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The State has experienced unprecedented growth in the prison population. Today, the prisons are holding over 4,800 inmates more than the rated capacity. Prison population projections indicate that this situation will worsen if nothing changes.

The information contained in this report can be used to further understand how the continued effects of determinate sentencing and increased admissions, especially for drug offenders, have resulted in prison crowding. I urge you to consider the human consequences of these data.

At the end of 1977 the prison population was 10,982. On December 31, 1990, the population was 27,516, an increase of over 150 percent in the last 13 years. Since 1977, the number of more serious offenders (Murder, Class X, and Class 1) in prison has increased by 324 percent. These offenders now make up over 60% of the population.

Mainly because of drug offenders, the prison population increased by over 11% in calendar year 1990. Between 1983 and 1988 the number of drug offense sentences imposed rose by 174 percent. In just the two years from 1988 to 1990, the increase was 180 percent. The majority of drug sentences imposed are from Cook County.

Pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 38, paragraph 1005-5-4.3, Illinois Revised Statutes, I present the 1990 Statistical Presentation.

Sincerely,



Howard A. Peters III  
Director

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## FOREWORD

The 1990 Statistical Presentation, prepared by the Illinois Department of Corrections, is published in compliance with the Unified Code of Corrections (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 38, Section 1005-5-4.3). This report is intended to provide timely, reliable and comprehensive information to judges, their staffs and other interested parties. The data are for use in reviewing sentences under the Unified Code of Corrections and length of stay with the Department of Corrections.

In accordance with statute, this document reports data in terms of time served and sentences imposed by offense and offense class for the years 1978 through 1990. Data are reported by frequency, average (mean and median) and range. Time served represents stay with the Department of Corrections as well as total length of stay, which includes additional time spent in jail and other holding facilities. Comparisons of inmates sentenced under determinate sentencing can be made to those incarcerated under the previous indeterminate sentencing structure. Life, death and Sexually Dangerous Person sentence imposed data are reported. Sentences less than the minimum or more than the maximum, as outlined in determinate sentencing statutes, are reported. The number of inmates incarcerated as an Habitual Offender or Habitual Child Sex Offender, and those found Guilty But Mentally Ill, are also reported.

Beginning with the 1987 report, several tables were added in response to the changing pattern of inmates sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections. Sentence imposed and length of stay data are made available specifically for Class X and Class 2 Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Class 4 Possession of a Controlled Substance and Class 2 Auto Theft. Also, a table listing the types of consecutive sentences imposed has been added. Indeterminate sentence data are reported by year only; there has been a minimal number of such sentences imposed since 1978. Because of national concerns relating to the increasing arrest, prosecution, conviction, and imprisonment for drug offenders, a table had been added in 1988 to show the increasing incarceration of drug offenders.

All unusual cases are audited and reviewed. Any errors are corrected before data are reported. All data reported in this document fully conform to all state and federal laws and resolutions concerning the security, privacy and confidentiality of the materials.

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## INTRODUCTION

This document is divided into three sections which outline the key components of incarceration in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Data from 1978 to 1990 are reported by offense, offense class and sentence type, as well as by judicial circuit and district, and geographic region.

Part I, Impact on Population, addresses the important factors behind the increasing prison population in Illinois and why this trend is expected to continue. Increases in the Murder and Class X and 1 populations resulting from determinate sentencing can be noted. The impact of life, death and Sexually Dangerous Person sentences on the population can also be seen. Also, the changing Habitual Offender, Habitual Child Sex Offender and Guilty But Mentally Ill populations have been presented.

Part II, Length of Stay, notes the time inmates are serving in prison. In addition, the slow pace of releasing inmates sentenced under indeterminate sentencing can be seen. The impacts of the abolition of the forced release and misdemeanor admission policies are also shown.

Part III, Sentences Imposed, provides the data for sentencing patterns since 1978. Data for determinate and indeterminate, as well as life, death and Sexually Dangerous Person, sentences are provided. The number of extended and shortened sentences are also reported by offense. Median sentences for the major offenses are provided by judicial circuit and district, and geographic region in this section.

**Part I:  
Impact  
on  
Population**

## **PART I: Impact on Population**

### **Summary**

This section demonstrates how determinate sentencing contributes to the continuing increase in the prison population. At the end of 1977, the population was 10,982. The December 31, 1990 population was 27,516, an increase of over 150% in the past 13 years.

Figure 1 shows the rise in the adult prison population since 1970. Increases beginning in 1974 are attributed to the fact that more convicted felons were being sentenced to imprisonment than in earlier periods, and with longer sentences. The increase in population continued after determinate sentencing was implemented. It began to slow in the early 1980's when the forced release policy was in effect. A significant rise began once forced release was stopped.

The population increased by over 2,800 (11%) in 1990 alone, mainly because of the increase in drug offenders as shown in Figure 2.

Determinate sentencing has not only resulted in an increase in the number of inmates, but has also slowed the rate of movement through prison. Table 1 shows that the number of inmates incarcerated for Murder, Class X or Class 1 offenses (the most serious offenders) increased by 12,661 since 1977, just prior to determinate sentencing. Figure 3 shows this 324 percent increase.

In 1977, these most serious offenders comprised 37 percent of the population. By 1990, they made up 60 percent (Table 1).

These serious offenders are also serving more time in prison. Since 1978, the average length of stay for an inmate convicted of Murder rose 3.8 years. Class X inmates sentenced in 1990 are expected to serve 5.4 years in prison, 1.3 years longer than those released in 1978 (Table 2).

Inmates currently in prison, excluding community supervision violators, have an average of 3.8 years left to serve (Table 3). The 3,548 murderers without a life or death sentence will be in prison for 12 more years before their projected release date. For Class X offenders, 7,941 will be in prison for an average of 4.6 years. In addition, more of these serious, long-term offenders will be added to the population each year, with relatively few releases. Thus, there has been, and will continue to be, a "stockpiling" of these inmates in the prison population (Figure 4).

The stockpiling of Murder, Class X and 1 offenders is shown in Table 4 and Figure 4. Although few of the sentences imposed and admissions are for these most serious offenders, there are relatively few exits. Thus, they remain in prison and make up the largest percentage (60%) of the prison population.

On the other hand, Class 2, 3 and 4 offenders are serving less time in prison than in 1978. This group also represents a lower percentage in the population. In 1978, these inmates made up 44 percent of the population, and served an average of 2.7 years. By

1990, they comprised only 39 percent of the population, and should average 1.7 years (Tables 1 and 2). Class 4 offenders average six months in prison. The 2,047 Class 4 offenders released in 1990 cost the Department over \$17 million.

Therefore, while Murder, Class X and Class 1 inmates will continue to increase in the population, Class 2, Class 3 and Class 4 inmates will comprise a relatively small proportion of the population due to relatively shorter time to serve.

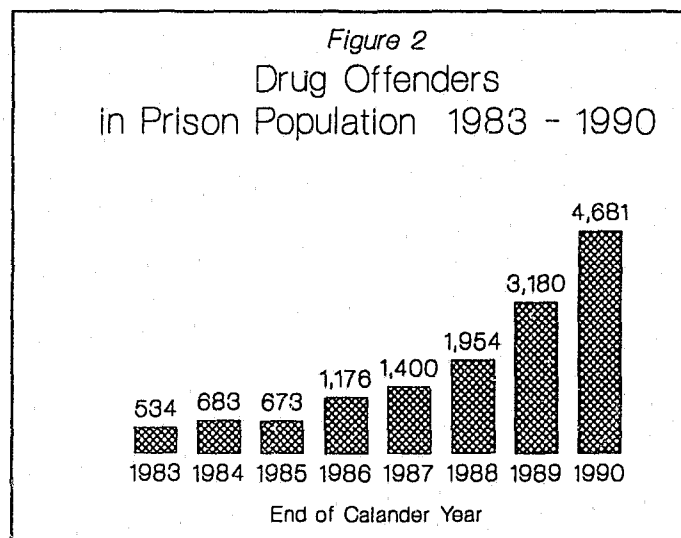
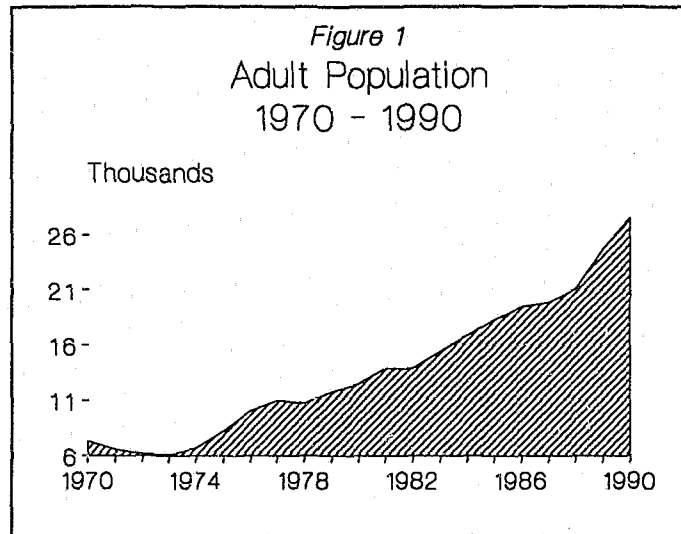
There are 752 inmates remaining in prison who are serving an indeterminate sentence, with most having a long period of time before release (Table 5). They can only be released with permission of the Prisoner Review Board or the governor, or until the end of their sentence. Relatively few have been released in the last five years, 52 in 1990 with two admissions. With only a few releases occurring each year, the most serious offenders should remain in prison for many years.

There is also a growing number of inmates who will never be released. The number of inmates with a life (491) or death (127) sentence continues to rise (up nearly 200 percent since 1983). The number of Sexually Dangerous Persons (57), who can only be released by court order, also continues to grow (Table 6 and Figure 5). With younger offenders admitted each year, the average age for these inmates has increased by only two years since 1983.

The number of inmates imprisoned as Guilty But Mentally Ill (GBMI) decreased by two in 1990, to 148 (Figure 6).

The number of inmates sentenced to a natural life sentence under the habitual offender statute increased by nearly 500 percent since 1983 (Figure 7). The number of these inmates continues to rise as offenders with three or more Class X offenses are prosecuted and sentenced as habitual offenders.

There were 11 Habitual Child Sex Offenders in prison at the end of 1987. The number rose to 50 by the end of 1990 (Figure 8).

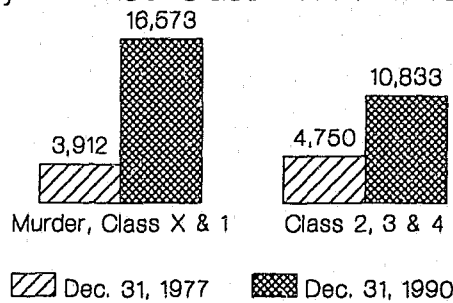


**Table 1**  
Impact of Determinate Sentencing on Prison Population by Offense Class

Offense Class	Total Inmate Population			Percent of Population		
	December 1977	December 1990	Change	December 1977	December 1990	Change
Murder	689	4,167	+3,478	6.4%	15.1%	+8.7
Class X	—	8,398	+9,183	—	30.5%	+15.0
Class 1	3,223	4,008	+785	30.1%	14.6%	-15.5
Class 2	3,473	6,556	+3,083	32.4%	23.8%	-8.6
Class 3	1,179	3,130	+1,951	11.0%	11.4%	+0.4
Class 4	98	1,147	+1,049	0.9%	4.2%	+3.3
Misdemeanors	223	—	-223	2.1%	—	-2.1
Offense before 1973	1,607	—	-1,607	15.0%	—	-15.0
Unknown/Unclassified	225	110	-115	2.1%	0.4%	-1.7

Note: Population includes community supervision technical violators.  
Source: 1990 Statistical Presentation and Offender Tracking System

**Figure 3**  
Comparison of Prison Population by Offense Class 1977 & 1990



Inmates (Including Technical Violators)  
Source: Table 1



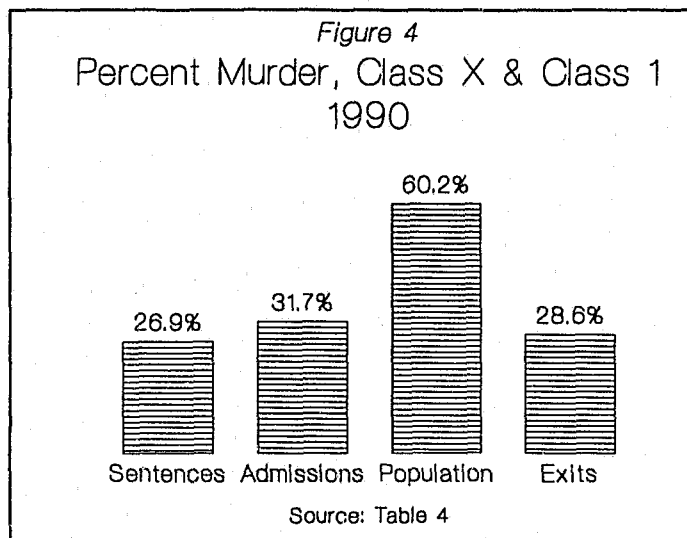
**Table 2**  
Impact of Determinate Sentencing on Prison Population by Offense Class

	Years for 1978	Average Sentence Imposed in Years X 1/2 (Day for Day) for 1990	Impact of Determinate Sentencing on Length of Stay
Murder	11.0	14.8	+3.8
Class X	4.1	5.4	+1.3
Class 1	3.5	3.0	-0.5
Class 2	2.7	2.0	-0.7
Class 3	2.6	1.5	-1.1
Class 4	2.3	0.9	-1.4

**Table 3**  
Time Served and Projected Time to Serve in Years for the Prison Population  
December 31, 1983 and December 31, 1990  
Determinate Cases

	Inmates	Percent	Average Time Served in Prison	Average Time Left to Serve	Total Projected Time to be Served
<b>1983</b>					
Murder	1,462	11.2%	2.4	13.2	15.6
Class X	4,481	34.3%	1.9	4.3	6.2
Class 1	1,732	13.3%	0.9	1.8	2.7
Class 2	2,966	22.7%	0.9	1.3	2.2
Class 3	1,861	14.3%	0.6	0.8	1.5
Class 4	483	3.7%	0.5	0.6	1.1
Misdemeanor	68	0.5%	0.5	0.2	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,053</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>1990</b>					
Murder	3,548	14.0%	5.0	12.0	17.0
Class X	7,941	31.3%	2.8	4.6	7.4
Class 1	3,824	15.1%	1.5	2.0	3.5
Class 2	6,092	24.0%	1.0	1.4	2.4
Class 3	2,878	11.3%	0.8	1.0	1.8
Class 4	1,037	4.1%	0.5	0.7	1.2
Other	52	0.2%	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,372</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>

Note: Inmates admitted from court only. Community Supervision technical violators are excluded.



*Table 4*  
Percent of Offense Class: Sentences Imposed, Admissions, Population, and Exits  
All 1990

Offense Class	All Sentences Imposed	Admissions	Population	Exits
Murder	1.5%	2.8%	15.1%	1.3%
Class X	13.2%	15.7%	30.5%	13.9%
Class 1	12.2%	13.2%	14.6%	13.4%
Class 2	31.5%	31.2%	23.8%	31.1%
Class 3	25.0%	22.4%	11.4%	22.8%
Class 4	16.6%	14.7%	4.2%	17.5%
Unknown	—	—	0.4%	—
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total Cases	27,092	15,048	27,516	11,730

Note: Classes of crime for admissions, population, and exits are from the holding sentence.

Source:                                      Table 16                                      Table 23                                      Table 1                                      Table 8

**Table 5**  
**Time Served in Years for the Prison Population**  
**December 31, 1983 and December 31, 1990**  
**Indeterminate Cases**

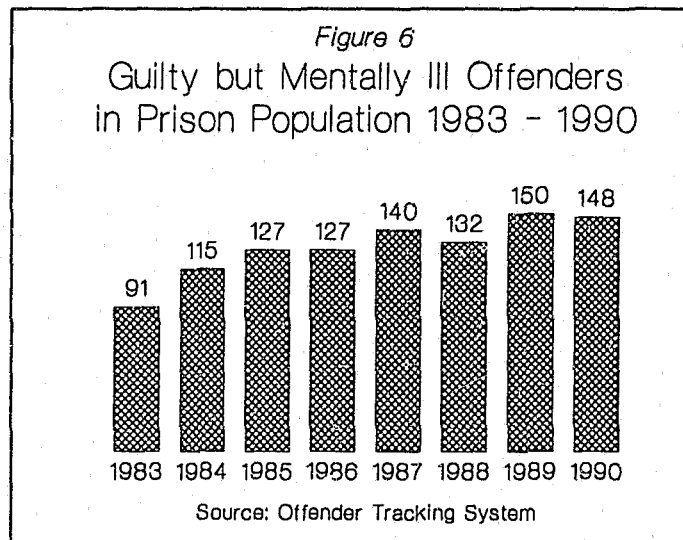
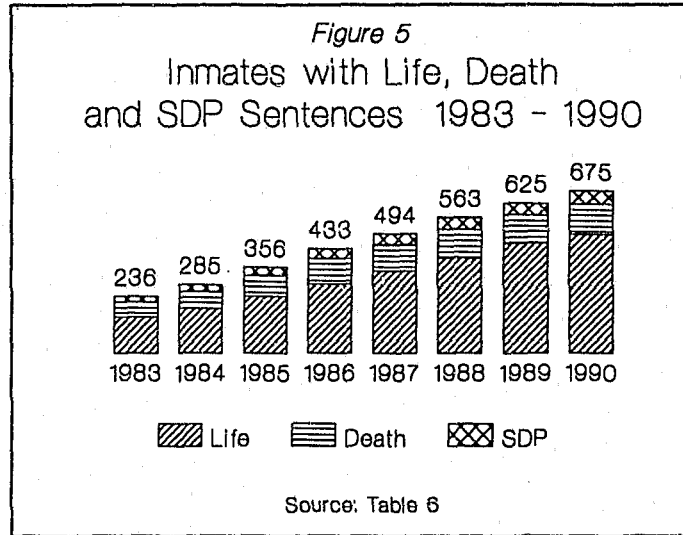
	<i>Inmates</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Average Time Served in Prison</i>
<i>1983</i>			
Murder	726	69.0%	7.9
Class X	265	25.2%	7.1
Class 1	20	1.9%	6.5
Class 2	28	2.7%	5.6
Class 3	10	1.0%	6.6
Class 4	3	0.2%	6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.6</b>
<i>1990</i>			
Murder	563	74.8%	14.5
Class X	173	23.0%	14.3
Class 1	10	1.3%	14.2
Class 2	3	0.4%	16.9
Class 3	0	0.0%	-
Class 4	0	0.0%	-
Other*	3	0.4%	13.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14.4</b>

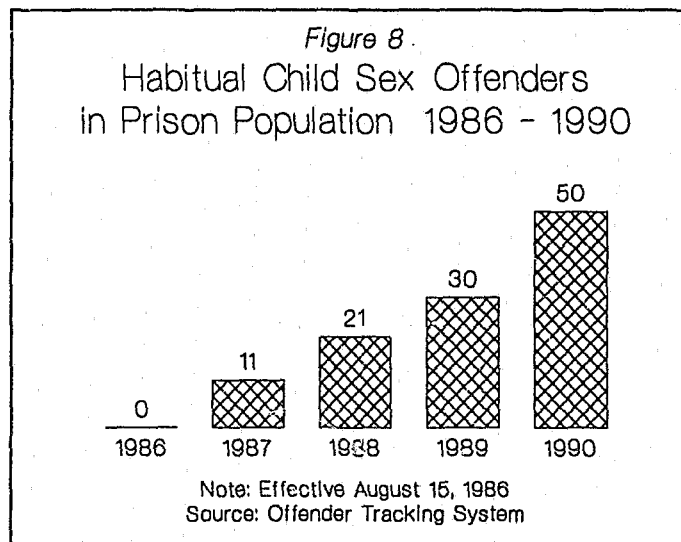
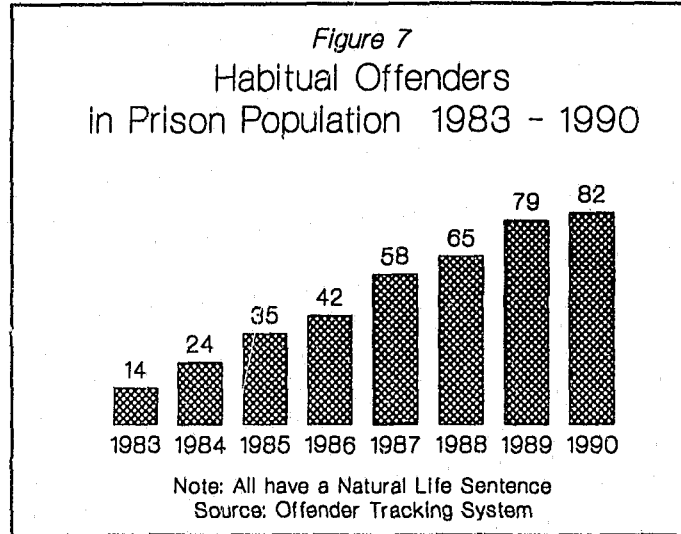
\*Includes three Sexually Dangerous Persons incarcerated for incidents which occurred before February 1, 1978.

**Table 6**  
**Time Served and Age in Years for Life, Death and Sexually Dangerous Persons**  
**in the Prison Population as of December 31, 1983-1990**

	Inmates	Average Time Served	*Standard Deviation	Average Age	*Standard Deviation
<i>Life</i>					
1983	150	4.0	6.8	33.8	10.7
1984	184	4.2	6.5	34.4	10.9
1985	237	4.2	6.1	34.1	10.7
1986	286	4.4	5.8	34.4	10.8
1987	340	4.3	5.3	35.0	10.5
1988	395	4.8	5.5	34.8	10.2
1989	456	5.0	5.1	35.3	9.9
1990	491	5.6	5.2	35.8	9.9
<i>Death</i>					
1983	62	2.5	1.8	33.2	8.2
1984	71	2.9	1.9	33.4	8.0
1985	85	3.3	2.4	33.4	7.5
1986	107	3.5	2.7	32.7	7.5
1987	110	4.0	2.9	33.3	7.7
1988	118	4.6	3.1	33.9	7.5
1989	119	5.4	3.3	35.1	7.8
1990	127	5.4	3.6	35.2	7.8
<i>SDP</i>					
1983	24	3.9	3.8	37.8	14.8
1984	30	3.6	3.4	38.5	16.4
1985	34	3.8	2.8	37.1	15.6
1986	40	3.4	2.6	36.6	14.4
1987	44	3.5	2.8	38.3	14.3
1988	50	4.3	3.1	38.7	15.4
1989	50	5.0	3.2	38.6	15.6
1990	57	4.8	3.7	40.0	13.7
<i>Life, Death and SDP Total</i>					
1983	236	3.5	5.2	34.0	10.8
1984	285	3.9	5.1	34.7	11.2
1985	356	3.9	4.9	34.2	10.7
1986	433	4.1	4.6	34.2	10.6
1987	494	4.2	4.2	35.0	10.5
1988	563	4.7	4.6	34.8	10.3
1989	625	5.0	4.7	35.5	10.1
1990	675	5.5	4.8	36.0	9.9

The standard deviation is a measure of variability and is expressed in the same unit as the average time served and age (years). Adding one standard deviation and subtracting one standard deviation from the average yields a range which includes approximately 68 percent of the cases. A larger standard deviation indicates a wider range of time served and age.





**Part II:  
Length  
of  
Stay**

## **PART II: Length of Stay**

### **Summary**

The number of exits increased by over 36% in 1990, following a seven percent rise in 1989. The mean length of stay in prison for all adult felons released in 1990, as well as the total time served, decreased slightly over averages for the past four years (Table 7). This increase in exits and decrease in length of stay is associated with the granting of an additional 90 days of MGT (Supplemental MGT).

Seventy-one percent of the reported exits in 1990 were of Class 2, 3, and 4 offenders (Table 8). The total average length of stay (2.0 years) is driven by the higher proportion of lower offense classes exiting prison.

Because of the large percentage of inmates exiting for these lower class offenses, the majority of inmates (67%) serve less than 2 years. Nearly half (47%) serve less than 1 year in prison (Figures 9 and 10).

The number of exits increased for all offense classes in 1990. As in 1989, the largest percentage was for Class 4 offenses (58%). This large number of Class 4 exits combined with an increase in the number of Class 4 admissions demonstrates the fast turnover of this lowest felony class of crime. Average length of stay increased for Murder and Class X offenses only. Total time served and prison stay decreased for Class 1 and Class 2 offenses (Table 8).

The number of exits increased for every major offense except Rape and Class 1 Voluntary Manslaughter (Table 9). The average lengths of stay for these two offenses have increased because the statutes have been revised. Thus, inmates exiting under the old offenses were admitted prior to the statutory changes. Those with shorter sentences exited in prior years. Since the remaining cases have longer sentences, the mean is raised. Also, the low number of Unlawful Use of Weapons (Class 3) cases is caused by an increase in the number of Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon convictions (also Class 3).

Increases in time served were noted for Murder and Attempted Murder only.

Average length of stay fell for Residential Burglary, Other Class 1 offenses, Burglary, Robbery, Other Class 2 offenses, Aggravated Battery, Forgery, Theft, and Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Table 9). The Department will be experiencing shorter lengths of stay for offenses such as these due to the use of Supplemental MGT which reduces the stay of some inmates by up to 90 days.

The number of exits from determinate sentences rose by 36% in 1990. Both the overall average time served and prison stay declined (Table 10).

Most determinate sentences for Murder and Class X offenses have resulted in continued increases in the average time served and prison stay since 1983. Lengths of stay for Class 3 and 4 offenses have remained stable over the past eight years (Table 12).



As more inmates go through the prison system for the revised criminal sexual assault/abuse offenses, their average length of stay continues to rise. For those inmates sentenced to Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault (Class X), the average prison stay has risen by one full year since 1987, with their overall time served increasing by 35 percent over the past three years. Similar increases occurred for two other related statutes: Criminal Sexual Assault (Class 1) and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse (Class 2). Their data are included in the Other Class 1 and Other Class 2 categories in Table 12. However, the average stays are lower than those sentenced under the former Rape statutes.

The lengths of stay for Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance (all classes) decreased compared to 1989 (Table 12).

More indeterminate cases (52) were released by the Prisoner Review Board in 1990 than in each of the past three years (Table 11). Over 90 percent of the indeterminate releases were for inmates convicted of Murder and Class X offenses (Table 13).

The majority of inmates who remain in prison with an indeterminate sentence are incarcerated for Murder and Class X offenses (Table 5). Compare Tables 12 and 13 to note various lengths of stay by offense for determinate versus indeterminate sentences.

*Table 7*  
Length Of Stay in Years For All Adult Felons  
Released 1978-1990

Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
		Average		Minimum	Maximum	Average		Minimum	Maximum
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median		
1978	4,279	2.6		.09	39.2	2.1		.00	38.8
1979	3,347	2.7		.15	25.7	2.2		.01	21.5
1980	3,781	2.3		.09	21.6	1.8		.00	21.1
1981	3,799	2.2		.01	25.4	1.8		.00	25.0
1982	5,996	2.3		.01	30.6	1.8		.00	30.5
1983	6,682	1.9	1.2	.04	25.2	1.4	0.9	.00	24.8
1984	6,081	2.0	1.5	.09	21.9	1.5	1.2	.00	21.5
1985	6,676	2.1	1.6	.01	38.6	1.6	1.3	.00	23.4
1986	7,242	2.1	1.7	.05	22.6	1.7	1.3	.00	20.2
1987	8,114	2.1	1.6	.03	31.6	1.7	1.2	.01	31.1
1988	8,075	2.1	1.7	.10	24.2	1.7	1.2	.00	24.1
1989	8,617	2.1	1.7	.10	24.9	1.7	1.2	.00	24.2
1990	11,731	2.0	1.5	.03	36.3	1.6	1.1	.00	31.5

Includes misdemeanors and unclassified cases which are not reported in Tables 8 through 13.

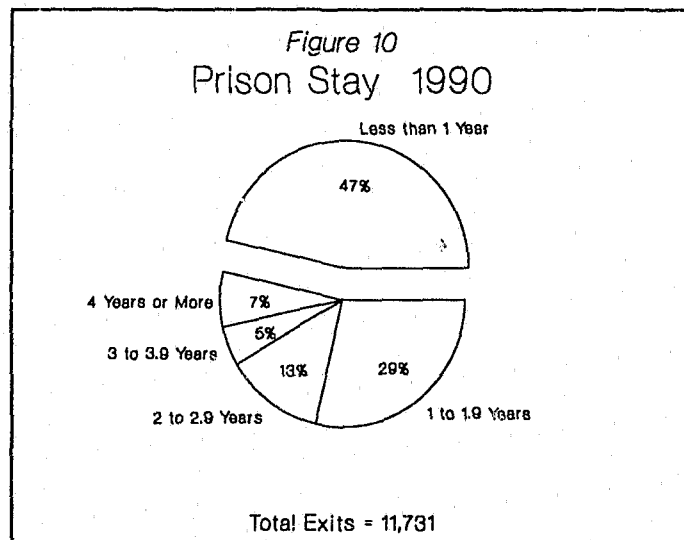
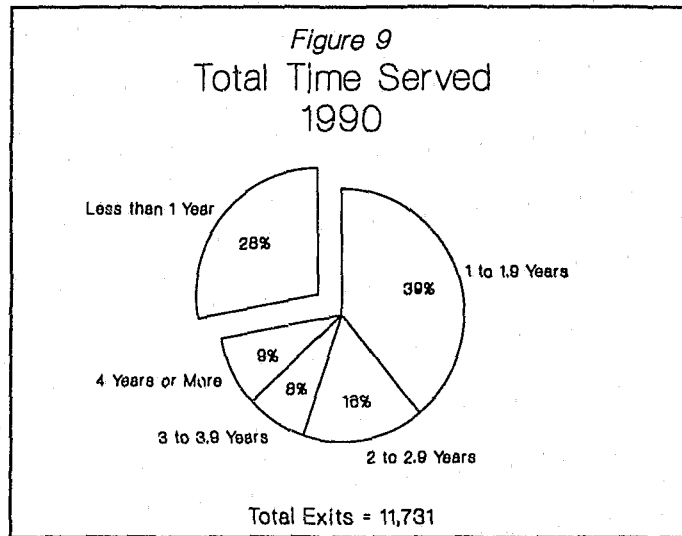
**Table 8**  
**Length Of Stay in Years For All Adult Felons**  
**Released 1978-1990**

Offense Class	Year	Cases	Time Served			Prison Stay		
			Mean	Standard Deviation	Median	Mean	Median	
Murder	1978	73	11.0	5.5		9.6	5.5	
	1979	91	10.1	4.0		8.4	3.7	
	1980	90	9.0	3.0		7.7	3.4	
	1981	126	9.2	3.7		7.9	4.0	
	1982	159	9.2	3.8		6.9	4.1	
	1983	234	10.2	3.5	10.0	8.5	3.6	8.2
	1984	97	8.6	3.2	7.9	6.9	3.4	6.6
	1985	62	8.8	4.0	9.0	7.4	4.2	7.4
	1986	57	9.8	4.4	9.6	8.4	4.1	8.4
	1987	81	9.2	4.2	9.2	8.1	4.3	8.1
	1988	113	9.6	4.1	9.4	8.5	4.1	8.5
	1989	106	9.9	3.4	9.7	8.8	3.5	9.0
1990	150	11.4	4.7	10.7	9.9	4.7	9.2	
Class X	1978	823	4.1	2.3		3.3	2.3	
	1979	866	3.8	2.1		3.1	2.0	
	1980	695	3.7	1.8		3.0	1.8	
	1981	746	3.6	1.6		3.0	1.5	
	1982	977	3.9	1.9		3.1	1.7	
	1983	1,010	3.7	2.1	3.1	3.0	2.0	2.5
	1984	1,026	3.9	1.9	3.4	3.2	1.8	2.7
	1985	980	4.1	2.2	3.5	3.4	1.8	2.9
	1986	1,079	4.1	1.7	3.7	3.4	1.7	3.2
	1987	1,221	4.3	2.1	3.7	3.6	2.1	3.2
	1988	1,259	4.3	2.0	3.7	3.6	1.9	3.1
	1989	1,343	4.3	2.1	3.7	3.6	2.1	3.0
1990	1,634	4.3	2.4	3.5	3.7	2.3	2.9	
Class 1	1978	81	3.5	1.7		2.9	1.7	
	1979	86	3.1	2.5		2.6	2.5	
	1980	104	2.8	1.3		2.2	1.3	
	1981	132	2.8	1.8		2.4	1.8	
	1982	179	2.9	2.4		2.2	1.8	
	1983	252	2.2	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.3	1.3
	1984	633	2.0	0.7	1.8	1.6	0.7	1.6
	1985	878	2.3	0.9	2.0	1.9	0.9	1.7
	1986	1,026	2.4	1.1	2.0	2.0	1.1	1.7
	1987	1,062	2.5	1.1	2.2	2.1	1.1	1.8
	1988	1,037	2.6	1.2	2.2	2.1	1.2	1.7
	1989	1,136	2.7	1.4	2.2	2.2	1.4	1.7
1990	1,571	2.5	1.3	2.1	2.0	1.3	1.7	

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Offense Class	Year	Cases	Time Served			Prison Stay		
			Mean	Standard Deviation	Median	Mean	Standard Deviation	Median
Class 2	1978	1,442	2.7	1.6		2.2	1.5	
	1979	1,090	2.6	1.6		2.0	1.5	
	1980	1,440	2.2	1.3		1.7	1.3	
	1981	1,357	2.0	1.3		1.6	1.2	
	1982	2,489	2.1	1.6		1.7	1.3	
	1983	2,152	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.9
	1984	1,613	1.9	1.1	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.2
	1985	1,947	2.0	1.0	1.7	1.6	1.0	1.4
	1986	2,126	1.9	0.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.3
	1987	2,579	1.8	0.9	1.5	1.4	0.9	1.2
	1988	2,640	1.8	0.8	1.6	1.4	0.8	1.2
	1989	2,651	1.9	1.0	1.7	1.5	1.0	1.2
1990	3,650	1.8	0.9	1.5	1.4	0.9	1.2	
Class 3	1978	587	2.6	1.3		2.1	1.2	
	1979	530	1.9	1.3		1.5	1.3	
	1980	536	1.7	1.0		1.3	1.0	
	1981	461	1.6	1.0		1.3	1.0	
	1982	1,538	1.4	1.2		1.1	1.0	
	1983	1,717	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5
	1984	1,870	1.2	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.7
	1985	1,934	1.3	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
	1986	2,046	1.3	0.7	1.1	1.0	0.7	1.0
	1987	2,065	1.3	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7
	1988	2,012	1.3	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
	1989	2,081	1.2	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7
1990	2,678	1.2	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	
Class 4	1978	20	2.3	1.0		2.0	1.0	
	1979	24	1.6	0.8		1.3	0.9	
	1980	26	1.6	0.6		1.3	0.7	
	1981	18	1.5	0.5		1.0	0.6	
	1982	375	1.0	0.9		0.7	0.8	
	1983	608	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3
	1984	789	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.5
	1985	869	1.0	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.6
	1986	903	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5
	1987	1,104	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.4
	1988	1,009	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4
	1989	1,294	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4
1990	2,047	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	

Note: The standard deviation is a measure of variability and is expressed in the same unit as the average time served or average prison stay (years). Adding one standard deviation to the average and subtracting one standard deviation from the average yields a range which includes approximately 68 percent of the cases.



**Table 9**  
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**Released 1978-1990 by Selected Offenses**

Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Murder/ First Degree Murder <sup>1</sup>	1978	73	11.0		1.6	39.2	9.6		0.5	38.8
	1979	91	10.1		3.2	25.7	8.4		0.2	21.5
	1980	90	9.0		2.5	18.1	7.7		1.1	17.9
	1981	126	9.2		1.2	25.4	7.9		1.0	25.0
	1982	159	9.2		1.0	30.6	6.9		0.2	30.5
	1983	234	10.2	10.0	2.8	24.5	8.5	8.2	0.1	24.4
	1984	97	8.6	7.9	1.5	18.1	6.9	6.6	0.1	16.6
	1985	62	8.8	9.0	1.2	23.6	7.4	7.4	0.4	23.4
	1986	57	9.8	9.6	1.1	22.6	8.4	8.4	0.6	18.1
	1987	81	9.2	9.2	1.4	31.6	8.1	8.1	1.2	31.1
	1988	113	9.6	9.4	0.2	24.2	8.5	8.5	0.1	24.1
1989	106	9.9	9.7	1.7	24.9	8.8	9.0	0.2	24.2	
1990	150	11.4	10.7	1.1	36.3	9.9	9.2	0.3	31.5	
Armed Robbery (Class X)	1978	576	3.9		1.1	28.9	3.1		0.0	28.4
	1979	621	3.6		1.4	17.4	2.9		0.0	16.7
	1980	448	3.5		1.1	21.6	2.9		0.0	21.1
	1981	470	3.7		1.0	12.5	3.0		0.1	12.5
	1982	672	3.9		1.1	16.0	3.1		0.1	15.5
	1983	648	3.6	3.0	0.2	11.7	2.9	2.5	0.0	11.3
	1984	597	3.9	3.3	0.6	14.4	3.2	2.7	0.1	14.0
	1985	541	4.1	3.4	0.4	38.6	3.3	2.8	0.0	18.2
	1986	562	4.1	3.7	1.2	13.6	3.5	3.1	0.0	11.9
	1987	594	4.3	3.7	1.1	12.0	3.7	3.2	0.0	11.7
	1988	587	4.4	3.7	1.5	14.6	3.7	3.2	0.0	14.1
1989	513	4.5	3.8	0.8	14.6	3.9	3.3	0.1	13.0	
1990	633	4.5	3.7	1.1	16.7	3.9	3.1	0.5	15.9	
Attempted Murder (Class X)	1978	93	4.2		1.0	11.7	3.3		0.8	11.3
	1979	85	3.7		1.0	9.8	2.7		0.1	9.1
	1980	95	3.5		1.0	7.7	2.7		0.1	6.7
	1981	96	3.3		1.0	10.1	2.6		0.3	9.8
	1982	52	4.2		1.5	8.7	3.3		1.2	6.8
	1983	81	4.2	3.4	0.4	15.1	3.4	2.7	0.1	14.7
	1984	81	4.2	3.6	0.1	11.3	3.5	3.0	0.0	11.0
	1985	92	4.2	3.5	2.6	9.2	3.4	2.9	1.1	8.5
	1986	105	4.0	3.5	1.0	10.1	3.5	3.0	0.1	10.0
	1987	134	4.8	4.1	1.7	18.9	4.0	3.4	0.0	18.4
	1988	130	4.7	4.3	1.9	15.4	3.9	3.6	0.0	14.5
1989	127	4.7	4.0	1.7	15.7	4.0	3.5	0.3	15.1	
1990	157	5.2	4.3	1.3	15.9	4.5	3.7	0.5	15.7	

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Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Rape (Class X)	1978	114	5.3		1.2	22.5	4.6		0.3	22.2
	1979	112	4.8		1.1	15.6	4.1		0.1	13.8
	1980	111	4.5		1.8	12.7	3.8		0.1	11.6
	1981	123	4.0		1.9	10.8	3.4		0.4	10.5
	1982	135	4.4		1.5	18.3	3.4		0.4	18.0
	1983	124	4.5	3.4	0.5	25.2	3.8	3.1	0.3	24.8
	1984	140	4.6	4.0	0.8	21.9	3.8	3.1	0.0	21.5
	1985	130	4.8	3.9	2.2	21.2	4.1	3.5	1.0	21.2
	1986	141	4.6	4.1	1.3	17.9	3.9	3.5	0.0	14.3
	1987	126	5.4	4.7	1.7	29.1	4.7	3.8	1.3	28.2
	1988	93	5.8	5.2	0.3	12.9	4.8	4.5	0.0	12.1
1989	88	6.7	6.2	2.7	11.9	5.8	5.5	0.3	11.5	
1990	70	8.3	7.7	2.8	24.2	7.3	6.9	0.6	21.0	
Other Class X	1978	40	3.5		1.0	10.7	3.1		1.0	9.0
	1979	48	3.6		1.0	9.1	3.0		0.6	8.1
	1980	41	3.6		1.5	7.0	2.9		1.0	6.9
	1981	57	3.2		1.1	8.2	2.7		0.5	7.6
	1982	118	3.0		0.4	8.3	2.4		0.3	6.6
	1983	157	3.1	2.6	0.3	15.1	2.6	2.2	0.1	14.8
	1984	208	3.4	3.0	1.0	11.0	2.8	2.4	0.3	10.5
	1985	217	3.7	3.3	0.5	9.7	3.2	2.8	0.3	9.3
	1986	271	3.7	3.3	0.4	8.4	3.1	2.8	0.2	7.8
	1987	367	3.7	3.2	0.3	11.2	3.1	2.7	0.0	11.1
	1988	449	3.7	3.1	0.3	10.2	3.2	2.7	0.1	9.8
1989	615	3.6	3.0	0.2	14.4	3.1	2.7	0.1	13.8	
1990	774	3.6	3.0	0.4	12.9	3.1	2.7	0.1	11.8	
Resid. Burglary <sup>2</sup> (Class 1)	1983	54	1.5	1.6	0.5	1.9	1.2	1.3	0.1	1.7
	1984	393	1.9	1.8	0.8	2.7	1.6	1.6	0.2	2.6
	1985	543	2.2	2.1	0.8	3.8	1.8	1.8	0.2	3.5
	1986	525	2.4	2.2	0.9	4.6	2.0	1.8	0.1	4.2
	1987	638	2.5	2.2	0.7	5.5	2.1	1.9	0.1	5.3
	1988	649	2.5	2.2	0.5	6.0	2.1	1.8	0.1	5.7
	1989	606	2.6	2.2	0.4	7.4	2.2	1.8	0.1	7.0
1990	805	2.6	2.2	0.8	8.0	2.1	1.9	0.2	7.6	
Vol. Mansl. <sup>2</sup> (Class 1)	1983	13	2.6	1.7	1.0	8.7	1.8	1.1	0.0	7.3
	1984	40	2.1	2.0	1.1	3.2	1.3	1.2	0.1	2.6
	1985	49	2.6	2.3	1.3	7.4	1.7	1.6	0.0	5.3
	1986	81	2.8	2.6	1.2	6.9	2.0	1.7	0.1	5.7
	1987	96	3.2	2.7	0.7	5.7	2.4	2.2	0.5	5.3
	1988	90	3.5	3.5	1.7	6.3	2.5	2.5	0.0	5.6
	1989	103	4.2	4.1	1.7	7.3	3.3	3.2	0.1	6.7
1990	99	4.3	4.3	1.3	8.0	3.3	3.1	0.1	7.5	

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Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Other Class 1 <sup>a</sup>	1978	81	3.5		1.0	11.2	2.9		0.1	9.7
	1979	86	3.1		1.0	20.7	2.6		0.1	20.4
	1980	104	2.8		1.0	6.4	2.2		0.1	6.2
	1981	132	2.8		1.0	13.3	2.4		0.5	13.2
	1982	179	2.9		0.3	15.8	2.2		0.1	14.2
	1983	185	2.4	1.8	0.3	11.3	1.8	1.4	0.0	8.0
	1984	200	2.3	1.9	0.3	7.0	1.8	1.6	0.1	6.8
	1985	286	2.4	2.0	0.2	11.3	1.9	1.7	0.1	11.0
	1986	320	2.4	1.9	0.2	20.9	2.0	1.7	0.0	20.2
	1987	328	2.4	1.8	0.2	12.0	2.0	1.7	0.1	11.9
	1988	298	2.5	1.8	0.2	8.3	2.0	1.7	0.0	8.2
1989	427	2.4	1.8	0.2	12.5	2.0	1.6	0.1	12.4	
1990	667	2.1	1.7	0.2	10.7	1.7	1.5	0.0	9.9	
Burglary (Class 2)	1978	693	2.6		1.0	24.2	2.1		0.0	18.2
	1979	506	2.4		1.0	17.2	2.0		0.0	16.8
	1980	764	2.0		1.0	11.4	1.7		0.0	11.2
	1981	785	1.9		1.0	21.2	1.5		0.0	20.4
	1982	1,496	2.0		0.2	21.5	1.6		0.0	21.2
	1983	1,316	1.4	1.2	0.1	16.1	1.0	0.8	0.0	15.1
	1984	965	1.8	1.5	0.4	10.5	1.4	1.2	0.0	10.5
	1985	1,145	1.9	1.7	0.0	9.7	1.6	1.4	0.0	9.6
	1986	1,194	1.9	1.7	0.2	9.5	1.6	1.3	0.0	9.3
	1987	1,337	1.8	1.5	0.2	8.8	1.5	1.2	0.0	8.4
	1988	1,158	1.9	1.6	0.4	8.2	1.5	1.2	0.0	7.9
1989	1,113	1.9	1.7	0.1	12.2	1.6	1.3	0.0	11.2	
1990	1,518	1.8	1.5	0.3	9.2	1.4	1.2	0.0	8.0	
Robbery (Class 2)	1978	538	2.6		1.0	11.7	2.1		0.0	11.4
	1979	377	2.4		1.0	10.2	1.8		0.0	7.3
	1980	428	2.1		1.0	7.9	1.6		0.1	6.9
	1981	364	1.8		1.0	8.9	1.5		0.0	8.3
	1982	628	2.2		0.2	15.1	1.6		0.0	14.5
	1983	543	1.6	1.3	0.3	7.9	1.1	0.9	0.0	7.1
	1984	415	1.8	1.6	0.3	12.6	1.3	1.1	0.0	12.3
	1985	515	2.0	1.8	0.6	14.6	1.5	1.4	0.1	14.5
	1986	518	2.0	1.8	0.1	8.4	1.5	1.3	0.0	7.9
	1987	511	2.0	1.7	0.1	11.7	1.6	1.3	0.0	10.8
	1988	519	1.9	1.7	0.6	6.7	1.4	1.2	0.0	6.4
1989	546	2.0	1.7	0.2	9.2	1.4	1.2	0.0	8.6	
1990	705	1.9	1.6	0.2	7.6	1.4	1.2	0.0	7.2	

**Table 9**  
**Length Of Stay in Years For All Adult Felons**  
**Released 1978-1990 by Selected Offenses**

Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Voluntary Mansl. (Class 2)	1978	145	3.7		1.2	9.6	2.7		0.0	8.5
	1979	158	3.4		1.2	15.0	2.4		0.0	10.5
	1980	181	3.1		1.2	15.0	2.2		0.0	14.1
	1981	143	2.9		1.1	8.0	2.0		0.0	7.4
	1982	124	3.1		0.9	10.6	2.2		0.2	7.8
	1983	97	2.7	2.4	1.0	18.5	1.7	1.6	0.2	5.9
	1984	54	3.8	3.2	0.7	19.7	3.0	2.4	0.4	19.1
	1985	37	3.9	3.2	0.2	10.7	3.0	2.5	0.0	8.4
	1986	12	4.6	4.6	1.3	6.7	3.5	3.6	0.7	5.2
	1987	11	5.3	6.0	1.7	6.7	4.6	5.2	1.4	5.9
	1988	7	5.9	6.4	4.0	7.4	5.0	6.0	2.7	6.7
	1989	4	8.8	7.3	7.2	13.4	7.7	6.7	5.3	12.2
	1990	4	5.6	5.8	0.7	10.0	5.1	5.1	0.7	9.4
Other Class 2	1978	66	3.0		1.1	8.9	2.6		0.0	7.7
	1979	49	2.6		1.0	9.7	2.2		0.2	8.9
	1980	67	2.1		1.0	12.5	1.6		0.1	12.2
	1981	65	1.9		1.0	8.9	1.6		0.1	6.3
	1982	186	2.3		0.2	11.5	1.9		0.1	11.2
	1983	196	1.6	1.2	0.2	7.8	1.2	0.9	0.1	7.6
	1984	179	1.7	1.4	0.2	10.4	1.3	1.1	0.1	8.4
	1985	250	1.8	1.5	0.5	7.2	1.5	1.3	0.0	6.3
	1986	402	1.7	1.5	0.2	8.2	1.3	1.2	0.1	7.6
	1987	720	1.6	1.3	0.5	6.9	1.2	1.1	0.1	6.4
	1988	956	1.7	1.5	0.2	6.4	1.3	1.2	0.1	5.9
	1989	988	1.8	1.5	0.1	6.7	1.4	1.2	0.0	6.7
	1990	1,423	1.7	1.4	0.0	11.2	1.3	1.1	0.0	10.8
Aggravated Battery (Class 3)	1978	185	2.7		1.0	12.9	2.1		0.0	5.5
	1979	152	2.0		1.0	8.5	1.6		0.0	8.2
	1980	123	1.9		1.0	7.0	1.6		0.0	6.1
	1981	93	1.7		1.0	6.5	1.2		0.0	6.4
	1982	317	1.8		0.3	10.4	1.3		0.0	9.8
	1983	307	1.4	1.0	0.0	8.1	0.9	0.6	0.0	7.6
	1984	320	1.4	1.3	0.1	7.8	1.0	0.9	0.0	7.3
	1985	340	1.5	1.3	0.1	13.1	1.1	0.9	0.0	13.1
	1986	348	1.5	1.3	0.5	11.7	1.1	0.9	0.0	10.3
	1987	416	1.4	1.2	0.0	7.1	1.1	0.9	0.0	6.8
	1988	359	1.5	1.3	0.5	18.4	1.1	0.9	0.0	17.7
	1989	395	1.5	1.2	0.3	5.7	1.0	0.8	0.0	5.3
	1990	482	1.4	1.2	0.3	6.8	1.0	0.7	0.1	6.2



*Table 9*  
**Length Of Stay in Years For All Adult Felons  
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Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Forgery (Class 3)	1978	79	2.3		1.0	10.3	1.9		0.1	9.8
	1979	66	1.7		1.0	8.1	1.4		0.0	8.0
	1980	64	1.8		1.0	9.4	1.4		0.2	8.5
	1981	54	2.0		1.0	9.9	1.6		0.1	9.7
	1982	132	1.3		0.3	6.2	1.0		0.1	6.0
	1983	144	1.0	0.8	0.3	4.4	0.7	0.6	0.0	3.1
	1984	176	1.2	1.0	0.4	3.1	0.9	0.8	0.0	2.4
	1985	188	1.4	1.2	0.1	4.6	1.0	0.9	0.0	4.3
	1986	183	1.3	1.0	0.4	5.1	0.9	0.8	0.0	5.0
	1987	188	1.3	1.1	0.3	4.7	0.9	0.7	0.0	4.4
	1988	229	1.3	1.2	0.3	5.4	0.9	0.7	0.1	5.2
1989	192	1.3	1.2	0.3	6.5	1.0	0.8	0.1	6.3	
1990	288	1.2	1.0	0.3	4.7	0.9	0.7	0.1	4.3	
Theft (Class 3)	1978	181	2.4		1.0	5.8	2.0		0.0	5.8
	1979	186	1.7		1.0	7.3	1.3		0.0	7.1
	1980	240	1.4		1.0	6.0	1.1		0.0	5.6
	1981	230	1.5		1.0	7.5	1.1		0.0	7.4
	1982	791	1.3		0.0	9.0	1.0		0.0	7.8
	1983	779	1.0	0.8	0.3	8.3	0.6	0.5	0.0	4.0
	1984	764	1.1	0.9	0.1	11.0	0.8	0.7	0.0	10.7
	1985	759	1.2	1.0	0.1	7.0	0.9	0.8	0.0	5.7
	1986	726	1.2	1.0	0.0	4.7	0.9	0.8	0.0	3.8
	1987	621	1.2	1.0	0.2	6.0	0.9	0.7	0.0	5.4
	1988	596	1.2	1.0	0.2	4.7	0.8	0.7	0.0	4.4
1989	573	1.2	1.0	0.2	5.8	0.8	0.7	0.1	5.6	
1990	726	1.1	0.9	0.3	5.2	0.8	0.6	0.1	5.0	
Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class 3)	1978	38	3.1		1.0	8.6	2.4		0.1	6.3
	1979	26	1.8		1.0	6.3	1.4		0.1	5.9
	1980	25	1.6		1.0	5.2	1.1		0.0	2.8
	1981	18	1.9		1.0	6.4	1.6		0.5	6.1
	1982	14	1.2		0.4	2.5	0.9		0.3	2.4
	1983	88	1.1	0.9	0.3	3.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	3.3
	1984	130	1.3	1.0	0.3	4.6	1.0	0.8	0.1	4.1
	1985	151	1.2	1.0	0.4	3.4	0.9	0.8	0.0	2.1
	1986	165	1.3	1.2	0.4	3.0	1.0	0.9	0.2	2.8
	1987	101	1.3	1.2	0.2	3.7	1.0	0.9	0.1	2.8
	1988	66	1.3	1.2	0.3	4.3	1.0	0.7	0.1	3.0
1989	62	1.3	1.0	0.5	6.5	1.0	0.7	0.1	6.1	
1990	83	1.1	0.8	0.2	4.5	0.8	0.6	0.1	4.5	

**Table 9**  
**Length Of Stay in Years For All Adult Felons**  
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Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Other Class 3	1978	104	2.7		1.0	8.2	2.2		0.0	5.8
	1979	100	2.1		1.0	11.9	1.7		0.0	11.5
	1980	84	1.8		1.0	7.0	1.4		0.0	6.5
	1981	66	1.7		1.0	8.5	1.5		0.0	6.7
	1982	284	1.4		0.1	8.8	1.1		0.1	8.8
	1983	399	1.0	0.9	0.2	9.2	0.7	0.5	0.0	8.5
	1984	480	1.1	0.9	0.2	8.4	0.8	0.7	0.0	4.3
	1985	496	1.3	1.0	0.3	14.2	0.9	0.7	0.0	13.6
	1986	624	1.2	1.0	0.3	5.8	0.9	0.8	0.0	5.7
	1987	739	1.2	1.0	0.2	6.7	0.9	0.7	0.0	5.4
	1988	762	1.2	1.0	0.2	12.5	0.9	0.7	0.0	11.9
	1989	859	1.2	1.0	0.2	5.8	0.9	0.7	0.0	5.7
1990	1,099	1.2	1.0	0.2	6.4	0.8	0.7	0.0	5.4	
Class 4	1978	20	2.3		1.0	4.2	2.0		0.9	4.2
	1979	24	1.6		1.0	3.8	1.3		0.1	3.8
	1980	26	1.6		1.0	3.4	1.3		0.3	3.2
	1981	18	1.5		1.0	2.5	1.0		0.0	2.3
	1982	375	1.0		0.1	7.9	0.7		0.0	7.9
	1983	608	0.7	0.6	0.1	3.2	0.5	0.3	0.0	3.2
	1984	789	0.8	0.8	0.1	8.7	0.6	0.5	0.0	7.5
	1985	869	1.0	0.9	0.2	11.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	11.6
	1986	903	0.9	0.8	0.2	4.7	0.7	0.5	0.0	4.6
	1987	1,104	0.8	0.7	0.1	3.9	0.5	0.4	0.0	3.8
	1988	1,009	0.7	0.7	0.1	3.9	0.5	0.4	0.0	2.8
	1989	1,294	0.7	0.7	0.1	5.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	4.1
1990	2,047	0.7	0.6	0.1	4.8	0.5	0.4	0.0	4.4	

<sup>1</sup>Murder was changed to First Degree Murder effective on July 1, 1987 (Public Act 84-1450). With the first exit occurring in 1989 (the inmate died in prison after 6 months with IDOC), First Degree Murder lengths of stay are included in this category beginning in 1989. There were no such exits during 1990.

<sup>2</sup>Voluntary Manslaughter was changed to a Class 1 offense in 1982. Residential Burglary was also introduced as a Class 1 offense in 1982. The sharp decrease in the number of Class 2 Voluntary Manslaughter cases was caused by this change in the statute.

<sup>3</sup>From 1978 to 1982, all Class 1 offenses were included. Beginning in 1983, with the introduction of Voluntary Manslaughter and Residential Burglary, the category is entitled, "Other Class 1".

**Table 10**  
**Length Of Stay in Years For Determinate Cases**  
**Released 1978-1990**

Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
		Average		Minimum	Maximum	Average			
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median	Maximum	
1978	143	1.2		.09	4.0	0.3		.00	0.8
1979	1,016	1.3		.15	6.7	0.8		.01	1.9
1980	2,538	1.4		.10	4.8	1.1		.00	2.8
1981	3,168	1.6		.01	-	1.3		.00	3.8
1982	5,256	1.7		.01	4.8	1.4		.00	4.6
1983	5,502	1.5	1.3	.06	6.9	1.1	0.9	.00	6.9
1984	5,821	1.8	1.4	.09	6.9	1.4	1.2	.00	6.5
1985	6,535	1.9	1.6	.01	8.1	1.5	1.3	.00	7.4
1986	7,178	2.0	1.7	.05	13.6	1.6	1.3	.00	12.5
1987	8,068	2.0	1.6	.03	31.6	1.6	1.2	.01	31.1
1988	8,026	2.1	1.7	.10	19.9	1.6	1.2	.00	19.0
1989	8,574	2.1	1.7	.10	14.8	1.7	1.2	.00	13.3
1990	11,679	2.0	1.5	.03	36.3	1.6	1.1	.00	31.5

There may be some cases with maximum lengths of stay which would have inmates admitted to prison before determinate sentencing took effect in 1978. These inmates were originally sentenced under an indeterminate sentence, but opted for a set release date. The number of cases includes misdemeanors and unclassified cases which are not reported in Table 12.

**Table 11**  
**Length Of Stay in Years For Indeterminate Cases**  
**Released 1978-1990**

Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
		Average		Minimum	Maximum	Average			
		Mean	Median			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
1978	4,116	2.7		.10	39.2	2.2		.01	38.8
1979	2,319	3.3		.32	24.0	2.7		.01	20.4
1980	1,238	3.9		.09	21.6	3.3		.00	21.1
1981	626	5.2		.06	20.4	4.4		.01	22.4
1982	806	5.8		.14	21.5	4.3		.03	21.2
1983	455	8.5	7.8	.32	25.2	7.0	6.6	.04	24.8
1984	203	8.5	7.9	.50	21.9	6.8	6.7	.07	21.5
1985	133	9.5	8.8	.32	38.6	7.8	7.7	.22	23.4
1986	63	10.1	10.2	.77	22.6	9.0	9.1	.13	20.2
1987	46	9.3	10.1	.40	21.2	8.5	9.2	.40	20.7
1988	46	12.0	12.9	.30	24.2	10.8	11.8	.10	24.1
1989	43	11.5	12.5	.20	24.9	10.7	11.4	.20	24.2
1990	52	14.6	14.5	.50	26.4	13.3	12.7	.50	25.8

**Table 12**  
**Length Of Stay in Years For Determinate Cases<sup>1</sup>**  
**Released 1983-1990 by Selected Offenses**

Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Murder/ First Degree Murder <sup>2</sup>	1983	11	3.7	3.1	2.8	6.0	3.0	2.8	1.8	5.0
	1984	9	3.6	3.9	1.5	6.1	2.5	2.3	1.1	4.0
	1985	15	4.2	4.3	1.2	6.7	3.1	3.1	0.4	5.5
	1986	28	7.5	8.5	1.4	13.6	6.2	6.5	0.6	12.5
	1987	63	8.4	9.2	1.4	31.6	7.3	8.0	1.2	31.1
	1988	89	8.4	9.2	0.2	19.9	7.4	8.2	0.1	19.0
	1989	87	9.1	9.5	1.7	14.8	7.9	8.7	0.2	13.3
1990	114	9.8	9.7	1.1	36.3	8.3	8.9	0.3	31.5	
Armed Robbery (Class X)	1983	563	3.1	2.9	0.2	8.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	5.2
	1984	541	3.5	3.2	0.6	6.8	2.9	2.6	0.1	6.4
	1985	504	3.7	3.3	0.4	7.3	3.1	2.7	0.0	6.5
	1986	549	4.0	3.6	1.2	13.6	3.4	3.0	0.0	11.8
	1987	586	4.2	3.7	1.1	11.2	3.6	3.2	0.0	10.8
	1988	577	4.3	3.7	1.5	10.5	3.6	3.2	0.0	9.9
	1989	508	4.4	3.8	0.8	11.9	3.8	3.3	0.1	11.7
1990	627	4.5	3.7	1.1	13.9	3.8	3.1	0.5	11.4	
Attempted Murder (Class X)	1983	62	3.3	3.1	0.4	7.5	2.5	2.3	0.1	4.9
	1984	70	3.6	3.3	0.1	7.2	3.0	2.7	0.0	5.9
	1985	86	3.9	3.3	2.6	7.8	3.2	2.8	1.1	6.9
	1986	104	4.0	3.4	1.0	9.2	3.4	3.0	0.0	8.4
	1987	132	4.6	4.0	1.7	10.8	3.8	3.4	0.0	9.7
	1988	128	4.5	4.3	1.9	9.2	3.8	3.6	0.0	8.5
	1989	125	4.6	4.0	1.7	11.8	3.8	3.5	0.3	10.5
1990	155	5.1	4.3	1.3	12.2	4.4	3.6	0.5	11.9	
Rape (Class X)	1983	89	3.2	2.9	0.5	5.9	2.6	2.3	0.3	5.4
	1984	121	3.9	3.7	0.8	7.3	3.2	2.9	0.0	6.5
	1985	117	4.1	3.8	2.2	8.1	3.5	3.3	1.0	7.1
	1986	136	4.4	4.1	1.3	8.8	3.8	3.5	0.0	8.3
	1987	122	5.3	4.5	1.7	29.1	4.5	3.7	1.3	28.2
	1988	91	5.6	5.0	0.3	12.1	4.7	4.4	0.0	10.2
	1989	86	6.6	6.1	2.7	11.6	5.7	5.5	0.3	11.0
1990	67	7.8	7.4	2.8	13.2	6.9	6.8	0.6	12.4	
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault (Class X)	1983	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1984	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1985	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1986	4	1.5	1.3	1.1	2.4	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.6
	1987	43	2.6	2.7	1.1	3.3	1.9	2.1	0.1	2.8
	1988	101	2.9	2.8	0.5	4.2	2.4	2.4	0.2	4.0
	1989	200	3.2	2.9	0.2	5.1	2.6	2.6	0.1	4.9
1990	222	3.5	3.2	1.2	6.2	2.9	2.7	0.3	5.9	
Manuf/Del of a Controlled Substance (Class X)	1983	34	1.9	2.1	0.5	4.3	1.6	1.5	0.2	3.9
	1984	40	2.8	2.6	1.0	5.5	2.3	2.3	0.3	4.9
	1985	38	3.0	2.8	0.5	5.4	2.6	2.7	0.3	4.6
	1986	75	3.0	2.8	0.4	6.5	2.5	2.5	0.2	6.1
	1987	97	3.1	2.7	0.3	7.9	2.7	2.6	0.2	7.5
	1988	139	3.1	2.7	0.3	9.5	2.7	2.7	0.1	8.1
	1989	190	3.2	2.8	0.2	9.6	2.7	2.6	0.1	8.9
1990	282	3.0	2.8	0.7	9.6	2.6	2.6	0.1	8.4	

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Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Other Class X	1983	95	3.0	2.8	1.1	6.6	2.5	2.3	0.1	5.5
	1984	162	3.4	3.1	1.2	6.7	2.8	2.5	0.3	6.2
	1985	175	3.8	3.5	1.3	7.3	3.2	3.0	0.7	6.4
	1986	192	4.0	3.7	1.3	8.4	3.4	3.2	0.2	7.8
	1987	222	4.2	3.7	0.7	10.0	3.5	3.2	0.0	9.5
	1988	209	4.4	3.8	0.8	10.2	3.9	3.4	0.4	9.8
	1989	222	4.3	3.7	0.5	11.6	3.8	3.0	0.1	10.8
1990	270	4.4	3.3	0.4	12.9	3.7	2.8	0.1	11.8	
Resid. Burglary (Class 1)	1983	54	1.5	1.6	0.5	1.9	1.2	1.3	0.1	1.7
	1984	393	1.9	1.8	0.8	2.7	1.6	1.6	0.2	2.6
	1985	543	2.2	2.1	0.8	3.8	1.8	1.8	0.2	3.5
	1986	625	2.4	2.2	0.9	4.6	2.0	1.8	0.1	4.2
	1987	638	2.5	2.2	0.7	5.5	2.1	1.9	0.1	5.3
	1988	649	2.5	2.2	0.5	6.0	2.1	1.8	0.1	5.7
	1989	606	2.6	2.2	0.4	7.4	2.2	1.8	0.1	7.0
1990	805	2.6	2.2	0.8	8.0	2.1	1.9	0.2	7.6	
Voluntary Mansl. (Class 1)	1983	13	2.6	1.7	1.0	8.7	1.8	1.1	0.0	7.3
	1984	39	2.2	2.0	1.5	3.2	1.4	1.4	0.1	2.6
	1985	49	2.6	2.3	1.3	7.4	1.7	1.6	0.0	5.3
	1986	81	2.8	2.6	1.2	6.9	2.0	1.7	0.1	5.7
	1987	96	3.2	2.7	0.7	5.7	2.4	2.2	0.5	5.3
	1988	90	3.5	3.5	1.7	6.3	2.5	2.5	0.0	5.6
	1989	103	4.2	4.1	1.7	7.3	3.3	3.2	0.1	6.7
1990	99	4.3	4.3	1.3	8.0	3.3	3.1	0.1	7.5	
Other Class 1	1983	170	2.1	1.8	0.3	5.1	1.6	1.4	0.0	4.4
	1984	198	2.2	1.9	0.3	6.6	1.8	1.6	0.1	6.1
	1985	278	2.3	2.0	0.2	7.0	1.8	1.7	0.1	6.7
	1986	313	2.2	1.9	0.2	7.2	1.8	1.7	0.0	6.4
	1987	326	2.3	1.8	0.2	9.0	1.9	1.6	0.1	8.5
	1988	297	2.5	1.8	0.2	8.3	2.0	1.7	0.0	8.2
	1989	422	2.4	1.8	0.2	8.6	1.9	1.6	0.1	7.8
1990	666	2.1	1.7	0.2	10.7	1.7	1.5	0.0	9.9	
Burglary (Class 2)	1983	1,290	1.3	1.2	0.1	4.9	1.0	0.8	0.0	4.6
	1984	962	1.8	1.5	0.4	7.4	1.4	1.2	0.0	5.9
	1985	1,142	1.9	1.7	0.0	7.0	1.5	1.4	0.0	6.1
	1986	1,191	1.9	1.7	0.2	9.4	1.6	1.3	0.0	9.3
	1987	1,335	1.8	1.5	0.2	8.8	1.5	1.2	0.0	8.4
	1988	1,156	1.9	1.6	0.4	8.2	1.5	1.2	0.0	7.9
	1989	1,112	1.9	1.7	0.1	8.6	1.5	1.3	0.0	8.1
1990	1,518	1.8	1.5	0.3	9.2	1.4	1.2	0.0	8.0	
Robbery (Class 2)	1983	528	1.5	1.3	0.3	7.7	1.0	0.8	0.0	4.7
	1984	412	1.8	1.6	0.3	6.3	1.2	1.1	0.0	5.5
	1985	513	2.0	1.8	0.6	6.4	1.5	1.3	0.1	6.2
	1986	516	2.0	1.8	0.1	6.9	1.5	1.3	0.0	6.4
	1987	510	2.0	1.7	0.1	6.8	1.5	1.3	0.0	6.1
	1988	519	1.9	1.7	0.6	6.7	1.4	1.2	0.0	6.4
	1989	545	2.0	1.7	0.2	9.2	1.4	1.2	0.0	8.6
1990	703	1.9	1.6	0.2	7.4	1.4	1.2	0.0	7.1	

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Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Voluntary Mansl. (Class 2)	1983	93	2.4	2.3	1.0	6.1	1.7	1.6	0.2	4.4
	1984	50	3.3	3.2	0.7	5.5	2.5	2.3	0.4	4.4
	1985	34	3.4	3.2	0.2	6.9	2.7	2.5	0.0	6.5
	1986	12	4.6	4.6	1.3	6.7	3.5	3.6	0.7	5.2
	1987	10	5.7	6.0	1.7	6.7	4.9	5.2	1.7	5.9
	1988	6	6.2	6.6	4.8	7.4	5.4	6.1	3.2	6.7
	1989	3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.4	6.3	6.6	5.3	6.9
	1990	2	8.6	8.6	7.3	10.0	8.3	8.3	7.2	9.4
Manuf/Del of a Controlled Substance (Class 2)	1983	61	1.1	1.0	0.5	3.1	0.9	0.7	0.3	3.0
	1984	54	1.5	1.3	0.2	5.1	1.1	1.0	0.2	4.6
	1985	75	1.7	1.4	0.7	5.6	1.4	1.2	0.5	5.1
	1986	103	1.4	1.4	0.2	3.3	1.2	1.2	0.1	3.1
	1987	159	1.4	1.3	0.5	3.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	3.0
	1988	214	1.5	1.3	0.2	3.5	1.2	1.2	0.1	3.3
	1989	245	1.6	1.3	0.2	5.8	1.3	1.2	0.1	5.2
	1990	576	1.5	1.3	0.0	6.7	1.2	1.1	0.0	6.4
Auto Theft (Class 2)	1983	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1984	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1985	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1986	74	1.3	1.3	0.7	1.8	1.0	1.0	0.2	1.6
	1987	277	1.5	1.3	0.5	2.7	1.0	1.0	0.1	2.6
	1988	433	1.6	1.5	0.2	3.6	1.2	1.1	0.1	3.3
	1989	390	1.8	1.7	0.1	3.8	1.3	1.2	0.0	3.7
	1990	475	1.8	1.5	0.3	4.8	1.4	1.2	0.0	4.4
Other Class 2	1983	132	1.7	1.4	0.2	6.3	1.3	1.0	0.1	5.1
	1984	123	1.7	1.4	0.7	5.0	1.2	1.1	0.1	4.9
	1985	174	1.9	1.7	0.5	6.3	1.5	1.3	0.0	6.3
	1986	225	1.7	1.5	0.5	8.2	1.3	1.2	0.1	7.6
	1987	284	1.7	1.4	0.5	6.9	1.2	1.1	0.1	5.2
	1988	309	1.8	1.5	0.5	6.4	1.3	1.2	0.1	5.9
	1989	353	1.9	1.7	0.1	6.7	1.5	1.2	0.1	6.7
	1990	372	1.9	1.5	0.4	11.2	1.5	1.2	0.1	10.8
Aggravated Battery (Class 3)	1983	299	1.3	1.0	0.3	5.0	0.8	0.6	0.0	4.9
	1984	319	1.4	1.3	0.1	5.4	1.0	0.9	0.0	5.3
	1985	338	1.4	1.3	0.1	6.2	1.0	0.9	0.0	6.1
	1986	348	1.5	1.3	0.5	11.7	1.1	0.9	0.0	10.3
	1987	416	1.4	1.2	0.0	7.1	1.1	0.9	0.0	6.8
	1988	358	1.4	1.3	0.5	4.8	1.1	0.9	0.0	4.7
	1989	395	1.5	1.2	0.3	5.7	1.0	0.8	0.0	5.3
	1990	482	1.4	1.2	0.3	6.8	1.0	0.7	0.1	6.2
Forgery (Class 3)	1983	144	1.0	0.8	0.3	4.4	0.7	0.6	0.0	3.1
	1984	176	1.2	1.0	0.4	3.1	0.9	0.8	0.0	2.4
	1985	188	1.4	1.2	0.1	4.6	1.0	0.9	0.0	4.3
	1986	183	1.3	1.0	0.4	5.1	0.9	0.8	0.0	5.0
	1987	188	1.3	1.1	0.3	4.7	0.9	0.7	0.0	4.4
	1988	229	1.3	1.2	0.3	5.4	0.9	0.7	0.1	5.2
	1989	192	1.3	1.2	0.3	6.5	1.0	0.8	0.1	6.3
	1990	288	1.2	1.0	0.3	4.7	0.9	0.7	0.1	4.3

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Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Theft (Class 3)	1983	774	0.9	0.8	0.3	4.1	0.6	0.5	0.0	4.0
	1984	760	1.1	0.9	0.1	5.6	0.8	0.7	0.0	5.4
	1985	758	1.2	1.0	0.1	7.0	0.9	0.8	0.0	5.7
	1986	725	1.2	1.0	0.0	4.7	0.9	0.8	0.0	3.8
	1987	619	1.2	1.0	0.2	6.0	0.9	0.7	0.0	5.4
	1988	596	1.2	1.0	0.2	4.7	0.8	0.7	0.0	4.4
	1989	572	1.2	1.0	0.2	5.8	0.9	0.7	0.1	5.6
1990	726	1.1	0.9	0.3	5.2	0.8	0.6	0.1	5.0	
Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class 3)	1983	88	1.1	0.9	0.3	3.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	3.3
	1984	130	1.3	1.0	0.3	4.6	1.0	0.8	0.1	4.1
	1985	151	1.2	1.0	0.4	3.4	0.9	0.8	0.1	2.1
	1986	165	1.3	1.2	0.4	3.0	1.0	0.9	0.2	2.8
	1987	101	1.3	1.2	0.2	3.7	1.0	0.9	0.1	2.8
	1988	66	1.3	1.2	0.3	4.3	1.0	0.7	0.1	3.0
	1989	61	1.2	1.0	0.5	4.9	0.9	0.7	0.1	4.7
1990	83	1.1	0.8	0.3	4.5	0.8	0.6	0.1	4.5	
Other Class 3	1983	397	1.0	0.9	0.2	5.2	0.6	0.5	0.0	4.6
	1984	479	1.1	0.9	0.2	5.9	0.8	0.7	0.0	4.3
	1985	493	1.2	1.0	0.3	4.6	0.9	0.7	0.0	3.9
	1986	624	1.2	1.0	0.3	5.8	0.9	0.8	0.0	5.7
	1987	738	1.2	1.0	0.2	6.7	0.9	0.7	0.0	5.4
	1988	760	1.2	1.0	0.2	8.0	0.9	0.7	0.0	7.8
	1989	858	1.2	1.0	0.2	5.8	0.9	0.7	0.0	5.7
1990	1,099	1.2	1.0	0.2	6.4	0.8	0.7	0.0	5.4	
Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4)	1983	101	0.7	0.6	0.3	3.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	3.2
	1984	127	0.8	0.7	0.2	5.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	4.8
	1985	147	0.8	0.7	0.3	7.4	0.6	0.5	0.0	7.4
	1986	189	0.8	0.7	0.2	2.8	0.5	0.4	0.0	2.7
	1987	225	0.7	0.7	0.2	3.4	0.5	0.4	0.0	3.2
	1988	254	0.7	0.7	0.2	2.7	0.5	0.3	0.0	2.7
	1989	367	0.7	0.6	0.1	4.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	3.6
1990	808	0.7	0.6	0.2	3.6	0.4	0.3	0.0	2.9	
Other Class 4	1983	505	0.7	0.6	0.1	2.9	0.5	0.3	0.0	2.9
	1984	659	0.8	0.8	0.1	5.2	0.6	0.5	0.0	4.9
	1985	719	1.0	0.9	0.2	4.5	0.7	0.6	0.0	3.5
	1986	714	1.0	0.8	0.2	4.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	4.6
	1987	879	0.8	0.7	0.1	8.0	0.6	0.4	0.0	7.5
	1988	754	0.8	0.7	0.1	3.9	0.5	0.4	0.0	2.8
	1989	926	0.7	0.7	0.1	5.0	0.5	0.4	0.0	4.1
1990	1,239	0.7	0.6	0.1	4.8	0.5	0.4	0.0	4.4	

<sup>1</sup>There may be some maximum lengths of stay which would have inmates admitted to prison before determinate sentencing took effect in 1978. These inmates were originally sentenced under an indeterminate sentence, but opted for a set release date.

<sup>2</sup>Murder was changed to First Degree Murder effective on July 1, 1987 (Public Act 84-1450). With the first exit occurring in 1989 (the inmate died in prison after 6 months with IDOC), First Degree Murder lengths of stay are included in this category beginning in 1989. There were no First Degree Murder exits during 1990.

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Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Murder	1978	68	10.3		1.6	39.2	8.8		0.5	38.8
	1979	87	9.6		3.2	24.0	8.1		0.2	15.7
	1980	90	9.0		2.5	18.1	7.7		1.1	17.9
	1981	120	9.0		1.2	17.5	7.7		1.0	17.1
	1982	142	9.3		5.3	17.7	6.9		1.5	17.6
	1983	223	10.5	10.2	5.7	24.5	8.7	8.4	0.1	24.4
	1984	88	9.1	8.2	5.5	18.1	7.4	6.8	0.1	16.6
	1985	47	10.3	9.5	6.0	23.6	8.8	7.9	0.5	23.4
	1986	29	12.0	11.5	1.1	22.6	10.6	10.3	0.9	18.1
	1987	18	11.8	11.2	6.0	21.2	10.8	10.2	5.4	20.7
	1988	24	14.1	12.7	6.4	24.2	12.8	11.5	5.0	24.1
	1989	19	13.7	12.3	7.4	24.9	12.7	11.2	7.0	24.2
1990	36	16.2	14.7	6.8	26.4	14.7	13.4	2.6	25.8	
Armed Robbery (Class X)	1978	571	3.9		1.1	28.9	3.1		0.0	28.4
	1979	597	3.6		1.4	17.4	3.0		0.1	16.7
	1980	393	3.6		1.1	21.6	3.0		0.0	21.1
	1981	183	4.6		1.7	12.5	3.9		0.3	12.5
	1982	155	6.2		1.4	16.0	4.7		0.1	15.5
	1983	85	7.0	6.5	0.9	11.7	5.7	5.7	0.2	11.3
	1984	56	7.7	7.4	1.8	14.4	6.0	6.1	0.2	14.0
	1985	37	9.2	8.1	1.9	38.6	6.0	5.9	0.4	18.2
	1986	13	9.5	8.8	3.7	13.1	8.5	8.5	3.2	11.9
	1987	8	9.0	10.4	1.8	12.0	8.5	9.7	1.3	11.7
	1988	10	10.9	12.4	1.7	14.6	9.5	11.6	1.6	14.1
	1989	5	12.5	13.0	9.2	14.6	11.5	11.5	9.2	13.0
1990	6	12.3	12.9	2.6	16.7	11.5	12.5	2.6	15.9	
Attempted Murder (Class X)	1978	91	4.3		1.0	11.7	3.3		0.8	11.3
	1979	74	3.9		1.2	9.8	3.0		0.5	9.1
	1980	59	4.2		1.9	7.7	3.4		1.3	6.7
	1981	36	4.3		1.5	10.1	3.8		1.4	9.8
	1982	15	6.3		4.1	8.7	4.9		2.4	6.8
	1983	19	7.0	6.6	1.1	15.1	6.4	5.9	0.8	14.7
	1984	11	7.7	7.0	3.8	11.3	7.1	6.8	3.0	11.0
	1985	6	8.7	8.8	8.0	9.2	7.5	7.1	6.4	8.5
	1986	1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
	1987	2	13.8	13.8	8.7	18.9	13.4	13.4	8.3	18.4
	1988	2	13.9	13.9	12.3	15.4	13.2	13.2	11.9	14.5
	1989	2	14.0	14.0	12.3	15.7	13.7	13.7	12.3	15.1
1990	2	14.3	14.3	12.7	15.9	13.2	13.2	10.8	15.7	
Rape (Class X)	1978	113	5.1		1.2	16.1	4.4		0.3	16.0
	1979	109	4.8		1.6	15.6	4.2		0.1	13.8
	1980	96	4.7		2.0	12.7	4.1		0.1	11.6
	1981	49	5.3		2.0	10.8	4.8		1.7	10.5
	1982	46	6.3		1.5	18.3	5.0		1.4	18.0
	1983	35	7.8	7.2	1.4	25.2	6.9	5.8	0.4	24.8
	1984	19	8.5	7.8	4.4	21.9	7.6	7.0	0.1	21.5
	1985	13	10.6	8.5	6.0	21.2	9.4	7.8	3.7	21.2
	1986	5	8.6	10.3	2.1	17.9	7.5	9.1	1.8	14.3
	1987	4	11.1	12.1	8.1	12.3	9.9	10.7	6.7	11.6
	1988	2	12.6	12.6	12.4	12.9	10.5	10.5	8.9	12.1
	1989	2	11.7	11.7	11.5	11.9	11.3	11.3	11.1	11.5
1990	3	19.4	21.2	12.8	24.2	17.2	18.0	12.6	21.0	



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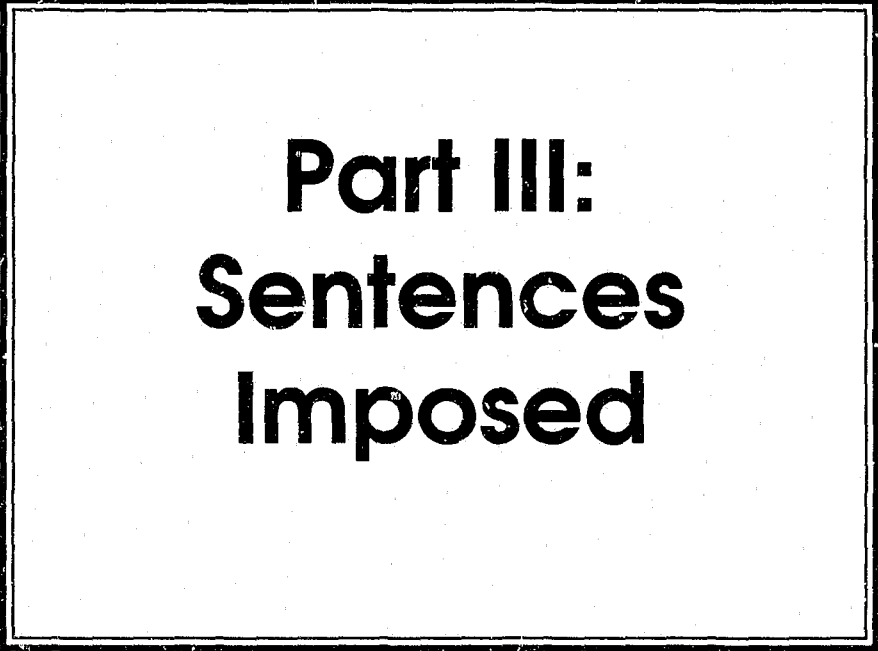
Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Other Class X	1978	40	3.5		1.0	10.7	3.1		1.0	9.0
	1979	43	3.8		1.0	9.1	3.3		0.8	8.1
	1980	33	3.9		1.8	7.0	3.2		1.1	6.9
	1981	11	5.1		1.9	8.2	4.6		1.2	7.6
	1982	16	4.5		1.3	8.3	3.5		1.1	6.6
	1983	13	7.4	6.8	2.2	15.1	7.0	6.5	2.2	14.8
	1984	6	6.3	4.6	2.3	11.0	6.0	4.5	2.3	10.5
	1985	4	8.1	8.5	5.8	9.7	7.6	7.6	5.7	9.3
	1986	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1987	5	4.0	2.5	1.8	10.9	3.3	1.6	0.7	10.4
	1988	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1989	3	8.4	6.8	4.1	14.4	7.9	6.1	3.9	13.8	
1990	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Class 1	1978	77	3.6		1.0	11.2	3.0		0.3	9.7
	1979	70	3.4		1.1	20.7	3.0		0.9	20.4
	1980	50	3.7		1.0	6.4	3.1		0.2	6.2
	1981	27	5.5		2.0	13.3	5.0		1.9	13.2
	1982	23	6.6		1.7	15.8	4.7		1.2	14.2
	1983	15	6.0	6.5	0.5	11.3	4.7	5.5	0.3	8.0
	1984	3	5.0	6.9	1.1	7.0	4.7	6.7	0.5	6.8
	1985	8	6.3	7.9	0.8	11.3	5.8	6.7	0.7	11.0
	1986	7	10.2	9.7	1.8	20.9	8.9	8.4	1.5	20.2
	1987	2	10.9	10.9	9.7	12.0	10.6	10.6	9.3	11.9
	1988	1	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
1989	5	9.9	12.2	0.2	12.5	9.7	11.9	0.2	12.4	
1990	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	
Burglary (Class 2)	1978	682	2.6		1.0	11.3	2.1		0.0	11.2
	1979	339	2.8		1.0	17.2	2.4		0.0	16.8
	1980	136	3.6		1.0	11.4	3.2		0.2	11.2
	1981	52	4.6		1.0	20.4	4.0		0.0	20.4
	1982	162	4.5		0.7	21.5	3.3		0.1	21.2
	1983	24	6.1	6.2	0.5	16.1	4.4	2.7	0.0	15.1
	1984	3	6.2	6.9	1.3	10.5	4.4	1.5	1.1	10.5
	1985	3	6.2	8.6	0.3	9.7	5.9	7.7	0.2	9.6
	1986	3	4.2	1.7	1.5	9.5	4.0	1.6	1.4	9.1
	1987	2	2.5	2.5	1.2	3.8	1.4	1.4	0.5	2.3
	1988	2	5.4	5.4	3.3	7.5	4.6	4.6	1.8	7.3
1989	1	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	
1990	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Robbery (Class 2)	1978	525	2.6		1.0	11.7	2.1		0.1	11.4
	1979	264	2.7		1.0	10.2	2.2		0.1	7.3
	1980	78	3.6		1.0	7.9	3.0		0.1	6.9
	1981	18	4.7		1.8	8.9	4.3		1.0	8.3
	1982	67	5.2		0.4	15.1	3.4		0.0	14.5
	1983	15	4.9	5.9	0.3	7.9	4.0	5.1	0.2	7.1
	1984	3	6.9	7.7	0.5	12.6	4.6	1.4	0.2	12.3
	1985	2	13.2	13.2	11.8	14.6	13.2	13.2	11.8	14.5
	1986	2	4.6	4.6	0.8	8.4	4.0	4.0	0.1	7.9
	1987	1	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8
	1988	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1989	1	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	
1990	2	5.2	5.2	2.8	7.6	5.0	5.0	2.7	7.2	

**Table 13**  
**Length Of Stay in Years For Indeterminate Cases**  
**Released 1978-1990 by Selected Offenses**

Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Voluntary Mansl. (Class 2)	1978	132	3.8		1.2	9.6	2.9		0.4	8.5
	1979	114	3.9		1.2	15.0	3.0		0.3	10.5
	1980	71	4.5		2.0	15.0	3.7		1.2	14.1
	1981	29	4.9		1.7	8.0	4.1		1.1	7.4
	1982	20	5.9		1.1	10.4	3.8		0.2	7.8
	1983	4	8.9	6.1	5.0	18.5	3.6	4.1	0.6	5.9
	1984	4	10.5	10.3	1.5	19.7	10.1	10.2	1.0	19.1
	1985	3	9.7	10.0	8.4	10.7	5.8	7.5	1.6	8.4
	1986	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1987	1	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
	1988	1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
1989	1	13.4	13.4	13.4	13.4	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2	
1990	2	2.5	2.5	0.7	4.3	1.8	1.8	0.7	2.9	
Other Class 2	1978	64	3.0		1.1	8.9	2.6		0.1	7.7
	1979	34	3.1		1.2	9.7	2.8		1.1	8.9
	1980	19	3.1		1.5	12.5	2.7		0.9	12.2
	1981	7	5.0		2.4	8.9	4.4		2.2	6.3
	1982	20	4.9		1.0	11.5	3.9		0.2	11.2
	1983	5	4.1	5.1	0.4	7.7	2.9	1.9	0.2	7.6
	1984	2	7.7	7.7	5.0	10.4	6.7	6.7	5.0	8.4
	1985	1	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
	1986	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1987	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1988	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1989	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1990	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Aggravated Battery (Class 3)	1978	178	2.8		1.0	12.9	2.2		0.0	5.5
	1979	82	2.6		1.0	8.5	2.2		0.4	8.2
	1980	28	3.3		1.5	7.0	2.9		1.2	6.1
	1981	4	5.2		3.2	6.5	3.6		0.6	6.4
	1982	29	4.2		0.6	10.4	2.9		0.6	7.7
	1983	7	5.2	6.1	0.5	8.1	4.5	4.8	0.2	7.6
	1984	1	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
	1985	2	11.4	11.4	9.6	13.1	11.2	11.2	9.4	13.1
	1986	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1987	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1988	1	18.4	18.4	18.4	18.4	17.7	17.7	17.7	17.7
1989	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1990	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Forgery (Class 3)	1978	77	2.4		1.0	10.3	1.9		0.1	9.8
	1979	28	2.5		1.0	8.1	2.0		0.3	8.0
	1980	6	4.9		2.8	9.4	3.6		0.9	8.5
	1981	8	5.0		2.0	9.9	4.1		0.4	9.7
	1982	14	2.8		0.8	6.2	2.3		0.5	6.0
	1983	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1984	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1985	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1986	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1987	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1988	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1989	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1990	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	

**Table 13**  
**Length Of Stay in Years For Indeterminate Cases**  
**Released 1978-1990 by Selected Offenses**

Offense	Year	Cases	Time Served				Prison Stay			
			Average				Average			
			Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
Theft (Class 3)	1978	170	2.4		1.0	5.8	2.1		0.0	5.8
	1979	66	2.7		1.1	7.3	2.3		0.0	7.1
	1980	18	3.1		1.3	6.0	2.8		1.1	5.6
	1981	7	4.0		1.7	7.5	3.2		0.5	7.4
	1982	44	3.7		0.3	9.0	2.5		0.0	7.8
	1983	4	2.9	1.4	0.5	8.3	0.9	0.7	0.2	1.8
	1984	4	5.6	1.9	0.9	11.0	5.5	1.9	0.9	10.7
	1985	1	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
	1986	1	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
	1987	2	4.3	4.3	4.1	4.5	3.9	3.9	3.5	4.4
	1988	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1989	1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	
1990	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class 3)	1978	37	3.1		1.0	8.6	2.5		0.1	6.3
	1979	10	2.7		1.3	6.3	2.3		0.6	5.9
	1980	3	3.6		2.1	5.2	1.6		0.0	2.8
	1981	2	5.2		3.9	6.4	4.9		3.7	6.1
	1982	1	0.9		0.9	0.9	0.5		0.5	0.5
	1983	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1984	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1985	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1986	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1987	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1988	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1989	1	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	
1990	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Other Class 3	1978	100	2.8		1.2	8.2	2.3		0.2	5.8
	1979	50	3.1		1.0	11.9	2.5		0.6	11.5
	1980	16	3.7		1.4	7.0	3.3		0.4	6.5
	1981	7	4.3		1.5	8.5	3.8		1.5	6.7
	1982	20	2.8		0.1	8.8	2.2		0.1	8.8
	1983	4	8.2	8.3	6.9	9.2	7.7	7.8	6.2	8.5
	1984	1	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
	1985	3	10.5	8.8	8.5	14.2	10.3	8.7	8.5	13.6
	1986	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1987	1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
	1988	2	7.2	7.2	1.8	12.5	6.5	6.5	1.1	11.9
1989	1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	
1990	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Class 4	1978	18	2.3		1.0	4.2	2.0		0.9	4.2
	1979	9	2.4		1.5	3.8	2.2		1.1	3.8
	1980	4	2.6		1.8	3.4	2.5		1.8	3.2
	1981	1	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0
	1982	16	2.0		0.4	7.9	1.8		0.0	7.9
	1983	2	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8
	1984	2	4.6	4.6	0.5	8.7	3.8	3.8	0.2	7.5
	1985	3	7.7	9.3	2.1	11.7	7.5	9.2	1.7	11.6
	1986	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1987	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1988	1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
1989	1	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	
1990	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	



**Part III:  
Sentences  
Imposed**

## Part III: Sentences Imposed

### Summary

In 1990, the number of determinate sentences imposed rose by 21 percent, following a 31 percent rise in 1989. However, the average overall sentence length declined for the third year in a row (Table 14).

Sentences within the ranges of determinate sentencing fell to 4.9 years in 1990. When including shortened and extended sentence lengths, the average rises to 5.2 years (Table 14).

The decline in average sentence length in 1990, is demonstrated by the increase in the percentage of 1 to 3 and 4 to 6 year sentences. The percentage of sentences over 7 years fell for the third year in a row (Table 15).

The number of determinate sentences imposed during 1990 rose for all classes of offenses. The largest increases were for Murder, Class 3 and Class 4 offenses, all rising by over 31% in one year. The mean sentence length decreased or stayed the same for each offense class (Table 16).

The increases in Class 3 and Class 4 offenses were due to more sentences imposed for Manufacture, Delivery or Possession of a Controlled Substance, Theft, Retail Theft, Aggravated Battery, and Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon.

Residential Burglary and Voluntary Manslaughter (Class 1) were the only major crimes to have a decline in the number of sentences imposed during 1990 (Table 17).

The average (mean) sentence imposed for First Degree Murder (34.6 years) continues to be higher than those sentences imposed under the previous Murder statute. This is because 22 percent of the First Degree Murder sentences were over 40 years, which had been the maximum sentence for the previous Murder statute.

The 70 Attempted First Degree Murder sentences imposed during 1990 (14.4 years) averaged nearly two years higher than those imposed in 1989 (12.6 years). It is also higher than the averages for Attempted Murder sentences imposed during previous years.

The number of sentences imposed for the major drug offenses continued to rise in 1990, and increased more than the other major offenses. The number of sentences imposed for Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class X) rose 25 percent; for Class 2 it increased by 35 percent; and for Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4) the number rose by 69 percent (Table 17). Average (mean) sentences for drug offenses were similar to those in previous years.

Lowest increases in the number of sentences imposed for major offenses were for Armed Robbery, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault, Burglary, Robbery, Forgery and Class 3 Theft. All rose by less than 10% from 1989.

The average sentence length decreased or remained the same for most offenses. Increases were seen for most of the violent crimes, plus Robbery and Auto Theft (Table 17).

Tables 18 and 19 show the low number of indeterminate sentences. The 1990 sentences are for Murder (3), Rape and Attempted Murder (Class X), Aggravated Battery (Class 3), and Unlawful Restraint (Class 4). All sentences were imposed on two offenders who were committed the crimes before 1978.

Three percent of the 1990 sentences were less than the minimum (Table 20). Most sentences which were less than the minimum were imposed for a variety of drug and theft offenses. The offenses which receive reduced sentences have been the same as in prior years. Two-thirds turned out to be the holding offense. The others were associated with another offense(s) which was the holding sentence at admission (Table 21).

Over four percent of all sentences imposed in 1990 were for extended terms. There were 70 extended sentences for Murder, representing 16 percent of all Murder sentences imposed in 1990 (Table 20). Such sentences are imposed for crimes with heinous or aggravating circumstances.

Most extended sentences were for crimes against a person, including Murder, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault, Aggravated Battery, Robbery, and Armed Robbery. Some were imposed for property and drug offenses. The types of crimes receiving extended sentences have been consistent over the years. Only 44 percent were actually the holding offense (Table 22).

The 1,101 admissions with a holding offense consecutive to other offense(s) was 7.3 percent of all court admissions in 1990. The number of consecutive sentences increased for all offense classes in 1990 (Table 23).

A major reason for the increasing prison population has been the rise in sentences and admissions for drug offenses. There had been a 174 percent increase in the number of drug sentences imposed from 1983 to 1988; the length of the average sentence rose from 3.2 years to 4.1 years (Table 24 and Figure 11). In the next two years alone, there was a 180 percent increase in drug sentences, with a slight decline in the average sentence.

The number of drug offenders admitted to IDOC also rose by the same margin, by 178 percent from 1983 through 1988, then 161 percent from 1988 to 1990 (Table 25 and Figure 12). For those admitted for a drug offense, their average sentence fell by 0.1 years. The majority of drug sentences and admissions are for offenders from Cook County.

The number of Murder sentences for offenses committed before July 1, 1987 continues to decline, and the number of sentences imposed for First Degree Murder is rising. Cook County imposed over 94 percent of the Murder sentences in 1990, with a lower average than the rest of the state (Table 27). On the other hand, 37 percent of the First Degree Murder sentences were imposed downstate. The downstate average was higher than in Cook County (Table 28). For both offenses, sentences were highest in the Central Judicial District and lowest in the northern counties.

When analyzing sentencing patterns among judicial circuits and districts, many of the following characteristics have remained consistent over the years.

Overall, Cook County imposed over 77 percent of the Class X sentences in 1990. Sentences were lower in Cook County. Class X sentences continue to be higher in the Central and Southern Districts (Tables 29 to 33).

Residential Burglary accounted for 40 percent of all Class 1 sentences imposed during 1990. Average sentences ranged from 4.0 years to 8.5 years (Table 34). Most Class 1 sentences averaged between 4.0 years and 5.0 years among district. Sentences were highest in the 5th, 11th, and 10th judicial circuits. The lowest sentences were in Cook County (Tables 34 and 35).

Cook County imposed nearly 75 percent of the Class 2 sentences. The new Auto Theft offense continues to be used almost exclusively in Cook County and the Northern Judicial District. Class 2 drug sentences are also primarily imposed in the northern counties, but average lower than the smaller number of such sentences downstate. Statewide, Burglary comprised 37 percent of all Class 2 sentences. Overall, sentences for Class 2 offenses have been lower in Cook County and higher in the Central District (Tables 36 to 40).

Cook County imposed a lower number of Aggravated Battery, Forgery and Theft (Class 3) sentences of inmates received by IDOC than downstate. Cook County sentences were also lower for these offenses. The majority (72%) of Other Class 3 offenses, which include Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon; Retail Theft; Manufacture, Delivery or Possession of a Controlled Substance; and other property and drug crimes; were imposed in Cook County. (Tables 41 to 44).

Over 76 percent of the Class 4 Possession of a Controlled Substance sentences were imposed in Cook County during 1990. The Cook County average was .5 years less than the rest of the state. On the other hand, less than 30 percent of the Other Class 4 sentences were imposed in Cook County. There was also a relatively wide range of sentences among the judicial circuits for Other Class 4 offenses (Tables 45 and 46).

**Table 14**  
Average Sentence Imposed in Years  
Determinate Cases Within Range 1978-1990

Year	Cases	Felony		Cases	Misdemeanor*	
		Mean	Median		Mean	Median
1978	4,783	5.1		983	.69	
1979	7,243	5.3		1,000	.69	
1980	9,626	5.7		1,240	.70	
1981	9,358	5.6		1,383	.72	
1982	10,307	5.7		1,311	.77	
1983	13,846	5.4	4.0	671	.52	.50
1984	12,929	5.3	4.0	8	.89	.99
1985	14,203	5.5	4.0	11	.88	.99
1986	14,406	5.3	4.0	15	.68	.50
1987	15,512	5.2	4.0	18	.58	.75
1988	15,822	5.3	4.0	12	.73	.99
1989	20,544	5.1	4.0	13	.73	.50
1990	24,861	4.9	3.5	7	.89	.99

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All Determinate Cases 1983-1990						
Year	Cases	Felony		Cases	Misdemeanor*	
		Mean	Median		Mean	Median
1983	15,647	5.9	3.5	1,190	.74	.75
1984	14,029	5.8	4.0	11	1.15	1.00
1985	15,415	6.1	4.0	19	1.24	1.00
1986	15,538	5.8	4.0	16	.70	.75
1987	16,631	5.8	4.0	27	1.42	1.00
1988	17,037	5.7	4.0	20	1.07	1.00
1989	22,262	5.6	4.0	18	1.14	1.00
1990	26,950	5.2	3.5	27	2.49	2.00

\*The misdemeanor sentences imposed after July 1, 1983 are consecutive or concurrent with a felony which incarcerates the inmate in the Department of Corrections.

**Table 15**  
Distribution of Determinate Sentences Imposed for All Offenses  
1978-1990

Year	1-3 Year Sentence		4-6 Year Sentence		7-10 Year Sentence		11-20 Year Sentence		21+ Year Sentence	
	Cases	Percent	Cases	Percent	Cases	Percent	Cases	Percent	Cases	Percent
1978	2,801	47.9	1,929	33.0	729	12.5	269	4.6	116	2.0
1979	4,587	50.3	2,663	29.2	1,031	11.3	552	6.0	294	3.2
1980	6,195	51.9	3,143	26.3	1,263	10.6	721	6.0	606	5.1
1981	6,103	51.0	3,185	26.6	1,364	11.4	670	5.6	648	5.4
1982	7,132	52.9	3,605	26.8	1,292	9.6	824	6.1	621	4.6
1983	8,056	50.1	4,769	29.6	1,647	10.2	967	6.0	650	4.0
1984	6,625	47.2	4,491	32.0	1,501	10.7	874	6.2	547	3.9
1985	6,717	43.6	5,419	35.0	1,641	10.6	989	6.4	649	4.2
1986	7,009	45.1	5,427	34.9	1,637	10.5	868	5.6	597	3.8
1987	7,420	44.6	5,826	35.0	1,871	11.3	925	5.6	589	3.5
1988	7,866	46.2	5,735	33.7	1,903	11.2	879	5.2	654	3.8
1989	10,409	46.7	7,559	34.0	2,407	10.8	1,135	5.1	752	3.4
1990	13,172	48.9	9,282	34.4	2,533	9.4	1,213	4.5	750	2.8

Note: The sentence ranges are inclusive of any sentence less than the beginning of the following range. For example, a 1-3 year range is inclusive of all sentences up to, but not including, four years.



**Table 16<sup>1</sup>**  
**Average Sentence Imposed in Years for Determinate Cases by Offense Class**  
**1978-1990**

Offense Class	Year	Cases	Mean	Average		Shortest Sentence	Longest Sentence
				Median			
Murder/ First Degree Murder <sup>2</sup>	1978	49	27.2			20.0	40.0
	1979	120	26.7			20.0	40.0
	1980	230	27.5			20.0	40.0
	1981	211	27.5			20.0	40.0
	1982	210	28.6			20.0	40.0
	1983	258	27.6		25.4	20.0	40.0
	1984	215	27.9		25.4	20.0	40.0
	1985	271	28.5		28.3	20.0	40.0
	1986	256	29.4		29.8	20.0	40.0
	1987	249	27.9		26.8	20.0	40.0
	1988	247	29.1		28.0	20.0	60.0
	1989	272	30.6		30.0	20.0	60.0
	1990	363	29.5		26.0	20.0	60.0
Class X	1978	1,003	9.5			6.0	30.0
	1979	1,502	10.2			6.0	30.0
	1980	1,966	11.3			6.0	30.0
	1981	1,830	11.1			6.0	30.0
	1982	1,926	12.0			6.0	30.0
	1983	2,143	12.3		10.0	6.0	30.0
	1984	1,947	11.8		9.0	6.0	30.0
	1985	2,208	11.7		9.0	6.0	30.0
	1986	2,142	11.2		8.1	6.0	30.0
	1987	2,278	11.2		9.0	6.0	30.0
	1988	2,323	11.8		9.0	6.0	30.0
	1989	2,929	11.1		9.0	6.0	30.0
	1990	3,270	10.7		8.0	6.0	30.0
Class 1 <sup>3</sup>	1978	165	7.1			4.0	15.0
	1979	283	7.4			4.0	15.0
	1980	311	7.8			4.0	15.0
	1981	373	7.5			4.0	15.0
	1982	684	6.0			4.0	15.0
	1983	1,796	6.2		5.0	4.0	15.0
	1984	1,863	6.5		5.0	4.0	15.0
	1985	2,090	6.5		5.0	4.0	15.0
	1986	1,852	6.4		5.0	4.0	15.0
	1987	1,984	6.4		5.0	4.0	15.0
	1988	2,141	6.2		5.0	4.0	15.0
	1989	2,644	6.1		5.0	4.0	15.0
	1990	3,042	5.9		5.0	4.0	15.0
Class 2	1978	2,034	4.0			3.0	7.0
	1979	2,896	3.9			3.0	7.0
	1980	3,760	3.9			3.0	7.0
	1981	3,504	4.0			3.0	7.0
	1982	3,488	4.1			3.0	7.0
	1983	3,749	3.9		3.5	3.0	7.0
	1984	3,112	4.0		3.5	3.0	7.0
	1985	3,651	4.1		4.0	3.0	7.0
	1986	4,217	4.0		4.0	3.0	7.0
	1987	5,006	4.1		4.0	3.0	7.0
	1988	4,820	4.0		3.5	3.0	7.0
	1989	6,825	4.0		3.5	3.0	7.0
	1990	7,831	4.0		3.5	3.0	7.0

**Table 16<sup>1</sup>**  
**Average Sentence Imposed in Years for Determinate Cases by Offense Class**  
**1978-1990**

Offense Class	Year	Cases	Mean	Average		Shortest Sentence	Longest Sentence
				Median			
Class 3	1978	1,368	2.9			2.0	5.0
	1979	2,168	2.9			2.0	5.0
	1980	3,035	2.8			2.0	5.0
	1981	3,134	2.8			2.0	5.0
	1982	3,045	2.9			2.0	5.0
	1983	4,113	2.9		3.0	2.0	5.0
	1984	3,880	2.9		3.0	2.0	5.0
	1985	4,117	3.0		3.0	2.0	5.0
	1986	3,977	3.0		3.0	2.0	5.0
	1987	3,945	3.0		3.0	2.0	5.0
	1988	4,004	3.0		3.0	2.0	5.0
	1989	4,722	3.0		3.0	2.0	5.0
1990	6,223	3.0		3.0	2.0	5.0	
Class 4	1978	164	1.8			1.0	3.0
	1979	274	1.9			1.0	3.0
	1980	324	2.0			1.0	3.0
	1981	306	2.1			1.0	3.0
	1982	954	2.0			1.0	3.0
	1983	1,787	2.0		2.0	1.0	3.0
	1984	1,912	2.0		2.0	1.0	3.0
	1985	1,866	2.1		2.0	1.0	3.0
	1986	1,962	2.0		2.0	1.0	3.0
	1987	2,050	1.9		2.0	1.0	3.0
	1988	2,287	1.8		2.0	1.0	3.0
	1989	3,152	1.8		2.0	1.0	3.0
1990	4,132	1.8		2.0	1.0	3.0	

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup>Table 16 data do not reflect sentences that fall outside the range specified for each class. Extended terms and shortened sentences are reported in Table 20.

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<sup>3</sup>Voluntary Manslaughter was upgraded to a Class 1 offense in 1982. Residential Burglary was also introduced as a Class 1 offense in 1982. This change caused the increase in Class 1 cases beginning in 1983.

**Table 17**  
**Average Sentence Imposed in Years for Determinate Cases by Selected Offenses**  
**1983-1990**

<i>Offense Class</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Average Mean</i>	<i>Average Median</i>	<i>Shortest Sentence</i>	<i>Longest Sentence</i>
Murder	1983	258	27.6	25.4	20.0	40.0
	1984	215	27.9	25.4	20.0	40.0
	1985	271	28.5	28.3	20.0	40.0
	1986	256	29.4	29.8	20.0	40.0
	1987	249	27.9	26.8	20.0	40.0
	1988	212	28.6	28.0	20.0	40.0
	1989	171	28.6	28.0	20.0	40.0
	1990	232	26.6	25.0	20.0	40.0
First Degree Murder <sup>1</sup>	1988	35	31.7	28.0	20.0	60.0
	1989	101	34.0	30.0	20.0	60.0
	1990	131	34.6	30.0	20.0	60.0
Armed Robbery (Class X)	1983	1,072	11.9	9.0	6.0	30.0
	1984	926	11.4	9.0	6.0	30.0
	1985	1,061	11.1	8.2	6.0	30.0
	1986	956	11.1	8.2	6.0	30.0
	1987	982	11.4	9.9	6.0	30.0
	1988	880	13.0	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1989	1,034	11.8	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1990	1,083	11.2	8.5	6.0	30.0
Attempted Murder (Class X)	1983	189	13.2	10.2	6.0	30.0
	1984	183	12.1	9.9	6.0	30.0
	1985	231	13.4	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1986	194	12.6	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1987	209	13.4	10.1	6.0	30.0
	1988	205	12.4	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1989	179	13.5	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1990	221	13.0	10.0	6.0	30.0
Attempted First Degree Murder <sup>2</sup> (Class X)	1988	23	15.3	12.0	6.0	30.0
	1989	45	12.6	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1990	70	14.4	11.5	6.0	30.0
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault (Class X)	1984	9	12.1	8.5	6.0	25.0
	1985	236	11.6	8.8	6.0	30.0
	1986	352	11.8	9.2	6.0	30.0
	1987	377	11.7	9.1	6.0	30.0
	1988	405	12.4	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1989	447	12.0	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1990	451	12.4	10.0	6.0	30.0
Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class X)	1983	66	7.8	6.2	6.0	20.0
	1984	102	7.4	6.1	6.0	25.0
	1985	123	7.1	6.1	6.0	18.0
	1986	249	7.5	6.1	6.0	23.0
	1987	315	7.9	6.0	6.0	30.0
	1988	392	7.8	7.0	6.0	20.0
	1989	625	8.2	7.0	6.0	30.0
	1990	781	8.1	6.0	6.0	30.0

**Table 17**  
**Average Sentence Imposed in Years for Determinate Cases by Selected Offenses**  
**1983-1990**

<i>Offense Class</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Average Median</i>	<i>Shortest Sentence</i>	<i>Longest Sentence</i>
Other Class X	1983	816	13.0	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1984	727	12.9	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1985	557	13.2	10.0	6.0	30.0
	1986	391	12.5	9.8	6.0	30.0
	1987	395	11.8	9.9	6.0	30.0
	1988	418	11.8	8.0	6.0	30.0
	1989	599	11.6	9.0	6.0	30.0
	1990	664	10.6	8.0	6.0	30.0
Residential Burglary (Class 1)	1983	1,199	5.8	5.0	4.0	15.0
	1984	1,256	6.1	5.0	4.0	15.0
	1985	1,293	5.9	5.0	4.0	15.0
	1986	1,133	6.0	5.0	4.0	15.0
	1987	1,247	6.2	5.0	4.0	15.0
	1988	1,233	6.0	5.0	4.0	15.0
	1989	1,319	6.0	5.0	4.0	15.0
	1990	1,229	5.9	5.0	4.0	15.0
Voluntary Manslaughter (Class 1)	1983	102	8.0	7.2	4.0	15.0
	1984	114	8.8	9.1	4.0	15.0
	1985	143	8.7	8.1	4.0	15.0
	1986	136	8.9	8.0	4.0	15.0
	1987	123	8.3	7.5	4.0	15.0
	1988	65	8.3	8.0	4.0	15.0
	1989	41	9.5	10.0	4.0	15.0
	1990	21	9.2	10.0	4.0	15.0
Second Degree Murder <sup>2</sup> (Class 1)	1987	4	8.7	9.0	5.0	12.0
	1988	37	8.6	8.0	4.0	15.0
	1989	82	9.2	10.0	4.0	15.0
	1990	105	9.9	10.0	4.0	15.0
Other Class 1	1983	495	6.9	6.0	4.0	15.0
	1984	493	7.0	5.9	4.0	15.0
	1985	654	7.1	6.0	4.0	15.0
	1986	584	6.6	5.9	4.0	15.0
	1987	610	6.6	5.0	4.0	15.0
	1988	806	6.3	5.0	4.0	15.0
	1989	1,202	5.7	5.0	4.0	15.0
	1990	1,687	5.6	4.0	4.0	15.0
Burglary (Class 2)	1983	2,304	3.8	3.0	3.0	7.0
	1984	1,821	3.9	3.1	3.0	7.0
	1985	2,105	4.0	3.5	3.0	7.0
	1986	2,032	3.9	3.5	3.0	7.0
	1987	2,187	4.0	3.5	3.0	7.0
	1988	1,998	4.0	3.5	3.0	7.0
	1989	2,701	4.0	3.5	3.0	7.0
	1990	2,869	3.9	3.0	3.0	7.0
Robbery (Class 2)	1983	973	4.1	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1984	769	4.1	3.9	3.0	7.0
	1985	845	4.2	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1986	724	4.3	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1987	842	4.2	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1988	808	4.2	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1989	1,008	4.2	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1990	1,099	4.3	4.0	3.0	7.0

**Table 17**  
**Average Sentence Imposed in Years for Determinate Cases by Selected Offenses**  
**1983-1990**

<i>Offense Class</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Cases</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Average Median</i>	<i>Shortest Sentence</i>	<i>Longest Sentence</i>
Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class 2)	1983	163	4.2	3.9	3.0	7.0
	1984	234	4.0	3.2	3.0	7.0
	1985	285	4.2	3.6	3.0	7.0
	1986	406	4.0	3.4	3.0	7.0
	1987	486	4.1	3.5	3.0	7.0
	1988	700	4.1	3.9	3.0	7.0
	1989	1,443	3.9	3.3	3.0	7.0
	1990	1,042	3.9	3.5	3.0	7.0
Auto Theft (Class 2)	1983	0	-	-	-	-
	1984	0	-	-	-	-
	1985	9	4.2	4.6	3.0	5.0
	1986	616	4.0	3.5	3.0	7.0
	1987	940	3.9	3.5	3.0	7.0
	1988	790	3.8	3.0	3.0	7.0
	1989	1,059	3.8	3.0	3.0	7.0
	1990	1,237	3.9	3.0	3.0	7.0
Other Class 2	1983	309	4.3	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1984	288	4.2	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1985	407	4.3	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1986	439	4.3	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1987	551	4.3	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1988	524	4.2	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1989	614	4.3	4.0	3.0	7.0
	1990	684	4.4	4.0	3.0	7.0
Aggravated Battery (Class 3)	1983	698	3.4	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1984	694	3.4	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1985	691	3.3	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1986	687	3.3	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1987	693	3.3	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1988	759	3.3	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1989	793	3.3	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1990	979	3.2	3.0	2.0	5.0
Forgery (Class 3)	1983	476	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1984	483	2.9	2.9	2.0	5.0
	1985	528	3.0	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1986	554	3.1	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1987	505	3.1	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1988	532	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1989	604	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1990	656	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
Theft (Class 3)	1983	1,734	2.8	2.5	2.0	5.0
	1984	1,581	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1985	1,437	3.0	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1986	1,189	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1987	1,174	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1988	1,042	2.9	2.9	2.0	5.0
	1989	1,172	2.9	2.5	2.0	5.0
	1990	1,273	2.8	2.8	2.0	5.0

**Table 17**  
**Average Sentence Imposed in Years for Determinate Cases by Selected Offenses**  
**1983-1990**

Offense Class	Year	Cases	Average		Shortest Sentence	Longest Sentence
			Mean	Median		
Other Class 3	1983	1,206	2.8	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1984	1,122	2.8	2.5	2.0	5.0
	1985	1,461	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1986	1,547	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1987	1,573	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1988	1,671	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1989	2,153	2.9	3.0	2.0	5.0
	1990	3,315	3.0	3.0	2.0	5.0
Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4)	1983	256	1.8	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1984	300	1.8	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1985	339	1.9	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1986	409	1.9	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1987	475	1.8	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1988	600	1.8	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1989	1,051	1.8	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1990	1,777	1.7	1.5	1.0	3.0
Other Class 4	1983	1,531	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1984	1,612	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1985	1,527	2.1	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1986	1,553	2.0	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1987	1,575	1.9	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1988	1,687	1.8	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1989	2,101	1.9	2.0	1.0	3.0
	1990	2,355	1.9	2.0	1.0	3.0

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup>Table 17 data do not reflect sentences that fall outside the range specified for each class. Extended terms and shortened sentences are reported in Table 20.

<sup>2</sup>Murder was changed to First Degree Murder, Attempted Murder was renamed Attempted First Degree Murder (also Class X), and Voluntary Manslaughter was changed to Second Degree Murder (also Class 1) effective July 1, 1987 (Public Act 84-1450).

**Table 18**  
**Average Sentence Imposed in Years for Indeterminate Cases**  
**1974-1990**

Year	Cases	Average Minimum	Average Maximum
1974	3,436	3.8	9.3
1975	4,578	3.5	8.6
1976	5,051	3.5	8.3
1977	5,041	3.9	9.0
1978	3,326	5.5	13.5
1979	704	10.5	21.6
1980	241	9.0	21.4
1981	121	10.3	24.1
1982	37	7.7	22.1
1983	34	9.0	27.2
1984	39	13.1	31.9
1985	7	12.3	20.0
1986	4	7.3	13.0
1987	1	4.0	12.0
1988	4	19.5	36.0
1989	6	8.3	20.2
1990	7	60.6	117.7

**Table 19**  
**Cumulative Average Sentence Imposed in Years for Indeterminate and**  
**Determinate Cases by Offense Class**  
**1978-1990**

Offense Class	Cases	Indeterminate		Determinate <sup>1</sup>	
		Average Minimum	Average Maximum	Cases	Average
Murder <sup>2</sup>	370	41.3	87.5	2,951	28.5
Class X	1,136	8.5	16.6	27,467	11.3
Class 1	156	5.4	13.6	19,228	6.3
Class 2	1,732	1.7	7.8	54,893	4.0
Class 3	1,006	1.8	4.9	47,731	2.9
Class 4	131	1.3	3.2	21,170	2.0
Total	4,531	6.8	15.9	173,440	5.3

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Includes only those cases for which the sentence is in the range authorized by statute.

<sup>2</sup>Includes Murder (prior to July 1, 1987) and First Degree Murder.

**Table 20**  
**Sentences Imposed for Determinate Cases by Offense Class**  
**Within and Outside of Sentence Limitations<sup>1</sup> 1978-1990**

Offense Class	Year	Total Cases	Number Within Range	Number out of Range	
				Lower than Minimum	Extended
Murder/ First Degree Murder <sup>2</sup>	1978	56	49	—	7
	1979	136	120	—	16
	1980	283	230	—	53
	1981	264	211	—	53
	1982	253	210	—	43
	1983	317	258	0	59
	1984	256	215	0	41
	1985	318	271	0	47
	1986	294	256	0	38
	1987	295	249	0	46
	1988	292	247	1	44
	1989	323	272	4	47
1990	445	363	12	70	
Class X	1978	1,095	1,003	—	92
	1979	1,648	1,502	—	146
	1980	2,111	1,966	—	145
	1981	1,989	1,830	—	159
	1982	2,056	1,926	—	130
	1983	2,290	2,143	49	98
	1984	2,082	1,947	39	96
	1985	2,348	2,208	26	114
	1986	2,279	2,142	46	91
	1987	2,411	2,278	31	102
	1988	2,471	2,323	65	83
	1989	3,143	2,929	95	119
1990	3,487	3,270	144	73	
Class 1 <sup>3</sup>	1978	191	165	—	26
	1979	337	283	—	54
	1980	373	311	—	62
	1981	428	373	—	55
	1982	712	684	—	28
	1983	1,914	1,796	78	40
	1984	1,981	1,863	77	41
	1985	2,191	2,090	62	39
	1986	1,955	1,852	57	45
	1987	2,084	1,984	62	38
	1988	2,325	2,141	125	59
	1989	2,851	2,644	148	59
1990	3,421	3,042	332	47	
Class 2	1978	2,129	2,034	—	95
	1979	3,067	2,896	—	171
	1980	3,934	3,760	—	174
	1981	3,704	3,504	—	200
	1982	3,801	3,488	—	313
	1983	4,002	3,749	61	192
	1984	3,321	3,112	79	130
	1985	3,863	3,651	65	147
	1986	4,493	4,217	104	172
	1987	5,316	5,006	108	202
	1988	5,114	4,820	96	198
	1989	7,302	6,825	135	342
1990	8,302	7,831	204	267	



**Table 20**  
**Sentences imposed for Determinate Cases by Offense Class**  
**Within and Outside of Sentence Limitations<sup>1</sup> 1978-1990**

Offense Class	Year	Total Cases	Number Within Range	Number out of Range	
				Lower than Minimum	Extended
Class 3	1978	1,536	1,368	—	168
	1979	2,480	2,168	—	312
	1980	3,326	3,035	—	291
	1981	3,462	3,134	—	328
	1982	3,192	3,045	—	147
	1983	4,564	4,113	241	210
	1984	4,236	3,880	186	170
	1985	4,526	4,117	197	212
	1986	4,353	3,977	176	200
	1987	4,308	3,945	173	190
	1988	4,374	4,004	159	211
	1989	5,236	4,722	224	290
	1990	6,791	6,223	229	339
Class 4	1978	197	164	—	33
	1979	300	274	—	26
	1980	381	324	—	57
	1981	360	306	—	54
	1982	1,073	954	—	119
	1983	2,013	1,787	0	226
	1984	2,149	1,912	0	237
	1985	2,156	1,866	0	290
	1986	2,163	1,962	1	200
	1987	2,213	2,050	4	159
	1988	2,462	2,287	3	172
	1989	3,407	3,152	2	253
	1990	4,504	4,132	7	365

## Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Sentence limitations are outlined in the Unified Code of Corrections, Chapter 38, Sections 1005-5-3.1, 1005-5-3.2, 1005-8-1, 1005-8-2, Illinois Revised Statutes. Data for sentences which are less than the minimum are not available before 1983.

<sup>2</sup>Murder was changed to First Degree Murder effective on July 1, 1987 (Public Act 84-1450). The maximum sentence was increased from 40 years to 60 years and the extended term was lengthened from 80 years to 100 years. Beginning in 1988, First Degree Murder sentences are included in this category.

<sup>3</sup> Voluntary Manslaughter was upgraded to a Class 1 offense in 1982. Residential Burglary was also introduced as a Class 1 offense in 1982. This change caused the sharp increase in the number of Class 1 cases.

**Table 21**  
**Sentences Less Than the Minimum Imposed in Years**  
**and**  
**Admissions for Determinate Cases By Selected Offenses**  
**1990**

Class (Minimum Sentence) <sup>1</sup> Offense	Sentences Imposed			Admissions for Holding Offense			
	Number	Lowest Sentence	Highest Sentence	Number	Percent of Sentences Imposed <sup>2</sup>	Lowest Sentence	Highest Sentence
<b>Murder/First Degree Murder</b> (20 years)	12	4.0	15.0	22	183%	4.0	15.0
<i>Class X (6 years)</i>							
Manuf/Deliver Cont. Subst.	86	1.0	5.0	77	90%	1.0	5.5
Agg. Criminal Sexual Assault	11	3.0	5.0	11	100%	3.0	5.0
Armed Violence	9	3.0	5.0	9	100%	3.0	5.0
Armed Robbery	8	3.0	5.0	10	125%	3.0	5.0
Other Class X	30	1.0	5.5	26	87%	2.0	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<i>Class 1 (4 years)</i>							
Manuf/Deliver Cont. Subst.	202	1.0	3.5	111	55%	1.0	3.5
Possess Cont. Subst.	88	1.0	3.5	50	57%	1.0	3.5
Residential Burglary	18	3.0	3.0	17	94%	1.0	3.0
Other Class 1	24	1.0	3.0	9	28%	2.0	3.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<i>Class 2 (3 years)</i>							
Manuf/Deliver Cont. Subst.	107	1.0	2.5	78	73%	1.0	2.5
Burglary	31	1.0	2.5	20	65%	1.0	2.5
Escape	20	1.0	2.5	8	40%	2.0	2.3
Motor Vehicle Theft	16	0.5	2.5	1	6%	2.0	2.0
Bail Bond Violation	10	1.0	2.0	0	0%	—	—
Other Class 2	20	1.0	2.5	126	130%	2.0	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<i>Class 3 (2 years)</i>							
Retail Theft	78	1.0	1.8	65	83%	1.0	1.8
Theft	47	1.0	1.8	26	55%	1.0	1.8
Manuf/Deliver Cont. Subst.	27	1.0	1.5	13	48%	1.0	1.5
Bail Bond Violation	24	1.0	1.5	7	29%	1.0	1.5
Other Class 3	53	1.0	1.5	26	49%	1.0	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<i>Class 4 (1 year)</i>							
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

<sup>1</sup>Interpretation of sentence data must take into account that, if the court does not specify the class of crime for drug offenses, the highest class of crime is entered into the data base until the court clarifies the problem. Therefore, some cases which are less than the minimum may be the result of an incorrectly assigned offense class.

<sup>2</sup>The percentage of the shortened sentences imposed which were a holding offense. The others were imposed but were in conjunction with another sentence that was the holding offense, which would most likely be an equal or longer sentence for an equal or higher class of crime. In some cases, inmates who were already in prison received a sentence in 1990; they would not be counted as an admission. Conversely, some inmates admitted from court during 1990 had been sentenced before 1990.

**Table 22**  
**Extended Sentences Imposed in Years**  
**and**  
**Admissions for Determinate Cases By Selected Offenses**  
**1990**                      *Admissions for Holding Offense*

Class (Maximum Sentence) Offense	Sentences Imposed			Admissions for Holding Offense			
	Number	Lowest Sentence	Highest Sentence	Number	Percent of Sentences Imposed	Lowest Sentence	Highest Sentence
Murder (40 years)	57	42	100	47	82%	42	100
First Degree Murder (60 years)	13	65	88	11	85%	65	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Class X (30 years)</b>							
Armed Robbery	26	36	60	4	15%	40	60
Agg. Criminal Sexual Assault	20	35	60	12	60%	38	60
Attempt Murder/1st Degree Murder	12	34	60	8	67%	34	60
Home Invasion	7	40	60	3	43%	60	60
Other Class X	8	33	90	2	25%	33	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Class 1 (15 years)</b>							
Aggravated Kidnapping	13	17	55	2	15%	20	20
Residential Burglary	11	18	25	4	36%	18	20
Manufacture/Delivery Contr. Subs.	7	20	36	5	71%	24	36
Other Class 1	16	16	70	6	38%	18	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Class 2 (7 years)</b>							
Burglary	85	7.5	40	41	48%	7.5	15
Manuf/Deliver Cont. Subst.	55	8	30	28	51%	8	20
Robbery	50	8	85	35	70%	8	50
Motor Vehicle Theft	31	8	22	18	58%	8	14
Agg. Criminal Sexual Abuse	16	8	60	7	44%	8	60
Other Class 2	30	8	20	13	43%	8	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Class 3 (5 years)</b>							
Aggravated Battery	77	6	40	17	22%	6	12
Manuf/Deliver Cont. Subst.	73	5.5	24	40	55%	5.5	15
Theft	49	5.5	12	15	31%	5.5	10
UUW by Felon	27	6	100	4	15%	6	8
Forgery	23	6	10	11	48%	6	10
UUW	14	6	80	3	21%	6	7
Other Class 3	76	5.3	18	43	57%	5.3	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Class 4 (3 years)</b>							
Possess Cont. Subst.	140	3.3	10	75	54%	3.5	9
Theft	45	3.5	8	9	20%	3.5	6
Possess Burglary Tools	29	3.5	10	2	7%	4	5
Retail Theft	28	3.0	7	15	54%	3.0	7
Unlawful Restraint	18	3.3	10	3	17%	3.3	4
Other Class 4	105	3.3	70	30	29%	3.5	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>30</b>

\*The percentage of extended sentences imposed which were a holding offense. The others were imposed but were in conjunction with another sentence that was the holding offense, which would most likely be an equal or longer sentence for an equal or higher class of crime. In some cases, inmates who were already in prison received a sentence in 1990 they would not be counted as an admission. Conversely, some inmates admitted from court during 1990 had been sentenced before 1990.

**Table 23**  
**Consecutive Sentences Imposed for Holding Offense Class**  
**Court Admissions 1988-1990**

<i>Offense Class Year</i>	<i>Total Admissions</i>	<i>Admissions* with Consecutive Sentence</i>	<i>Percent of Total Admissions</i>	<i>Mean Sentence</i>	<i>Standard Deviation</i>
<i>Murder</i>					
1988	300	11	3.7%	36.8	15.5
1989	318	26	8.2%	43.9	16.1
1990	428	28	6.5%	37.9	18.6
<i>Class X</i>					
1988	1,629	89	5.5%	11.9	12.5
1989	2,058	145	7.0%	13.0	13.5
1990	2,356	185	7.9%	12.3	10.5
<i>Class 1</i>					
1988	1,470	95	6.5%	6.2	6.4
1989	1,674	139	8.3%	5.7	4.3
1990	1,982	151	7.6%	5.2	3.2
<i>Class 2</i>					
1988	2,987	188	6.3%	4.0	1.9
1989	3,831	439	11.5%	4.3	4.3
1990	4,693	401	8.5%	3.7	1.3
<i>Class 3</i>					
1988	2,299	160	7.0%	2.8	1.5
1989	2,680	199	7.4%	2.7	1.3
1990	3,370	216	6.4%	3.1	1.5
<i>Class 4</i>					
1988	1,160	77	6.6%	1.8	0.8
1989	1,635	109	6.7%	1.7	0.9
1990	2,212	119	5.4%	2.1	1.3
<i>Other</i>					
1988	11	2	18.2%	15.5	20.5
1989	130	0	0.0%	-	-
1990	7	1	14.3%	3.0	0.0
<i>Total</i>					
1988	9,856	622	6.3%	5.5	7.9
1989	12,326	1,057	8.6%	6.1	9.4
1990	15,048	1,101	7.3%	5.9	8.2

\*Data for 1984 to 1988 consecutive sentences reported in the 1988 Statistical Presentation were calculated on CIMIS. Because OTS used a different formula to note consecutive sentences, comparisons would be inaccurate. Therefore, OTS consecutive sentence data will be reported beginning in 1988 (refer to Appendix B, Definitions and Data Interpretation Guidelines).

**Table 24**  
**Drug Sentences Imposed**  
**Cook County - Downstate - Statewide**  
**1983-1990**

Year	Cook County		Downstate		Statewide	
	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average
1983	640	3.1	405	3.4	1,045	3.2
1984	797	3.3	332	3.7	1,129	3.5
1985	1,003	3.6	365	3.7	1,368	3.6
1986	1,256	3.9	504	3.5	1,760	3.7
1987	1,336	4.2	650	4.0	1,986	4.1
1988	2,033	4.0	829	4.3	2,862	4.1
1989	3,823	4.0	1,215	4.1	5,038	4.0
1990	6,342	3.8	1,692	4.3	8,034	3.9

**Table 25**  
**Drug Offense Admissions**  
**Cook County - Downstate - Statewide**  
**1983-1990**

Year	Cook County		Downstate		Statewide	
	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average
1983	296	3.0	268	3.6	564	3.3
1984	396	3.3	265	3.9	661	3.5
1985	501	3.4	286	3.8	787	3.6
1986	735	3.9	372	3.4	1,107	3.7
1987	737	4.1	444	4.0	1,181	4.1
1988	1,001	4.0	568	4.3	1,569	4.1
1989	1,651	4.2	826	4.3	2,477	4.3
1990	2,963	3.9	1,131	4.3	4,094	4.0

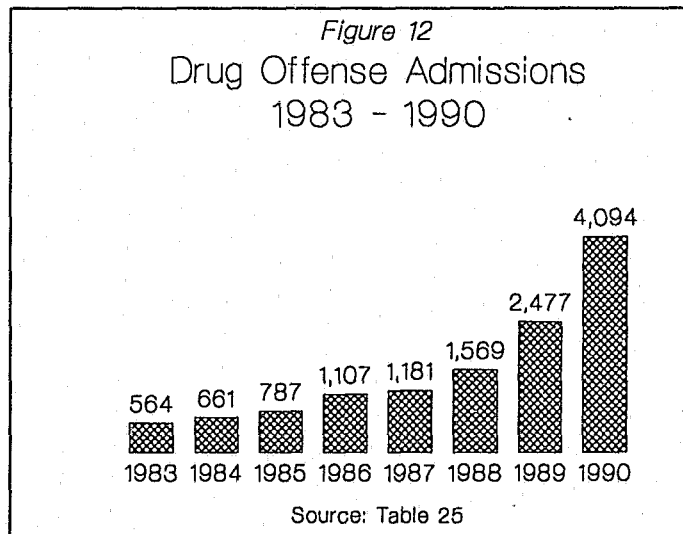
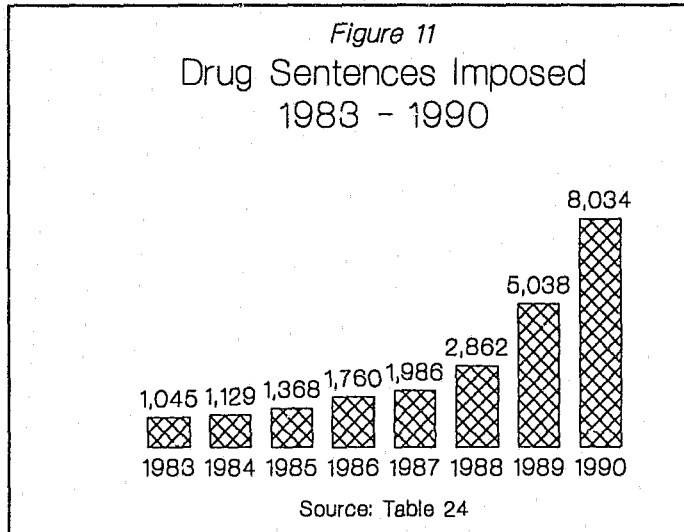


Table 26

## Illinois Judicial Districts, Circuits, and Counties within Circuits

***District 1 Cook County***

Circuit Cook Cook

***District 2 Northern Circuits***

Circuit 15 Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson

Circuit 16 DeKalb, Kane, Kendall

Circuit 17 Boone, Winnebago

Circuit 18 DuPage

Circuit 19 Lake, McHenry

***District 3 North Central Circuits***

Circuit 9 Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, Warren

Circuit 10 Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, Tazewell

Circuit 12 Will

Circuit 13 Bureau, Grundy, LaSalle

Circuit 14 Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, Whiteside

Circuit 21 Iroquois, Kankakee

***District 4 Central Circuits***

Circuit 5 Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Edgar, Vermillion

Circuit 6 Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie, Piatt

Circuit 7 Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Morgan, Sangamon, Scott

Circuit 8 Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Mason, Menard, Pike, Schuyler

Circuit 11 Ford, Livingston, Logan, McLean, Woodford

***District 5 Southern Circuits***

Circuit 1 Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, Williamson

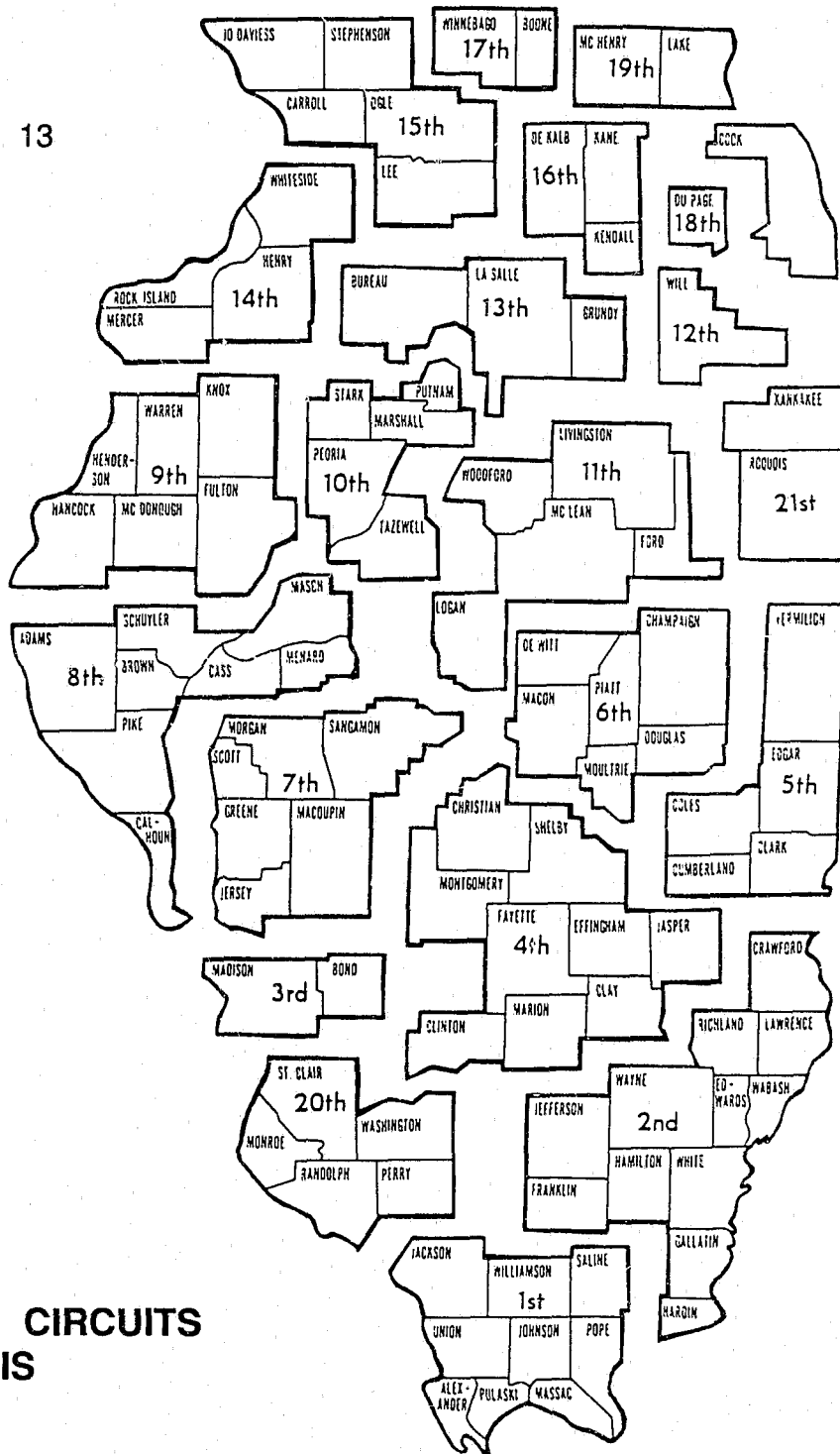
Circuit 2 Crawford, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, White

Circuit 3 Bond, Madison

Circuit 4 Christian, Clay, Clinton, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Marion, Montgomery, Shelby

Circuit 20 Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair, Washington

Figure 13

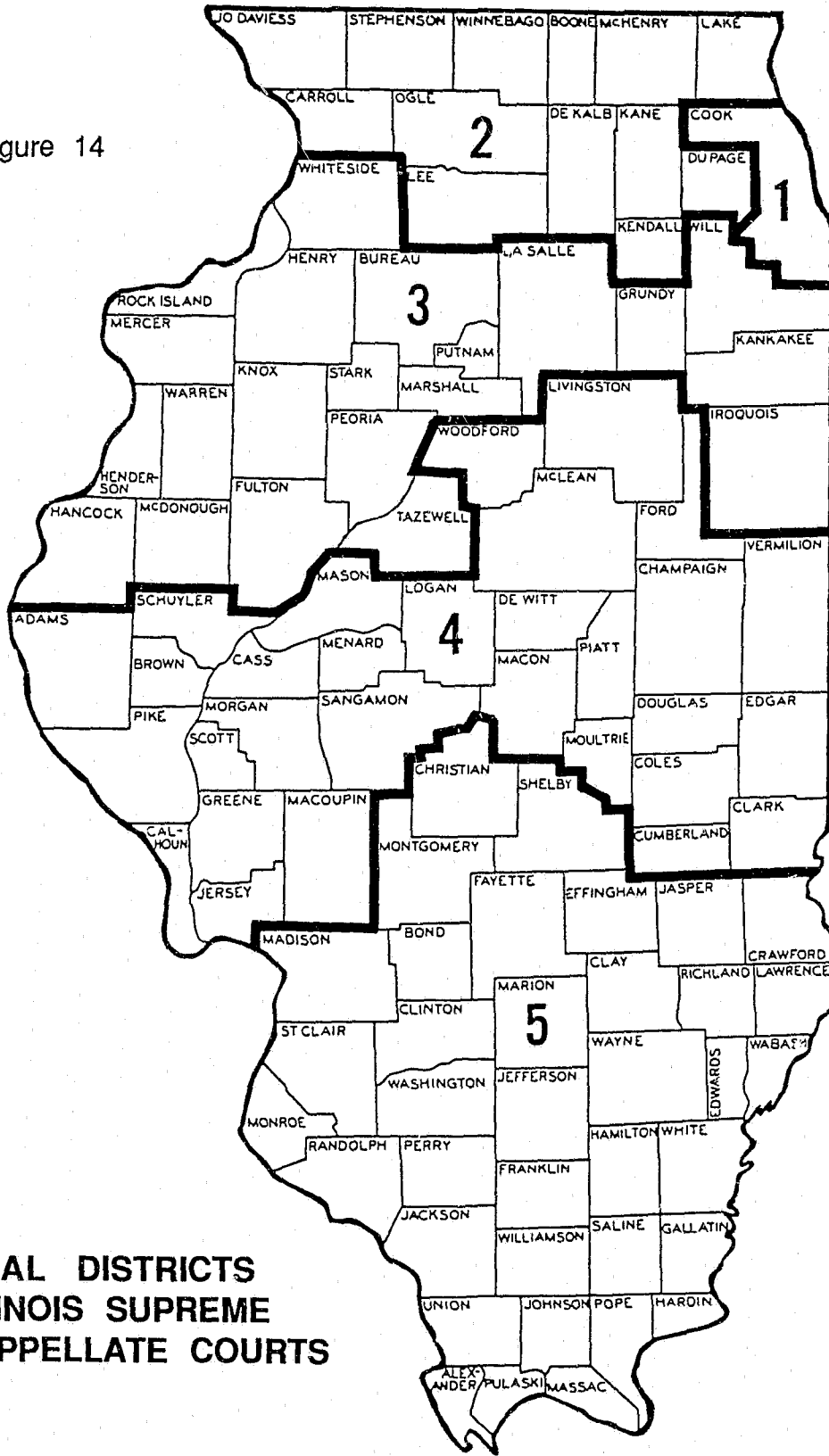


**JUDICIAL CIRCUITS  
of ILLINOIS**

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts



Figure 14



**JUDICIAL DISTRICTS  
of ILLINOIS SUPREME  
and APPELLATE COURTS**

Source: Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

**Table 27**  
**Median Sentence Imposed in Years**  
**By Judicial Circuit, District and Region**  
**Murder**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
1st	—	0	—	13
4th	—	0	—	21
6th	—	0	—	13
8th	—	0	—	13
9th	—	0	—	13
10th	—	0	—	13
11th	—	0	—	22
13th	—	0	—	9
14th	—	0	—	3
15th	—	0	—	13
16th	—	0	—	1
18th	—	0	—	13
21st	—	0	—	5
7th	20.0	1	1	5
12th	20.0	1	1	8
20th	24.0	2	3	12
2d	25.0	1	4	5
Cook County	25.0	219	4	11
3d	32.5	2	6	4
19th	38.0	4	7	20
5th	40.0	1	8	1
17th	40.0	1	8	10
<i>District:</i>				
North Central	20.0	1	1	2
Cook County	25.0	219	2	4
Southern	25.0	5	2	1
Central	30.0	2	4	5
Northern	40.0	5	5	3
<i>Region:</i>				
Cook County	25.0	219	1	2
Downstate	28.0	13	2	1
Statewide	25.0	232		

**Table 28**  
**Median Sentence Imposed in Years**  
**By Judicial Circuit, District and Region**  
**First Degree Murder**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
2d	—	0	—	—
4th	—	0	—	19
7th	—	0	—	17
9th	—	0	—	—
13th	—	0	—	5
15th	—	0	—	15
18th	—	0	—	18
8th	24.0	1	1	11
12th	25.0	3	2	5
21st	25.5	2	3	—
14th	26.0	1	4	1
16th	28.5	2	5	5
Cook County	30.0	82	6	4
20th	32.5	10	7	3
3d	35.0	3	8	5
17th	35.0	5	8	2
10th	39.0	8	10	5
19th	40.0	7	11	15
6th	42.5	4	12	12
1st	46.0	1	13	12
5th	60.0	1	14	10
11th	60.0	1	14	12
<i>District:</i>				
North Central	28.0	14	1	2
Cook County	30.0	82	2	1
Northern	34.5	14	3	2
Southern	35.0	14	4	2
Central	60.0	7	5	5
<i>Region:</i>				
Cook County	30.0	82	1	1
Downstate	34.0	49	2	2
Statewide	30.0	131		

**Table 29**  
**Median Sentence Imposed in Years**  
**By Judicial Circuit, District and Region**  
**Armed Robbery**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
7th	7.0	5	1	1
12th	7.5	18	2	1
18th	7.5	13	2	1
2d	8.0	3	4	14
8th	8.0	1	4	20
9th	8.0	3	4	9
14th	8.0	9	4	1
Cook County	8.0	936	4	9
6th	9.0	11	9	14
11th	9.0	1	9	9
20th	9.0	9	9	14
16th	9.5	15	12	7
3d	10.0	9	13	1
17th	10.0	9	13	1
21st	10.5	4	15	9
4th	12.0	4	16	9
1st	15.0	3	17	14
19th	15.0	13	17	22
13th	16.0	2	19	8
10th	17.5	10	20	20
15th	20.0	1	21	14
5th	25.0	4	22	14

*District:*

Cook County	8.0	936	1	1
North Central	8.0	46	1	1
Central	9.0	22	3	2
Northern	10.0	51	4	1
Southern	10.0	28	4	2

*Region:*

Cook County	8.0	936	1	1
Downstate	9.5	147	2	1

**Statewide**      8.5      1,083

**Table 30**  
**Median Sentence Imposed in Years**  
**By Judicial Circuit, District and Region**  
**Attempted Murder**  
**Attempted First Degree Murder**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
8th	—	0	—	15
13th	—	0	—	17
2d	8.0	1	1	3
15th	8.0	1	1	14
3d	8.5	2	3	18
Cook County	10.0	248	4	3
7th	12.0	5	5	15
1st	12.5	2	6	22
16th	15.0	3	7	3
17th	15.0	2	7	10
9th	16.0	3	9	3
19th	17.5	4	10	3
6th	18.0	3	11	9
10th	18.0	3	11	18
12th	18.0	4	11	1
11th	20.0	1	14	20
21st	27.0	1	15	12
4th	30.0	1	16	10
5th	30.0	1	16	1
14th	30.0	1	16	21
18th	30.0	4	16	3
20th	30.0	1	16	1

*District:*

Cook County	10.0	248	1	1
Southern	11.0	7	2	5
Northern	17.5	14	3	2
North Central	18.0	12	4	2
Central	19.0	10	5	4

*Region:*

Cook County	10.0	248	1	1
Downstate	18.0	43	2	2

**Statewide**      10.0      291

**Table 31**  
**Median Sentence Imposed in Years**  
**By Judicial Circuit, District and Region**  
**Aggravated Criminal**  
**Sexual Assault**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
7th	8.0	8	1	9
12th	8.0	8	1	2
14th	8.0	9	1	19
20th	8.0	7	1	19
3d	9.0	10	5	10
15th	9.0	7	5	17
16th	9.0	17	5	2
21st	9.0	1	5	10
6th	10.0	18	9	10
9th	10.0	7	9	10
10th	10.0	15	9	2
19th	10.0	12	9	22
Cook County	10.0	268	9	6
17th	10.3	8	14	18
8th	10.5	6	15	10
11th	11.0	12	16	6
13th	11.0	8	16	10
2d	12.0	6	18	1
4th	13.0	10	19	10
18th	14.0	4	20	5
1st	15.0	5	21	6
5th	22.0	5	22	19
<i>District:</i>				
Northern	9.5	48	1	2
Cook County	10.0	268	2	1
North Central	10.0	48	2	2
Central	10.0	49	2	2
Southern	10.0	38	2	2
<i>Region:</i>				
Cook County	10.0	268	1	1
Downstate	10.0	183	1	2
Statewide	10.0	451		

**Table 32**  
**Median Sentence Imposed in Years**  
**By Judicial Circuit, District and Region**  
**Class X Manufacture or Delivery**  
**of a Controlled Substance**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
10th	—	0	—	9
13th	—	0	—	9
2d	6.0	1	1	16
3d	6.0	1	1	1
4th	6.0	2	1	9
12th	6.0	22	1	9
21st	6.0	1	1	14
Cook County	6.0	609	1	1
6th	7.0	15	7	19
7th	7.0	1	7	1
18th	7.0	44	7	9
5th	7.5	4	10	6
16th	7.5	17	10	6
17th	7.5	10	10	6
20th	7.5	4	10	20
14th	8.0	5	14	1
9th	9.0	13	15	1
19th	9.0	23	15	14
11th	11.0	3	17	17
8th	12.0	3	18	17
15th	15.0	1	19	22
1st	18.0	2	20	20
<i>District:</i>				
Cook County	6.0	609	1	1
Southern	6.5	10	2	2
Central	7.5	26	3	5
Northern	8.0	95	4	2
North Central	8.0	41	4	2
<i>Region:</i>				
Cook County	6.0	609	1	1
Downstate	8.0	172	2	2
Statewide	6.0	781		

**Table 33**

**Median Sentence Imposed in Years  
By Judicial Circuit, District and Region  
Other Class X**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984- 1989 Rank</i>
17th	6.0	9	1	7
11th	6.5	12	2	20
3d	7.0	5	3	13
13th	7.0	1	3	1
Cook County	7.7	478	5	4
15th	8.0	3	6	13
16th	8.0	10	6	1
18th	8.0	14	6	4
6th	8.5	16	9	7
12th	8.5	12	9	3
4th	8.8	6	11	19
10th	9.0	13	12	13
2d	10.0	51	3	7
9th	10.0	5	13	12
19th	10.0	17	13	20
21st	10.0	3	13	4
8th	11.0	1	17	13
14th	11.0	10	17	7
7th	12.0	7	19	13
1st	15.0	7	20	22
5th	15.0	17	20	13
10th	17.0	13	22	7

*District:*

Cook County	7.6	478	1	1
Northern	8.0	53	2	3
North Central	10.0	44	3	1
Southern	10.0	36	3	4
Central	11.0	53	5	4

*Region:*

Cook County	7.6	478	1	1
Downstate	10.0	186	2	2

Statewide 8.0 664

**Table 34**

**Median Sentence Imposed in Years  
By Judicial Circuit, District and Region  
Residential Burglary**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984- 1989 Rank</i>
3d	4.0	29	1	18
4th	4.0	24	1	6
7th	4.0	36	1	1
9th	4.0	10	1	5
12th	4.0	33	1	3
13th	4.0	3	1	6
15th	4.0	7	1	6
16th	4.0	21	1	6
21st	4.0	9	1	18
2d	5.0	12	10	6
6th	5.0	2	10	6
10th	5.0	39	10	6
14th	5.0	31	10	1
17th	5.0	37	10	3
Cook County	5.0	768	10	6
1st	5.5	36	16	21
11th	5.5	6	16	6
20th	5.5	20	16	6
18th	6.0	33	19	6
8th	7.0	11	20	21
19th	8.0	23	21	20
5th	8.5	16	22	6

*District:*

North Central	4.5	125	1	1
Cook County	5.0	768	2	1
Northern	5.0	121	2	1
Central	5.0	94	2	1
Southern	5.0	121	2	1

*Region:*

Cook County	5.0	768	1	1
Downstate	5.0	461	1	1

Statewide 5.0 1,229

Table 35

Median Sentence Imposed in Years  
By Judicial Circuit, District and Region  
Other Class 1

Circuit:	Median	Number of Cases	1990 Rank	1984-1989 Rank
3d	4.0	37	1	15
9th	4.0	12	1	7
12th	4.0	57	1	1
16th	4.0	34	1	7
20th	4.0	62	1	7
21st	4.0	9	1	1
Cook County	4.0	1,197	1	7
18th	4.3	56	8	1
8th	4.5	12	9	22
13th	4.5	13	9	13
2d	5.0	17	11	15
4th	5.0	17	11	15
6th	5.0	41	11	13
14th	5.0	27	11	1
15th	5.0	12	11	6
17th	5.0	26	11	7
19th	5.0	64	11	15
7th	5.3	16	18	15
1st	5.5	16	19	15
5th	6.0	15	20	15
11th	6.0	55	20	7
10th	7.0	18	22	1
<b>District:</b>				
Cook County	4.0	1,197	1	3
North Central	4.5	136	2	1
Southern	4.5	149	2	3
Northern	5.0	192	4	1
Central	5.0	139	4	3
<b>Region:</b>				
Cook County	4.0	1,197	1	2
Downstate	5.0	616	2	1
Statewide	4.5	1,813		

Table 36

Median Sentence Imposed in Years  
By Judicial Circuit, District and Region  
Burglary

Circuit:	Median	Number of Cases	1990 Rank	1984-1989 Rank
4th	3.0	61	1	1
9th	3.0	14	1	1
12th	3.0	40	1	1
15th	3.0	51	1	10
16th	3.0	63	1	1
17th	3.0	43	1	1
18th	3.0	109	1	1
20th	3.0	54	1	1
Cook County	3.0	1,733	1	1
3d	3.3	76	10	14
21st	3.3	18	10	10
19th	3.5	136	12	14
1st	4.0	37	13	14
2d	4.0	31	13	14
5th	4.0	49	13	14
6th	4.0	85	13	10
7th	4.0	37	13	14
10th	4.0	59	13	14
11th	4.0	58	13	14
13th	4.0	9	13	1
14th	4.0	56	13	10
8th	5.0	50	22	14
<b>District:</b>				
Cook County	3.0	1,733	1	1
Northern	3.0	402	1	2
Southern	3.0	259	1	2
North Central	4.0	196	4	2
Central	4.0	279	4	5
<b>Region:</b>				
Cook County	3.0	1,733	1	1
Downstate	3.5	1,136	2	2
Statewide	3.0	2,869		

**Table 37**  
**Median Sentence Imposed in Years**  
**By Judicial Circuit, District and Region**  
**Robbery**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
9th	—	0	—	2
12th	3.0	20	1	2
17th	3.0	8	1	2
20th	3.3	14	3	2
2d	3.5	2	4	2
14th	3.5	5	4	2
16th	3.5	10	4	2
21st	3.5	2	4	2
10th	3.7	12	8	22
3d	4.0	9	9	2
6th	4.0	18	9	2
11th	4.0	4	9	2
18th	4.0	10	9	2
19th	4.0	14	9	2
Cook County	4.0	939	9	2
1st	5.0	3	15	2
4th	5.0	4	15	2
5th	5.0	9	15	2
7th	5.0	11	15	2
15th	5.0	2	15	2
8th	6.0	1	20	2
13th	6.0	2	20	1
<i>District:</i>				
North Central	3.5	41	1	1
Cook County	4.0	939	2	1
Northern	4.0	44	2	1
Central	4.0	43	2	1
Southern	4.0	32	2	1
<i>Region:</i>				
Cook County	4.0	939	1	1
Downstate	4.0	160	1	1
Statewide	4.0	1,099		

**Table 38**  
**Median Sentence Imposed in Years**  
**By Judicial Circuit, District and Region**  
**Class 2**  
**Auto Theft**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
8th	—	0	—	17
14th	—	0	—	1
15th	—	0	—	10
10th	3.0	3	1	9
11th	3.0	14	1	18
12th	3.0	2	1	20
17th	3.0	3	1	21
18th	3.0	25	1	1
20th	3.0	2	1	18
21st	3.0	2	1	10
Cook County	3.0	1,113	1	1
3d	3.3	10	9	1
1st	3.5	2	10	10
19th	3.5	20	10	10
2d	4.0	1	12	10
4th	4.0	10	12	7
5th	4.0	3	12	10
6th	4.0	1	12	1
7th	4.0	1	12	1
9th	4.0	1	12	—
13th	4.0	9	12	10
16th	4.0	15	12	7
<i>District:</i>				
Cook County	3.0	1,113	1	1
North Central	3.0	30	1	4
Northern	3.5	63	3	3
Southern	3.5	25	3	1
Central	4.0	6	5	4
<i>Region:</i>				
Cook County	3.0	1,113	1	1
Downstate	3.0	124	1	2
Statewide	3.0	1,237		

**Table 39**  
**Median Sentence Imposed in Years**  
**By Judicial Circuit, District and Region**  
**Class 2 Manufacture or Delivery**  
**of a Controlled Substance**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
1st	3.0	13	1	18
9th	3.0	3	1	1
12th	3.0	22	1	1
14th	3.0	11	1	9
16th	3.0	21	1	8
18th	3.0	7	1	1
19th	3.0	24	1	18
Cook County	3.1	1,686	8	9
7th	3.5	8	8	14
10th	3.5	38	8	9
17th	3.5	8	8	1
3d	4.0	7	12	1
4th	4.0	7	12	14
6th	4.0	17	12	14
8th	4.0	6	12	21
15th	4.0	20	12	21
20th	4.0	21	12	1
11th	4.3	6	18	9
13th	4.5	3	19	1
2d	5.0	6	20	18
5th	5.0	7	20	9
21st	7.0	1	22	14

*District:*

Northern	3.0	80	1	1
Cook County	3.1	1,686	2	1
North Central	3.3	78	3	1
Central	4.0	44	4	5
Southern	4.0	54	4	1

*Region:*

Cook County	3.1	1,686	1	1
Downstate	3.5	256	2	1

**Statewide**      3.5      1,942

**Table 40**  
**Median Sentence Imposed in Years**  
**By Judicial Circuit, District and Region**  
**Other Class 2**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
6th	3.0	26	1	7
13th	3.0	12	1	7
16th	3.0	19	1	1
17th	3.0	14	1	5
18th	3.0	15	1	5
10th	3.8	18	6	7
2d	4.0	13	7	7
3d	4.0	25	7	7
4th	4.0	30	7	7
5th	4.0	16	7	7
11th	4.0	20	7	7
12th	4.0	20	7	1
14th	4.0	19	7	7
19th	4.0	45	7	7
20th	4.0	11	7	7
21st	4.0	8	7	1
Cook County	4.0	288	7	7
7th	5.0	12	18	7
8th	5.0	28	18	7
9th	5.0	11	18	1
15th	5.0	10	18	7
1st	6.0	24	22	22

*District:*

Cook County	4.0	288	1	2
Northern	4.0	103	1	2
North Central	4.0	88	1	1
Central	4.0	102	1	2
Southern	4.0	103	1	2

*Region:*

Cook County	4.0	288	1	1
Downstate	4.0	396	1	1

**Statewide**      4.0      684



**Table 41**

**Median Sentence Imposed in Years  
By Judicial Circuit, District and Region  
Aggravated Battery**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
2d	2.0	14	1	8
9th	2.0	10	1	1
13th	2.0	10	1	1
16th	2.0	27	1	3
15th	2.4	16	5	8
1st	2.5	17	6	8
3d	2.5	30	6	7
4th	2.5	33	6	8
6th	2.5	64	6	8
7th	3.0	26	10	8
8th	3.0	13	10	8
10th	3.0	14	10	22
11th	3.0	43	10	8
12th	3.0	29	10	8
14th	3.0	17	10	4
17th	3.0	15	10	4
18th	3.0	14	10	8
19th	3.0	44	10	8
20th	3.0	33	10	4
Cook County	3.0	486	10	8
5th	3.3	18	21	8
21st	3.5	6	22	8
<i>District:</i>				
Southern	2.5	127	1	1
Cook County	3.0	486	2	1
Northern	3.0	116	2	1
North Central	3.0	86	2	1
Central	3.0	164	2	1
<i>Region:</i>				
Cook County	3.0	486	1	1
Downstate	3.0	493	1	1
Statewide	3.0	979		

**Table 42**

**Median Sentence Imposed in Years  
By Judicial Circuit, District and Region  
Forgery**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984-1989 Rank</i>
4th	2.0	25	1	3
5th	2.0	13	1	5
7th	2.0	12	1	6
9th	2.0	9	1	6
12th	2.0	11	1	6
13th	2.0	6	1	6
20th	2.0	15	1	6
10th	2.5	23	8	6
16th	2.5	19	8	6
Cook County	2.5	244	8	6
2d	3.0	13	11	1
3d	3.0	26	11	3
6th	3.0	53	11	6
11th	3.0	20	11	6
14th	3.0	29	11	6
18th	3.0	49	11	6
19th	3.0	34	11	6
21st	3.0	4	11	6
15th	3.3	8	19	6
17th	3.8	16	20	6
1st	4.0	14	21	1
8th	4.0	13	21	6
<i>District:</i>				
Cook County	2.5	244	1	1
Southern	2.5	93	1	1
Northern	3.0	126	3	1
North Central	3.0	82	3	1
Central	3.0	111	3	1
<i>Region:</i>				
Cook County	2.5	244	1	1
Downstate	3.0	412	2	1
Statewide	3.0	656		

Table 43

Median Sentence Imposed in Years  
By Judicial Circuit, District and Region  
Theft

Circuit:	Median	Number of Cases	1990 Rank	1984-1989 Rank
12th	2.0	10	1	7
16th	2.0	43	1	1
20th	2.0	54	1	1
Cook County	2.0	625	1	7
7th	2.3	20	5	7
3d	2.5	24	6	5
6th	2.5	45	6	1
18th	2.5	68	6	7
1st	3.0	29	9	7
2d	3.0	29	9	7
4th	3.0	23	9	7
5th	3.0	21	9	7
8th	3.0	16	9	7
9th	3.0	9	9	7
10th	3.0	20	9	7
11th	3.0	36	9	7
13th	3.0	6	9	1
14th	3.0	49	9	7
15th	3.0	17	9	7
17th	3.0	24	9	5
19th	3.0	93	9	7
21st	3.2	12	22	7

District:

Cook County	2.0	625	1	1
Southern	2.5	159	2	1
Northern	3.0	245	3	1
North Central	3.0	106	3	1
Central	3.0	138	3	1

Region:

Cook County	2.0	625	1	1
Downstate	3.0	648	2	1

Statewide 2.8 1,273

Table 44

Median Sentence Imposed in Years  
By Judicial Circuit, District and Region  
Other Class 3

Circuit:	Median	Number of Cases	1990 Rank	1984-1989 Rank
13th	2.0	17	1	3
16th	2.0	58	1	1
17th	2.5	39	3	4
18th	2.5	117	3	4
2d	3.0	21	5	10
3d	3.0	62	5	10
4th	3.0	38	5	4
5th	3.0	40	5	10
6th	3.0	61	5	1
7th	3.0	30	5	10
8th	3.0	19	5	10
9th	3.0	15	5	4
10th	3.0	57	5	10
11th	3.0	44	5	10
12th	3.0	45	5	10
14th	3.0	43	5	10
15th	3.0	19	5	10
19th	3.0	79	5	10
20th	3.0	75	5	10
21st	3.0	9	5	8
Cook County	3.0	2,396	5	10
1st	4.0	31	22	9

District:

Northern	2.9	312	1	1
Cook County	3.0	2,396	2	1
North Central	3.0	186	2	1
Central	3.0	194	2	1
Southern	3.0	227	2	1

Region:

Cook County	3.0	2,396	1	1
Downstate	3.0	919	1	1

Statewide 3.0 3,315

**Table 45**

**Median Sentence Imposed in Years  
By Judicial Circuit, District and Region  
Class 4  
Possession of a Controlled Substance**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984- 1989 Rank</i>
21st	1.5	7	1	21
Cook County	1.5	1,358	1	21
4th	1.8	2	3	3
17th	1.8	8	3	8
2d	2.0	7	5	1
3d	2.0	21	5	3
5th	2.0	12	5	5
6th	2.0	35	5	6
7th	2.0	15	5	6
8th	2.0	7	5	8
9th	2.0	3	5	8
10th	2.0	28	5	8
11th	2.0	19	5	8
12th	2.0	46	5	8
13th	2.0	7	5	8
14th	2.0	16	5	8
16th	2.0	38	5	8
18th	2.0	30	5	8
19th	2.0	64	5	8
20th	2.0	42	5	8
15th	2.5	8	21	8
1st	3.0	4	22	1
<i>District:</i>				
Cook County	1.5	1,358	1	1
Northern	2.0	148	2	1
North Central	2.0	107	2	1
Central	2.0	88	2	1
Southern	2.0	76	2	1
<i>Region:</i>				
Cook County	1.5	1,358	1	1
Downstate	2.0	419	2	1
Statewide	1.5	1,777		

**Table 46**

**Median Sentence Imposed in Years  
By Judicial Circuit, District and Region  
Other Class 4**

<i>Circuit:</i>	<i>Median</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>1990 Rank</i>	<i>1984- 1989 Rank</i>
21st	1.3	18	1	4
6th	1.5	187	2	4
9th	1.5	35	2	4
13th	1.5	38	2	4
14th	1.5	86	2	4
15th	1.5	42	2	4
18th	1.5	182	2	4
20th	1.5	109	2	4
1st	2.0	64	9	1
2d	2.0	41	9	1
3d	2.0	76	9	3
4th	2.0	149	9	4
5th	2.0	58	9	4
7th	2.0	67	9	4
10th	2.0	96	9	4
11th	2.0	89	9	4
12th	2.0	48	9	4
16th	2.0	73	9	4
17th	2.0	39	9	4
19th	2.0	118	9	4
Cook County	2.0	690	9	4
8th	3.0	51	22	4
<i>District:</i>				
Cook County	2.0	689	1	1
Northern	2.0	454	1	2
North Central	2.0	321	1	2
Central	2.0	452	1	2
Southern	2.0	439	1	2
<i>Region:</i>				
Cook County	2.0	689	1	1
Downstate	2.0	1,666	1	1
Statewide	2.0	2,355		

**Appendix A:  
Illinois  
Sentencing  
Practices  
Comparison**

Appendix A: Illinois Sentencing Practices Comparison — Indeterminate / Determinate									
OFFENSE CLASS SELECTED OFFENSES	INDETERMINATE SENTENCE (1977-1978)	AVERAGE MINIMUM	SHORTEST MAXIMUM	MINIMUM	LONGEST MAXIMUM	DETERMINATE SENTENCE 1990	AVERAGE SENTENCE	SHORTEST SENTENCE	LONGEST SENTENCE
<b>MURDER</b> Murder First Degree Murder	Death or Mandatory Imprisonment Minimum: 14 years Maximum: NO Limit	39.2	81.7	14.0	1,000.0	Death or Mandatory Imprisonment Minimum: 20 years Maximum: 40/60 years	26.6 34.6	20.0 20.0	40.0 60.0
<b>X</b> Rape/Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault Attempted Murder Armed Robbery Other Class X	NO SANCTION	9.9 9.8 6.0 7.7	20.7 20.8 11.6 16.2	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0	600.0 100.0 200.0 200.0	Mandatory Imprisonment Minimum: 6 years Maximum: 30 years	12.4 13.3 11.2 9.3	6.0 6.0 6.0 6.0	30.0 30.0 30.0 30.0
<b>1</b> Class 1	Imprisonment Minimum: 4 years Maximum: NO Limit	7.4	14.8	1.0	200.0	Mandatory Imprisonment Minimum: 4 years Maximum: 15 years	5.9	4.0	15.0
<b>2</b> Robbery Burglary Other Class 2	Imprisonment Minimum: 1 year Maximum: 20 years	1.8 1.6 1.8	5.2 4.9 5.4	1.0 1.0 1.0	25.0 50.0 20.0	Imprisonment Minimum: 3 years Maximum: 7 years	4.3 3.9 4.0	3.0 3.0 3.0	7.0 7.0 7.0
<b>3</b> Aggravated Battery Theft Forgery Other Class 3	Imprisonment Minimum: 1 year Maximum: 10 years	2.6 1.4 1.5 2.2	7.3 3.9 4.8 6.0	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0	600.0 20.0 10.0 150.0	Imprisonment Minimum: 2 years Maximum: 5 years	3.2 2.8 2.9 3.0	2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0	5.0 5.0 5.0 5.0
<b>4</b> Class 4	Imprisonment Minimum: 1 year Maximum: 3 years	1.4	3.3	1.0	24.0	Imprisonment Minimum: 1 year Maximum: 3 years	1.8	1.0	3.0
<b>Misdemeanors</b>	Imprisonment Class: A Up to 1 year B Up to 6 months C Up to 30 days	.69		.08	1.0	Imprisonment Class: A Up to 1 year B Up to 6 months C Up to 30 days	.89	20	.99

**Appendix B:  
Definitions  
and  
Data  
Interpretation**

## General Methodology

Each offense presented in this report is followed by a reference to the class of offense as categorized in the Illinois Criminal Sentencing Code. All offenses have been converted to the new offense categories enacted with determinate sentencing legislation as of February 1, 1978.

Voluntary Manslaughter was upgraded from a Class 2 to a Class 1 offense in 1982; data beginning in 1983 report it as a Class 1 offense. Data for Residential Burglary were added when it became a mandatory prison sentence in 1983. On July 1, 1984, the Illinois Criminal Sexual Assault Act took effect, replacing Rape and associated offenses with Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault. On January 1, 1985, a Class 2 Auto Theft offense became effective. The effects of these statutory changes are shown in the report. Class X and Class 2 Manufacture/ Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault, Class 2 Auto Theft, and Class 4 Possession of a Controlled Substance determinate sentence cases were added to the tables in 1987.

Effective July 1, 1987, Murder was changed to First Degree Murder (Chapter 38, Section 9-1), Attempted Murder was renamed Attempted First Degree Murder (Chapter 38, Section 8-4-c-1) and Voluntary Manslaughter was changed to Second Degree Murder (Chapter 38, Section 9-2) (Public Act 84-1450). Changes were also made in the definition of the First Degree Murder and Second Degree Murder offenses. For First Degree Murder, the maximum sentence was increased from 40 years to 50 years; the extended term was lengthened from 80 years to 100 years. Attempted First Degree Murder remains a Class X offense and Second Degree Murder remains a Class 1 offense. These new offenses are reported beginning with 1987 data.

In addition to the arithmetic mean, the median is often included as a measure of average length of stay. The mean is defined as the arithmetic average of the raw data. It is calculated by summing the lengths of stay for all cases and dividing by the total number of cases. The median is the measurement where exactly 50 percent of the scores lie below that length and 50 percent are above it. The mean is affected by extremely low or high stays. A large percentage of low stays will produce a mean greater than the median. This is true for most length of stay comparisons. Conversely, a large percentage of high lengths of stay produces a mean less than the median. When the mean and median are equal, the distribution of sentences is symmetrical, i.e., sentences both greater than and less than the average are distributed evenly. The few extreme minimum and maximum length of stay cases discussed above have little effect on the mean and no effect on the median.

During 1988, the Department converted its Correctional Institution Management Information System (CIMIS) to a new Offender Tracking System (OTS). OTS is a more efficient, larger data base with better tracking capabilities to provide more effective management information. The data purification during conversion may have caused some differences in 1988 through 1990 data not present in earlier figures.

There was also a change in the use of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) in 1990. SPSS Release 4, a product of SPSS, Inc., was used in the 1990 report. SPSS-X (Version 2.1) had been used to calculate statistics in the 1988 and 1989 reports. Prior to 1988, SPSS (Version 9.7) was used. Some changes in the internal formulas may make slightly different calculations for the median and length of prison stay.

## Part I Impact on Population

A case is a record of time in years an inmate served in prison. Where an offender served time for more than one offense, time served is for the holding offense. The holding offense is the offense which holds the inmate in Illinois Department of Corrections custody for the longest period of time.

For Tables 1 and 4, prison population numbers and percentages include all inmates incarcerated on December 31, 1977 and 1990. For Tables 3, 5, and 6 time served data are for the adult population as of December 31, 1983 through 1990.

For cases in Table 3 and for admissions and exit data in Table 4, only cases admitted from court are included. Inmates returned for a technical violation of Mandatory Supervised Release (MSR) are not included. Only cases with a determinate sentence and cases originally sentenced with an indeterminate sentence which opted for a set release date are included. Life, death and Sexually Dangerous Person (SDP) cases are excluded from Table 3.

The data in Table 5 represent cases sentenced with an indeterminate or indeterminate day-for-day sentence. Indeterminate cases which were received from court are included; cases returned as a technical violator of parole are excluded. Cases given an indeterminate life sentence before February 1978 or were on bond on December 31, 1990 are not counted as cases in Table 5. Time projected to be served and time left to serve could not be calculated because release can only be granted by the Prisoner Review Board or the Governor. This type of release date cannot be predetermined.

For Table 6, the cases represent inmates incarcerated with a life, death or SDP sentence at the end of December 1983 through 1990. Sentences imposed both before and after determinate sentencing are included. The number of each will not total the previous year total plus admissions for that year because of vacated sentences, remanded sentences, deaths, or releases. Projected time to be served could not be calculated because some cases will never be released (death and life without parole sentences) or release dates are unknown (SDP and life with parole).

Average time served represents the arithmetic mean. Standard deviations are also included in Table 6.



## Part II

### Length of Stay

In the length of stay tables, a case is a record of the cumulative time an inmate spent in prison, jail, or other holding facilities. In situations where an offender served time for more than one offense, the length of stay data are for the holding offense. The holding offense is the offense which holds the inmate in Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) custody for the longest period. All types of exits from prison, including release to parole or Mandatory Supervised Release (MSR), expiration of sentence discharge, death, court-ordered discharge, reversal, and reversal and remanded sentence, are reported. Release data of Sexually Dangerous Persons are also included.

Length of stay data are for two time periods. "Time Served" is comprised of time spent in jail, mental health custody, juvenile facility, on probation etc. for which the offender received credit on the sentence, plus time in prison. "Prison Stay" refers just to the time spent in IDOC adult facilities. The data are broken out by three categories: all cases of adult felons, determinate cases, and indeterminate cases. For offenders released to parole or MSR who are revoked and returned to prison, the additional time spent completing the original sentence is not included in the length of stay calculation.

Some unusual minimum and maximum lengths of stay may be noted in Tables 7 to 13. These cases were identified and their files were examined to find the causes. For example, some extremely short lengths of stay were results of inmates who died in the institution or had their sentences reversed. Extremely short minimum prison stays occurred for inmates who served a large percentage of their sentence in jail due to such circumstances as continuances and illness. Others obtained credit for time served on probation, in a mental health center, juvenile facility, TASC or other community drug program, or prison in another state. Some extremely long lengths of stay resulted from inmates who were released on bond or writ and were not cleared until the year of exit, who received a consecutive term for a crime committed in prison (escape, drug possession, aggravated battery, etc.) and had to serve extra time, or who received extensive good time revocations. All of these situations were rare and legitimate, and were included to be consistent with previous years.

The increase in the average length of stay for Class 2, 3, and 4 offenses after a drop in 1983 reflects the impact of eliminating the forced release policy.

## PART III

### Sentences Imposed

In Section III of this report, a sentence represents any case in which a sentence is imposed for an offense. Thus, the number of sentences imposed, not the number of offenders, is being reported. The cases categorized by year are based on the dates offenders are sentenced to the Department of Corrections, not necessarily the date they are received by the Department.

For Tables 14 through 19, the average sentence represents reported cases within that offense category for that year excluding life, death, and Sexually Dangerous Person (SDP) sentences. For Tables 18 and 19, the averages represent the mean sentence length. For Tables 14, 16 and 17, in addition to the mean, the median is reported as a measure of average sentence for 1983 to 1990 data.

Data reported in the top of Table 14 and in Tables 16 and 17 do not reflect sentences which fall outside of the range specified for each class (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 38, Section 1005-8-1). Judges may impose a sentence up to twice the maximum range (Section 1005-8-2) for cases which reflect factors in aggravation (Section 1005-5-3.2) or may minimize a sentence of imprisonment for cases with mitigating circumstances (Section 1005-5-3.1). Interpretation of sentence data for cases less than the minimum must take into account that, if the court does not specify the class of crime for drug offenses, the highest class of crime is entered until the courts clarify the information. Compare the top and bottom of Table 14 to note the difference in overall sentence lengths when shortened and extended sentences are calculated. Table 20 summarizes all sentences imposed from 1978 to 1990 by offense class, including those which fall into the range, extended sentences and those less than the minimum. Tables 21 and 22 report the specific offenses for both sentences imposed and admissions for 1990 which were less than the minimum and greater than the maximum. A case is counted as an admission only if the listed offense was the holding offense.

Court admissions for which the holding offense was a consecutive sentence are reported in Table 23. They are listed by offense class for the years 1984 to 1990. In Table 25, only court admissions for holding drug offenses are included.

In Tables 27 to 46, median determinate sentences imposed in 1990 are reported by judicial circuit and district, and geographic region. Only those sentences which fall into the range established by statute are reported. The purpose of these tables is to aid judges and other court administrators to discern sentencing patterns within their jurisdiction. These tables should be interpreted as comparisons among circuits and districts of median sentence lengths and the number imposed in relation to other jurisdictions within Illinois. Rankings (lowest to highest) for similar sentences imposed from 1984 through 1989 are included to compare sentencing patterns across the state for the past six years. Attention should also be given to the number of sentences imposed when making comparisons. The number of ties in the rankings of some Class 2, 3 and 4 offenses indicates a similarity among circuits and districts over time. A list (Table 26) and maps (Figures 13 and 14) of circuits and districts by county precede the tables.

As of July 1, 1983, misdemeanants could no longer be sentenced to the Department of Corrections as the holding (longest sentence) offense. Misdemeanor sentences imposed after this date are consecutive or concurrent with a felony which incarcerates the inmate in the Department of Corrections. The number of cases reported after 1983 is considerably greater than in previous years. The primary reason for this improvement is that in 1983 the Planning and Research Unit, in cooperation with the Data Processing Section, began developing audited monthly admission and exit data files. This approach decreased the probability of missing cases and increased data reliability.

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