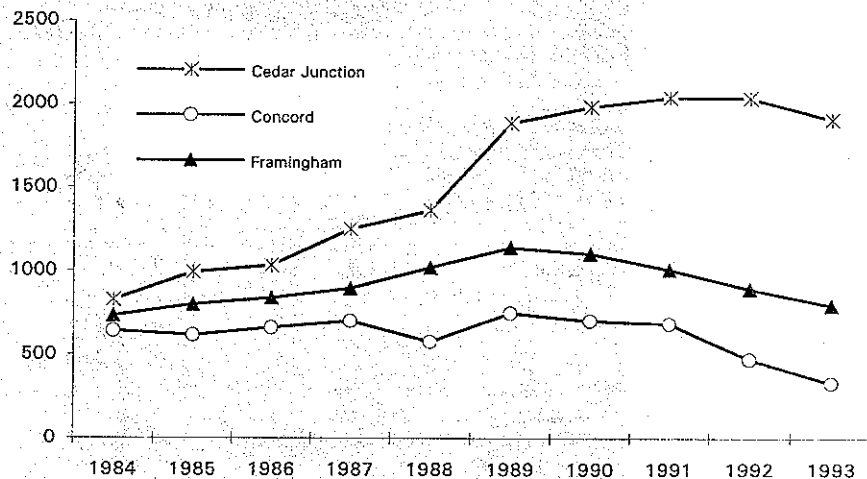


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ABSTRACT

This report is a statistical description of the individuals committed by the courts to a term of incarceration in the Massachusetts Department of Correction during the year 1993. The tables in this report contain information on the nature of present offense, personal background characteristics and criminal history of these individuals. Some highlights of the statistics presented in this report are:

- ❖ There was an 11 percent decrease in the number of commitments during the year, from 3,407 in 1992 to 3,037 in 1993. The 3,037 commitments in 1993 represent the fewest number of commitments over the previous five years.
- ❖ From 1992 to 1993 the number of Concord commitments decreased 30 percent, Framingham commitments decreased 11 percent, and Cedar Junction commitments decreased six percent.
- ❖ Males are committed to Cedar Junction or Concord, while females are committed to Framingham. Overall, there was a decrease of 11 percent for male commitments and a decrease of 11 percent for female commitments from 1992 to 1993.
- ❖ Median sentence lengths for new court commitments remained the same from 1992 to 1993. The median minimum sentence for Cedar Junction commitments was six years; the median maximum sentence for Concord commitments was ten years; and the median maximum sentence for Framingham commitments was less than 1 year.
- ❖ Four percent of the commitments in 1993 were for a life sentence compared with 3 percent in 1992.
- ❖ Violent offenses (person and sex) accounted for 56 percent of all male commitments and 13 percent of all female commitments. Non-violent offenses (property, drug and "other") represented 87 percent of all female commitments and 44 percent of all male commitments.
- ❖ The number of commitments for violent offenses decreased from 1989 to 1993, while the proportion committed for violent offenses increased.
- ❖ The median age at commitment was 29 years, compared with a median of 28 years in 1992.
- ❖ Fifty-one percent of the commitment population were Caucasian, 27 percent were African American, 21 percent were Hispanic, and one percent were other races.
- ❖ Fifty-one percent of those committed were serving their first adult incarceration and 49 percent had one or more prior adult incarcerations.

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INTRODUCTION

This report is a statistical description of individuals committed by the courts to the Massachusetts Department of Correction during 1993. The report contains information on the nature of the present offense, personal background characteristics, and criminal history of individuals committed from the courts. Trends in court commitments over the last five to ten years are discussed. This report is based on information that was submitted to the Research Division from the three committing institutions and the Board of Probation.

This report includes all new court commitments and those who began serving a new sentence during the year. If an individual was committed to the Department more than once during 1993, each court commitment for that individual is counted separately. Some categories of offenders are not included in this report: those who began serving "B" and "C" sentences during 1993 (sentences received for crimes committed on parole).

There are three commitment institutions: MCI-Cedar Junction and MCI-Concord for males, and MCI-Framingham for females. Males who receive a State Prison sentence denoted by a minimum and maximum term are committed to MCI-Cedar Junction. Males who receive a Reformatory sentence denoted by a maximum term only, are committed to MCI-Concord. Regardless of what type of sentence they receive, State Prison or Reformatory, all females are committed to MCI-Framingham. Women are committed by the courts directly to MCI-Framingham to serve a county sentence.

The following information is helpful when reading the tables in the back of report. Each table is divided according to commitment institution. Since each commitment institution receives a different type of offender, it is important to consider each column in the table and the total column. The columns marked "N" represent the number of individuals who fall into the corresponding category in the table. The columns marked "%" represent the percentage of the number of individuals in a particular category to the total number of commitments from that institution (column percents). **Due to rounding of percents to whole numbers, the table percentages may not total 100.**

Cases in which information is unknown are also included in the tables and percentages. It is important to note the size of the "unknown" category. The number of unknown cases is high for some of the personal background characteristic variables. In the narrative, these cases are excluded when discussing percentages.

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TRENDS IN COURT COMMITMENTS, 1984 TO 1993

There were 3,037 commitments during 1993, an eleven percent decrease from the previous year. Figure 1 shows the number of commitments for the ten year period 1984 to 1993. The number of commitments increased from 1984 to 1990, and decreased each year since then.

Individuals are committed to one of three institutions: Cedar Junction, Concord or Framingham. Figure 2 shows the number of commitments to these institutions for the period 1984 to 1993. The

number of commitments to Cedar Junction increased during the period 1984 to 1991 with a slight decrease from 1991 to 1993. Commitments to Concord have decreased overall and are the lowest since 1984. Commitments to Framingham increased steadily during the six year period 1984 to 1989, followed by a decrease in commitments for the years 1990 through 1993.

From 1992 to 1993 changes in commitment levels varied at the three committing institutions. Cedar Junction commitments decreased from 2,037 in 1992 to 1,909 in 1993, a decrease of 128 commitments or six percent. Concord commitments decreased from 475 in 1992 to 332 in 1993 a decrease of 143 commitments or 30 percent. Framingham decreased from 895 commitments in 1992 to 796 in 1993, a decrease of 99 commitments or 11 percent. Overall, male commitments decreased by 11 percent and female commitments decreased by 11 percent.

Figure 1.
No. of Commitments

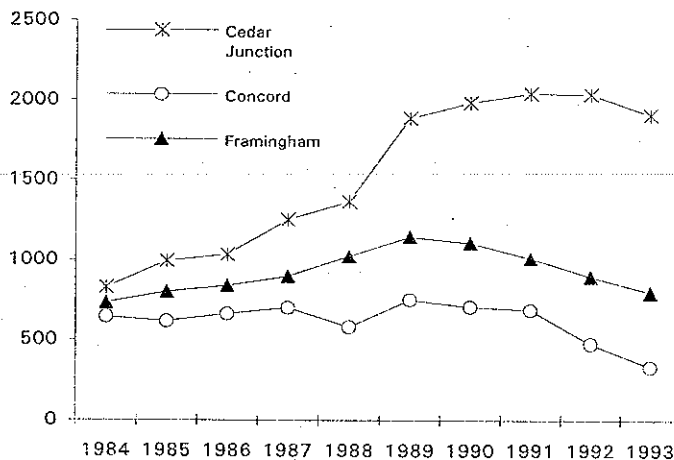
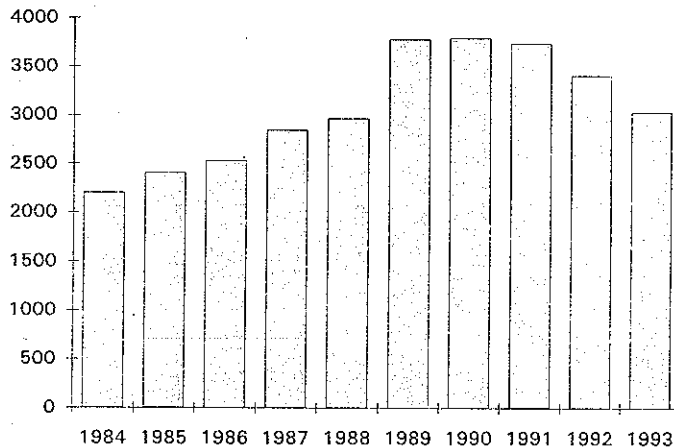


Figure 2.
No. of Commitments by
Committing Institution

TRENDS IN COURT COMMITMENTS, 1989 TO 1993

Tables 1-3 show selected characteristics of offenders committed to the DOC over the last five years, 1989 to 1993. These characteristics are shown separately for each committing institution and for total commitments.

Overall, the number of commitments decreased 20 percent (N=743) from 3,780 commitments in 1989 to 3,037 commitments in 1993. The decrease in commitments for 1992 and 1993 represents a reversal in the trend of steady growth in the number of commitments during the previous years.

Present Offense

As seen in Table 1, the proportion of commitments for violent offenses has increased over the last five years, with a slight decrease from 1992 to 1993. In 1989, 39 percent of DOC commitments were for violent offenses (i.e. person and sex offenses) and 61 percent were for non-violent offenses (i.e. property, drug, and "other" offenses). In 1993, 44 percent of the commitments were for violent offenses and 56 percent were for non-violent offenses.

Commitments for person offenses decreased 2 percent over the five year period (N=26). Commitments for person offenses increased at Cedar Junction while they decreased at Concord and Framingham. Person offense commitments were up by 19 percent (N=129) at Cedar Junction, while they were down by 44 percent (N=128) at Concord and 23 percent (N=27) at Framingham.

The primary offense for which individuals are committed to the DOC has changed over the past five years. Commitments for each of the present offense categories have decreased. The greatest decrease was for drug offense commitments.

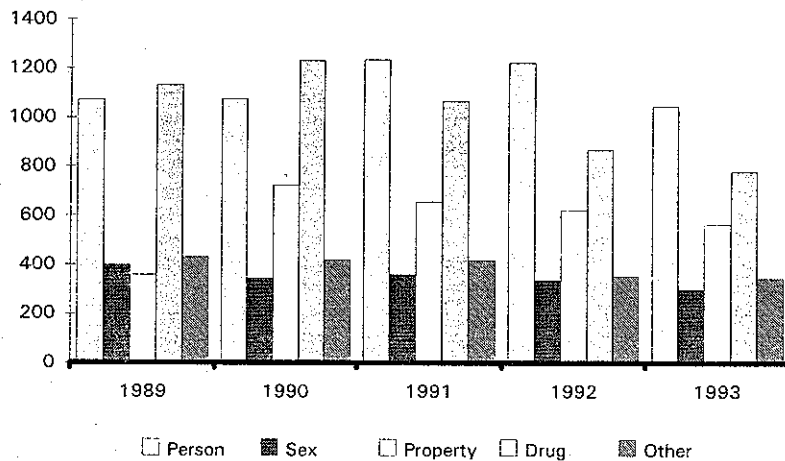
The number of offenders committed for sex offenses decreased by 25 percent (N=98) over the five year period. Commitments for sex offenses decreased at Cedar Junction by 5 percent (N=14) and at Concord by 68 percent (N=84), while they stayed the same at Framingham (N=10) during the past five years. Commitments for sex offenses involving an adult victim (aggravated rape, rape, or indecent assault and battery) decreased 27 percent from 152 in 1989 to 111 in 1993. Commitments for sex offenses involving a minor (rape of child or indecent assault and battery of child) decreased 23 percent from 236 in 1989 to 182 in 1993.

Commitments for property offenses decreased 8 percent over the five year period (N=57). Commitments for property offenses increased at Cedar Junction by 16 percent (N=37), and decreased at Concord by 59 percent (N=95), and at Framingham by 34 percent (N=123).

Trends in Court Commitments, 1989 to 1993

Commitments for drug offenses decreased by 24 percent over the five year period (N = 181). Commitments for drug offenses to Cedar Junction increased by 36 percent (N = 157), commitments for drug offenses to Concord decreased by 44 percent (N = 47), and commitments for drug offenses to Framingham decreased by eight percent (N = 18).

Figure 3.
Offenses, 1989 to 1993



Commitments for offenses in the "other" offense category decreased by 20 percent (N = 87) over the past five years. For Framingham, operating under the influence of alcohol, prostitution, common night walker, disturbing the peace, motor vehicle offenses, and trespassing are the most common offenses in the "other" offense category. For Cedar Junction and Concord, this category consists predominantly of weapons offenses. Commitments to

Cedar Junction for "other" offenses increased by 7 commitments, while those to Concord decreased by 15 commitments. Commitments to Framingham for "other" offenses decreased by 23 percent (N = 70) during the period.

Sentence Length

Patterns in sentence length over the past five years is considered separately for each committing institution in Table 2. Upon comparing the distribution of sentence length for Cedar Junction commitments during 1989 with 1993, the proportion of commitments for sentences of less than 5 years decreased from 39 percent in 1989 to 34 percent in 1993, and the proportion of commitments for sentences of 5-9 years increased from 40 percent in 1989 to 46 percent in 1993. Meanwhile, the proportion of commitments for sentences of 10-15 years remained at 13 percent and the proportion of commitments with sentences of 16 years or more (including life) remained at 7 percent.

Trends in Court Commitments, 1989 to 1993

Sentence length distribution also changed for Concord commitments from 1989 to 1993. The proportion of 1993 commitments with sentence lengths of less than 5 years increased from 17 percent in 1989 to 21 percent in 1993. The proportion of Concord commitments with sentences of 5-9 years decreased from 31 percent in 1989 to 27 percent in 1993.

The proportion with sentences of 10 years or more increased from 38 percent in 1989 to 44 percent in 1993, and the proportion of sentences with 16 years or more decreased from 14 percent in 1989 to 8 percent in 1993.

Women committed to Framingham can serve either a county, reformatory, or state prison sentence. Over the past five years the number of women committed with state prison sentences decreased 4 percent (N=4), the number of women committed with reformatory sentences decreased 46 percent (N=33), and the number of women committed with county sentences decreased 32 percent (N=309). In 1989, 85 percent of Framingham commitments were for county sentences and 15 percent were for state prison or reformatory sentences. In 1993, 83 percent of Framingham commitments were for county sentences and 17 percent were for state prison or reformatory sentences.

Age at Incarceration

Figure 4.
Age Distribution,
1989 to 1993

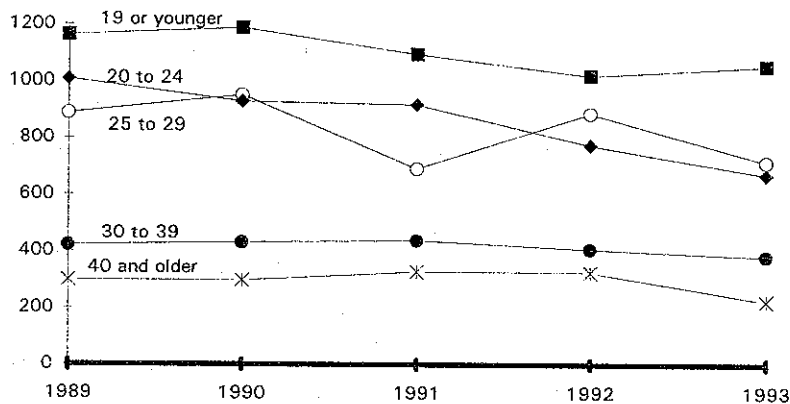


Table 3 reveals that the age distribution of individuals committed to the Department shifted upward over the five year period. In 1989, 58 percent of the commitments were under 30 years and 42 percent were 30 years or older. By 1993, 53 percent were under 30 years and 47 percent were 30 years or older.

In 1989, 54 percent of the Cedar Junction commitments were less than 30 years and 46 percent were 30 years or older, the same proportions as in 1993. For Concord commitments, in 1989, 69 percent were under 30 years and 31 percent were 30 years or older. In 1993, 65 percent were under 30 years and 35 percent were 30 years or older.

The upward shift of the age distribution was most dramatic among commitments to Framingham. In 1989, 58 percent of the commitments were under 30 years and 42 percent were 30 years or older. By 1993, 45 percent of the commitments were under 30 years and 55 percent were 30 years or older.

Table 1.
Selected Characteristics of Offenders
Committed to the DOC,
1989 to 1993

Present Offense	1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Cedar Junction										
Person	666	(18)	727	(19)	840	(22)	874	(26)	795	(26)
Sex	265	(7)	229	(6)	239	(6)	269	(8)	251	(8)
Property	225	(6)	210	(6)	233	(6)	258	(8)	262	(9)
Drug	685	(18)	764	(20)	674	(18)	589	(17)	547	(18)
Other	47	(1)	55	(1)	56	(1)	47	(1)	54	(2)
Sub-Total	1888	(50)	1985	(52)	2042	(55)	2037	(60)	1909	(63)
Concord										
Person	289	(8)	253	(7)	281	(8)	223	(6)	161	(5)
Sex	124	(3)	108	(3)	107	(3)	56	(2)	40	(1)
Property	161	(4)	180	(5)	154	(4)	108	(3)	66	(2)
Drug	135	(4)	128	(3)	104	(3)	59	(2)	39	(1)
Other	41	(1)	36	(1)	40	(1)	29	(1)	26	(1)
Sub-Total	750	(20)	705	(19)	686	(18)	475	(14)	332	(11)
Framingham										
Person	117	(3)	95	(2)	115	(3)	126	(4)	90	(3)
Sex	10	(0)	7	(0)	14	(0)	12	(0)	10	(0)
Property	359	(9)	333	(9)	269	(7)	257	(8)	236	(8)
Drug	312	(8)	340	(9)	289	(8)	221	(6)	195	(6)
Other	344	(9)	329	(9)	322	(9)	279	(8)	265	(9)
Sub-Total	1142	(30)	1104	(29)	1009	(27)	895	(26)	796	(26)
All Institutions										
Person	1072	(28)	1075	(29)	1236	(33)	1223	(36)	1046	(34)
Sex	399	(10)	344	(9)	360	(10)	337	(10)	301	(10)
Property	745	(20)	723	(19)	656	(18)	623	(18)	564	(19)
Drug	1132	(30)	1232	(33)	1067	(28)	869	(26)	781	(26)
Other	432	(11)	420	(11)	418	(11)	355	(10)	345	(11)
Total	3780	(100)	3794	(100)	3737	(100)	3407	(100)	3037	(100)

Present Offense: Sex Offense	1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
All Institutions										
Rape/Assault	152	(38)	141	(41)	139	(39)	107	(32)	111	(37)
Rape/Assault-Minor	236	(59)	201	(58)	217	(60)	221	(66)	182	(60)
Other Sex Offense	11	(3)	2	(1)	4	(1)	9	(3)	8	(3)
Total	399	(100)	344	(100)	360	(100)	337	(100)	301	(100)

Table 1.
(continued)

Sentence Length		1989		1990		1991		1992		1993	
Cedar Junction:											
Minimum Sentence		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Less than 5 years		739	(39)	759	(38)	731	(36)	663	(32)	652	(34)
5 to 9 years		766	(40)	828	(42)	890	(44)	959	(47)	884	(46)
10 to 15 years		249	(13)	284	(14)	288	(14)	265	(13)	244	(13)
16 years or more		61	(3)	50	(2)	61	(3)	85	(4)	51	(3)
Life		73	(4)	64	(3)	72	(4)	65	(3)	78	(4)
Total		1888	(100)	1985	(100)	2042	(100)	2037	(100)	1909	(100)
Concord :											
Maximum Sentence											
Less than 5 years		129	(17)	153	(22)	161	(23)	73	(15)	69	(21)
5 to 9 years		232	(31)	237	(34)	216	(31)	164	(34)	91	(27)
10 to 15 years		283	(38)	252	(36)	246	(36)	191	(40)	146	(44)
16 years or more		106	(14)	63	(9)	63	(9)	47	(10)	26	(8)
Total		750	(100)	705	(100)	686	(100)	475	(100)	332	(100)
Framingham:											
Type of Sentence											
County		974	(85)	893	(81)	820	(81)	724	(81)	665	(83)
Reformatory		72	(6)	80	(7)	75	(7)	64	(7)	39	(5)
State Prison		96	(8)	131	(12)	114	(11)	107	(12)	92	(12)
Total		1142	(100)	1104	(100)	1009	(100)	895	(100)	796	(100)
Age at Incarceration											
Cedar Junction		N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
19 or younger		134	(4)	147	(4)	166	(4)	192	(6)	161	(5)
20 to 24		405	(11)	487	(13)	527	(14)	538	(16)	468	(15)
25 to 29		476	(12)	466	(12)	475	(13)	437	(13)	402	(13)
30 to 39		596	(16)	617	(16)	611	(16)	605	(18)	613	(20)
40 and older		277	(7)	268	(7)	263	(7)	265	(8)	265	(9)
Sub-Total		1888	(50)	1985	(52)	2042	(55)	2037	(60)	1909	(63)
Concord											
19 or younger		116	(3)	115	(3)	121	(3)	104	(3)	48	(2)
20 to 24		236	(6)	226	(6)	223	(6)	162	(5)	105	(3)
25 to 29		164	(4)	138	(4)	144	(4)	87	(2)	62	(2)
30 to 39		177	(5)	165	(4)	139	(4)	85	(2)	86	(3)
40 and older		57	(2)	61	(2)	59	(2)	37	(1)	31	(1)
Sub-Total		750	(20)	705	(18)	686	(18)	475	(14)	332	(11)
Framingham											
19 or younger		49	(1)	36	(1)	41	(1)	30	(1)	15	(0)
20 to 24		247	(6)	237	(6)	211	(6)	184	(5)	140	(5)
25 to 29		368	(10)	324	(8)	297	(8)	249	(7)	204	(7)
30 to 39		390	(10)	405	(11)	344	(9)	327	(10)	352	(12)
40 and older		88	(2)	102	(3)	116	(3)	105	(3)	85	(3)
Sub-Total		1142	(30)	1104	(29)	1009	(27)	895	(26)	796	(26)
All Institutions											
19 or younger		299	(8)	298	(8)	328	(9)	326	(10)	224	(7)
20 to 24		888	(23)	950	(25)	961	(26)	884	(26)	713	(23)
25 to 29		1008	(27)	928	(24)	916	(24)	773	(23)	668	(22)
30 to 39		1163	(31)	1187	(31)	1094	(29)	1017	(30)	1051	(35)
40 and older		422	(11)	431	(11)	438	(12)	407	(12)	381	(12)
Total		3780	(100)	3794	(100)	3737	(100)	3407	(100)	3037	(100)

A DESCRIPTION OF 1993 COURT COMMITMENTS

This section presents a description of the population of individuals committed to the DOC during 1993. This discussion is based on information presented in the tables beginning at page 11 of this report. It includes a description of the present offense, personal background characteristics, and criminal history of the offender. Where relevant, the three committing institutions are compared.

Nature of Present Offense

In discussing the present offense of the commitment population, the governing offense is represented. This is the offense for which the committed individual received the longest sentence.

Committing Court. Seventy-five percent of the commitments to the Department of Correction were from Superior Courts. Five Superior courts: Suffolk, Middlesex, Worcester, Hampden and Essex accounted for 55 percent of the commitments to the Department. The majority of commitments receiving Cedar Junction sentences came from Superior Courts and 80 percent of all Concord commitments came from Superior Courts. In contrast, 16 percent of the commitments to Framingham were from Superior Courts. Most commitments to Framingham were from district courts (84 percent).

Minimum Sentence. Only those individuals who receive a state prison sentence (all Cedar Junction commitments and some Framingham commitments) receive a minimum sentence. Generally, minimum state prison sentences must be for two and one-half years or more but in some cases can be shorter (for example, some drug offenses carry shorter prison sentences). The median minimum sentence for Cedar Junction commitments was six years. There were 92 commitments to Framingham for state prison sentences. The median minimum sentence for those women was five years.

Seventy-eight individuals (all males) received life sentences during 1993. The 78 life sentences included 34 for first-degree murder, 34 for second-degree murder, 6 for sex offenses, and 4 for other violent offenses.

Maximum Sentence. All individuals committed to the DOC have a maximum sentence. For Concord commitments this is their only sentence. Generally, maximum sentences to Concord are two and one-half years or longer but shorter sentences can be given for some offenses such as larceny, escape and drug offenses. The median maximum sentence for Concord commitments was ten years. A large proportion of Framingham

The median minimum sentence for Cedar Junction commitments was 6 years. The median maximum sentence for Concord commitments was 10 years.

commitments received county sentences, those with a maximum sentence length of less than two and one-half years. Males receiving county sentences are committed to houses of correction while many of the females receiving county sentences are committed to Framingham. Of the 796 commitments to Framingham, 92 (12 percent) received state prison (Cedar Junction) sentences, 39 (5 percent) received reformatory (Concord) sentences and 665 (83 percent) received county sentences, including 47 committed for non-payment of a fine.

Type of Sentence. Most individuals committed to the Department during 1993 received simple sentences (28 percent) or concurrent sentences (36 percent). Twenty-five percent of the commitments received split sentences; Cedar Junction (26 percent), Concord (22 percent) and Framingham (23 percent). Less frequently received are aggregate, forthwith, or From and After sentences. Forthwith sentences are commonly found among Cedar Junction commitments (8 percent). Six percent of the Framingham commitments were in lieu of payment of a fine.

Number of Offenses. Forty-six percent of the commitments to the DOC had one offense for which they are currently incarcerated, and 54 percent were committed for more than one offense. The number of offenses that resulted in the current commitment ranged from 1 to 65.

Time Until Parole Eligibility. An indication of how much time offenders will actually serve is the time until their parole eligibility date. For Cedar Junction commitments the median time until parole eligibility was from 2-3 years; for Concord commitments the median time until parole eligibility was 7-9 months; and for Framingham commitments the median time until parole eligibility was 3 months or less.

Individuals may not be eligible for parole for a number of reasons. Some mandatory sentences have no possible release to parole and some sentences are too short for parole eligibility to be established, i.e., less than sixty days. In a small number of cases, individuals can be beyond their original parole eligibility at the time of commitment to the DOC if they were in jail for a sufficient time awaiting sentencing.

Offense. Type of offense varied by committing institution. Fifty-five percent of the commitments to Cedar Junction and 60 percent of the commitments to Concord were for violent offenses (person or sex offenses). In contrast, 13 percent of the commitments to Framingham were for violent offenses. Most women were committed for "other" offenses (33 percent), property offenses (30 percent), or drug offenses (24 percent).

Offenses against the person accounted for 34 percent of all commitments to the Department; 42 percent for Cedar Junction, 48 percent for Concord, and 11 percent for Framingham. The most common offenses against the person were armed robbery (N=347), armed assault (N=285), and unarmed robbery (N=144). There were 157

commitments for homicides in 1993, including 34 for first degree murder, 34 for second degree murder, 64 for manslaughter, and 25 for vehicular homicide. The number of commitments for homicides decreased by 31 from 1992.

Sex offenses accounted for ten percent of all commitments to the DOC including 13 percent to Cedar Junction, 12 percent to Concord, and one percent to Framingham. There were 224 commitments for rape during 1993 and 69 commitments for sexual assaults. Of the rapes and sexual assaults, 111 involved adult victims and 182 involved minors. Additionally, there were 8 commitments for other sex offenses during 1993. Rape of a minor was the most common sex offense for which individuals were committed during 1993.

Property offenses accounted for 19 percent of all commitments to the Department, varying from 14 percent to Cedar Junction, 20 percent to Concord, and 30 percent to Framingham. Burglary was the most common property offense for Cedar Junction and Concord commitments; larceny was the most common property offense for Framingham commitments.

Drug offenses accounted for 26 percent of all commitments during 1993 varying from 29 percent to Cedar Junction, 12 percent to Concord, and 24 percent to Framingham. There were 388 commitments whose governing offense was a mandatory drug offense, 50 percent of all drug commitments.

Offenses in the "other" category accounted for 3 percent of Cedar Junction commitments, 8 percent of Concord commitments, and 33 percent of Framingham commitments, or 11 percent of all commitments to the DOC. The most common offenses in the "other" category for Framingham commitments were prostitution (N=126), operating under the influence (N=77), and motor vehicle offenses (N=28). The most common "other" offense for Cedar Junction and Concord commitments were weapons offenses (N=41).

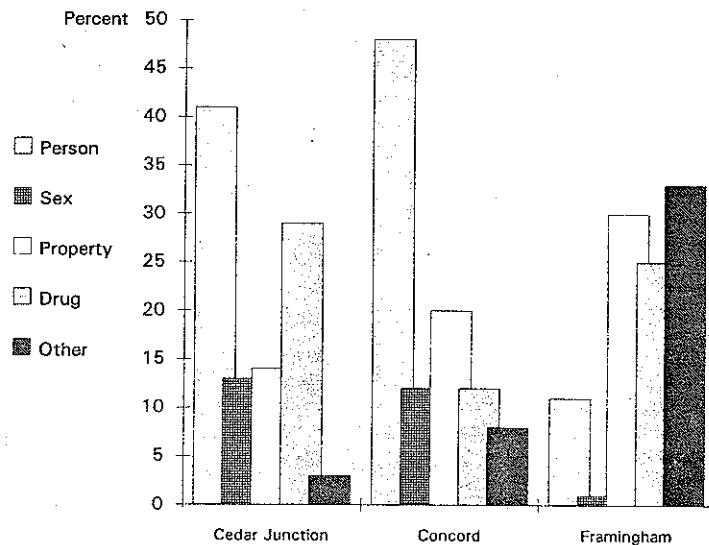


Figure 5.
Offense by
Committing Institution

Personal Background Characteristics

In discussing the personal background characteristics of the commitment population, all information is reported according to the status of the offender at the time of commitment. This information is reported by the offender and is not verified in any way.

Age at Incarceration. The median age of offenders at incarceration was 29 years; with an average age of 30 years. Their ages ranged from 16 years to 86 years. The median age of Cedar Junction commitments was 29 years; the median age of Concord commitments was 26 years; and the median age of Framingham commitments was 30 years.

At time of commitment, the median age of offender was 29 years, 1 out of 2 were Caucasian, majority were U.S. citizens, 7 out of 10 were single living in Massachusetts, and 1 out of 2 had a 12th grade level of education.

Sex. All commitments to Cedar Junction and Concord are male. All commitments to Framingham are female. During 1993, 26 percent of the commitments were females and 74 percent were males.

Race and Ethnicity. Fifty-one percent of the 1993 commitments were Caucasian, 27 percent were African American, and 21 percent self-reported as Hispanic. There were also 18 Asians and 3 Native Americans committed to the DOC.

Citizenship. Ninety-six percent of the commitments were U.S. citizens and 4 percent were citizens of other countries. Sixty percent of the commitments were born in Massachusetts, 20 percent were born in other states, 10 percent were born in U.S. territories, and 6 percent were U.S. citizens born in other countries.

Marital Status. Most of the commitments were single (71 percent). Eighteen percent were married, 7 percent were divorced, 3 percent were separated, and one percent were widowed.

Prior Address. Almost all commitments (94 percent) were living in Massachusetts prior to incarceration. Of these, three communities accounted for 35 percent of the commitments: Boston (N=623), Worcester (N=206), and Springfield (N=183).

Education. The median educational level was 12th grade for 1993 commitments. This did not vary by commitment institution. Twelve percent of those committed to Cedar Junction had graduated from college or received some college education, 14 percent for Concord commitments, and 16 percent for Framingham commitments. However, 48 percent had not graduated from high school at time of commitment.

Adult Criminal History

In this section the individual's history of court appearances, charges, incarcerations, defaults and probations will be discussed. The adult criminal history of individuals committed to the DOC is taken from Superior Court Reports or automated reports prepared by the Board of Probation. These reports identify the number of arraignments and the offenses that the individual was charged with as well as disposition information.

Court Appearances. The number of court appearances represents the number of separate dates on which an offender was arraigned on new charges prior to their present commitment. The median number of prior court appearances was nine. The court record is also reviewed for the number of arraignments for a variety of offense types. Seventy-two percent had one or more arraignments for person offenses, 76 percent for property offenses, 18 percent for sex offenses, 65 percent for drug offenses, 33 percent for alcohol offenses, 10 percent for escape offenses, 27 percent for weapons offenses, 58 percent for public order offenses, 52 percent for motor vehicle offenses, 12 percent for prostitution offenses, and 5 percent for "other" offenses.

Prior Incarcerations. Of the offenders committed in 1993, 47 percent had a history of incarceration for a county sentence; and 14 percent had a history of incarceration for a state or federal sentence.

Prior Probations. Of the offenders committed in 1993, 61 percent had a history of one or more prior periods of probation supervision and 39 percent had no probation supervisions prior to the current commitment.

Fifty-one percent were serving their first incarceration as an adult and 49 percent had one or more prior adult incarcerations.

Prior Defaults. Of the offenders committed in 1993, 79 percent had one or more defaults on their criminal record and 21 percent had no defaults on their criminal record.

Age at Entry into Adult Criminal Justice System. Fifty-eight percent of those committed had their first court appearance at age 19 or younger. Of these, 20 percent had their first court appearance for an alcohol offense at age 19 or younger and 35 percent had their first court appearance for a drug offense at age 19 or younger.

Nature of Present Offense

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Table 1.

Court from which Committed	Committing Institution						Total	
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Barnstable Superior	53	(3)	7	(2)	2	(0)	62	(2)
Berkshire Superior	61	(3)	6	(2)	4	(1)	71	(2)
Bristol Superior	154	(8)	21	(6)	8	(1)	183	(6)
Dukes Superior	1	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
Essex Superior	223	(12)	11	(3)	13	(2)	247	(8)
Franklin Superior	17	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	17	(1)
Hampden Superior	216	(11)	27	(8)	13	(2)	256	(8)
Hampshire Superior	30	(2)	2	(1)	0	(0)	32	(1)
Middlesex Superior	287	(15)	21	(6)	18	(2)	326	(11)
Nantucket Superior	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
Norfolk Superior	96	(5)	9	(3)	6	(1)	111	(4)
Plymouth Superior	98	(5)	22	(7)	21	(3)	141	(5)
Suffolk Superior	457	(24)	91	(27)	26	(3)	574	(19)
Worcester Superior	194	(10)	49	(15)	18	(2)	261	(9)
Municipal Courts	0	(0)	4	(1)	1	(0)	5	(0)
District Courts	20	(1)	61	(18)	666	(84)	747	(25)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 2.

County of Court from which Committed	Committing Institution						Total	
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham			
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Barnstable County	53	(3)	9	(3)	2	(0)	64	(2)
Berkshire County	61	(3)	7	(2)	5	(1)	73	(2)
Bristol County	154	(8)	25	(8)	19	(2)	198	(7)
Dukes County	1	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
Essex County	223	(12)	29	(9)	173	(22)	425	(14)
Franklin County	17	(1)	2	(1)	0	(0)	19	(1)
Hampden County	225	(12)	29	(9)	15	(2)	269	(9)
Hampshire County	31	(2)	2	(1)	0	(0)	33	(1)
Middlesex County	291	(15)	28	(8)	217	(27)	536	(18)
Nantucket County	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
Norfolk County	96	(5)	15	(5)	68	(9)	179	(6)
Plymouth County	100	(5)	22	(7)	69	(9)	191	(6)
Suffolk County	457	(24)	103	(31)	28	(4)	588	(19)
Worcester County	198	(10)	60	(18)	198	(25)	456	(15)
U.S. District Court	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	2	(0)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 3.

Minimum Sentence	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1 Year	2	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	3	(0)
2 Years	30	(2)	0	(0)	6	(1)	36	(1)
3 Years	427	(22)	0	(0)	29	(4)	456	(15)
4 Years	193	(10)	0	(0)	8	(1)	201	(7)
5 Years	294	(15)	0	(0)	12	(2)	306	(10)
6 Years	228	(12)	0	(0)	12	(2)	240	(8)
7 Years	126	(7)	0	(0)	3	(0)	129	(4)
8 Years	85	(4)	0	(0)	3	(0)	88	(3)
9 Years	151	(8)	0	(0)	8	(1)	159	(5)
10 Years	104	(5)	0	(0)	4	(1)	108	(4)
11 - 12 Years	71	(4)	0	(0)	2	(0)	73	(2)
13 - 15 Years	69	(4)	0	(0)	2	(0)	71	(2)
16 - 19 Years	31	(2)	0	(0)	2	(0)	33	(1)
20 - 24 Years	12	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	12	(0)
25 Years or More	8	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	8	(0)
Life 1	34	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	34	(1)
Life 2	44	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	44	(1)
Indeterminate	0	(0)	332	(100)	704	(88)	1036	(34)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 4.

Maximum Sentence	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Fine	0	(0)	0	(0)	47	(6)	47	(2)
Less Than 1 Month	0	(0)	0	(0)	41	(5)	41	(1)
Less Than 1 Year	0	(0)	8	(2)	350	(44)	358	(12)
1 Year	1	(0)	6	(2)	167	(21)	174	(6)
2 Years	3	(0)	51	(15)	82	(10)	136	(4)
3 Years	76	(4)	3	(1)	9	(1)	88	(3)
4 Years	13	(1)	1	(0)	1	(0)	15	(0)
5 Years	414	(22)	83	(25)	38	(5)	535	(18)
6 Years	98	(5)	5	(2)	4	(1)	107	(4)
7 Years	234	(12)	1	(0)	5	(1)	240	(8)
8 Years	69	(4)	1	(0)	4	(1)	74	(2)
9 Years	72	(4)	1	(0)	1	(0)	74	(2)
10 Years	463	(24)	110	(33)	35	(4)	608	(20)
11 - 12 Years	105	(6)	12	(4)	4	(1)	121	(4)
13 - 15 Years	145	(8)	24	(7)	3	(0)	172	(6)
16 - 19 Years	20	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	20	(1)
20 - 24 Years	93	(5)	26	(8)	4	(1)	123	(4)
25 Years or More	25	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)	26	(1)
Life	78	(4)	0	(0)	0	(0)	78	(3)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 5.

Sentence Type	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Simple Sentence	513	(27)	128	(39)	207	(26)	848	(28)
Concurrent Sentence	672	(35)	101	(30)	318	(40)	1091	(36)
Aggregate Sentence	35	(2)	10	(3)	25	(3)	70	(2)
Forthwith Sentence	161	(8)	2	(1)	2	(0)	165	(5)
From & After Sentence	28	(1)	18	(5)	13	(2)	59	(2)
Split Sentence	500	(26)	73	(22)	184	(23)	757	(25)
Fine	0	(0)	0	(0)	47	(6)	47	(2)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 6.

Number of Charges: Current Offense	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
One	879	(46)	193	(58)	320	(40)	1392	(46)
Two	419	(22)	50	(15)	152	(19)	621	(20)
Three	255	(13)	21	(6)	95	(12)	371	(12)
Four	117	(6)	27	(8)	71	(9)	215	(7)
Five to Nine	186	(10)	35	(11)	116	(15)	337	(11)
Ten to Nineteen	38	(2)	5	(2)	29	(4)	72	(2)
Twenty or More	15	(1)	1	(0)	13	(2)	29	(1)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 7.

Time Until Original Parole Eligibility	Cedar Junction		Committing Institution				Total	
	N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	N	%
No PE Date	1	(0)	8	(2)	17	(2)	26	(1)
Past PE Date	4	(0)	12	(4)	8	(1)	24	(1)
1 - 3 Months	32	(2)	57	(17)	483	(61)	572	(19)
4 - 6 Months	53	(3)	74	(22)	131	(16)	258	(8)
7 - 9 Months	78	(4)	27	(8)	27	(3)	132	(4)
10 - 12 Months	148	(8)	84	(25)	55	(7)	287	(9)
13 - 18 Months	199	(10)	34	(10)	19	(2)	252	(8)
19 - 24 Months	308	(16)	27	(8)	19	(2)	354	(12)
2 - 3 Years	374	(20)	6	(2)	17	(2)	397	(13)
3 - 5 Years	374	(20)	2	(1)	11	(1)	387	(13)
5 - 10 Years	157	(8)	1	(0)	4	(1)	162	(5)
10 Years or More	147	(8)	0	(0)	5	(1)	152	(5)
Life	34	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	34	(1)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 8.

Present Offense: General Categories	Cedar Junction		Committing Institution				Total	
	N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	N	%
Person	795	(42)	161	(48)	90	(11)	1046	(34)
Sex	251	(13)	40	(12)	10	(1)	301	(10)
Property	262	(14)	66	(20)	236	(30)	564	(19)
Drug	547	(29)	39	(12)	195	(24)	781	(26)
Other	54	(3)	26	(8)	265	(33)	345	(11)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 9.

Present Offense: Person Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	1114	(58)	171	(52)	706	(89)	1991	(66)
Murder-1	34	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	34	(1)
Murder-2	34	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	34	(1)
Manslaughter	54	(3)	5	(2)	5	(1)	64	(2)
Vehicular Homicide	17	(1)	3	(1)	5	(1)	25	(1)
Assault w.i. Murder	11	(1)	4	(1)	0	(0)	15	(0)
Accessory to Murder	7	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	7	(0)
Armed Robbery	265	(14)	66	(20)	16	(2)	347	(11)
Unarmed Robbery	108	(6)	26	(8)	7	(1)	141	(5)
Armed Assault	219	(11)	35	(11)	31	(4)	285	(9)
Unarmed Assault	14	(1)	20	(6)	23	(3)	57	(2)
Stalking	2	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)	4	(0)
Mayhem	10	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	10	(0)
Kidnapping	8	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	8	(0)
Extortion	5	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)
Civil Rights	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	4	(0)
Conspiracy	5	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	5	(0)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 10.

Present Offense: Sex Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	1658	(87)	292	(88)	786	(99)	2736	(90)
Rape	43	(2)	8	(2)	0	(0)	51	(2)
Aggravated Rape	29	(2)	2	(1)	0	(0)	31	(1)
Assault w.i. Rape	25	(1)	4	(1)	0	(0)	29	(1)
Rape of a Minor	120	(6)	18	(5)	4	(1)	142	(5)
Assault w.i. Rape-Minor	31	(2)	8	(2)	1	(0)	40	(1)
Other Sex Offenses	3	(0)	0	(0)	5	(1)	8	(0)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 11.

Present Offense: Drug Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	1362	(71)	293	(88)	601	(76)	2256	(74)
Poss of Heroin	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Poss of Syringe	0	(0)	1	(0)	11	(1)	12	(0)
Induce Other to Violate Drug Law	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Utter False Prescription	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Exploit Minor Sale-Dist	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Conspiracy to Violate CSA	25	(1)	2	(1)	9	(1)	36	(1)
Poss wi Dist No Class	1	(0)	0	(0)	53	(7)	54	(2)
Poss wi Dist Class A	0	(0)	4	(1)	7	(1)	11	(0)
Poss wi Dist Class B	1	(0)	1	(0)	4	(1)	6	(0)
Poss wi Dist Class D	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Class A First Offense	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Class B First Offense	97	(5)	4	(1)	26	(3)	127	(4)
Class C First Offense	89	(5)	10	(3)	39	(5)	138	(5)
Class D First Offense	1	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
* Class A - Repeat	15	(1)	0	(0)	2	(0)	17	(1)
* Class B - Repeat	13	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)	14	(0)
* Class B PCP/Cocaine	52	(3)	9	(3)	24	(3)	85	(3)
* Class B PCP/Cocaine - Repeat	8	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	8	(0)
* Marijuana 50-99 lbs.	3	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)
* Cocaine 14-27 grams	97	(5)	1	(0)	4	(1)	102	(3)
* Cocaine 28-99 grams	76	(4)	1	(0)	4	(1)	81	(3)
* Cocaine 100-199 grams	27	(1)	0	(0)	2	(0)	29	(1)
* Cocaine 200 grams or More	15	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	15	(0)
* Heroin 28-99 grams	8	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	8	(0)
* Poss wi School Zone	17	(1)	5	(2)	4	(1)	26	(1)
Uttering - 2nd offense	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

(* = Mandatory Term of Incarceration)

Table 12.

Present Offense: Property Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	1647	(86)	266	(80)	560	(70)	2473	(81)
Arson	19	(1)	14	(4)	4	(1)	37	(1)
Burglary-Armed	16	(1)	3	(1)	0	(0)	19	(1)
Burglary	145	(8)	28	(8)	35	(4)	208	(7)
Burglary Tools	6	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)
Stealing	3	(0)	1	(0)	54	(7)	58	(2)
Larceny	18	(1)	10	(3)	87	(11)	115	(4)
Motor Vehicle Theft	25	(1)	8	(2)	12	(2)	45	(1)
Forgery-Uttering	8	(0)	0	(0)	21	(3)	29	(1)
Common Theft	11	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	11	(0)
Recv. Stolen Goods	5	(0)	2	(1)	15	(2)	22	(1)
Property Injuries	6	(0)	0	(0)	8	(1)	14	(0)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 13.

Present Offense: Other Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	1855	(97)	306	(92)	531	(67)	2692	(89)
Escape	9	(0)	1	(0)	5	(1)	15	(0)
Weapon Offense	5	(0)	5	(2)	1	(0)	11	(0)
Viol Bartley Fox Gun Law	25	(1)	6	(2)	0	(0)	31	(1)
Common Nightwalker	0	(0)	0	(0)	6	(1)	6	(0)
Disturbing the Peace	0	(0)	1	(0)	5	(1)	6	(0)
Prostitution	0	(0)	0	(0)	126	(16)	126	(4)
Motor Vehicle	1	(0)	2	(1)	28	(4)	31	(1)
Contempt of Court	1	(0)	1	(0)	5	(1)	7	(0)
OUI	2	(0)	6	(2)	77	(10)	85	(3)
Attempt to Commit Crime	6	(0)	2	(1)	5	(1)	13	(0)
Other	5	(0)	2	(1)	1	(0)	8	(0)
Trespassing	0	(0)	0	(0)	6	(1)	6	(0)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

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Table 14.

Sex	Committing Institution						Total	
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		N	%
	N	%	N	%	N	%		
Female	0	(0)	0	(0)	796	(100)	796	(26)
Male	1909	(100)	332	(100)	0	(0)	2241	(74)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 15.

Age at Incarceration	Committing Institution						Total	
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		N	%
	N	%	N	%	N	%		
16 yrs old	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
17 yrs old	10	(1)	6	(2)	0	(0)	16	(1)
18 yrs old	60	(3)	22	(7)	6	(1)	88	(3)
19 yrs old	90	(5)	20	(6)	9	(1)	119	(4)
20 yrs old	68	(4)	32	(10)	23	(3)	123	(4)
21 yrs old	101	(5)	19	(6)	13	(2)	133	(4)
22 yrs old	103	(5)	21	(6)	34	(4)	158	(5)
23 yrs old	109	(6)	18	(5)	32	(4)	159	(5)
24 yrs old	87	(5)	15	(5)	38	(5)	140	(5)
25 to 29	402	(21)	62	(19)	204	(26)	668	(22)
30 to 34	375	(20)	55	(17)	218	(27)	648	(21)
35 to 39	238	(12)	31	(9)	134	(17)	403	(13)
40 to 44	129	(7)	16	(5)	48	(6)	193	(6)
45 to 49	65	(3)	7	(2)	21	(3)	93	(3)
50 to 54	36	(2)	4	(1)	8	(1)	48	(2)
55 to 59	17	(1)	2	(1)	5	(1)	24	(1)
60 and Older	18	(1)	2	(1)	3	(0)	23	(1)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 16.

Race / Ethnicity*	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
White	837	(44)	176	(53)	528	(66)	1541	(51)
African American	600	(31)	97	(29)	135	(17)	832	(27)
Native American	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)	3	(0)
Asian	8	(0)	8	(2)	2	(0)	18	(1)
Hispanic	464	(24)	51	(15)	127	(16)	642	(21)
Other	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	1	(0)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 17.

Marital Status*	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Married	377	(20)	46	(14)	112	(14)	535	(18)
Single	1411	(74)	258	(78)	475	(60)	2144	(71)
Divorced	85	(4)	21	(6)	114	(14)	220	(7)
Widowed	8	(0)	0	(0)	19	(2)	27	(1)
Common law	1	(0)	1	(0)	2	(0)	4	(0)
Separated	25	(1)	6	(2)	67	(8)	98	(3)
Unknown	2	(0)	0	(0)	7	(1)	9	(0)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

* = This information is self-reported.

Table 18.

Prior Address: Selected Cities/Towns*	Cedar Junction		Committing Institution				Total	
	N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	N	%
Boston	455	(24)	90	(27)	78	(10)	623	(21)
Brockton	57	(3)	12	(4)	54	(7)	123	(4)
Cambridge	27	(1)	4	(1)	6	(1)	37	(1)
Fall River	37	(2)	6	(2)	3	(0)	46	(2)
Framingham	23	(1)	3	(1)	18	(2)	44	(1)
Holyoke	29	(2)	8	(2)	2	(0)	39	(1)
Lawrence	58	(3)	5	(2)	57	(7)	120	(4)
Lowell	70	(4)	5	(2)	63	(8)	138	(5)
Lynn	60	(3)	9	(3)	42	(5)	111	(4)
New Bedford	62	(3)	9	(3)	8	(1)	79	(3)
Quincy	22	(1)	9	(3)	14	(2)	45	(1)
Somerville	20	(1)	4	(1)	15	(2)	39	(1)
Springfield	151	(8)	19	(6)	13	(2)	183	(6)
Worcester	91	(5)	21	(6)	94	(12)	206	(7)
Other Mass	618	(32)	106	(32)	299	(38)	1023	(34)
Out of State	129	(7)	22	(7)	30	(4)	181	(6)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 19.

Prior Address: County *	Cedar Junction		Committing Institution				Total	
	N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	N	%
Barnstable	44	(2)	5	(2)	3	(0)	52	(2)
Berkshire	47	(2)	6	(2)	6	(1)	59	(2)
Bristol	137	(7)	20	(6)	18	(2)	175	(6)
Dukes	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
Essex	199	(10)	27	(8)	164	(21)	390	(13)
Franklin	10	(1)	1	(0)	0	(0)	11	(0)
Hampden	215	(11)	31	(9)	16	(2)	262	(9)
Hampshire	16	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)	17	(1)
Middlesex	270	(14)	33	(10)	172	(22)	475	(16)
Nantucket	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
Norfolk	73	(4)	18	(5)	43	(5)	134	(4)
Plymouth	91	(5)	18	(5)	74	(9)	183	(6)
Suffolk	501	(26)	99	(30)	88	(11)	688	(23)
Worcester	173	(9)	52	(16)	181	(23)	406	(13)
Out of State	129	(7)	22	(7)	30	(4)	181	(6)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

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Table 20.

Citizenship *	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
US Citizen- Born in Mass.	1075	(56)	210	(63)	538	(68)	1823	(60)
US Citizen- Born in Other State	368	(19)	70	(21)	155	(19)	593	(20)
US Citizen- Born in US Territory	230	(12)	22	(7)	74	(9)	326	(11)
US Citizen- Foreign Born	147	(8)	13	(4)	17	(2)	177	(6)
Not a US Citizen	88	(5)	16	(5)	12	(2)	116	(4)
Unknown	1	(0)	1	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 21.

Last Grade Completed *	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
3rd or Less	13	(1)	1	(0)	0	(0)	14	(0)
4th	15	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	15	(0)
5th	21	(1)	0	(0)	3	(0)	24	(1)
6th	25	(1)	3	(1)	7	(1)	35	(1)
7th	53	(3)	7	(2)	17	(2)	77	(3)
8th	114	(6)	10	(3)	52	(7)	176	(6)
9th	180	(9)	17	(5)	71	(9)	268	(9)
10th	245	(13)	41	(12)	77	(10)	363	(12)
11th	261	(14)	36	(11)	98	(12)	395	(13)
High School Grad-GED	729	(38)	99	(30)	290	(36)	1118	(37)
Some College	180	(9)	26	(8)	91	(11)	297	(10)
College Graduate	42	(2)	8	(2)	27	(3)	77	(3)
Unknown	31	(2)	84	(25)	63	(8)	178	(6)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

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Table 23.

Total Number of Court Appearances	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1	101	(5)	6	(2)	18	(2)	125	(4)
2	116	(6)	5	(2)	27	(3)	148	(5)
3	109	(6)	7	(2)	32	(4)	148	(5)
4	84	(4)	6	(2)	21	(3)	111	(4)
5	70	(4)	7	(2)	37	(5)	114	(4)
6 - 8	226	(12)	17	(5)	89	(11)	332	(11)
9 - 11	190	(10)	13	(4)	83	(10)	286	(9)
12 - 15	188	(10)	11	(3)	73	(9)	272	(9)
16 - 20	156	(8)	7	(2)	73	(9)	236	(8)
21 or More	264	(14)	8	(2)	99	(12)	371	(12)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 24.

Age at First Court Appearance	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
19 or Younger	955	(50)	58	(17)	241	(30)	1254	(41)
20 to 24	248	(13)	17	(5)	152	(19)	417	(14)
25 to 29	126	(7)	5	(2)	78	(10)	209	(7)
30 to 34	80	(4)	3	(1)	56	(7)	139	(5)
35 to 39	41	(2)	1	(0)	10	(1)	52	(2)
40 to 44	26	(1)	3	(1)	7	(1)	36	(1)
45 to 49	17	(1)	0	(0)	4	(1)	21	(1)
50 to 54	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	4	(0)
55 to 59	3	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	5	(0)
60 and Older	6	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	6	(0)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 25.

No. of Charges for PERSON Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	323	(17)	15	(5)	255	(32)	593	(20)
1	137	(7)	8	(2)	79	(10)	224	(7)
2	127	(7)	15	(5)	59	(7)	201	(7)
3	124	(6)	5	(2)	50	(6)	179	(6)
4	117	(6)	5	(2)	29	(4)	151	(5)
5	77	(4)	8	(2)	26	(3)	111	(4)
6 - 8	215	(11)	12	(4)	25	(3)	252	(8)
Over 8	384	(20)	19	(6)	29	(4)	432	(14)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 26.

No. of Charges for SEX Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	1181	(62)	72	(22)	506	(64)	1759	(58)
1	93	(5)	7	(2)	25	(3)	125	(4)
2	56	(3)	2	(1)	12	(2)	70	(2)
3	38	(2)	0	(0)	4	(1)	42	(1)
4	28	(1)	1	(0)	2	(0)	31	(1)
5	21	(1)	2	(1)	0	(0)	23	(1)
6 - 8	46	(2)	0	(0)	2	(0)	48	(2)
Over 8	41	(2)	3	(1)	1	(0)	45	(1)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 27.

No. of Charges for PROPERTY Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	393	(21)	22	(7)	99	(12)	514	(17)
1	161	(8)	9	(3)	60	(8)	230	(8)
2	135	(7)	10	(3)	51	(6)	196	(6)
3	80	(4)	4	(1)	30	(4)	114	(4)
4	68	(4)	9	(3)	34	(4)	111	(4)
5	58	(3)	3	(1)	26	(3)	87	(3)
6 - 8	139	(7)	15	(5)	50	(6)	204	(7)
Over 8	470	(25)	15	(5)	202	(25)	687	(23)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 28.

Number of Charges for DRUG Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	533	(28)	44	(13)	165	(21)	742	(24)
1	159	(8)	10	(3)	68	(9)	237	(8)
2	172	(9)	8	(2)	67	(8)	247	(8)
3	101	(5)	3	(1)	46	(6)	150	(5)
4	97	(5)	4	(1)	36	(5)	137	(5)
5	78	(4)	5	(2)	36	(5)	119	(4)
6 - 8	163	(9)	6	(2)	72	(9)	241	(8)
Over 8	201	(11)	7	(2)	62	(8)	270	(9)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 29.

Age at First Court Appearance for DRUG Offense	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	533	(28)	44	(13)	165	(21)	742	(24)
19 or Younger	364	(19)	19	(6)	61	(8)	444	(15)
20 to 24	281	(15)	16	(5)	132	(17)	429	(14)
25 to 29	148	(8)	6	(2)	105	(13)	259	(9)
30 to 34	91	(5)	1	(0)	62	(8)	154	(5)
35 to 39	47	(2)	1	(0)	16	(2)	64	(2)
40 to 44	23	(1)	0	(0)	5	(1)	28	(1)
45 to 49	11	(1)	0	(0)	2	(0)	13	(0)
50 to 54	3	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	5	(0)
55 to 59	2	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	4	(0)
60 and Older	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 30.

No. of Charges for ALCOHOL Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	1008	(53)	52	(16)	367	(46)	1427	(47)
1	235	(12)	14	(4)	79	(10)	328	(11)
2	106	(6)	4	(1)	43	(5)	153	(5)
3	57	(3)	4	(1)	26	(3)	87	(3)
4	33	(2)	7	(2)	14	(2)	54	(2)
5	17	(1)	2	(1)	12	(2)	31	(1)
6 - 8	35	(2)	2	(1)	10	(1)	47	(2)
Over 8	13	(1)	2	(1)	1	(0)	16	(1)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 31.

Age at First Court Appearance for ALCOHOL Offense	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Not Applicable	1008	(53)	52	(16)	367	(46)	1427	(47)
19 or Younger	190	(10)	17	(5)	44	(6)	251	(8)
20 to 24	156	(8)	11	(3)	57	(7)	224	(7)
25 to 29	68	(4)	5	(2)	46	(6)	119	(4)
30 to 34	33	(2)	0	(0)	28	(4)	61	(2)
35 to 39	23	(1)	1	(0)	6	(1)	30	(1)
40 to 44	14	(1)	1	(0)	2	(0)	17	(1)
45 to 49	6	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	8	(0)
50 to 54	4	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	4	(0)
55 to 59	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
60 and Older	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 32.

No. of Charges for ESCAPE Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	1327	(70)	84	(25)	506	(64)	1917	(63)
1	105	(6)	2	(1)	36	(5)	143	(5)
2	45	(2)	1	(0)	3	(0)	49	(2)
3	18	(1)	0	(0)	4	(1)	22	(1)
4	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
5	3	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)	5	(0)
6 - 8	4	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)	5	(0)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 33.

No. of Charges for WEAPONS Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	1024	(54)	59	(18)	489	(61)	1572	(52)
1	172	(9)	14	(4)	34	(4)	220	(7)
2	124	(6)	8	(2)	19	(2)	151	(5)
3	70	(4)	3	(1)	7	(1)	80	(3)
4	40	(2)	1	(0)	2	(0)	43	(1)
5	22	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	22	(1)
6 - 8	42	(2)	1	(0)	1	(0)	44	(1)
Over 8	10	(1)	1	(0)	0	(0)	11	(0)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 34.

No. of Charges for MOTOR VEHICLE Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	678	(36)	39	(12)	300	(38)	1017	(33)
1	198	(10)	9	(3)	68	(9)	275	(9)
2	162	(8)	11	(3)	60	(8)	233	(8)
3	99	(5)	6	(2)	39	(5)	144	(5)
4	69	(4)	7	(2)	20	(3)	96	(3)
5	47	(2)	6	(2)	10	(1)	63	(2)
6 - 8	111	(6)	3	(1)	20	(3)	134	(4)
Over 8	140	(7)	6	(2)	35	(4)	181	(6)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 35.

No. of Charges for PUBLIC ORDER Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	661	(35)	36	(11)	194	(24)	891	(29)
1	279	(15)	11	(3)	113	(14)	403	(13)
2	193	(10)	9	(3)	83	(10)	285	(9)
3	126	(7)	9	(3)	42	(5)	177	(6)
4	62	(3)	7	(2)	35	(4)	104	(3)
5	47	(2)	3	(1)	19	(2)	69	(2)
6 - 8	78	(4)	7	(2)	31	(4)	116	(4)
Over 8	58	(3)	5	(2)	35	(4)	98	(3)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 36.

No. of Charges for PROSTITUTION Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	1477	(77)	85	(26)	327	(41)	1889	(62)
1	19	(1)	0	(0)	46	(6)	65	(2)
2	4	(0)	2	(1)	33	(4)	39	(1)
3	2	(0)	0	(0)	30	(4)	32	(1)
4	1	(0)	0	(0)	26	(3)	27	(1)
5	0	(0)	0	(0)	22	(3)	22	(1)
6 - 8	0	(0)	0	(0)	25	(3)	25	(1)
Over 8	1	(0)	0	(0)	43	(5)	44	(1)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 37.

No. of Charges for OTHER Offenses	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	1424	(75)	83	(25)	533	(67)	2040	(67)
1	56	(3)	3	(1)	16	(2)	75	(2)
2	9	(0)	1	(0)	3	(0)	13	(0)
3	8	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	8	(0)
4	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
5	2	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(0)
6 - 8	3	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)
Over 8	1	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(0)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 38.

Table 38.		Committing Institution							
Number of Prior Probations	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total		
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
None	603	(32)	37	(11)	187	(23)	827	(27)	
One or More	901	(47)	50	(15)	365	(46)	1316	(43)	
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)	
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)	

Table 39.

Table 39.

Number of Prior Defaults	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	368	(19)	19	(6)	68	(9)	455	(15)
One or More	1136	(60)	68	(20)	484	(61)	1688	(56)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 40.

Prior House of Correction Incarcerations	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	791	(41)	58	(17)	278	(35)	1127	(37)
1	261	(14)	12	(4)	110	(14)	383	(13)
2	183	(10)	6	(2)	62	(8)	251	(8)
3	93	(5)	3	(1)	33	(4)	129	(4)
4	57	(3)	1	(0)	32	(4)	90	(3)
5	38	(2)	2	(1)	10	(1)	50	(2)
6 or More	81	(4)	5	(2)	27	(3)	113	(4)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 41.

Prior State or Federal Incarcerations	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	1225	(64)	79	(24)	535	(67)	1839	(61)
1	193	(10)	6	(2)	15	(2)	214	(7)
2	72	(4)	2	(1)	1	(0)	75	(2)
3	11	(1)	0	(0)	1	(0)	12	(0)
4	3	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(0)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

Table 42.

Prior Adult Incarcerations	Committing Institution							
	Cedar Junction		Concord		Framingham		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
None	718	(38)	55	(17)	275	(35)	1048	(35)
1	269	(14)	14	(4)	113	(14)	396	(13)
2	189	(10)	7	(2)	58	(7)	254	(8)
3	111	(6)	1	(0)	36	(5)	148	(5)
4	58	(3)	3	(1)	29	(4)	90	(3)
5	47	(2)	1	(0)	12	(2)	60	(2)
6 or More	112	(6)	6	(2)	29	(4)	147	(5)
Unknown	405	(21)	245	(74)	244	(31)	894	(29)
Total	1909	(100)	332	(100)	796	(100)	3037	(100)

GLOSSARY

MINIMUM SENTENCE/ MAXIMUM SENTENCE

In the tables, minimum and maximum sentence lengths are rounded to the closest whole year. For example, a sentence of 5 years 1 day is included in the 5 year category

Armed Assault

Includes armed assault with intent to rob or murder, armed assault in dwelling house, assault and battery with dangerous weapon, and assault by means of a dangerous weapon.

Assault-Intent to Murder

Includes assault with intent to murder and attempt to murder.

Assault with Intent to Rape

Includes assault with intent to rape and indecent assault and battery.

Contempt of Court

Includes contempt of court, failure to appear, perjury, violation of a court or restraining order, notation of abuse prevention act.

Rape of Minor

Includes rape of female under sixteen, rape of child, and statutory rape.

Unarmed Assault

Includes unarmed assault with intent to rob or steal, assault, assault and battery, and other assaults.

SENTENCE TYPE

Aggregate

Multiple sentences received for more than one offense. These sentences will be served consecutively. The sentence length reported reflects the total of all sentences.

Concurrent

Multiple sentences received for more than one offense. These sentences will be served simultaneously.

Fine

Incarceration resulting from non-payment of a fine for one or more offenses.

Forthwith

A sentence that is to be served effective immediately, regardless of other sentences for which the individual is currently incarcerated.

From and After

A sentence to be served following release from a previous sentence.

Simple

One sentence received for a single offense.

Split

A sentence that is divided between a specified period of incarceration followed by probation supervision.