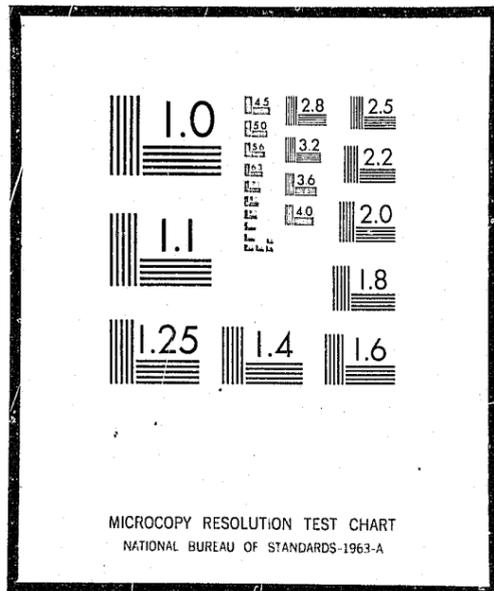


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INTRODUCTION

This supplemental report deals with the Arresting Agencies, Offenses and Final Dispositions from the Justice Courts in District 6, Douglas County, Oregon during the year 1970.

The initial Research Findings report, published February 25, 1972, displayed the jail bookings data and District Court data for District 6 during 1970. Justice Court data was unavailable at that time.

Municipal Court data was not collected because the relatively large number of cases would require a significantly longer period of time be spent collecting data. Also, a large percentage of the cases are relatively minor in nature and not pertinent to the general purpose of this study.

The data from the two District 6 Circuit Courts was omitted because a significant amount of this information is derived from the jail records data in the original Research Findings.

The data in this report was compiled from the reports (continuation sheets) which the courts provide to the State Department of Revenue. Pretrial dispositions are not recorded on those reports and, therefore, not displayed herein.

Justice of the Peace Courts in Oregon are restricted in jurisdiction to traffic offenses and petty misdemeanors. Fines are widely used as dispositions for these cases as evidenced by Justice Court statistics found in other Feasibility Study reports: District 1, 92%; District 3, 95%; and District 9, 81%.

In District 6, the municipalities of Canyonville, Drain, Glendale and Reedsport have Justice Courts.

FINDINGS

Canyonville Justice Court

Table 1 shows the arresting agency responsible for 75% (994 of 1328) of Canyonville's Justice Court cases is the Oregon State Police. The Douglas County Sheriff's Department arrested 19% (251 of 1328) of the total, with all other agencies accounting for the remaining 6% (82 of 1328).

Table 2 indicates that traffic offenses made up 91% (1199 of 1310) of all cases coming before the Canyonville Justice Court.

Table 3 verifies the introductory statement claiming that fines are widely used as dispositions for Justice Courts. Out of 1328 cases, simple fines accounted for 1032 dispositions or 77%. An additional 8 cases were a combination of jail and fine and 90 cases were fines, partially suspended, bringing the total percentage of dispositions involving fines to 85% (1130 of 1328).

Drain Justice Court

Table 4 compares with Table 1 in that the arresting agency accounting for the majority of cases handled by the Drain Justice Court is the Oregon State Police with 75% (634 of 851). The County Sheriff's Department is the second highest contributor to this Court with 133 of the total of 851 or 16%.

Table 5 displays a predominance of traffic offenses (92% or 779 of 851), with Minor In Possession totalling 22 of the total 851 cases for 3%.

Table 6 lists the fines for the Drain Justice Court which represents 79% (676 of 851) of all its dispositions. Suspended fines equal 51 of all actions or 6%. Ninety-one cases were dismissed.

Glendale Justice Court

Table 7 is consistent with previous tables in that 84% (365 of 432) of all cases brought to the Glendale Justice Court were arrested by the Oregon State Police. The Douglas County Sheriff's Office arrested 9% (38 of 432).

As with the other Justice Courts, the Weighmaster accounted for a significant number of citations at Glendale with 7% (29 of 432).

Table 8 verifies that traffic cases are the most common for Justice Courts. Glendale Justice Court had 407 traffic cases or 94% of the total work load.

Table 9 parallels the other courts' dispositions with Glendale Justice Court, having 92% (396 of 432) of its actions involving fines as the disposition. An additional 14 cases had their fines suspended and 4 had part of their fines suspended.

Reedsport Justice Court

Table 10 shows Reedsport Justice Court cases come primarily from the Oregon State Police as the arresting agency (89% or 2349 of 2639). The Douglas County Sheriff's Department and the Weighmaster accounted for 9% (239 of 2639) of the arrests. Reedsport City Police arrested 33 of the cases coming before that Justice Court or 1%.

Table 11 again demonstrates that traffic offenses are by far the most common with 2222 of the total 2639 cases (86%). Game violations stand out, representing 5% (141 of 2639) of all the cases.

Table 12 follows the trend of fines as the most frequent disposition in the Reedsport Justice Court (79% or 2093 of 2639). Fines were involved in 40 other cases to varying degrees. As with the other Justice Courts, jail is seldom used as a Justice Court disposition.

MONTHLY COURT LOADS

Graphs I, II, III and IV show varying peaks in monthly court work loads. Reedsport Justice Court shows the typically high July docket, but Glendale Justice Court had its high in December, and Drain Justice Court in April. Canyonville Justice Court was represented by relatively high monthly dockets during September, November and December.

TABLE 1
DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970
CANYONVILLE JUSTICE COURT
Arresting Agencies By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Oregon State Police</u>	<u>Douglas County Sheriff</u>	<u>Weighmaster Other</u>	<u>Myrtle Creek Police</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	53	16	7	---	76
February	98	15	4	---	117
March	71	34	5	---	110
April	68	23	11	---	102
May	77	21	3	---	101
June	71	16	4	---	91
July	87	23	12	---	122
August	82	19	3	---	104
September	97	34	14	---	145
October	72	19	6	---	97
November	110	16	6	2	134
December	<u>108</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	---	<u>129</u>
TOTAL	994	251	81	2	1,328

TABLE 2

DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970

CANYONVILLE JUSTICE COURT

Offense Groups By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Traffic</u>	<u>Drunk</u>	<u>Drunk</u> <u>Driving</u>	<u>Petty</u> <u>Larceny</u>	<u>Disorderly</u> <u>Conduct</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>MIP</u>	<u>Assaultive</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	63	--	--	--	2	6	3	1	1	76
February	114	1	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	117
March	105	3	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	110
April	84	4	1	1	--	3	5	--	4	102
May	99	--	--	--	--	1	--	1	--	101
June	84	1	1	--	1	3	--	--	1	91
July	109	4	1	--	4	--	1	1	2	122
August	93	--	1	--	2	1	4	--	3	104
September	117	2	2	1	2	8	--	3	10	145
October	87	1	--	--	2	5	1	1	--	97
November	124	1	--	--	1	3	2	1	2	134
December	<u>120</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>129</u>
TOTAL	1,199	20	9	2	14	30	16	9	29	1,328

TABLE 3

DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970

CANYONVILLE JUSTICE COURT

Dispositions By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Fine, Part Suspended</u>	<u>Fine and Jail</u>	<u>Jail in Lieu of Fine</u>	<u>Jail</u>	<u>Dismissed and Not Guilty</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Appealed and Pending</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	62	7	2	---	---	3	2	---	76
February	90	13	1	---	1	7	5	---	117
March	82	6	1	4	---	4	13	---	110
April	78	8	3	---	---	5	4	4	102
May	84	8	1	---	---	1	7	---	101
June	71	6	---	---	---	3	9	2	91
July	102	3	---	1	---	5	9	2	122
August	86	3	---	---	---	---	13	2	104
September	85	14	---	1	---	12	32	1	145
October	79	4	---	---	---	8	6	---	97
November	111	14	---	---	2	5	2	---	134
December	102	4	---	---	---	6	15	2	129
TOTAL	1,032	90	8	6	3	59	117	13	1,328

GRAPH I
DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970
CANYONVILLE JUSTICE COURT
Number of Cases Per Month

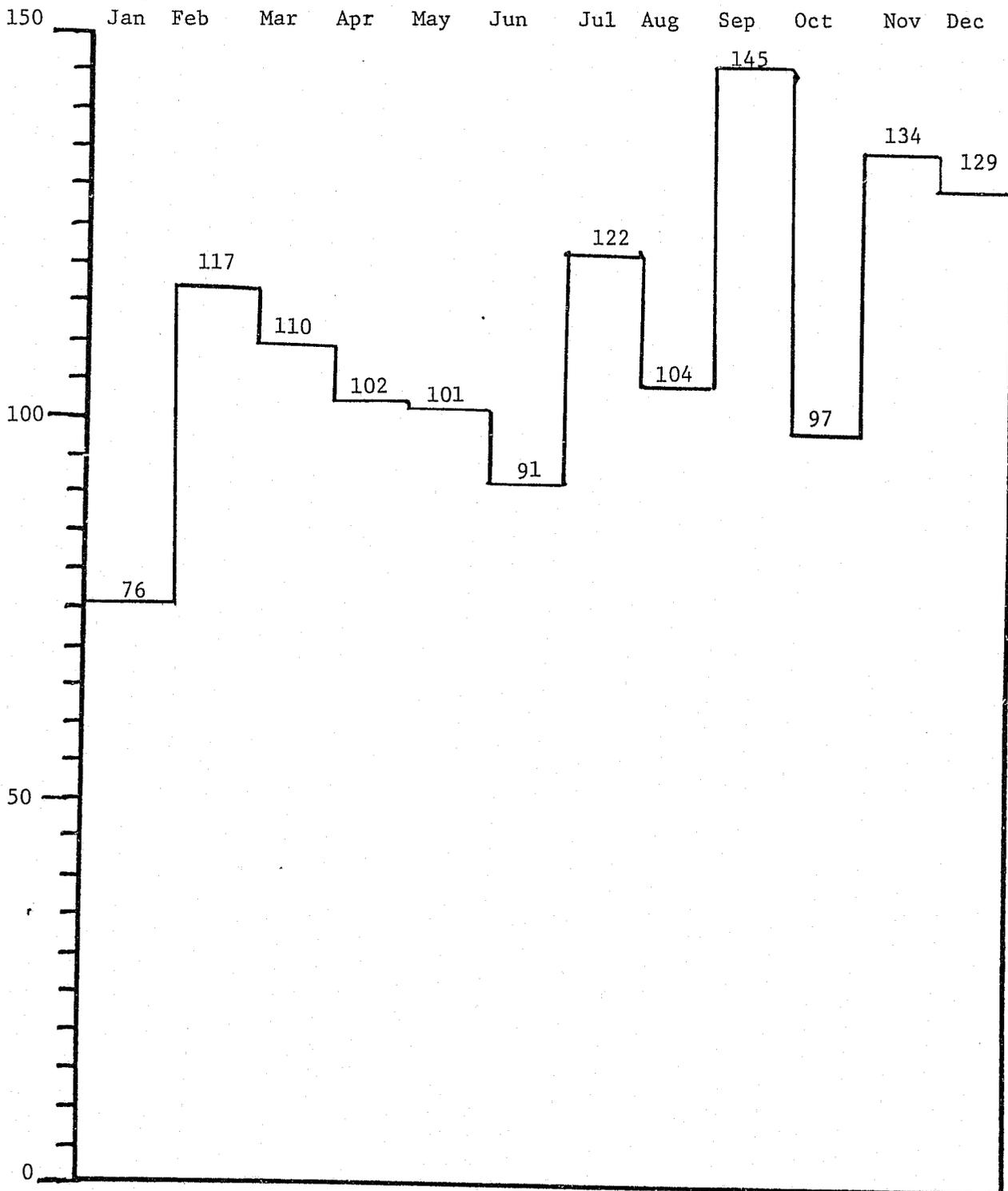


TABLE 4
 DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970
 DRAIN JUSTICE COURT
Arresting Agencies By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Oregon State Police</u>	<u>Douglas County Sheriff</u>	<u>Weigh- master</u>	<u>Forestry Department</u>	<u>Citizens Arrest</u>	<u>Drain Police</u>	<u>Game Commission</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	56	13	1	--	--	--	--	70
February	53	13	2	--	--	--	--	68
March	52	12	5	--	--	--	--	69
April	71	16	4	--	--	--	--	91
May	45	11	8	--	--	--	--	64
June	60	12	7	2	1	1	--	83
July	56	4	5	--	2	1	--	68
August	36	15	3	--	1	--	--	55
September	52	15	7	3	--	--	--	77
October	56	10	6	3	--	--	--	75
November	43	4	11	--	--	--	--	58
December	<u>54</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>73</u>
TOTAL	634	133	68	8	4	2	2	851

TABLE 5
 DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970
 DRAIN JUSTICE COURT
Offense Groups By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Traffic</u>	<u>MIP</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Drunk and Drunk Driving</u>	<u>Petty Larceny and Disorderly Conduct</u>	<u>Assault</u>	<u>Contrib- uting</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	68	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	70
February	58	7	3	--	--	--	--	--	68
March	67	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	69
April	81	6	1	--	--	--	2	1	91
May	61	2	--	--	--	--	1	--	64
June	69	--	6	1	1	--	--	6	83
July	62	2	2	--	2	--	--	--	68
August	48	1	--	2	2	1	--	1	55
September	67	2	2	2	--	--	--	4	77
October	70	--	--	1	--	--	--	4	75
November	58	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	58
December	<u>70</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>73</u>
TOTAL	779	22	16	7	6	2	3	16	851

TABLE 6

DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970

DRAIN JUSTICE COURT

Dispositions By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Fine, Part Suspended</u>	<u>Fine, All Suspended</u>	<u>Jail</u>	<u>Jail Suspended and Probation</u>	<u>Not Guilty</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	51	2	3	--	--	1	11	2	70
February	52	1	7	--	--	--	3	--	68
March	56	--	5	--	--	--	8	--	69
April	68	1	6	--	--	3	13	--	91
May	59	--	2	--	--	1	2	--	64
June	60	8	3	2	--	3	2	5	83
July	61	--	3	--	--	--	4	--	68
August	49	--	1	--	1	--	4	--	55
September	61	--	5	--	--	1	10	--	77
October	59	--	5	--	--	--	11	--	75
November	46	--	3	--	--	--	9	--	58
December	<u>54</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>73</u>
TOTAL	676	14	51	2	1	9	91	7	851

GRAPH II
DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970
DRAIN JUSTICE COURT
Number of Cases Per Month

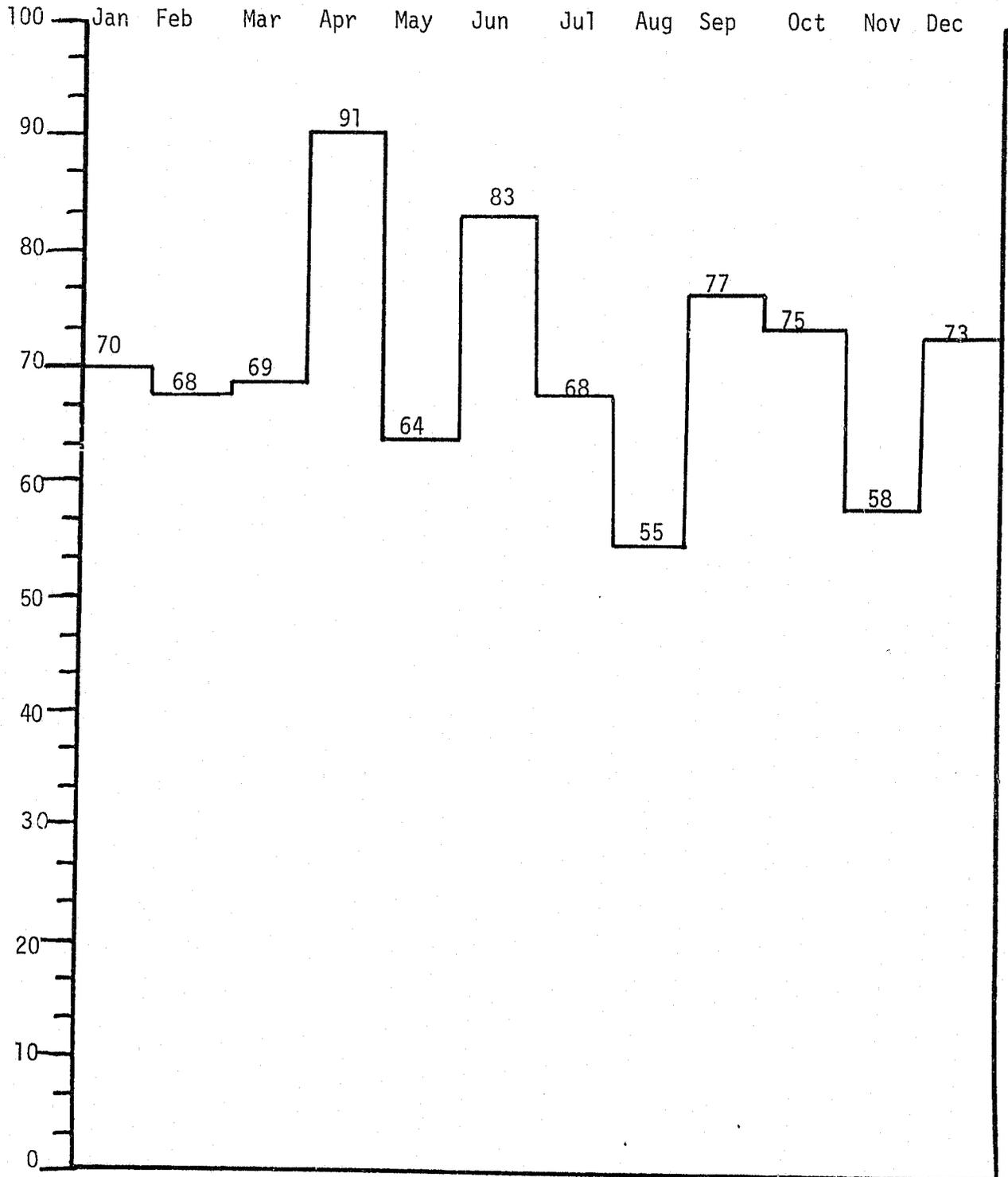


TABLE 7

DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970

GLENDALE JUSTICE COURT

Arresting Agencies By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Oregon State Police</u>	<u>Douglas County Sheriff</u>	<u>Weighmaster</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	6	3	1	10
February	21	1	6	28
March	21	3	3	27
April	27	2	3	32
May	36	4	5	45
June	28	2	4	34
July	33	4	1	38
August	21	8	2	31
September	20	--	1	21
October	24	8	1	33
November	54	2	2	58
December	<u>74</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>75</u>
TOTAL	365	38	29	432

TABLE 8

DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970

GLENDALE JUSTICE COURT

Offense Groups By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Traffic</u>	<u>Drunk Driving</u>	<u>MIP</u>	<u>Disorderly Conduct</u>	<u>Game</u>	<u>Contributing</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	8	--	--	2	--	--	--	10
February	28	--	--	--	--	--	--	28
March	25	--	--	1	1	--	--	27
April	32	--	--	--	--	--	--	32
May	41	--	--	1	--	--	3	45
June	32	--	--	--	1	--	1	34
July	33	--	2	--	2	--	1	38
August	28	1	--	2	--	--	--	31
September	20	--	--	--	--	--	1	21
October	32	--	1	--	--	--	--	33
November	55	--	--	--	--	--	3	58
December	<u>73</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>75</u>
TOTAL	407	1	4	6	4	1	9	432

TABLE 9

DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970

GLENDALE JUSTICE COURT

Dispositions By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Fine, Part Suspended</u>	<u>Fine, All Suspended</u>	<u>Dismissed and Not Guilty</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	9	--	1	--	10
February	26	--	1	1	28
March	21	1	3	2	27
April	26	1	1	4	32
May	31	1	5	8	45
June	27	1	3	3	34
July	38	--	--	--	38
August	31	--	--	--	31
September	21	--	--	--	21
October	33	--	--	--	33
November	58	--	--	--	58
December	<u>75</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>75</u>
TOTAL	396	4	14	18	432

GRAPH: III

DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970

GLENDALE JUSTICE COURT

Number of Cases Per Month

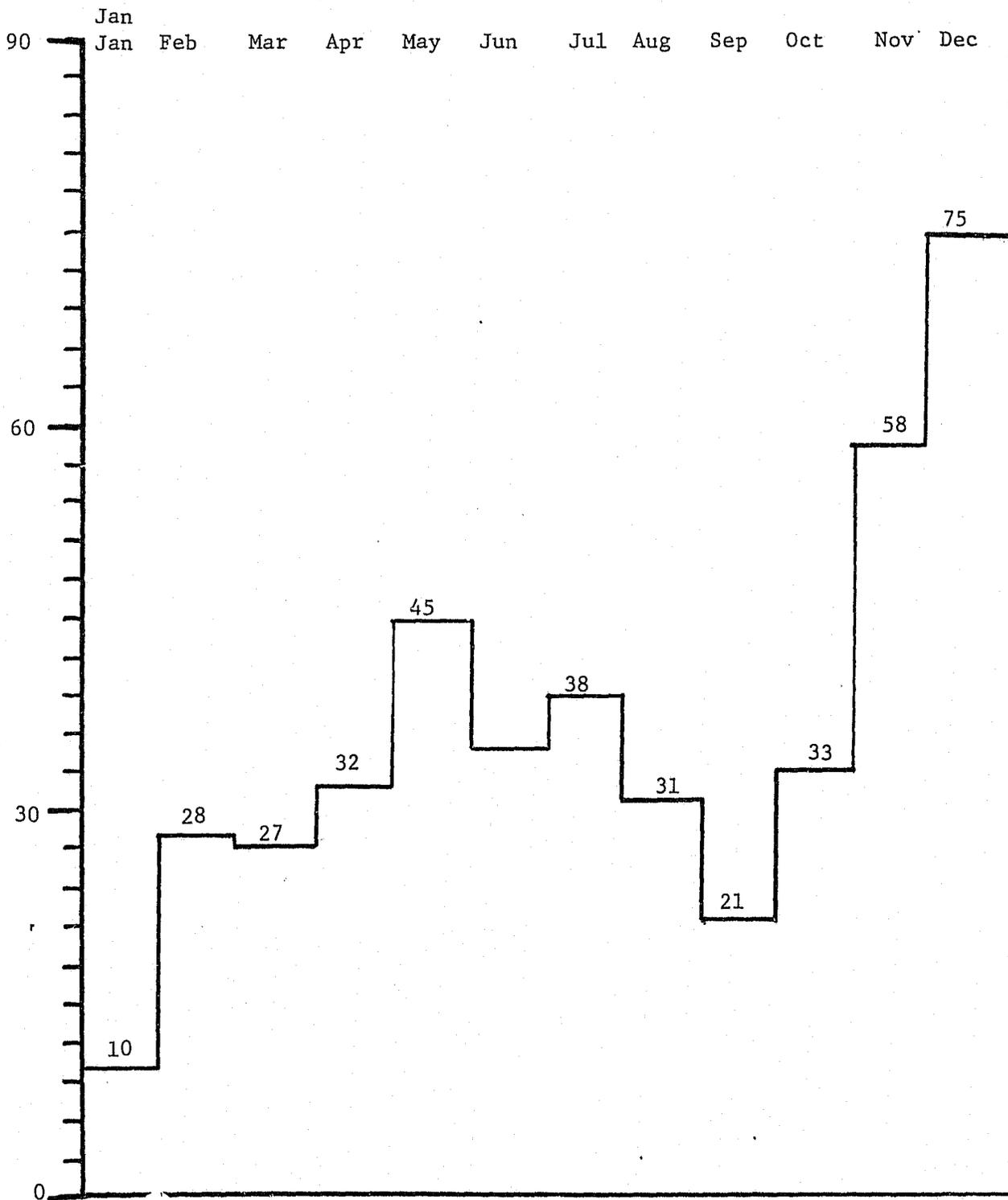


TABLE 10
DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970
REEDSPORT JUSTICE COURT
Arresting Agencies By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Oregon State Police</u>	<u>Douglas County Sheriff</u>	<u>Weigh- master</u>	<u>Reedsport Police</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	169	21	7	9	--	206
February	175	6	2	5	--	188
March	231	13	3	1	4	252
April	227	13	3	1	2	246
May	209	12	3	5	--	229
June	218	14	5	5	5	247
July	300	32	7	2	2	343
August	172	9	5	2	2	190
September	192	11	11	2	1	217
October	164	11	15	--	--	190
November	153	19	4	--	2	178
December	<u>139</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>153</u>
TOTAL	2,349	172	67	33	18	2,639

TABLE 11
 DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970
 REEDSPORT JUSTICE COURT

Offense Groups By Month

Month	Traffic	Game	Drunk Driving	Drunk	MIP	Petty Larceny & Disorderly Conduct	Other Relatively Minor Offenses	Assaultive	Fraud	Burglary, Breaking & Entering & Danger- ous Grand Larceny	Drugs	Other*	Total
January	177	6	2	1	2	2	11	-	1	-	1	3	206
February	171	3	1	2	-	-	6	-	1	1	3	-	188
March	204	16	2	1	2	2	19	1	2	2	1	-	252
April	204	15	-	-	1	1	22	1	-	1	-	1	246
May	177	20	1	-	1	1	25	1	1	2	-	-	229
June	188	28	2	-	-	1	21	-	1	3	1	2	247
July	286	12	6	6	3	-	23	3	2	-	2	-	343
August	160	11	3	-	2	1	6	2	4	-	1	-	190
September	198	8	2	-	-	-	6	2	1	-	-	-	217
October	174	7	1	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	1	1	190
November	146	10	2	-	-	1	9	2	6	-	1	1	178
December	<u>137</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>153</u>
TOTAL	2,222	141	22	13	12	9	158	12	20	10	11	9	2,639

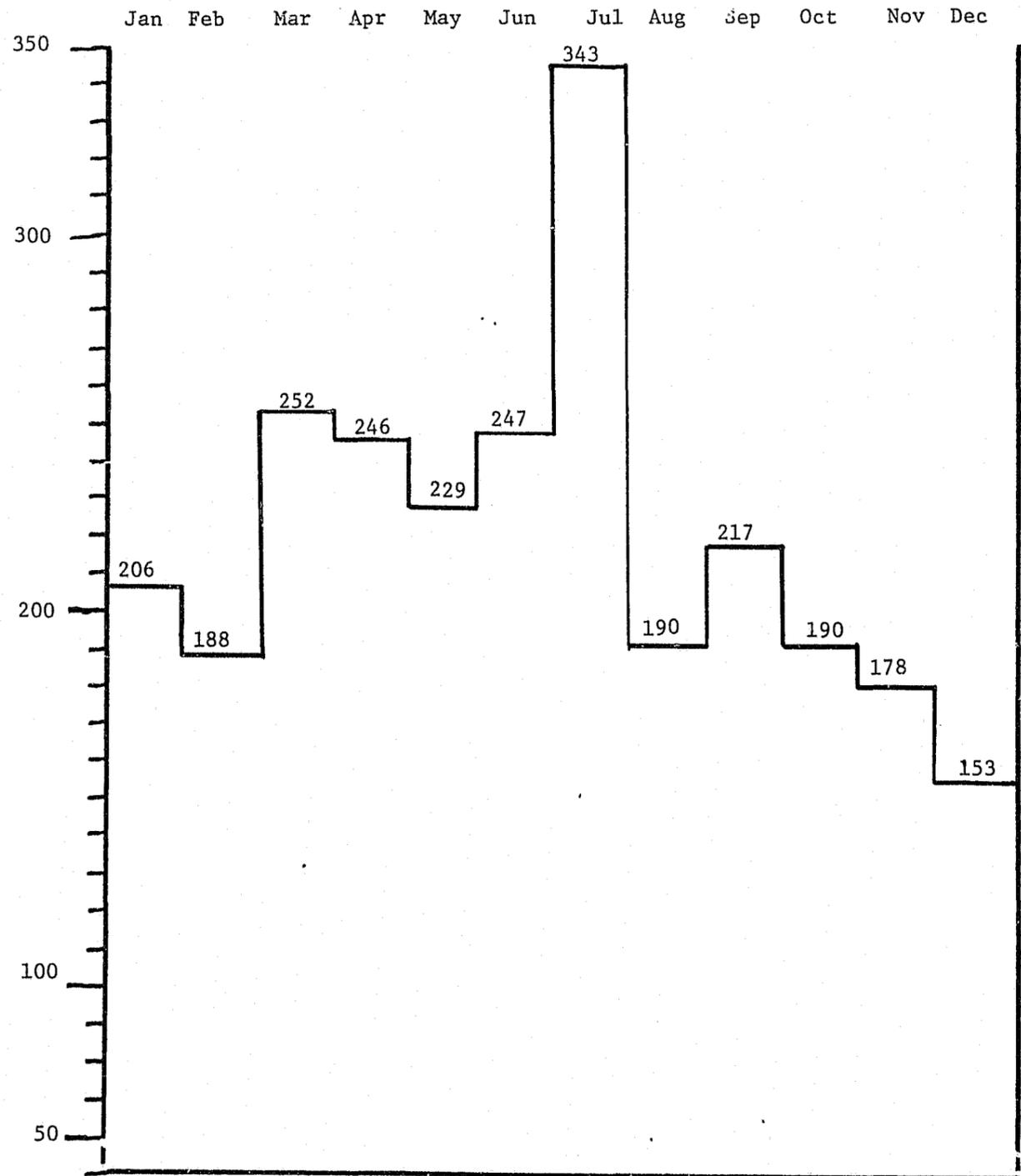
*"Other" includes weapons charges (2); non-violence sex offenses (2); contributing (2); stolen vehicle (1); and other relatively serious offenses.

TABLE 12
DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970
REEDSPORT JUSTICE COURT
Dispositions By Month

<u>Month</u>	<u>Fines</u>	<u>Fine, Part Suspended</u>	<u>Fine, All Suspended</u>	<u>Fine and Jail</u>	<u>Jail</u>	<u>Jail Suspended</u>	<u>Not Guilty and Appealed</u>	<u>Dismissed</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>No Penalty</u>	<u>Total</u>
January	159	5	--	1	1	--	--	12	22	6	206
February	148	2	1	--	2	2	1	3	10	15	184
March	211	1	--	--	--	1	2	6	5	25	252
April	187	--	3	--	--	--	1	6	31	18	246
May	187	2	--	--	2	1	1	6	15	15	229
June	206	3	--	--	--	--	2	5	4	25	245
July	276	--	4	--	2	2	--	7	37	13	341
August	139	--	3	--	2	3	--	4	26	10	187
September	166	--	2	--	--	1	--	3	29	14	215
October	144	--	2	--	--	1	1	1	29	11	189
November	134	--	--	1	1	1	--	6	22	13	178
December	<u>136</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>152</u>
TOTAL	2,093	13	15	3	10	12	8	53	234	173	2,624*

*Fifteen cases were bound over to the Grand Jury, bringing the total to 2639.

GRAPH IV
DISTRICT 6 COURT DATA, 1970
REEDSPORT JUSTICE COURT
Number of Cases Per Month



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