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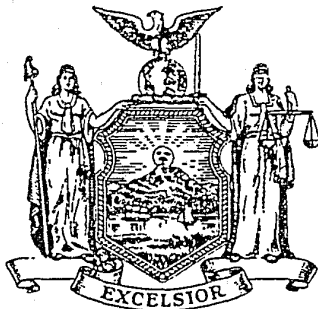
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1986 RELEASES: FIVE YEAR POST RELEASE FOLLOW-UP

The subject of this report is a population of 11,280 inmates released for the first time in 1986 from facilities of the New York State Department of Correctional Services. Each case was followed for a period of five years to determine the number returned to Department custody. For purposes of comparison, similar release cohorts for 1972-1985 are also analyzed by rate of return for selected characteristics.

1. Out of 11,280 inmates released in 1986, there were 5,613 (49.8%) who returned to custody within five years, 23.4% as new commitments and 26.4% for violation of parole (see Table 2, p.5).
2. People released via parole tended to have a lower rate of return (49.6%) than did conditional releases (52.3%) (see Table 1, p.3).
3. Of the 5,613 returned, the largest portion (62.3%) were returned within 24 months (see Table 3, p.7).
4. Among 9,523 offenders released via parole, 21.9% were returned for new felony convictions while 27.7% were returned for violation of parole. Among conditional releases, 27.7% were returned for new felonies while 24.6% were returned for parole violation (see Table 2, p.5).
5. Women had a much lower rate of return at 33.3% than did males at 50.5%. The proportion of women returned for new felonies at 12.6% was substantially below the proportion of males returned for new felonies at 23.8% (see Table 5, p.13).
6. Offenses with higher than the average (49.8%) rate of return included: robbery (all degrees); burglary 2nd and 3rd; stolen property; rape 1st; grand larceny; and youthful offenders. Offenses with return rates below the average included: all crimes of homicide; arson (all degrees); all sex felonies except rape 1st; kidnapping; assault (all degrees); drugs; forgery; burglary 1st; and dangerous weapons (see Table 6, p.14).

7. Drug felonies were the most frequent offenses for which members of the 1986 release population were re-committed to DOCS custody. There were 761 drug felony commitments or 28.8% of those returned to DOCS for new felonies. Burglary offenses had the second highest frequency at 582 or 22.0% followed by robbery at 544 (20.6%); dangerous weapons at 164 (6.2%); and crimes of homicide at 78 (2.9%). No other crimes accounted for more than three percent (see Table 8, p.18).
8. Inmates who were younger at time of release had higher return rates. Of those under 21 years of age, 62.9% returned to custody within five years while 48.3% of those 21 and over returned (see Table 15, p.27).
9. The highest rate of return was found among black inmates at 56.0% followed by Hispanics at 55.3%; whites at 34.3%; and other ethnic groups at 29.2% (see Table 16, p.29).
10. People who had been sentenced as predicate felons had a substantially higher rate of return at 53.7% than did first felony offenders at 46.9% (see Table 17, p.30).
11. There appeared to be no clear relationship between time served in prison and rate of return to prison (see Table 18, p.33).
12. The largest portion of the study population had been originally committed from New York City. The highest rate of return was for New York City commitments at 53.0% while upstate cases returned at a rate of 42.7% and Suburban New York City cases returned at a rate of 42.5% (see Table 19, p.34).
13. Offenders with life maximum sentences had the lowest rate of return at 14.1% compared to other sentence categories (see Table 21, p.38).
14. Among offenders returned for new felonies, the proportion returned for drug crimes had risen from 8.0% in 1978 to 28.8% in 1986 (see Table 9, p.20).

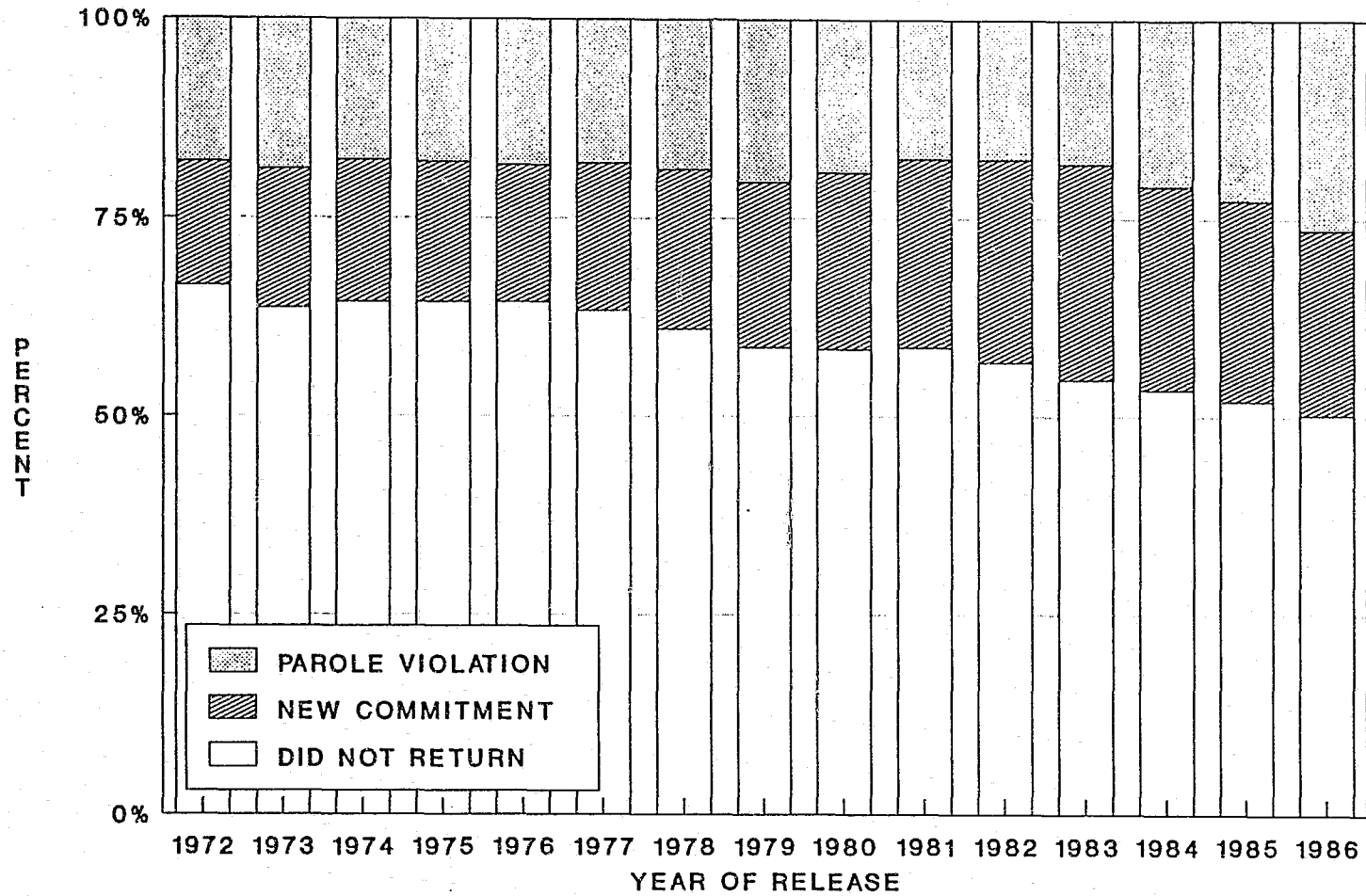
1986 RELEASES: FIVE YEAR POST RELEASE FOLLOW-UP

A total of 15,150 inmates were released from facilities of the Department of Correctional Services (DOCS) during calendar year 1986. From this total a study population of 11,280 inmates was selected that included 10,882 first releases to parole supervision (9,523 via parole and 1,359 via conditional release) and 398 persons discharged upon maximum expiration of sentence as their initial release during 1986. Excluded are a total of 3,858 releases which consist of: 2,616 released to parole supervision who had been previously released to parole supervision and subsequently returned to custody as violators; 117 released by court order; 133 absconders from temporary release; 19 escapes; 182 deaths; 764 transfers to other agencies; 24 other releases; and 15 maximum expiration of sentence cases who had already been released to parole supervision before and returned as violators during 1986.

The purpose of this report is to provide information on annual cohorts of inmates released from DOCS facilities as well as the proportion and characteristics of these offenders who are subsequently returned to facility custody within five years of release. This methodology is utilized by many criminal justice agencies in studies of recidivism including the United States Department of Justice. This study does not attempt to determine whether an offender who leaves prison via parole or conditional release is under parole supervision at the time that the offender is returned to prison. Therefore, assumptions should not be made from this study as to the effectiveness of parole supervision. DOCS and the Division of Parole are presently coordinating the development of a shared data base on our mainframe computer. This information will eventually allow the application of data relevant to the period of parole supervision to be added to these analyses. We will then be able to determine which returns are made while the offender is still under parole supervision as well as learn more about the relationship between length of supervision and return to prison.

Each case in the study group is followed up for a period of five years from date of release to ascertain if a return to DOCS custody occurred. Of the study group, 5,667 or 50.2% did not return to custody during the follow-up period. The remaining 5,613 (49.8%) were returned to a DOCS facility at least once during the follow-up period.

CHART 1
1972 - 1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TYPE OF RETURN



RETURNS TO CUSTODY BY RELEASE TYPE Three types of release are included in the 11,280 study cohort of inmates released during 1986. The largest group is composed of 9,523 inmates who were released at the discretion of the Board of Parole. The next largest group were conditional releases (CR's). These 1,359 inmates were released to parole supervision after serving two-thirds of their maximum sentence. The third release group includes 398 inmates released upon maximum expiration (ME) of their sentence.

The highest rate of return was registered by the CR group with 52.3% or 711 returned during the five years subsequent to release. The proportion of returns among parolees was 49.6% or 4,722 returns, while discharges upon maximum expiration of sentence registered an apparent return rate of 45.5%. It must be noted that the ME group is not subject to the conditions of parole or post release supervision and may be returned to DOCS only on commitment by the courts following conviction for a felony offense.

TABLE 1
1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TYPE OF RELEASE

Release Type	1986 Releases	Number Returned	Percent Returned
Total Releases	11,280	5,613	49.8%
Parole	9,523	4,722	49.6%
Conditional Release	1,359	711	52.3%
Maximum Expiration	398	180	45.2%

Over the 15-year period 1972-1986, there was an initial decline in the volume of releases which fell from 5,593 in 1972 to 5,222 in 1974. Subsequent years with the exception of 1978, 1981, and 1984 registered annual increments with a high of 11,280 in 1986.

The overall rate of return for the 15 release cohorts varied by 16.2% from a low rate of return of 33.6% in 1972 to a high of 49.8% in 1986. The highest rates of return for the parole and conditional release groups occurred in 1986 at 49.6% and 52.3% respectively while the highest rate of return for ME's occurred in 1984 at 46.0%.

RETURNS TO CUSTODY; FELONY COMMITMENTS AND PAROLE VIOLATION

In New York State, inmates released to parole supervision, either at the discretion of the Board of Parole or by mandatory CR after satisfactory completion of two thirds of their maximum sentence, are subject to abide by the general rules governing parole for the remaining unexpired portion of their sentence. A serious violation of these rules during the period of supervision may result in the return of the parolee to DOCS custody as a violator at the discretion of the Board of Parole. Inmates released upon maximum expiration of sentence are not subject to the rules of parole and may not be returned as violators. Where an offender commits a new felony subsequent to release, the court must sentence the offender to a new indeterminate term to be served in DOCS custody regardless of prior type of release.

If the reader wishes to compare the rate of return in New York State with return rates of other states, it is critical to understand that many states have adapted a determinate sentencing policy. With determinate sentencing the offender serves the balance of his or her sentence in prison with either no period of parole supervision or only an abbreviated period of parole with a very limited provision for return to prison in the event parole is violated. Under the indeterminate sentence policy of New York State the offender remains under parole supervision until the maximum expiration of the sentence. It is not unusual for an offender to serve more time on parole than in prison. As noted above, during this period of supervision the offender may be returned to prison not only for a new felony conviction but also for violation of the conditions of parole should the Board of Parole construe such a violation to be a possible threat to public safety. In order to compare return rates between states only offenders returned to conviction on a new felony charge should be counted. Returns for parole violation should only be compared to states with indeterminate sentencing policies similar to those of New York State.

In the 1986 release cohort there are marked differences between the parole, CR, and ME groups in the reason for return to custody. The parole group had the lowest proportion of those released who were later returned for new felony offenses, 21.9%. An additional 27.7% were returned for violation of parole. The proportion of the CR release cohort returned for new felony offenses was somewhat higher at 27.7% while 24.6% were returned as violators. The maximum expiration of sentence group represents the highest proportion of returns for new felony offenses at 45.2%. No parole violation returns are possible for the ME group. The inmates released via maximum expiration of sentence had virtually all been released in prior years to parole supervision and returned to custody as violators. In contrast, the parole and conditional release groups include only original releases upon the sentence being served. Thus, the ME group includes inmates who, for the most part, had previously failed to successfully complete a period of parole supervision and who might reasonably be expected to experience a higher return rate than first releases.

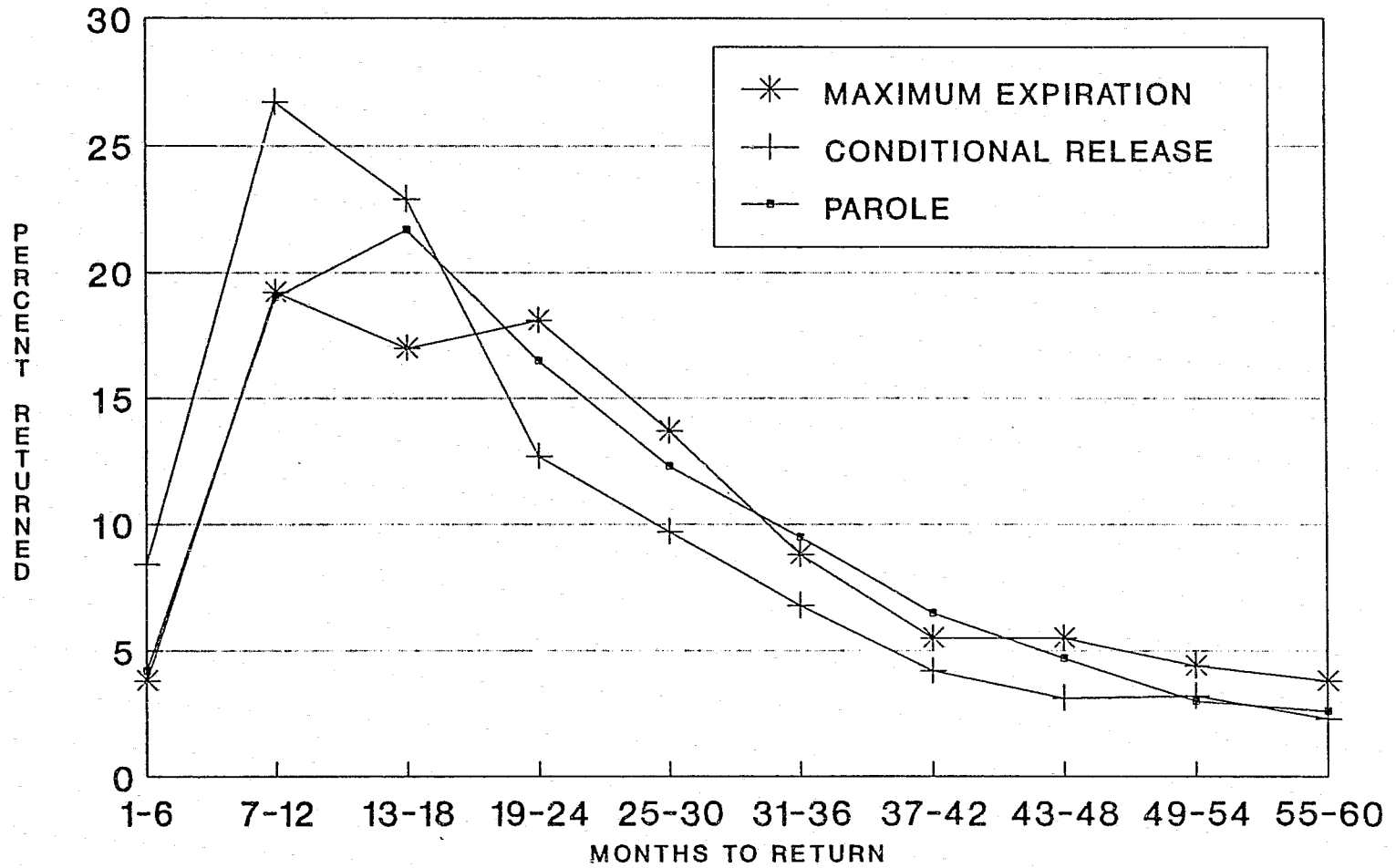
TABLE 2
1972 - 1986 RELEASES: RETURNS FOR NEW FELONY
OFFENSES AND FOR VIOLATION OF PAROLE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972-1986	112,673	47,095	41.8%	24,846	22.1%	22,249	19.7%
PAROLE	81,186	33,387	41.1%	15,894	19.6%	17,493	21.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	24,414	11,220	46.0%	6,464	26.5%	4,756	19.5%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	7,073	2,488	35.2%	2,488	35.2%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1986	11,280	5,613	49.8%	2,638	23.4%	2,975	26.4%
PAROLE	9,523	4,722	49.6%	2,081	21.9%	2,641	27.7%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,359	711	52.3%	377	27.7%	334	24.6%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	398	180	45.2%	180	45.2%	0	0.0%

SEE APPENDIX TABLE A FOR INDIVIDUAL YEARS.

Among the 15 release cohorts encompassing the period 1972 - 1986 there was some change in the proportion of inmates returned as new felony commitments who had been originally released by discretionary parole. The average rate of return of paroles for new commitment was 19.6% ranging from a low of 12.8% in 1972 to a high of 24.7% for the 1983 release cohort. The average rate of return for violation only for persons released by parole was 21.5% ranging from a low of 18.5% for the 1976 release cohort to a high of 27.7% for the 1986 cohort. Among conditional releases the average rate of return for new commitment was 26.5% ranging from a low of 17.0% in 1972 to a high of 33.7% in 1983. Conditional releases returned for violation of parole averaged 19.5% with a low of 15.7% in 1983 to a high of 24.6% in 1986. Among the maximum expiration of sentence cases the average rate of return was 35.2%, all of which were new commitments. The rate of return for maximum expiration of sentence cases increased from a low of 24.4% in 1973 to a high of 46.0% in 1984. (See Appendix Table A.)

CHART 2
 1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
 TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE



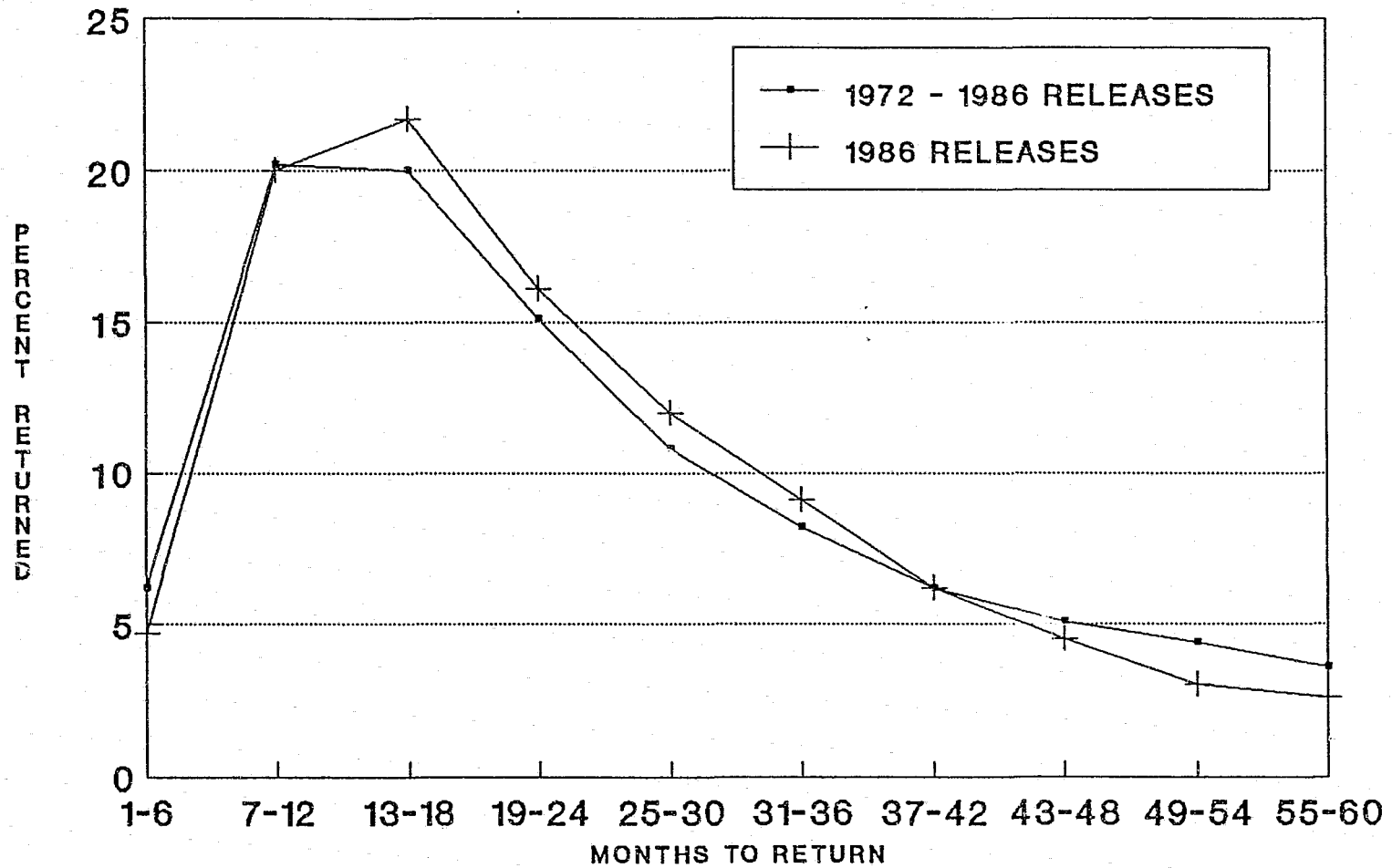
RETURNS TO CUSTODY: TIME TO RETURN Among the 1986 releases who returned, the largest portion of offenders returned during the 13th-18th month period subsequent to date of release. The 7th-12th month period accounted for the next largest group of returns. Combined, these two periods accounted for over a third (41.5%) of those returned. Of all returns, 62.3% were back in DOCS custody within 24 months after release. Subsequent periods account for declining portions of the return cohort. The median time between date of release and initial return was 20.4 months.

TABLE 3

1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE

ELAPSED TIME BETWEEN RELEASE AND RETURN (MONTHS)	TYPE OF RELEASE							
	TOTAL RELEASED NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	PAROLE NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	PERCENT CR NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	ME NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED
NUMBER RELEASED	11,280	xxx	9,523	xxx	1,359	.xxx	398	xxx
PORTION RETURNED	5,613	100.0%	4,722	100.0%	711	100.0%	180	100.0%
1 - 6 MONTHS	264	4.7%	198	4.2%	60	8.4%	6	3.3%
7 - 12 MONTHS	1,118	19.9%	893	18.9%	190	26.7%	35	19.4%
13 - 18 MONTHS	1,215	21.6%	1,021	21.6%	163	22.9%	31	17.2%
19 - 24 MONTHS	902	16.1%	779	16.5%	90	12.7%	33	18.3%
25 - 30 MONTHS	672	12.0%	578	12.2%	69	9.7%	25	13.9%
31 - 36 MONTHS	512	9.1%	448	9.5%	48	6.8%	16	8.9%
37 - 42 MONTHS	352	6.3%	313	6.6%	30	4.2%	9	5.0%
43 - 48 MONTHS	255	4.5%	223	4.7%	22	3.1%	10	5.6%
49 - 54 MONTHS	173	3.1%	142	3.0%	23	3.2%	8	4.4%
55 - 60 MONTHS	150	2.7%	127	2.7%	16	2.3%	7	3.9%
MEDIAN MONTHS TO RETURN	20.4	xxx	20.9	xxx	16.9	xxx	22.3	xxx

CHART 3
1972 - 1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
TIME TO RETURN



The pattern of time to return to DOCS custody was somewhat similar for the combined 1972-1986 release cohorts to that experienced by the 1986 cohort. Well over half (61.5%) of those who returned were back in prison within 24 months of release. The portion returned in each subsequent six-month period declined following a high in the 7-12 month period. The overall median time (20.4 months) to return was the same for the 1986 cohort as for the combined 1972 - 1986 group. However, the parole; CR; and ME groups for 1986 all registered slightly lower median times to return than did their counterparts in the combined 1972 - 1986 group.

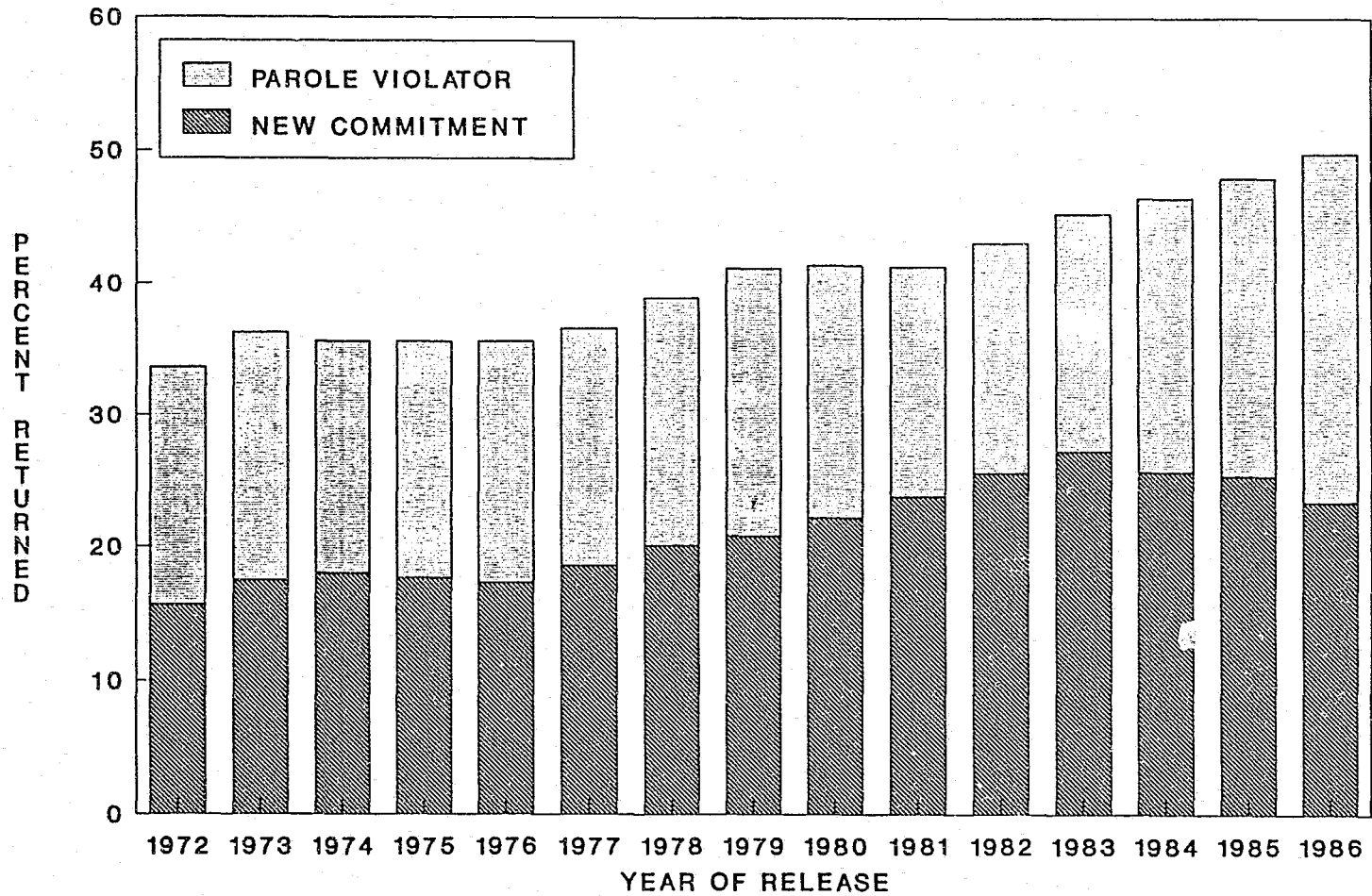
When considering these time patterns, the reader should be aware that our definition of recidivism, return to DOCS, measures the length of time it takes for an offender to return to criminal activity.

TABLE 4

1972 - 1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE

ELAPSED TIME BETWEEN RELEASE AND RETURN (MONTHS)	TYPE OF RELEASE							
	TOTAL RELEASE NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	PAROLE NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	CR NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED	ME NUMBER	PERCENT OF THOSE RETURNED
NUMBER RELEASED	112,673	xxx	81,186	xxx	24,414	xxx	7,073	xxx
PORTION RETURNED	47,095	100.0%	33,387	100.0%	11,220	100.0%	2,488	100.0%
1 - 6 MONTHS	2,903	6.2%	1,717	5.1%	1,081	9.6%	125	5.0%
7 - 12 MONTHS	9,525	20.2%	6,204	18.6%	2,926	26.1%	395	15.9%
13 - 18 MONTHS	9,407	20.0%	6,838	20.5%	2,142	19.1%	427	17.2%
19 - 24 MONTHS	7,127	15.1%	5,354	16.0%	1,374	12.2%	399	16.0%
25 - 30 MONTHS	5,102	10.8%	3,809	11.4%	1,017	9.1%	276	11.1%
31 - 36 MONTHS	3,877	8.2%	2,912	8.7%	730	6.5%	235	9.4%
37 - 42 MONTHS	2,925	6.2%	2,130	6.4%	619	5.5%	176	7.1%
43 - 48 MONTHS	2,419	5.1%	1,747	5.2%	493	4.4%	179	7.2%
49 - 54 MONTHS	2,098	4.5%	1,498	4.5%	449	4.0%	151	6.1%
55 - 60 MONTHS	1,692	3.6%	1,178	3.5%	389	3.5%	125	5.0%
MEDIAN MONTHS TO RETURN	20.4	xxx	21.2	xxx	17.5	xxx	23.5	xxx

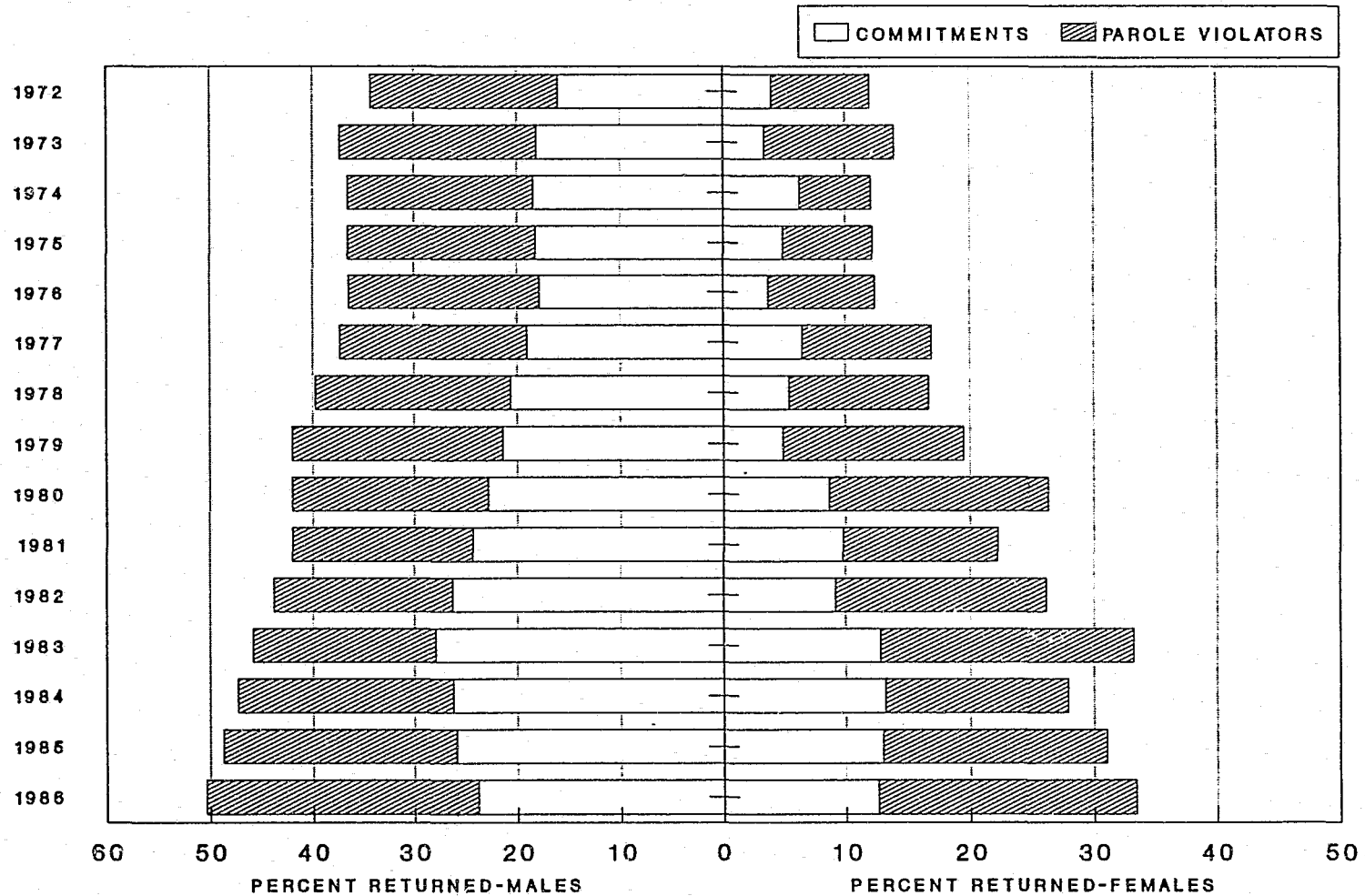
CHART 4
1972 - 1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
TYPE OF RETURN



CHARACTERISTICS OF RELEASE AND RETURN POPULATIONS

The following section presents selected characteristics of the 1986 study group. Where available, similar data are provided for the total 112,673 offenders released over the 1972-1986 period. The selected characteristics include: gender; reason for commitment; age on release; prior adult record; ethnic group; time served in DOCS custody; sentence; drug felons; and region. The reader is cautioned not to automatically assume a causative relationship where certain characteristics exhibit a high correlation with rate of return to custody. The factors which determine return of an individual to prison are numerous and their interaction is often complex. It is hoped that a review of these selected characteristics will, however, identify areas for future in-depth study which will provide greater insight into the overall process by which certain persons are subject to reincarceration while others are able to maintain themselves in a free society.

CHART 5
 1972 - 1986 RELEASES: RETURNS BY GENDER
 COMMITMENT AND PAROLE VIOLATION



GENDER The largest portion of the 1986 study population consisted of male inmates (10,818 or 95.9%). This is consistent with the composition of the total inmate population at the close of 1986 where only 3.4% were females. The rate of return for females was substantially less than the return rate for men. Of the women in the study population, only 154 or 33.3% returned within the follow-up period while 5,459 or 50.5% of the males returned. The proportion of women returned for new felony offenses at 12.6% was about one-half the rate for males (23.8%). The proportion of women returned for parole violation was also lower than the proportion of male returns, 20.8% compared to 26.6% respectively.

As with the 1986 study group, the combined releases for 1972-1986 was predominated by males, 108,431 compared to 4,242 women. Males returned at just under twice the rate of females (42.5% compared to 23.4%). As in 1986, males were much more likely to be returned for a new felony offense (22.6%) than were women with a new commitment rate of only 8.9%. It should be noted, however, that the proportion of women returning as new commitments with the 12.6% reported for the 1986 cohort, was almost four times greater than the low of 3.4% reported in 1973. (See Appendix Table B.)

TABLE 5
1972-1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY GENDER AND TYPE OF RELEASE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972-1986							
TOTAL	112,673	47,098	41.8%	24,845	22.1%	22,253	19.8%
MALES	108,431	46,104	42.5%	24,467	22.6%	21,637	20.0%
FEMALES	4,242	994	23.4%	378	8.9%	616	14.5%
1986 RELEASES							
TOTAL	11,280	5,613	49.8%	2,638	23.4%	2,975	26.4%
MALES	10,818	5,459	50.5%	2,580	23.8%	2,879	26.6%
FEMALES	462	154	33.3%	58	12.6%	96	20.8%

TABLE 6

1986 RELEASES: ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1986 RELEASES BY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	11,280	5,613	49.8%	2,638	23.4%	2,975	26.4%
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	6,251	3,262	52.2%	1,475	23.6%	1,787	28.6%
MURDER	30	10	33.3%	3	10.0%	7	23.3%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	98	31	31.6%	16	16.3%	15	15.3%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	291	108	37.1%	43	14.8%	65	22.3%
RAPE 1ST	161	83	51.6%	32	19.9%	51	31.7%
ROBBERY 1ST	1,659	895	53.9%	387	23.3%	508	30.6%
ROBBERY 2ND	1,538	921	59.9%	411	26.7%	510	33.2%
ASSAULT 1ST	182	69	37.9%	25	13.7%	44	24.2%
ASSAULT 2ND	230	91	39.6%	43	18.7%	48	20.9%
BURGLARY 1ST	98	48	49.0%	17	17.3%	31	31.6%
BURGLARY 2ND	1,076	635	59.0%	333	30.9%	302	28.1%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	52	18	34.6%	4	7.7%	14	26.9%
SODOMY 1ST	63	26	41.3%	7	11.1%	19	30.2%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	105	35	33.3%	16	15.2%	19	18.1%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	654	288	44.0%	135	20.6%	153	23.4%
KIDNAPPING	14	4	28.6%	3	21.4%	1	7.1%
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	630	304	48.3%	153	24.3%	151	24.0%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	57	17	29.8%	7	12.3%	10	17.5%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	25	4	16.0%	3	12.0%	1	4.0%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	33	8	24.2%	4	12.1%	4	12.1%
ROBBERY 3RD	326	208	63.8%	111	34.0%	97	29.8%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	67	23	34.3%	9	13.4%	14	20.9%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	23	8	34.8%	5	21.7%	3	13.0%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	43	10	23.3%	2	4.7%	8	18.6%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	56	26	46.4%	12	21.4%	14	25.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	1,832	714	39.0%	347	18.9%	367	20.0%
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	2,286	1,181	51.7%	598	26.2%	583	25.5%
BURGLARY 3RD	929	544	58.6%	287	30.9%	257	27.7%
GRAND LARCENY	584	300	51.4%	130	22.3%	170	29.1%
FORGERY	177	69	39.0%	34	19.2%	35	19.8%
STOLEN PROPERTY	387	208	53.7%	114	29.5%	94	24.3%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	209	60	28.7%	33	15.8%	27	12.9%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	281	152	54.1%	65	23.1%	87	31.0%
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

REASON FOR COMMITMENT The greatest part (97.5%) of the 1986 study population had been originally committed for felony offenses. The remainder, 281 or 2.5% were Youthful Offenders. Table 6 groups commitment offenses into the violent offense and other offense categories as specified in the 1978 New York State legislation which designates certain crimes against persons as violent felony offenses (VFO).

There was some difference in the rate of return between the four major felony groups shown in Table 6. The highest rate of return (52.2%) was registered by the VFO group. The property and other offense group had the next highest rate of return at 51.7% followed by the offenses involving violence and/or coercion group at 48.3%. The lowest rate among the major felony groups was for drug offenders at 39.0%. Separate from the four felony groups, the Youthful Offender group had the highest rate of return at 54.1%.

There were marked differences in the rate of return between individual crimes. Among those offenses with higher than the average (49.8%) rate of return we find: robbery (all degrees); burglary 2nd and 3rd; stolen property; rape 1st; grand larceny; and Youthful Offenders. Among offenses with return rates below the average were: all crimes of homicide; arson (all degrees); all sex felonies except rape 1st; kidnapping; assault (all degrees); drugs; forgery; and dangerous weapons. The return rate for burglary 1st was only slightly below the average. (See Appendix Table C for aggregate data for the 1978-1986 release cohorts.)

Over the 1972-1986 period the rate of return increased by 16.2% from 33.6% in 1972 to 49.8% in 1986. The 15 annual release cohorts for the 1972-1986 period, which include 112,673 offenders, have been grouped into 11 generic felony categories plus Youthful Offenders. Over this 15-year period, the four offense categories with the greatest change in rate of return include: rape, up 27.8%; murder, up 24.2%, grand larceny, up 19.5% and dangerous weapons, up 19.2%. (See Table 7 and Appendix Table D.)

CHART 6
1972 - 1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
OFFENSE ON ORIGINAL COMMITMENT

SELECTED OFFENSES

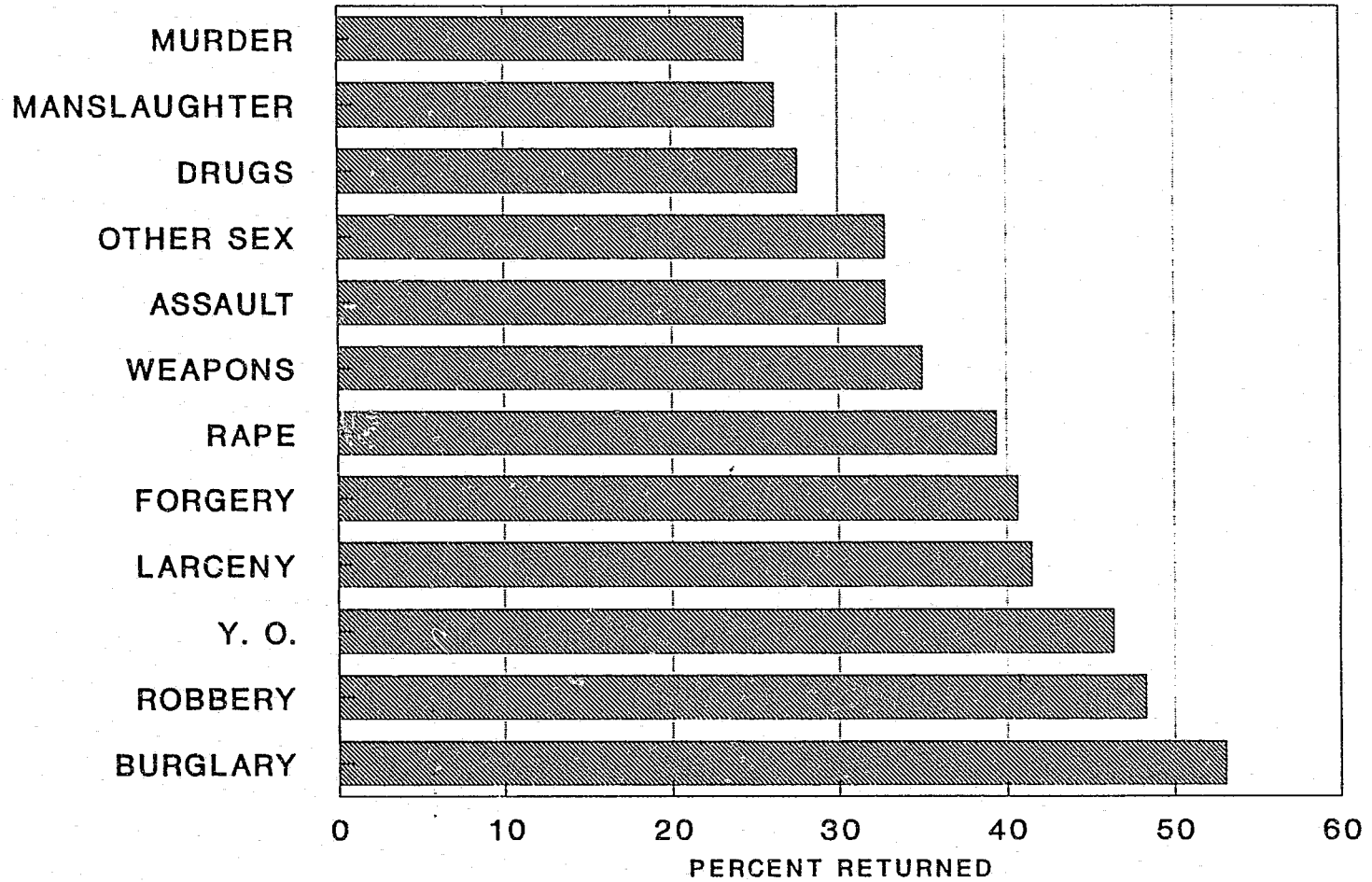


TABLE 7

1972 - 1986 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1972 - 1986 RELEASES			1972 RELEASES			1986 RELEASES			CHANGE IN PERCENT RETURNED
	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	
TOTAL OFFENSES	112,673	47,096	41.6%	5,593	1,877	33.6%	11,260	5,813	49.8%	16.2%
TOTAL FELONIES	106,002	44,091	41.6%	4,692	1,597	32.6%	10,999	5,461	49.6%	17.0%
MURDER	1,149	280	24.4%	77	8	7.8%	128	41	32.0%	24.2%
MANSLAUGHTER	7,291	1,913	26.2%	585	132	22.6%	373	129	34.6%	12.0%
ROBBERY	38,135	16,412	43.0%	1,733	668	38.6%	3,523	2,024	57.5%	17.9%
BURGLARY	17,941	9,529	53.1%	562	255	45.4%	2,103	1,227	58.3%	13.0%
ASSAULT	5,524	1,814	32.8%	335	98	29.2%	479	183	38.2%	9.5%
LARCENY	4,723	1,958	41.5%	373	119	31.9%	584	300	51.4%	19.5%
RAPE	1,993	773	38.8%	88	13	14.7%	194	91	46.9%	27.8%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	1,611	528	32.8%	73	20	27.4%	191	69	36.1%	8.7%
DRUGS	14,439	3,991	27.6%	683	181	26.5%	1,832	714	39.0%	15.4%
FORGERY	1,694	689	40.7%	89	30	33.7%	177	69	39.0%	5.3%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	5,748	2,010	35.0%	169	42	24.9%	654	288	44.0%	19.2%
OTHER FELONIES	5,788	2,194	37.9%	145	37	25.5%	781	328	42.8%	17.3%
MISDEMEANORS	426	133	31.2%	217	75	34.6%	0	0	0.0%	N/A
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	6,007	2,790	46.4%	465	198	42.6%	281	152	54.1%	11.5%
JUVENILE DELINQUENT	108	35	32.4%	19	7	36.8%	0	0	0.0%	N/A
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	130	47	36.2%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	N/A

N/A = NOT APPLICABLE

SEE APPENDIX TABLE D FOR INDIVIDUAL YEARS.

TABLE 5
 1986 RELEASES: OFFENDERS RETURNED AS NEW FELONY COMMITMENTS
 BY CRIME ON RETURN FOR 1986 AND 1978 - 1985

CRIME ON RETURN	1986 RELEASES CRIME ON RETURN		1978 - 1985 RELEASES CRIME ON RETURN		CHANGE IN PERCENT RETURNED
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	
TOTAL	2,638	100.0%	16,125	100.0%	N/A
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	1,115	42.3%	8,838	54.8%	-12.5%
MURDER	48	1.8%	473	2.9%	-1.1%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	25	0.9%	173	1.1%	-0.1%
RAPE 1ST	26	1.0%	246	1.5%	-0.5%
ROBBERY 1ST	211	8.0%	2,221	13.8%	-5.8%
ROBBERY 2ND	233	8.8%	1,888	11.7%	-2.9%
ASSAULT 1ST	22	0.8%	163	1.0%	-0.2%
ASSAULT 2ND	38	1.4%	264	1.6%	-0.2%
BURGLARY 1ST	27	1.0%	171	1.1%	-0.0%
BURGLARY 2ND	283	10.7%	1,817	11.3%	-0.5%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	2	0.1%	38	0.2%	-0.2%
SODOMY 1ST	16	0.6%	83	0.5%	0.1%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	15	0.6%	85	0.5%	0.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	164	6.2%	1,182	7.3%	-1.1%
KIDNAPPING	5	0.2%	34	0.2%	-0.0%
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	153	5.8%	954	5.9%	-0.1%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	5	0.2%	26	0.2%	0.0%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	2	0.1%	18	0.1%	-0.0%
ROBBERY 3RD	100	3.8%	662	4.1%	-0.3%
ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	4	0.2%	37	0.2%	-0.1%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	42	1.6%	211	1.3%	0.3%
DRUG OFFENSES	761	28.8%	2,248	13.9%	14.9%
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	609	23.1%	4,085	25.3%	-2.2%
BURGLARY 3RD	272	10.3%	2,109	13.1%	-2.8%
GRAND LARCENY	26	1.0%	719	4.5%	-3.5%
FORGERY	49	1.9%	310	1.9%	-0.1%
STOLEN PROPERTY	19	0.7%	542	3.4%	-2.6%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	243	9.2%	405	2.5%	6.7%

CRIME ON RETURN Of the 11,280 inmates in the 1986 release study cohort, 2,638 or 23.4% were returned to DOCS custody following conviction for a new felony offense subsequent to their release in 1986. This section will look at the crimes for which these offenders were returned to prison.

Drug felonies were the most frequent crime for which members of the 1986 release population were re-committed to DOCS custody. There were 761 drug commitments or 28.8% of those returned to DOCS for new felonies. Burglary offenses had the second highest frequency at 582 or 22.1% followed by robbery at 544 (20.6%); dangerous weapons at 164 (6.2%); and crimes of homicide at 70 (3.0%). No other crimes accounted for three percent.

There have been some major changes in the distribution of crimes for which offenders are returned to custody. In the previous eight release cohorts, the crimes of robbery and burglary each had accounted for an average of 29.6% and 25.5% of the new felony returns. In 1986, the most frequent offense for which an offender returned to prison was a drug felony. The proportion returned for violent felony offenses dropped by 12.5%. The proportion returned for property and other offenses declined slightly (-2.2%) while other violent/coercive crimes remained relatively unchanged -0.1%. Table 8 compares the distribution of return crimes of the 1986 cohort with the return crimes of the previous eight (1978-1985) release cohorts.

TABLE 9
1986 RELEASES: OFFENDERS RETURNED AS FELONY COMMITMENTS BY ORIGINAL OFFENSE AND BY RETURN OFFENSE

CRIME ON COMMITMENT	CRIME ON RETURN																										
	TOTAL	MURDER	MURDER	MURDER	RAPE	ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ASSAULT	ASSAULT	BURGLARY	BURGLARY	ARSON	SODOMY	SEXUAL ABUSE	WEPONS	KIDNAPING	MANSLAUGHTER	ROBBERY	ROBBERY	ARSON	OTHER	BURGLARY	GRAND LARCENY	FORGERY	STOLEN PROPERTY	ALL OTHER	
TOTAL	2,638	32	18	25	26	211	233	22	36	27	283	2	16	15	164	5	5	2	100	4	42	272	26	761	49	19	243
VIOLENCE FELONY OFFENSES	1,475	21	14	17	18	150	153	13	16	20	188	0	11	6	118	3	3	1	62	1	20	103	10	388	17	8	120
MURDER	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ATTEMPTED MURDER	16	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	4
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	43	1	0	1	0	3	4	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	17	0	0	3
RAPE 1ST	32	0	0	1	1	4	1	0	2	0	3	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	4	1	0	3
ROBBERY 1ST	387	6	4	4	5	58	58	1	2	7	22	0	0	0	38	1	0	0	17	0	4	17	2	115	4	1	20
ROBBERY 2ND	411	4	4	4	6	42	55	2	4	3	22	0	3	2	33	1	1	0	27	0	8	23	5	112	8	1	43
ASSAULT 1ST	25	2	0	1	0	5	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	0	1	1
ASSAULT 2ND	43	0	3	1	0	3	3	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	0	13	0	0	8
BURGLARY 1ST	17	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0
BURGLARY 2ND	333	2	0	2	1	19	16	1	3	7	124	0	2	1	11	0	2	1	8	0	2	50	1	50	5	3	22
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SODOMY 1ST	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	16	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	135	5	3	2	1	13	7	3	1	2	4	0	0	0	14	1	0	0	4	0	0	2	2	55	1	0	15
KIDNAPPING	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	153	3	1	2	2	12	18	1	5	2	7	0	2	3	10	0	0	0	13	2	6	12	5	31	0	3	15
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	7	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROBBERY 3RD	111	2	1	1	1	12	15	0	1	1	6	0	1	2	8	0	0	0	10	1	1	8	4	23	0	2	11
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1
ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	2
DRUG OFFENSES	347	2	1	2	2	14	18	1	1	0	12	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	6	0	3	10	1	240	1	0	14
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	598	5	0	4	4	29	38	6	15	4	70	2	3	1	17	2	1	1	15	1	12	142	9	84	31	10	92
BURGLARY 3RD	287	3	0	1	4	16	14	3	11	2	42	2	2	1	4	1	1	0	5	1	4	103	4	34	8	2	19
GRAND LARCENY	130	1	0	1	0	8	13	1	2	2	13	0	1	0	6	1	0	1	7	0	2	11	2	20	2	5	31
FORGERY	34	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	4	11	0	5
STOLEN PROPERTY	114	1	0	1	0	2	8	1	1	0	11	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	23	0	18	9	2	30
ALL OTHER FELONIES	33	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	2	8	1	1	7
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	65	1	0	0	2	6	8	1	1	1	6	0	0	5	2	0	1	0	4	0	1	5	1	18	0	0	2
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CRIME ON RETURN BY PREVIOUS CRIME A question often asked is do offenders tend to repeat the same type of crime. The following section looks at five crime groups to determine what proportion of each group return to DOCS custody and if those returned for new felonies are coming back for similar or for different type crimes. Data from these nine cohorts released during 1978-1986 are used to provide a broader numeric base than would data for a single year as the number of annual returns for certain crimes is quite small. (The data in Tables 10 through 14 are drawn from Appendix Tables F and G. Data for 1986 only are shown in Table 6 and Table 9.)

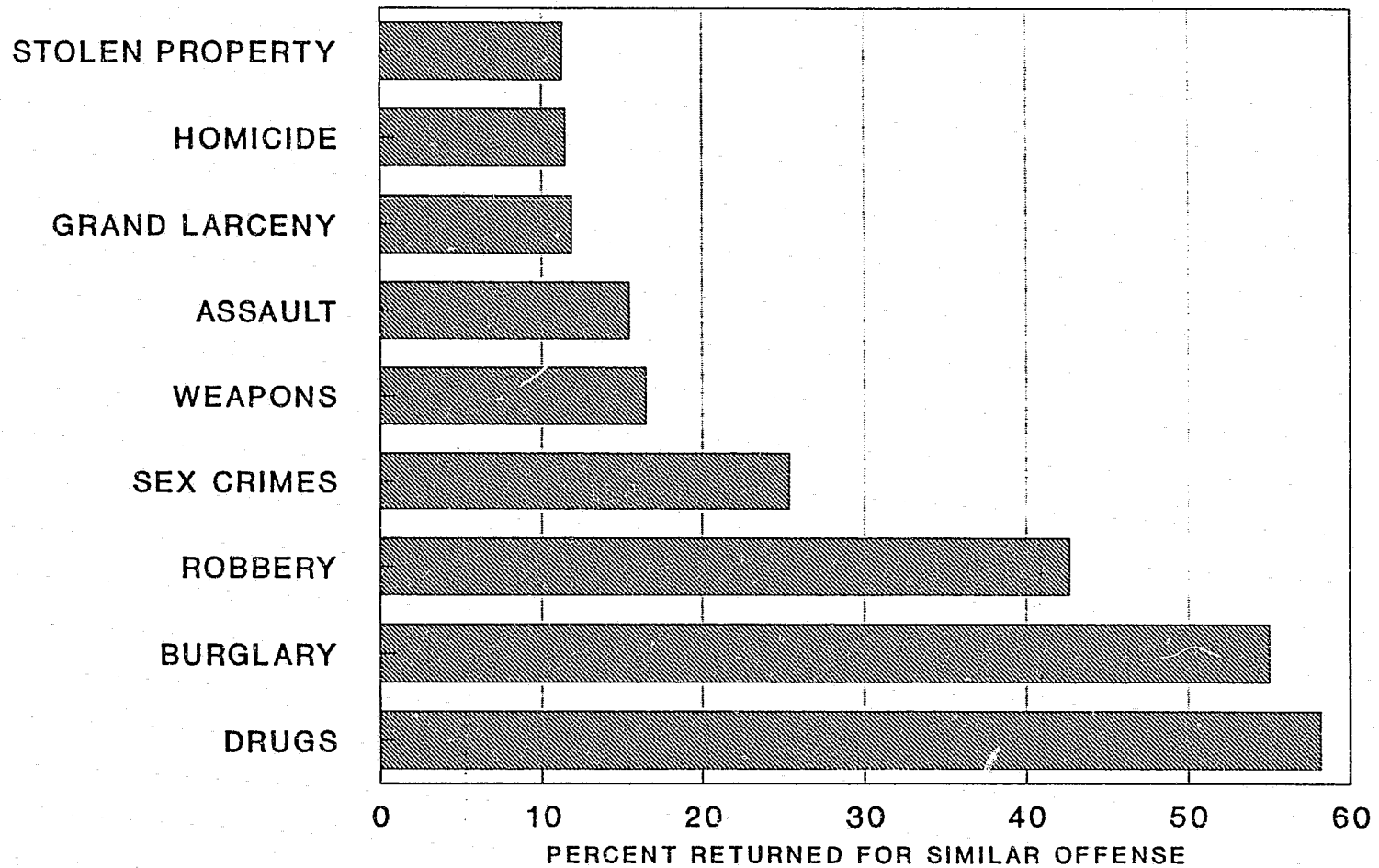
Homicide Of the 77,904 offenders released during the 1978-1986 period, 4,641 had originally been committed for a homicide offense. A total of 1,275 (27.5%) of these homicide offenders returned to prison within five years, 13.8% for parole violation and 13.7% for new felonies. This overall rate of return was much below the return rate of 46.2% for the 73,263 offenders who had been committed for other than homicide offenses. The homicide release group was more likely to return for a crime other than homicide (12.1%) than for a new homicide offense (1.6%). Looking only at those who returned for new felonies, we find that of the 634 homicide offenders returned for new crimes, that 73 or 11.5% returned for homicide offenses compared to 677 (3.7%) of the non-homicide offenders. (See Table 10.)

TABLE 10
1978 - 1986 HOMICIDE OFFENDER RELEASES: RETURNS BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSES
BY RETURN CRIME

1978 - 1986 HOMICIDE OFFENDERS RELEASED BY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENTS					
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL		NEW HOMICIDE FELONIES		OTHER FELONIES	
						NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL HOMICIDE FELONS RELEASED	4,641	1,275	27.5%	641	13.8%	634	13.7%	73	1.6%	561	12.1%
MURDER	236	54	22.8%	32	13.8%	22	8.3%	7	3.0%	15	6.4%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	456	132	28.9%	52	11.4%	80	17.5%	6	1.3%	74	16.2%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	2,565	719	28.0%	374	14.6%	345	13.5%	30	1.5%	306	11.8%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	1,156	323	27.9%	162	14.0%	161	13.8%	18	1.6%	143	12.4%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	228	47	20.6%	21	9.2%	26	11.4%	3	1.3%	23	10.1%
ALL OTHER RELEASED OFFENDERS	73,263	33,876	46.2%	15,747	21.5%	16,129	24.7%	677	0.8%	17,452	23.6%

CHART 7
1978-1986 RELEASES: FELONY RETURNS FOR
OFFENSES SIMILAR TO ORIGINAL OFFENSE

ORIGINAL OFFENSE



Robbery Of the 1978-1986 release group, 26,389 had originally been committed for robbery offenses. A total of 14,332 (54.3%) of these robbery offenders returned to prison within five years, 27.2% for parole violation and 27.1% for new felonies. This return rate was considerably above the return rate of 40.4% for non-robbery offenses. The robbery release group was more likely (15.5%) to return for a crime other than robbery than for a new robbery offense (11.6%). However, among the 7,154 of the robbery group who returned for new felonies, there were 3,056 or 42.7% returned for robbery offenses compared to 2,259 or 19.5% of non-robbery group. (See Table 11.)

TABLE 11
1978 - 1986 ROBBERY OFFENDER RELEASES: RETURNS BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE
BY RETURN CRIME

1978-1986 ROBBERY RELEASES COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENTS					
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL		NEW ROBBERY FELONIES		OTHER FELONIES	
						NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL ROBBERY FELONS RELEASED	26,389	14,332	54.3%	7,178	27.2%	7,154	27.1%	3,056	11.6%	4,098	15.5%
ROBBERY 1ST	10,356	5,667	54.7%	3,064	29.6%	2,603	25.1%	1,114	10.8%	1,489	14.4%
ROBBERY 2ND	11,893	6,668	56.1%	3,330	28.0%	3,338	28.1%	1,414	11.9%	1,924	16.2%
ROBBERY 3RD	4,140	1,997	48.2%	784	18.9%	1,213	29.3%	528	12.8%	685	16.5%
ALL OTHER RELEASED OFFENDERS	51,515	20,819	40.4%	8,210	17.9%	11,809	22.5%	2,259	4.4%	9,350	18.2%

Burglary Of the 1978-1986 release group, 14,034 had originally been committed for burglary. A total of 7,322 (52.2%) of these burglary offenders returned to prison within five years, 20.0% for parole violation and 32.2% for new felonies. This return rate was considerably above the return rate of 43.6% for non-burglary offenses. The burglary group was more likely to return for a crime of burglary (17.7%) than for non-burglary felonies (14.5%). Among the 4,520 of the burglary group who returned for new felonies, 2,484 or 55.0% returned for burglary offenses compared to 2,195 or 15.4% of the non-burglary group. (See Table 12.)

TABLE 12
1978 - 1986 BURGLARY OFFENDER RELEASES: RETURNS BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE
BY RETURN CRIME

1978 - 1986 BURGLARY OFFENDER RELEASES BY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENTS					
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL		NEW BURGLARY FELONIES		OTHER FELONIES	
						NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL BURGLARY FELONS RELEASED	14,034	7,322	52.2%	2,802	20.0%	4,520	32.2%	2,484	17.7%	2,036	14.5%
BURGLARY 1ST	395	208	52.7%	124	31.4%	84	21.3%	28	7.1%	56	14.2%
BURGLARY 2ND	4,182	2,136	51.1%	835	20.0%	1,301	31.1%	700	16.7%	601	14.4%
BURGLARY 3RD	9,457	4,978	52.6%	1,843	19.5%	3,135	33.2%	1,756	18.6%	1,379	14.6%
ALL OTHER RELEASED OFFENDERS	63,870	27,829	43.6%	13,588	21.3%	14,243	22.3%	2,195	3.4%	12,048	18.8%

Sex Offenders Of the 1978-1986 release group, 2,641 had originally been committed for sex offenses. A total of 1,077 (40.8%) of these sex offenders returned to prison within five years, 22.3% for parole violation and 18.5% for a new felony. This return rate was below the return rate of 45.3% for felonies other than sex offenses. The sex offender group was more likely (13.8%) to return for a non-sex crime than for a new sex offense (4.7%). However, among the 489 of the sex offender group who returned for new felonies, 124 or 25.4% returned for sex offenses compared to 364 or 2.0% of the non-sex offender group. (See Table 13.)

TABLE 13
1978 - 1986 SEX OFFENDER RELEASES: RETURNS BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY RETURN CRIME

1978 - 1986 SEX OFFENDER RELEASES BY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENTS					
						TOTAL		NEW SEX FELONIES		OTHER FELONIES	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL SEX OFFENDERS RELEASED	2,641	1,077	40.8%	588	22.3%	489	18.5%	124	4.7%	365	13.8%
RAPE 1ST	1,290	612	47.4%	334	25.9%	278	21.6%	70	5.4%	206	16.1%
SODOMY 1ST	409	162	39.6%	101	24.7%	61	14.9%	17	4.2%	44	10.8%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	606	217	35.8%	113	18.6%	104	17.2%	25	4.1%	79	13.0%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	187	46	23.4%	23	11.7%	23	11.7%	4	2.0%	19	8.6%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	139	40	28.8%	17	12.2%	23	16.5%	8	5.8%	15	10.8%
ALL OTHER RELEASED OFFENDERS	75,263	34,074	45.3%	15,800	21.0%	18,274	24.3%	364	0.5%	17,910	23.8%

Drug Felonies Of the 1978-1986 release group, 10,043 had originally been committed for drug felonies. A total of 3,034 (30.2%) of these drug felons returned to prison within five years, 14.9% for parole violation and 15.3% for a new felony. This return rate was below the return rate of 47.3% for crimes other than drug felonies. The drug offender group was more likely (8.9%) to return for a new drug felony than for another felony (6.4%). Among the drug felons returned for a new felony, 895 or 58.2% did return for a new drug crime compared to 2,114 or 12.3% of the non-drug felony group. (See Table 14.)

TABLE 14
1978 - 1986 DRUG OFFENDER RELEASES: RETURNS BY ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY RETURN CRIME

1978-1986 DRUG FELON RELEASES COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		RETURNED AS NEW COMMITMENTS					
						TOTAL		NEW DRUG FELONIES		OTHER FELONIES	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL DRUG OFFENDERS RELEASED	10,043	3,034	30.2%	1,486	14.8%	1,538	15.3%	895	8.9%	643	6.4%
ALL OTHER RELEASED OFFENDERS	67,861	32,117	47.3%	14,892	21.8%	17,225	25.4%	2,114	3.1%	15,111	22.3%

AGE ON RELEASE The median age of the 1986 study population at time of release was 28.2 years. The largest age category was the 25-29 year old group which accounted for 2,846 (25.2%) of all releases. The releases tended to be under 30 years of age with 59.1% falling within the 16-29 age on release group which spans only 14 years while the remainder of the releases were spread over a 35 year plus category ranging from 30 to 65 years and over.

Among those returned to custody, the median age at time of release was 26.7 years or 1.5 years younger than the total study population. Correspondingly, persons not returned had a median age of 29.9 years or 1.7 years greater than the total study population. The 16-18 year old group registered the highest rate of return at 64.1%. The second highest return rate, 62.7%, occurred in the 19-20 year group followed by a 58.6% rate for the 21-24 year group. For the remaining age categories, as age at time of release increased the proportion of cases returned to custody decreased for each age category. (See Table 15 and graph on page 26).

A somewhat similar pattern of returns is found looking only at those returned for new felonies. The median age on release of those returned as new commitments was 26.1 years which is more than two years younger than the total study population. The 16-18 and the 19-20 year old categories had the highest new commitment rate of return at 32.3%. The proportion of returns decreased as age on release increased for each successive category. Among those returned for violation of parole the median age at time of release was 27.2 years, over one year greater than the age of those returned for new commitments. The pattern of higher return rates for younger releases was less pronounced for the returned violators. As with the new commitment returns, the proportion of returns for parole violation decreased as age on release increased.

The median age at time of release of the combined 1972-1986 study population was 27.6 years. As with the 1986 cohort, the largest age category was the 25-29 year group which accounted for 25.4% of all releases. Again, most (62.3%) of the study population was under 30 years of age.

Among those returned to custody, the median age on return was 26.2 years at time of release. This was 2.4 years younger than the 28.6 years of age of those who did not return. The 16-18 year old group registered the highest rate of return at 55.7%. Each successive age group had decreasing rates of return. This reduction in rate of return as age on release increased was found in each of the 15 study cohorts. (See Appendix Table F.)

CHART 8
1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
AGE ON RELEASE

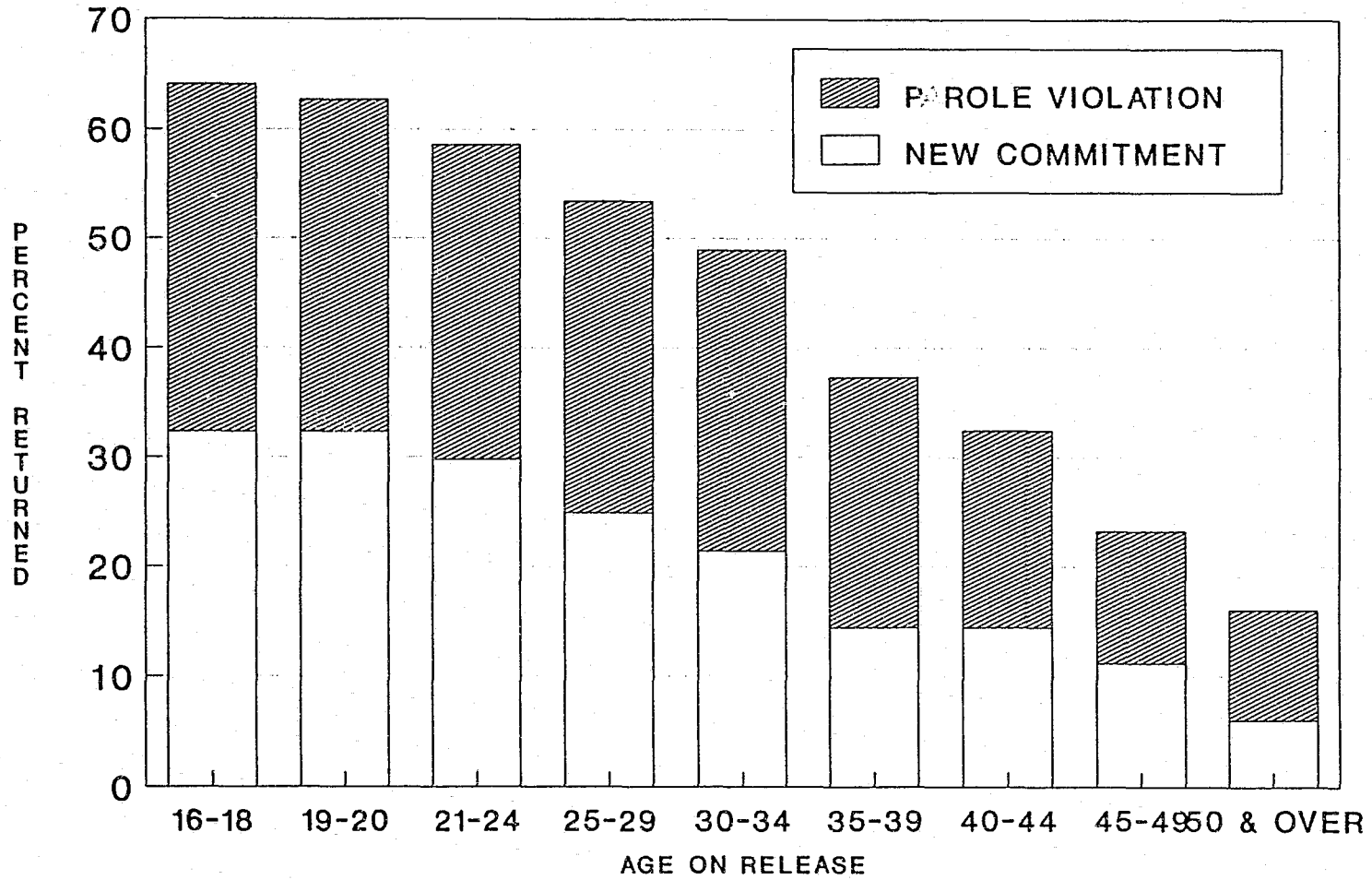
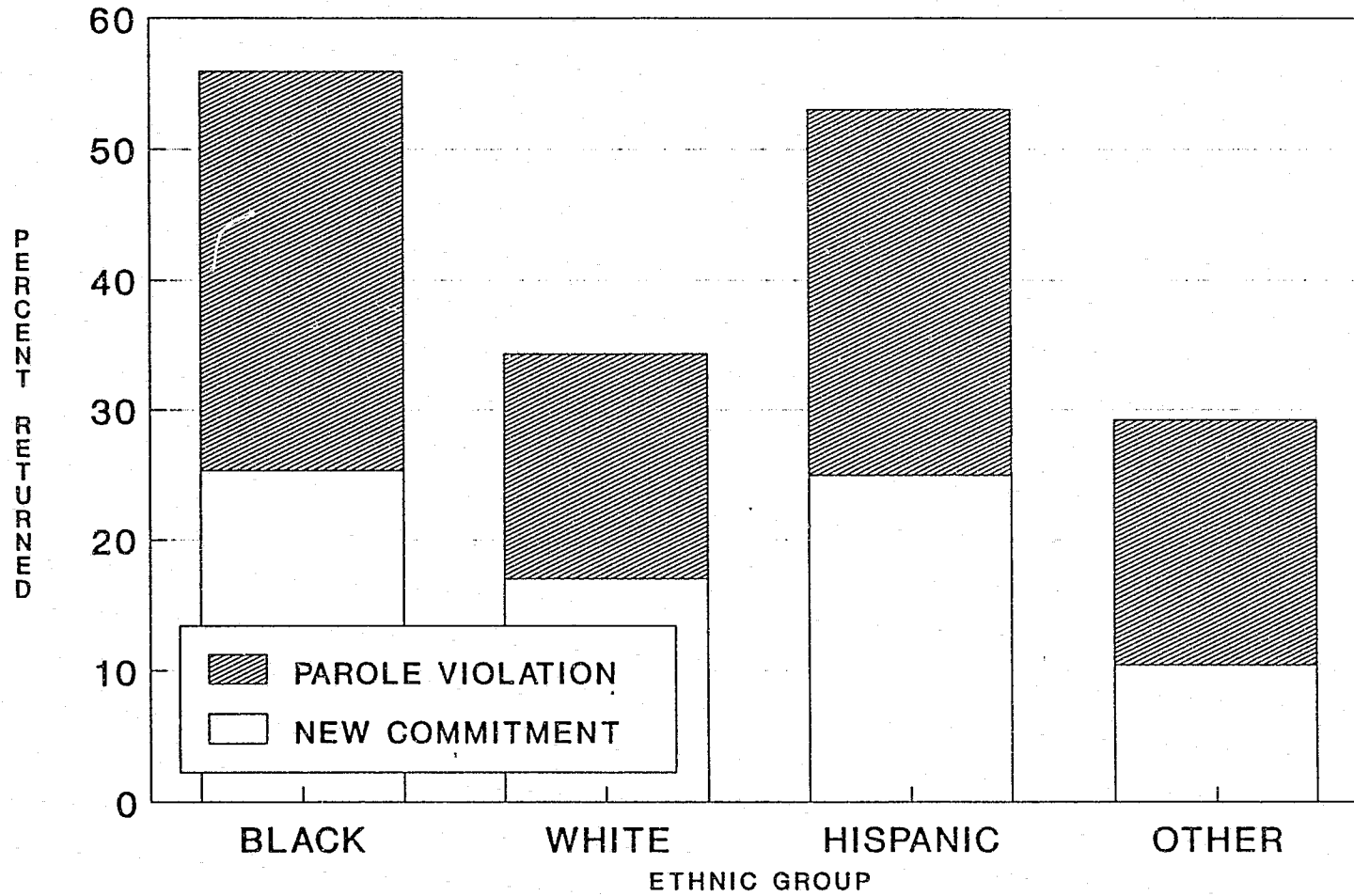


TABLE 15
1972-1986 RELEASES: RETURNS BY AGE ON RELEASE

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	AGE AT TIME OF RELEASE										
	TOTAL	16-18	19-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-64	65 AND OVER
1972-1986 RELEASES	112,624	3,045	10,925	27,632	28,572	18,704	10,821	6,057	3,362	3,209	297
TOTAL RETURNED	47,074	1,695	5,770	13,140	12,387	7,460	3,612	1,693	780	513	24
PERCENT RETURNED	41.8%	55.7%	52.8%	47.6%	43.4%	39.9%	33.4%	28.0%	23.2%	16.0%	8.1%
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	24,831	827	3,212	7,418	6,645	3,671	1,721	789	340	203	5
PERCENT RETURNED	22.0%	27.2%	29.4%	26.8%	23.3%	19.6%	15.9%	13.0%	10.1%	6.3%	1.7%
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	14,897	868	2,558	5,722	5,742	3,789	1,891	904	440	310	19
PERCENT RETURNED	13.2%	28.5%	23.4%	20.7%	20.1%	20.3%	17.5%	14.9%	13.1%	9.7%	6.4%
1986 RELEASES	11,280	195	849	2779	2846	2031	1264	618	367	310	21
TOTAL RETURNED	5,605	125	532	1,628	1,521	992	471	198	85	50	3
PERCENT RETURNED	49.7%	64.1%	62.7%	58.6%	53.4%	48.8%	37.3%	32.0%	23.2%	16.1%	14.3%
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,638	63	274	827	710	434	182	87	41	19	1
PERCENT RETURNED	23.4%	32.3%	32.3%	29.8%	24.9%	21.4%	14.4%	14.1%	11.2%	6.1%	4.8%
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	2,967	62	258	801	811	558	289	111	44	31	2
PERCENT RETURNED	26.3%	31.8%	30.4%	28.8%	28.5%	27.5%	22.9%	18.0%	12.0%	10.0%	9.5%

AGE DATA NOT READILY AVAILABLE FOR 49 CASES.

CHART 9
1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF RETURN



ETHNIC GROUP The ethnic distribution of the 1986 study population closely followed that of the inmate population under custody in DOCS facilities during 1986. The largest portion of releases, 5,560 or 51.2% were in the black ethnic group. Whites comprised the second largest group with 2,740 or 25.2%. Hispanics accounted for 2,512 or 23.1% and other ethnic groups made up the remaining 48 or 0.4%.

The highest rate of return for the 1986 study population was found among black inmates at 56.0% followed by Hispanics at 55.3%; whites at 34.3%; and other ethnic groups at 29.2%. Among returns for new felonies, the Hispanic release group had the highest proportion returned at 27.2%. Blacks had the next highest new commitment rate at 25.3% while whites at 17.0% returned at a slightly higher new commitment rate than did other ethnic groups at 10.4%.

For the combined 1972-1986 release cohorts, the Hispanic ethnic group had the highest overall rate of return at 44.5% for this 15-year period. The second highest rate was for the black ethnic group at 44.0% followed by the other ethnic groups at 33.5% and whites at 32.7%. For returns with new felonies the Hispanic group had a slightly higher rate of return at 24.9% than did blacks at 24.0%. The white group had a new felony return rate of 16.1%. (See Table 16 and Appendix Table G).

TABLE 16
1972 - 1986 RELEASES: ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF RETURN

ETHNIC GROUP & BY ETHNIC GROUP	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
1972-1986	101,393	41,473	40.9%	22,207	21.9%	19,266	19.0%
BLACK	53,486	23,548	44.0%	12,848	24.0%	10,700	20.0%
WHITE	28,201	9,229	32.7%	4,530	16.1%	4,699	16.7%
HISPANIC	19,005	8,461	44.5%	4,731	24.9%	3,730	19.6%
OTHER	701	235	33.5%	98	14.0%	137	19.5%
1986 RELEASES	10,860	5,454	50.2%	2,562	23.6%	2,892	26.6%
BLACK	5,560	3,111	56.0%	1,408	25.3%	1,703	30.6%
WHITE	2,740	940	34.3%	465	17.0%	475	17.3%
HISPANIC	2,512	1,389	55.3%	684	27.2%	705	28.1%
OTHER	48	14	29.2%	5	10.4%	9	18.8%

SEE APPENDIX TABLE G FOR 1972 - 1986 AGGREGATE DATA.
NOTE: ETHNIC DATA NOT AVAILABLE FOR 420 CASES IN 1986.

TABLE 17
1986 RELEASES: RETURNS OF PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDERS

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	TOTAL RELEASED	FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS*			SECOND FELONY OFFENDERS**		
		NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED	NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED
TOTAL	11,280	6,477	3,035	46.9%	4,803	2,580	53.7%
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	6,251	4,041	2,047	50.7%	2,210	1,216	55.0%
MURDER	30	30	10	33.3%	0	0	0.0%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	98	88	28	31.8%	10	3	30.0%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	291	250	90	36.0%	41	18	43.9%
RAPE 1ST	161	117	52	44.4%	44	31	70.5%
ROBBERY 1ST	1,659	1,213	654	53.9%	446	241	54.0%
ROBBERY 2ND	1,538	1,007	603	59.9%	531	318	59.9%
ASSAULT 1ST	182	137	49	35.8%	45	20	44.4%
ASSAULT 2ND	230	150	51	34.0%	80	40	50.0%
BURGLARY 1ST	98	70	32	45.7%	28	16	57.1%
BURGLARY 2ND	1,076	545	317	58.2%	531	319	60.1%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	52	43	13	30.2%	9	5	55.6%
SODOMY 1ST	63	51	21	41.2%	12	5	41.7%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	105	75	25	33.3%	30	10	33.3%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	654	254	99	39.0%	400	189	47.3%
KIDNAPPING	14	11	3	27.3%	3	1	33.3%
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	630	317	141	44.5%	313	164	52.4%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	57	41	12	29.3%	16	5	31.3%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	25	20	3	15.0%	5	1	20.0%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	33	27	5	18.5%	6	3	50.0%
ROBBERY 3RD	326	135	91	67.4%	191	117	61.3%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	67	21	10	47.6%	46	13	28.3%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	23	13	3	23.1%	10	5	50.0%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	43	29	4	13.8%	14	7	50.0%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	56	31	13	41.9%	25	13	52.0%
DRUG OFFENSES	1,832	1,066	345	32.4%	766	369	48.2%
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	2,286	772	350	45.3%	1,514	831	54.9%
BURGLARY 3RD	929	264	149	56.4%	665	395	59.4%
GRAND LARCENY	584	189	82	43.4%	395	218	55.2%
FORGERY	177	65	31	47.7%	112	38	33.9%
STOLEN PROPERTY	387	126	60	47.6%	261	148	56.7%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	209	128	28	21.9%	81	32	39.5%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	281	281	152	54.1%	0	0	0.0%
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

*INCLUDES THOSE SENTENCED AS FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS AND CLASS A FELONS NOT SUBJECT TO PREDICATE SENTENCING.

**INCLUDES 4,755 WITH SECOND FELONY SENTENCE AND 48 WITH PERSISTENT FELONY SENTENCES.

SEE APPENDIX TABLE H FOR COMBINED 1980 - 1986 DATA.

RETURNS OF PREDICATE FELONS Of the 11,280 offenders in the 1986 study population, there were 4,803 or 42.6% who had originally been committed as second felony offenders. New York State law (effective September 1973) provides more severe penalties for persons convicted of a second felony. The basic provisions of the second felony offender law mandate a state prison sentence with a minimum term equal to one-half of the maximum (compared to a limit of one-third the maximum for first felony offenders).

The second felony offenders in the 1986 study group had a 6.8% higher rate of return at 53.7% than did first felony offenders who returned at a rate of 46.9%. This difference in return rates between first and second felony offenders occurred in each of the major crime groupings. The highest rate of return for second felony offenders occurred in the violent felony offender group at 55.0% followed by the property/other group at 54.9%; the other violence/coercion group at 52.4%; and the drug group at 48.2%.

There was considerable variation by individual crime in return rates for second felony offenders. Appendix Table H indicates there were 22,842 second felony offenders released over the 1980-1986 seven-year period. The return rate for this group of predicate felons was 50.9%. For this combined group, we find that among crimes with 100 or more second felony releases, the highest rates of return were for: rape 1st; robbery 2nd; burglary 2nd; burglary 3rd; robbery 3rd; stolen property; and robbery 1st. Second felony offender crimes with below average rates of return included: manslaughter 2nd; attempted assault 2nd; dangerous weapons; sexual abuse 1st; forgery; manslaughter 1st; drugs; assault 2nd; and assault 1st.

CHART 10
1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
FIRST AND SECOND FELONY OFFENDERS

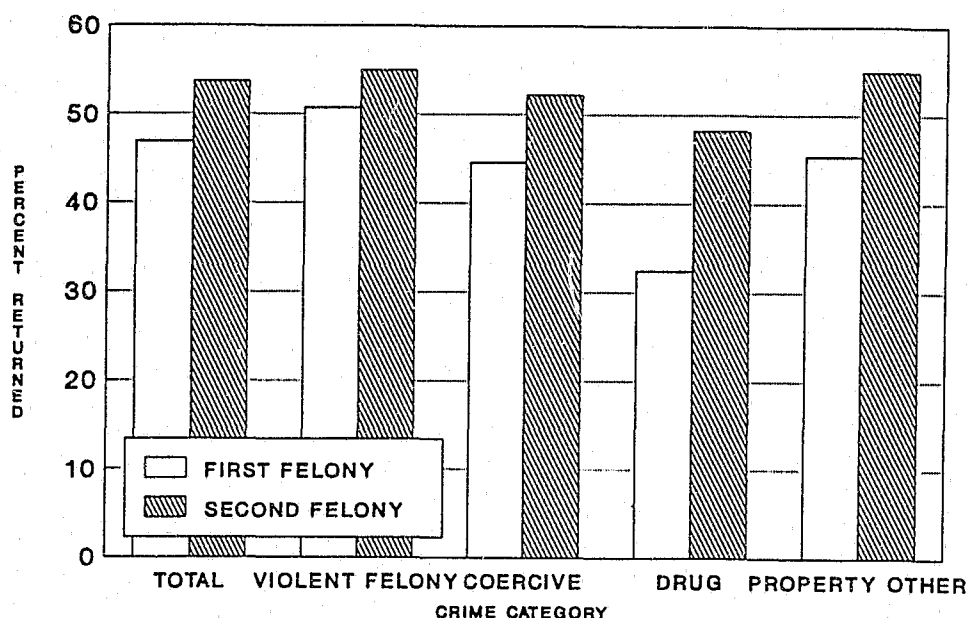
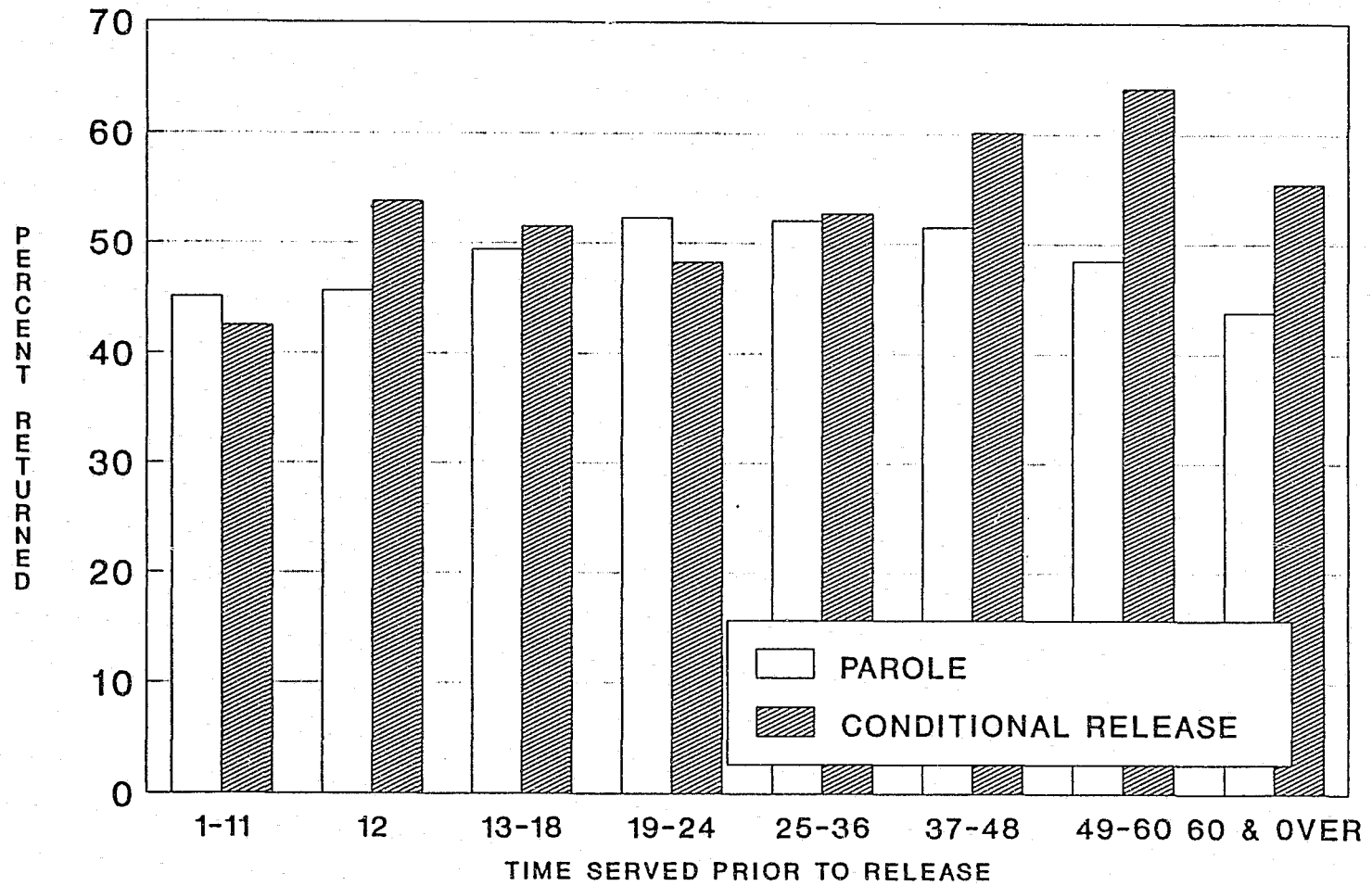


CHART 11
1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
TIME SERVED IN MONTHS PRIOR TO RELEASE



TIME SERVED IN DOCS CUSTODY This section deals with time served in DOCS facilities and subsequent rates of return to DOCS custody. The maximum expiration group is excluded as these cases have had prior episodes of DOCS incarceration on their current commitment and time served data for these prior periods of incarceration are not readily available from the material contained on our computer files.

Offenders released via parole had a lower rate of return at 49.6% than did conditional releases at 52.3%. The lowest rate of return among the 1986 paroles was registered by persons serving over five years in DOCS custody (43.8%) followed by those serving less than 12 months at 45.1%. The return rate for persons serving one year up to five years was somewhat higher, rising to a high of 52.3% in the 19-24 month category and then declining to the aforementioned low for those serving over 60 months. For the combined 1976-1986 release cohorts, those serving one year or less had the lowest return rates then rising to a high of 46.9% for the 3-4 year category and then declining to 41.1% for those serving over five years.

There seems to be no pattern among conditional releases between time served in DOCS facilities and rate of return.

TABLE 18
1976 - 1986 RELEASES: TIME SERVED IN DOCS FACILITIES

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	TIME SERVED IN DOCS FACILITIES								
	TOTAL	LESS THAN 12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	13 - 18 MONTHS	19 - 24 MONTHS	2 - 3 YEARS	3 - 4 YEARS	4 - 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS
1976-1986 PAROLES	58,879	4,706	3,454	14,804	12,053	12,840	5,151	2,725	3,146
NUMBER RETURNED	24,699	1,870	968	6,015	5,141	5,815	2,417	1,180	1,293
PERCENT	41.9%	39.7%	28.0%	40.6%	42.7%	45.3%	46.9%	43.3%	41.1%
1986 PAROLES	9,523	1,309	331	2,153	1,790	2,039	853	461	587
NUMBER RETURNED	4,722	590	151	1,064	936	1,062	439	223	257
PERCENT	49.6%	45.1%	45.6%	49.4%	52.3%	52.1%	51.5%	48.4%	43.8%
1976-1986 CR'S	17,962	1,239	261	2,862	5,624	5,038	1,607	674	657
NUMBER RETURNED	8,467	542	131	1,358	2,500	2,466	821	340	309
PERCENT	47.1%	43.7%	50.2%	47.4%	44.5%	48.9%	51.1%	50.4%	47.0%
1986 RELEASES, CR	1,359	73	13	163	384	421	158	64	83
NUMBER RETURNED	711	31	7	84	185	222	95	41	46
PERCENT	52.3%	42.5%	53.8%	51.5%	48.2%	52.7%	60.1%	64.1%	55.4%

TABLE 19

1978-1986 RELEASES: COUNTY OF COMMITMENT
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1986 RELEASES BY COUNTY OF COMMITMENT	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL STATE	11,280	5,613	49.8%	2,638	23.4%	2,975	26.4%
NEW YORK CITY	7,773	4,117	53.0%	1,944	25.0%	2,173	28.0%
BRONX COUNTY	1,442	750	52.0%	356	24.7%	394	27.3%
KINGS COUNTY	1,947	1,071	55.0%	502	25.8%	569	29.2%
NEW YORK COUNTY	3,194	1,669	52.3%	736	23.0%	933	29.2%
QUEENS COUNTY	1,088	586	53.9%	326	30.0%	260	23.9%
RICHMOND COUNTY	102	41	40.2%	24	23.5%	17	16.7%
SUBURBAN N.Y.C.	1,374	585	42.6%	305	22.2%	280	20.4%
NASSAU	445	197	44.3%	103	23.1%	94	21.1%
ROCKLAND	70	29	41.4%	17	24.3%	12	17.1%
SUFFOLK	488	194	39.8%	105	21.5%	89	18.2%
WESTCHESTER	371	165	44.5%	60	21.6%	85	22.9%
OTHER NEW YORK STATE	2,133	911	42.7%	389	18.2%	522	24.5%
1978-1986 RELEASES BY COUNTY OF COMMITMENT							
TOTAL STATE	77,904	34,723	44.6%	18,763	24.1%	15,960	20.5%
NEW YORK CITY	45,151	21,077	46.7%	11,655	25.8%	9,422	20.9%
BRONX COUNTY	9,586	4,333	45.2%	2,414	25.2%	1,919	20.0%
KINGS COUNTY	11,577	5,400	46.6%	3,045	26.3%	2,355	20.3%
NEW YORK COUNTY	16,944	8,053	47.5%	4,253	25.1%	3,800	22.4%
QUEENS COUNTY	6,375	2,980	46.7%	1,734	27.2%	1,246	19.5%
RICHMOND COUNTY	669	311	46.5%	209	31.2%	102	15.2%
SUBURBAN N.Y.C.	8,358	3,250	38.9%	1,871	22.4%	1,379	16.5%
NASSAU	3,096	1,263	40.8%	764	24.7%	499	16.1%
ROCKLAND	483	174	36.0%	104	21.5%	70	14.5%
SUFFOLK	2,512	894	35.6%	513	20.4%	381	15.2%
WESTCHESTER	2,267	919	40.5%	490	21.6%	429	18.9%
OTHER NEW YORK STATE	14,567	5,820	40.0%	2,708	18.6%	3,112	21.4%

REGION The largest portion, (7,773 or 68.9%) of the 1986 study population had been originally committed from one of the five counties of New York City. Suburban New York City counties accounted for an additional 12.2% while the remaining 18.9% of the study population had been committed from other areas of the state. The highest rate of return was registered by those originally committed from New York City at 53.0%. Study cases from the Suburban New York City counties and other areas of New York State had notably lower return rates of 42.5% and 42.7% respectively.

Data for the combined nine year period 1978-1986 follow a somewhat similar distribution. As with the 1986 study group the combined 1978-1986 cohort had been committed predominantly (58.0%) from New York City. Similarly, the New York City category had a higher rate of return (46.7%) than did the Suburban New York City category at 38.9% and other areas of the state at 40.0%. The higher return rate for New York City reflects a higher proportion (25.8%) of New York City cases returning with new felony commitments than was found among the Suburban New York City group with a new commitment rate 22.4% and other areas of the state at 18.6%.

CHART 12
1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
REGION OF COMMITMENT

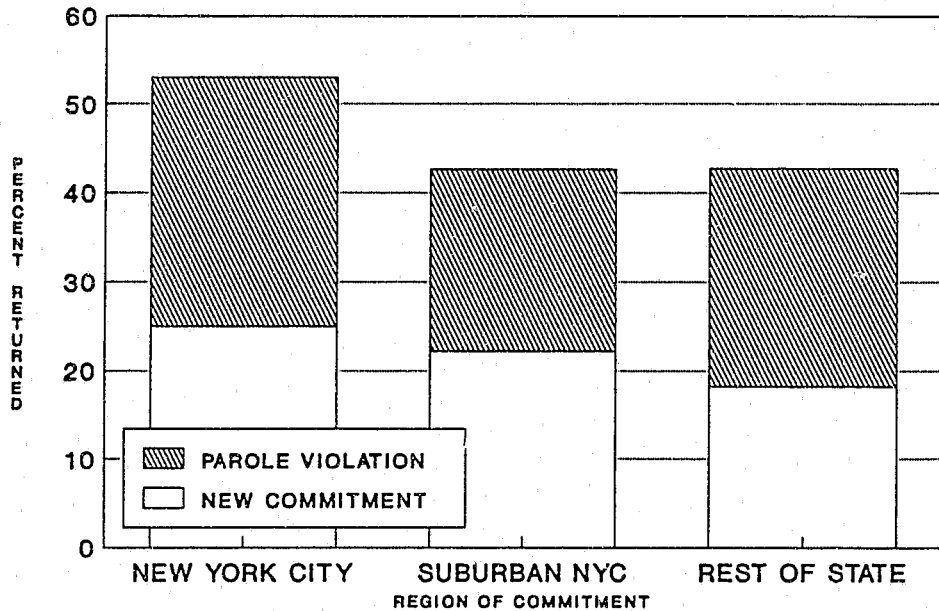


TABLE 20

1986 RELEASES: MINIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1986 RELEASES BY MINIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASE	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PARO	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	11,280	5,613	49.8%	2,638	23.4%	2,975	26.4%
NO MINIMUM	37	9	24.3%	8	21.6%	1	2.7%
12 - 23 MONTHS	4,884	2,373	48.6%	1,207	24.7%	1,166	23.9%
24 - 35 MONTHS	3,368	1,774	52.7%	813	24.1%	961	28.5%
36 - 47 MONTHS	1,437	737	51.3%	316	22.0%	421	29.3%
48 - 59 MONTHS	687	331	48.2%	146	21.3%	185	26.9%
60 - 71 MONTHS	367	175	47.7%	65	17.7%	110	30.0%
72 - 119 MONTHS	415	178	42.9%	72	17.3%	106	25.5%
120 - 179 MONTHS	48	26	54.2%	9	18.8%	17	35.4%
180 - 239 MONTHS	23	7	30.4%	1	4.3%	6	26.1%
240 MONTHS AND OVER	13	3	23.1%	1	7.7%	2	15.4%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	1	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

1979 - 1986 RELEASES: MINIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1979 - 1986 RELEASES BY MINIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASE	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PARO	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	71,346	32,171	45.1%	17,444	24.4%	14,727	20.6%
NO MINIMUM	12,546	5,060	40.3%	2,675	22.9%	2,185	17.4%
12 - 23 MONTHS	26,633	11,836	44.4%	6,933	26.0%	4,903	18.4%
24 - 35 MONTHS	17,016	8,370	49.2%	4,328	25.4%	4,042	23.8%
36 - 47 MONTHS	7,323	3,529	48.2%	1,740	23.8%	1,789	24.4%
48 - 59 MONTHS	2,916	1,351	46.3%	625	21.4%	726	24.9%
60 - 71 MONTHS	2,077	929	44.7%	426	20.5%	503	24.2%
72 - 119 MONTHS	2,264	907	40.1%	430	19.0%	477	21.1%
120 - 179 MONTHS	183	91	49.7%	41	22.4%	50	27.3%
180 - 239 MONTHS	189	39	20.6%	14	7.4%	25	13.2%
240 MONTHS AND OVER	107	28	26.2%	13	12.1%	15	14.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	92	31	33.7%	19	20.7%	12	13.0%

SENTENCE Offenders committed to DOCS custody receive an indeterminate sentence of imprisonment consisting of a minimum term and a maximum term. The minimum term is the time an offender must serve before becoming eligible for parole consideration. Prior to the 1980 Penal Law revision, the minimum term of imprisonment could, in certain cases, be set by the Board of Parole. This accounts for the "No Minimum" category in Table 20.

1. Minimum Sentence - Close to three quarters (73.5%) of the 1986 release population had a minimum term of less than three years with the 12-23 month being the largest category. Each following category accounted for a declining number of releases. Excluding the "no minimum" group, the lowest return rates were posted by the two longest sentence categories, 240 months and over at 23.1% and 180-239 months at 30.4%. The highest rates of return were found in the 120-179 month category at 54.2% and the 24-35 month category at 52.7%.

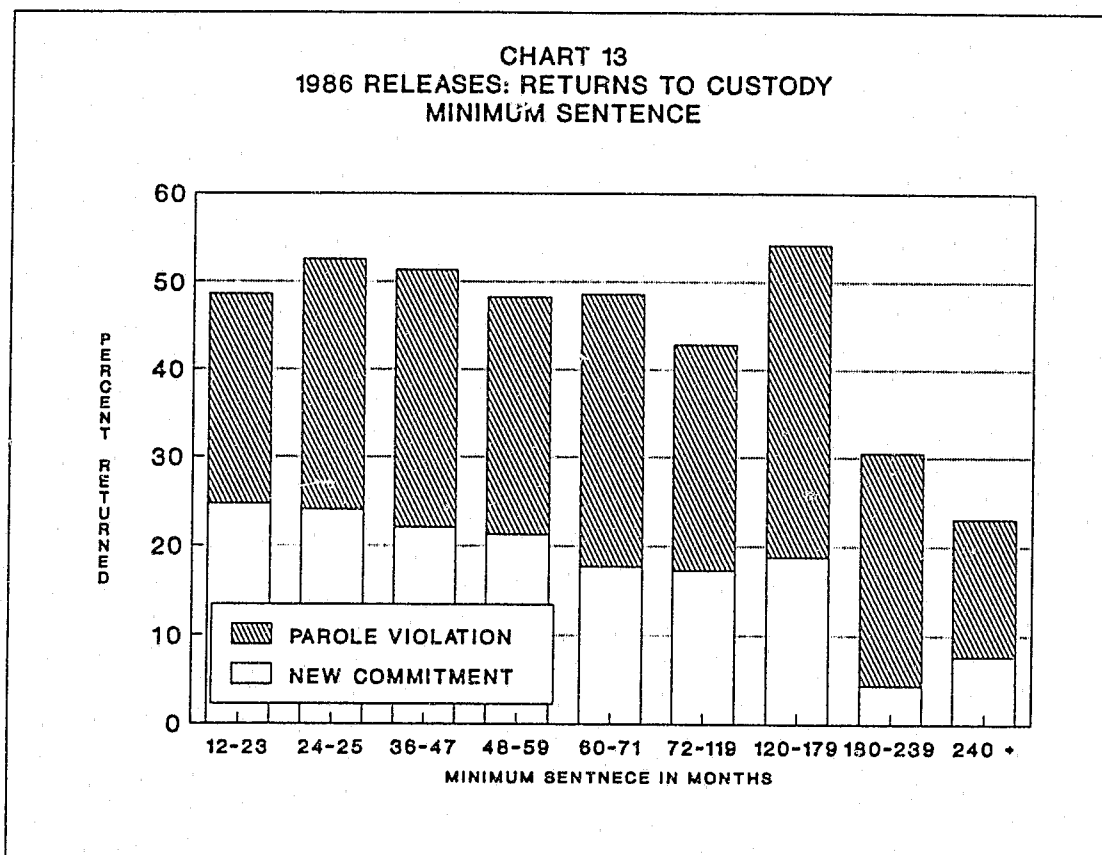


TABLE 21

1986 RELEASES: MAXIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1986 RELEASES BY MAXIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
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TOTAL COMMITMENTS	11,280	5,613	49.8%	2,638	23.4%	2,975	26.4%
36 MONTHS	3,188	1,507	47.3%	847	26.6%	660	20.7%
37 - 48 MONTHS	2,012	1,042	51.8%	483	24.0%	559	27.8%
49 - 60 MONTHS	1,708	909	53.2%	409	23.9%	500	29.3%
61 - 120 MONTHS	3,155	1,671	53.0%	701	22.2%	970	30.7%
121 - 239 MONTHS	805	386	48.0%	166	20.6%	220	27.3%
240 MONTHS OR MORE	149	61	40.9%	21	14.1%	40	26.8%
LIFE	262	37	14.1%	11	4.2%	26	9.9%
DEATH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	1	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%

1979 - 1986 RELEASES: MAXIMUM SENTENCE ON COMMITMENT
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1979 - 1986 RELEASES BY MAXIMUM SENTENCE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
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TOTAL COMMITMENTS	71,346	32,171	45.1%	17,444	24.4%	14,727	20.6%
36 MONTHS	21,364	9,265	43.4%	5,835	27.3%	3,430	16.1%
37 - 48 MONTHS	13,568	6,455	47.6%	3,559	26.2%	2,896	21.3%
49 - 60 MONTHS	9,951	4,733	47.6%	2,507	25.2%	2,226	22.4%
61 - 120 MONTHS	18,325	8,900	48.6%	4,250	23.2%	4,650	25.4%
121 - 239 MONTHS	4,091	1,789	43.7%	836	20.4%	953	23.3%
240 MONTHS OR MORE	949	352	37.1%	151	15.9%	201	21.2%
LIFE	3,020	656	21.7%	293	9.7%	363	12.0%
DEATH	12	1	8.3%	0	0.0%	1	8.3%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	66	20	30.3%	13	19.7%	7	10.6%

- Maximum Sentence - Well over one-half (61.2%) of the 1986 release population had maximum terms that did not extend beyond five years. Only one out of nine (10.8%) had maximum terms of over ten years including 262 with life maximum terms. The lowest rate of return was for the life maximum group at 14.1% followed by the 240 months and over group at 40.9%. The highest rates of return were registered by the 49-60 month category at 53.2% followed by the 61-120 group at 52.9%.

For the combined eight 1979-1986 cohorts, there is a somewhat similar pattern of returns for both minimum and maximum sentence. The lowest minimum term return rates were for the 180-239 month group at 20.6% and the 240 plus group at 26.2% while the highest rate was for the 120-179 group at 49.7%. For maximum term, the lowest rate was for lifers at 21.7% and death sentences converted to life at 8.3% while the highest rate was for the 61-120 month group at 48.6%.

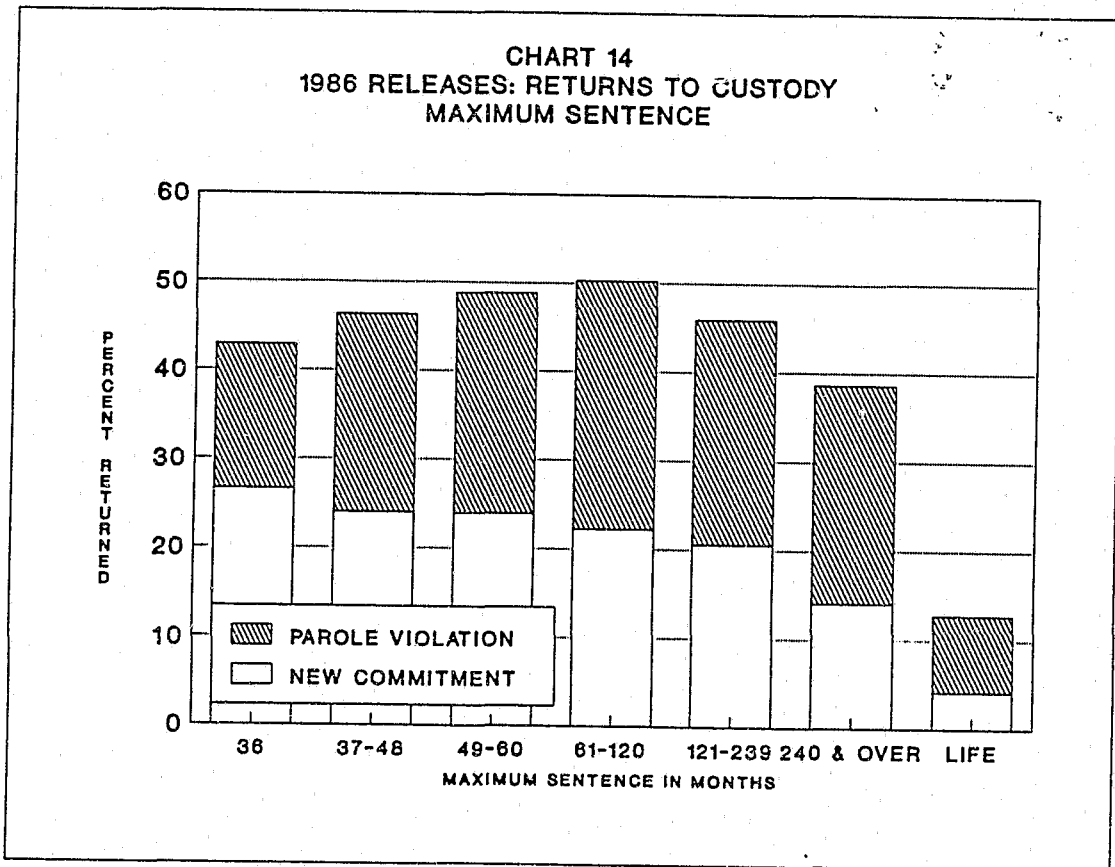
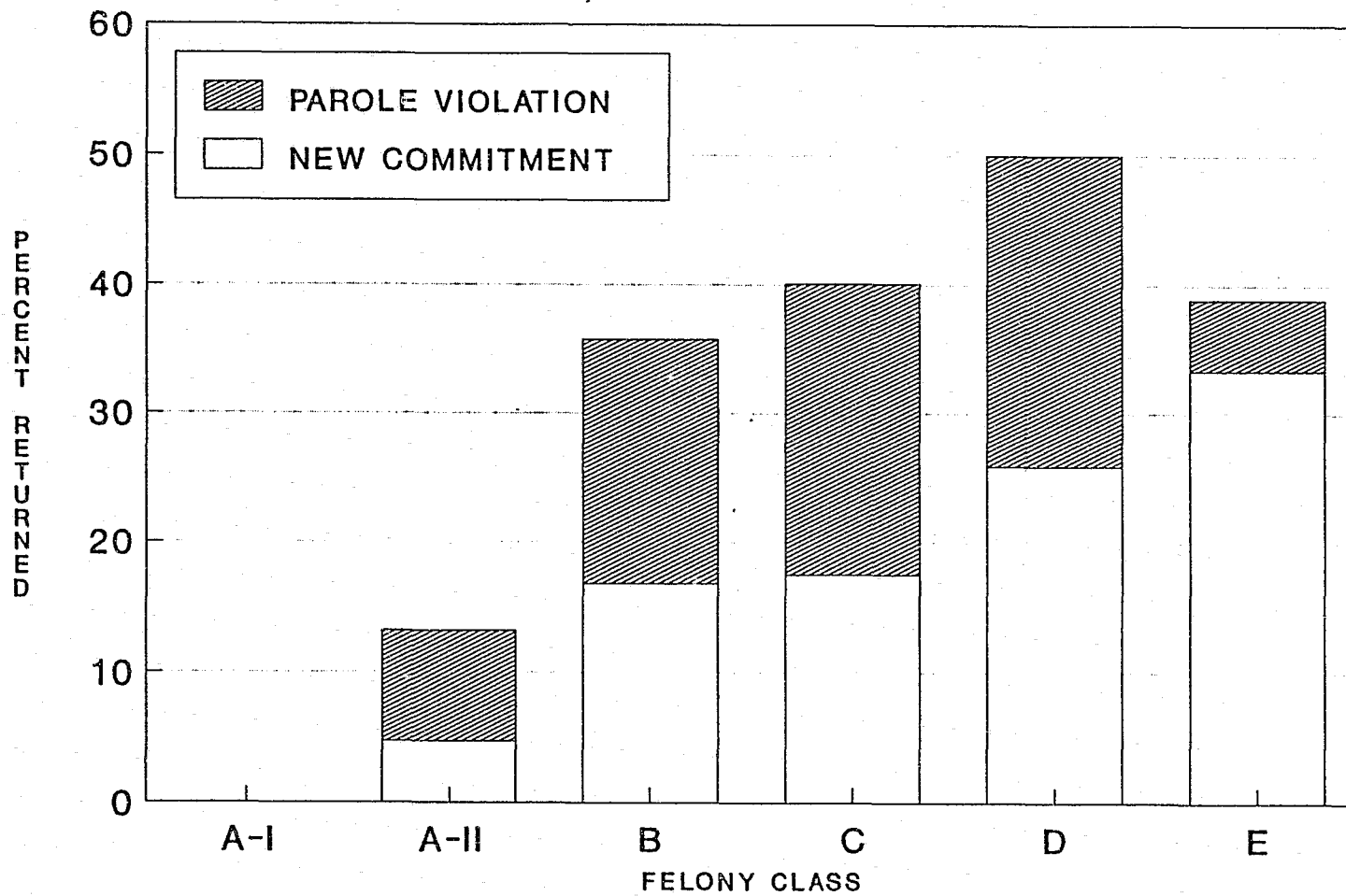


CHART 15
1986 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
DRUG FELONS



DRUG FELONS Drug felons at 39.0%, had a lower rate of return than did the 49.8% average for the total 1986 release cohort. There was, however, a considerable amount of variation between felony classes. (Note: New York State grades felonies into classes ranging from the most serious Class A-I to the least serious Class E.) For felony classes A-I through D, the rate of return increased as the seriousness of the felony declined. None of the Class A-I felons returned while 51.0% of the Class D returned. This did not hold true for the Class E felony group, however, where only 38.9% returned. There was also a difference between crimes of sale and crimes of possession. Crimes of sale had a return rate of 41.5% compared to 31.8% for possessions.

While the rate of return for those whose original commitment was for drugs remains below average, it appears that for those offenders returned as new commitments, the proportion, as well as the number, returned for drug felonies is steadily rising. Among the 1978 release cohort, drug crimes accounted for only 8.0% (105) of those returned for new felonies. This proportion has grown to 28.8% (761) for the 1986 release cohort.

TABLE 22

1986 RELEASES: DRUG OFFENDERS BY FELONY CLASS
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1986 RELEASES OF DRUG FELONY OFFENDERS BY FELONY CLASS	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
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TOTAL DRUG COMMITMENTS	1,832	714	39.0%	347	18.9%	367	20.0%
CLASS A-I	14	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CLASS A-II	212	28	13.2%	10	4.7%	18	8.5%
CLASS B	761	272	35.7%	128	16.8%	144	18.9%
CLASS C	137	55	40.1%	24	17.5%	31	22.6%
CLASS D	690	352	51.0%	179	25.9%	173	25.1%
CLASS E	18	7	38.9%	6	33.3%	1	5.6%
SALE	1,357	563	41.5%	273	20.1%	290	21.4%
CLASS A-I	6	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CLASS A-II	153	23	15.0%	8	5.2%	15	9.8%
CLASS B	563	220	39.1%	106	18.8%	114	20.2%
CLASS C	70	30	42.9%	11	15.7%	19	27.1%
CLASS D	557	288	51.7%	146	26.2%	142	25.5%
CLASS E	8	2	25.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
POSSESSION	475	151	31.8%	74	15.6%	77	16.2%
CLASS A-I	8	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
CLASS A-II	59	5	8.5%	2	3.4%	3	5.1%
CLASS B	198	52	26.3%	22	11.1%	30	15.2%
CLASS C	67	25	37.3%	13	19.4%	12	17.9%
CLASS D	133	64	48.1%	33	24.8%	31	23.3%
CLASS E	10	1	10.0%	4	40.0%	1	0.0%

SUBSEQUENT RELEASE COHORTS This section provides information on the 1987, 1988, 1989, and 1990 release cohorts. Only partial data are available for these cohorts as none had been at risk for the full five years that we have for the 1986 cohort. Comparisons can be made, however, at the one, two, three and four year periods subsequent to the date of release for some or all of these cohorts.

These partial data tend to indicate a rise in the return rates reaching a high with the 1988 cohort with a subsequent decline in 1989 and 1990.

TABLE 23					
1986 - 1990 TOTAL STUDY RELEASES: TIME TO RETURN (ALL RETURNS)					
TIME TO RETURN	YEAR OF RELEASE				
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
NUMBER RELEASED	11,282	12,801	14,130	14,745	18,648
NUMBER RETURNED	5,601	6,078	6,293	4,687	2,224
1ST MONTH	1	8	1	8	39
2ND MONTH	6	4	8	11	20
3RD MONTH	11	19	27	49	56
4TH MONTH	50	39	68	98	80
5TH MONTH	75	86	93	155	153
6TH MONTH	122	121	150	215	183
7TH MONTH	142	156	226	256	226
8TH MONTH	155	167	276	250	247
9TH MONTH	205	202	294	317	290
10TH MONTH	191	198	321	322	298
11TH MONTH	213	243	345	318	300
12TH MONTH	212	272	358	328	332
13TH MONTH	178	300	315	275	
14TH MONTH	221	286	290	262	
15TH MONTH	228	211	332	253	
16TH MONTH	196	249	280	246	
17TH MONTH	191	224	278	193	
18TH MONTH	201	244	288	179	
19TH MONTH	191	213	255	183	
20TH MONTH	185	202	213	191	
21ST MONTH	154	200	201	157	
22ND MONTH	115	189	178	160	
23RD MONTH	142	170	166	123	
24TH MONTH	135	160	158	138	
25TH - 30TH MONTH	672	785	742		
31ST - 36TH MONTH	512	500	434		
37TH - 42ND MONTH	348	361			
43RD - 48TH MONTH	252	251			
49TH - 54TH MONTH	170				
55TH - 60TH MONTH	147				

SUMMARY Among the 11,280 inmates released from DOCS facilities in 1986, 49.8% returned to DOCS custody within five years of the date on which they were released. Conviction on a new felony charge was the cause of return of 23.4% while violation of parole resulted in the return of 26.4%. Well over half of the returns (62.5%) were back in prison within two years. The median time to return was 20.4 months.

Women returned to custody at a much lower rate (33.3%) than did men (50.5%). Persons committed for robbery had the highest (57.5%) rate of return while murder commitments had the lowest return rate (32.0%). Offenders who were older at time of release tended to return at a lower rate than did those in the younger age brackets. The median age at time of release of those returned was 26.7 years compared to 29.7 years for those who did not return. By ethnic group, the highest rate of return was for black inmates at 55.0% followed by Hispanics at 55.3%, whites at 34.3% and others at 29.2%. Among the 2,638 offenders recommitted to DOCS for a new felony, drug felonies were the most frequent crimes on return, accounting for 28.8% of those returned for new crimes. The return rate by region was 53.0% for New York City compared to 42.5% for Suburban New York City and 42.7% for Upstate areas. Offenders with the longest minimum terms tended to have a lower rate of return for new felonies than did those with shorter minimum terms. The same was true for maximum terms with life maximum terms registering the lowest rate of return. Offenders originally committed for drug felonies tended to return at a lower than average rate. However, the portion of releases returned for subsequent drug felonies is rising.

In retrospect, the proportion of releases returning to custody declined in the early 1970's compared to levels in the prior decade. A study* of the 1969 releases to parole supervision recorded a 46.1% rate of return. The analysis of the 15 release cohorts for the 1972-1986 period indicates the rate of return reached a low of 33.6% in 1972. This decline primarily reflected a drop in returns for parole violation. The overall rate of return has risen by 16.2% since 1972 to the 1986 level of 49.8%. Both returns for new felony commitments and for violation of parole have contributed to this increase.

Each year the release experience of various inmate cohorts released from facility custody of the Department of Correctional Services is reviewed. The data base developed in this process serves as a resource for examination of the interaction of various characteristics and institutional program experience which relate to the probability of ex-offenders to remain at liberty in a free society as compared to those who are reincarcerated.

*"Five Year Follow-Up of 1969 Releases": New York State Department of Correctional Services, prepared by Mr. Donald Macdonald and Mrs. Emma Lou Hamilton, October 1975.

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APPENDIX TABLE A
1972 -1988 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TYPE OF RELEASE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION		RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972-1988	112,673	47,085	41.8%	24,848	22.1%	22,249	19.7%	TOTAL 1979	7,115	2,928	41.2%	1,480	20.6%	1,448	20.4%
PAROLE	81,188	33,387	41.1%	15,894	19.6%	17,493	21.5%	PAROLE	4,730	1,883	39.4%	847	17.9%	1,018	21.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	24,414	11,220	46.0%	8,464	28.5%	4,756	19.5%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,057	948	46.0%	514	25.0%	432	21.0%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	7,073	2,488	35.2%	2,488	35.2%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	328	119	36.3%	119	36.3%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1972	5,593	1,877	33.8%	878	15.7%	1,001	17.8%	TOTAL 1980	7,861	3,173	41.4%	1,704	22.2%	1,469	19.2%
PAROLE	3,582	1,239	34.6%	458	12.6%	781	21.8%	PAROLE	4,960	1,941	39.1%	921	18.6%	1,020	20.6%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,032	395	38.3%	175	17.0%	220	21.3%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,194	1,029	46.9%	580	26.4%	449	20.5%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	879	243	24.8%	243	24.8%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	507	203	40.0%	203	40.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1973	5,400	1,963	36.4%	948	17.5%	1,017	18.8%	TOTAL 1981	6,938	2,960	42.7%	1,649	23.8%	1,211	17.5%
PAROLE	3,788	1,408	37.1%	594	15.7%	812	21.4%	PAROLE	4,298	1,863	38.7%	847	19.7%	818	19.0%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,051	420	40.0%	215	20.5%	205	19.5%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,068	964	46.6%	569	27.5%	395	19.1%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	581	137	24.4%	137	24.4%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	572	233	40.7%	233	40.7%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1974	5,222	1,859	35.8%	938	18.0%	921	17.6%	TOTAL 1982	8,141	3,507	43.1%	2,083	25.6%	1,424	17.5%
PAROLE	3,429	1,178	34.3%	514	15.0%	662	19.3%	PAROLE	5,481	2,241	40.9%	1,189	21.7%	1,052	19.2%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,333	555	41.6%	296	22.2%	259	19.4%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,129	1,039	48.8%	687	31.3%	372	17.5%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	480	128	27.0%	128	27.0%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	531	227	42.7%	227	42.7%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1975	5,548	1,973	35.6%	981	17.7%	892	17.8%	TOTAL 1983	10,088	4,570	45.3%	2,752	27.3%	1,818	18.0%
PAROLE	3,854	1,258	34.4%	558	15.3%	700	19.2%	PAROLE	7,627	3,378	44.3%	1,887	24.7%	1,489	19.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,484	602	41.1%	310	21.2%	292	19.8%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2,092	1,035	49.5%	706	33.7%	329	15.7%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	428	113	26.4%	113	26.4%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	389	159	43.1%	159	43.1%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1976	6,345	2,260	35.6%	1,100	17.3%	1,180	18.3%	TOTAL 1984	9,828	4,578	46.6%	2,529	25.7%	2,047	20.8%
PAROLE	4,445	1,483	33.4%	682	14.8%	821	18.5%	PAROLE	7,854	3,609	46.0%	1,859	23.7%	1,750	22.3%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,522	652	42.8%	313	20.6%	339	22.3%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,572	782	49.7%	485	30.9%	297	18.9%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	378	125	33.1%	125	33.1%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	402	185	46.0%	185	46.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1977	6,663	2,440	36.6%	1,238	18.6%	1,202	18.0%	TOTAL 1985	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,613	25.4%	2,331	22.6%
PAROLE	4,828	1,702	35.3%	788	15.9%	934	19.3%	PAROLE	6,467	4,054	47.9%	1,978	23.3%	2,078	24.5%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,449	609	42.0%	341	23.5%	268	18.5%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,429	725	50.7%	472	33.0%	253	17.7%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	388	129	33.4%	129	33.4%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	399	165	41.4%	165	41.4%	0	0.0%
TOTAL 1978	6,558	2,552	38.9%	1,319	20.1%	1,233	18.8%	TOTAL 1986	11,280	5,613	49.8%	2,838	23.4%	2,975	26.4%
PAROLE	4,520	1,654	36.6%	733	16.2%	921	20.4%	PAROLE	9,523	4,722	49.6%	2,081	21.9%	2,641	27.7%
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,983	758	45.5%	444	28.7%	312	18.8%	CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1,359	711	52.3%	377	27.7%	334	24.0%
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	375	142	37.9%	142	37.9%	0	0.0%	MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	398	180	45.2%	180	45.2%	0	0.0%

APPENDIX TABLE B
1972 -1988 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY GENDER AND TYPE OF RELEASE

RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASE	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION		RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	TOTAL NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972-1988								1979 RELEASES							
TOTAL	112,673	47,096	41.8%	24,845	22.1%	22,253	19.8%	TOTAL	7,115	2,928	41.2%	1,480	20.8%	1,448	20.4%
MALES	108,431	46,104	42.5%	24,487	22.6%	21,937	20.0%	MALES	6,869	2,880	41.9%	1,468	21.4%	1,412	20.6%
FEMALES	4,242	994	23.4%	378	8.9%	618	14.5%	FEMALES	246	48	19.5%	12	4.9%	36	14.6%
1972 RELEASES								1980 RELEASES							
TOTAL	5,593	1,877	33.6%	878	15.7%	1,001	17.9%	TOTAL	7,661	3,173	41.4%	1,704	22.2%	1,469	19.2%
MALES	5,417	1,856	34.3%	869	16.0%	987	18.2%	MALES	7,372	3,097	42.0%	1,679	22.8%	1,418	19.2%
FEMALES	178	21	11.9%	7	4.0%	14	8.0%	FEMALES	289	78	28.3%	25	8.7%	51	17.6%
1973 RELEASES								1981 RELEASES							
TOTAL	5,400	1,963	36.4%	948	17.5%	1,017	18.8%	TOTAL	6,938	2,880	41.2%	1,649	23.8%	1,211	17.5%
MALES	5,192	1,934	37.2%	939	18.1%	995	19.2%	MALES	6,672	2,801	42.0%	1,623	24.3%	1,178	17.7%
FEMALES	208	29	13.8%	7	3.4%	22	10.6%	FEMALES	266	59	22.2%	26	9.8%	33	12.4%
1974 RELEASES								1982 RELEASES							
TOTAL	5,222	1,859	35.6%	938	18.0%	921	17.6%	TOTAL	8,141	3,507	43.1%	2,082	25.6%	1,425	17.5%
MALES	5,033	1,838	36.5%	926	18.4%	910	18.1%	MALES	7,815	3,422	43.8%	2,052	26.3%	1,370	17.5%
FEMALES	189	23	12.2%	12	6.3%	11	5.8%	FEMALES	326	85	26.1%	30	9.2%	55	16.8%
1975 RELEASES								1983 RELEASES							
TOTAL	5,548	1,973	35.6%	981	17.7%	992	17.9%	TOTAL	10,088	4,570	45.3%	2,752	27.3%	1,818	18.0%
MALES	5,340	1,948	36.5%	971	18.2%	977	18.3%	MALES	9,657	4,427	45.8%	2,697	27.9%	1,730	17.8%
FEMALES	206	25	12.1%	10	4.9%	15	7.3%	FEMALES	431	143	33.2%	55	12.8%	88	20.4%
1976 RELEASES								1984 RELEASES							
TOTAL	6,345	2,260	35.6%	1,100	17.3%	1,160	18.3%	TOTAL	9,828	4,579	46.6%	2,529	25.7%	2,050	20.9%
MALES	6,126	2,233	36.5%	1,092	17.8%	1,141	18.6%	MALES	9,480	4,482	47.3%	2,483	26.2%	1,899	21.1%
FEMALES	219	27	12.3%	8	3.7%	19	8.7%	FEMALES	348	97	27.9%	46	13.2%	51	14.7%
1977 RELEASES								1985 RELEASES							
TOTAL	6,663	2,440	36.6%	1,238	18.6%	1,202	18.0%	TOTAL	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,813	25.4%	2,331	22.6%
MALES	6,432	2,401	37.3%	1,223	19.0%	1,178	18.3%	MALES	9,872	4,813	48.8%	2,558	25.9%	2,255	22.8%
FEMALES	231	39	16.9%	15	6.5%	24	10.4%	FEMALES	423	131	31.0%	55	13.0%	76	18.0%
1978 RELEASES								1986 RELEASES							
TOTAL	6,558	2,552	38.9%	1,319	20.1%	1,233	18.8%	TOTAL	11,280	5,613	49.8%	2,638	23.4%	2,975	26.4%
MALES	6,338	2,515	39.7%	1,307	20.6%	1,208	19.1%	MALES	10,818	5,459	50.5%	2,580	23.8%	2,879	26.6%
FEMALES	222	37	16.7%	12	5.4%	25	11.3%	FEMALES	462	154	33.3%	58	12.6%	96	20.8%

APPENDIX TABLE C

1978 - 1986 RELEASES: ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE
BY TYPE OF RETURN

1978 - 1986 RELEASES COMMITMENT OFFENSE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL	77,906	35,153	45.1%	18,763	24.1%	16,390	21.0%
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	39,888	19,250	48.3%	9,674	24.3%	9,576	24.0%
MURDER	236	54	22.9%	22	9.3%	32	13.6%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	456	132	28.9%	80	17.5%	52	11.4%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	2,565	719	28.0%	345	13.5%	374	14.6%
RAPE 1ST	1,290	612	47.4%	278	21.6%	334	25.9%
ROBBERY 1ST	10,356	5,667	54.7%	2,603	25.1%	3,064	29.6%
ROBBERY 2ND	11,893	6,668	56.1%	3,338	28.1%	3,330	28.0%
ASSAULT 1ST	1,333	522	39.2%	226	17.0%	296	22.2%
ASSAULT 2ND	1,558	559	35.9%	283	18.2%	276	17.7%
BURGLARY 1ST	395	208	52.7%	84	21.3%	124	31.4%
BURGLARY 2ND	4,183	2,137	51.1%	1,301	31.1%	836	20.0%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	308	113	36.7%	32	10.4%	81	26.3%
SODOMY 1ST	409	162	39.6%	61	14.9%	101	24.7%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	606	217	35.8%	104	17.2%	113	18.6%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	4,192	1,439	34.3%	899	21.4%	540	12.9%
KIDNAPPING	108	41	38.0%	18	16.7%	23	21.3%
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	7,423	2,965	39.9%	1,731	23.3%	1,234	16.6%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	1,156	323	27.9%	161	13.9%	162	14.0%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	228	47	20.6%	26	11.4%	21	9.2%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	197	46	23.4%	23	11.7%	23	11.7%
ROBBERY 3RD	4,140	1,997	48.2%	1,213	29.3%	784	18.9%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	571	207	36.3%	124	21.7%	83	14.5%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	139	40	28.8%	23	16.5%	17	12.2%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	449	132	29.4%	67	14.9%	65	14.5%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	543	173	31.9%	94	17.3%	79	14.5%
DRUG OFFENSES	10,043	3,034	30.2%	1,538	15.3%	1,496	14.9%
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	17,002	8,242	48.5%	4,938	29.0%	3,304	19.4%
BURGLARY 3RD	9,457	4,978	52.6%	3,135	33.2%	1,843	19.5%
GRAND LARCENY	3,149	1,426	45.3%	745	23.7%	681	21.6%
FORGERY	1,220	501	41.1%	278	22.8%	223	18.3%
STOLEN PROPERTY	1,977	985	49.8%	586	29.6%	399	20.2%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	1,199	352	29.4%	194	16.2%	158	13.2%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	3,455	1,633	47.3%	862	24.9%	771	22.3%
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	12	5	0.0%	3	0.0%	2	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	83	24	28.9%	17	20.5%	7	8.4%

NOTE: DATA NOT AVAILABLE ON 8 CONDITIONAL RELEASE VIOLATORS.

TABLE D (PART I)

1972 - 1986 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1972 - 1986 RELEASES			1972 RELEASES			1973 RELEASES			1974 RELEASES		
	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	112,673	47,096	41.8%	5,593	1,877	33.6%	5,400	1,963	36.4%	5,222	1,859	35.6%
TOTAL FELONIES	106,002	44,091	41.6%	4,892	1,597	32.6%	4,836	1,746	36.1%	4,743	1,668	35.2%
MURDER	1,149	280	24.4%	77	6	7.8%	69	9	13.0%	50	10	20.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	7,291	1,913	26.2%	585	132	22.6%	552	128	23.2%	560	131	23.4%
ROBBERY	38,135	18,412	48.3%	1,733	686	39.6%	1,946	845	43.4%	1,773	746	42.1%
BURGLARY	17,941	9,529	53.1%	562	255	45.4%	560	259	46.3%	555	254	45.8%
ASSAULT	5,524	1,814	32.8%	335	96	28.7%	325	87	26.8%	328	95	29.0%
LARCENY	4,723	1,958	41.5%	373	119	31.9%	241	76	31.5%	234	79	33.8%
RAPE	1,963	773	39.4%	68	13	19.1%	55	14	25.5%	52	19	36.5%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	1,611	528	32.8%	73	20	27.4%	64	22	34.4%	80	20	25.0%
DRUGS	14,439	3,991	27.6%	683	161	23.6%	659	178	27.0%	671	156	23.2%
FORGERY	1,694	689	40.7%	89	30	33.7%	80	37	46.3%	60	21	35.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	5,746	2,010	35.0%	169	42	24.9%	173	47	27.2%	212	75	35.4%
OTHER FELONIES	5,786	2,194	37.9%	145	37	25.5%	112	44	39.3%	168	62	36.9%
MISDEMEANORS	426	133	31.2%	217	75	34.6%	131	41	31.3%	71	15	21.1%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	6,007	2,790	46.4%	465	198	42.6%	418	170	40.7%	392	173	44.1%
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	108	35	32.4%	19	7	36.8%	13	4	30.8%	15	2	13.3%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	130	47	36.2%	0	0	0.0%	2	2	100.0%	1	1	100.0%

TABLE D (PART II)

1972 - 1986 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1975 RELEASES			1976 RELEASES			1977 RELEASES			1978 RELEASES		
	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	5,546	1,973	35.6%	6,345	2,260	35.6%	6,663	2,441	36.6%	6,558	2,552	38.9%
TOTAL FELONIES	5,165	1,777	34.4%	5,861	2,040	34.8%	6,155	2,202	35.8%	6,024	2,323	38.6%
MURDER	121	23	19.0%	74	14	18.9%	66	18	27.3%	38	16	42.1%
MANSLAUGHTER	525	96	18.3%	552	124	22.5%	568	140	24.6%	472	140	29.7%
ROBBERY	1,913	836	43.7%	2,090	867	41.5%	2,291	973	42.5%	2,212	986	44.6%
BURGLARY	624	282	45.2%	806	379	47.0%	800	383	47.9%	907	445	49.1%
ASSAULT	358	104	29.1%	377	101	26.8%	339	101	29.8%	295	106	35.9%
LARCENY	229	71	31.0%	238	90	37.8%	259	96	37.1%	246	108	43.9%
RAPE	76	24	31.6%	93	34	36.6%	132	57	43.2%	134	53	39.6%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	86	22	25.6%	77	25	32.5%	77	23	29.9%	72	25	34.7%
DRUGS	665	135	20.3%	797	147	18.4%	921	180	19.5%	898	195	21.7%
FORGERY	72	31	43.1%	88	32	36.4%	85	37	43.5%	109	42	38.5%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	313	93	29.7%	337	99	29.4%	350	103	29.4%	314	95	30.3%
OTHER FELONIES	183	60	32.8%	332	128	38.6%	267	91	34.1%	327	112	34.3%
MISDEMEANORS	7	2	28.6%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	352	186	52.8%	451	202	44.8%	474	228	48.1%	498	218	43.8%
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	22	8	36.4%	12	4	33.3%	15	5	33.3%	9	4	44.4%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	0	0	0.0%	21	14	66.7%	19	6	31.6%	27	7	25.9%

TABLE D (PART III)

1972 - 1986 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1979 RELEASES			1980 RELEASES			1981 RELEASES			1982 RELEASES		
	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	7,115	2,928	41.2%	7,661	3,173	41.4%	6,938	2,860	41.2%	8,141	3,507	43.1%
TOTAL FELONIES	6,615	2,678	40.5%	7,132	2,938	41.2%	6,560	2,688	41.0%	7,740	3,326	43.0%
MURDER	53	11	20.8%	55	11	20.0%	59	13	22.0%	66	25	37.9%
MANSLAUGHTER	405	113	27.9%	435	115	26.4%	432	125	28.9%	423	119	28.1%
ROBBERY	2,388	1,119	46.9%	2,595	1,242	47.9%	2,328	1,117	48.0%	2,843	1,319	46.4%
BURGLARY	1,160	631	54.4%	1,207	656	54.3%	1,288	665	51.6%	1,551	845	54.5%
ASSAULT	305	95	31.1%	369	121	32.8%	354	111	31.4%	385	148	38.4%
LARCENY	261	116	44.4%	298	125	41.9%	241	95	39.4%	326	139	42.6%
RAPE	131	49	37.4%	154	62	40.3%	132	50	37.9%	156	67	42.9%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	91	35	38.5%	112	23	20.5%	86	34	39.5%	123	44	35.8%
DRUGS	969	225	23.2%	1,040	248	23.8%	833	217	26.1%	834	228	27.3%
FORGERY	102	49	48.0%	94	48	51.1%	101	35	34.7%	112	56	50.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	308	89	29.1%	363	121	33.3%	336	105	31.3%	463	162	35.0%
OTHER FELONIES	444	146	32.9%	410	166	40.5%	370	121	32.7%	458	174	38.0%
MISDEMEANORS	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	490	245	50.0%	497	228	45.9%	376	171	45.5%	400	181	45.3%
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	3	1	33.3%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	7	4	57.1%	32	7	21.9%	2	1	50.0%	1	0	0.0%

TABLE D (PART IV)

1972 - 1986 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1983 RELEASES			1984 RELEASES			1985 RELEASES			1986 RELEASES		
	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL RELEASED	RETURNED NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	10,088	4,570	45.3%	9,828	4,576	46.6%	10,295	4,944	48.0%	11,280	5,613	49.8%
TOTAL FELONIES	9,709	4,400	45.3%	9,541	4,431	46.4%	10,030	4,816	48.0%	10,999	5,461	49.6%
MURDER	94	29	30.9%	89	26	29.2%	110	28	25.5%	128	41	32.0%
MANSLAUGHTER	450	117	26.0%	511	146	28.6%	448	158	35.3%	373	129	34.6%
ROBBERY	3,630	1,868	51.5%	3,378	1,810	53.6%	3,492	1,974	56.5%	3,523	2,024	57.5%
BURGLARY	1,987	1,103	55.5%	1,916	1,080	56.4%	1,915	1,065	55.6%	2,103	1,227	58.3%
ASSAULT	456	168	36.8%	431	170	39.4%	388	128	33.0%	479	183	38.2%
LARCENY	386	166	43.0%	348	173	49.7%	459	205	44.7%	584	300	51.4%
RAPE	169	65	38.5%	208	80	38.5%	209	95	45.5%	194	91	46.9%
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	150	57	38.0%	171	58	33.9%	158	51	32.3%	191	69	36.1%
DRUGS	1,087	326	30.0%	1,153	370	32.1%	1,397	511	36.6%	1,832	714	39.0%
FORGERY	171	67	39.2%	164	63	38.4%	190	72	37.9%	177	69	39.0%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	585	213	36.4%	579	226	39.0%	592	252	42.6%	654	288	44.0%
OTHER FELONIES	544	221	40.6%	593	229	38.6%	672	277	41.2%	761	326	42.8%
MISDEMEANORS	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	365	166	45.5%	283	144	50.9%	265	128	48.3%	281	152	54.1%
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	14	4	28.6%	4	1	25.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%

APPENDIX TABLE E
 1978 - 1988 RELEASES: OFFENDERS RETURNED AS FELONY COMMITMENTS BY ORIGINAL OFFENSE AND BY RETURN OFFENSE

CRIME ON COMMITMENT		CRIME ON RETURN																																
		MURDER							ROBBERY							BURGLARY							OTHER											
		MUR	ATM	MANS	RAPE	ROB	ASS	BUR	ATM	ROB	ASS	BUR	ATM	ROB	ASS	BUR	ATM	ROB	ASS	BUR	ATM	ROB	ASS	BUR	ATM	ROB	ASS	BUR	ATM	ROB	ASS	BUR	ATM	ROB
TOTAL	18,763	431	90	192	272	2,432	2,121	185	302	198	2,100	40	99	100	1,346	39	31	20	762	41	253	2,381	745	3,009	359	561	648							
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	9,874	285	67	128	165	1,585	1,328	115	188	105	943	20	56	64	902	24	18	11	423	14	150	746	323	1,478	86	205	290							
MURDER	22	3	0	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	0							
ATTEMPTED MURDER	80	3	0	3	0	11	12	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	9	2	0	0	3	0	0	6	3	15	0	1	5							
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	345	20	7	11	10	52	35	15	12	3	11	0	2	3	50	0	1	0	7	0	5	15	2	71	3	3	7							
RAPE 1ST	278	15	1	2	48	51	20	2	8	7	16	0	12	10	13	1	2	2	12	0	4	14	3	21	2	6	8							
ROBBERY 1ST	2,603	77	20	31	33	575	412	18	38	28	145	1	11	7	264	10	1	1	127	3	28	152	106	400	18	48	55							
ROBBERY 2ND	3,338	84	18	42	48	578	633	32	44	28	202	9	8	12	296	5	8	0	203	3	49	223	129	471	29	77	113							
ASSAULT 1ST	226	14	5	8	3	30	17	8	9	8	2	2	2	2	26	1	0	0	3	1	9	13	9	42	1	6	5							
ASSAULT 2ND	283	13	4	6	3	40	18	11	15	3	17	3	0	1	24	0	0	1	6	2	6	27	12	47	3	8	13							
BURGLARY 1ST	84	3	0	0	2	11	9	0	1	4	18	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	3	0	1	8	2	13	1	1	2							
BURGLARY 2ND	1,301	14	4	5	5	83	85	10	15	24	452	1	4	7	53	0	2	3	27	2	13	224	28	152	17	32	39							
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	32	0	0	1	0	3	5	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	2	2	0	0	2							
SODOMY 1ST	91	3	0	0	3	6	9	0	2	0	5	0	7	7	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	3	1	8	0	1	0							
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	104	2	1	1	7	6	8	3	4	1	8	0	6	9	4	1	0	2	7	0	13	5	1	8	3	1	5							
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	899	34	9	18	7	113	60	15	13	5	59	2	1	3	149	2	1	2	22	1	18	52	25	229	8	21	34							
KIDNAPPING	18	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2						
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	1,731	58	3	24	40	263	244	22	39	19	109	5	12	11	118	5	3	3	130	3	38	181	89	176	28	52	50							
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	181	13	1	4	6	21	18	4	2	1	8	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	6	3	2	10	6	25	1	4	1							
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	28	2	0	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	1								
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	23	1	0	1	4	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	2							
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	23	1	0	0	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	2	1	2	0	1	0							
ROBBERY 3RD	1,213	24	1	14	19	218	198	10	20	14	73	1	5	8	75	1	0	0	114	1	18	138	66	118	15	37	33							
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	124	12	0	2	3	13	13	1	6	0	10	0	1	0	7	2	1	1	5	2	3	13	5	14	3	3	4							
ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	87	2	1	1	2	4	6	3	2	1	8	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	6	0	7	3	4	3	1	3							
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL	94	1	0	1	2	3	4	3	8	1	4	1	2	3	7	1	1	1	2	0	11	7	5	10	4	8	6							
DRUG OFFENSES	1,538	14	5	12	4	90	85	7	12	8	66	1	0	5	118	2	2	1	21	0	6	82	26	895	14	25	37							
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	4,938	54	11	24	42	355	322	28	70	53	882	13	24	10	171	8	6	5	143	13	53	1,242	279	391	224	284	253							
BURGLARY 3RD	3,135	34	6	11	29	226	181	18	44	38	713	11	12	9	96	3	3	2	76	8	27	1007	108	216	52	118	89							
GRAND LARCENY	745	8	1	4	5	89	77	3	11	6	50	1	6	0	30	2	1	1	44	2	9	85	97	69	34	50	72							
FORGERY	278	5	1	1	2	8	9	0	5	0	21	0	1	0	8	0	3	1	4	2	5	27	35	20	82	20	10							
STOLEN PROPERTY	588	4	1	6	4	41	44	3	6	8	87	0	0	1	23	1	2	0	14	0	5	81	34	62	38	68	45							
ALL OTHER FELONIES	194	5	2	2	2	10	11	4	4	3	11	1	5	0	14	0	0	1	5	1	7	22	5	24	8	10	37							
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	862	22	4	10	20	152	143	13	14	13	98	1	7	10	37	2	4	0	45	1	6	128	25	68	9	15	17							
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0							
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	17	0	0	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	1							

APPENDIX TABLE F
1972-1988 RELEASES: RETURNS BY AGE ON RELEASE

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	AGE AT TIME OF RELEASE										
	TOTAL	16-18	19-20	21-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-64	65 AND OVER
1972-1988 RELEASES	101,344	2,850	10,078	24,853	25,728	16,873	9,557	5,439	2,995	2,899	278
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	22,193	784	2,938	8,561	5,935	3,237	1,530	702	299	184	4
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	18,276	806	2,300	4,921	4,831	3,231	1,602	793	396	279	17
1972 RELEASES	5,589	213	555	1,423	1,313	791	504	348	202	208	32
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	873	24	95	301	207	138	64	28	8	10	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,004	87	148	233	209	142	85	52	20	25	3
1973 RELEASES	5,397	216	527	1,473	1,320	747	478	305	189	152	12
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	942	50	104	317	254	112	49	31	13	12	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,018	70	132	277	245	133	65	53	26	15	0
1974 RELEASES	5,222	185	578	1,303	1,302	820	425	283	178	156	11
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	938	34	128	303	245	123	57	28	13	7	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	921	52	135	212	221	145	77	43	18	18	0
1975 RELEASES	5,546	184	526	1,299	1,445	863	502	325	190	173	19
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	981	40	129	292	282	120	62	32	16	7	1
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	992	68	137	243	237	151	78	40	28	14	0
1976 RELEASES	6,343	230	645	1,522	1,670	980	531	290	218	222	35
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,100	50	147	323	304	150	75	22	15	14	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,159	70	144	288	310	178	82	35	26	23	3
1977 RELEASES	6,858	228	599	1,557	1,859	1,034	581	350	216	208	28
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,238	54	142	340	359	177	81	42	22	11	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,207	62	190	302	293	190	100	45	28	27	0
1978 RELEASES	6,542	182	663	1,638	1,723	1,130	552	305	188	169	12
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,318	52	174	393	343	208	88	35	17	10	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,233	39	158	313	319	215	89	55	27	17	1
1979 RELEASES	7,113	180	750	1,701	1,972	1,126	643	346	176	204	15
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,480	47	212	423	427	202	98	41	15	15	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,448	58	172	384	407	218	114	47	22	26	1
1980 RELEASES	7,852	208	783	1,820	1,959	1,338	701	418	218	191	18
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,703	51	221	499	495	248	106	44	26	10	2
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,466	60	193	339	390	272	114	52	26	18	2
1981 RELEASES	6,932	188	700	1,648	1,685	1,222	691	366	217	192	23
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	1,647	56	206	469	437	263	116	59	24	15	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,211	42	149	301	293	221	107	54	30	12	2
1982 RELEASES	8,139	213	897	2,034	1,984	1,378	801	414	198	229	11
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,082	64	328	608	538	308	142	64	25	5	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,422	37	167	371	371	248	126	58	26	18	0
1983 RELEASES	10,088	252	1,047	2,568	2,491	1,673	1,022	510	246	258	23
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,752	99	383	839	891	391	194	91	32	22	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	1,818	47	176	484	491	330	189	68	31	19	1
1984 RELEASES	9,828	220	896	2,400	2,454	1,729	975	615	268	255	17
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,529	82	344	729	646	386	199	99	30	27	0
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	2,047	56	195	532	537	373	182	106	43	22	1
1985 RELEASES	10,295	193	907	2,467	2,569	1,825	1,153	564	311	286	20
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,612	61	315	755	707	412	213	86	43	19	1
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	2,332	59	232	642	608	417	216	85	45	25	3
1986 RELEASES	11,280	195	849	2,779	2,848	2,031	1,264	618	367	310	21
RETURNED: NEW COMMITMENT	2,638	63	274	827	710	434	182	87	41	19	1
RETURNED: PAROLE VIOLATION	2,967	62	258	801	811	558	289	111	44	31	2

APPENDIX TABLE G
1972 - 1986 RELEASES: ETHNIC GROUP BY TYPE OF RETURN

ETHNIC GROUP & BY ETHNIC GROUP	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		ETHNIC GROUP & YEAR OF RELEASE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE		
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT			NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER
1972-1986	112,253	38,529	32.5%	24,769	22.1%	22,156	19.7%	1979 RELEASES	7,115	2,928	41.2%	1,480	20.8%	1,448	20.4%	
BLACK	59,048	20,743	35.1%	14,256	24.1%	12,403	21.0%	BLACK	3,558	1,600	45.0%	818	22.9%	784	22.0%	
WHITE	30,941	8,390	27.1%	4,695	16.1%	5,174	16.7%	WHITE	2,108	721	34.2%	348	16.5%	373	17.7%	
HISPANIC	21,517	7,248	33.7%	5,415	25.2%	4,435	20.6%	HISPANIC	1,415	597	42.2%	311	22.0%	266	20.2%	
OTHER	749	148	19.8%	103	13.8%	148	18.5%	OTHER	34	10	29.4%	5	14.7%	5	14.7%	
1972 RELEASES	5,593	1,877	33.6%	876	15.7%	1,001	17.9%	1980 RELEASES	7,681	3,173	41.4%	1,704	22.2%	1,489	19.2%	
BLACK	3,114	1,109	35.6%	552	17.7%	557	17.9%	BLACK	3,815	1,719	45.1%	954	25.0%	785	20.1%	
WHITE	1,834	488	29.7%	174	10.6%	312	19.1%	WHITE	2,293	762	33.2%	390	17.0%	372	16.2%	
HISPANIC	824	271	32.9%	148	18.0%	123	14.9%	HISPANIC	1,508	678	45.0%	353	23.4%	325	21.6%	
OTHER	21	11	52.4%	2	9.5%	9	42.8%	OTHER	45	14	31.1%	7	15.6%	7	15.6%	
1973 RELEASES	5,400	1,863	38.4%	947	17.5%	1,016	18.8%	1981 RELEASES	6,938	2,860	41.2%	1,649	23.8%	1,211	17.5%	
BLACK	3,170	1,243	39.2%	634	20.0%	809	19.2%	BLACK	3,447	1,548	44.9%	918	26.6%	828	18.2%	
WHITE	1,438	462	32.1%	193	13.4%	239	18.7%	WHITE	2,110	670	31.8%	368	17.3%	304	14.4%	
HISPANIC	782	253	32.4%	118	15.1%	135	17.3%	HISPANIC	1,352	633	46.8%	363	26.8%	270	20.0%	
OTHER	10	5	50.0%	2	20.0%	3	30.0%	OTHER	29	11	37.8%	2	6.9%	9	31.0%	
1974 RELEASES	5,222	1,859	35.6%	938	18.0%	921	17.6%	1982 RELEASES	8,141	3,505	43.1%	2,082	25.6%	1,423	17.5%	
BLACK	3,024	1,130	37.4%	617	20.4%	513	17.0%	BLACK	4,119	1,911	46.4%	1,168	28.3%	745	18.1%	
WHITE	1,355	440	32.5%	184	13.6%	258	18.9%	WHITE	2,354	793	33.7%	423	18.0%	370	15.7%	
HISPANIC	822	283	34.4%	136	16.5%	147	17.8%	HISPANIC	7	1,621	782	48.2%	485	29.9%	297	18.3%
OTHER	21	6	28.6%	1	4.8%	5	23.8%	OTHER	47	19	40.4%	8	17.0%	11	23.4%	
1975 RELEASES	5,546	1,973	35.6%	981	17.7%	992	17.9%	1983 RELEASES	10,088	4,570	45.3%	2,752	27.3%	1,818	18.0%	
BLACK	3,187	1,225	38.3%	638	20.0%	587	18.4%	BLACK	5,118	2,504	48.9%	1,545	30.2%	859	16.7%	
WHITE	1,400	418	29.9%	184	13.1%	234	16.7%	WHITE	2,825	958	33.8%	530	18.6%	428	15.1%	
HISPANIC	929	324	34.8%	157	16.8%	167	18.0%	HISPANIC	2,089	1,088	52.1%	669	32.0%	419	20.1%	
OTHER	20	6	30.0%	2	10.0%	4	20.0%	OTHER	58	22	38.3%	8	14.3%	14	25.0%	
1976 RELEASES	6,345	2,260	35.6%	1,100	17.3%	1,160	18.3%	1984 RELEASES	9,828	4,568	46.5%	2,529	25.7%	2,039	20.7%	
BLACK	3,446	1,318	38.3%	662	19.2%	657	19.1%	BLACK	5,019	2,529	50.4%	1,407	28.0%	1,122	22.4%	
WHITE	1,814	571	31.5%	254	14.0%	317	17.5%	WHITE	2,694	919	34.1%	484	17.2%	455	16.9%	
HISPANIC	1,052	361	34.3%	181	17.2%	180	17.1%	HISPANIC	2,051	1,100	53.6%	649	31.6%	451	22.0%	
OTHER	33	9	27.3%	3	9.1%	6	18.2%	OTHER	64	20	31.3%	9	14.1%	11	17.2%	
1977 RELEASES	6,663	2,441	36.6%	1,238	18.6%	1,203	18.1%	1985 RELEASES	10,295	4,944	48.0%	2,812	25.4%	2,332	22.7%	
BLACK	3,881	1,450	39.4%	754	20.5%	698	18.9%	BLACK	5,253	2,805	53.4%	1,445	27.5%	1,360	25.9%	
WHITE	1,792	598	33.4%	258	14.4%	340	19.0%	WHITE	2,599	839	32.3%	469	18.0%	370	14.2%	
HISPANIC	1,145	388	33.7%	223	19.5%	163	14.2%	HISPANIC	2,207	1,213	55.0%	657	29.8%	558	25.2%	
OTHER	45	7	15.6%	3	6.7%	4	8.9%	OTHER	238	87	36.9%	41	17.4%	46	19.5%	
1978 RELEASES	6,558	2,552	38.9%	1,319	20.1%	1,233	18.8%	1986 RELEASES	10,860	5,454	50.2%	2,562	23.6%	2,892	26.6%	
BLACK	3,525	1,458	41.4%	740	21.0%	718	20.4%	BLACK	5,560	3,111	56.0%	1,408	25.3%	1,703	30.8%	
WHITE	1,785	594	33.3%	293	16.4%	301	16.9%	WHITE	2,740	940	34.3%	465	17.0%	475	17.3%	
HISPANIC	1,208	492	40.7%	281	23.3%	211	17.5%	HISPANIC	2,512	1,389	55.3%	684	27.2%	705	28.1%	
OTHER	40	8	20.0%	5	12.5%	3	7.5%	OTHER	48	14	29.2%	5	10.4%	9	18.8%	

NOTE: ETHNIC DATA NOT AVAILABLE ON 420 CASES.

APPENDIX TABLE H
1980 - 1986 RELEASES: RETURNS OF PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDERS

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	TOTAL RELEASED	FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS*			SECOND FELONY OFFENDERS**		
		NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED	NUMBER RELEASED	NUMBER RETURNED	PERCENT RETURNED
TOTAL	64,231	41,389	17,622	42.6%	22,842	11,621	50.9%
VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	34,565	24,590	11,262	45.8%	9,975	5,100	51.1%
MURDER	191	191	41	21.5%	0	0	0.0%
ATTEMPTED MURDER	410	348	110	31.6%	62	22	35.5%
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	2,134	1,841	530	28.8%	293	128	43.7%
RAPE 1ST	1,080	860	344	40.0%	220	129	58.6%
ROBBERY 1ST	9,061	7,047	3,536	50.2%	2,014	1,050	52.1%
ROBBERY 2ND	10,099	7,318	3,787	51.7%	2,781	1,607	57.8%
ASSAULT 1ST	1,112	883	301	34.1%	229	113	49.3%
ASSAULT 2ND	1,304	908	273	30.1%	396	178	44.9%
BURGLARY 1ST	350	275	127	46.2%	75	38	50.7%
BURGLARY 2ND	3,991	2,413	1,349	55.9%	1,578	901	57.1%
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	285	248	78	31.5%	37	15	40.5%
SODOMY 1ST	358	303	103	34.0%	55	31	56.4%
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	527	389	119	30.6%	138	55	39.9%
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	3,572	1,490	541	36.3%	2,082	826	39.7%
KIDNAPPING	91	76	23	30.3%	15	7	46.7%
OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	5,009	2,876	1,055	36.7%	2,133	1,032	48.4%
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	755	591	153	25.9%	164	61	37.2%
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	183	144	28	19.4%	39	9	23.1%
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	142	99	20	20.2%	43	17	39.5%
ROBBERY 3RD	2,629	1,331	658	49.4%	1,298	717	55.2%
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	446	156	54	34.6%	290	110	37.9%
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	106	55	13	23.6%	51	15	29.4%
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	339	244	58	23.8%	95	41	43.2%
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	409	256	71	27.7%	153	62	40.5%
DRUG OFFENSES	8,176	5,995	1,636	27.3%	2,181	978	44.8%
PROPERTY & OTHER OFFENSES	13,954	5,402	2,484	46.0%	8,552	4,511	52.7%
BURGLARY 3RD	7,626	2,900	1,568	54.1%	4,726	2,657	56.2%
GRAND LARCENY	2,642	989	362	36.6%	1,653	841	50.9%
FORGERY	1,009	361	146	40.4%	648	264	40.7%
STOLEN PROPERTY	1,694	565	268	47.4%	1,129	599	53.1%
ALL OTHER FELONIES	983	587	140	23.9%	396	150	37.9%
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	2,467	2,467	1,170	47.4%	0	0	0.0%
JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	60	59	15	0.0%	1	0	0.0%

*INCLUDES THOSE SENTENCED AS FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS AND CLASS A FELONS NOT SUBJECT TO PREDICATE SENTENCING.

**INCLUDES 21,812 WITH SECOND FELONY SENTENCE AND 194 WITH PERSISTENT FELONY SENTENCES.

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