentence	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total convictions.....	148,290	100.0	153,600	100.0	153,671	100.0	167,627	100.0	169,343	100.0
Type of sentence										
State institutions ¹	25,132	16.9	25,924	16.9	26,927	17.5	30,409	18.1	33,648	19.9
Probation ²	21,368	14.4	20,791	13.5	19,274	12.5	21,035	12.5	21,206	12.5
Probation with jail	89,394	60.3	94,942	61.8	95,903	62.4	103,777	61.9	103,725	61.3
Jail	12,396	8.4	11,943	7.8	11,567	7.5	12,406	7.4	10,764	6.4
Convicted offense category and sentence										
Violent offenses	23,528	100.0	25,835	100.0	24,958	100.0	27,250	100.0	30,284	100.0
State institutions ¹	6,737	28.6	6,372	24.7	5,814	23.3	5,973	21.9	6,951	23.0
Probation ²	2,800	11.9	3,234	12.5	3,194	12.8	3,722	13.7	3,950	13.0
Probation with jail	12,597	53.5	14,748	57.1	14,445	57.9	15,929	58.5	17,911	59.1
Jail	1,394	5.9	1,481	5.7	1,505	6.0	1,626	6.0	1,472	4.9
Property offenses	62,015	100.0	60,279	100.0	57,212	100.0	61,209	100.0	59,808	100.0
State institutions ¹	10,308	16.6	10,010	16.6	9,916	17.3	10,662	17.4	11,679	19.5
Probation ²	7,755	12.5	7,097	11.8	6,155	10.8	6,456	10.5	6,421	10.7
Probation with jail	38,133	61.5	38,042	63.1	36,579	63.9	39,195	64.0	37,426	62.6
Jail	5,819	9.4	5,130	8.5	4,562	8.0	4,896	8.0	4,282	7.2
Drug offenses	35,913	100.0	41,359	100.0	47,246	100.0	52,827	100.0	50,719	100.0
State institutions ¹	5,577	15.5	6,979	16.9	8,652	18.3	10,908	20.6	10,908	21.5
Probation ²	3,211	8.9	3,281	7.9	3,847	8.1	4,378	8.3	4,495	8.9
Probation with jail	24,889	69.3	28,520	69.0	32,101	67.9	34,739	65.8	32,943	65.0
Jail	2,236	6.2	2,579	6.2	2,646	5.6	2,802	5.3	2,373	4.7
All other offenses	26,834	100.0	26,127	100.0	24,255	100.0	26,341	100.0	28,532	100.0
State institutions ¹	2,510	9.4	2,563	9.8	2,545	10.5	2,866	10.9	4,110	14.4
Probation ²	7,602	28.3	7,179	27.5	6,078	25.1	6,479	24.6	6,340	22.2
Probation with jail	13,775	51.3	13,632	52.2	12,778	52.7	13,914	52.8	15,445	54.1
Jail	2,947	11.0	2,753	10.5	2,854	11.8	3,082	11.7	2,637	9.2

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

Convicted offense data include both felonies and misdemeanors.

¹The state institutions category includes sentences to death, prison, Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Center.

²The probation category includes sentences to straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given, sentence suspended, and sentence stayed).

TABLE 9
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1981-1990
By Convicted Offense Category

Convicted offense category	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total convictions	116,622	100.0	111,443	100.0	111,653	100.0	120,267	100.0	140,533	100.0
Violent offenses	21,289	18.3	19,015	17.1	17,397	15.6	17,586	14.6	19,968	14.2
Property offenses	50,415	43.2	53,202	47.7	53,342	47.8	56,073	46.6	63,006	44.8
Drug offenses	15,832	13.6	14,884	13.4	17,112	15.3	20,706	17.2	28,788	20.5
All other offenses	29,086	24.9	24,342	21.8	23,802	21.3	25,902	21.5	28,771	20.5

Convicted offense category	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total convictions	148,290	100.0	153,600	100.0	153,671	100.0	167,627	100.0	169,343	100.0
Violent offenses	23,528	15.9	25,835	16.8	24,958	16.2	27,250	16.3	30,284	17.9
Property offenses	62,015	41.8	60,279	39.2	57,212	37.2	61,209	36.5	59,808	35.3
Drug offenses	35,913	24.2	41,359	26.9	47,246	30.7	52,827	31.5	50,719	30.0
All other offenses	26,834	18.1	26,127	17.0	24,255	15.8	26,341	15.7	28,532	16.8

Reference: Table 8.

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

Convicted offense data include both felonies and misdemeanors.

TABLE 10
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED OF
VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1981-1990
By Sentence for Assault and All Other Violent Offense Convictions

Sentence	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total violent offense convictions	21,289	100.0	19,015	100.0	17,397	100.0	17,586	100.0	19,968	100.0
State institutions ¹	6,760	31.8	6,499	34.2	5,993	34.4	5,792	32.9	6,551	32.8
Probation ²	3,843	18.1	3,025	15.9	2,489	14.3	2,456	14.0	2,542	12.7
Probation with jail	9,077	42.6	8,244	43.4	7,791	44.8	8,245	46.9	9,610	48.1
Jail	1,609	7.6	1,247	6.6	1,124	6.5	1,093	6.2	1,265	6.3
Assault convictions	14,106	100.0	11,982	100.0	11,035	100.0	11,593	100.0	13,190	100.0
State institutions ¹	1,361	9.6	1,296	10.8	1,275	11.6	1,379	11.9	1,575	11.9
Probation ²	3,648	25.9	2,824	23.6	2,315	21.0	2,292	19.8	2,392	18.1
Probation with jail	7,509	53.2	6,643	55.4	6,330	57.4	6,842	59.0	7,981	60.5
Jail	1,588	11.3	1,219	10.2	1,115	10.1	1,080	9.3	1,242	9.4
Violent offense convictions excluding assault	7,183	100.0	7,033	100.0	6,362	100.0	5,993	100.0	6,778	100.0
State institutions ¹	5,399	75.2	5,203	74.0	4,718	74.2	4,413	73.6	4,976	73.4
Probation ²	195	2.7	201	2.9	174	2.7	164	2.7	150	2.2
Probation with jail	1,568	21.8	1,601	22.8	1,461	23.0	1,403	23.4	1,629	24.0
Jail	21	.3	28	.4	9	.1	13	.2	23	.3

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TABLE 10 - continued
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED OF
VIOLENT OFFENSES, 1981-1990
By Sentence for Assault and All Other Violent Offense Convictions

Sentence	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total violent offense convictions	23,528	100.0	25,835	100.0	24,958	100.0	27,250	100.0	30,284	100.0
State institutions ¹	6,737	28.6	6,372	24.7	5,814	23.3	5,973	21.9	6,951	23.0
Probation ²	2,800	11.9	3,234	12.5	3,194	12.8	3,722	13.7	3,950	13.0
Probation with jail	12,597	53.5	14,748	57.1	14,445	57.9	15,929	58.5	17,911	59.1
Jail	1,394	5.9	1,481	5.7	1,505	6.0	1,626	6.0	1,472	4.9
Assault convictions	16,719	100.0	19,494	100.0	19,305	100.0	21,395	100.0	23,613	100.0
State institutions ¹	1,713	10.2	1,661	8.5	1,679	8.7	1,768	8.3	2,130	9.0
Probation ²	2,647	15.8	3,100	15.9	3,078	15.9	3,575	16.7	3,786	16.0
Probation with jail	10,975	65.6	13,268	68.1	13,060	67.7	14,452	67.5	16,244	68.8
Jail	1,384	8.3	1,465	7.5	1,488	7.7	1,600	7.5	1,453	6.2
Violent offense convictions excluding assault	6,809	100.0	6,341	100.0	5,653	100.0	5,855	100.0	6,671	100.0
State institutions ¹	5,024	73.8	4,711	74.3	4,135	73.1	4,205	71.8	4,821	72.3
Probation ²	153	2.2	134	2.1	116	2.1	147	2.5	164	2.5
Probation with jail	1,622	23.8	1,480	23.3	1,385	24.5	1,477	25.2	1,667	25.0
Jail	10	.1	16	.3	17	.3	26	.4	19	.3

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Violent offenses include homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assault, and kidnapping.

Convicted offense data include both felonies and misdemeanors.

¹The state institutions category includes sentences to death, prison, Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Center.

²The probation category includes sentences to straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given, sentence suspended, and sentence stayed).

TABLE 11
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1990
Convicted Offense by Sentence and Court

Sentence and court	Total	Violent offenses						Property offenses						Drug offenses	All other offenses
		Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Assault	Kidnapping	Total	Burglary	Theft	Motor vehicle theft	Forgery, checks, access cards	Arson		
Total convictions															
Total convictions	169,343	30,284	935	621	4,824	23,613	291	59,808	15,281	32,209	7,287	4,677	354	50,719	28,532
Sentences															
State institutions	33,648	6,951	868	464	3,335	2,130	154	11,679	5,099	4,236	1,668	571	105	10,908	4,110
Prison	32,298	6,817	865	461	3,247	2,093	151	11,125	4,820	4,051	1,618	532	104	10,301	4,055
Youth Authority	98	40	3	2	17	18	0	39	18	12	8	1	0	14	5
California Rehabilitation Center	1,252	94	0	1	71	19	3	515	261	173	42	38	1	593	50
Probation with jail	103,725	17,911	50	139	1,372	16,244	106	37,426	8,599	20,810	4,822	3,001	134	32,943	15,445
Jail	10,764	1,472	2	1	14	1,453	2	4,282	695	2,980	377	213	17	2,373	2,637
Probation	21,206	3,950	15	17	103	3,786	29	6,421	888	4,183	420	892	38	4,495	6,340
Straight probation	19,626	3,807	14	17	99	3,648	29	6,160	853	3,995	404	871	37	4,195	5,464
Fine	1,275	117	0	0	1	116	0	187	15	150	6	15	1	195	776
Other	305	26	1	0	3	22	0	74	20	38	10	6	0	105	100
Sentences by court level															
Lower court	77,314	17,148	0	10	14	17,080	44	30,995	5,264	20,157	2,697	2,804	73	10,959	18,212
State institutions: Youth Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Probation with jail	52,227	12,538	0	8	7	12,496	27	22,255	4,129	14,078	2,091	1,909	48	7,392	10,042
Jail	9,994	1,336	0	0	4	1,330	2	4,052	636	2,866	337	199	14	2,162	2,444
Probation	15,093	3,274	0	2	3	3,254	15	4,688	499	3,213	269	696	11	1,405	5,726
Straight probation	13,711	3,145	0	2	3	3,125	15	4,483	484	3,052	261	675	11	1,212	4,871
Fine	1,221	110	0	0	0	110	0	168	11	137	5	15	0	174	769
Other	161	19	0	0	0	19	0	37	4	24	3	6	0	19	86
Superior court	92,029	13,136	935	611	4,810	6,533	247	28,813	10,017	12,052	4,590	1,873	281	39,760	10,320
State institutions	33,648	6,951	868	464	3,335	2,130	154	11,679	5,099	4,236	1,668	571	105	10,908	4,110
Death	33	33	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison	32,265	6,784	832	461	3,247	2,093	151	11,125	4,820	4,051	1,618	532	104	10,301	4,055
Youth Authority	98	40	3	2	17	18	0	39	18	12	8	1	0	14	5
California Rehabilitation Center	1,252	94	0	1	71	19	3	515	261	173	42	38	1	593	50
Probation with jail	51,498	5,373	50	131	1,365	3,748	79	15,171	4,470	6,732	2,731	1,092	146	25,551	5,403
Jail	770	136	2	1	10	123	0	230	59	114	40	14	3	211	193
Probation	6,113	676	15	15	100	532	14	1,733	389	970	151	196	27	3,090	614
Straight probation	5,915	662	14	15	96	523	14	1,677	369	943	143	196	26	2,983	593
Fine	54	7	0	0	1	6	0	19	4	13	1	0	1	21	7
Other	144	7	1	0	3	3	0	37	16	14	7	0	0	86	14

Notes: Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.
Data include convictions for both misdemeanors and felonies.

TABLE 12
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED, 1990
Convicted Offense by Sentence

Sentence	Total	Violent offenses						Property offenses						Drug offenses	All other offenses
		Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Assault	Kidnapping	Total	Burglary	Theft	Motor vehicle theft	Forgery, checks, access cards	Arson		
Total convictions.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
State institutions ¹	19.9	23.0	92.8	74.7	69.1	9.0	52.9	19.5	33.4	13.2	22.9	12.2	29.7	21.5	14.4
Probation with jail	61.3	59.1	5.3	22.4	28.4	68.8	36.4	62.6	56.3	64.6	66.2	64.2	54.8	65.0	54.1
Jail	6.4	4.9	.2	.2	.3	6.2	.7	7.2	4.5	9.3	5.2	4.6	4.8	4.7	9.2
Probation ²	12.5	13.0	1.6	2.7	2.1	16.0	10.0	10.7	5.8	13.0	5.8	19.1	10.7	8.9	22.2

Reference: Table 11.

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

Convicted offense data include both felonies and misdemeanors.

¹The state institutions category includes sentences to death, prison, Youth Authority, and the California Rehabilitation Center.

²The probation category includes sentences to straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given, sentence suspended, and sentence stayed).

TABLE 13
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Sentence and Convicted Offense Category

Sentence and convicted offense category	1981		1982		1983		1984		1985	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total convictions	116,622	100.0	111,443	100.0	111,653	100.0	120,267	100.0	140,533	100.0
Convicted offense category										
Violent offenses	21,289	18.3	19,015	17.1	17,397	15.6	17,586	14.6	19,968	14.2
Property offenses	50,415	43.2	53,202	47.7	53,342	47.8	56,073	46.6	63,006	44.8
Drug offenses	15,832	13.6	14,884	13.4	17,112	15.3	20,706	17.2	28,788	20.5
All other offenses	29,086	24.9	24,342	21.8	23,802	21.3	25,902	21.5	28,771	20.5
Sentence and convicted offense										
State institution sentences	16,667	100.0	16,909	100.0	17,537	100.0	19,002	100.0	22,343	100.0
Violent offenses	6,760	40.6	6,499	38.4	5,993	34.2	5,792	30.5	6,551	29.3
Property offenses	7,264	43.6	7,706	45.6	8,018	45.7	8,662	45.6	9,818	43.9
Drug offenses	1,123	6.7	1,271	7.5	1,775	10.1	2,332	12.3	3,491	15.6
All other offenses	1,520	9.1	1,433	8.5	1,751	10.0	2,216	11.7	2,483	11.1
Probation with jail sentences	55,651	100.0	56,782	100.0	59,497	100.0	66,374	100.0	80,240	100.0
Violent offenses	9,077	16.3	8,244	14.5	7,791	13.1	8,245	12.4	9,610	12.0
Property offenses	27,930	50.2	29,604	52.1	30,396	51.1	32,619	49.1	37,116	46.3
Drug offenses	7,728	13.9	8,456	14.9	10,289	17.3	12,990	19.6	19,442	24.2
All other offenses	10,916	19.6	10,478	18.5	11,021	18.5	12,520	18.9	14,072	17.5
Jail sentences	12,074	100.0	11,022	100.0	11,167	100.0	11,172	100.0	12,524	100.0
Violent offenses	1,609	13.3	1,247	11.3	1,124	10.1	1,093	9.8	1,265	10.1
Property offenses	5,401	44.7	5,515	50.0	5,601	50.2	5,397	48.3	5,891	47.0
Drug offenses	1,583	13.1	1,370	12.4	1,622	14.5	1,898	17.0	2,182	17.4
All other offenses	3,481	28.8	2,890	26.2	2,820	25.3	2,784	24.9	3,186	25.4
Probation sentences	32,230	100.0	26,730	100.0	23,452	100.0	23,719	100.0	25,426	100.0
Violent offenses	3,843	11.9	3,025	11.3	2,489	10.6	2,456	10.4	2,542	10.0
Property offenses	9,820	30.5	10,377	38.8	9,327	39.8	9,395	39.6	10,181	40.0
Drug offenses	5,398	16.7	3,787	14.2	3,426	14.6	3,486	14.7	3,673	14.4
All other offenses	13,169	40.9	9,541	35.7	8,210	35.0	8,382	35.3	9,030	35.5

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TABLE 13 - continued
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1981-1990
By Sentence and Convicted Offense Category

Sentence and convicted offense category	1986		1987		1988		1989		1990	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total convictions	148,290	100.0	153,600	100.0	153,671	100.0	167,627	100.0	169,343	100.0
Convicted offense category										
Violent offenses	23,528	15.9	25,835	16.8	24,958	16.2	27,250	16.3	30,284	17.9
Property offenses	62,015	41.8	60,279	39.2	57,212	37.2	61,209	36.5	59,808	35.3
Drug offenses	35,913	24.2	41,359	26.9	47,246	30.7	52,827	31.5	50,719	30.0
All other offenses	26,834	18.1	26,127	17.0	24,255	15.8	26,341	15.7	28,532	16.8
Sentence and convicted offense										
State institution sentences	25,132	100.0	25,924	100.0	26,927	100.0	30,409	100.0	33,648	100.0
Violent offenses	6,737	26.8	6,372	24.6	5,814	21.6	5,973	19.6	6,951	20.7
Property offenses	10,308	41.0	10,010	38.6	9,916	36.8	10,662	35.1	11,679	34.7
Drug offenses	5,577	22.2	6,979	26.9	8,652	32.1	10,908	35.9	10,908	32.4
All other offenses	2,510	10.0	2,563	9.9	2,545	9.5	2,866	9.4	4,110	12.2
Probation with jail sentences	89,394	100.0	94,942	100.0	95,903	100.0	103,777	100.0	103,725	100.0
Violent offenses	12,597	14.1	14,748	15.5	14,445	15.1	15,929	15.3	17,911	17.3
Property offenses	38,133	42.7	38,042	40.1	36,579	38.1	39,195	37.8	37,426	36.1
Drug offenses	24,889	27.8	28,520	30.0	32,101	33.5	34,739	33.5	32,943	31.8
All other offenses	13,775	15.4	13,632	14.4	12,778	13.3	13,914	13.4	15,445	14.9
Jail sentences	12,396	100.0	11,943	100.0	11,567	100.0	12,406	100.0	10,764	100.0
Violent offenses	1,394	11.2	1,481	12.4	1,505	13.0	1,626	13.1	1,472	13.7
Property offenses	5,819	46.9	5,130	43.0	4,562	39.4	4,896	39.5	4,282	39.8
Drug offenses	2,236	18.0	2,579	21.6	2,646	22.9	2,802	22.6	2,373	22.0
All other offenses	2,947	23.8	2,753	23.1	2,854	24.7	3,082	24.8	2,637	24.5
Probation sentences	21,368	100.0	20,791	100.0	19,274	100.0	21,035	100.0	21,206	100.0
Violent offenses	2,800	13.1	3,234	15.6	3,194	16.6	3,722	17.7	3,950	18.6
Property offenses	7,755	36.3	7,097	34.1	6,155	31.9	6,456	30.7	6,421	30.3
Drug offenses	3,211	15.0	3,281	15.8	3,847	20.0	4,378	20.8	4,495	21.2
All other offenses	7,602	35.6	7,179	34.5	6,078	31.5	6,479	30.8	6,340	29.9

Reference: Table 8.

TABLE 14
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990
Type of Disposition by Sex, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Arrestee

Sex, race/ethnic group, and age of arrestee	Total		Law enforcement releases		Complaints denied ¹		Dismissed, acquitted		Convicted	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total	258,734	100.0	15,444	6.0	33,503	12.9	40,444	15.6	169,343	65.5
Sex of arrestee										
Male	218,817	100.0	13,417	6.1	29,112	13.3	33,331	15.2	142,957	65.3
Female	39,817	100.0	2,019	5.1	4,377	11.0	7,093	17.8	26,328	66.1
Unknown	100	100.0	8	8.0	14	14.0	20	20.0	58	58.0
Race/ethnic group of arrestee										
White (not Hispanic)	99,814	100.0	3,258	3.3	10,496	10.5	18,668	18.7	67,392	67.5
Hispanic	74,423	100.0	4,716	6.3	8,682	11.7	9,354	12.6	51,671	69.4
Black	74,702	100.0	6,816	9.1	12,916	17.3	10,740	14.4	44,230	59.2
Other	9,184	100.0	628	6.8	1,328	14.5	1,524	16.6	5,704	62.1
Unknown	611	100.0	26	4.3	81	13.3	158	25.9	346	56.6
Age of arrestee ²										
Under 20	24,037	100.0	1,967	8.2	3,372	14.0	2,667	11.1	16,031	66.7
Under 18 ³	120	100.0	0	.0	0	.0	22	18.3	98	81.7
18-19	23,917	100.0	1,967	8.2	3,372	14.1	2,645	11.1	15,933	66.6
20-29	122,663	100.0	7,026	5.7	15,440	12.6	18,536	15.1	81,661	66.6
20-24	62,815	100.0	3,772	6.0	7,981	12.7	8,907	14.2	42,155	67.1
25-29	59,848	100.0	3,254	5.4	7,459	12.5	9,629	16.1	39,506	66.0
30-39	79,129	100.0	4,432	5.6	10,112	12.8	13,307	16.8	51,278	64.8
30-34	47,687	100.0	2,624	5.5	5,994	12.6	7,967	16.7	31,102	65.2
35-39	31,442	100.0	1,808	5.8	4,118	13.1	5,340	17.0	20,176	64.2
40 and over	32,904	100.0	2,019	6.1	4,579	13.9	5,934	18.0	20,372	61.9
Unknown	1	100.0	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	-

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

¹Complaints denied includes petitions to revoke probation.

²Age groupings indicate the age of the arrestee at the time of disposition.

³The under 18 age group are dispositions of juveniles remanded to adult court (Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 602, 707(a), 707(b), 707(c), and 707.1(a)).

TABLE 15
ADULT FELONY ARREST CONVICTIONS, 1990
Convicted Offense Category by Sex, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Offender

Sex, race/ethnic group, and age of offender	Total		Violent offenses ¹		Property offenses ²		Drug offenses		All other offenses	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total	169,343	100.0	30,284	17.9	59,808	35.3	50,719	30.0	28,532	16.8
Sex of offender										
Male	142,957	100.0	28,032	19.6	47,053	32.9	42,162	29.5	25,710	18.0
Female	26,328	100.0	2,242	8.5	12,738	48.4	8,547	32.5	2,801	10.6
Unknown	58	100.0	10	17.2	17	29.3	10	17.2	21	36.2
Race/ethnic group of offender										
White (not Hispanic)	67,392	100.0	10,779	16.0	25,333	37.6	17,441	25.9	13,839	20.5
Hispanic	51,671	100.0	9,861	19.1	16,560	32.0	17,040	33.0	8,210	15.9
Black	44,230	100.0	8,313	18.8	15,556	35.2	15,155	34.3	5,206	11.8
Other	5,704	100.0	1,247	21.9	2,233	39.1	1,047	18.4	1,177	20.6
Unknown	346	100.0	84	24.3	126	36.4	36	10.4	100	28.9
Age of offender ³										
Under 20	16,031	100.0	2,801	17.5	7,266	45.3	3,124	19.5	2,840	17.7
Under 18 ⁴	98	100.0	46	46.9	24	24.5	21	21.4	7	7.1
18-19	15,933	100.0	2,755	17.3	7,242	45.5	3,103	19.5	2,833	17.8
20-29	81,661	100.0	14,830	18.2	28,237	34.6	25,310	31.0	13,284	16.3
20-24	42,155	100.0	7,674	18.2	15,287	36.3	12,291	29.2	6,903	16.4
25-29	39,506	100.0	7,156	18.1	12,950	32.8	13,019	33.0	6,381	16.2
30-39	51,278	100.0	9,039	17.6	17,656	34.4	16,454	32.1	8,129	15.9
30-34	31,102	100.0	5,591	18.0	10,570	34.0	10,024	32.2	4,917	15.8
35-39	20,176	100.0	3,448	17.1	7,086	35.1	6,430	31.9	3,212	15.9
40 and over	20,372	100.0	3,614	17.7	6,649	32.6	5,830	28.6	4,279	21.0
Unknown	1	100.0	0	-	0	-	1	-	0	-

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Convicted offense data include felonies and misdemeanors.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

¹Violent offenses include homicide, forcible rape, robbery, assault, and kidnapping.

²Property offenses include burglary; theft; motor vehicle theft; forgery, checks, and access card offenses; and arson.

³Age groupings indicate the age of the offender at the time of disposition.

⁴The under 18 age group are dispositions of juveniles remanded to adult court (Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 602, 707(a), 707(b), 707(c), and 707.1(a)).

TABLE 16
ADULT FELONY ARREST CONVICTIONS, 1990
Type of Sentence by Sex, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Offender

Sex, race/ethnic group, and age of offender	Total	Prison ¹	Youth Authority	California Rehabilitation Center	Probation with jail	Jail	Probation	Fine	Other
Total									
Total	169,343	32,298	98	1,252	103,725	10,764	19,626	1,275	305
Sex of offender									
Male	142,957	29,919	93	993	86,176	9,062	15,390	1,067	257
Female	26,328	2,371	5	259	17,510	1,699	4,228	208	48
Unknown	58	8	0	0	39	3	8	0	0
Race/ethnic group of offender									
White (not Hispanic)	67,392	10,027	31	575	41,715	4,898	9,287	727	132
Hispanic	51,671	10,766	29	298	32,643	2,912	4,630	280	113
Black	44,230	10,772	30	363	25,515	2,697	4,602	209	42
Other	5,704	703	7	16	3,658	245	1,004	53	18
Unknown	346	30	1	0	194	12	103	6	0
Age of offender ²									
Under 20	16,031	1,658	70	39	11,095	789	2,189	169	22
Under 18 ³	98	35	7	0	49	2	5	0	0
18-19	15,933	1,623	63	39	11,046	787	2,184	169	22
20-29	81,661	15,667	27	607	50,653	5,220	8,683	625	179
20-24	42,155	7,382	27	288	26,922	2,460	4,633	345	98
25-29	39,506	8,285	0	319	23,731	2,760	4,050	280	81
30-39	51,278	10,822	0	488	30,294	3,504	5,772	320	78
30-34	31,102	6,565	0	285	18,426	2,141	3,439	195	51
35-39	20,176	4,257	0	203	11,868	1,363	2,333	125	27
40 and over	20,372	4,151	0	118	11,683	1,251	2,982	161	26
Unknown	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Notes: Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

¹Prison includes 33 sentences to death.

²Age groupings indicate the age of the offender at the time of disposition.

³The under 18 age group are dispositions of juveniles remanded to adult court (Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 602, 707(a), 707(b), 707(c), and 707.1(a)).

TABLE 17
ADULT FELONY ARREST CONVICTIONS, 1990
Type of Sentence Category by Sex, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age of Offender

Sex, race/ethnic group, and age of offender	Total		State institutions ¹		Probation with jail		Jail		Probation ²	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total	169,343	100.0	33,648	19.9	103,725	61.3	10,764	6.4	21,206	12.5
Sex of offender										
Male	142,957	100.0	31,005	21.7	86,176	60.3	9,062	6.3	16,714	11.7
Female	26,328	100.0	2,635	10.0	17,510	66.5	1,699	6.5	4,484	17.0
Unknown	58	100.0	8	13.8	39	67.2	3	5.2	8	13.8
Race/ethnic group of offender										
White (not Hispanic)	67,392	100.0	10,633	15.8	41,715	61.9	4,898	7.3	10,146	15.1
Hispanic	51,671	100.0	11,093	21.5	32,643	63.2	2,912	5.6	5,023	9.7
Black	44,230	100.0	11,165	25.2	25,515	57.7	2,697	6.1	4,853	11.0
Other	5,704	100.0	726	12.7	3,658	64.1	245	4.3	1,075	18.8
Unknown	346	100.0	31	9.0	194	56.1	12	3.5	109	31.5
Age of offender ³										
Under 20	16,031	100.0	1,767	11.0	11,095	69.2	789	4.9	2,380	14.8
20-29	81,661	100.0	16,301	20.0	50,653	62.0	5,220	6.4	9,487	11.6
30-39	51,278	100.0	11,310	22.1	30,294	59.1	3,504	6.8	6,170	12.0
40 and over	20,372	100.0	4,269	21.0	11,683	57.3	1,251	6.1	3,169	15.6
Unknown	1	100.0	1	-	0	-	0	-	0	-

Reference: Table 16.

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Dash indicates that percent distributions are not calculated when the base number is less than 50.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

¹The state institutions category includes sentences to death, prison, Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Center.

²The probation category includes sentences to straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given, sentence suspended, and sentence stayed).

³Age groupings indicate the age of the offender at the time of disposition.

TABLE 18
ADULT POPULATIONS BY SEX, RACE/ETHNIC GROUP, AND AGE, 1990
Convicted versus General Populations

	Convicted population		General population ¹	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total				
Total	169,343		21,940,570	
Sex				
Known	169,285	100.0	21,940,570	100.0
Male	142,957	84.4	10,678,961	48.7
Female	26,328	15.6	11,261,609	51.3
Unknown	58			
Race/ethnic group				
Known	168,997	100.0	22,009,296	100.0
White (not Hispanic)	67,392	39.9	13,469,917	61.2
Hispanic	51,671	30.6	4,954,875	22.5
Black	44,230	26.2	1,470,259	6.7
Other	5,704	3.4	2,114,245	9.6
Unknown	346			
Age				
Known	169,342	100.0	21,940,570	100.0
Under 20	16,031	9.5	862,859	3.9
Under 18 ²	98	.1	-	-
18-19	15,933	9.4	862,859	3.9
20-29	81,661	48.2	4,678,504	21.3
20-24	42,155	24.9	2,237,152	10.2
25-29	39,506	23.3	2,441,352	11.1
30-39	51,278	30.3	5,181,625	23.6
30-34	31,102	18.4	2,622,007	12.0
35-39	20,176	11.9	2,559,618	11.7
40 and over	20,372	12.0	11,217,582	51.1
Unknown	1	-		

Notes: Percents may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

¹General adult population data (18 years of age and older) were obtained from the Department of Finance, Population Research Unit. Population totals differ because two separate reports were used to obtain the various demographic breakdowns. Sex and age counts are from the July 1990 County Estimates while race/ethnic group counts are from the 1990 Census, P.L. 94-171 (redistricting) file.

²The under 18 age group are dispositions of juveniles remanded to adult court (Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 602, 707(a), 707(b), 707(c), and 707.1(a)). General population data for juveniles are not included.

TABLE 19
ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 1990
County Population Groups by Disposition, Convicted Offense Category, and Sentence

	Total ¹		1,000,000 and over ²		500,000 to 1,000,000 ³		100,000 to 500,000 ⁴		Under 100,000 ⁵	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total										
Total	257,707	100.0	177,165	100.0	39,263	100.0	35,602	100.0	5,677	100.0
Type of disposition										
Law enforcement releases	15,444	6.0	13,947	7.9	1,282	3.3	172	.5	43	.8
Complaints denied ⁶	32,777	12.7	23,409	13.2	7,513	19.1	1,530	4.3	325	5.7
Dismissed, acquitted	40,382	15.7	24,340	13.7	6,022	15.3	8,653	24.3	1,367	24.1
Convicted	169,104	65.6	115,469	65.2	24,446	62.3	25,247	70.9	3,942	69.4
Convicted offense category										
Convicted	169,104	100.0	115,469	100.0	24,446	100.0	25,247	100.0	3,942	100.0
Violent offenses	30,208	17.9	20,040	17.4	4,695	19.2	4,727	18.7	746	18.9
Property offenses	59,808	35.4	40,429	35.0	8,769	35.9	9,330	37.0	1,280	32.5
Drug offenses	50,715	30.0	37,369	32.4	6,620	27.1	5,813	23.0	913	23.2
All other offenses	28,373	16.8	17,631	15.3	4,362	17.8	5,377	21.3	1,003	25.4
Sentence category										
Convicted	169,104	100.0	115,469	100.0	24,446	100.0	25,247	100.0	3,942	100.0
State institutions ⁷	33,435	19.8	23,217	20.1	5,386	22.0	3,956	15.7	876	22.2
Probation with jail	103,716	61.3	71,866	62.2	14,117	57.7	15,708	62.2	2,025	51.4
Jail	10,749	6.4	5,840	5.1	2,578	10.5	1,933	7.7	398	10.1
Probation ⁸	21,204	12.5	14,546	12.6	2,365	9.7	3,650	14.5	643	16.3

Notes: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of independent rounding.

Annual data selected for the OBTS report file include dispositions processed through April of the following year.

¹County groupings do not add to statewide total count because 1,027 dispositions of arrests made in state institutions were excluded from the county counts.

²Counties of 1,000,000 population and over are Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Santa Clara.

³Counties with populations between 500,000 and 1,000,000 are Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Ventura.

⁴Counties with populations between 100,000 and 500,000 are Butte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Imperial, Marin, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Placer, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Yolo.

⁵Counties with populations under 100,000 are Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Plumas, San Benito, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, and Yuba.

⁶Petition to revoke probation is included in complaints denied.

⁷The state institutions category includes sentences to death, prison, Youth Authority, and California Rehabilitation Center.

⁸The probation category includes sentences to straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given, sentence suspended and sentence stayed).

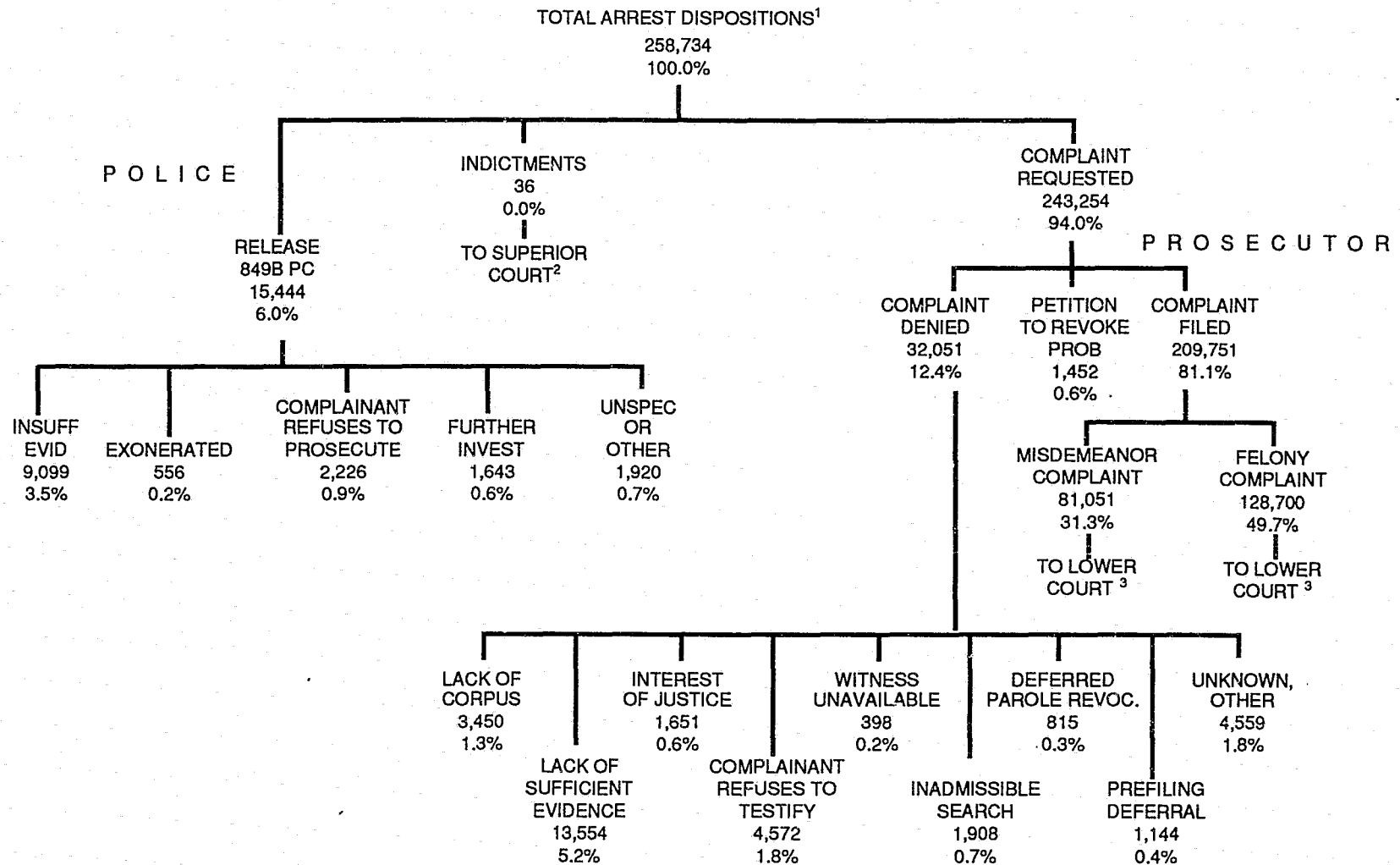
TABLE 20
MEAN ELAPSED TIME, 1981-1990
From Felony Arrest to Final Disposition (In Average Days)

Final disposition	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Prosecutor complaints denied	11	10	15	16	15	12	13	13	15	17
Lower court										
Not convicted - misdemeanor	165	141	169	173	175	178	182	194	208	227
Not convicted - felony	119	106	125	142	140	149	158	181	183	202
Convicted - misdemeanor	78	74	79	81	83	82	81	84	84	91
Convicted - felony	83	82	87	92	93	93	94	100	95	98
Superior court										
Not convicted	214	195	203	204	214	213	211	218	208	203
Convicted	175	165	160	157	156	150	154	152	142	140

TABLE 21
MEAN ELAPSED TIME, 1981-1990
From Felony Arrest to Conviction in Superior Court (In Average Days)

Convicted offense	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Violent offenses										
Homicide	285	303	301	296	299	321	331	341	324	323
Forcible rape	205	196	205	207	208	214	204	186	191	173
Robbery	160	157	155	150	142	133	134	131	122	114
Assault	186	184	175	170	174	168	168	166	156	146
Kidnapping	219	194	196	186	197	195	206	199	192	193
Property offenses										
Burglary	144	137	132	128	123	114	116	113	105	102
Theft	161	148	144	139	136	133	129	128	120	114
Motor vehicle theft	137	137	125	128	124	109	106	106	97	99
Forgery, checks, access cards	171	145	147	145	139	141	135	133	141	131
Arson	171	184	182	178	169	175	185	176	168	157
Drug offenses	222	194	187	181	172	160	169	165	154	159

DISPOSITION TREE - PART A
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1990
Police and Prosecutor Processing



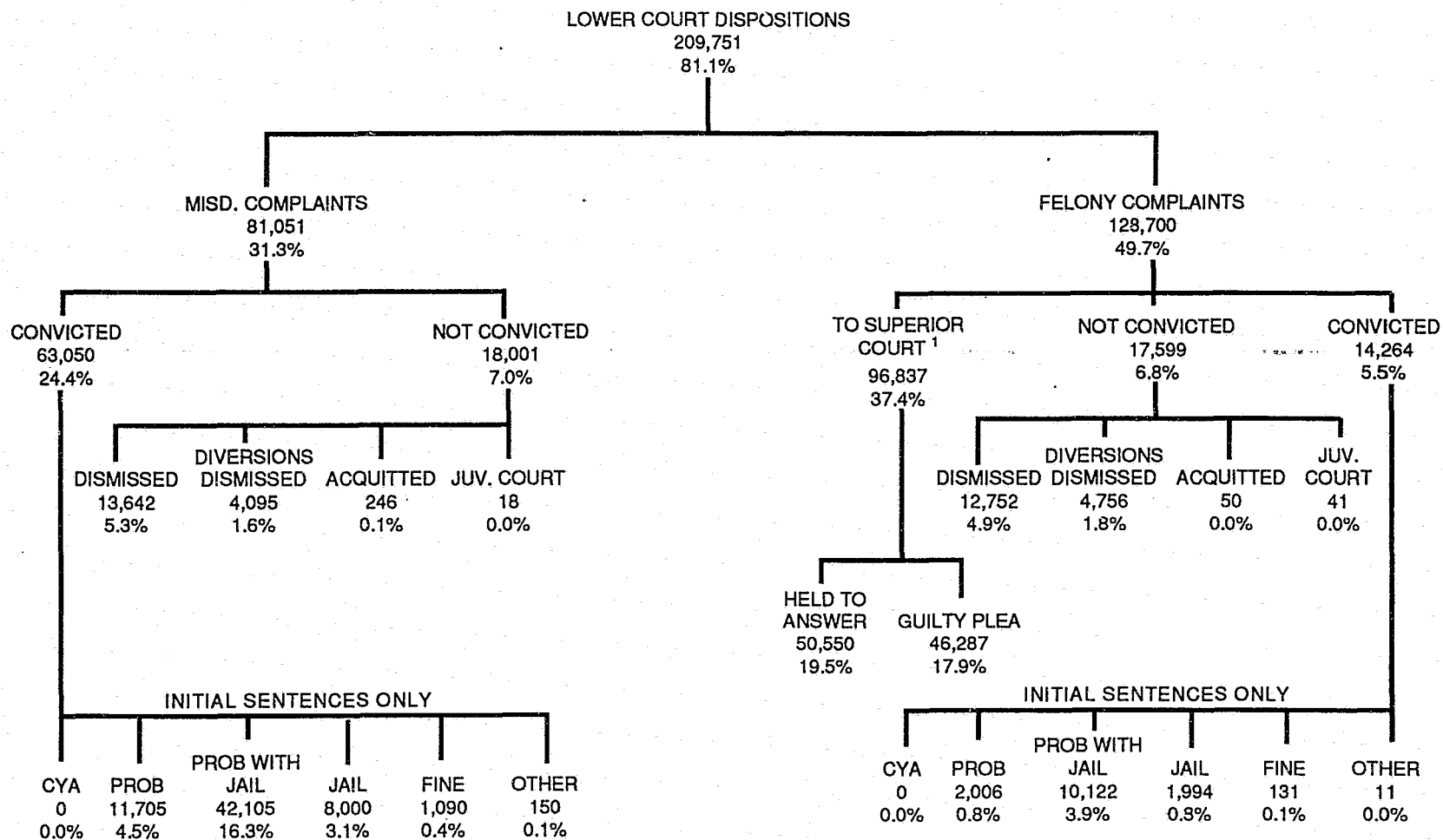
Note: This report includes only dispositions processed and selected for the report year. See Known Data Limitations.

¹ May include dispositions from prosecutor-ordered court appearances where no arrest occurred.

² Grand jury indictments continued on Part C.

³ Lower court processing continued on Part B.

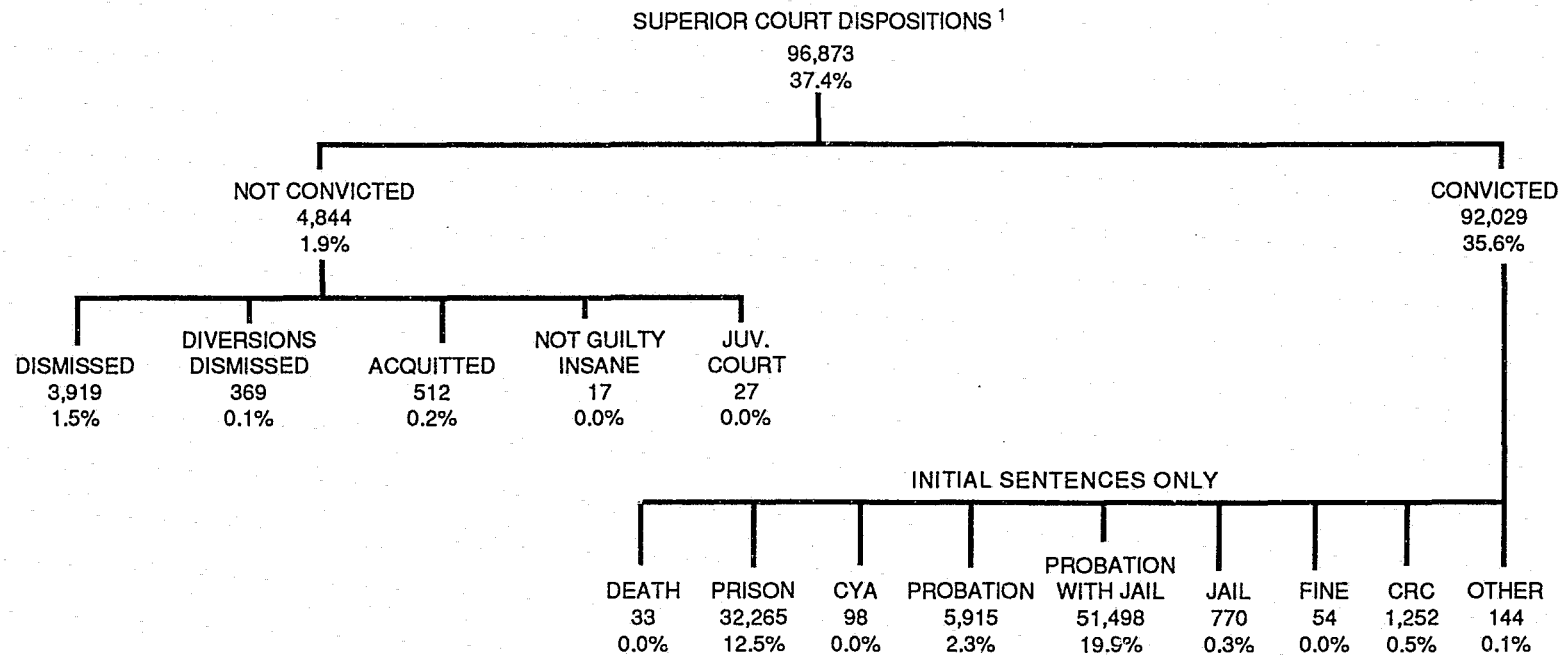
DISPOSITION TREE - PART B
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1990
Lower Court Processing



Note: This report includes only dispositions processed and selected for the report year. See Known Data Limitations.

¹ Superior court processing continued on Part C.

DISPOSITIONS TREE - PART C
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1990
Superior Court Processing



Note: This report includes only dispositions processed and selected for the report year. See Known Data Limitations.

¹ Includes 96,837 defendants received from lower court (Part B) and 36 grand jury indictments from Part A.

APPENDIX

GLOSSARY

ACQUITTAL: a judgment of a court, based either on the verdict of a jury or a judicial officer, that the defendant is not guilty of the offense(s) for which he was tried.

ADULT: a person 18 years of age or older.

ARREST: "... taking a person into custody, in a case and in the manner authorized by law. An arrest may be made by a peace officer or by a private person." (P.C. 834)

AUTOMATED CRIMINAL HISTORY SYSTEM (ACHS): a centralized, automated system containing criminal history summary information on persons arrested and fingerprinted in California.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (CDC): the state agency which has jurisdiction over the California Rehabilitation Center and the California prison system.

CALIFORNIA REHABILITATION CENTER (CRC): an institution operated by the California Department of Corrections which is designated for the treatment of persons addicted to narcotics or in imminent danger of addiction. Commitment to the facility is by civil procedure only.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY (CYA): the state agency which has jurisdiction over and maintains institutions as correctional schools for the reception of wards of the juvenile court and other persons committed from justice, municipal, and superior courts.

CIVIL COMMITMENT: a type of commitment in which criminal proceedings are suspended while a defendant undergoes treatment at the California Rehabilitation Center (CRC) as a narcotic addict.

COMMITMENT: a warrant, order, or process by which the court directs a judicial officer to take a person to a correctional facility.

COMPLAINT: a verified written accusation, filed by a prosecuting attorney with a local criminal court, which charges one or more persons with the commission of one or more offenses.

CONVICTION: a judgment, based either on the verdict of a jury or a judicial officer or on the guilty plea of the defendant, that the defendant is guilty.

CORRECTIONS: those agencies or facilities concerned with the custody, confinement, supervision, or treatment of alleged or adjudicated offenders. See also, California Department of Corrections.

COURT: an agency of the judicial branch of government, authorized or established by statute or constitution, having one or more judicial officers on its staff. A court has the authority to decide upon controversies in law and disputed matters of fact brought before it.

CRC: see California Rehabilitation Center.

CRIMINAL COMMITMENT: a type of commitment which results when a defendant is sentenced to prison or the California Youth Authority.

CYA: see California Youth Authority.

DEFENDANT: a person against whom a criminal proceeding is pending.

DEFERRED PAROLE REVOCATION: action taken by a prosecutor to revoke the parole status of a subsequent offender to return the subject to state prison in lieu of filing new charges.

DISMISSAL: a decision by a judicial officer to terminate a case without a determination of guilt or innocence.

DISPOSITION - COURT: an action taken as the result of an appearance in court by a defendant. Examples would be: adults - dismissed, acquitted, or convicted and sentenced; juveniles - dismissed, transferred, remanded to adult court, placed on probation, or sentenced to the California Youth Authority.

DISPOSITION - LAW ENFORCEMENT: an action taken as the result of an arrest. Examples of police dispositions are: adults - released by law enforcement, referred to another jurisdiction, or a misdemeanor or felony complaint sought.

DISPOSITION - PROSECUTOR: an action taken as the result of complaints which were requested by the arresting agency. Dispositions include granting a misdemeanor or a felony complaint, or denying a complaint for such reasons as lack of corpus, lack of sufficient evidence, interest of justice, complainant refuses to testify, witness unavailable, inadmissible search, deferred parole revocation, prefiling deferral and other.

FELONY: a crime which is punishable with death or by imprisonment in the state prison for 16 months or two or three years (unless otherwise stated). (P.C. 17 & 18)

FILING: a document filed with the municipal court clerk or county clerk by a prosecuting attorney alleging that a person committed or attempted to commit a crime.

FINE: the penalty imposed upon a convicted person by a court requiring the payment of a specified sum of money.

JAIL: a county or city facility for incarceration of sentenced and unsentenced persons. Also known as a medium-maximum or type I or II facility (Section 1006 California Code of Regulations). See Medium-Maximum.

LOWER COURT: municipal or justice court.

MISDEMEANOR: a crime punishable by imprisonment in a county jail for up to one year or jail and fine.

MUNICIPAL OR JUSTICE COURT: the court of original or trial jurisdiction for the prosecution of persons accused of misdemeanor or certain felony offenses. Also, municipal and justice courts conduct preliminary hearings to determine probable cause in the case of felony offenders who are subject to jurisdiction of superior courts - the felony trial court.

OFFENDER-BASED TRANSACTION STATISTICS (OBTS): a system designed to collect statistical information on the various processes within the criminal justice system that occur between the point of arrest and the point of final disposition.

OFFENSE: the charged offense is the crime for which the defendant was arrested or filed on by the district attorney. The convicted offense is the offense the defendant was convicted of or pled guilty to in court.

PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION: action taken by a prosecutor to revoke the probation status of a subsequent offender to return the subject to county jail or state prison.

PRISON: a state correctional facility where persons are confined following conviction of a felony offense.

PROBATION: a judicial requirement that a person fulfill certain conditions of behavior in lieu of a sentence to confinement but sometimes including a jail sentence.

PROBATION WITH JAIL: a type of disposition rendered upon conviction which imposes a jail term as a condition of probation status.

PROBATION REVOCATION: see Petition to Revoke Probation.

PROSECUTOR: an attorney employed by a governmental agency whose official duty is to initiate and maintain criminal proceedings on behalf of the government against persons accused of committing criminal offenses.

SENTENCE: the penalty imposed by a court upon a convicted person.

STATE INSTITUTION: a facility for housing defendants who are under the jurisdiction of state correctional or treatment programs.

STATE SUPERVISION: the state correctional system provides confinement, rehabilitation, and parole services (prison, YA, state hospital) through California Department of Corrections (CDC), California Youth Authority (CYA), California Rehabilitation Center (CRC) and California Department of Mental Health (CDMH).

STRAIGHT PROBATION: probation granted to adults with no condition or stipulation that the defendant serve time in jail as a condition of probation.

SUPERIOR COURT: the court of original or trial jurisdiction for felony cases and all juvenile hearings. Also, the first court of appeal for municipal or justice court cases.


YA - YOUTH AUTHORITY: see California Youth Authority.

APPENDIX

OFFENDER-BASED TRANSACTION STATISTICS (OBTS)

KNOWN DATA LIMITATIONS

- These data reflect dispositions resulting from adult felony arrests. There is an important difference between arrest and OBTS data. Arrest data are grouped by the year in which the arrest took place. OBTS data are grouped by the year of disposition regardless of the year in which the arrest occurred.
- OBTS data are taken directly from the state's Automated Criminal History System (ACHS). All arrest information is entered in ACHS from the fingerprint card, while most disposition information is entered from the "Disposition of Arrest and Court Action" form (JUS 8715). In order for a disposition to be entered to ACHS, and subsequently appear on an offender's "rap sheet" and be available for statistical purposes, an arrest event fingerprint card MUST be received. A disposition which cannot be linked to a fingerprint card will not appear on the OBTS file.
- It is estimated that, in 1990, at the statewide level, about 60 percent of the adult felony arrests which were reported to BCS by law enforcement agencies on the Monthly Arrest and Citation Register were reported on the JUS 8715 form. In spite of this underreporting, the arrest dispositions received generally describe "statewide" processing of adult felony arrestees through California's criminal justice system. Comparisons of county and local data should be made with caution since the level of reporting may vary between jurisdictions and from year to year.
- These data do not represent the total number of adult felony arrest dispositions that occurred during the year. For example, thousands of adult felony arrests are disposed of by revoking the arrestee's probation or parole status in lieu of filing charges on the new arrest. These new arrest offense dispositions may not be reported as a final disposition on the JUS 8715



form. Any arrestees who are turned over to other states or to federal jurisdictions are not included in OBTS data. "Intermediate" dispositions (such as reporting a person being placed into a diversion program, suspended proceedings, reopenings, retrials, or subsequent actions) are also not included. Only the final disposition of an arrest event is selected for statistical purposes.

- If a person is arrested for multiple offenses, OBTS selects only the most serious offense, based on the severity of possible punishment. If there are multiple court dispositions, OBTS selects the most serious court disposition and the associated offense. Therefore, the arrest offense and the disposition offense may not necessarily correspond.
- OBTS data on state institutional commitments may vary from information compiled and reported by other state agencies because of differences in the data collection systems. For example, the California Department of Corrections (CDC) counts the number of defendants actually received in CDC institutions, even though a defendant may have been convicted and sentenced in two or more counties. OBTS counts each commitment.
- The adult felony arrest disposition file includes persons whose age at disposition was under 18. These minors received a final disposition in adult court under provision of the Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 602, 707(a), 707(b), 707(c), and 707.1(a).
- In 1988, several new data elements were added to the OBTS system (i.e., petition to revoke probation, prefiling deferral, deferred parole revocation, and diversions dismissed).

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