

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE STUDY

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## INTRODUCTION

A study of the petitions filed at the Ada County Juvenile Detention Center during 1975, was begun by the Idaho Law Enforcement Planning Commission Research Unit in August of 1976. Initial data compilation was completed and, due to the vast quantity of data, the decision was made to analyze the various elements on a computer. Data was recoded by staff onto forms used by the Data Processing Center at the Department of Law Enforcement to enter on magnetic tape. The computer tape was then taken to the Computer Center of the State Auditor's Office and a program written to extract requested data for this report. This initial report illustrates what can be obtained from the current computer program. Not included in this report, but available upon request, is information regarding specific crimes by age and sex, some time spans, detentions, custodies, limited prior records, evidentiaries, and arresting agencies.

The Supreme Court Annual Report for 1975 lists 1,805 petitions filed in Ada County in that year. LEPC staff was unable to locate approximately 20 files which accounted for an unknown number of petitions. The majority of these juveniles had turned 18 and the files moved from the Ada County Detention Center for storage in the Ada County Courthouse and could not be found.

The Law Enforcement Planning Commission expresses appreciation to Judge Warren H. Gilmore, Trial Court Administrator, Fourth Judicial District; to Grant Yee, Assistant Trial Court Administrator, Fourth Judicial District; and to Mrs. Dorothy Mousetis, Director, Ada County Detention Center.

A total of 1,716 petitions filed during 1975 at the Ada County Detention Center were studied by the Law Enforcement Planning Commission Research Unit. Of the 1,716 petitions, 60 were the result of amended petitions which had been refiled by the prosecutor. For the remainder of this report, the 60 amended refilings were excluded since they did not involve new charges brought by police, probation officers or school officials. Many juveniles had more than one petition filed during 1975, but each of the 1,656 petitions was counted as a new case entering juvenile court.

The 1,656 petitions were analyzed as a total, then analyzed by the following four categories: males petitioned, females petitioned, status offenses petitioned\*, and criminal offenses petitioned. One male juvenile case was transferred to adult court on criminal charges.

Table I shows the 1,656 petitions by males, females, and ages. The most frequent age for females appearing in juvenile court in 1975, was 15 years of age, decreasing quite rapidly during ages 16 and 17. Male juveniles, almost doubling each year from ages 9 through 13, showed a yearly increase through age 16, dropping only 1% in the 17 year old age group. Nearly 75% of the males who had petitions filed were ages 15, 16, and 17. This data from Ada County shows a similarity to statewide arrest data for the same year; of the females arrested, more were age 15, and of the males arrested, more were age 17.

Of the 1,656 charges filed with the Court, 517 (31.2%) were dismissed upon the recommendation of either the prosecutor or the juvenile probation officer with no hearing before the Court. After interviewing the juvenile and his parents or guardian, occasionally the probation officer felt that the problem could be resolved at home, and there was no need for the Court to become involved, or the prosecutor recommended dismissal of a charge if, for example, a juvenile had committed a new offense before a pending case reached disposition.

Also included in this category of dismissals without a formal hearing are those cases from other states and jurisdictions. Runaways were detained until parents or guardians either came to pick them up or arranged for transportation; some offenders were transferred to courts in the counties of residence.

A policy of the Ada County Detention Center is to allow juvenile probation officers the discretion of placing juvenile offenders on an informal probation period lasting approximately six months. The juvenile, usually a first-time offender and/or charged with a lesser offense, is given an opportunity to clear his record. The juvenile does not appear before the Court, but must admit his guilt in the interview with the probation officer. During the probationary period, the juvenile must adhere to specific conditions (refrain from further illegal activities, attend school regularly, comply with work placement programs, etc.). If the conditions are met, the charge is dismissed. This informal probation, for purposes of this report, is referred to as the consent decree.

\*Status offenses are those offenses committed by juveniles that would not be offenses if committed by an adult; e.g., runaway, truancy, beyond control, curfew, etc.

TABLE I  
 PETITIONS FILED BY AGE AND SEX  
 ADA COUNTY DETENTION CENTER  
 January-December, 1975

Age	Male	%*	Female	%*	Total	%*
5	1	0.09	0	0.0	1	0.06
6	3	0.26	0	0.0	3	0.18
7	2	0.17	0	0.0	2	0.12
8	2	0.17	0	0.0	2	0.12
9	3	0.26	6	1.3	9	0.54
10	8	0.69	0	0.0	8	0.48
11	22	1.9	7	1.5	29	1.8
12	41	3.5	20	4.2	61	3.7
13	83	7.1	49	10.2	132	8.0
14	148	12.7	86	17.9	234	14.3
15	238	20.5	146	30.5	384	23.4
16	312	26.8	95	19.8	407	24.8
17	300	25.8	70	14.6	370	22.5
Unknown	12		2		14	
Total	1,175	99.9**	481	100.0	1,656	100.0

\*The unknowns were not used in figuring percentages.  
 \*\*Percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding.

The following charts depict the flow of the petitions through the Court component of the Ada County Juvenile Justice System. The System, as represented by the charts, is the same for each chart, with the numbers dependent upon the specific class of petitions analyzed: total, male, female, criminal and status. (For this study only these classes were analyzed; other classifications are available upon request.) There are two charts for each class, A and B. Each set of charts has the same numbers; the A-charts reflect input percentages (based on the starting number) and the B-charts reflect decision point percentages (based on the number entering each branch). Following each set of charts some points of interest are listed.

FIGURE 1-A.

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

SYSTEM RATES MODEL

1975 PETITIONS FILED - INPUT PERCENTAGES

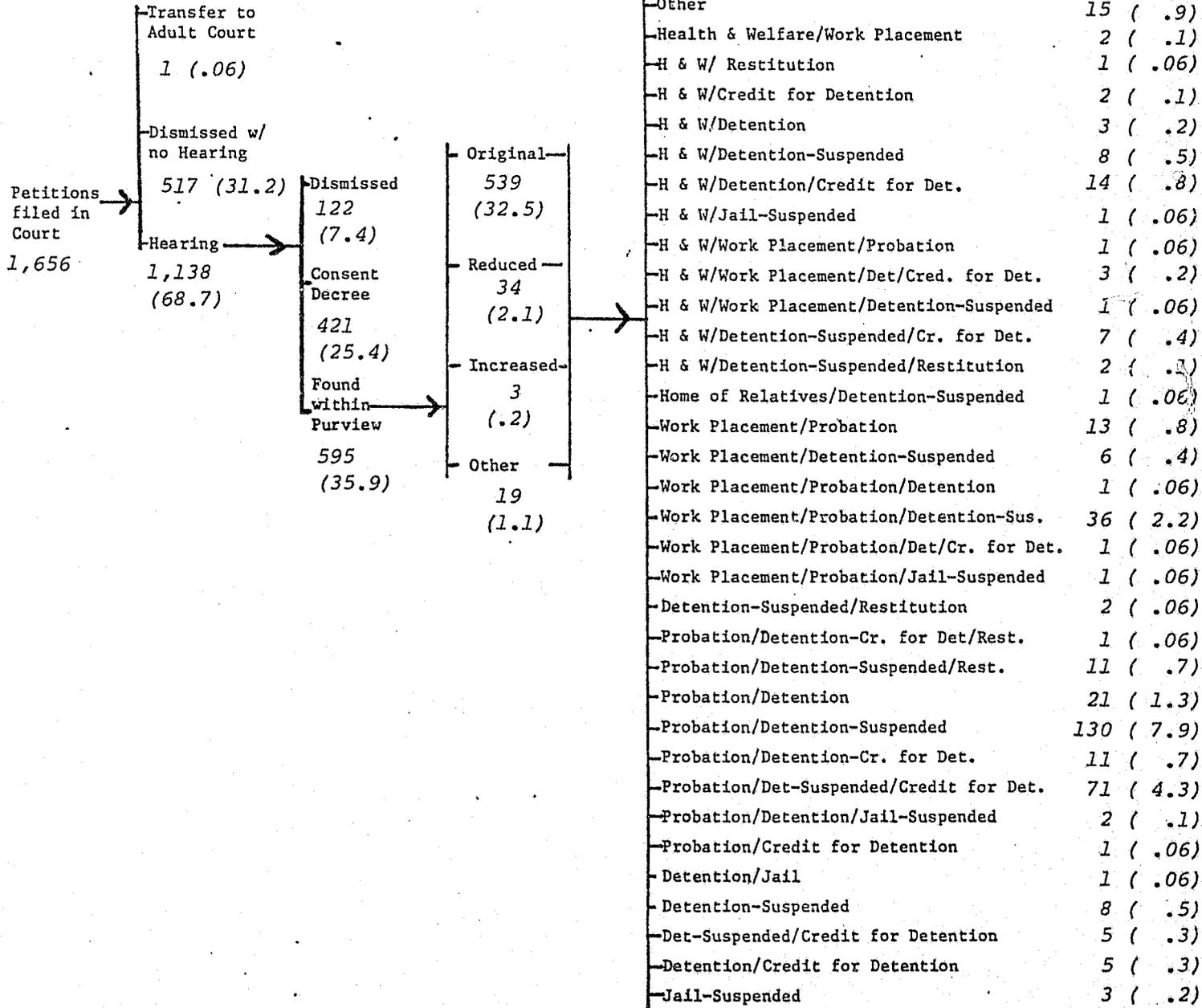


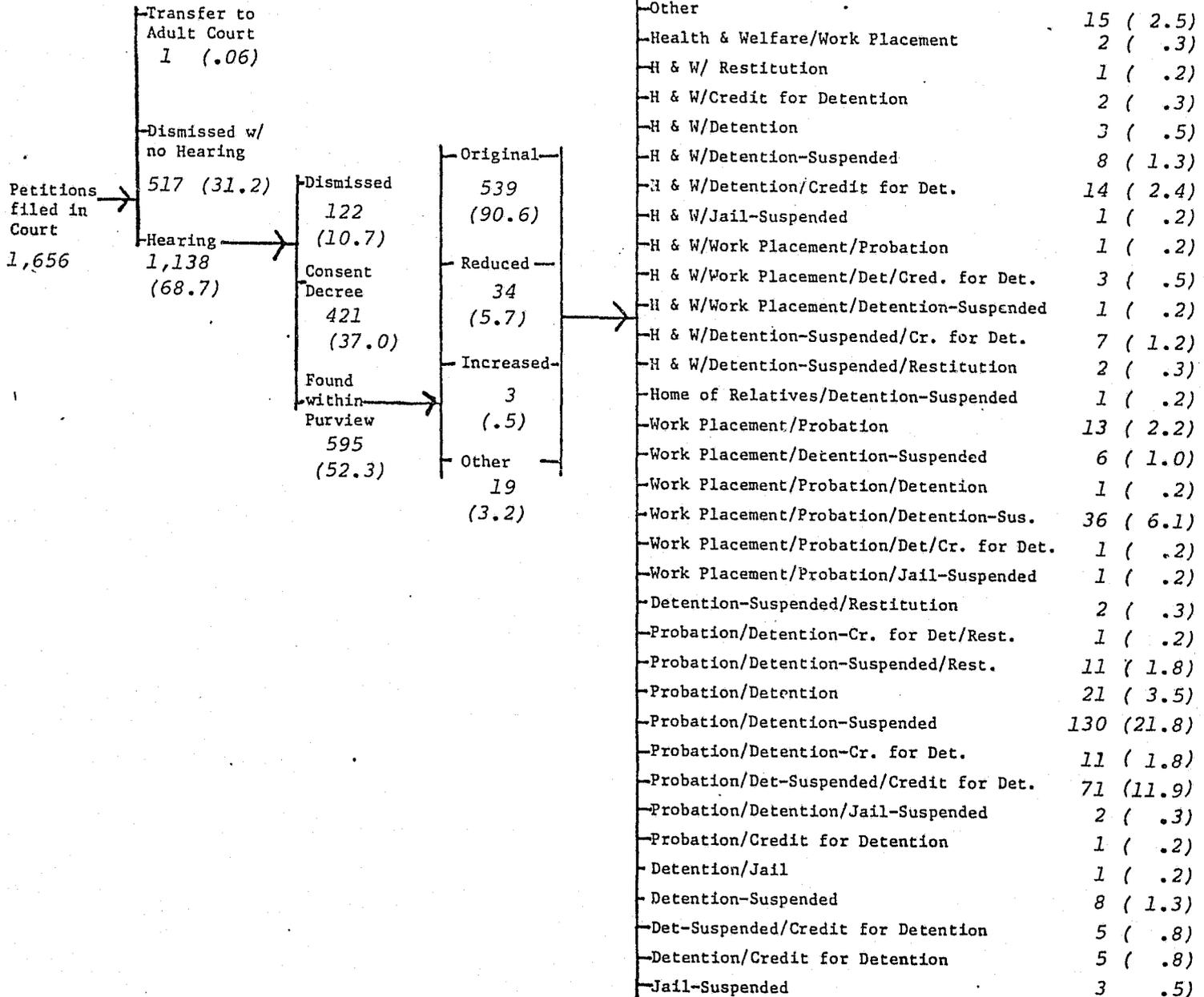
FIGURE 1-B

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

SYSTEM RATE STUDY

TOTAL 1975 PETITIONS FILED - DECISION POINT

PERCENTAGES



## POINTS OF INTEREST

### Figures 1A and 1B -

Of the 1,656 petitions filed, 1,138 (68.7%) were heard by the Court. The remaining 31.3% were either dismissed with no hearing before the Court or transferred to adult court.

Of the 1,138 with a hearing, the Court dismissed 122 (10.7%), with 595 subsequently found within the purview of the Youth Rehabilitation Act (YRA). Thus 52.3% of the 1,138 or 35.9% of the original 1,656 were found within the purview of the YRA.

The number of petitions which resulted in consent decrees was 421 (37% of the 1,138 or 25.4% of the original 1,656).

For those found within the purview of the YRA (595), the final charge was the same as the original for 90.6%.

Probation as a single condition of the sentencing process was imposed relatively few times, but was given frequently in combinations of sentences.

One hundred fifty (150) were placed with Health and Welfare with no other conditions imposed by the Court (25.2% of the 595 or 9.1% of the 1,656).

The total number referred to Health and Welfare including combinations of sentences was 195 (32.7% of the total found within the purview of the YRA, 11.8% of the total petitions filed).

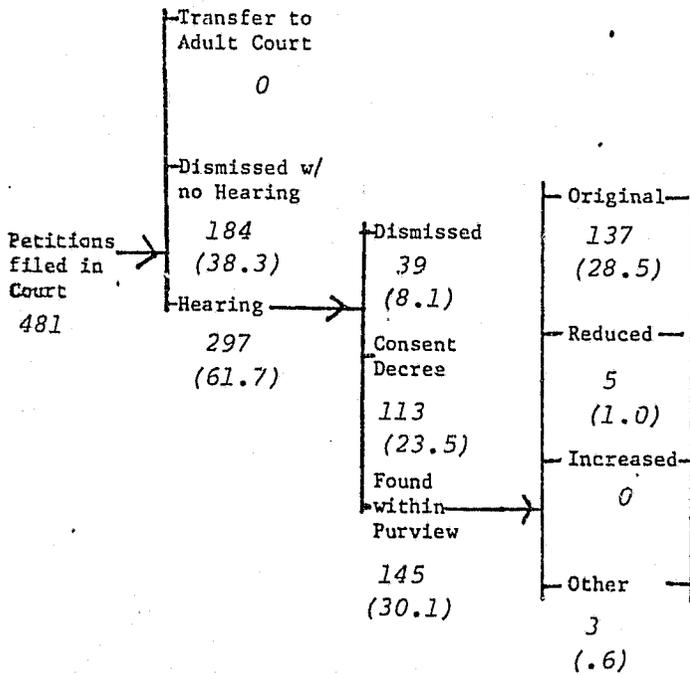
The sentencing combination used most frequently which did not involve Health and Welfare was probation/detention-suspended (21.8% of the 595).

FIGURE 2-A

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM RATES

MODEL

1975 FEMALE PETITIONS - INPUT PERCENTAGES



Health & Welfare	49 (10.2)
Foster Home	2 ( .4)
Group Home/In-State	1 ( .2)
Home of Relatives	0
Work Placement	1 ( .2)
Restitution	0
Probation	14 ( 2.9)
Detention	2 ( .4)
Jail	0
Other	3 ( .6)
Health & Welfare/Work Placement	0
H & W/ Restitution	0
H & W/Credit for Detention	0
H & W/Detention	0
H & W/Detention-Suspended	1 ( .2)
H & W/Detention/Credit for Det.	3 ( .6)
H & W/Jail-Suspended	0
H & W/Work Placement/Probation	0
H & W/Work Placement/Det/Cred. for Det.	0
H & W/Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	0
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Cr. for Det.	1 ( .2)
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Restitution	0
Home of Relatives/Detention-Suspended	1 ( .2)
Work Placement/Probation	3 ( .6)
Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	1 ( .2)
Work Placement/Probation/Detention	0
Work Placement/Probation/Detention-Sus.	1 ( .2)
Work Placement/Probation/Det/Cr. for Det.	1 ( .2)
Work Placement/Probation/Jail-Suspended	0
Detention-Suspended/Restitution	0
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det/Rest.	0
Probation/Detention-Suspended/Rest.	0
Probation/Detention	4 ( .8)
Probation/Detention-Suspended	27 ( 5.6)
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det.	5 ( 1.0)
Probation/Det-Suspended/Credit for Det.	22 ( 4.6)
Probation/Detention/Jail-Suspended	0
Probation/Credit for Detention	0
Detention/Jail	0
Detention-Suspended	1 ( .2)
Det-Suspended/Credit for Detention	0
Detention/Credit for Detention	2 ( .4)
Jail-Suspended	0

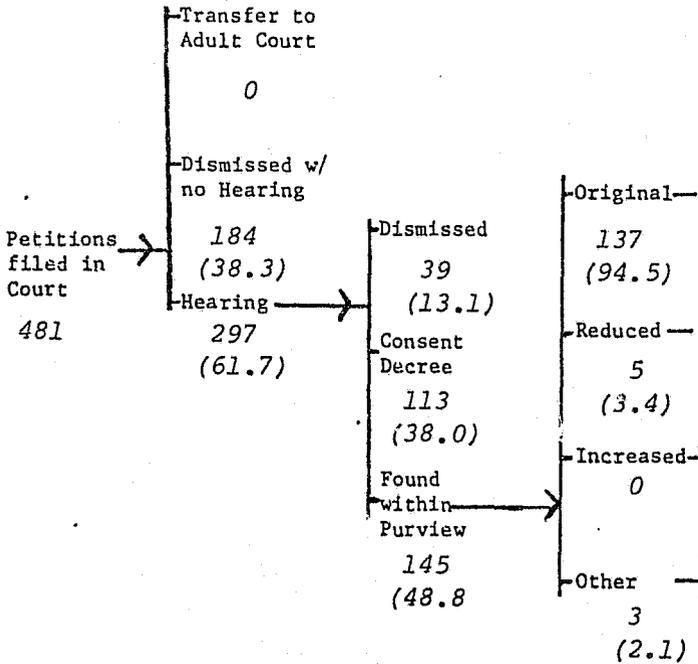
FIGURE 2-B

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM

RATES MODEL

1975 FEMALE PETITIONS -

DECISION POINT PERCENTAGES



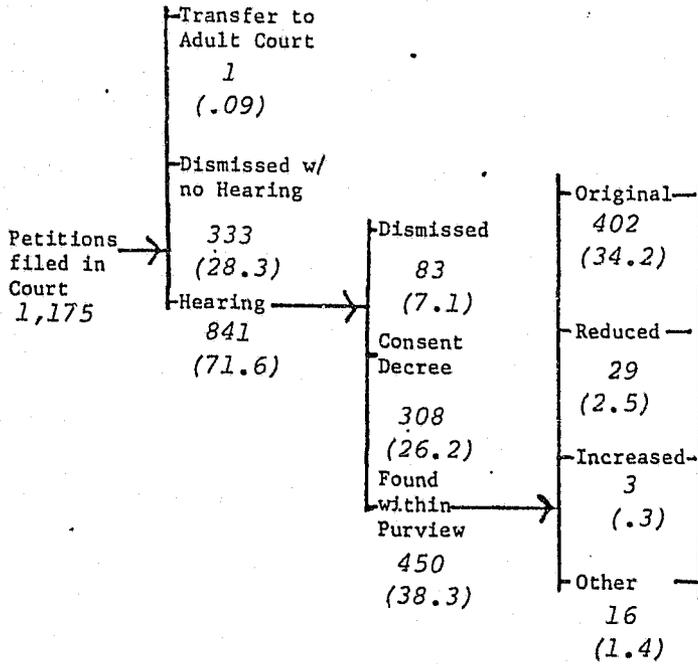
Health & Welfare	49 (33.8)
Foster Home	2 ( 1.4)
Group Home/In-State	1 ( .7)
Home of Relatives	0
Work Placement	1 ( .7)
Restitution	0
Probation	14 ( 9.7)
Detention	2 ( 1.4)
Jail	0
Other	3 ( 2.1)
Health & Welfare/Work Placement	0
H & W/ Restitution	0
H & W/Credit for Detention	0
H & W/Detention	0
H & W/Detention-Suspended	1 ( .7)
H & W/Detention/Credit for Det.	3 ( 2.1)
H & W/Jail-Suspended	0
H & W/Work Placement/Probation	0
H & W/Work Placement/Det/Cred. for Det.	0
H & W/Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	0
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Cr. for Det.	1 ( .7)
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Restitution	0
Home of Relatives/Detention-Suspended	1 ( .7)
Work Placement/Probation	3 ( 2.1)
Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	1 ( .7)
Work Placement/Probation/Detention	0
Work Placement/Probation/Detention-Sus.	1 ( .7)
Work Placement/Probation/Det./Cr. for Det.	1 ( .7)
Work Placement/Probation/Jail-Suspended	0
Detention-Suspended/Restitution	0
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det/Rest.	0
Probation/Detention-Suspended/Rest.	0
Probation/Detention	4 ( 2.8)
Probation/Detention-Suspended	27 (18.6)
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det.	5 ( 3.4)
Probation/Det-Suspended/Credit for Det.	22 (15.2)
Probation/Detention/Jail-Suspended	0
Probation/Credit for Detention	0
Detention/Jail	0
Detention-Suspended	1 ( .7)
Det-Suspended/Credit for Detention	0
Detention/Credit for Detention	2 ( 1.4)
Jail-Suspended	0

FIGURE 3-A

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM

RATES MODEL

1975 MALE PETITIONS - INPUT PERCENTAGES



Health & Welfare	101 ( 8.6)
Foster Home	0
Group Home/In-State	0
Home of Relatives	1 ( .09)
Work Placement	9 ( .8)
Restitution	1 ( .09)
Probation	10 ( .9)
Detention	11 ( .9)
Jail	2 ( .2)
Other	12 ( 1.0)
Health & Welfare/Work Placement	2 ( .2)
H & W/ Restitution	1 ( .09)
H & W/Credit for Detention	2 ( .2)
H & W/Detention	3 ( .3)
H & W/Detention-Suspended	7 ( .6)
H & W/Detention/Credit for Det.	11 ( .9)
H & W/Jail-Suspended	1 ( .09)
H & W/Work Placement/Probation	1 ( .09)
H & W/Work Placement/Det/Cred. for Det.	3 ( .3)
H & W/Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	1
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Cr. for Det.	6 ( .5)
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Restitution	2 ( .2)
Home of Relatives/Detention-Suspended	0
Work Placement/Probation	10 ( .9)
Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	5 ( .4)
Work Placement/Probation/Detention	1 ( .2)
Work Placement/Probation/Detention-Sus.	35 ( 3.0)
Work Placement/Probation/Det/Cr. for Det.	0
Work Placement/Probation/Jail-Suspended	1 ( .09)
Detention-Suspended/Restitution	2 ( .2)
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det/Rest.	1 ( .09)
Probation/Detention-Suspended/Rest.	11 ( .9)
Probation/Detention	17 ( 1.4)
Probation/Detention-Suspended	103 ( 8.8)
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det.	6 ( .5)
Probation/Det-Suspended/Credit for Det.	49 ( 4.2)
Probation/Detention/Jail-Suspended	2 ( .2)
Probation/Credit for Detention	3 ( .3)
Detention/Jail	1 ( .09)
Detention-Suspended	7 ( .6)
Det-Suspended/Credit for Detention	5 ( .4)
Detention/Credit for Detention	1 ( .09)
Jail-Suspended	3 ( .3)

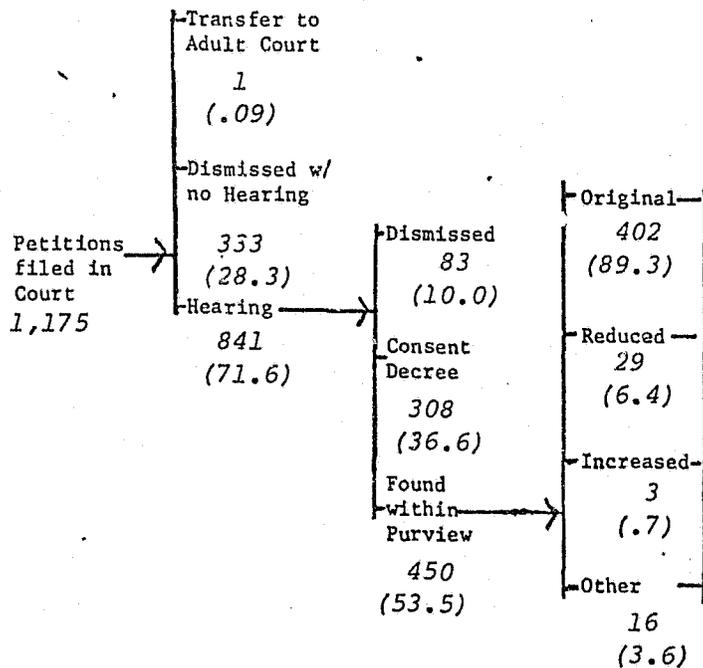
FIGURE 3-B

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM

RATES MODEL

1975 MALE PETITIONS - DECISION POINT

PERCENTAGES



Health & Welfare	101 (22.4)
Foster Home	0
Group Home/In-State	0
Home of Relatives	1 (.2)
Work Placement	9 (2.0)
Restitution	1 (.2)
Probation	10 (2.2)
Detention	11 (2.4)
Jail	11 (2.4)
Other	2 (.4)
Health & Welfare/Work Placement	12 (2.7)
H & W/ Restitution	2 (.4)
H & W/Credit for Detention	1 (.2)
H & W/Detention	2 (.4)
H & W/Detention-Suspended	3 (.7)
H & W/Detention-Credit for Det.	7 (1.6)
H & W/Detention/Credit for Det.	11 (2.4)
H & W/Jail-Suspended	1 (.2)
H & W/Work Placement/Probation	1 (.2)
H & W/Work Placement/Det/Cred. for Det.	1 (.2)
H & W/Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	3 (.7)
H & W/Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	1 (.2)
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Cr. for Det.	6 (1.3)
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Restitution	2 (.4)
Home of Relatives/Detention-Suspended	0
Work Placement/Probation	10 (2.2)
Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	5 (1.1)
Work Placement/Probation/Detention	1 (.2)
Work Placement/Probation/Detention-Sus.	35 (7.8)
Work Placement/Probation/Det/Cr. for Det.	0
Work Placement/Probation/Jail-Suspended	1 (.2)
Detention-Suspended/Restitution	2 (.4)
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det/Rest.	1 (.2)
Probation/Detention-Suspended/Rest.	11 (2.4)
Probation/Detention	17 (3.8)
Probation/Detention-Suspended	103 (22.9)
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det.	6 (1.3)
Probation/Det-Suspended/Credit for Det.	49 (10.9)
Probation/Detention/Jail-Suspended	2 (.4)
Probation/Credit for Detention	1 (.2)
Detention/Jail	1 (.2)
Detention-Suspended	7 (1.6)
Det-Suspended/Credit for Detention	5 (1.1)
Detention/Credit for Detention	3 (.7)
Jail-Suspended	3 (.7)

POINTS OF INTEREST - Males, Females

Figures 2A, 2B, 3A, and 3B -

Ten percent (10%) more females than males had petitions dismissed with no court hearing.

Dismissals after hearings resulted in 3% more dismissals for female petitions than male petitions.

For males and females found within the purview of the YRA, the percent of females placed with Health and Welfare with no other conditions imposed by the Court was 11% greater than for males.

Clearly, of the females found within the purview of the YRA, more of them were placed with Health & Welfare than any other disposition.

Of the males found within the purview of the YRA, Health & Welfare was not the most frequent disposition (138). The combined dispositions of probation/detention-suspended and probation/detention-suspended/credit for detention accounted for 152. These two dispositions are essentially the same, except 49 received credit for detention time.

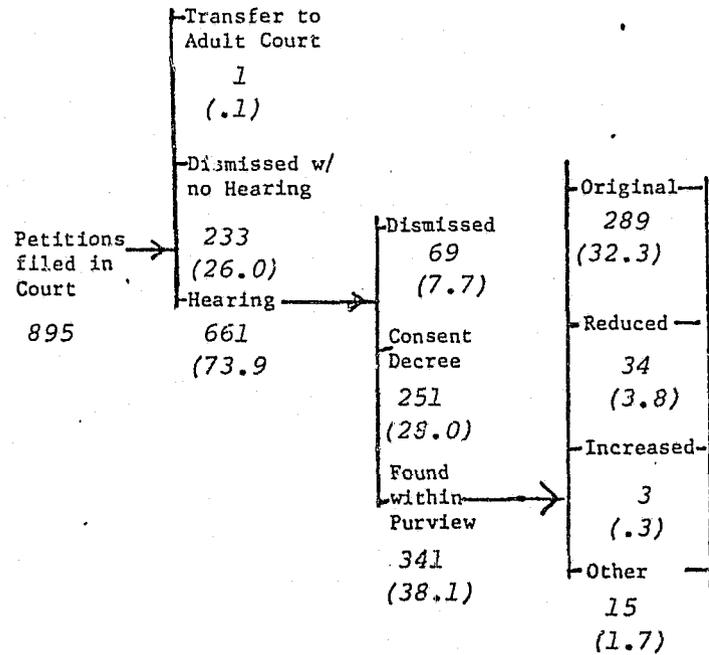
The ratio of male petitions to female petitions was 2.44.

FIGURE 4-A

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE SYSTEM

RATES MODEL

1975 CRIMINAL PETITIONS - INPUT PERCENTAGES



Health & Welfare	72 ( 8.0)
Foster Home	0
Group Home/In-State	0
Home of Relatives	0
Work Placement	4 ( .4)
Restitution	1 ( .1)
Probation	6 ( .7)
Detention	9 ( 1.0)
Jail	2 ( .2)
Other	13 ( 1.5)
Health & Welfare/Work Placement	1 ( .1)
H & W/ Restitution	1 ( .1)
H & W/Credit for Detention	2 ( .2)
H & W/Detention	3 ( .3)
H & W/Detention-Suspended	6 ( .7)
H & W/Detention/Credit for Det.	7 ( .8)
H & W/Jail-Suspended	1 ( .1)
H & W/Work Placement/Probation	1 ( .1)
H & W/Work Placement/Det/Cred. for Det.	0
H & W/Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	1 ( .1)
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Cr. for Det.	6 ( .7)
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Restitution	2 ( .2)
Home of Relatives/Detention-Suspended	0
Work Placement/Probation	5 ( .6)
Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	6 ( .7)
Work Placement/Probation/Detention	1 ( .1)
Work Placement/Probation/Detention-Sus.	25 ( 2.8)
Work Placement/Probation/Det/Cr. for Det.	0
Work Placement/Probation/Jail-Suspended	1 ( .1)
Detention-Suspended/Restitution	2 ( .2)
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det/Rest.	1 ( .1)
Probation/Detention-Suspended/Rest.	11 ( 1.2)
Probation/Detention	14 ( 1.6)
Probation/Detention-Suspended	85 ( 9.5)
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det.	5 ( .6)
Probation/Det-Suspended/Credit for Det.	32 ( 3.6)
Probation/Detention/Jail-Suspended	2 ( .2)
Probation/Credit for Detention	0
Detention/Jail	1 ( .1)
Detention-Suspended	5 ( .6)
Det-Suspended/Credit for Detention	3 ( .3)
Detention/Credit for Detention	1 ( .1)
Jail-Suspended	3 ( .3)

FIGURE 4-B

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE SYSTEM RATES

MODEL

1975 CRIMINAL PETITIONS - DECISION

POINT PERCENTAGES

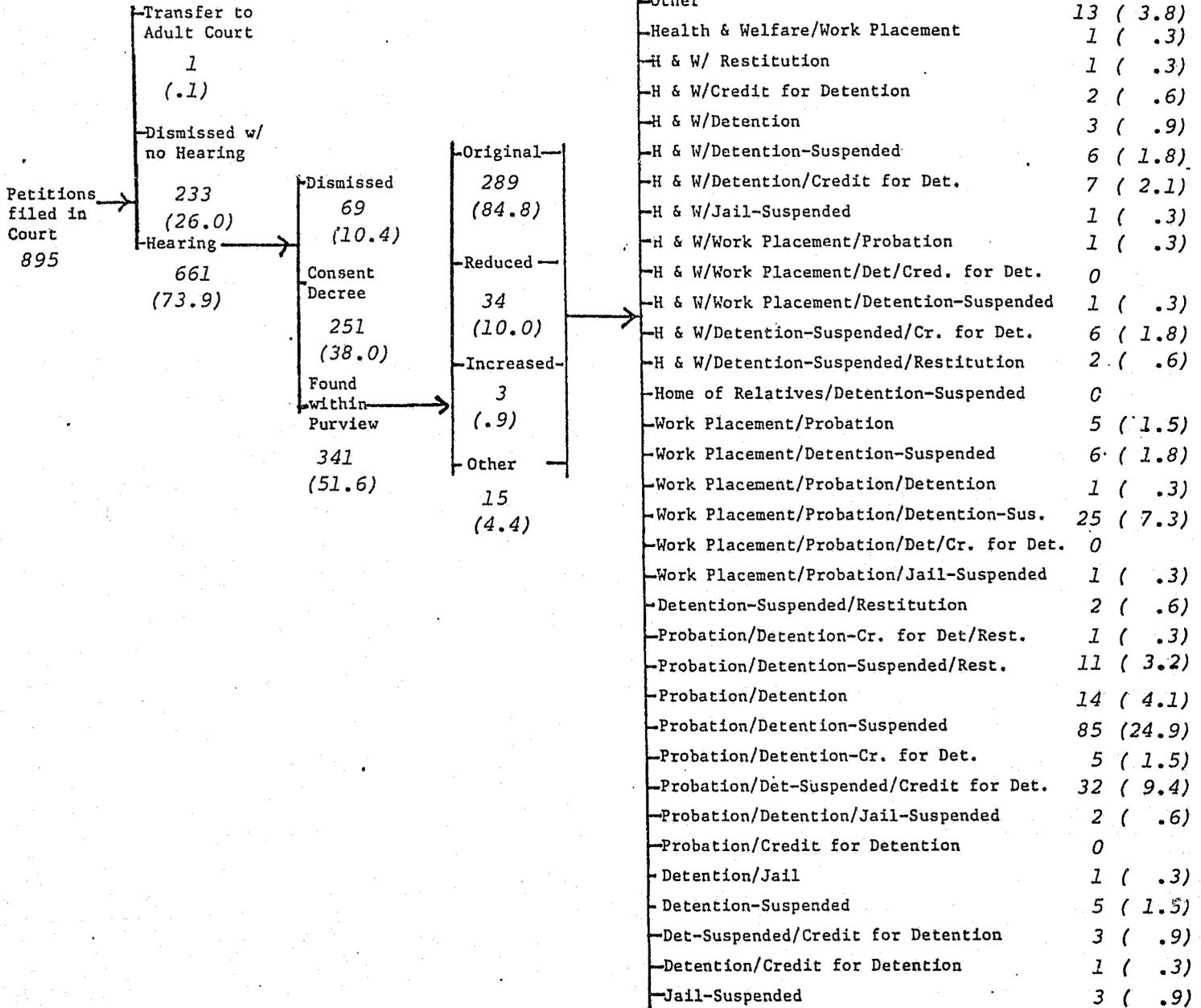
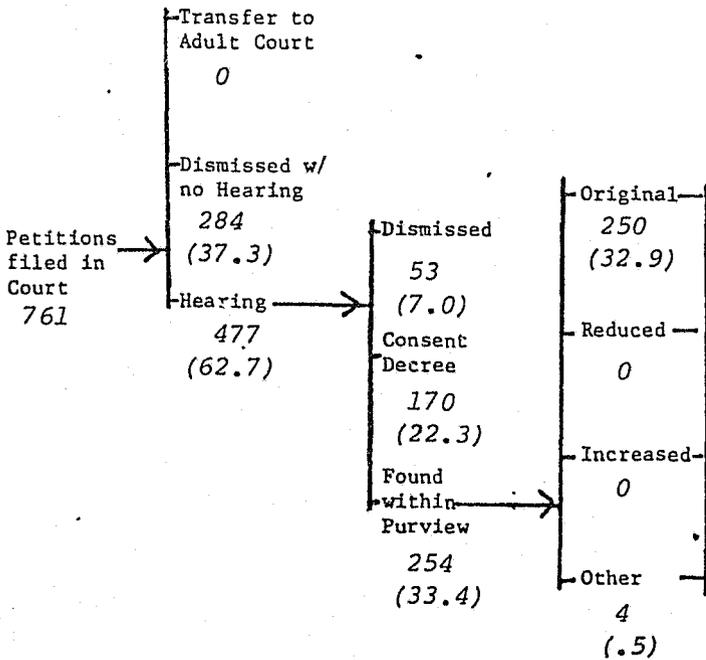


FIGURE 5-A

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE SYSTEM RATES

MODEL

1975 STATUS PETITIONS - INPUT PERCENTAGES



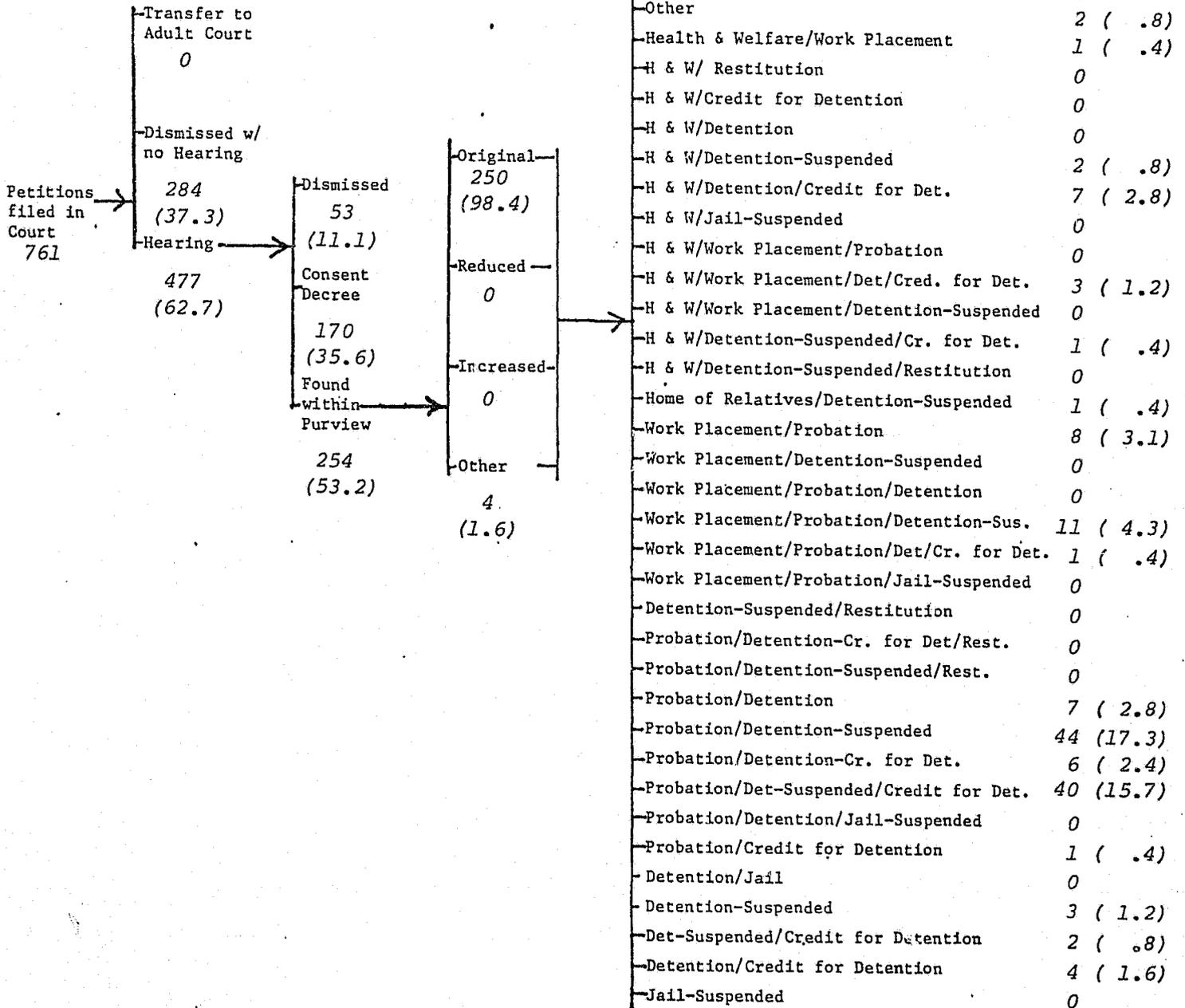
Health & Welfare	78 (10.2)
Foster Home	2 ( .3)
Group Home/In-State	1 ( .1)
Home of Relatives	1 ( .1)
Work Placement	6 ( .8)
Restitution	0
Probation	18 ( 2.4)
Detention	4 ( .5)
Jail	
Other	2 ( .3)
Health & Welfare/Work Placement	1 ( .1)
H & W/ Restitution	0
H & W/Credit for Detention	0
H & W/Detention	0
H & W/Detention-Suspended	2 ( .3)
H & W/Detention/Credit for Det.	7 ( .9)
H & W/Jail-Suspended	0
H & W/Work Placement/Probation	0
H & W/Work Placement/Det/Cred. for Det.	3 ( .4)
H & W/Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	0
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Cr. for Det.	1 ( .1)
H & W/Detention-Suspended/Restitution	0
Home of Relatives/Detention-Suspended	1 ( .1)
Work Placement/Probation	8 ( 1.1)
Work Placement/Detention-Suspended	0
Work Placement/Probation/Detention	0
Work Placement/Probation/Detention-Sus.	11 ( 1.4)
Work Placement/Probation/Det/Cr. for Det.	1 ( .1)
Work Placement/Probation/Jail-Suspended	0
Detention-Suspended/Restitution	0
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det/Rest.	0
Probation/Detention-Suspended/Rest.	0
Probation/Detention	7 ( .9)
Probation/Detention-Suspended	44 ( 5.8)
Probation/Detention-Cr. for Det.	6 ( .8)
Probation/Det-Suspended/Credit for Det.	40 ( 5.3)
Probation/Detention/Jail-Suspended	0
Probation/Credit for Detention	1 ( .1)
Detention/Jail	0
Detention-Suspended	3 ( .4)
Det-Suspended/Credit for Detention	2 ( .3)
Detention/Credit for Detention	4 ( .5)
Jail-Suspended	0

FIGURE 5-B

ADA COUNTY JUVENILE SYSTEM RATES MODEL

1975 STATUS PETITIONS -

DECISION POINT PERCENTAGES



POINTS OF INTEREST - Criminal-Status

Figures 4A, 4B, 5A, and 5B -

Filings of status and criminal petitions were nearly equally divided: 761 (46%) status, 895 (54%) criminal.

More status petitions were dismissed with no hearing before the Court than were criminal petitions (37.3% vs. 26%).

The percent of dismissals after a hearing before the Court was almost identical for both status and criminal petitions.

Criminal offenders received a slightly larger percentage of informal probations (consent decrees) than status offenders.

For almost all status offenders found within the purview of the YRA the charge was the same as the original.

Total Health and Welfare referrals for status offenders were 92 (36.2% of those found within the purview of the YRA); criminal offenders referred were 103 (30.2% of those found within the purview of the YRA).

The sentence of 136 status offenders involved detention (53.5% of those found within the purview of the YRA).

Table II gives the petitions that were dismissed after a hearing before the Court by males and females. Percentages were figured on numbers dismissed for each age category; unknown ages (12 males, 2 females) were excluded. For the age of most frequent involvement (age 16 for males, age 15 for females), dismissal percentages were quite high, 40.7% for males and 42.5% for females.

TABLE II  
 ADA COUNTY DETENTION CENTER  
 DISMISSALS  
 JANUARY-DECEMBER, 1975

Age	Males	Dismissed	%*	Females	Dismissed	%*
5	1	1	100.0	0	0	0.0
6	3	1	33.3	0	0	0.0
7	2	1	50.0	0	0	0.0
8	2	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
9	3	2	66.7	6	6	100.0
10	8	2	25.0	0	0	0.0
11	22	8	36.4	7	4	57.1
12	41	12	29.3	20	7	35.0
13	83	17	20.5	49	15	30.6
14	148	34	23.0	86	43	50.0
15	238	80	33.6	146	62	42.5
16	312	127	40.7	95	50	52.6
17	300	129	43.0	70	37	52.9
Total	1,163	414	35.6	479	224	46.8

\*Percentage of age group

As an indication of effectiveness, data was analyzed on the juveniles who were placed on informal probations between January and June 1975. Informal probations that were reviewed were inclusive of only those which occurred during the first six months of the year, so that all would have a full six months to successfully complete their probation. Of this group an analysis was made to determine the number re-entering the juvenile court during the six-month period. Males and females were analyzed separately, with totals presented as a conclusion to the narrative and again at the bottom of the flow chart to facilitate comparison.

ADA COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

INFORMAL PROBATIONS

January - June, 1975

MALES

During the first six months of 1975, 128 males were placed on an informal probation period. (One boy was given two informal probations for a grand total of 129 informal probations.)

The ages varied between nine and 17, as follows, with an average of 14.9 years:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
9	1	.8
10	2	1.6
11	1	.8
12	4	3.1
13	14	10.9
14	24	18.8
15	33	25.8
16	31	24.2
17	18	14.1
Total	128	100.1*

\*Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding.

The 98 criminal offenses for which informal probations were given were:

Petit larceny	30**	30.6%
Burglary	20	20.4
Possession of controlled substance	13	13.3
Interfering with motor vehicle	7	7.1
Disorderly conduct	7	7.1
Malicious destruction of property	4	4.1
Joyriding	4	4.1
Receiving stolen property	2	2.0
Grand larceny	2	2.0
Forgery	1	1.0
Larceny of lost property	1	1.0
Willful concealment	1	1.0
Arson	1	1.0
Embezzlement	1	1.0
Delivery of controlled substance	1	1.0
Resisting an officer	1	1.0
Driving while intoxicated	1	1.0
Driving with license suspended	1	1.0
Total	98	99.7

\*\*Includes five burglaries which were reduced to Petit larcenies

Petit larcenies and burglaries comprised over 50% of the criminal offenses. The average age of males committing petit larcenies and placed on informal probation was 14.7 years, the average age of burglars was 14.2 years.

The majority of the 31 status offenses committed by males were beyond control offenses, followed by truancy and runaway.

Beyond control	13	41.9%
Truancy	4	12.9
Runaway	4	12.9
Curfew	3	9.7
Illegal possession-Beer	3	9.7
Curfew/Runaway	1	3.2
Illegal consumption of alcohol	1	3.2
Illegal consumption of wine	1	3.2
Illegal attempt to purchase beer	1	3.2
Total	31	99.9

The number of males successfully completing informal probation was 106. Criminal offenses comprised a slight majority of the 23 failures. Seven of these 23 violations were dismissed. Ages were as follows:

Age	Number	Percent
13	1	4.3
14	8	34.8
15	5	21.7
16	7	30.4
17	2	8.7
Total	23	99.9

#### FEMALES

The number of females placed on probation between January and June 1975, was 48. The average age was 14.6 years with the youngest girl age 10.

Age	Number	Percent
10	1	2.0
11	0	0
12	3	6.3
13	6	12.5
14	9	18.9
15	14	29.2
16	9	18.8
17	5	10.4
Unknown	1	2.0
Total	48	100.1

Criminal Offenses were as follows:

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Petit larceny	7	58.3%
Possession controlled substance	2	16.7
Willful concealment	1	8.3
Possession of fraudulent license	1	8.3
Loitering	<u>1</u>	<u>8.3</u>
Total	12	99.9

Of the 36 status offenses, beyond control was the most numerous (44.4%)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Beyond control	16	44.4
Habitual truancy	9	25.0
Runaway	9	25.0
Runaway/Truancy	1	2.8
Illegal consumption of beer	<u>1</u>	<u>2.8</u>
Total	36	100.0

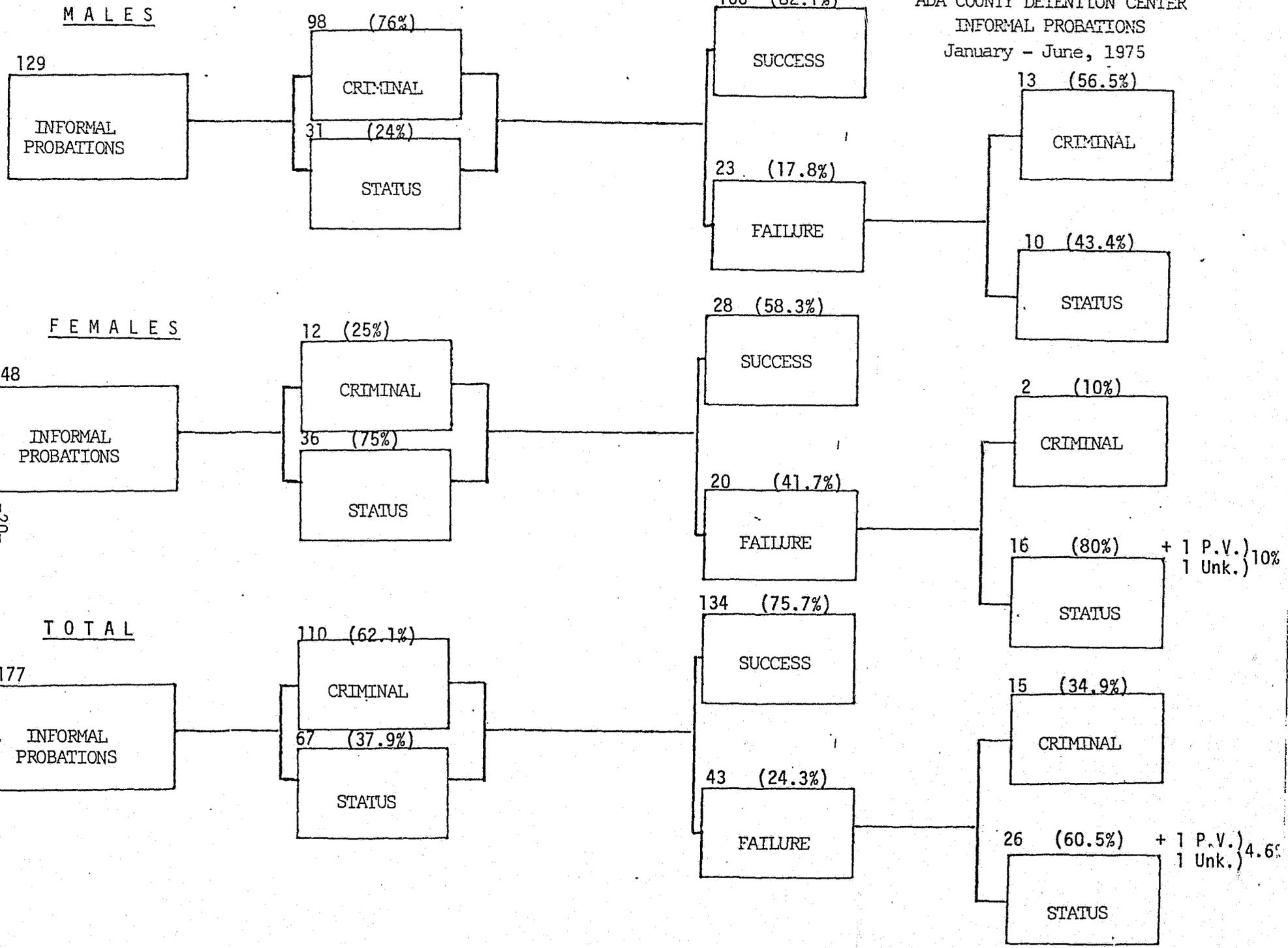
Twenty-eight females (58.3%) successfully completed their informal probation, while 20 (41.7%) failed. Three of the 20 violations were dismissed. Four females were 13 years old, three were 14, six were 15, four were 16, and three were 17, with the average age of the failures 14.9 years.

SUMMARY TOTALS

One hundred seventy-seven (177) juveniles were placed on informal probation in the first six months of 1975. Criminal offenses accounted for 110 and status offenses, 67. Juveniles successfully completing probation numbered 134, with 43 failing. Of the 43 failures, 15 committed criminal offenses and 26 committed status offenses, with two unknown.

As can be seen from the flow chart, males have quite a high success rate (82.1%) with the failures nearly evenly divided between criminal and status offenses. The females success rate was approximately 24% lower than the male rate with status offenders accounting for a significant percentage of failures. These failures attributed to the large total percent of unsuccessful status offender probationers.

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 INFORMAL PROBATIONS  
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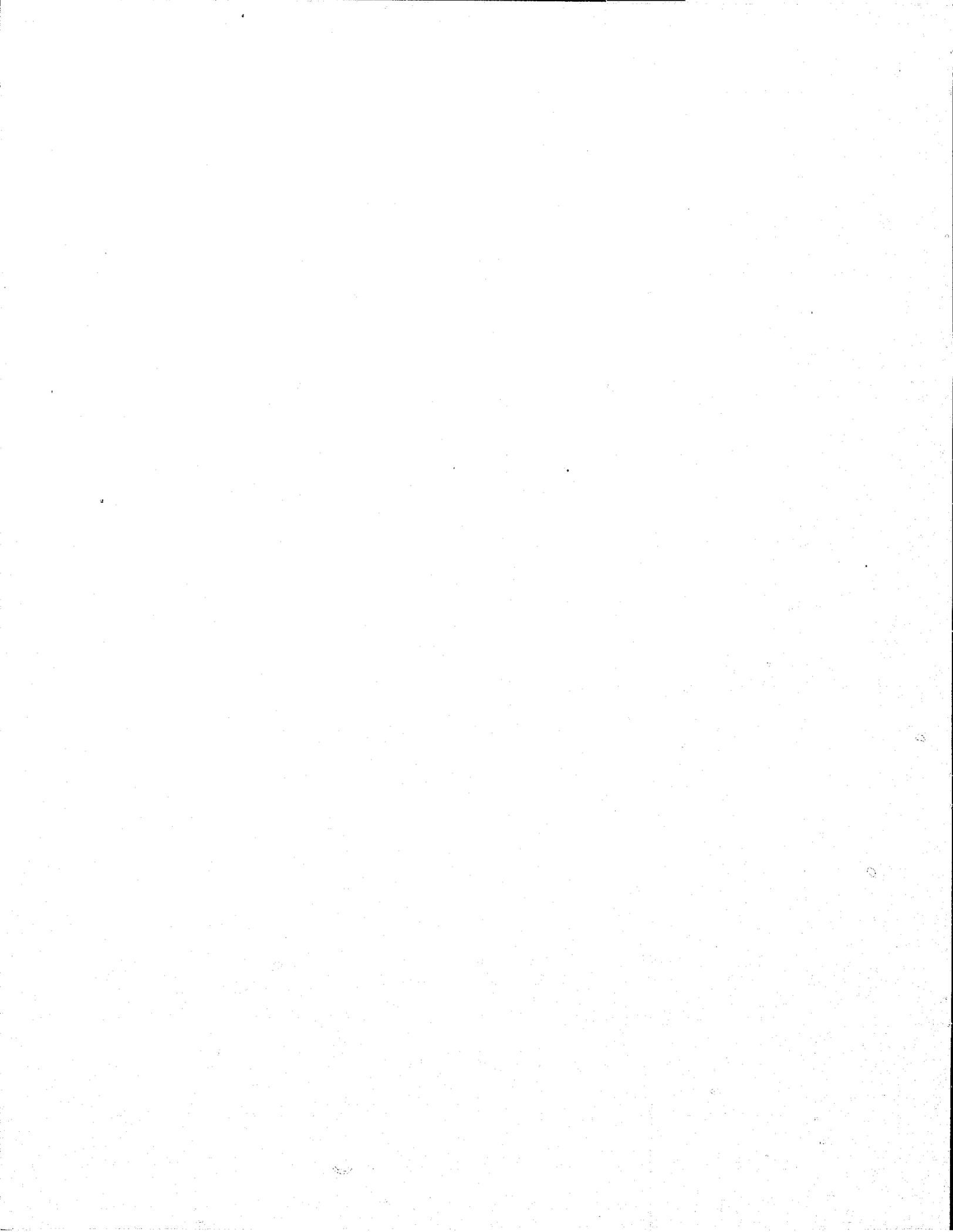
To indicate which offenses were most likely to have petitions filed, the number of petitions filed at the Ada County Detention Center was compared with the number of juvenile arrests in Ada County in 1975. The number of arrests by offense was compared to the number of petitions by offense in Table III. The 192 petitions excluded from this Table are probation violations, and other charges not involving police, such as truancies and lesser offenses when multiple charges were brought. In the latter case, only the most serious was counted. Offenses having a low percentage of petitions filed indicate high diversion practices.

The largest percentage of petitions filed as percent of arrest for both criminal and status offenses was for Stolen Property crimes (96.8%) followed by Robbery with 72.7%. For status offenses, Runaway showed the largest percentage (47.8%). From the totals in Table III it is noted that the ratio of 1975 petitions filed (involving police) to 1975 juvenile arrests was 34.9%. As an approximation, it is interesting to note that of the 4,197 arrests reported by law enforcement agencies in Ada County in 1975, the Court found 595 within the purview of the Youth Rehabilitation Act during the same time period. This 595 figure is 14.2% of the 4,197 arrests.

TABLE III  
COMPARISON OF PETITIONS WITH ADA COUNTY JUVENILE ARRESTS  
ADA COUNTY DETENTION CENTER  
1975

Offense	Arrests	Petitions Filed	%*
Murder	0	0	0.0
Manslaughter	0	0	0.0
Forcible rape	2	1	50.0
Robbery	11	8	72.7
Assaults	79	41	51.9
Burglary	263	183	69.6
Larceny	1,146	244	21.3
Arson	17	10	58.8
Forgery/Counterfeit	30	18	60.0
Fraud	22	8	36.4
Embezzlement	2	1	50.0
Stolen property	31	30	96.8
Vandalism	271	4	1.5
Weapons	8	3	37.5
Prostitution	5	0	0.0
Sex offenses	23	8	34.8
Narcotic drugs	312	122	39.1
Off. against family/children	7	0	0.0
	40	7	17.5
Liquor laws	618	128	20.7
Drunkenness	28	11	39.3
Disorderly conduct	64	23	35.9
Suspicion	3	0	0.0
Curfew	320	41	12.8
Runaway	521	246	47.8
All Other	364	324	89.0
Total	4,197	1,464	34.9

\*Petitions filed as percent of arrests



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