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The subject of this report are the 7,661 inmates released from facilities of the New York State Department of Correctional Services during 1980 and followed for the five year period 1980-1985 to determine the number subsequently returned to prison. This five year post release follow-up indicates that 41.4% returned within the study period. An analysis of selected characteristics include: type of release; commitment offense; sex; age; ethnic group; time to return; prior criminal record; and time served in prison. In addition, similar data are also presented for comparable annual release cohorts for the years 1972-1979.

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1980 RELEASES: FIVE YEAR POST RELEASE FOLLOW-UP

The subject of this report is a population of 7,661 inmates released for the first time in 1980 from facilities of the New York State Department of Correctional Services. Each case was followed for a period of five years to determine the number returned to Department custody. In addition, similar release cohorts for 1972-1979 are also analyzed by rate or return for selected characteristics.

H I G H L I G H T S

1. Out of 7,661 inmates released in 1980, there were 3,173 (41.4%) who returned to custody within five years, 22.2% (1,704) as new commitments and 19.2% (1,469) for violation of parole.
2. Persons released via parole tended to have a lower rate of return (39.1%) than did conditional releases (46.9%).
3. Of the 3,173 returned, the largest portion (62.5%) were returned within 24 months.
4. Among 4,960 offenders released via parole, 18.6% were returned for new felony convictions while 20.6% were returned for violation of parole. Of 2,194 conditional releases, 26.4% were returned for new felonies while 20.5% were returned for parole violation.
5. Women had a much lower rate of return at 26.3% than did males at 42.0%.
6. Offenses with higher rates of return included: robbery (all degrees); burglary 2nd and 3rd; grand larceny; forgery; and stolen property. Among offenses with return rates below the average were: murder; homicide; assault (all degrees); arson (all degrees); dangerous weapons; kidnapping; sex crimes other than rape 1st; and drugs.
7. For those returned for new felony convictions, the largest crime category on return was robbery 1st at 287 followed by burglary 3rd at 284; robbery 2nd at 211; burglary 2nd at 153 and drugs at 152.
8. Inmates who were younger at time of release had higher return rates. Of those under 21 years of age, over 50% returned to custody within five years while less than 25% of those 40 and over returned.

9. There was some difference in the return rates between ethnic groups. Blacks returned at 45.1% while Puerto Ricans returned at 45.0% and whites returned at 33.2%.
10. Inmates with no prior criminal record had the lowest rate of return at 21.8% while inmates with prior periods or incarceration returned at rates of over 46%.
11. There appeared to be no clear relationship between time served in prison and rate of return to prison.
12. Persons who had been sentenced as predicate felons had a higher rate of return (47.8%) than first felony offenders (38.7%).

1980 RELEASES: FIVE YEAR POST RELEASE FOLLOW-UP

A total of 9,489 inmates were released from facilities of the Department of Correctional Services (DOCS) during calendar year 1980. From this total a study population of 7,661 inmates was selected that included 7,154^a/ first releases to parole supervision (4,960 via parole and 2,194 via conditional release) and 507 persons discharged upon maximum expiration of sentence as their initial release during 1980. Excluded are a total of 1,828 releases which consist of: 1,064 persons released to parole supervision who had previously been released to parole supervision and subsequently returned to custody as violators; 30 temporary absences; 169 released by court order; 40 escapes; 41 deaths; 463 transferred to other agencies; and 21 maximum expiration of sentence cases who had already been released to parole supervision before and returned as violators during 1980.

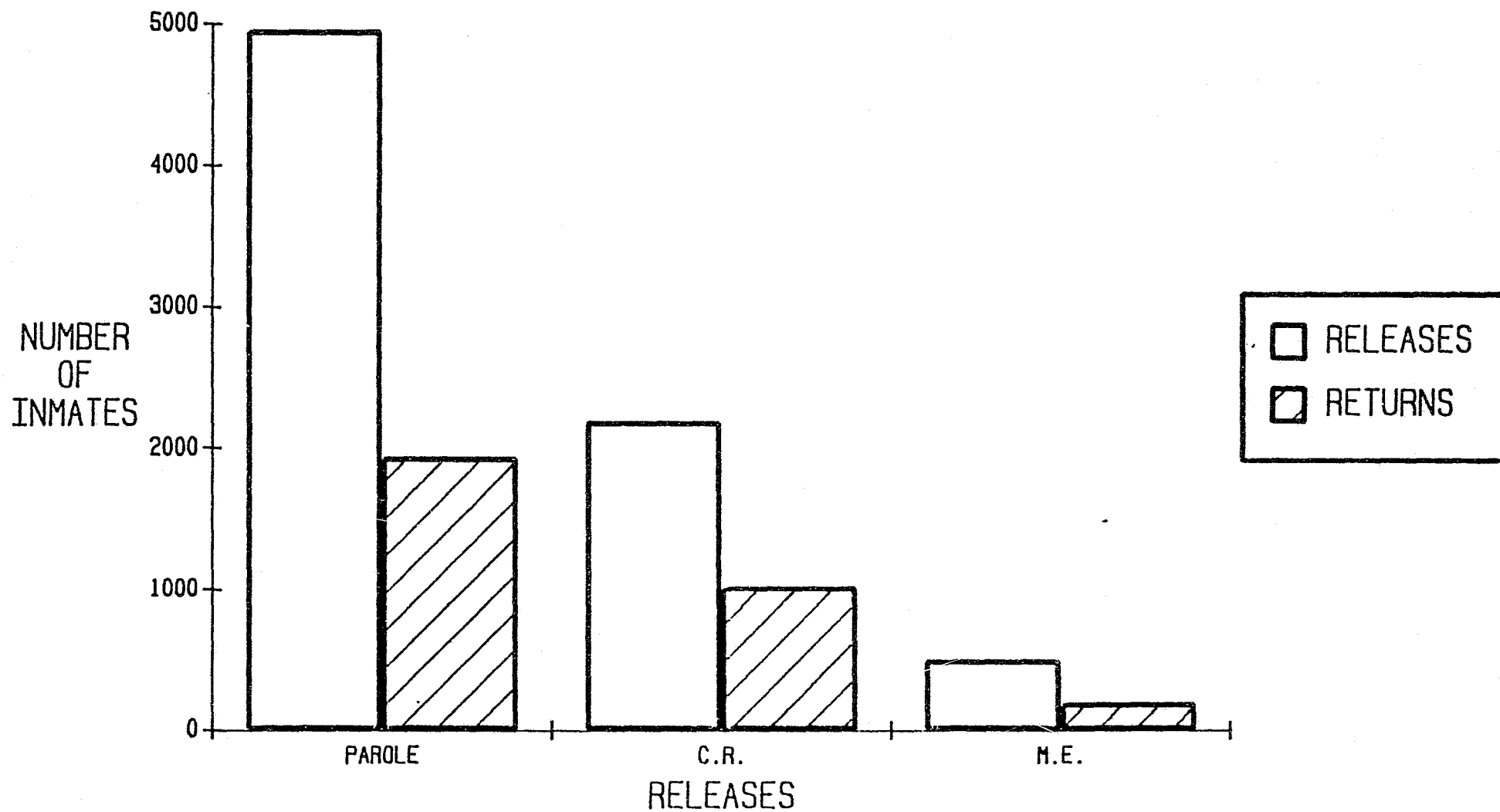
The purpose of this report is to provide information on annual cohorts of inmates released from DOCS facilities as well as the proportion and characteristics of these offenders who are subsequently returned to facility custody within five years of release. This methodology is utilized by many criminal justice agencies in studies of recidivism including the United States Department of Justice^b/. This study does not attempt to determine whether an offender who leaves prison via parole or conditional release is under parole supervision at the time that the offender is returned to prison. Therefore, assumptions should not be made from this study as to the effectiveness of parole supervision. The Department of Correctional Services and the Division of Parole are presently coordinating plans for a shared data base on our new mainframe computer. This information will allow the application of data relevant to the period of parole supervision to be added to these analyses to determine which returns are made while the offender is still under parole supervision and to learn more about the relationship of length of supervision and subsequent return to prison.

Each case in the study group was followed up for a period of five years from the date of release to ascertain if a return to DOCS custody occurred. Of the study group, 4,488 or 58.6% did not return to custody of DOCS during the follow-up period. The remaining 41.4% were returned to a DOCS facility at least once during the follow-up period.

^a/ Excludes all offenders previously released on their current sentences to parole supervision or released in 1979 by court order, escape, temporary absence and transfers to other agencies.

^b/ "Returning To Prison," John F. Wallerstadt, Ph.D., Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Dept. of Justice, November 1984.

1980 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TYPE OF RELEASE



RETURNS TO CUSTODY BY RELEASE TYPE Three types of release are included in the 7,661 study cohort of inmates released during 1980. The largest group is composed of 4,960 inmates who were released at the discretion of the Board of Parole. The next largest group were conditional releases (CR's). These 2,194 inmates were released to parole supervision on a mandatory basis after serving two-thirds of their maximum sentence. The third release group includes 507 inmates released upon maximum expiration (ME) of their sentence.

The highest rate of return was registered by the CR group with 46.9% or 1,029 returned during the five years subsequent to release. The proportion of returns among paroles was 39.1% or 1,941 returns. While discharges upon maximum expiration of sentence registered an apparent rate of return at 39.8%, it must be noted that the ME group is not subject to the conditions of parole or post release supervision and may be returned to DOCS custody only on commitment by the courts following conviction for a felony offense.

TABLE 1
1980 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TYPE OF RELEASE

<u>Release Type</u>	<u>1980 Releases</u>	<u>Number Returned</u>	<u>Percent Returned</u>
Total Releases	7,661	3,173	41.4%
Paroles	4,960	1,941	39.1%
Conditional Releases	2,194	1,029	46.9%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	507	203	39.8%

Over the nine year period 1972-1980, the volume of releases fell from 5,593 in 1972 to 5,222 in 1974. Subsequent years with the exception of 1978 registered annual increments reaching a high of 7,661 in 1980. Parole releases at 3,582 in 1972 increased to 3,788 in 1973 while maximum expiration of sentence releases (ME's) dropped from 979 to 561. In 1974 both paroles and ME's declined. Paroles generally increased in following years to a high of 4,960 in 1980. ME's did not share in this increase falling to 328 in 1979 and then rising to 507 in 1980. Conditional releases increased from 1,032 in 1972 to 2,194 in 1980.

The overall rate of return for the nine release cohorts varied by 7.8% from a low rate of return of 33.6% in 1972 to a high of 41.4% in 1980. The range of variation among the nine parole cohorts was only 5.8% with a low of 33.4% returned in 1976 compared to a high of 39.4% in 1979. The highest rate of returns for conditional releases cases was in 1980 with a return rate of 46.9%. The highest ME return rate occurred in 1980 at 39.8%.

1972-1980 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TYPE OF RELEASE

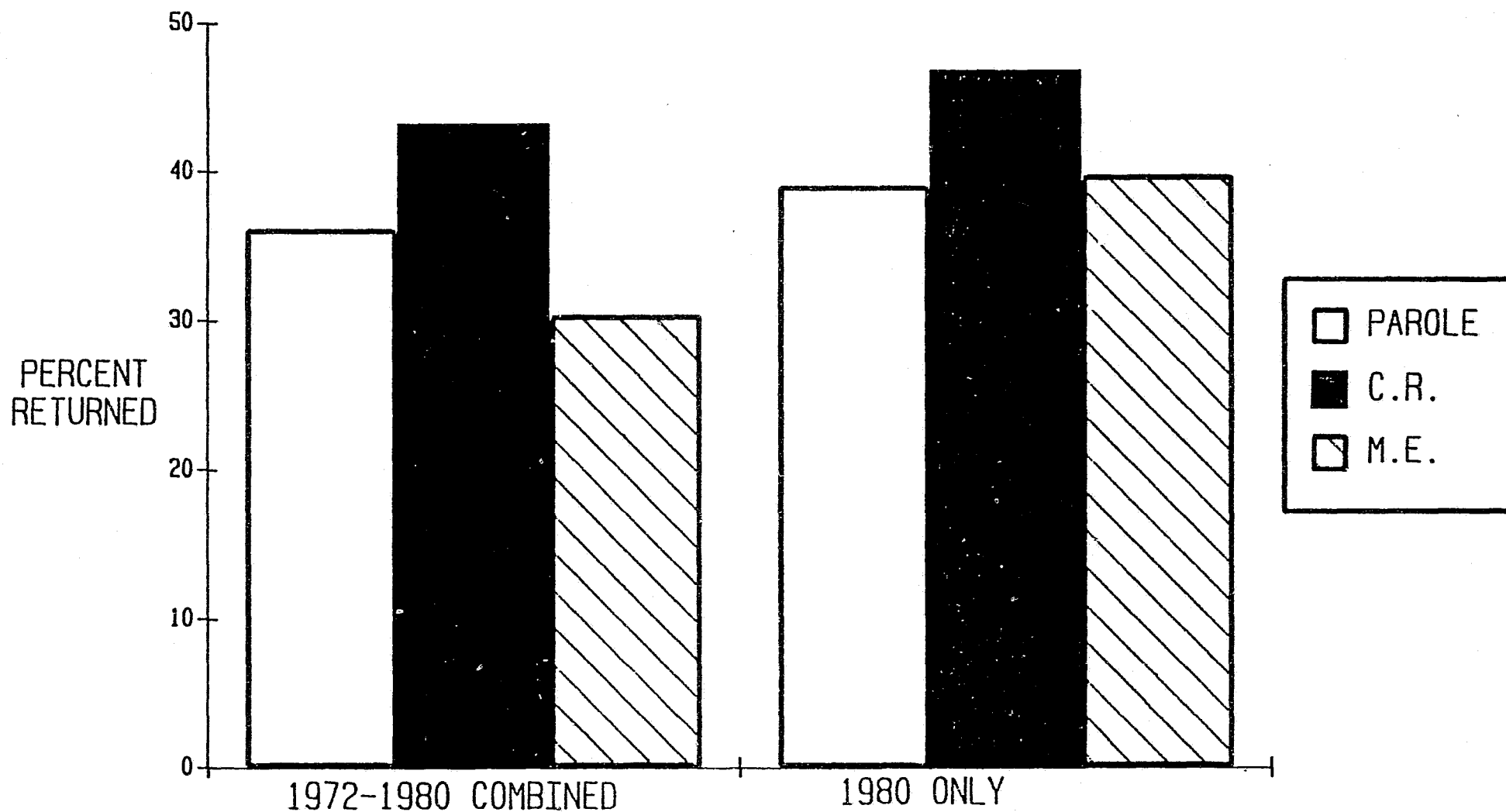
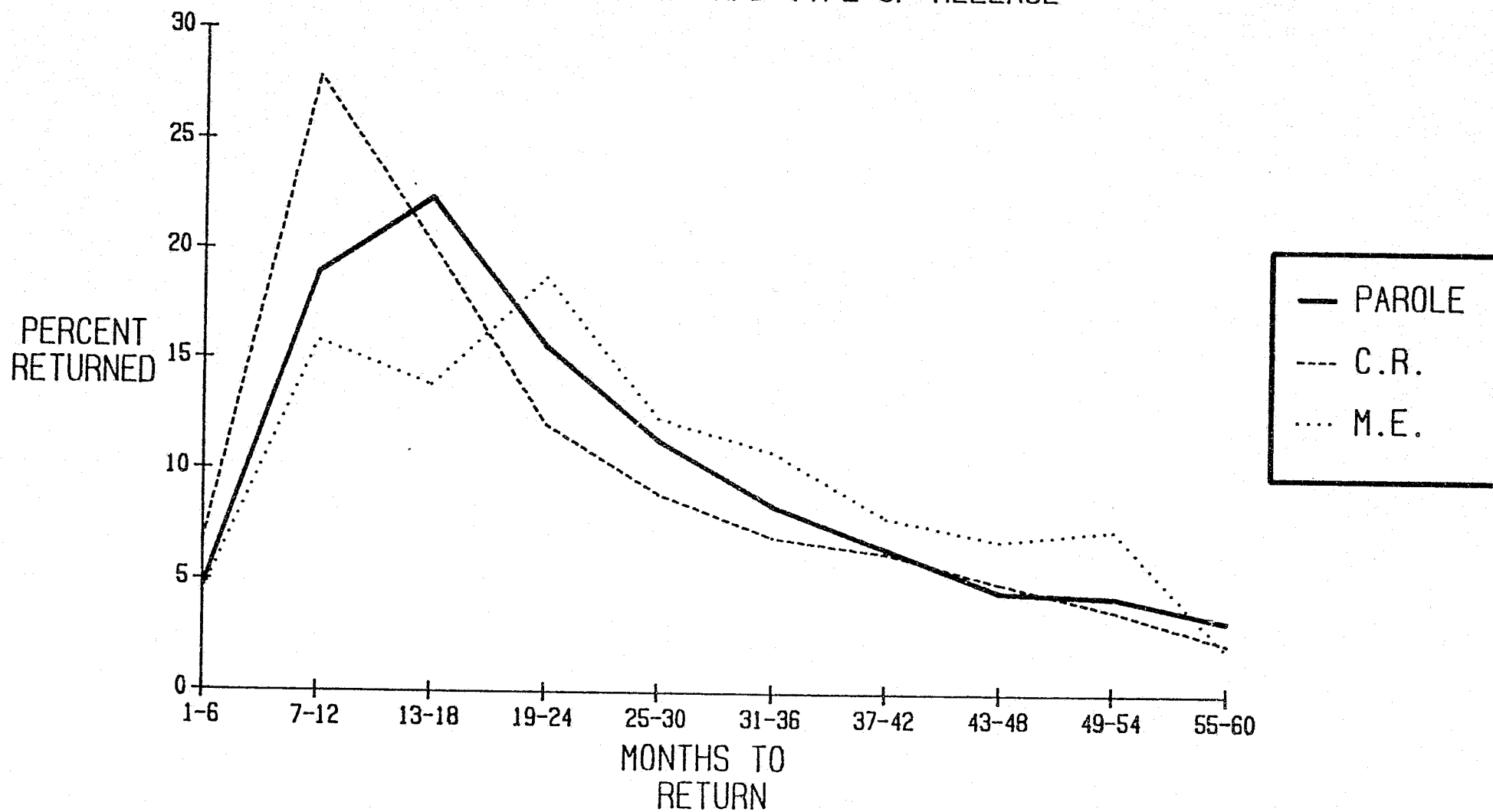


TABLE 2
1972-1980 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY BY
TYPE OF RELEASE

Release Type and Year Of Release	Number Released	Number Returned	Percent Returned
1972-1980 Total	56,103	21,025	37.5%
Parole	37,936	13,722	36.2%
Conditional Release	13,765	5,964	43.3%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	4,402	1,339	30.4%
1972 Total	5,593	1,877	33.6%
Parole	3,582	1,239	34.6%
Conditional Release	1,032	395	38.3%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	979	243	24.8%
1973 Total	5,400	1,963	36.4%
Parole	3,788	1,406	37.1%
Conditional Release	1,051	420	40.0%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	561	137	24.4%
1974 Total	5,222	1,859	35.6%
Parole	3,429	1,176	34.3%
Conditional Release	1,333	555	41.6%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	460	128	27.8%
1975 Total	5,546	1,973	35.6%
Parole	3,654	1,258	34.4%
Conditional Release	1,464	602	41.1%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	428	113	26.4%
1976 Total	6,345	2,260	35.6%
Parole	4,445	1,483	33.4%
Conditional Release	1,552	652	42.8%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	378	125	33.1%
1977 Total	6,663	2,441	36.6%
Parole	4,828	1,702	35.3%
Conditional Release	1,449	610	42.1%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	386	129	33.4%
1978 Total	6,558	2,552	38.9%
Parole	4,520	1,654	36.6%
Conditional Release	1,663	756	45.5%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	375	142	37.9%
1979 Total	7,115	2,928	41.2%
Parole	4,730	1,863	39.4%
Conditional Release	2,057	946	46.0%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	328	119	36.3%
1980 Total	7,661	3,173	41.4%
Parole	4,960	1,941	39.1%
Conditional Release	2,194	1,029	46.9%
Maximum Expiration of Sentence	507	203	39.8%

1980 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE



RETURNS TO CUSTODY BY TIME The largest portion of offenders was returned during the 7th-12th month period subsequent to release followed closely by the 13th-18th month period. These six month periods accounted for 21.6% and 21.1% respectively of the total 3,173 offenders returned. Of those returned, 62.5% were back in DOCS custody within 24 months after release. Subsequent periods account for declining portions of the return cohort. The median time between date of release and initial return was 19.9 months.

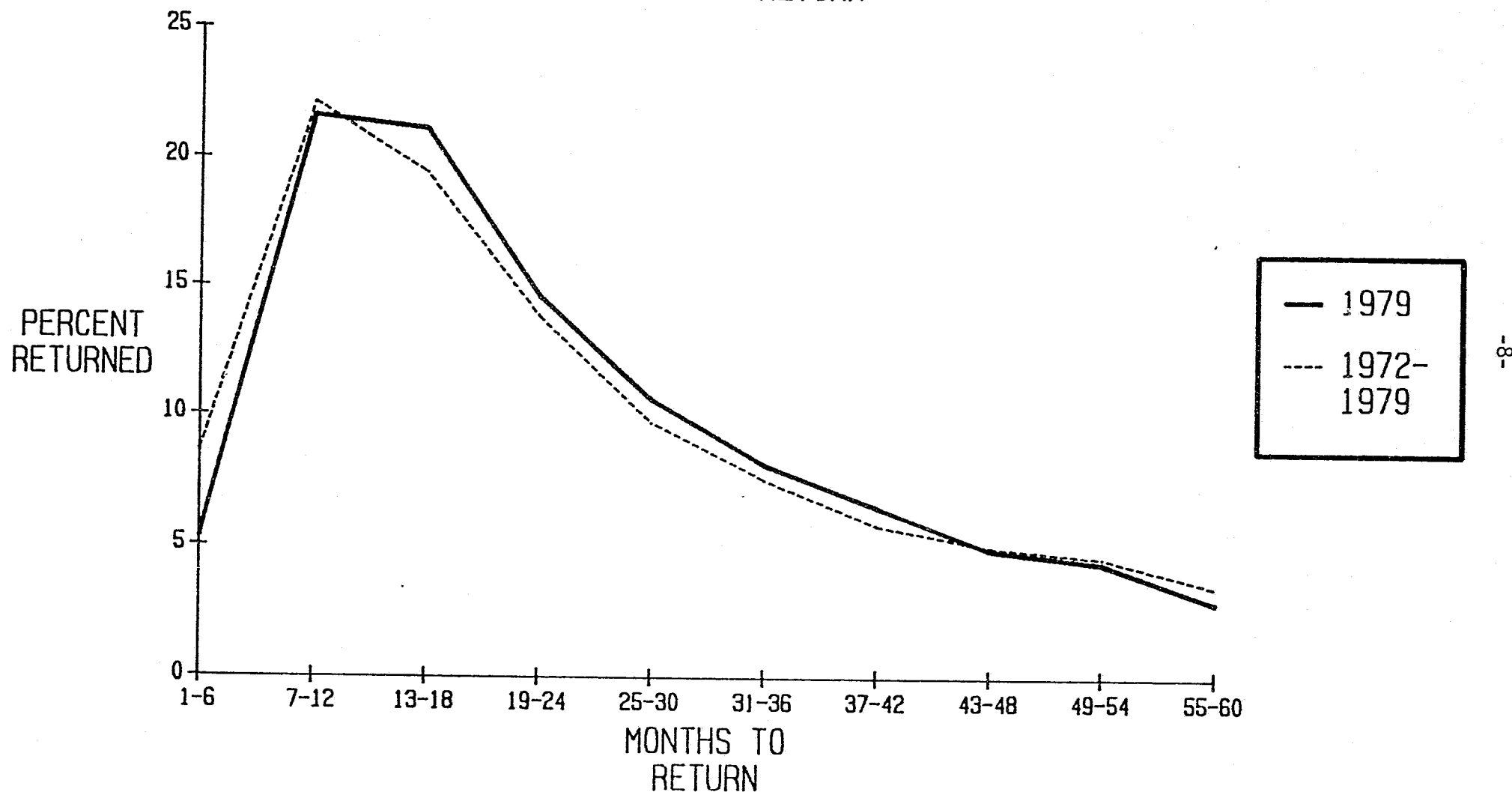
The pattern of time to return differed somewhat between the three release groups. Those persons released via conditional release tended to return earlier with a registered median time to return of 17.6 months, two months less than the total release figure. The parole group had a median period of 20.6 months between release and return while the median time to return for the ME group was 24.1 months.

TABLE 3
1980 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE

Elapsed Time Between Release and Return (Months)	Type of Release			
	Total Releases	Parole	CR	ME
Number Released	7,661	4,960	2,194	507
Portion Returned	3,173	1,941	1,029	203
1-6 Months	169	91	69	9
7-12 Months	684	366	286	32
13-18 Months	668	432	208	28
19-24 Months	462	302	122	38
25-30 Months	336	219	92	25
31-36 Months	258	164	72	22
37-42 Months	208	127	65	16
43-48 Months	155	89	52	14
49-54 Months	140	86	39	15
55-60 Months	93	65	24	4
Median Months to Return	19.9	20.6	17.6	24.1

Note: The number of returns of technical parole violators may be slightly understated for the 49-60 month periods due to conversion of DOCS computerized inmate file in 1985.

1980 RELEASES AND 1972-1980 COMBINED RELEASES:
BY TIME TO RETURN

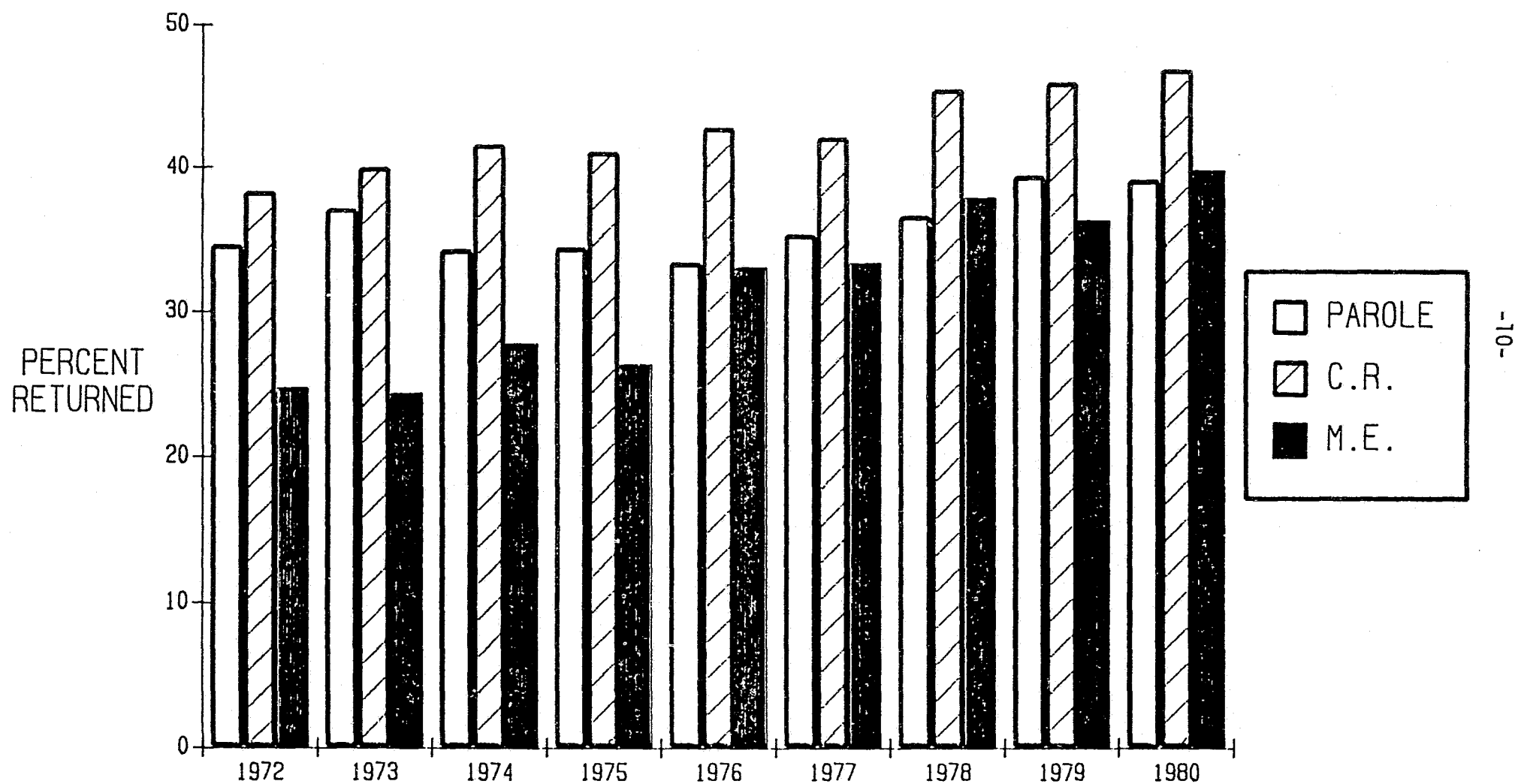


The average rate of return for the nine 1972-80 release cohorts followed a pattern somewhat similar to that of the 1979 cohort. Well over half of those returned (63.9%) were back in prison within 24 months of release. The portion returned in each subsequent six-month period declined following a high in the 7-12 month period. By the 55-60 month period the rate of return had leveled off to a marked degree for all three release categories. It may be noted, however, that time to return appears to be somewhat longer for the 1980 cohort with a median time of 19.9 months compared to the 19.0 months for the combined 1972-80 group. Both the parole and conditional release groups for 1980 shared in this longer median time between release and return while the maximum expiration of sentence cases for 1980 showed a reduced median time of return.

TABLE 4
1972-1980 RELEASES: RETURNS TO CUSTODY
BY TIME TO RETURN AND TYPE OF RELEASE

Elapsed Time Between Release and Return (Months)	Type of Release			
	Total Releases	Parole	CR	ME
Number Released	56,103	37,936	13,765	4,402
Portion Returned	21,006	13,702	5,965	1,339
1-6 Months	1,809	1,027	723	59
7-12 Months	4,642	2,847	1,608	187
13-18 Months	4,067	2,757	1,090	220
19-24 Months	2,899	2,023	666	210
25-30 Months	2,031	1,395	481	155
31-36 Months	1,581	1,088	367	126
37-42 Months	1,224	802	322	100
43-48 Months	1,048	668	269	111
49-54 Months	964	624	242	98
55-60 Months	741	471	197	73
Median Months to Return	19.0	19.7	16.6	24.8

1972-1980 RELEASES: RATE OF RETURN
BY YEAR BY TYPE OF RELEASE



RETURNS TO CUSTODY: FELONY COMMITMENTS AND PAROLE VIOLATION

In New York State, inmates released to parole supervision, either at the discretion of the Board of Parole or by mandatory conditional release after satisfactory completion of two-thirds of their maximum sentence, are subject to abide by the general rules governing parole for the remaining unexpired portion of their sentence. A serious violation of these rules during the period of supervision may result in the return of the parolee to DOCS custody as a violator at the discretion of the Board of Parole. Inmates released upon maximum expiration of sentence are not subject to the rules of parole and may not be returned as violators. Where an offender commits a new felony subsequent to release, the court must sentence the offender to a new indeterminate term to be served in DOCS custody regardless of prior type of release.

If the reader wishes to compare the rate of return in New York State with return rates of other states, it is critical to understand that many states have adopted a determinate sentencing policy. With determinate sentencing the offender serves the balance of his or her sentence in prison with either no period of parole supervision or only an abbreviated period of parole with very limited provision for return to prison in the event the parole is violated. Under the indeterminate sentence policy of New York State the offender remains under parole supervision until the maximum expiration of the sentence. It is not unusual for an offender to serve more time on parole than in prison. As noted above, during this period of supervision the offender may be returned to prison not only for a new felony conviction as is the case in other states but also for violation of the conditions of parole should the Board of Parole construe such a violation to be a possible threat to public safety. In order to compare return rates between states only offenders returned for conviction on a new felony charge should be counted. Returns for parole violation should only be compared to states with indeterminate sentencing policies similar to those of New York State.

In the 1980 release cohort there are marked differences between the parole, CR, and ME groups in the reason for return to custody. The parole group had the lowest proportion of those released who were later returned for new felony offenses, 18.6%. An additional 20.6% were returned for violation of parole. The proportion of the CR release cohort returned for new felony offenses was somewhat higher at 26.4% while 20.5% were returned as violators. The maximum expiration of sentence group represents the highest proportion of returns at 40.0% with no parole violation returns possible. It should be remembered that the inmates released via maximum expiration of sentence had virtually all been released in prior years to parole supervision and returned to custody as violators. In contrast, the parole and conditional release groups include only original releases upon the sentence being served. Thus, the maximum expiration group includes inmates who, for the most part, had previously failed to successfully complete a period of parole supervision and who might reasonably be expected to experience a higher return rate than first releases.

1972-1980 RELEASES: RETURNS BY
COMMITMENT AND BY PAROLE VIOLATION

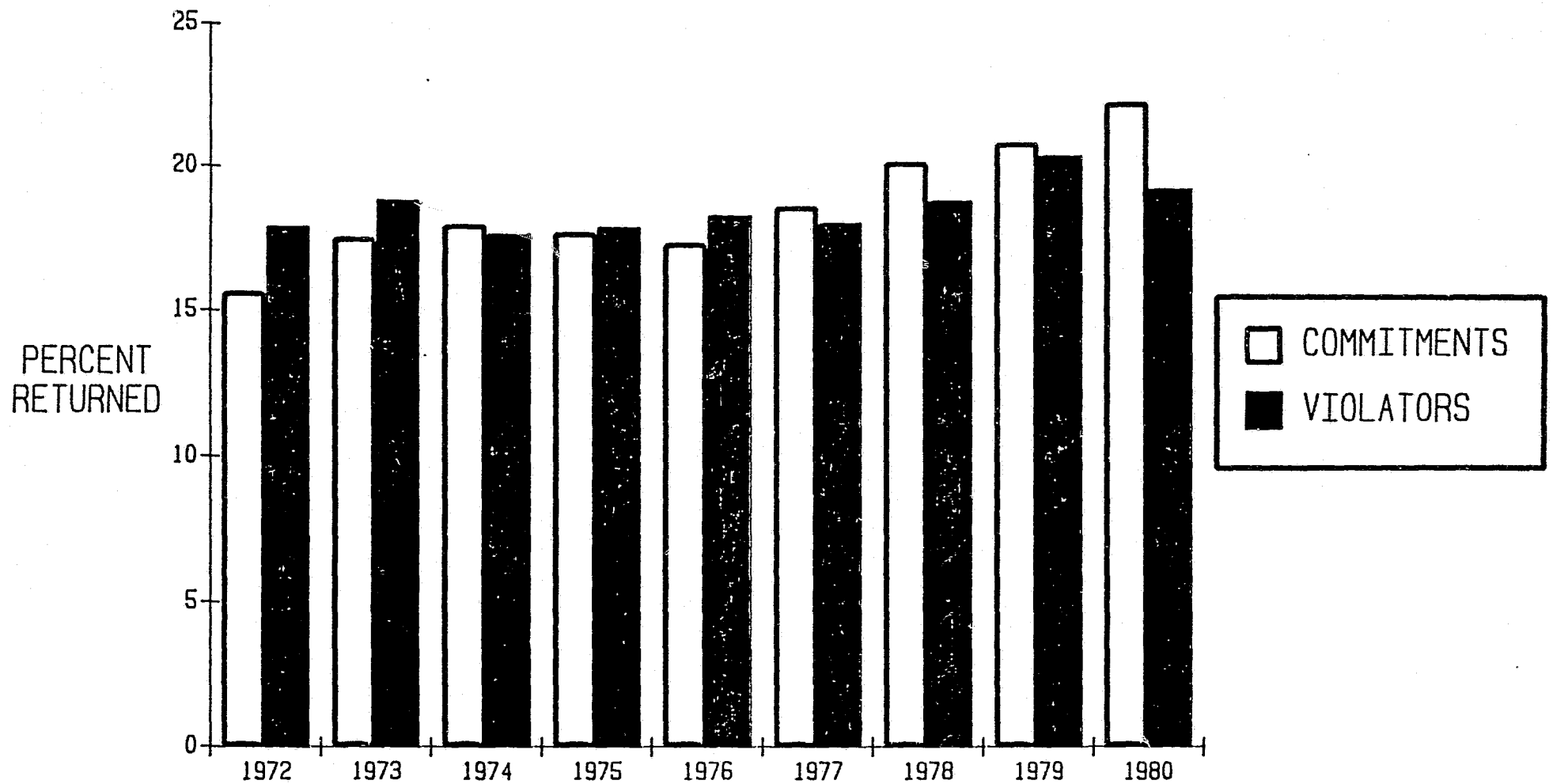


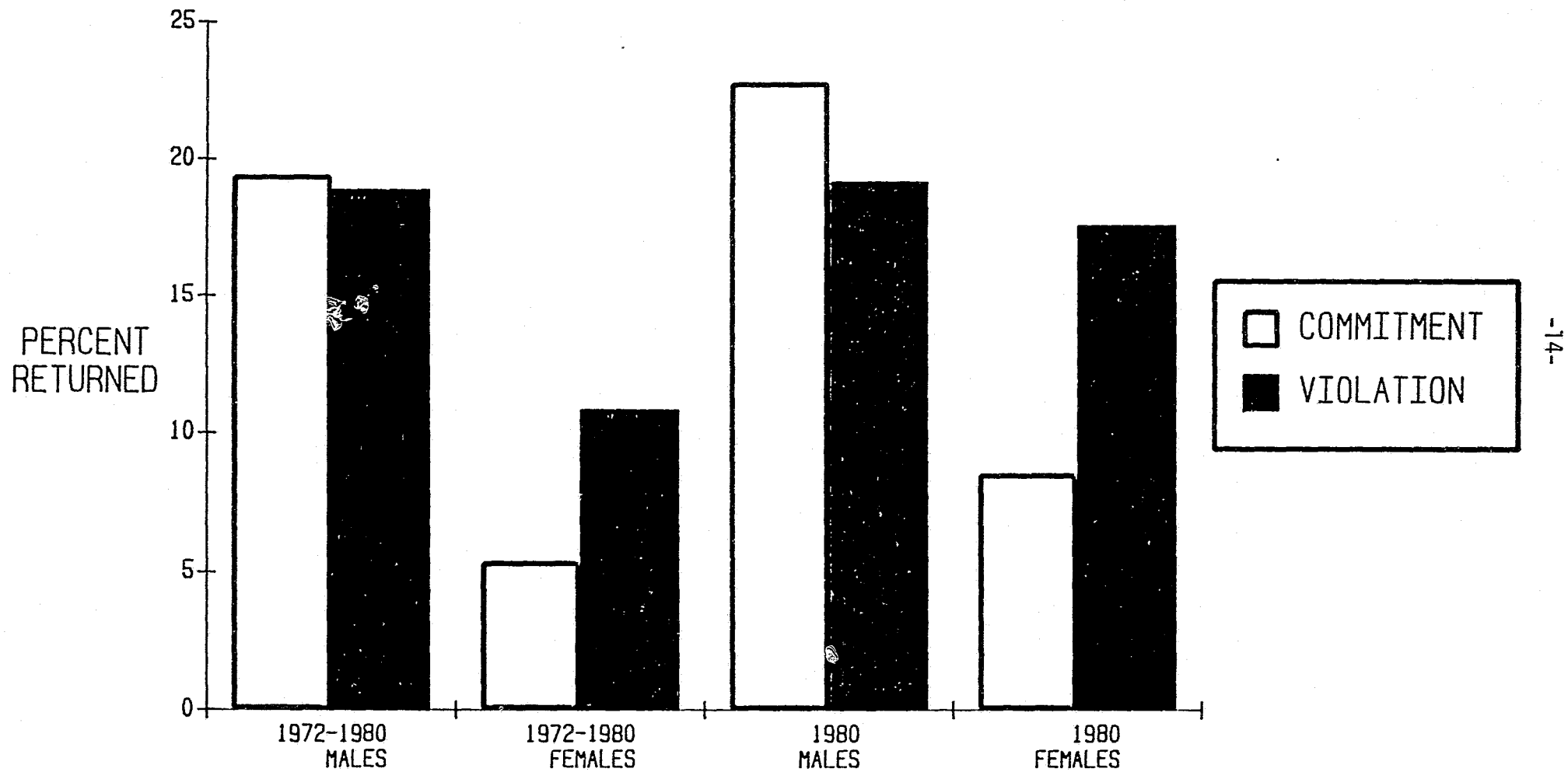
TABLE 5
1972-1980 RELEASES: RETURNS FOR NEW FELONY
OFFENSES AND FOR VIOLATION OF PAROLE

Release Type	Total Releases	Returned To Custody	Type of Return	
			New Commitment	Parole Violation
1980 Releases				
Total Releases	7,661	3,173	1,704	1,469
Parole	4,960	1,941	921	1,020
Conditional Release	2,194	1,029	580	449
Maximum Expiration	507	203	203	0
1972-1980 Releases				
Total Releases	56,103	21,025	10,582	10,443
Parole	37,936	13,722	6,055	7,667
Conditional Release	13,765	5,964	3,188	2,776
Maximum Expiration	4,402	1,339	1,339	0

See Appendix Table A for individual years.

Among the nine release cohorts covering the period 1972-1980 there was relatively little change in the proportion of inmates released by discretionary parole who were subsequently returned as new felony commitments. The average rate of return of paroles for new felony commitments was 16.0% ranging from a high of 18.6% for the 1980 release cohort to a low of 12.8% for the 1972 release cohort. The average rate of return of paroles for violation of parole without new felony commitments was 20.2% ranging from a high of 21.8% for the 1972 cohort to a low of 18.5% for the 1976 cohort. Among conditional releases the average rate of return for new commitments was 23.2% with a low of 20.6% in 1976 to a high of 26.7% in 1978. Conditional releases returned solely for parole violation averaged 20.2% with a low of 18.5% in 1977 and a high of 22.3% in 1976. Among the maximum expiration of sentence cases the average rate of return was 30.4%, all of which were felony commitments. The rate of return for maximum expiration of sentence cases increased from a low of 24.4% in 1973 to a high of 40.0% in 1980.

1972-1980 RELEASES: RETURNS BY GENDER
FOR COMMITMENT AND FOR PAROLE VIOLATION



CHARACTERISTICS OF RELEASE AND RETURN POPULATIONS The following section presents selected characteristics for both the 1980 study group as well as for the total 48,442 inmates released over the nine year 1972-1980 period. The selected characteristics include: gender; reason for commitment; age on release; prior adult criminal record; and ethnic group. The reader is cautioned not to automatically assume a causative relationship where certain characteristics exhibit a high correlation with rate of return to custody. The factors which determine return of an individual to prison are numerous and their interaction is often complex. It is hoped that a review of these selected characteristics will, however, identify areas for future in-depth study which will provide greater insight into the overall process by which certain persons are subject to reincarceration while others are able to maintain themselves in a free society.

GENDER The largest proportion of the 1980 study population consisted of male inmates (7,372 or 96.2%). This is consistent with the composition of the total inmate population where only about 3% are females. The rate of return for women was less than one-half of that for men. Of the 289 women in the study population, only 76 or 26.3% returned within the follow-up period while 3,097 or 42.3% of the males returned.

As with the 1980 study group, the combined releases for 1972-1980 was predominated by males, 54,117 compared to 1,986 women. Males returned at over two times the rate for females (38.2% compared to 16.4%). Males were also much more likely to be returned for a new felony offense as a court commitment (19.4% of the males released) than were women who registered only 5.4% of those released who were subsequently returned as court commitments. Note, however, that the rates of return for women in the 1980 cohort was markedly higher than in previous years.

TABLE 6
1972-1980 RELEASES: GENDER

Sex	Total Releases	Returned to Custody		Type of Return	
				New Commitment	Parole Violation
1980 Releases	7,661	3,173	41.4%	1,704	1,469
Male	7,372	3,097	42.0%	1,679	1,418
Female	289	76	26.3%	25	51
1972-1980 Releases	56,103	21,026	37.5%	10,582	10,443
Male	54,117	20,701	38.3%	10,474	10,226
Female	1,986	325	16.4%	108	217

See Appendix Table B for individual years.

TABLE 7
1980 RELEASES: ORIGINAL COMMITMENT CHARGE

1980 RELEASES OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	TOTAL RELEASES	RETURNED TO CUSTODY		TYPE OF RETURN	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NEW COMMITMENT	PAROLE VIOLATOR
TOTAL	7661	3173	41.42	1708	1465
A. VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	3316	1380	41.62	720	660
MURDER	28	6	21.43	3	3
ATTEMPTED MURDER	27	5	18.52	5	0
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	250	67	26.80	28	39
RAPE 1ST	129	54	41.86	24	30
ROBBERY 1ST	810	370	45.68	200	170
ROBBERY 2ND	1133	549	48.46	283	266
ASSAULT 1ST	118	40	33.90	18	22
ASSAULT 2ND	178	55	30.90	34	21
BURGLARY 1ST	12	4	33.33	1	3
BURGLARY 2ND	135	76	56.30	39	37
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	24	8	33.33	4	4
SODOMY 1ST	36	10	27.78	8	2
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	60	10	16.67	4	6
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	363	121	33.33	69	52
KIDNAPPING	13	5	38.46	0	5
B. OTHER FELONY OFFENSES					
1. OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	1082	456	42.14	271	185
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	160	42	26.25	27	15
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	25	6	24.00	2	4
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	25	8	32.00	6	2
ROBBERY 3RD	652	323	49.54	195	128
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	73	26	35.62	13	13
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	16	3	18.75	2	1
ARSON 3RD AND 4TH	57	21	36.84	11	10
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	74	27	36.49	15	12
2. PROPERTY, DRUG AND OTHER OFFENSES	2734	1102	40.31	599	503
BURGLARY 3RD	1060	576	54.34	341	235
GRAND LARCENY	298	125	41.95	65	60
DRUGS	1040	248	23.85	106	142
FORGERY	94	48	51.06	27	21
STOLEN PROPERTY	142	74	52.11	43	31
ALL OTHER FELONIES	100	31	31.00	17	14
C. YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	497 0	228 0	45.88 XXX	112 0	116 0
D. DATA NOT AVAILABLE	32	7	21.88	6	1

REASON FOR COMMITMENT The greatest part (93.5%) of the 1980 study population had been originally committed for felony offenses. Of the remainder, 497 or 6.5%, were Youthful Offenders. Data were not readily available on commitment offense for 32 cases. Table 7 groups commitment offenses into the violent offense and other offense categories specified in the 1978 legislation which designates certain crimes against persons as violent felony offenses (VFO).

There was relatively little difference in the rate of return between the three major felony groups. The violent felony group had a return rate of 41.6% compared to 42.1% for the other felony offenses involving violence or coercion and 40.3% for the property, drug and other felony group. Youthful Offenders had the highest return rate at 45.9%.

There were marked differences in the rate of return between individual crimes however. Among those offenses with markedly higher than average rates of return we find: robbery (all degrees); burglary 2nd and 3rd; grand larceny; forgery; and stolen property. Among offenses with return rates below the average were: murder; homicide; assault (all degrees); arson (all degrees); dangerous weapons; kidnapping; sex crimes other than rape 1st; and drugs.

To compare the nine annual release cohorts for the 1972-1980 period, offenses have been grouped into 11 or the larger generic felony categories as well as Youthful Offenders (see Appendix Table C). Comparing the 1980 cohort to the 1972 cohort we find that all felony categories registered increased rates of return except drugs which remained relatively unchanged and other sex offenses which declined from 27.4% to 20.5%. Leading the felony categories with increased rates of return were rape up from 19.1% to 40.3%; forgery up from 33.7% to 51.1%; murder up from 7.8% to 20.0%; larceny up from 31.9% to 42.0% and burglary up from 45.4% to 54.4%. The change in rate of return for rape is the subject of a special report ^{1/} which analyzes the sharp increase in returns of rape offenders. A similar report on murder commitments is scheduled.

^{1/}Increase In Return Rate Of Released Rape Commitments:
1972-1977 New York State Department of Correctional
Services, Donald Macdonald and Gerald Baia, 1985.

1972-1980 RELEASES: AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN
WITHIN FIVE YEARS FOR SELECTED FELONIES

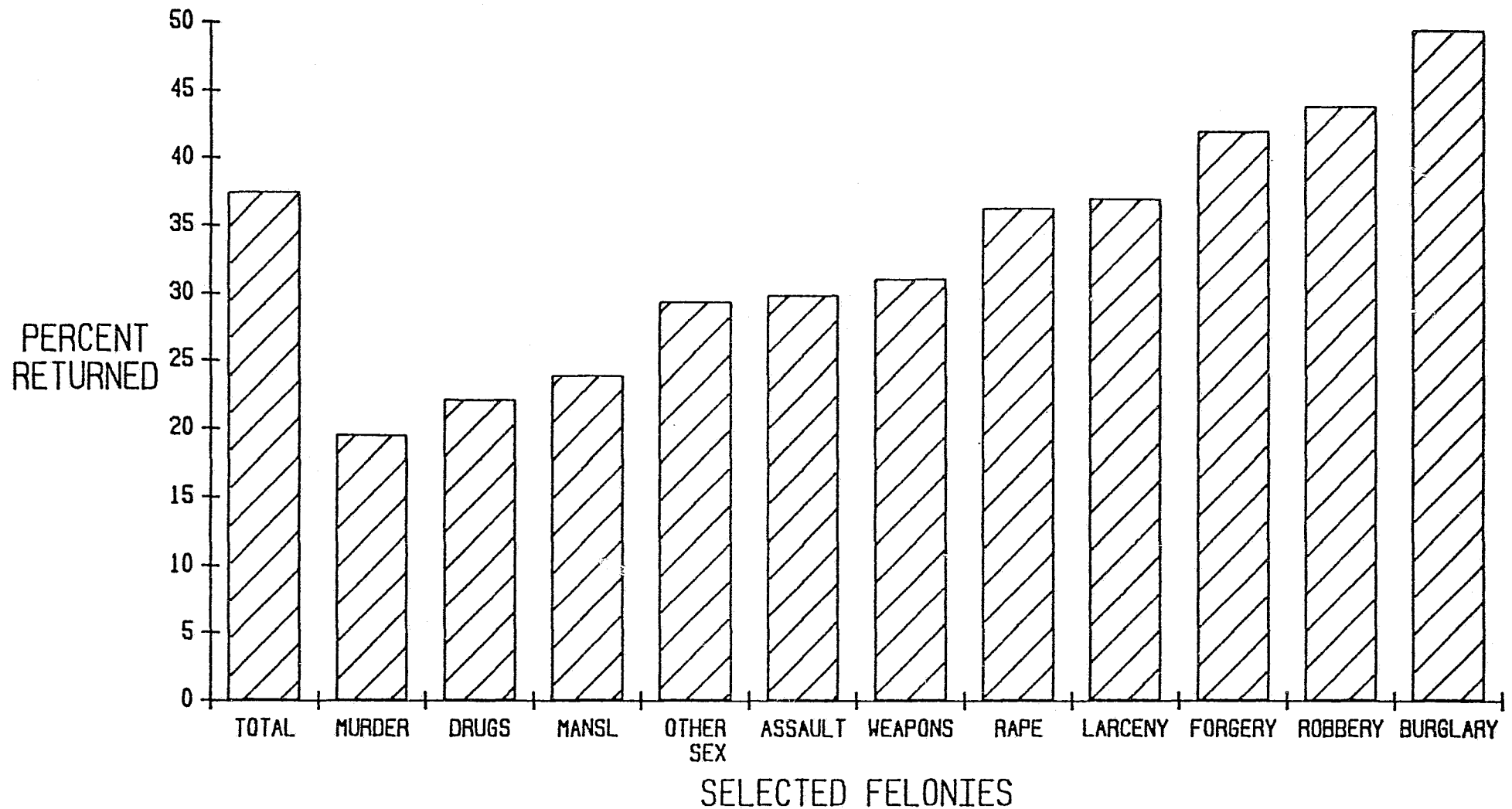


TABLE 8
1972-1980 RELEASES: OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1972 - 1980 RELEASES RETURNED			1972 RELEASES RETURNED			1980 RELEASES RETURNED		
	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	56103	21026	37.48	5593	1877	33.56	7661	3173	41.42
TOTAL FELONIES	51423	18969	36.89	4892	1597	32.65	7132	2938	41.19
MURDER	603	118	19.57	77	6	7.79	55	11	20.00
MANSLAUGHTER	4654	1119	24.04	585	132	22.56	435	115	26.44
ROBBERY	18941	8300	43.82	1733	686	39.58	2595	1242	47.86
BURGLARY	7181	3544	49.35	562	255	45.37	1207	656	54.35
ASSAULT	3031	906	29.89	335	96	28.66	369	121	32.79
LARCENY	2379	880	36.99	373	119	31.90	298	125	41.95
RAPE	895	325	36.31	68	13	19.12	154	62	40.26
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	732	215	29.37	73	20	27.40	112	23	20.54
DRUGS	7303	1625	22.25	683	161	23.57	1040	248	23.85
FORGERY	779	327	41.98	89	30	33.71	94	48	51.06
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	2537	764	30.11	169	42	24.85	363	121	33.33
OTHER FELONIES	2388	846	35.43	145	37	25.52	410	166	40.49
MISDEMEANORS	426	133	31.22	217	75	34.56	0	0	0.00
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	4037	1848	45.78	465	198	42.58	497	228	45.88
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	108	35	32.41	19	7	36.84	0	0	XXX
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	77	34	44.16	0	0	0.00	32	7	21.88

TABLE 9
1980 RELEASES: OFFENDERS RETURNED AS FELONY COMMITMENTS BY RETURN COMMITMENT OFFENSE

1980 RELEASES
ORIGINAL COMMITMENT OFFENSE BY
OFFENSE ON RETURN

CRIME ON RETURN

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CRIME DATA NOT READILY AVAILABLE ON ONE CASE.

CRIME ON RETURN As previously stated, 22.2% or 1,704 of the 1980 release cohort were returned to DOCS custody for conviction of a new felony. This section will look at the crimes for which these offenders were returned to prison. The text will summarize the return crimes by the four major groupings of commitment offenses as well as for certain specific crimes for which we often receive inquiries. Data for specific offenses may be found in Table 9. Appendix Table D provides cumulative data for the 1978-1980 period.

Of the 719 offenders returned who were originally committed for VFO crimes we find that 512 or 71.2% returned for VFO crimes. An additional 4.9% (35) were returned for coercive/other violent offenses while the remainder were returned for property or drug offenses. The return crimes of those 267 offenders originally committed for coercive/other violent offenses had a lower portion of VFO crimes, 66.7% (178). Only 7.9% (21) were returned with convictions for coercive/other violent felonies while the remaining 25.5% were returned for property or drug felonies. The return crimes for the 599 offenders originally committed for property or drug felonies followed a different pattern. Only 40.7% (244) of this group returned for VFO charges and an additional 3.7% (22) returning on coercive/other violent offense charges. The largest portion, 55.6% (333) returned with convictions for property or drug felonies.

The Youthful Offender category followed a pattern more similar to the first two groups. 67.0% were returned for VFO crimes; 4.4% for CVO crimes; and 28.6% for property and drug felonies.

The largest crime category for new felony convictions was robbery 1st at 287 (16.8%) followed closely by burglary 3rd at 284 (16.7%). Other return crime categories which were over 100 included: robbery 2nd at 211 (12.4%); burglary 2nd at 153 (9.0%); drugs at 152 (8.9%) and weapons at 146 (8.6%).

The following summarizes data on several specific crimes for which members of the 1980 release cohort were returned to DOCS custody. These crimes were selected either because of the seriousness of the offense or because of the large number of returned offenders.

Murder There were 70 offenders returned for the crime of murder. None of the persons originally committed for murder was returned for that crime although one offender had previously been convicted or attempted murder. The largest number returned for murder, 30, had been originally committed for robbery (13 for robbery 1st; 12 for robbery 2nd and 5 for robbery 3rd). Eight of those returned for murder had been originally committed for assault (2 for assault 1st; 4 for assault 2nd; and 2 for attempted assault 2nd).

There were 7 originally committed as Youthful Offenders who were returned for murder. Dangerous weapons accounted for 6 of those returned for murder followed by burglary 3rd at 5. None of the other categories totaled more than 3.

Manslaughter 1st There were 18 offenders returned for manslaughter 1st. None had been originally committed for this crime. Again, robbery accounted for the largest number at 11 (2 for robbery 1st; 7 for robbery 2nd and 2 for robbery 3rd). The only other original commitment category with more than two was burglary 3rd at 3.

Rape 1st There were 33 offenders returned for rape 1st. Five of those originally committed for rape 1st were returned for this crime. Robbery accounted for 13 of the returns (3 for robbery 1st; 4 for robbery 2nd and 6 for robbery 3rd). Manslaughter 1st accounted for 3 returns for rape 1st. No other category exceeded two returns for this crime.

Robbery 1st The single largest crime on return was robbery 1st at 287. Of these, 156 had originally been committed for robbery (50 for robbery 1st; 59 for robbery 2nd and 47 for robbery 3rd). Burglary made up the next largest group at 34 (4 for burglary 2nd and 30 for burglary 3rd). Youthful Offenders at 21 made up the next largest group followed by dangerous weapons at 13 and by drugs at 11. The remainder of returns were scattered among various commitment categories with none larger than seven.

Robbery 2nd There were 211 offenders returned for robbery 2nd. Of these 125 had originally been committed for robbery (39 for robbery 1st; 53 for robbery 2nd and 33 for robbery 3rd). Burglary at 26 was the next largest group (4 for burglary 2nd and 22 for burglary 3rd). Youthful Offenders accounted for 21 with no other category with more than six.

Burglary 3rd There were 284 offenders returned for burglary 3rd. Of these, 149 had originally been committed for burglary (12 for burglary 2nd and 137 for burglary 3rd). There were 58 originally committed for robbery (19 for robbery 1st; 22 for robbery 2nd and 17 for robbery 3rd). Youthful Offenders accounted for 21 followed by grand larceny at 12 and stolen property at 10. No other category totaled more than six.

AGE ON RELEASE The median age of the 1980 study population at time of release was 27.6 years. The largest five-year category was the 25-29 year old group which accounted for 25.6% (1,959) of all releases. The releases tended to be under 30 years of age with 62.2% falling within the 16-29 age on release group which spans only 14 years while the remainder of the releases were spread over a 35 year plus category ranging from 30 to 65 and over.

Among those returned to custody, the median age at time of release was 26.3 years or 1.3 years younger than the total study population. Correspondingly, persons not returned had a median age of 28.7 years or 1.1 years greater than the total study population. The 16-18 year old group registered the highest rate of return with more than half (53.9%) returned within five years of release. As age on time of release increased the proportion of cases returned to custody decreased for each age category.

A similar pattern of returns is found for those returned for new felony commitments. The median age on release of those returned as new commitments was 25.8 years. The 19-20 year old category had the highest rate of return at 28.2% while the 16-18 year old category returned at a rate of 24.8%. The proportion of returns decreased as age on release increased for each successive category. Among those returned for violation of parole the median age at time of release was 26.8 years, over one half a year greater than those returned for new commitments. The pattern of higher return rates for younger releases applied to the returned violators also. The highest rate of return (29.1%) was found among the 16-18 year old category with decreasing rates of return for successive age categories.

TABLE 10
1980 RELEASES: AGE AT TIME OF RELEASE

	TOTAL RELEASES	RETURNED TO CUSTODY		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED PAROLE VIOLATION		NOT RETURNED	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
ALL AGES	7661	3173	41.42	1704	22.24	1469	19.18	4438	58.58
16-18	206	111	53.88	51	24.76	60	29.13	95	46.12
19-20	783	414	52.87	221	28.22	193	24.65	369	47.13
21-24	1820	838	46.04	499	27.42	339	18.63	982	53.96
25-29	1959	885	45.18	495	25.27	390	19.91	1074	54.82
30-34	1338	521	38.94	249	18.61	272	20.33	817	61.06
35-39	701	220	31.38	106	15.12	114	16.26	431	68.62
40-44	418	96	22.97	44	10.53	52	12.44	322	77.03
45-49	218	52	23.85	26	11.93	26	11.93	166	76.15
50-64	191	28	14.66	10	5.24	18	9.42	163	85.34
65 AND OVER	18	4	22.22	2	11.11	2	11.11	14	77.78
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	9	4	44.44	1	11.11	3	33.33	5	55.56
MEDIAN AGE (IN YEARS)	27.6	26.3	XXX	25.8	XXX	26.8	XXX	28.3	XXX

The median age at time of release of the combined 1972-1980 study population was 27.6 years. The 21-29 category accounted for one-half of those released with another 13.2% being under 21 years of age. The remaining 36.3% of the study population fell into the 30 years and over categories.

Among those returned to custody, the median age on return was 25.2 years at time of release. This was four years younger than 29.2 years of age of those who did not return. The 16-20 year old group registered the highest rate of return with nearly half (49.9%) returned within five years of release. Each successive age group had decreasing rates of return. This reduction in rate of return as age on release increased was found in each of the nine study cohorts.

TABLE 11
1972-1980 RELEASES: RETURNS BY AGE ON RELEASE

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	AGE AT TIME OF RELEASE*				50 AND OVER	TOTAL
	16-20	21-29	30-39	40-49		
1972-1980 RELEASES	7411	28301	13764	4725	1881	56082
NUMBER RETURNED	3696	11329	4609	1084	293	17842
PERCENT	49.87	40.03	33.49	22.94	15.58	31.81
1972 RELEASES	768	2736	1295	550	242	5591
NUMBER RETURNED	354	950	427	108	38	1877
PERCENT	46.09	34.72	32.97	19.64	15.70	33.57
1973 RELEASES	743	2793	1223	474	164	5397
NUMBER RETURNED	356	1093	359	123	27	1958
PERCENT	47.91	39.13	29.35	25.95	16.46	36.28
1974 RELEASES	744	2605	1245	461	167	5222
NUMBER RETURNED	347	981	402	104	25	1859
PERCENT	46.64	37.66	32.29	22.56	14.97	35.60
1975 RELEASES	710	2744	1385	515	192	5546
NUMBER RETURNED	372	1054	409	116	22	1973
PERCENT	52.39	38.41	409.00	116.00	22.00	35.58
1976 RELEASES	875	3192	1511	508	257	6343
NUMBER RETURNED	411	1225	485	98	40	2259
PERCENT	46.97	38.38	32.10	19.29	15.56	35.61
1977 RELEASES	827	3416	1615	566	234	6658
NUMBER RETURNED	418	1294	558	132	38	2440
PERCENT	50.54	37.88	34.55	23.32	16.24	36.65
1978 RELEASES	825	3361	1682	493	197	6558
NUMBER RETURNED	423	1368	598	130	29	2548
PERCENT	51.27	40.70	35.55	26.37	14.72	38.85
1979 RELEASES	930	3675	1769	522	219	7115
NUMBER RETURNED	490	1641	630	125	42	2928
PERCENT	52.69	44.65	35.61	23.95	19.18	41.15
1980 RELEASES	989	3779	2039	636	209	7652
NUMBER RETURNED	525	1723	741	148	32	3169
PERCENT	53.08	45.59	36.34	23.27	15.31	41.41

AGE DATA NOT READILY AVAILABLE ON 21 CASES.

ETHNIC GROUP The ethnic distribution of the study population closely followed that of the inmate population under custody in DOCS facilities during 1980. The largest portion of releases, 3,815 or 49.8%, were in the black ethnic group. Whites comprised the second largest group with 2,293 or 29.9%. Persons of Puerto Rican birth or parentage accounted for 1,508 or 19.7% and other ethnic groups made up the remaining 45 or 0.6%.

The highest rate of return was observed in the black ethnic group at 45.1% followed by the Puerto Rican ethnic group at 45.0%, the white group at 33.2% followed by the other ethnic group at 31.1%. The same relationships held true for all nine annual release cohorts from 1972 through 1980.

TABLE 12
1972-1980 RELEASES: ETHNIC GROUP

Ethnic Group	Total Releases		Returned To Custody		Not Returned	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
1980 Releases	7,661	100.0%	3,173	41.4%	4,488	58.6%
Black	3,815	100.0%	1,719	45.1%	2,096	54.9%
White	2,293	100.0%	762	33.2%	1,531	66.8%
Puerto Rican*	1,508	100.0%	678	45.0%	830	55.0%
Other	45	100.0%	14	31.1%	31	68.9%
1972-80 Releases	56,103	100.0%	21,026	37.5%	35,077	62.5%
Black	30,530	100.0%	12,253	40.1%	18,277	59.9%
White	15,619	100.0%	5,052	32.4%	10,567	67.6%
Puerto Rican*	9,685	100.0%	3,645	37.6%	6,040	62.4%
Other	269	100.0%	76	28.2%	193	71.7%

*Includes persons of Puerto Rican birth or parentage.

RETURNS BY PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD A decided majority or both the 1980 cohort and the combined 1972-1980 release populations had a prior adult criminal record. The following data are for the combined nine release cohorts. The 1980 cohort followed a pattern similar to the prior 1972-1979 study groups. Of the 56,103 persons released 12.6% or 7,083 had no prior law enforcement contacts according to information on individual criminal history summaries provided by the Division of Criminal Justice Services. One out of four, 22.0% or 12,319, had a prior arrest record but without a conviction while 12.2% or 6,859 had been convicted but not sentenced to incarceration. Over half, 53.2% or 29,842 had served time in penal facilities for prior offenses with 15,370 or 27.4% committed to local facilities only and 14,472 or 25.8% committed to state facilities.

The rate of return tended to vary with the seriousness of the prior record. The lowest rate of return in every year was registered by the no prior arrest group (21.8%). The two categories with no prior record of incarceration had quite similar rates of return. Those with only a prior arrest but no record of conviction returned at a rate of 33.8% while those with a prior conviction but no incarceration returned at a rate of 33.3%. Those with a prior term of incarceration tended to return at higher rates with 44.7% of those with prior local time returned and 42.6% with prior state time returned.

TABLE 13
1972-1980 RELEASES: RETURNS BY PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	NO PRIOR RECORD	PRIOR ARREST ONLY	PRIOR CONVICTION ONLY	LOCAL JAIL	STATE PRISON	TOTAL
1972 - 1980 RELEASES	7083	12319	6859	15370	14472	56103
NUMBER RETURNED	1543	4170	2287	6866	6160	21026
PERCENT	21.78	33.85	33.34	44.67	42.56	37.48
1980 RELEASES	922	1313	1138	2385	1903	7661
NUMBER RETURNED	201	444	413	1222	893	3173
PERCENT	21.80	33.82	36.29	51.24	46.93	41.42

TIME SERVED IN DOCS CUSTODY This section deals with time served in DOCS facilities and subsequent return to custody. Table 14 presents data for the 1976-1980 release cohorts. No singular relationship between time served and rate of return appears in these data. The lowest rate of return (25.7%) is registered by offenders serving one year in DOCS facilities. However, the two adjoining categories show much higher return rates with offenders serving less than 12 months returning at a rate of 38.6% and those serving 13-18 months returning at 37.3%. The highest rate of return is shown for those serving 3 to 4 years at 44.0%. Those serving over five years had a rate of return, 38.8%, similar to those serving 13-18 months.

TABLE 14
1976-1980 RELEASES: TIME SERVED AND RATE OF RETURN

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	TIME SERVED IN DOCS FACILITIES								TOTAL
	LESS THAN 12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	13 - 18 MONTHS	19 - 24 MONTHS	2 - 3 YEARS	3 - 4 YEARS	4 - 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS	
1976-1980 RELEASES	3270	2398	8150	7821	7668	2746	1241	1058	34342
NUMBER RETURNED	1261	614	3042	3059	3267	1209	492	410	13354
PERCENT	38.56	25.71	37.33	39.11	42.61	44.03	39.65	38.75	38.89
1976 RELEASES, TOTAL	626	592	1750	1367	1340	335	117	218	6345
NUMBER RETURNED	243	165	593	491	510	150	43	65	2260
PERCENT	38.82	27.87	33.89	35.92	38.06	44.78	36.75	29.82	35.62
1977 RELEASES, TOTAL	639	646	1817	1379	1391	446	177	168	6663
NUMBER RETURNED	232	165	656	518	561	177	74	58	2441
PERCENT	36.31	25.54	36.10	37.56	40.33	39.69	41.81	34.52	36.64
1978 RELEASES, TOTAL	579	431	1636	1630	1367	522	213	180	6558
NUMBER RETURNED	225	101	586	643	602	224	92	79	2552
PERCENT	38.86	23.43	35.82	39.45	44.04	42.91	43.19	43.89	38.91
1979 RELEASES, TOTAL	535	379	1480	1789	1814	579	344	195	7115
NUMBER RETURNED	204	85	597	718	824	278	145	77	2928
PERCENT	38.13	22.43	40.34	40.13	45.42	48.01	42.15	39.49	41.15
1980 RELEASES, TOTAL	891	340	1467	1656	1756	864	390	297	7661
NUMBER RETURNED	357	98	610	689	770	380	138	131	3173
PERCENT	40.07	28.82	41.58	41.61	43.85	43.98	35.38	44.11	41.42

Table 15 indicates time served and rate of return by type of release (i.e. parole and conditional release). The maximum expiration group is excluded as these cases have had prior episodes of DOCS incarceration on their current commitment and these prior period of incarceration are not readily available from material contained on our computer file.

For the parole group the lowest rate of return, 24.1% is registered by persons who served one year. The rate of return increases with each successive time served group through the 3-4 year group which peaks at 42.7%. The next two groups then decline from this peak.

There seems to be no real pattern in the conditional release group. Those offenders released after serving one year have the second highest rate of return, 48.3%. The lowest return rate is for those spending 19-24 months (41.7%). The highest rate of return is found in the 3-4 year group (48.4%). The range of variation in rate of return between time served groups is less for conditional releases than for paroles. The CR group has a range of only 6.7% from a high of 48.4% to a low of 41.7%. The range for paroles is 24.2% from a high of 42.7% to a low of 18.5%.

TABLE 15
1976-1980 RELEASES: RELEASE TYPE BY TIME SERVED
AND RATE OF RETURN

RELEASE COHORTS BY YEAR	TIME SERVED IN DOCS FACILITIES								TOTAL
	LESS THAN 12 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	13 - 18 MONTHS	19 - 24 MONTHS	2 - 3 YEARS	3 - 4 YEARS	4 - 5 YEARS	5+ YEARS	
1976-1980 PAROLES	676	2230	6554	4936	5222	2011	975	879	23483
NUMBER RETURNED	255	539	2307	1859	2129	858	369	327	8643
PERCENT	37.72	24.17	35.20	37.66	40.77	42.67	37.85	37.20	36.81
1976-1980 CR'S	748	145	1579	2872	2404	715	256	166	8885
NUMBER RETURNED	327	70	727	1197	1127	346	120	79	3993
PERCENT	43.72	48.28	46.04	41.68	46.88	48.39	46.88	47.59	44.94

RETURNS OF PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDERS Of the 7,661 offenders in the study population there were 2,309 (30.1%) who had originally been committed as predicate felony offenders (usually referred to as "second felony offenders"). These second felony offenders returned to prison at a much higher rate (47.8%) than did the first felony offenders who returned at a rate of 38.7%. Among the three major crime groupings the highest rate of return was found among property/drug crimes at 50.4%. Second highest was other violent/coercive crimes at 49.0% followed by violent felony offenses at 44.2%. For each of these groups the predicate felony commitments had a higher return rate than the first felony commitment group.

There was considerable variation by individual crime (see Appendix Table F) in the return rates for predicate offenders. The highest return rates for predicate commitments included: burglary 2nd; robbery 3rd; burglary 3rd; rape 1st; stolen property; robbery 2nd; and attempted murder. All of these crimes had return rates of over 50.0%. Crimes with return rates of less than 35.0% included: murder; attempted sexual abuse 1st; sexual abuse 1st; manslaughter 2nd; rape 2nd-3rd; drugs; arson; and manslaughter 1st.

TABLE 16
1980 RELEASES: RETURNS OF PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDERS

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	FIRST FELONY OFFENDER* RELEASES			PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDER** RELEASES		
	NUMBER	PERCENT		NUMBER	PERCENT	
TOTAL	5352	2069	38.66	2309	1104	47.81
A. VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	2445	995	40.70	871	385	44.20
B. OTHER FELONY OFFENSES						
1. OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	680	259	38.09	402	197	49.00
2. PROPERTY, DRUG AND OTHER OFFENSES	1698	580	34.16	1036	522	50.39
C. YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	497 0	228 0	45.88 0.00	0 0	0 0	0.00 0.00
D. DATA NOT AVAILABLE	32	7	21.88	0	0	0.00

*INCLUDES THOSE SENTENCED AS FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS AND CLASS A FELONS NOT SUBJECT TO PREDICATE SENTENCING.

**INCLUDES 2,309 WITH SECOND FELONY SENTENCES AND 22 WITH PERSISTENT FELONY SENTENCES.

SUMMARY Among the 7,661 inmate cohort released from DOCS facilities in 1980, two out of five (41.4%) returned to DOCS custody within five years of the date on which they were released. Conviction on a new felony charge was the cause of return for 22.3% while violation of parole resulted in the return of 19.1%. Well over half (62.5%) were back in prison within two years. The median time to return was 19.9 months.

Women returned to custody at a much lower rate (26.3%) than did men (42.0%). Persons committed for burglary had the highest (54.4%) rate of return while murder commitments had the lowest return rate (20.0%). Offenders who were older at time of release tended to return at a lower rate than did those in the younger age brackets. The median age at time of release of those returned was 26.3 years compared to 28.3 years for those who did not return. Persons with more serious prior criminal records returned at a higher rate than those with no prior history. Blacks were returned to custody at a rate of 45.1% while Puerto Ricans and whites registered rates of 45.0% and 33.2% respectively. There was relatively little difference in the return rate for Violent Felony Offenders (41.6%); offenses involving violence/coercion (42.1%); and property/drug offenses (40.3%). There were however marked differences between individual crimes. Of those returned as court commitments the largest single crime category on return was robbery 1st at 287 followed by burglary 3rd at 284; and by robbery 2nd at 211.

In retrospect the proportion of releases returning to custody declined in the early 1970's compared to levels of the prior decade. A study* of 1969 original releases to parole supervision recorded a 46.1% level of return to custody. The analysis of the nine release cohorts for 1972-1980 indicates that the return rate declined to a low of 33.6% in 1972. This decline primarily reflected a drop in returns for parole violation. The overall return has risen by 7.9% since 1972 to the 1980 level of 41.4%. Both returns for new felony commitments and for parole violation have shared in this increased rate of return.

Each year the release experience of various inmate cohorts released from facility custody of the Department of Correctional Services is reviewed. The data base developed in this process serves as a resource for examination of the interaction of various characteristics and institutional program experience which relate to the probability of ex-offenders to remain at liberty in a free society as compared to those who are reincarcerated.

*"Five Year Follow-Up of 1969 Releases": New York State Department of Correctional Services, prepared by Mr. Donald Macdonald and Mrs. Emma Lou Hamilton, October 1975.

TABLE A
1972-1980 RELEASES: REASON FOR RETURN BY RELEASE TYPE

1980 RELEASES RELEASE TYPE AND YEAR OF RELEASE	NUMBER RELEASED	RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972 -1980	56103	10582	18.86	10443	18.61
PAROLE	37936	6055	15.96	7667	20.21
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	13765	3188	23.16	2776	20.17
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	4402	1339	30.42	0	0.00
TOTAL 1972	5593	876	15.66	1001	17.90
PAROLE	3582	458	12.79	781	21.80
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1032	175	16.96	220	21.32
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	979	243	24.82	0	0.00
TOTAL 1973	5400	946	17.52	1017	18.83
PAROLE	3788	594	15.68	812	21.44
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1051	215	20.46	205	19.51
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	561	137	24.42	0	0.00
TOTAL 1974	5222	938	17.96	921	17.64
PAROLE	3429	514	14.99	662	19.31
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1393	296	22.21	259	19.43
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	460	128	27.83	0	0.00
TOTAL 1975	5546	981	17.69	992	17.89
PAROLE	3654	558	15.27	700	19.16
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1464	310	21.17	292	19.95
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	428	113	26.40	0	0.00
TOTAL 1976	6345	1100	17.34	1160	18.28
PAROLE	4445	662	14.89	821	18.47
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1522	313	20.57	339	22.27
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	378	125	33.07	0	0.00
TOTAL 1977	6663	1238	18.58	1202	18.04
PAROLE	4828	768	15.91	934	19.35
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1449	341	23.53	268	18.50
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	386	129	33.42	0	0.00
TOTAL 1978	6558	1319	20.11	1233	18.80
PAROLE	4520	733	16.22	921	20.38
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	1663	444	26.70	312	18.76
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	375	142	37.87	0	0.00
TOTAL 1979	7115	1480	20.80	1448	20.35
PAROLE	4730	847	17.91	1016	21.48
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2057	514	24.99	492	21.00
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	328	119	36.28	0	0.00
TOTAL 1980	7661	1704	22.24	1469	19.18
PAROLE	4960	921	18.57	1020	20.56
CONDITIONAL RELEASE	2194	580	26.44	449	20.46
MAXIMUM EXPIRATION	507	203	40.04	0	0.00

TABLE B
1972-1980 RELEASES: REASON FOR RETURN BY GENDER

1980 RELEASES GENDER AND YEAR OF RELEASE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL 1972 - 1980							
TOTAL	56103	21026	37.48	10582	18.86	10443	18.61
MALES	54117	20701	38.25	10474	19.35	10226	18.90
FEMALES	1986	325	16.36	108	5.44	217	10.93
TOTAL 1972							
TOTAL	5593	1877	33.56	876	15.66	1001	17.90
MALES	5417	1856	34.26	869	16.04	987	18.22
FEMALES	176	21	11.93	7	3.98	14	7.95
TOTAL 1973							
TOTAL	5400	1963	36.35	946	17.52	1017	18.83
MALES	5192	1934	37.25	939	18.09	995	19.16
FEMALES	208	29	13.94	7	3.37	22	10.58
TOTAL 1974							
TOTAL	5222	1859	35.60	938	17.96	921	17.64
MALES	5033	1836	36.48	926	18.40	910	18.08
FEMALES	189	23	12.17	12	6.35	11	5.82
TOTAL 1975							
TOTAL	5546	1973	35.58	981	17.69	992	17.89
MALES	5340	1948	36.48	971	18.18	977	18.30
FEMALES	206	25	12.14	10	4.85	15	7.28
TOTAL 1976							
TOTAL	6345	2260	35.62	1100	17.34	1160	18.28
MALES	6126	2233	36.45	1092	17.83	1141	18.63
FEMALES	219	27	12.33	8	3.65	19	8.68
TOTAL 1977							
TOTAL	6663	2441	36.64	1238	18.58	1202	18.04
MALES	6432	2402	37.34	1223	19.01	1178	18.31
FEMALES	231	39	16.88	15	6.49	24	10.39
TOTAL 1978							
TOTAL	6558	2552	38.91	1319	20.11	1233	18.80
MALES	6336	2515	39.69	1307	20.63	1208	19.07
FEMALES	222	37	16.67	12	5.41	25	11.26
TOTAL 1979							
TOTAL	7115	2928	41.15	1480	20.80	1448	20.35
MALES	6869	2880	41.93	1468	21.37	1412	20.56
FEMALES	246	48	19.51	12	4.88	36	14.63
TOTAL 1980							
TOTAL	7661	3173	41.42	1704	22.24	1469	19.18
MALES	7372	3097	42.01	1679	22.78	1418	19.23
FEMALES	289	76	26.30	25	8.65	51	17.65

TABLE C
1972-1980 RELEASES: RETURNS BY COMMITMENT OFFENSE

1980 RELEASES OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1972 - 1980 RELEASES RETURNED			1972 RELEASES RETURNED			1973 RELEASES RETURNED			1974 RELEASES RETURNED			1975 RELEASES RETURNED		
	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	56103	21026	37.48	5593	1877	33.56	5400	1963	36.35	5222	1859	35.60	5546	1973	35.58
TOTAL FELONIES	51423	18969	36.89	4892	1597	32.65	4836	1746	36.10	4743	1668	35.17	5165	1777	34.40
MURDER	603	118	19.57	77	6	7.79	69	9	13.04	50	10	20.00	121	23	19.01
MANSLAUGHTER	4654	1119	24.04	585	132	22.56	552	128	23.19	560	131	23.39	525	96	18.29
ROBBERY	18941	8300	43.82	1733	686	39.58	1946	845	43.42	1773	746	42.08	1913	836	43.70
BURGLARY	7181	3544	49.35	562	255	45.37	560	259	46.25	555	254	45.77	624	282	45.19
ASSAULT	3031	906	29.89	335	96	28.66	325	87	26.77	328	95	28.96	358	104	29.05
LARCENY	2379	880	36.99	373	119	31.90	241	76	31.54	234	79	33.76	229	71	31.00
RAPE	895	325	36.31	68	13	19.12	55	14	25.45	52	19	36.54	76	24	31.58
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	732	215	29.37	73	20	27.40	64	22	34.33	80	20	25.00	86	22	25.58
DRUGS	7303	1625	22.25	683	161	23.57	659	178	27.01	671	156	23.25	665	135	20.30
FORGERY	779	327	41.98	89	30	33.71	80	37	46.25	60	21	35.00	72	31	43.06
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	2537	764	30.11	169	42	24.85	173	47	27.17	212	75	35.38	313	93	29.71
OTHER FELONIES	2380	846	35.43	145	37	25.52	112	44	39.29	168	62	36.90	183	60	32.79
MISDEMEANORS	426	133	31.22	217	75	34.56	131	41	31.30	71	15	21.13	7	2	28.57
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	4037	1848	45.78	465	198	42.58	418	170	40.67	392	173	44.13	352	186	52.84
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	108	35	32.41	19	7	36.84	13	4	30.77	15	2	13.33	22	8	36.36
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	77	34	44.16	0	0	0.00	2	2	100.00	1	1	100.00			

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	1976 RELEASES RETURNED			1977 RELEASES RETURNED			1978 RELEASES RETURNED			1979 RELEASES RETURNED			1980 RELEASES RETURNED		
	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT	TOTAL	NUMBER	PERCENT
TOTAL OFFENSES	6345	2260	35.62	6663	2441	36.64	6558	2552	38.91	7115	2928	41.15	7661	3173	41.42
TOTAL FELONIES	5861	2040	34.81	6155	2202	35.78	6024	2323	38.56	6615	2678	40.48	7132	2938	41.19
MURDER	74	14	18.92	66	18	27.27	38	16	42.11	53	11	20.75	55	11	20.00
MANSLAUGHTER	552	124	22.46	568	140	24.65	472	140	29.66	405	113	27.90	435	115	26.44
ROBBERY	2090	867	41.48	2291	973	42.47	2212	986	44.58	2388	1119	46.86	2595	1242	47.86
BURGLARY	806	379	47.02	800	383	47.88	907	445	49.06	1160	631	54.40	1207	656	54.35
ASSAULT	377	101	26.79	339	101	29.79	295	106	35.93	305	95	31.15	369	121	32.79
LARCENY	238	90	37.82	259	96	37.07	246	108	43.90	261	116	44.44	298	125	41.95
RAPE	93	34	36.56	132	57	43.18	134	53	39.55	131	49	37.40	154	62	40.26
OTHER SEX OFFENSES	77	25	32.47	77	23	29.87	72	25	34.72	91	35	38.46	112	23	20.54
DRUGS	797	147	18.44	921	180	19.54	898	195	21.71	969	225	23.22	1040	248	23.85
FORGERY	88	32	36.36	85	37	43.53	109	42	38.53	102	49	48.04	94	48	51.06
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	337	99	29.38	350	103	29.43	314	95	30.25	306	89	29.08	363	121	33.33
OTHER FELONIES	332	128	38.55	267	91	34.08	327	112	34.25	444	146	32.68	410	166	40.49
MISDEMEANORS	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS	451	202	44.79	474	228	48.10	498	218	43.78	490	245	50.00	497	228	45.88
JUVENILE DELIQUENT	12	4	33.33	15	5	33.33	9	4	44.44	3	1	33.33	0	0	XXX
DATA NOT AVAILABLE	21	14	0.00	19	6	31.58	27	7	25.93	7	4	57.14	32	7	21.88

TABLE D

CRIME ON RETURN

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TABLE E
1972-1980 RELEASES: RETURNS BY ETHNIC GROUP

1980 RELEASES ETHNIC GROUP AND YEAR OF RELEASE	NUMBER RELEASED	TOTAL RETURNED		RETURNED NEW COMMITMENT		RETURNED VIOLATION OF PAROLE	
		NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
1972-1980	56103	21026	37.48	10583	18.86	10443	18.61
BLACK	30530	12253	40.13	6367	20.85	5886	19.28
WHITE	15619	5052	32.35	2278	14.58	2774	17.76
PUERTO RICAN*	9685	3645	37.64	1908	19.70	1737	17.93
OTHER	269	76	28.25	30	11.15	46	17.10
1972 RELEASES	5593	1877	33.56	876	15.66	1001	17.90
BLACK	3114	1109	35.61	552	17.73	557	17.89
WHITE	1634	486	29.74	174	10.65	312	19.09
PUERTO RICAN*	824	271	32.89	148	17.96	123	14.93
OTHER	21	11	52.38	2	9.52	9	42.86
1973 RELEASES	5400	1963	36.35	947	17.54	1016	18.81
BLACK	3170	1243	39.21	634	20.00	609	19.21
WHITE	1438	462	32.13	193	13.42	269	18.71
PUERTO RICAN*	782	253	32.35	118	15.09	135	17.26
OTHER	10	5	50.00	2	20.00	3	30.00
1974 RELEASES	5222	1859	35.60	938	17.96	921	17.64
BLACK	3024	1130	37.37	617	20.40	513	16.96
WHITE	1355	440	32.47	184	13.58	256	18.89
PUERTO RICAN*	822	283	34.43	136	16.55	147	17.88
OTHER	21	6	28.57	1	4.76	5	23.81
1975 RELEASES	5546	1973	35.58	981	17.69	992	17.89
BLACK	3197	1225	38.32	638	19.96	587	18.36
WHITE	1400	418	29.86	184	13.14	234	16.71
PUERTO RICAN*	929	324	34.88	157	16.90	167	17.98
OTHER	20	6	30.00	2	10.00	4	20.00
1976 RELEASES	6345	2260	35.62	1100	17.34	1160	18.28
BLACK	3446	1319	38.28	662	19.21	657	19.07
WHITE	1814	571	31.48	254	14.00	317	17.48
PUERTO RICAN*	1052	361	34.32	181	17.21	180	17.11
OTHER	33	9	27.27	3	9.09	6	18.18
1977 RELEASES	6663	2441	36.64	1238	18.58	1203	18.05
BLACK	3681	1450	39.39	754	20.48	696	18.91
WHITE	1792	598	33.37	258	14.40	340	18.97
PUERTO RICAN*	1145	386	33.71	223	19.48	163	14.24
OTHER	45	7	15.56	3	6.67	4	8.89
1978 RELEASES	6558	2552	38.91	1319	20.11	1233	18.80
BLACK	3525	1458	41.36	740	20.99	718	20.37
WHITE	1785	594	33.28	293	16.41	301	16.86
PUERTO RICAN*	1208	492	40.73	281	23.26	211	17.47
OTHER	40	8	20.00	5	12.50	3	7.50
1979 RELEASES	7115	2928	41.15	1480	20.80	1448	20.35
BLACK	3558	1600	44.97	816	22.93	784	22.03
WHITE	2108	721	34.20	348	16.51	373	17.69
PUERTO RICAN*	1415	597	42.19	311	21.98	286	20.21
OTHER	34	10	29.41	5	14.71	5	14.71
1980 RELEASES	7661	3173	41.42	1704	22.24	1469	19.18
BLACK	3815	1719	45.06	954	25.01	765	20.05
WHITE	2293	762	33.23	390	17.01	372	16.22
PUERTO RICAN*	1508	678	44.96	353	23.41	325	21.55
OTHER	45	14	31.11	7	15.56	7	15.56

TABLE F
1980 RELEASES: ORIGINAL COMMITMENT CHARGE BY PREDICATE FELONY SENTENCE

OFFENSE ON COMMITMENT	FIRST FELONY OFFENDER* RELEASES	FIRST FELONY OFFENDER NUMBER	FIRST FELONY RETURNS PERCENT	PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDER** RELEASES	PREDICATE FELONY OFFENDER NUMBER	PREDICATE FELONY RETURNS PERCENT
TOTAL	5352	2069	38.66	2309	1104	47.81
A. VIOLENT FELONY OFFENSES	2445	995	40.70	871	385	44.20
MURDER	28	6	21.43	0	0	0.00
ATTEMPTED MURDER	25	3	12.00	2	2	100.00
MANSLAUGHTER 1ST	228	60	26.32	22	7	31.82
RAPE 1ST	112	45	40.18	17	9	52.94
ROBBERY 1ST	628	292	46.50	182	78	42.86
ROBBERY 2ND	842	400	47.51	291	149	51.20
ASSAULT 1ST	99	31	31.31	19	9	47.37
ASSAULT 2ND	130	34	26.15	48	21	43.75
BURGLARY 1ST	11	3	27.27	1	1	0.00
BURGLARY 2ND	96	53	55.21	39	23	58.97
ARSON 1ST AND 2ND	22	7	31.82	2	1	0.00
SODOMY 1ST	31	8	25.81	5	2	40.00
SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	43	7	16.28	17	3	17.65
DANGEROUS WEAPONS	137	41	29.93	226	80	35.40
KIDNAPPING	13	5	38.46	0	0	0.00
B. OTHER FELONY OFFENSES						
1. OFFENSES INVOLVING VIOLENCE/COERCION	680	259	38.09	402	197	49.00
MANSLAUGHTER 2ND	126	33	26.19	34	9	26.47
CRIM. NEG. HOMICIDE	17	3	17.65	8	3	37.50
RAPE 2ND AND 3RD	14	5	35.71	11	3	27.27
ROBBERY 3RD	384	172	44.79	268	151	56.34
ATTEMPTED ASSAULT 2ND	32	9	28.13	41	17	41.46
ATT SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST	9	2	22.22	7	1	14.29
ARSON 3RD & 4TH	44	17	38.64	13	4	30.77
OTHER COERCIVE & VIOL.	54	18	33.33	20	9	45.00
2. PROPERTY, DRUG AND OTHER OFFENSES	1698	580	34.16	1036	522	50.39
BURGLARY 3RD	464	247	53.23	596	329	55.20
GRAND LARCENY	123	46	37.40	175	79	45.14
DRUGS	968	226	23.35	72	22	30.56
FORGERY	37	20	54.05	57	28	49.12
STOLEN PROPERTY	47	25	53.19	95	49	51.58
ALL OTHER FELONIES	59	16	27.12	41	15	36.59
C. YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS JUVENILE DELINQUENTS	497	228	45.88	0	0	0.00
	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00
D. DATA NOT AVAILABLE	32	7	21.88	0	0	0.00

*INCLUDES THOSE SENTENCED AS FIRST FELONY OFFENDERS AND
CLASS A FELONS NOT SUBJECT TO PREDICATE SENTENCING.

**INCLUDES 2,309 WITH SECOND FELONY SENTENCES
AND 22 WITH PERSISTENT FELONY SENTENCES.