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OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DURING
CALENDAR YEAR 1982

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This report is one of a series designed to make data available on the inmate population of the New York State Department of Correctional Services. The report presents basic descriptive information on selected characteristics of offenders admitted to Department custody as court commitments. Information on criminal justice system variables is presented (e.g. commitment offense type, prior adult criminal record) as well as information on demographic variables (e.g. age, ethnicity, residence). In addition, at several stages in the report commitments in 1982 are compared with commitments received in each of the four preceeding years in order to determine whether any significant shifts have occurred during the period 1978 through 1982.

The information in this report is based on data files that are developed and maintained by the Division of Management Information Services and by the Division of Program Planning, Research and Evaluation.

H I G H L I G H T S

1. There were 12,727 total admissions to DOCS during calendar year 1982. Of these, 10,406 (82%) were new court commitments.
2. Sixty-four percent of 1982 court commitments were convicted of violent felony offenses. Those offenses that make up a large proportion of commitments include Robbery 1st and 2nd (32%), Murder and Manslaughter 1st (9%), Burglary 1st and 2nd (9%), Dangerous Weapons Offenses (6%), and Drug Offenses (12%).
3. Thirty-two percent of 1982 commitments were sentenced as second felony offenders.
4. Ninety-six percent of commitments were males, 4% females.
5. Twenty-four percent of 1982 commitments were ages 16-20, 24% ages 21-24, 22% ages 25-29 and 30% were 30 years of age or older.
6. Blacks made up 52% of new commitments, whites 27%, Puerto Ricans 20% and other ethnic groups 1%.

7. Twenty-three percent of commitments had an educational attainment of junior high school or less, 48% had attended one or two years of high school, 27% were high school graduates and 2% had attended college.
8. Thirty percent of new commitments were unemployed or had no occupation when committed, 32% were service workers or laborers, 28% had worked as skilled workers or operators, and 10% had worked in professional occupations.
9. Fifty-seven percent of commitments were single, 16% married, 17% common law marriage, and 10% were divorced, widowed or separated.
10. Sixty-seven percent of commitments are from the five New York City counties (Kings, Queens, New York, Richmond, Bronx), 14% from Suburban New York City counties (Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester) and 19% from the remaining upstate counties.
11. Twenty-four percent of 1982 commitments had no prior adult conviction, 17% had a prior adult conviction but no incarceration, 33% had a prior jail incarceration, and 26% had served a prior prison term.
12. The median minimum sentence for 1982 commitments was 24 months.
13. The median maximum sentence for 1982 commitments was 60 months.
14. Sixty-two percent of commitments admitted that they had used drugs at some time.
15. Sixty percent of 1982 admissions were born in New York State, 18% in other states, 12% in Puerto Rico and other U.S. Possessions, and 8% in foreign countries.
16. Seven percent of 1982 commitments were either aliens or persons of unclear U.S. citizenship.

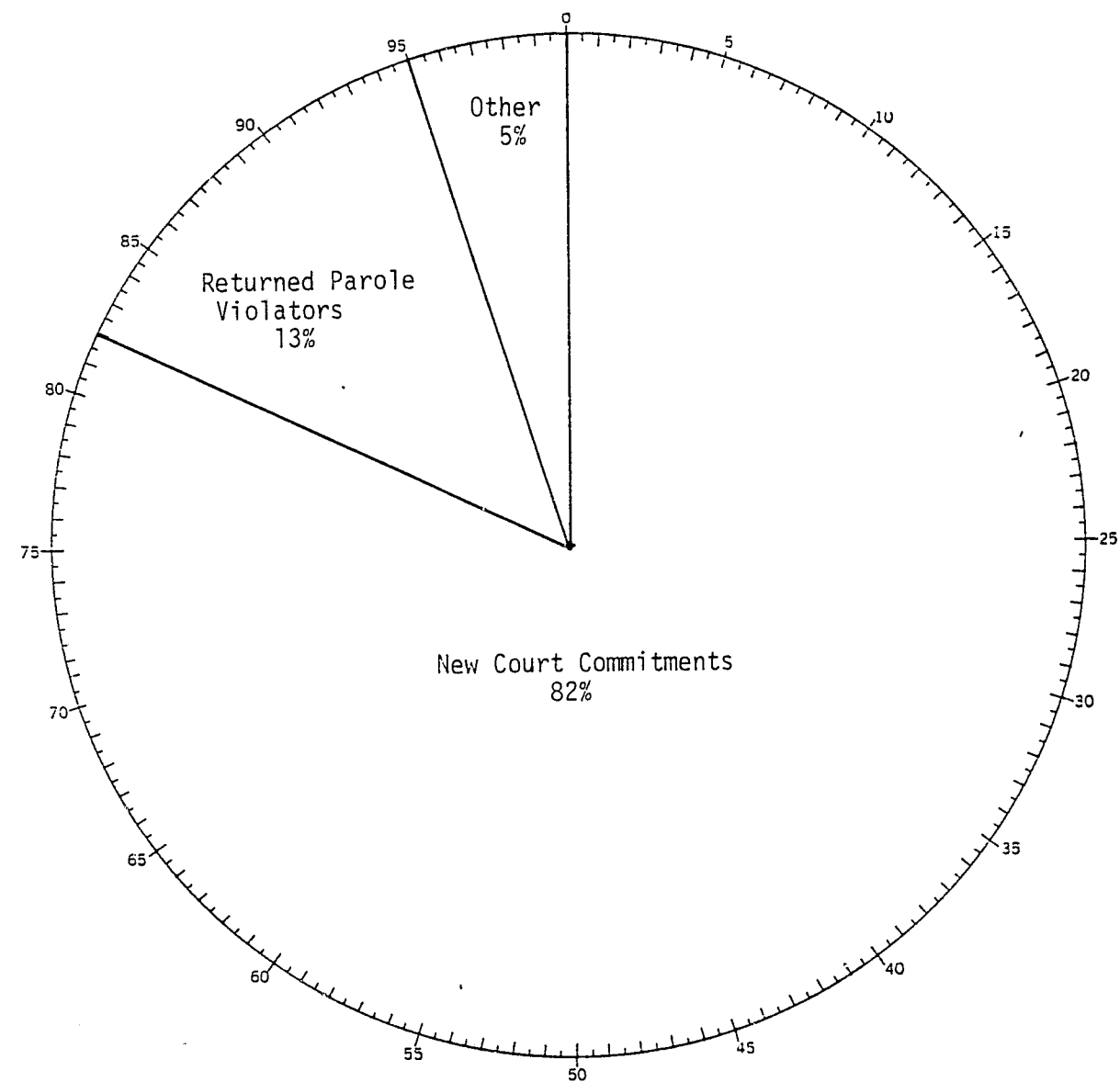
TABLE REFERENCE GUIDE

The following chart is provided as an aid to location of particular tables in the report. The list of variables on the left hand margin are the row variables, the list across the top identifies the column variables. The numbers in the columns of the table are the page numbers in the report where the table can be found. The table which presents information on commitment crime type by sex is, for instance, located on page 8. Commitment crime type by age is located on page 13, etc.

TABLE REFERENCE GUIDE

FIGURE I

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
TOTAL ADMISSIONS DURING 1982



	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Admissions	12,727	100.0%
New Court Commitments	10,406	81.8%
Returned Parole Violators	1,674	13.1%
Return of Persons Transferred to Department of Mental Hygiene	446	3.5%
Returned Escapees and Absconders from Temporary Release	140	1.1%
Returned by Affirmation of Sentence	61	.5%

TABLE 2E

NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS SENTENCED AS FIRST AND SECOND
FELONY OFFENDERS
1978-1982

Commitment Offense	1978		1979		1980		1981		1982	
	First Felony	Second Felony	First Felony	Second Felony	First Felony	Second Felony	First Felony	Second Felony	First Felony	Second Felony
TOTAL	4,799	2,423	5,142	2,444	5,426	2,529	6,468	3,846	6,509	3,896
A. Violent Felony Offenses (as defined by law)	2,278	1,082	2,872	1,255	3,249	1,302	4,231	2,006	4,480	2,135
Murder	203	28	232	30	308	31	361	63	470	37
Manslaughter 1st	239	62	269	70	308	45	381	67	321	71
Rape 1st	127	56	157	59	176	54	142	62	163	57
Robbery 1st	566	284	703	289	823	326	1,213	581	1,334	536
Robbery 2nd	613	280	838	328	878	329	1,155	465	1,040	468
Assault 1st	103	26	127	40	105	40	152	48	130	38
Assault 2nd	107	52	124	62	114	58	109	68	113	61
Burglary 1st	16	6	21	14	33	5	48	26	57	37
Burglary 2nd	84	64	117	96	166	134	255	204	446	411
Arson 2nd	11	3	38	8	38	12	35	15	53	11
Sodomy 1st	34	13	57	19	47	14	66	31	64	19
Sexual Abuse 1st	42	15	49	15	44	24	58	18	51	18
Dangerous Weapons	114	190	125	221	197	225	246	348	223	364
Kidnapping	19	3	15	4	12	5	10	10	15	7
B. Other Felony Offenses	2,107	1,340	1,893	1,189	1,868	1,227	1,921	1,839	1,764	1,761
1. Offenses Involving Violence/coercion	511	342	332	231	265	181	229	210	188	189
Manslaughter 2nd	103	32	19	22	67	19	61	15	61	10
Crim. Neg. Hom.	20	6	23	4	19	4	19	5	17	10
Rape 2nd, 3rd	20	10	5	7	7	2	11	2	13	5
Robbery 3rd	335	256	191	164	150	132	117	153	83	115
Att. Assault 2nd	33	38	21	34	22	24	21	35	14	49
2. Property, Drug and Other Offenses	1,596	998	1,561	958	1,603	1,046	1,692	1,629	1,576	1,572
Burglary 3rd	451	556	414	537	497	581	517	842	342	614
Grand Larceny	124	153	90	128	111	142	142	192	129	183
Drugs	780	65	814	65	776	110	757	281	814	429
Forgery	31	59	48	63	46	63	46	82	56	108
All Other Felonies	210	165	195	165	173	150	230	232	235	238
C. Youthful Offenders	414	1	377	0	309	0	316	1	265	0

TABLE 2F

PERCENT SENTENCED AS FIRST OR SECOND FELONY OFFENDER BY
COMMITMENT OFFENSE TYPE
1978-1982

Commitment Offense	1978		1979		1980		1981		1982	
	First Felony	Second Felony	First Felony	Second Felony	First Felony	Second Felony	First Felony	Second Felony	First Felony	Second Felony
TOTAL	66.4%	33.6%	67.8%	32.2%	68.2%	31.8%	62.7%	37.3%	62.6%	37.4%
A. Violent Felony Offenses (as defined by law)	67.8%	32.2%	69.6%	30.4%	71.4%	28.6%	67.8%	32.2%	67.7%	32.3%
Murder	87.9%	12.1%	88.5%	11.5%	90.9%	9.1%	85.1%	14.9%	92.7%	7.3%
Manslaughter 1st	79.4%	20.6%	79.4%	20.6%	87.3%	12.7%	85.0%	15.0%	81.9%	18.1%
Rape 1st	69.4%	30.6%	72.7%	27.3%	76.5%	23.5%	69.6%	30.4%	74.1%	25.9%
Robbery 1st	66.6%	33.4%	70.9%	29.1%	71.6%	28.4%	67.6%	32.4%	71.3%	28.7%
Robbery 2nd	68.6%	31.4%	71.9%	28.1%	72.7%	27.3%	71.3%	28.7%	69.0%	31.0%
Assault 1st	79.8%	20.2%	76.0%	24.0%	72.4%	27.6%	76.0%	24.0%	77.4%	22.6%
Assault 2nd	67.3%	32.7%	66.7%	33.3%	66.3%	33.7%	61.6%	38.4%	64.9%	35.1%
Burglary 1st	72.7%	27.3%	60.0%	40.0%	86.8%	13.2%	64.9%	35.1%	60.6%	39.4%
Burglary 2nd	56.8%	43.2%	54.9%	45.1%	55.3%	44.7%	55.6%	44.4%	52.0%	48.0%
Arson 2nd	78.6%	21.4%	82.6%	17.4%	76.0%	24.0%	70.0%	30.0%	82.8%	17.2%
Sodomy 1st	72.3%	27.7%	75.0%	25.0%	77.0%	23.0%	68.0%	32.0%	77.1%	22.9%
Sexual Abuse 1st	73.7%	26.3%	76.6%	23.4%	64.7%	35.3%	76.3%	23.7%	73.9%	26.1%
Dangerous Weapons	37.5%	62.5%	36.1%	63.9%	46.7%	53.3%	41.4%	58.6%	38.0%	62.0%
Kidnapping	86.4%	13.6%	78.9%	21.1%	70.6%	29.4%	50.0%	50.0%	68.2%	31.8%
B. Other Felony Offenses	61.1%	38.9%	61.4%	38.6%	60.4%	39.6%	51.1%	48.9%	50.0%	50.0%
1. Offenses Involving Violence/coercion	59.9%	40.1%	59.0%	41.0%	59.4%	40.6%	52.2%	47.8%	49.9%	50.1%
Manslaughter 2nd	76.3%	23.7%	80.7%	19.3%	77.9%	22.1%	80.3%	19.7%	85.9%	14.1%
Crim. Neg. Hom.	76.9%	23.1%	85.2%	14.8%	82.6%	17.4%	79.2%	20.8%	63.0%	37.0%
Rape 2nd, 3rd	66.7%	33.3%	41.7%	58.3%	77.8%	22.2%	84.6%	15.4%	72.2%	27.8%
Robbery 3rd	56.7%	43.3%	53.8%	46.2%	53.2%	46.8%	43.3%	56.7%	41.9%	58.1%
Att. Assault 2nd	46.5%	53.5%	38.2%	61.8%	47.8%	52.2%	37.5%	62.5%	22.2%	77.8%
2. Property, Drug and Other Offenses	61.5%	38.5%	62.0%	38.0%	60.5%	39.5%	50.9%	49.1%	50.1%	49.9%
Burglary 3rd	44.8%	55.2%	43.5%	56.5%	46.1%	53.9%	38.0%	62.0%	35.8%	64.2%
Grand Larceny	44.8%	55.2%	41.3%	58.7%	43.9%	56.1%	42.5%	57.5%	41.3%	58.7%
Drugs	92.3%	7.7%	92.6%	7.4%	87.6%	12.4%	72.9%	27.1%	65.5%	34.5%
Forgery	34.4%	65.6%	43.2%	56.8%	42.2%	57.8%	35.9%	64.1%	34.1%	65.9%
All Other Felonies	56.0%	44.0%	54.2%	45.8%	53.6%	46.4%	49.8%	50.2%	49.7%	50.3%
C. Youthful Offenders	99.8%	.2%	100.0%	.0%	00.0%	0.0%	99.7%	.3%	100.0%	.0%

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