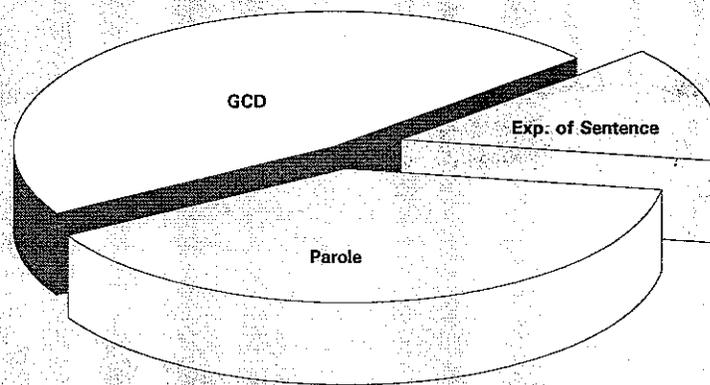


A Statistical Description of Releases from Massachusetts Correctional Institutions During 1993



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ABSTRACT

This report presents a statistical description of the 3,613 releases to the street from the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) during 1993. This report also presents information on trends among releases over the last six years. Highlights from this report include the following:

The number of persons released by the DOC has fluctuated over the 1988-1993 period, with the number of releases peaking in 1990. The 3,613 releases in 1993 represent a six percent increase from the 3,410 releases in 1992, but a six percent decline from the number of releases in 1990.

The number of males released during 1993 increased by seven percent from 1992 representing a peak in the number of males released during the 1988-1993 period.

The number of women released in 1993 increased by three percent from 1992. However, over the 1990-1993 period, there has been a downward trend in the number of females released by the DOC, peaking in 1989 (N= 1,031) and declining by 29% by 1993.

In 1993, the fraction of releases who were paroled reached a low of 39%, a significant decline from 1990 where 57% of all releases were paroled and 1991 where parole constituted 48% of all releases.

Overall, 53% of releases were from maximum or medium security facilities and 47% were from lower security facilities. Many of the releases from secure facilities were females serving county sentences or male parole violators. Among females, of the 729 released in 1993, 568 (78%) were released from medium security.

The average time served by persons released to the street in 1993 varied tremendously by committing institution. Persons serving Cedar Junction sentences served an average of 51 months, while persons serving Concord sentences were released after an average time served of 38 months. The average time served for Framingham sentences was about one year (11 months).

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INTRODUCTION

This report is a statistical description of releases to the street from facilities of the Massachusetts Department of Correction during 1993. The tables which follow contain information on the nature of the present offense, personal background characteristics, criminal history, and release characteristics for these individuals. The information contained in these tables was derived from the computerized inmate database and was produced on the Department of Correction VAX Computer. Information is also reported on trends in the release population over the last six years, 1988 to 1993.

Only those individuals who were released to the street by the authority of the Parole Board, by expiration of sentence, or by a certificate of discharge are included in this report.

Individuals who were released to another correctional authority or to another sentence are not included. Individuals who were released by any means other than parole, discharge or expiration (such as releases by court order, death, or escape) are not included in the report. Individuals transferred to other correctional authorities to serve their sentences who were subsequently released are also not included in the report. However, individuals transferred from other authorities who were subsequently released from a DOC facility are included in the report. Finally, individuals who were released more than once during 1993 are counted as separate cases.

The reader should note that the number in the unknown category is relatively high for certain variables, specifically certain social background and criminal history variables. In the text of this report, percentages are based on the number of cases for which the information for the social background or criminal history variable is known. In the tables following, (Tables 7-43) the percentages are based on the total number of cases, including those cases with unknown information.

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RELEASES FROM THE DOC, 1988 TO 1993

We will now turn to a more descriptive discussion of releases from Department of Correction facilities. Table 1 provides a trend analysis on the security level of the releasing institution, type of sentence, type of release, and the average time served, by gender, from 1988 to 1993. Tables 2 through 6 and accompanying graphs provide more specific information on 1993 releases,

including personal background and criminal history data.

During 1993, there were 3,613 releases from Department of Correction facilities. Of these, 2,884 were males and 729 were females. The 3,613 releases in 1993 represent a six percent increase from the 3,410 releases in 1992, and a five percent increase from the 3,446 releases that occurred in 1988. Figure 1 shows the trend in the number of

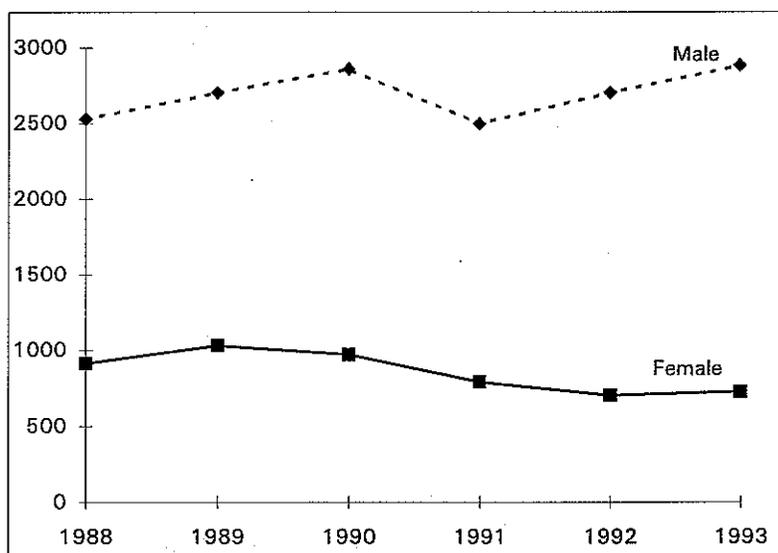


Figure 1.
DOC Releases by Gender,
1988-1993

male and female releases for the years 1988 to 1993. The number of male releases increased each year from 1988 to 1990, decreased in 1991 and then increased again during the 1992-1993 period. The number of female releases increased between 1988 and 1989, declined during the years 1990-1992, and increased slightly in 1993. The 1993 figure for male releases is fourteen percent higher than the number during 1988 (2,530). However, the 1993 figure for female releases is twenty percent lower than the number during 1988 (916).

Table 1.
Selected Characteristics of Releases to the
Street from DOC Facilities,
1988 to 1993

Characteristics	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
GENDER						
Male	2530	2706	2862	2500	2705	2884
Female	916	1031	973	793	705	729
Total	3446	3737	3835	3293	3410	3613
SECURITY LEVEL OF RELEASING INSTITUTION						
Males						
Maximum	140	144	139	94	86	110
Medium	1071	1104	1101	937	1218	1221
Lower	1110	1186	1314	1243	1142	1480
Contract	209	272	308	226	259	73
Females						
Maximum	0	0	0	0	0	0
Medium	732	846	802	624	551	568
Lower	151	110	107	115	108	127
Contract	33	75	64	54	46	34
TYPE OF SENTENCE						
Males						
State Prison	1147	1263	1436	1356	1593	1714
Reformatory	959	1055	1053	827	809	797
County	424	388	373	317	303	373
Females						
State Prison	50	55	63	89	107	113
Reformatory	60	73	80	76	69	78
County	806	903	830	628	529	538
TYPE OF RELEASE						
Males						
Parole	1581	1703	1848	1367	1263	1149
Expiration/Discharge	949	1003	1014	1133	1442	1735
Females						
Parole	275	315	329	208	196	244
Expiration/Discharge	641	716	644	585	509	485
Average Time Served in Months, Until First Release, by Committing Institution, 1988-1993						
Cedar Junction (N)	48.6 (532)	54.0 (646)	50.9 (731)	47.7 (817)	58.5 (977)	50.5 (903)
Concord (N)	19.1 (403)	27.4 (460)	24.3 (499)	27.2 (455)	32.8 (384)	38.3 (380)
Framingham (N)	6.0 (568)	8.0 (669)	7.0 (565)	8.0 (512)	8.6 (426)	11.2 (460)

Institution Released From

Over the 1988-1993 period, the proportion of males who were released from maximum or medium security facilities has ranged from a low of 41% in 1991 to a high of 48% in 1988 and 1992. Table 2 (and Figure 2) show the distribution of male and female releases by the releasing institution and by its corresponding security level.

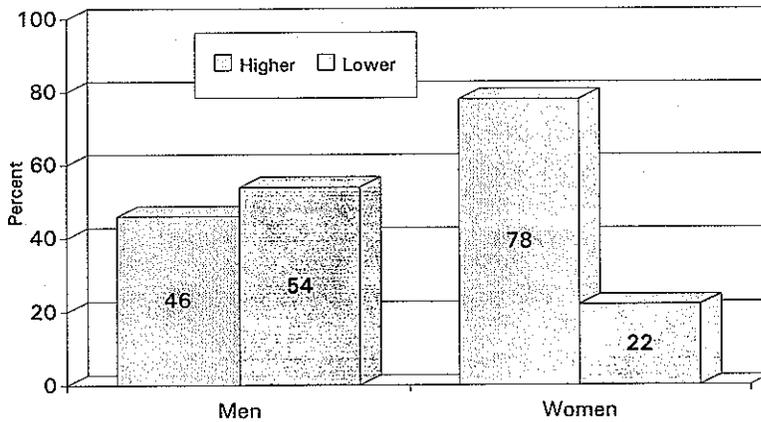


Figure 2.
Releases by
Security Level

For male releases, 46% were released from maximum or medium security facilities and 54% were released from lower security facilities. Among female releases, 78% occurred from medium security in 1993. This figure remains in the range established during the 1988-1992 period (76% to 82%).

Type of Sentence

Most males released from the DOC during the six year period were serving state prison or reformatory sentences. (See Table 1). The proportion of males released from the DOC who were serving county sentences peaked in 1988 and has steadily decreased since then, reaching a low of eleven percent in 1992. Most females released from the DOC were serving county sentences. The proportion of females who were released from state prison or reformatory sentences varied from 12% to 21% during the 1988-1991 time period. In 1992 and 1993, this proportion increased to approximately one-fourth of all releases.

Table 3 shows the distribution of male and female releases by sentence type in 1993. For females, 74% of the releases from the DOC during 1993 were releases from county sentences (which are typically sentences of less than 2.6 years), 15 percent were releases from state prison sentences, and 11% were releases from reformatory sentences. In contrast, 13% of all male releases from the DOC during 1993 were releases from county sentences, 59% were releases from state prison sentences, and 28% were releases from reformatory sentences.

Table 2.
Security Level of Releasing Institution
by Gender, 1993 Releases

Security Level and Release Institution	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
MAXIMUM SECURITY						
Cedar Junction	110	(4)	0	(0)	110	(3)
Subtotal	110	(4)	0	(0)	110	(3)
MEDIUM SECURITY						
Bay State C.C.	2	(*)	0	(0)	2	(*)
Concord	316	(11)	0	(0)	316	(9)
Framingham	0	(0)	568	(78)	568	(16)
NCCI Gardner	127	(4)	0	(0)	127	(4)
Norfolk	115	(4)	0	(0)	115	(3)
Old Colony	102	(3)	0	(0)	102	(3)
Shirley - Medium	249	(9)	0	(0)	249	(7)
Southeastern C.C.	310	(11)	0	(0)	310	(9)
Subtotal	1221	(42)	568	(78)	1789	(50)
MINIMUM SECURITY						
MA Boot Camp	127	(4)	19	(3)	146	(4)
Northeastern C.C.	142	(5)	0	(0)	142	(4)
Subtotal	269	(9)	19	(3)	288	(8)
MINIMUM/PRE-RELEASE						
Lancaster	108	(4)	63	(8)	171	(5)
Longwood	215	(7)	35	(5)	250	(7)
Plymouth	203	(7)	0	(0)	203	(6)
Pondville	105	(4)	0	(0)	105	(3)
Shirley	173	(6)	0	(0)	173	(5)
S. Middlesex	168	(6)	0	(0)	168	(5)
Subtotal	972	(34)	98	(13)	1070	(30)
STATE PRE-RELEASE						
Boston State	92	(3)	0	(0)	92	(3)
Park Drive	147	(5)	10	(1)	157	(4)
Subtotal	239	(8)	10	(1)	249	(7)
CONTRACT PRE-RELEASE	73	(3)	34	(5)	107	(3)
TOTAL	2884	(100)	729	(100)	3613	(100)

(* Less than one percent of the total.)
Note: Totals may not equal to 100% due to rounding.

Table 3.
Sentence Type by Gender,
1993 Releases

Sentence Type	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
State Prison	1,714	(59)	113	(15)	1,827	(51)
Reformatory	797	(28)	78	(11)	875	(24)
County	373	(13)	538	(74)	911	(25)
Total	2,884	(100)	729	(100)	3,613	(100)

Type of Release

During 1993, 39 percent of all releases to the street were by parole, however, this varied substantially by gender. Table 4 and Figure 3 show the distribution of male and female releases by type of release. Among males, nearly half (40%) were paroled to the street and among

females, approximately one-third were released to parole in 1993. For both males and females, the proportion of releases by parole are lower than the corresponding proportions for any year since 1988. For females, 66 percent of all releases were by expiration of sentence or discharge, while 60 percent of males were released by good conduct discharge or expiration of sentence.

Table 4. Type of Release by Gender, 1993 Releases

Release Type	Males		Females		Total	
	N	%	N	%	N	%
Parole	1,149	(40)	244	(34)	1,393	(39)
Exp./Disch.	1,735	(60)	485	(66)	2,220	(61)

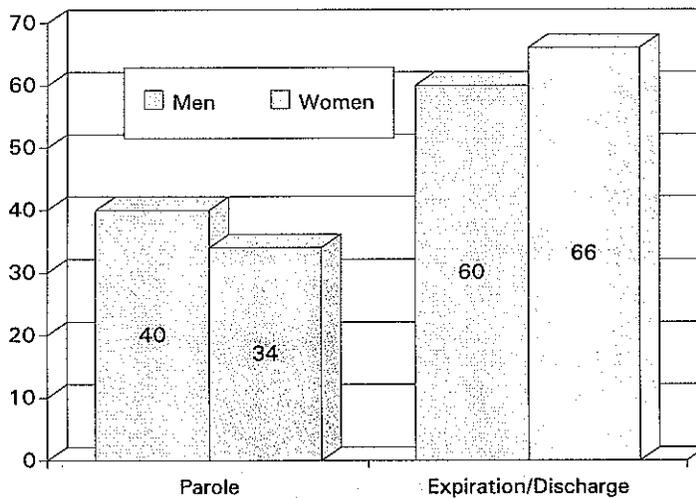


Figure 3.
Type of Release,
by Gender

Time Served

The average time served is strongly related to the institution to which the individual was committed. Compared to 1992 figures, the average time served among those released in 1993 increased for Concord and Framingham commitments but declined for Cedar Junction commitments. Among 1993 releases, the average time served for a Cedar Junction sentence was 50.5 months, the average time served for a Concord sentence was 38.3 months and the average time served for those committed

to Framingham was 11.2 months. The data in Table 1 show that time served for Cedar Junction sentences has fluctuated between 48.6 months and 58.5 months. The average time served for 1993 releases (50.5 months), is lower than the 1992 figure, but remains in the range for this six year period. For Concord sentences, average time served has fluctuated between 19.1 months and 38.3 months during this time period, with the 1993 time served figure being the highest for this six year period. Time served for Framingham sentences has fluctuated from a low of 6.0 months in 1988 to a high of 11.2 months in 1993.

Data presented in Table 5 show the average time served until first release to the street in 1993 by committing institution and offense category. As the data show, time served also varies by offense category. For example, males released from Cedar Junction sentences served longest for sex offenses (72 months) and shortest for

TABLE 5.
Average Time Served in Months, Until First Release, by Present Offense and Committing Institution, 1993 Releases

Offense	CEDAR JUNCTION		CONCORD		FRAMINGHAM	
	Mean	N	Mean	N	Mean	N
All Offenses	50.5	903	38.3	380	11.2	460
Person	61.0	363	44.0	193	35.3	47
Sex	72.0	78	47.5	40	9.3	5
Property	44.2	117	29.0	93	8.5	145
Drug	37.0	318	29.0	40	14.0	117
Other	42.0	27	23.0	14	4.0	146
Selected Offenses						
First Degree Murder*	270.0	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Second Degree Murder	203.0	6	n/a	n/a	136.0	2
Manslaughter	96.0	39	88.4	9	77.0	8
Intent to Commit Murder	69.0	21	46.0	6	58.0	1
Armed Robbery	54.0	134	36.0	38	39.0	2
Unarmed Robbery	46.0	57	36.0	38	25.0	8
Armed Assault	48.0	76	42.0	41	20.0	14
Mayhem	72.0	5	24.0	1	73.0	1
Rape	81.0	13	49.0	11	n/a	n/a
Aggravated Rape	93.0	13	67.0	4	n/a	n/a
Rape-Minor	69.0	34	58.0	13	24.0	1
Controlled Substance, Class A	37.0	48	36.0	8	17.0	21
Controlled Substance, Class B	37.0	244	24.0	26	18.0	47

* (Life sentences commuted by the Governor).

Note: Time served analysis does not include all releases. Individuals who were parole violators, were originally committed to another authority or serving complex sentences (forthwith, split, fines, or from and after sentences) were excluded from the analysis. Therefore, the number of releases in this table will be smaller than the total number of releases shown in other tables in this report.

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drug offenses (37 months); male releases from Concord sentences also served longest for sex offenses (47.5 months) and shortest for "other" offenses (23 months). Finally, female releases from Framingham commitments served longest for person offenses (35.3 months) and shortest for offenses in the "other" category (4 months).

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Parole Violator Status and Split Sentences Among 1993 Male Releases

Table 6 shows the parole violator status and split sentence status distributions for male releases from higher and lower security facilities. Here we note that the security level of the releasing institution is often related to the individual's parole violator status. Parole violators make up a larger proportion of releases from secure

Table 6:
Parole Violator Status and Split Sentence Indicator
Among Male Releases, by Security Level
of Releasing Institution, 1993

	SECURE FACILITIES		LOWER SECURITY		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Parole Violator Status						
First Releases	845	(65)	1344	(85)	2189	(76)
Parole Violators	447	(35)	248	(15)	695	(24)
Total	1292	(100)	1592	(100)	2884	(100)
Parole Violator Status and Split Sentence Indicator						
First Releases						
Split	169	(20)	231	(17)	400	(18)
Other	676	(80)	1113	(83)	1789	(82)
Subtotal	845	(100)	1344	(100)	2189	(100)
Parole Violators						
Split	5	(1)	7	(3)	12	(2)
Other	442	(99)	241	(97)	683	(98)
Subtotal	447	(100)	248	(100)	695	(100)
TOTAL	1292	(100)	1592	(100)	2884	(100)

facilities than they do of releases from lower security facilities. Frequently parole violators return to custody for a short duration and in many circumstances the brevity of their incarceration impedes their transfer to lower security. Of the 1,292 male releases from secure facilities, 447, (35%) were parole violators, while of the 1,592 male releases from lower security facilities, 248 (15%) were parole violators.

NATURE OF PRESENT OFFENSE AMONG ALL 1993 RELEASES

The remainder of this discussion is based on data found in Tables 7-43 following in the back of this report.

Sentencing Court and Committing Institution

Of the 3,613 persons who were released to the street in 1993, one-fifth were sentenced by Suffolk county courts, 16% by Middlesex courts, 12% by Hampden courts and 13% by Worcester county courts. About 11% of 1993 releases were received by the DOC from other jurisdictions, and fifty-seven persons were serving from and after sentences.

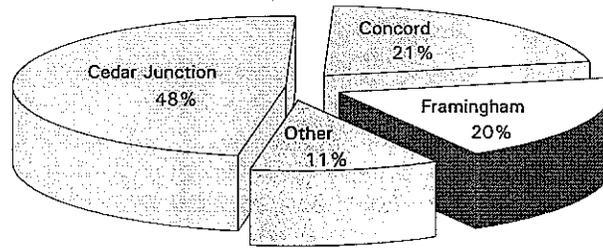


Figure 4.
Committing Institution

Approximately half of the 1993 releases were Cedar Junction commitments. Concord commitments represented an additional 21% of all releases and Framingham commitments represented 20% of all releases. There were 406 individuals released who were originally committed to another jurisdiction. Most of these were women serving county sentences or county commitments to Longwood Treatment Center for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

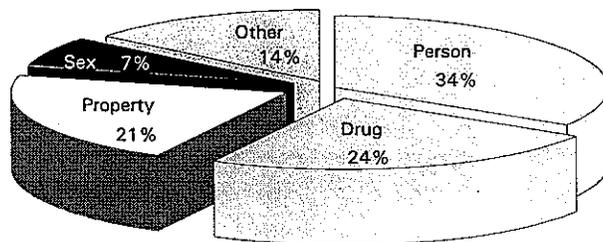


Figure 5.
Present Offense
Category

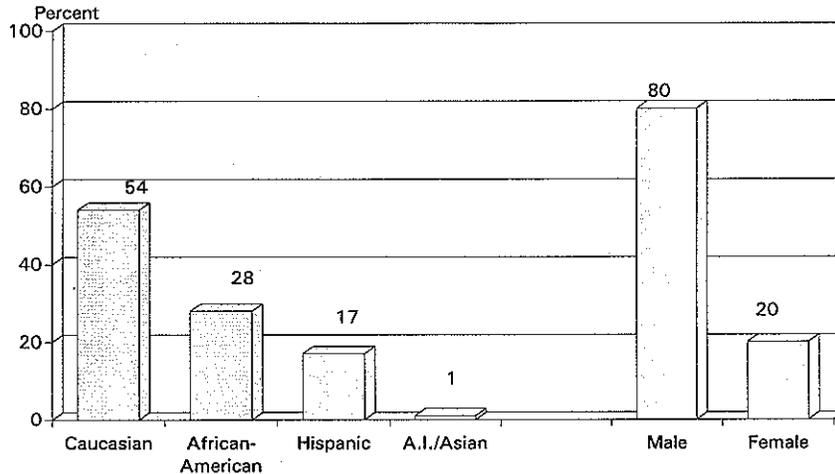
Forty-one percent of the individuals released in 1993 were serving sentences for violent offenses (34% for person offenses and 7% for sex offenses), 21% were serving sentences for property offenses, 24% for drug offenses, and 14% for "other" offenses. Fourteen individuals who were serving sentences for Second Degree Murder were released in 1993 and five persons who were incarcerated for First Degree Murder were released in 1993 following a commutation by the governor.

The majority (60%) of the releases spent time in jail prior to their commitment, usually while awaiting trial.

Present Offense and Jail Credits

PERSONAL BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS

Gender and Race/Ethnic Origin



When we look at demographic data for persons released to the street in 1993, we find that 80% of all releases were male, and 20 percent were female. Slightly more than half (54%) of releases were Caucasian, 28% were African American, and 17% were identified as Hispanic. There were nine Native Americans and fifteen Asians in the release group.

Figure 6.
Gender and Race/
Ethnic Origin

Age

Among persons released in 1993, their median age at time of incarceration was 27 years, while the median age at time of release was 31. The youngest person to be released in 1993 was 17 years of age, while the oldest was 75 years old.

Years of Schooling

The median level of educational attainment at the time of commitment for 1993 releases was twelfth grade. More specifically, eleven percent had achieved less than a ninth grade education, and 38% had achieved nine to eleven years of schooling. Among those with some post-secondary schooling, nine percent had completed 13 to 15 years, and two percent had completed sixteen or more years.

Other Social Characteristics

The DOC also collects data on the inmates' marital status and their address prior to incarceration. The majority of releases (69%) were single at the time of their commitment and 16% were married. The largest group of releases (44%) came from the Boston Metropolitan Statistical Area, and 12% were from the Springfield MSA.

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Prior Court Appearances/Incarcerations

The median age at first court appearance was 18 years. The median number of court appearances prior to the current commitment was four. A majority of the releases had previously appeared in court for person offenses (59%), property offenses (63%) and narcotics offenses (41%). A minority had appeared in court for sex offenses (11%), alcohol offenses (24%) and escape charges (6%).

Thirty-seven percent of the 1993 releases had one or more prior incarcerations in a county house of correction, and nine percent had prior incarcerations in a state or federal correctional institution. Overall, 40 percent of the releases had served some time in an adult correctional facility for a prior commitment.

*The median age at first court appearance was eighteen.
The median number of court appearances prior to current commitment was four.*

Release Characteristics

Table 7.

Type of Release

	Number of Releases	Percent
Expiration of Sentence	496	(14)
Parole	1393	(39)
Good Conduct Discharge	1724	(47)
Total	3613	(100)

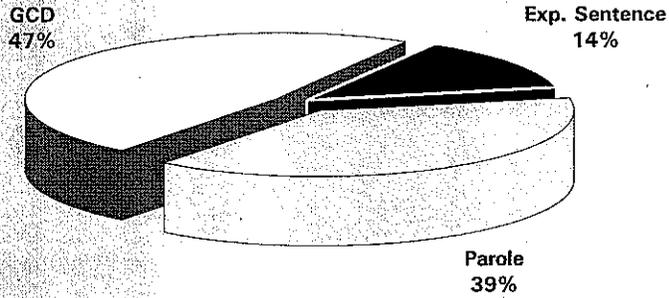


Table 8.

Time Served with Jail Credits

	Number of Releases	Percent
Less Than 6 Months	288	(8)
6 to 11 Months	170	(5)
1 to 2 Years	340	(9)
2 to 3 Years	385	(11)
3 to 5 Years	333	(9)
5 to 10 Years	176	(5)
10 to 15 Years	33	(1)
15 or More Years	18	(0)
Complex Sentence	1870	(52)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 9.

Age at Release

	Number of Releases	Percent
Seventeen	2	(0)
Eighteen	23	(1)
Nineteen	48	(1)
Twenty	83	(2)
Twenty-one	107	(3)
Twenty-two	127	(4)
Twenty-three	171	(5)
Twenty-four	154	(4)
Twenty-five	178	(5)
Twenty-six to Twenty-nine	721	(20)
Thirty to Thirty-nine	1448	(40)
Forty to Sixty-four	532	(15)
Sixty-five or Older	19	(1)
Total	3613	(100)

Nature of Present Offense

Table 10.

Court from which Committed

	Number of Releases	Percent
Barnstable	49	(1)
Berkshire	3	(1)
Bristol	216	(6)
Dukes	1	(0)
Essex	316	(9)
Franklin	17	(0)
Hampden	432	(12)
Hampshire	21	(1)
Middlesex	573	(16)
Nantucket	3	(0)
Norfolk	156	(4)
Plymouth	157	(4)
Suffolk	704	(19)
Worcester	462	(13)
Other Jurisdiction	406	(11)
From and After Sentence	57	(2)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 11.

Jail Credit Days

	Number of Releases	Percent
None	1436	(40)
1 to 10	308	(9)
11 to 50	490	(14)
51 to 100	395	(11)
101 to 150	316	(9)
151 to 200	230	(6)
Over 200	438	(12)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 12.

Committing Institution

	Number of Releases	Percent
Cedar Junction	1714	(48)
Concord	776	(21)
Framingham	717	(20)
Other Jurisdiction	406	(11)
Total	3613	(100)

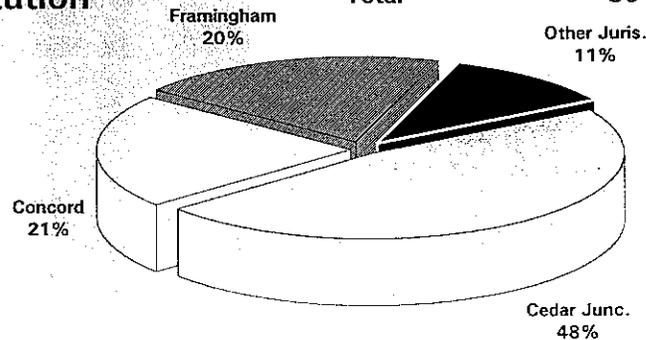


Table 13.


**Minimum
Sentence**

	Number of Releases	Percent
1 Year	5	(0)
2 Years	26	(1)
3 Years	480	(13)
4 Years	271	(8)
5 Years	323	(9)
6 Years	240	(7)
7 Years	104	(3)
8 Years	70	(2)
9 Years	114	(3)
10 Years	74	(2)
11 to 12 Years	47	(1)
13 to 15 Years	30	(1)
16 to 19 Years	18	(0)
20 to 24 Years	8	(0)
25 Years or More	4	(0)
Life	13	(0)
Indeterminate	1786	(49)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 14.


**Maximum
Sentence**

	Number of Releases	Percent
Fine	26	(1)
Less Than 1 Month	31	(1)
Less Than 1 Year	491	(14)
1 Year	221	(6)
2 Years	268	(7)
3 Years	36	(1)
4 Years	21	(1)
5 Years	630	(17)
6 Years	159	(4)
7 Years	285	(8)
8 Years	94	(3)
9 Years	63	(2)
10 Years	768	(21)
11 to 12 Years	119	(3)
13 to 15 Years	154	(4)
16 to 19 Years	31	(1)
20 to 24 Years	173	(5)
25 Years or More	25	(1)
Life	18	(0)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 15.

Type of Sentence

	Number of Releases	Percent
Simple	1033	(28)
Concurrent	1514	(42)
Aggregate	90	(2)
Forthwith-HOC or DOC	282	(8)
From and After-HOC or DOC	94	(3)
Split	574	(16)
Fine	26	(1)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 16.

Present Offense

	Number of Releases	Percent
Person	1214	(34)
Sex	265	(7)
Property	751	(21)
Drug	869	(24)
Other	514	(14)
Total	3613	(100)

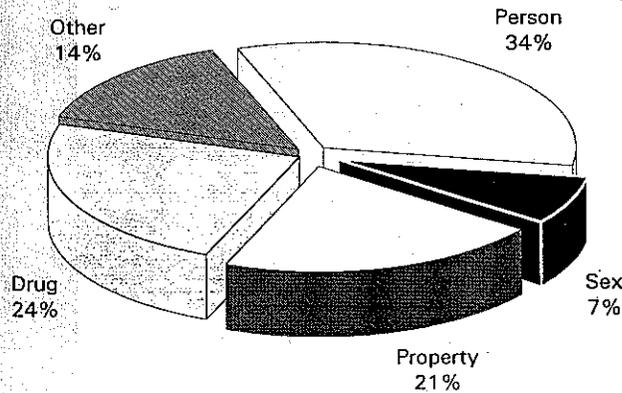


Table 17.

Present
Offense:
Person Offenses

	Number of Releases	Percent
Murder-1	5	(0)
Murder-2	14	(0)
Manslaughter	81	(2)
Vehicular Homicide	19	(1)
Assault w/ Intent to Murder	54	(1)
Accessory to Murder	4	(0)
Armed Robbery	494	(14)
Unarmed Robbery	208	(6)
Armed Assault	78	(2)
Unarmed Assault	12	(0)
Putting in Fear	3	(0)
Assault, Other	47	(1)
Assault & Battery, Deadly Weapon	159	(4)
Mayhem	10	(0)
Extortion	3	(0)
Kidnapping	15	(0)
Civil Rights	3	(0)
Conspiracy	5	(0)
Not Applicable	2399	(66)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 18.

Present
Offense:
Sex Offenses

	Number of Releases	Percent
Rape	62	(2)
Aggravated Rape	28	(1)
Assault w/ Intent to Rape	25	(1)
Rape of Minor	105	(3)
Assault w/ Intent to Rape Minor	35	(1)
Unnatural Acts	7	(0)
Gross Sexual Misconduct	1	(0)
Lewdness	2	(0)
Not Applicable	3348	(93)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 19.

Present
Offense:
Property Offenses

	Number of Releases	Percent
Arson	39	(1)
Burglary-Armed	27	(1)
Burglary	334	(9)
Possession of Burglary Tools	9	(0)
Stealing	44	(1)
Larceny-Person	22	(1)
Larceny	128	(4)
Theft of Vehicle	42	(1)
Unauthorzd Use of M.V.	10	(0)
Forgery-Uttering	34	(1)
Common Theft	1	(0)
Fraud	6	(0)
Receiving Stolen Goods	42	(1)
Injuries to Property	13	(0)
Not Applicable	2862	(79)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 20.

Present
Offense:
Drug Offenses

	Number of Releases	Percent
Possession-Narcotics	3	(0)
Possession-Heroin	2	(0)
Stealing Narcotics	1	(0)
Syringe	9	(0)
Sale of Heroin	4	(0)
Sale of Narcotic	2	(0)
Intent to Sell	1	(0)
Conspiracy to Violate CSA	43	(1)
Controlled Subst.-Not Spec.	69	(2)
Class-A	209	(6)
Class-B	501	(14)
Class-C	4	(0)
Class-D	8	(0)
Class-E	1	(0)
Poss. w/ Intent to Sell in School Zone	12	(0)
Not Applicable	2744	(76)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 21.

Present
Offense:
Other Offenses

	Number of Releases	Percent
Escape	18	(0)
Weapons Violation	67	(2)
Nonsupport	1	(0)
Night Walker	9	(0)
Disturbing The Peace	8	(0)
Prostitution	86	(2)
Motor Vehicle Offenses	32	(1)
Contempt of Court	3	(0)
Bribery	1	(0)
Operating Under Influence	274	(8)
Trespassing	4	(0)
Other	11	(0)
Not Applicable	3099	(86)
Total	3613	(100)

**Personal
Background
Characteristics**

Table 22.

Age at Incarceration

	Number of Releases	Percent
Sixteen	3	(0)
Seventeen	30	(1)
Eighteen	120	(3)
Nineteen	171	(5)
Twenty	208	(6)
Twenty-one	211	(6)
Twenty-two	206	(6)
Twenty-three	192	(5)
Twenty-four	199	(6)
Twenty-five	220	(6)
26 to 29	650	(18)
30 to 39	1070	(30)
40 to 49	253	(7)
Fifty or Older	80	(2)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 23.

Sex

	Number of Releases	Percent
Female	729	(20)
Male	2884	(80)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 24.

Race / Ethnic Origin

	Number of Releases	Percent
Caucasian	1958	(54)
African American	1008	(28)
Hispanic	623	(17)
Native American	9	(0)
Asian	15	(0)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 25.

Marital Status

	Number of Releases	Percent
Married	583	(16)
Single	2488	(69)
Divorced	334	(9)
Widowed	33	(1)
Common Law	11	(0)
Separated	149	(4)
Unknown	15	(0)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 26.

Citizenship

	Number of Releases	Percent
US Citizen- MA Born	2339	(65)
US Citizen- Other State	742	(21)
US Citizen- U.S. Territory	376	(10)
US Citizen- Foreign Born	83	(2)
Non-Citizen	73	(2)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 27.

Prior Address: Selected Cities & Towns

	Number of Releases	Percent
Boston	834	(23)
Brockton	106	(3)
Cambridge	41	(1)
Fall River	79	(2)
Fitchburg	51	(1)
Frammingham	48	(1)
Holyoke	62	(2)
Lawrence	85	(2)
Lowell	142	(4)
Lynn	112	(3)
New Bedford	93	(3)
Somerville	59	(2)
Springfield	297	(8)
Worcester	257	(7)
Other, MA	1206	(33)
Out of State	141	(4)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 28.

Prior Address:
County

	Number of Releases	Percent
Worcester	482	(13)
Franklin	5	(0)
Middlesex	593	(16)
Suffolk	916	(25)
Norfolk	141	(4)
Bristol	249	(7)
Plymouth	185	(5)
Essex	366	(10)
Hampshire	16	(0)
Hampden	419	(12)
Berkshire	38	(1)
Barnstable	60	(2)
Nantucket	2	(0)
Out of State	141	(4)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 29.

Prior Address:
MSA

	Number of Releases	Percent
Boston	1591	(44)
Brockton	128	(4)
Fall River	86	(2)
Fitchburg-Leominster	84	(2)
Lawrence-Haverhill	156	(4)
Lowell	179	(5)
New Bedford	107	(3)
Pittsfield	28	(1)
Prvdnc-Pwtkt-Wrwck	26	(1)
Springfield	428	(12)
Worcester	308	(9)
Other, MA	351	(10)
Out of State	141	(4)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 30.

Last Grade
Completed

	Number of Releases	Percent
3rd or Less	21	(1)
4th	17	(0)
5th	23	(1)
6th	35	(1)
7th	57	(2)
8th	194	(5)
9th	341	(9)
10th	408	(11)
11th	388	(11)
H.S. Graduate/GED	1175	(33)
Some Post-Secondary	271	(8)
16 Years	60	(2)
17 or More Years	15	(0)
Unknown	608	(17)
Total	3613	(100)

Criminal History

Table 31.

Number of Court Appearances Prior to Incarceration

	Number of Releases	Percent
First Offense	134	(4)
Two	173	(5)
Three	680	(19)
Four	598	(17)
Five	594	(16)
Six to Eight	341	(9)
Twelve to Fifteen	423	(12)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 32.

Number of Prior County Incarcerations

	Number of Releases	Percent
None	1586	(44)
One	592	(16)
Two	284	(8)
Three	184	(5)
Four	102	(3)
Five	65	(2)
Six or More	130	(4)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 33.

Number of Prior State or Federal Incarcerations

	Number of Releases	Percent
None	2613	(72)
One	238	(7)
Two	57	(2)
Three	22	(1)
Four	9	(0)
Six or More	4	(0)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 34.

Number of Prior Adult Incarcerations

	Number of Releases	Percent
None	1491	(41)
One	586	(16)
Two	309	(9)
Three	198	(5)
Four	124	(3)
Five	80	(2)
Six or More	155	(4)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 35.

**Number of Charges:
Person Offenses**

	Number of Releases	Percent
None	804	(22)
One	377	(10)
Two	325	(9)
Three	245	(7)
4-5	402	(11)
6-9	401	(11)
10-15	270	(7)
16-20	72	(2)
21 +	47	(1)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 36.

**Number of Charges:
Sex Offenses**

	Number of Releases	Percent
None	2517	(70)
One	183	(5)
Two	96	(3)
Three	43	(1)
4-5	50	(1)
6-9	33	(1)
10-15	14	(0)
16-20	4	(0)
21 +	3	(0)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 37.

**Number of Charges:
Property Offenses**

	Number of Releases	Percent
None	655	(18)
One	311	(9)
Two	260	(7)
Three	176	(5)
4-5	291	(8)
6-9	335	(9)
10-15	323	(9)
16-20	165	(5)
21 +	427	(12)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 38.

**Number of Charges:
Escape Offenses**

	Number of Releases	Percent
None	2698	(75)
One	166	(5)
Two	53	(1)
Three	16	(0)
4-5	6	(0)
6-9	4	(0)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 39.

**Number of Charges:
Alcohol Offenses**

	Number of Releases	Percent
None	2049	(57)
One	355	(10)
Two	152	(4)
Three	136	(4)
4-5	133	(4)
6-9	97	(3)
10-15	19	(1)
16-20	2	(0)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 40.

**Number of Charges:
Drug Offenses**

	Number of Releases	Percent
None	1152	(32)
One	384	(11)
Two	310	(9)
Three	203	(6)
4-5	296	(8)
6-9	331	(9)
10-15	173	(5)
16-20	50	(1)
21 +	44	(1)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 41.

**Age at First
Court Appearance**

	Number of Releases	Percent
14 or Younger	219	(6)
Fifteen	101	(3)
Sixteen	128	(4)
Seventeen	785	(22)
Eighteen	390	(11)
Nineteen	253	(7)
Twenty	163	(5)
Twenty-one	120	(3)
Twenty-two	96	(3)
Twenty-three	107	(3)
24 to 25	57	(2)
26 to 29	180	(5)
30 to 39	209	(6)
40 to 49	50	(1)
50 and Above	20	(1)
Unknown	670	(19)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 42.

**Age at First
Court Appearance
for An Alcohol
Offense**

	Number of Releases	Percent
14 or Younger	2	(0)
15 to 17	116	(3)
18 to 19	208	(6)
20 to 21	138	(4)
22 to 24	146	(4)
25 to 29	147	(4)
30 to 34	82	(2)
35 to 39	29	(1)
40 and Older	26	(1)
Unknown	670	(19)
Not Applicable	2049	(57)
Total	3613	(100)

Table 43.

**Age at First
Court Appearance
for A Drug Offense**

	Number of Releases	Percent
14 or Younger	23	(0)
15 to 17	248	(7)
18 to 19	326	(9)
20 to 21	284	(8)
22 to 24	326	(9)
25 to 29	309	(9)
30 to 34	152	(4)
35 to 39	62	(2)
40 and Older	61	(2)
Unknown	670	(19)
Not Applicable	1152	(32)
Total	3613	(100)

Minimum Sentence Cases with no minimum term are county or reformatory sentences; parole eligibility is determined by Parole Board Regulations.

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

Prior Incarcerations County incarcerations have a maximum sentence length of less than 2-1/2 years. State incarcerations have a sentence length of 2-1/2 years or more.

Offenses

Present Offense The most serious charge is listed if an individual is committed for more than one offense.

Person Offenses Armed assault includes armed assaults in dwelling houses, assault and battery with dangerous weapon, and attempted murder; Unarmed assault includes assault and assault and battery, and other assaults.

Sex Offenses Rape of Minor includes rape of child, and rape of female under sixteen; Assault with intent to rape minor includes indecent assault and battery on child under 14, and assault on female under 16 with intent to commit rape.

Drug Offenses Controlled Substance includes the manufacturing, distribution, dispensing or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute or dispense a controlled substance. The following are the controlled substance categories:

- Class A** consists of heroin and morphine;
- Class B** consists of cocaine; opium, amphetamines, barbiturates and PCP;
- Class C** consists of hallucinogens;
- Class D** consists of marijuana;
- Class E** consists of prescription drugs;
- No Class Specified** means that the type of drug is not indicated by the sentence;
- Other Drug** includes being present where narcotic drugs are illegally kept.

Weapons Offenses Includes Bartley-Fox Gun Law violations.

Other Offenses Includes jumping bail, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, tax evasion, violation of a civil ordinance, attempting to commit a crime, gaming, minor in possession of alcohol, unlawful possession of alcohol, and resisting arrest; Contempt of Court includes violation of a court order or violation of a restraining order.

GLOSSARY

Time Served Forthwith sentences, split sentences, from and after sentences or fines are categorized as complex sentences and are not included in the calculation of time served.

Type of Release

Discharge A release from a sentence where statutory or earned good time has been applied to the release date.

Expiration A release from a sentence where no statutory or earned good time has been applied to the release date.

Parole A conditional release from prison where the inmate serves the remaining portion of his/her sentence supervised on parole.

Type of Sentence

Simple One sentence only, for one offense.

Concurrent An accumulation of sentences served simultaneously; time to serve is not added on.

Aggregate The sum of two or more sentences to be served; time to serve is added on.

Fine Offender was given a fine, but because he or she was unwilling or unable to pay the fine, served time in prison.

Forthwith Supercedes any existing sentence that the offender is serving and he/she begins serving the forthwith.

From and After A sentence which the offender must begin serving upon completion of his/her existing sentence.

Split Sentence was divided into a term of incarceration followed by a term of probation.