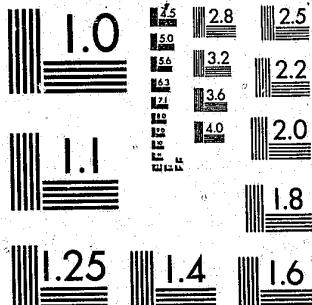


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A COMPARISON OF ADMISSION CHARACTERISTICS
OF YOUTH AUTHORITY WARDS, 1971 - 1980

INTRODUCTION

Over the years, the Youth Authority has gathered basic data on the characteristics of first commitments. The number of items collected and the methods of collection have varied considerably over the years, and it is not possible to recapture all of these data in a uniform fashion for comparative analysis. For instance, in 1974 a new computer system was initiated which resulted in a change in the type of information collected. Thus, many of the items in this report have data only for 1974 and subsequent. In analyzing the data, it is assumed that variations reflect a change in characteristics or behavior. Where there are known inconsistencies in reporting, there is a notation to that effect in the Summary of Items. These data were originally gathered from Referral Documents, Clinic Summaries, and Initial Home Visit Data Forms.

The offense categories used in this report consist of the following:

Violent type offenses: homicide, robbery, all types of assaults, violent rape, and kidnapping.

Property type offenses: burglary, theft (including auto), forgery and check offenses, and arson.

Narcotic and drug offenses: all offenses related to narcotics and dangerous drugs.

Welfare and Institutions Code violations: all age-related offenses such as incorrigibility, truancy, runaway, foster home or county camp failure, and escape from county camp or juvenile hall. However, beginning January 1977, further commitments for these offenses, except escape, were prohibited.

Other offenses: all offenses not specifically mentioned above.

HIGHLIGHTS

- After decreasing to a low of 49 percent, juvenile court commitments now are 55 percent of total first admissions.
- Ethnic minorities now constitute 66 percent of all admissions to the Youth Authority. Nine years ago, 48 percent of admissions were ethnic minorities.
- Violent type offenses represent 50 percent of all commitments to the Youth Authority. In 1971, they represented only 26 percent.
- The use or possession of weapons in conjunction with the offense has fluctuated between 36 and 38 percent in recent years.
- The use or possession of alcohol at the time of the offense increased from 10 percent in 1971 to 30 percent in 1977. Over the past three years it has been rather stable at 26 plus percent.
- Sixty-eight percent of the wards who were in the job market were unemployed at the time of the offense.
- Most of the wards were living in the parental home (74 percent) and about one-third of the wards came from two parent homes, either natural parents or parent surrogates.
- Over one-half of the wards had family members with criminal records.
- By far, the major problems in the ward's adjustment were negative peer group influences and mental-emotional problems.

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SUMMARY OF ITEMS

Sex

The proportion of female first commitments, never a high proportion, has dropped since 1971 with the current figure (4 percent) being less than half the number committed in 1971.

Court

In 1976, for the first time in Youth Authority history, more wards were committed from the criminal courts than from juvenile courts. This has since returned to the more familiar pattern of the majority of commitments coming from the juvenile courts.

Area of Commitment

More than half of all commitments are consistently from Southern California, ranging from 54 percent in 1972 to the current high of 63 percent.

Commitment Offense

The proportion of violent type offenses has climbed steadily from 26 percent in 1971 to 50 percent in 1980. Narcotic and drug and W & I code commitments have decreased from 33 percent of the total to under 3 percent.

Ethnic Group

Commitments of minority groups have increased from 48 percent of the total to a high of 66 percent. The Black ethnic group now has the highest proportion at 35 percent.

Median Age

Age at commitment has been fairly stable with a median of approximately 18 years.

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Number of Escapes

Wards with prior escapes from custody averaged 15 percent of the total commitments.

Co-offenders

The proportion of commitment offenses with more than one youth involved has been fairly stable at 46 to 51 percent.

Weapons with Offense

From 1971 through 1975 a steadily increasing proportion of wards either possessed or used a weapon during the commission of the current offense (peaking in 1975 at 39 percent). Over the past five years it has fluctuated between 36-38 percent.

Alcohol with Offense

The proportion of wards under the influence of alcohol at the time of the offense was 26 percent in 1980, the lowest since 1974.

Overall Alcohol Usage

The proportion of wards who use alcohol excessively was about 17 percent in 1980.

Drugs with Offense

The proportion of wards using or possessing some kind of drug at the time of the commitment offense has averaged about 21 percent.

Physical Handicaps

Only a small proportion of wards have a physical disability at time of commitment (10 percent).

School Dropout Status

Almost 43 percent were known to have dropped out of school prior to commitment.

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Last Grade Enrolled in School

Differences across the years may be a function of reporting changes. The more recent figures may be most representative of the population at commitment. In the past five years, over 40 percent had terminated schooling at the tenth grade level or below.

Reading Comprehension

Between 1971 and 1974 reading comprehension was tested by the Gates-MacGinitie. In the following years the reading comprehension was tested by the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). In these years the mean grade level was about the seventh grade. The observable difference in mean grade level can be attributed to the change in test rather than to the reading ability of the wards.

Arithmetic Reasoning

Between 1971 and 1974 the arithmetic ability of wards was tested by the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills. Thereafter, the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) was used. The mean grade level was about 6.6 in the last five years.

Prior Convictions or Sustained Petitions

Beginning in 1978 these data represent only convictions and sustained petitions. Data for the years 1971-77 reflect all recorded law enforcement or probation contacts. The two conditions are not comparable.

Median Age at First Prior Conviction or Sustained Petition

Because of the change in the definition of the preceding item, the data for 1978-1980 have no comparability with prior years.

Prior Commitments

In 1980, more than 60 percent of the wards had experienced county commitments prior to their commitment to the Youth Authority.

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Median Age at First Prior Commitment

For those wards experiencing a county commitment, the median age at such a commitment was slightly less than 16 years.

I-Level

Most of the differences observable in this item can be attributed to a change in the method of making the diagnosis.

Religion

The proportion of wards claiming either Protestant or Catholic religious preference has remained fairly constant in recent years.

Major Problem Area

Starting in 1974 parole agents were asked to designate the major problem the wards experienced while in the community. Negative peer group influences and mental or emotional problems predominated.

Employment

About two-thirds of the wards were in the job market at commitment. Approximately two-thirds of those in the job market were unemployed.

Placement Before Commitment

Almost three-quarters of the wards were living in the parental home at the time they committed the offense leading to Youth Authority admission.

Out-of-Home Placements

Thirty-seven percent of the wards had been placed out of the parental home at some time prior to Youth Authority commitment.

Parental Configuration

About one-third of the wards came from two parent homes (either natural or substitute parents).

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Parents' Marital Status

Approximately 60 percent of the wards came from homes broken by divorce, separation or death of parents.

Income Level of Home

More than one-half of the wards came from homes with an adequate or better than adequate income.

Family Income from Public Assistance

Sixty-two percent of the families received no public assistance.

Criminal Record of Family Members

Almost one-third of the wards had siblings with criminal records, and over one-half of the wards came from families with criminal records.

Economic Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood

More than one-half of the wards came from homes where the neighborhood was considered average or above in maintenance and appearance.

Delinquency Aspects of Immediate Neighborhood

Over two-thirds of the wards lived in neighborhoods not considered highly delinquent.

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TABLE 1

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1971-1980
(Showing percents of totals)

Characteristics	Total Admissions									
	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Total first admissions.....	3218	2728	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
Male.....	89.5	90.8	91.9	92.9	94.7	94.9	95.3	95.7	95.8	96.1
Female.....	10.5	9.2	8.1	7.1	5.3	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.2	3.9
Court.....	3218	2728	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
Juvenile.....	51.3	53.6	53.1	50.9	53.7	49.3	55.5	58.2	56.5	55.2
Criminal.....	48.7	46.4	46.9	49.1	46.3	50.7	45.4	41.8	43.5	44.8
Area of commitment.....	3218	2728	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
Southern California.....	55.6	53.7	59.9	59.6	61.9	58.0	57.4	58.6	60.7	62.8
Los Angeles.....	29.8	29.0	35.7	32.3	33.5	33.5	35.3	36.4	41.3	42.2
9 other counties.....	25.8	24.7	24.2	27.3	28.4	24.5	22.1	22.2	19.4	20.6
San Francisco Bay area.....	24.5	24.5	20.5	19.8	21.0	23.5	23.6	22.3	21.0	19.0
Sacramento Valley.....	6.2	9.1	7.3	7.7	7.2	7.6	6.0	6.0	6.1	5.9
San Joaquin Valley.....	7.9	7.9	7.4	7.5	6.2	7.2	8.6	9.0	7.9	8.0
22 other counties.....	5.8	4.8	4.9	5.4	3.7	3.7	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.3
Commitment offense.....	3218	2728	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
Violent type offenses.....	26.1	30.1	36.1	39.2	44.8	44.3	45.1	46.3	47.8	49.9
Property type offenses.....	34.9	36.8	37.4	39.0	39.2	42.2	45.3	47.0	46.2	43.5
Narcotic & drug offenses....	18.8	11.8	9.4	7.6	4.5	3.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3
W & I Code violations.....	13.9	14.1	10.4	8.8	5.9	6.3	3.6	0.6	0.3	0.4
Other offenses.....	6.3	7.2	6.7	5.4	5.6	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.9
Ethnic group.....	3218	2728	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
White.....	52.0	48.6	44.5	47.3	40.7	40.5	39.3	39.3	35.3	33.7
Spanish speaking/surname....	19.0	19.6	18.9	19.8	21.4	23.2	25.6	26.7	28.4	28.6
Black.....	25.9	29.3	33.9	30.1	34.4	33.7	32.0	31.7	33.8	35.4
Other.....	3.1	2.5	2.7	2.8	3.5	2.6	3.1	2.3	2.5	2.3
Median age.....	18.1	18.0	18.0	18.1	18.0	18.2	17.9	17.8	17.9	17.9
Number of escapes.....	3218	2728	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
None or unknown.....	80.1	78.6	82.4	84.5	82.3	80.8	82.1	84.9	85.9	84.5
One or more.....	19.9	21.4	17.6	15.5	17.7	19.2	17.9	15.1	14.1	15.5
Co-offenders.....	3218	2728	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
None or unknown.....	53.6	55.3	53.2	49.7	51.1	47.8	49.8	50.9	49.3	48.6
One or two.....	37.5	37.8	39.6	41.7	42.1	44.3	43.3	41.4	43.0	43.8
Three or more.....	8.9	6.9	7.2	8.6	6.8	7.9	6.9	7.7	7.7	7.6
Weapons with offense.....	3218	2728	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
None or unknown.....	74.2	72.6	65.5	63.6	61.3	62.3	62.1	63.8	61.5	62.5
Yes.....	25.8	27.4	34.5	36.4	38.7	37.7	37.9	36.2	38.5	37.5

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CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1971-1980
(Showing percents of totals)

Total Admissions

Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Alcohol with offense.....	3218	2728	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
None or unknown.....	90.3	85.5	82.4	70.7	72.0	70.8	69.8	73.2	73.4	73.6
Yes.....	9.7	14.5	17.6	29.3	28.0	29.2	30.2	26.8	26.6	26.4
Overall alcohol usage.....	3218	2728	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
None or unknown.....	21.8	22.3	36.5	20.3	26.7	26.7	24.5	28.8	29.7	31.0
Slight to moderate.....	63.4	51.5	35.7	59.1	54.0	57.5	58.4	52.4	51.6	51.8
Excessive.....	14.8	26.2	27.8	20.6	19.3	15.8	17.1	18.8	18.7	17.2
Drugs with offense.....	-	-	-	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
None or unknown.....	-	-	-	78.0	80.1	79.8	77.9	78.9	78.8	79.3
Yes.....	-	-	-	22.0	19.9	20.2	22.1	21.1	21.2	20.7
Physical handicaps.....	-	-	-	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
None or unknown.....	-	-	-	92.3	94.3	89.4	89.2	89.5	88.5	90.2
Yes.....	-	-	-	7.7	5.7	10.6	10.8	10.5	11.5	9.8
School dropout status.....	-	-	2757	3002	3404	3559	3626	3776	3640	3968
No or unknown.....	-	-	72.5	63.3	57.2	57.4	54.8	45.2	35.3	57.3
Yes.....	-	-	27.5	36.7	42.8	42.6	45.2	54.8	64.7	42.7
Last grade enrolled in school.	3114	2653	2659	2845	3047	3305	3386	3567	3453	3548
Grades 1-9.....	21.7	20.5	18.1	15.8	20.2	16.5	16.4	19.2	18.3	19.7
Grade 10.....	25.9	24.6	25.2	24.8	26.6	26.0	26.4	26.2	28.7	27.0
Grade 11.....	28.8	31.4	31.3	30.7	32.5	35.0	35.2	34.9	32.7	33.6
Grade 12.....	17.2	19.1	16.1	17.7	11.4	13.2	14.2	13.6	13.9	12.9
H. S. grad or college.....	6.4	4.4	9.3	11.0	9.3	9.3	7.8	6.1	6.4	6.8
Reading comprehension (mean grade level).....	8.2	8.1	8.0	8.2	6.9	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.8
Arithmetic reasoning (mean grade level).....	6.4	6.2	5.9	6.0	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.6	6.5
Prior convictions or sustained petitions ^a /.....	3188	2712	2743	2991	3205	3468	3590	3743	3588	3862
None.....	2.7	3.5	4.4	5.6	5.3	7.3	7.0	13.6	14.5	15.9
1-4.....	27.8	22.0	17.8	25.8	27.7	30.6	30.6	55.5	61.1	60.2
5-7.....	24.9	24.9	43.5	21.9	22.5	20.9	22.6	19.9	18.6	18.1
8 or more.....	44.7	49.6	34.3	46.7	44.5	41.2	39.8	11.0	5.8	5.8
Median age at first prior conviction or petition ^a /.....	14.1	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.0	14.7	14.9	14.9

^a/ Definition changed in 1978. Formerly titled Prior Delinquent Contacts.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1971-1980
(Showing percents of totals)

Total Admissions

Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Prior commitments.....	3188	2712	2742	2991	3205	3468	3590	3743	3588	3862
None.....	43.4	43.0	48.9	48.6	43.3	43.6	38.1	37.5	35.1	39.0
One.....	33.2	32.2	29.7	29.3	32.9	30.0	31.3	30.9	30.6	29.8
Two.....	15.4	16.0	14.1	13.5	14.9	15.8	17.0	19.3	20.2	17.3
Three or more.....	8.0	8.8	7.3	8.6	8.9	10.6	13.6	12.3	14.1	13.9
Median age at first prior commitment.....	15.9	15.8	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.7	15.6	15.6	15.7
I-Level.....	2163	2316	2424	2802	2472	2855	2795	2849	2801	2668
I-2.....	6.9	5.8	7.5	8.0	10.7	9.4	9.9	8.3	9.0	11.3
I-3.....	45.0	52.5	51.0	51.0	54.8	54.5	57.8	59.4	60.9	54.8
I-4 and I-5.....	48.1	41.7	41.5	41.0	34.5	36.1	32.3	32.3	30.1	33.9
Religion.....	2854	2322	2314	2404	2550	2725	2849	2935	2161	2242
Catholic.....	43.4	42.4	42.8	45.4	46.7	46.9	45.3	48.3	46.5	46.4
Protestant.....	53.3	54.9	55.0	53.3	51.2	51.4	52.8	49.0	52.4	53.4
Other.....	3.3	2.7	2.2	1.3	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.7	1.1	0.2
Major problem area.....	-	-	-	-	2456	2753	2741	2872	3029	2733
None.....	-	-	-	-	1.2	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.0	1.5
Employment.....	-	-	-	-	7.1	7.0	7.4	5.9	5.4	6.3
Family.....	-	-	-	-	12.2	8.4	7.0	8.5	8.5	7.1
School.....	-	-	-	-	3.8	3.3	3.2	3.3	2.7	2.7
Drugs/alcohol.....	-	-	-	-	16.7	14.2	14.5	14.3	14.0	15.2
Peer influence.....	-	-	-	-	37.8	42.9	41.6	42.8	41.6	41.2
Mental/emotional.....	-	-	-	-	21.2	23.2	24.7	23.9	26.8	27.9
Employment.....	-	-	-	-	2547	2857	2840	3011	3166	2801
Not in job market.....	-	-	-	-	36.5	37.7	34.2	36.4	32.7	32.9
Unemployed.....	-	-	-	-	38.5	41.9	46.0	44.2	45.7	43.7
Employed part-time.....	-	-	-	-	13.4	12.4	11.8	10.0	11.6	12.3
Employed full-time.....	-	-	-	-	11.6	8.0	8.0	9.4	10.0	12.3
Placement before commitment....	-	-	-	-	2548	2904	2881	3033	3186	2809
Parents.....	-	-	-	-	73.1	73.4	72.4	73.6	74.0	74.2
Relatives.....	-	-	-	-	8.8	9.3	9.4	8.6	9.1	9.7
Foster/group home.....	-	-	-	-	6.0	5.3	5.2	6.5	6.6	5.2
Independent.....	-	-	-	-	12.1	12.0	13.0	11.3	10.3	12.0
Out-of-home placement.....	-	-	-	-	2434	2740	2724	2795	2985	2605
None.....	-	-	-	-	65.7	68.1	67.8	64.0	65.1	63.4
One.....	-	-	-	-	16.3	16.8	15.8	16.9	15.6	15.9
Two or more.....	-	-	-	-	18.0	15.1	16.4	19.1	19.3	20.7

TABLE 1 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1971-1980
(Showing percents of totals)

Total Admissions

Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Parental configuration.....	-	-	-	2578	2919	2902	3068	3217	2838	2996
No parents in home.....	-	-	-	6.1	4.7	5.5	6.6	5.9	5.7	5.8
One-parent home.....	-	-	-	41.0	44.2	45.1	46.2	46.1	61.8	62.0
Two-parent home.....	-	-	-	52.9	51.1	49.3	47.2	48.0	32.5	32.2
Parents' marital status.....	3147	2686	2702	2965	3128	3413	3511	3627	3500	3549
Never married.....	6.2	3.0	3.9	7.6	5.9	6.5	8.9	10.2	12.7	12.1
Presently married.....	35.9	34.2	30.7	34.5	33.1	31.8	29.7	30.0	28.0	25.7
No longer married.....	57.9	62.8	65.4	57.9	61.0	61.7	61.4	59.8	59.3	62.2
Income level of home.....	-	-	-	2516	2833	2801	2879	3080	2724	2826
Less than adequate.....	-	-	-	41.1	43.7	44.2	46.3	42.8	42.7	43.4
Adequate.....	-	-	-	52.3	51.9	51.6	49.5	53.1	52.3	52.8
More than adequate.....	-	-	-	6.6	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	5.1	3.8
Family income from public assistance.....	-	-	-	2443	2713	2706	2773	2944	2586	2654
None.....	-	-	-	66.1	62.6	62.5	60.5	63.0	63.2	62.3
Less than half.....	-	-	-	8.0	9.8	9.0	9.0	9.2	9.5	10.0
More than half.....	-	-	-	25.9	27.6	28.5	30.5	27.8	27.3	27.7
Criminal record of family members.....	-	-	-	2299	2616	2568	2652	2838	2522	2575
None.....	-	-	-	51.8	50.2	51.6	49.0	47.4	45.7	46.6
Parents only.....	-	-	-	9.7	8.7	8.0	7.8	7.6	9.2	8.9
Siblings only.....	-	-	-	28.6	32.3	33.0	34.6	34.4	34.0	32.3
Both.....	-	-	-	9.9	8.8	7.4	8.6	10.6	11.1	12.2
Economic aspects of immediate neighborhood.....	-	-	-	2523	2848	2836	2963	3123	2760	2855
Above average.....	-	-	-	8.0	7.3	6.9	6.3	6.1	7.8	7.3
Average.....	-	-	-	47.7	50.0	50.1	50.3	51.4	47.8	48.5
Below average.....	-	-	-	44.3	42.7	43.0	43.4	42.5	44.4	44.2
Delinquency aspects of immediate neighborhood.....	-	-	-	2504	2823	2803	2957	3119	2744	2793
Nondelinquent.....	-	-	-	9.0	6.4	6.6	5.7	5.9	6.8	6.9
Minimally delinquent.....	-	-	-	27.0	25.1	25.2	22.2	24.6	25.5	23.6
Moderately delinquent.....	-	-	-	35.0	37.1	36.3	39.4	37.4	36.0	34.6
Highly delinquent.....	-	-	-	29.0	31.4	31.9	32.7	32.1	31.7	34.9

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TABLE 2

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1971-1980
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Males Only

Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Total first admissions.....	2880	2476	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
Court.....	2880	2476	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
Juvenile.....	48.5	51.2	51.1	49.0	53.2	48.4	55.1	57.6	56.1	54.7
Criminal.....	51.5	48.8	48.9	51.0	46.8	51.6	44.9	42.4	43.9	45.3
Area of commitment.....	2880	2476	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
Southern California.....	55.7	53.9	59.7	60.8	62.1	58.5	57.8	58.9	61.2	63.0
Los Angeles.....	30.6	30.1	36.4	33.4	34.1	33.9	35.3	37.0	41.9	42.3
9 other counties.....	25.1	23.8	23.3	27.4	28.0	24.6	22.5	21.0	19.3	20.7
San Francisco Bay area.....	23.9	24.7	20.4	19.5	20.9	23.4	23.4	22.0	20.8	19.1
Sacramento.....	6.6	8.9	7.4	7.2	7.2	7.4	6.1	6.0	6.0	6.0
San Joaquin Valley.....	8.0	7.9	7.4	7.3	6.1	7.1	8.5	9.0	7.8	7.7
22 other counties.....	5.8	4.6	5.0	5.2	3.7	3.6	4.2	4.0	4.2	4.2
Commitment offense.....	2880	2476	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
Violent type offenses.....	27.4	31.5	37.0	40.1	44.9	44.3	44.8	45.9	47.4	49.6
Property type offenses.....	36.5	38.9	39.0	40.0	39.8	42.7	46.0	47.4	46.6	43.8
Narcotic & drug offenses.....	18.9	11.4	9.0	7.0	4.2	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3
W & I Code violations.....	11.2	11.2	8.5	7.4	5.6	6.3	3.5	0.6	0.3	0.4
Other offenses.....	6.0	7.0	6.5	5.5	5.5	3.5	3.4	3.7	3.3	3.9
Ethnic group.....	2880	2476	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
White.....	51.3	47.6	44.2	46.6	40.7	40.3	39.5	38.8	34.9	33.5
Spanish speaking/surname...	19.5	19.7	18.1	20.2	21.4	23.4	25.6	27.0	28.3	28.6
Black.....	26.2	30.1	34.1	30.5	34.3	33.8	31.9	31.8	34.4	35.8
Other.....	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.6	2.5	3.0	2.4	2.4	2.1
Median age.....	18.2	18.1	18.1	18.2	18.0	18.2	18.0	17.8	17.9	17.9
Number of escapes.....	2880	2476	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
None or unknown.....	79.8	78.2	82.4	84.8	82.2	80.9	81.8	84.6	85.9	84.6
One or more.....	20.2	21.8	17.6	15.2	17.8	19.1	18.2	15.4	14.1	15.4
Co-offenders.....	2880	2476	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
None or unknown.....	52.5	54.4	52.0	49.0	47.5	49.5	50.7	49.5	48.3	48.3
One or two.....	38.8	38.7	40.6	42.3	42.6	44.5	43.5	41.6	43.0	44.2
Three or more.....	8.7	6.9	7.4	8.7	6.5	8.0	6.9	7.7	7.5	7.5
Weapons with offense.....	2880	2476	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
None or unknown.....	72.6	70.9	64.3	62.6	60.8	61.7	61.8	63.8	61.7	62.9
Yes.....	27.4	29.1	35.7	37.4	39.2	38.3	38.2	36.2	38.3	37.1

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Males Only

Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Alcohol with offense.....	2880	2476	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
None or unknown.....	89.7	84.7	81.5	69.1	71.2	69.6	69.2	72.5	73.0	73.3
Yes.....	10.3	15.3	18.5	30.9	28.8	30.4	30.8	27.5	27.0	26.7
Overall alcohol usage.....	2880	2476	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
None or unknown.....	19.1	20.4	35.3	18.8	26.0	25.7	24.5	28.9	29.7	31.0
Slight to moderate.....	64.9	52.4	36.0	60.1	54.1	58.2	58.3	52.3	51.6	52.1
Excessive.....	16.0	27.2	28.7	21.1	19.9	16.1	17.2	18.8	18.7	16.9
Drugs with offenses.....	-	-	-	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
None or unknown.....	-	-	-	75.4	79.9	79.8	78.0	78.9	78.7	79.7
Yes.....	-	-	-	24.6	20.1	20.2	22.0	21.1	21.3	20.3
Physical handicaps.....	-	-	-	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
None or unknown.....	-	-	-	93.3	94.3	89.4	89.0	89.6	88.8	91.8
Yes.....	-	-	-	6.7	5.7	10.6	11.0	10.4	11.2	8.2
School dropout status.....	-	-	2534	2790	3224	3377	3457	3614	3487	3814
None or unknown.....	-	-	71.3	62.1	57.5	57.0	54.7	45.4	35.5	56.8
Yes.....	-	-	28.6	37.9	42.5	43.0	45.3	54.6	64.5	43.2
Last grade enrolled in school.....	2794	2411	2442	2647	2888	3158	3230	3410	3310	3450
Grades 1-9.....	21.2	19.5	16.9	15.0	20.2	16.2	15.8	18.4	17.6	19.4
Grade 10.....	25.2	24.6	25.5	24.7	26.6	25.8	26.2	26.2	28.6	26.9
Grade 11.....	29.9	31.7	31.5	31.0	32.4	35.6	35.8	35.5	33.0	33.8
Grade 12.....	17.4	19.7	16.5	18.1	11.3	13.2	14.2	13.9	14.2	13.1
H. S. grad or college.....	6.3	4.5	9.6	11.2	9.5	9.2	8.0	6.0	6.6	6.8
Reading comprehension (mean grade level).....	3.1	8.1	8.0	8.2	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.8	
Arithmetic reasoning (mean grade level).....	6.4	6.2	5.9	6.0	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.5
Prior convictions or sustained petitions ^a /.....	2855	2462	2521	2780	3037	3309	3423	3582	3437	3712
None.....	2.6	3.3	4.4	5.4	5.0	7.0	6.8	12.6	13.7	15.4
1-4.....	26.4	21.4	17.5	25.6	27.2	30.4	30.1	55.8	61.3	60.4
5-7.....	24.4	24.5	43.8	21.7	22.5	20.9	22.7	20.5	19.1	18.3
8 or more.....	46.6	50.8	34.3	47.3	45.3	41.7	40.4	11.1	5.9	5.9
Median age at first prior conviction or petition ^a /.....	14.3	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.9	14.2	14.0	14.7	14.9	14.9

^{a/} Definition changed in 1978. Formerly titled Prior Delinquent Contacts.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1971-1980
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Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Prior commitments.....	2855	2462	2520	2780	3037	3309	3423	3582	3437	3712
None.....	41.0	40.1	46.9	47.5	42.5	42.8	37.2	36.6	34.1	38.3
One.....	34.0	33.6	30.7	29.8	33.4	30.3	31.8	31.2	31.1	29.9
Two.....	16.3	16.8	14.8	14.0	15.0	16.1	17.3	19.7	20.4	17.7
Three or more.....	8.7	9.5	7.6	8.7	9.1	10.8	13.7	12.5	14.4	14.1
Median age at first prior commitment.....	16.3	16.4	16.3	15.9	15.9	16.0	15.7	15.5	15.6	15.7
I-Level.....	1861	2127	2251	2614	2359	2781	2702	2757	2722	2542
I-2.....	7.0	6.3	7.8	8.1	10.7	9.5	9.7	8.1	8.8	11.1
I-3.....	48.0	53.8	51.7	52.5	55.0	54.5	58.3	59.7	61.5	55.3
I-4 and I-5.....	45.0	39.9	40.5	39.4	34.3	36.0	32.0	32.2	29.7	33.6
Religion.....	2550	2111	2124	2230	2397	2582	2732	2812	2097	2196
Catholic.....	43.8	42.7	43.4	45.7	46.9	47.3	45.2	48.4	46.3	46.4
Protestant.....	53.1	54.6	54.3	53.1	51.0	51.0	53.0	49.0	52.8	53.4
Other.....	3.1	2.7	2.3	1.2	2.1	1.7	1.8	2.6	0.9	0.2
Major problem area.....	-	-	-	2270	2615	2596	2737	2902	2612	2765
None.....	-	-	-	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.0	0.6	1.4
Employment.....	-	-	-	7.7	7.3	7.8	6.1	5.5	5.2	6.4
Family.....	-	-	-	11.4	8.4	6.9	8.4	7.3	6.9	
School.....	-	-	-	4.0	3.4	3.3	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.7
Drugs/alcohol.....	-	-	-	16.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	13.9	15.3	15.2
Peer influence.....	-	-	-	38.8	43.4	42.3	43.0	42.4	41.8	40.3
Mental/emotional.....	-	-	-	20.6	22.3	23.9	23.7	26.0	27.3	27.1
Employment.....	-	-	-	2360	2714	2691	2871	3033	2685	2758
Not in job market.....	-	-	-	35.1	36.8	33.3	35.6	32.0	32.6	32.6
Unemployed.....	-	-	-	38.7	42.1	46.4	44.3	45.7	43.8	45.5
Employed part-time.....	-	-	-	13.9	12.8	12.1	10.4	11.9	12.5	9.3
Employed full-time.....	-	-	-	12.3	8.3	8.2	9.7	10.4	11.1	12.6
Placement before commitment..	-	-	-	2365	2759	2732	2897	3051	2692	2788
Parents.....	-	-	-	74.0	74.1	73.3	74.1	74.7	73.8	74.8
Relatives.....	-	-	-	9.0	9.3	9.5	8.7	9.3	9.8	10.2
Foster/group home.....	-	-	-	4.9	4.8	4.5	6.2	6.2	4.9	4.9
Independent.....	-	-	-	12.1	11.8	12.7	11.0	9.8	11.5	10.1
Out-of-home placements.....	-	-	-	2253	2608	2578	2666	2858	2496	2625
None.....	-	-	-	67.8	68.9	68.7	64.6	65.8	64.4	64.0
One.....	-	-	-	16.1	16.6	15.8	16.9	15.4	16.0	16.9
Two or more.....	-	-	-	16.1	14.5	15.5	18.5	18.8	19.6	19.1

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Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Parental configuration.....	-	-	-	2387	2774	2755	2928	3079	2718	2877
No parents in home.....	-	-	-	6.1	4.6	5.5	6.3	5.7	5.7	5.7
One-parent home.....	-	-	-	40.7	44.0	47.5	46.3	45.9	61.7	61.7
Two-parent home.....	-	-	-	53.2	51.4	47.0	47.4	48.4	32.6	32.6
Parents' marital status.....	2818	2439	2481	2755	2963	3258	3348	3468	3349	3404
Never married.....	5.9	2.9	3.8	7.6	5.5	6.3	8.7	9.8	12.5	11.6
Presently married.....	37.1	34.9	31.1	35.1	33.5	32.3	30.0	30.1	28.1	26.1
No longer married.....	57.0	62.2	65.1	57.3	60.9	61.4	61.3	60.1	59.4	62.3
Income level of home.....	-	-	-	2333	2692	2658	2750	2952	2613	2716
Less than adequate.....	-	-	-	40.9	43.3	43.8	46.0	42.5	42.6	43.3
Adequate.....	-	-	-	52.5	52.3	51.9	49.8	53.4	52.5	52.9
More than adequate.....	-	-	-	6.6	4.4	4.3	4.2	4.1	4.9	3.8
Family income from public assistance.....	-	-	-	2265	2576	2573	2646	2822	2481	2551
None.....	-	-	-	66.3	62.8	62.9	61.0	63.3	63.3	62.9
Less than half.....	-	-	-	8.1	10.1	8.7	8.9	9.3	9.5	9.7
More than half.....	-	-	-	25.6	27.1	28.4	30.1	27.4	27.2	27.4
Criminal record of family members.....	-	-	-	2122	2484	2434	2526	2717	2412	2475
None.....	-	-	-	52.2	50.5	51.9	49.1	47.8	46.0	46.7
Parents only.....	-	-	-	9.6	8.5	7.8	7.8	7.5	9.2	8.9
Siblings only.....	-	-	-	29.0	32.5	33.1	34.9	34.4	34.2	32.2
Both.....	-	-	-	9.2	8.5	7.2	8.2	10.3	10.6	12.2
Economic aspects of immediate neighborhood.....	-	-	-	2345	2706	2693	2827	2997	2648	2741
Above average.....	-	-	-	7.8	7.1	7.1	6.3	6.3	7.9	7.4
Average.....	-	-	-	47.8	50.3	50.2	50.4	51.5	47.8	48.6
Below average.....	-	-	-	44.4	42.6	42.7	43.3	42.2	44.3	44.0
Delinquency aspects of immediate neighborhood.....	-	-	-	2330	2683	2662	2820	2992	2634	2685
Nondelinquent.....	-	-	-	8.5	6.3	6.5	5.5	5.8	6.6	6.9
Minimally delinquent.....	-	-	-	26.7	25.2	25.3	22.4	24.5	25.4	23.5
Moderately delinquent.....	-	-	-	35.4	36.9	36.3	39.4	37.8	36.2	34.7
Highly delinquent.....	-	-	-	29.4	31.6	31.9	32.7	31.9	31.8	34.9

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TABLE 3

CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1971-1980
(Showing percents of totals)

Females Only

Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Total first admissions.....	338	252	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
Court.....	338	252	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
Juvenile.....	75.1	77.0	75.3	75.5	63.9	66.5	54.5	70.4	66.7	65.6
Criminal.....	24.9	23.0	24.7	24.5	36.1	33.5	35.5	29.6	33.3	34.4
Area of commitment.....	338	252	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
Southern California.....	54.4	50.8	62.3	45.8	59.4	48.4	47.3	51.2	50.3	57.8
Los Angeles.....	23.1	17.5	28.2	18.9	23.9	24.7	18.9	24.1	26.1	39.6
9 other counties.....	31.3	33.3	34.1	26.9	35.5	23.7	28.4	27.1	24.2	18.2
San Francisco Bay area.....	29.3	23.0	21.5	23.1	21.7	24.7	29.0	29.6	25.5	17.5
Sacramento.....	3.3	11.1	5.4	13.2	6.7	11.5	4.7	4.9	8.5	3.3
San Joaquin Valley.....	7.4	8.3	6.7	9.4	8.9	9.3	11.3	8.7	9.8	14.3
22 other counties.....	5.6	6.8	4.2	8.5	3.3	6.1	7.7	5.6	5.9	7.1
Commitment offense.....	338	252	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
Violent type offenses.....	14.2	16.7	25.6	26.4	44.5	45.0	51.5	54.9	58.1	55.8
Property type offenses.....	21.0	16.7	19.3	26.4	27.2	33.0	32.0	37.0	35.3	36.4
Narcotic & drug offenses	18.0	15.5	13.0	15.6	9.4	9.9	7.7	3.1	3.3	3.9
W & I Code violations.....	37.6	42.4	32.7	27.4	12.8	6.6	4.1	1.9	-	-
Other offenses.....	9.2	8.7	9.4	4.2	6.1	5.5	4.7	3.1	3.3	3.9
Ethnic group.....	338	252	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
White.....	58.0	58.3	48.9	57.6	40.0	43.4	36.1	49.4	44.4	38.9
Spanish-speaking/surname...	14.8	18.3	15.2	14.6	20.6	19.8	25.5	19.7	30.1	29.9
Black.....	23.1	21.4	31.4	24.5	36.1	32.4	34.3	28.4	20.3	27.3
Other.....	4.1	2.0	4.5	3.3	3.3	4.4	4.1	2.5	5.2	3.9
Median age.....	16.8	16.7	16.9	16.9	17.0	17.5	17.5	17.3	17.4	17.3
Number of escapes.....	338	252	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
None or unknown.....	83.4	82.9	82.5	80.3	83.3	78.6	88.2	91.4	85.6	81.2
One or more.....	16.6	17.1	17.5	19.8	16.7	21.4	11.8	8.6	14.4	18.8
Co-offenders.....	338	252	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
None or unknown.....	63.3	64.3	66.8	58.0	56.7	53.3	55.0	56.2	44.4	56.5
One or two.....	26.0	28.6	28.3	33.0	31.7	39.6	38.5	35.2	43.8	34.4
Three or more.....	10.7	7.1	4.9	9.0	11.6	7.1	6.5	8.6	11.8	9.1
Weapons with offense.....	338	252	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
None or unknown.....	87.9	88.9	78.9	76.9	71.1	73.1	68.6	64.8	54.9	53.2
Yes.....	12.1	11.1	21.1	23.3	28.3	26.9	31.4	35.2	45.1	46.8

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Females Only

Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Alcohol with offense.....	338	252	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
None or unknown.....	95.3	93.3	92.8	90.6	86.7	93.4	81.7	87.7	81.7	81.2
Yes.....	4.7	6.7	7.2	9.4	13.3	6.6	18.3	12.3	18.3	18.8
Overall alcohol usage.....	338	252	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
None or unknown.....	44.7	41.3	50.7	40.1	39.5	44.5	24.3	25.9	39.1	28.6
Slight to moderate.....	50.9	42.8	32.7	47.2	51.1	45.1	60.4	54.3	52.3	46.1
Excessive.....	4.4	15.9	16.6	12.7	9.4	10.4	15.4	19.8	17.6	25.3
Drugs with offenses.....	-	-	-	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
None or unknown.....	-	-	-	72.2	83.9	79.7	76.9	80.9	81.0	71.4
Yes.....	-	-	-	27.8	16.1	20.3	23.1	19.1	19.0	28.6
Physical handicaps.....	-	-	-	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
None or unknown.....	-	-	-	93.8	96.6	90.7	93.5	87.7	82.4	50.0
Yes.....	-	-	-	6.2	3.4	9.3	6.5	12.3	17.6	50.0
School dropout status.....	-	-	223	212	180	182	169	162	153	154
None or unknown.....	-	-	85.2	79.7	51.7	64.8	68.6	43.2	30.7	70.8
Yes.....	-	-	14.8	20.3	48.3	35.2	31.4	56.8	69.3	29.2
Last grade enrolled in school	320	242	217	198	159	147	169	157	143	98
Grades 1-9.....	26.6	30.6	30.9	26.3	21.4	21.8	27.5	36.3	32.8	30.6
Grade 10.....	31.2	24.4	21.2	26.3	27.0	32.0	30.8	25.5	30.8	32.7
Grade 11.....	19.4	27.7	29.5	28.3	33.3	23.1	23.1	21.0	24.5	23.5
Grade 12.....	15.6	13.2	12.0	11.6	12.6	13.6	14.1	8.9	9.1	6.1
H. S. grad or college.....	7.2	4.1	6.4	7.5	5.7	9.5	4.5	8.3	2.8	7.1
Reading comprehension (mean grade level).....	8.3	8.3	8.0	7.8	6.8	7.3	6.9	7.3	6.9	6.5
Arithmetic reasoning (mean grade level).....	6.6	6.5	6.3	5.8	6.3	6.8	6.3	6.7	6.6	6.5
Prior convictions or sustained petitions ^a /.....	333	250	222	211	168	159	167	161	151	150
None.....	3.3	5.2	5.0	7.1	10.1	13.8	11.9	36.0	33.8	26.7
1-4.....	39.4	27.6	21.2	28.4	35.7	34.6	41.3	48.4	55.6	54.7
5-7.....	28.8	28.8	39.6	24.7	22.0	20.8	18.6	8.1	8.6	14.0
8 or more.....	28.5	38.4	34.2	39.8	32.2	30.8	28.2	7.5	2.0	4.6
Median age at first prior conviction or petition ^a /....	14.1	13.9	13.9	13.8	14.1	14.0	14.2	15.0	14.9	14.5

^{a/} Definition changed in 1978. Formerly titled Prior Delinquent Contacts.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF FIRST COMMITMENTS TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY, 1971-1980
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Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Prior commitments.....	333	250	222	211	168	159	167	161	151	150
None.....	63.4	72.4	71.2	63.0	57.1	60.4	56.3	57.1	60.3	58.0
One.....	26.4	17.6	18.9	23.2	24.4	24.5	21.5	24.2	19.2	28.0
Two.....	8.1	7.6	6.8	6.7	12.5	9.4	10.2	10.6	15.2	7.3
Three or more.....	2.1	2.4	3.1	7.1	6.0	5.7	12.0	8.1	5.3	6.7
Median age at first prior commitment.....	15.6	15.6	15.4	15.0	15.2	14.9	14.7	16.4	14.9	15.3
I-Level.....	302	189	173	188	113	74	93	92	79	126
I-2.....	6.6	-	3.5	6.3	10.6	2.7	15.1	11.9	13.9	15.1
I-3.....	26.2	37.0	42.2	30.9	52.2	55.4	43.0	51.1	40.5	44.4
I-4 and I-5.....	67.2	63.0	54.3	62.8	37.2	41.9	41.9	37.0	45.6	40.5
Religion.....	304	211	190	174	153	143	117	123	64	46
Catholic.....	40.1	39.3	35.8	42.0	43.1	38.5	46.1	45.5	53.1	47.8
Protestant.....	54.9	58.8	62.6	55.7	53.6	58.7	49.6	49.6	40.6	52.2
Other.....	4.9	1.9	1.6	2.3	3.3	2.8	4.3	4.9	6.3	-
Major problem area.....	-	-	-	186	138	145	135	127	121	122
None.....	-	-	-	-	-	1.4	1.5	0.8	0.8	3.3
Employment.....	-	-	-	0.5	1.4	0.7	2.2	1.6	3.3	2.5
Family.....	-	-	-	21.0	8.7	9.9	9.6	10.2	12.4	12.3
School.....	-	-	-	1.6	1.4	2.1	3.0	2.4	1.7	2.5
Drugs/alcohol.....	-	-	-	23.1	14.5	20.0	17.0	15.7	13.2	16.4
Peer influence.....	-	-	-	25.3	34.1	27.6	38.5	24.4	26.4	27.0
Mental/emotional.....	-	-	-	28.5	39.9	39.3	28.2	44.9	42.2	36.0
Employment.....	-	-	-	187	143	149	140	133	116	117
Not in job market.....	-	-	-	55.1	54.5	51.0	51.4	49.6	44.0	40.1
Unemployed.....	-	-	-	34.8	38.5	39.6	41.4	44.4	41.4	49.6
Employed part-time.....	-	-	-	6.9	4.2	4.7	2.9	3.8	7.7	4.3
Employed full-time.....	-	-	-	3.2	2.8	4.7	4.3	2.2	6.9	6.0
Placement before commitment..	-	-	-	183	145	149	136	135	117	111
Parents.....	-	-	-	60.1	60.0	56.4	61.8	57.0	53.9	59.5
Relatives.....	-	-	-	7.1	9.6	7.4	6.6	5.2	6.8	8.1
Foster/group home.....	-	-	-	20.8	15.2	17.4	13.2	16.3	15.4	14.4
Independent.....	-	-	-	12.0	15.2	18.8	18.4	21.5	23.9	18.0
Out-of-home placements.....	-	-	-	181	132	146	129	127	109	112
None.....	-	-	-	39.8	52.3	51.4	51.2	49.6	40.4	45.5
One.....	-	-	-	19.3	22.0	16.4	17.0	18.1	12.8	14.3
Two or more.....	-	-	-	40.9	25.7	32.2	31.8	32.3	46.8	40.2

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Characteristics	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980
Parental configuration.....	-	-	-	191	145	147	140	138	120	119
No parents in home.....	-	-	-	6.3	6.9	7.4	12.1	10.9	6.7	8.4
One-parent home.....	-	-	-	45.0	46.2	51.7	44.3	49.3	62.5	69.8
Two-parent home.....	-	-	-	48.7	46.9	40.8	43.6	39.8	30.8	21.8
Parents' marital status.....	329	247	221	210	165	155	163	159	151	145
Never married.....	8.8	4.4	5.4	8.6	13.3	9.7	13.5	19.5	17.2	24.8
Presently married.....	25.2	27.1	16.7	26.2	23.0	21.9	23.9	25.8	25.2	15.2
No longer married.....	66.0	68.5	67.9	65.2	63.7	68.4	62.6	54.7	57.6	60.0
Income level of home.....	-	-	-	183	141	143	129	128	111	110
Less than adequate.....	-	-	-	43.2	52.5	51.0	53.5	50.0	45.9	46.4
Adequate.....	-	-	-	50.3	42.5	46.9	42.6	46.9	46.9	50.9
More than adequate.....	-	-	-	6.5	5.0	2.1	3.9	3.1	7.2	2.7
Family income from public assistance.....	-	-	-	178	137	133	127	122	105	103
None.....	-	-	-	63.5	56.9	55.6	51.2	58.2	60.0	47.6
Less than half.....	-	-	-	7.3	5.9	14.3	10.2	5.7	9.5	15.5
More than half.....	-	-	-	29.2	37.2	30.1	38.6	36.1	30.5	36.9
Criminal record of family members.....	-	-	-	177	132	134	126	121	110	100
None.....	-	-	-	46.4	44.7	45.5	46.0	39.7	38.2	43.0
Parents only.....	-	-	-	11.3	12.9	12.7	8.7	9.1	10.0	10.0
Siblings only.....	-	-	-	23.7	28.8	30.6	28.6	34.7	28.2	35.0
Both.....	-	-	-	18.6	13.6	11.2	16.7	16.5	23.6	12.0
Economic aspects of immediate neighborhood.....	-	-	-	178	142	143	136	126	112	114
Above average.....	-	-	-	11.2	9.8	4.2	7.4	1.6	6.3	5.2
Average.....	-	-	-	46.1	45.1	48.9	46.3	47.6	47.3	47.4
Below average.....	-	-	-	42.7	45.1	46.9	46.3	50.8	46.4	47.4
Delinquency aspects of immediate neighborhood.....	-	-	-	174	140	141	137	127	110	108
Nondelinquent.....	-	-	-	15.5	7.1	8.5	11.7	8.7	10.9	5.6
Minimally delinquent.....	-	-	-	29.9	23.6	22.7	17.5	24.4	30.0	26.8
Moderately delinquent.....	-	-	-	30.5	40.7	36.2	38.7	28.3	29.1	31.5
Highly delinquent.....	-	-	-	24.1	28.6	32.6	32.1	38.6	30.0	36.1

Note: Unless indicated differently, responses coded as unknown were removed from each item thus accounting for differing totals.

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