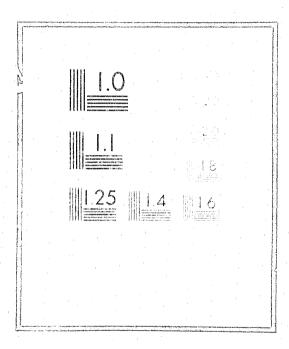
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WORK RELEASE-STUDY RELEASE PROGRAM Calendar Years 1971 and 1972

The Wisconsin Division of Corrections has continued to support and expand its Work Release-Study Release Program for adult offenders. The program offers a two-pronged strategy to meet some of the varied transitional needs of selected clients as they leave the highly structured environment of a correctional institution to live in their home communities.

While participating in the program, institutionalized offenders are permitted to attend approved training or educational programs, or to be employed in a local community. The program enables the inmate and the Division of Corrections to utilize many community educational, employment, training, and vocational resources available in Wisconsin.

Attempts have continuously been made to place clients in the program who have progressed through individualized and group treatment, training, and education programs and have demonstrated positive motivation, maturity, and stability, thus indicating a readiness and potential to profit from a work release and/or study release experience. A work release placement can enable a person to reduce debts and support a family or save money to pay living expenses following release. Study release offers to selected clients the opportunity for training or further education in order to expand the individual's vocational or academic career upon release.

New Program Developments

The opening of the Community Corrections Center in Milwaukee in April 1972 permits clients who plan to live in the greater Milwaukee area to become involved in meaningful placements through coordinated efforts of the State Employment Service, parole agents, vocational rehabilitation counselors, and work release coordinators. The Center is a small, pre-release living facility where work release, study release, and parole planning can be coordinated for Milwaukee area clients.

The appointment in May 1972 of six institutional work release coordinators, operating as job finders and counselors, has improved the program's selection and placement processes and afforded more opportunity to match the skills of the individual with available placement resources. Work release coordinators, in cooperation with employers, education and training facilities, other related agencies, and the offenders help plan individual programs of work, study, or training for clients nearing release.

The introduction of assessment and evaluation centers as a part of the reception process at the Wisconsin State Prison and the Wisconsin State Reformatory has permitted an earlier identification of potential work release and study release clients. After demonstrating a potential for the program, the individual can be referred for a work release or study release placement in which he can take advantage of the wide variety of community employment, training, and academic resources.

January 1973 marked the beginning of a computerized program information system for the Work Release-Study Release Program. New data collection forms were designed and computer programming initiated, with a primary goal of making available more descriptive and evaluative data to program decision makers and persons interested in the Work Release-Study Release Program.

Program Future

Work release and study release have become an important aspect of the total corrections program. Descriptive and evaluative data, however, are still not available which would support or refute the premise, held by many, that participation in a work or study release program greatly increases the probability of a successful transition to parole supervision and reduces the chance of early return to the institutional care. Individual situations can dramatically demonstrate the impact of work and study release participation in the successful parole adjustment of some participants. However, it is possible that those who succeeded might have done so without involvement in the program. It is planned that within two years information will be available which will document the impact of the program in terms of its program objectives.

Passage of an adult furlough law to permit qualified offenders to leave correctional facilities on a temporary basis to seek employment or to enroll in educational facilities would enhance and expand the Work Release-Study Release Program. A furlough program would also add another useful program resource to the Division of Corrections, enabling the Division to satisfy more of the immediate, transitional needs of its clients.

Discussion of Data

In calendar year 1971, 413 inmates participated in the program, being placed in 436 work release and study release placements. Information is presented in the appendix tables on the 267 work releasees or the 284 work release placements terminated during the calendar year. Information is also presented for the total 102 study release place ents.

In calendar year 1972, 604 inmates participated in the program, being placed on 658 work release and study release placements. Information is presented in the appendix tables on the 371 work releasees or the 410 work release placements terminated during the calendar year. Information is also presented on the total 178 study release placements.

Both work release and study release have grown steadily since 1967, averaging about a 75 percent increase in program placements per year.

Work Release and Study Release Placements
Calendar Years 1967-1972

Calendar Year	Total Work Release Placements Placements		Study Release Placements
1967	44	41	3
1968	112	93	19
1969	281	253	28
1970	390	330	60
1971	436	334	102
1972	658	480	178

The increase from 1971 to 1972 in work release program placements seems to be a result of an influx of younger offenders on the program because the median age of work releasees dropped from 31 to 29 years of age.

Minority group work release members rearly doubled from 1971 to 1972 increasing from 74 to 133. This was primarily due to the opening in April 1972 of the Community Corrections Center in Milwaukee, where the largest minority population resides. The proportion of females to males remained constant from 1971 to 1972, the females representing only about four percent of the work release population.

On the basis of a comparison of the 1972 population with that of 1971, the following statements can be made: A higher proportion of the committing of offenses was those against a person in 1972. A greater percentage of the population had no prior felony convictions in 1972. The population in 1972 had completed more years in school.

The average (mean) earnings dropped from \$1,035 per person in 1971 to under \$950 per person in calendar year 1972. Again this is primarily due to the opening of the Community Corrections Center, which places work releases for a shorter duration of time prior to release.

The in-program success rate* for the Work Release-Study Release Program showed little or any decline from 1971 to 1972. The work release success rate decreased from 92 percent to 87 percent and the study release success rate increased from 72 percent to 76 percent.

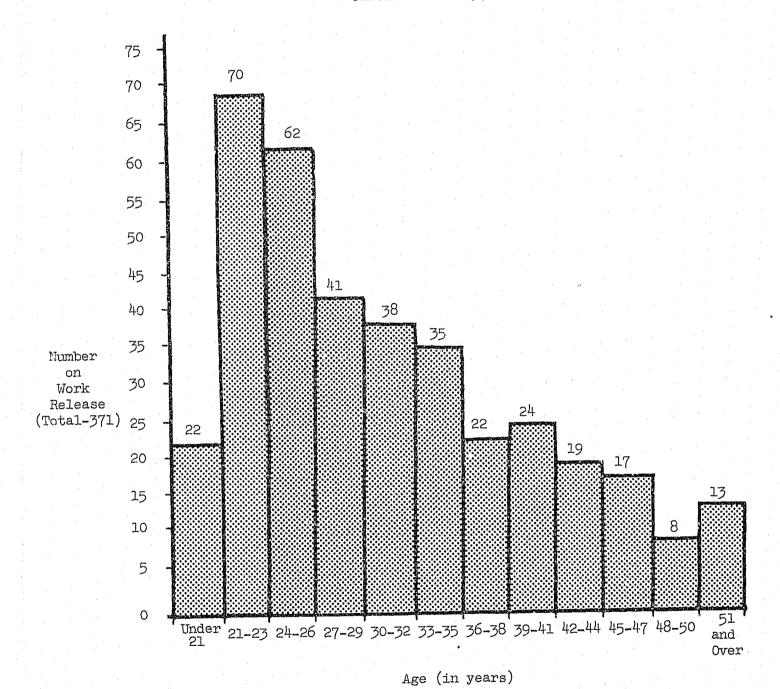
During 1972, every adult state correctional institution placed offenders on the Work Release-Study Release Program. Twelve of the 14 institutions placed offenders on both work release and study release. If placements are located in areas distant from the state institutions, offenders are also housed in halfway houses or county jails. Wisconsin has attempted to make the program a statewide program, striving to meet the transitional needs of its clients.

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Appendix Chart 1

Age
Work Releasee Terminations
Calendar Year 1972



^{*} A successful placement is one which was not terminated for reasons of escape, rules violation, or behavior.

Appendix Table 1

Race, Sex, and Marital Status
Work Releasee Terminations
Calendar Year 1972

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Marital Status	Total	Black		Native American (Indian)		1 .	nite an Origin)	Wh	ite		
		Male F	'emale	Male 1	Female	Male 1	Female	Male	Female		
Total	<u> 368</u>	103	6	<u> 16</u>	=	7	1	226	2		
Single	161	53	3	9	-	3		91	2		
Married	119	31	1	6	-	3	1	73	4		
Separated	23	7	1	-		-	-	15			
Divorced	62	12		1	-	1	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	45	3		
Widowed	3	-	1		-	,		2			

Note: For three cases marital status was not reported.

Appendix Table 2

Type of Offense and Length of Sentence Work Releasee Terminations Calendar Year 1972

					Type of 0				
Length of Sentence	Total			1	I	1	Property Worthless		er T
Deliverice	:	Murder	Assault	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Checks	Crimes	Misc.
<u>Total</u>	<u> 368</u>	23	21	61	108	44	45	16	<u>50</u>
Indeterminate sentence	2	_		1	-	· 	· -	1	-
Less than 2 years	33 62		2		7	, 6	9	-	9
2, less than 3 years			3	3	19	11	7		19
3, less than 4 years	68	1	8	2	25	15	10	2	5
4, less than 5 years	33	_	Ţ	4	15	3	3	, 2 , .	5
5, less than 6 years	46	1	3	9	16	7	7	2	1
5, less than 7 years	19	-	1	4	9		1	-	4
7, less than 8 years	14			5	5	***	, , ,	3	1
8, less than 9 years	16	-	-	7	4	1	3	- '	, 1
9, less than 10 years	2	1	'	1	_	_	₹→		~
10, less than 15 years	30	2	• 3	9	7	1	5	2	1
15, less than 20 years	15	. 2	-	7	_	-	-	3	3
20 years and more	19	7	-	9	1	_	_	1	1
Life sentences	9	9	· · · · ·	-	_	~	-	-	-

Note: For three cases offense was not reported.

Appendix Table 3

Previous Felony Convictions First-Admitted Work Releasee Terminations Calendar Year 1972

Previous Felony Convictions	Number	Percent
Total	284	100.0
None	126	44.4
One or more	158	55.6
One	(50)	(17.6)
Two	(27)	(9.5)
Three or more	(81)	(28.5)

Note: Total excludes 87 re-admitted work releasees.

Appendix Table 4

Previous Penal Institution Experience First-Admitted Work Releasee Terminations Calendar Year 1972

Previous Penal Experience	Number	Percent
Total	284	100.0
No previous penal experience	98	34.5
Previous penal experience	186	65.5
Jail only	(60)	(21.1)
Wisconsin penal experience	(92)	(32.4)
Other state penal experience	(27)	(9.5)
Federal or military prison experience	(7)	(2.5)

Note: 87 re-admitted work releasees are excluded.

Appendix Table 5

Juvenile Institution Experience First-Admitted Work Releasee Terminations Calendar Year 1972

Juvenile Institution Experience	Number	Percent
Total	284	100.0
No previous juvenile experience	191	67.3
Previous juvenile experience	93	32.7
Wisconsin School for Boys or Wisconsin School for Girls	(76)	(26.7)
Juvenile institutions outside Wisconsin	(13)	(4.6)
Other Wisconsin juvenile institutions	(4)	(1.4)

Note: 87 re-admitted work releasees are excluded from this table.

Appendix Table 6

Highest Grade Completed
First-Admitted Work Releasee Terminations
Calendar Year 1972

Highest Gra	ade Compl	eted		Number	Percent
Total 5th grade 6th grade 7th grade 8th grade				279 9 3 11 41	100.0 3.2 1.1 3.9 14.7
9th grade 10th grade 11th grade 12th grade	or more			48 64 37 66	17.2 22.9 13.3 23.7

Note: Excludes 87 re-admitted work releasees and five not tested.

Appendix Table 7

Total Financial Data Work Release Program* Calendar Year 1972

		<u>Totals</u>
Credits		
Total earnings 1972	\$411,862.41	
Balance on account from previous years	23,165.23	
Total credits on account		\$435,027.64
Disbursements		
Federal income tax Social security State income tax State sales tax	46,129.93 21,434.76 11,654.87 3,004.29	
Room, board, and clothing-state Transportation-state Transportation-private Room and board-private Clothing-private	74,854.96 12,638.86 6,063.41 4,365.00 8,813.87	
Payments of obligations Support Union dues Incidental expenses	8,682.31 23,574.50 939.32 35,643.80	
Total disbursements		257,799.88
Balance on account 12/31/72		\$ <u>177,227.76</u>

^{*} Note - All earnings from all work release placements are included in this table.

Institution of Supervision Work Release Placement Terminations Calendar Year 1972

Institution of Supervision	Number of Work Release Placements
<u>Total</u>	410
Wisconsin State Prison Wisconsin State Reformatory Wisconsin Home for Women Wisconsin Correctional Institution	15 10 16 43
Wisconsin Correctional Camp System Black River Camp Camp Flambeau Camp Gordon Community Correction Center-Milwaukee	326 (1) (1) (50) (71)
Oregon Farm Thompson Farm Union Grove Farm Walworth Camp Winnebago Farm	(74) (45) (29) (29) (26)

Appendix Table 9

Number of Days Worked and Reason for Termination
Work Release Placement Terminations
Calendar Year 1972

		Days Worked								
Reason for Termination	Total	l-10 Days	- 1	-		121-180 Days		Days Over		
Total	410	<u>85</u>	102	<u>91</u>	104	<u>20</u>	,	8		
Parole, discharge, or mandatory release Medical Inmate request Job completion or layoff	237 12 28 36	27 5 12 12	58 3 7 13	51 3 6 8	76 1 2 3	17 1		8 -		
Employer dissatisfaction Institution request Rules violations or behavior Escape	22 22 46 7	12 4 12 1	2 3 13 3	3 6 12 2	5 9 7 1	2		<u>-</u> -		

Appendix Table 10

Institution of Supervision and Study, and Type of Termination

Study Release Placements

Calendar Year 1972

Institution of Supervision and Study	Total	Placements Continued into 1973		Total Successes	Total Failures	Program F Rules Violations	
TOTAL	<u>178</u>	40	138	105	33	26	<u> </u>
Wisconsin State Prison Moraine Park T.I. WW-Fond du Lac	13 1	ļ ļ	9	7	2	1	1
Wisconsin State Reformatory Mortheastern T.I. Sheltered Industries UW-Green Ray	6 1 7	2 - 3	4 1 4	3 1 4	1		1 -
Wisconsin Correctional Inst. Moraine Park T.I.	3	1	2	2			
Wisconsin Home for Women Moraine Park T.I. Sheltered Work Shop UW-Fond du Lac Western Wisconsin T.I.	2 1 4 1	2 - 3 -	_ 1 1	- 1 1	- - - -	-	
Black River Camp Auto Sales Trainee	1		1	1	· <u>·</u>		
Community Corrections Center Cardinal Stritch College Gocdwill Industries Milwaukee Area T.I. UW-Milwaukee Wis. Conservatory of Music	1 3 3 2 1	2	1 3 1 2	1 3 - 2 1	- 1 -	- - -	
McNaughton Camp Nicolet College and T.I.	49	9	40	23*	17	14	3
Oregon Farm Madison Area T.I. South Madison Community Ctr. UW-Extension UW-Madison	19 4 7 2	- - 3 -	19 4 4 2	16 4 4 2	3 - -	3	
Thompson Farm Madison Area T.I. UW-Extension	3 5	- 5	3	3** -		<u>-</u>	-
Union Grove Farm Gateway (Kenosha) T.I. UW-Parkside	4 1	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u> 1	3 1		1	
Walworth Correctional Center Gateway T.I.	5	•	5	4	1	1	
Winnebago Farm Fox Valley T.I. UW-Baraboo UW-Oshkosh	13 1 15	l - 4	12 1 11	7 1 9	5 - 2	3 - 2	2 -

Note: * Included is 1 removal for medical reasons.

** Included is 1 removal at request of inmate.

T.I. - Technical Institute UW - University of Wisconsin

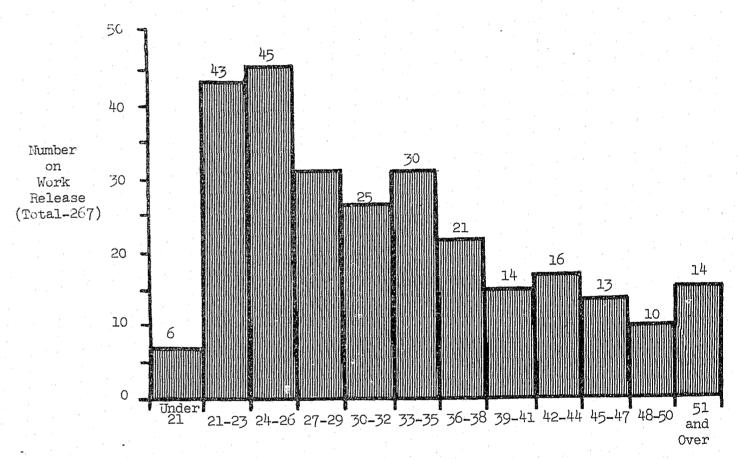
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Appendix Chart I

Age

Work Releasee Terminations

Calendar Year 1971



AGE (in years)

Race, Sex, and Marital Status Work Releasee Terminations Calendar Year 1971

:		Race and Sex								
Marital Status Total		Black		Native (I	American ndian)		nite un Origin)	White		
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Total	<u> 267</u>	49	6	<u>15</u>		4	_	187	<u>6</u>	
Single	109	26	3	. 9	÷ -	-	-	68	3	
Married	70	8	2	14		2	-	52	2	
Separated	21	7	-	_		1	-	13	·	
Divorced	64	7	ì	- 2	-	1		52	1	
Widowed	3	1		-		-	-	2	-	

Appendix Table 2

Type of Offense and Length of Sentence
Work Releasee Terminations
Calendar Year 1971

		Type of Offense							
Length of	Total	Crimes	Against	Persons	Crimes A	gainst	Property	Oth	er
Sentence	IOUAL	Murder	Assault	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Worthless Checks	Sex Crimes	Misc.
Total	<u>267</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>14</u>	<u> 36</u>	<u>74</u>	37	<u>39</u>	<u>19</u>	33
Indeterminate sentence Less than 2 years 2, less than 3 years 3, less than 4 years 4, less than 5 years	1 21 44 56 27	- 1 1	1 1 - 4	- 1 3 4	2 11 17 5	- 7 9 12 4	- 6 5 12 4	1 - 4 5 2	5 12 6 4
5, less than 6 years 6, less than 7 years 7, less than 8 years 8, less than 9 years 9, less than 10 years	45 9 10 9	1 1 - -	5 1 1	7 - 4 2	19 5 3 4	5	5 3 1 2	2	1 1
10, less than 15 years 15, less than 20 years 20 years and more Life sentences	20 5 17 3	1 7 3	1 - -	8 2 5	5 1 2 -	- - - -	1 -	2 - 3 -	3 1 -

Appendix Table 3

Previous Felony Convictions First-Admitted Work Releasee Terminations Calendar Year 1971

Previous Felony	Convictions	Number	Percent
Total		<u>172</u>	100.0
None		68	39.5
One or more		104	60.5
One		(35)	(18.6)
Two		(14)	(8.2)
Three or more		(58)	(33.7)

Note: Total excludes 95 re-admitted work releasees.

Appendix Table 4

Previous Penal Institution Experience First-Admitted Work Releasee Terminations Calendar Year 1971

Previous Penal Experience	Number	Percent
Total_	172	100.0
No previous penal experience	55	32.0
Previous penal experience	117	68.0
Jail only	(31)	(18.0)
Wisconsin penal experience	(64)	(37.2)
Other state penal experience	(21)	(12.2)
Federal prison experience	(1)	(0.6)

Note: 95 re-admitted work releasees are excluded.

Appendix Table 5

Juvenile Institution Experience First-Admitted Work Releasee Terminations Calendar Year 1971

Juvenile Institution Experience	Number	Percent
Total	<u>172</u>	100.0
No previous juvenile experience	121	70.3
Previous juvenile experience	51	29.7
Wisconsin School for Boys or Wisconsin School for Girls	(35)	(20.3)
Juvenile institutions outside Wisconsin	(14)	(8.2)
Other Wisconsin juvenile institutions	(2)	(1.2)

Note: 95 re-admitted work releasees are excluded from this table.

Appendix Table 6

Highest Grade Completed First-Admitted Work Releasee Terminations Calendar Year 1971

Highest Grade Completed	Number	Percent
Total 5th grade or less 6th grade 7th grade 8th grade	172 9 5 7 29	100.0 5.2 2.9 4.1 16.9
9th grade 10th grade 11th grade 12th grade or more	27 41 15 39	15.7 23.8 8.7 22.7

Note: Excludes 95 re-admitted work releasees.

Appendix Table 7

Total Financial Data Work Release Program* Calendar Year 1971

		Totals	
Credits			
Total earnings 1971	\$328,219.17		
Balance on account from previous years	24,377.98		
Total credits on account		\$352,597.15	
Disbursements			
Federal income tax Social security State income tax State sales tax	33,977.56 16,808.00 9,273.18 2,730.35		
Rocm, board, and clothing-state Transportation-state Transportation-private Room and board-private Clothing-private	67,144.45 7,439.89 6,584.30 4,984.88 6,243.00		
Payments of obligations Support Union dues Incidental expenses Total disbursements	12,482.41 10,398.50 961.03 26,755.70	205,783.25	
Balance on account 12/31/71			the last Community
Datance on account 12/31/(1			\$146,813.90

^{*} Note - All earnings from all work release placements are included in this table.

Institution of Supervision Work Release Placement Terminations Calendar Year 1971

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Institution of Supervision	Number of Work Release Placement			
<u>Total</u>	284			
Wisconsin State Prison Wisconsin State Reformatory Wisconsin Home for Women Wisconsin Correctional Institution	35 11 13 3 ⁴			
Wisconsin Correctional Camp System Black River Camp Camp Flambeau Camp Gordon Camp McNaughton Oregon Farm Thompson Farm Union Grove Farm Walworth Camp Winnebago Farm	191 (1) (2) (39) (12) (31) (50) (18) (19)			

Appendix Table 9

Number of Days Worked and Reason for Termination Work Release Placement Terminations Calendar Year 1971

			d				
Reason for Termination	Total	1-10	11-30	31-60	1 1	121-180	181 Days
	 	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	and Over
Total	284	<u>28</u>	<u>60</u>	92	69	28	7
Employer dissatisfaction	17	5	. 6	4	2		_
Behavior, rules violation	20	6	5	3	6	_	
Inmate request	24	6	4	5	4	3	2
Job completion or layoff	68	4	16	33	13	1	. 1
Medical	6	1	1	3	1		-
Parole, discharge, or mandatory release	145	4	27	र्गर	42	24	4
Escape	4	2	l	- <u>-</u>	1	_	_

Appendix Table 10

Use of Institution-Learned Skills Work Release Placement Terminations

Calendar Year 1971

Use of Institution-Learned Skills	Number	Percent
<u>Total</u>	261	100.0
Used	27	10.3
Used partially	69	26.5
Did not use	165	63.2

Appendix Table 11

Placement Relation to Prior Work Skills Work Release Placement Terminations Calendar Year 1971

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Placement Relation to Prior Work Skills	Number	Percent
Total	253	100.0
Related	70	27.7
Partially related	92	36.4
Not related	91	35.9

Note: 31-Not reported.

Note: 23-Not reported.

Appendix Table 12

Employer's Reaction to Work Releasees
Work Release Placement Terminations
Calendar Year 1971

Employer's Reaction	Number	Percent
<u>Total</u>	284	100.0
Would rehire	114	40.1
Would not rehire	28	9.9
No comment	22	7.7
Unknown	120	42.3

Institution of Supervision, Institution of Study, and Type of Termination Study Helease Placements

Calendar Year 1971

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Institution of Supervision And		Total Placements	Placements Continued	Placements Completed	Total Successes	Total Failures		m Failures	
Institution of Study			Into 1972	in 1971				Violations	
<u>Total</u>		<u>102</u>	<u>37</u> -	<u> </u>	<u>47</u>	18	<u>4</u> .	14	
Wisconsin State Reformatory University of Wisconsin,		1		1	1	_	-		
Wisconsin Correctional Inst Moraine Park Area Technic		6	2 -	4	3	1			
Wisconsin Home for Women Sheltered Workshop		1	- -	1	1				
Oregon Farm Madison Area Technical Co University of Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin F Computer Training Veterans Hospital Trainin South Madison Community C	Madison extension, Madison	11 1 4 1 1 6	3 - 3 - 4	8 1 1 1 2	3 1 1 1 1 2	5	2	3	1 22 1
Winnebago Farm Fox Valley Area Technical University of Wisconsin,		31 7	7	24 3	16 2	8	2	$rac{6}{1}$	
Black River Camp Auto Sales Training		1	-	1	1 · 1	_	_	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
McNaughton Camp Nicolet Area Technical Co	llege	26	12	1/4	11	3	_	3	
Walworth Camp Kenosha Area Technical Co	llege	5 - 5	2	3	3		-	·	

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