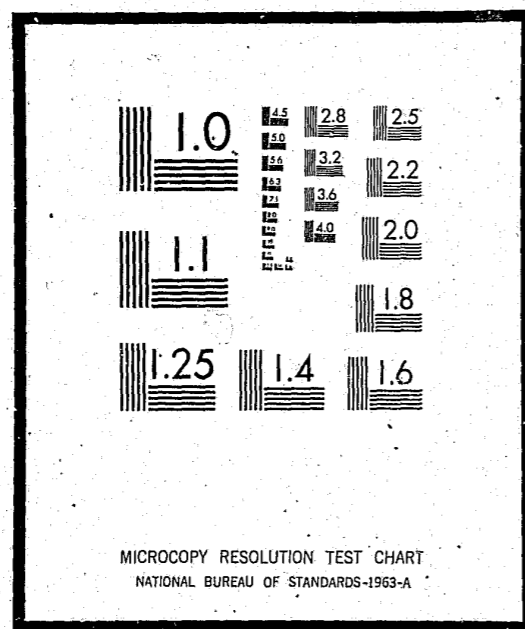


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ESCAPE

Escape, or flight, is defined as:

"The departure or deliverance out of custody of a person who was lawfully imprisoned, before he is entitled to his liberty by the process of law"¹

Escape may either be voluntary or negligent. Voluntary escape is when a prisoner or prisoners are given liberty not authorized by law. Negligent escape is when a prisoner or prisoners leave the prison by forcing their way out, or by any other means, without the knowledge or against the will of the prison officials. It can also occur due to carelessness of the officials or insecurity of the building.

Chapter 944.40 of the Florida Statutes states -
Any prisoner confined in any prison, jail, road camp, or other penal institution, state, county or municipal, working upon the public roads, or being transported to or from a place of confinement who escapes or attempts to escape from such confinement shall be guilty of a felony of the second degree.

According to Florida law, Escape, whether from county, state, or city, is a punishable second degree felony of not more than fifteen years. Aiding or assisting in an escape is a punishable third degree felony of not more than five years.²

¹Blacks Law Dictionary, Henry Campbell Black, West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minn., 1968, page 639-640.

²Official Florida Statutes, 1973 Chapter 944.40 and 944.46.

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, Escape ranks fifth with a subpopulation of 186 which represents 4.6% of the data base. The offense profiles consist of thirteen variables listed below:

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 on some of the charts.

Average Escape Offender

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

He is a white male (70% or 131) with some high school education (40% or 74); uses alcohol moderately (50% or 92); has no

history or known use of drugs (54% or 100); was arrested seven (7) or more times (52% or 98); has one prior prison commitment (40% or 74); has no prior misdemeanor convictions (41% or 76); has one prior felony conviction (39% or 72); was not committed as a juvenile (61% or 111); has never escaped (70% or 131); has never been on probation (77% or 144) or parole (86% or 160); and has never violated parole (90% or 168).

Chart A
Escape- Variable: Race by Sex

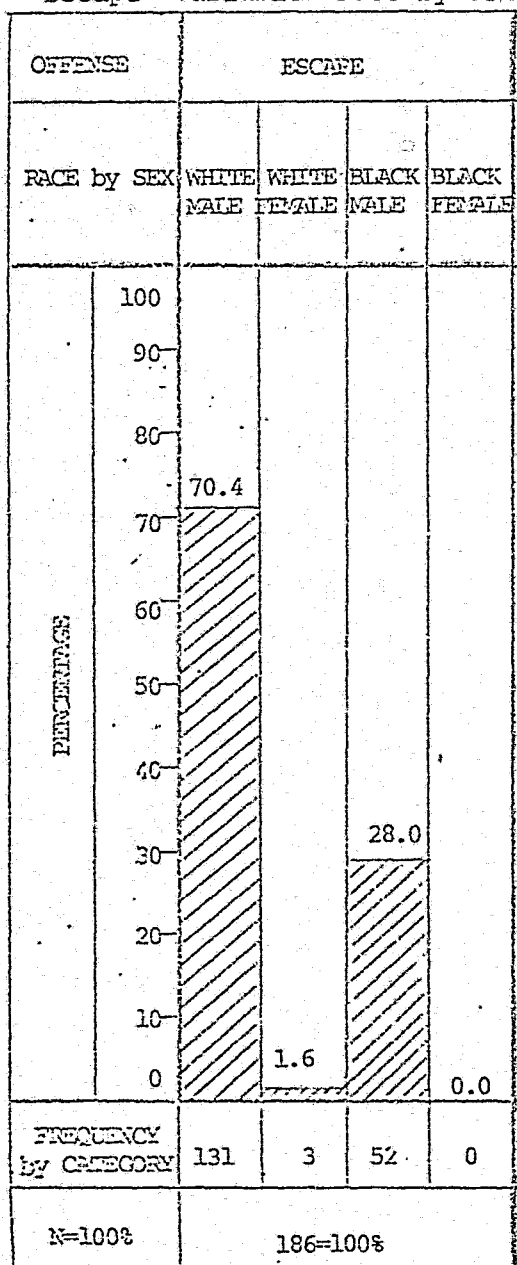


Chart B
Escape- Variable: Education by Grades

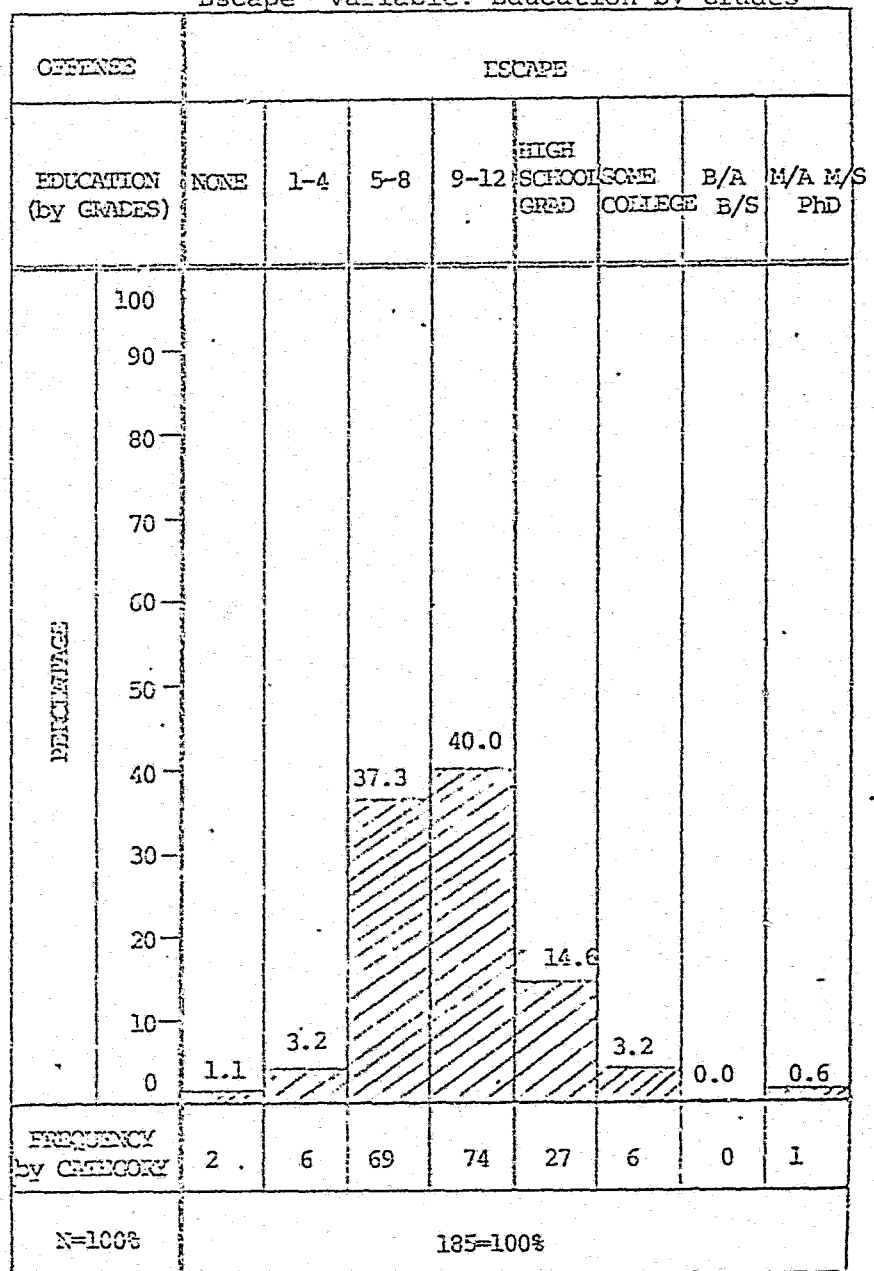


Chart C
Escape- Variable: Alcohol Use

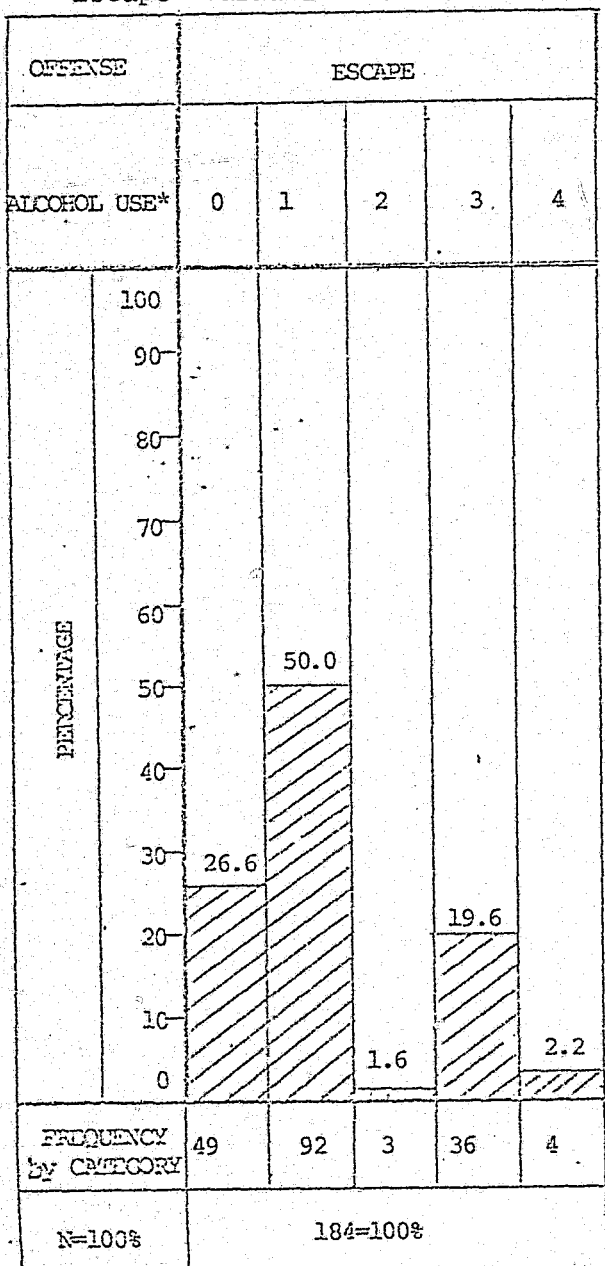
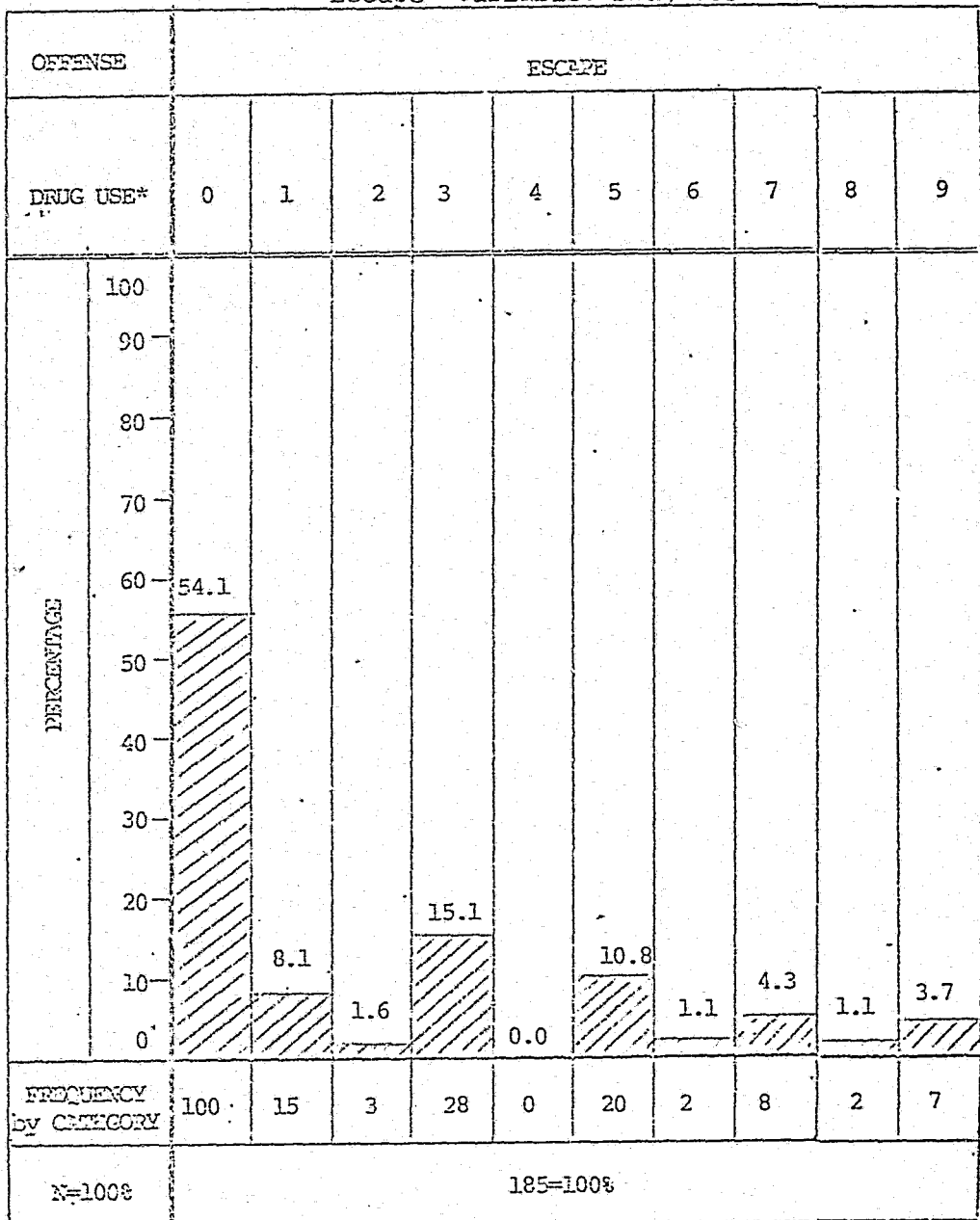


Chart D
Escape- Variable: Drug Use



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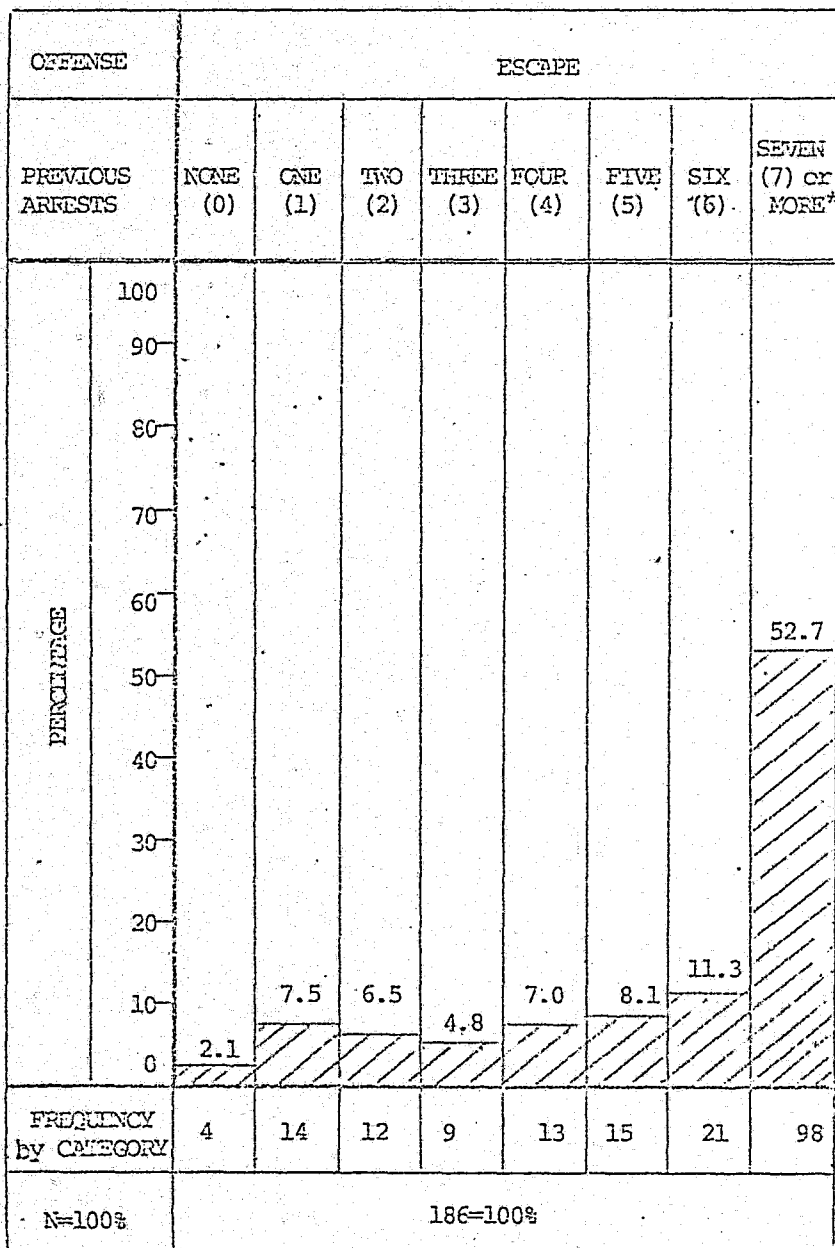
Code for ALCOHOL OFFENSES

- 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

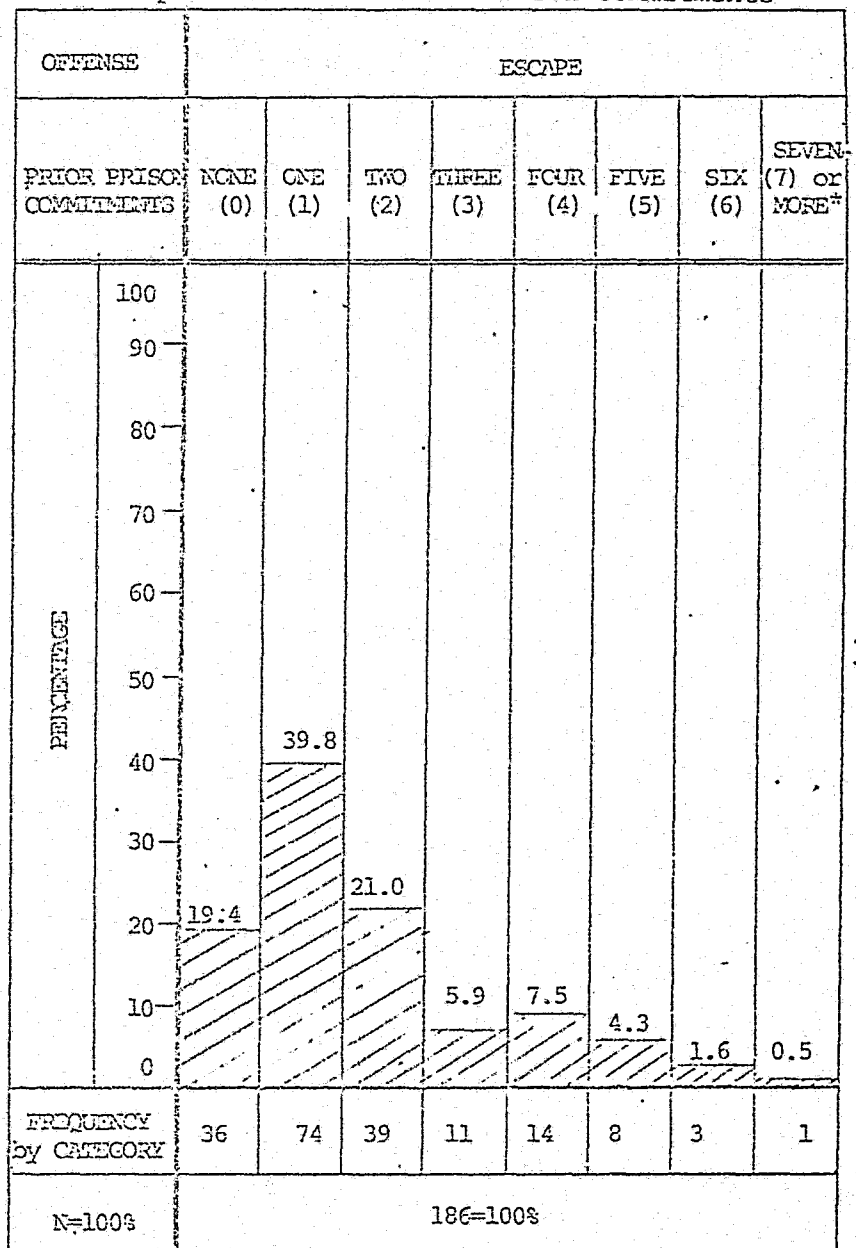
- 0- No use
- 1- Excessive use of marijuana or past convictions for sale or possession
- 2- Same as #1 and was a factor in the instant offense
- 3- Experimental use of any narcotic or dangerous drug
- 4- Same as #3 and was a factor in the instant offense
- 5- Frequent use of any dangerous drug or past 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 F
Escape- Variable: Previous Arrests



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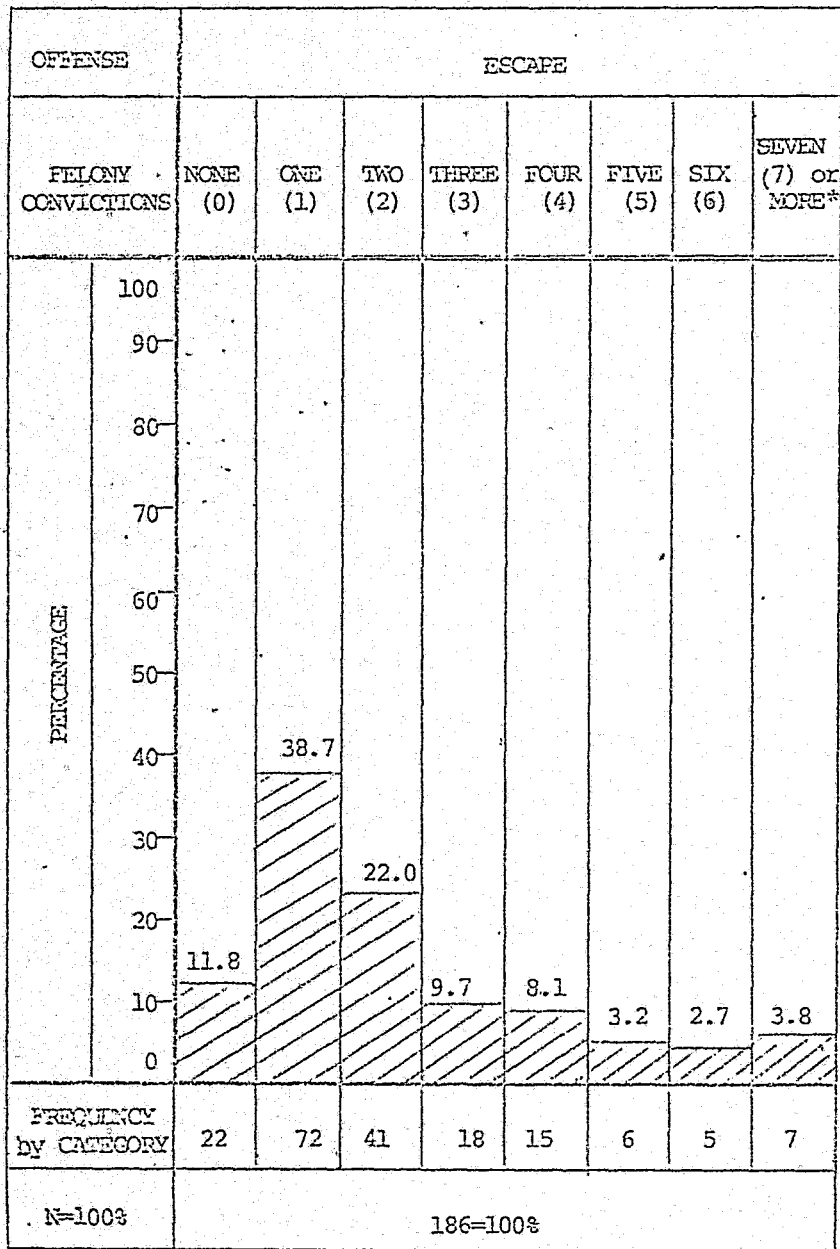
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Escape- Variable: Prior Prison Commitments



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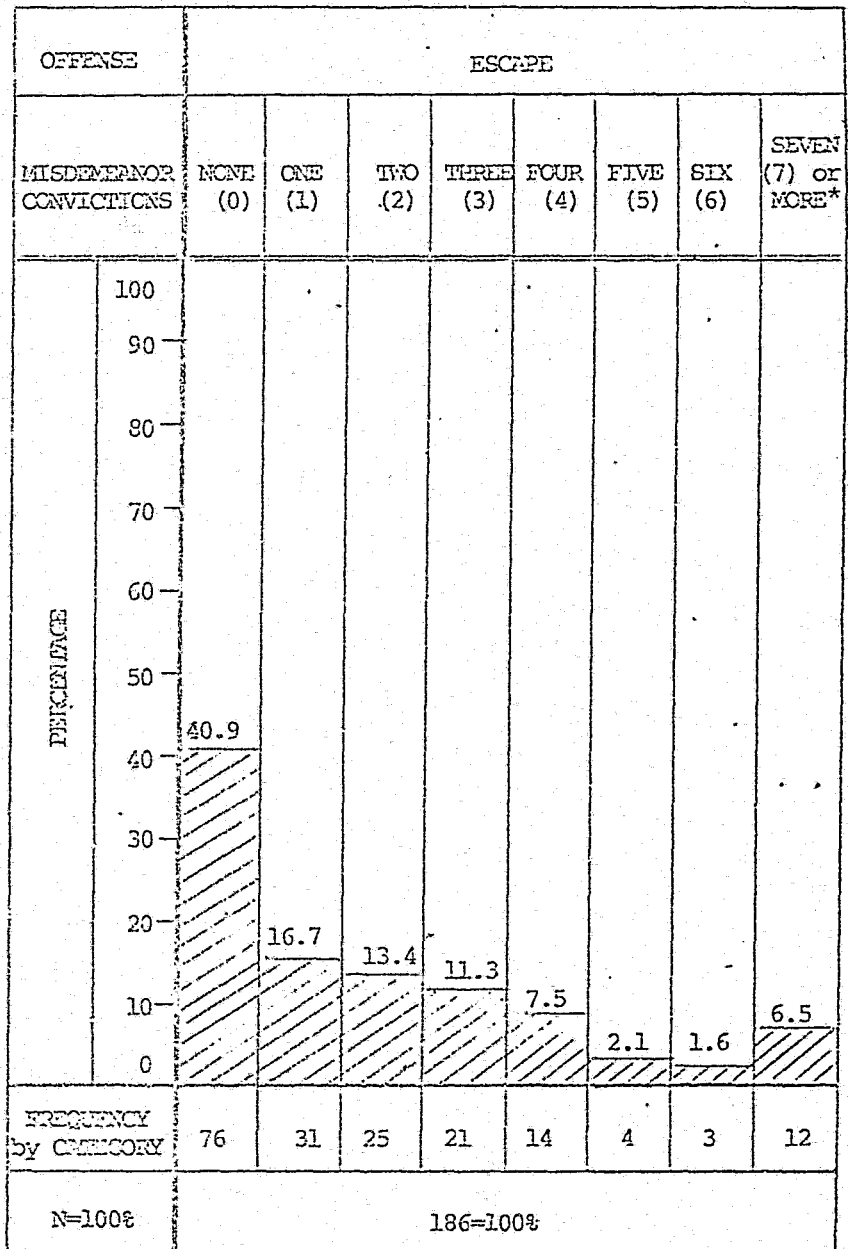
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Chart H
Escape- Variable: Felony Convictions



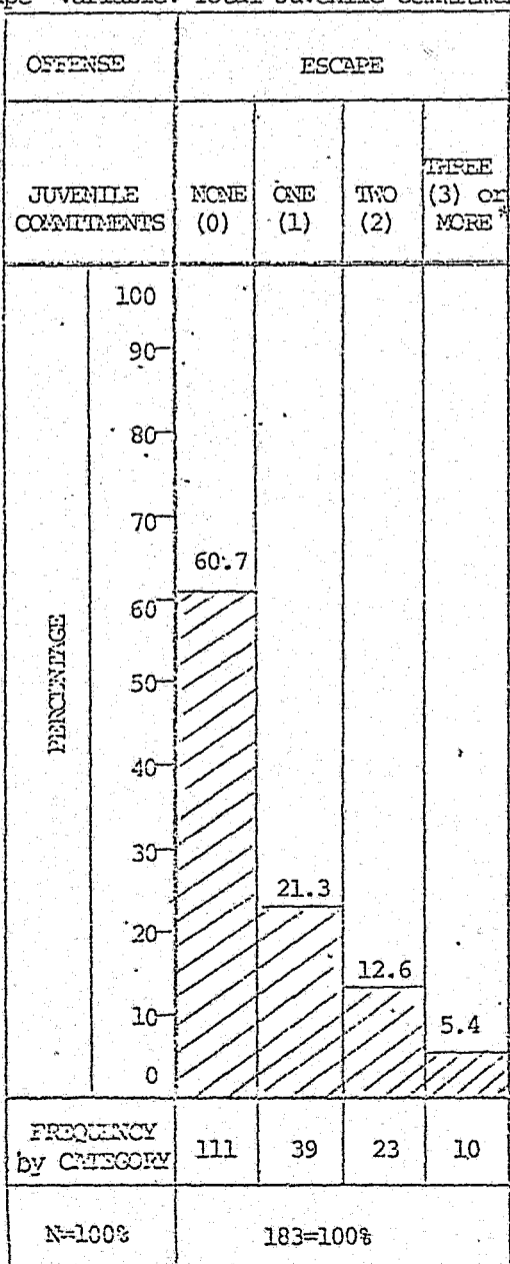
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Chart I
Escape- Variable: Misdemeanor Convictions



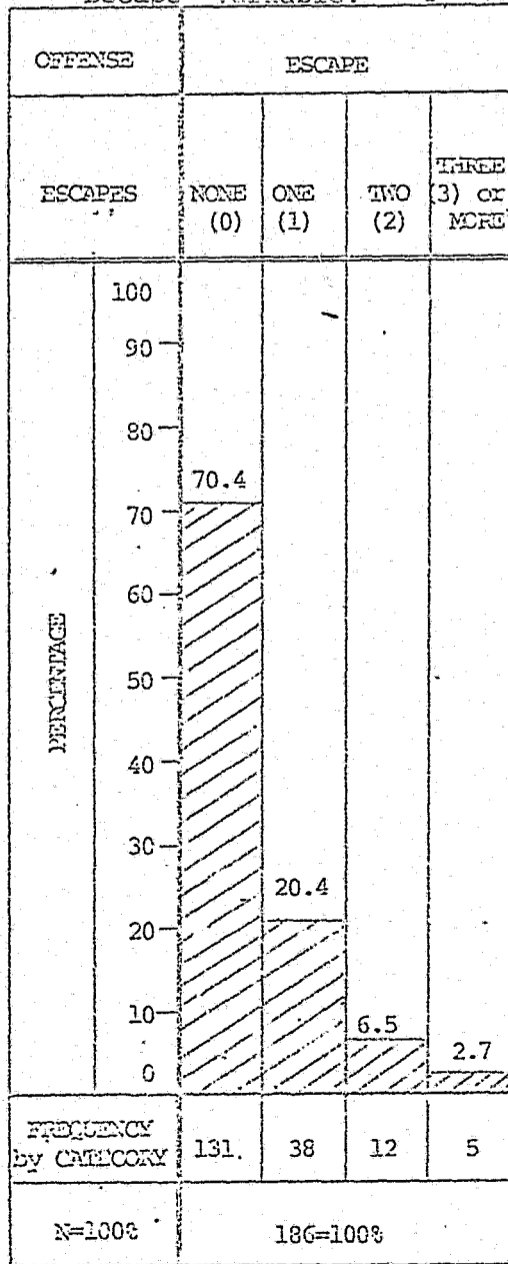
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Chart J
Escape- Variable: Total Juvenile Commitments



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Chart K
Escape- Variable: Escapes



*Range is 3-22

Chart L
Escape- Variable: Parole Violations

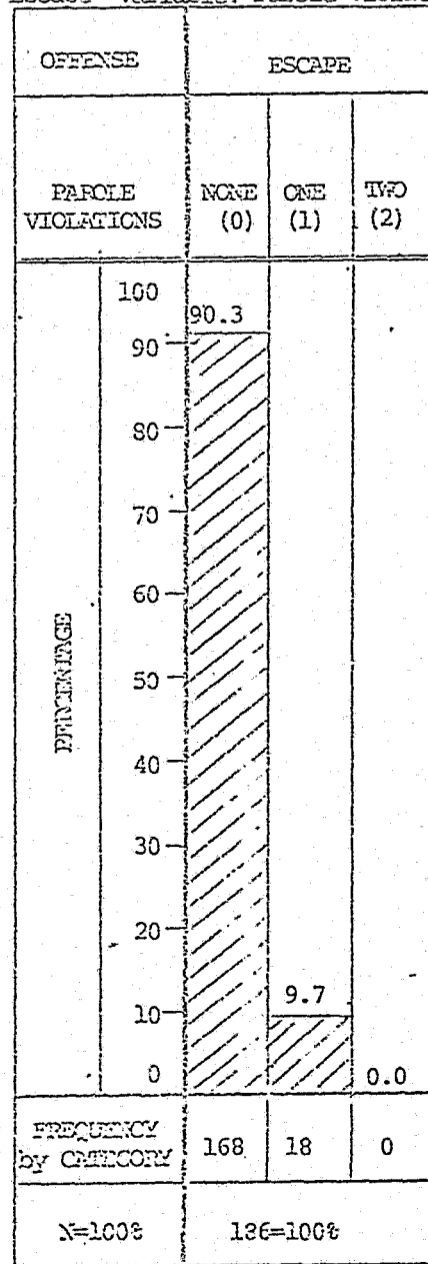


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Escape- Variable: Paroles

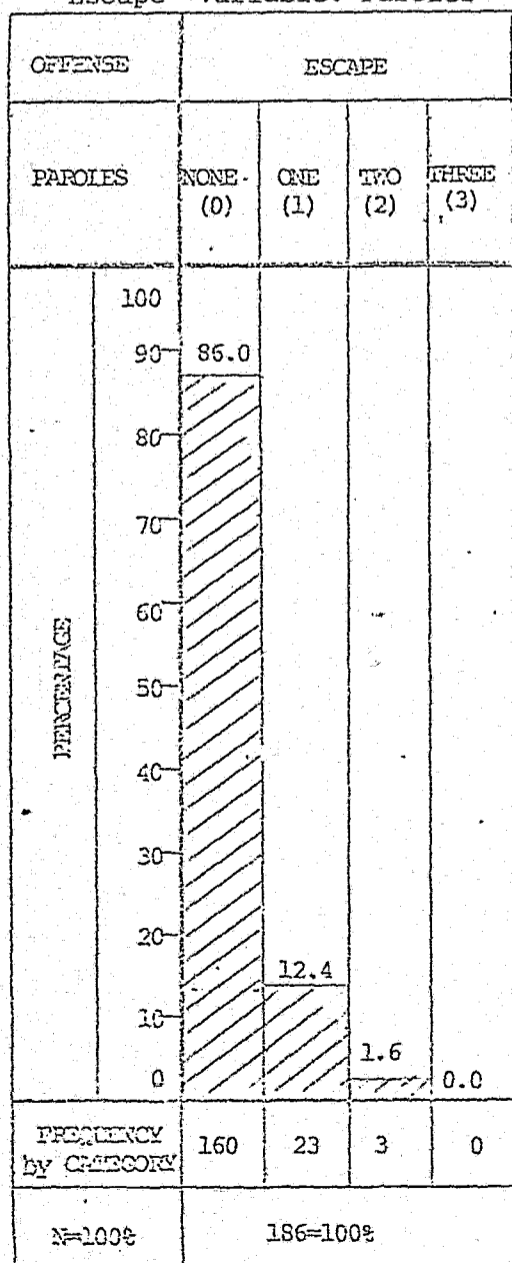
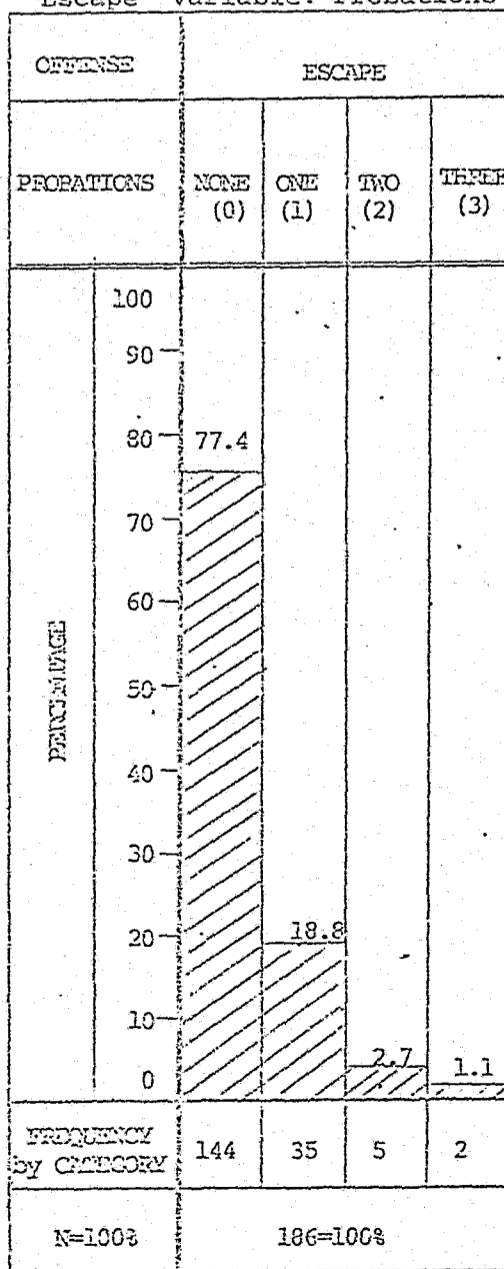


Chart N
Escape- Variable: Probations



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