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ABSTRACT

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The statistical information in this study was derived from the Department's Inmate Information File. Frequency distributions on significant variables are presented in tabular form. Modal values from this study indicate the "typical" female offender:

1. Is Negro.
2. Is 28 years old.
3. Is presently married.
4. Has one or more children.
5. Was born in Texas.
6. Resides in either Harris or Dallas County.
7. Was convicted in either Harris or Dallas County.
8. Is a Protestant.
9. Is a first offender over 26 years of age.
10. Has an Intelligence Quotient of 92.
11. Has completed the ninth grade.
12. Was sentenced for either murder or a drug offense.
13. Was committed for one offense.
14. Is serving a 5-year sentence.
15. Has not served a prior probated sentence.
16. Has not been in TDC or any prison or reformatory prior to present confinement.

17. Has a good discipline record while in the Department of Corrections.

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INTRODUCTION

The female offender has recently received more attention in regard to research despite the fact that statistically the female offender comprises only a small portion of the total offender population. The female offender comprises 3.7% of the total inmate population in the Texas Department of Corrections. The amount of female arrests accounts for 15.3% of the total arrests as computed by the FBI Uniform Crime Reports for 1973.

As a part of the growing concern of the female offender, the National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals has stated in Standard 11.6, Section 2, "Comprehensive evaluation of the woman offender should be developed through research. Each State should determine differences in the needs between male and female offenders and implement differential programming." The presentation of the material in this report is designed to present statistical information pertaining to the female offender as well as information concerning the type of treatment available in the Texas Department of Corrections.

For this study the population was defined as all females incarcerated in the Department of Corrections on September 1, 1974. The statistical information in this study was derived from the Department's Inmate Information File. This file contains a variety of information on each inmate which is

collected, to a large extent, upon admission, while a few variables are collected or changed during incarceration and discharge. The program information was obtained from the Windham School District.

The characteristics described in this report were derived from 627 female offenders who represent 3.7% of the total inmate population. These 627 female offenders include all females who were in custody as of September 1, 1974.

FEMALE OFFENDER POPULATION

Table 1 presents the average daily population for each year since 1960 of the female population for the Texas Department of Corrections. As can be readily seen by observing Table 1 the female inmate population has grown considerably from 1960 to 1974.

FEMALE CHARACTERISTICS

Ethnic Group

Table 2 illustrates the ethnic composition of the 627 female offenders. Over 57% were Negro, over 30% were Caucasian, and over 11% were Mexican-American.

Age

The age distribution of the female offenders is included in Table 3. The median age of the females was 28 years. Approximately 33% of the females were under 25 years of age while about 74% were under 35 years of age. The range of

TABLE 1

FEMALE OFFENDER POPULATION OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
SINCE 1960

| Calendar Year | Female Population (Daily Average) | Population Change | Percent Change |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1960 | 340 | +22 | + 6.9 |
| 1961 | 389 | +49 | +14.4 |
| 1962 | 423 | +34 | + 8.7 |
| 1963 | 419 | -04 | - 0.9 |
| 1964 | 396 | -23 | - 5.5 |
| 1965 | 389 | -07 | - 1.8 |
| 1966 | 370 | -19 | - 4.9 |
| 1967 | 396 | +26 | + 7.0 |
| 1968 | 397 | +01 | + 0.3 |
| 1969 | 405 | +08 | + 2.0 |
| 1970 | 495 | +90 | +22.2 |
| 1971 | 562 | +67 | +11.9 |
| 1972 | 600 | +38 | + 6.8 |
| 1973 | 615 | +15 | + 2.5 |
| 1974 | 637* | +12 | + 2.0 |

*Daily average as of August 31, 1974.

TABLE 2

ETHNIC GROUP CLASSIFICATION OF INCARCERATED
FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Ethnic Group | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Negro | 362 | 57.73 |
| Caucasian | 192 | 30.62 |
| Mexican-American | 73 | 11.64 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

TABLE 3

AGE OF INCARCERATED
FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Age (years) | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates | Cumulative Percent |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 18 - 20 | 39 | 6.20 | 6.20 |
| 21 - 25 | 172 | 27.41 | 33.61 |
| 26 - 30 | 144 | 22.94 | 56.55 |
| 31 - 35 | 106 | 16.87 | 73.42 |
| 36 - 40 | 56 | 8.91 | 82.33 |
| 41 - 45 | 34 | 5.39 | 87.72 |
| 46 - 50 | 24 | 3.79 | 91.51 |
| 51 - 55 | 13 | 2.03 | 93.54 |
| 56 - 60 | 6 | .93 | 94.47 |
| 61 and over | 3 | .45 | 94.92 |
| Not available | 30 | 4.78 | 99.70 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 | |

ages was from 18 years to 71 years.

Marital and Family Status

The marital status of the female offenders is illustrated in Table 4. Over 24% of the females were single and over 25% were either widowed, separated or divorced. Approximately 39% of the females were married, including common-law marriages. (Only common-law relationships in which the birth of a child resulted are considered valid by TDC.)

A total of 433 or 69% of the females were shown to have children. A sample of one third of the females who have children indicated that 92 or 34% of the 267 total children of this sample were illegitimate. The data would seem to indicate that of all the children born to females incarcerated in TDC, approximately one third were illegitimate.

Place of Birth, Residence, and Conviction

The place of birth of incarcerated female offenders by Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA) is depicted in Table 5. The data indicate that approximately 72% of the females were born in Texas and 22% were born in other states. The Dallas-Fort Worth SMSA accounted for over 17% of the females born in Texas and the Houston SMSA represented approximately 12% of the females born in Texas.

The place of residence of the female offenders is illustrated in Table 6. Over 93% of the females indicated a residence within Texas. The Dallas-Fort Worth SMSA accounted

TABLE 4

MARITAL STATUS OF
INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Marital Status | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Single | 152 | 24.24 |
| Married | 168 | 26.79 |
| Common Law | 80 | 12.75 |
| Widow | 31 | 4.94 |
| Divorced | 101 | 16.10 |
| Separated | 26 | 4.14 |
| Not Available | 69 | 11.00 |
| Total | 627 | 100.00 |

TABLE 5
 PLACE OF BIRTH OF
 INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS
 BY STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

| Texas SMSA | Number Inmates | Percent |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Abilene | 4 | 0.63 |
| Amarillo | 0 | .00 |
| Austin | 15 | 2.38 |
| Beaumont-Port Arthur | 15 | 2.38 |
| Brownsville-Harlingen- San Benito | 2 | .31 |
| Bryan-College Station | 4 | .63 |
| Corpus Christi | 4 | .63 |
| Dallas-Fort Worth | 109 | 17.33 |
| El Paso | 4 | .63 |
| Galveston-Texas City | 7 | 1.11 |
| Houston | 79 | 12.58 |
| Laredo | 1 | .15 |
| Lubbock | 10 | 1.59 |
| McAllen-Pharr-Edinburg | 2 | .31 |
| Midland | 2 | .31 |
| Odessa | 1 | .15 |
| San Angelo | 1 | .15 |
| San Antonio | 36 | 5.73 |
| Sherman-Denison | 1 | .15 |
| Temple-Belton-Killeen | 4 | .63 |
| Texarkana | 3 | .47 |
| Tyler | 1 | .15 |
| Waco | 17 | 2.71 |
| Wichita Falls | 1 | .15 |
| Counties not in any SMSA | 131 | 20.89 |
| TOTAL TEXAS | 454 | 72.41 |
| Other states | 140 | 22.34 |
| Other countries | 2 | .31 |
| Not available | 31 | 4.94 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

for about 34% of the females and the Houston SMSA accounted for over 25% of the females.

The place of conviction is shown in Table 6. Over 35% of the females were convicted in the Dallas-Fort Worth SMSA and almost 25% of the female offenders were convicted in the Houston SMSA. The county of conviction listed in Table 7 shows Dallas County with over 26% of the female offenders, Tarrant County with almost 7% of the female offenders and Harris County with over 24% of the female offenders.

The data reveal a substantial difference in the place of birth and place of conviction of female offenders by SMSA; however, there appears to be a similarity in regard to place of residence and place of conviction of the incarcerated female offenders by SMSA. One could then infer the existence of substantial mobility between the place of birth and place of residence of female offenders. On the other hand, there seems to be much less mobility of female offenders between place of residence and place of conviction.

Religion

Table 8 depicts the religious affiliation claimed by the female offenders. Approximately 71% of the females reported a Protestant affiliation; more than 17% reported a Catholic affiliation. Only 2% claimed no religious affiliation.

TABLE 6

PLACE OF CONVICTION AND RESIDENCE OF
INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS
BY STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (SMSA)

| Texas SMSA | Place of Conviction | | Place of Residence | |
|--|------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Abilene | 7 | 1.11 | 5 | 0.79 |
| Amarillo | 2 | .31 | 4 | .63 |
| Austin | 22 | 3.50 | 20 | 3.18 |
| Beaumont- Port Arthur | 20 | 3.18 | 19 | 3.03 |
| Brownsville- Harlingen- San Benito | 0 | .00 | 1 | .15 |
| Bryan- College Station | 1 | .15 | 2 | .31 |
| Corpus Christi | 6 | .95 | 2 | .31 |
| Dallas- Fort Worth | 224 | 35.66 | 214 | 34.07 |
| El Paso | 5 | .79 | 3 | .47 |
| Galveston- Texas City | 16 | 2.55 | 11 | 1.75 |
| Houston | 156 | 24.86 | 160 | 25.49 |
| Laredo | 0 | .00 | 0 | .00 |
| Lubbock | 11 | 1.75 | 14 | 2.23 |
| McAllen- Pharr- Edinburg | 1 | .15 | 1 | .15 |
| Midland | 3 | .47 | 5 | .79 |
| Odessa | 12 | 1.91 | 8 | 1.27 |
| San Angelo | 5 | .79 | 2 | .47 |
| San Antonio | 40 | 6.37 | 38 | 6.05 |
| Sherman- Denison | 0 | .00 | 0 | .00 |
| Temple- Belton- Killeen | 18 | 2.86 | 11 | 1.75 |
| Texarkana | 2 | .31 | 1 | .15 |
| Tyler | 1 | .15 | 1 | .15 |
| Waco | 20 | 3.18 | 14 | 2.23 |
| Wichita Falls | 2 | .31 | 3 | .47 |

TABLE 6 (Concluded)

| Texas SMSA | Place of Conviction | | Place of Residence | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Other counties not in SMSA | 53 | 8.69 | 45 | 7.27 |
| TOTAL TEXAS | 627 | 100.00 | 585 | 93.39 |
| Other states | 0 | .00 | 12 | 1.83 |
| Other countries | 0 | .00 | 0 | .00 |
| Not available | 0 | .00 | 30 | 4.78 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 | 627 | 100.00 |

TABLE 7
COUNTY OF CONVICTION OF INCARCERATED
FEMALE OFFENDERS

| County | Number of Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Angelina | 1 | 0.15 |
| Baylor | 1 | .15 |
| Bell | 17 | 2.71 |
| Bexar | 38 | 6.06 |
| Bowie | 2 | .31 |
| Brazoria | 1 | .15 |
| Brazos | 1 | .15 |
| Brown | 1 | .15 |
| Caldwell | 1 | .15 |
| Cherokee | 1 | .15 |
| Coleman | 1 | .15 |
| Collin | 4 | .63 |
| Cooke | 2 | .31 |
| Coryell | 1 | .15 |
| Dallas | 168 | 26.79 |
| Deaf Smith | 2 | .31 |
| Denton | 1 | .15 |
| Ector | 12 | 1.91 |
| Ellis | 1 | .15 |
| El Paso | 5 | .79 |

TABLE 7 (Continued)

| County | Number of Inmates | Percent |
|-----------|----------------------|---------|
| Galveston | 16 | 2.55 |
| Gonzales | 1 | .15 |
| Gregg | 3 | .47 |
| Guadalupe | 2 | .31 |
| Hale | 3 | .47 |
| Hardeman | 1 | .15 |
| Harris | 154 | 24.56 |
| Hartley | 1 | .15 |
| Henderson | 2 | .31 |
| Hidalgo | 1 | .15 |
| Hill | 1 | .15 |
| Hunt | 3 | .47 |
| Jefferson | 19 | 3.03 |
| Jim Wells | 1 | .15 |
| Johnson | 5 | .79 |
| Kaufman | 1 | .15 |
| Kerr | 1 | .15 |
| Lamar | 3 | .47 |
| Lamb | 1 | .15 |
| Leon | 2 | .31 |
| Lubbock | 11 | 1.75 |
| Lynn | 1 | .15 |

TABLE 7 (Continued)

| County | Number of Inmates | Percent |
|--------------|----------------------|---------|
| McCulloch | 1 | 0.15 |
| McLennan | 20 | 3.18 |
| Medina | 1 | .15 |
| Midland | 3 | .47 |
| Montgomery | 1 | .15 |
| Nacogdoches | 1 | .15 |
| Nueces | 2 | .31 |
| Orange | 1 | .15 |
| Panola | 2 | .31 |
| Potter | 2 | .31 |
| Roberts | 1 | .15 |
| San Patricio | 4 | .63 |
| Shackelford | 1 | .15 |
| Sherman | 1 | .15 |
| Smith | 1 | .15 |
| Tarrant | 43 | 6.85 |
| Taylor | 7 | 1.11 |
| Titus | 1 | .15 |
| Tom Green | 5 | .79 |
| Travis | 22 | 3.50 |
| Upshur | 1 | .15 |
| Val Verde | 2 | .31 |
| Victoria | 4 | .63 |

TABLE 7 (Concluded)

| County | Number of Inmates | Percent |
|-----------|----------------------|---------|
| Walker | 1 | 0.15 |
| Ward | 1 | .15 |
| Wichita | 2 | .31 |
| Wilbarger | 1 | .15 |
| Wise | 1 | .15 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

TABLE 8

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION
OF INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Denomination | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Catholic | 110 | 17.54 |
| Protestant | 447 | 71.29 |
| No affiliation | 14 | 2.23 |
| Other | 15 | 2.39 |
| Not available | 41 | 6.53 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

EDUCATION AND INTELLIGENCE

The highest grade level completed by the incarcerated female offenders upon admission to TDC is shown in Table 9. These levels are reported by the females during admission and approximately 27% of the reported grade levels are verified. Over 71% of the females had not completed high school while about 15% of the females had completed the twelfth grade or the General Education Development Test (GED). Less than 1% of this population had completed any college courses. The most frequent grade level completed was the ninth grade (16%).

The intelligence quotient was determined by either the Revised Beta for Literates or the Chicago Non-Verbal Test of Mental Ability for Illiterates. The mean intelligence score was 92. Approximately 37% of the female offenders had an IQ in the normal range of 90 to 110. Over 35% of the females had an IQ below 90 and over 11% had an IQ above 110. See Table 10.

OFFENSE INFORMATION

Table 11 presents the major offenses of the female offenders. The murder offenses accounted for the highest percentage of female offenders (20.1%) and drug offenses were second highest (19.6%). Robbery offenses accounted for over 15%, larceny for over 12%, burglary for over 10%, and forgery for approximately 9%.

TABLE 9

GRADE LEVEL UPON ADMISSION TO TDC
OF INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Grade Level | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates | Cumulative Percent |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 0-1 | 5 | 0.80 | 0.80 |
| 2 | 7 | 1.12 | 1.92 |
| 3 | 10 | 1.59 | 3.51 |
| 4 | 11 | 1.75 | 5.26 |
| 5 | 12 | 1.91 | 7.17 |
| 6 | 28 | 4.47 | 11.64 |
| 7 | 48 | 7.66 | 19.30 |
| 8 | 73 | 11.64 | 30.94 |
| 9 | 101 | 16.11 | 47.05 |
| 10 | 89 | 14.19 | 61.24 |
| 11 | 63 | 10.95 | 71.29 |
| 12 | 67 | 10.69 | 81.98 |
| GED | 30 | 4.78 | 86.76 |
| College | 6 | .95 | 87.71 |
| Not available | 77 | 12.28 | 99.99 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 | |

TABLE 10

INTELLIGENCE QUOTIENT SCORES OF
INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Test Score | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates | Cumulative Percent |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Less than 30 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 30 to 49 | 4 | .62 | .62 |
| 50 to 59 | 17 | 2.63 | 3.25 |
| 60 to 69 | 23 | 3.59 | 6.84 |
| 70 to 79 | 65 | 10.30 | 17.14 |
| 80 to 89 | 115 | 18.30 | 35.44 |
| 90 to 99 | 124 | 19.74 | 55.18 |
| 100 to 109 | 109 | 17.34 | 72.50 |
| 110 to 119 | 65 | 10.31 | 82.83 |
| 120 to 129 | 6 | .90 | 83.73 |
| 130 to 139 | 3 | .45 | 84.18 |
| 140 to 149 | 1 | .15 | 84.33 |
| 150 to 159 | 0 | .00 | 84.33 |
| 160 and over | 0 | .00 | 84.33 |
| Not available | 95 | 15.15 | 99.48 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 | |

Note: Test scores obtained from either the revised Beta or the Chicago Non-Verbal Test of Mental Ability.

TABLE 11

MAJOR OFFENSES OF INCARCERATED
FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Offense | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Murder | 126 | 20.09 |
| Sexual assault | 2 | .31 |
| Assault | 7 | 1.11 |
| Robbery | 95 | 15.15 |
| Burglary | 65 | 10.36 |
| Larceny | 81 | 12.91 |
| Forgery | 59 | 9.40 |
| Fraud | 22 | 3.50 |
| Drugs | 123 | 19.61 |
| Others | 15 | 2.30 |
| Not available | 32 | 5.10 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

Table 12 illustrates the length of sentence received in 5-year increments. The median sentence length was 5 years which was also the most frequent sentence length (21.8%). Over 75% of the female offenders received a sentence 10 years or under. There were 14 (2.2%) female offenders serving a life sentence.

Table 13 illustrates the number of offenses committed by the incarcerated female offenders. Approximately 58% of the female offenders had committed a single offense, over 22% had committed two offenses, and under 20% had committed three offenses or more.

PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY

The number of probated sentences of incarcerated female offenders is shown in Table 14. Over 38% of the female offenders had no previous probated sentences while over 36% of the female offenders had one probated sentence. Approximately 5% of this female population had two or more probated sentences.

Table 15 shows the number of prior confinements in TDC of the female offenders. Approximately 16% of the females had at least one prior confinement in TDC. Table 16 illustrates the number of prior confinements of the female offenders in other prisons. Over 5% of the females had one or more confinements in other prisons and over 12% of the

TABLE 12

LENGTH OF MAXIMUM SENTENCE RECEIVED BY INCARCERATED
FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Length of Sentence | Number of Inmates | Percent Inmates | Cumulative Percent |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Less than 1 year | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 1 to 5 years | 310 | 49.42 | 49.42 |
| 6 to 10 years | 166 | 26.44 | 75.86 |
| 11 to 15 years | 46 | 7.31 | 83.17 |
| 16 to 20 years | 29 | 4.59 | 87.76 |
| 21 to 25 years | 19 | 3.02 | 90.78 |
| 26 to 30 years | 13 | 2.07 | 92.85 |
| 31 to 35 years | 4 | .63 | 93.48 |
| 36 to 40 years | 4 | .63 | 94.11 |
| 41 to 45 years | 3 | .47 | 94.58 |
| 46 to 50 years | 10 | 1.59 | 96.17 |
| 51 to 55 years | 1 | .15 | 96.32 |
| 56 to 60 years | 1 | .15 | 96.47 |
| 61 to 65 years | 1 | .15 | 96.62 |
| 66 to 70 years | 1 | .15 | 96.77 |
| 71 to 75 years | 2 | .31 | 97.08 |
| 76 to 80 years | 0 | .00 | 97.08 |
| 81 years or greater | 3 | .47 | 97.55 |
| Life sentence | 14 | 2.23 | 99.78 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 | |

TABLE 13

NUMBER OF OFFENSES OF INCARCERATED
FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Number of Offenses | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates | Cumulative Percent |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 365 | 58.21 | 58.21 |
| 2 | 142 | 22.64 | 80.85 |
| 3 | 54 | 8.61 | 89.46 |
| 4 | 28 | 4.46 | 93.92 |
| 5 | 14 | 2.23 | 96.15 |
| 6 | 15 | 2.39 | 98.54 |
| 7 | 6 | .95 | 99.49 |
| 8 | 2 | .31 | 99.80 |
| More than 8 | 1 | .15 | 99.95 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 | |

TABLE 14

NUMBER OF PROBATED SENTENCES OF INCARCERATED
FEMALE OFFENERS

| Number of Probated Sentences | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates | Cumulative Percent |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 0 | 364 | 58.05 | 58.05 |
| 1 | 230 | 36.68 | 94.73 |
| 2 | 28 | 4.46 | 99.19 |
| 3 | 4 | .63 | 99.82 |
| 4 | 0 | .00 | 99.82 |
| 5 | 0 | .00 | 99.82 |
| More than 5 | 0 | .00 | 99.82 |
| Not available | 1 | .15 | 99.97 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 | |

TABLE 15

PRIOR CONFINEMENTS IN TDC
OF INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Number of Confinements | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 0 | 526 | 83.89 |
| 1 | 74 | 11.80 |
| 2 | 20 | 3.18 |
| 3 | 6 | .95 |
| 4 | 1 | .15 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

TABLE 16

PRIOR CONFINEMENTS IN OTHER PRISONS OF
 INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Number of Confinements | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 0 | 592 | 94.41 |
| 1 | 28 | 4.46 |
| 2 | 6 | .95 |
| Not available | 1 | .15 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

females had one or more prior confinements in a reformatory (Table 17).

INSTITUTIONAL BEHAVIOR

The segregative classifications for this female population is illustrated in Table 18. Over 63% of the female offenders were first offenders and approximately 30% were recidivists. The largest classification groups were first offenders over 26 years old (32%), recidivists over 25 years old (17%), and first offenders between 22 and 25 years old (16%).

The current parole status of incarcerated female offenders is depicted in Table 19. Approximately 34% of the females were under review considerations by the Board of Pardons and Paroles while about 31% of this female population's initial review was pending. Over 6% of the female offenders received a serve all from the Board of Pardons and Paroles which means they will serve the remainder of their sentences without any further consideration for parole.

Table 20 shows the number of times in solitary confinement for this female population. Approximately 73% of the females had not been in solitary confinement and almost 14% of the females had been in solitary confinement one time. Over 13% of the females had been in solitary confinement two or more times.

TABLE 17

PRIOR CONFINEMENTS IN REFORMATORIES OF
INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Number of Confinements | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 0 | 542 | 86.44 |
| 1 | 55 | 8.77 |
| 2 | 13 | 2.07 |
| 3 | 11 | 1.75 |
| 4 | 3 | .47 |
| Not available | 3 | .47 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

TABLE 18

SEGREGATIVE CLASSIFICATION OF
INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Segregation Class | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| First offenders, age 17-21 | 88 | 14.03 |
| First offenders 22-25 | 106 | 16.90 |
| First offenders 26-over | 202 | 32.21 |
| Recidivists 17-21 | 27 | 4.30 |
| Recidivists 22-25 | 33 | 5.26 |
| Recidivists 25-over | 111 | 17.70 |
| Habituals 25-over | 14 | 2.23 |
| Malcontents any age | 0 | .00 |
| Not available | 46 | 7.33 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

TABLE 19

CURRENT PAROLE STATUS OF INCARCERATED
FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Parole Status | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Initial Review Pending | 199 | 31.73 |
| Under Review Consideration | 218 | 34.76 |
| Subsequent Review Date | 141 | 22.48 |
| Serve All | 40 | 6.37 |
| Not available | 29 | 4.60 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

TABLE 20

NUMBER OF TIMES IN SOLITARY
OF INCARCERATED FEMALE OFFENDERS

| Times In | Number Inmates | Percent Inmates |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 0 | 457 | 72.88 |
| 1 | 87 | 13.87 |
| 2 | 35 | 5.58 |
| 3 | 15 | 2.39 |
| 4 | 13 | 2.07 |
| 5 | 7 | 1.11 |
| 6 | 6 | .95 |
| 7 | 3 | .47 |
| 8 | 2 | .31 |
| More than 10 | 2 | .31 |
| TOTAL | 627 | 100.00 |

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITY

The treatment program at the Goree Facility offers an opportunity for the female offenders to participate in various activities during their confinement.

Modern dance and art classes are provided for the inmate population. Those with talent and a desire to learn are free to participate in these classes. A band as well as a choral group further add to talent opportunities for the Goree inmate.

Library services are available to all inmates. The library has been up-dated and catalogued and many new books added to the collection. In addition a law library has been set up for the use of the inmates. A lawyer and legal secretary have offices on the unit to provide needed legal assistance.

The counseling program provides both group and individual therapy. Five full time counselors and one correctional officer staff the groups. Rational problem: solving and individual decision making are stressed with the groups. Usually about two hundred inmates participate.

Goree has an active group in an Alcoholics Anonymous program. The membership of this group is comprised of narcotic addicts as well as alcoholics. A full time counselor devotes her time to this program.

Another agency contributing to Goree's treatment program is the State Department of Welfare. One of their family counselors has offices on the Goree Unit and advises the inmates concerning welfare programs for their families and children.

Goree's work release and work furlough programs provide incentives for the inmate to help herself financially while still under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Corrections.

A variety of activities which provide fun and relaxation as well as an opportunity to pursue a hobby have been organized for the evenings at Goree. Inmates are encouraged to select and to attend an activity of their choice. Included in these activities are needlecraft, crocheting, knitting, embroidery, quilting, canasta, bridge, 42, chess, pinochle, dominoes, checkers, scrabble, and others.

Competitive outdoor sports are available to the inmates on Saturday, Sunday and holiday afternoons. The health program is concerned primarily with developing and improving health habits and improving health knowledge so as to enrich the lives of those involved as well as their families. The physical education program strives to teach skills and knowledge so the inmate can develop an acceptable leisure time activity.

The pre-release program at Goree is designed to bridge the gap between confinement and free society. Six months

prior to her date of discharge, the inmate is promoted to the pre-release program. One month prior to her release, she begins to attend lectures of special interest to her. Speakers from the community who are experts in their field participate in this program. The topics chosen are those which will be most important to the inmate when she is released. During her last month of confinement, the inmate may attend church services in town if she wishes. Special outings are also planned for this period to help reacquaint the inmate with the sensation and responsibilities of freedom.

Approximately 608 females were enrolled in the Windham School District for the Fiscal Year 1973-1974; 62% of these females were Negro, 22% were Caucasian, and 16% of them were Mexican-American. Over 71% of these females were under 30 years old. About 16% of the female inmates were enrolled in the GED Program and 7% had completed requirements for obtaining the GED.

"TYPICAL" FEMALE OFFENDER

The characteristics of a "typical" female offender in the Texas Department of Corrections are described below. It is important to mention that this character description was largely derived from modal values from the variable distributions and is by no means representative of a known female offender.

The "typical" female offender in the Texas Department
of Corrections:

- ✓ 1. Is Negro.
- ✓ 2. Is 28 years old. ± 2
- ✓ 3. Is presently married.
4. Has one or more children.
- ✓ 5. Was born in Texas.
- ✓ 6. Resides in either Harris or Dallas County.
- ✓ 7. Was convicted in either Harris or Dallas County.
- 8. Is a Protestant.
- ✓ 9. Is a first offender over 26 years of age.
10. Has an Intelligence Quotient of 92. *85 to 100*
11. Has completed the ninth grade.
- ✓ 12. Was sentenced for either murder or a drug offense.
- ✓ 13. Was committed for one offense.
- ✓ 14. Is serving a 5-year sentence. \pm
15. Has not served a prior probated sentence.
16. Has not been in TDC or any prison or reformatory prior to present confinement.
17. Has a good discipline record while in the Department of Corrections.

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