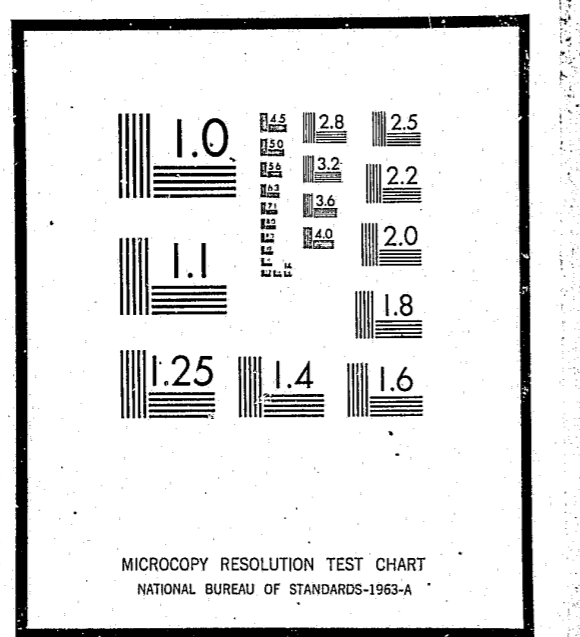


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## ROBBERY

Robbery, one of the theft offenses, and a crime against property, is also a crime against a person. A factor which sets it apart from the other theft offenses is that property is unlawfully taken from the person or in the immediate presence of another by threat or instilling fear.

Florida Statutes, Chapter 813.011, states:

"Whoever, by force, violence or assault or putting in fear, feloniously robs, steals and takes away from the person or custody of another, money or other property which may be the subject of larceny, shall be guilty of a felony of the first degree, punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for life or for any lesser term of years at the discretion of the court."<sup>1</sup>

The elements of the offense of Robbery include:

1. an unlawful taking;
2. of personal property;
3. from the person or in the immediate presence of another;
4. by threat or instilling fear;
5. with intent to deprive the owner of the property;
6. and with the intent to put the property to the use or benefit of the taker<sup>2</sup>

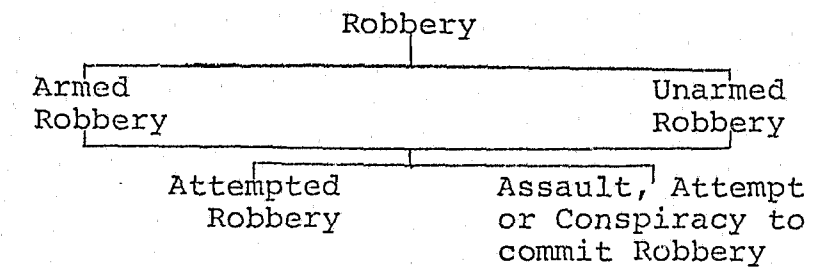
Robbery can be divided into two types, armed and unarmed.

Under each of these types can be included attempted robbery and assault, attempt, or conspiracy to commit robbery (See following chart).

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<sup>1</sup>Florida Statutes, Volume II, 1973, Chapter 813

<sup>2</sup>Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Hazel B. Kerper, West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minn. 1972, page 132



#### METHODOLOGY

This study is one of six offense profiles on selected offenses from a data base of 3986 cases. The data base was developed from information recorded on each incoming inmate into Florida's prison system. The instrument used to collect these data was the Florida Parole and Probation Commission's Parole Information and Prediction Form. The period of time which this study encompasses is from October 1972 to October 1974. These data were later placed on computer tapes from which the following data was retrieved.

The selection of the offenses was based on the offenses with the highest number of cases.

From this data base of 3986, Robbery ranks second with a subpopulation of 685 which represents 17.2% of the data base.

The offense profiles consist of thirteen variables listed below:

- |                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Race by Sex             | 8. Prior Prison Commitments   |
| 2. Education               | 9. Prior Juvenile Commitments |
| 3. Alcohol Use             | 10. Escapes                   |
| 4. Drug Use                | 11. Parole Violations         |
| 5. Felony Convictions      | 12. Paroles                   |
| 6. Misdemeanor Convictions | 13. Probations                |
| 7. Previous Arrests        |                               |

There is a chart for each of the above variables. Because of missing data on some of the variables there will be differences in the total number of cases (N) on some of the charts.

Average Robbery Offender

Based on this subpopulation the average Robbery offender has the following profile:

He is a black male (61% or 416) with some high school education (57% or 390); uses alcohol moderately (54% or 368); has no history or known use of drugs (45% or 306); has no previous arrest (24% or 163); has no prior prison commitments (73% or 501); has no prior misdemeanor convictions (60% or 412); has no prior felony convictions (68% or 463); was not committed as a juvenile (72% or 489); has never escaped (94% or 646); has never been on probation (85% or 585) or parole (91% or 621); and has never violated parole (95% or 649).

Chart A  
Robbery- Variable: Race by Sex

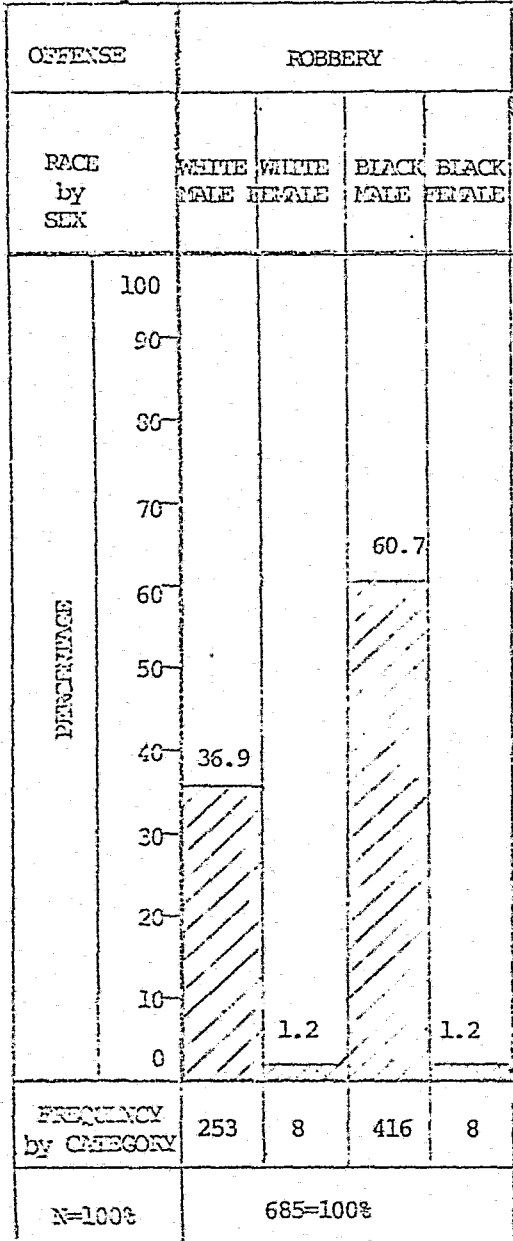


Chart B  
Robbery- Variable: Education by Grades

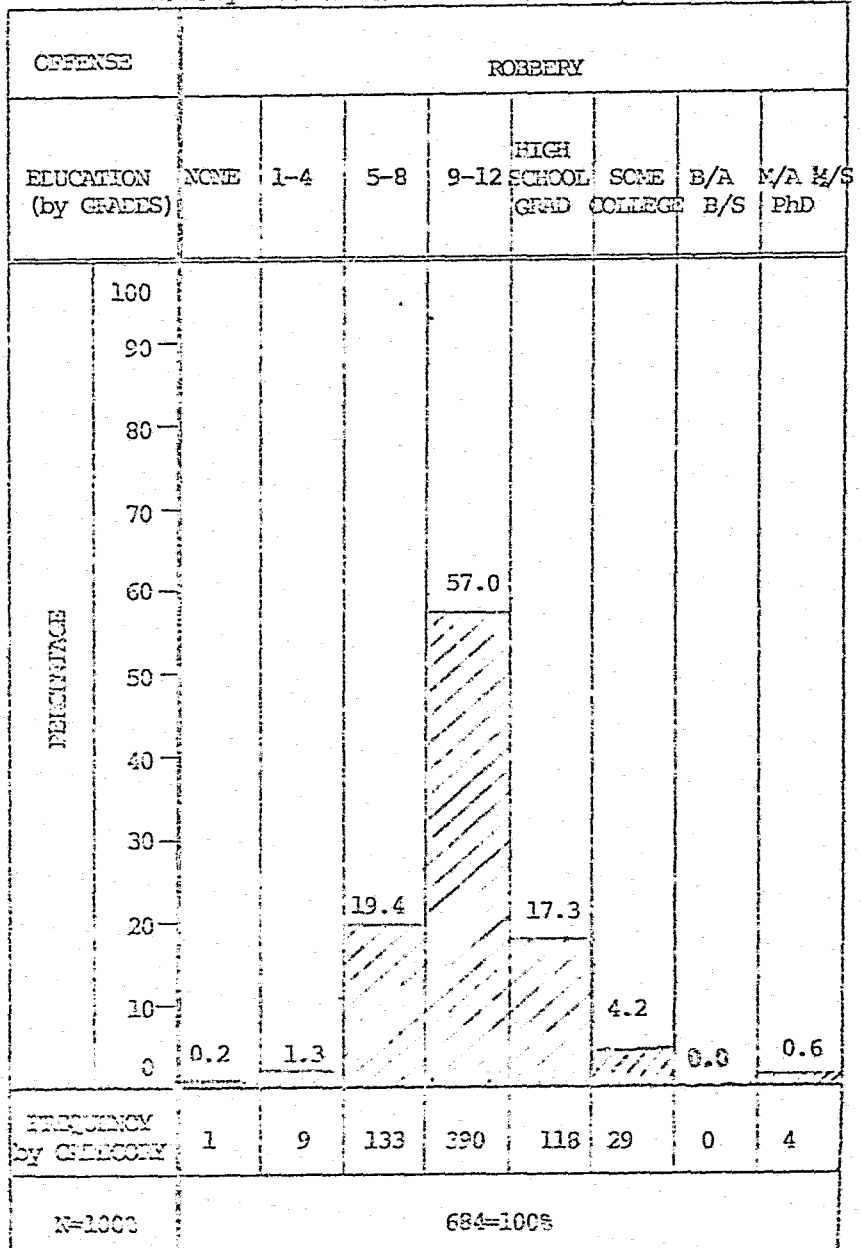


Chart C  
Robbery- Variable: Alcohol Use

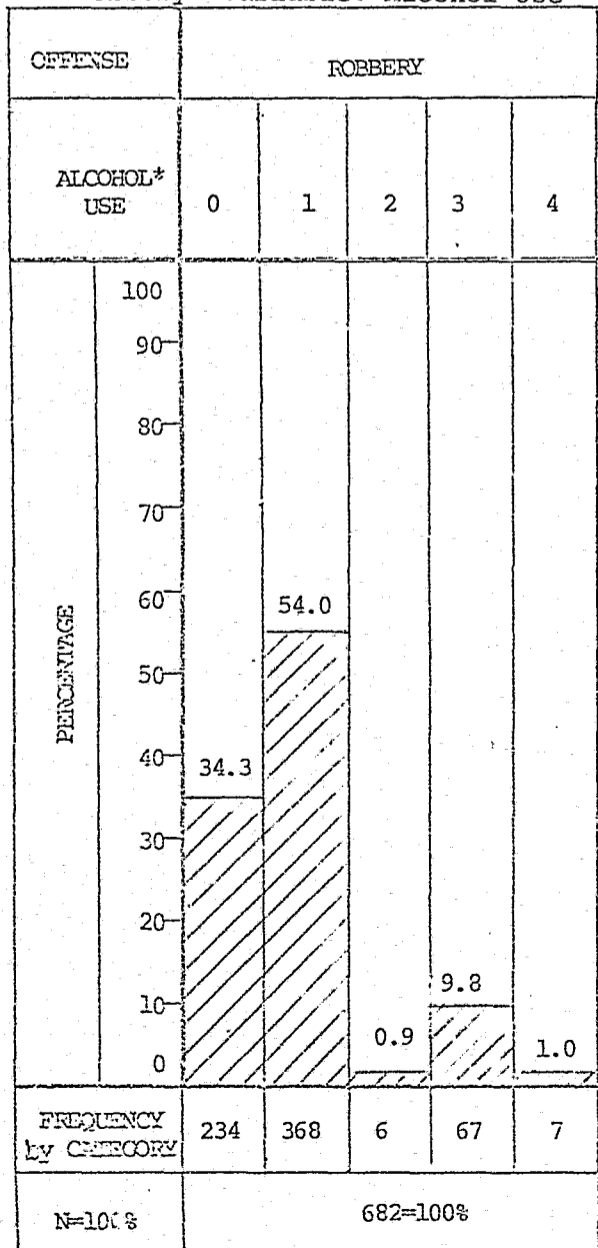
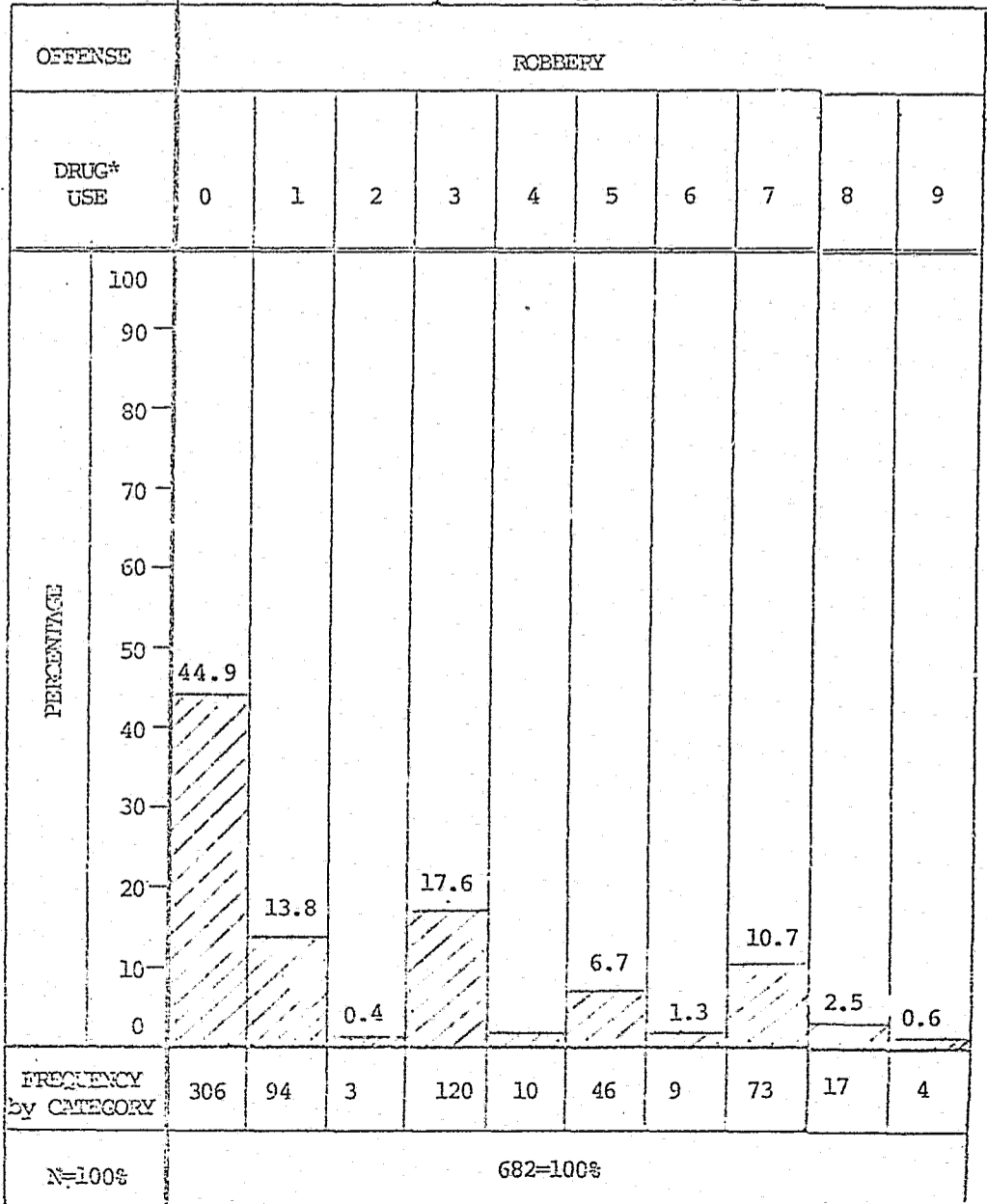


Chart D  
Robbery- Variable: Drug Use



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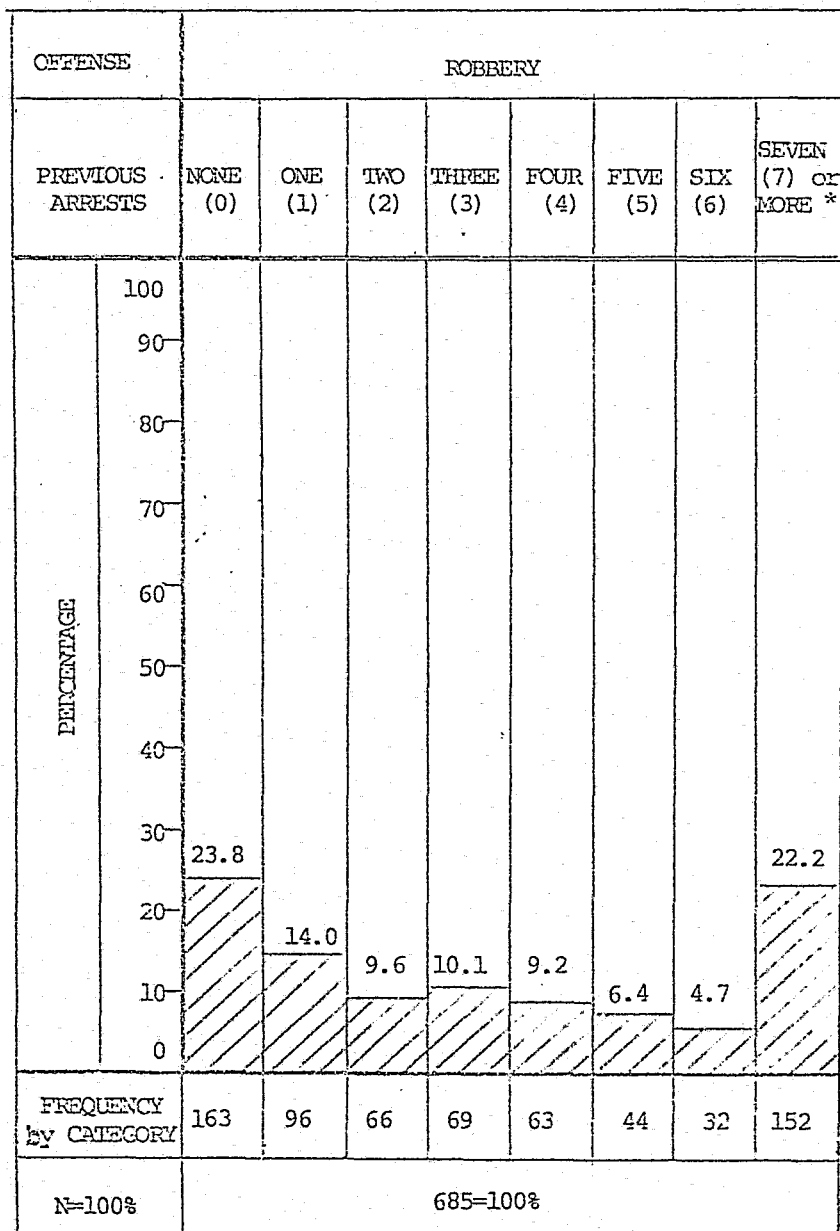
Code for ALCOHOL OFFENSES

- 0- No use
- 1- Moderate use and was not a factor in the instant offense
- 2- Moderate use and was a factor in the instant offense
- 3- Excessive use and was not a factor in the instant offense
- 4- Excessive use and was a factor in the instant offense

Code for DRUG OFFENSES

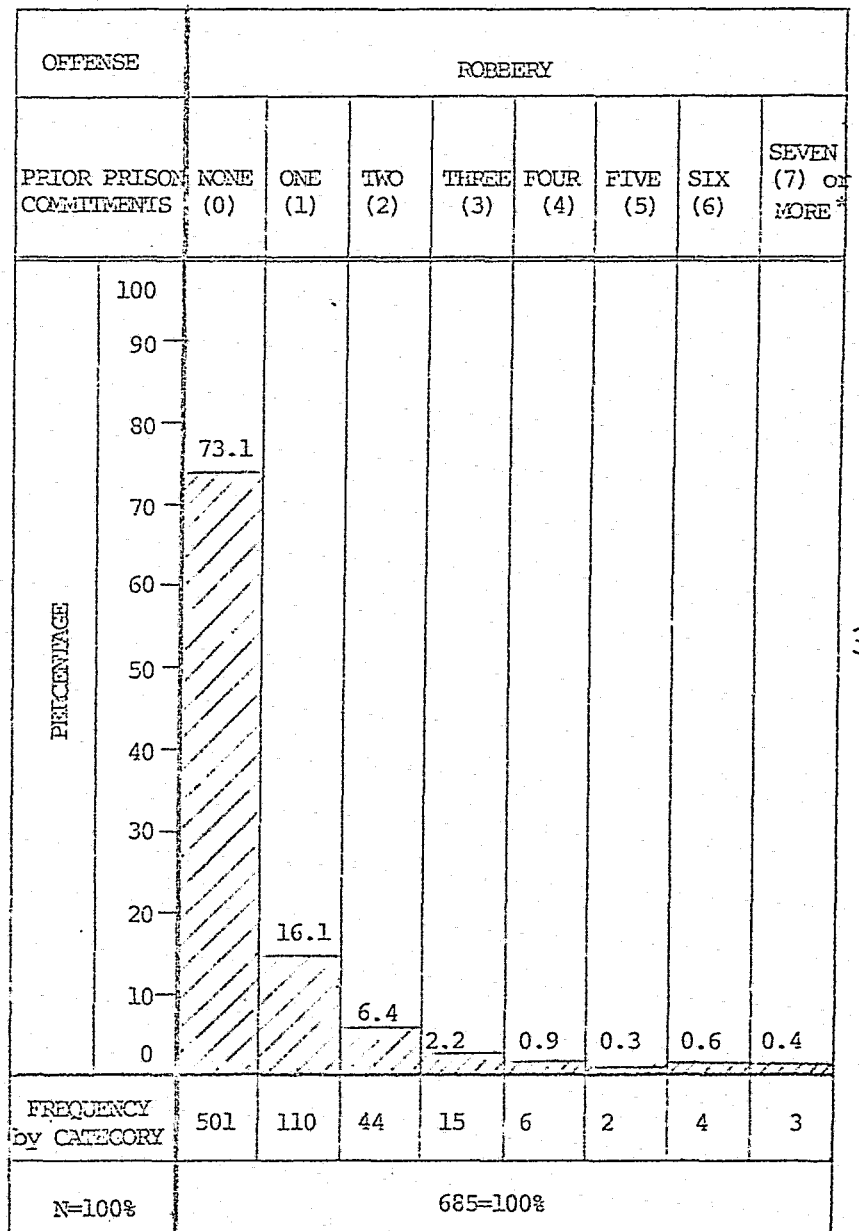
- 0- No use
- 1- Excessive use of marijuana or past convictions for sale or possession
- 2- Same as #1 and was a factor in the instant offense
- 3- Experimental use of any narcotic or dangerous drug
- 4- Same as #3 and was a factor in the instant offense
- 5- Frequent use of any dangerous drug or past conviction for sale or possession
- 6- Same as #5 and was a factor in the instant offense
- 7- Addiction to any narcotic or past conviction for sale or possession
- 8- Same as #7 and was a factor in the instant offense
- 9- Use of drugs unknown

Chart E  
Robbery- Variable: Previous Arrests



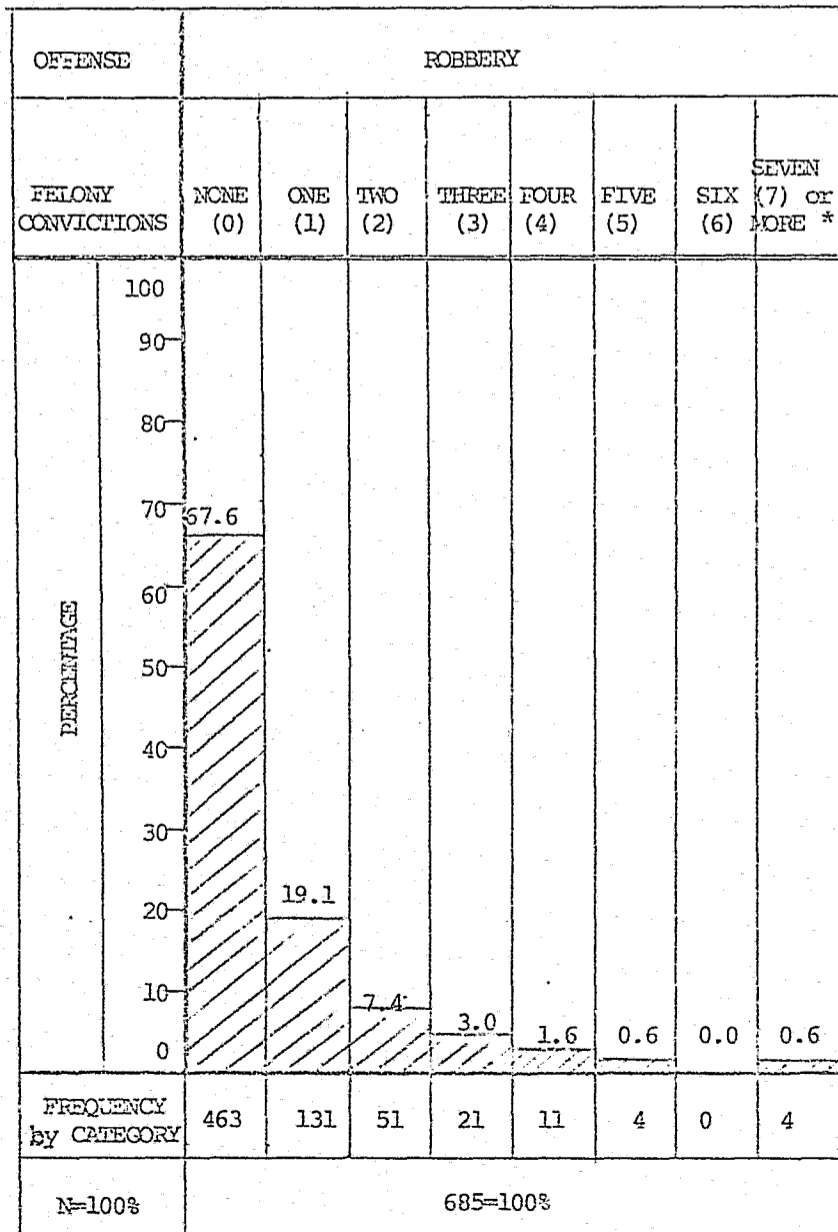
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Chart F  
Robbery- Variable: Prior Prison Commitments



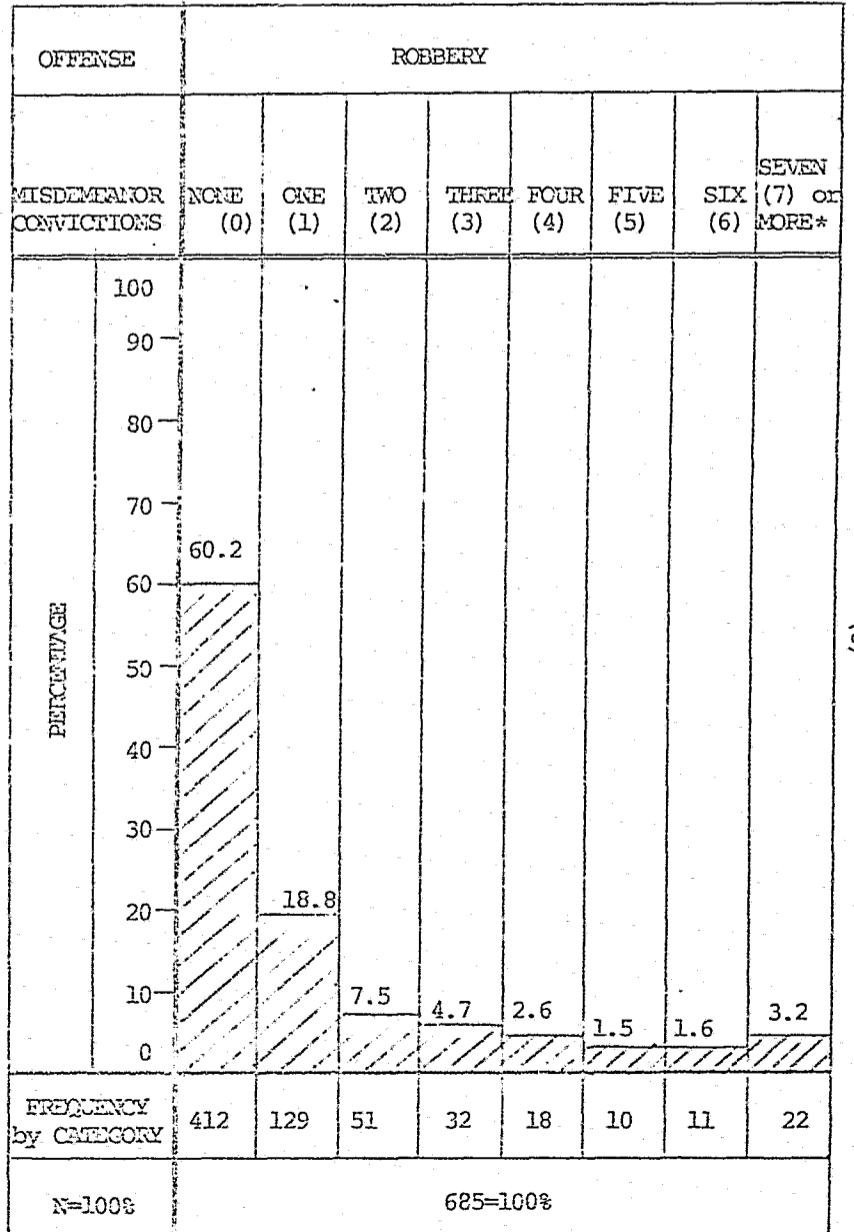
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Chart G  
Robbery- Variable: Felony Convictions



\*Range is 7-10

Chart H  
Robbery- Variable: Misdemeanor Convictions



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Chart I  
Robbery- Variable: Total Juvenile Commitments

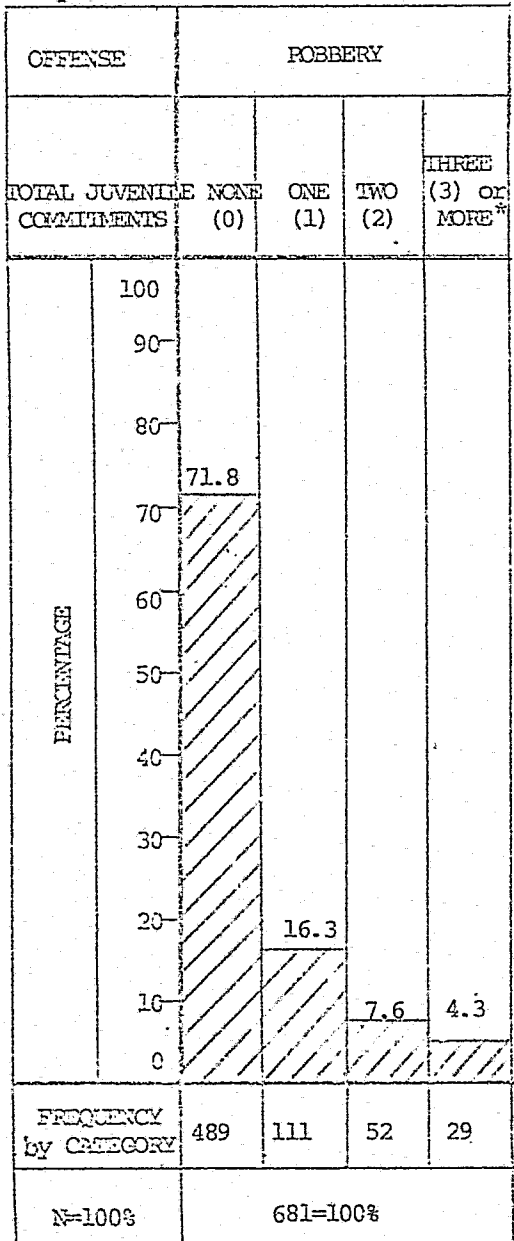


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Robbery- Variable: Escapes

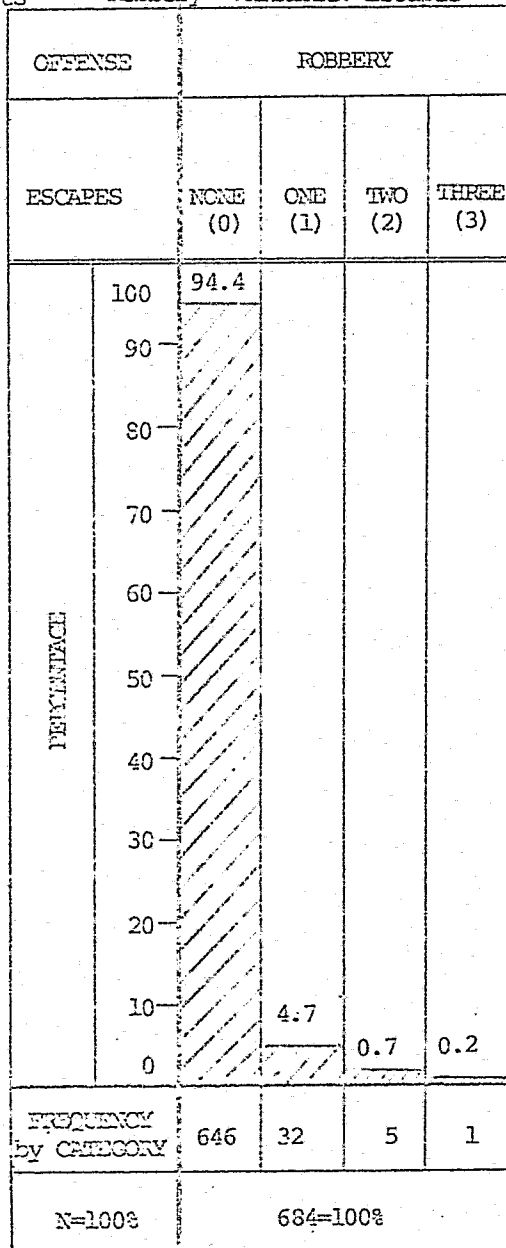
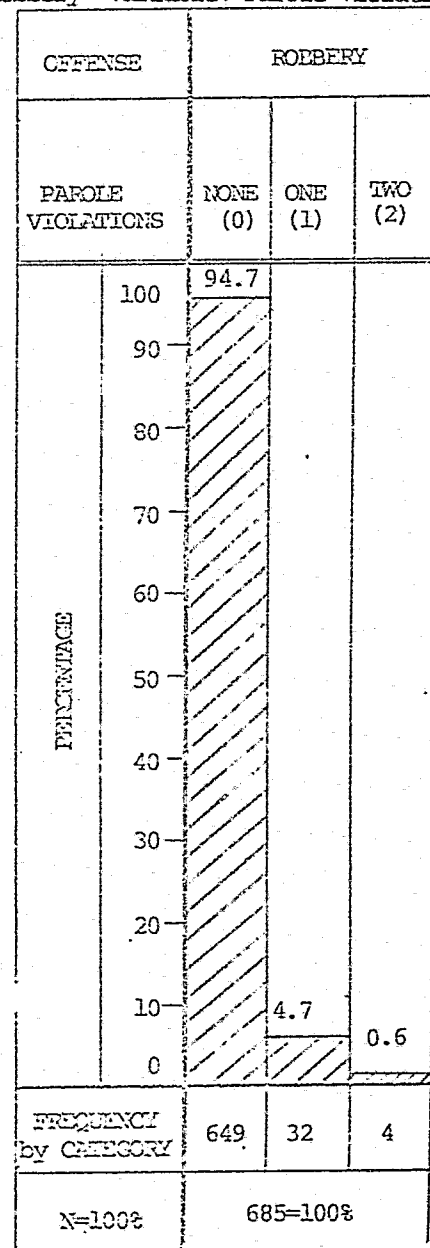


Chart K  
Robbery- Variable: Parole Violations



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Chart L  
Robbery- Variable: Paroles

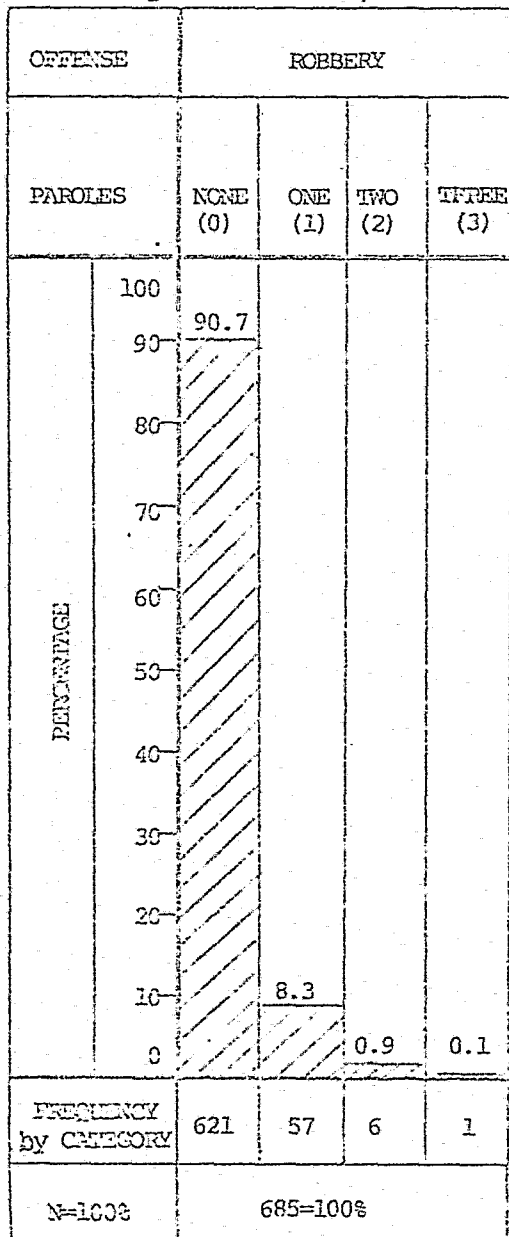
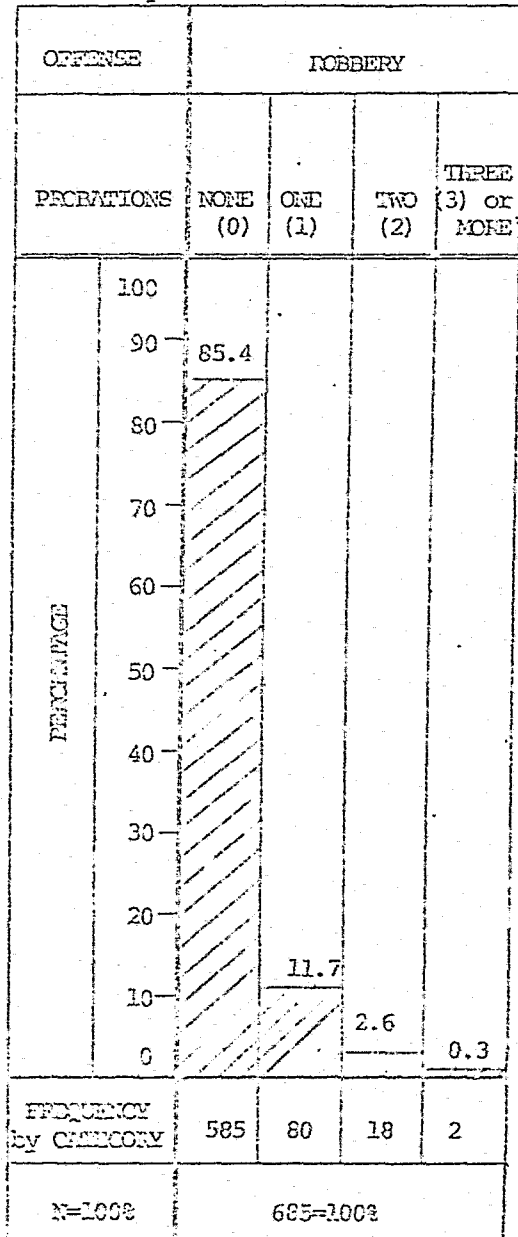


Chart M  
Robbery- Variable: Probations



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