

## CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1977

Of the total 3,626 first commitments to the Youth Authority in 1977, 3,457 were males and 169 were females. The males were divided 55/45 percent between juvenile and adult court commitments, while the females were divided 65/35 percent. Forty-one percent of the males and 49 percent of the females were committed for offenses against persons. Sixty-one percent of all commitments were minorities and the median age at commitment was 17.9 years. Los Angeles County committed slightly over one-third of all commitments. More than half of the wards came from large families, reporting four or more siblings.

### Personal Data

Ten percent of the wards were classified 1-2's, 58 percent 1-3's, and 32 percent 1-4's. Almost half of the 1-3's were Cfm's (immature conformists) -- the most common 1-level classification. Most of the 1-4's, in about equal proportion, were Na's (neurotic acting-out) and Nx's (anxious neurotics). About 11 percent of the newly committed wards had physical handicaps. The majority of wards used alcohol to some extent, usage being excessive for 17 percent of the males and 16 percent of the females. The major reported problem in ward adjustment was peer group influence.

### Employment and Education

Twenty percent of the males and 7 percent of the females were employed at least part-time. More males than females were in the job market (64 percent of the males compared to 49 percent of the females). Almost one-fourth of the wards were in their last year of school or had graduated.

### Living Situation

Seventy-four percent of the male wards and 62 percent of the female wards were living with their parents at the time of commitment. Only 6 percent of the males were living in group or foster homes in contrast to 13 percent of the females.

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Sixty percent of all wards were living with only one of their natural parents. Less than one-third of the males and one-fifth of the females lived with both of their natural parents. The parents of about 9 percent of the wards had never been married.

The parents and siblings of half of the wards had no known delinquent or criminal record. However, 17 percent of the females and 8 percent of the males had both siblings and parents with delinquent or criminal records.

Over half of the wards came from financially adequate homes. However, in almost one-third of the homes, half or more of the family income came from public assistance.

Almost three-fourths of all first commitments came from homes in moderately or highly delinquent neighborhoods.

#### Commitment Data

Seven percent of both males and females had three or more co-offenders. Alcohol was involved in the commitment offense of 31 percent of the males and 19 percent of the females. Drugs were involved in about 22 percent of the male commitment offenses and 23 percent of the females. Weapons were more frequently involved in the commitment offenses of males (39 percent) than of females (32 percent).

#### Prior History

Approximately two-thirds of males and one-half of the females had had five or more delinquency contacts prior to commitment. The elapsed time between a first delinquent contact and a first Youth Authority commitment was 42 months. Median age at first delinquent contact was 14 years. Eighteen percent of the males and 12 percent of the females had a history of escapes.

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| Characteristics                | Total |       | Males |       |                |       |                |       | Females                      |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
|                                |       |       | Total |       | Juvenile court |       | Criminal court |       | Juvenile and criminal courts |       |
|                                | No.   | %     | No.   | %     | No.            | %     | No.            | %     | No.                          | %     |
| Total first admissions         | 3,626 |       | 3,457 |       | 1,904          |       | 1,553          |       | 169                          |       |
| Court.....                     | 3,626 | 100.0 | 3,457 | 100.0 | 1,904          | 100.0 | 1,553          | 100.0 | 169                          | 100.0 |
| Juvenile court.....            | 2,013 | 55.5  | 1,904 | 55.1  | 1,904          | 100.0 |                |       | 109                          | 64.5  |
| Criminal court.....            | 1,613 | 44.5  | 1,553 | 44.9  |                |       | 1,553          | 100.0 | 60                           | 35.5  |
| Area of commitment.....        | 3,626 | 100.0 | 3,457 | 100.0 | 1,904          | 100.0 | 1,553          | 100.0 | 169                          | 100.0 |
| Southern California.....       | 2,079 | 57.4  | 1,999 | 57.8  | 1,080          | 56.7  | 919            | 59.2  | 80                           | 47.3  |
| Los Angeles.....               | 1,251 | 34.5  | 1,219 | 35.3  | 637            | 33.5  | 582            | 37.5  | 32                           | 18.9  |
| San Diego.....                 | 225   | 6.2   | 212   | 6.1   | 128            | 6.7   | 84             | 5.4   | 13                           | 7.7   |
| 8 other counties.....          | 603   | 16.7  | 568   | 16.4  | 315            | 16.5  | 253            | 16.3  | 35                           | 20.7  |
| San Francisco Bay Area.....    | 857   | 23.6  | 808   | 23.4  | 437            | 23.0  | 371            | 23.9  | 49                           | 29.0  |
| Alameda.....                   | 200   | 5.5   | 190   | 5.5   | 105            | 5.5   | 85             | 5.5   | 10                           | 5.9   |
| San Francisco.....             | 183   | 5.0   | 168   | 4.9   | 118            | 6.2   | 50             | 3.2   | 15                           | 8.9   |
| Santa Clara.....               | 269   | 7.4   | 258   | 7.5   | 103            | 5.4   | 155            | 10.0  | 11                           | 6.5   |
| 6 other counties.....          | 205   | 5.7   | 192   | 5.5   | 111            | 5.9   | 81             | 5.2   | 13                           | 7.7   |
| Sacramento Valley.....         | 218   | 6.0   | 210   | 6.1   | 126            | 6.6   | 84             | 5.4   | 8                            | 4.7   |
| San Joaquin Valley.....        | 313   | 8.6   | 294   | 8.5   | 176            | 9.2   | 118            | 7.6   | 19                           | 11.3  |
| 22 other counties.....         | 159   | 4.4   | 146   | 4.2   | 85             | 4.5   | 61             | 3.9   | 13                           | 7.7   |
| Commitment offense.....        | 3,626 | 100.0 | 3,457 | 100.0 | 1,904          | 100.0 | 1,553          | 100.0 | 169                          | 100.0 |
| Offenses against persons.....  | 1,492 | 41.2  | 1,409 | 40.8  | 788            | 41.4  | 621            | 40.0  | 83                           | 49.1  |
| Offenses against property..... | 1,607 | 44.3  | 1,556 | 45.0  | 792            | 41.6  | 764            | 49.2  | 51                           | 30.2  |
| Narcotic and drug offenses.... | 92    | 2.5   | 79    | 2.3   | 26             | 1.4   | 53             | 3.4   | 13                           | 7.7   |
| W & I Code violations.....     | 130   | 3.6   | 123   | 3.5   | 123            | 6.4   |                |       | 7                            | 4.1   |
| Other.....                     | 305   | 8.4   | 290   | 8.4   | 175            | 9.2   | 115            | 7.4   | 15                           | 8.9   |
| Ethnic Group.....              | 3,626 | 100.0 | 3,457 | 100.0 | 1,904          | 100.0 | 1,553          | 100.0 | 169                          | 100.0 |
| White.....                     | 1,427 | 39.3  | 1,366 | 39.5  | 698            | 36.7  | 668            | 43.0  | 61                           | 36.1  |
| Spanish-speaking/surnamed..... | 927   | 25.6  | 884   | 25.6  | 535            | 28.1  | 349            | 22.5  | 43                           | 25.5  |
| Black.....                     | 1,161 | 32.0  | 1,103 | 31.9  | 615            | 32.3  | 488            | 31.4  | 58                           | 34.3  |
| Other.....                     | 111   | 3.1   | 104   | 3.0   | 56             | 2.9   | 48             | 3.1   | 7                            | 4.1   |
| Median age in years.....       | 17.9  |       | 18.0  |       | 16.9           |       | 19.5           |       | 17.5                         |       |
| Ward's marital status.....     | 3,549 | 100.0 | 3,382 | 100.0 | 1,853          | 100.0 | 1,529          | 100.0 | 167                          | 100.0 |
| Never married.....             | 3,434 | 96.8  | 3,277 | 96.9  | 1,844          | 99.5  | 1,433          | 93.7  | 157                          | 94.0  |
| Presently married.....         | 86    | 2.4   | 81    | 2.4   | 7              | 0.4   | 74             | 4.9   | 5                            | 3.0   |
| No longer married.....         | 29    | 0.8   | 24    | 0.7   | 2              | 0.1   | 22             | 1.4   | 5                            | 3.0   |
| Ward's children.....           | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883          | 100.0 | 1,540          | 100.0 | 167                          | 100.0 |
| None or unknown.....           | 3,291 | 91.7  | 3,160 | 92.3  | 1,814          | 96.3  | 1,346          | 87.4  | 131                          | 100.0 |
| One.....                       | 249   | 6.9   | 216   | 6.3   | 63             | 3.4   | 153            | 9.9   | 33                           | 19.8  |
| Two or more.....               | 50    | 1.4   | 47    | 1.4   | 6              | 0.3   | 41             | 2.7   | 3                            | 1.8   |

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|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
|                      |       |       | Total |       | Juvenile court |       | Criminal court |       | Juvenile and criminal courts |       |
|                      | No.   | %     | No.   | %     | No.            | %     | No.            | %     | No.                          | %     |
| Ward's Siblings..... | 3,583 | 100.0 | 3,416 | 100.0 | 1,877          | 100.0 | 1,539          | 100.0 | 167                          | 100.0 |
| None.....            | 254   | 7.1   | 243   | 7.1   | 129            | 6.9   | 114            | 7.4   | 11                           | 6.6   |
| One.....             | 400   | 11.2  | 378   | 11.1  | 195            | 10.4  | 183            | 11.9  | 22                           | 13.2  |
| Two.....             | 497   | 13.9  | 477   | 14.0  | 284            | 15.1  | 193            | 12.5  | 20                           | 12.0  |
| Three.....           | 611   | 17.0  | 585   | 17.1  | 322            | 17.2  | 263            | 17.1  | 26                           | 15.5  |
| Four or more.....    | 1,821 | 50.8  | 1,733 | 50.7  | 947            | 50.4  | 786            | 51.1  | 88                           | 52.7  |

## PERSONAL DATA

|                            |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |       |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| Religion.....              | 2,849 | 100.0 | 2,732 | 100.0 | 1,591 | 100.0 | 1,141 | 100.0 | 117 | 100.0 |
| Catholic.....              | 1,289 | 45.3  | 1,235 | 45.2  | 739   | 46.5  | 496   | 43.5  | 54  | 46.1  |
| Protestant.....            | 1,505 | 52.8  | 1,447 | 53.0  | 834   | 52.4  | 613   | 53.7  | 58  | 49.6  |
| Other.....                 | 55    | 1.9   | 50    | 1.8   | 18    | 1.1   | 32    | 2.8   | 5   | 4.3   |
| I-Level.....               | 2,795 | 100.0 | 2,702 | 100.0 | 1,466 | 100.0 | 1,236 | 100.0 | 93  | 100.0 |
| I-2.....                   | 276   | 9.9   | 262   | 9.7   | 139   | 9.5   | 123   | 10.0  | 14  | 15.1  |
| Unspecified.....           | 30    | 1.1   | 30    | 1.1   | 14    | 1.0   | 16    | 1.3   | -   | -     |
| Aa.....                    | 69    | 2.5   | 63    | 2.3   | 44    | 3.0   | 19    | 1.6   | 6   | 6.5   |
| Ap.....                    | 177   | 6.3   | 169   | 6.3   | 81    | 5.5   | 88    | 7.1   | 8   | 8.6   |
| I-3.....                   | 1,616 | 57.8  | 1,576 | 58.3  | 876   | 59.7  | 700   | 56.6  | 40  | 43.0  |
| Unspecified.....           | 1     | -     | 1     | -     | 1     | -     | -     | -     | -   | -     |
| Cfm.....                   | 767   | 27.4  | 750   | 27.7  | 375   | 25.6  | 375   | 30.3  | 17  | 18.3  |
| Cfc.....                   | 418   | 15.0  | 410   | 15.2  | 226   | 15.4  | 184   | 14.9  | 8   | 8.6   |
| Mp.....                    | 430   | 15.4  | 415   | 15.4  | 274   | 18.7  | 141   | 11.4  | 15  | 16.1  |
| I-4.....                   | 903   | 32.3  | 864   | 32.0  | 451   | 30.8  | 413   | 33.4  | 39  | 41.9  |
| Unspecified.....           | 2     | 0.1   | 2     | 0.1   | 2     | 0.2   | -     | -     | -   | -     |
| Na.....                    | 422   | 15.1  | 401   | 14.8  | 215   | 14.7  | 186   | 15.1  | 21  | 22.6  |
| Nx.....                    | 398   | 14.2  | 381   | 14.1  | 204   | 13.9  | 177   | 14.3  | 17  | 18.3  |
| Ci.....                    | 27    | 1.0   | 27    | 1.0   | 12    | 0.8   | 15    | 1.2   | -   | -     |
| Se.....                    | 54    | 1.9   | 53    | 2.0   | 18    | 1.2   | 35    | 2.8   | 1   | 1.0   |
| Physical handicaps.....    | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883 | 100.0 | 1,540 | 100.0 | 167 | 100.0 |
| None or unknown.....       | 3,200 | 89.1  | 3,044 | 88.9  | 1,709 | 90.8  | 1,335 | 86.7  | 156 | 93.4  |
| Handicap present.....      | 390   | 10.9  | 379   | 11.1  | 174   | 9.2   | 205   | 13.3  | 11  | 6.6   |
| Overall alcohol usage..... | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883 | 100.0 | 1,540 | 100.0 | 167 | 100.0 |
| None or unknown.....       | 851   | 23.7  | 812   | 23.7  | 528   | 28.0  | 284   | 18.5  | 39  | 23.3  |
| Slight-moderate.....       | 2,119 | 59.0  | 2,017 | 58.9  | 1,077 | 57.2  | 940   | 61.0  | 102 | 61.1  |
| Excessive.....             | 620   | 17.3  | 594   | 17.4  | 278   | 14.8  | 316   | 20.5  | 26  | 15.6  |
| Registration required..... | 3,521 | 100.0 | 3,355 | 100.0 | 1,848 | 100.0 | 1,507 | 100.0 | 166 | 100.0 |
| No.....                    | 3,438 | 97.6  | 3,276 | 97.6  | 1,835 | 99.3  | 1,441 | 95.6  | 162 | 97.6  |
| Yes.....                   | 83    | 2.4   | 79    | 2.4   | 13    | 0.7   | 66    | 4.4   | 4   | 2.4   |

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|                       |       |       | Total |       | Juvenile court |       | Criminal court |       | Juvenile and criminal courts |       |
|                       | No.   | %     | No.   | %     | No.            | %     | No.            | %     | No.                          | %     |
| Major problem.....    | 2,872 | 100.0 | 2,737 | 100.0 | 1,533          | 100.0 | 1,204          | 100.0 | 135                          | 100.0 |
| None.....             | 38    | 1.3   | 36    | 1.3   | 21             | 1.4   | 15             | 1.3   | 2                            | 1.5   |
| Employment.....       | 170   | 5.9   | 167   | 6.1   | 56             | 3.6   | 111            | 9.2   | 3                            | 2.2   |
| Family conflicts..... | 244   | 8.5   | 231   | 8.4   | 162            | 10.5  | 69             | 5.7   | 13                           | 9.6   |
| School.....           | 93    | 3.3   | 89    | 3.3   | 67             | 4.4   | 22             | 1.8   | 4                            | 3.0   |
| Drugs/Alcohol.....    | 411   | 14.3  | 388   | 14.2  | 113            | 7.4   | 275            | 22.9  | 23                           | 17.0  |
| Peer influence.....   | 1,229 | 42.8  | 1,177 | 43.0  | 711            | 46.4  | 466            | 38.7  | 52                           | 38.5  |
| Mental/Emotional..... | 687   | 23.9  | 649   | 23.7  | 403            | 26.3  | 246            | 20.4  | 38                           | 28.2  |

## EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

|                                 |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| Employment status.....          | 3,011 | 100.0 | 2,871 | 100.0 | 1,612 | 100.0 | 1,259 | 100.0 | 140 | 100.0 |
| Not in job market.....          | 1,094 | 36.4  | 1,022 | 35.6  | 819   | 50.8  | 203   | 16.1  | 72  | 51.4  |
| Unemployed.....                 | 1,331 | 44.2  | 1,273 | 44.3  | 595   | 36.9  | 678   | 53.9  | 58  | 41.4  |
| Employed part-time.....         | 302   | 10.0  | 298   | 10.4  | 144   | 8.9   | 154   | 12.2  | 4   | 2.9   |
| Employed full-time.....         | 284   | 9.4   | 278   | 9.7   | 54    | 3.4   | 224   | 17.8  | 6   | 4.3   |
| Job Skills.....                 | 2,942 | 100.0 | 2,806 | 100.0 | 1,556 | 100.0 | 1,250 | 100.0 | 136 | 100.0 |
| Unskilled.....                  | 2,308 | 78.5  | 2,195 | 78.2  | 1,381 | 88.7  | 814   | 65.1  | 113 | 83.1  |
| Partly skilled.....             | 616   | 20.9  | 593   | 21.1  | 166   | 10.7  | 427   | 34.2  | 23  | 16.9  |
| Highly skilled.....             | 18    | 0.6   | 18    | 0.7   | 9     | 0.6   | 9     | 0.7   | -   | -     |
| Grade last enrolled.....        | 3,386 | 100.0 | 3,230 | 100.0 | 1,776 | 100.0 | 1,454 | 100.0 | 156 | 100.0 |
| Grades 1-9.....                 | 555   | 16.4  | 512   | 15.8  | 377   | 21.2  | 135   | 9.3   | 43  | 27.5  |
| Grade 10.....                   | 894   | 26.4  | 846   | 26.2  | 590   | 33.2  | 256   | 17.6  | 48  | 30.8  |
| Grade 11.....                   | 1,191 | 35.2  | 1,155 | 35.8  | 579   | 32.6  | 576   | 39.6  | 36  | 23.1  |
| Grade 12.....                   | 480   | 14.2  | 458   | 14.2  | 178   | 10.0  | 280   | 19.3  | 22  | 14.1  |
| High School graduate or college | 266   | 7.8   | 259   | 8.0   | 52    | 3.0   | 207   | 14.2  | 7   | 4.5   |

## LIVING SITUATION

|                                  |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| Placement before commitment..... | 3,033 | 100.0 | 2,897 | 100.0 | 1,627 | 100.0 | 1,270 | 100.0 | 136 | 100.0 |
| Parents.....                     | 2,231 | 73.6  | 2,147 | 74.1  | 1,308 | 80.4  | 839   | 66.1  | 84  | 61.8  |
| Relatives.....                   | 260   | 8.6   | 251   | 8.7   | 110   | 6.8   | 141   | 11.1  | 9   | 6.6   |
| Foster/group home.....           | 198   | 6.5   | 180   | 6.2   | 160   | 9.8   | 20    | 1.6   | 18  | 13.2  |
| Independent.....                 | 344   | 11.3  | 319   | 11.0  | 49    | 3.0   | 270   | 21.2  | 25  | 18.4  |
| Parent configuration.....        | 3,068 | 100.0 | 2,928 | 100.0 | 1,636 | 100.0 | 1,292 | 100.0 | 140 | 100.0 |
| None.....                        | 201   | 6.6   | 184   | 6.3   | 40    | 2.4   | 144   | 11.1  | 17  | 12.1  |
| One natural parent.....          | 1,842 | 60.0  | 1,759 | 60.1  | 1,060 | 64.8  | 699   | 54.1  | 83  | 59.3  |
| Both natural parents.....        | 860   | 28.0  | 833   | 28.4  | 451   | 27.6  | 382   | 29.6  | 27  | 19.3  |
| Substitutes only.....            | 165   | 5.4   | 152   | 5.2   | 85    | 5.2   | 67    | 5.2   | 13  | 9.3   |

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|                                                    |       |       | Total |       | Juvenile court |       | Criminal court |       | Juvenile and criminal courts |       |
|                                                    | No.   | %     | No.   | %     | No.            | %     | No.            | %     | No.                          | %     |
| Parents' marital status.....                       | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883          | 100.0 | 1,540          | 100.0 | 167                          | 100.0 |
| Unknown.....                                       | 79    | 2.2   | 75    | 2.2   | 39             | 2.1   | 36             | 2.3   | 4                            | 2.4   |
| Never married.....                                 | 314   | 8.8   | 292   | 8.5   | 194            | 10.3  | 98             | 6.4   | 22                           | 13.2  |
| Presently married.....                             | 1,042 | 29.0  | 1,003 | 29.3  | 520            | 27.6  | 483            | 31.4  | 39                           | 23.3  |
| No longer married.....                             | 2,155 | 60.0  | 2,053 | 60.0  | 1,130          | 60.0  | 923            | 59.9  | 102                          | 61.1  |
| Criminal record of family members                  | 2,652 | 100.0 | 2,526 | 100.0 | 1,464          | 100.0 | 1,062          | 100.0 | 126                          | 100.0 |
| None.....                                          | 1,299 | 49.0  | 1,241 | 49.1  | 651            | 44.5  | 590            | 55.6  | 58                           | 46.0  |
| Parents only.....                                  | 208   | 7.8   | 197   | 7.8   | 130            | 8.9   | 67             | 6.3   | 11                           | 8.7   |
| Siblings only.....                                 | 918   | 34.6  | 882   | 34.9  | 536            | 36.6  | 346            | 32.6  | 36                           | 28.6  |
| Both.....                                          | 227   | 8.6   | 206   | 8.2   | 147            | 10.0  | 59             | 5.5   | 21                           | 16.7  |
| Income level of home.....                          | 2,879 | 100.0 | 2,750 | 100.0 | 1,572          | 100.0 | 1,178          | 100.0 | 129                          | 100.0 |
| Less than adequate.....                            | 1,334 | 46.3  | 1,265 | 46.0  | 756            | 48.1  | 509            | 43.2  | 69                           | 53.5  |
| Adequate.....                                      | 1,424 | 49.5  | 1,369 | 49.8  | 755            | 48.0  | 614            | 52.1  | 55                           | 42.6  |
| More than adequate.....                            | 121   | 4.2   | 116   | 4.2   | 61             | 3.9   | 55             | 4.7   | 5                            | 3.9   |
| Family income from public assistance.....          | 2,773 | 100.0 | 2,646 | 100.0 | 1,523          | 100.0 | 1,123          | 100.0 | 127                          | 100.0 |
| None.....                                          | 1,679 | 60.5  | 1,614 | 61.0  | 846            | 55.5  | 768            | 68.4  | 65                           | 51.2  |
| Less than half.....                                | 249   | 9.0   | 236   | 8.9   | 161            | 10.6  | 75             | 6.7   | 13                           | 10.2  |
| Half or more.....                                  | 845   | 30.5  | 796   | 30.1  | 516            | 33.9  | 280            | 24.9  | 49                           | 38.6  |
| Economic aspects of immediate neighborhood.....    | 2,963 | 100.0 | 2,827 | 100.0 | 1,595          | 100.0 | 1,232          | 100.0 | 136                          | 100.0 |
| Above average.....                                 | 187   | 6.3   | 177   | 6.3   | 98             | 6.1   | 79             | 6.4   | 10                           | 7.4   |
| Average.....                                       | 1,489 | 50.3  | 1,426 | 50.4  | 751            | 47.1  | 675            | 54.8  | 63                           | 46.3  |
| Below average.....                                 | 1,287 | 43.4  | 1,224 | 43.3  | 746            | 46.8  | 478            | 38.8  | 63                           | 46.3  |
| Delinquency aspects of immediate neighborhood..... | 2,957 | 100.0 | 2,820 | 100.0 | 1,587          | 100.0 | 1,233          | 100.0 | 137                          | 100.0 |
| Non-delinquent.....                                | 170   | 5.7   | 154   | 5.5   | 84             | 5.3   | 70             | 5.7   | 16                           | 11.7  |
| Minimally delinquent.....                          | 657   | 22.2  | 633   | 22.4  | 343            | 21.6  | 290            | 23.5  | 24                           | 17.5  |
| Moderately delinquent.....                         | 1,164 | 39.4  | 1,111 | 39.4  | 601            | 37.9  | 510            | 41.4  | 53                           | 38.7  |
| Highly delinquent.....                             | 966   | 33.7  | 922   | 32.7  | 559            | 35.2  | 363            | 29.4  | 44                           | 32.1  |

## COMMITMENT DATA

|                           |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |     |       |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| Co-offenders.....         | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883 | 100.0 | 1,540 | 100.0 | 167 | 100.0 |
| None or unknown.....      | 1,770 | 49.3  | 1,679 | 49.1  | 897   | 47.6  | 782   | 50.8  | 91  | 54.5  |
| One or two.....           | 1,569 | 43.7  | 1,504 | 43.9  | 827   | 43.9  | 677   | 44.0  | 65  | 38.9  |
| Three or more.....        | 251   | 7.0   | 240   | 7.0   | 159   | 8.5   | 81    | 5.2   | 11  | 6.6   |
| Alcohol with offense..... | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883 | 100.0 | 1,540 | 100.0 | 167 | 100.0 |
| No or unknown.....        | 2,495 | 69.5  | 2,359 | 68.9  | 1,414 | 75.1  | 945   | 61.4  | 136 | 81.4  |
| Yes.....                  | 1,095 | 30.5  | 1,064 | 31.1  | 469   | 24.9  | 595   | 38.6  | 31  | 18.6  |

# CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1977

## By Sex and Court of Commitment

| Characteristics              | Total |       | Males |       |                |       |                |       | Females                      |       |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
|                              |       |       | Total |       | Juvenile court |       | Criminal court |       | Juvenile and criminal courts |       |
|                              | No.   | %     | No.   | %     | No.            | %     | No.            | %     | No.                          | %     |
| With offense.....            | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883          | 100.0 | 1,540          | 100.0 | 167                          | 100.0 |
| or unknown.....              | 2,790 | 77.7  | 2,662 | 77.8  | 1,537          | 81.6  | 1,125          | 73.1  | 128                          | 76.6  |
| .....                        | 800   | 22.3  | 761   | 22.2  | 346            | 18.4  | 415            | 26.9  | 39                           | 23.4  |
| Persons with offense.....    | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883          | 100.0 | 1,540          | 100.0 | 167                          | 100.0 |
| No or unknown.....           | 2,217 | 61.8  | 2,103 | 61.4  | 1,163          | 61.8  | 940            | 61.0  | 114                          | 68.3  |
| Yes.....                     | 1,373 | 38.2  | 1,320 | 38.6  | 720            | 38.2  | 600            | 39.0  | 53                           | 31.7  |
| Staff recommendations.....   | 3,589 | 100.0 | 3,422 | 100.0 | 1,882          | 100.0 | 1,540          | 100.0 | 167                          | 100.0 |
| Parole.....                  | 160   | 4.5   | 151   | 4.4   | 59             | 3.1   | 92             | 6.0   | 9                            | 5.4   |
| Institution.....             | 3,367 | 93.8  | 3,209 | 93.8  | 1,812          | 96.3  | 1,397          | 90.7  | 158                          | 94.6  |
| DOH-CRC-CMF and "other"..... | 62    | 1.7   | 62    | 1.8   | 11             | 0.6   | 51             | 3.3   | -                            | -     |

## PRIOR HISTORY

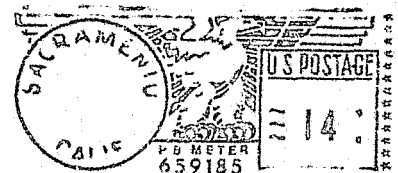
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|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Dependency contacts.....                                      | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883 | 100.0 | 1,540 | 100.0 | 167  | 100.0 |
| None or unknown.....                                          | 3,441 | 95.9  | 3,296 | 96.3  | 1,786 | 94.8  | 1,510 | 98.0  | 145  | 86.8  |
| One.....                                                      | 119   | 3.3   | 101   | 3.0   | 77    | 4.1   | 24    | 1.6   | 18   | 10.8  |
| Two or more.....                                              | 30    | 0.8   | 26    | 0.7   | 20    | 1.1   | 6     | 0.4   | 4    | 2.4   |
| Out-of-home placements.....                                   | 2,795 | 100.0 | 2,666 | 100.0 | 1,532 | 100.0 | 1,134 | 100.0 | 129  | 100.0 |
| None.....                                                     | 1,788 | 64.0  | 1,722 | 64.6  | 928   | 60.6  | 794   | 70.0  | 66   | 51.2  |
| One.....                                                      | 472   | 16.9  | 450   | 16.9  | 266   | 17.4  | 184   | 16.2  | 22   | 17.0  |
| Two or more.....                                              | 535   | 19.1  | 494   | 18.5  | 338   | 22.0  | 156   | 13.8  | 41   | 31.8  |
| Delinquency contacts.....                                     | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883 | 100.0 | 1,540 | 100.0 | 167  | 100.0 |
| None or unknown.....                                          | 252   | 7.0   | 232   | 6.8   | 88    | 4.7   | 144   | 9.3   | 20   | 11.9  |
| One.....                                                      | 245   | 6.8   | 222   | 6.5   | 73    | 3.9   | 149   | 9.7   | 23   | 13.8  |
| Two.....                                                      | 259   | 7.2   | 247   | 7.2   | 110   | 5.8   | 137   | 8.9   | 12   | 7.2   |
| Three.....                                                    | 309   | 8.6   | 292   | 8.5   | 121   | 6.4   | 171   | 11.1  | 17   | 10.2  |
| Four.....                                                     | 285   | 8.0   | 268   | 7.8   | 139   | 7.4   | 129   | 8.4   | 17   | 10.2  |
| Five or more.....                                             | 2,240 | 62.4  | 2,162 | 63.2  | 1,352 | 71.8  | 810   | 52.6  | 78   | 46.7  |
| Median age at first delinquency contact.....                  | 14.0  |       | 14.0  |       | 13.1  |       | 15.2  |       | 14.2 |       |
| Median months from first delin. contact to YA commitment..... | 41.6  |       | 41.8  |       | 39.7  |       | 44.2  |       | 34.4 |       |
| Delinquency commitments.....                                  | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883 | 100.0 | 1,540 | 100.0 | 167  | 100.0 |
| None or unknown.....                                          | 1,366 | 38.1  | 1,272 | 37.2  | 599   | 31.8  | 673   | 43.7  | 94   | 56.3  |
| One.....                                                      | 1,124 | 31.3  | 1,088 | 31.8  | 653   | 34.7  | 435   | 28.3  | 36   | 21.5  |
| Two.....                                                      | 611   | 17.0  | 594   | 17.3  | 367   | 19.5  | 227   | 14.7  | 17   | 10.2  |
| Three or more.....                                            | 489   | 13.6  | 469   | 13.7  | 264   | 14.0  | 205   | 13.3  | 20   | 12.0  |

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By Sex and Court of Commitment

| Characteristics                                | Total |       | Males |       |                |       |                |       | Females                      |       |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|------------------------------|-------|
|                                                |       |       | Total |       | Juvenile court |       | Criminal court |       | Juvenile and criminal courts |       |
|                                                | No.   | %     | No.   | %     | No.            | %     | No.            | %     | No.                          | %     |
| Median age at first delinquent commitment..... | 15.7  |       | 15.7  |       | 15.1           |       | 17.4           |       | 14.7                         |       |
| Prior record.....                              | 3,624 | 100.0 | 3,455 | 100.0 | 1,899          | 100.0 | 1,556          | 100.0 | 169                          | 100.0 |
| None or unknown.....                           | 286   | 7.9   | 264   | 7.6   | 104            | 5.5   | 160            | 10.3  | 22                           | 13.0  |
| No commitments.....                            | 1,114 | 30.7  | 1,040 | 30.1  | 511            | 26.9  | 529            | 34.0  | 74                           | 43.8  |
| 1-2 contacts.....                              | 345   | 9.5   | 319   | 9.2   | 132            | 6.9   | 187            | 12.0  | 26                           | 15.4  |
| 3-5 contacts.....                              | 366   | 10.1  | 340   | 9.9   | 159            | 8.4   | 181            | 11.6  | 26                           | 15.4  |
| 6 or more contacts.....                        | 403   | 11.1  | 381   | 11.0  | 220            | 11.6  | 161            | 10.4  | 22                           | 13.0  |
| One commitment.....                            | 1,124 | 31.0  | 1,088 | 31.5  | 653            | 34.4  | 435            | 27.9  | 36                           | 21.3  |
| 1-2 contacts.....                              | 139   | 3.8   | 130   | 3.8   | 47             | 2.5   | 83             | 5.3   | 9                            | 5.3   |
| 3-5 contacts.....                              | 320   | 8.8   | 311   | 9.0   | 161            | 8.5   | 150            | 9.6   | 9                            | 5.3   |
| 6 or more contacts.....                        | 665   | 18.4  | 647   | 18.7  | 445            | 23.4  | 202            | 13.0  | 18                           | 10.7  |
| Two or more commitments.....                   | 1,100 | 30.4  | 1,063 | 30.8  | 631            | 33.2  | 432            | 27.8  | 37                           | 21.9  |
| Escapes.....                                   | 3,590 | 100.0 | 3,423 | 100.0 | 1,883          | 100.0 | 1,540          | 100.0 | 167                          | 100.0 |
| None or unknown.....                           | 2,940 | 81.9  | 2,793 | 81.6  | 1,403          | 74.5  | 1,390          | 90.3  | 147                          | 88.0  |
| One or more.....                               | 650   | 18.1  | 630   | 18.4  | 480            | 25.5  | 150            | 9.7   | 20                           | 12.0  |

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