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Executive Summary

This report examines changes in the number and rate of Disciplinary Reports (DR's) applied as a result of prison rule violations during the six year period of FY1985-86 to FY1990-91. This analysis found that 49,452 DR's were applied during FY90-91 compared to 34,300 in FY85-86, an increase of 44.2%. However, the rate of DR's per 100 inmates in FY90-91 was lower than the rate experienced in FY85-86 (113 versus 119).

Major institutions experienced significant increases in DR's (+14,023, +40.9%) from FY85-86 to FY90-91. However, the inmate population of these institutions increased at a faster rate (+16,091, +65.1%). These factors resulted in a decrease in the rate of DR's from 138 in FY85-86 to 118 in FY90-91.

Introduction

This report examines changes in the number and rate per 100 inmates of Disciplinary Reports (DR's) applied as a result of prison rule violations during the six year period of FY1985-86 to FY1990-91. Statistics are presented for all Department facilities combined and for Major Institutions, Community Correctional Centers, Road Prisons, and Vocational Centers/Forestry Work Camps. The number of DR's for each major institution are also displayed.

Disciplinary actions are taken when rule violations occur to correct unwanted behavior and to encourage adherence to correctional rules. Disciplinary reports are written documentation of rule violations in which disciplinary action is taken (Chapter 33-22, Inmate Discipline, Rules of the Department of Corrections). Depending upon the severity of the infraction, the DR is processed by a Hearing Officer or a Disciplinary Team. A formal disciplinary hearing is usually held with the inmate present to hear evidence and determine guilt or innocence. The corrective forms of discipline associated with DR's include, among others, a reprimand, loss of privileges, extra duty and/or assignment to a disciplinary squad, restriction of status, and loss of some or all gain-time. In addition, Incentive Gain-time (up to 20 days) cannot be earned during the month that a DR is applied and eligibility for early release may be denied.

Annual Changes in the Number of Applied Disciplinary Reports (Table 1/Figure 1)

During FY90-91, there were 49,452 DR's applied in all department correctional facilities. There were 15,152 or 44.2% more DR's administered in FY90-91 than during FY85-86 (34,300). The largest numerical growth in the number of DR's occurred from FY89-90 to FY90-91 (+5,794) while the only year in which DR's declined was in FY87-88 (-618).

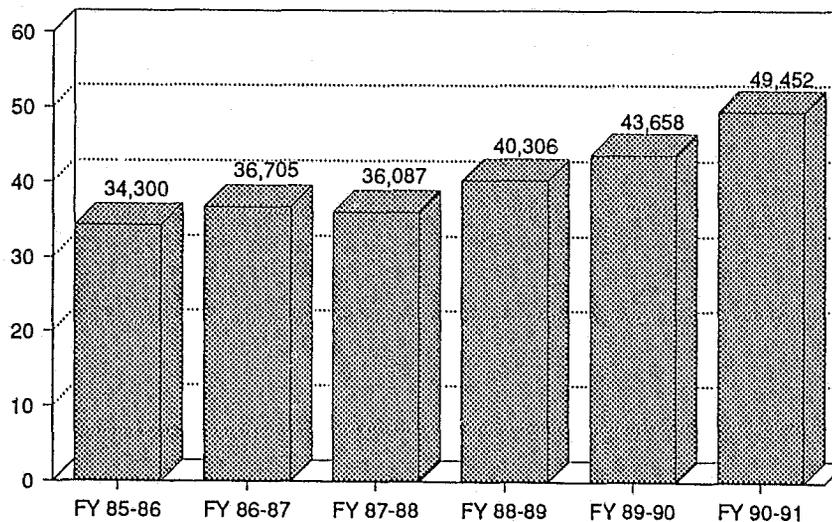
Major institutions accounted for 48,322 of the 49,452 (97.7%) DR's which occurred in FY90-91. There were 601 DR's in Community Correctional Centers, 33 in Road Prisons, and 496 in Vocational Centers/Forestry Work Camps.

- Table 1 -

Annual Change in Disciplinary Reports By Institution Type FY 1985-86 to FY 1990-91

Fiscal Year	Major Institutions/ Work Camp Annexes		Community Correctional Centers		Road Prisons		Vocational Centers/ Forestry Work Camps		Total	
	DR's	Change	DR's	Change	DR's	Change	DR's	Change	DR's	Change
1985-86	34,299	---	1	---	0	---	0	---	34,300	---
1986-87	35,961	+1,662	743	+742	1	+1	0	---	36,705	+2,405
1987-88	34,654	-1,307	1,432	+689	1	---	0	---	36,087	-618
1988-89	38,578	+3,924	1,513	+81	4	+3	211	+211	40,306	+4,219
1989-90	42,003	+3,425	1,468	-45	69	+65	118	-93	43,658	+3,352
1990-91	48,322	+6,319	601	-867	33	-36	496	+378	49,452	+5,794

Annual Change in Disciplinary Reports by Fiscal Year



- Figure 1 -

Rate of Applied Disciplinary Reports (Table 2/Figure 2)

The overall rate of applied disciplinary reports per 100 inmates dropped 6 points over the six year period from 119 to 113. The highest rate occurred during FY85-86 (119) while the lowest DR rate occurred in FY89-90 (110). Figure 2 presents the fluctuations in the overall DR rate over the six year period.

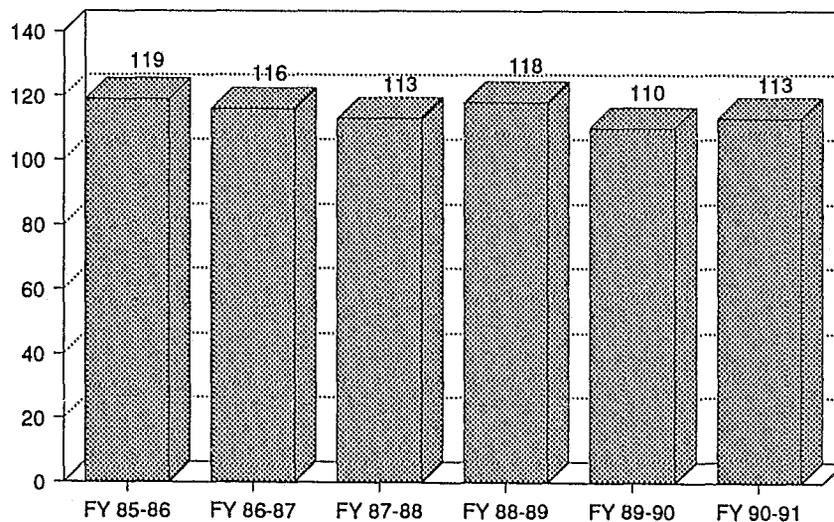
The fact that the number of DR's applied across the entire correctional system increased significantly from FY85-86 to FY90-91 while the rate of DR's per 100 inmates fluctuated without major changes in magnitude indicates that the growth in the inmate population is primarily responsible for the increase in the number of DR's applied.

- Table 2 -

Rate of Applied Disciplinary Reports Per 100 Inmates By Institution Type FY 1985-86 to FY 1990-91

December 31st	Major Institutions/ Work Camp Annexes	Community Correctional Centers	Road Prisons	Vocational Centers/ Forestry Work Camps	Total
1985	138	0	0	0	119
1986	131	24	0	0	116
1987	124	46	0	0	113
1988	128	54	0	25	118
1989	120	51	14	9	110
1990	118	58	7	31	113

Annual Change in Disciplinary Reports Per 100 Inmates by Fiscal Year



- Figure 2 -

Disciplinary Reports for Major Institutions and Work Camp Annexes (Table 3, Figure 3)

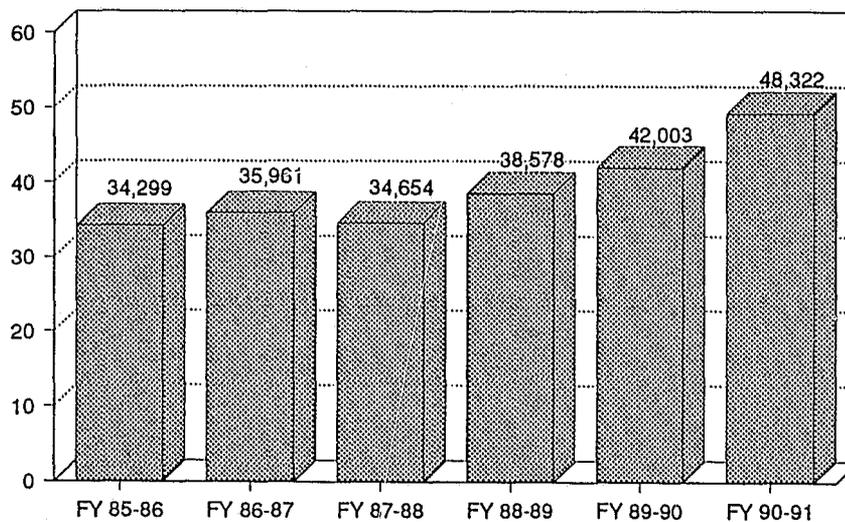
Table 3 compares the number of applied DR's, the inmate population, and the DR rate per 100 inmates for Major Institutions and Work Camp Annexes over the six year period. Major institutions experienced significant increases in DR's (+14,023, +40.9%) from FY85-86 to FY90-91. However, the inmate population of these institutions increased at a faster rate (+16,091, +65.1%). Therefore, the rate of DR's decreased from 138 in FY85-86 to 118 in FY90-91. The DR rate declined in four of the five years for which changes could be computed. Only in FY88-89 did the rate increase.

- Table 3 -

Applied Disciplinary Reports for Major Institutions and Work Camp Annexes FY 1985-86 to FY 1990-91

Fiscal Year	Disciplinary Reports			Inmate Population as of Dec. 31			Disciplinary Rates Per 100 Inmates		
	Number of DR's	Annual Change	Percent	Population	Annual Change	Percent	Rate	Annual Change	Percent
1985-86	34,299	---	---	24,710	---	---	138	---	---
1986-87	35,961	+1,662	+4.8%	27,501	+2,791	+11.3%	131	-7	-5.1%
1987-88	34,654	-1,307	-3.6%	27,869	+368	+1.3%	124	-7	-5.3%
1988-89	38,578	+3,924	+10.2%	30,153	+2,284	+8.2%	128	+4	+3.1%
1989-90	42,003	+3,425	+8.9%	34,869	+4,716	+15.6%	120	-8	-6.2%
1990-91	48,322	+6,319	+15.0%	40,801	+5,932	+17.0%	118	-2	-1.7%

Applied Disciplinary Reports for Major Institutions by Fiscal Year



- Figure 3 -

Disciplinary Reports for Individual Major Institutions (Table 4)

The number of DR's occurring within each Major Institution over the six year period are presented in Table 4. Without taking into account changes in inmate populations and differences in the make-up of facilities, it is impractical to make any more than very simplistic comparisons. The data does reveal that there are significant variations in the number of DR's applied across individual Major Institutions and that appreciable changes within institutions occurred across the fiscal years.

- Table 4 -

Number of Applied Disciplinary Reports by Institution FY 1985-86 to FY 1990-91

Major Institutions	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
101 - Apalachee C.I. - W	416	529	515	670	858	1,163
102 - Apalachee C.I. - E	3,090	3,417	3,939	3,527	3,047	2,105
103 - Jefferson C.I.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	339
104 - Jackson C.I.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	38
105 - Calhoun C.I.	n/a	n/a	54	351	1,152	1,147
106 - Century	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	54
107 - Holmes C.I.	n/a	n/a	35	299	661	1,265
108 - Walton C.I.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	17	726
115 - Okaloosa C.I.	255	299	274	250	420	916
116 - River Junction	178	201	258	199	173	201
117 - Mental Health Inst.	141	144	186	145	150	97
120 - Liberty C.I.	n/a	n/a	n/a	36	328	761
204 - FSP - 0 Unit	1	235	229	243	299	273
205 - Florida State Prison	2,301	1,741	1,324	1,414	1,486	1,631
206 - New River West	n/a	1	2	2	8	2
208 - North Fl RMC - West	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	127
209 - North Florida RMC	789	1,043	812	572	685	1,110
210 - New River East	n/a	20	529	369	279	824
211 - Cross City C.I.	1,676	1,600	1,357	1,231	1,340	1,198
212 - Mayo C.I.	210	353	557	733	1,095	1,067
213 - Union C.I.	2,237	2,425	2,448	2,077	1,964	1,900

- Table 4 (Continued) -

**Number of Applied Disciplinary Reports
by Institution
FY 1985-86 to FY 1990-91**

214 - Putnam C.I.	520	579	486	413	379	450
215 - Hamilton C.I.	n/a	1	341	711	1,100	1,411
216 - Madison C.I.	n/a	n/a	n/a	179	577	549
217 - Union C.I. - Medical	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	27
255 - Lawtey C.I.	274	244	283	299	243	248
279 - Baker C.I.	1,141	1,280	1,552	1,616	1,650	1,520
281 - Lancaster C.I.	798	572	885	779	1,006	1,578
282 - Tomoka C.I.	1,283	1,605	781	1,000	742	734
304 - Marion C.I.	1,348	1,541	1,524	2,048	2,217	2,272
307 - Sumter C.I.	3,961	3,146	1,606	1,597	1,357	1,334
310 - Brevard C.I.	2,055	2,061	2,142	3,343	2,410	3,342
312 - Lake C.I.	884	759	607	536	501	471
314 - Florida C.I.	726	1,591	1,470	2,018	1,563	1,990
315 - FCI - Forest Hills	0	0	0	0	25	0
320 - Central Florida RMC	n/a	n/a	n/a	213	743	719
402 - South Florida RMC	141	445	239	179	368	546
406 - Glades C.I.	665	553	860	834	1,194	1,448
417 - Lantana C.I.	365	415	476	132	150	122
418 - Indian River C.I.	465	447	510	668	820	731
419 - Dade C.I.	488	329	318	434	457	435
430 - Martin C.I.	550	1,442	1,401	2,077	2,168	2,000
481 - Martin Drug Treatment	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	19
475 - Broward C.I.	1,251	1,234	1,437	1,921	1,589	1,796
501 - Hardee C.I.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	30
503 - Avon Park - M/Unit	666	669	619	1,028	1,254	345
504 - Avon Park - O/Unit	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	450
508 - Desoto C.I.	1,583	1,644	1,323	1,224	1,292	1,378
510 - Charlotte C.I.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	918	2,623

- Table 4 (Continued) -

**Number of Applied Disciplinary Reports
by Institution
FY 1985-86 to FY 1990-91**

529 - Hillsborough C.I.	572	533	545	292	232	195
573 - Zephyrhills C.I.	351	406	352	394	337	386
576 - Hendry C.I.	1,790	1,421	1,288	1,470	1,408	1,291
580 - Polk C.I.	1,126	1,036	1,084	1,049	1,339	938
Unknown Location	2	n/a	6	6	2	n/a
Total:	34,299	35,961	34,654	38,578	42,003	48,322
Community Correctional Centers						
Total:	1	0	743	1,431	1,468	571
Women's Community Correctional Centers						
Total:	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	45	30
Road Prisons:						
Total:	n/a	1	1	4	69	33
Vocational Centers/ Forestry/Work Camps						
Total:	n/a	n/a	n/a	211	118	496

Note: Institution totals include the Work Camp Annexes.

Inmate Population by Type of Institution (Table 5, Figure 4)

The unprecedented growth in the annual (December 31st) inmate population is depicted in Table 5. The overall inmate population increased from 28,604 to 43,920 between 1985 and 1990, an increase of 53.5%. Most of that growth occurred over the three year period from 1987 to 1990.

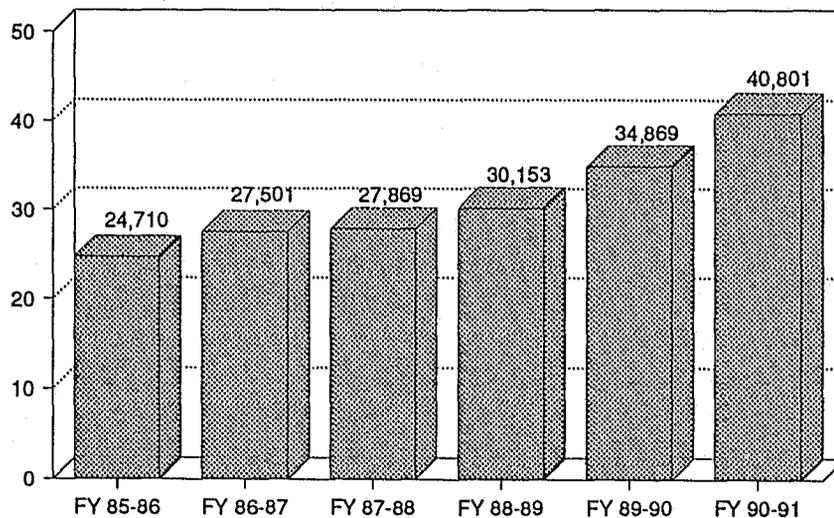
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Inmate Population FY 1985-86 to FY 1990-91

December 31st	Major Institutions/ Work Camp Annexes	Community Correctional Centers	Road Prisons	Vocational Centers/ Forestry Work Camps	Total
1985	24,710	2,685	568	327	28,604
1986	27,501	3,038	589	501	31,629
1987	27,869	3,077	585	367	31,898
1988	30,153	2,809	483	831	34,276
1989	34,869	2,875	478	1,342	39,564
1990	40,801	1,035	472	1,612	43,920

Total population figures for all years exclude Florida State Mental Hospitals, Contracted Drug Houses and Contracted Detention Centers.

Annual Change in Inmate Population by Fiscal Year



- Figure 4 -

Conclusion:

This report provides general information concerning the number and rate of DR's applied over a six year period in facilities operated by the Department of Corrections. The data revealed significant increases in the number of DR's over the period, however, the rate per 100 inmates failed to demonstrate a significant shift.

Examining Major Institutions as a group revealed substantial growth in the number of DR's. However, the inmate population increased at a faster rate than the number of DR's, resulting in a decrease in the rate of DR's in these facilities.