

Women Committed To The Massachusetts
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1970 To 1980

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Abstract

This report describes women who were committed to a term of incarceration at MCI-Framingham during the period 1970 to 1980. This description focuses on a discussion of the offenses for which they were committed, their personal background characteristics and their criminal history. Changes in the number of women committed and changes in the characteristics of that population are also discussed. From 1970 to 1974 there was a decrease in the number of women committed to Framingham. From 1974 to 1980 there has been a steady annual increase in the number of commitments. This increase is accounted for mainly by the commitment of women with county sentences to a DOC facility. The rapid increase in female commitments has implications for programs which are discussed.

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Introduction

Recent dramatic increases in the involvement of women in the criminal justice system have been noted repeatedly (Townes, James and Martin, 1981). The cause of these changes, whether they represent objective behavior changes in women or are simply reflections of changes in the reaction of the criminal justice system to women offenders, is still the subject of much debate (Aldridge, 1977). While these changes fostered interest in studying the population of women offenders, there is still a need for continued research in this area, in particular for research concerning incarcerated women offenders (Simon, 1975). The purpose of this report is to describe the population of women incarcerated in state correctional facilities in Massachusetts and to discuss changes in that population over the past decade. The report will first review the types of sentences and correctional placements received by women offenders in Massachusetts. Second, some methodological issues will be discussed. The next section of the report will consider changes in the overall patterns of incarceration of women including the number of women committed, the placement of women in state or county facilities and the proportion of women

relative to men in the system. Finally the report will describe this population in terms of the nature of the present offense, personal background and criminal history.

Sentence and Correction Alternatives For Women

The correctional system in Massachusetts is a two-tiered one involving both county and state levels of government. Each county in the state has its own house of correction. Additionally, the state through the Department of Correction (DOC) has a number of correctional facilities located throughout Massachusetts which are called Massachusetts Correctional Institutions (MCI).

Convicted offenders receiving a sentence for a term of incarceration will come under the jurisdiction of one of the thirteen counties in Massachusetts or of the state's Department of Correction. Jurisdictional assignments are made based on the type of sentence to be served. Generally, less serious offenders with short sentences will be placed in county facilities while more serious offenders with longer sentences will be placed in state facilities.

Men and women who are convicted and sentenced to a term of incarceration in Massachusetts will receive one of three types of sentences: prison, reformatory or county. A prison sentence carries both a minimum and maximum term of incarceration. These sentences are generally received by the most serious offenders

and carry terms ranging from two and one half years to life. A reformatory or indeterminate sentence carries no minimum term, only a maximum term of two and one half years or more. A county sentence is a definite sentence of two and one half years or less. County sentences are generally given to the least serious offenders.

Once sentenced, an offender is placed at a correctional facility called the committing institution. Male offenders are always committed according to the type of sentence they will be serving. Men receiving prison sentences are committed to MCI-Walpole; men receiving reformatory sentences are committed to MCI-Concord; and men receiving county sentences are committed to a House of Correction. Thus men receiving prison and reformatory sentences come under the state's jurisdiction while men receiving county sentences come under county jurisdiction.

Women are not committed in this way. All women receiving prison and reformatory sentences are committed to MCI-Framingham. Women receiving county sentences can be committed to a House of Correction or to MCI-Framingham. Women committed to MCI-Framingham come under the state's jurisdiction even if they are serving a county sentence. Only those women receiving a county sentence and committed to a county institution are under county jurisdiction.

Methodology

The sample for this study included all women who were committed to a correctional facility during the period 1970 to 1980. This includes any woman sentenced by the courts to a term of incarceration and a number of women incarcerated for non-payment of fines. Commitments from the courts only include criminal cases and do not include those women received as civil commitments, as patients or for the purpose of awaiting trial. Women can be included in the sample more than once if they were committed from the courts more than once during the eleven year period.

Information on women committed from 1972 through 1980 was taken from the Correction and Parole Management Information System (CAPMIS). Information on women committed in 1970 and 1971 was taken from reports published during that time. More information is available for women committed between 1972 and 1980 than for women committed earlier. In discussing some variables an eleven year sample was used, in discussing other variables only a nine year sample could be used.

To the extent possible, the number of cases with missing information was reduced from earlier published reports on commitments. Inmate census information was taken from daily count sheets submitted by the institutions. Information cited in the report regarding male offenders was taken from CAPMIS and annual reports.

In the section of the report on numbers of women committed, all women are included in the discussion. In the section of the report describing characteristics of the population only those women committed to the DOC are included. Women serving county sentences who were committed to the DOC are considered in this part of the analysis. A similar analysis of women serving county sentences and committed to a county House of Correction can be found in a separate study (Holt, 1981).

Number of Women Committed

Over the past decade an average of 273 women each year were committed to serve a period of incarceration in a state or county correctional facility in Massachusetts. On the average 133 were committed to the state's Department of Correction and 140 were committed to a county House of Correction.

There was a decline in the number of women being committed to correctional facilities during the first part of this period, from 351 in 1970 to 165 in 1974. This represents a 53 percent decrease in commitments. Since 1974 the number of women being committed increased annually to a level of 362 in 1980. Table 1 shows these changes in the number of commitments.

A similar pattern of change in the number of women committed to a state correctional facility is evident. In 1970, 134 women

were committed to the DOC. The number of women committed declined until 1973 when 48 women were committed and then increased annually to 236 in 1980. The county correctional system decreased in the number of women committed, from 217 in 1970 to 81 in 1974, but the large increase experienced since that time by the DOC was not experienced in the county system. In 1974 there were 81 women committed and in 1980 there were 126 women committed to county facilities. The distribution of women offenders between the state and county correctional system changed during this period. In 1970, 38% of all women committed to correctional facilities went to state facilities and 62% to county facilities. In 1980, 65% of all women went to state facilities and 35% went to county facilities. The proportion of women offenders coming under state as opposed to county jurisdiction nearly doubled during this time period.

Women represented five percent of all commitments to state and county correctional facilities from 1970 to 1980, men comprised ninety-five percent of these commitments. The proportion of women among all commitments did not change greatly during the last decade. On the average women represented about 12 percent of all court commitments to the DOC and 3 percent of all court commitments to county facilities in Massachusetts. The proportion that women comprised of all commitments to county facilities remained fairly stable during this time period. The proportion that women comprised of all commitments to the DOC declined from 16 percent in 1970 to

4 percent in 1973 and then increased to 19 percent in 1980.

The composition of the population at MCI-Framingham, the main DOC facility for women, changed during this period. In January, 1970 the population was 155 including 21 women incarcerated for drunkenness, 99 women incarcerated for other offenses and 35 patients (primarily alcoholics). In January, 1973 there were 82 inmates including 3 women incarcerated for drunkenness and no patients. In 1973 the facility became co-correctional. Since 1973 the population has been about 120 with one-fourth to one-half of the population male prisoners. Table 2 shows these changes.

In summary, during this period, there were many changes in the number of women committed to correctional facilities. The number of women entering any correctional facility declined from 1970 to 1974 partially as a result of the decriminalization of alcoholism. Since 1974 the number of women entering correctional facilities increased annually. During this period the proportion of women entering the DOC as opposed to county correctional system increased. The composition of the population at MCI-Framingham changed from a diverse all-female institution to a co-correctional facility.

Characteristics of Women Committed in Massachusetts

In this section a number of characteristics describing the offenses, personal background characteristics and criminal history of women committed to the state's DOC will be discussed. Table 3

shows these characteristics for women committed in 1970 and 1971. Tables 4 through 31 show these characteristics for women committed from 1972 through 1980.

Sentence

Women committed to MCI-Framingham will be serving one of three types of sentences: county, reformatory or prison. During this time period the number and proportion of women entering Framingham for county sentences increased while the number of women serving the longer state sentences remained relatively stable and their proportion decreased. The recent rise in the number of court commitments was accounted for mainly by women serving county sentences.

About nine percent of women entering the system were serving state prison sentences. These are generally given to serious offenders who will be incarcerated long period of time. The median minimum sentence for women receiving prison sentences is six years. There were 12 cases where women received a life sentence during this time period.

About one quarter of all women entering the state's correctional system during this period received reformatory sentences. Over half of these sentences were at the minimum level of two and one-half years.

About two-thirds of all women entering Framingham received county sentences. These sentences are for two and one-half years or less. The median county sentence was three months for this time

period. Sentences received for non-payment of fines are shown as time at the rate of \$10 per day.

In summary, women entering the state's correctional system were serving sentences ranging from a small number of days to life. The majority of women were serving short term county sentences. Recent increases in the number of women entering the system were accounted for largely by this group of short sentence women.

Primary Offense

The primary offense for which women are committed to the Department can be grouped into five general categories: offenses against the person, offenses against property, drug offenses, offenses against public order and other offenses. Offenses against property were the most common type of offense during the time period followed by offenses against public order and offenses against the person. The recent increase in the number of women committed was not accompanied by increases in their seriousness. Commitments for offenses against the person decreased from 21 percent in 1973 to 17 percent in 1980, while commitments for offenses against property increased from 19 percent to 40 percent and commitments for offenses against public order increased from 21 percent to 28 percent.

The most common offense against the person was armed robbery accounting for 92 of the 321 commitments for such offenses. There were 85 commitments for homicide include 2 for first-degree murder and 12 for second-degree murder. Most other person offenses were for assaults of various types.

Offenses against property are presently the most common offenses for which women are committed and have been increasing in terms of their relative frequency. Larceny and larceny from the person were by far the most common property offenses accounting for 57 percent of the property offense commitments. Forgery was the next most common property offense and accounted for 12 percent of the commitments followed by burglary with 9 percent of the property commitments.

In 1970 and 1971 offenses against public order were the most common type of offense and the majority of these commitments were for drunkenness. Since that time commitments for such offenses averaged about one-fourth of all commitments and generally are for prostitution (65 percent) or disturbing the peace (18 percent).

Drug offenses presently contribute about 8 percent of all women committed to the Department. This proportion was generally decreasing during the time period.

The residual category of other offenses generally includes a small number of commitments. Most of these were for escapes or contempt of court.

In summary, the recent increase in the number of women entering MCI-Framingham as court commitments was not accompanied by a shift toward more serious offenders. Offenses against property, especially larceny and fraud, are the most common offenses followed by offenses against public order, especially for prostitution. This stands in contrast to ten years ago when drunkenness was the major offense for which women were committed to the Department.

Jail Credits

Three quarters of the women committed to the Department have no jail credits at all. This means they were not incarcerated before their sentence was imposed. For those who did have jail credits the median number of days credited was 30.

Type of Sentence

Most women are serving simple sentences (64 percent). This generally means they were given a single sentence for a single offense. Concurrent sentences were used in 29 percent of the commitments. Aggregate, forthwith and from and after sentences were used infrequently. There was little change in the type of sentence served over time.

Age at Incarceration

The median age at incarceration for this population is 24 years. While the median age of the population did not change greatly the proportion of women committed at age 40 or over decreased from 23 percent in 1970 to 9 percent in 1980, probably reflecting the elimination of drunkenness commitments.

Courts of Commitments

Women can be committed from Superior Courts, Municipal Courts (lower courts of Suffolk County), or District Courts (lower courts of other counties). Until 1979 most women were sentenced from Superior Courts. Suffolk County Superior Court accounted for over 40 percent of these commitments. Municipal Courts accounted for one-quarter of all commitments during this period, Boston Municipal Court was the most common. District Courts, in particular those in Worcester County are committing increasing numbers of women to the Department.

Race

There were few changes in the racial composition of the women entering Framingham during this period. Fifty-eight percent of the women were white, 40 percent were black and 2 percent were hispanic.

Marital Status

Of all women entering MCI-Framingham 63 percent are single, 15 percent are married, and 22 percent are in a state of marital separation. The proportion of single women tended to increase and the proportion of married women tended to decrease during this period.

Address

Over forty percent of the women committed to the Department come from the Boston area. Middlesex County is the second largest source of commitments. Since 1979 Worcester County also has become a large source of the female commitment population.

Education

The median educational level of this population is tenth grade. This did not change during the time period of the study. The proportion of women who completed high school or have some college education increased during the time period from 24 percent in 1970 to 33 percent in 1980.

Drug Use

Almost half of the women committed to Framingham evidence some history of drug use, in 31 percent of the cases a history of heroin use was indicated. There was some decrease in the proportion of heroin users but no decrease in the proportion of drug use overall during the period.

Work History

Most of the women have experienced marketplace employment in the past. For 31 percent of women committed these jobs were in the area of services including occupations such as waitress, hair stylist, practical nurse and others. For 23 percent of these women work experience was in the area of clerical or sales work. For 21 percent of these women work experience was primarily in the area of manual labor.

The median time at their most skilled position or position of longest duration was between 5 and 6 months.

Criminal History

Criminal history information was missing in about 1 in 5 cases. For this reason only one variable was considered, prior adult incarcerations. The proportion of women serving their first adult incarceration increased from 44 percent in 1970 to 75 percent in 1974, possibly a reflection of the elimination of drunkenness cases.

Since 1974 the proportion decreased to 56 percent in 1980. Because of the large proportion of cases with no information these changes should be interpreted with care.

Summary And Discussion

During the eleven year period 1970 to 1980 there was a number of changes in the type of women offender serviced by the state's correctional system. From 1970 to 1974 there was a seventy-five percent decrease in the number of women committed to the DOC. From 1974 to 1980 there have been steady increases in the number of women committed to the DOC. This recent increase in female commitments to the DOC is largely accounted for by women with county sentences for property and public order offenses. In 1970, the DOC received 38 percent of all women committed to a correctional facility in Massachusetts; in 1980 the DOC received 65 percent of this population. This now makes the DOC the major correctional system for women offenders in Massachusetts.

The population of women committed to the DOC is diverse in many ways. These women serve sentences ranging from a day or two to life for offenses ranging from prostitution to homicide. Their backgrounds in terms of age, education, work experience and criminal history are also quite varied.

The policy implications of the changes in this population present a challenge to correctional administrators. The DOC will need to be prepared to receive increasing numbers of women who will generally be serving short sentences. The increase in the number of women committed to the DOC continued through 1981 when it is estimated that more than 340 women were committed to the DOC, an increase of 50 percent from the previous year. This increase in admissions will cause a population increase as well. As of January 1, 1982 the population of women at MCI-Framingham was 169, an 86 percent increase from the previous year. While maintaining services to long-term inmates, correctional personnel must be prepared to put additional resources towards a new and growing population of short-term inmates. Programs and classification procedures should be developed such that all inmates can participate to the maximum extent possible in a variety of programs, regardless of the length of time they can expect to be incarcerated. Policies should be aimed at increasing the efficiency with which classification and placement decisions can be made. As larger numbers of admissions can expect to serve shorter terms of incarceration any delay in placements may dramatically reduce the chances for program participation. Programs and policies must contain a degree of flexibility that will address the needs of all inmates regardless of the expected length of incarceration. Admission to programs should be frequent and program content should be structured to include both long-term and short term participants. In summary, policies and programs need to reflect the diversity of the offender population. As the DOC accepts more of the responsibility for serving county-sentenced women offenders, policies and programs

will have to include a statewide orientation, to address the needs of a variety of types of criminal offenders and to achieve a balance between the services of a state prison and county jail.

Table 1

Individuals Committed To State And County Facilities
By Sex, 1970 To 1980

Commitment Year	S T A T E				C O U N T Y				T O T A L		
	Males	Females	Percent Female	Percent of All Females	Males	Females	Percent Female	Percent of All Females	Males	Females	Percent Female
1970	725	134	(16)	(38)	7902	217	(3)	(62)	8627	351	(4)
1971	947	144	(13)	(40)	6255	219	(3)	(60)	7202	363	(5)
1972	1021	92	(8)	(30)	5183	211	(4)	(70)	6204	303	(5)
1973	966	48	(4)	(25)	4031	144	(4)	(75)	4997	192	(4)
1974	871	84	(10)	(51)	2821	81	(3)	(49)	3692	165	(4)
1975	1072	122	(12)	(55)	3314	101	(3)	(45)	4386	223	(5)
1976	1070	133	(10)	(52)	4269	124	(3)	(48)	5339	257	(5)
1977	950	158	(14)	(63)	4075	94	(2)	(37)	5025	252	(5)
1978	993	124	(12)	(48)	4099	136	(3)	(52)	5092	260	(5)
1979	949	185	(16)	(67)	4520	92	(2)	(33)	5496	277	(5)
1980	998	236	(19)	(65)	5315	126	(2)	(35)	6313	362	(5)
TOTAL	10562	1460	(12)	(48)	51784	1545	(3)	(52)	62346	3005	(5)

Table 2

Composition of Inmate Population at MCI-Framingham, January 1, 1970 To January 1, 1981

Population As Of January 1,	Females Incarcerated For Drunkenness	Females Incarcerated for Other Offenses	Females Incarcerated As Patients	Male Prisoners	Total
1970	21	99	35	0	155
1971	16	93	8	0	117
1972	15	105	4	0	124
1973	3	79	0	0	82
1974	0	62	0	47	109
1975	0	89	0	32	121
1976	0	90	0	31	121
1977	0	109	0	33	142
1978	0	90	0	30	120
1979	0	88	0	31	119
1980	0	90	0	30	120
1981	0	91	0	32	123

Table 3

Selected Characteristics of Women
Committed To MCI-Framingham
1970 And 1971

Variable	1970		1971	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>General Category of Offenses</u>				
Against the Person	16	(12)	25	(17)
Against Property	25	(19)	38	(26)
Drug Offenses	20	(15)	24	(17)
Against Public Order	69	(51)	50	(35)
Other Offenses	4	(3)	7	(5)
TOTAL	134	(100)	144	(100)
<u>Offenses Against The Person</u>				
Murder 2	0	(0)	4	(16)
Manslaughter	2	(12)	7	(28)
Armed Robbery	9	(56)	6	(24)
Unarmed Robbery	0	(0)	1	(4)
Assault and Battery	4	(25)	2	(8)
Assault with a Deadly Weapon	0	(0)	5	(20)
TOTAL	16	(100)	25	(100)
<u>Offenses Against Property</u>				
Arson	2	(8)	1	(3)
Burglary	3	(12)	6	(16)
Destruction to Property	0	(0)	1	(3)
Forgery	3	(12)	6	(16)
Larceny	11	(44)	12	(32)
Larceny From Person	4	(16)	5	(13)
Receiving Stolen Goods	2	(8)	7	(18)
TOTAL	25	(100)	38	(100)

Selected Characteristics of Women
Committed To MCI-Framingham
1970 And 1971

Variable	1970		1971	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Offenses Against Public Order</u>				
Drunkenness	53	(77)	38	(76)
Idle and Disorderly	3	(4)	2	(4)
Prostitution	11	(16)	3	(6)
Stubbornness	2	(3)	0	(0)
Unnatural Acts	0	(0)	7	(14)
TOTAL	69	(100)	50	(100)
<u>Other Offenses</u>				
Contempt of Court	1	(25)	1	(14)
Escapes	0	(0)	1	(14)
Motor Vehicle Offenses	0	(0)	3	(43)
Weapons	0	(0)	2	(28)
Nonsupport	1	(25)	0	(0)
Abortion	1	(25)	0	(0)
Evasion of Taxes	1	(25)	0	(0)
TOTAL	4	(100)	7	(100)
<u>Sentence</u>				
Less Than 1 Year	58	(43)	45	(31)
1 Year	0	(0)	4	(3)
2 Years	36	(27)	28	(19)
3 Years	0	(0)	7	(5)
5 Years	36	(27)	51	(35)
6 Years	1	(1)	0	(0)
8 Years	0	(0)	2	(1)
10 Years	1	(1)	3	(2)
12 Years	2	(1)	0	(0)
17 Years	0	(0)	1	(1)
20 or More Years	0	(0)	2	(1)
Life	0	(0)	1	(1)
TOTAL	134	(100)	144	(100)

Table 3

Selected Characteristics of Women
Committed To MCI-Framingham
1970 And 1971

Variable	1970		1971	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Age At Incarceration</u>				
17 Years	4	(3)	7	(5)
18 Years	6	(4)	4	(3)
19 Years	12	(9)	14	(10)
20 Years	7	(5)	11	(8)
21 to 24 Years	21	(16)	38	(26)
25 to 29 Years	17	(13)	24	(17)
30 to 34 Years	7	(5)	4	(3)
35 to 39 Years	9	(7)	9	(6)
40 to 44 Years	17	(13)	13	(9)
45 to 49 Years	9	(7)	9	(6)
50 Years and Over	25	(19)	11	(8)
TOTAL	134	(100)	144	(100)
<u>Birthplace of Inmate</u>				
Massachusetts	95	(71)	84	(58)
Other States or Territories	34	(25)	54	(38)
Foreign Country	5	(4)	6	(3)
TOTAL	134	(100)	144	(100)
<u>Education</u>				
1 to 5 Years	9	(7)	7	(5)
6 to 8 Years	24	(18)	28	(19)
9 to 11 Years	69	(51)	73	(51)
High School Graduate	27	(20)	28	(19)
Some College	5	(4)	7	(5)
College Graduate	0	(0)	1	(1)
TOTAL	134	(100)	144	(100)

Table 3

Selected Characteristics of Women
Committed To MCI-Framingham
1970 And 1971

Variable	1970		1971	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Marital Status</u>				
Married	20	(15)	24	(17)
Single	64	(48)	70	(49)
Divorced	14	(10)	20	(14)
Widowed	14	(10)	4	(3)
Separated	22	(16)	24	(17)
Unknown	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	134	(100)	144	(100)
<u>Occupation</u>				
Manual Labor	90	(67)	102	(71)
Sales or Clerical	11	(8)	10	(7)
Professional	1	(1)	1	(1)
General Services	28	(21)	23	(16)
Farming	1	(1)	1	(1)
Student	0	(0)	3	(2)
Unknown	3	(2)	4	(3)
TOTAL	134	(100)	144	(100)

Table 4

Type of Sentence Received

TYPE OF SENTENCE	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
County	39 (42)	15 (31)	37 (45)	69 (57)	83 (62)	102 (65)	67 (54)	153 (83)	203 (86)	768 (65)
Reformatory	48 (52)	28 (58)	34 (41)	43 (35)	39 (29)	42 (27)	36 (29)	21 (11)	19 (8)	310 (26)
Prison	5 (5)	5 (10)	12 (14)	10 (8)	11 (8)	14 (9)	21 (17)	11 (6)	14 (6)	103 (9)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Minimum Sentence for Prison Sentences	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
2 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (4)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	8 (1)
3 Years	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2 (2)	3 (2)	2 (1)	5 (4)	0 (0)	4 (2)	19 (2)
4 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (2)	1 (1)	1 (0)	7 (1)
5 Years	2 (2)	2 (4)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	2 (1)	1 (1)	2 (1)	3 (1)	14 (1)
6 Years	1 (1)	1 (2)	2 (2)	0 (0)	3 (2)	4 (3)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	14 (1)
7 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)	6 (1)
8 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	1 (0)	5 (0)
9 Years	1 (1)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (1)
10 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
11-12 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (4)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	8 (1)
13-15 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)
16-19 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Life	0 (0)	1 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	4 (3)	3 (2)	1 (0)	11 (1)
Not Applicable	87 (95)	43 (90)	71 (86)	112 (92)	122 (92)	144 (91)	103 (83)	174 (94)	222 (94)	1078 (91)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Maximum Sentence for Reformatory Sentences	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
2 Years	13 (14)	18 (38)	19 (23)	26 (21)	23 (17)	27 (17)	17 (14)	16 (9)	6 (3)	165 (14)
3 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (0)
4 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (0)
5 Years	28 (30)	3 (6)	7 (8)	3 (2)	5 (4)	7 (4)	6 (5)	0 (0)	6 (3)	65 (6)
6 Years	3 (3)	5 (10)	1 (1)	4 (3)	3 (2)	2 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	18 (2)
7 Years	2 (2)	0 (0)	2 (2)	3 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)	10 (1)
8 Years	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)	6 (1)
9 Years	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)
10 Years	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	4 (3)	1 (1)	3 (1)	16 (1)
11-12 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	3 (2)	0 (0)	2 (1)	12 (1)
13-15 Years	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	4 (0)
16-19 Years	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (0)
20 Years or More	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)
Not Applicable	44 (48)	20 (42)	49 (59)	79 (65)	94 (71)	116 (73)	88 (71)	164 (89)	217 (92)	871 (74)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Maximum Sentence For County Sentences	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Less Than 1 Month	2 (2)	0 (0)	12 (14)	11 (9)	16 (12)	27 (17)	22 (18)	40 (22)	70 (30)	200 (17)
1 Month	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (5)	8 (7)	10 (8)	3 (2)	1 (1)	25 (14)	11 (5)	62 (5)
2 Months	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (4)	2 (2)	5 (4)	2 (1)	2 (2)	7 (4)	6 (3)	28 (2)
3 Months	1 (1)	1 (2)	10 (12)	15 (12)	11 (8)	18 (11)	10 (8)	18 (10)	16 (7)	100 (8)
4 Months	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	1 (1)	2 (1)	5 (2)	13 (1)
5 Months	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	2 (1)	5 (0)
6 Months	18 (20)	9 (19)	3 (4)	21 (17)	22 (17)	33 (21)	17 (14)	34 (18)	49 (21)	206 (17)
9-11 Months	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	4 (3)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (1)	4 (2)	12 (1)
12-15 Months	4 (4)	2 (4)	2 (2)	7 (6)	9 (7)	8 (5)	10 (8)	16 (9)	25 (11)	83 (7)
16-18 Months	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (2)	2 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	5 (2)	13 (1)
19-24 Months	12 (13)	3 (6)	1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (2)	7 (4)	3 (2)	5 (3)	10 (4)	46 (4)
Not Applicable	53 (58)	33 (69)	46 (55)	53 (43)	50 (38)	56 (35)	57 (46)	32 (17)	33 (14)	413 (35)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Present Offense-General Categories	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Against the Person	16 (17)	10 (21)	25 (30)	27 (22)	29 (22)	47 (30)	44 (35)	42 (23)	40 (17)	280 (24)
Against Property	26 (28)	9 (19)	12 (14)	36 (30)	42 (32)	50 (32)	40 (32)	63 (34)	94 (40)	372 (31)
Against Public Order	26 (28)	10 (21)	21 (25)	33 (27)	35 (26)	30 (19)	22 (18)	58 (31)	66 (28)	301 (25)
Drug Offenses	23 (25)	16 (33)	14 (17)	17 (14)	16 (12)	14 (9)	11 (9)	14 (8)	20 (8)	145 (12)
Other Offenses	1 (1)	3 (6)	11 (13)	9 (7)	11 (8)	17 (11)	7 (6)	8 (4)	16 (7)	83 (7)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Offenses Against The Person	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
First Degree Murder	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Second Degree Murder	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	2 (1)	1 (0)	8 (1)
Manslaughter	6 (7)	2 (4)	11 (13)	8 (7)	6 (5)	12 (8)	6 (5)	5 (3)	6 (3)	62 (5)
Assulat w/intent to Murder	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (0)	4 (0)
Armed Robbery	7 (8)	4 (8)	6 (7)	8 (7)	10 (8)	17 (11)	13 (10)	3 (2)	9 (4)	77 (7)
Unarmed Robbery	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (1)	8 (6)	3 (2)	2 (1)	18 (2)
Armed Assault w/intent to Rob	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (0)	7 (1)
Armed Assault in Dwelling	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	1 (0)
Assault or Assault and Battery	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (2)	9 (7)	3 (2)	7 (4)	5 (4)	12 (6)	8 (3)	47 (4)
Assault & Battery With D/Weapon	0 (0)	1 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	2 (1)	2 (2)	11 (6)	6 (3)	27 (2)
Assault with Deadly Weapon	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	3 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (1)	10 (1)
Mayhem	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Other Assault	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Kidnapping	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Extortion	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (1)	2 (1)	8 (1)
Conspiracy	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (0)
Rape	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Rape of a Child	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Not Applicable	76 (83)	38 (79)	58 (70)	95 (78)	104 (78)	111 (70)	80 (65)	143 (77)	196 (83)	901 (76)

TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181
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Offense Against Property	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Arson	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (2)	0 (0)	2 (1)	7 (1)
Burglary-Armed	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (0)	2 (0)
Burglary	2 (2)	1 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)	5 (4)	3 (2)	1 (1)	10 (5)	10 (4)	36 (3)
Burglary Tools	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Stealing	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Larceny-Person	1 (1)	1 (2)	0 (0)	11 (9)	10 (8)	5 (3)	5 (4)	6 (3)	17 (7)	56 (5)
Larceny	10 (11)	5 (10)	6 (7)	10 (8)	17 (13)	21 (13)	20 (16)	33 (18)	41 (17)	163 (14)
Vehicle Theft	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	6 (5)	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (2)	3 (1)	19 (2)
Forgery And Uttering	4 (4)	1 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	7 (5)	13 (8)	6 (5)	6 (3)	11 (5)	51 (4)
Fraud	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	4 (0)
Stolen Goods	4 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	5 (3)	2 (2)	4 (2)	7 (3)	24 (2)
Common Receiver	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Property Injuries	1 (1)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (0)	6 (1)
Not Applicable	66 (72)	39 (81)	71 (86)	86 (70)	91 (68)	108 (68)	84 (68)	122 (66)	142 (60)	809 (69)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Offenses Against Public Order	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Stubbornness	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (0)
Disturbing the Peace	4 (4)	1 (2)	3 (4)	3 (2)	6 (5)	6 (4)	1 (1)	14 (8)	16 (7)	54 (5)
Prostitution	7 (8)	4 (8)	17 (20)	26 (21)	29 (22)	21 (13)	17 (14)	36 (19)	42 (18)	199 (17)
Abortion	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Under the Influence	14 (15)	4 (8)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (2)	1 (1)	2 (1)	3 (1)	29 (2)
Trespass	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (2)	6 (3)	5 (2)	14 (1)
Not Applicable	66 (72)	38 (79)	62 (75)	89 (73)	98 (74)	128 (81)	102 (82)	127 (69)	170 (72)	880 (75)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Drug Offenses	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Possession of Narcotics	5 (5)	4 (8)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (0)	16 (1)
Possession of Heroin	4 (4)	3 (6)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	12 (1)
Stealing Narcotics	1 (1)	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (0)
Presence of Narcotics	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Possession of Syringe	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	6 (1)
Violation of Narcotic Drug Law	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Sale of Heroin	7 (8)	2 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	12 (1)
Sale of Narcotics	3 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)
Possession w/intent to Sell	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Under the Influence	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Controlled Substance Act	1 (1)	1 (2)	0 (0)	6 (5)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	4 (2)	19 (2)
Class A	0 (0)	4 (8)	9 (11)	8 (7)	7 (5)	3 (2)	3 (2)	7 (4)	6 (3)	47 (4)
Class B	0 (0)	1 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (0)	8 (1)
Class C	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	4 (0)
Class D	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	4 (2)	6 (1)
Class E	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	3 (0)
Not applicable	69 (75)	32 (67)	69 (83)	105 (86)	117 (88)	144 (91)	113 (91)	171 (92)	216 (92)	1036 (88)

TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181
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Other Offenses	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Escape	1 (1)	0 (0)	4 (5)	4 (3)	8 (6)	9 (6)	1 (1)	2 (1)	7 (3)	36 (3)
Weapons	0 (0)	2 (4)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	6 (1)
Bartley-Fox Gun Law	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (0)	2 (0)
Gaming	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Motor Vehicle Offense	0 (0)	1 (2)	3 (4)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (2)	3 (1)	12 (1)
Contempt of Court	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2 (2)	3 (2)	5 (3)	4 (3)	2 (1)	4 (2)	22 (:)
False Alarm	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (0)
Burning Leaves	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Not Applicable	91 (99)	45 (94)	72 (87)	113 (93)	122 (92)	141 (89)	117 (94)	177 (96)	220 (93)	1098 (93)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Jail Credits	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
None	70 (76)	29 (60)	64 (77)	96 (79)	92 (69)	112 (71)	82 (66)	150 (81)	188 (80)	883 (75)
1-10	4 (4)	4 (8)	7 (8)	7 (6)	12 (9)	12 (8)	15 (12)	19 (10)	14 (6)	94 (8)
11 to 50	5 (7)	7 (15)	4 (5)	6 (5)	19 (14)	26 (16)	16 (13)	12 (6)	20 (8)	116 (10)
51 to 100	4 (4)	2 (4)	4 (5)	5 (4)	4 (3)	5 (3)	5 (4)	1 (1)	10 (4)	40 (3)
100 to 150	5 (5)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2 (2)	3 (2)	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)	16 (1)
151 to 200	1 (1)	4 (8)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (0)	13 (1)
Over 200	2 (2)	2 (4)	0 (0)	5 (4)	2 (2)	1 (1)	3 (2)	1 (1)	3 (1)	19 (2)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Sentence Type	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
One Sentence Only	56 (61)	31 (65)	56 (67)	80 (66)	91 (68)	112 (71)	71 (57)	113 (61)	140 (59)	750 (64)
Concurrent Sentences	33 (36)	16 (33)	22 (27)	39 (32)	32 (24)	31 (20)	43 (35)	58 (31)	71 (30)	345 (29)
Aggregate Sentences	1 (1)	1 (2)	1 (1)	2 (2)	9 (7)	6 (4)	2 (2)	11 (6)	6 (3)	39 (3)
Forthwith Sentence	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (3)	5 (4)	0 (0)	2 (1)	11 (1)
From and After Sentence	2 (2)	0 (0)	4 (5)	1 (1)	1 (1)	5 (3)	3 (2)	3 (2)	17 (7)	36 (3)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Age at Incarceration	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Sixteen	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Seventeen	0 (0)	1 (2)	3 (4)	3 (2)	4 (3)	4 (3)	2 (2)	4 (2)	7 (3)	28 (2)
Eighteen	5 (5)	2 (4)	7 (8)	12 (10)	9 (7)	10 (6)	9 (7)	17 (9)	23 (10)	94 (8)
Nineteen	6 (7)	4 (8)	1 (1)	7 (6)	10 (8)	20 (13)	7 (6)	8 (4)	18 (8)	81 (7)
Twenty	7 (8)	1 (2)	10 (12)	4 (3)	7 (5)	16 (10)	7 (6)	10 (5)	17 (7)	79 (7)
21 to 24	30 (33)	16 (33)	20 (24)	51 (42)	59 (44)	39 (25)	41 (33)	56 (30)	67 (28)	379 (32)
25 to 29	9 (10)	10 (21)	19 (23)	31 (25)	26 (20)	33 (21)	32 (26)	36 (19)	43 (18)	239 (20)
30 to 34	10 (11)	6 (13)	10 (12)	6 (5)	9 (7)	14 (9)	9 (7)	20 (11)	27 (11)	111 (9)
35 to 39	4 (4)	2 (4)	6 (7)	4 (3)	5 (4)	6 (4)	5 (4)	11 (6)	13 (6)	56 (5)
40 to 44	5 (5)	3 (6)	3 (4)	2 (2)	1 (1)	4 (3)	4 (3)	6 (3)	5 (2)	33 (3)
45 to 49	9 (10)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	3 (2)	1 (1)	2 (2)	8 (4)	5 (2)	30 (3)
50 or More	7 (8)	2 (4)	4 (5)	1 (1)	0 (0)	11 (7)	6 (5)	8 (4)	11 (5)	50 (4)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Court From Which Committed	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Superior Court	37 (40)	26 (54)	50 (60)	57 (47)	75 (56)	87 (55)	71 (57)	50 (27)	63 (27)	516 (44)
Municipal Court	29 (32)	12 (25)	23 (28)	36 (30)	33 (25)	33 (21)	32 (26)	60 (32)	66 (28)	324 (27)
District Court	25 (27)	10 (21)	10 (12)	29 (24)	25 (19)	38 (24)	21 (17)	75 (41)	107 (45)	340 (29)
Out of State	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Superior Court	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Barnstable	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)
Berkshire	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (1)
Bristol	7 (8)	2 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	4 (3)	0 (0)	3 (2)	0 (0)	21 (2)
Essex	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (3)	3 (2)	6 (4)	5 (4)	3 (2)	4 (2)	26 (2)
Franklin	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Hampden	6 (7)	3 (6)	9 (11)	5 (4)	10 (8)	12 (8)	4 (3)	4 (2)	4 (2)	57 (5)
Hampshire	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	3 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (0)	6 (1)
Middlesex	1 (1)	1 (2)	5 (6)	8 (7)	12 (9)	21 (13)	17 (14)	7 (4)	14 (6)	86 (7)
Norfolk	2 (2)	1 (2)	1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (2)	2 (1)	6 (5)	3 (2)	5 (2)	25 (2)
Plymouth	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (3)	3 (2)	1 (1)	2 (1)	14 (1)
Suffolk	17 (18)	16 (33)	29 (35)	31 (25)	32 (24)	28 (18)	28 (23)	15 (8)	20 (8)	216 (18)
Worcester	2 (2)	2 (4)	1 (1)	4 (3)	9 (7)	5 (3)	5 (4)	14 (8)	13 (6)	55 (5)
Not Applicable	55 (60)	22 (46)	33 (40)	65 (53)	58 (44)	71 (45)	53 (43)	135 (73)	173 (73)	665 (56)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Municipal Court of Commitment	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Boston	24 (26)	8 (17)	18 (22)	31 (25)	27 (20)	15 (9)	24 (19)	43 (23)	56 (24)	246 (21)
Brighton	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	0 (0)	3 (0)
Dorchester	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (5)	1 (1)	2 (2)	2 (1)	4 (3)	6 (3)	7 (3)	26 (2)
East Boston	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	5 (0)
Roxbury	3 (3)	4 (8)	1 (1)	2 (2)	0 (0)	15 (9)	3 (2)	9 (5)	1 (0)	38 (3)
South Boston	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
West Roxbury	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (0)
Brookline	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	2 (0)
Not Applicable	63 (68)	36 (75)	60 (72)	86 (70)	100 (75)	125 (79)	92 (74)	125 (68)	170 (72)	857 (73)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

District Court of Commitment	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Barnstable	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 8 0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Berkshire	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (2)	4 (2)	13 (1)
Bristol	0 (0)	2 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (0)	7 (1)
Dukes	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Essex	9 (10)	4 (8)	0 (0)	10 (8)	8 (6)	13 (8)	5 (4)	11 (6)	9 (4)	69 (6)
Franklin	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Hampden	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	7 (1)
Hampshire	0 (0)	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Middlesex	9 (10)	3 (6)	5 (6)	12 (10)	11 (8)	16 (10)	9 (7)	26 (14)	41 (17)	132 (11)
Norfolk	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	2 (2)	2 (1)	6 (3)	18 (2)
Plymouth	2 (2)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)	0 (0)	2 (2)	1 (1)	2 (1)	13 (1)
Worcester	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	0 (0)	27 (15)	44 (19)	74 (6)
Not Applicable	67 (73)	38 (79)	73 (88)	93 (76)	108 (81)	120 (76)	103 (83)	110 (59)	129 (55)	841 (71)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Race	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
White	55 (60)	22 (46)	35 (42)	69 (57)	79 (59)	92 (58)	75 (60)	118 (64)	146 (62)	691 (59)
Black	37 (40)	25 (52)	43 (52)	50 (41)	53 (40)	64 (41)	48 (39)	66 (36)	84 (36)	470 (40)
Native American	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Hispanic	0 (0)	1 (2)	5 (6)	3 (2)	0 (0)	2 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	6 (3)	19 (2)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Marital Status at Commitment	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Married	20 (22)	3 (6)	17 (20)	23 (19)	18 (14)	22 (14)	20 (16)	23 (12)	28 (12)	174 (15)
Single	45 (49)	34 (71)	51 (61)	70 (57)	99 (74)	101 (64)	76 (61)	114 (62)	150 (64)	740 (63)
Divorced	18 (20)	4 (8)	8 (10)	14 (11)	7 (5)	10 (6)	12 (10)	20 (11)	31 (13)	124 (10)
Widowed	3 (3)	1 (2)	2 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	4 (3)	3 (2)	8 (4)	8 (3)	32 (3)
Common Law	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Separated	6 (7)	6 (13)	5 (6)	12 (10)	8 (6)	21 (13)	13 (10)	20 (11)	19 (8)	110 (9)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Prior Address - Selected Cities and Towns	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Boston	43 (47)	27 (56)	49 (59)	59 (48)	62 (47)	58 (37)	60 (48)	63 (34)	92 (39)	513 (43)
Brockton	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	3 (2)	1 (1)	4 (3)	5 (3)	3 (1)	19 (2)
Cambridge	1 (1)	3 (6)	0 (0)	1 (1)	8 (6)	6 (4)	3 (2)	7 (4)	9 (4)	38 (3)
Fall River	3 (3)	2 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	0 (0)	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	12 (1)
Framingham	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	0 (0)	3 (0)
Holyoke	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	8 (1)
Lawrence	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	3 (2)	4 (3)	4 (3)	4 (2)	6 (3)	23 (2)
Lowell	2 (2)	1 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	5 (2)	16 (1)
Lynn	2 (2)	1 (2)	0 (0)	5 (4)	6 (5)	5 (3)	2 (2)	5 (3)	6 (3)	32 (3)
New Bedford	4 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	4 (3)	0 (0)	2 (1)	3 (1)	15 (1)
Quincy	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	2 (1)	12 (1)
Somerville	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (1)	4 (3)	1 (1)	5 (2)	16 (1)
Springfield	6 (7)	3 (6)	7 (8)	4 (3)	8 (6)	16 (10)	3 (2)	5 (3)	5 (2)	57 (5)
Worcester	2 (2)	2 (4)	0 (0)	7 (6)	5 (4)	5 (3)	4 (3)	32 (17)	38 (16)	95 (8)
Other Mass.	20 (22)	7 (15)	20 (24)	33 (27)	25 (19)	48 (30)	23 (19)	46 (25)	57 (24)	279 (24)
Out of State	2 (2)	2 (4)	3 (4)	4 (3)	2 (2)	6 (4)	12 (10)	7 (4)	5 (2)	43 (4)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Prior Address - County	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Worcester	2 (2)	2 (4)	3 (4)	7 (6)	9 (7)	8 (5)	5 (4)	40 (22)	55 (23)	131 (11)
Franklin	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Middlesex	13 (14)	4 (8)	5 (6)	12 (10)	17 (13)	27 (17)	14 (11)	29 (16)	35 (15)	156 (13)
Suffolk	43 (47)	27 (56)	49 (59)	63 (52)	66 (50)	61 (39)	61 (49)	68 (37)	95 (40)	533 (45)
Norfolk	1 (1)	0 (0)	5 (6)	4 (3)	5 (4)	4 (3)	3 (2)	7 (4)	7 (3)	36 (3)
Bristol	8 (9)	3 (6)	1 (1)	2 (2)	4 (3)	7 (4)	4 (3)	2 (1)	4 (2)	35 (3)
Plymouth	4 (4)	1 (2)	5 (6)	3 (2)	4 (3)	4 (3)	5 (4)	6 (3)	5 (2)	37 (3)
Essex	8 (9)	4 (8)	1 (1)	16 (13)	12 (9)	17 (11)	10 (8)	15 (8)	21 (9)	104 (9)
Hampshire	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	4 (0)
Hampden	8 (9)	3 (6)	10 (12)	6 (5)	12 (9)	17 (11)	5 (4)	5 (3)	5 (2)	71 (6)
Berkshire	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	3 (2)	0 (0)	5 (3)	2 (2)	3 (2)	4 (2)	20 (2)
Dukes	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)
Barnstable	0 (0)	2 (4)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	2 (2)	1 (1)	0 (0)	8 (1)
Out of State	2 (2-)	2 (4)	3 (4)	4 (3)	2 (2)	6 (4)	12 (10)	7 (4)	5 (2)	43 (4)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Prior Address - SMSA	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Boston	57 (62)	34 (71)	60 (72)	89 (73)	92 (69)	99 (63)	79 (64)	105 (57)	138 (58)	753 (64)
Brockton	2 (2)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	3 (2)	4 (3)	6 (3)	3 (1)	23 (2)
Fall River	4 (4)	2 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	1 (1)	3 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	15 (1)
Fitchburg-Leominster	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	3 (2)	5 (2)	10 (1)
Lawrence-Haverhill	4 (4)	1 (2)	0 (0)	3 (2)	6 (5)	5 (3)	6 (5)	4 (2)	12 (5)	41 (3)
Lowell	5 (5)	1 (2)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	6 (3)	21 (2)
New Bedford	4 (4)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	5 (3)	0 (0)	2 (1)	3 (1)	16 (1)
Pittsfield	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (2)	0 (0)	5 (3)	2 (2)	3 (2)	4 (2)	19 (2)
Providence-Pawtucket-Warwick	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	2 (0)
Springfield	9 (10)	3 (6)	10 (12)	6 (5)	13 (10)	17 (11)	5 (4)	6 (3)	5 (2)	74 (6)
Worcester	2 (2)	2 (4)	1 (1)	7 (6)	7 (5)	5 (3)	5 (4)	34 (18)	45 (19)	108 (9)
Other Mass.	1 (1)	3 (6)	7 (8)	5 (4)	3 (2)	9 (6)	7 (6)	12 (6)	9 (4)	56 (5)
Out of State	2 (2)	2 (4)	3 (4)	4 (3)	2 (2)	6 (4)	12 (10)	7 (4)	5 (2)	43 (4)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Last Grade Completed	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
1 to 5	2 (2)	4 (8)	1 (1)	2 (2)	2 (2)	2 (1)	1 (1)	3 (2)	11 (5)	28 (2)
6 to 8	14 (15)	7 (15)	23 (28)	18 (15)	17 (13)	24 (15)	17 (14)	25 (14)	29 (12)	174 (15)
9 to 11	47 (51)	24 (50)	29 (35)	58 (48)	60 (45)	80 (51)	63 (51)	85 (46)	116 (49)	562 (48)
High School Graduate	20 (22)	11 (23)	17 (20)	26 (21)	40 (30)	31 (20)	30 (24)	52 (28)	60 (25)	287 (24)
Some College	2 (2)	2 (4)	6 (7)	6 (5)	5 (4)	10 (6)	10 (8)	9 (5)	16 (7)	66 (6)
College Graduate	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	3 (1)	8 (1)
Unknown	6 (7)	0 (0)	7 (8)	12 (10)	9 (7)	9 (6)	2 (2)	10 (5)	1 (0)	56 (5)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Drug Use History	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
No Mention of Drugs	42 (46)	24 (50)	45 (54)	60 (49)	70 (53)	73 (46)	56 (45)	113 (61)	127 (54)	610 (52)
Non-Specific	14 (15)	3 (6)	8 (10)	5 (4)	7 (5)	15 (9)	5 (4)	8 (4)	13 (6)	78 (7)
Heroin	33 (36)	19 (40)	25 (30)	40 (33)	47 (35)	42 (27)	48 (39)	48 (26)	60 (25)	362 (31)
Other Specific	3 (3)	1 (2)	4 (5)	9 (7)	6 (5)	18 (11)	10 (8)	13 (7)	30 (13)	94 (8)
Marijuana Only	0 (0)	1 (2)	1 (1)	8 (7)	3 (2)	10 (6)	5 (4)	3 (2)	6 (3)	37 (3)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1,181

Occupation	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Professional	2 (2)	0 (0)	3 (4)	0 (0)	3 (2)	2 (1)	2 (2)	3 (2)	4 (2)	19 (2)
Semi-Professional	5 (5)	3 (6)	2 (2)	5 (4)	2 (2)	5 (3)	3 (2)	5 (3)	2 (1)	32 (3)
Managerial	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	0 (0)	2 (1)	11 (1)
Sales, Clerical	21 (23)	9 (19)	19 (23)	26 (21)	35 (26)	32 (20)	26 (21)	42 (23)	58 (25)	268 (23)
Manual	23 (25)	15 (31)	18 (22)	23 (19)	32 (24)	43 (27)	21 (17)	34 (18)	44 (19)	253 (21)
Services	26 (28)	15 (31)	26 (31)	34 (28)	28 (21)	54 (34)	48 (39)	57 (31)	79 (33)	367 (31)
Agriculture	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	4 (3)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0)	7 (1)
Military	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	2 (0)
Housekeeper	2 (2)	2 (4)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)	4 (2)	1 (0)	13 (1)
Never Employed	6 (7)	3 (6)	4 (5)	12 (10)	19 (14)	8 (5)	22 (18)	28 (15)	39 (17)	141 (12)
Student	2 (2)	1 (2)	2 (2)	1 (1)	3 (2)	2 (1)	0 (0)	2 (1)	3 (1)	16 (1)
Unknown	4 (4)	0 (0)	5 (6)	13 (11)	8 (6)	10 (6)	0 (0)	9 (5)	3 (1)	52 (4)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Time At Most Skilled Position	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Less Than 1 Month	19 (21)	9 (19)	10 (12)	28 (23)	34 (26)	25 (16)	29 (23)	50 (27)	57 (24)	261 (22)
1-2 Months	4 (4)	3 (6)	11 (13)	7 (6)	6 (5)	17 (11)	12 (10)	19 (10)	15 (6)	94 (8)
3-4 Months	10 (11)	8 (17)	11 (13)	15 (12)	12 (9)	18 (11)	11 (9)	10 (5)	28 (12)	123 (10)
5-6 Months	7 (8)	5 (10)	5 (6)	15 (12)	12 (9)	15 (9)	13 (10)	15 (8)	16 (7)	103 (9)
7-9 Months	6 (7)	5 (10)	6 (7)	5 (4)	8 (6)	7 (4)	7 (6)	6 (3)	9 (4)	59 (5)
10-12 Months	1 (1)	4 (8)	8 (10)	9 (7)	7 (5)	9 (6)	17 (14)	16 (9)	35 (15)	106 (9)
1-2 Years	19 (21)	8 (17)	12 (14)	13 (11)	23 (17)	31 (20)	20 (16)	27 (15)	33 (14)	186 (16)
2-5 Years	11 (12)	5 (10)	7 (8)	9 (7)	11 (8)	16 (10)	7 (6)	12 (6)	23 (10)	101 (9)
More Than 5 Years	5 (5)	1 (2)	7 (8)	4 (3)	8 (6)	8 (5)	7 (6)	9 (5)	12 (5)	61 (5)
Unknown	10 (11)	0 (0)	6 (7)	17 (14)	12 (9)	12 (8)	1 (1)	21 (11)	8 (3)	87 (7)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Time on Job of Longest Duration	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	TOTAL
Less Than 1 Month	18 (20)	9 (19)	10 (12)	27 (22)	33 (25)	25 (16)	29 (23)	50 (27)	57 (24)	258 (22)
1-2 Months	4 (4)	2 (4)	9 (11)	6 (5)	5 (4)	15 (9)	12 (10)	16 (9)	15 (6)	84 (7)
3-4 Months	10 (11)	8 (17)	9 (11)	14 (11)	9 (7)	18 (11)	9 (7)	9 (5)	28 (12)	114 (10)
5-6 Months	5 (5)	4 (8)	6 (7)	13 (11)	13 (10)	12 (8)	14 (11)	15 (8)	12 (5)	94 (8)
7-9 Months	6 (7)	4 (8)	5 (6)	8 (7)	8 (6)	6 (4)	7 (6)	6 (3)	12 (5)	62 (5)
10-12 Months	1 (1)	6 (13)	9 (11)	9 (7)	9 (7)	9 (6)	17 (14)	18 (10)	35 (15)	113 (10)
1-2 Years	21 (23)	10 (21)	13 (16)	12 (10)	20 (15)	36 (23)	20 (16)	29 (16)	33 (14)	194 (16)
2-5 Years	12 (13)	4 (8)	7 (8)	10 (8)	15 (11)	17 (11)	8 (6)	11 (6)	23 (10)	107 (9)
More Than 5 Years	5 (5)	1 (2)	9 (11)	6 (5)	9 (7)	8 (5)	7 (6)	10 (5)	13 (6)	68 (6)
Unknown	10 (11)	0 (0)	6 (7)	17 (14)	12 (9)	12 (8)	1 (1)	21 (11)	8 (3)	87 (7)
TOTAL	92	48	83	122	133	158	124	185	236	1181

Table 30

Women Serving First Adult Incarceration
1970 To 1980

Year	First Adult Incarceration Number	Percent of Known Cases	One or More Adult Incarcerations Number	Criminal History Unknown	Total
1970	59	(44)	75	0	134
1971	76	(53)	68	0	144
1972	45	(62)	28	19	92
1973	33	(71)	14	1	48
1974	56	(75)	19	8	83
1975	47	(70)	21	54	122
1976	67	(61)	44	22	133
1977	79	(65)	44	35	158
1978	70	(62)	44	10	124
1979	100	(68)	48	37	185
1980	102	(56)	81	53	236
TOTAL	734	(61)	486	239	1459

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