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ERRATA

The following is a revision to the data contained in Technical Note No. 55, Comparison Analysis of Escapes From State and Federal Correctional Institutions 1972 Through 1975.

Table 2 figures for December 31, 1975, as shown on pages 5 and 6, should be amended to read:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>12/31/75</u>
Alabama	4.25
Alaska	5.42
Arizona	2.83
Arkansas	1.11
California	0.96
Colorado	9.18
Connecticut	0.91
Delaware	3.12
Florida	4.05
Georgia	3.95
Hawaii	1.57
Idaho	1.72
Illinois	0.07
Indiana	1.32
Iowa	3.53
Kansas	1.37
Kentucky	2.15
Louisiana	2.11
Maine	0.62
Maryland	5.61
Massachusetts	10.56
Michigan	6.53
Minnesota	2.69
Mississippi	0.45
Missouri	1.88
Montana	6.12
Nebraska	2.23
Nevada	0.36
New Hampshire	4.76
New Jersey	4.38

<u>Agency</u>	<u>12/31/75</u>
New Mexico	2.86
New York	2.91
North Carolina	12.07
North Dakota	0.48
Ohio	0.57
Oklahoma	5.57
Oregon	6.24
Pennsylvania	2.60
Rhode Island	0.17
South Carolina	0.59
South Dakota	4.47
Tennessee	7.10
Texas	0.11
Utah	2.90
Vermont	12.94
Virginia	4.78
Washington	5.08
West Virginia	8.08
Wisconsin	3.51
Wyoming	1.95
Dist. of Columbia	6.19
Federal Institutions	2.71
Total United States	3.38

Data for December 31, 1975 in Table 4 (pages 10 and 11)
should read as follows:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>12/31/75</u>
Alabama	4.45
Alaska	5.66
Arizona	2.88
Arkansas	1.15
California	0.92
Colorado	9.25
Connecticut	0.85
Delaware	2.77
Florida	4.11
Georgia	3.69
Hawaii	1.62
Idaho	1.72

<u>Agency</u>	<u>12/31/75</u>
Illinois	0.07
Indiana	1.22
Iowa	2.62
Kansas	1.30
Kentucky	1.96
Louisiana	2.10
Maine	0.64
Maryland	5.76
Massachusetts	8.51
Michigan	5.35
Minnesota	1.78
Mississippi	0.47
Missouri	1.52
Montana	5.85
Nebraska	1.81
Nevada	0.38
New Hampshire	4.76
New Jersey	3.96
New Mexico	2.96
New York	2.86
North Carolina	12.32
North Dakota	0.48
Ohio	0.56
Oklahoma	5.74
Oregon	6.28
Pennsylvania	2.35
Rhode Island	0.17
South Carolina	0.61
South Dakota	4.72
Tennessee	7.39
Texas	0.11
Utah	7.35
Vermont	5.05
Virginia	4.91
Washington	5.08
West Virginia	8.29
Wisconsin	3.63
Wyoming	1.95
Dist. of Columbia	6.38
Federal Institutions	2.79
Total United States	3.30

Population totals found in the Appendix, Table 1 (pages 24 and 25) should be amended to contain the following information for December 31, 1975:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>12/31/75</u>
Alabama	4,420
Alaska	480
Arizona	2,647
Arkansas	2,254
California	20,028
Colorado	2,047
Connecticut	3,079
Delaware	897
Florida	15,315
Georgia	10,746
Hawaii	509
Idaho	580
Illinois	8,501
Indiana	4,547
Iowa	1,868
Kansas	1,754
Kentucky	3,393
Louisiana	4,835
Maine	643
Maryland	6,965
Massachusetts	2,443
Michigan	10,852
Minnesota	1,675
Mississippi	2,422
Missouri	4,371
Montana	376
Nebraska	1,301
Nevada	827
New Hampshire	252
New Jersey	6,164
New Mexico	1,118
New York	16,074
North Carolina	12,374
North Dakota	209
Ohio	11,421

<u>Agency</u>	<u>12/31/75</u>
Oklahoma	3,448
Oregon	2,484
Pennsylvania	7,163
Rhode Island	594
South Carolina	6,100
South Dakota	403
Tennessee	4,575
Texas	19,053
Utah	723
Vermont	394
Virginia	6,092
Washington	3,467
West Virginia	1,176
Wisconsin	2,992
Wyoming	307
Dist. of Columbia	3,327
Federal Institutions	24,131
Total United States	253,816

Figures for December 31, 1975 which are in Table 2 of the Appendix (pages 26 and 27) should read as follows:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>12/31/75</u>
Alabama	4,226
Alaska	459
Arizona	2,538
Arkansas	2,166
California	19,008
Colorado	1,977
Connecticut	2,951
Delaware	865
Florida	14,643
Georgia	10,266
Hawaii	495
Idaho	580
Illinois	8,324
Indiana	4,429
Iowa	1,796
Kansas	1,687
Kentucky	3,269

<u>Agency</u>	<u>12/31/75</u>
Louisiana	4,628
Maine	628
Maryland	6,754
Massachusetts	2,351
Michigan	10,534
Minnesota	1,625
Mississippi	2,346
Missouri	4,275
Montana	376
Nebraska	1,213
Nevada	781
New Hampshire	252
New Jersey	5,983
New Mexico	1,082
New York	15,645
North Carolina	11,878
North Dakota	209
Ohio	10,985
Oklahoma	3,291
Oregon	2,389
Pennsylvania	6,942
Rhode Island	580
South Carolina	5,867
South Dakota	381
Tennessee	4,383
Texas	18,345
Utah	694
Vermont	376
Virginia	5,844
Washington	3,288
West Virginia	1,134
Wisconsin	2,867
Wyoming	307
Dist. of Columbia	3,211
Federal Institutions	23,026
Total United States	244,149

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ABSTRACT

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This study reports a comparison analysis on escapes of both men and women from correctional institutions from 1972 through 1975. Escape rates are expressed as percentages of the institutional population.

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COMPARISON ANALYSIS OF ESCAPES FROM
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1972 through 1975

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to enable administrators of the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) to compare and contrast the TDC escape rates with those of other state departments of correction and the national average. The figures in the following tables and graphs will allow the status of the Texas Department of Corrections to be evaluated relative to other state correctional institutions.

METHODOLOGY

Data for this report was obtained from Bulletins and Special Reports published by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). Several of the National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) Bulletins were utilized to gather information covering the years 1972 through 1975. Each state and federal correctional facility reported to the LEAA its inmate population and escape figures as of December 31 of each year studied. The NPS Bulletin compiles, analyzes and makes tabular charts from this information.

PROBLEMS IN COMPARING DATA

1. There is no uniform classification of escapes and definitions of escape may vary greatly from institution to institution. Some states classify an inmate as escaped only if he remains at large after midnight or after he has left facility property,

while at others the inmate may not be counted as escaped until at least 24 hours have passed.

2. Physical security is different from state to state. For example, some escapes represented in this study are spontaneous "walk-aways" from minimum security units while others are systematically planned escapes from maximum security institutions.

3. The actual average number of prisoners per day was not available therefore, the assumption must be made that the prisoners in custody on December 31 approximates the average prisoner population for each year.

4. Some states did not have escape statistics available for all of the years covered in this study.

FINDINGS

The Texas Department of Corrections had a far lower escape rate than all other correctional facilities for each of the years covered in this study. (See Tables 1 and 2.) Alaska and Nevada are two of the smallest state institutions and indicated a small escape rate, but Texas (one of the seven largest correctional institutions) had a lower escape rate than Alaska or Nevada for the years covered in this study. Specifically, the Texas Department of Corrections' escape rate was 0.05 percent, 0.12 percent, 0.12 percent and 0.11 percent, respectively, for the years 1972 through 1975. The national average rate of escape was 3.50 percent, while the Texas average was only 0.10 percent for those same years.

TABLE 1

TOTAL ESCAPES FROM FEDERAL AND
STATE INSTITUTIONS
FROM 1972 THROUGH 1975

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Alabama	169	167	228	188
Alaska	0	0	2	26
Arizona	27	2	44	75
Arkansas	29	22	17	25
California	615	272	258	192
Colorado	185	170	141	188
Connecticut	19	21	18	28
Delaware	3	23	15	28
Florida	435	528	531	621
Georgia	428	502	403	424
Hawaii	23	14	16	8
Idaho	12	18	22	10
Illinois	23	13	56	6
Indiana	N/A	144	172	60
Iowa	153	102	94	66
Kansas	44	47	56	24
Kentucky	104	87	91	73
Louisiana	101	103	96	102
Maine	38	15	7	4
Maryland	494	368	401	391
Massachusetts	57	271	213	258
Michigan	418	646	640	709
Minnesota	55	N/A	77	45
Mississippi	42	48	29	11
Missouri	29	52	69	82
Montana	9	8	16	23
Nebraska	48	33	35	29
Nevada	2	1	9	3
New Hampshire	4	3	18	12
New Jersey	130	159	186	270
New Mexico	19	23	34	32
New York	23	164	459	468
North Carolina	925	942	927*	1,494
North Dakota	21	10	12	1
Ohio	152	126	62	65

TABLE 1 (Continued)

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Oklahoma	46	64	156	192
Oregon	156	174	116	155
Pennsylvania	190	124	135	186
Rhode Island	26	N/A	0	1
South Carolina	115	110	125	36
South Dakota	15	8	12	18
Tennessee	234	256	277	325
Texas	8	21	21	22
Utah	22	32	46	21
Vermont	N/A	31	71	51
Virginia	284	545	494	291
Washington	230	233	193	176
West Virginia	80	74	86	95
Wisconsin	112	80	96	105
Wyoming	5	6	10	6
Dist. of Columbia	N/A	484	380	206
Federal Institutions	665	737	656	655
TOTAL United States	7,024	8,083	8,328	8,582

* Information obtained directly from North Carolina Department of Corrections.

TABLE 2

PERCENT OF ESCAPES FROM
STATE AND FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS
FROM 1972 THROUGH 1975

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Alabama	4.65	4.51	5.35	4.07
Alaska	0.00	0.00	0.41	5.18
Arizona	1.76	0.11	2.07	2.72
Arkansas	1.79	1.31	0.78	1.06
California	3.62	1.37	1.04	0.93
Colorado	9.61	8.97	7.06	8.88
Connecticut	1.04	1.26	0.64	0.87
Delaware	1.07	7.07	2.00	3.01
Florida	4.18	5.08	4.73	3.88
Georgia	5.20	6.04	4.06	3.77
Hawaii	7.66	4.74	3.46	1.52
Idaho	3.18	4.22	4.19	1.72
Illinois	0.40	0.23	0.86	0.06
Indiana	N/A	4.24	4.67	1.28
Iowa	11.71	7.27	6.12	3.40
Kansas	2.67	3.47	3.94	1.31
Kentucky	3.53	3.06	2.97	2.07
Louisiana	2.95	2.55	2.00	2.02
Maine	8.03	3.31	1.32	0.60
Maryland	8.85	6.12	6.39	5.44
Massachusetts	3.07	13.67	9.56	10.17
Michigan	4.93	8.20	7.41	6.34
Minnesota	4.11	N/A	5.55	2.60
Mississippi	2.23	2.76	1.36	0.44
Missouri	0.82	1.38	1.65	1.83
Montana	3.18	2.49	4.76	6.11
Nebraska	5.03	3.28	3.28	2.08
Nevada	0.30	0.13	0.93	0.34
New Hampshire	1.66	1.08	7.96	4.76
New Jersey	2.46	2.96	3.40	4.22
New Mexico	3.18	3.16	3.47	2.77
New York	0.19	1.26	3.02	2.83
North Carolina	11.19	9.84	N/A	13.93
North Dakota	11.73	5.74	7.10	0.47
Ohio	1.83	1.63	0.66	0.54

TABLE 2 (Continued)

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Oklahoma	1.25	2.00	5.38	5.32
Oregon	8.40	10.41	5.56	6.01
Pennsylvania	3.04	1.90	1.99	2.51
Rhode Island	7.64	N/A	0.00	0.16
South Carolina	3.59	3.15	2.83	0.56
South Dakota	4.36	3.38	4.49	4.23
Tennessee	7.02	7.41	7.32	6.81
Texas	0.05	0.12	0.12	0.11
Utah	N/A	5.97	12.01	6.78
Vermont	9.56	14.03	11.88	5.09
Virginia	5.74	10.68	8.90	4.58
Washington	8.81	8.85	6.45	4.82
West Virginia	7.56	6.81	8.27	7.79
Wisconsin	5.50	3.72	3.71	3.36
Wyoming	1.90	2.09	3.71	1.95
Dist. of Columbia	N/A	20.76	12.96	5.98
Federal Institutions	3.06	3.23	2.93	2.59
TOTAL United States	3.58	3.95	3.22	3.25

The majority of escapees from state and federal institutions during the years covered in this study were male. As indicated in Tables 3 and 4, North Carolina had the largest total of male escapees (1,463, or 11.82 percent) in 1975. Texas, in contrast, had only 21 escapes in 1975, or 0.11 percent of the entire TDC inmate population. The United States Bureau of Prisons experienced 642 male escapes; that is, 2.66 percent of its inmate population had escaped that year. Additionally, the United States average for all male escapees in 1975 was 3.17 percent, which is considerably higher than the escapes from Texas (0.11 percent). The amount of male escapees fluctuated only a nominal degree from year to year in each state. Over the four year period, most states indicated no particular trend or pattern but a slight upward or downward fluctuation which often reversed itself.

Female escapes, on the other hand, were of a much lesser degree than male escapes. (See Tables 5 and 6.) For example, approximately 20 percent of the states had no female escapes from 1972 through 1975. However, Michigan experienced 444 escapes for that same time period, which was over 46 percent of its total female inmate population. Texas indicated only five female escapes or an average of 0.19 percent for those same years. In comparison, the United States average of female escapes during that time was 5.90 percent. Escape rates for female inmates fluctuated much as they did for males; however, a larger percentile of women escaped. This tends to distort the escape rates as there were less women than men in prison so it took

TABLE 3

TOTAL MALE ESCAPES FROM
STATE AND FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS
FROM 1972 THROUGH 1975

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Alabama	166	164	227	188
Alaska	0	0	2	26
Arizona	25	2	44	73
Arkansas	29	22	17	25
California	573	245	233	175
Colorado	184	169	140	183
Connecticut	7	7	11	25
Delaware	3	23	15	24
Florida	430	517	523	602
Georgia	426	496	392	379
Hawaii	23	14	16	8
Idaho	12	18	22	10
Illinois	23	13	54	6
Indiana	N/A	140	164	54
Iowa	118	77	81	47
Kansas	44	46	51	22
Kentucky	84	81	85	64
Louisiana	95	98	94	97
Maine	38	14	7	4
Maryland	475	363	397	389
Massachusetts	34	245	190	200
Michigan	353	532	520	564
Minnesota	42	N/A	55	29
Mississippi	42	48	29	11
Missouri	22	44	60	65
Montana	7	8	16	22
Nebraska	45	30	32	22
Nevada	2	1	9	3
New Hampshire	4	3	18	12
New Jersey	103	134	158	237
New Mexico	17	23	34	32
New York	21	154	447	448
North Carolina	913	932	N/A	1,463
North Dakota	21	10	12	1
Ohio	149	120	57	62

TABLE 3 (Continued)

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Oklahoma	46	64	154	189
Oregon	152	155	113	150
Pennsylvania	165	94	114	163
Rhode Island	26	N/A	0	1
South Carolina	105	100	121	36
South Dakota	15	8	12	18
Tennessee	227	249	271	324
Texas	8	19	19	21
Utah	N/A	23	68	51
Vermont	22	32	42	19
Virginia	282	539	490	287
Washington	200	200	170	167
West Virginia	80	74	85	94
Wisconsin	110	80	95	104
Wyoming	5	6	10	6
Dist. of Columbia	N/A	484	380	205
Federal Institutions	N/A	703	637	642
TOTAL United States	5,973	7,623	6,993	8,049

TABLE 4
PERCENT OF MALE ESCAPES FROM
STATE AND FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS
FROM 1972 THROUGH 1975

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Alabama	4.71	4.62	5.57	4.25
Alaska	0.00	0.00	0.43	5.41
Arizona	1.68	0.12	2.15	2.75
Arkansas	1.84	1.35	0.81	1.10
California	3.47	1.27	0.97	0.87
Colorado	9.91	9.25	7.26	8.93
Connecticut	0.40	0.44	0.41	0.81
Delaware	1.09	7.21	2.10	2.67
Florida	4.31	5.19	4.86	3.93
Georgia	5.34	6.12	4.13	3.52
Hawaii	7.82	4.77	3.50	1.57
Idaho	3.18	4.30	4.27	1.72
Illinois	0.41	0.23	0.84	0.07
Indiana	N/A	4.23	4.56	1.18
Iowa	9.37	5.70	5.49	2.51
Kansas	2.77	3.51	3.78	1.25
Kentucky	2.94	2.94	2.89	1.88
Louisiana	2.84	2.50	2.03	2.00
Maine	8.29	3.18	1.38	0.62
Maryland	8.74	6.19	6.49	5.58
Massachusetts	1.91	12.51	8.75	8.18
Michigan	4.27	6.92	6.18	5.19
Minnesota	3.26	N/A	4.09	1.73
Mississippi	2.30	2.86	1.41	0.45
Missouri	0.63	1.19	1.47	1.48
Montana	2.51	2.53	4.76	5.85
Nebraska	5.04	3.15	3.23	1.69
Nevada	0.32	0.14	0.98	0.36
New Hampshire	1.68	1.08	7.96	4.76
New Jersey	2.02	2.57	2.98	3.84
New Mexico	2.95	3.27	3.57	2.86
New York	0.18	1.22	3.02	2.78
North Carolina	11.43	10.08	N/A	11.82
North Dakota	11.73	5.74	7.14	0.47
Ohio	1.85	1.61	0.63	0.54

TABLE 4 (Continued)

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Oklahoma	1.29	2.07	5.47	5.48
Oregon	8.52	9.59	5.64	6.03
Pennsylvania	2.71	1.47	1.73	2.27
Rhode Island	7.78	N/A	0.00	0.16
South Carolina	3.44	2.99	2.84	0.59
South Dakota	4.47	3.43	4.58	4.46
Tennessee	7.02	7.49	7.44	7.08
Texas	0.05	0.11	0.11	0.11
Utah	N/A	4.54	11.86	7.05
Vermont	9.86	14.67	11.11	4.82
Virginia	5.89	10.93	9.16	4.71
Washington	8.13	8.05	5.98	4.81
West Virginia	7.80	7.08	8.52	7.99
Wisconsin	5.60	3.86	3.79	3.47
Wyoming	1.97	2.15	3.71	1.95
Dist. of Columbia	N/A	20.76	13.20	6.16
Federal Institutions	N/A	3.21	2.98	2.66
TOTAL United States	3.14	3.85	3.14	3.17

TABLE 5

TOTAL FEMALE ESCAPES FROM
STATE AND FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS
FROM 1972 THROUGH 1975

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Alabama	3	3	1	0
Alaska	0	0	0	0
Arizona	2	0	0	2
Arkansas	0	0	0	0
California	42	27	25	17
Colorado	1	1	1	5
Connecticut	12	14	7	3
Delaware	0	0	0	4
Florida	5	11	8	19
Georgia	2	6	11	45
Hawaii	0	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	2	0
Indiana	N/A	4	8	6
Iowa	35	25	13	19
Kansas	0	1	5	2
Kentucky	20	6	6	9
Louisiana	6	5	2	5
Maine	0	1	0	0
Maryland	19	5	4	2
Massachusetts	23	26	23	58
Michigan	65	114	120	145
Minnesota	13	N/A	22	16
Mississippi	0	0	0	0
Missouri	7	8	9	17
Montana	2	0	0	0
Nebraska	3	3	3	7
Nevada	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	27	25	28	33
New Mexico	2	0	0	0
New York	2	10	12	20
North Carolina	12	10	N/A	31
North Dakota	0	0	0	0
Ohio	3	6	5	3

TABLE 5 (Continued)

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Oklahoma	0	0	2	3
Oregon	4	19	3	5
Pennsylvania	25	30	21	23
Rhode Island	0	N/A	0	0
South Carolina	10	10	4	0
South Dakota	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	7	7	6	1
Texas	0	2	2	1
Utah	0	0	4	2
Vermont	N/A	8	3	0
Virginia	2	6	4	4
Washington	30	33	23	9
West Virginia	0	0	1	1
Wisconsin	2	0	1	1
Wyoming	0	0	0	0
Dist. of Columbia	N/A	N/A	0	1
Federal Institutions	N/A	34	19	13
TOTAL United States	386	460	408	533

TABLE 6

PERCENT OF FEMALE ESCAPES FROM
STATE AND FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS
FROM 1972 THROUGH 1975

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Alabama	2.65	2.00	0.54	0.00
Alaska	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Arizona	4.25	0.00	0.00	1.83
Arkansas	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
California	8.40	4.30	2.61	1.66
Colorado	1.44	1.49	1.44	7.14
Connecticut	13.79	16.86	5.38	2.34
Delaware	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.50
Florida	1.21	2.55	1.67	2.82
Georgia	0.80	2.40	2.51	9.37
Hawaii	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Idaho	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Illinois	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
Indiana	N/A	4.44	8.98	5.08
Iowa	72.91	48.07	20.96	26.38
Kansas	0.00	2.27	6.94	2.98
Kentucky	22.47	6.66	4.83	7.25
Louisiana	7.89	4.03	1.19	2.41
Maine	0.00	7.14	0.00	0.00
Maryland	13.10	3.24	2.56	0.94
Massachusetts	27.38	108.33	41.81	63.04
Michigan	30.66	59.68	54.54	45.59
Minnesota	26.00	N/A	50.00	32.00
Mississippi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Missouri	8.13	9.41	8.33	17.70
Montana	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Nebraska	4.91	5.45	3.84	7.95
Nevada	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Hampshire	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Jersey	14.36	16.12	16.56	18.23
New Mexico	9.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
New York	0.57	2.90	3.15	4.66
North Carolina	4.33	3.03	N/A	6.25
North Dakota	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ohio	1.14	2.23	1.39	0.68

TABLE 6 (Continued)

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Oklahoma	0.00	0.00	2.40	1.91
Oregon	5.40	35.18	3.57	5.26
Pennsylvania	14.97	18.63	11.60	10.40
Rhode Island	0.00	N/A	0.00	0.00
South Carolina	6.75	6.89	2.59	0.00
South Dakota	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tennessee	7.14	5.30	4.28	0.52
Texas	0.00	0.32	0.32	0.14
Utah	0.00	0.00	22.22	6.89
Vermont	N/A	80.00	33.33	0.00
Virginia	1.23	3.52	1.98	1.61
Washington	20.27	22.29	15.54	5.02
West Virginia	0.00	0.00	2.38	2.38
Wisconsin	2.70	0.00	1.16	0.80
Wyoming	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dist. of Columbia	N/A	N/A	0.00	0.86
Federal Institutions	N/A	3.64	1.91	1.17
TOTAL United States	6.15	6.88	5.04	5.51

fewer female escapes to increase the percentile. In actual numbers, there were far less female escapes than male escapes.

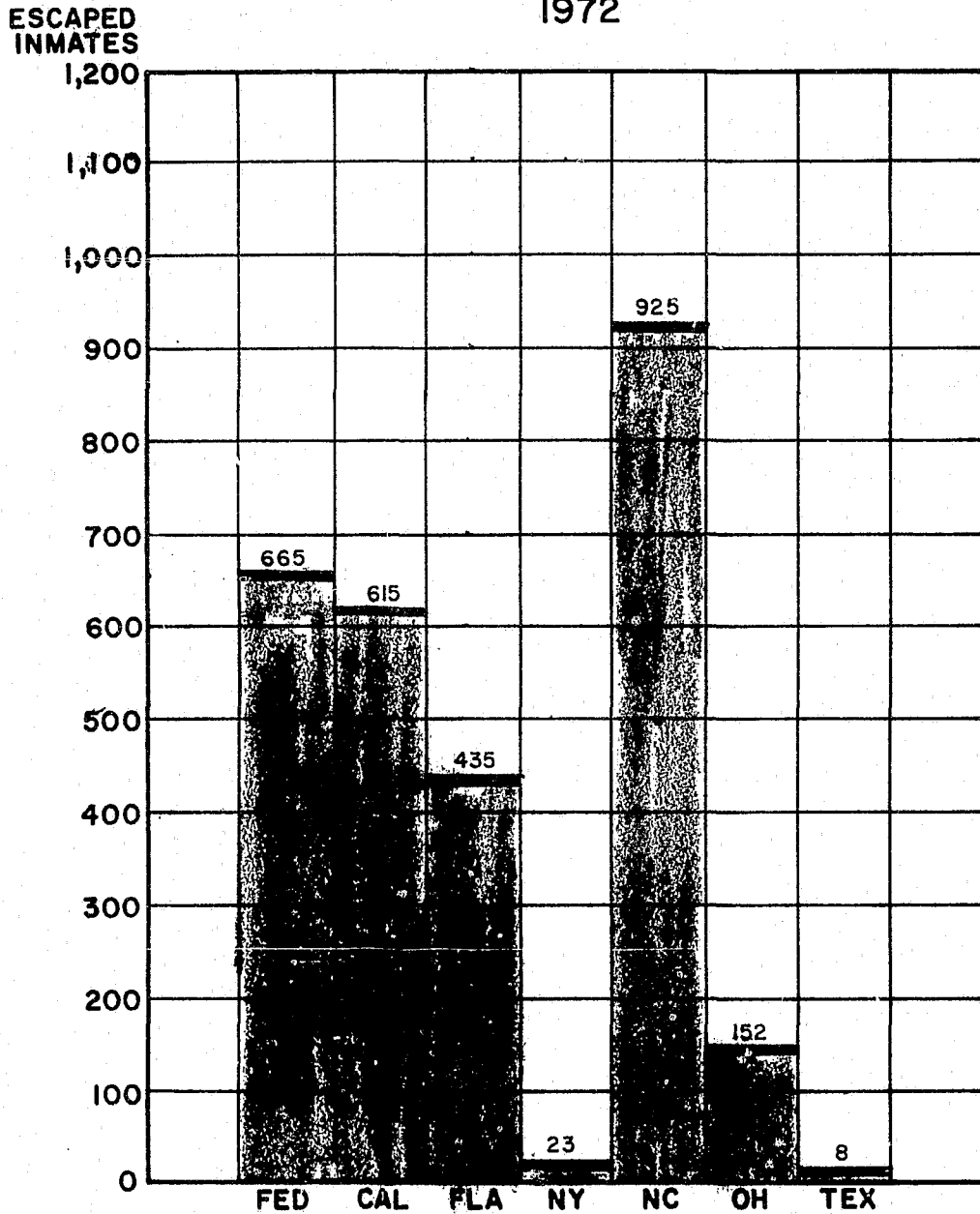
Of the seven largest correctional institutions, North Carolina had the highest number of escapes in 1972 with 925 escapes for that year. The United States Bureau of Prisons, with a population of 21,713, experienced the second highest number of escapes, 665. The TDC had a comparative population of 15,989 with only 8 escapes for 1972. (See Figure 1.) California had a large number of escapes (615) in 1972, but experienced a sharp decline the following year.

In 1973 escapes from the United States Bureau of Prisons jumped to 737 while the total in Texas increased by only 13. Figure 2 indicates that California had a sharp decrease to 272 escapes in 1973 but Florida's Department increased to 528. These fluctuations in inmate escapes persisted over the next two years but Texas consistently had a significantly lower escape rate. (See Figures 3 and 4.) Comparisons among the seven largest correctional institutions in the nation are exemplified in Figure 5. While North Carolina experienced large increases in escapes, the Texas Department of Corrections maintained a consistent level of fewer escapes from 1972 through 1975 than any of the other seven largest correctional institutions.

SUMMARY

From this study the following points can be made for general comparison purposes:

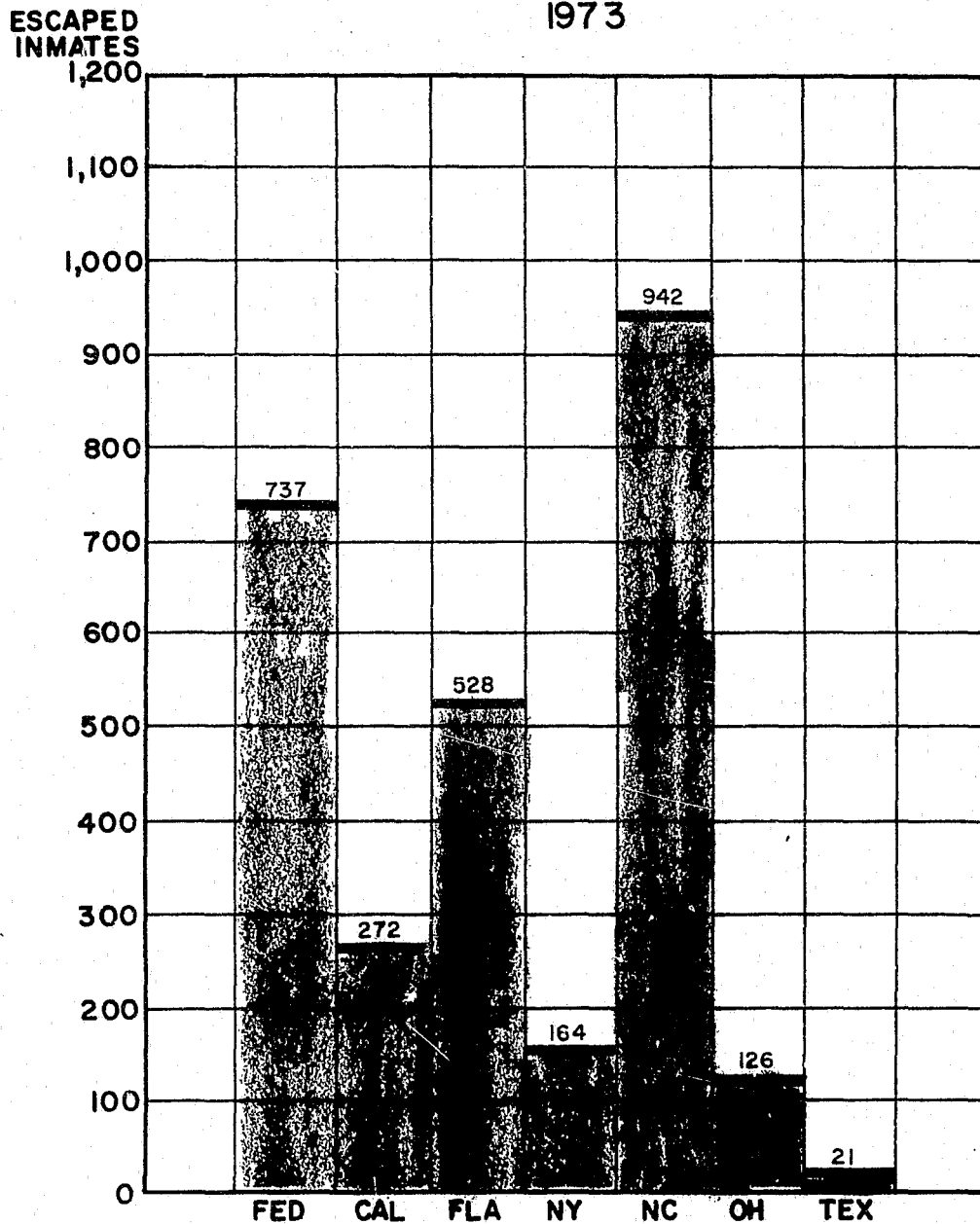
FIGURE I
ESCAPES FROM THE SEVEN LARGEST
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
1972



LEGEND

INSTITUTION	INMATE POPULATION
FED.-FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS	21,713
CAL.-CALIFORNIA	16,970
FLA.-FLORIDA	10,383
NY. -NEW YORK	11,693
NC. -NORTH CAROLINA	8,263
OH. -OHIO	8,276
TEX.-TEXAS	15,989

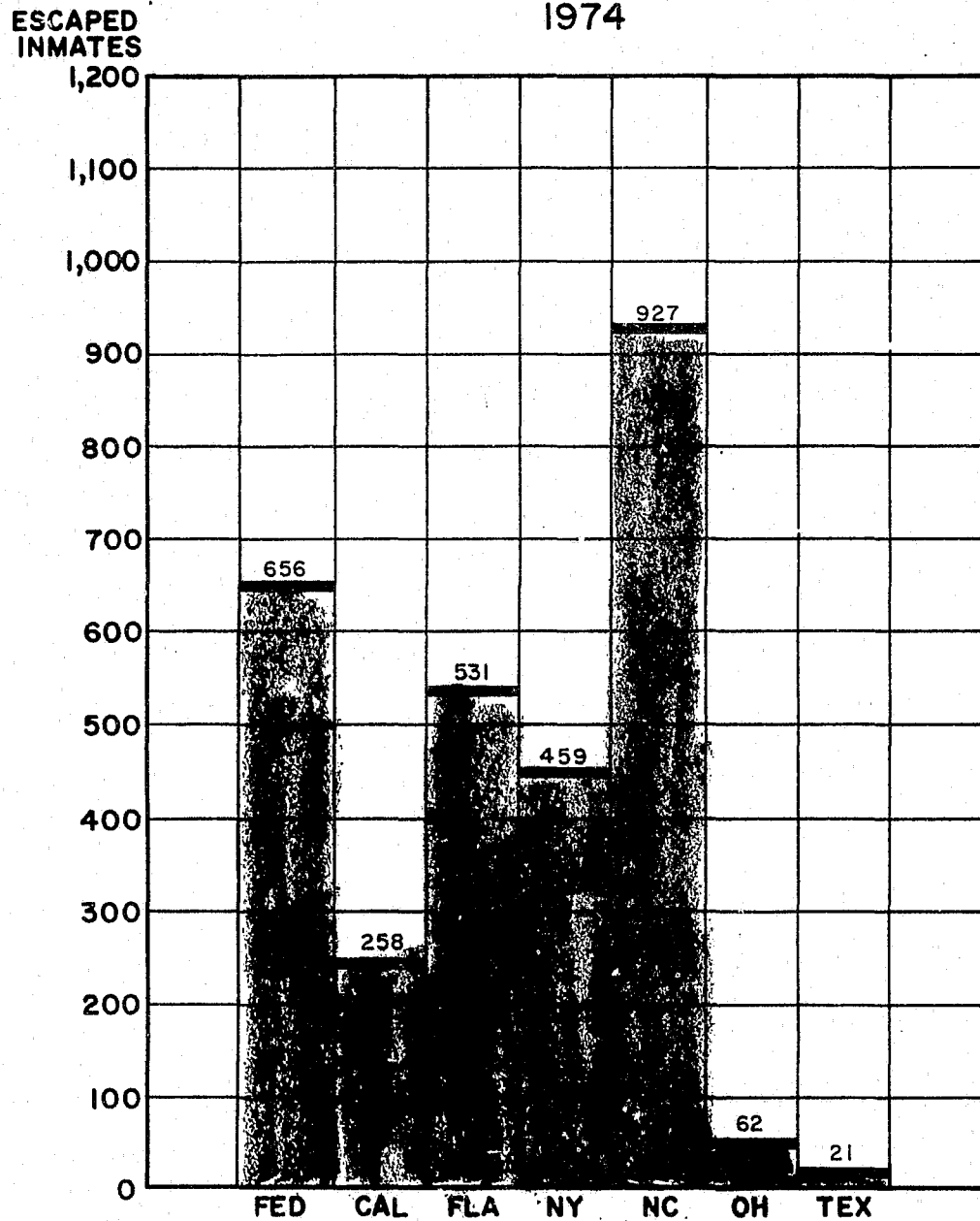
FIGURE 2
ESCAPES FROM THE SEVEN LARGEST
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
1973



LEGEND

INSTITUTION	INMATE POPULATION
FED.-FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS	22,815
CAL.-CALIFORNIA	19,794
FLA.-FLORIDA	10,376
NY. - NEW YORK	12,945
NC. - NORTH CAROLINA	9,572
OH. - OHIO	7,717
TEX.-TEXAS	17,238

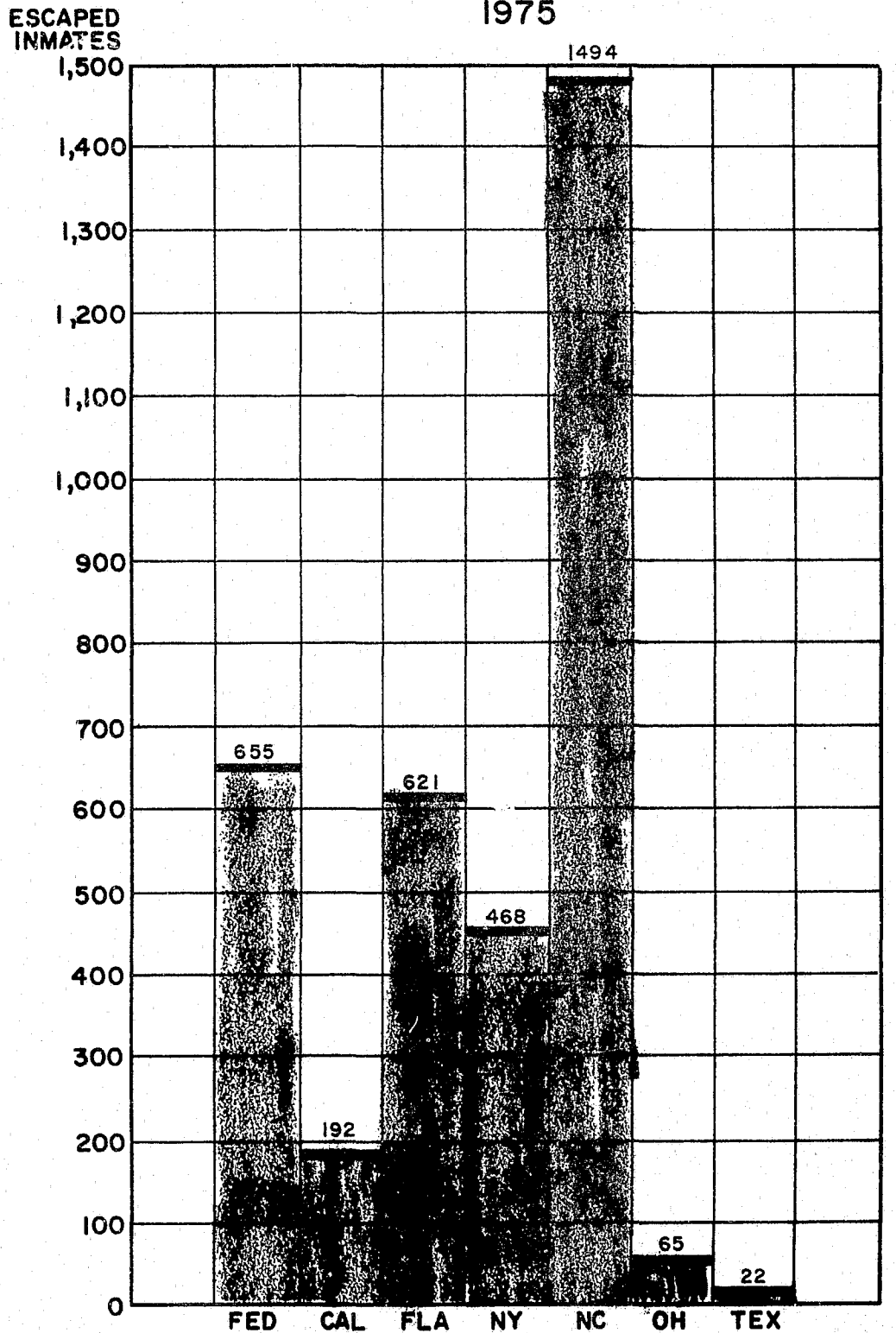
FIGURE 3
ESCAPES FROM THE SEVEN LARGEST
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
1974



LEGEND

INSTITUTION	INMATE POPULATION
FED.-FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS	22,361
CAL.-CALIFORNIA	24,741
FLA.-FLORIDA	11,219
NY. -NEW YORK	15,160
NC. -NORTH CAROLINA	12,009
OH. -OHIO	9,326
TEX.-TEXAS	16,833

FIGURE 4
ESCAPES FROM THE SEVEN LARGEST
CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
1975

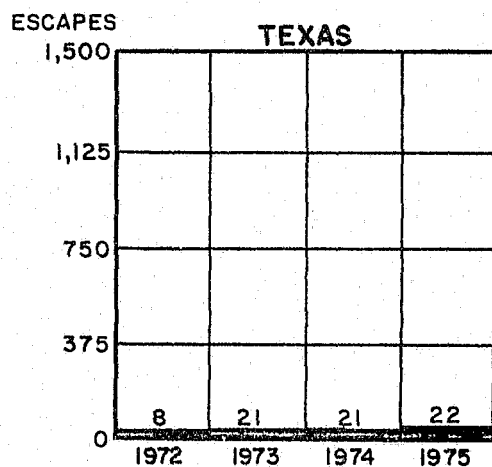
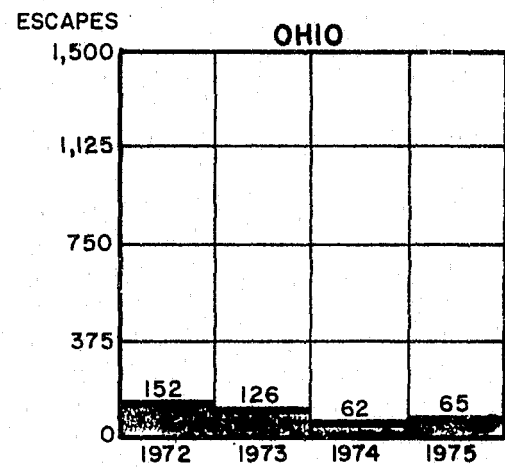
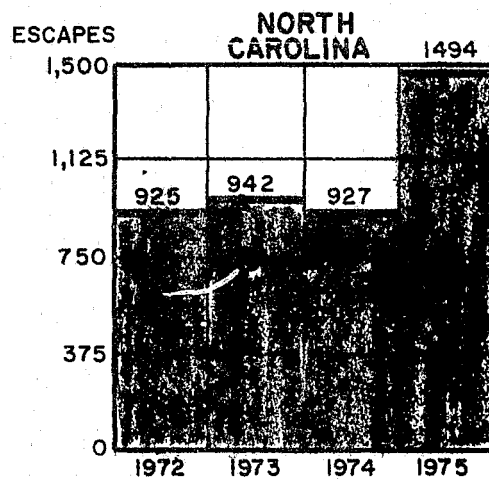
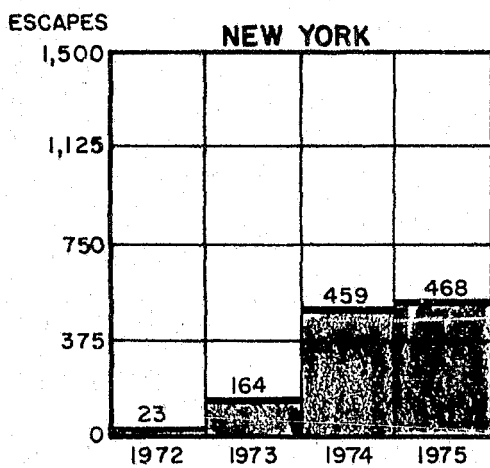
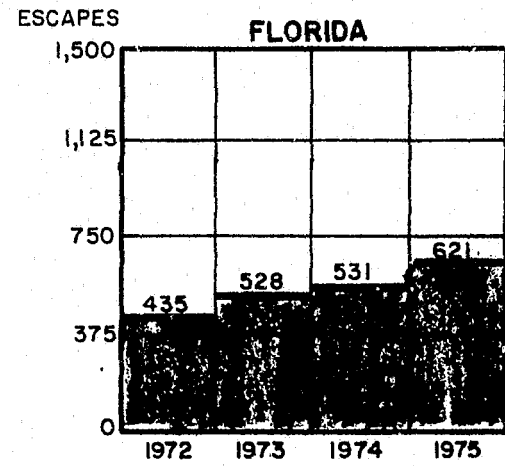
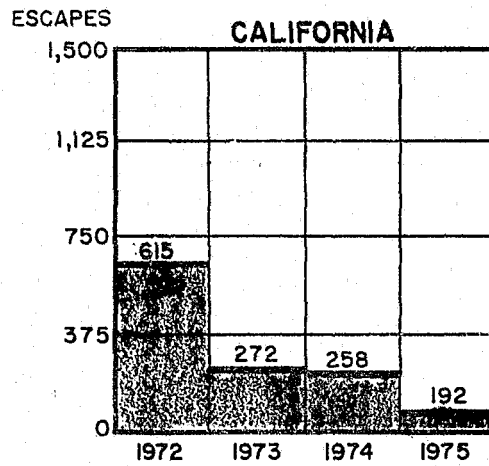
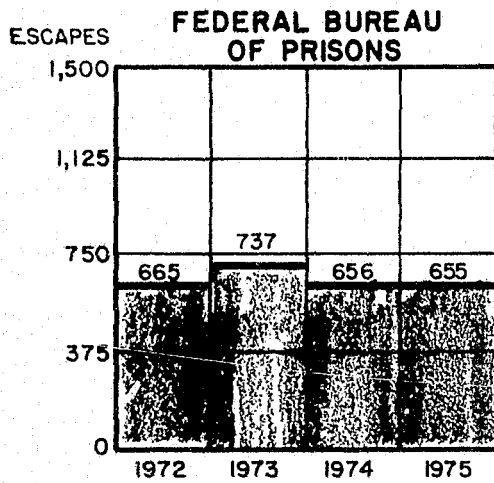


LEGEND

INSTITUTION	
FED.-FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS	
CAL.-CALIFORNIA	
FLA.-FLORIDA	
NY.-NEW YORK	
NC.-NORTH CAROLINA	
OH.-OHIO	
TEX.-TEXAS	

INMATE POPULATION
25,236
21,048
15,987
16,503
12,870
11,657
19,761

FIGURE 5
COMPARISON OF ESCAPES FROM THE SEVEN
LARGEST CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
1972 THROUGH 1975



1. The Texas Department of Corrections consistently had the lowest escape rate of the seven largest correctional institutions.

2. A larger percentile of female inmates escaped than male inmates from 1972 through 1975.

3. More male than female inmates actually escaped during that time period.

4. There is no consistent pattern or trend for escapes on which to base future escape projections.

APPENDIX

TABLE 1
PRISONER POPULATIONS OF STATE
AND FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
FROM 1972 THROUGH 1975

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Alabama	3,632	3,693	4,259	4,612
Alaska	183	174	480	501
Arizona	1,529	1,691	2,118	2,756
Arkansas	1,619	1,679	2,160	2,342
California	16,970	19,794	24,741	21,048
Colorado	1,925	1,894	1,995	2,117
Connecticut	1,818	1,663	2,792	3,207
Delaware	279	325	750	929
Florida	10,382	10,376	11,219	15,987
Georgia	8,225	8,310	9,918	11,226
Hawaii	300	295	462	523
Idaho	377	426	525	580
Illinois	5,630	5,600	6,509	8,678
Indiana	3,847	3,396	3,681	4,665
Iowa	1,306	1,402	1,535	1,940
Kansas	1,642	1,352	1,421	1,821
Kentucky	2,941	2,838	3,063	3,517
Louisiana	3,421	4,003	4,779	5,042
Maine	473	453	527	658
Maryland	5,578	6,013	6,269	7,176
Massachusetts	1,856	1,981	2,226	2,535
Michigan	8,471	7,874	8,632	11,170
Minnesota	1,337	1,402	1,386	1,725
Mississippi	1,879	1,738	2,127	2,498
Missouri	3,533	3,767	4,171	4,467
Montana	283	321	336	376
Nebraska	953	1,006	1,067	1,389
Nevada	646	748	961	873
New Hampshire	240	277	226	252
New Jersey	5,279	5,357	5,456	6,385
New Mexico	597	726	979	1,154
New York	11,693	12,945	15,160	16,503
North Carolina	8,263	9,572	12,009	12,870
North Dakota	179	174	169	209
Ohio	8,276	7,717	9,326	11,857

TABLE 1 (Continued)

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Oklahoma	3,667	3,187	2,896	3,605
Oregon	1,856	1,670	2,085	2,579
Pennsylvania	6,245	6,515	6,768	7,384
Rhode Island	340	404	545	608
South Carolina	3,197	3,489	4,412	6,333
South Dakota	344	236	267	425
Tennessee	3,329	3,454	3,782	4,767
Texas	15,709	17,238	16,833	19,761
Utah	581	519	591	752
Vermont	230	228	387	412
Virginia	4,964	5,100	5,546	6,340
Washington	2,608	2,632	2,989	3,646
West Virginia	1,058	1,086	1,039	1,218
Wisconsin	2,036	2,146	2,587	3,117
Wyoming	262	287	269	307
Dist. of Columbia	2,500	2,331	2,930	3,443
Federal Institutions	21,713	22,815	22,361	25,236
TOTAL United States	196,183	204,349	229,721	263,483

TABLE 2
MALE PRISONER POPULATIONS OF
STATE AND FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
FROM 1972 THROUGH 1975

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Alabama	3,519	3,543	4,074	4,420
Alaska	180	167	460	480
Arizona	1,482	1,637	2,044	2,647
Arkansas	1,572	1,621	2,082	2,254
California	16,470	19,167	23,786	20,028
Colorado	1,856	1,827	1,926	2,047
Connecticut	1,731	1,580	2,662	3,079
Delaware	273	319	712	897
Florida	9,971	9,946	10,742	15,315
Georgia	7,975	8,061	9,480	10,746
Hawaii	294	293	457	509
Idaho	377	418	515	580
Illinois	5,514	5,483	6,409	8,501
Indiana	3,770	3,306	3,592	4,547
Iowa	1,258	1,350	1,473	1,868
Kansas	1,586	1,308	1,349	1,754
Kentucky	2,852	2,748	2,939	3,393
Louisiana	3,345	3,909	4,612	4,835
Maine	458	439	507	643
Maryland	5,433	5,859	6,113	6,965
Massachusetts	1,772	1,957	2,171	2,443
Michigan	8,259	7,683	8,412	10,852
Minnesota	1,287	1,345	1,342	1,675
Mississippi	1,822	1,673	2,056	2,422
Missouri	3,447	3,682	4,063	4,371
Montana	278	316	336	376
Nebraska	892	951	989	1,301
Nevada	161	714	917	827
New Hampshire	237	277	226	252
New Jersey	5,091	5,202	5,287	6,164
New Mexico	575	702	950	1,118
New York	11,346	12,601	14,780	16,074
North Carolina	7,986	9,242	11,567	12,374
North Dakota	179	174	168	209
Ohio	8,014	7,449	8,978	11,421

TABLE 2 (Continued)

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Oklahoma	3,547	3,083	2,813	3,448
Oregon	1,782	1,616	2,001	2,484
Pennsylvania	6,078	6,354	6,587	7,163
Rhode Island	334	397	531	594
South Carolina	3,049	3,344	4,258	6,100
South Dakota	335	233	262	403
Tennessee	3,231	3,322	3,642	4,575
Texas	15,146	16,621	16,211	19,053
Utah	566	506	573	723
Vermont	223	218	378	394
Virginia	4,784	4,930	5,344	6,092
Washington	2,460	2,484	2,841	3,467
West Virginia	1,025	1,045	997	1,176
Wisconsin	1,962	2,071	2,501	2,992
Wyoming	253	278	269	307
Dist. of Columbia	2,500	2,331	2,877	3,327
Federal Institutions	20,919	21,883	21,367	24,131
TOTAL United States	189,911	197,665	221,630	253,816

TABLE 3

FEMALE PRISONER POPULATIONS OF
STATE AND FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS
FROM 1972 THROUGH 1975

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Alabama	113	150	185	194
Alaska	3	7	20	21
Arizona	47	54	74	109
Arkansas	47	58	78	88
California	500	627	955	1,020
Colorado	69	67	69	70
Connecticut	87	83	130	128
Delaware	6	6	38	32
Florida	411	430	477	672
Georgia	250	249	438	480
Hawaii	6	2	5	14
Idaho	0	8	10	0
Illinois	116	117	100	177
Indiana	77	90	89	118
Iowa	48	52	62	72
Kansas	56	44	72	67
Kentucky	89	90	124	124
Louisiana	76	124	167	207
Maine	15	14	18	15
Maryland	145	154	156	211
Massachusetts	84	24	55	92
Michigan	212	191	220	318
Minnesota	50	57	44	50
Mississippi	57	65	71	76
Missouri	86	85	108	96
Montana	5	5	0	0
Nebraska	61	55	78	88
Nevada	30	34	44	46
New Hampshire	3	0	0	0
New Jersey	188	155	169	181
New Mexico	22	24	29	36
New York	347	344	380	429
North Carolina	277	330	442	496
North Dakota	0	0	1	0
Ohio	262	268	348	436

TABLE 3 (Continued)

AGENCY	12/31/72	12/31/73	12/31/74	12/31/75
Oklahoma	120	104	83	157
Oregon	74	54	84	95
Pennsylvania	167	161	181	221
Rhode Island	6	7	14	14
South Carolina	148	145	154	233
South Dakota	9	3	5	22
Tennessee	98	132	140	192
Texas	563	617	622	708
Utah	15	13	18	29
Vermont	7	10	9	18
Virginia	162	170	202	248
Washington	148	148	148	179
West Virginia	33	41	42	42
Wisconsin	74	75	86	125
Wyoming	9	9	0	0
Dist. of Columbia	35	35	53	116
Federal Institutions	794	932	994	1,105
TOTAL United States	6,272	6,684	8,091	9,667

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