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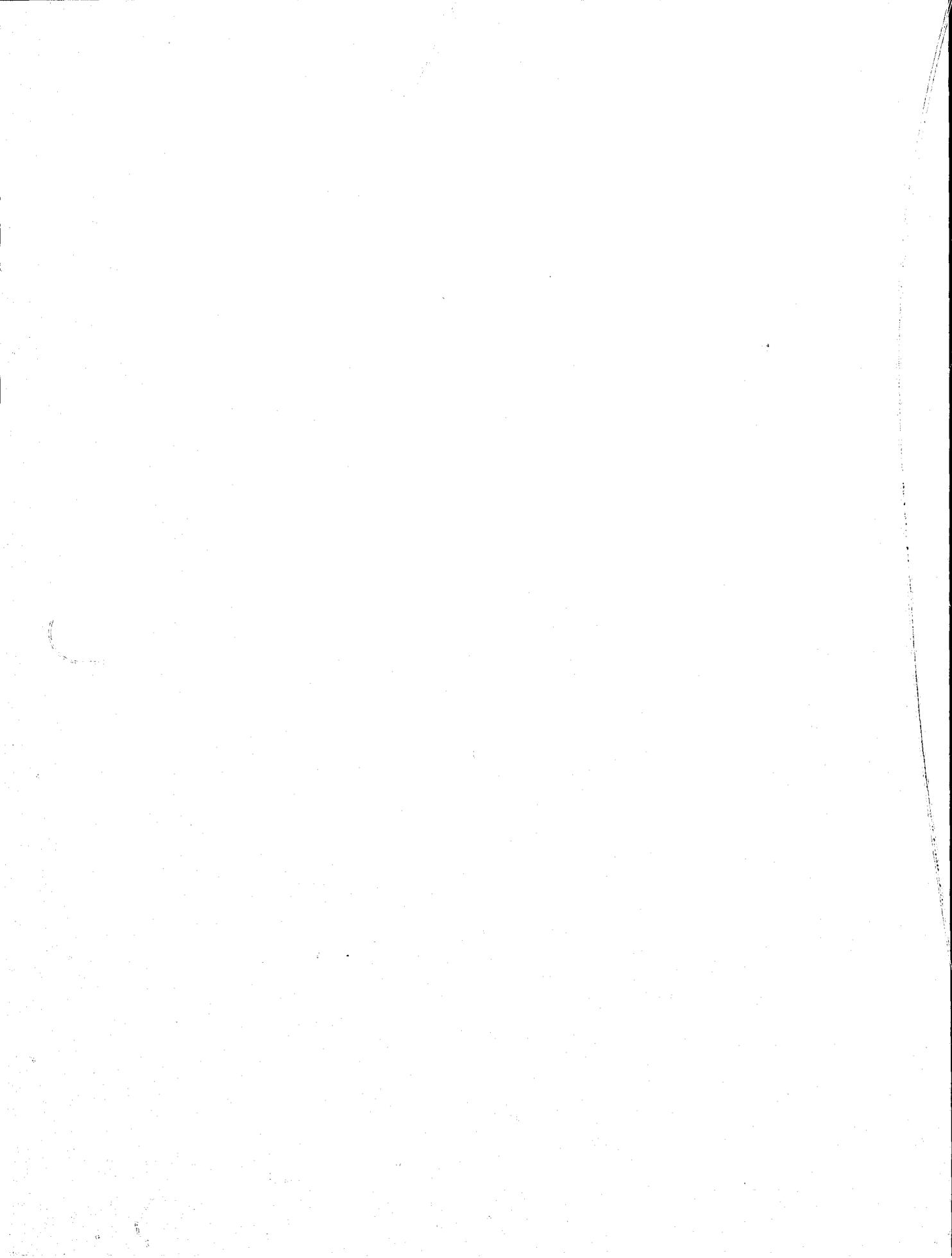
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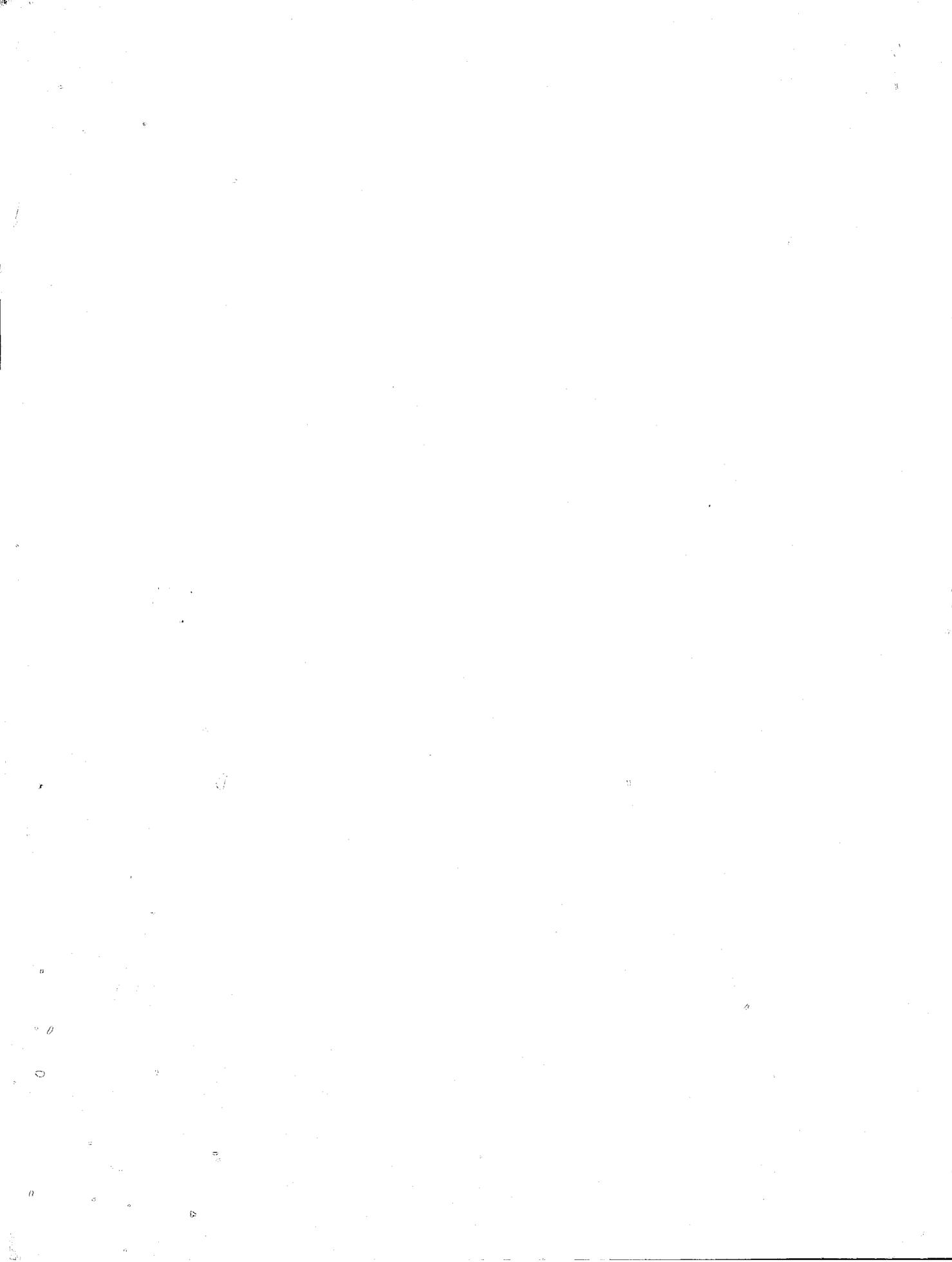
## PREFACE

This report presents data, on a State-by-State basis, derived from the Census of Prisoners in State Correctional Facilities, conducted in 1973 for the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Each State study is similar in scope of coverage, treating inmate characteristics, differentiated by race, such as sex, age, educational attainment, most serious offense for which held, maximum sentence length, and length of time served..

The Census of Prisoners in State Correctional Facilities was carried out as part of the National Prisoner Statistics (NPS) program. That program was initiated by the Bureau of the Census in 1926 and was transferred to the Bureau of Prisons in 1950 and to LEAA in 1971. Since 1972, the Bureau of the Census, acting as collecting agent for LEAA, has had responsibility for compiling the statistical data required. The NPS program, instituted to collect and interpret data on inmates of State and Federal correctional institutions, uses a voluntary reporting system. With respect to the Census

of Prisoners in State Correctional Facilities, correctional authorities in each State and the District of Columbia were asked to provide information on all persons in their respective correctional systems, as of midnight June 30, 1973, who had been sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day.

Some States were unable to provide a complete tally of the relevant inmates, and some could not furnish complete information on one or more of the key data items. Such deficiencies are duly noted in the appropriate State studies. Moreover, because of a lack of precise, as well as comparable, data from all jurisdictions, no attempt has been made in this report to aggregate the State information or, consequently, to treat, on a nationwide basis, the inmate population held in State correctional systems. Nonetheless, a brief national overview, discussing similarities and differences among State prisoner populations, precedes the individual State reports.



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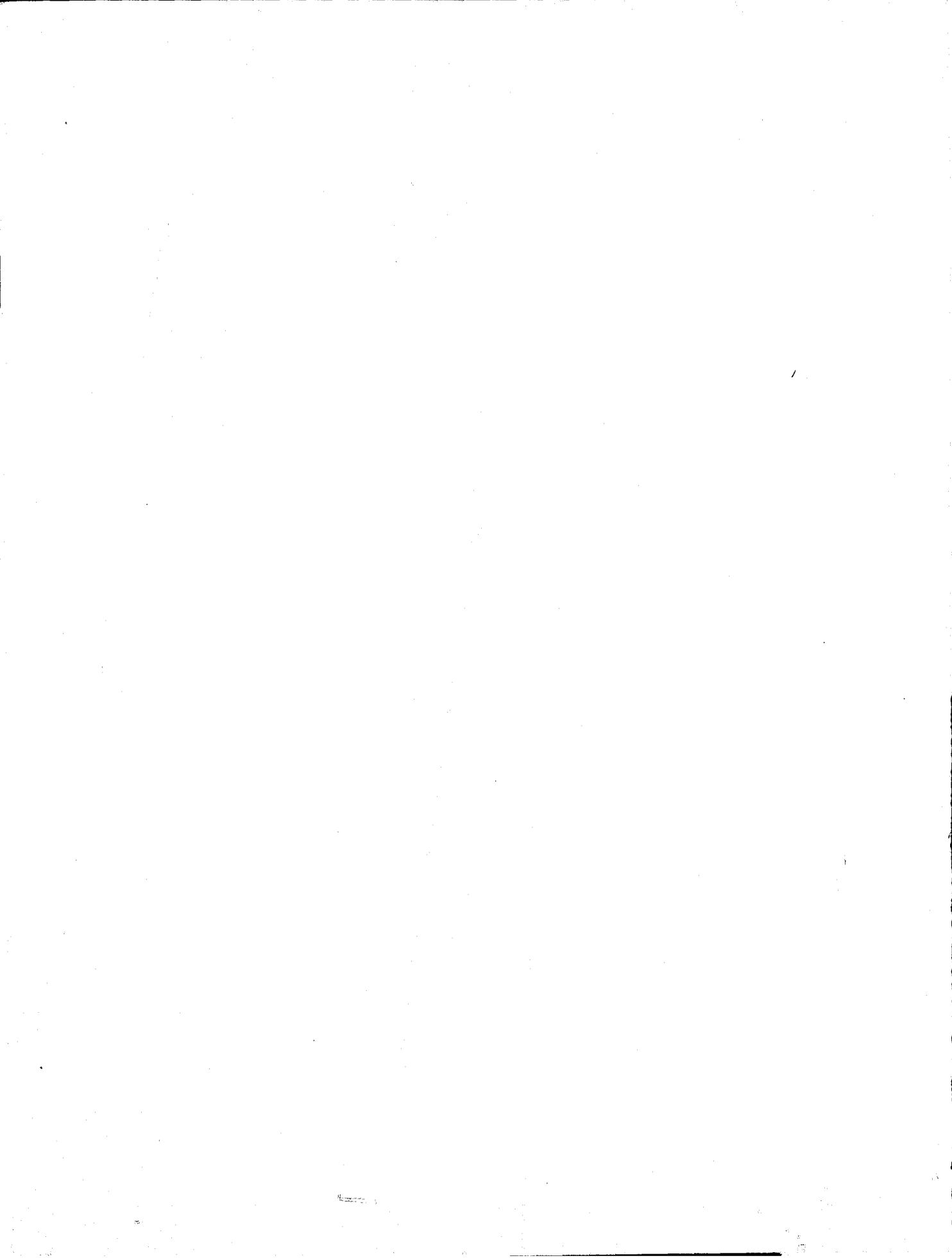
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1. Most serious offense, by race
2. Selected characteristics of inmates, by race
3. Maximum sentence length and time served, by race



## THE CENSUS

The Census of Prisoners in State Correctional Facilities was an attempt on a nationwide basis to collect background data on all inmates, sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day, who were being held in custody in State correctional systems, as of midnight June 30, 1973.<sup>1</sup> Each correctional system was asked to provide certain information for its relevant prisoner population, specifically, date of birth, sex, race, date of admission, effective date of sentence, type of admission, offense(s) for which committed, maximum sentence length, prior correctional institution experience, and highest grade of school or year of college completed. Most jurisdictions were responsive to the census, but submitted data in a variety of ways, ranging from manually completing the census questionnaire (NPS-4, see Appendix I) to forwarding magnetic tapes and discs from automated data processing systems. In a few States, information was obtained by representatives of the Field Division, Bureau of the Census, directly from the files of the correctional system, and in still others partial assistance in collecting the data was provided by the Bureau.

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<sup>1</sup>Alabama and Nebraska reported on inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year. Data for Alabama are as of September 30, 1973, except that the figures shown in Tables A, B, and C are for June 30, 1973.

Within the Bureau of the Census, a computer processing system was developed to create a standard output format from these various data inputs. Each jurisdiction's information was converted to standardized codes and categories and then processed through a common logical edit. Data were collected and processed from all 50 States and the District of Columbia, but incomplete information and inconsistent data, the latter resulting from diverse definitional and recordkeeping practices among the States, hampered efforts to provide meaningful figures for the Nation as a whole.

Few jurisdictions were able to furnish complete data for all their inmates, with the number of prisoners for whom details were lacking varying by State and by type of information desired. Such items as effective date of admission, type of admission, and prior correctional institution experience were so poorly reported as to preclude presentation and treatment in this report. For most other items and for most jurisdictions, details were submitted on a sufficiently large enough proportion of the inmate population to warrant discussion.

### Exceptions to pattern

There were, however, exceptions to this general pattern. Connecticut was unable to provide any information other than sex on a majority of its inmates, thus

preventing any treatment of that State's prisoner population. Serious shortfalls across all data items also were evident for Florida, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee, and in certain items for still other States. Thus, in addition to the above-mentioned jurisdictions, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Hawaii, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, and Washington either did not report on the highest grade of school or year of college completed or were unable to provide such information on about 10 percent or more of their inmates.<sup>2</sup> California, because of State policy with respect to sentencing, did not provide any data on the maximum sentence length of its inmates.

It should not be inferred that the various jurisdictions did not, in most cases, possess the requisite information that went unreported. Rather, such data were not available from the records used to supply the counts for the Census. This was especially true in those States with new or relatively new automated data processing systems. Had time and funding been of no consequence, the unreported items, by and large, could have been ascertained by recourse to individual records in particular institutions or by direct query of the relevant inmates.

In addition to the problem of incomplete data, there were questions arising from differences among States in classifying inmates by race and in defining specific criminal acts. The resulting inconsistencies in data from jurisdiction to jurisdiction were a major factor in the decision not to display aggregated State counts or to treat the inmate population from regional or national viewpoints.

## Racial classification varies

Although most jurisdictions classified their inmates as white, black, or members of races other than white or black, such categorization was not universal. Two States—New Jersey and South Carolina—included inmates of races other than white or black with blacks, reporting only two categories, i.e., white/nonwhite. In contrast, Alabama, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia

combined inmates of races other than white or black with whites. For the first group, it was impossible to determine the precise number of blacks being held, and for the second group, the exact number of imprisoned whites could not be ascertained. Moreover, in none of these five jurisdictions was it possible to identify separately those inmates who were neither white nor black. Racial identification of prisoners was further complicated by the practice in Arizona and Texas of including Mexicans in the "other" category, and in New York of so reporting Puerto Ricans. Inasmuch as other jurisdictions appeared to classify Mexicans as white and Puerto Ricans as either white or black, the resulting disparity among the States did not facilitate inter-jurisdictional comparisons. Such comparisons as are made in this report should be viewed in light of these and other inconsistencies in the recordkeeping practices of the several States.

## Offenses defined differently

Data describing the most serious offense for which inmates were being held at the time of the census presented still other problems with respect to consistency of information. Although an attempt was made to standardize offense data, such was not always possible. Laws of the several States differ widely. For example, State statutes spell out a variety of robbery offenses, but these crimes are not necessarily equivalent with either armed or unarmed robbery. A criminal act classified as an attempt at murder in most States is considered as an assault in a few, and, in Wisconsin, is recorded in a special category, along with attempts at other specified crimes. Some jurisdictions can distinguish legally between the aggravated and simple forms of assault, and others can not. Attempted murder and statutory rape are treated as distinct crimes in many States, but in others are included with murder and rape, respectively. A number of jurisdictions cannot differentiate between the several categories of drug offenses, between receiving stolen property and other, related stolen property offenses, or between drunk driving and other traffic offenses.

## Categories combined

In an attempt to reduce some of the disparity caused by inconsistencies in defining and reporting

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<sup>2</sup> Achievement tests are used in some States, e.g., Texas and Virginia, as indicators of educational attainment. These jurisdictions consequently do not record highest grade of school or year of college completed.

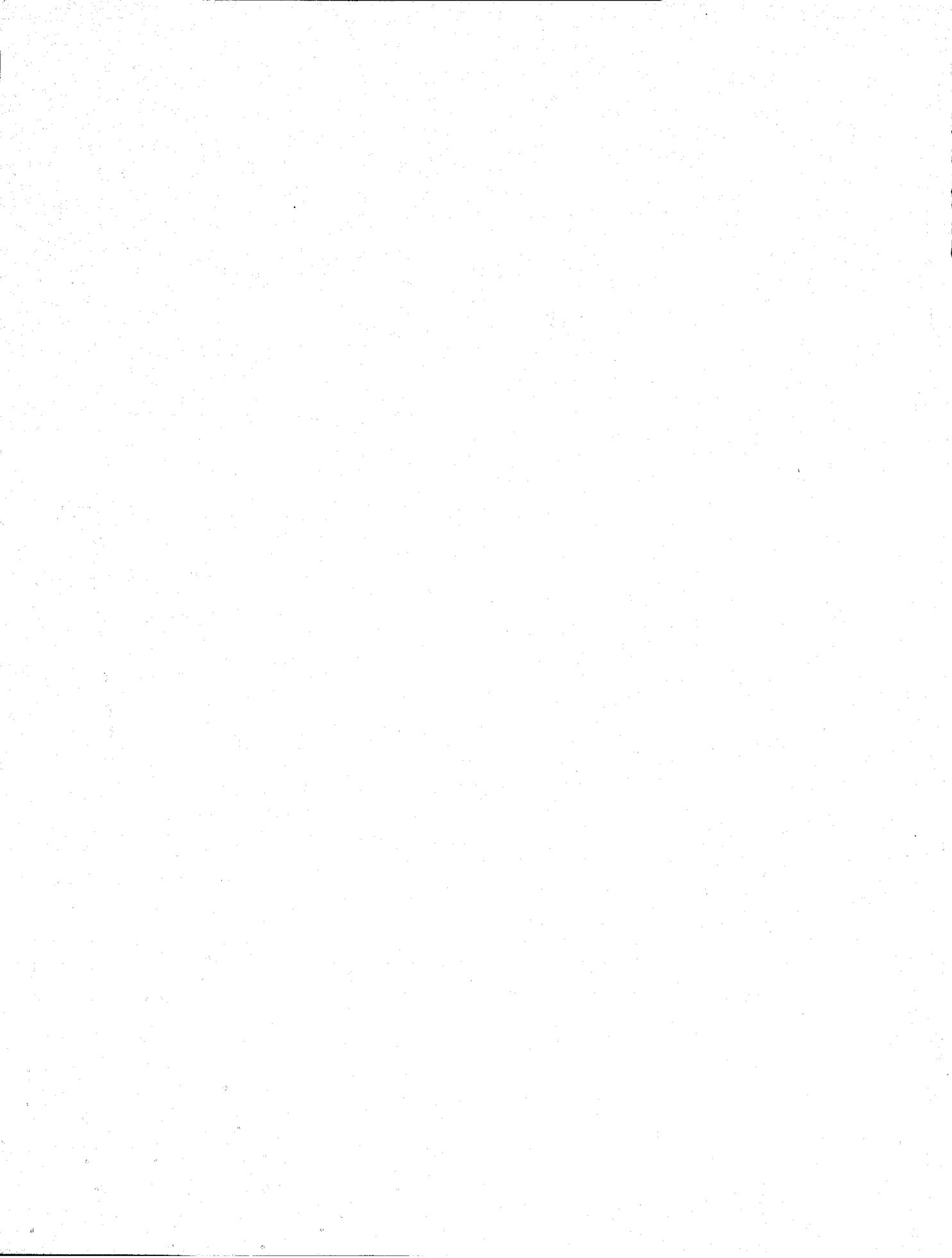
specific criminal offenses, combinations of certain crimes were effected. Thus, all inmates imprisoned for robbery, whether armed or unarmed or whether by violence, by force, or by assault, were lumped together. A similar approach was adopted with respect to assault, drug offenses, stolen property offenses, and traffic offenses. To reduce further the impact of inconsistent data, various crimes, in addition to being displayed separately, were grouped into one of four categories: crimes of violence, crimes against property, crimes against public order, and other crimes. Crimes of violence encompassed murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, kidnaping, rape, statutory rape, lewd act with child, other sexual assault, robbery, and assault. Crimes against property included burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, stolen property offenses, and the combined crimes of forgery, fraud, or embezzlement. Drug offenses, weapons offenses, commercialized sex, other sex offenses (e.g., indecent exposure, voyeurism), traffic offenses, and escape or flight from custody constituted crimes against public order. The fourth, or residual, category was made up of miscellaneous offenses that were reported relatively less often than the specific crimes listed above. In a few jurisdictions, there was no residual category; in others, a substantial number of inmates were in custody for these miscellaneous crimes. Because of the diverse nature of the offenses included within the "other" category, it cannot be ruled out that, had the precise nature of these crimes been available, they would not have been included in one of the other three groupings, that is, with crimes of violence, crimes against property, or crimes against public order.

## Definitions vary

A further inconsistency with respect to offense data

became apparent as individual State counts were examined and compared. Throughout this report, data relating to the most serious offense pertain solely to that offense for which an inmate was convicted, sentenced, and incarcerated, and they do not necessarily reflect the offense that he actually committed or even that for which he was initially charged. In viewing the proportion of inmates in the several States serving time for such offenses, for example, as burglary and larceny, it became evident that the perpetrator of a given criminal act might ultimately have been sentenced for burglary had he committed the act in one jurisdiction and for larceny if in another. State laws, legal tradition and custom, plea bargaining, prosecutors' discretion, and options available to judge and jury are factors appearing to bear on this inconsistency.

The individual State reports are similar in scope of coverage, treating background data, differentiated by race, such as sex, age, educational attainment, most serious offense, maximum sentence length, and length of time served. The overall count of inmates in each jurisdiction is believed to be accurate. Deficiencies in data, where they exist, are duly noted in the appropriate State report. A handful of jurisdictions revised their overall count after submitting detailed information. In such instances, the revised overall count was used, and the details were apportioned to the revised total on the basis of the distribution from the original report. Age was computed from the date of birth given; time actually served, from the date of admission. The maximum sentence length was associated with the most serious offense if multiple offenses were reported. Medians were calculated from known values. With respect to medians for maximum sentence length, life sentences were coded at 99 years, as were any sentences exceeding 99 years. Most death sentences also were coded at 99 years, although some were coded at 98.



## GENERAL FINDINGS

A total of 178,835 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were held in custody in State-operated correctional facilities throughout the United States on June 30, 1973. The number was equal to 85 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants of the Nation. California and Texas had the largest prisoner populations, 18,534 and 16,289, respectively, followed by New York (12,573) and Florida (10,347). No other jurisdiction had as many as 10,000 inmates. The smallest prisoner populations were in three States, each with fewer than 200 inmates—North Dakota (162), Alaska (175), and Vermont (185).

In relation to the populations of the several jurisdictions, the District of Columbia, with 282, had the largest number of inmates per 100,000 population, followed by North Carolina (187) and Georgia (172). By contrast, North Dakota, with 26, and New Hampshire, with 31, had the fewest prisoners per capita. Of the 11 jurisdictions with 100 or more inmates per 100,000 population, all but Nevada were in the South. The 14 States with fewer than 50 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants included five of the six New England States, as well as Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wisconsin (Table A).

In nearly three out of every four jurisdictions, the proportion of inmates sentenced for crimes of violence was higher than either the percentage serving time for crimes against property or the proportion in custody for

crimes against public order. In 13 States, however, persons incarcerated for crimes against property constituted the largest group. Massachusetts had the highest proportion of inmates serving time for crimes of violence (72 percent), followed by Illinois (70 percent) and Hawaii and New York (each with 64 percent). At the other extreme, only 32 percent of the prisoners in Iowa and Washington were being held for such offenses. In 8 out of the 10 jurisdictions with the highest proportions of prisoners serving time for crimes of violence, at least 80 percent of the population lived in Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas (SMSA's), whereas in 8 out of the 10 States with the highest proportions of inmates convicted of crimes against property, no more than 45 percent of the residents lived in SMSA's.

### **Largest offense groups: Burglary and robbery**

Burglary and robbery were the two specific crimes accounting for the largest number of prisoners. In 25 jurisdictions, persons sentenced for one or the other of these offenses constituted the two largest groups within the inmate populations, and in all others, excluding

Connecticut,<sup>1</sup> those held for one of these crimes made up the largest or second largest prisoner group. As a proportion of all inmates, persons convicted of burglary or robbery together accounted for as much as 49 percent of the total in the District of Columbia and Louisiana and as little as 17 percent in North Carolina.

In 24 States, more inmates had been sentenced for burglary than for any other specific crime. In 20 other jurisdictions, including 16 of the 20 most populous in the Nation, convicted robbers were the most numerous within the prisoner populations. Among the remaining States, excluding Connecticut, persons in custody for larceny were the predominant inmate group in North Carolina and South Carolina; inmates serving time for murder were the largest single group in Alabama and Arkansas; those held for drug-related offenses outnumbered those sentenced for any other crime in Alaska; and inmates incarcerated for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement, considered together, were most numerous in Wyoming.

State-by-State comparisons showed marked disparities in the proportions of inmates serving time for certain of the specific offenses. With respect to burglary, the proportions ranged from a low of 2 percent in North Carolina<sup>2</sup> to a high of 28 percent in North Dakota.

Convicted robbers make up 37 percent of the District of Columbia's prisoner population and accounted for 35 percent of New York's and 33 percent of Massachusetts'. In contrast, persons confined for robbery constituted only 5 percent of all inmates in Vermont, 6 percent in North Dakota, and 9 percent each in South Dakota and Wyoming.

The proportion of sentenced murderers within inmate populations was highest in Alabama (23 percent), followed by Arkansas and Nevada (each 17 percent), and it was lowest (6 percent) in six States—Delaware, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, Vermont, and Washington. Fourteen percent of the Mississippi inmates were being held for manslaughter, whereas only 1 percent of

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<sup>1</sup> Although Connecticut provided a complete count of the number of its inmates, the State was unable to furnish details on a majority of its prisoners. Accordingly, Connecticut has been excluded from any further examination of similarities and differences within inmate populations of the several jurisdictions.

<sup>2</sup> Certain types of burglary were punishable by death or life imprisonment in North Carolina until April 1974. See General Findings for North Carolina for detail.

the prisoners in Arizona, Arkansas, North Dakota, Texas, Vermont, and Wisconsin had been committed for this offense.

Those confined for assault make up 13 percent of the Vermont prisoner population, compared with only 1 percent in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas.

North Carolina had a higher proportion (30 percent) of inmates serving time for larceny than any other jurisdiction, followed by South Carolina, with 21 percent. In contrast, only 1 percent of New Hampshire's prisoners were held in custody for this crime and only 2 percent of Massachusetts'.

Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement, considered together, was the crime responsible for the imprisonment of at least 10 percent of all inmates in 11 States. Wyoming, with 21 percent of its prisoners so held, had the highest proportion, followed by South Dakota, with 20 percent. In 24 States, fewer than 5 percent of all inmates were in custody for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement. Massachusetts and New York, each with 1 percent, had the fewest in relative terms.

As a proportion of the total prisoner population, persons convicted of drug offenses made up 19 percent of the total in Delaware and 17 percent in four other States—Alaska, California, New Hampshire, and North Dakota. Fewer than 0.5 percent of Minnesota's inmates had been sentenced for such offenses, and the proportions in Arkansas and Nebraska were 1 percent.

## Racial patterns

Whites constituted the largest group within the inmate population in 32 jurisdictions, blacks in 17, and members of races other than white or black in 1 (Hawaii). In New Hampshire and Vermont, each of which had but 1 black prisoner, more than 99 percent of all inmates were white. Blacks, on the other hand, accounted for 95 percent of all prisoners in the District of Columbia. The two States with the highest proportion of black inmates were Maryland (74 percent) and Louisiana (71 percent). Members of races other than white or black made up only a small proportion of the total in most jurisdictions, usually no more than 5 percent.

The proportion of blacks in the prisoner population of each jurisdiction was higher than the proportion of blacks, as of 1970, in the general civilian population of each of those jurisdictions. With some exceptions, black

overrepresentation within the inmate populations was higher in those States with relatively few blacks and lower in those with relatively large black communities. Thus, black overrepresentation was most pronounced in such States as Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oregon, and Wisconsin, and least apparent in such jurisdictions as the District of Columbia, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

In general, inmates of races other than white or black also were overrepresented within the prisoner populations, although the pattern was not as pervasive as with blacks. Overrepresentation of "other" races was most evident in those States in which, as of 1970, American Indians constituted either a majority or plurality of those within the general civilian population who were enumerated as neither white nor black.

Black prisoners were far more likely than white inmates to have been serving time for crimes of violence: a larger proportion of blacks than whites were held for such offenses in all but three States. Inasmuch as New Hampshire and Vermont each had but one black prisoner, the only true exception to the pattern was in Alaska. Conversely, whites were more apt than blacks to have been imprisoned for crimes against property. Except in Oklahoma, Vermont, and Wyoming, a larger proportion of whites than blacks were in custody for these offenses. In about two-thirds of the jurisdictions, whites were more likely than blacks to have been sentenced for crimes against public order, but the reverse was true in the others.

A general racial pattern also was in evidence with respect to the specific crimes of burglary and robbery, with whites more likely than blacks to have been serving time for the former and less likely to have been confined for the latter. In 38 jurisdictions, the largest single number of white inmates were being held for burglary; in 34 jurisdictions, the largest single number of blacks had been incarcerated for robbery.

Males predominated overwhelmingly among inmates in State-operated correctional facilities, constituting 97 percent of the total in a majority of jurisdictions (Table B). The proportion varied, however, from a high of 99 percent in New Hampshire and South Dakota to a low of 95 percent in Alaska, Iowa, and Washington. In more than two-thirds of the jurisdictions, females made up a larger proportion of the black inmate population than of the white. Mississippi was among the States where this was not the case.

## Early twenties predominate

Irrespective of race, the largest single number of inmates in all but five jurisdictions were in the 5-year age group 20-24 (Table C). In the five—California, the District of Columbia, New Jersey, South Dakota, and Wyoming—the largest single number were in the 25-29 age group. In more than three out of every four jurisdictions, fewer than 2 percent of all inmates were under age 18; included were eight States—Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Rhode Island, and South Dakota—that had no inmates so young. In North Carolina, however, 5 percent of the prisoners were under age 18, and the proportions in Alabama and South Carolina were 4 percent. Wyoming had the highest proportion (10 percent) of inmates age 50 and over, Delaware the lowest (1 percent). The median age of inmates ranged from a low of 24.9 years in South Carolina to a high of 30.9 years in California. For black inmates, the median age was lower than that for white prisoners in approximately 90 percent of the jurisdictions. Exceptions were Delaware, Maine, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington. A difference of about 1½ years was typical, but in the District of Columbia and in North Dakota, the median age for blacks was about 7 years lower than that for whites.

## Typical inmate: High school dropout

A number of States were unable to report even reasonably complete information on the highest grade or year of college completed. Of those that did provide such data, the median number of years of schooling completed was about 10.5. Inmates in Alaska had more education (12.0 years) than those in any other reporting jurisdiction; those in Kentucky had the least (9.3 years). Although the typical inmate in all jurisdictions was a high school dropout, a sizable proportion of each State's prisoners had quit school at the time of or before finishing the eighth grade. North Dakota had the highest proportion of inmates (14 percent) who had attended college. In contrast, only 2 percent of the prisoners in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Dakota, and Tennessee had any college training.

In 19 States, the median number of years of schooling completed was higher for blacks than for whites, the disparity being most pronounced in West Virginia, where blacks had had 2 more years of formal education than whites. In 12 other jurisdictions, whites had higher levels of educational attainment than blacks, most notably in Mississippi, Montana, and South Dakota, where medians were at least 1 year longer for whites than blacks. The net effect of the variations by State appeared to be offsetting with little overall difference between the number of years of schooling obtained by whites and blacks.

## Median maximum sentence

The median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in imprisonment, as of June 30, 1973, was almost six times longer in the jurisdiction with the highest median (Ohio—25.6 years) than in the State with the lowest (South Dakota—4.3 years). Other States in which the length of the median maximum sentence exceeded 20 years were Hawaii, Kansas, North Carolina, and Utah. North Dakota and Vermont, in addition to South Dakota, registered median maximum sentences of less than 5 years.

In roughly four out of every five jurisdictions, the median maximum sentence for black inmates was longer than that for white inmates. The difference was particularly pronounced in Arkansas, Florida, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Oklahoma, Washington, and West Virginia. In each of these States, the median maximum sentence for blacks was more than 4 years longer than that for whites.

## Most severe sentences

Inmates who had received maximum sentences of 98 years or more or of life or death made up 10 percent or more of the prisoner population in 17 States. Utah had the highest proportion of such inmates (31 percent), followed by Kansas (20 percent) and Kentucky (16 percent). In contrast, there were no inmates in Delaware's correctional system who had been given such sentences and less than 0.5 percent of the total in New York's. When all prisoners sentenced to maximum terms of 30 years or more (including those sentenced to life or death) were considered, it was shown that inmates with such sentences constituted at least one-fourth of all

prisoners in six States. They accounted for 37 percent of the total in North Carolina, 31 percent in Utah, 30 percent in Ohio, 29 percent in New Mexico, 28 percent in Kansas, and 25 percent in Hawaii. Again, in contrast, only 6 percent of the prisoners in Vermont's correctional system and 7 percent of those in Rhode Island's had received maximum sentences of 30 years or longer.

At the other end of the sentence scale, South Dakota's correctional system held the highest proportion (36 percent) of inmates whose maximum sentence was less than 3 years. Other States in which prisoners with maximum sentences of less than 3 years made up at least one-fifth of the total number of inmates were Delaware, Rhode Island, Nebraska, Vermont, Maryland, and Kentucky. In New York, fewer than 0.5 percent of all inmates had received maximum sentences of less than 3 years, and the proportions in Hawaii, Indiana, and Ohio were 1 percent. The State of Washington reported no inmates with maximum sentences of less than 4 years, but sentence data were lacking for over one-third of the State's prisoner population.

## Median time served

The median length of time actually served on the current sentence(s) varied widely by State. Prisoners confined in Delaware had spent the shortest time on the whole—5.3 months. Other States in which the median number of months actually served was less than 8 were Montana, North Dakota, and Vermont. At the other extreme, inmates in the District of Columbia had been held for the longest period of time—a median of 23.2 months; in two other jurisdictions—Florida and Indiana—the median time served was at least 18 months.

A majority of inmates in 16 States had been imprisoned, as of June 30, 1973, for less than 1 year. Delaware had the largest proportion of prisoners (80 percent) who had been held for less than 12 months, and it was followed by Montana, North Dakota, Vermont, Minnesota, Idaho, and New Hampshire, each with more than 60 percent of the prisoners having served less than 12 months. At the other extreme, only 27 percent of the inmates in Florida's correctional system had been incarcerated for less than 1 year; the proportion for the District of Columbia was 29 percent.

In all jurisdictions, only a relatively small proportion of inmates had served 6 or more years on the sentence(s) that resulted in their being imprisoned, as of June 30, 1973. Some 14 percent of all of New Jersey's

inmates had been held for 6 years or longer, and the proportions were 12 percent for the District of Columbia and 11 percent for both South Dakota and Virginia. By contrast, only 1 percent of Delaware's prisoners had spent 6 years or longer in custody on their current sentence(s); in Alaska and Vermont, only 2 percent of the inmates were in this group. In 33 jurisdictions, the median number of months served by black inmates was longer than that served by white prisoners. Elsewhere, whites had been held for longer periods of time than blacks, or there was no difference

between the races in time spent in confinement. Although differences between the races in the median number of months imprisoned generally were not great, blacks in South Dakota had been held for 13 months longer than whites; in Indiana, Maine, and Mississippi, they had spent at least 5 months more in custody than whites. Whites in the District of Columbia had spent a median of 28.7 months in confinement, compared with 22.9 months for blacks. Whites in Hawaii had been imprisoned about 10 months longer than blacks.

Table A. Number of inmates, by State

State	Inmate population	Rank	Inmates per 100,000 inhabitants	Rank
United States	178,835		85	
Alabama	3,873	14	109	10
Alaska	175	50	53	35
Arizona	1,736	30	84	18
Arkansas	1,744	29	86	16
California	18,534	1	90	13
Colorado	1,863	27	75	24
Connecticut	1,860	28	60	32
Delaware	276	46	48	40
District of Columbia	2,072	23	282	1
Florida	10,347	4	134	5
Georgia	8,266	6	172	3
Hawaii	311	43	37	47
Idaho	420	41	54	34
Illinois	5,611	11	50	37
Indiana	3,443	17	65	29
Iowa	1,409	34	49	38
Kansas	1,548	32	68	28
Kentucky	2,905	21	87	15
Louisiana	3,617	16	97	12
Maine	505	40	49	38
Maryland	5,231	12	128	6
Massachusetts	2,072	23	36	48
Michigan	8,115	7	90	13
Minnesota	1,416	33	36	48
Mississippi	1,985	26	86	16
Missouri	3,779	15	79	22
Montana	310	44	42	43
Nebraska	928	36	61	31
Nevada	669	38	121	9
New Hampshire	243	48	31	50
New Jersey	5,671	10	77	23
New Mexico	699	37	64	30
New York	12,573	3	69	27
North Carolina	9,895	5	187	2
North Dakota	162	51	26	51
Ohio	7,999	8	74	25
Oklahoma	3,304	19	124	7
Oregon	1,593	31	72	26
Pennsylvania	6,153	9	52	36
Rhode Island	394	42	41	44
South Carolina	3,369	18	124	7
South Dakota	256	47	33	46
Tennessee	3,289	20	80	20
Texas	16,289	2	138	4
Utah	512	39	45	41
Vermont	185	49	40	45
Virginia	5,041	13	104	11
Washington	2,875	22	84	18
West Virginia	982	35	55	33
Wisconsin	2,046	25	45	41
Wyoming	284	45	80	20

Table B. Number of inmates, by State and sex

State	Total	Male	Female	Not reported
United States	178,835	168,967	5,514	4,354
Alabama	3,873	3,743	130	0
Alaska	175	166	9	0
Arizona	1,736	1,683	53	0
Arkansas	1,744	1,687	57	0
California	18,534	17,968	566	0
Colorado	1,863	1,811	52	0
Connecticut	1,860	<sup>1</sup> 1,800	<sup>1</sup> 60	0
Delaware	276	267	9	0
District of Columbia	2,072	2,025	20	27
Florida	10,347	8,696	407	1,244
Georgia	8,266	7,983	283	0
Hawaii	311	306	5	0
Idaho	420	412	8	0
Illinois	5,611	5,459	152	0
Indiana	3,443	3,358	85	0
Iowa	1,409	1,342	67	0
Kansas	1,548	1,504	41	3
Kentucky	2,906	2,814	86	6
Louisiana	3,617	3,511	106	0
Maine	505	488	17	0
Maryland	5,231	<sup>1</sup> 5,061	<sup>1</sup> 170	0
Massachusetts	2,072	2,011	61	0
Michigan	8,115	7,905	210	0
Minnesota	1,416	1,354	62	0
Mississippi	1,985	1,926	59	0
Missouri	3,779	3,694	85	0
Montana	310	305	5	0
Nebraska	928	896	32	0
Nevada	669	644	25	0
New Hampshire	243	240	3	0
New Jersey	5,671	4,306	137	1,228
New Mexico	699	681	18	0
New York	12,573	12,197	376	0
North Carolina	9,895	<sup>1</sup> 9,585	<sup>1</sup> 310	0
North Dakota	162	158	4	0
Ohio	7,999	6,984	185	830
Oklahoma	3,304	3,235	69	0
Oregon	1,593	1,554	39	0
Pennsylvania	6,153	5,552	169	432
Rhode Island	394	380	14	0
South Carolina	3,369	3,219	142	8
South Dakota	256	254	2	0
Tennessee	3,289	2,635	78	576
Texas	16,289	15,701	588	0
Utah	512	499	13	0
Vermont	185	178	7	0
Virginia	5,041	4,871	170	0
Washington	2,875	2,718	157	0
West Virginia	982	948	34	0
Wisconsin	2,046	1,980	66	0
Wyoming	284	273	11	0

<sup>1</sup>Estimate.

Table C. Number of inmates, by State and age

State	Total	Under 18	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	Not reported
United States	178,835	1,970	4,050	6,932	48,842	39,078	23,843	14,996	10,710	7,505	9,670	11,239
Alabama	3,873	143	137	213	1,138	834	444	320	217	140	273	14
Alaska	175	0	0	8	55	31	21	17	20	10	12	1
Arizona	1,736	8	16	57	451	394	252	188	133	84	142	11
Arkansas	1,744	31	61	75	519	379	230	134	97	75	124	19
California	18,534	1	8	79	3,374	5,152	3,615	2,384	1,621	1,085	1,200	15
Colorado	1,863	5	35	98	566	458	259	141	128	73	79	21
Connecticut	1,860	1	6	9	161	193	145	89	50	38	75	1,093
Delaware	276	0	8	19	108	78	26	19	10	4	4	0
District of Columbia	2,072	9	23	69	497	584	349	195	146	89	81	30
Florida	10,347	54	255	459	2,866	2,022	1,085	708	534	351	490	1,523
Georgia	8,266	90	258	449	2,567	1,872	1,059	649	466	343	484	29
Hawaii	311	0	2	3	108	80	51	27	14	11	12	3
Idaho	420	0	8	21	148	88	57	41	22	15	20	0
Illinois	5,611	26	108	222	1,782	1,340	728	473	378	241	271	42
Indiana	3,443	26	70	104	1,026	799	478	289	221	158	243	29
Iowa	1,409	4	11	43	500	335	174	117	79	64	79	3
Kansas	1,548	21	39	83	456	333	218	126	101	74	88	9
Kentucky	2,906	31	89	119	804	592	373	248	205	151	230	64
Louisiana	3,617	18	101	143	1,029	889	578	295	200	126	175	63
Maine	505	11	26	31	150	116	50	43	38	19	18	3
Maryland	5,231	105	181	285	1,807	1,241	669	365	232	148	195	3
Massachusetts	2,072	28	64	84	660	500	346	153	100	65	64	8
Michigan	8,115	73	263	447	2,841	1,889	1,017	550	406	288	328	13
Minnesota	1,416	9	49	104	503	311	172	93	62	51	62	0
Mississippi	1,985	16	50	77	648	400	234	160	121	89	143	47
Missouri	3,779	58	98	191	976	691	460	298	197	148	184	478
Montana	310	0	1	13	85	62	47	44	22	10	25	1

Table C. Number of inmates, by State and age—continued

State	Total	Under 18	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 and over	Not reported
Nebraska	928	15	20	45	287	176	117	71	70	53	63	11
Nevada	669	1	4	19	182	144	82	79	52	39	62	5
New Hampshire	243	2	5	13	74	57	30	25	13	10	14	0
New Jersey	5,671	8	66	113	997	1,080	787	457	343	265	330	1,225
New Mexico	699	2	14	31	230	165	106	56	41	22	28	4
New York	12,573	258	426	578	3,461	2,956	1,929	1,153	769	510	530	3
North Carolina	9,895	453	511	587	2,806	1,909	1,062	818	593	495	631	30
North Dakota	162	0	2	4	46	20	15	13	7	4	13	38
Ohio	7,999	21	97	284	2,178	1,476	882	575	451	314	354	1,367
Oklahoma	3,304	18	67	155	935	737	435	281	231	173	262	10
Oregon	1,593	5	37	89	441	349	221	141	82	68	101	59
Pennsylvania	6,153	136	148	230	1,791	1,355	743	449	327	246	271	457
Rhode Island	394	0	3	10	143	82	68	36	22	11	16	3
South Carolina	3,369	148	230	214	1,112	711	315	198	127	119	179	16
South Dakota	256	0	9	8	43	62	41	26	15	20	22	10
Tennessee	3,289	7	29	105	913	617	360	225	168	128	158	579
Texas	16,289	20	138	384	3,454	2,916	1,957	1,240	904	622	809	3,845
Utah	512	2	3	11	138	113	109	51	27	22	25	11
Vermont	185	6	15	10	53	44	20	12	18	3	4	0
Virginia	5,041	80	158	229	1,573	1,090	660	451	309	178	312	1
Washington	2,875	6	35	131	1,009	615	363	231	144	111	200	30
West Virginia	982	3	11	36	283	213	130	75	70	60	89	12
Wisconsin	2,046	10	48	129	795	454	248	143	88	63	68	0
Wyoming	284	1	7	12	73	74	26	24	19	19	28	1



## ALABAMA

On June 30, 1973, correctional facilities operated by the State of Alabama held 3,873 persons who had been sentenced as adults or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year. In relation to the population of the State, there were 109 inmates per 100,000 inhabitants. By September 30, 1973, the date to which detailed information on the State prisoner population pertained, the number of inmates had grown by 79, to a total of 3,952. Approximately 53 percent of these prisoners had been sentenced for crimes of violence, 39 percent for offenses against property, 6 percent for offenses against the public order, and 2 percent for other miscellaneous crimes. More inmates were serving time for murder and attempted murder than for any other offense, such persons accounting for approximately 23 percent of the total prisoner population. Prisoners sentenced for burglary and those in custody for robbery were the next most numerous, making up 21 percent and 19 percent of the total, respectively.

Blacks accounted for 62 percent of all inmates; whites, together with members of races other than white or black, 38 percent.<sup>1</sup> Some three-fifths of all blacks had been convicted of crimes of violence, whereas the corresponding proportion among whites and "others" was slightly more than two-fifths. Blacks were more likely than whites and members of races other than

white or black to have been convicted of crimes of violence; whites and "others" had a greater likelihood than blacks to be serving time for crimes against property or crimes against the public order. Accounting in part for the relatively high proportion of whites and "others" in custody for crimes against property were 375 inmates, some 25 percent of the white and "other" prisoner population, incarcerated for burglary. By contrast, the largest single number of black inmates were held for murder and attempted murder.

Ninety-six percent of Alabama's inmates were males. The median age for all prisoners was 26.7 years. It was 27.6 years for whites and "others," and 26.2 years for blacks. A total of 154 inmates, or nearly 4 percent of the prisoner population, were under age 18. At the other end of the age spectrum, 265, or 7 percent, were age 50 or over. Partial educational attainment data were available for 3,633 inmates. Among this group, some 39 percent had completed a maximum of eight grades, 58 percent had some high school training, and 3 percent had received some college-level education. The level of educational attainment was slightly higher for blacks than for whites and "other" races.

For all inmates, the median maximum sentence meted out for the offense that resulted in imprisonment as of September 30, 1973, was 10.1 years. It was 10.5 years for blacks and 6.5 years for whites and "other" races. At the time of the census, the median length of time served during the current imprisonment was 10.3 months, including 7.6 months for whites and "others" and 12.1 months for blacks. Only 229 prisoners, or 6 percent of the total, had served 6 years or longer on their current sentence.

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of Alabama's civilian population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 74 percent; black, 26 percent; and races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Alabama: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race					
	All races		White and Other		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	3,952	100	1,505	100	2,447	100
Crimes of violence	2,078	53	619	41	1,459	60
Murder and attempted murder	911	23	263	18	648	26
Manslaughter	123	3	35	2	88	4
Kidnaping	10	(Z)	6	(Z)	4	(Z)
Rape and statutory rape	110	3	25	2	85	4
Lewd act with child	17	(Z)	10	1	7	(Z)
Sexual assault:						
force undetermined	96	2	46	3	50	2
Robbery	744	19	215	14	529	22
Assault	67	2	19	1	48	2
Crimes against property	1,561	39	713	48	848	34
Burglary	835	21	375	25	460	19
Larceny	501	13	204	14	297	12
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fraud, forgery, or embezzlement	167	4	103	7	64	3
Arson	27	1	15	1	12	1
Stolen property	31	1	16	1	15	1
Crimes against public order	234	8	139	9	95	4
Drug offense	176	5	105	7	71	3
Weapons offense	9	(Z)	4	(Z)	5	(Z)
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	11	(Z)	6	(Z)	5	(Z)
Traffic offense	3	(Z)	2	(Z)	1	(Z)
Escape or flight	35	1	22	2	13	1
Other	79	2	34	2	45	2

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Alabama: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		Race White and Other		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex						
Total	3,952	100	1,505	100	2,447	100
Male	3,808	96	1,466	97	2,342	96
Female	144	4	39	3	105	4
Age						
Total	3,952	100	1,505	100	2,447	100
Under 18	154	4	40	3	114	5
18	156	4	48	3	108	4
19	213	5	81	5	132	5
20-24	1,159	29	421	28	738	30
25-29	859	22	314	21	545	22
30-34	445	11	184	12	261	11
35-39	331	8	143	10	188	8
40-44	221	6	102	7	119	5
45-49	139	4	57	4	82	4
50 and over	265	7	112	7	153	6
Not reported	10	(Z)	3	(Z)	7	(Z)
Median		26.7		27.6		26.2
Highest grade completed						
Total	3,952	100	1,505	100	2,447	100
Never attended	48	1	10	1	38	2
Eighth grade or less	1,365	35	545	36	820	34
Some high school (years unreported)	2,122	54	771	51	1,351	55
Any college	98	2	50	3	48	2
Not reported	319	8	129	9	190	8

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

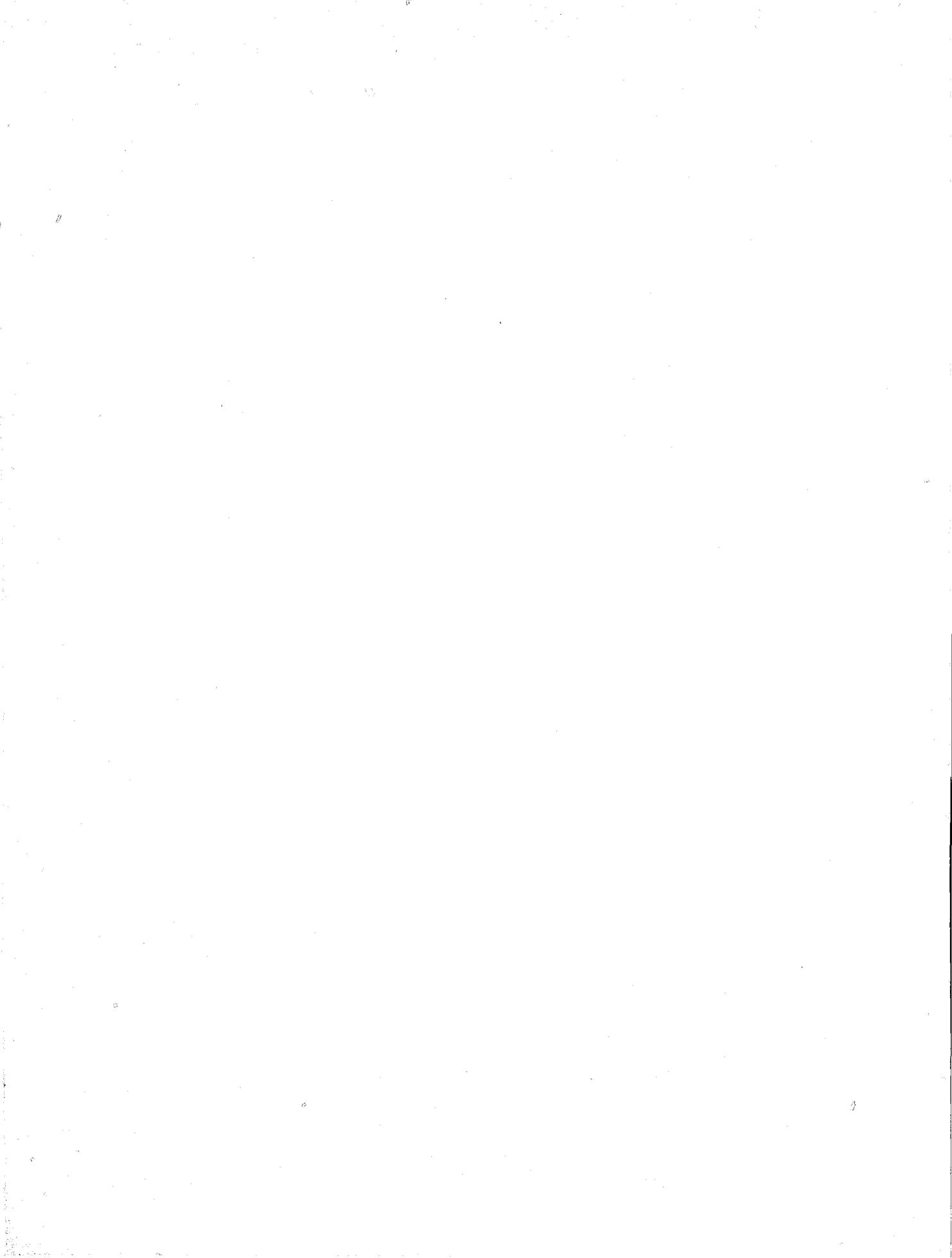
Table 3. Alabama: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		Race		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)						
Total	3,952	100	1,505	100	2,447	100
Less than 3	651	16	308	20	343	14
3 less than 4	415	11	204	14	211	9
4 less than 5	213	5	100	6	113	5
5 less than 6	277	7	122	8	155	6
6 less than 10	334	9	148	10	186	8
10 less than 11	614	15	218	14	396	16
11 less than 15	148	4	55	4	93	4
15 less than 16	231	6	56	4	175	7
16 less than 20	50	1	15	1	35	1
20 less than 30	340	9	84	6	256	10
30 less than 98	292	7	76	5	216	9
98 or more, life, or death	387	10	119	8	268	11
Median		10.1		6.5		10.5
Time served (in months)						
Total	3,952	100	1,505	100	2,447	100
Less than 6	1,568	40	692	46	876	36
6 less than 12	567	14	224	15	343	14
12 less than 18	482	12	184	12	298	12
18 less than 24	285	7	101	7	184	7
24 less than 30	210	5	69	5	141	6
30 less than 36	158	4	47	3	111	4
36 less than 48	180	5	57	4	123	5
48 less than 72	273	7	76	5	197	8
72 less than 120	183	5	47	3	136	6
120 or more	46	1	8	(2)	38	2
Median		10.3		7.6		12.1

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## ALASKA

State-operated correctional facilities in Alaska held 175 inmates, as of June 30, 1973, who had been sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. In relation to the population of the State, there were 53 prisoners per 1,000 inhabitants. Of the total inmate population, half were serving time for crimes of violence, 29 percent were being held for crimes against property, 21 percent had been imprisoned for crimes against public order, principally drug offenses, and less than 1 percent were incarcerated for other, miscellaneous crimes. Convicted drug offenders, who numbered 29, made up the largest single group; they were followed by those sentenced for murder (23) and those serving time for burglary (23).

Of the total number of inmates, 54 percent were white, 30 percent were members of races other than white or black, and 16 percent were black.<sup>1</sup> Whites, as well as members of races other than white or black, were more likely than blacks to have been imprisoned for crimes of violence and for crimes against property. In contrast, blacks were the most likely of the three racial groups to have been sentenced for crimes against public order. Accounting for the relatively high proportion of blacks in the latter category were 10 inmates, some 36 percent of the black prisoner population, convicted of drug offenses. The largest single number of white prisoners also was confined for drug offenses, whereas

the leading single offense group among members of "other" races was burglary.

Of the total inmate population, males constituted 95 percent. For the white inmate population, the proportion was 91 percent; it was 100 percent for those of "other" races, and 96 percent for the black inmate population. In the case of each race, the largest single number of inmates were in the 5-year age group 20-24. There were no inmates under age 18 in the State's correctional system; there were 12 age 50 or over. The median age, 28.9 years for all prisoners, was higher for blacks (29.0 years) than for "other" races (27.5 years); it was highest of all for whites (29.6 years). Excluding 5 percent of the inmates for whom levels of educational attainment were not reported, slightly more than half of the State's prisoner population had graduated from high school, including 8 percent who had also attended college. Of the remaining 49 percent who had completed less than 4 years of high school, nearly two-fifths had quit school at the time of or before completing the eighth grade. White prisoners had received about 1 year more schooling, a median of 12.2 years, than either blacks (11.3) or members of "other" races (11.1).

The median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in imprisonment, as of June 30, 1973, was 5.6 years. It was shorter for members of "other" races (5.4 years) than for whites (5.5 years) or blacks (6.8 years). As for time actually served in prison for these offenses, whites had the shortest median period (10.0 months), followed by "other" races (10.1 months) and blacks (10.8 months). Two members of "other" races and one white prisoner, accounting for 2 percent of the total inmate population, had been in prison for 6 years or more at the time of the census.

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of Alaska's population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 79 percent; black, 3 percent; and "other" races, 18 percent. Among those classified as "other" races, Eskimos made up 52 percent; American Indians, 30 percent; and Aleuts, 12 percent.

Table 1. Alaska: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	175	100	94	100	28	100	53	100
Crimes of violence	87	50	47	50	11	39	29	55
Murder	23	13	13	14	2	7	8	15
Attempted murder	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	14	8	7	7	1	4	6	11
Kidnaping	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	10	6	6	6	1	4	3	6
Statutory rape	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	2
Lewd act with child	5	3	1	1	0	0	4	8
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	20	12	12	13	4	14	4	8
Assault	11	7	5	5	3	11	3	6
Crimes against property	50	29	28	30	6	21	16	30
Burglary	23	13	10	11	3	11	10	19
Larceny	12	7	6	6	1	4	5	9
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	11	6	8	9	2	7	1	2
Arson	3	2	3	3	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	37	21	18	19	11	39	8	15
Drug offense	29	17	17	18	10	36	2	4
Weapons offense	4	2	1	1	0	0	3	6
Commercialized sex	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	0
Other sex offense	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	4
Other	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

Table 2. Alaska: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	175	100	94	100	28	100	53	100
Male	166	95	86	91	27	96	53	100
Female	9	5	8	9	1	4	0	0
<b>Age</b>								
Total	175	100	94	100	28	100	53	100
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	8	5	2	2	0	0	6	11
20-24	55	31	29	31	10	36	16	30
25-29	31	18	17	18	5	18	9	17
30-34	21	12	15	16	3	11	3	6
35-39	17	10	4	4	4	14	9	17
40-44	20	11	12	13	2	7	6	11
45-49	10	6	6	6	2	7	2	4
50 and over	12	7	8	9	2	7	2	4
Not reported	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Median		28.9		29.6		29.0		27.5
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	175	100	94	100	28	100	53	100
Eighth grade or less	32	18	16	17	3	11	13	25
1-3 years of high school	49	28	19	20	13	46	17	32
4 years of high school	71	41	41	44	11	39	19	36
Any college	14	8	11	12	1	4	2	4
Not reported	9	5	7	7	0	0	2	4
Median		12.0		12.2		11.3		11.1

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

**Table 3. Alaska: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	175	100	94	100	28	100	53	100
Less than 3	30	17	17	18	4	14	9	17
3 less than 4	29	17	14	15	2	7	13	25
4 less than 5	7	4	6	6	1	4	0	0
5 less than 6	35	20	18	19	6	21	11	21
6 less than 10	16	9	9	10	5	18	2	4
10 less than 11	16	9	9	10	1	4	6	11
11 less than 15	2	1	1	1	1	4	0	0
15 less than 16	8	5	3	3	3	11	2	4
16 less than 20	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	0
20 less than 30	14	8	6	6	2	7	6	11
30 less than 98	4	2	3	3	0	0	1	2
98 or more, life, or death	13	7	8	9	2	7	3	6
Median		5.6		5.6		6.8		5.4
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	175	100	94	100	28	100	53	100
Less than 6	57	33	32	34	10	36	15	28
6 less than 12	45	26	23	24	5	18	17	32
12 less than 18	23	13	14	15	4	14	5	9
18 less than 24	20	11	9	10	4	14	7	13
24 less than 30	7	4	4	4	1	4	2	4
30 less than 36	3	2	2	2	0	0	1	2
36 less than 48	6	3	1	1	2	7	3	6
48 less than 72	11	6	8	9	2	7	1	2
72 less than 120	3	2	1	1	0	0	2	4
120 or more	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Median		10.1		10.0		10.8		10.1

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



## ARIZONA

State correctional facilities in Arizona, on June 30, 1973, held 1,736 inmates who had been sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. The figure was equal to 84 inmates per 100,000 inhabitants of the State. Of the total prisoner population, one-half were in custody for crimes of violence, slightly less than one-third were imprisoned for crimes against property, 17 percent were serving time for crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses, and the remainder had been convicted of other, miscellaneous crimes. Burglary was the offense for which the largest single number of inmates (269) were confined. Close behind were murder (266), drug offenses (244), and robbery (233). Together, prisoners held for these four crimes accounted for nearly three-fifths of the total inmate population.

Arizona correctional authorities classified Mexicans as members of "other" races. Given this scheme, whites constituted 54 percent of all inmates; races other than white or black, 24 percent; and blacks, 21 percent. Those for whom a racial designation was not reported made up less than 0.5 percent. Had Mexicans been included with whites, the latter, undoubtedly, would have made up an even larger majority of the total prisoner population.<sup>1</sup> Sixty-one percent of the black inmates, compared with 49 percent of the whites and 43 percent of those other than white or black, were serving time for crimes of violence. On the other hand, whites were more likely than either blacks or "others" to have been sentenced for crimes against property, and "others" were more apt than whites or blacks to have

been confined for crimes against public order. The largest single number of white prisoners had been committed for murder. For black inmates, the crime also was murder; for "others," it was a drug-related offense.

Males predominated overwhelmingly, making up 97 percent of the Arizona inmate population. Females accounted for 3 percent of the white prisoners, 3 percent of the black, and 2 percent of the "other." Almost half the total number of inmates were in their 20's, with the largest single number in the 5-year age group 20-24. Fewer than 1 percent were under age 18, and only 8 percent were age 50 and over. Members of "other" races, for whom the median age was 28.0 years, were the youngest, followed by blacks, for whom the value was 28.5 years, and whites, for whom it was 30.2 years. Of the total prisoner population, 30 percent had no more than eight grades of formal education, 40 percent had 1 to 3 years of high school, 19 percent had 4 years of high school but had not gone on to college, and 8 percent had attended college. Information on the levels of educational attainment of the remaining 3 percent of the prisoners was not reported. The median number of years of schooling completed for all inmates was 10.5, including 10.9 for whites, 10.8 for blacks, and 8.9 for "other" races.

Among the entire prisoner population, the median maximum sentence for the offense that resulted in incarceration as of June 30, 1973, was 10.1 years. It was roughly the same for whites and blacks, 10.1 and 10.3 years, respectively; but it was slightly lower for members of "other" races (9.5 years). At the time of the census, the median length of time served on the current sentence was 13.9 months. The median number of months served by whites (14.4) and by blacks (14.6) were similar; both had been held about 2½ months longer than "others," for whom the median was 11.9 months. Some 9 percent of all Arizona inmates had been imprisoned for 6 or more years as of June 1973.

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of Arizona's population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 91 percent; black, 3 percent; and races other than white or black, 6 percent. Mexicans made up about 6 percent of the entire State population; most were classified in the Census as white.

Table 1. Arizona: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,736	100	935	100	373	100	421	100	7	100
Crimes of violence	869	50	460	49	226	61	180	43	3	43
Murder	266	15	147	16	71	19	47	11	1	14
Manslaughter	25	1	9	1	10	3	6	1	0	0
Kidnaping	46	3	26	3	7	2	13	3	0	0
Rape	19	1	14	1	1	(Z)	4	1	0	0
Statutory rape	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0	2	(Z)	0	0
Lewd act with child	22	1	16	2	1	(Z)	5	1	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	64	4	27	3	16	4	21	5	0	0
Robbery	233	13	122	13	70	19	40	10	1	14
Assault <sup>1</sup>	192	11	99	11	50	13	42	10	1	14
Crimes against property	555	32	318	34	105	28	131	31	1	14
Burglary	269	15	135	14	48	13	86	20	0	0
Larceny	103	6	51	6	32	9	20	5	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	46	3	31	3	5	1	10	2	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	120	7	93	10	15	4	11	3	1	14
Arson	6	(Z)	2	(Z)	2	1	2	(Z)	0	0
Stolen property	11	1	6	1	3	1	2	(Z)	0	0
Crimes against public order	296	17	145	16	40	11	108	27	3	43
Drug offense	244	14	111	12	30	8	100	24	3	43
Weapons offense	14	1	8	1	6	2	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	30	2	22	2	1	(Z)	7	2	0	0
Traffic offense	2	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Escape or flight	6	(Z)	4	(Z)	2	1	0	0	0	0
Other	16	1	12	1	2	1	2	(Z)	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Includes attempted murder.

**Table 2. Arizona: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	1,736	100	935	100	373	100	421	100	7	100
Male	1,683	97	903	97	362	97	411	98	7	100
Female	53	3	32	3	11	3	10	2	0	0
<b>Age</b>										
Total	1,736	100	935	100	373	100	421	100	7	100
Under 18	8	(Z)	3	(Z)	2	1	3	1	0	0
18	16	1	8	1	1	(Z)	7	2	0	0
19	57	3	24	3	11	3	22	5	0	0
20-24	451	26	226	24	112	30	113	27	0	0
25-29	394	23	200	21	84	23	109	26	1	14
30-34	252	15	152	16	40	11	60	14	0	0
35-39	188	11	114	12	34	9	40	10	0	0
40-44	133	8	67	7	29	8	37	9	0	0
45-49	84	5	44	5	29	8	10	2	1	14
50 and over	142	8	94	10	29	8	19	5	0	0
Not reported	11	1	3	(Z)	2	1	1	(Z)	5	71
Median		29.2		30.2		28.5		28.0		45.0
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	1,736	100	935	100	373	100	421	100	7	100
Eighth grade or less	515	30	205	22	91	24	218	52	1	14
1-3 years of high school	704	41	364	39	195	52	145	34	0	0
4 years of high school	326	19	226	24	60	16	40	10	0	0
Any college	142	8	112	12	21	6	8	2	1	14
Not reported	49	3	28	3	6	2	10	2	5	71
Median		10.5		10.9		10.8		8.9		13.0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

### Table 3. Arizona: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	1,736	100	935	100	373	100	421	100	7	100
Less than 3	47	3	28	3	5	1	14	3	0	0
3 less than 4	109	6	63	7	15	4	30	7	1	14
4 less than 5	73	4	49	5	11	3	12	3	1	14
5 less than 6	351	20	193	21	72	19	85	20	1	14
6 less than 10	274	16	126	13	66	18	80	19	2	29
10 less than 11	227	13	99	11	54	14	74	18	0	0
11 less than 15	92	5	43	5	27	7	22	5	0	0
15 less than 16	93	5	45	5	20	5	27	6	1	14
16 less than 20	10	1	8	1	0	0	2	(Z)	0	0
20 less than 30	126	7	76	8	31	8	19	5	0	0
30 less than 98	106	6	61	7	22	6	23	5	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	228	13	144	15	50	13	33	8	1	14
Median	10.1		10.1		10.3		9.5		7.0	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	1,736	100	935	100	373	100	421	100	7	100
Less than 6	415	24	212	23	78	21	122	29	3	43
6 less than 12	354	20	186	20	78	21	90	21	0	0
12 less than 18	260	15	140	15	65	17	55	13	0	0
18 less than 24	151	9	64	7	39	10	47	11	1	14
24 less than 30	141	8	78	8	36	10	27	6	0	0
30 less than 36	61	4	36	4	10	3	15	4	0	0
36 less than 48	71	4	39	4	19	5	13	3	0	0
48 less than 72	95	5	54	6	15	4	26	6	0	0
72 less than 120	100	6	65	7	17	5	18	4	0	0
120 or more	55	3	33	4	13	3	7	2	2	29
Not reported	33	2	28	3	3	1	1	(Z)	1	14
Median	13.9		14.4		14.6		11.9		18.0	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## ARKANSAS

A total of 1,744 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were confined in State-operated correctional facilities in Arkansas on June 30, 1973. In relation to the population of the State, there were 86 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants. One-half of all inmates had been sentenced for crimes of violence, 36 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 2 percent were in custody for crimes against public order (mainly drug offenses), and 12 percent had been committed for other, miscellaneous crimes. Persons convicted of murder (301), robbery (272), or burglary (238) were the most numerous, and together accounted for almost one-half of the total prisoner population.

Whites constituted 52 percent of the entire inmate population, and blacks 48 percent. There were no inmates of races other than white or black.<sup>1</sup> Whereas 60 percent of the black prisoners were being held for crimes of violence, the proportion for white prisoners was 40

percent. On the other hand, whites were more likely than blacks to have been serving time both for crimes against property and for crimes against public order. The largest single number of whites had been sentenced for burglary; among blacks, the largest number were serving time for murder.

Females comprised only 3 percent of the total inmate population in Arkansas; moreover, the proportion was the same among both white and black prisoners. The median age for all inmates was 27.3 years. That for blacks (26.4 years) was about 20 months lower than the median for whites (28.1 years). More than half of all prisoners were in their 20's. Thirty-one inmates, or 2 percent of the total, were under age 18, and 124, or 7 percent, were age 50 and over. No data on educational attainment were reported.

The median maximum sentence for the offense leading to incarceration as of June 30, 1973, was 9.0 years. For black inmates, the median was 10.4 years, more than 3 years longer than that for whites (7.3 years). Black prisoners also had spent longer periods of time in prison than whites for the current offense. The median number of months served was 15.4 for the former, compared with 11.0 for the latter. A total of 133 inmates, or 8 percent, had been imprisoned for 6 years or longer at the time of the census.

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<sup>1</sup>Arkansas' population at the time of the 1970 Census was racially distributed as follows: white, 82 percent; black, 18 percent; and races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Arkansas: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,744	100	913	100	830	100	1	100
Crimes of violence	867	50	365	40	502	60	0	0
Murder	301	17	111	12	190	23	0	0
Attempted murder	85	5	38	4	47	6	0	0
Manslaughter	18	1	5	1	13	2	0	0
Kidnaping	26	1	20	2	6	1	0	0
Rape	132	8	54	6	78	9	0	0
Statutory rape	4	(2)	3	(2)	1	(2)	0	0
Lewd act with child	13	1	12	1	1	(2)	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	6	(2)	3	(2)	3	(2)	0	0
Robbery	272	16	114	12	158	19	0	0
Assault	10	1	5	1	5	1	0	0
Crimes against property	634	36	392	43	241	29	1	100
Burglary	238	14	137	15	101	12	0	0
Larceny	157	9	100	11	57	7	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	3	(2)	0	0	3	(2)	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	133	8	87	10	45	5	1	100
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	103	6	68	7	35	4	0	0
Crimes against public order	37	2	31	3	6	1	0	0
Drug offense	24	1	19	2	5	1	0	0
Weapons offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	13	1	12	1	1	(2)	0	0
Other	206	12	125	14	81	10	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Arkansas: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race								
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Sex									
Total	1,744	100	913	100	830	100	1	100	
Male	1,687	97	882	97	804	97	1	100	
Female	57	3	31	3	26	3	0	0	
Age									
Total	1,744	100	913	100	830	100	1	100	
Under 18	31	2	9	1	22	3	0	0	
18	61	3	29	3	32	4	0	0	
19	75	4	38	4	37	4	0	0	
20-24	519	30	249	27	270	33	0	0	
25-29	379	22	204	22	175	21	0	0	
30-34	230	13	124	14	106	13	0	0	
35-39	134	8	80	9	53	6	1	100	
40-44	97	6	57	6	40	5	0	0	
45-49	75	4	48	5	27	3	0	0	
50 and over	124	7	64	7	60	7	0	0	
Not reported	19	1	11	1	8	1	0	0	
Median		27.3		28.1		26.4			
Highest grade completed									
Total	1,744	100	913	100	830	100	1	100	
Eighth grade or less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1-3 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Any college	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Not reported	1,744	100	913	100	830	100	1	100	

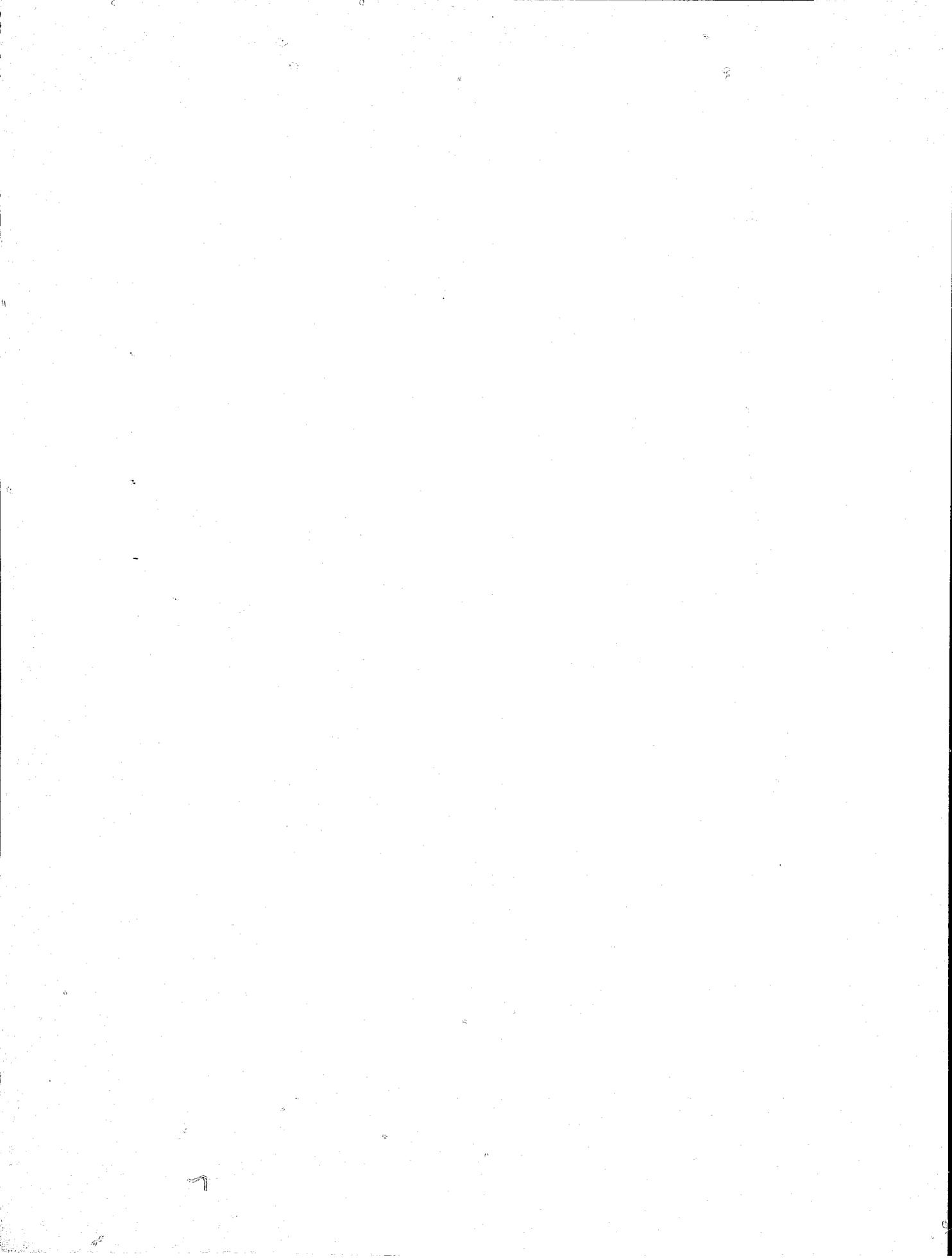
NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

### Table 3. Arkansas: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	1,744	100	913	100	830	100	1	100
Less than 3	146	8	96	11	50	6	0	0
3 less than 4	232	13	142	16	89	11	1	100
4 less than 5	62	4	38	4	24	3	0	0
5 less than 6	254	15	135	15	119	14	0	0
6 less than 10	238	14	132	14	106	13	0	0
10 less than 11	154	9	84	9	70	8	0	0
11 less than 15	66	4	31	3	35	4	0	0
15 less than 16	127	7	54	6	73	9	0	0
16 less than 20	38	2	17	2	21	3	0	0
20 less than 30	198	11	82	9	116	14	0	0
30 less than 98	94	5	45	5	49	6	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	135	8	57	6	78	9	0	0
Median		9.0		7.3		10.4		
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	1,744	100	913	100	830	100	1	100
Less than 6	519	30	308	34	210	25	1	100
6 less than 12	318	18	168	18	150	18	0	0
12 less than 18	202	12	113	12	89	11	0	0
18 less than 24	142	9	58	6	84	10	0	0
24 less than 30	112	6	50	5	62	7	0	0
30 less than 36	69	4	37	4	32	4	0	0
36 less than 48	109	6	54	6	55	7	0	0
48 less than 72	116	7	62	7	54	7	0	0
72 less than 120	87	5	33	4	54	7	0	0
120 or more	46	3	16	2	30	4	0	0
Not reported	24	1	14	2	10	1	0	0
Median		12.7		11.0		15.4		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



# CALIFORNIA

In California, 18,534 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were confined in State-operated correctional facilities on June 30, 1973. In relation to the population of the State, there were 90 inmates per 100,000 inhabitants. Some 55 percent of all prisoners had been sentenced for crimes of violence, 24 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 20 percent were in custody for crimes against public order, and the remainder were being held for other, miscellaneous offenses. More persons had been incarcerated for robbery (4,843) than any other single offense, such prisoners making up slightly more than one-fourth of the total inmate population. Convicted drug offenders were the second most numerous (3,125), followed by those held for burglary (2,577), murder (2,073), or assault (1,206).

Racially, whites made up 66 percent of the prisoner population; blacks, 32 percent; and races other than white or black, 2 percent.<sup>1</sup> Fifty-one percent of the white inmates, compared with 64 percent of the black inmates, were serving time for crimes of violence. For

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of California's population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 89 percent; black, 7 percent; and members of races other than white or black, 4 percent. Among those classified as neither white nor black, Japanese made up 27 percent; Chinese, 21 percent; Filipino, 18 percent; American Indian, 11 percent; and others, 23 percent.

crimes against property, the proportions were 26 percent and 21 percent, respectively. Relatively more blacks than whites had been incarcerated for the specific crimes of murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, and assault. Whites, on the other hand, were more likely than blacks to have been convicted of a lewd act with a child, burglary, larceny, arson, a drug offense, or forgery, fraud, or embezzlement.

Females constituted only 3 percent of California's prisoner population, a proportion that also was recorded among both white inmates and black inmates. The black population, however, was slightly younger than its white counterpart, the difference in median age being 1.4 years. For all prisoners the median age was 30.9 years. The largest single number of inmates, irrespective of race, was in the 5-year age group 25-29. Only 1 prisoner, as of June 30, 1973, was under age 18; some 1,200, or 6 percent, were age 50 or over. Information on the number of years of school completed was not reported.

No maximum sentence length data were available. Information relating to actual time served for the offense resulting in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, showed that whites had spent less time (15.7 months) than blacks (16.2 months), and that races other than white or black had served the least time (12.6 months). Seven percent of all inmates had been in prison for 6 or more years at the time of the census. The proportion was 8 percent for whites, 6 percent for blacks, and 7 percent for "other" races.

Table 1. California: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	18,534	100	12,317	100	5,894	100	323	100
Crimes of violence	10,189	55	6,231	51	3,762	64	196	61
Murder	2,073	11	1,262	10	771	13	40	12
Attempted murder	137	1	68	1	67	1	2	1
Manslaughter	589	3	339	3	236	4	14	4
Kidnaping	271	1	183	1	86	1	2	1
Rape	637	3	356	3	263	5	18	6
Statutory rape	79	(Z)	52	(Z)	23	(Z)	4	1
Lewd act with child	354	2	310	3	39	1	5	2
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	4,843	26	2,926	24	1,852	31	65	20
Assault	1,206	7	735	6	425	7	46	14
Crimes against property	4,493	24	3,150	26	1,264	21	79	24
Burglary	2,577	14	1,752	14	773	13	52	16
Larceny	471	3	323	3	144	2	4	1
Motor vehicle theft	330	2	229	2	98	2	3	1
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	707	4	547	4	147	2	13	4
Arson	96	1	74	1	16	(Z)	6	2
Stolen property	312	2	225	2	86	2	1	(Z)
Crimes against public order	3,691	20	2,813	23	835	14	43	13
Drug offense	3,125	17	2,378	19	713	12	34	11
Weapons offense	212	1	144	1	65	1	3	1
Commercialized sex	11	(Z)	7	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0
Other sex offense	209	1	162	1	44	1	3	1
Traffic offense	40	(Z)	37	(Z)	1	(Z)	2	1
Escape or flight	94	1	85	1	8	(Z)	1	(Z)
Other	161	1	123	1	33	1	5	2

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. California: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	18,534	100	12,317	100	5,894	100	323	100
Male	17,968	97	11,938	97	5,722	97	308	95
Female	566	3	379	3	172	3	15	5
<b>Age</b>								
Total	18,534	100	12,317	100	5,894	100	323	100
Under 18	1	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)	0	0
18	8	(Z)	4	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0
19	79	(Z)	45	(Z)	31	1	3	1
20-24	3,374	18	2,014	16	1,299	22	61	19
25-29	5,152	28	3,424	28	1,645	28	83	26
30-34	3,615	20	2,498	20	1,059	18	58	18
35-39	2,384	13	1,650	13	687	12	47	15
40-44	1,621	9	1,138	9	463	8	20	6
45-49	1,085	6	712	6	352	6	21	7
50 and over	1,200	6	827	7	352	6	21	7
Not reported	15	(Z)	5	(Z)	1	(Z)	9	3
Median		30.9		31.3		29.9		30.9
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	18,534	100	12,317	100	5,894	100	323	100
Eighth grade or less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-3 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any college	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not reported	18,534	100	12,317	100	5,894	100	323	100

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
 (Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 3. California: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	18,534	100	12,317	100	5,894	100	323	100
Less than 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 less than 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 less than 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 less than 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 less than 11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 less than 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 less than 98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not reported	18,534	100	12,317	100	5,894	100	323	100
Time served (in months)								
Total	18,534	100	12,317	100	5,894	100	323	100
Less than 6	4,299	23	2,868	23	1,348	23	83	26
6 less than 12	3,273	18	2,190	18	1,009	17	74	23
12 less than 18	2,685	14	1,793	15	847	14	45	14
18 less than 24	1,959	11	1,326	11	606	10	27	8
24 less than 30	1,526	8	995	8	503	9	28	9
30 less than 36	1,000	5	631	5	358	6	11	3
36 less than 48	1,311	7	820	7	472	8	19	6
48 less than 72	1,142	6	746	6	382	6	14	4
72 less than 120	881	5	622	5	243	4	16	5
120 or more	458	2	326	3	126	2	6	2
Median		15.8		15.7		16.2		12.6

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## COLORADO

A total of 1,863 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were being held in State-operated correctional institutions in Colorado on June 30, 1973. The figure was equal to 75 prisoners per 100,000 population. Of the total inmate population, 46 percent were serving time for crimes of violence, 39 percent were being held for crimes against property, 14 percent had been convicted of crimes against public order, and the remainder were in custody for other, miscellaneous crimes. Persons sentenced for robbery (357), burglary (332), or drug offenses (215) accounted for almost one-half of the total inmate population; together with prisoners confined for murder (182), larceny (181), or forgery, fraud, or embezzlement (177), they made up nearly four-fifths of all inmates.

Whites constituted 69 percent of the State's prisoner population; blacks, 19 percent; members of races other than white or black, 11 percent; and persons for whom no race data were reported, 2 percent.<sup>1</sup> Black inmates were more likely than either white prisoners or prisoners of "other" races to have been convicted of crimes of violence; members of "other" races were the most likely of the three racial groups to have been serving time for crimes against property. There was a roughly equal likelihood that whites, blacks, and "other" races had been sentenced for crimes against public order. Among specific offenses, the proportion of whites confined for murder or for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement was almost twice as high as that of blacks. Blacks, on the other hand, were especially apt to have been convicted of manslaughter, rape, or robbery. A

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of Colorado's population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 96 percent; black, 3 percent; and races other than white or black, 1 percent.

disproportionately large number of inmates of "other" races were serving time for burglary.

Males predominated overwhelmingly in the State prisoner population, making up 97 percent of the total. Among white inmates and inmates of "other" races the proportion was 97 percent, whereas among black inmates it was 95 percent. Median age also varied slightly by race. The largest number of black prisoners and of prisoners of "other" races were in the 5-year age group 20-24, whereas the largest number of white prisoners were in the age group 25-29. Fewer than 1 percent of all inmates were under 18 years of age, and only 4 percent were age 50 and over. Inmates of "other" races were the youngest, with a median age of 22.6 years. The median age among blacks was 25.9 years, and it was 28.7 years among whites. Educational attainment information was reported on 1,301 out of the 1,863 inmates. Among these prisoners, the median number of grades completed was 10.8; it was 11.3 grades for black, and 10.7 grades for both whites and "other" races. Some two-thirds of these prisoners had quit school before graduating from high school, including 24 percent who had eight grades or less of education. About 19 percent had terminated their formal schooling after receiving a high school diploma, and 9 percent had received some college training.

The median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in imprisonment on June 30, 1973, was 9.0 years. It was longer for blacks (10.0 years) than for whites (9.3 years) or member of "other" races (5.7 years). Whites, however, had spent more time in prison than blacks for the current offense. The median number of months served was 12.0 for the former, compared with 10.9 for the latter. Some 6 percent of the total prisoner population had been incarcerated 6 years or longer on their current sentence at the time of the census.

Table 1. Colorado: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,863	100	1,291	100	361	100	207	100	4	100
Crimes of violence	856	46	572	44	210	58	73	35	1	25
Murder	182	10	152	12	26	7	4	2	0	0
Attempted murder	19	1	16	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	52	3	30	2	14	4	8	4	0	0
Kidnaping	21	1	15	1	5	1	1	1	0	0
Rape	48	3	28	2	17	5	3	1	0	0
Statutory rape	6	(Z)	5	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	37	2	29	2	5	1	3	1	0	0
Robbery	357	19	217	17	114	32	25	12	1	25
Assault	134	7	80	6	25	7	29	14	0	0
Crimes against property	719	39	517	40	96	27	103	50	3	75
Burglary	332	18	218	17	49	14	65	31	0	0
Larceny	181	10	134	10	23	6	22	11	2	50
Motor vehicle theft	17	1	13	1	3	1	1	1	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	177	10	141	11	20	6	15	7	1	25
Arson	5	(Z)	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	7	(Z)	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	254	14	180	14	50	14	24	12	0	0
Drug offense	215	12	154	12	44	12	17	8	0	0
Weapons offense	8	(Z)	4	(Z)	2	1	2	1	0	0
Commercialized sex	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	14	1	11	1	2	1	1	1	0	0
Traffic offense	10	1	5	(Z)	1	(Z)	4	2	0	0
Escape or flight	5	(Z)	5	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	34	2	22	2	5	1	7	3	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Colorado: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	1,863	100	1,291	100	361	100	207	100	4	100
Male	1,811	97	1,257	97	343	95	207	100	4	100
Female	52	3	34	3	18	5	0	0	0	0
<b>Age</b>										
Total	1,863	100	1,291	100	361	100	207	100	4	100
Under 18	5	(Z)	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	25
18	35	2	20	2	6	2	9	4	0	0
19	98	5	42	3	26	7	30	14	0	0
20-24	566	30	327	25	132	37	107	52	0	0
25-29	458	24	334	26	83	23	40	19	1	25
30-34	259	14	203	16	48	13	8	4	0	0
35-39	141	8	116	9	20	6	5	2	0	0
40-44	128	7	101	8	24	7	1	(Z)	2	50
45-49	73	4	61	5	11	3	1	(Z)	0	0
50 and over	79	4	71	5	8	2	0	0	0	0
Not reported	21	1	14	1	2	1	5	2	0	0
Median		27.4		28.7		25.9		22.6		40.0
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	1,863	100	1,291	100	361	100	207	100	4	100
Eighth grade or less	307	16	269	21	32	9	4	2	2	50
1-3 years of high school	555	30	404	31	138	38	13	6	0	0
Some high school (years unreported)	68	4	58	4	10	3	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	251	13	193	15	54	15	4	2	0	0
Any college	120	6	101	8	18	5	1	(Z)	0	0
Not reported	562	30	266	21	109	30	185	89	2	50
Median		10.8		10.7		11.3		10.7		5.5

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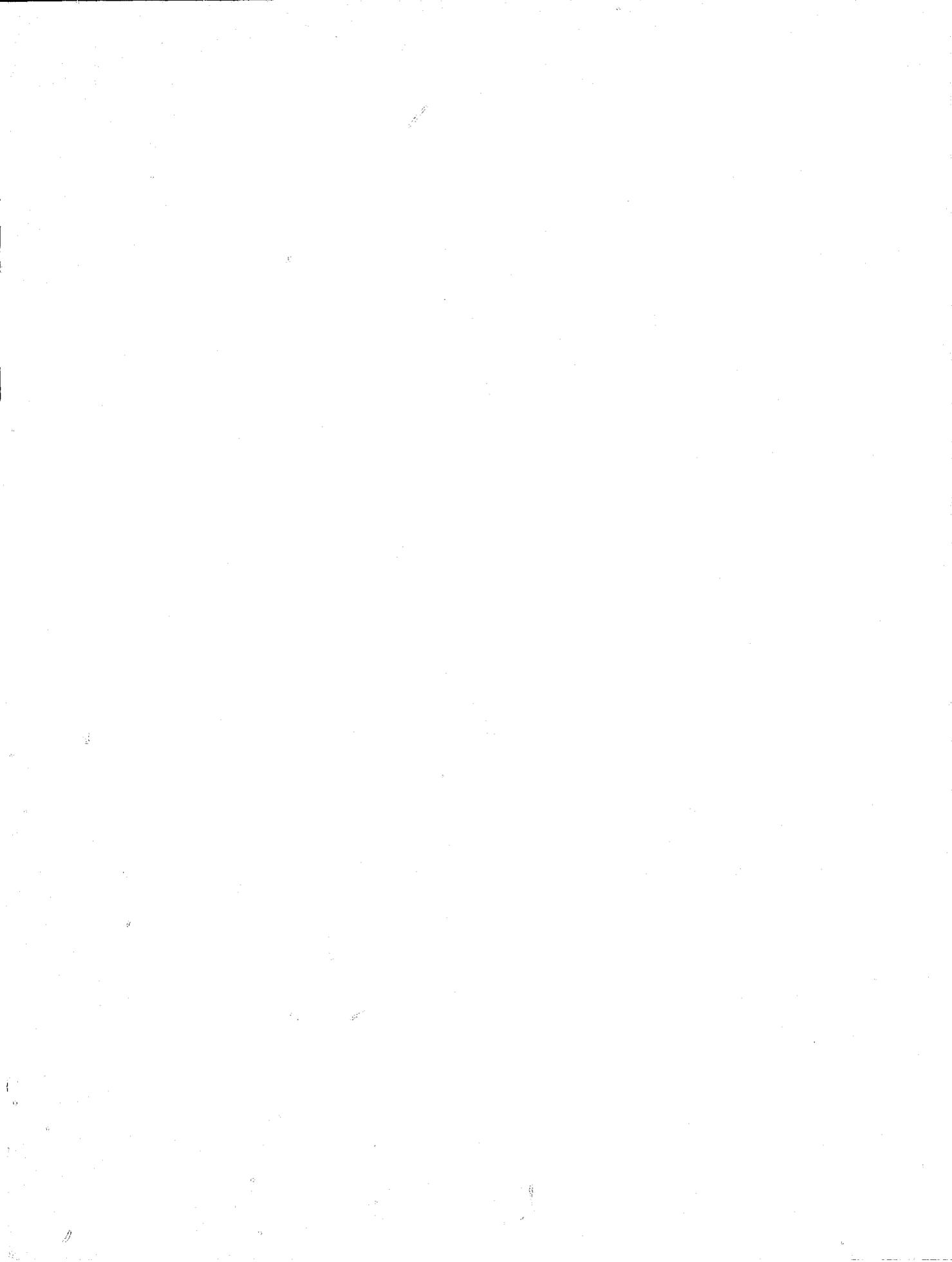
**Table 3. Colorado: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	1,863	100	1,291	100	361	100	207	100	4	100
Less than 3	120	6	64	5	15	4	41	20	0	0
3 less than 4	91	5	54	4	18	5	18	9	1	25
4 less than 5	121	6	93	7	16	4	11	5	1	25
5 less than 6	342	18	241	19	51	14	50	24	0	0
6 less than 10	347	19	233	18	81	22	32	15	1	25
10 less than 11	273	15	193	15	44	12	35	17	1	25
11 less than 15	129	7	83	6	41	11	5	2	0	0
15 less than 16	84	5	57	4	19	5	8	4	0	0
16 less than 20	12	1	9	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	87	5	61	5	24	7	2	1	0	0
30 less than 98	121	6	95	7	22	6	4	2	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	136	7	108	8	27	7	1	(Z)	0	0
Median	9.0		9.3		10.0		5.7		6.0	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	1,863	100	1,291	100	361	100	207	100	4	100
Less than 6	601	32	374	29	117	32	108	52	2	50
6 less than 12	406	22	272	21	77	21	55	27	2	50
12 less than 18	263	14	193	15	50	14	20	10	0	0
18 less than 24	149	8	108	8	31	9	10	5	0	0
24 less than 30	96	5	68	5	25	7	3	1	0	0
30 less than 36	53	3	47	4	6	2	0	0	0	0
36 less than 48	105	6	75	6	27	7	3	1	0	0
48 less than 72	84	5	68	5	10	3	6	3	0	0
72 less than 120	61	3	49	4	11	3	1	(Z)	0	0
120 or more	44	2	37	3	6	2	1	(Z)	0	0
Not reported	1	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Median	10.9		12.0		10.9		5.8		6.0	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## CONNECTICUT

Data for Connecticut were fragmentary. The State's correctional system, as of June 30, 1973, held an estimated 1,860 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day, or 60 prisoners per 100,000 population. Of the total, an estimated 97 percent were males. Other characteristics of the inmate population, such as infor-

mation on race, age, most serious offense for which held, maximum sentence length, and number of months served, were reported for fewer than one-half of all prisoners. These inmates may or may not have been representative of the prisoner population as a whole. Accordingly, no further analysis of the State's inmates was feasible.

Table 1. Connecticut: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,860	100	382	100	374	100	2	100	1,102	100
Crimes of violence	305	16	162	42	139	37	2	100	2	(Z)
Murder	61	3	36	9	25	7	0	0	0	0
Attempted murder	9	(Z)	7	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	59	3	26	7	33	9	0	0	0	0
Kidnaping	10	1	8	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	20	1	8	2	12	3	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	22	1	18	5	4	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery	90	5	43	11	45	12	1	50	1	(Z)
Assault	34	2	16	4	16	4	1	50	1	(Z)
Crimes against property	112	6	66	17	43	11	0	0	3	(Z)
Burglary	65	3	37	10	26	7	0	0	2	(Z)
Larceny	21	1	11	3	9	2	0	0	1	(Z)
Motor vehicle theft	7	(Z)	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	18	1	10	3	8	2	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	178	10	75	20	102	27	0	0	1	(Z)
Drug offense	158	8	65	17	92	25	0	0	1	(Z)
Weapons offense	7	(Z)	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	10	1	4	1	6	2	0	0	0	0
Other	24	1	15	4	9	2	0	0	0	0
Not reported	1,241	67	64	17	81	22	0	0	1,096	99

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.  
(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Connecticut: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	1,860	100	382	100	374	100	2	100	1,102	100
Male	1,800	97	369	97	359	96	2	100	1,070	97
Female	160	3	13	3	15	4	0	0	132	3
<b>Age</b>										
Total	1,860	100	382	100	374	100	2	100	1,102	100
Under 18	1	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
18	6	(Z)	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
19	9	(Z)	3	1	6	2	0	0	0	0
20-24	161	9	77	20	83	22	1	50	0	0
25-29	193	10	78	20	111	30	0	0	4	(Z)
30-34	145	8	73	19	70	19	0	0	2	(Z)
35-39	89	5	43	11	44	12	1	50	1	(Z)
40-44	50	3	28	7	22	6	0	0	0	0
45-49	38	2	27	7	11	3	0	0	0	0
50 and over	75	4	50	13	22	6	0	0	3	(Z)
Not reported	1,093	59	0	0	1	(Z)	0	0	1,092	99
Median		30.5		32.1		29.2				
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	1,860	100	382	100	374	100	2	100	1,102	100
Eighth grade or less	328	18	186	49	133	36	1	50	8	1
1-3 years of high school	291	16	117	31	173	46	1	50	0	0
4 years of high school	120	6	63	16	55	15	0	0	2	(Z)
Any college	29	2	16	4	13	3	0	0	0	0
Not reported	1,092	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,092	99
Median		9.5		9.1		10.0				

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

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1 Estimate.

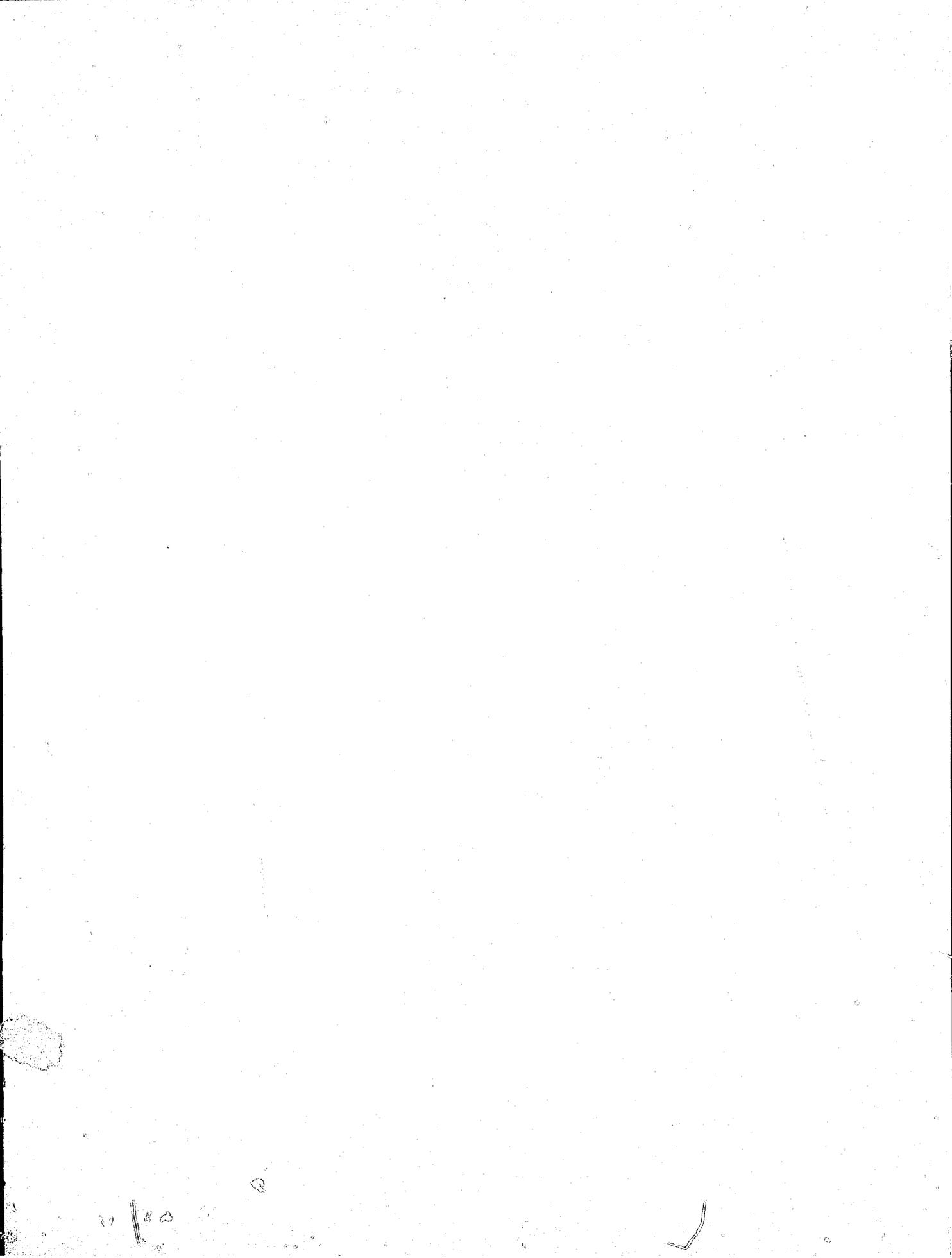
### Table 3. Connecticut: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	1,860	100	382	100	374	100	2	100	1,102	100
Less than 3	20	1	11	3	9	2	0	0	0	0
3 less than 4	26	1	8	2	17	5	0	0	1	(Z)
4 less than 5	25	1	15	4	10	3	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	140	8	64	17	74	20	1	50	1	(Z)
6 less than 10	97	5	50	13	46	12	0	0	1	(Z)
10 less than 11	57	3	24	6	32	9	0	0	1	(Z)
11 less than 15	50	3	27	7	21	6	1	50	1	(Z)
15 less than 16	45	2	22	6	23	6	0	0	0	0
16 less than 20	11	1	8	2	3	1	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	20	1	16	4	4	1	0	0	0	0
30 less than 98	18	1	12	3	6	1	0	0	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	58	3	36	9	22	6	0	0	0	0
Not reported	1,293	70	89	23	107	29	0	0	1,097	100
Median		9.0		9.9		8.0				
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	1,860	100	382	100	374	100	2	100	1,102	100
Less than 6	126	7	55	14	69	18	1	50	1	(Z)
6 less than 12	128	7	66	17	60	16	0	0	2	(Z)
12 less than 18	175	9	73	19	97	26	0	0	5	(Z)
18 less than 24	49	3	25	7	24	6	0	0	0	0
24 less than 30	71	4	37	10	34	9	0	0	0	0
30 less than 36	45	2	28	7	17	5	0	0	0	0
36 less than 48	40	2	27	7	13	3	0	0	0	0
48 less than 72	41	2	25	7	16	4	0	0	0	0
72 less than 120	33	2	22	6	11	3	0	0	0	0
120 or more	20	1	13	3	7	2	0	0	0	0
Not reported	1,132	61	11	3	26	7	1	50	1,094	99
Median		15.7		17.3		14.8				

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



# DELAWARE

State-operated correctional facilities in Delaware, as of June 30, 1973, held 276 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. The figure was equal to 48 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants of the State. Of the total inmate population, 45 percent had been imprisoned for crimes of violence, 27 percent had been committed for crimes against property, 23 percent had been sentenced for crimes against public order, principally drug offenses, and the remainder were confined for other, miscellaneous crimes or for offenses the nature of which was not reported. More inmates were serving time for burglary than any other specific crime, such prisoners numbering 58 and accounting for 21 percent of the total. Persons convicted of drug offenses were the second most numerous (52), followed by those held for robbery (39). Persons incarcerated for murder, numbering 17, made up 6 percent of the prisoner population.

Blacks accounted for 60 percent of the State's inmates; whites made up 40 percent. There were no prisoners of races other than white or black.<sup>1</sup> Fifty-two percent of the black inmates, compared with 35 percent

of the whites, had been sentenced for crimes of violence. In relative terms, however, more whites than blacks were confined for crimes against property. With respect to crimes against public order, whites convicted of such offenses outnumbered blacks. More whites were serving time for a drug-related offense than for any other specific crime. More blacks were held for burglary.

Males made up 97 percent of the total inmate population. Females accounted for 4 percent of the total number of black prisoners and 2 percent of all white inmates. Two-thirds of the prisoners were in their 20's, with the largest concentration in the 5-year age group 20-24. There were no inmates under age 18 and only 4, or 1 percent of the total, who were age 50 and over. The median age was 25.2 years. White prisoners, on the whole, were 1½ years younger than their black counterparts. No information was reported on levels of educational attainment.

For the inmate population as a whole, the median maximum sentence handed down for the offense resulting in imprisonment, as of June 30, 1973, was 5.1 years. It was 5.4 years for the black population and 4.0 years for the white. At the time of the census, black prisoners, as a group, had been imprisoned for a median of 5.5 months, whereas the median among white inmates was 5.0 months. Only 4 prisoners, 3 of them black, had been confined for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>Delaware's population at the time of the 1970 Census was racially distributed as follows: white, 85 percent; black, 14 percent; and races other than white or black, 1 percent.

Table 1. Delaware: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		Race White		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	276	100	110	100	166	100
Crimes of violence	125	45	38	35	87	52
Murder	17	6	7	6	10	6
Attempted murder	6	2	3	3	3	2
Manslaughter	19	7	3	3	16	10
Kidnaping	2	1	0	0	2	1
Rape and statutory rape	10	4	3	3	7	4
Lewd act with child	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0
Sexual assault:						
force undetermined	2	1	0	0	2	1
Robbery	39	14	10	9	29	17
Assault	29	11	11	10	18	11
Crimes against property	75	27	32	29	43	26
Burglary	58	21	25	23	33	20
Larceny	10	4	5	5	5	3
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	6	2	2	2	4	2
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	1	(Z)	0	0	1	1
Crimes against public order	64	23	36	33	28	17
Drug offense	52	19	28	25	24	14
Weapons offense	7	3	3	3	4	2
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	2	1	2	2	0	0
Traffic offense	2	1	2	2	0	0
Escape or flight	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0
Other	10	4	3	3	7	4
Not reported	2	1	1	1	1	1

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 2. Delaware: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	All races		Race		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>						
Total	276	100	110	100	166	100
Male	267	97	108	98	159	96
Female	9	3	2	2	7	4
<b>Age</b>						
Total	276	100	110	100	166	100
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	8	3	4	4	4	2
19	19	7	7	6	12	7
20-24	108	39	49	45	59	36
25-29	78	28	37	34	41	25
30-34	26	9	5	5	21	13
35-39	19	7	3	3	16	10
40-44	10	4	2	2	8	5
45-49	4	1	2	2	2	1
50 and over	4	1	1	1	3	2
Median		25.2		24.5		26.0
<b>Highest grade completed</b>						
Total	276	100	110	100	166	100
Eighth grade or less	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-3 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any college	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not reported	276	100	110	100	166	100

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

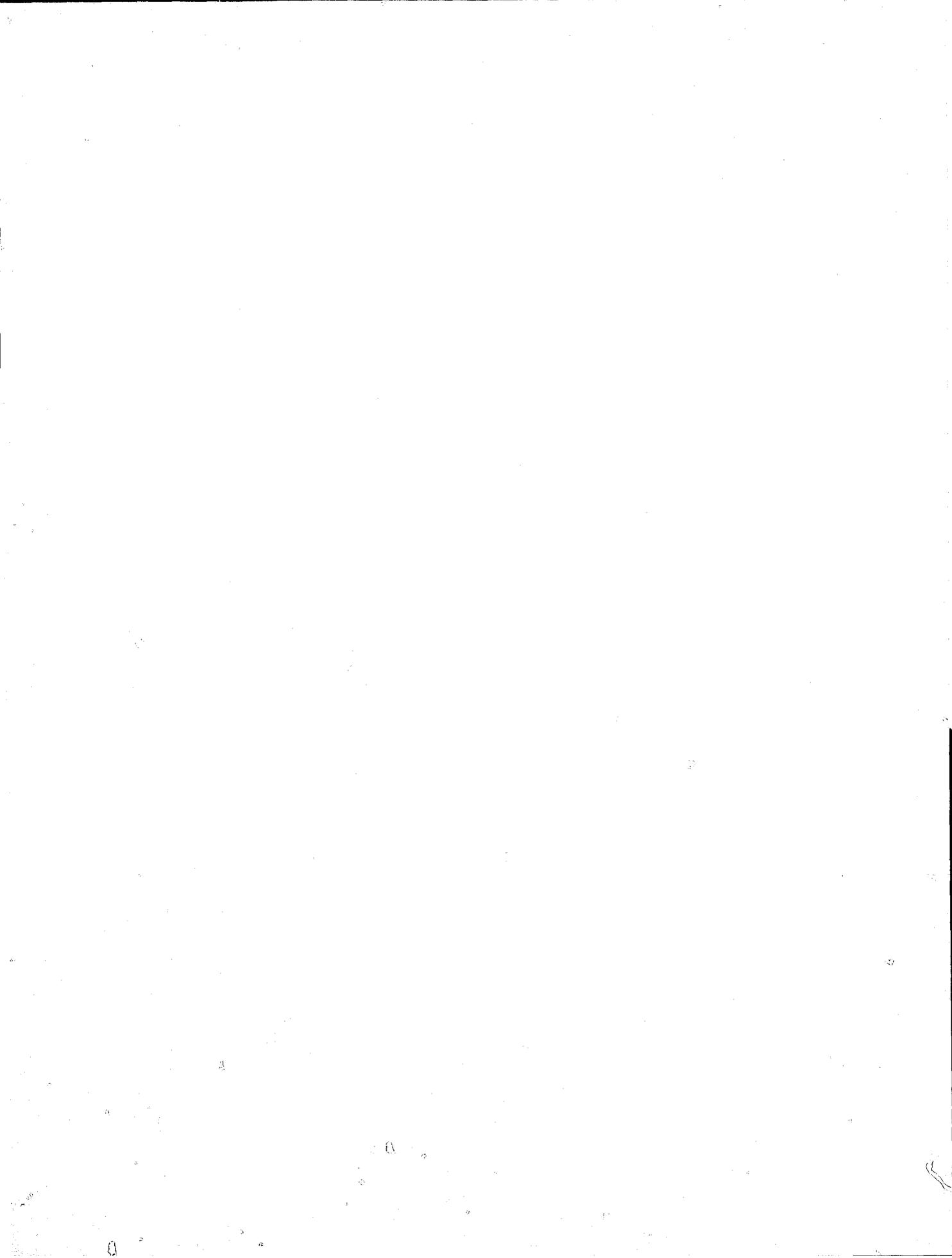
**Table 3. Delaware: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		Race White		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)						
Total	276	100	110	100	166	100
Less than 3	68	25	32	29	36	2
3 less than 4	50	18	24	22	26	16
4 less than 5	15	5	7	6	8	5
5 less than 6	50	18	18	16	32	19
6 less than 10	20	7	5	5	15	9
10 less than 11	22	8	7	6	15	9
11 less than 15	3	1	1	1	2	1
15 less than 16	10	4	5	5	5	3
16 less than 20	2	1	0	0	2	1
20 less than 30	8	3	2	2	6	4
30 less than 98	28	10	9	8	19	11
98 or more, life, or death	0	0	0	0	0	0
Median		5.1		4.0		5.4
Time served (in months)						
Total	276	100	110	100	166	100
Less than 6	157	57	66	60	91	55
6 less than 12	64	23	30	27	34	20
12 less than 18	29	11	8	7	21	13
18 less than 24	10	4	1	1	9	5
24 less than 30	5	2	1	1	4	2
30 less than 36	4	1	1	1	3	2
36 less than 48	2	1	1	1	1	1
48 less than 72	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0
72 less than 120	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0
120 or more	3	1	0	0	3	2
Median		5.3		5.0		5.5

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A total of 2,072 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were confined in District of Columbia correctional facilities on June 30, 1973. The figure provided an inmate-to-population ratio of 282 per 100,000 inhabitants. Approximately three out of every five prisoners were serving time for crimes of violence, one out of four had been sentenced for crimes against property, 12 percent had been committed for crimes against public order, and 2 percent were in custody for other, miscellaneous crimes. Convicted robbers alone accounted for 37 percent of the prisoner population, and the number of persons committed for robbery (762) was more than three times greater than that (246) of those confined for the second most commonplace offense—burglary. Following robbery and burglary as crimes accounting for the largest numbers of inmates were murder (198), drug offenses (172), assault (129), and larceny (129).

The inmate population was distributed as follows: blacks, 95 percent; whites, 4 percent; members of races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent; and race unreported, also less than 0.5 percent.<sup>1</sup> Whereas 62 percent of the black inmates were being held for crimes of violence, the proportion for white prisoners was 37 percent. In relative terms, whites were more likely than

blacks to have been serving time both for crimes against property and for crimes against public order. The largest single number of both whites and blacks had been sentenced for robbery.

Females made up only 1 percent of the District of Columbia's prisoner population, although the sex of an additional 1 percent of the total was not reported. The median age for all inmates was 28.6 years. That for black inmates (28.4 years) was more than 7 years lower than the median for white prisoners (35.6 years). Nonetheless, more than half of all inmates were in their 20's. Only 9 were under age 18, and 81, or 4 percent of the total, were age 50 and over. With respect to the number of years of school completed, 22 percent of the entire group had quit school at the time of or before finishing the eighth grade, 51 percent had attended high school for 1 to 3 years, 21 percent had completed their formal education upon graduation from high school, and 5 percent had attended college. The median number of years of schooling completed was 11.7 for white and 10.7 for black inmates.

The median maximum sentence for the offense leading to imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 8.4 years. For black inmates, the median sentence length was 8.5 years, more than 2 years longer than that given to whites (6.3 years). However, white inmates, on the whole, had spent longer periods of time in prison on the current sentence than blacks. The median number of months served was 28.7 for the former, compared with 22.9 for the latter. Some 11 percent of the total prisoner population had been in prison for 6 years or longer at the time of the census.

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of the District of Columbia's population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 28 percent; black, 71 percent; and races other than white or black, 1 percent.



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Table 1. District of Columbia: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,072	100	87	100	1,973	100	7	100	5	100
Crimes of violence	1,257	61	32	37	1,220	62	2	29	3	60
Murder	198	10	9	10	189	10	0	0	0	0
Attempted murder	12	1	0	0	12	1	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	64	3	2	2	61	3	1	14	0	0
Kidnaping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	68	3	1	1	67	3	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	6	(2)	0	0	6	(2)	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	18	1	1	1	17	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery	762	37	17	20	742	38	1	14	2	40
Assault	129	6	2	2	126	6	0	0	1	20
Crimes against property	509	25	40	46	468	24	1	14	0	0
Burglary	246	12	12	14	233	12	1	14	0	0
Larceny	129	6	8	9	121	6	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	64	3	6	7	58	3	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	59	3	11	13	48	2	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	11	1	3	3	8	(2)	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	255	12	12	14	238	12	4	57	1	20
Drug offense	172	8	7	8	162	8	2	29	1	20
Weapons offense	73	4	5	6	66	3	2	29	0	0
Commercialized sex	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	4	(2)	0	0	4	(2)	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	4	(2)	0	0	4	(2)	0	0	0	0
Other	48	2	3	3	45	2	0	0	0	0
Not reported	3	(2)	0	0	2	(2)	0	0	1	20

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(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 2. District of Columbia: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	2,072	100	87	100	1,973	100	7	100	5	100
Male	2,025	98	86	99	1,934	98	5	71	0	0
Female	20	1	1	1	19	1	0	0	0	0
Not reported	27	1	0	0	20	1	2	29	5	100
<b>Age</b>										
Total	2,072	100	87	100	1,973	100	7	100	5	100
Under 18	9	(Z)	0	0	9	(Z)	0	0	0	0
18	23	1	0	0	23	1	0	0	0	0
19	69	3	1	1	68	3	0	0	0	0
20-24	497	24	10	11	487	25	0	0	0	0
25-29	584	28	16	18	567	29	1	14	0	0
30-34	349	17	15	17	334	17	0	0	0	0
35-39	195	9	13	15	178	9	4	57	0	0
40-44	146	7	10	11	136	7	0	0	0	0
45-49	89	4	10	11	79	4	0	0	0	0
50 and over	81	4	12	14	69	3	0	0	0	0
Not reported	30	1	0	0	23	1	2	29	5	100
Median		28.6		35.6		28.4		36.9		
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	2,072	100	87	100	1,973	100	7	100	5	100
Eighth grade or less	465	22	21	24	433	22	7	100	4	80
1-3 years of high school	1,067	51	25	29	1,042	53	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	443	21	30	34	413	21	0	0	0	0
Any college	95	5	11	13	83	4	0	0	1	20
Not reported	2	(Z)	0	0	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Median		10.7		11.7		10.7		0.5		0.6

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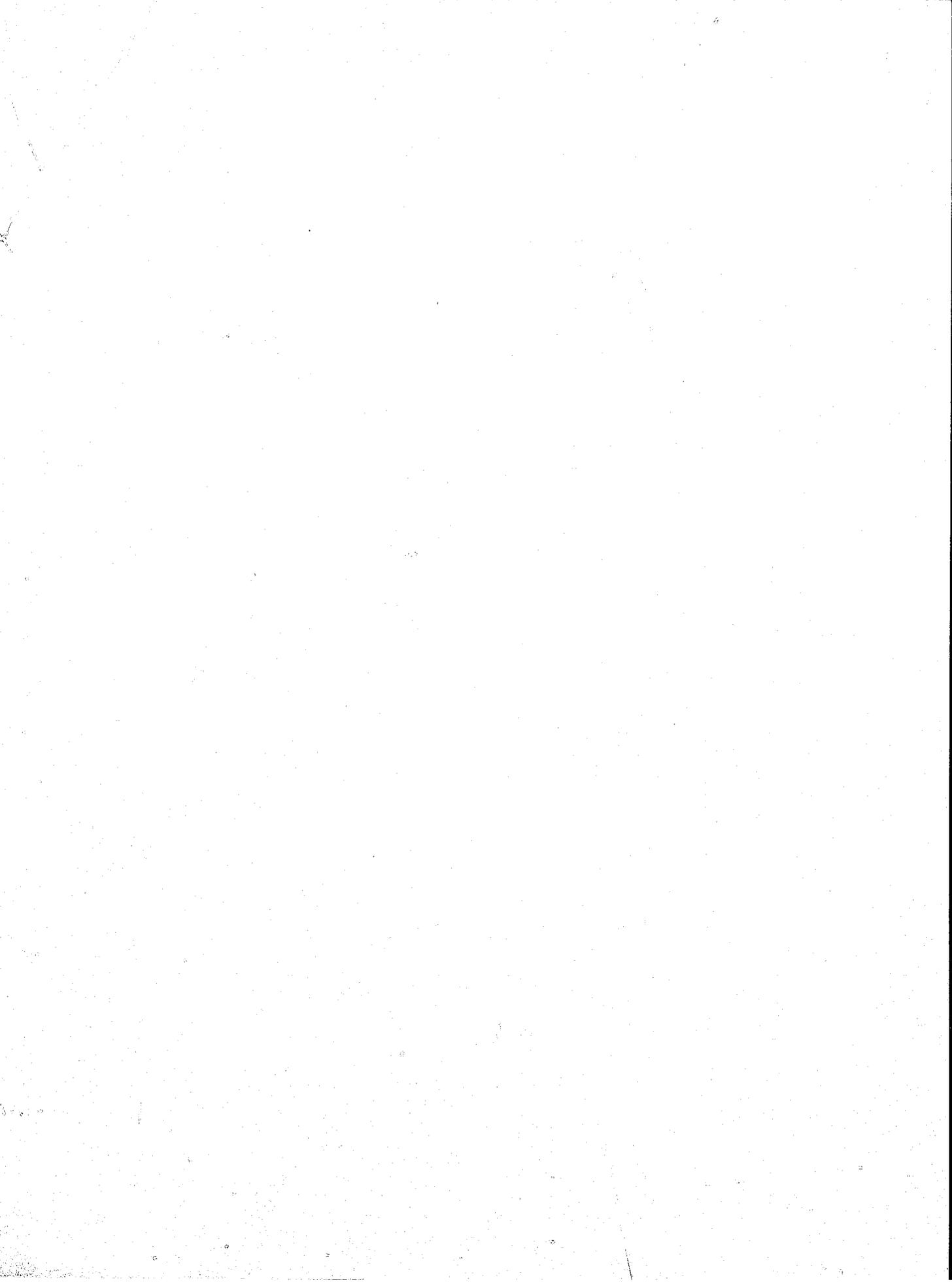
### Table 3. District of Columbia: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	2,072	100	87	100	1,973	100	7	100	5	100
Less than 3	252	12	17	20	233	12	2	29	0	0
3 less than 4	170	8	10	11	159	8	1	14	0	0
4 less than 5	64	3	9	10	52	3	1	14	2	40
5 less than 6	112	5	6	7	105	5	1	14	0	0
6 less than 10	735	35	23	26	709	36	0	0	3	60
10 less than 11	166	8	5	6	161	8	0	0	0	0
11 less than 15	111	5	4	5	107	5	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	146	7	4	5	142	7	0	0	0	0
16 less than 20	27	1	0	0	27	1	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	129	6	4	5	123	6	2	29	0	0
30 less than 98	65	3	0	0	65	3	0	0	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	95	5	5	6	90	5	0	0	0	0
Median	8.4		6.3		8.5		4.5		6.7	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	2,072	100	87	100	1,973	100	7	100	5	100
Less than 6	332	16	15	17	317	16	0	0	0	0
6 less than 12	277	13	8	9	268	14	0	0	1	20
12 less than 18	262	13	9	10	253	13	0	0	0	0
18 less than 24	188	9	6	7	180	9	1	14	1	20
24 less than 30	158	8	7	8	147	7	2	29	2	40
30 less than 36	124	6	5	6	116	6	2	29	1	20
36 less than 48	151	7	10	11	141	7	0	0	0	0
48 less than 72	344	17	18	21	326	17	0	0	0	0
72 less than 120	177	9	8	9	169	9	0	0	0	0
120 or more	55	3	1	1	53	3	1	14	0	0
Not reported	4	(2)	0	0	3	(2)	1	14	0	0
Median	23.2		28.7		22.9		30.0		25.6	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## FLORIDA

Information concerning inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day who were being held in State-operated correctional facilities in Florida on June 30, 1973, was incomplete. The total number of such prisoners was placed at 10,347, or 134 per 100,000 of the State's population, but no data were available on 1,244 of these inmates. Accordingly, the discussion below treats only those prisoners for whom full or partial information was reported.

Among those inmates for whom offense data were available, 55 percent were serving time for crimes of violence, compared with 32 percent being held for crimes against property, 12 percent confined for crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses, and 1 percent committed for other, miscellaneous crimes. Robbery was the specific offense for which the largest number of inmates had been imprisoned, followed, in order, by burglary, murder, and drug offenses.

For the 9,011 prisoners whose racial identity was reported, 56 percent were black and 44 percent were white.<sup>1</sup> There were too few inmates of races other than white or black to be statistically important. In relative terms, blacks were far more likely than whites to have been convicted of crimes of violence and less likely to have been serving time either for crimes against property or for crimes against public order. Some 31 percent of the black inmates, compared with 18 percent of their white counterparts, were being held for robbery; the

proportions were almost exactly reversed with respect to burglary. Persons imprisoned for drug offenses constituted 11 percent of the white prisoner population, 7 percent of the black.

Excluding the inmates for whom no data were reported, 96 percent of the prisoner population was made up of males. Females accounted for 5 percent of the black inmates and 4 percent of the white prisoners. More than half of the inmates for whom age data were available were in their 20's, with the largest concentration, irrespective of race, in the 5-year age group 20-24. One percent of the prisoners were under age 18, and 7 percent were age 50 and over. White inmates, for whom the median age was 28.0 years, were almost 2 years older than their black counterparts, whose median age was 26.1 years. Levels of educational attainment were reported for a group encompassing 88 percent of all inmates; of these, four out of every five had quit school before completing high school, including 38 percent who had terminated their formal education at the time of or before finishing the eighth grade. Eighteen percent had completed high school but had not attended college, and 3 percent had received some college training. The median number of years of schooling was 10.8 years; it was slightly longer for whites (10.9 years) than blacks (10.7 years).

The median maximum sentence incurred for the offense that led to incarceration as of June 30, 1973, was 7.1 years. Blacks, for whom the median was 10.0 years, had received longer sentences than whites, among whom the median was 5.7 years. As of the date of the census, the median number of months actually spent in prison was 18.2, and it was about 2 months longer for blacks (19.3) than for whites (17.2). All together, 7 percent of the inmates for whom time-served data were reported had been imprisoned for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup> At the time of the 1970 Census, the racial composition of Florida's population was as follows: white, 84 percent; black, 16 percent; and races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Florida: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	10,347	100	3,950	100	5,053	100	8	100	1,336	100
Crimes of violence	4,970	48	1,669	42	3,247	64	1	13	53	4
Murder	1,016	10	388	10	617	12	0	0	11	1
Attempted murder	160	2	54	1	106	2	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	500	5	157	4	333	7	0	0	10	1
Kidnaping	13	(Z)	10	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Rape	418	4	121	3	293	6	1	13	3	(Z)
Statutory rape	41	(Z)	19	(Z)	21	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)
Lewd act with child	23	(Z)	20	1	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	50	(Z)	30	1	19	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)
Robbery	2,310	22	725	18	1,565	31	0	0	20	1
Assault	439	4	145	4	287	6	0	0	7	1
Crimes against property	2,913	28	1,616	41	1,269	25	4	50	24	2
Burglary	1,676	16	899	23	761	15	3	38	13	1
Larceny	412	4	207	5	204	4	0	0	1	(Z)
Motor vehicle theft	222	2	141	4	78	2	0	0	3	(Z)
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	399	4	258	7	137	3	0	0	4	(Z)
Arson	37	(Z)	12	(Z)	24	1	1	13	0	0
Stolen property	167	2	99	3	65	1	0	0	3	(Z)
Crimes against public order	1,103	11	603	15	487	10	3	38	10	1
Drug offense	766	7	422	11	336	7	2	25	6	(Z)
Weapons offense	167	2	52	1	113	2	0	0	2	(Z)
Commercialized sex	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	1	13	0	0
Other sex offense	57	1	48	1	8	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	111	1	80	2	30	1	0	0	1	(Z)
Other	99	1	56	1	40	1	0	0	3	(Z)
Not reported	1,262	12	6	(Z)	10	(Z)	0	0	1,246	93

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Florida: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	10,347	100	3,950	100	5,053	100	8	100	1,336	100
Male	8,696	84	3,803	96	4,802	95	6	75	85	6
Female	407	4	147	4	251	5	2	25	7	1
Not reported	1,244	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,244	93
<b>Age</b>										
Total	10,347	100	3,950	100	5,053	100	8	100	1,336	100
Under 18	54	1	17	(Z)	36	1	1	13	0	0
18	255	2	106	3	148	3	1	13	0	0
19	459	4	165	4	289	6	0	0	5	(Z)
20-24	2,866	28	1,095	28	1,734	34	4	50	33	2
25-29	2,022	20	900	23	1,102	22	1	13	19	1
30-34	1,085	10	510	13	564	11	0	0	11	1
35-39	708	7	337	9	366	7	0	0	5	(Z)
40-44	534	5	305	8	224	4	0	0	5	(Z)
45-49	351	3	187	5	157	3	0	0	7	1
50 and over	490	5	222	6	262	5	1	13	5	(Z)
Not reported	1,523	15	106	3	171	3	0	0	1,246	93
Median		26.9		28.0		26.1		23.0		26.8
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	10,347	100	3,950	100	5,053	100	8	100	1,336	100
Eighth grade or less	3,427	33	1,478	37	1,899	38	0	0	50	4
1-3 years of high school	3,811	37	1,381	35	2,399	47	6	75	25	2
4 years of high school	1,601	15	913	23	672	13	1	13	15	1
Any college	254	2	175	4	76	2	1	13	2	(Z)
Not reported	1,254	12	3	(Z)	7	(Z)	0	0	1,244	93
Median		10.8		10.9		10.7		11.3		12.0

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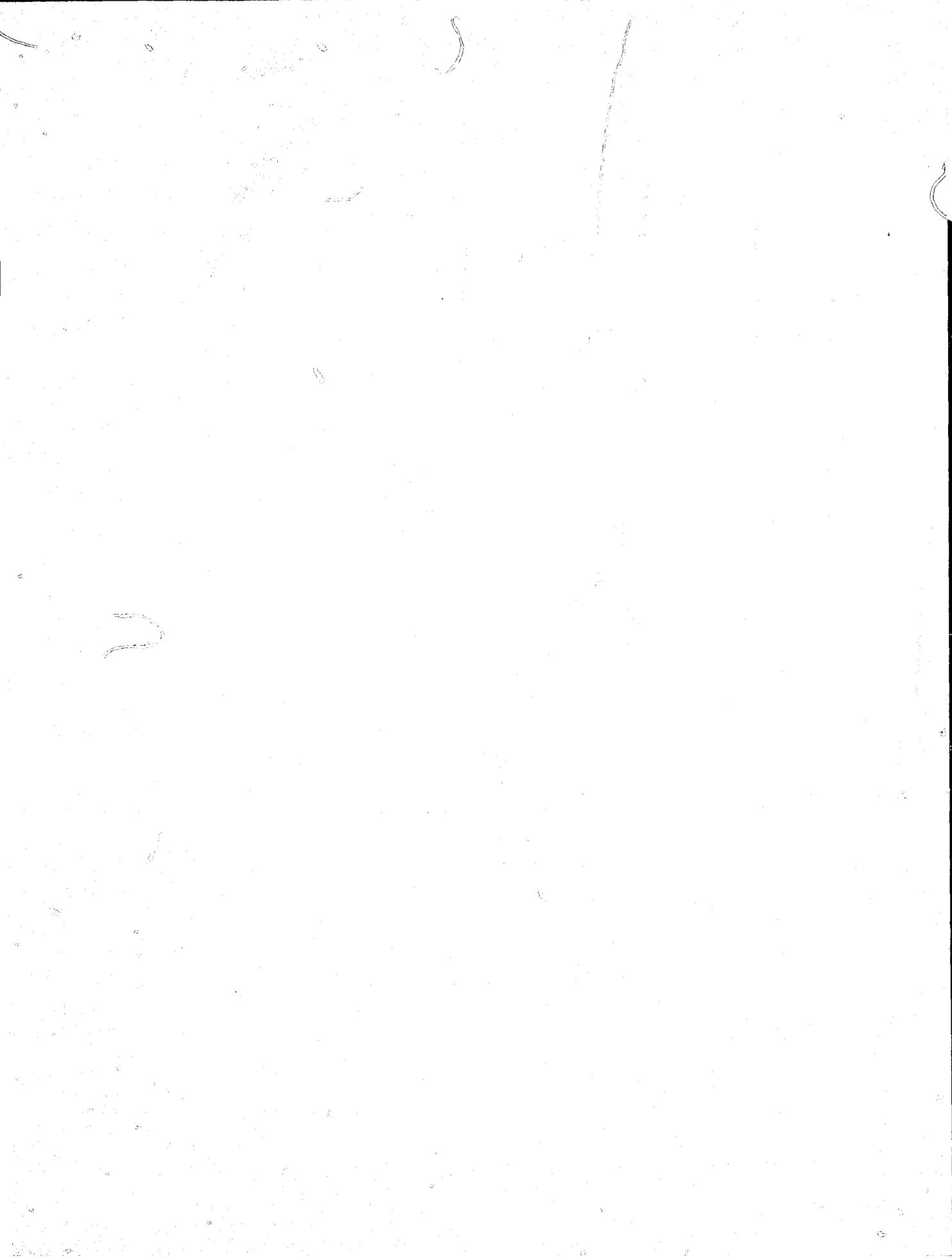
**Table 3. Florida: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	10,347	100	3,950	100	5,053	100	8	100	1,336	100
Less than 3	1,101	11	598	15	492	10	1	13	10	1
3 less than 4	1,088	11	595	15	484	10	1	13	8	1
4 less than 5	487	5	236	6	242	5	0	0	9	1
5 less than 6	1,721	17	737	19	957	19	3	36	24	2
6 less than 10	589	6	243	6	336	7	0	0	10	1
10 less than 11	1,054	10	443	11	597	12	2	25	12	1
11 less than 15	149	1	58	1	90	2	0	0	1	(Z)
15 less than 16	500	5	183	5	315	6	0	0	2	(Z)
16 less than 20	42	(Z)	17	(Z)	25	(Z)	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	918	9	310	8	601	12	1	13	6	(Z)
30 less than 98	391	4	138	3	251	5	0	0	2	(Z)
98 or more, life, or death	1,063	10	392	10	663	13	0	0	8	1
Not reported	1,244	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,244	93
Median		7.1		5.7		10.0		5.7		5.8
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	10,347	100	3,950	100	5,053	100	8	100	1,336	100
Less than 6	901	9	427	11	473	9	0	0	1	(Z)
6 less than 12	1,836	18	868	2	958	19	2	25	8	1
12 less than 18	1,742	17	794	20	947	19	1	13	0	0
18 less than 24	1,186	11	503	13	633	13	1	13	49	4
24 less than 30	879	8	318	8	554	11	0	0	7	1
30 less than 36	526	5	233	6	293	6	0	0	0	0
36 less than 48	675	7	249	6	425	8	0	0	1	(Z)
48 less than 72	682	7	260	7	419	8	0	0	3	(Z)
72 less than 120	426	4	191	5	233	5	0	0	2	(Z)
120 or more	204	2	97	2	100	2	0	0	7	1
Not reported	1,290	12	10	(Z)	18	(Z)	4	50	1,258	94
Median		18.2		17.2		19.3		12.0		21.7

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



# GEORGIA

Georgia's State-operated correctional facilities, as of June 30, 1973, housed 8,266 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. The total provided an inmate-to-population ratio of 172 per 100,000. Prisoners serving time for crimes of violence constituted 56 percent of the total; those held for crimes against property and for crimes against public order made up 37 percent and 6 percent, respectively. The remaining 1 percent had been committed for other, miscellaneous crimes. More prisoners were confined for burglary than for any other single offense, such inmates numbering 1,989 and accounting for almost one-fourth of all persons being held. Those who had been sentenced for robbery (1,821) were the second most numerous, followed by persons serving time for manslaughter (862), murder (839), or assault (608). Together, inmates imprisoned for these five offenses accounted for almost three out of every four prisoners held by the State's correctional system.

Sixty-four percent of the inmates were black and 36 percent were white.<sup>1</sup> Prisoners of races other than white or black, numbering but four, were statistically unimportant. Sixty-three percent of the black inmates, compared with 43 percent of their white counterparts, had been sentenced for crimes of violence. On the other hand, whites, in relative terms, were more likely than blacks to have been confined for crimes against property and for

crimes against public order, chiefly drug offenses. The largest single number of black prisoners had been committed for robbery; for white inmates, the crime was burglary.

Males predominated overwhelmingly in Georgia's inmate population, making up 97 percent. Females constituted 2 percent of the white prisoners, 4 percent of the black. Slightly more than half of the total number of inmates were in their 20's, with the largest single number in the 5-year age group 20-24. One percent were under age 18, and 6 percent were age 50 and over. The median age for the prisoner population as a whole was 27.0 years. Black inmates, for whom the median age was 26.5 years, were 1½ years younger than their white counterparts, among whom the value was 28.0 years. Of the total inmate population, 34 percent had advanced no further than the eighth grade, 35 percent had 1 to 3 years of high school, 15 percent had completed high school but not gone on to college, and 2 percent had attended college. Information on the levels of educational attainment of the remaining 14 percent of the prisoners was not reported. The median number of years of schooling completed was 9.7. It was 9.3 for whites and 9.9 for blacks.

Among the prisoner population as a whole, the median maximum sentence for the offense that resulted in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 8.9 years. It was almost 2 years longer for blacks (9.6 years) than for whites (7.8 years). At the time of the census, the median length of time served on the current sentence was 14.6 months. Blacks had spent 2 months longer in prison than whites. Some 6 percent of all inmates had been held for 6 or more years as of June 30, 1973.

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<sup>1</sup> Georgia's population, as ascertained by the 1970 Census, was racially divided as follows: white, 74 percent; black, 26 percent; and races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Georgia: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	8,266	100	3,012	100	5,250	100	4	100
Crimes of violence	4,626	56	1,304	43	3,319	63	3	75
Murder	839	10	291	10	547	10	1	25
Attempted murder	1	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)	0	0
Manslaughter	862	10	190	6	672	13	0	0
Kidnaping	93	1	40	1	53	1	0	0
Rape	348	4	90	3	258	5	0	0
Statutory rape	12	(Z)	7	(Z)	5	(Z)	0	0
Lewd act with child	42	1	32	1	10	(Z)	0	0
Sexual assault: force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1,821	22	482	16	1,337	25	2	50
Assault	608	7	172	6	436	8	0	0
Crimes against property	3,027	37	1,437	48	1,589	30	1	25
Burglary	1,989	24	943	31	1,046	20	0	0
Larceny	369	4	150	5	219	4	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	273	3	153	5	119	2	1	25
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	334	4	161	5	173	3	0	0
Arson	23	(Z)	15	(Z)	8	(Z)	0	0
Stolen property	39	(Z)	15	(Z)	24	(Z)	0	0
Crimes against public order	506	6	232	8	274	5	0	0
Drug offense	412	5	183	6	229	4	0	0
Weapons offense	13	(Z)	2	(Z)	11	(Z)	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	29	(Z)	23	1	6	(Z)	0	0
Traffic offense	36	(Z)	19	1	17	(Z)	0	0
Escape or flight	16	(Z)	5	(Z)	11	(Z)	0	0
Other	107	1	39	1	68	1	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Georgia: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	8,266	100	3,012	100	5,250	100	4	100
Male	7,983	97	2,941	98	5,038	96	4	100
Female	283	3	71	2	212	4	0	0
<b>Age</b>								
Total	8,266	100	3,012	100	5,250	100	4	100
Under 18	90	1	23	1	67	1	0	0
18	258	3	107	4	151	3	0	0
19	449	5	180	6	269	5	0	0
20-24	2,567	31	789	26	1,778	34	0	0
25-29	1,872	23	662	22	1,209	23	1	25
30-34	1,059	13	406	13	651	12	2	50
35-39	649	8	255	8	394	8	0	0
40-44	466	6	205	7	261	5	0	0
45-49	343	4	171	6	172	3	0	0
50 and over	484	6	202	7	281	5	1	25
Not reported	29	(Z)	12	(Z)	17	(Z)	0	0
Median		27.0		28.0		26.5		32.5
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	8,266	100	3,012	100	5,250	100	4	100
Eighth grade or less	2,833	34	1,188	39	1,643	31	2	50
1-3 years of high school	2,867	35	874	29	1,992	38	1	25
4 years of high school	1,206	15	464	15	741	14	1	25
Any college	199	2	111	4	88	2	0	0
Not reported	1,161	14	375	12	786	15	0	0
Median		9.7		9.3		9.9		9.0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
 (Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

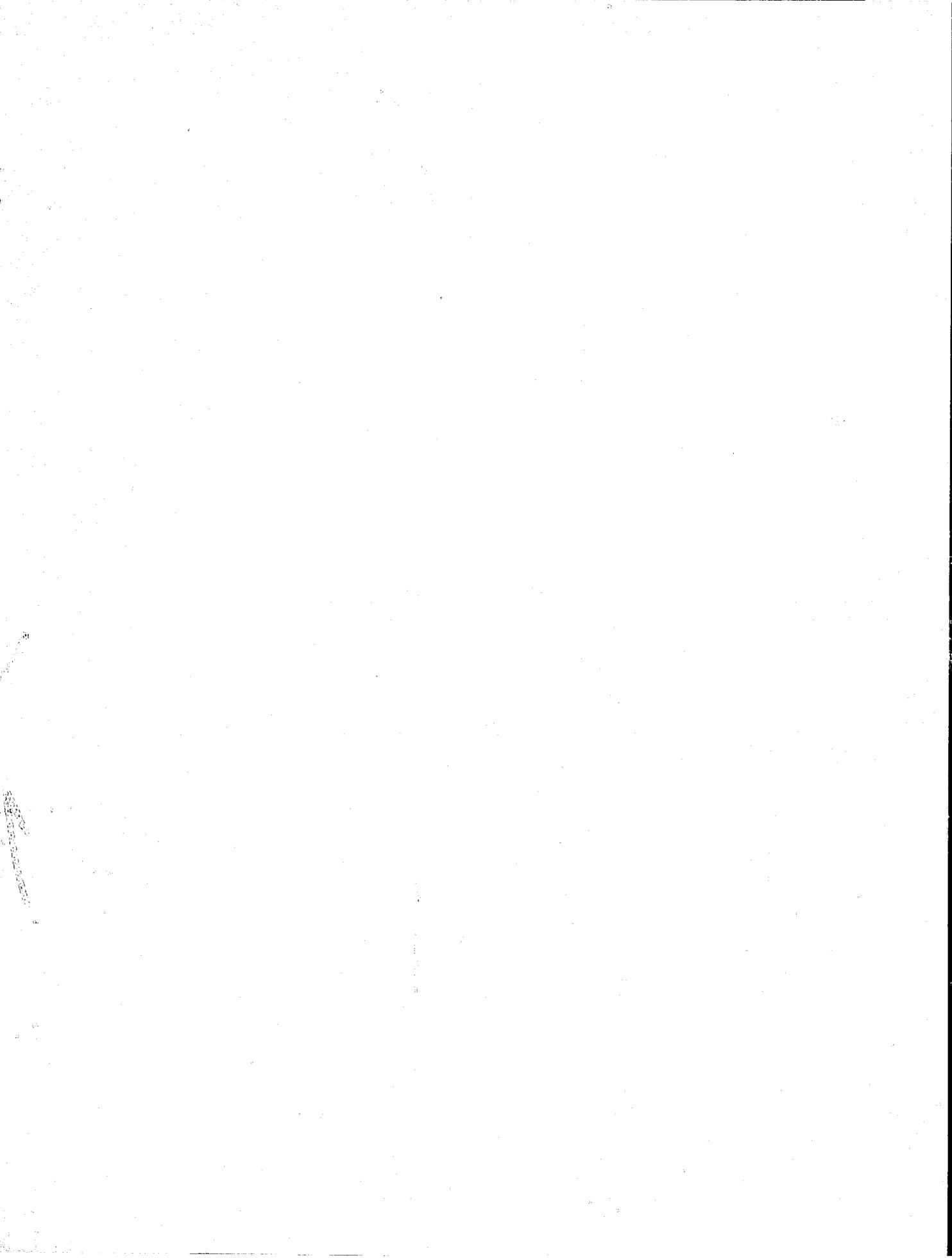
**Table 3. Georgia: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	8,266	100	3,012	100	5,250	100	4	100
Less than 3	632	8	272	9	360	7	0	0
3 less than 4	972	12	374	12	598	11	0	0
4 less than 5	471	6	186	6	285	5	0	0
5 less than 6	1,072	13	418	14	654	12	0	0
6 less than 10	1,371	17	568	19	803	15	0	0
10 less than 11	853	10	287	10	564	11	2	50
11 less than 15	473	6	150	5	322	6	1	25
15 less than 16	384	5	120	4	264	5	0	0
16 less than 20	205	2	64	2	141	3	0	0
20 less than 30	600	7	177	6	423	8	0	0
30 less than 98	110	1	31	1	79	2	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	1,123	14	365	12	757	14	1	25
Median	8.9		7.8		9.6			
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	8,266	100	3,012	100	5,250	100	4	100
Less than 6	2,110	26	834	28	1,276	24	0	0
6 less than 12	1,487	18	562	19	925	18	0	0
12 less than 18	1,193	14	435	14	758	14	0	0
18 less than 24	832	10	284	9	548	10	0	0
24 less than 30	546	7	210	7	335	6	1	25
30 less than 36	423	5	159	5	264	5	0	0
36 less than 48	537	6	176	6	359	7	2	50
48 less than 72	593	7	174	6	418	8	1	25
72 less than 120	393	5	121	4	272	5	0	0
120 or more	132	2	49	2	83	2	0	0
Not reported	20	(Z)	8	(Z)	12	(Z)	0	0
Median	14.6		13.4		15.4		39.0	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## HAWAII

In Hawaii, 311 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were being held in State-operated correctional facilities on June 30, 1973. Relative to the State's population, there were 37 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants. Persons serving time for crimes of violence made up 64 percent of the inmate population, compared to 27 percent in custody for crimes against property and 8 percent committed for crimes against public order, chiefly drug offenses. Robbery was the specific crime accounting for the largest single number of inmates. Convicted robbers numbered 80 and constituted 26 percent of the prisoner population. Those held for burglary (59) were second most numerous, followed by those imprisoned for murder (39) or for assault (28).

Persons of races other than white or black constituted 79 percent of the inmate population, whites made up 19 percent, and blacks accounted for 2 percent.<sup>1</sup> In relative terms, whites were more likely than "others" to

have been held for crimes against public order, less apt to have been serving time for crimes against property and for crimes of violence. However, relatively more whites than "others" had been confined for murder.

Of the total number of prisoners, 98 percent were males, a proportion that did not vary between whites and "others." No black females were imprisoned at the time of the census. A majority of prisoners were in their 20's, with the largest single concentration in the 5-year age group 20-24. The median age for the inmate population as a whole was 27.6 years. It was highest for white inmates (29.0 years), lowest for those of races other than white or black (27.2 years). No inmates under age 18 were reported in custody; only 12 age 50 and over were being held. Data on educational attainment were too fragmentary to be useful.

The median maximum sentence imposed for the offense leading to imprisonment, as of June 30, 1973, was 22.3 years. It was longest for whites (24.6 years), next longest for "others" (21.9 years), and shortest for blacks (10.3 years). Prisoners had been held a median of 17.3 months as of the census date. Members of races other than white or black had spent the longest time in custody (17.8 months), followed by whites (16.3 months) and blacks (6.0 months). Some 31 prisoners, or 10 percent of the total number, had been held in the State's correctional facilities for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>According to the 1970 Census, Hawaii's population was racially distributed as follows: white, 39 percent; black, 1 percent; and races other than white or black, 60 percent. Of those classified as "other," 47 percent were enumerated as Japanese and 20 percent were counted as Filipinos.

Table 1. Hawaii: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	311	100	58	100	6	100	247	100
Crimes of violence	200	64	35	60	4	67	161	65
Murder	39	13	9	16	0	0	30	12
Attempted murder	5	2	2	3	0	0	3	1
Manslaughter	13	4	0	0	0	0	13	5
Kidnaping	4	1	1	2	0	0	3	1
Rape	13	4	3	5	1	17	9	4
Statutory rape	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	2
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault: force undetermined	14	5	3	5	0	0	11	4
Robbery	80	26	12	21	1	17	67	27
Assault	28	9	5	9	2	33	21	9
Crimes against property	85	27	14	24	1	17	70	28
Burglary	59	19	9	16	1	17	49	20
Larceny	12	4	3	5	0	0	9	4
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	13	4	2	3	0	0	11	4
Arson	1	(2)	0	0	0	0	1	(2)
Stolen property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	25	8	9	16	1	17	15	6
Drug offense	14	5	6	10	1	17	7	3
Weapons offense	5	2	0	0	0	0	5	2
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	4	1	2	3	0	0	2	1
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	(2)
Other	1	(2)	0	0	0	0	1	(2)

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 2. Hawaii: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	311	100	58	100	6	100	247	100
Male	306	98	57	98	6	100	243	98
Female	5	2	1	2	0	0	4	2
<b>Age</b>								
Total	311	100	58	100	6	100	247	100
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
19	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
20-24	108	35	17	29	2	33	89	36
25-29	80	26	15	26	2	33	63	26
30-34	51	16	12	21	1	17	38	15
35-39	27	9	5	9	1	17	21	9
40-44	14	5	2	3	0	0	12	5
45-49	11	4	3	5	0	0	8	3
50 and over	12	4	4	7	0	0	8	3
Not reported	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
Median		27.6		29.0		27.5		27.2
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	311	100	58	100	6	100	247	100
Eighth grade or less	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	1	(Z)
1-3 years of high school	9	3	1	2	0	0	8	3
4 years of high school	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	1	(Z)
Any college	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not reported	300	96	57	98	6	100	237	96
Median		10.5						11.0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
 (Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 3. Hawaii: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	311	100	58	100	6	100	247	100
Less than 3	4	1	2	3	0	0	2	1
3 less than 4	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	(Z)
4 less than 5	4	1	1	2	0	0	3	1
5 less than 6	38	12	7	12	2	33	29	12
6 less than 10	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
10 less than 11	75	24	8	14	3	50	64	26
11 less than 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	7	2	0	0	0	0	7	3
16 less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	98	32	22	38	1	17	75	30
30 less than 98	60	19	12	21	0	0	48	19
98 or more, life, or death	20	6	5	9	0	0	15	6
Median	22.3		24.6		10.3		21.9	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	311	100	58	100	6	100	247	100
Less than 6	53	17	7	12	3	50	43	17
6 less than 12	54	17	12	21	1	17	41	17
12 less than 18	55	18	14	24	0	0	41	17
18 less than 24	39	13	5	9	1	17	33	13
24 less than 30	28	9	4	7	1	17	23	9
30 less than 36	16	5	3	5	0	0	13	5
36 less than 48	14	5	2	3	0	0	12	5
48 less than 72	21	7	5	9	0	0	16	6
72 less than 120	22	7	3	5	0	0	19	8
120 or more	9	3	3	5	0	0	6	2
Median	17.3		16.3		6.0		17.8	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



# IDAHO

State-operated correctional facilities in Idaho, as of June 30, 1973, held 420 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. In relation to the population of the State, there were 54 inmates per 100,000 inhabitants. Almost half of the prisoners were serving time for crimes against property, 36 percent had been sentenced for crimes of violence, and 15 percent were being held for crimes against public order. More inmates were confined for burglary than for any other offense: such inmates made up nearly one-fourth of the total. Inmates sentenced for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement were the second most numerous, followed by those convicted of drug offenses. Persons held for murder numbered 41, or 10 percent of the total; an identical number had been sentenced for robbery.

Of the total number of inmates, 86 percent were white, 13 percent were members of races other than white or black, and 1 percent were black.<sup>1</sup> Thirty-five percent of white prisoners were serving time for crimes of violence, 51 percent for crimes against property, and 13 percent for crimes against public order. The corresponding proportions among members of races other than white and black were 38 percent, 34 percent, and

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<sup>1</sup>As of 1970, Idaho's population was distributed as follows: white, 98 percent; members of races other than white or black, 2 percent; and black, less than 0.5 percent. American Indians made up 57 percent of the population classified as other than white or black.

28 percent. Thus, it was shown that members of "other" races were more likely than whites to have been sentenced for crimes against public order, less likely to have been convicted of crimes against property. Meaningful comparisons involving the black inmate population were not possible because of the small number of blacks held in State correctional facilities.

Males made up 98 percent of Idaho's prisoner population. The median age for all prisoners was 26.9 years. The largest single concentration of white inmates was in the 5-year age group 20-24; for members of "other" races it was 25-29. There were no prisoners under age 18. Only five were age 50 and over. Sixty-six percent of all inmates had terminated their formal education before receiving a high school diploma—63 percent of white prisoners and 87 percent of members of "other" races. Among the latter group of inmates, 42 percent had completed eight grades or less of schooling. All together, only 6 percent of all inmates had any college training.

Among all inmates, the median maximum sentence meted out for the offense that resulted in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 6.4 years (6.8 years for whites and 5.8 years for members of races other than white or black). At the time of the census, the median length of time served during the current imprisonment was 8.0 months; it was slightly lower for whites than any other group. Only 12 inmates, or 3 percent of the total, had been imprisoned for 6 years or longer during their current incarceration.

Table 1. Idaho: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	420	100	363	100	4	100	53	100
Crimes of violence	150	36	127	35	3	75	20	38
Murder	41	10	37	10	0	0	4	8
Attempted murder	8	2	8	2	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	14	3	7	2	2	50	5	9
Kidnaping	12	3	12	3	0	0	0	0
Rape	10	2	10	3	0	0	0	0
Statutory rape	2	(Z)	2	1	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	6	1	5	1	0	0	1	2
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	2
Robbery	41	10	35	10	1	25	5	9
Assault	13	3	9	2	0	0	4	8
Crimes against property	205	49	186	51	1	25	18	34
Burglary	95	23	83	23	0	0	12	23
Larceny	34	8	30	8	0	0	4	8
Motor vehicle theft	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	67	16	64	18	1	25	2	4
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	8	2	8	2	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	62	15	47	13	0	0	15	28
Drug offense	44	10	37	10	0	0	7	13
Weapons offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	1	2
Traffic offense	11	3	5	1	0	0	6	11
Escape or flight	5	1	4	1	0	0	1	2
Other	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 2. Idaho: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	Race								
	All races		White		Black		Other		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
<b>Sex</b>									
Total	420	100	363	100	4	100	53	100	
Male	412	98	356	98	4	100	52	98	
Female	8	2	7	2	0	0	1	2	
<b>Age</b>									
Total	420	100	363	100	4	100	53	100	
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18	8	2	6	2	1	25	1	2	
19	21	5	18	5	0	0	3	6	
20-24	148	35	133	37	2	50	13	25	
25-29	88	21	69	19	0	0	19	36	
30-34	57	14	49	13	0	0	8	15	
35-39	41	10	38	10	0	0	3	6	
40-44	22	5	18	5	0	0	4	8	
45-49	15	4	14	4	0	0	1	2	
50 and over	20	5	18	5	1	25	1	2	
Median		26.9		26.8		21.0		27.5	
<b>Highest grade completed</b>									
Total	420	100	363	100	4	100	53	100	
Eighth grade or less	105	25	82	23	1	25	22	42	
1-3 years high school	173	41	148	41	1	25	24	45	
4 years high school	118	28	111	31	2	50	5	9	
Any college	24	6	22	6	0	0	2	4	
Median		10.7		10.9		12.0		9.9	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

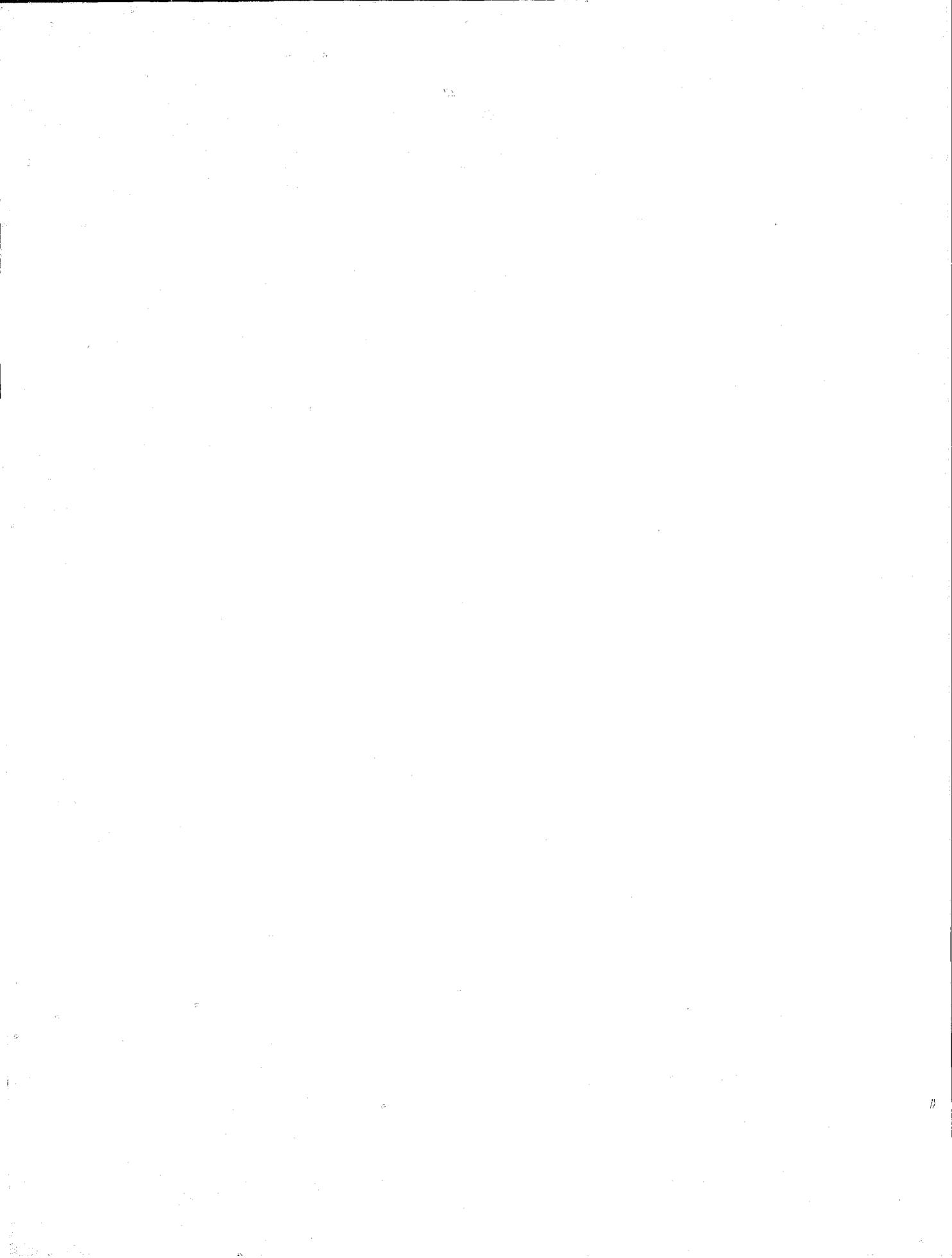
### Table 3. Idaho: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	420	100	363	100	4	100	53	100
Less than 3	32	8	25	7	0	0	7	13
3 less than 4	59	14	54	15	0	0	5	9
4 less than 5	15	4	14	4	0	0	1	2
5 less than 6	101	24	83	23	2	50	16	30
6 less than 10	34	8	28	8	1	25	5	9
10 less than 11	37	9	34	9	0	0	3	6
11 less than 15	21	5	19	5	0	0	2	4
15 less than 16	30	7	24	7	1	25	5	9
16 less than 20	7	2	5	1	0	0	2	4
20 less than 30	28	7	27	7	0	0	1	2
30 less than 98	14	3	12	3	0	0	2	4
98 or more, life, or death	42	10	38	10	0	0	4	8
Median	6.4		6.8		6.0		5.8	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	420	100	363	100	4	100	53	100
Less than 6	179	43	157	43	1	25	21	40
6 less than 12	90	21	76	21	2	50	12	23
12 less than 18	52	12	45	12	0	0	7	13
18 less than 24	28	7	24	7	1	25	3	6
24 less than 30	15	4	11	3	0	0	4	8
30 less than 36	13	3	13	4	0	0	0	0
36 less than 48	15	4	11	3	0	0	4	8
48 less than 72	16	4	15	4	0	0	1	2
72 less than 120	10	2	9	2	0	0	1	2
120 or more	2	(2)	2	1	0	0	0	0
Median	8.0		7.9		9.0		8.8	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## ILLINOIS

On June 30, 1973, correctional facilities operated by the State of Illinois held 5,611 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. The figure was equal to 50 inmates per 100,000 population. Of the total, 70 percent were serving time for crimes of violence; the remainder had been sentenced for crimes against property (24 percent), crimes against public order (5 percent), or other, miscellaneous offenses. More inmates were serving time for robbery than for any other offense: such inmates accounted for slightly more than one-fourth of the total. Prisoners convicted of burglary were the second most numerous, followed by those sentenced for murder.

Blacks made up 58 percent of all inmates; whites, 42 percent.<sup>1</sup> The number of prisoners of other races or those whose race was not reported was insubstantial. Of all white prisoners, 53 percent had been convicted of crimes of violence, whereas the corresponding proportion among black prisoners was 82 percent. In contrast, relatively more whites than blacks were serving time for

crimes against property and for crimes against public order. Almost three times as many blacks as whites were being held for robbery and for rape; about twice as many were serving time for manslaughter. Blacks held for murder, for attempted murder, and for assault outnumbered whites sentenced for these offenses. By contrast, more whites than blacks were confined for such offenses as burglary, larceny, arson, sexual assault other than rape, and forgery, fraud, or embezzlement.

Ninety-seven percent of the Illinois inmates were males. The median age for all prisoners was 27.4 years. It was 28.5 years for whites and 26.6 years for blacks. A total of 26 prisoners, or about one-half of 1 percent, were under age 18 at the time of the census; at the other extreme, 271, or about 5 percent, were age 50 and over. Data on highest grade completed were too fragmentary to permit analysis.

The median maximum sentence handed down for the offense resulting in incarceration at the time of the census was 10.1 years (9.3 years for whites and 10.4 years for blacks). As of June 30, 1973, the median length of time served since the beginning of the current imprisonment was 16.9 months. It was 16.2 for white inmates and 17.4 for black prisoners. Only 515 inmates, or 9 percent of the total, had been imprisoned for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup> Illinois' population at the time of the 1970 Census was distributed as follows: white, 86 percent; black, 13 percent, races other than white or black, 1 percent.

Table 1. Illinois: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	5,611	100	2,369	100	3,228	100	2	100	12	100
Crimes of violence	3,906	70	1,250	53	2,644	82	2	100	10	83
Murder	874	16	316	13	556	17	0	0	2	17
Attempted murder	188	3	59	2	127	4	1	50	1	8
Manslaughter	418	7	133	6	284	9	0	0	1	8
Kidnaping	86	2	49	2	37	1	0	0	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	453	8	115	5	337	10	0	0	1	8
Lewd act with child	82	1	63	3	19	1	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	28	(2)	16	1	12	(2)	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1,589	28	423	18	1,160	36	1	50	5	42
Assault	188	3	76	3	112	4	0	0	0	0
Crimes against property	1,337	24	904	38	431	13	0	0	2	17
Burglary	901	16	590	25	309	10	0	0	2	17
Larceny	276	5	198	8	78	2	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	3	(2)	2	(2)	1	(2)	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	120	2	93	4	27	1	0	0	0	0
Arson	37	1	21	1	16	(2)	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	306	5	172	7	134	4	0	0	0	0
Drug offense	213	4	135	5	98	3	0	0	0	0
Weapons offense	43	1	17	1	26	1	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	21	(2)	17	1	4	(2)	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	11	(2)	10	(2)	1	(2)	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	18	(2)	13	1	5	2	0	0	0	0
Other	61	1	43	2	18	1	0	0	0	0
Not reported	1	(2)	0	0	1	(2)	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Illinois: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	5,611	100	2,369	100	3,228	100	2	100	12	100
Male	5,459	97	2,318	98	3,127	97	2	100	12	100
Female	152	3	51	2	101	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Age</b>										
Total	5,611	100	2,369	100	3,228	100	2	100	12	100
Under 18	26	(Z)	6	(Z)	20	1	0	0	0	0
18	108	2	48	2	60	2	0	0	0	0
19	22	4	92	4	128	4	1	50	1	8
20-24	1,782	32	635	27	1,144	35	0	0	3	25
25-29	1,340	24	557	24	779	24	1	50	3	25
30-34	728	13	341	14	387	12	0	0	0	0
35-39	473	8	223	9	249	8	0	0	1	8
40-44	378	7	184	8	194	6	0	0	0	0
45-49	241	4	124	5	117	4	0	0	0	0
50 and over	271	5	141	6	130	4	0	0	0	0
Not reported	42	1	18	1	20	1	0	0	4	33
Median		27.4		28.5		26.6				25.0
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	5,611	100	2,369	100	3,228	100	2	100	12	100
Eighth grade or less	283	5	151	6	131	4	0	0	1	8
1-3 years of high school	712	13	303	13	407	13	1	50	1	8
4 years of high school	279	5	135	6	144	4	0	0	0	0
Any college	98	2	49	2	49	2	0	0	0	0
Not reported	4,239	76	1,731	73	2,497	77	1	50	10	83
Median		10.8		10.6		10.9				

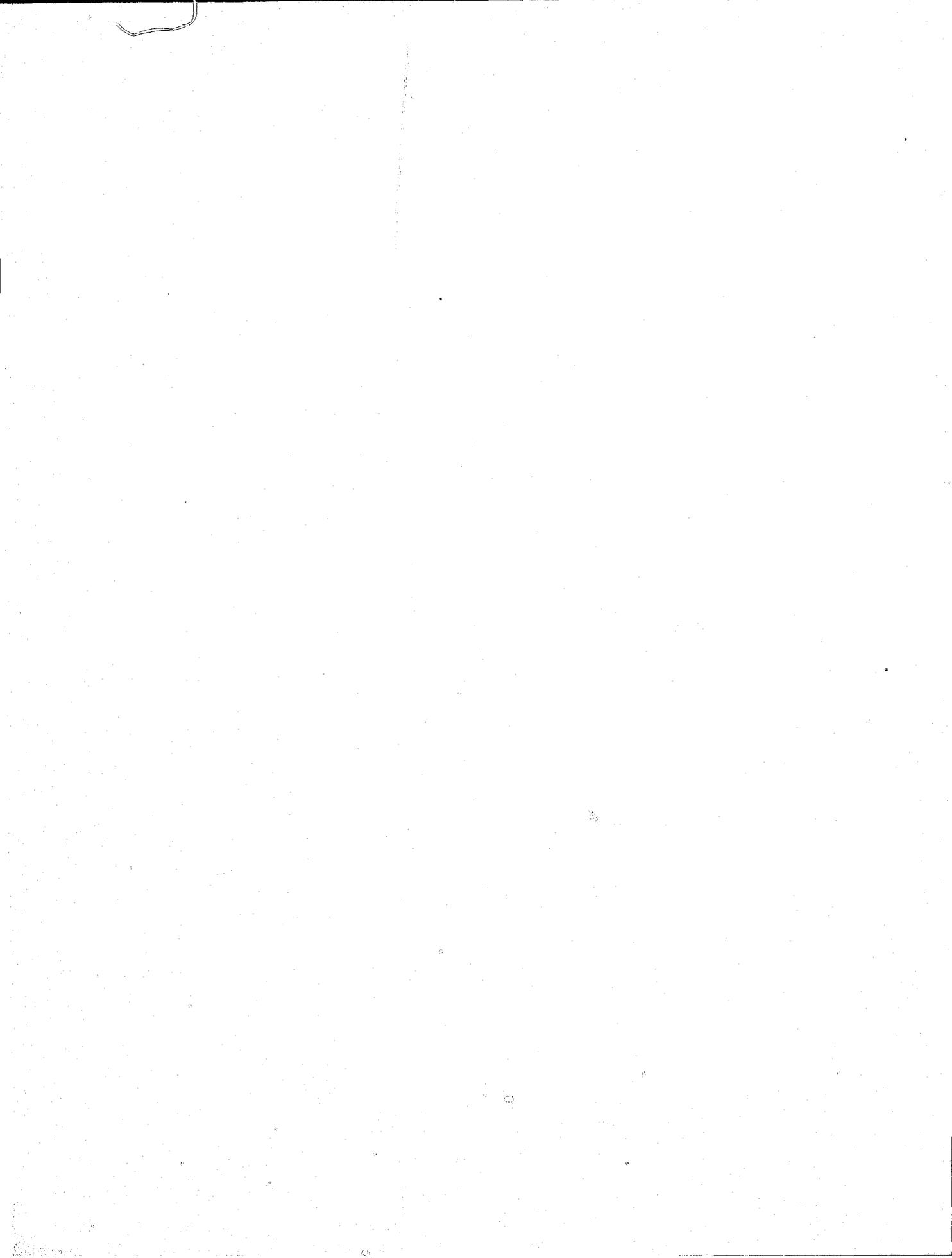
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Table 3. Illinois: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>									
Total	5,611	100	2,369	100	3,228	100	2	100	12	100
Less than 3	241	4	112	5	129	4	0	0	0	0
3 less than 4	551	10	281	12	269	8	0	0	1	8
4 less than 5	368	7	142	6	225	7	0	0	1	8
5 less than 6	630	11	302	13	326	10	1	50	1	8
6 less than 10	967	17	426	18	538	17	0	0	3	25
10 less than 11	644	11	299	13	344	11	0	0	1	8
11 less than 15	334	6	115	5	218	7	1	50	0	0
15 less than 16	296	5	95	4	199	6	0	0	2	17
16 less than 20	94	2	33	1	61	2	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	612	11	218	9	394	12	0	0	0	0
30 less than 98	760	14	289	12	469	15	0	0	2	17
98 or more, life, or death	114	2	57	2	56	2	0	0	1	8
Median	10.1		9.3		10.4				10.0	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	5,611	100	2,369	100	3,228	100	2	100	12	100
Less than 6	1,200	21	537	23	660	20	0	0	3	25
6 less than 12	956	17	407	17	544	17	2	100	3	25
12 less than 18	799	14	344	15	454	14	0	0	1	8
18 less than 24	519	9	232	10	284	9	0	0	3	25
24 less than 30	457	8	152	6	305	9	0	0	0	0
30 less than 36	263	5	100	4	162	5	0	0	1	8
36 less than 48	414	7	162	7	252	8	0	0	0	0
48 less than 72	488	9	185	8	303	9	0	0	0	0
72 less than 120	337	6	167	7	170	5	0	0	0	0
120 or more	178	3	83	4	94	3	0	0	1	8
Median	16.9		16.2		17.4				12.0	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



# INDIANA

Data for the State were imprecise. Indiana's correctional facilities held both inmates with a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day and those with lesser sentences, and official records did not always distinguish between the two groups, especially when offense data were lacking. In addition, there was an indication that some inmates may have been reported more than once under different identification numbers by different institutions. As a result, the exact number of prisoners serving sentences of at least 1 year and 1 day, as of June 30, 1973, was conjectural. The best estimate was 3,443, or 65 per 100,000 population. Even among the 3,443, however, 716 were reported as serving time for offenses other than the specific crimes tabulated for the census. Thus, any analysis of the offenses for which Indiana inmates were being held proved not to be feasible.

For all prisoners, the median maximum sentence was 10.6 years, a figure roughly the same for both whites and blacks. Time actually served, as of June 30, 1973, was reported for 3,014 inmates. Among these, the

median time served was 20.2 months; among blacks it was 22.9 months and among whites it was 17.6 months. Some 305 of the 3,014 had been confined during their current incarceration for 6 years or longer.

Of the 3,443 inmates, 58 percent were white, 41 percent were black, and 1 percent were members of races other than white or black.<sup>1</sup> Males predominated overwhelmingly, accounting for 98 percent of the total. The median age was 28.0 years. Black inmates, for whom the median age was 27.5 years, were slightly younger than their white counterparts, for whom the value was 28.4 years. Median age among members of races other than white or black was 24.5 years. Of the total number of prisoners, only 26, a majority of them white, were under age 18; 243 were age 50 and over. No data on educational attainment were reported.

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<sup>1</sup>At the time of the 1970 Census, the State's population was divided as follows: white, 93 percent; black, 7 percent; races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Indiana: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	3,443	100	1,986	100	1,427	100	30	100
Crimes of violence	1,710	50	895	45	802	56	13	43
Murder	366	11	222	11	141	10	3	10
Attempted murder	35	1	19	1	16	1	0	0
Manslaughter	156	5	72	4	81	6	3	10
Kidnaping	37	1	25	1	12	1	0	0
Rape	181	5	124	6	56	4	1	3
Statutory rape	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	27	1	23	1	4	(Z)	0	0
Robbery	695	20	302	15	390	27	3	10
Assault	208	6	103	5	102	7	3	10
Crimes against property	635	18	442	22	187	13	6	20
Burglary	268	8	193	10	72	8	3	10
Larceny	194	6	121	6	71	5	2	7
Motor vehicle theft	33	1	28	1	5	(Z)	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	109	3	84	4	25	2	0	0
Arson	22	1	12	1	9	1	1	3
Stolen property	9	(Z)	4	(Z)	5	(Z)	0	0
Crimes against public order	374	11	167	8	202	14	5	17
Drug offense	181	5	69	4	109	8	3	10
Weapons offense	134	4	54	3	79	6	1	3
Commercialized sex	3	(Z)	1	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0
Other sex offense	15	(Z)	9	(Z)	6	(Z)	0	0
Traffic offense	2	(Z)	0	0	2	(Z)	0	0
Escape or flight	39	1	34	2	4	(Z)	1	3
Other	716	21	475	24	235	17	6	20
Not reported	8	(Z)	7	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Indiana: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	3,443	100	1,986	100	1,427	100	30	100
Male	3,358	98	1,943	98	1,386	97	29	97
Female	85	2	43	2	41	3	1	3
<b>Age</b>								
Total	3,443	100	1,986	100	1,427	100	30	100
Under 18	26	1	19	1	7	(Z)	0	0
18	70	2	43	2	25	2	2	7
19	104	3	60	3	44	3	0	0
20-24	1,026	30	560	28	452	32	14	47
25-29	799	23	440	22	356	25	3	10
30-34	478	14	265	13	208	15	5	17
35-39	289	8	178	9	110	8	1	3
40-44	221	6	140	7	80	6	1	3
45-49	158	5	104	5	53	4	1	3
50 and over	243	7	161	8	80	6	2	7
Not reported	29	1	16	1	12	1	1	3
Median		28.0		28.4		27.5		24.5
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	3,443	100	1,986	100	1,427	100	30	100
Eighth grade or less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-3 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any college	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not reported	3,443	100	1,986	100	1,427	100	30	100

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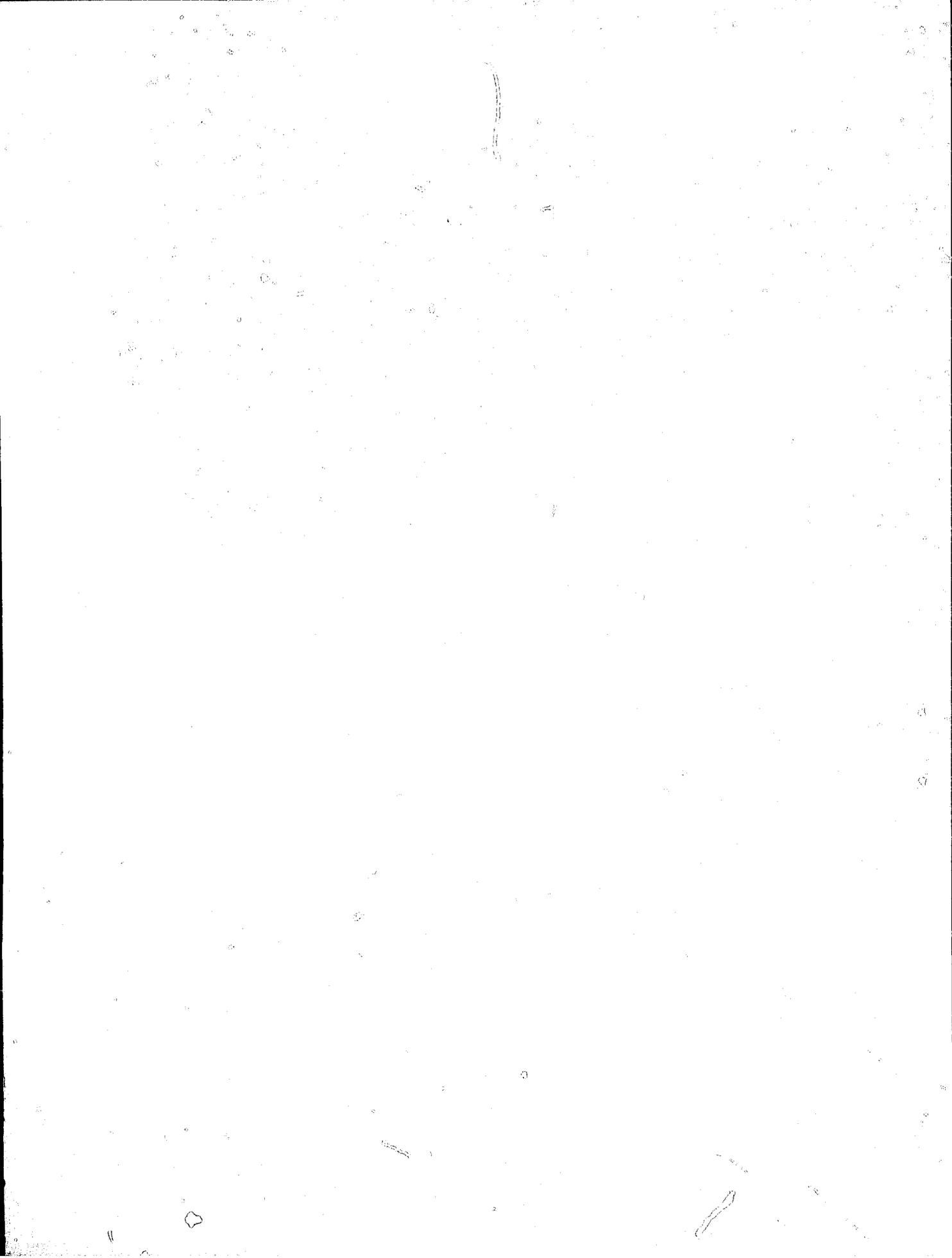
**Table 3. Indiana: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	3,443	100	1,986	100	1,427	100	30	100
Less than 3	47	1	23	1	22	2	2	7
3 less than 4	38	1	20	1	18	1	0	0
4 less than 5	9	(Z)	6	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0
5 less than 6	797	23	548	28	241	12	8	27
6 less than 10	53	2	32	2	21	1	0	0
10 less than 11	1,218	35	645	32	561	28	12	40
11 less than 15	215	6	141	7	74	4	0	0
15 less than 16	21	1	11	1	10	1	0	0
16 less than 20	9	(Z)	1	(Z)	7	(Z)	1	3
20 less than 30	647	19	313	16	328	17	6	20
30 less than 98	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	386	11	243	12	142	7	1	3
Median	10.6		10.6		10.7		10.4	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	3,443	100	1,986	100	1,427	100	30	100
Less than 6	826	24	538	27	279	20	9	30
6 less than 12	191	6	114	6	74	5	3	10
12 less than 18	375	11	225	11	147	10	3	10
18 less than 24	376	9	155	8	161	11	0	0
24 less than 30	222	6	105	5	113	8	4	13
30 less than 36	157	5	81	4	76	5	0	0
36 less than 48	279	8	146	7	131	9	2	7
48 less than 72	343	10	174	9	165	12	4	13
72 less than 120	164	5	103	5	61	4	0	0
120 or more	141	4	84	4	56	4	1	3
Not reported	429	12	261	13	164	11	4	13
Median	20.2		17.6		22.9		14.0	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

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# IOWA

A total of 1,409 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were being held in Iowa's State-operated correctional facilities as of June 30, 1973. In relation to the population of the State, there were 49 such prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants. Some 56 percent of the inmates were serving time for crimes against property, 32 percent had been sentenced for crimes of violence, 11 percent had been convicted of crimes against public order, and 2 percent were in custody for other, miscellaneous offenses. Persons convicted of burglary were most numerous among the inmates, totaling 321, or 23 percent of all prisoners. They were followed, in order, by those sentenced for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement (234); robbery (176); larceny (126); or murder (124).

Whites constituted 79 percent of the inmate population; blacks, 19 percent; and members of races other than white or black, 2 percent.<sup>1</sup> In proportion to their numbers, blacks or members of "other" races were more likely than whites to have been sentenced for crimes of violence. Thus, 49 percent of the blacks and 44 percent of the members of "other" races had been convicted of crimes of violence, whereas the proportion among whites was 27 percent. Relatively more blacks than whites also were serving time for crimes against public order,

especially drug offenses. Whites, on the other hand, were most likely to have been sentenced for crimes against property.

Males accounted for 95 percent of Iowa's prisoner population, 96 percent of the white inmate population and 91 percent of the black. The median age, 27.2 years for all prisoners, was higher for whites (27.4 years) than for blacks (25.9 years); it was highest of all for members of races other than white or black (28.4 years). Four inmates were under age 18 at the time of the census. Seventy-nine, or roughly 6 percent, were age 50 and over. Of the total inmate population, 69 percent had not completed high school, the proportion varying only slightly when race was considered. However, relatively fewer blacks than whites or members of "other" races had terminated their formal schooling at the time of or before completing the eighth grade. All together, only 4 percent had had any college training. The proportion was 3 percent for whites, 9 percent for blacks, and 4 percent for members of "other" races.

For all inmates, the median maximum sentence meted out for the offense resulting in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 10.5 years. It was 10.4 years for whites, 10.7 for blacks, and 10.5 for members of races other than white or black. At the time of the census, the median length of time served during the current imprisonment was 13.2 months; it was 13.9 months for whites, 11.5 for blacks, and 11.0 for members of "other" races. Only 6 percent of the inmates, the overwhelming majority of whom were white, had been confined for 6 years or longer during their current incarceration.

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<sup>1</sup>Iowa's population at the time of the 1970 Census was distributed as follows: white, 99 percent; black, 1 percent; members of races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Iowa: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,409	100	1,112	100	269	100	27	100	1	100
Crimes of violence	445	32	302	27	131	49	12	44	0	0
Murder	124	9	80	7	42	16	2	7	0	0
Attempted murder	16	1	9	1	7	3	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	25	2	20	2	4	1	1	4	0	0
Kidnaping	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	33	2	27	2	6	2	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	13	1	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	20	1	16	1	3	1	1	4	0	0
Robbery	176	12	111	10	60	22	5	19	0	0
Assault	36	3	24	2	9	3	3	11	0	0
Crimes against property	786	56	690	62	81	30	14	52	1	100
Burglary	321	23	284	26	32	12	5	19	0	0
Larceny	126	9	107	10	14	5	5	19	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	76	5	69	6	5	2	2	7	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	234	17	205	18	27	10	1	4	1	100
Arson	6	(Z)	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	23	2	19	2	3	1	1	4	0	0
Crimes against public order	148	11	98	9	50	19	0	0	0	0
Drug offense	90	6	55	5	35	13	0	0	0	0
Weapons offense	27	2	17	2	10	4	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	2	(Z)	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	13	1	12	1	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	10	1	9	1	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	6	(Z)	5	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Other	30	2	22	2	7	3	1	4	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.  
 (Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Iowa: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex										
Total	1,409	100	1,112	100	269	100	27	100	1	100
Male	1,342	95	1,070	96	245	91	26	96	1	100
Female	67	5	42	4	24	9	1	4	0	0
Age										
Total	1,409	100	1,112	100	269	100	27	100	1	100
Under 18	4	(Z)	3	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
18	11	1	7	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
19	43	3	32	3	11	4	0	0	0	0
20-24	500	35	387	35	107	40	6	22	0	0
25-29	335	24	260	23	64	24	11	41	0	0
30-34	174	12	146	13	23	9	5	19	0	0
35-39	117	8	93	8	20	7	4	15	0	0
40-44	79	6	66	6	12	4	1	4	0	0
45-49	64	5	50	4	14	5	0	0	0	0
50 and over	79	6	66	6	13	5	0	0	0	0
Not reported	3	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0	1	100
Median		27.2		27.4		25.9		28.4		
Highest grade completed										
Total	1,409	100	1,112	100	269	100	27	100	1	100
Fifth grade or less	335	24	293	26	34	13	7	26	1	100
1-3 years of high school	644	46	476	43	156	58	12	44	0	0
4 years of high school	358	25	297	27	54	20	7	26	0	0
Any college	58	4	34	3	23	9	1	4	0	0
Not reported	14	1	12	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Median		10.6		10.4		11.0		10.9		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
 (Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 3. Iowa: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**  
(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	1,409	100	1,112	100	269	100	27	100	1	100
Less than 3	44	3	36	3	8	3	0	0	0	0
3 less than 4	25	2	18	2	6	2	1	4	0	0
4 less than 5	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	255	18	205	18	43	16	7	26	0	0
6 less than 10	107	8	103	9	4	1	0	0	0	0
10 less than 11	606	43	489	44	104	39	12	44	1	100
11 less than 15	36	3	32	3	4	1	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	22	2	18	2	3	1	1	4	0	0
16 less than 20	5	(Z)	5	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	167	12	111	10	53	20	3	11	0	0
30 less than 98	81	6	56	5	22	8	3	11	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	60	4	38	3	22	8	0	0	0	0
Median	10.5		10.4		10.7		10.5			
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	1,409	100	1,112	100	269	100	27	100	1	100
Less than 6	305	22	224	20	75	28	6	22	0	0
6 less than 12	359	25	286	26	64	24	9	33	0	0
12 less than 18	198	14	142	13	49	18	6	22	1	100
18 less than 24	157	11	128	12	29	11	0	0	0	0
24 less than 30	64	5	49	4	14	5	1	4	0	0
30 less than 36	76	5	64	6	10	4	2	7	0	0
36 less than 48	82	6	71	6	9	3	2	7	0	0
48 less than 72	85	6	72	6	12	4	1	4	0	0
72 less than 120	45	3	40	4	5	2	0	0	0	0
120 or more	35	2	33	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Not reported	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Median	13.2		13.9		11.5		11.0			

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



# KANSAS

As of June 30, 1973, a total of 1,548 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were confined in correctional facilities under the jurisdiction of the State of Kansas. The figure was equal to 68 inmates per 100,000 population. Almost half of the prisoner population were serving time for crimes of violence, compared with 42 percent who had been sentenced for crimes against property and 8 percent who had been convicted of crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses. Burglary was the most common crime for which persons had been imprisoned, followed by robbery, murder, and forgery, fraud, or embezzlement. Inmates serving time for burglary made up 23 percent of the prisoner population. Corresponding proportions for robbery, murder, and forgery, fraud, or embezzlement were 22 percent, 11 percent, and 9 percent.

The inmate population was composed of 999 whites (64 percent), 490 blacks (32 percent), and 59 members of races other than white or black (4 percent).<sup>1</sup> Blacks were more likely than whites or members of "other" races to have been sentenced for crimes of violence, and they were less likely to have been serving time for crimes against property. The largest single number of black inmates were being held for robbery, whereas the largest single number of white or of "other" inmates were confined for burglary. Despite being outnumbered by about two to one in the total prisoner population, blacks

serving time for rape and for robbery were more numerous than whites convicted of these same offenses.

Ninety-seven percent of the Kansas inmates were males, a proportion that did not vary by race. For all prisoners, the median age was 27.6 years. It was slightly lower for blacks (27.1 years) than for whites (27.9 years), and it was lowest of all for members of races other than white or black (26.1 years). Irrespective of race, the largest single number of inmates were in the 5-year age group 20-24. Twenty-one inmates, or 1 percent, were under age 18 at the time of the census. At the other extreme, 88, or 6 percent, were age 50 and over. Of the total number of inmates, 71 percent had terminated their formal schooling before receiving a high school diploma. Included among these were 24 percent who at best had obtained an eighth grade education. Only 5 percent had had any college training. The median level of educational attainment, 10.8 years, did not differ substantially by race.

Because one-fifth of all Kansas inmates had received sentences of life imprisonment or 98 or more years, the median sentence length for the offense resulting in incarceration as of June 30, 1973, was relatively long—20.7 years. It was substantially higher for blacks (25.8 years) than for whites (15.0 years) or members of "other" races (15.6 years). A higher proportion of black than white inmates had received sentences of life imprisonment or 98 years or more. In terms of time actually served for the current offense, blacks had spent longer periods in prison than either whites or members of "other" races. Median time served for blacks was 16.8 months; it was 12.4 months for whites and 12.7 for members of races other than whites or blacks. Nine percent of the total number of inmates had been confined for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of Kansas' population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 94 percent; black, 5 percent; and members of races other than whites or blacks, 1 percent. Of the total number of members of "other" races, American Indians accounted for almost 50 percent.

Table 1. Kansas: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,548	100	999	100	490	100	59	100
Crimes of violence	754	49	400	40	329	67	25	42
Murder	165	11	106	11	56	11	3	5
Attempted murder	16	1	8	1	7	1	1	2
Manslaughter	45	3	23	2	20	4	2	3
Kidnaping	38	2	24	2	13	3	1	2
Rape	50	3	21	2	23	5	6	10
Statutory rape	7	(2)	4	(2)	3	1	0	0
Lewd act with child	20	1	17	2	3	1	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	343	22	162	16	172	35	9	15
Assault	70	5	35	4	32	7	3	5
Crimes against property	654	42	499	50	127	26	28	47
Burglary	361	23	266	27	79	16	16	27
Larceny	121	8	82	8	35	7	4	7
Motor vehicle theft	14	1	10	1	3	1	1	2
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	145	9	132	13	8	2	5	8
Arson	8	1	6	1	2	(2)	0	0
Stolen property	5	(2)	3	(2)	0	0	2	3
Crimes against public order	122	8	89	9	28	6	5	8
Drug offense	92	6	67	7	21	4	4	7
Weapons offense	13	1	7	1	5	1	1	2
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	9	1	8	1	1	(2)	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	8	1	7	1	1	(2)	0	0
Other	18	1	11	1	6	1	1	2

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 2. Kansas: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	1,548	100	999	100	490	100	59	100
Male	1,504	97	973	97	474	97	57	97
Female	41	3	23	2	16	3	2	3
Not reported	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
<b>Age</b>								
Total	1,548	100	999	100	490	100	59	100
Under 18	21	1	10	1	11	2	0	0
18	39	3	29	3	9	2	1	2
19	83	5	52	5	25	5	6	10
20-24	456	29	284	28	153	31	19	32
25-29	333	22	207	21	110	22	16	27
30-34	218	14	130	13	82	17	6	10
35-39	126	8	91	9	33	7	2	3
40-44	101	7	72	7	24	5	5	8
45-49	74	5	51	5	22	4	1	2
50 and over	88	6	65	7	20	4	3	5
Not reported	9	1	8	1	1	(Z)	0	0
Median		27.6		27.9		27.1		26.1
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	1,548	100	999	100	490	100	59	100
Eighth grade or less	372	24	267	27	92	19	13	22
1-3 years of high school	726	47	425	43	269	55	32	54
Some high school (years unreported)	3	(Z)	1	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0
4 years of high school	367	24	249	25	107	22	11	19
Any college	73	5	51	5	19	4	3	5
Not reported	7	(Z)	6	1	1	(Z)	0	0
Median		10.8		10.7		10.9		10.4

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(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

### Table 3. Kansas: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	1,548	100	999	100	490	100	59	100
Less than 3	5	(Z)	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
3 less than 4	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
4 less than 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	128	8	89	9	37	8	2	3
6 less than 10	8	1	6	1	2	(Z)	0	0
10 less than 11	521	34	391	39	107	22	23	39
11 less than 15	9	1	7	1	2	(Z)	0	0
15 less than 16	71	5	46	5	18	4	7	12
16 less than 20	5	(Z)	3	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	2
20 less than 30	366	24	213	21	133	27	20	34
30 less than 98	118	8	72	7	45	9	1	2
98 or more, life, or death	315	20	166	17	144	29	5	8
Median	20.7		15.0		25.8		15.6	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	1,548	100	999	100	490	100	59	100
Less than 6	461	30	326	33	119	24	16	27
6 less than 12	253	16	166	17	75	15	12	20
12 less than 18	199	13	122	12	64	13	13	22
18 less than 24	109	7	74	7	33	7	2	3
24 less than 30	96	6	53	5	41	8	2	3
30 less than 36	73	5	52	5	19	4	2	3
36 less than 48	104	7	59	6	41	8	4	7
48 less than 72	117	8	66	7	47	10	4	7
72 less than 120	89	6	50	5	36	7	3	5
120 or more	47	3	31	3	15	3	1	2
Median	13.8		12.4		16.8		12.7	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



# KENTUCKY

Kentucky's correctional facilities, as of June 30, 1973, housed 2,906 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day, a figure providing an inmate-to-population ratio of 87 per 100,000. Fifty-five percent of the prisoners were confined for crimes of violence, 38 percent were held for crimes against property, 6 percent were serving time for crimes against public order, principally drug offenses, and 1 percent had been convicted of other, miscellaneous crimes. More inmates were serving time for burglary than any other crime: such prisoners accounted for 22 percent of the total. Inmates sentenced for robbery were the second most numerous, followed, in order, by those held for murder, manslaughter, or forgery, fraud, or embezzlement.

Racially, whites made up 72 percent of the prisoner population; blacks, 27 percent; and members of races other than white or black persons whose race was unreported, 1 percent.<sup>1</sup> Fifty-two percent of the white inmates, compared with 62 percent of the black inmates, were serving time for crimes of violence. For crimes against property, the proportions were 42 percent and 29 percent, respectively; for crimes against public order, they were 5 percent and 9 percent. Relatively more blacks than whites had been sentenced for the specific crimes of manslaughter, rape, robbery, or drug offenses.

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<sup>1</sup>The racial distribution of Kentucky's population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 93 percent; black, 7 percent; races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Whites, on the other hand, were more likely to have been convicted of murder, attempted murder, burglary, larceny, weapons offenses, or forgery, fraud, or embezzlement. Too few persons of races other than white or black were reported to make meaningful comment on that group.

All but 3 percent of Kentucky's inmates were male. Although females constituted a larger share of the black inmate population than of the white, the difference was not great. The black inmate population also was slightly younger than its white counterpart, the difference in median age being 1.6 years. For all prisoners, the median age was 28.2 years. Only 1 percent of the prisoner population, as of June 30, 1973, was under age 18; 8 percent were age 50 or over. On the whole, blacks held in Kentucky's correctional facilities had had about 1 years' more schooling than whites. Nonetheless, 80 percent of the inmates, a proportion identical for both whites and blacks, lacked a high school diploma. White inmates were more likely than black inmates to have terminated their formal schooling at the time of or before finishing the eighth grade. Three percent of the prisoner population had attended college.

For the offense that resulted in their imprisonment, at the time of the census, the median maximum sentence handed down was 9.7 years. It was 2 years longer for blacks (10.4 years) than for whites (8.4 years). The median length of time actually served at the time of the census was 14.0 months (14.3 months for whites and 12.8 months for blacks). Only 244 inmates, or 8 percent of the total, had served 6 years or longer.

Table 1. Kentucky: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,906	100	2,104	100	783	100	8	100	11	100
Crimes of violence	1,588	55	1,089	52	486	62	6	75	7	64
Murder	283	10	211	10	70	9	2	25	0	0
Attempted murder	99	3	75	4	23	3	0	0	1	9
Manslaughter	280	10	179	9	99	13	0	0	2	18
Kidnaping	34	1	24	1	9	1	1	13	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	187	6	126	6	59	8	0	0	2	18
Lewd act with child	4	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault: force undetermined	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Robbery	598	21	400	19	195	25	1	13	2	18
Assault	101	3	69	3	30	4	2	25	0	0
Crimes against property	1,108	38	877	42	226	29	1	13	4	36
Burglary	640	22	506	24	130	17	0	0	4	36
Larceny	143	5	113	5	30	4	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	77	3	56	3	21	3	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	193	7	158	8	34	4	1	13	0	0
Arson	26	1	21	1	5	1	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	29	1	23	1	6	1	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	170	6	102	5	68	9	0	0	0	0
Drug offense	120	4	63	3	57	7	0	0	0	0
Weapons offense	16	1	15	1	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	32	1	23	1	9	1	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Other	40	1	36	2	3	(Z)	1	13	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Kentucky: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	2,906	100	2,104	100	783	100	8	100	11	100
Male	2,814	97	2,045	97	751	96	8	100	10	91
Female	86	3	55	3	30	4	0	0	1	9
Not reported	6	(Z)	4	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
<b>Age</b>										
Total	2,906	100	2,104	100	783	100	8	100	11	100
Under 18	31	1	20	1	11	1	0	0	0	0
18	89	3	59	3	30	4	0	0	0	0
19	119	4	76	4	42	5	0	0	1	9
20-24	804	28	567	27	235	30	1	13	1	9
25-29	592	20	429	20	156	20	4	50	3	27
30-34	373	13	271	13	98	13	2	25	2	18
35-39	248	9	192	9	56	7	0	0	0	0
40-44	205	7	162	8	43	5	0	0	0	0
45-49	151	5	116	6	34	4	1	13	0	0
50 and over	230	8	176	8	53	7	0	0	1	9
Not reported	64	2	36	2	25	3	0	0	3	27
Median		28.2		28.6		27.0		28.8		28.3
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	2,906	100	2,104	100	783	100	8	100	11	100
Eighth grade or less	1,308	45	1,108	53	195	25	1	13	4	36
1-3 years of high school	1,007	35	569	27	428	55	5	63	5	45
Some high school (years unreported)	5	(Z)	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	481	17	340	16	138	18	1	13	2	18
Any college	82	3	66	3	15	2	1	13	0	0
Not reported	23	1	17	1	6	1	0	0	0	0
Median		9.3		8.9		10.2		10.5		11.1

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
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Table 2. Kentucky: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	2,906	100	2,104	100	783	100	8	100	11	100
Male	2,814	97	2,045	97	751	96	8	100	10	91
Female	86	3	55	3	30	4	0	0	1	9
Not reported	6	(Z)	4	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
<b>Age</b>										
Total	2,906	100	2,104	100	783	100	8	100	11	100
Under 18	31	1	20	1	11	1	0	0	0	0
18	89	3	59	3	30	4	0	0	0	0
19	119	4	76	4	42	5	0	0	1	9
20-24	804	28	567	27	235	30	1	13	1	9
25-29	592	20	429	20	156	20	4	50	3	27
30-34	373	13	271	13	98	13	2	25	2	18
35-39	248	9	192	9	56	7	0	0	0	0
40-44	205	7	162	8	43	5	0	0	0	0
45-49	151	5	116	6	34	4	1	13	0	0
50 and over	230	8	176	8	53	7	0	0	1	9
Not reported	64	2	36	2	25	3	0	0	3	27
Median		28.2		28.6		27.0		28.8		28.3
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	2,906	100	2,104	100	783	100	8	100	11	100
Eighth grade or less	1,308	45	1,108	53	195	25	1	13	4	36
1-3 years of high school	1,007	35	569	27	428	55	5	63	5	45
Some high school (years unreported)	5	(Z)	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	481	17	340	16	138	18	1	13	2	18
Any college	82	3	66	3	15	2	1	13	0	0
Not reported	23	1	17	1	6	1	0	0	0	0
Median		9.3		8.9		10.2		10.5		11.1

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
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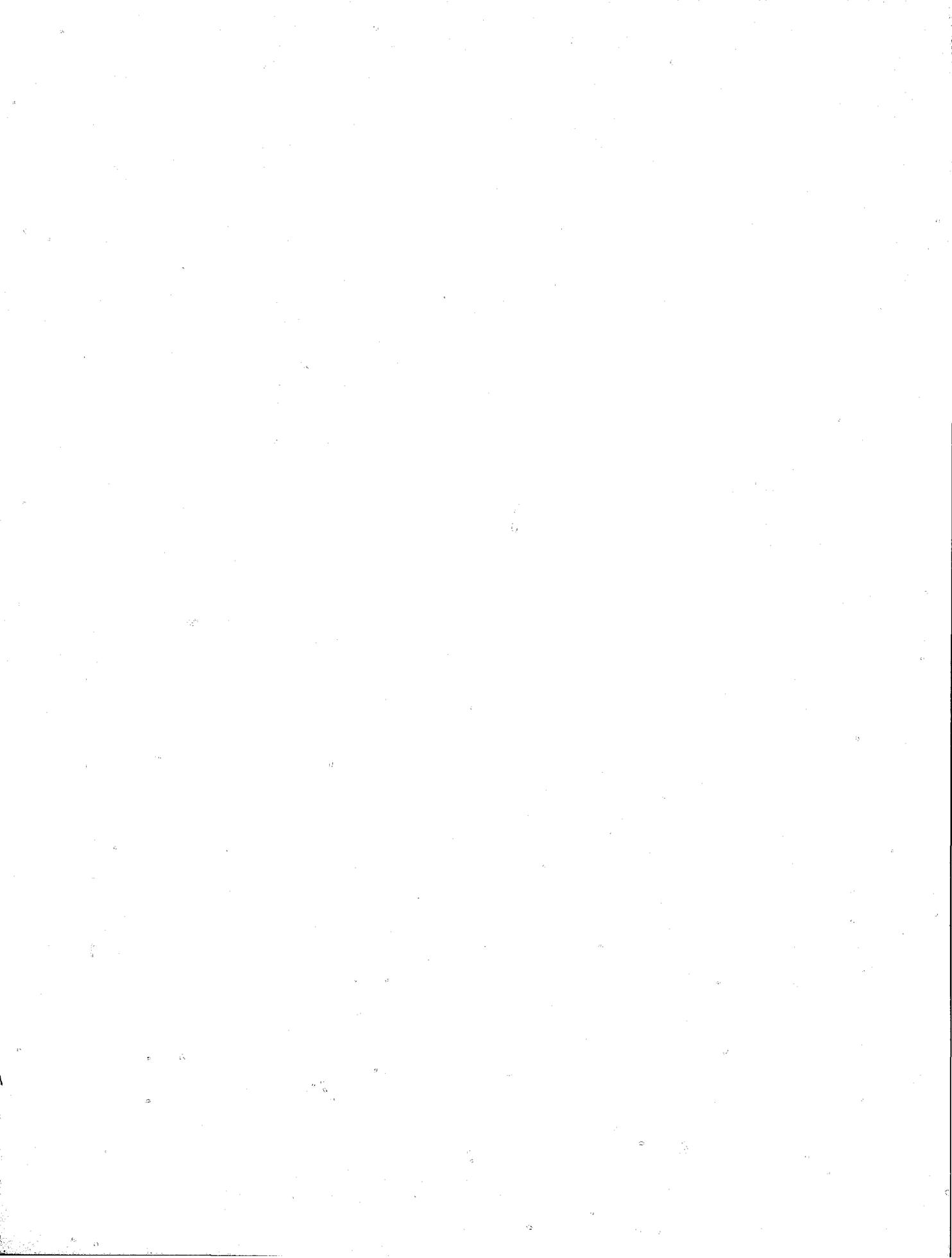
### Table 3. Kentucky: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	2,906	100	2,104	100	783	100	8	100	11	100
Less than 3	592	20	457	22	131	17	1	13	3	27
3 less than 4	221	8	149	7	71	9	0	0	1	9
4 less than 5	103	4	81	4	22	3	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	348	12	267	13	79	10	2	25	0	0
6 less than 10	202	7	166	8	35	4	0	0	1	9
10 less than 11	377	13	244	12	131	17	0	0	2	18
11 less than 15	80	3	65	3	14	2	1	13	0	0
15 less than 16	134	5	88	4	45	6	1	13	0	0
16 less than 20	46	2	35	2	11	1	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	286	10	193	9	92	12	0	0	1	9
30 less than 98	52	2	29	1	21	3	2	25	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	465	16	330	16	131	17	1	13	3	27
Median		9.7		8.4		10.4		15.0		10.3
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	2,906	100	2,104	100	783	100	8	100	11	100
Less than 6	834	29	599	28	229	29	1	13	5	45
6 less than 12	481	17	332	16	149	19	0	0	0	0
12 less than 18	409	14	313	15	94	12	1	13	1	9
18 less than 24	199	7	134	6	63	8	0	0	2	18
24 less than 30	206	7	157	7	48	6	0	0	1	9
30 less than 36	152	5	109	5	42	5	1	13	0	0
36 less than 48	200	7	148	7	50	6	2	25	0	0
48 less than 72	176	6	131	6	44	6	1	13	0	0
72 less than 120	129	4	99	5	27	3	2	25	1	9
120 or more	115	4	78	4	36	5	0	0	1	9
Not reported	5	(Z)	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Median		14.0		14.3		12.8		42.0		15.0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



# LOUISIANA

State-operated correctional facilities in Louisiana held 3,617 inmates, as of June 30, 1973, who had been sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. In relation to the population of the State, there were 97 inmates per 100,000 inhabitants. Of the total number of inmates, 61 percent were confined for crimes of violence, 30 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 8 percent were being held for crimes against public order, chiefly drug offenses, and 1 percent had been sentenced for other, miscellaneous crimes. Robbery was the offense for which the largest single number of inmates had been convicted. Inmates serving time for robbery numbered 948, or 26 percent of all prisoners. They were followed by those sentenced for burglary (835), manslaughter (444), murder (314), or rape (286).

In terms of racial composition, Louisiana's prisoner population was almost the exact opposite of the State's population. As of June 30, 1973, blacks comprised 71 percent of the inmate population, and whites made up 29 percent.<sup>1</sup> No persons of races other than white or black were reported as imprisoned, although racial identification was lacking on 10 prisoners. More than three times as many blacks as whites were serving time for crimes of violence; about three-fifths more were held for crimes against property and crimes against public order. In fact, of the specific offenses reported for

Louisiana prisoners, whites outnumbered blacks only among those sentenced for kidnaping, larceny, commercialized sex, or traffic offenses. In relative terms, blacks were much more likely than whites to have been serving time for crimes of violence, whereas the reverse was true with respect to crimes against property and crimes against public order.

Males comprised 97 percent of the prisoner population, a proportion that did not differ between white and black inmates. The median age for all prisoners was 27.7 years; white inmates (28.8 years) were somewhat older than their black counterparts (27.3 years). Only 18 inmates, or less than 0.5 percent of the total, were under age 18 at the time of the census; all but 4 were black. At the other extreme, 175 prisoners, or 5 percent, were age 50 and over. The median number of grades completed was 10.1, a figure that did not vary much between whites and blacks. Eighty percent of the total number of those imprisoned lacked a high school diploma, including 34 percent who at best had not progressed beyond the eighth grade. Four percent of the inmates (8 percent of the whites and 2 percent of the blacks) had some college training.

Among all inmates, the median sentence meted out for the offense resulting in imprisonment at the time of the census was 10.2 years. Blacks had received longer sentences than whites, the respective values being 10.6 years and 8.9 years. At the time of the census, the median length of time actually served was 14.5 months. Blacks had served 15.7 months; whites, 10.9 months. Some 7 percent of all inmates had been held 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>At the time of the 1970 Census, Louisiana's population, distributed by race, was as follows: white, 70 percent; black, 30 percent; races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Louisiana: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	3,617	100	1,035	100	2,572	100	10	100
Crimes of violence	2,190	61	501	48	1,681	65	8	80
Murder	314	9	90	9	222	9	2	20
Attempted murder	97	3	27	3	70	3	0	0
Manslaughter	444	12	109	11	335	13	2	20
Kidnaping	21	1	11	1	10	(Z)	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	286	8	54	5	231	9	1	10
Lewd act with child	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	948	26	189	18	758	29	1	10
Assault	76	2	20	2	54	2	2	20
Crimes against property	1,088	30	419	40	667	26	2	20
Burglary	835	23	302	29	531	21	2	20
Larceny	137	4	69	7	68	3	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	68	2	30	3	38	1	0	0
Arson	12	(Z)	4	(Z)	8	(Z)	0	0
Stolen property	32	1	13	1	19	1	0	0
Crimes against public order	307	8	110	11	197	8	0	0
Drug offense	268	7	93	9	175	7	0	0
Weapons offense	1	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)	0	0
Commercialized sex	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	17	(Z)	8	1	9	(Z)	0	0
Traffic offense	9	(Z)	5	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0
Escape or flight	10	(Z)	2	(Z)	8	(Z)	0	0
Other	32	1	5	(Z)	27	1	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 2. Louisiana: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	Race								
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
<b>Sex</b>									
Total	3,617	100	1,035	100	2,572	100	10	100	
Male	3,511	97	1,003	97	2,498	97	10	100	
Female	106	3	32	3	74	3	0	0	
<b>Age</b>									
Total	3,617	100	1,035	100	2,572	100	10	100	
Under 18	18	(Z)	4	(Z)	14	1	0	0	
18	101	3	25	2	76	3	0	0	
19	143	4	44	4	99	4	0	0	
20-24	1,029	28	245	24	784	30	0	0	
25-29	899	25	252	24	635	25	2	20	
30-34	578	16	162	16	413	16	3	30	
35-39	295	8	94	9	199	8	2	20	
40-44	200	6	64	6	135	5	1	10	
45-49	126	3	56	5	70	3	0	0	
50 and over	175	5	69	7	105	4	1	10	
Not reported	63	2	20	2	42	2	1	10	
Median		27.7		28.8		27.3		34.2	
<b>Highest grade completed</b>									
Total	3,617	100	1,035	100	2,572	100	10	100	
Eighth grade or less	1,218	34	343	33	875	34	0	0	
1-3 years of high school	1,693	47	384	37	1,301	51	8	80	
4 years of high school	519	14	211	20	307	12	1	10	
Any college	135	4	78	8	57	2	0	0	
Not reported	52	1	19	2	32	1	1	10	
Median		10.1		10.2		10.0		10.5	

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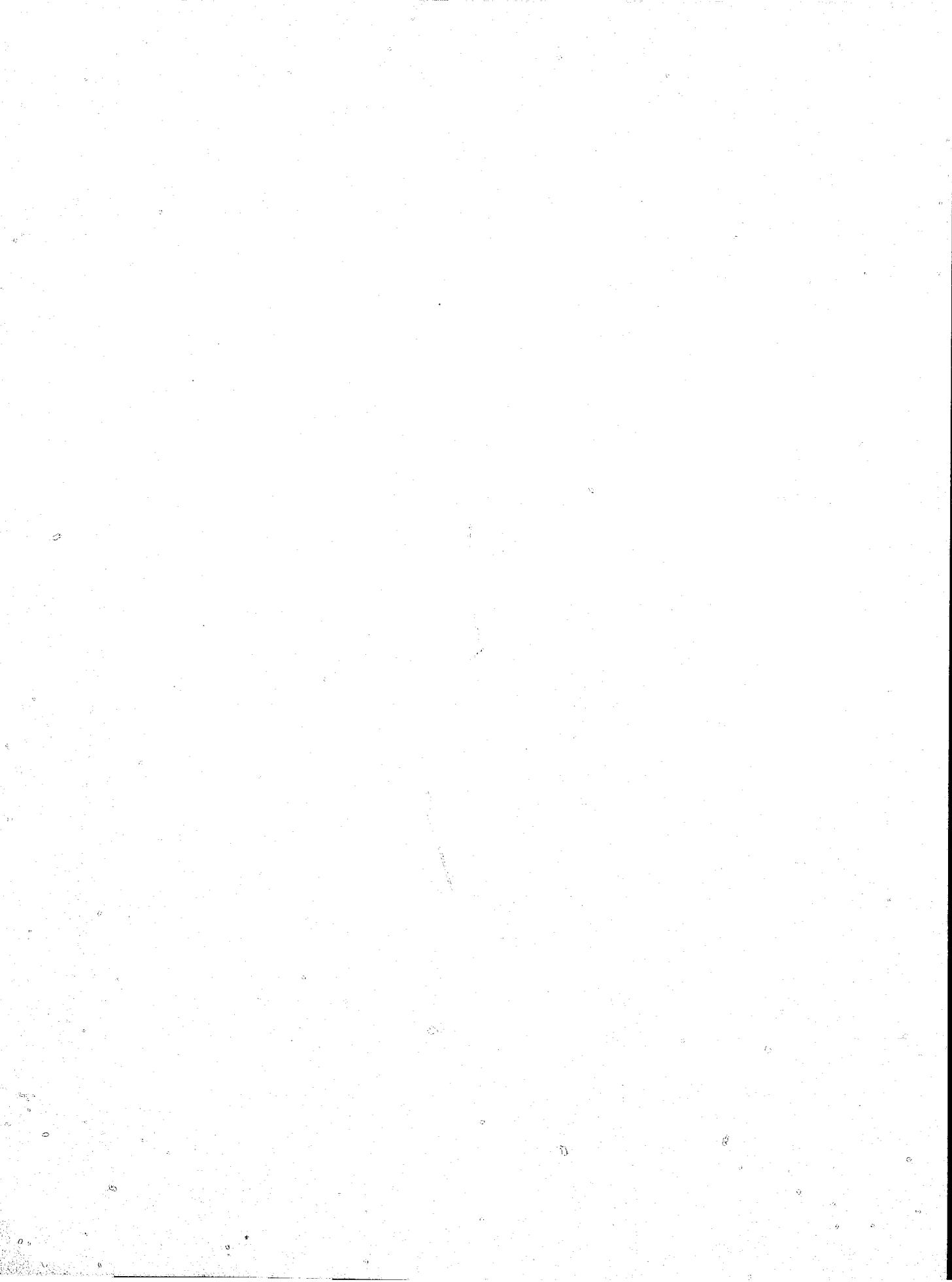
**Table 3. Louisiana: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	3,617	100	1,035	100	2,752	100	10	100
Less than 3	284	8	95	9	188	7	1	10
3 less than 4	338	9	134	13	203	7	1	10
4 less than 5	201	6	45	4	155	6	1	10
5 less than 6	367	10	112	11	255	9	0	0
6 less than 10	545	15	188	18	356	13	1	10
10 less than 11	302	8	86	8	214	8	2	20
11 less than 15	190	5	48	5	142	5	0	0
15 less than 16	267	7	44	4	222	8	1	10
16 less than 20	111	3	23	2	88	3	0	0
20 less than 30	375	10	99	10	276	10	0	0
30 less than 98	160	4	40	4	120	4	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	477	13	121	12	353	13	3	30
Median		10.2		8.9		10.6		10.5
Time served (in months)								
Total	3,617	100	1,035	100	2,572	100	10	100
Less than 6	1,104	31	389	38	710	28	5	50
6 less than 12	517	14	155	15	361	14	1	10
12 less than 18	446	12	105	10	340	13	1	10
18 less than 24	275	8	71	7	202	8	2	20
24 less than 30	252	7	66	6	186	7	0	0
30 less than 36	160	4	40	4	119	5	1	10
36 less than 48	289	8	71	7	218	8	0	0
48 less than 72	309	9	74	7	235	9	0	0
72 less than 120	178	5	44	4	134	5	0	0
120 or more	81	2	19	2	62	2	0	0
Not reported	6	(Z)	1	(Z)	5	(Z)	0	0
Median		14.5		10.9		15.7		6.0

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## MAINE

On June 30, 1973, State-operated correctional facilities in Maine held 505 inmates who had been sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. The figure represented 49 prisoners per 100,000 population. Inmates confined for crimes of violence outnumbered those held for any other type of offense, making up 47 percent of the total. Thirty-six percent of the prisoner population were serving time for crimes against property, 16 percent had been sentenced for crimes against public order, principally drug offenses, and 2 percent were imprisoned for other, miscellaneous crimes. More inmates were serving time for burglary than any other offense, such prisoners accounting for one-fourth of the total. Inmates held for robbery were the second most numerous, followed, in order, by those sentenced for assault, drug offenses, or murder.

Whites constituted 96 percent of Maine's prisoner population; blacks, 2 percent; and members of races other than white or black, 2 percent.<sup>1</sup> Sixty-four percent of those of "other" races and 60 percent of the blacks were being held for crimes of violence, compared with 46 percent of the whites. In relative terms, blacks, as well as members of "other" races, also were more

likely than whites to have been serving time for crimes against public order. In contrast, whites were more apt than either of the other two racial groups to have been held for crimes against property.

Males accounted for 97 percent of the total number of inmates. All black inmates and all those of "other" races were male. The median age for the inmate population was 26.4 years and was lower for white inmates (26.3 years) than for blacks (27.5 years) or members of races other than white or black (29.2 years). More than half of the prisoner population were in their 20's; only 2 percent were under age 18 and only 4 percent were age 50 and over. Forty-four percent of the prisoners had at best an eighth grade education, and another 37 percent also had failed to finish high school. Only 2 percent had had any college training. The median number of years of schooling was 9.4; it was lower for whites (9.4 years) and for members of races other than white or black (8.8 years) than for blacks (11.0 years).

The median sentence handed down for the offense resulting in incarceration at the time of the census was 5.2 years. Blacks had received longer sentences than whites or members of "other" races, the values having been 8.0, 5.2, and 5.5 years, respectively. Blacks also had been imprisoned longer for their current offense than whites or "others." As of June 30, 1973, the median length of time served was 15.0 months for blacks, 9.7 months for whites, and 4.7 months for members of races other than white or black. Thirty-six inmates, representing 7 percent of all prisoners, had been incarcerated for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>Whites accounted for 99 percent of Maine's population at the time of the 1970 Census. The remaining 1 percent was divided between blacks and members of races other than white or black, with the latter outnumbering the former. American Indians made up 55 percent of the population classified as other than white or black.

Table 1. Maine: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	505	100	484	100	10	100	11	100
Crimes of violence	235	47	222	46	6	60	7	64
Murder	45	9	44	9	1	10	0	0
Attempted murder	8	2	7	1	1	10	0	0
Manslaughter	27	5	23	5	1	10	3	27
Kidnaping	7	1	7	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	18	4	16	3	1	10	1	9
Statutory rape	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	1	9
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	11	2	11	2	0	0	0	0
Robbery	59	12	55	11	2	20	2	18
Assault	58	11	58	12	0	0	0	0
Crimes against property	182	36	180	37	1	10	1	9
Burglary	128	25	127	26	1	10	0	0
Larceny	20	4	19	4	0	0	1	9
Motor vehicle theft	7	1	7	1	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	19	4	19	4	0	0	0	0
Arson	5	1	5	1	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	79	16	73	15	3	30	3	27
Drug offense	54	11	49	10	3	30	2	18
Weapons offense	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	8	2	8	2	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	16	3	15	3	0	0	1	9
Other	9	2	9	2	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 2. Maine: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	Race								
	All races		White		Black		Other		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
<b>Sex</b>									
Total	505	100	484	100	10	100	11	100	
Male	488	97	467	96	10	100	11	100	
Female	17	3	17	4	0	0	0	0	
<b>Age</b>									
Total	505	100	484	100	10	100	11	100	
Under 18	11	2	11	2	0	0	0	0	
18	26	5	25	5	0	0	1	9	
19	31	6	30	6	1	10	0	0	
20-24	150	30	146	30	2	20	2	18	
25-29	116	23	109	23	4	40	3	27	
30-34	50	10	48	10	0	0	2	18	
35-39	43	9	41	8	0	0	2	18	
40-44	38	8	35	7	3	30	0	0	
45-49	19	4	18	4	0	0	1	9	
50 and over	18	4	18	4	0	0	0	0	
Not reported	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	
Median		26.4		26.3		27.5		29.2	
<b>Highest grade completed</b>									
Total	505	100	484	100	10	100	11	100	
Eighth grade or less	222	44	214	44	2	20	5	55	
1-3 years of high school	188	37	181	37	4	40	3	27	
Some high school (years unreported)	16	3	15	3	1	10	0	0	
4 years of high school	66	13	62	13	2	20	2	18	
Any college	12	2	11	2	1	10	0	0	
Not reported	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	
Median		9.4		9.4		11.0		8.8	

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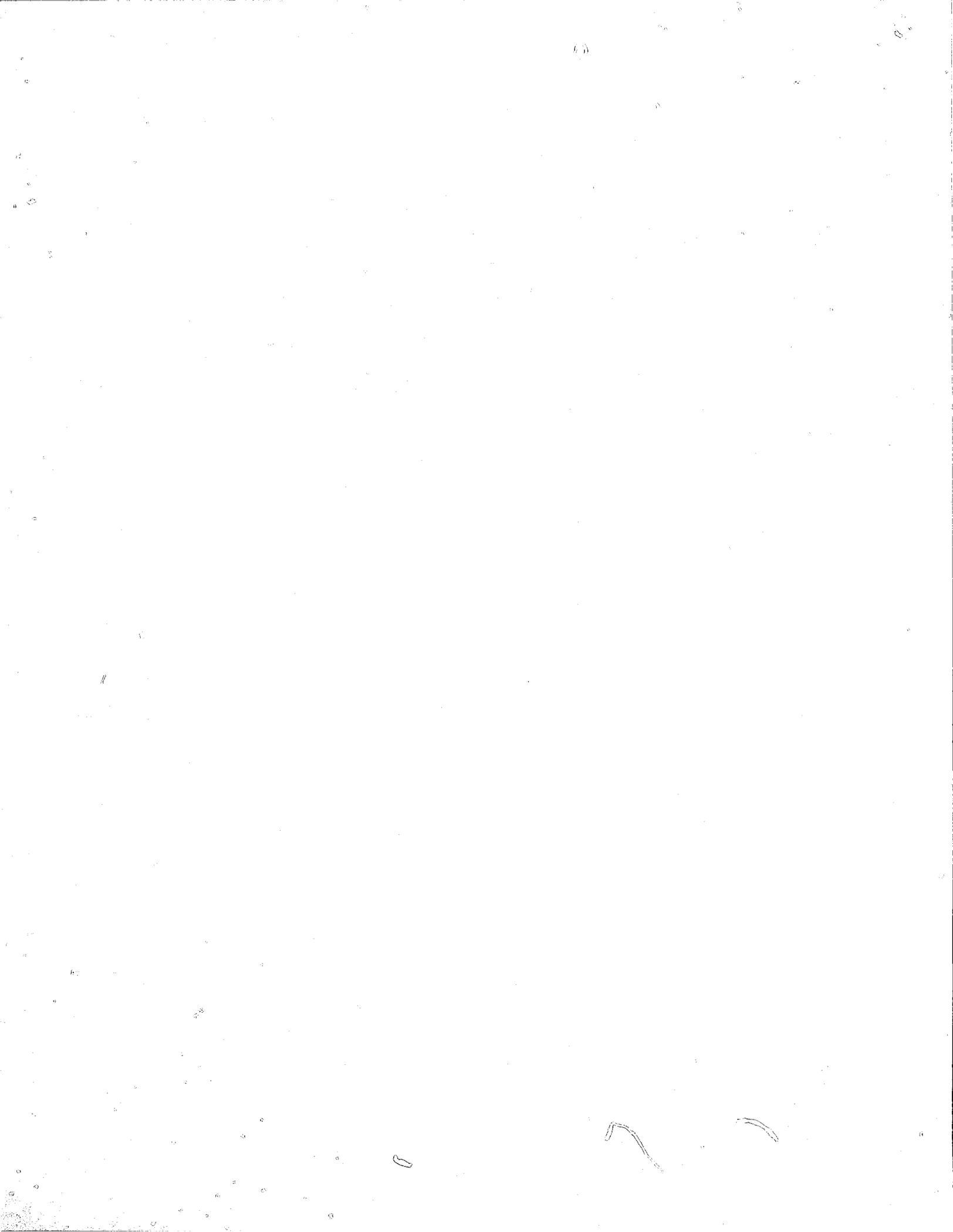
### Table 3. Maine: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	505	100	484	100	10	100	11	100
Less than 3	49	10	48	10	0	0	1	9
3 less than 4	158	31	153	32	1	10	4	36
4 less than 5	29	6	28	6	1	10	0	0
5 less than 6	72	14	69	14	2	20	1	9
6 less than 10	47	9	45	9	2	20	0	0
10 less than 11	46	9	43	9	1	10	2	18
11 less than 15	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	17	3	16	3	0	0	1	9
16 less than 20	3	1	2	(Z)	1	10	0	0
20 less than 30	25	5	22	5	1	10	2	18
30 less than 98	11	2	11	2	0	0	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	45	9	44	9	1	10	0	0
Median	5.2		5.2		8.0		5.5	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	505	100	484	100	10	100	11	100
Less than 6	189	37	179	37	3	30	7	64
6 less than 12	105	21	103	21	0	0	2	18
12 less than 18	62	12	58	12	4	40	0	0
18 less than 24	39	8	37	8	2	20	0	0
24 less than 30	19	4	18	4	0	0	1	9
30 less than 36	9	2	9	2	0	0	0	0
36 less than 48	19	4	19	4	0	0	0	0
48 less than 72	27	5	25	5	1	10	1	9
72 less than 120	19	4	19	4	0	0	0	0
120 or more	17	3	17	4	0	0	0	0
Median	9.6		9.7		15.0		4.7	

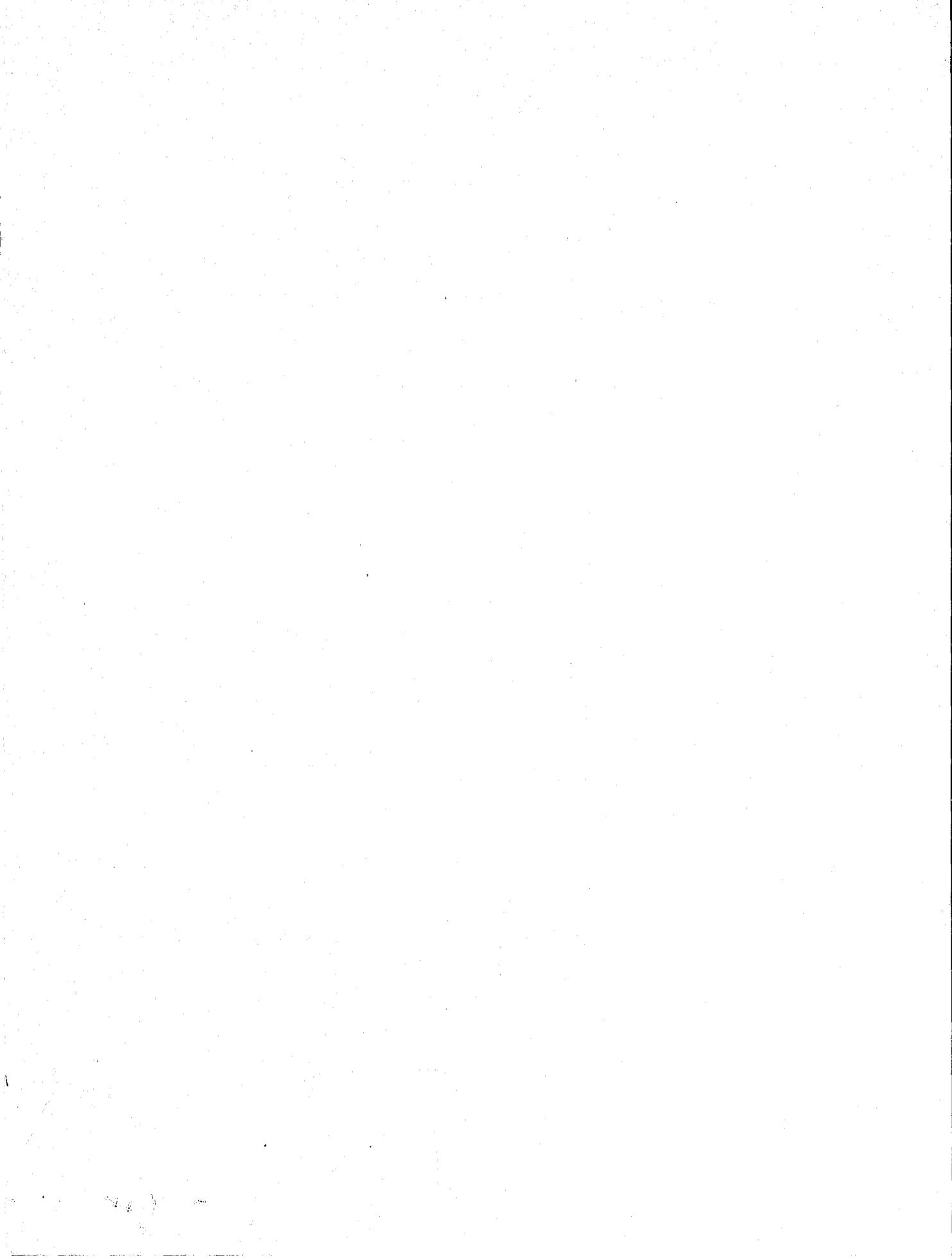
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## MARYLAND

State correctional authorities in Maryland reported 5,231 inmates on June 30, 1973, who had been sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. Relative to the State's population, there were 128 inmates per 100,000 inhabitants. Maryland maintains a historical file that, in some cases, offered no way to determine the nature of the offense for which prisoners were being held at the time of the census. Accordingly, offense data were imprecise for an undetermined number of inmates. On the basis of information supplied, however, 56 percent of the State's prisoner population was shown to be serving time for crimes of violence, 25 percent for crimes against property, and 14 percent for crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses. The remainder either had been convicted of other, miscellaneous but specific crimes or were being held for unspecified offenses. Robbery was the crime for which the largest single number of inmates (1,373) were confined. It was followed by burglary (639), drug offense (552), assault (506), murder (502), and larceny (399).

Blacks made up 74 percent of all inmates; whites, 26 percent.<sup>1</sup> The number of prisoners of races other than white or black was insubstantial. Sixty-one percent of the black inmates, compared with 43 percent of their white counterparts, were serving time for crimes of violence. Whites, on the other hand, were more likely than blacks to have been convicted of crimes against property; for crimes against public order, blacks and whites were confined in about equal proportion. In

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<sup>1</sup> At the time of the 1970 Census, the racial composition of Maryland's population was as follows: white, 81 percent; black, 18 percent; members of races other than white or black, 1 percent.

terms of actual numbers, more than six times as many blacks as whites were serving time for robbery; the ratio was more than five to one with respect to manslaughter and more than three to one with respect to murder and to rape. Only among those serving time for kidnaping, for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement, or for miscellaneous sex offenses did whites outnumber blacks.

Males were known to predominate overwhelmingly, with females accounting for only an estimated 165 to 170 inmates, or about 3 percent of the total. The enumeration of inmates by sex was incomplete, however, with no reliable figures on the racial identification of male or female prisoners. Whether black or white, the largest single number of inmates was concentrated in the 5-year age group 20-24. The median age among blacks (25.6 years) was slightly lower than that among whites (26.8 years). Two percent of the inmate population were under age 18; 4 percent were age 50 and over. Of the total prisoner population, almost four-fifths had failed to finish high school, 18 percent had terminated their studies after receiving a high school diploma, and 3 percent had attended college. White inmates, among whom the median number of years of schooling was 10.0, had slightly more education than black inmates, for whom the value was 9.8 years.

The median sentence meted out for the offense resulting in imprisonment at the time of the census was 6.5 years. It was almost 2 years longer for blacks (7.3 years) than for whites (5.6 years). In terms of time actually served as of June 30, 1973, the typical black had been held about 2 months longer than the typical white. The median length of time actually served for all prisoners was 11.2 months, 9.8 for whites and 11.6 for blacks. Inmates who had been imprisoned for 6 years or longer numbered 262, or 5 percent of all inmates.

Table 1. Maryland: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	5,231	100	1,352	100	3,869	100	10	100
Crimes of violence	2,953	56	576	43	2,369	61	8	80
Murder	502	10	114	8	385	10	3	30
Attempted murder	162	3	32	2	129	3	1	10
Manslaughter	137	3	23	2	114	3	0	0
Kidnaping	32	1	18	1	14	(Z)	0	0
Rape	235	4	53	4	182	5	0	0
Statutory rape	6	(Z)	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1,373	26	194	14	1,175	30	1	10
Assault	506	10	139	10	364	9	3	30
Crimes against property	1,302	25	523	39	778	20	1	10
Burglary	639	12	277	20	361	9	1	10
Larceny	399	8	127	9	272	7	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	70	1	29	2	41	1	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	117	2	61	5	56	1	0	0
Arson	14	(Z)	7	1	7	(Z)	0	0
Stolen property	63	1	22	2	41	1	0	0
Crimes against public order	749	14	202	15	546	14	1	10
Drug offense	552	11	144	11	408	11	0	0
Weapons offense	108	2	20	1	88	2	0	0
Commercialized sex	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0
Other sex offense	22	(Z)	13	1	9	(Z)	0	0
Traffic offense	27	1	13	1	13	(Z)	1	10
Escape or flight	36	1	11	1	25	1	0	0
Other	216	4	45	3	171	4	0	0
Not reported	11	(Z)	6	(Z)	5	(Z)	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.  
 (Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Maryland: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex								
Total	5,231	100	1,352	100	3,869	100	10	100
Male	15,061	97	NA	...	NA	...	NA	...
Female	170	3	NA	...	NA	...	NA	...
Age								
Total	5,231	100	1,352	100	3,869	100	10	100
Under 18	105	2	21	2	84	2	0	0
18	181	3	32	2	149	4	0	0
19	285	5	60	4	225	6	0	0
20-24	1,807	35	448	33	1,358	35	1	10
25-29	1,241	24	319	24	920	24	2	20
30-34	669	13	165	12	502	13	2	20
35-39	365	7	123	9	240	6	2	20
40-44	232	4	69	5	161	4	2	20
45-49	148	3	37	3	111	3	0	0
50 and over	195	4	77	6	117	3	1	10
Not reported	3	(Z)	1	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0
Median		26.0		26.8		25.6		35.0
Highest grade completed								
Total	5,231	100	1,352	100	3,869	100	10	100
Eighth grade or less	1,768	34	492	36	1,270	33	6	60
1-3 years of high school	2,362	45	447	33	1,912	49	3	30
4 years of high school	920	18	334	25	585	15	1	10
Any college	158	3	72	5	86	2	0	0
Not reported	23	(Z)	7	1	16	(Z)	0	0
Median		9.9		10.0		9.8		8.0

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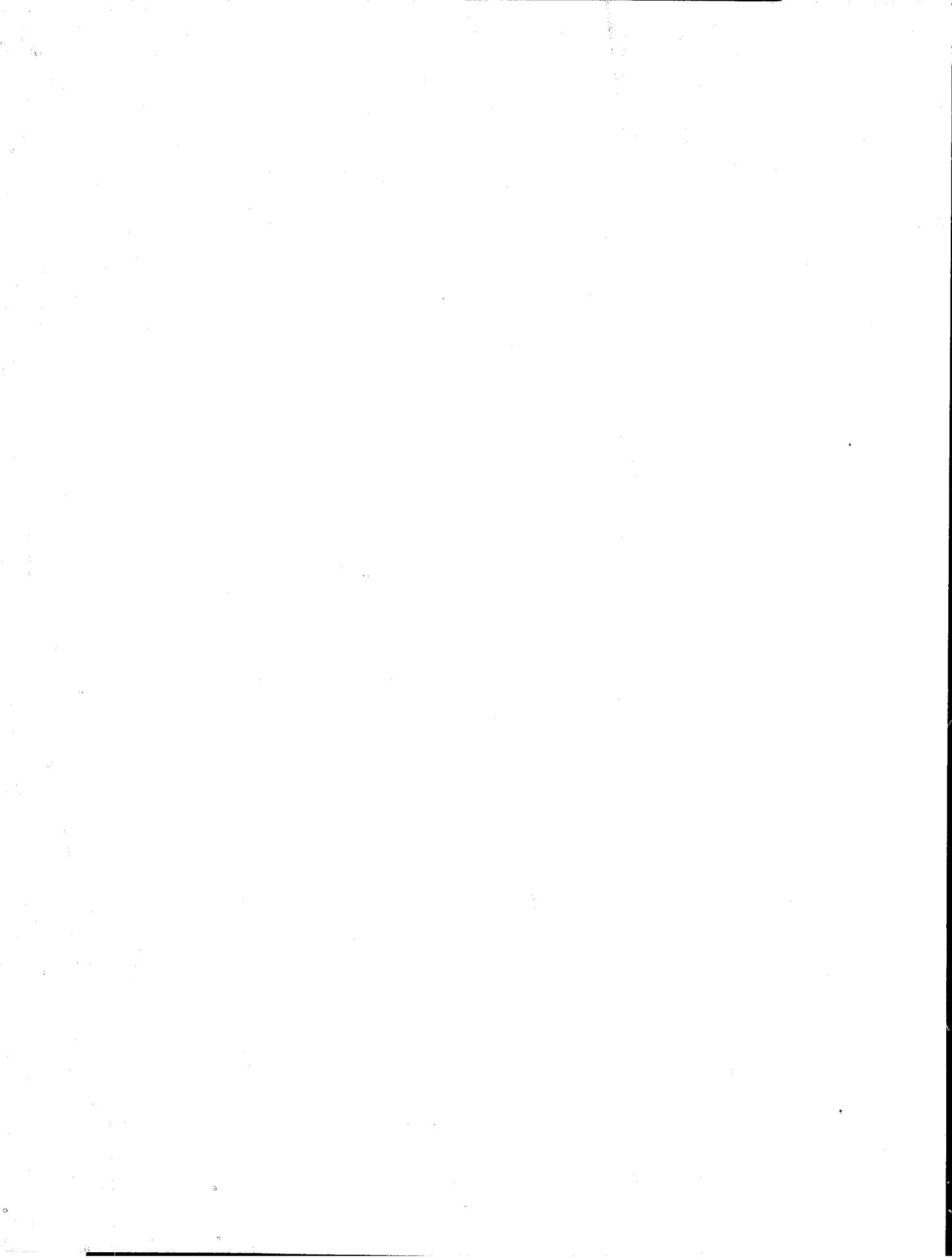
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**Table 3. Maryland: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	5,231	100	1,352	100	3,869	100	10	100
Less than 3	1,085	21	319	24	763	20	3	30
3 less than 4	556	11	158	12	398	10	0	0
4 less than 5	343	7	105	8	238	6	0	0
5 less than 6	532	10	165	12	365	9	2	20
6 less than 10	735	14	201	15	534	14	0	0
10 less than 11	512	10	112	8	399	10	1	10
11 less than 15	238	5	52	4	186	5	0	0
15 less than 16	245	5	42	3	202	5	1	10
16 less than 20	119	2	23	2	95	2	1	10
20 less than 30	348	7	64	5	283	7	1	10
30 less than 98	171	3	30	2	140	4	1	10
98 or more, life, or death	347	7	81	6	266	7	0	0
Median	6.5		5.6		7.3		10.0	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	5,231	100	1,352	100	3,869	100	10	100
Less than 6	1,660	32	466	34	1,188	31	6	60
6 less than 12	1,105	21	326	24	778	20	1	10
12 less than 18	741	14	166	12	574	15	1	10
18 less than 24	359	7	76	6	282	7	1	10
24 less than 30	339	6	80	6	258	7	1	10
30 less than 36	189	4	36	3	153	4	0	0
36 less than 48	278	5	53	4	225	6	0	0
48 less than 72	268	5	69	5	199	5	0	0
72 less than 120	136	3	33	2	103	3	0	0
120 or more	126	2	38	3	88	2	0	0
Not reported	30	1	9	1	21	1	0	0
Median	11.2		9.8		11.6		5.0	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



## MASSACHUSETTS

In Massachusetts, inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day numbered 2,072 as of June 30, 1973, or 36 per 100,000 population. More than 7 out of every 10 inmates were serving time for crimes of violence, compared with 14 percent who had been sentenced for crimes against property and an identical proportion being held for crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses. Persons convicted of robbery were the most numerous among the prisoner population, making up 33 percent of the total, followed by those sentenced for murder (14 percent), drug offenses (11 percent), or burglary (8 percent).

Two-thirds of all Massachusetts' inmates were white, and one-third were black.<sup>1</sup> Persons of races other than white or black and those whose race was not reported were too few in number to be significant. In relative terms, blacks were more likely than whites to have been serving time for crimes of violence and crimes against public order, whereas the reverse was true for crimes against property. The four principal offenses for which white inmates were serving time were, in order, robbery,

murder, burglary, and drug offenses. For blacks, the order was robbery, drug offenses, murder, and manslaughter.

Males made up 97 percent of the inmate population, including 98 percent of the white inmate population and 95 percent of the black. More than half of all prisoners, irrespective of race, were in their 20's, with the largest single concentration in the 5-year age group 20-24. Only 1 percent of the total were under age 18, and only 3 percent were age 50 and over. The median age was 27.4 years for white inmates and 26.1 for their black counterparts. Slightly more than four out of every five prisoners held by Massachusetts correctional authorities had terminated their formal schooling before receiving a high school diploma; about half of these had had no more than 8 years of education. Only 3 percent of the inmates had any college training. Black inmates had slightly more schooling than their white counterparts—9.7 years, compared with 9.4 years.

For all inmates, the median maximum sentence meted out for the offense resulting in confinement at the time of the census was 10.1 years, a value that did not vary by race. In terms of time actually served, the median length of time spent in prison was 11.5 months; it was 11.5 months for whites and 11.3 months for blacks. Eight percent of the total number of inmates had been confined for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of Massachusetts' population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 96 percent; black, 3 percent; and members of races other than white or black, 1 percent.

Table 1. Massachusetts: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,072	100	1,381	100	682	100	2	100	7	100
Crimes of violence	1,485	72	980	71	500	73	1	50	4	57
Murder	284	14	195	14	87	13	0	0	2	29
Attempted murder	37	2	30	2	7	1	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	150	7	81	6	69	10	0	0	0	0
Kidnaping	21	1	14	1	7	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	132	6	93	7	39	6	0	0	0	0
Statutory rape	14	1	10	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	19	1	17	1	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	680	33	445	32	233	34	1	50	1	14
Assault	148	7	95	7	52	8	0	0	1	14
Crimes against property	285	14	216	16	67	10	0	0	2	29
Burglary	173	8	140	10	31	5	0	0	2	29
Larceny	49	2	26	2	23	3	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	22	1	17	1	5	1	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	16	1	11	1	5	1	0	0	0	0
Arson	11	1	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	14	1	12	1	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	291	14	177	13	112	16	1	50	1	14
Drug offense	231	11	129	9	100	15	1	50	1	14
Weapons offense	25	1	15	1	10	1	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	7	(Z)	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	8	(Z)	7	1	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	20	1	19	1	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Other	8	(Z)	6	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Not reported	3	(Z)	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Massachusetts: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex										
Total	2,072	100	1,381	100	682	100	2	100	7	100
Male	2,011	97	1,552	98	650	95	2	100	7	100
Female	61	3	29	2	32	5	0	0	0	0
Age										
Total	2,072	100	1,381	100	682	100	2	100	7	100
Under 18	28	1	12	1	16	2	0	0	0	0
18	64	3	40	3	24	4	0	0	0	0
19	84	4	47	3	37	5	0	0	0	0
20-24	660	32	429	31	227	33	0	0	4	57
25-29	500	24	334	24	165	24	1	50	0	0
30-34	346	17	248	18	95	14	1	50	2	29
35-39	153	7	105	8	48	7	0	0	0	0
40-44	100	5	70	5	30	4	0	0	0	0
45-49	65	3	38	3	27	4	0	0	0	0
50 and over	64	3	54	4	10	1	0	0	0	0
Not reported	8	(Z)	4	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	1	14
Median		27.0		27.4		26.1				23.7
Highest grade completed										
Total	2,072	100	1,381	100	682	100	2	100	7	100
Eighth grade or less	842	41	595	43	246	36	1	50	0	0
1-3 years of high school	849	41	525	38	319	47	1	50	4	57
4 years of high school	324	16	222	16	99	15	0	0	3	43
Any college	57	3	39	3	18	3	0	0	0	0
Median		9.5		9.4		9.7				11.5

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

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Table 3. Massachusetts: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	2,072	100	1,381	100	682	100	2	100	7	100
Less than 3	185	9	130	9	54	8	0	0	1	14
3 less than 4	31	1	21	2	10	1	0	0	0	0
4 less than 5	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	434	21	302	22	129	19	0	0	3	43
6 less than 10	356	17	216	16	138	20	1	50	1	14
10 less than 11	253	12	167	12	86	13	0	0	0	0
11 less than 15	93	4	63	5	30	4	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	157	8	102	7	54	8	1	50	0	0
16 less than 20	30	1	22	2	8	1	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	182	9	113	8	69	10	0	0	0	0
30 less than 98	48	2	38	3	10	1	0	0	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	301	15	205	15	94	14	0	0	2	29
Median	10.1		10.1		10.1				5.8	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	2,072	100	1,381	100	682	100	2	100	7	100
Less than 6	771	37	516	37	253	37	1	50	1	14
6 less than 12	285	14	182	13	101	15	0	0	2	29
12 less than 18	254	12	149	11	102	15	1	50	2	29
18 less than 24	138	7	86	6	51	7	0	0	1	14
24 less than 30	119	6	72	5	46	7	0	0	1	14
30 less than 36	61	3	42	3	19	3	0	0	0	0
36 less than 48	122	6	84	6	38	6	0	0	0	0
48 less than 72	157	8	120	9	37	5	0	0	0	0
72 less than 120	100	5	76	6	24	4	0	0	0	0
120 or more	61	3	50	4	11	2	0	0	0	0
Not reported	4	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Median	11.5		11.5		11.3				13.6	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



## MICHIGAN

Michigan's correctional facilities, as of June 30, 1973, housed 8,115 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day, an inmate-to-population ratio of 90 per 100,000. Fifty-seven percent of the prisoners were being held for crimes of violence, 33 percent for crimes against property, and 10 percent for crimes against public order. Almost 3 of every 10 inmates had been convicted of robbery. Burglary was the second most common offense for which inmates were serving time. Murder was third and larceny fourth.

Blacks were more numerous in the State's correctional facilities than whites, accounting for 58 percent of the total, compared with 41 percent for whites.<sup>1</sup> Members of races other than white or black made up the remaining 1 percent. Blacks were more likely than whites to have been serving time for crimes of violence, less likely to have been sentenced for crimes against property or for crimes against public order. Of the specific crimes of violence, black inmates outnumbered white inmates for all such crimes except lewd act with a child and sexual assault. In relative terms, however, whites were more likely than blacks to have been serving time for murder and for rape. They were also more apt

than blacks to have been imprisoned for such crimes as burglary, larceny, arson, stolen property offenses, or forgery, fraud, or embezzlement. A higher proportion of black inmates than white inmates had been sentenced for drug offenses.

The State's prisoner population was composed overwhelmingly of males, females accounting for only 3 percent of the total. Almost three-fifths of the total number of inmates were in their 20's, the median age having been 26.1 years. Black inmates, whose median age was 25.5 years, were almost 2 years younger than their white counterparts, for whom the value was 27.2 years. One-fourth of the inmates had quit school at the time of or before completing the eighth grade and another 38 percent had had no more than 2 years of high school. The proportion that had actually completed high school work was not reported; only 3 percent had attended college for any length of time. The median number of years of schooling for all inmates was 10.7 years. It did not vary substantially by race.

For all inmates, the median maximum sentence given for the offense that resulted in imprisonment at the time of the census was 10.6 years. It was slightly longer for blacks (10.8 years) than for whites (10.3 years). Black inmates also had spent a longer period of time in prison on their current sentence than had whites. The median length of time for blacks was 15.5 months, compared with 13.4 months for whites. Inmates who had been held in prison for 6 years or longer numbered 450, or 6 percent of the total.

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<sup>1</sup> According to the 1970 Census, Michigan's population was divided along racial lines as follows: white, 88 percent; black, 11 percent; members of races other than white or black, 1 percent.

Table 1. Michigan: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	8,115	100	3,318	100	4,747	100	50	100
Crimes of violence	4,605	57	1,526	46	3,054	64	25	50
Murder	824	10	349	11	473	10	2	4
Attempted murder	60	1	23	1	37	1	0	0
Manslaughter	413	5	111	3	299	6	3	6
Kidnaping	63	1	31	1	32	1	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	204	3	95	3	107	2	2	4
Lewd act with child	108	1	91	3	16	(Z)	1	2
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	186	2	97	3	88	2	1	2
Robbery	2,366	29	586	18	1,769	37	11	22
Assault	381	5	143	4	233	5	5	10
Crimes against property	2,669	33	1,387	42	1,265	27	17	34
Burglary	1,243	15	679	20	559	12	6	12
Larceny	716	9	312	9	398	8	6	12
Motor vehicle theft	170	2	81	2	88	2	1	2
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	358	4	200	6	152	3	1	2
Arson	39	(Z)	27	1	9	(Z)	3	6
Stolen property	143	2	88	3	55	1	0	0
Crimes against public order	841	10	405	12	428	9	8	16
Drug offense	309	4	98	3	211	4	0	0
Weapons offense	240	3	87	3	152	3	1	2
Commercialized sex	7	(Z)	3	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0
Other sex offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	5	(Z)	3	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	2
Escape or flight	280	3	214	6	60	1	6	12

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Michigan: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	8,115	100	3,318	100	4,747	100	50	100
Male	7,905	97	3,220	97	4,637	98	48	96
Female	210	3	98	3	110	2	2	4
<b>Age</b>								
Total	8,115	100	3,318	100	4,747	100	50	100
Under 18	73	1	25	1	48	1	0	0
18	263	3	117	4	141	3	5	10
19	447	6	207	6	236	5	4	8
20-24	2,841	35	1,005	30	1,826	38	10	20
25-29	1,889	23	698	21	1,179	25	12	24
30-34	1,017	13	450	14	560	12	7	14
35-39	550	7	282	8	265	6	3	6
40-44	406	5	216	7	184	4	6	12
45-49	288	4	135	4	153	3	0	0
50 and over	328	4	176	5	149	3	3	6
Not reported	13	(Z)	7	(Z)	6	(Z)	0	0
Median		26.1		27.2		25.5		27.5
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	8,115	100	3,318	100	4,747	100	50	100
Eighth grade or less	2,042	25	1,012	31	1,014	21	16	32
1-2 years of high school	3,063	38	1,177	35	1,868	39	18	36
3-4 years of high school	2,356	29	777	23	1,567	33	12	24
Some high school (years unreported)	373	5	224	7	146	3	3	6
Any college	281	3	128	4	152	3	1	2
Median		10.7		10.6		10.8		10.6

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

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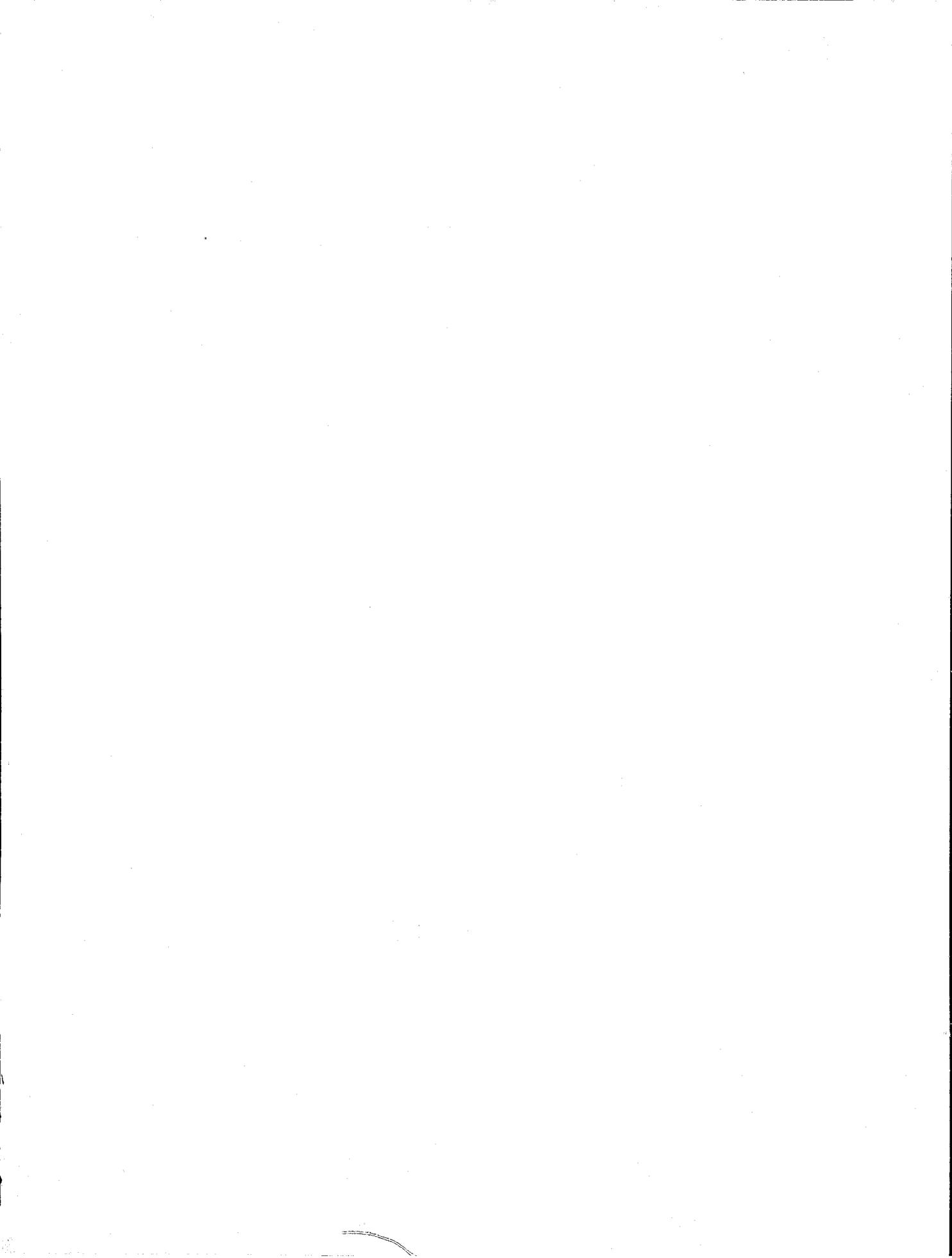
Table 3. Michigan: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	8,115	100	3,318	100	4,747	100	50	100
Less than 3	782	10	313	9	463	10	6	12
3 less than 4	10	(Z)	9	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
4 less than 5	650	8	307	9	335	7	8	16
5 less than 6	1,783	22	799	24	972	20	12	24
6 less than 10	35	(Z)	19	1	15	(Z)	1	2
10 less than 11	1,402	17	690	21	704	15	8	16
11 less than 15	153	2	89	3	63	1	1	2
15 less than 16	1,573	19	470	14	1,095	23	8	16
16 less than 20	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
20 less than 30	635	8	165	5	467	10	3	6
30 less than 98	499	6	180	5	318	7	1	2
98 or more, life, or death	591	7	276	8	313	7	2	4
Median	10.6		10.3		10.8		5.9	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	8,115	100	3,318	100	4,747	100	50	100
Less than 6	1,858	23	865	26	981	21	12	24
6 less than 12	1,596	20	672	20	915	19	9	18
12 less than 18	1,349	17	518	16	821	17	10	20
18 less than 24	811	10	293	9	512	11	6	12
24 less than 30	646	8	245	7	396	8	5	10
30 less than 36	385	5	135	4	248	5	2	4
36 less than 48	527	6	143	4	383	8	1	2
48 less than 72	487	6	207	6	276	6	4	8
72 less than 120	276	3	138	4	138	3	0	0
120 or more	174	2	101	3	72	2	1	2
Not reported	6	(Z)	1	(Z)	5	(Z)	0	0
Median	14.6		13.4		15.5		14.4	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## MINNESOTA

As of June 30, 1973, State-operated correctional facilities in Minnesota held 1,416 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. The figure was equal to 36 prisoners per 100,000 population. Almost half of the inmates were being held for crimes of violence, 40 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 2 percent had been convicted of crimes against public order, and 4 percent had been sentenced for other, miscellaneous offenses. The remainder were under custody for unspecified crimes. A total of 338 inmates, or 24 percent of all prisoners were confined for robbery, making it the most common of the offenses for which inmates were serving time. Some 19 percent of the prisoners had been incarcerated for burglary, 8 percent for larceny, and 7 percent for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement.

Minnesota's inmates were divided along racial lines as follows: white, 74 percent; black, 16 percent; and members of races other than white or black, 10 percent.<sup>1</sup> In relative terms, blacks were more likely to have been sentenced for crimes of violence than members of "other" races who, in turn, were more apt to be serving time for such offenses than whites. The order was reversed with respect to crimes against property. A higher proportion of black inmates than of white

inmates were being held for such specific crimes of violence as murder, manslaughter, rape, and robbery, but the opposite was true for such specific crimes against property as burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, and forgery, fraud, or embezzlement.

Females accounted for but 4 percent of the total prisoner population—4 percent of the white population and 6 percent of the black and of the "other" populations. Irrespective of race, the largest single concentration of inmates was in the 5-year age group 20-24. Median age ranged from 24.0 years for prisoners of races other than white or black to 26.1 years for whites. For all inmates, it was 25.7 years. Approximately 63 percent of the total number of inmates had failed to finish 12 years of schooling, the proportions varying for each racial group. Only 3 percent had had any college training. On the whole, blacks had slightly more schooling than whites who, in turn, had attended school for a slightly longer time than inmates of races other than white or black. The median number of years of schooling for the entire prisoner population was 10.9.

The median maximum sentence length for the offense resulting in imprisonment at the time of the census was 8.0 years. It was 10.6 years for blacks, 10.0 years for members of "other" races, and 6.0 years for whites. During their present incarceration, inmates had served roughly 8.2 months; the median for white and for black inmates was the same as that for all prisoners, whereas that for members of races other than white or black was somewhat shorter (7.7 years). Only 2 percent of the inmate population had been in prison for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of Minnesota's population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 98 percent; black, 1 percent; members of races other than white or black, 1 percent. American Indians constituted 68 percent of those classified as other than white or black.

Table 1. Minnesota: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,416	100	1,040	100	228	100	142	100
Crimes of violence	697	49	465	44	155	68	77	54
Murder and attempted murder	92	6	62	6	26	11	4	3
Manslaughter	60	4	36	3	16	7	8	6
Kidnaping	30	2	24	2	3	1	3	2
Rape and statutory rape	52	4	35	3	13	6	4	3
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	39	3	34	3	4	2	1	1
Robbery	338	24	213	20	80	35	45	32
Assault	86	6	61	6	13	6	12	8
Crimes against property	572	40	462	44	55	24	55	39
Burglary	265	19	224	21	18	8	23	16
Larceny	119	8	94	9	19	8	6	4
Motor vehicle theft	79	6	57	5	7	3	15	11
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	100	7	80	8	11	5	9	6
Arson	9	1	7	1	0	0	2	1
Stolen property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	25	2	21	2	3	1	1	1
Drug offense	4	(2)	4	(2)	0	0	0	0
Weapons offense	21	1	17	2	3	1	1	1
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	60	4	50	5	8	4	2	1
Not reported	62	4	48	5	7	3	7	5

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Minnesota: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex								
Total	1,416	100	1,046	100	228	100	142	100
Male	1,354	96	1,007	96	214	94	133	94
Female	62	4	39	4	14	6	9	6
Age								
Total	1,416	100	1,046	100	228	100	142	100
Under 18	9	1	4	(Z)	4	2	1	1
18	49	3	30	3	8	4	11	8
19	104	7	66	6	26	11	12	8
20-24	503	36	367	35	78	34	58	41
25-29	311	22	244	23	36	16	31	22
30-34	172	12	126	12	30	13	16	11
35-39	93	7	71	7	18	8	4	3
40-44	62	4	42	4	16	7	4	3
45-49	51	4	40	4	7	3	4	3
50 and over	62	4	56	5	5	2	1	1
Median		25.7		26.1		24.9		24.0
Highest grade completed								
Total	1,416	100	1,046	100	228	100	142	100
Eighth grade or less	259	18	196	19	31	14	32	23
1-3 years of high school	629	44	440	42	118	52	71	50
4 years of high school	437	31	346	33	55	24	36	25
Any college	46	3	39	4	7	3	0	0
Not reported	45	3	25	2	17	7	3	2
Median		10.9		10.9		11.2		10.6

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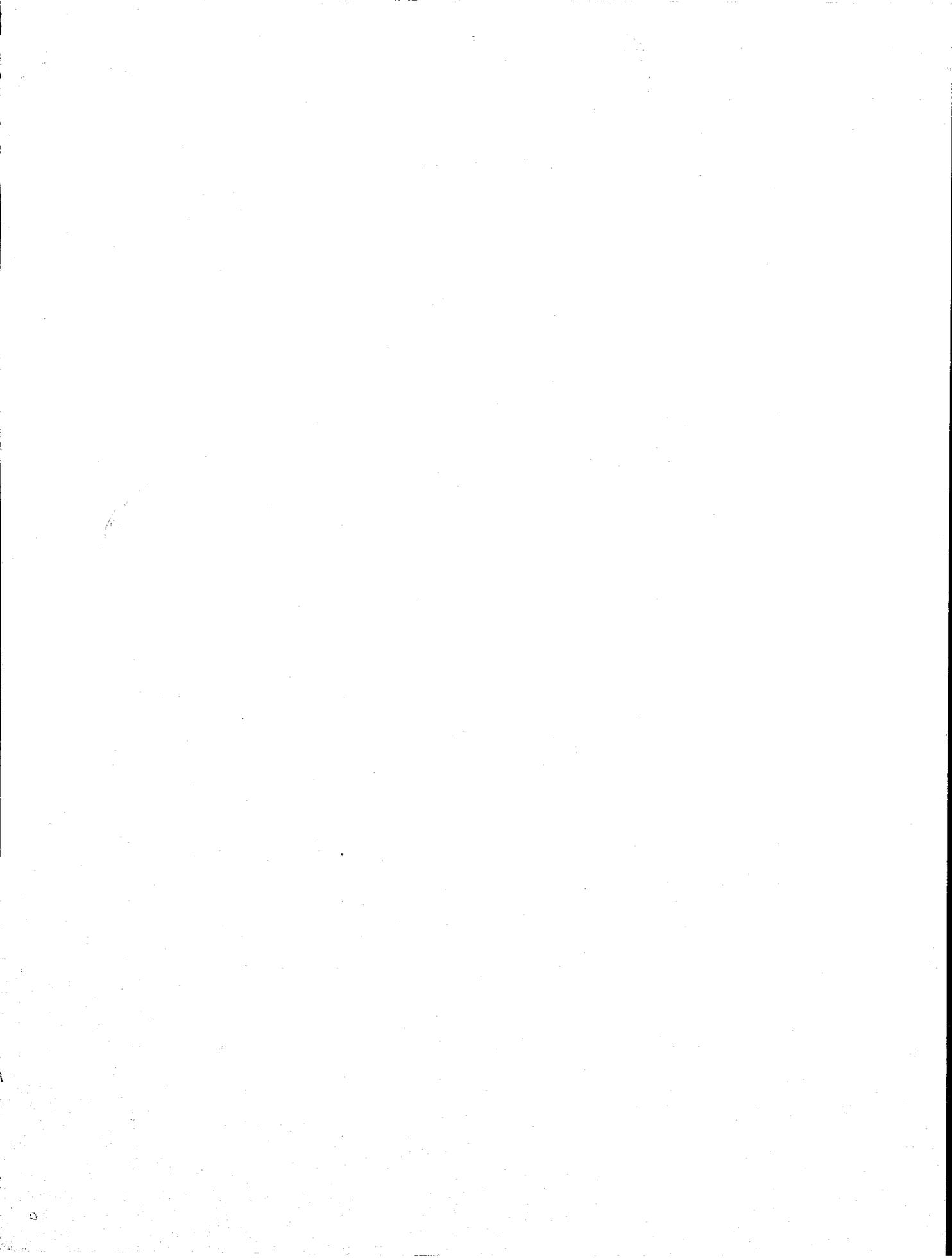
Table 3. Minnesota: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	1,416	100	1,046	100	228	100	142	100
Less than 3	70	5	45	4	13	6	12	8
3 less than 4	151	11	122	12	14	6	15	11
4 less than 5	31	2	25	2	5	2	1	1
5 less than 6	419	30	338	32	45	20	36	25
6 less than 10	76	5	58	6	11	5	7	5
10 less than 11	248	18	174	17	45	20	29	20
11 less than 15	16	1	16	2	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	49	3	29	3	13	6	7	5
16 less than 20	6	(Z)	5	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
20 less than 30	213	15	133	13	54	24	26	18
30 less than 98	114	8	83	8	22	10	9	6
98 or more, life, or death	23	2	18	2	5	2	0	0
Median		8.0		6.0		10.6		10.0
Time served (in months)								
Total	1,416	100	1,046	100	228	100	142	100
Less than 6	588	42	426	41	101	44	61	43
6 less than 12	321	23	248	24	36	16	37	26
12 less than 18	186	13	142	14	26	11	18	13
18 less than 24	93	7	67	6	14	6	12	8
24 less than 30	68	5	45	4	16	7	7	5
30 less than 36	29	2	20	2	7	3	2	1
36 less than 48	57	4	45	4	12	5	0	0
48 less than 72	40	3	24	2	12	5	4	3
72 less than 120	24	2	19	2	4	2	1	1
120 or more	9	1	9	1	0	0	0	0
Not reported	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Median		8.2		8.2		8.2		7.7

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# MISSISSIPPI

A total of 1,985 persons sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were confined in Mississippi's State-operated correctional facility as of June 30, 1973. The figure was equal to 86 inmates per 100,000 population. Fifty-five percent of the prisoners were serving time for crimes of violence, compared with 37 percent who were being held for crimes against property, 7 percent for crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses, and 1 percent for other, miscellaneous crimes. Making up slightly more than one-fourth of the prisoner population, inmates who had been sentenced for burglary were the most numerous (513), followed, in order, by those held for robbery (307), manslaughter (276), or murder (220).

Blacks accounted for 63 percent of the total number of prisoners, with whites constituting 37 percent.<sup>1</sup> Inmates of races other than white or black and those for whom racial identification was not provided were insignificant in number. Sixty-two percent of the black inmates, compared with 43 percent of their white counterparts, were imprisoned for crimes of violence. On the other hand, whites in relative terms were more likely than blacks to have been serving time for crimes against property and crimes against public order. Blacks incarcerated for murder, attempted murder, manslaughter,

rape, assault, robbery, burglary, or arson heavily outnumbered whites held for these same offenses. Whites heavily outnumbered blacks only with respect to drug offenses, kidnaping, and statutory rape.

Males accounted for 97 percent of the State's prisoners. Females made up a slightly higher proportion of the white prisoner population (4 percent) than of the black inmate population (3 percent). More than half of the total prisoner population were in their 20's, with persons age 20-24 constituting the largest single group among both whites and blacks. Black inmates, for whom the median age was 26.4 years, were more than 2 years younger than their white counterparts, for whom the value was 28.5 years. Approximately four out of every five prisoners had failed to finish high school. For whites, the proportion was 70 percent and for blacks it was 82 percent. Nine percent of the whites and 4 percent of the blacks had attended college. Overall, whites had about 1 year more schooling than blacks, the median number of years of education having been 10.3 for the former and 9.1 for the latter.

The median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in imprisonment at the time of the census was calculated at 7.2 years. For whites, it was 5.7 years and for blacks it was 8.4 years. Blacks held at the time of the census had been in prison for longer periods than their white counterparts; the median length of time actually served was 17.0 months for blacks and 11.4 months for whites. One-tenth of the inmates, as of June 30, 1973, had been in prison for their current offense for 6 years or more.

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<sup>1</sup>At the time of the 1970 Census, Mississippi's population was divided along racial lines as follows: white, 63 percent; black 37 percent; and races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Mississippi: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,985	100	729	100	1,251	100	3	100	2	100
Crimes of violence	1,088	55	311	43	772	62	3	100	2	100
Murder	220	11	59	8	159	13	0	0	2	100
Attempted murder	76	4	21	3	55	4	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	276	14	60	8	214	17	2	67	0	0
Kidnaping	33	2	21	3	12	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	96	5	23	3	72	6	1	33	0	0
Statutory rape	5	(Z)	4	1	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	3	(Z)	1	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	26	1	8	1	18	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery	307	15	105	14	202	16	0	0	0	0
Assault	46	2	9	1	37	3	0	0	0	0
Crimes against property	736	37	306	42	430	34	0	0	0	0
Burglary	513	26	204	28	309	25	0	0	0	0
Larceny	112	6	52	7	60	5	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	5	(Z)	2	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	90	5	44	6	46	4	0	0	0	0
Arson	10	1	1	(Z)	9	1	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	6	(Z)	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	148	7	108	15	40	3	0	0	0	0
Drug offense	117	6	92	13	25	2	0	0	0	0
Weapons offense	5	(Z)	1	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	16	1	10	1	6	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	10	1	5	1	5	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Other	13	1	4	1	9	1	0	0	0	0

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Table 2. Mississippi: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex										
Total	1,985	100	729	100	1,251	100	3	100	2	100
Male	1,926	97	702	96	1,219	97	3	100	2	100
Female	59	3	27	4	32	3	0	0	0	0
Age										
Total	1,985	100	729	100	1,251	100	3	100	2	100
Under 18	16	1	6	1	10	1	0	0	0	0
18	50	3	16	2	34	3	0	0	0	0
19	77	4	24	3	53	4	0	0	0	0
20-24	648	33	204	28	442	35	1	33	1	50
25-29	400	20	152	21	247	20	1	33	0	0
30-34	234	12	91	12	143	11	0	0	0	0
35-39	160	8	70	10	90	7	0	0	0	0
40-44	121	6	60	8	59	5	1	33	1	50
45-49	89	4	31	4	58	5	0	0	0	0
50 and over	143	7	60	8	83	7	0	0	0	0
Not reported	47	2	15	2	32	3	0	0	0	0
Median		27.2		28.5		26.4		27.5		
Highest grade completed										
Total	1,985	100	729	100	1,251	100	3	100	2	100
Eighth grade or less	877	44	261	36	613	49	3	100	0	0
1-3 years of high school	665	34	250	34	413	33	0	0	2	100
Some high school (years unreported)	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	317	16	151	21	166	13	0	0	0	0
Any college	113	6	62	9	51	4	0	0	0	0
Not reported	11	1	3	(Z)	8	1	0	0	0	0
Median		9.5		10.3		9.1		3.3		

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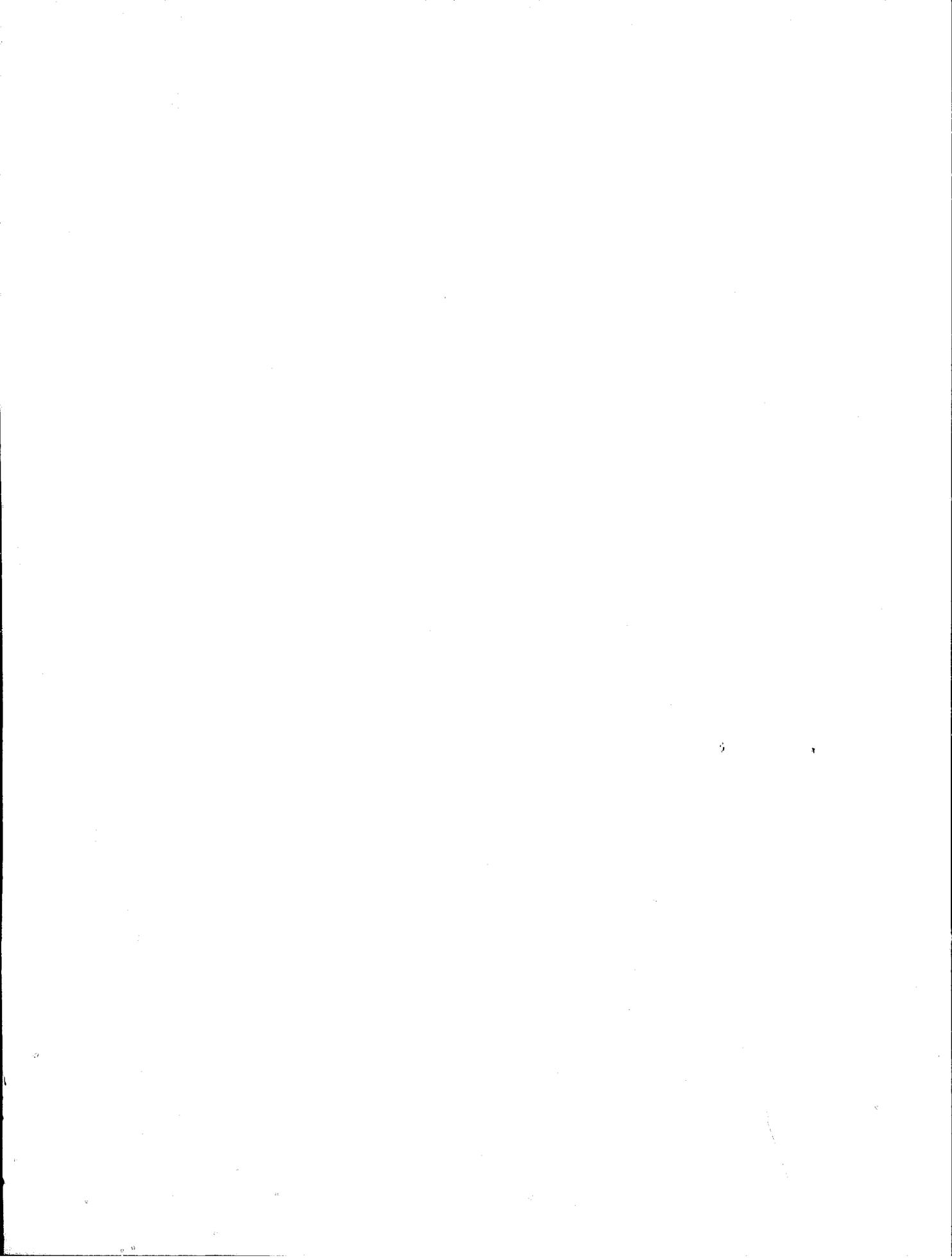
Table 3. Mississippi: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)										
Total	1,985	100	729	100	1,251	100	3	100	2	100
Less than 3	199	10	86	12	113	9	0	0	0	0
3 less than 4	324	16	142	19	182	15	0	0	0	0
4 less than 5	169	9	79	11	90	7	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	226	11	87	12	139	11	0	0	0	0
6 less than 10	253	13	85	12	167	13	1	33	0	0
10 less than 11	160	8	38	5	120	10	2	67	0	0
11 less than 15	64	3	22	3	42	3	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	97	5	38	5	59	5	0	0	0	0
16 less than 20	39	2	14	2	25	2	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	122	6	45	6	77	6	0	0	0	0
30 less than 98	31	2	14	2	17	1	0	0	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	301	15	79	11	220	18	0	0	2	100
Median		7.2		5.7		8.4		10.3		
Time served (in months)										
Total	1,985	100	729	100	1,251	100	3	100	2	100
Less than 6	495	23	211	29	283	23	0	0	1	50
6 less than 12	372	19	171	23	201	16	0	0	0	0
12 less than 18	234	12	68	9	164	13	2	67	0	0
18 less than 24	181	9	57	8	124	10	0	0	0	0
24 less than 30	130	7	38	5	92	7	0	0	0	0
30 less than 36	82	4	22	3	60	5	0	0	0	0
36 less than 48	118	6	34	5	84	7	0	0	0	0
48 less than 72	154	8	62	9	90	7	1	33	1	50
72 less than 120	121	6	37	5	84	7	0	0	0	0
120 or more	89	4	28	4	61	5	0	0	0	0
Not reported	9	(2)	1	(2)	8	1	0	0	0	0
Median		15.1		11.4		17.0		16.6		

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(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



# MISSOURI

The original count of Missouri's inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day showed an apparent underenumeration. Accordingly, the count was revised upward to reflect the number of such prisoners on June 30, 1973, as reported in an official publication of the State. The total was 3,779, or 79 per 100,000 inhabitants. Of that total, according to the census, 52 percent were serving time for crimes of violence, 31 percent were in custody for crimes against property, and 6 percent were being held for crimes against public order. Offense data for all but a handful of the remaining prisoners were not available, because these inmates had not been reported in the original count. Robbery, burglary, and murder, in that order, were the most common offenses for which Missouri's prisoners had been committed. Together, inmates imprisoned for these offenses made up almost three-fifths of the total number of prisoners for whom offense data were reported.

Racial identification was ascertained by the census on 3,351 inmates, of whom 51 percent were white, 49 percent were black, and less than 0.5 percent were members of races other than white or black.<sup>1</sup> Persons convicted of crimes of violence made up a significantly larger proportion of the black inmate population than of the white. On the other hand, whites were much more likely than blacks to have been serving time for crimes against property. With respect to specific crimes, 29

percent of the blacks were being held for robbery, compared with 16 percent of the whites. For murder, the proportions were 20 percent and 13 percent, respectively. For burglary, however, 27 percent of the total white inmate population had been sentenced for that offense, contrasted to 14 percent of the black prisoner population.

Only 2 percent of the total number of Missouri prisoners were females, the proportion varying but slightly between whites and blacks. Information on age at the time of the census was reported on 3,301 inmates. Of these, the largest single number, irrespective of race, were in the 5-year age group 20-24. Nonetheless, black inmates, on the whole, were younger than their white counterparts, the median ages for the two groups being 26.0 years and 28.7 years, respectively. Two percent of the reported inmates were under age 18; 5 percent were age 50 and over. Levels of educational attainment were recorded for 3,203 inmates. Of this total, almost four out of every five had failed to complete high school and only 2 percent had ever attended college. Black inmates, for whom the median number of years of schooling was 9.9, had completed slightly more formal education than whites, for whom the comparable value was 9.7 years.

Among the 3,355 prisoners for whom maximum sentence length was available, the median length was 7.2 years. It was about 3 years longer for blacks (8.7 years) than for whites (5.8 years). In terms of time actually served on the sentence, blacks had been held for 18.0 months, whites for 15.0 months. Some 11 percent of those inmates for whom the length of time served was reported had been imprisoned for 6 years or more.

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<sup>1</sup> At the time of the 1970 Census, Missouri's population was divided racially as follows: white, 89 percent; black, 10 percent; and races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Missouri: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	3,779	100	1,716	100	1,628	100	7	100	428	100
Crimes of violence	1,955	52	783	46	1,165	72	3	43	4	1
Murder	551	15	228	13	320	20	0	0	3	1
Attempted murder	178	5	71	4	107	7	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	94	2	43	3	51	3	0	0	0	0
Kidnaping	12	(Z)	8	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Rape	182	5	60	3	120	7	1	14	1	(Z)
Statutory rape	36	1	20	1	16	1	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	6	(Z)	5	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	23	1	12	1	11	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery	749	20	271	16	476	29	2	29	0	0
Assault	124	3	65	4	59	4	0	0	0	0
Crimes against property	1,176	31	783	46	389	24	4	57	0	0
Burglary	688	18	460	27	226	14	2	29	0	0
Larceny	207	5	102	6	104	6	1	14	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	95	3	66	4	29	2	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	162	4	142	8	19	1	1	14	0	0
Arson	15	(Z)	10	1	5	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	9	(Z)	3	(Z)	6	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	218	6	147	9	71	4	0	0	0	0
Drug offense	148	4	93	5	55	3	0	0	0	0
Weapons offense	23	1	13	1	10	1	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	20	1	16	1	4	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	17	(Z)	15	1	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	10	(Z)	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	6	(Z)	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Not reported	424	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	424	99

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Table 2. Missouri: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	3,779	100	1,716	100	1,628	100	7	100	428	100
Male	3,694	98	1,680	98	1,585	97	7	100	422	99
Female	85	2	36	2	43	3	0	0	6	1
<b>Age</b>										
Total	3,779	100	1,716	100	1,628	100	7	100	428	100
Under 18	58	2	17	1	41	3	0	0	0	0
18	98	3	40	2	58	4	0	0	0	0
19	191	5	85	5	106	7	0	0	0	0
20-24	976	26	441	26	532	33	2	29	1	(Z)
25-29	691	18	358	21	332	20	1	14	0	0
30-34	460	12	268	16	191	12	1	14	0	0
35-39	298	8	166	10	131	8	1	14	0	0
40-44	197	5	109	6	87	5	1	14	0	0
45-49	148	4	92	5	56	3	0	0	0	0
50 and over	184	5	115	7	68	4	1	14	0	0
Not reported	478	13	25	1	26	2	0	0	427	100
Median		27.4		28.7		26.0		32.5		
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	3,779	100	1,716	100	1,628	100	7	100	428	100
Eighth grade or less	1,192	32	668	39	520	32	3	43	1	(Z)
1-3 years of high school	1,334	35	544	32	788	48	1	14	1	(Z)
Some high school (years unreported)	88	2	47	3	39	2	0	0	2	(Z)
4 years of high school	519	14	334	19	183	11	2	28	0	0
Any college	70	2	45	3	25	2	0	0	0	0
Not reported	576	15	78	5	73	4	1	14	424	99
Median		9.8		9.7		9.9		10.0		

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**Table 3. Missouri: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; length served in months)

Item	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	3,779	100	1,716	100	1,628	100	7	100	428	100
Less than 3	407	11	255	15	151	9	1	14	0	0
3 less than 4	346	9	208	12	137	8	1	14	0	0
4 less than 5	220	6	145	8	74	5	1	14	0	0
5 less than 6	574	15	296	17	276	17	2	29	0	0
6 less than 10	455	12	193	11	262	16	0	0	0	0
10 less than 11	303	8	146	9	157	10	0	0	0	0
11 less than 15	82	2	35	2	47	3	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	146	4	66	4	80	5	0	0	0	0
16 less than 20	52	1	24	1	27	2	1	14	0	0
20 less than 30	225	6	99	6	124	8	1	14	1	(Z)
30 less than 98	144	4	64	4	80	5	0	0	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	401	11	185	11	213	13	0	0	3	1
Not reported	424	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	424	99
Median		7.2		5.8		8.7		5.3		
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	3,779	100	1,716	100	1,628	100	7	100	428	100
Less than 6	938	23	498	29	439	27	1	14	0	0
6 less than 12	444	12	257	15	186	11	0	0	1	(Z)
12 less than 18	398	11	208	12	189	12	1	14	0	0
18 less than 24	298	8	146	9	149	9	3	43	0	0
24 less than 30	317	8	136	8	180	11	1	14	0	0
30 less than 36	165	4	73	4	91	6	1	14	0	0
36 less than 48	232	6	109	6	123	8	0	0	0	0
48 less than 72	210	6	107	6	103	6	0	0	0	0
72 less than 120	149	4	67	4	82	5	0	0	0	0
120 or more	204	5	115	7	86	5	0	0	3	1
Not reported	424	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	424	99
Median		16.4		15.0		18.0		21.0		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



# MONTANA

In Montana, inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day numbered 310 as of June 30, 1973, or 42 per 100,000 inhabitants. Prisoners being held for crimes against property (142) slightly outnumbered those confined for crimes of violence (139). Twenty-five inmates, 22 of whom had been sentenced for drug offenses, were serving time for crimes against public order, and 4 others were being held for other, miscellaneous offenses. More prisoners were being held for burglary than any other offense, such inmates making up 22 percent of the entire prisoner population. Those under custody for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement (14 percent) were the second most numerous, followed by those serving time for robbery (11 percent), murder (11 percent), or assault (10 percent).

Of the total number of inmates, almost three-fourths were white, 24 percent were members of races other than white or black, and 2 percent were black.<sup>1</sup> Whites were more likely than members of "other" races

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<sup>1</sup>Whites accounted for almost 95 percent of Montana's population at the time of the 1970 Census, members of races other than white or black made up 4 percent, and blacks comprised less than 0.5 percent. Among persons classified as other than white or black, American Indians constituted 92 percent.

to have been serving time for crimes of violence, less likely to have been convicted of crimes against property. Meaningful comparisons involving the black inmate population were not possible because of the few blacks held in the State's correctional system.

All but 2 percent of the prisoners under Montana jurisdiction were males. The median age for all inmates was 29.5 years. Prisoners of races other than white or black were more than a year younger than white inmates, the median ages being 28.6 and 29.9, respectively. Fifty-five percent of the inmate population had failed to complete high school, 35 percent had terminated their formal education upon receiving a high school diploma, and 10 percent had attended college. On the whole whites had had slightly more schooling than members of "other" races, the median number of years completed having been 11.8 for the former and 10.7 for the latter.

The median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in incarceration at the time of the census was 10.3 years. For whites it was 10.3 years and for members of races other than white or black it was 9.2 years. In terms of time actually served on their current sentence, whites had spent 7.7 months in prison, whereas members of "other" races had put in 5.5 months. Only 2 percent of the total prisoner population had been held 6 years or longer.

Table 1. Montana: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	310	100	231	100	5	100	74	100
Crimes of violence	139	45	106	46	4	80	29	39
Murder	33	11	27	12	1	20	5	7
Manslaughter	11	4	10	4	0	0	1	1
Kidnaping	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	16	5	8	3	1	20	7	9
Statutory rape	1	(2)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lewd act with child	10	3	8	3	0	0	2	3
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	34	11	27	12	0	0	7	9
Assault <sup>1</sup>	32	10	24	10	2	40	6	8
Crimes against property	142	46	101	44	1	20	40	54
Burglary	68	22	45	19	1	20	22	30
Larceny	21	7	15	6	0	0	6	8
Motor vehicle theft	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	1
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	42	14	34	15	0	0	8	11
Arson	4	1	2	1	0	0	2	3
Stolen property	4	1	3	1	0	0	1	1
Crimes against public order	25	8	20	9	0	0	5	7
Drug offense	22	7	19	8	0	0	3	4
Weapons offense	1	(2)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	2	1	1	(2)	0	0	1	1
Escape or flight	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4	1	4	2	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Includes attempted murder.

**Table 2. Montana: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	310	100	231	100	5	100	74	100
Male	305	98	227	98	5	100	73	99
Female	5	2	4	2	0	0	1	1
<b>Age</b>								
Total	310	100	231	100	5	100	74	100
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
19	13	4	10	4	0	0	3	4
20-24	85	27	63	27	1	20	21	28
25-29	62	20	42	18	2	40	18	24
30-34	47	15	38	16	0	0	9	12
35-39	44	14	27	12	1	20	16	22
40-44	22	7	18	8	0	0	4	5
45-49	10	3	8	3	0	0	2	3
50 and over	25	8	23	10	1	20	1	1
Not reported	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Median		29.5		29.9		28.8		28.6
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	310	100	231	100	5	100	74	100
Eighth grade or less	74	24	54	23	3	60	17	23
1-3 years of high school	97	31	65	28	0	0	32	43
Some high school (years unreported)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	108	35	86	37	2	40	20	27
Any college	30	10	25	11	0	0	5	7
Median		11.4		11.8		8.5		10.7

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 3. Montana: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years: time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	310	100	231	100	5	100	74	100
Less than 3	20	6	15	6	0	0	5	7
3 less than 4	29	9	16	7	0	0	13	18
4 less than 5	16	5	12	5	0	0	4	5
5 less than 6	59	19	47	20	1	20	11	15
6 less than 10	19	6	14	6	0	0	5	7
10 less than 11	45	15	35	15	1	20	9	12
11 less than 15	11	4	7	3	0	0	4	5
15 less than 16	22	7	19	8	0	0	3	4
16 less than 20	5	2	3	1	0	0	2	3
20 less than 30	38	12	30	13	0	0	8	11
30 less than 98	29	9	18	8	3	60	8	11
98 or more, life, or death	17	5	15	6	0	0	2	3
Median	10.3		10.3		41.3		9.2	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	310	100	231	100	5	100	74	100
Less than 6	143	46	100	43	3	60	40	54
6 less than 12	70	23	55	24	0	0	15	20
12 less than 18	38	12	28	12	0	0	10	14
18 less than 24	23	7	22	10	0	0	1	1
24 less than 30	14	5	9	4	0	0	5	7
30 less than 36	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	1
36 less than 48	7	2	4	2	1	20	2	3
48 less than 72	5	2	4	2	1	20	0	0
72 less than 120	5	2	5	2	0	0	0	0
120 or more	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Median	7.1		7.7		5.0		5.5	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



# NEBRASKA

Nebraska's State-operated correctional facilities, as of June 30, 1973, held in custody 928 inmates who had been sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year. In relation to the population of Nebraska, there were 61 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants. Of the total inmate population, 44 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 39 percent were being held for crimes of violence, 7 percent had been imprisoned for crimes against public order, and the remainder were confined for other, specific but miscellaneous crimes or for offenses whose nature was not reported. Persons in custody for burglary (208), robbery (117), forgery, fraud, or embezzlement (105), or murder (93) together accounted for almost three out of every five prisoners.

Whites constituted 62 percent of the State's prisoner population; blacks, 30 percent; and persons of races other than white or black, 8 percent.<sup>1</sup> Inmates of "other" races, as well as blacks, were more likely than whites to have been incarcerated for crimes of violence, whereas whites were the most likely of the three racial groups to have been sentenced for crimes against property and crimes against public order. In particular, disproportionately large numbers of blacks were serving time for robbery. Despite being outnumbered by whites in the prisoner population by a margin greater than two to one, the number of blacks held for robbery was

almost twice as large as the number of whites held for the same offense. Members of races other than white or black were especially apt to have been sentenced for murder or burglary.

Males constituted 97 percent of the total inmate population. For the white inmate population, the proportion was 98 percent; it was 92 percent for the black inmate population and 97 percent for those of "other" races. Irrespective of race, the largest number of inmates were in the 5-year age group 20-24. Only 2 percent of the inmates were under age 18, and only 7 percent were age 50 and over. Black inmates were the youngest, the median age among them having been 25.4 years. The median age among the whites was 28.8 years, and it was 29.5 years among those of races other than white or black. Of the total inmate population, 63 percent had quit school before graduating from high school, including 17 percent who had 8 years or less of school. Blacks had slightly more schooling than whites, 11.5 years to 11.1 years; both had more formal education than members of races other than white or black, who had had approximately 10 years of training.

The median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 5.2 years, and it was shorter for whites (4.8 years) than for blacks (5.7 years) or members of "other" races (5.8 years). In terms of time actually served in prison for this offense, whites had spent less time (13.2 months) than blacks (14.5 months) or inmates of races other than white or black (19.7 months). Seven percent of all inmates had been in prison for 6 or more years at the time of the census. The proportion was 7 percent for whites, 6 percent for blacks, and 12 percent for "others."

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of Nebraska's population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 96 percent; black, 3 percent; and members of races other than white or black, 1 percent. American Indians made up 62 percent of those classified as neither white nor black.

Table 1. Nebraska: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	928	100	578	100	276	100	73	100	1	100
Crimes of violence	362	39	179	31	139	50	44	60	0	0
Murder	93	10	48	8	29	11	16	22	0	0
Attempted murder	2	(Z)	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	23	2	11	2	8	3	4	5	0	0
Kidnaping	9	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory rape	36	4	25	4	5	2	6	8	0	0
Lewd act with child	6	1	4	1	0	0	2	3	0	0
Sexual assault: force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	117	13	38	7	72	26	7	10	0	0
Assault	75	8	43	7	23	8	9	12	0	0
Crimes against property	412	44	283	49	105	38	24	33	0	0
Burglary	208	22	146	25	47	17	15	21	0	0
Larceny	44	5	26	4	15	5	3	4	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	31	3	22	4	8	3	1	1	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	105	11	74	13	26	9	5	7	0	0
Arson	6	1	5	1	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	18	2	10	2	8	3	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	66	7	51	9	12	4	3	4	0	0
Drug offense	6	1	1	(Z)	5	2	0	0	0	0
Weapons offense	10	1	6	1	3	1	1	1	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	11	1	8	1	1	(Z)	2	3	0	0
Traffic offense	15	2	14	2	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	24	3	22	4	2	1	0	0	0	0
Other	14	2	12	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Not reported	74	8	53	9	18	7	2	3	1	100

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Nebraska: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex										
Total	928	100	578	100	276	100	73	100	1	100
Male	896	97	569	98	255	92	71	97	1	100
Female	32	3	9	2	21	8	2	3	0	0
Age										
Total	928	100	578	100	276	100	73	100	1	100
Under 18	15	2	8	1	6	2	1	1	0	0
18	20	2	11	2	6	2	3	4	0	0
19	45	5	27	5	15	5	3	4	0	0
20-24	287	31	165	29	105	38	17	23	0	0
25-29	176	19	97	17	65	24	14	19	0	0
30-34	117	13	79	14	27	10	11	15	0	0
35-39	71	8	53	9	13	5	5	7	0	0
40-44	70	8	46	8	17	6	7	10	0	0
45-49	53	6	41	7	6	2	6	8	0	0
50 and over	63	7	43	7	14	5	6	8	0	0
Not reported	11	1	8	1	2	1	0	0	1	100
Median		27.6		28.8		25.4		29.5		
Highest grade completed										
Total	928	100	578	100	276	100	73	100	1	100
Eighth grade or less	157	17	103	18	28	10	26	36	0	0
1-3 years of high school	429	46	255	44	143	52	31	42	0	0
Some high school (years unreported)	3	(Z)	0	0	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	269	29	175	30	79	29	15	21	0	0
Any college	55	6	37	6	18	7	0	0	0	0
Not reported	15	2	8	1	5	2	1	1	1	100
Median		11.2		11.1		11.5		10.0		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 3. Nebraska: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	928	100	578	100	276	100	73	100	1	100
Less than 3	210	23	157	27	41	15	12	16	0	0
3 less than 4	143	15	95	16	38	14	10	14	0	0
4 less than 5	83	9	44	8	32	12	7	10	0	0
5 less than 6	139	15	91	16	38	14	10	14	0	0
6 less than 10	108	12	55	10	48	17	5	7	0	0
10 less than 11	59	6	33	6	21	8	5	7	0	0
11 less than 15	10	1	6	1	3	1	1	1	0	0
15 less than 16	33	4	20	3	9	3	4	5	0	0
16 less than 20	10	1	8	1	1	(2)	1	1	0	0
20 less than 30	30	3	15	3	10	4	5	7	0	0
30 less than 98	28	3	14	2	12	4	2	3	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	75	8	40	7	23	8	11	15	1	100
Median		5.2		4.8		5.7		5.8		
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	928	100	578	100	276	100	73	100	1	100
Less than 6	239	26	154	27	71	26	14	19	0	0
6 less than 12	166	18	112	19	45	16	9	12	0	0
12 less than 18	138	15	85	15	43	16	10	14	0	0
18 less than 24	80	1	41	7	28	10	11	15	0	0
24 less than 30	81	9	49	8	25	9	7	10	0	0
30 less than 36	59	6	33	6	20	7	6	8	0	0
36 less than 48	44	5	29	5	12	4	3	4	0	0
48 less than 72	34	4	23	4	8	3	3	4	0	0
72 less than 120	39	4	23	4	9	3	7	10	0	0
120 or more	28	3	18	3	7	3	2	3	1	100
Not reported	20	2	11	2	8	3	1	1	0	0
Median		14.2		13.2		14.5		19.7		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## NEVADA

On June 30, 1973, correctional facilities operated by the State of Nevada held 669 inmates who had been sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day, or 121 prisoners per 100,000 population. Persons confined for crimes of violence made up 48 percent of the total inmate population; those serving time for crimes against property accounted for 36 percent. An additional 15 percent had been convicted of crimes against public order, chiefly drug offenses, and the remaining 1 percent were in custody for other, miscellaneous crimes. Inmates under sentence for robbery numbered 114; those sentenced for murder totaled 113. Persons held for robbery or murder each constituted 17 percent of all inmates. Prisoners being held for burglary were the third most numerous among the inmate population, followed by those serving time for drug offenses or for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement.

Nevada's inmate population was distributed racially as follows: white, 72 percent; black, 22 percent; and races other than white or black, 6 percent.<sup>1</sup> In relation to their number, blacks, as well as members of "other" races, were more likely than whites to have been sentenced for crimes of violence, less likely to have been imprisoned for crimes against property. Slightly more than one-fourth of all black prisoners were being held for robbery, compared with 15 percent of white inmates. A fifth of those of races other than white or black were in custody for murder, and another 14 percent had been sentenced for attempted murder. For whites, the proportion of inmates confined for murder and for attempted murder combined was 19 percent; for blacks, it was 14 percent. Proportionately more whites than blacks or "others"

<sup>1</sup>As of the 1970 Census, Nevada's population was distributed racially as follows: white, 92 percent; black, 6 percent; and persons other than white or black, 2 percent. American Indians accounted for 62 percent of those classified as "other."

had been sentenced for burglary, larceny, stolen property offenses, weapons offenses, or forgery, fraud, or embezzlement.

Ninety-six percent of the inmates held by Nevada's correctional system were males. Among white inmates, males accounted for 97 percent, and the corresponding proportions for black inmates and "other" inmates were 93 percent and 100 percent. Almost half of all inmates were in their 20's; only 1 prisoner was under age 18. Nine percent were age 50 and over. Black prisoners were, on the whole, 3 years younger than their white or "other" counterparts. The median age for black inmates was 27.0 years. It was 30.2 years for whites and 30.0 years for members of races other than white or black. Of the total prisoner population, almost three out of every five had terminated their formal schooling before obtaining a high school diploma. Those who had not completed high school made up 55 percent of the white inmates, 66 percent of the black inmates, and 77 percent of those of "other" races. Overall, 11 percent of the inmates—14 percent of the whites, 6 percent of the blacks, and 2 percent of the "others," had attended college. The median number of years of schooling completed was lower for members of races other than white or black than for the other two racial groups; it was not substantially different for whites and blacks.

The median maximum sentence handed down for the offense resulting in imprisonment at the time of the census was 8.4 years; it ranged from a low of 8.2 years for white inmates to a high of 10.2 years for members of races other than white or black. In terms of time actually served during their current imprisonment, whites had served 14.8 months; blacks, 18.4 months; and members of "other" races, 28.8 months. Some 10 percent of all inmates had been incarcerated for 6 years or more. The proportion was identical among white prisoners, 7 percent among blacks, but 20 percent among those classified as other than white or black.

Table 1. Nevada: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	669	100	479	100	146	100	44	100
Crimes of violence	323	48	215	45	80	55	28	64
Murder	113	17	86	18	18	12	9	20
Attempted murder	14	2	5	1	3	2	6	14
Manslaughter	24	4	16	3	5	3	3	7
Kidnaping	16	2	11	2	4	3	1	2
Rape	15	2	7	1	8	5	0	0
Statutory rape	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	4	1	3	1	0	0	1	2
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	6	1	3	1	2	1	1	2
Robbery	114	17	70	15	38	26	6	14
Assault	15	2	12	3	2	1	1	2
Crimes against property	240	36	186	39	43	29	11	25
Burglary	101	15	75	16	22	15	4	9
Larceny	48	7	36	8	9	6	3	7
Motor vehicle theft	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	76	11	62	13	10	7	4	9
Arson	1	(Z)	0	0	1	1	0	0
Stolen property	13	2	12	3	1	1	0	0
Crimes against public order	102	15	74	15	23	16	5	11
Drug offense	87	13	63	13	21	14	3	7
Weapons offense	5	1	5	1	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	6	1	4	1	1	1	1	2
Traffic offense	3	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	1	1	2
Escape or flight	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Other	4	1	4	1	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Nevada: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	669	100	479	100	146	100	44	100
Male	644	96	464	97	136	93	44	100
Female	25	4	15	3	10	7	0	0
<b>Age</b>								
Total	669	100	479	100	146	100	44	100
Under 18	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
18	4	1	2	(Z)	2	1	0	0
19	19	3	8	2	10	7	1	2
20-24	182	27	126	26	47	32	9	20
25-29	144	22	98	20	34	23	12	27
30-34	82	12	57	12	16	11	9	20
35-39	79	12	58	12	15	10	6	14
40-44	52	8	44	9	5	3	3	7
45-49	39	6	31	6	7	5	1	2
50 and over	62	9	50	10	9	6	3	7
Not reported	5	1	4	1	1	1	0	0
Median		29.4		30.2		27.0		30.0
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	669	100	479	100	146	100	44	100
Eighth grade or less	98	15	69	14	18	12	11	25
1-3 years of high school	297	44	196	41	78	53	23	52
Some high school (years unreported)	26	4	21	4	5	3	0	0
4 years of high school	173	26	128	27	36	25	9	20
Any college	75	11	65	14	9	6	1	2
Median		11.5		11.7		11.5		10.4

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 3. Nevada: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	669	100	479	100	146	100	44	100
Less than 3	18	3	18	4	0	0	0	0
3 less than 4	33	5	23	5	7	5	3	7
4 less than 5	87	13	76	16	8	5	3	7
5 less than 6	84	13	54	11	24	16	6	14
6 less than 10	181	27	124	26	48	33	9	20
10 less than 11	88	13	60	13	22	15	6	14
11 less than 15	18	3	9	2	5	3	4	9
15 less than 16	38	6	24	5	11	8	3	7
16 less than 20	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	28	4	19	4	7	5	2	5
30 less than 98	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	91	14	70	15	13	9	8	18
Median		8.4		8.2		8.8		10.2
Time served (in months)								
Total	669	100	479	100	146	100	44	100
Less than 6	149	22	119	25	23	16	7	16
6 less than 12	120	18	87	18	28	19	5	11
12 less than 18	93	14	71	15	20	14	2	5
18 less than 24	62	9	43	9	15	10	4	9
24 less than 30	58	9	37	8	16	11	5	11
30 less than 36	38	6	22	5	13	9	3	7
36 less than 48	37	6	22	5	9	6	6	14
48 less than 72	43	6	28	6	12	8	3	7
72 less than 120	43	6	28	6	9	6	6	14
120 or more	25	4	21	4	1	1	3	7
Not reported	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Median		16.2		14.8		18.4		28.8

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire's State-operated correctional facilities held 243 inmates, as of June 30, 1973, who had been sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day, or an inmate-to-population ratio of 31 per 100,000. Forty-six percent of the prisoners were in custody for crimes of violence, one-third had been sentenced for crimes against property, one-fifth were serving time for crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses, and the remainder had been convicted of other, miscellaneous crimes. More inmates were imprisoned for burglary than for any other specific offense, such prisoners making up nearly one-fourth of the prisoner population. Persons sentenced for drug offenses accounted for 17 percent, and those held for robbery constituted 15 percent. Convicted murderers numbered 21, or 9 percent of the total.

Only one black was serving time in the New Hampshire State correctional system at the time of the

census; there were no persons of races other than white or black.<sup>1</sup> All but three inmates were males. The median age for all prisoners was 27.4 years; the median number of years of schooling was 10.1. Overall, nearly three-fourths of the inmates had failed to complete high school, about one-fifth had terminated their formal education after receiving a high school diploma, and 2 percent had had some college training.

The median maximum sentence meted out for the offense that resulted in imprisonment at the time of the census was 6 years. Time actually served during the current incarceration was 8.2 months. Only 4 percent of the inmate population had been held for 6 or more years.

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<sup>1</sup>Whites accounted for slightly more than 99 percent of New Hampshire's population at the time of the 1970 Census. Blacks and members of races other than white or black each accounted for less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. New Hampshire: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		Race			
	Number	Percent	White		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	243	100	242	100	1	100
Crimes of violence	111	46	111	46	0	0
Murder	21	9	21	9	0	0
Attempted murder	6	2	6	2	0	0
Manslaughter	11	5	11	5	0	0
Kidnaping	3	1	3	1	0	0
Rape	11	5	11	5	0	0
Statutory rape	3	1	3	1	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:						
force undetermined	5	2	5	2	0	0
Robbery	37	15	37	15	0	0
Assault	14	6	14	6	0	0
Crimes against property	79	33	79	33	0	0
Burglary	56	23	56	23	0	0
Larceny	3	1	3	1	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	2	1	2	1	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	15	6	15	6	0	0
Arson	2	1	2	1	0	0
Stolen property	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Crimes against public order	49	20	48	20	1	100
Drug offense	41	17	40	17	1	100
Weapons offense	4	2	4	2	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	3	1	3	1	0	0
Traffic offense	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Escape or flight	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4	2	4	2	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. New Hampshire: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic.	Race					
	All races		White		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex						
Total	243	100	242	100	1	100
Male	240	99	239	99	1	100
Female	3	1	3	1	0	0
Age						
Total	243	100	242	100	1	100
Under 18	2	1	2	1	0	0
18	5	2	5	2	0	0
19	13	5	13	5	0	0
20-24	74	30	74	31	0	0
25-29	57	23	56	23	1	100
30-34	30	12	30	12	0	0
35-39	25	10	25	10	0	0
40-44	13	5	13	5	0	0
45-49	10	4	10	4	0	0
50 and over	14	6	14	6	0	0
Median		27.4		27.4		
Highest grade completed						
Total	243	100	242	100	1	100
Eighth grade or less	93	38	93	38	0	0
1-3 years of high school	81	33	80	33	1	100
Some high school (years unreported)	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	0
4 years of high school	47	19	47	19	0	0
Any college	6	2	6	2	0	0
Not reported	15	6	15	6	0	0
Median		10.1		10.0		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 3. New Hampshire: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		Race			
	Number	Percent	White		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)						
Total	243	100	242	100	1	100
Less than 3	8	3	8	3	0	0
3 less than 4	31	13	31	13	0	0
4 less than 5	8	3	8	3	0	0
5 less than 6	76	31	76	31	0	0
6 less than 10	29	12	28	12	1	100
10 less than 11	26	11	26	11	0	0
11 less than 15	3	1	3	1	0	0
15 less than 16	9	4	9	4	0	0
16 less than 20	2	1	2	1	0	0
20 less than 30	17	7	17	7	0	0
30 less than 98	15	6	15	6	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	19	8	19	8	0	0
Median		6.0		6.0		
Time served (in months)						
Total	243	100	242	100	1	100
Less than 6	103	42	103	43	0	0
6 less than 12	51	21	51	21	0	0
12 less than 18	32	13	31	13	1	100
18 less than 24	14	6	14	6	0	0
24 less than 30	7	3	7	3	0	0
30 less than 36	6	2	6	2	0	0
36 less than 48	9	4	9	4	0	0
48 less than 72	10	4	10	4	0	0
72 less than 120	4	2	4	2	0	0
120 or more	6	2	6	2	0	0
Not reported	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Median		8.2		8.0		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## NEW JERSEY

Data for the State were incomplete. Reasonably detailed information was reported for 4,480 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. New Jersey correctional authorities viewed this figure as representing 79 percent of the total in State correctional institutions on June 30, 1973. Thus, the actual number was estimated at 5,671, or 77 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants.

Because no details were available on 1,191 prisoners, the discussion that follows treats only those 4,480 for whom complete or partial information was reported. Were data available on the 1,191, they conceivably could alter some of the findings. Of the total of 4,480, 55 percent had been sentenced for crimes of violence, 22 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 20 percent were being held for crimes against public order, principally drug offenses, and 3 percent had been convicted of other, miscellaneous crimes. Robbery was the specific crime for which the largest number of inmates (1,124) had been imprisoned. It was followed by drug offenses (695), murder (628), and burglary (551).

For those inmates whose sex was recorded (4,443), 97 percent were males. For those whose age was noted (4,446), the largest single number were in the 5-year age group 25-29. Median age for all covered prisoners was 29.8 years. It was about 2 years higher for white inmates (31.1 years) than for inmates other than white (29.2 years). Levels of educational attainment were reported for 4,082 prisoners, of whom about 84 percent had failed to finish high school and only 3 percent had ever

attended college. The median number of years of schooling was 9.8.

Of the inmates covered by the census, 36 percent were white and 63 percent were members of races other than white, chiefly blacks; the race of the remaining 1 percent was not reported.<sup>1</sup> White inmates were about twice as likely to have been serving time for crimes of property as were those who were not white. Conversely, members of races other than white were more apt than whites to have been sentenced for crimes of violence. Thus, 18 percent of the white inmates were in custody for burglary, compared with 9 percent of those who were not white; 29 percent of the other than white inmates were serving time for robbery, compared with 17 percent of white inmates.

The median maximum sentence length for prisoners held in State correctional facilities on June 30, 1973, was 9.3 years; it was about 6 months longer for prisoners who were not white than for whites. In terms of time actually served for the offense resulting in imprisonment at the time of the census, the median number of months for white inmates was 17.4; it was 15.2 months for those inmates who were not white. Some 18 percent of all inmates for whom information was available had been held in prison for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>New Jersey's population, according to the 1970 census, was divided racially as follows: white, 88 percent; black, 10 percent; and members of races other than white or black, 1 percent. The State categorizes its inmates as white or nonwhite, not distinguishing between blacks and members of races other than white or black.

Table 1. New Jersey: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black and Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	5,671	100	1,610	100	2,818	100	1,243	100
Crimes of violence	2,464	43	721	45	1,714	61	29	2
Murder	628	11	215	13	409	15	4	(Z)
Attempted murder	28	(Z)	7	(Z)	21	1	0	0
Manslaughter	141	2	39	2	100	4	2	(Z)
Kidnaping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	106	2	30	2	75	3	1	(Z)
Statutory rape	4	(Z)	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0
Lewd act with child	31	1	21	1	10	(Z)	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	95	2	36	2	57	2	2	(Z)
Robbery	1,124	21	285	18	823	29	16	1
Assault	307	5	86	5	217	8	4	(Z)
Crimes against property	991	17	518	32	464	16	9	1
Burglary	551	10	291	18	256	9	4	(Z)
Larceny	162	3	74	5	85	3	3	(Z)
Motor vehicle theft	82	1	44	3	38	1	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	111	2	72	4	38	1	1	(Z)
Arson	14	(Z)	11	1	3	(Z)	0	0
Stolen property	71	1	26	2	44	2	1	(Z)
Crimes against public order	885	16	283	18	591	20	11	1
Drug offense	695	12	193	12	494	18	8	1
Weapons offense	115	2	40	2	74	3	1	(Z)
Commercialized sex	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	1	(Z)
Other sex offense	43	1	33	2	10	(Z)	0	0
Traffic offense	2	(Z)	0	0	2	(Z)	0	0
Escape or flight	29	1	17	1	11	(Z)	1	(Z)
Other	140	2	88	5	49	2	3	(Z)
Not reported	1,191	21	0	0	0	0	1,191	96

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. New Jersey: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black and Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex								
Total	5,671	100	1,610	100	2,818	100	1,243	100
Male	4,306	76	1,560	97	2,696	96	50	4
Female	137	2	36	2	101	4	0	0
Not reported	1,228	22	14	1	21	1	1,193	96
Age								
Total	5,671	100	1,610	100	2,818	100	1,243	100
Under 18	8	(Z)	3	(Z)	5	(Z)	0	0
18	66	1	17	1	49	2	0	0
19	113	2	32	2	81	3	0	0
20-24	997	18	278	17	713	25	6	(Z)
25-29	1,080	19	403	25	670	24	7	1
30-34	787	14	305	19	476	17	6	(Z)
35-39	457	8	165	10	286	10	6	(Z)
40-44	343	6	121	8	219	8	3	(Z)
45-49	265	5	106	7	156	6	3	(Z)
50 and over	330	6	170	11	158	6	2	(Z)
Not reported	1,225	22	10	1	5	(Z)	1,210	97
Median		29.8		31.1		29.2		
Highest grade completed								
Total	5,671	100	1,610	100	2,818	100	1,243	100
Eighth grade or less	1,538	27	579	36	948	34	11	1
1-3 years of high school	1,904	34	600	37	1,292	46	12	1
4 years of high school	522	9	208	13	312	11	2	(Z)
Any college	118	2	56	3	61	2	1	(Z)
Not reported	1,589	28	167	10	205	7	1,217	98
Median		9.8		9.7		9.9		

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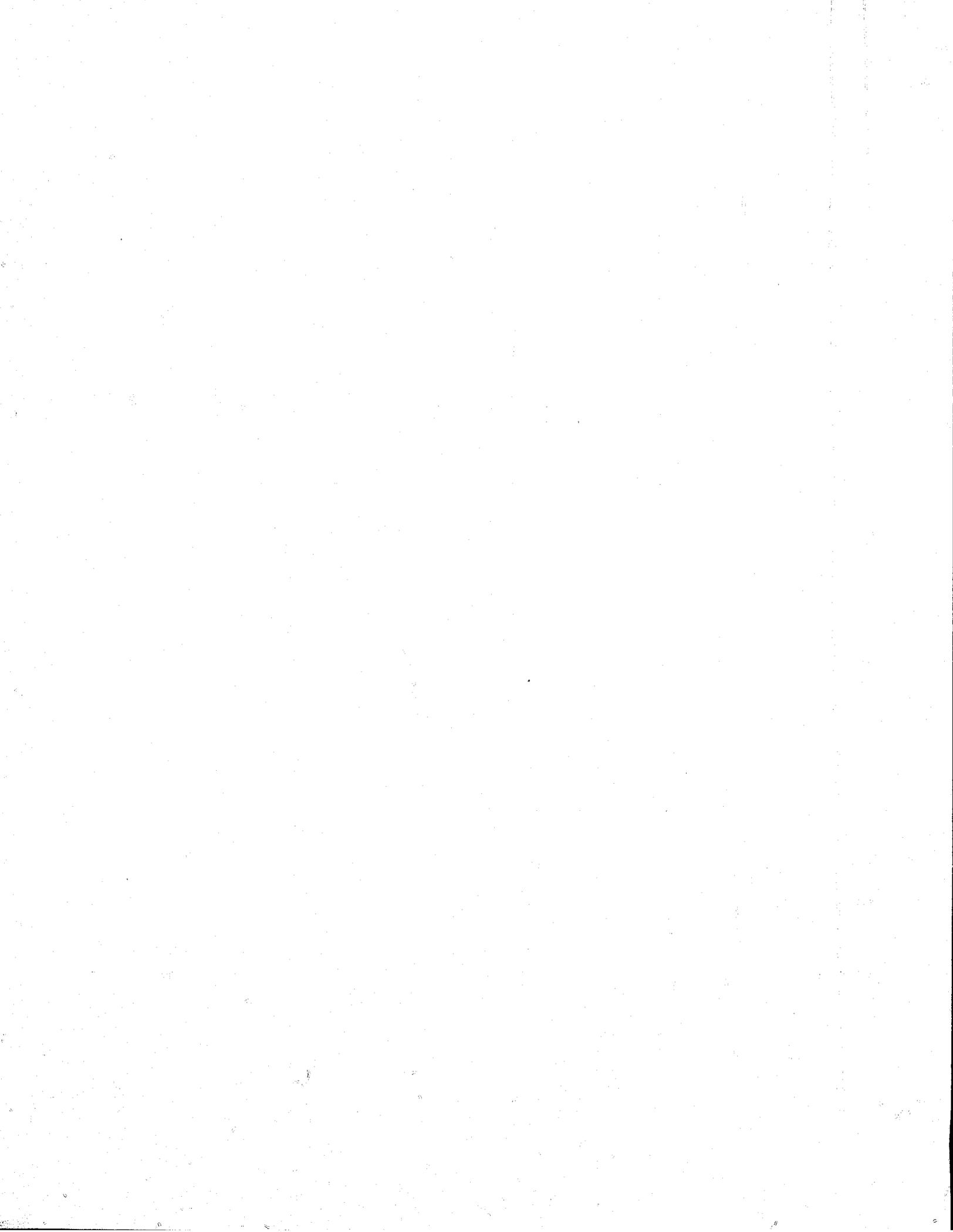
**Table 3. New Jersey: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black and Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	5,671	100	1,610	100	2,818	100	1,243	100
Less than 3	128	2	63	4	64	2	1	(Z)
3 less than 4	452	8	169	10	277	10	6	(Z)
4 less than 5	120	2	46	3	74	3	0	0
5 less than 6	906	16	324	20	571	20	11	1
6 less than 10	766	14	267	17	483	17	16	1
10 less than 11	596	11	187	12	402	14	7	1
11 less than 15	349	6	131	8	215	8	3	(Z)
15 less than 16	282	5	111	7	166	6	5	(Z)
16 less than 20	107	2	39	2	68	2	0	0
20 less than 30	264	5	78	5	186	7	0	0
30 less than 98	268	5	112	7	154	5	2	(Z)
98 or more, life, or death	242	4	83	5	158	6	1	(Z)
Not reported	1,197	21	0	0	0	0	1,191	96
Median		9.3		9.0		9.5		
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	5,671	100	1,610	100	2,818	100	1,243	100
Less than 6	1,334	24	467	29	846	30	21	2
6 less than 12	555	10	191	12	359	13	5	(Z)
12 less than 18	511	9	140	9	367	13	4	(Z)
18 less than 24	291	5	95	6	193	7	3	(Z)
24 less than 30	241	4	83	5	153	5	5	(Z)
30 less than 36	138	2	36	2	101	4	1	(Z)
36 less than 48	238	4	83	5	154	5	1	(Z)
48 less than 72	325	6	125	8	199	7	1	(Z)
72 less than 120	330	6	144	9	184	7	2	(Z)
120 or more	467	8	206	13	254	9	7	1
Not reported	1,241	22	40	2	8	(Z)	1,193	96
Median		15.8		17.4		15.2		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

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## NEW MEXICO

A total of 699 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were being held in State correctional facilities in New Mexico on June 30, 1973, or 64 per 100,000 population. Persons imprisoned for crimes of violence constituted 47 percent of the total, those in custody for crimes against property made up 37 percent, inmates convicted of crimes against public order accounted for 14 percent, and the remainder had been sentenced for other, miscellaneous offenses. Convicted burglars, who numbered 156, represented the largest single group of prisoners; they were followed by those held in custody for robbery, murder, or drug offenses.

Whites made up 85 percent of the inmate population; blacks, 12 percent; and persons of races other than white or black, 3 percent.<sup>1</sup> In relative terms, fewer whites than blacks were serving time for crimes of violence, but the reverse was true with respect to crimes against property and crimes against public order. The largest single number of white inmates had been incarcerated for burglary. For black inmates, the crime

was robbery, and for inmates of races other than white or black it was manslaughter.

Overall, males accounted for 97 percent of New Mexico's prisoner population, with the proportion varying by race as follows: white, 98 percent; black, 99 percent; and "others," 85 percent. A majority of inmates were in their 20's; the largest number, irrespective of race, were in the 5-year age group 20-24. Median age for the entire prisoner population was 27.1 years. Black inmates, on the whole, were the youngest; members of races other than white or black, the oldest. Two-thirds of all inmates had not graduated from high school, including 23 percent who had terminated their formal education at the time of or before completing the eighth grade. Eight percent had attended college. Blacks had had slightly more schooling than whites who, in turn, had attended school for a slightly longer period than inmates of "other" races. The median number of years of schooling for all prisoners was 10.8.

The median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 10.4 years; it did not vary substantially by racial group. In terms of time actually served on the current sentence at the time of the census, the median length was 10.7 months. Again, the median did not vary much by race of inmates. Only 5 percent of the total number of prisoners had served 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>At the time of the 1970 Census, the racial composition of New Mexico's population was as follows: white, 90 percent; black, 2 percent; and races other than white or black, 8 percent. American Indians made up 90 percent of those classified as other than white or black.

Table 1. New Mexico: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	699	100	598	100	81	100	20	100
Crimes of violence	331	47	266	44	53	65	12	60
Murder	73	10	61	10	11	14	1	5
Attempted murder	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0
Manslaughter	33	5	23	4	3	4	7	35
Kidnaping	6	1	6	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	26	4	22	4	3	4	1	5
Statutory rape	3	(Z)	2	(Z)	1	1	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault: force undetermined	12	2	10	2	2	2	0	0
Robbery	119	17	94	16	25	31	0	0
Assault	57	8	47	8	7	9	3	15
Crimes against property	260	37	230	38	22	27	8	40
Burglary	156	22	139	23	12	15	5	25
Larceny	19	3	19	3	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	22	3	18	3	2	2	2	10
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	52	7	45	8	7	9	0	0
Arson	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	10	1	8	1	1	1	1	5
Crimes against public order	96	14	90	15	6	7	0	0
Drug offense	71	10	65	11	6	7	0	0
Weapons offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	5	1	5	1	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	18	3	18	3	0	0	0	0
Other	12	2	12	2	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. New Mexico: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex								
Total	699	100	598	100	81	100	20	100
Male	681	97	584	98	80	99	17	85
Female	18	3	14	2	1	1	3	15
Age								
Total	699	100	598	100	81	100	20	100
Under 18	2	(2)	1	(2)	1	1	0	0
18	14	2	12	2	2	2	0	0
19	31	4	28	5	3	4	0	0
20-24	230	33	197	33	26	32	7	35
25-29	165	24	138	23	22	27	5	25
30-34	106	15	96	16	6	7	4	20
35-39	56	8	45	8	8	10	3	15
40-44	41	6	34	6	6	7	1	5
45-49	22	3	22	4	0	0	0	0
50 and over	28	4	21	4	7	9	0	0
Not reported	4	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
Median		27.1		27.1		26.9		28.0
Highest grade completed								
Total	699	100	598	100	81	100	20	100
Eighth grade or less	162	23	139	23	19	23	4	20
1-3 years of high school	306	44	265	44	30	37	11	55
4 years of high school	177	25	149	25	24	30	4	20
Any college	53	8	44	7	8	10	1	5
Not reported	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	0	0	0
Median		10.8		10.7		11.4		10.4

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

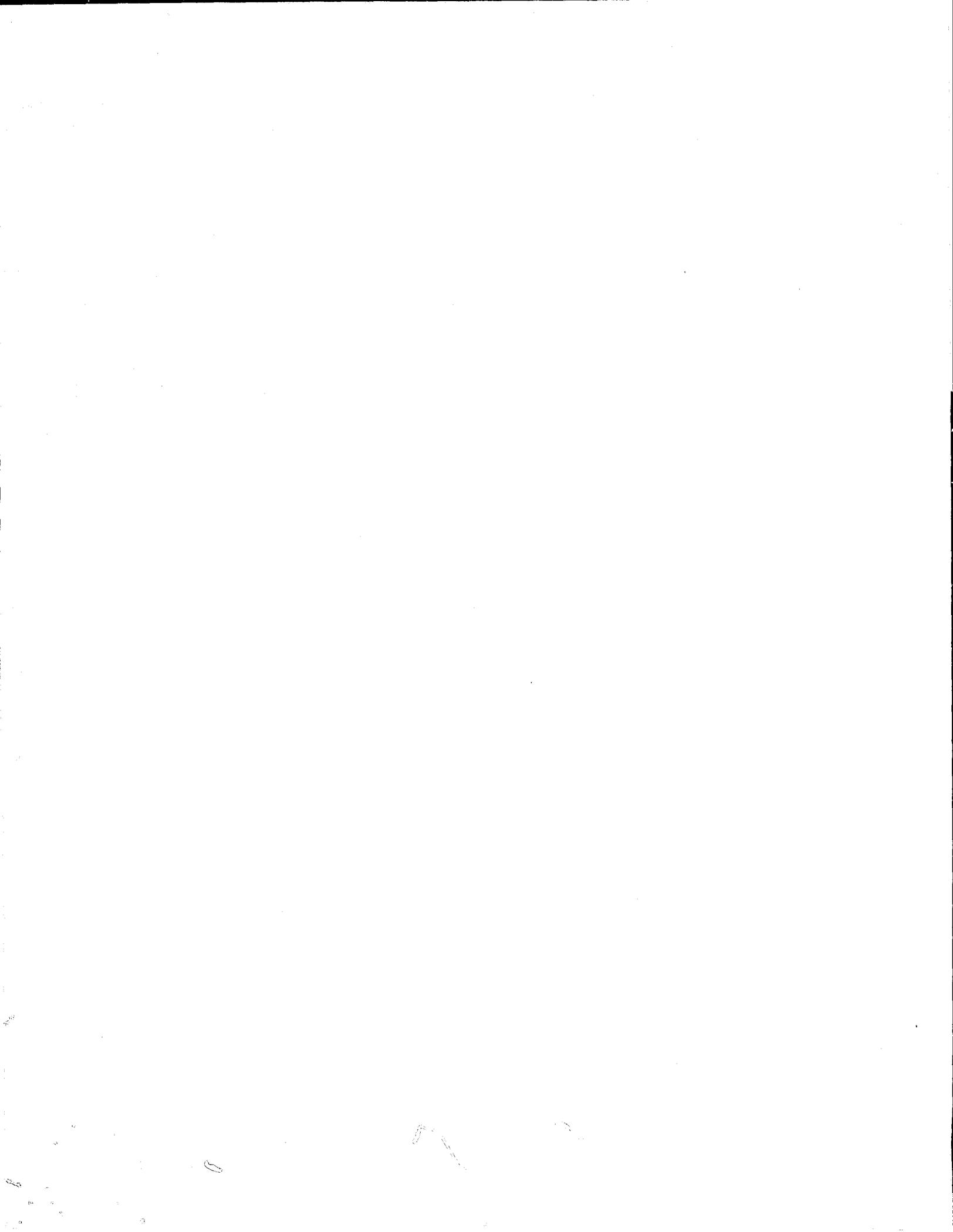
Table 3. New Mexico: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	699	100	598	100	81	100	20	100
Less than 3	15	2	13	2	2	2	0	0
3 less than 4	8	1	7	1	1	1	0	0
4 less than 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	261	37	238	40	14	17	9	45
6 less than 10	6	1	6	1	0	0	0	0
10 less than 11	163	23	124	21	32	40	7	35
11 less than 15	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	11	2	10	2	0	0	1	5
16 less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	28	4	25	4	3	4	0	0
30 less than 98	142	20	123	21	19	23	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	64	9	51	9	10	12	3	15
Median	10.4		10.3		10.7		10.4	
Time served (in months)								
Total	699	100	598	100	81	100	20	100
Less than 6	256	37	223	37	29	36	4	20
6 less than 12	120	17	98	16	14	17	8	40
12 less than 18	116	17	100	17	10	12	6	30
18 less than 24	47	7	44	7	3	4	0	0
24 less than 30	51	7	39	7	11	14	1	5
30 less than 36	23	3	19	3	3	4	1	5
36 less than 48	25	4	24	4	1	1	0	0
48 less than 72	27	4	23	4	4	5	0	0
72 less than 120	28	4	22	4	6	7	0	0
120 or more	5	1	5	1	0	0	0	0
Not reported	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Median	10.7		10.7		10.9		10.6	

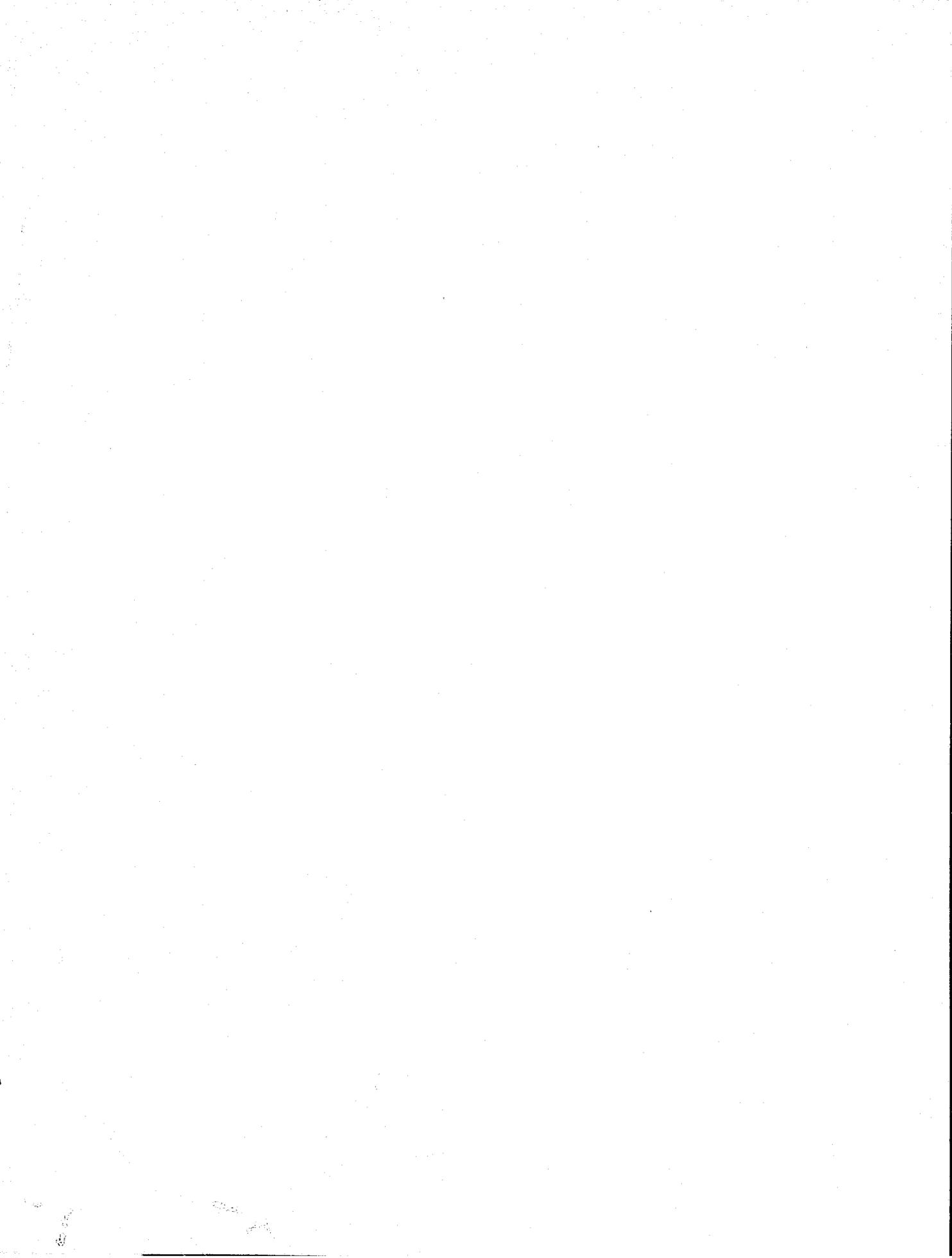
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## NEW YORK

In New York, 12,573 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were being held in custody in State-operated correctional facilities on June 30, 1973. The total represented 69 per 100,000 population. Some 64 percent of the inmates were serving time for crimes of violence, 18 percent had been sentenced for crimes against property, 16 percent had been convicted of crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses, and the remainder had been imprisoned for other, miscellaneous crimes. Robbery was the most common offense for which inmates were being held. In fact, prisoners convicted of robbery made up 35 percent of the total inmate population, outnumbering those held for the second most common crime—manslaughter—by more than 2½ to 1. Drug-related offenses were third, burglary ranked fourth, and murder was fifth. However, convicted murderers accounted for only 6 percent of all inmates.

Blacks constituted 58 percent of the prisoner population; whites, 27 percent. The remaining 15 percent were largely Puerto Ricans, who, along with American Indians and Orientals, were classified by State correctional authorities as members of races other than white or black.<sup>1</sup> Blacks were more likely to have been serving time for crimes of violence than members of "other" races who, in turn, were more apt to have been sentenced for such offenses than whites. This was especially true with respect to robbery. Persons held in custody for robbery made up 43 percent of all black

inmates, compared with 19 percent of white prisoners and 30 percent of those of races other than white or black. On the other hand, whites were more likely than blacks or "others" to have been sentenced for crimes against property, particularly burglary, and members of races other than white or black were more apt to have been serving time for crimes against public order than either whites or blacks.

Of the total prisoner population, 97 percent were males, a proportion that did not vary much by race. The median age for all inmates was 27.6 years; it was 27.1 for blacks, 28.0 for "others," and 28.6 for whites. Irrespective of race, the largest single number of inmates were in the 5-year age group 20-24. Overall, more than three out of every four prisoners serving time as of June 30, 1973, had quit school before completing high school; included were 27 percent who had terminated their formal schooling at the time of or before finishing the eighth grade. Only 4 percent of the inmates had had any college education. On the whole, blacks had had slightly more schooling than whites or "others," the median number of years of education having been 10.6, 10.2, and 9.3, respectively.

The median maximum sentence handed down for the offense that resulted in imprisonment at the time of the census was 5.3 years. It was slightly longer for whites (5.6) than for blacks (5.4) or for members of races other than white or black (4.9). In terms of time actually served, as of June 30, 1973, on their current sentence, whites had served a median of 15.1 months; blacks, 13.0 months; and "others," 10.8 months. Ten percent of the prisoner population had been held for 6 years or more. Relatively more whites than blacks had been in custody for such periods. Blacks, in turn, were more apt than "others" to have been held 6 years or longer.

<sup>1</sup>The population of New York, at the time of the 1970 Census, was distributed as follows: white, 87 percent; black, 12 percent; members of races other than white or black, 1 percent. The Census enumerated Puerto Ricans as white or black, not as "others."

Table 1. New York: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	12,573	100	3,429	100	7,324	100	1,820	100
Crimes of violence	8,033	64	1,682	49	5,221	71	1,130	62
Murder	754	6	271	8	387	5	96	5
Attempted murder	78	1	16	(Z)	50	1	12	1
Manslaughter	1,677	13	372	11	994	14	311	17
Kidnaping	46	(Z)	22	1	19	(Z)	5	(Z)
Rape and statutory rape	283	2	114	3	143	2	26	1
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	98	1	57	2	31	(Z)	10	1
Robbery	4,381	35	666	19	3,164	43	551	30
Assault	716	6	164	5	433	6	119	7
Crimes against property	2,213	18	1,138	33	854	12	221	12
Burglary	1,326	11	675	20	488	7	163	9
Larceny	404	3	175	5	204	3	25	1
Motor vehicle theft	107	1	62	2	35	(Z)	10	1
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	158	1	161	3	54	1	3	(Z)
Arson	93	1	50	2	25	(Z)	8	(Z)
Stolen property	125	1	65	2	48	1	12	1
Crimes against public order	2,029	16	442	13	1,145	16	442	24
Drug offense	1,453	12	272	8	824	11	357	20
Weapons offense	412	3	58	2	283	4	71	4
Commercialized sex	3	(Z)	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Other sex offense	115	1	89	3	20	(Z)	6	(Z)
Traffic offense	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Escape or flight	44	(Z)	20	1	16	(Z)	8	(Z)
Other	298	2	167	5	104	1	27	1

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. New York: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex								
Total	12,573	100	3,429	100	7,324	100	1,820	100
Male	12,197	97	3,349	98	7,070	97	1,778	98
Female	376	3	80	2	254	3	42	2
Age								
Total	12,573	100	3,429	100	7,324	100	1,820	100
Under 18	258	2	77	2	152	2	29	2
18	426	3	127	4	253	3	46	3
19	578	5	191	6	321	4	66	4
20-24	3,461	28	772	23	2,189	30	500	27
25-29	2,956	24	750	22	1,757	24	449	25
30-34	1,929	15	504	15	1,110	15	315	17
35-39	1,153	9	325	9	616	8	212	12
40-44	769	6	264	8	385	5	120	7
45-49	510	4	195	6	268	4	47	3
50 and over	530	4	221	6	273	4	36	2
Not reported	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Median		27.6		28.6		27.1		28.0
Highest grade completed								
Total	12,573	100	3,429	100	7,324	100	1,820	100
Eighth grade or less	3,336	27	1,039	30	1,526	21	771	42
1-3 years of high school	6,432	51	1,343	39	4,203	57	886	49
Some high school (years unreported)	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
4 years of high school	2,146	17	773	23	1,244	17	129	7
Any college	484	4	208	6	260	4	16	1
Not reported	173	1	65	2	90	1	18	1
Median		10.3		10.2		10.6		9.3

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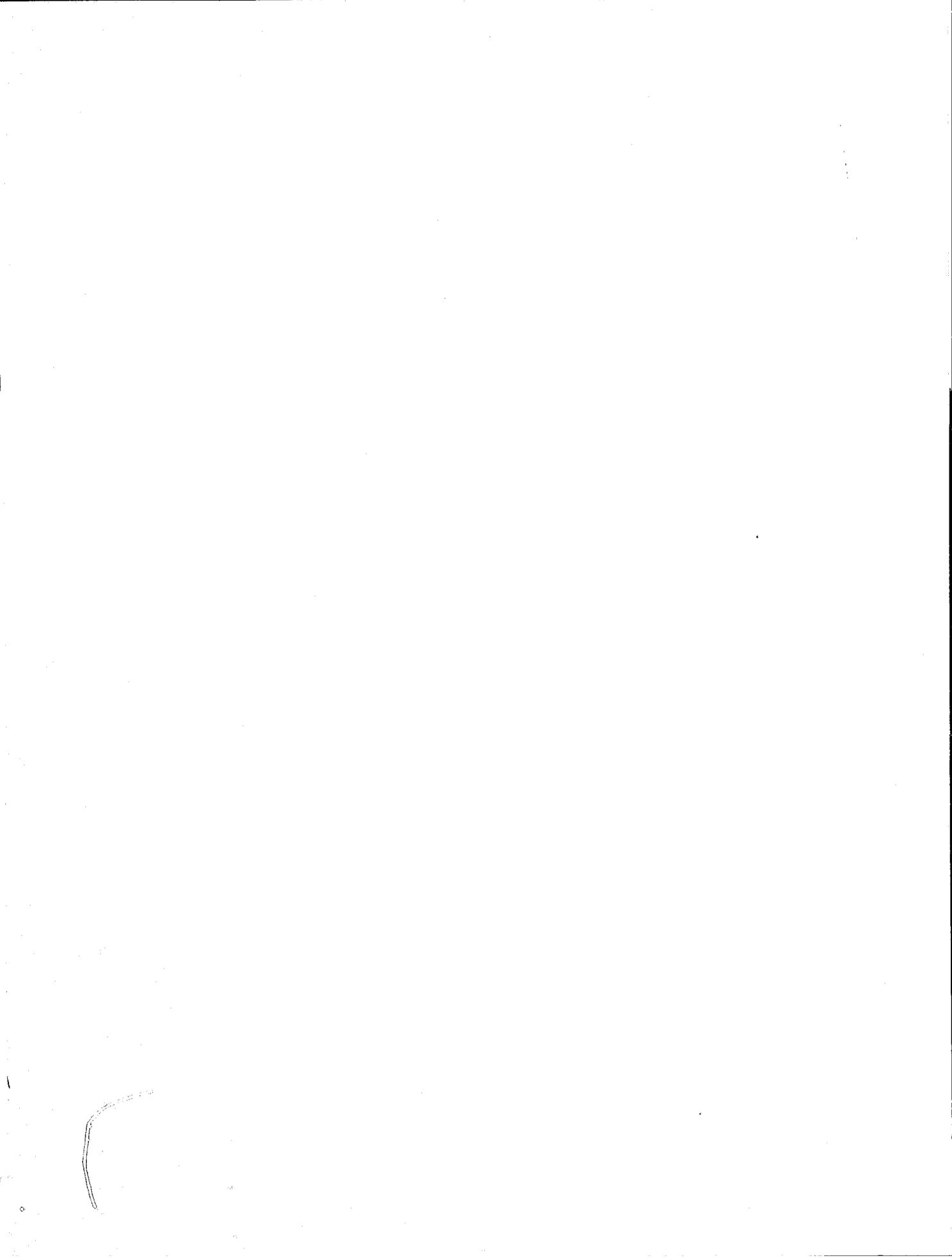
Table 3. New York: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	12,753	100	3,429	100	7,324	100	1,820	100
Less than 3	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)
3 less than 4	2,559	20	558	16	1,477	20	524	29
4 less than 5	3,343	27	999	29	1,905	26	439	24
5 less than 6	1,260	10	277	8	764	10	219	12
6 less than 10	1,747	14	437	13	1,084	15	226	12
10 less than 11	815	6	217	6	487	7	111	6
11 less than 15	320	3	86	3	189	3	45	2
15 less than 16	708	6	175	5	458	6	75	4
16 less than 20	60	(Z)	17	(Z)	34	(Z)	9	(Z)
20 less than 30	562	4	211	6	308	4	43	2
30 less than 98	1,160	9	439	13	603	8	118	6
98 or more, life, or death	37	(Z)	12	(Z)	15	(Z)	10	(Z)
Median		5.3		5.6		5.4		4.9
Time served (in months)								
Total	12,573	100	3,429	100	7,324	100	1,820	100
Less than 6	3,318	26	806	24	1,938	26	574	32
6 less than 12	2,581	21	648	19	1,517	21	416	23
12 less than 18	2,127	17	502	15	1,321	18	304	17
18 less than 24	924	7	242	7	553	8	129	7
24 less than 30	786	6	222	6	467	6	97	5
30 less than 36	438	3	139	4	241	3	58	3
36 less than 48	630	5	227	7	338	5	65	4
48 less than 72	636	5	209	6	372	5	55	3
72 less than 120	666	5	239	7	358	5	69	4
120 or more	467	4	195	6	219	3	53	3
Median		13.1		15.1		13.0		10.8

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## NORTH CAROLINA

As of June 30, 1973, a total of 9,895 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were housed in North Carolina's State-operated correctional facilities. There were 187 inmates per 100,000 population. Persons serving time for crimes against property made up 44 percent of the total; those being held for crimes of violence accounted for 40 percent. In addition, 6 percent had been sentenced for crimes against public order, and 10 percent had been committed for other, miscellaneous offenses. Larceny was the offense for which the largest single number of inmates (2,941) were serving time, followed, in order, by robbery (1,460), murder (1,022), and forgery, fraud, or embezzlement (942). Only 167 prisoners, or 2 percent of the total, were confined for burglary, a marked contrast with most other States.<sup>1</sup>

Approximately 97 percent of the inmates were males. The median age for all inmates was 26.5 years. It was lowest for black inmates (26.2 years) and highest for white prisoners (27.0 years). Regardless of race, the largest single number of inmates were in the 5-year age group 20-24. Some 5 percent of the total were under age 18; 6 percent were age 50 and over. Forty percent of all prisoners had terminated their formal schooling at the time of or before completing the eighth grade, and

another 42 percent also had failed to complete high school. Only 4 percent had received any college training. On the whole, black prisoners had slightly more schooling (9.9 years) than whites (9.4 years) or members of "other" races (8.4 years).

Blacks constituted 54 percent of the prison population; whites, 44 percent; and members of races other than white or black, 2 percent.<sup>2</sup> Whites were more likely than blacks or "others" to have been held for crimes against property, but the reverse was true with respect to crimes of violence. Persons of races other than white or black were most apt to have been sentenced for crimes of violence.

The median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in imprisonment at the time of the census was 22.1 years. It was longest for members of races other than white or black, shortest for blacks. One-third of the total prisoner population had received maximum sentences of between 30 years and 98 years. The median length of time, as of June 30, 1973, spent in prison for the current offense was 11.9 months. It was more than 3 months shorter for white inmates than for their black or "other" counterparts. Eight percent of the total inmate population had been incarcerated for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>Prior to April 8, 1974, first degree burglary was punishable in North Carolina by death or by life imprisonment, first degree burglary being defined as breaking and entering an occupied dwelling or a room used as a sleeping apartment with the purpose of committing a felony. Second degree burglary, breaking and entering an unoccupied dwelling or room used as a sleeping apartment with the purpose of committing a felony, was punishable by life imprisonment or by a term of years. The statute in effect since April 1974 specifies life imprisonment for first degree burglary and life imprisonment or a term of years for

second degree burglary. In view of these penalties and relatively few inmates serving time for burglary, it appears that the charge of burglary was not frequently invoked. Larceny probably was used as a substitute.

<sup>2</sup>At the time of the 1970 Census, North Carolina's population was racially differentiated as follows: white, 77 percent; black, 22 percent; and races other than white or black, 1 percent. American Indians accounted for 83 percent of those classified as other than white or black.

Table 1. North Carolina: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	9,895	100	4,323	100	5,341	100	231	100
Crimes of violence	3,963	40	1,434	33	2,399	45	130	56
Murder	1,022	10	354	8	626	12	42	18
Manslaughter	519	5	155	4	349	7	15	6
Kidnaping	167	2	74	2	88	2	5	2
Rape and statutory rape	182	2	54	1	124	2	4	2
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	59	1	31	1	26	(Z)	2	1
Robbery	1,460	15	545	13	867	16	48	21
Assault <sup>1</sup>	554	6	221	5	319	6	14	6
Crimes against property	4,372	44	2,208	51	2,094	39	70	30
Burglary	167	2	52	1	115	2	0	0
Larceny	2,941	30	1,509	35	1,387	26	45	19
Motor vehicle theft	208	2	108	2	94	2	6	3
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	942	10	480	11	444	8	18	8
Arson	44	(Z)	22	1	21	(Z)	1	(Z)
Stolen property	70	1	37	1	33	1	0	0
Crimes against public order	564	6	275	6	281	5	8	3
Drug offense	238	2	92	2	144	3	2	1
Weapons offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	183	2	78	2	103	2	2	1
Traffic offense	143	1	105	2	34	1	4	2
Escape or flight	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	996	10	406	9	567	11	23	10

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<sup>1</sup>Includes attempted murder.

Table 2. North Carolina: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex								
Total	9,895	100	4,323	100	5,341	100	231	100
Male	(9,585)	97	(4,213)	97	(5,146)	96	(225)	97
Female	(310)	3	(110)	3	(195)	4	(6)	3
Age								
Total	9,895	100	4,323	100	5,341	100	231	100
Under 18	453	5	242	6	200	4	11	5
18	511	5	232	5	269	5	10	4
19	587	6	282	7	293	5	12	5
20-24	2,806	28	1,101	25	1,639	31	66	29
25-29	1,909	19	731	17	1,124	21	54	23
30-34	1,062	11	506	12	536	10	20	9
35-39	818	8	399	9	399	7	20	9
40-44	583	6	279	6	298	6	16	7
45-49	495	5	244	6	237	4	14	6
50 and over	631	6	297	7	326	6	8	3
Not reported	30	(Z)	10	(Z)	20	(Z)	0	0
Median		26.5		27.0		26.2		26.5
Highest grade completed								
Total	9,895	100	4,323	100	5,341	100	231	100
Eighth grade or less	3,956	40	1,873	43	1,947	36	136	59
1-3 years of high school	4,142	42	1,610	37	2,452	46	80	35
4 years of high school	1,420	14	654	15	753	14	13	6
Any college	369	4	183	4	184	3	2	1
Not reported	8	(Z)	3	(Z)	5	(Z)	0	0
Median		9.6		9.4		9.9		8.4

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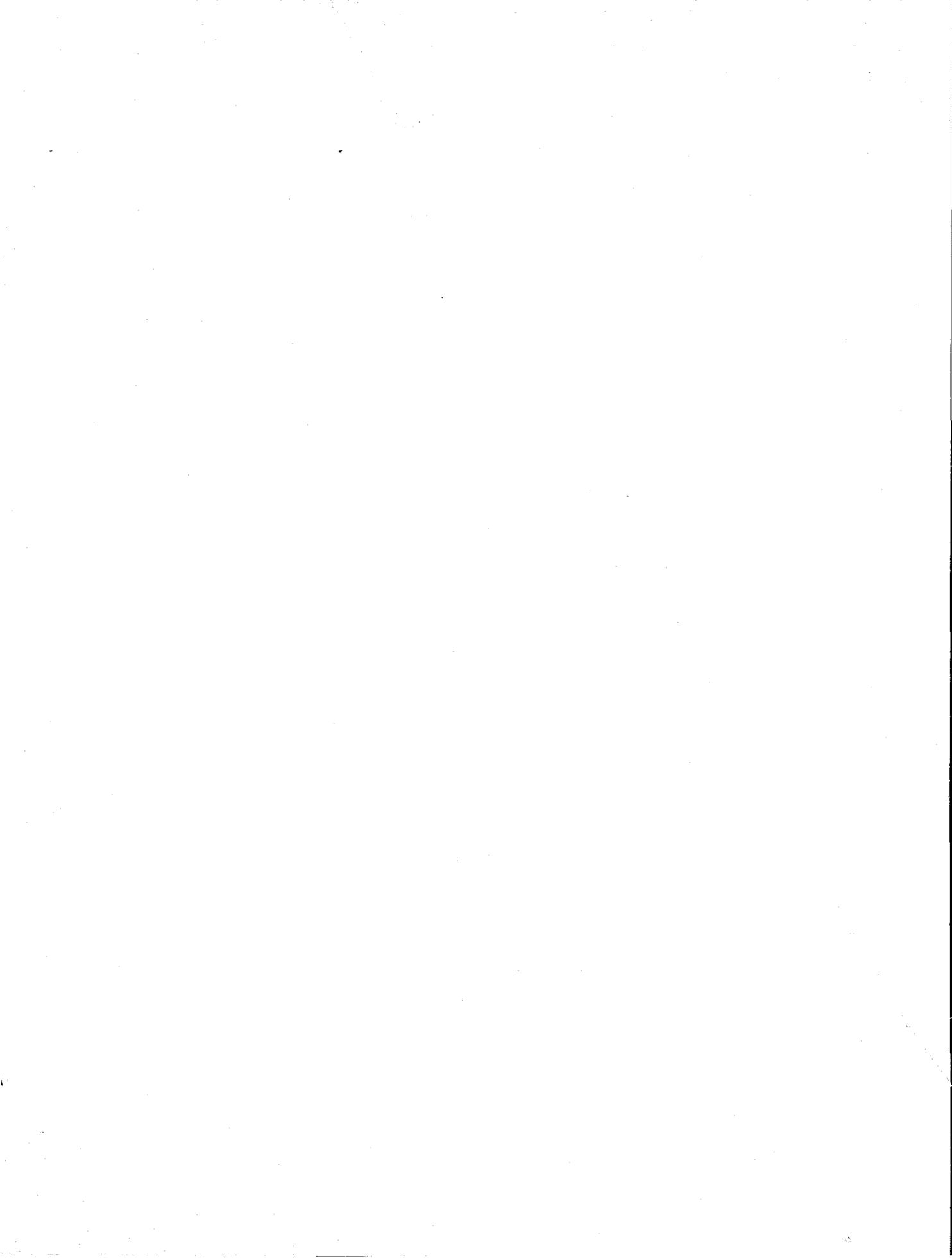
**Table 3. North Carolina: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	9,895	100	4,323	100	5,341	100	231	100
Less than 3	412	4	203	5	200	4	9	4
3 less than 4	100	1	51	1	46	1	3	1
4 less than 5	265	3	130	3	130	2	5	2
5 less than 6	338	3	133	3	198	4	7	3
5 less than 10	633	6	313	7	309	6	11	5
10 less than 11	2,055	21	868	20	1,162	22	25	11
11 less than 15	219	2	83	2	132	2	4	2
15 less than 16	406	4	142	3	254	5	10	4
16 less than 20	189	2	76	2	111	2	2	1
20 less than 30	1,587	16	697	16	862	16	28	12
30 less than 98	3,263	33	1,436	33	1,720	32	107	46
98 or more, life, or death	428	4	191	4	217	4	20	9
Median		22.1		22.3		21.5		37.3
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	9,895	100	4,323	100	5,341	100	231	100
Less than 6	3,295	33	1,644	38	1,584	30	67	29
6 less than 12	1,676	17	740	17	892	17	44	19
12 less than 18	1,128	11	462	11	648	12	18	8
18 less than 24	620	6	260	6	340	6	20	9
24 less than 30	582	6	253	6	314	6	15	6
30 less than 36	405	4	157	4	238	4	10	4
36 less than 48	678	7	276	6	384	7	18	8
48 less than 72	709	7	261	6	430	8	18	8
72 less than 120	430	4	142	3	275	5	13	6
120 or more	372	4	128	3	236	4	8	3
Median		11.9		10.2		13.8		13.6

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## NORTH DAKOTA

There were 162 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day being held in State-operated correctional institutions in North Dakota on June 30, 1973. In relation to the State's population, the figure was equal to 26 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants. Of the total prisoner population, 43 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 34 percent for crimes of violence, 21 percent for crimes against public order, principally drug offenses, and 2 percent for other, miscellaneous crimes. More inmates (45) were confined for burglary than any other single offense, such prisoners accounting for 28 percent of the total. Those who had been sentenced for drug offenses (27) were second most numerous, followed by those held for murder (20) or forgery, fraud, or embezzlement (18). Convicted robbers numbered 10, or 6 percent of all prisoners.

Whites made up 83 percent of the inmate population, members of races other than white or black constituted 15 percent, and blacks accounted for 2 percent.<sup>1</sup> The largest single number of whites were serving time for crimes against property, whereas the largest single number of "others" had been committed

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<sup>1</sup>North Dakota's population, at the time of the 1970 Census, was distributed racially as follows: white, 97 percent; black, less than 0.5 percent; races other than white or black, 3 percent. Ninety-one percent of those classified as other than white or black were American Indians.

for crimes of violence. Too few blacks were imprisoned at the time of the census to make meaningful comparisons between them and inmates of other races. Although accounting for 15 percent of the prisoner population, members of races other than white or black made up nearly half of those convicted of assault, 38 percent of those being held for attempted murder, and one-fourth of those confined for murder or for rape.

Females accounted for only 2 percent of the State's prisoner population; all were white. The median age for all inmates was 27.5 years, with little difference between that for whites and that for "others." The State's correctional institutions held no persons under age 18; some 8 percent were age 50 and over. More than half of the inmates had failed to complete high school, 24 percent had terminated their schooling after graduation from high school, and 14 percent had attended college. Whites, on the average, had had about 2½ years more schooling than members of "other" races. The median number of years schooling for all prisoners was 11.3.

The median maximum sentence handed down for the offense resulting in confinement as of June 30, 1973, was 4.9 years, with only a minor difference between the median for whites and that for members of races other than white or black. In terms of time actually served on the current sentence at the time of the census, the median number of months was 7.1. It was 7.1 months for whites and 7.9 months for "others." Some 9 percent of North Dakota's prisoner population had been imprisoned for 6 years or longer.

Table 1. North Dakota: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	162	100	134	100	3	100	25	100
Crimes of violence	56	34	42	31	2	67	12	48
Murder	20	12	15	11	0	0	5	20
Attempted murder	8	5	5	4	0	0	3	12
Manslaughter	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Kidnaping	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	4	2	3	2	0	0	1	4
Lewd act with child	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Robbery	10	6	8	1	2	67	0	0
Assault	7	5	4	3	0	0	3	12
Crimes against property	69	43	59	44	0	0	10	40
Burglary	45	28	39	29	0	0	6	24
Larceny	5	3	4	3	0	0	1	4
Motor vehicle theft	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	4
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	18	11	16	12	0	0	2	8
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	34	21	30	22	1	33	3	12
Drug offense	27	17	24	18	1	33	2	8
Weapons offense	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	5	3	4	3	0	0	1	4
Other	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals because of rounding.

Table 2. North Dakota: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race								
	All races		White		Black		Other		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Sex									
Total	162	100	134	100	3	100	25	100	
Male	158	98	130	97	3	100	25	100	
Female	4	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	
Age									
Total	162	100	134	100	3	100	25	100	
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	
19	4	2	4	3	0	0	0	0	
20-24	46	28	35	26	2	67	9	36	
25-29	20	12	13	10	0	0	7	28	
30-34	15	9	13	10	0	0	2	8	
35-39	13	8	9	7	0	0	4	16	
40-44	7	4	5	4	0	0	2	8	
45-49	4	2	3	2	0	0	1	4	
50 and over	13	8	12	9	1	33	0	0	
Not reported	38	23	38	28	0	0	0	0	
Median		27.5		27.7		20.8		27.5	
Highest grade completed									
Total	162	100	134	100	3	100	25	100	
Eighth grade or less	39	24	28	21	1	33	10	40	
1-3 years of high school	54	33	43	32	2	67	9	36	
4 years of high school	39	24	36	27	0	0	3	12	
Any college	23	14	23	17	0	0	0	0	
Not reported	7	4	4	3	0	0	3	12	
Median		11.3		11.7		11.3		9.2	

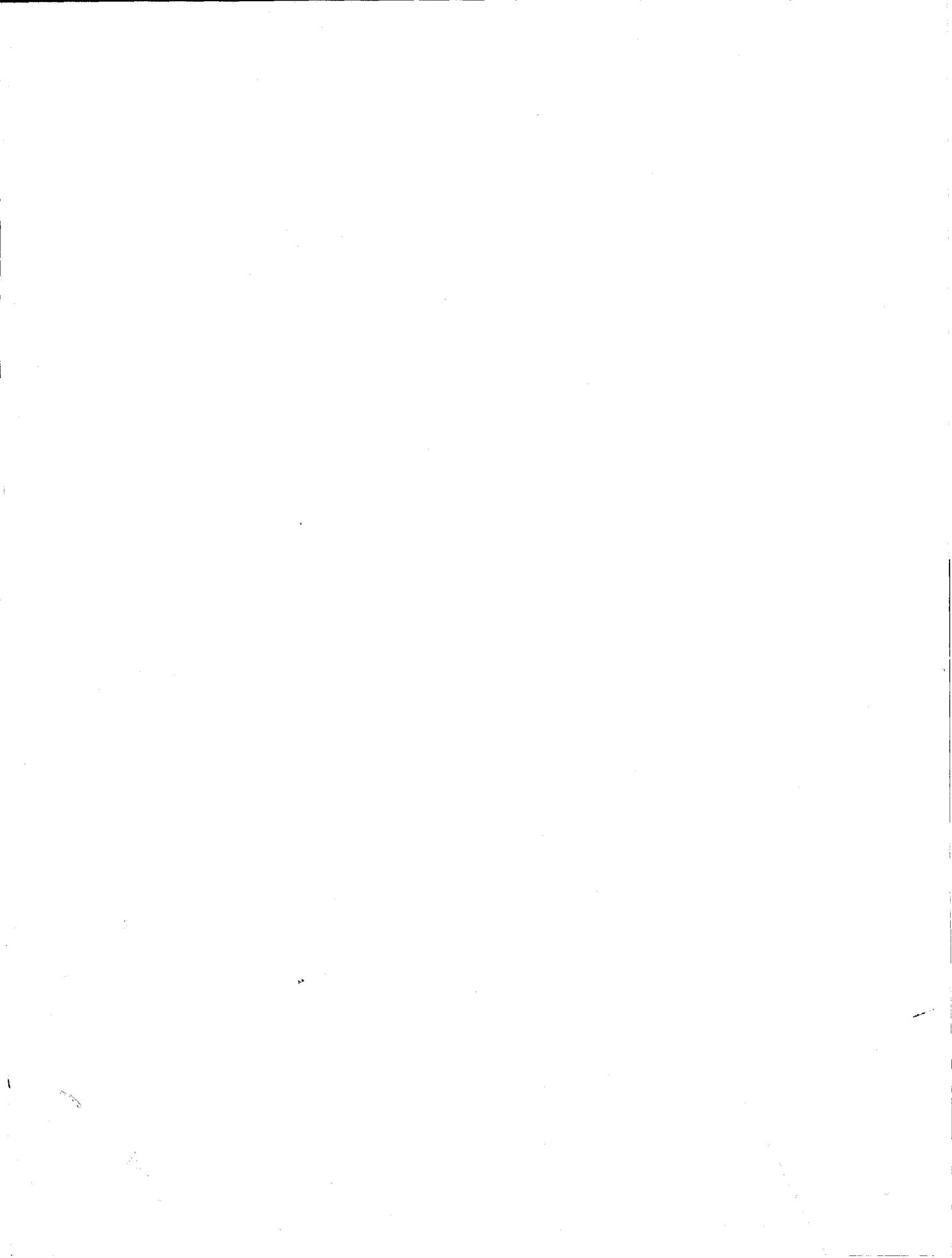
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Table 3. North Dakota: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	162	100	134	100	3	100	25	100
Less than 3	26	16	21	16	2	67	3	12
3 less than 4	41	25	34	25	1	33	6	24
4 less than 5	16	10	12	9	0	0	4	16
5 less than 6	37	23	31	23	0	0	6	24
6 less than 10	9	6	8	6	0	0	1	4
10 less than 11	9	6	8	6	0	0	1	4
11 less than 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	3	4	6	4	0	0	0	0
16 less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 less than 98	10	6	6	4	0	0	4	16
98 or more, life, or death	8	5	8	6	0	0	0	0
Median		4.9		5.0		1.8		4.9
Time served (in months)								
Total	162	100	134	100	3	100	25	100
Less than 6	73	45	61	46	2	67	10	40
6 less than 12	37	23	29	22	0	0	8	32
12 less than 18	16	10	14	10	1	33	1	4
18 less than 24	11	7	11	8	0	0	0	0
24 less than 30	3	2	2	1	0	0	1	4
30 less than 36	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	8
36 less than 48	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
48 less than 72	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
72 less than 120	4	2	4	3	0	0	0	0
120 or more	11	7	8	6	0	0	3	12
Not reported	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Median		7.1		7.1		4.6		7.9

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



# OHIO

Ohio correctional authorities reported a total of 7,999 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day who were confined in State-operated correctional facilities on June 30, 1973. In relation to the population of the State, there were 74 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants.

Of 7,169 inmates for whom offense data were available, slightly more than half were serving time for crimes of violence, one-third were being held for crimes against property, 12 percent had been committed for crimes against public order, and the remaining 3 percent had been imprisoned for other, miscellaneous offenses. The largest single number of inmates (1,838) had been sentenced for robbery, such prisoners accounting for about one-fourth of all inmates for whom offense information was reported. Persons convicted of burglary were the second most numerous, followed by those confined for murder.

Racial identification was provided on 7,156 inmates, of whom 52 percent were black and 48 percent were white.<sup>1</sup> The number of inmates of races other than white or black were too few to warrant any meaningful discussion. Relatively more blacks than whites were being held for crimes of violence, but the reverse was true for crimes against property. There was no difference between the proportions of whites and blacks serving time for crimes against public order. With respect to specific crimes, one-third of the black inmates had been convicted of robbery, whereas the proportion among

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<sup>1</sup>Racially, Ohio's population at the time of the 1970 Census was constituted as follows: white, 91 percent; black, 9 percent; and races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

white prisoners was 17 percent. Twenty percent of the whites were being held for burglary, compared with 12 percent of the blacks.

Of the 7,169 prisoners whose sex was reported, 97 percent were male. The median age, computed on the basis of 6,631 prisoners, or 83 percent of the total, was 27.5 years, and it was almost 2 years lower for blacks (26.6 years) than for whites (28.4 years). Only 21 inmates among those whose age was recorded were under 18; 354 were age 50 and over. Blacks made up the overwhelming majority of those under age 18; whites outnumbered blacks among those age 50 and over. Levels of educational attainment were reported for about four-fifths of the inmates. Among those for whom the data were available, three out of every five had quit school before receiving a high school diploma; only 2 percent had had any college training. The median number of years of schooling was slightly higher for black inmates (10.8 years) than for whites (10.3 years).

For the 7,169 inmates for whom sentence information was available, the median maximum sentence meted out for the offense resulting in incarceration at the time of the census was 25.6 years. Among whites, it was 25.1 years; among blacks, it was 26.0 years. Fourteen percent of the total number of prisoners had received sentences of 98 years or more, life, or death. Another 16 percent had been sentenced to terms of between 30 years and 98 years. With respect to time actually served, as of June 30, 1973, on the current sentence, information was available on 6,982, of whom 7 percent had been in prison for 6 years or longer. The median length of time was 10 months, a figure that was essentially the same for whites and blacks.

Table 1. Ohio: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	7,999	100	3,439	100	3,703	100	14	100	843	100
Crimes of violence	3,757	47	1,512	44	2,230	60	8	57	7	1
Murder	926	12	440	13	484	13	0	0	2	(2)
Manslaughter	179	2	70	2	109	3	0	0	0	0
Kidnaping	83	1	35	1	48	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	81	1	41	1	39	1	1	7	0	0
Statutory rape	9	(2)	6	(2)	3	(2)	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	5	(2)	3	(2)	2	(2)	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	207	3	131	4	76	2	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1,838	23	601	17	1,231	33	3	21	3	(2)
Assault <sup>1</sup>	429	5	185	5	238	6	4	28	2	(2)
Crimes against property	2,341	29	1,390	40	942	25	4	29	5	1
Burglary	1,150	14	701	20	446	12	1	7	2	(2)
Larceny	405	5	226	7	177	5	0	0	2	(2)
Motor vehicle theft	209	3	114	3	94	3	1	7	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	446	6	281	8	164	4	1	7	0	0
Arson	30	(2)	17	(2)	13	(2)	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	101	1	51	1	48	1	1	7	1	(2)
Crimes against public order	876	11	417	12	456	12	2	14	1	(2)
Drug offense	586	7	273	8	311	8	2	14	0	0
Weapons offense	203	3	84	2	118	3	0	0	1	(2)
Commercialized sex	5	(2)	1	(2)	4	(2)	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	29	(2)	20	1	9	(2)	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	2	(2)	2	(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	51	1	37	1	14	(2)	0	0	0	0
Other	195	2	120	3	75	2	0	0	0	0
Not reported	830	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	830	98

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Includes attempted murder

Table 2. Ohio: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	7,999	100	3,439	100	3,703	100	14	100	843	100
Male	6,984	87	3,383	98	3,579	97	9	64	13	2
Female	185	2	56	2	124	3	5	36	6	0
Not reported	830	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	830	98
<b>Age</b>										
Total	7,999	100	3,439	100	3,703	100	14	100	843	100
Under 18	21	(Z)	1	(Z)	20	1	0	0	0	0
18	97	1	42	1	55	1	0	0	0	0
19	284	4	131	4	153	4	0	0	0	0
20-24	2,178	27	918	27	1,252	34	6	43	2	(Z)
25-29	1,476	18	693	20	780	21	3	21	0	0
30-34	882	11	415	12	466	13	1	7	0	0
35-39	575	7	298	9	274	7	2	14	1	(Z)
40-44	451	6	252	7	198	5	0	0	1	(Z)
45-49	314	4	163	5	148	4	2	14	1	(Z)
50 and over	354	4	225	7	128	3	0	0	1	(Z)
Not reported	1,367	17	301	9	229	6	0	0	837	99
Median		27.5		28.4		26.6		26.7		
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	7,999	100	3,439	100	3,703	100	14	100	843	100
Eighth grade or less	1,479	18	869	25	602	16	7	50	1	(Z)
1-3 years of high school	3,361	42	1,428	42	1,926	52	4	29	3	(Z)
4 years of high school	1,456	18	674	20	780	21	2	14	0	0
Any college	197	2	103	3	93	3	1	7	0	0
Not reported	1,506	19	365	11	302	8	0	0	839	100
Median		10.6		10.3		10.8		9.0		

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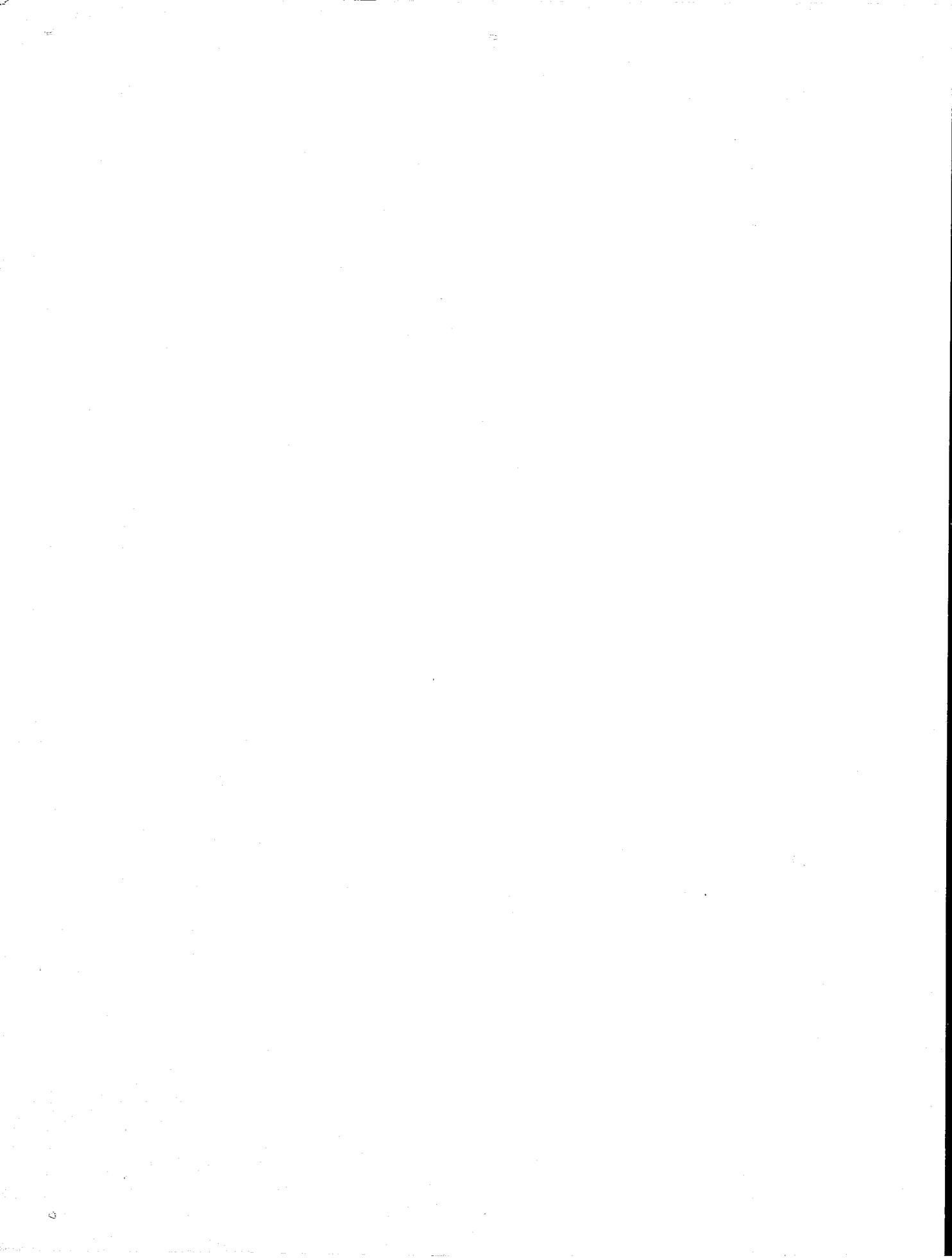
Table 3. Ohio: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)										
Total	7,999	100	3,439	100	3,703	100	14	100	843	100
Less than 3	117	1	70	2	47	1	0	0	0	0
3 less than 4	123	2	64	2	58	2	1	7	0	0
4 less than 5	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	371	5	194	6	177	5	0	0	0	0
6 less than 10	424	5	242	7	178	5	2	14	2	(Z)
10 less than 11	142	2	99	3	43	1	0	0	0	0
11 less than 15	46	1	26	1	20	1	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	733	9	426	12	306	8	0	0	1	(Z)
16 less than 20	23	(Z)	19	1	4	(Z)	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	2,842	36	1,145	33	1,682	45	10	71	5	1
30 less than 98	1,241	16	621	18	617	17	1	7	2	(Z)
98 or more, life, or death	1,103	14	532	15	568	15	0	0	3	(Z)
Not reported	830	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	830	98
Median		25.6		25.1		26.0		24.0		
Time served (in months)										
Total	7,999	100	3,439	100	3,703	100	14	100	843	100
Less than 6	2,866	36	1,402	41	1,453	39	8	57	3	(Z)
6 less than 12	941	12	414	12	524	14	1	7	2	(Z)
12 less than 18	823	10	389	11	432	12	0	0	2	(Z)
18 less than 24	431	5	197	6	232	6	1	7	1	(Z)
24 less than 30	378	5	158	5	218	6	1	7	1	(Z)
30 less than 36	212	3	92	3	117	3	0	0	3	(Z)
36 less than 48	379	5	172	5	204	6	2	14	1	(Z)
48 less than 72	443	6	214	6	228	6	1	7	0	0
72 less than 120	301	4	170	5	131	4	0	0	0	0
120 or more	208	3	138	4	70	2	0	0	0	0
Not reported	1,017	13	93	3	94	3	0	0	830	98
Median		10.0		10.0		10.1		5.3		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma's State-operated correctional facilities held, as of June 30, 1973, 3,304 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day. There were 124 inmates per 100,000 inhabitants of the State. Of the total number of prisoners, 40 percent were confined for crimes of violence, 35 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 5 percent had been sentenced for crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses, and 20 percent were being held for other, miscellaneous crimes. The specific crimes for which the largest number of inmates had been imprisoned were, in order, burglary (743), robbery (631), larceny (214), and murder (213). Together, inmates held for these four crimes accounted for 55 percent of the total prisoner population.

Two-thirds of the inmates were white, slightly more than one-fourth were black, and 7 percent were members of races other than white or black.<sup>1</sup> In addition, there were 20 inmates for whom racial identification was lacking. Among black inmates, almost half had been committed for crimes of violence, whereas the proportion among white inmates was 37 percent and among "other" inmates, 33 percent. Conversely, relatively more "other" inmates than whites or blacks were serving time for crimes against property, and whites were more likely than blacks to have been incarcerated for these offenses.

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<sup>1</sup>Oklahoma's population at the time of the 1970 Census was distributed as follows: white, 89 percent; black, 7 percent; and races other than white or black, 4 percent. American Indians made up 92 percent of those classified as neither white nor black.

Whites made up a majority of those who were held for crimes against public order and for other, miscellaneous offenses.

Ninety-eight percent of the Oklahoma inmates were males. The median age was 28.2 years; it was lower for blacks (26.7 years) and "others" (26.8 years) than for whites (29.0 years). One percent of the inmate population were under age 18; 8 percent were age 50 and over. Half of all inmates were in their 20's and, irrespective of race, the largest single concentration of prisoners was in the 5-year age group 20-24. Seven out of every 10 prisoners had not finished high school, including about one-fourth who had terminated their formal schooling at the time of or before completing the eighth grade. At the other extreme, 4 percent had attended college. The median number of years of formal schooling was 10.5. Blacks had had more schooling than whites who, in turn, had completed more years of education than members of races other than white or black.

For all inmates, the median maximum sentence handed down for the offense resulting in imprisonment at the time of the census was 6.4 years. Blacks, on the whole, had received longer sentences than whites; whites, longer sentences than "others." In terms of time actually served as of June 30, 1973, on the sentence leading to incarceration, the median number of months for all inmates was 16.1. It was more than 3 months longer for blacks (18.7 months) than for either whites (15.1 months) or "others" (15.2 months). Approximately 9 percent of the total number of prisoners had been held for 6 years or longer.

Table 1. Oklahoma: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	3,304	100	2,198	100	869	100	217	100	20	100
Crimes of violence	1,318	40	807	37	432	50	71	33	8	40
Murder	213	6	129	6	71	8	11	5	2	10
Manslaughter	172	5	84	4	68	8	18	8	2	10
Kidnaping	8	(Z)	6	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Rape	23	1	12	1	10	1	1	(Z)	0	0
Statutory rape	3	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)	0	0
Lewd act with child	11	(Z)	9	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	149	5	93	4	44	5	10	5	2	10
Robbery	631	19	403	18	206	24	20	9	2	10
Assault <sup>1</sup>	108	3	69	3	30	3	9	4	0	0
Crimes against property	1,164	35	744	34	322	37	90	41	8	40
Burglary	743	22	463	21	213	25	62	29	5	25
Larceny	214	6	127	6	74	9	11	5	2	10
Motor vehicle theft	65	2	43	2	11	1	11	5	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	102	3	83	4	13	1	5	2	1	5
Arson	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	37	1	25	1	11	1	1	(Z)	0	0
Crimes against public order	175	5	146	7	18	2	10	5	1	5
Drug offense	92	3	77	4	10	1	4	2	1	5
Weapons offense	22	1	16	1	5	1	1	(Z)	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	17	1	15	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
Traffic offense	37	1	34	2	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Escape or flight	7	(Z)	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	2	1	0	0
Other	645	20	500	23	96	11	46	21	3	15
Not reported	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Includes attempted murder.

Table 2. Oklahoma: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex										
Total	3,304	100	2,198	100	869	100	217	100	20	100
Male	3,235	98	2,161	98	842	97	213	98	19	95
Female	69	2	37	2	27	3	4	2	1	5
Age										
Total	3,304	100	2,198	100	869	100	217	100	20	100
Under 18	18	1	12	1	5	1	1	(Z)	0	0
18	67	2	46	2	14	2	5	2	2	10
19	155	5	101	5	41	5	13	6	0	0
20-24	935	28	557	25	303	35	68	31	7	35
25-29	737	22	474	22	201	23	59	27	3	15
30-34	435	13	310	14	103	12	20	9	2	10
35-39	281	9	206	9	59	7	16	7	0	0
40-44	231	7	169	8	45	5	15	7	2	10
45-49	173	5	131	6	31	4	9	4	2	10
50 and over	262	8	187	9	63	7	11	5	1	5
Not reported	10	(Z)	5	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0	1	5
Median		28.2		29.0		26.7		26.8		25.8
Highest grade completed										
Total	3,304	100	2,198	100	869	100	217	100	20	100
Eighth grade or less	803	24	608	28	119	14	74	34	2	10
1-3 years of high school	1,528	46	964	44	456	52	98	45	10	50
4 years of high school	657	20	419	19	212	24	25	12	1	5
Any college	136	4	92	4	37	4	6	3	1	5
Not reported	180	5	115	5	45	5	14	6	6	30
Median		10.5		10.3		11.2		9.6		10.6

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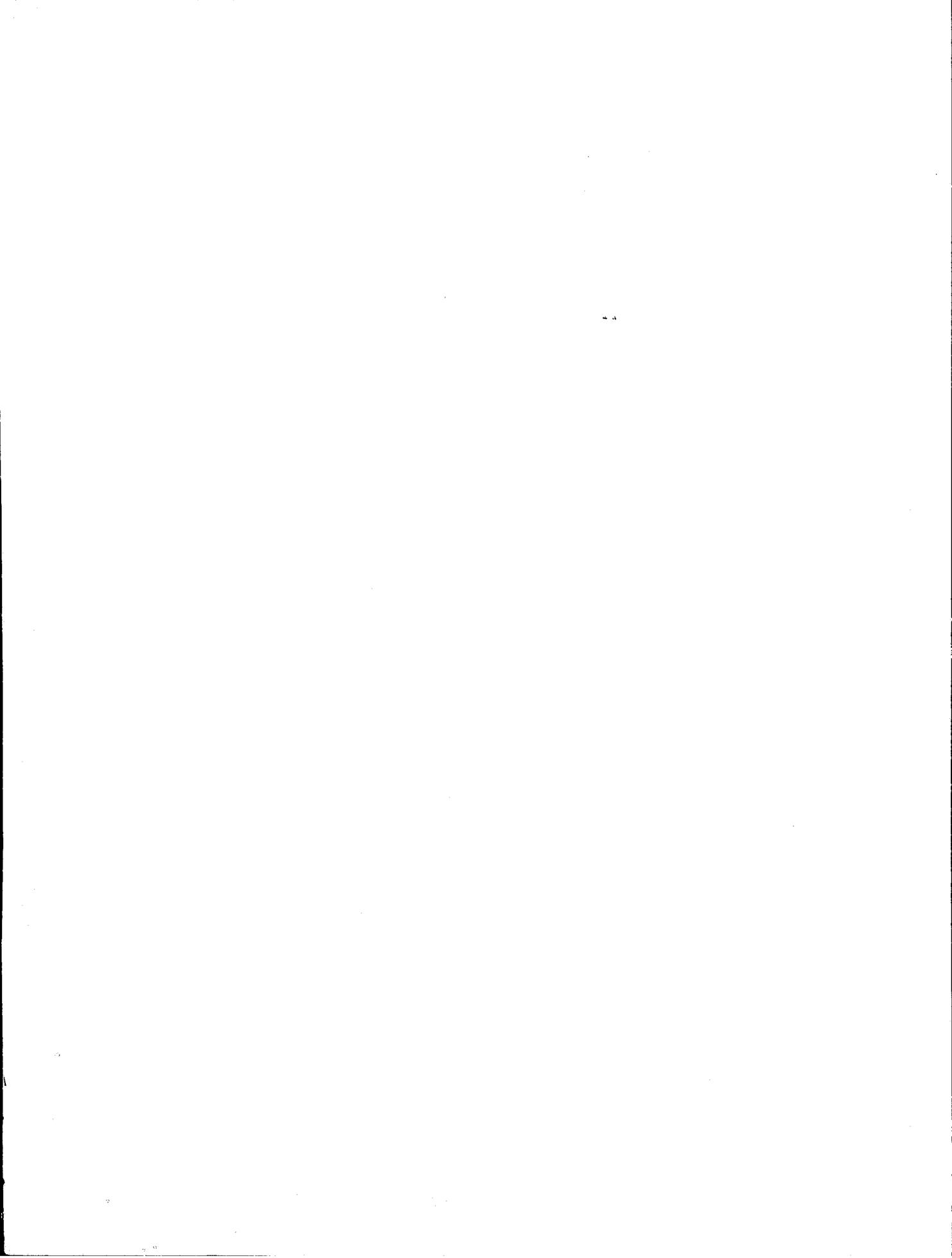
Table 3. Oklahoma: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)										
Total	3,304	100	2,198	100	869	100	217	100	20	100
Less than 3	608	18	440	20	111	13	55	25	2	10
3 less than 4	377	11	257	12	79	9	39	18	2	10
4 less than 5	173	5	116	5	43	5	11	5	3	15
5 less than 6	467	14	319	15	121	14	23	11	4	20
6 less than 10	310	9	208	9	74	9	27	12	1	5
10 less than 11	330	10	221	10	94	11	14	6	1	5
11 less than 15	68	2	40	2	22	3	5	2	1	5
15 less than 16	169	5	106	5	52	6	10	5	1	5
16 less than 20	33	1	26	1	6	1	1	(2)	0	0
20 less than 30	267	8	159	7	90	10	15	7	3	15
30 less than 98	236	7	147	7	82	9	6	3	1	5
98 or more, life, or death	266	8	159	7	95	11	11	5	1	5
Median	6.4		5.9		10.1		5.2		5.8	
Time served (in months)										
Total	3,304	100	2,198	100	869	100	217	100	20	100
Less than 6	887	27	629	29	196	23	55	25	7	35
6 less than 12	454	14	310	14	104	12	39	18	1	5
12 less than 18	438	13	290	13	120	14	27	12	1	5
18 less than 24	288	9	181	8	78	9	25	12	4	20
24 less than 30	239	7	160	7	62	7	15	7	2	10
30 less than 36	170	5	108	5	48	6	14	6	0	0
36 less than 48	236	7	144	7	78	9	12	6	2	10
48 less than 72	258	8	172	8	73	8	12	6	1	5
72 less than 120	150	5	77	4	65	7	8	4	0	0
120 or more	153	5	108	5	35	4	10	5	0	0
Not reported	31	1	19	9	10	1	0	0	2	10
Median	16.1		15.1		18.7		15.2		18.0	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



# OREGON

In Oregon, a total of 1,593 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were being held in State-operated correctional institutions on June 30, 1973. There were 72 prisoners per 100,000 population. About two out of every five inmates were serving time for crimes of violence, 37 percent had been committed for crimes against property, 14 percent were confined for crimes against public order, chiefly drug offenses, and 8 percent were imprisoned for other, miscellaneous crimes. More persons had been sentenced for burglary (312) than any other single offense, such prisoners making up one-fifth of the total inmate population. Convicted robbers were the second most numerous, followed by those held for assault, drug offenses, larceny, or murder. Prisoners serving time for murder numbered 120, or 8 percent of the total.

Of the total prisoner population, 78 percent were white, 13 percent were black, and 2 percent were members of races other than white or black.<sup>1</sup> The racial designation of the remaining 7 percent was not reported. Blacks or members of "other" races were more likely than whites to have been sentenced for crimes of violence and for crimes against public order, but the reverse was true with respect to crimes against property.

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<sup>1</sup> According to the 1970 Census, the racial composition of Oregon's population was as follows: white, 97 percent; black, 1 percent; races other than white or black, 2 percent. Included within the "other" category were American Indians (41 percent), Japanese (21 percent), Chinese (15 percent), and miscellaneous other peoples (22 percent).

The largest single number of white inmates were being held for burglary; for blacks, the offense was robbery, and for "others" it was assault and weapons offenses.

Males accounted for 98 percent of the inmate population. The largest proportion of females (8 percent) was found among those of races other than white or black. Inmates of "other" races were, on the whole, at least 5 years older than white inmates or black inmates; there was only a minor difference between the median age for whites and blacks. At least half of the white and of the black inmates were in their 20's, whereas almost one-half of the "other" prisoners were in their 30's. Nearly three-fourths of all inmates had quit school before receiving a high school diploma, including slightly more than one-fourth who had no more than an eighth grade education. Only 3 percent had attended college. On the average, members of races other than white or black had about 1 year less schooling than their white or black counterparts. No prisoner of an "other" race had advanced beyond high school. The median number of years of schooling for all inmates was 10.2.

The median maximum sentence for the offense that resulted in incarceration at the time of the census was 5.7 years. It was longer for blacks (7.0 years) than for whites (5.6 years) or "others" (5.8 years). As of June 30, 1973, the median number of months spent in prison on the current sentence was 13.4. Inmates of races other than white or black had spent the longest time (17.0 months), followed by blacks (14.2 months) and whites (12.8 months). Only 4 percent of all prisoners had spent 6 years or longer in custody for their current offense. Among black inmates, only 1 percent had been held for that length of time.

Table 1. Oregon: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,593	100	1,238	100	212	100	25	100	118	100
Crimes of violence	661	41	494	40	103	49	13	52	51	43
Murder and attempted murder	120	8	90	7	19	9	4	15	7	6
Manslaughter	52	3	39	3	8	4	1	4	4	3
Kidnaping	28	2	28	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	76	5	58	5	11	5	1	4	6	5
Lewd act with child	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	199	12	148	12	40	19	2	8	9	8
Assault	183	11	128	10	25	12	5	20	25	21
Crimes against property	584	37	484	39	60	28	3	12	37	31
Burglary	312	20	264	21	26	12	2	8	20	17
Larceny	139	9	107	9	25	12	0	0	7	6
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	85	5	76	6	4	2	1	4	4	3
Arson	12	1	9	1	1	(Z)	0	0	2	2
Stolen property	36	2	28	2	4	2	0	0	4	3
Crimes against public order	219	14	153	12	37	17	8	32	21	18
Drug offense	144	9	96	8	31	15	2	8	15	13
Weapons offense	27	2	18	1	3	1	5	20	1	1
Commercialized sex	3	(Z)	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	26	2	24	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
Traffic offense	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	18	1	12	1	2	1	1	4	3	3
Other	129	8	107	9	12	6	1	4	9	8

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Oregon: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	1,593	100	1,238	100	212	100	25	100	118	100
Male	1,554	98	1,209	98	205	97	23	92	117	99
Female	39	2	29	2	7	3	2	8	1	1
<b>Age</b>										
Total	1,593	100	1,238	100	212	100	25	100	118	100
Under 18	5	(Z)	3	(Z)	2	1	0	0	0	0
18	37	2	34	3	1	(Z)	0	0	2	2
19	89	6	71	6	8	4	1	4	9	8
20-24	441	28	358	29	66	31	0	0	17	14
25-29	349	22	279	23	45	21	6	24	19	16
30-34	221	14	174	14	28	13	8	32	11	9
35-39	141	9	119	10	13	6	4	16	5	4
40-44	82	5	59	5	18	8	2	8	3	3
45-49	68	4	56	5	10	5	1	4	1	1
50 and over	101	6	79	6	17	8	3	12	2	2
Not reported	59	4	6	(Z)	4	2	0	0	49	42
Median		27.8		27.7		28.0		33.4		26.7
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	1,593	100	1,238	100	212	100	25	100	118	100
Eighth grade or less	410	26	310	25	55	26	10	40	35	30
1-3 years of high school	741	47	575	46	103	49	10	40	53	45
4 years of high school	236	15	187	15	34	16	2	8	13	11
Any college	46	3	37	3	6	3	0	0	3	3
Not reported	160	10	129	10	14	7	3	12	14	12
Median		10.2		10.2		10.2		9.3		9.9

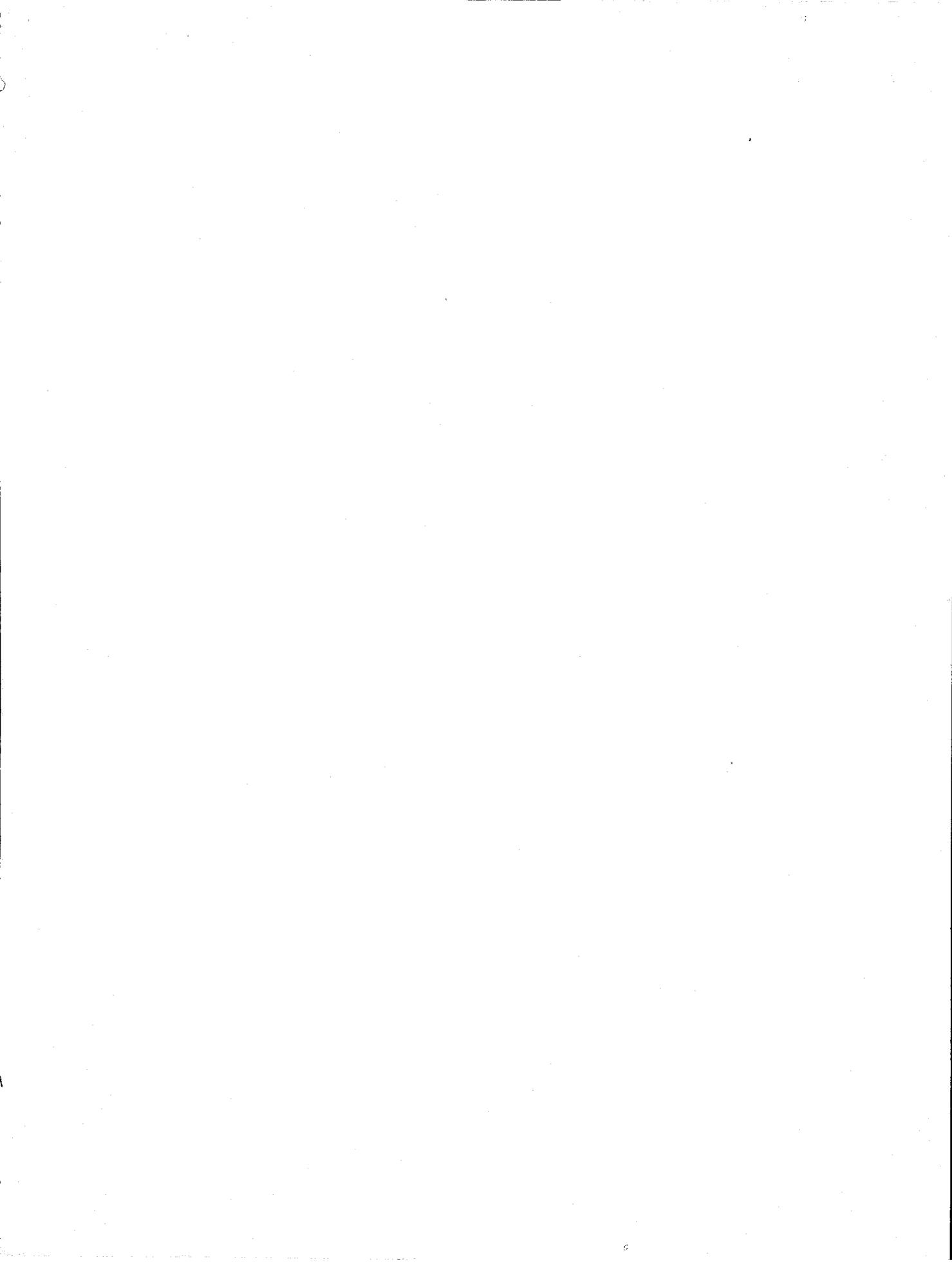
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**Table 3. Oregon: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	1,593	100	1,238	100	212	100	25	100	118	100
Less than 3	192	12	159	13	14	7	5	20	14	12
3 less than 4	294	18	235	19	32	15	5	20	22	19
4 less than 5	110	7	85	7	12	6	0	0	13	26
5 less than 6	304	19	233	19	39	18	3	12	29	25
6 less than 10	183	11	134	11	36	17	2	8	11	9
10 less than 11	143	9	98	8	34	16	4	16	7	6
11 less than 15	37	2	29	2	6	3	0	0	2	2
15 less than 16	71	4	56	5	9	4	1	4	5	4
16 less than 20	15	1	12	1	2	1	0	0	1	1
20 less than 30	80	5	64	5	12	6	0	0	4	3
30 less than 98	22	1	18	1	3	1	0	0	1	1
98 or more, life, or death	142	9	115	9	13	6	5	20	9	8
Median	5.7		5.6		7.0		5.8		5.3	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	1,593	100	1,238	100	212	100	25	100	118	100
Less than 6	452	28	373	30	50	24	9	36	20	17
6 less than 12	284	18	222	18	39	18	1	4	22	19
12 less than 18	252	16	172	14	46	22	3	12	31	18
18 less than 24	151	9	112	9	21	10	2	8	16	14
24 less than 30	127	8	101	8	14	7	6	24	6	5
30 less than 36	69	4	47	4	11	5	0	0	11	9
36 less than 48	94	6	76	6	16	8	0	0	2	2
48 less than 72	96	6	79	6	12	6	3	12	2	2
72 less than 120	53	3	44	4	3	1	1	4	5	4
120 or more	15	1	12	1	0	0	0	0	3	3
Median	13.4		12.8		14.2		17.0		15.2	

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



## PENNSYLVANIA

As of June 30, 1973, there were 6,153 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day under the custody of Pennsylvania State correctional authorities, or 52 prisoners per 100,000 population. However, the total number of inmates included 432 who, at the time of the census, were on authorized temporary absences, although still under the jurisdictional authority of the State correctional system. No data were provided on these inmates. Accordingly, the following overview of Pennsylvania's prisoner population does not include these persons.

Almost three out of every five inmates serving time in the State's correctional facilities were being held for crimes of violence, one-fourth had been committed for crimes against property, 15 percent were held in custody for crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses, and 2 percent had been sentenced for other, miscellaneous crimes. Robbery was the specific offense accounting for the largest single number of prisoners. Convicted robbers numbered 1,447 and made up 25 percent of the inmate population. Persons sentenced for murder were the second most numerous, followed, in order, by those confined for burglary, drug offenses, rape, or manslaughter. Those serving time for the aforementioned six offenses together made up about 70 percent of the total.

Of the total number of prisoners for whom information was available (5,721), 61 percent were black. The remaining 39 percent were white and persons of races other than white or black, official records failing to distinguish between whites and "others."<sup>1</sup> Sixty-nine

percent of the black inmates were serving time for crimes of violence, 18 percent for crimes against property, and 12 percent for crimes against public order. The corresponding proportions for white and "other" prisoners were 41 percent, 36 percent, and 20 percent. Thus, it was apparent that blacks were far more likely than whites and "others" to have been sentenced for crimes of violence and less likely to have been imprisoned for crimes against property or crimes against public order. For each of the specific crimes of violence except kidnaping, black prisoners outnumbered their white and "other" counterparts; the reverse was true for each of the specific crimes against property except stolen property offenses.

Males predominated overwhelmingly in the inmate population, making up 97 percent of the total. The median age was 27.0 years, and was almost a year lower for blacks (26.7 years) than whites and "others" (27.5 years). Irrespective of race, the largest single concentration of prisoners was in the 5-year age group 20-24. Data on levels of educational attainment were not reported.

The median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in incarceration as of June 30, 1973, was 8.4 years. It was more than 50 percent longer for black inmates (9.9 years) than for whites and "others" (6.3 years). In terms of time actually served, as of the date of the census, blacks, on the whole, had been imprisoned for 12.4 months; whites and "others" had spent 13.0 months in custody. Five percent of the inmates held in the State's correctional facilities had been confined for 6 years or more.

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<sup>1</sup> Pennsylvania's population, as distinguished by race at the time of the 1970 Census, was as follows: white, 91 percent; black, 9 percent; and races other than white or black, less than

0.5 percent. The single inmate category "white and 'other'" (i.e., all those classified as other than black) was undoubtedly made up almost wholly of whites.

Table 1. Pennsylvania: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White and Other		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	6,153	100	2,242	100	3,479	100	432	100
Crimes of violence	3,315	54	920	41	2,395	69	0	0
Murder	960	16	289	13	671	19	0	0
Attempted murder	152	2	30	1	122	4	0	0
Manslaughter	245	4	82	4	163	5	0	0
Kidnaping	13	(Z)	9	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0
Rape	269	4	100	4	169	5	0	0
Statutory rape	30	(Z)	12	1	18	1	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	66	1	27	1	39	1	0	0
Robbery	1,447	24	331	15	1,116	32	0	0
Assault	133	2	40	2	93	3	0	0
Crimes against property	1,423	23	808	36	615	18	0	0
Burglary	950	15	536	24	414	12	0	0
Larceny	179	3	90	4	89	3	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	50	1	33	1	17	(Z)	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	112	2	79	4	33	1	0	0
Arson	42	1	29	1	13	(Z)	0	0
Stolen property	90	1	41	2	49	1	0	0
Crimes against public order	846	14	445	20	401	12	0	0
Drug offense	513	8	215	10	298	9	0	0
Weapons offense	43	1	11	(Z)	32	1	0	0
Commercialized sex	6	(Z)	1	(Z)	5	(Z)	0	0
Other sex offense	100	2	66	3	34	1	0	0
Traffic offense	15	(Z)	11	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0
Escape or flight	169	3	141	6	28	1	0	0
Other	89	1	48	2	41	1	0	0
Not reported	480	8	21	1	27	1	432	100

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 2. Pennsylvania: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White and Other		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	6,153	100	2,242	100	3,479	100	432	100
Male	5,552	90	2,174	97	3,378	97	0	0
Female	169	3	68	3	101	3	0	0
Not reported	432	7	0	0	0	0	432	100
<b>Age</b>								
Total	6,153	100	2,242	100	3,479	100	432	100
Under 18	136	2	44	2	92	3	0	0
18	148	2	49	2	99	3	0	0
19	230	4	92	4	138	4	0	0
20-24	1,791	29	666	30	1,125	32	0	0
25-29	1,355	22	524	23	831	24	0	0
30-34	743	12	291	13	452	13	0	0
35-39	449	7	190	8	259	7	0	0
40-44	327	5	133	6	194	6	0	0
45-49	246	4	107	5	139	4	0	0
50 and over	271	4	138	6	133	4	0	0
Not reported	457	7	8	(Z)	17	(Z)	432	100
Median		27.0		27.5		26.7		
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	6,153	100	2,242	100	3,479	100	432	100
Eighth grade or less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-3 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any college	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not reported	6,153	100	2,242	100	3,479	100	432	100

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 3. Pennsylvania: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White and Other		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	6,153	100	2,242	100	3,479	100	432	100
Less than 3	618	10	323	14	295	8	0	0
3 less than 4	595	10	252	11	343	10	0	0
4 less than 5	328	5	158	7	170	5	0	0
5 less than 6	878	14	365	16	513	15	0	0
6 less than 10	745	12	311	14	434	12	0	0
10 less than 11	820	13	249	11	571	16	0	0
11 less than 15	253	4	92	4	161	5	0	0
15 less than 16	335	5	88	4	247	7	0	0
16 less than 20	68	1	30	1	38	1	0	0
20 less than 30	554	9	166	7	388	11	0	0
30 less than 98	121	2	43	2	78	2	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	406	7	165	7	241	7	0	0
Not reported	432	7	0	0	0	0	432	100
Median		8.4		6.3		9.9		
Time served (in months)								
Total	6,153	100	2,242	100	3,479	100	432	100
Less than 6	1,656	27	677	30	979	28	0	0
6 less than 12	1,130	18	400	18	730	21	0	0
12 less than 18	769	12	263	12	506	15	0	0
18 less than 24	505	8	208	9	297	9	0	0
24 less than 30	384	6	150	7	234	7	0	0
30 less than 36	298	5	108	5	190	5	0	0
36 less than 48	376	6	159	7	217	6	0	0
48 less than 72	262	4	130	6	132	4	0	0
72 less than 120	190	3	77	3	113	3	0	0
120 or more	151	2	70	3	81	2	0	0
Not reported	432	7	0	0	0	0	432	100
Median		12.6		13.0		12.4		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



## RHODE ISLAND

State-operated correctional facilities in Rhode Island, as of June 30, 1973, housed 394 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day, or 41 per 100,000 population. Of these prisoners, 47 percent had been confined for crimes of violence, one-third were in custody for crimes against property, 17 percent had been sentenced for crimes against public order, principally drug offenses, and 3 percent were held for other, miscellaneous crimes. The specific offenses accounting for the largest numbers of inmates were, in order, burglary (78), murder (63), robbery (59), and drug offenses (48). Together, persons serving time for these four crimes made up 63 percent of the total inmate population.

Whites accounted for 74 percent of all inmates; blacks, for 24 percent. The remaining 2 percent consisted of prisoners of races other than white or black or those whose race was not identified.<sup>1</sup> A larger proportion of the black inmate population than of its white counterpart had been committed for crimes of violence and crimes against public order, whereas the reverse was true for crimes against property. The largest single number of white inmates were serving time for burglary;

among black prisoners, the most commonplace crime was robbery. Convicted murderers constituted 18 percent of the black prisoner population and 15 percent of the white. In relative terms, blacks convicted of drug offenses outnumbered whites held for the same crimes.

Males made up 96 percent of the inmate population. Females, however, accounted for a larger proportion of the black prisoner count (8 percent) than for the white (2 percent). More than half of the total number of inmates were in their 20's, the median age having been 27.4 years. Black prisoners, on the whole, were about 1½ years younger than white inmates. About four out of every five prisoners had not completed high school, a value that did not differ greatly for whites or for blacks. Of the group that had dropped out of school before receiving a high school diploma, one-third had terminated their formal education at the time of or before completing the eighth grade. The median number of years of schooling was 10.2; it was 10.1 for whites and 10.3 for blacks.

The median maximum sentence meted out for the offense that resulted in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 5.2 years, and it was about 6 months longer for blacks (5.6 years) than for whites (5.1 years). In terms of time actually served in confinement on the current sentence, blacks had been held for 107 months, compared with 14.3 months for whites. Some 7 percent of the inmate population had served 6 years or more at the time of the census.

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<sup>1</sup>According to the 1970 Census, the population of Rhode Island was racially distributed as follows: white, 96 percent; black, 3 percent; and races other than white or black, 1 percent.

Table 1. Rhode Island: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	394	100	292	100	96	100	2	100	4	100
Crimes of violence	184	47	130	45	52	54	1	50	1	25
Murder	63	16	45	15	17	18	0	0	1	25
Attempted murder	5	1	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	8	2	6	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Kidnaping	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	9	2	6	2	3	3	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	8	2	6	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Robbery	59	15	35	12	24	25	0	0	0	0
Assault	29	7	26	9	2	2	1	50	0	0
Crimes against property	130	33	108	37	21	22	0	0	1	25
Burglary	78	20	68	23	9	9	0	0	1	25
Larceny	25	6	20	7	5	5	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	10	3	9	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Arson	2	1	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	13	3	8	3	5	5	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	67	17	46	16	19	20	1	50	1	25
Drug offense	48	12	31	11	15	16	1	50	1	25
Weapons offense	15	4	11	4	4	4	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	13	3	8	3	4	4	0	0	1	25

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Rhode Island: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex										
Total	394	100	292	100	96	100	2	100	4	100
Male	380	96	286	98	88	92	2	100	4	100
Female	14	4	6	2	8	8	0	0	0	0
Age										
Total	394	100	292	100	96	100	2	100	4	100
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
19	10	3	8	3	2	2	0	0	0	0
20-24	143	36	104	36	37	39	1	50	1	25
25-29	82	21	53	18	27	28	0	0	2	50
30-34	68	17	57	20	11	11	0	0	0	0
35-39	36	9	27	9	9	9	0	0	0	0
40-44	22	6	15	5	6	6	1	50	0	0
45-49	11	3	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
50 and over	16	4	12	4	3	3	0	0	1	25
Not reported	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Median		27.4		27.9		26.5				27.5
Highest grade completed										
Total	394	100	292	100	96	100	2	100	4	100
Eighth grade or less	107	27	82	28	23	24	1	50	1	25
1-3 years of high school	214	54	154	53	58	60	0	0	2	50
Some high school (years unreported)	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	52	13	41	14	9	9	1	50	1	25
Any college	9	2	8	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Not reported	9	2	5	2	4	4	0	0	0	0
Median		10.2		10.1		10.3				11.0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

Table 3. Rhode Island: Maximum sentence and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)										
Total	394	100	292	100	96	100	2	100	4	100
Less than 3	99	25	74	25	22	23	1	50	2	50
3 less than 4	67	17	53	18	12	13	1	50	1	25
4 less than 5	21	5	17	6	4	4	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	44	11	28	10	16	17	0	0	0	0
6 less than 10	54	14	37	13	17	18	0	0	0	0
10 less than 11	35	9	30	10	5	5	0	0	0	0
11 less than 15	5	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	6	2	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
16 less than 20	4	1	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	30	8	20	7	10	10	0	0	0	0
30 less than 98	12	3	9	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	17	4	13	4	3	3	0	0	1	25
Median		5.2		5.1		5.6				3.0
Time served (in months)										
Total	394	100	292	100	96	100	2	100	4	100
Less than 6	107	27	81	28	23	24	1	50	2	50
6 less than 12	66	17	48	16	16	17	1	50	1	25
12 less than 18	55	14	43	15	12	13	0	0	0	0
18 less than 24	26	7	16	5	10	10	0	0	0	0
24 less than 30	24	6	22	8	2	2	0	0	0	0
30 less than 36	18	5	9	3	9	9	0	0	0	0
36 less than 48	35	9	28	10	7	7	0	0	0	0
48 less than 72	33	8	24	8	9	9	0	0	0	0
72 less than 120	21	5	15	5	6	6	0	0	0	0
120 or more	6	2	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	25
Not reported	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Median		14.4		14.3		16.2				6.0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



## SOUTH CAROLINA

A total of 3,369 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were being held in State-operated correctional facilities in South Carolina on June 30, 1973. In relation to the population of the State, there were 124 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants. Slightly more than half of the inmate population had been confined for crimes of violence, 36 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 11 percent had been sentenced for crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses, and the remainder were in custody for other, miscellaneous crimes. More prisoners were confined for larceny than for any other single-offense, such inmates accounting for 21 percent of the total. Those held for robbery were second most numerous, followed, in order, by those committed for manslaughter, drug offenses, burglary, or murder.

South Carolina's inmate population was differentiated racially between whites and nonwhites (i.e., blacks and members of "other" races). According to the census, the former made up 41 percent of the total and the latter, 59 percent.<sup>1</sup> Although official records did not distinguish between blacks and "others," the overwhelm-

ing majority of the nonwhite inmate population was presumed to be black. In relative terms, half again as many blacks and "others" were serving time for crimes of violence as whites. The exact opposite was true with respect to crimes against property, and whites also were more likely than blacks and "others" to have been sentenced for crimes against public order.

With respect to such characteristics as sex, age, and education, only minor differences existed between the white inmate population and its black and "other" counterpart. Ninety-six percent of the inmates were males, the largest single number was in the 5-year age group 20-24, and about 7 out of every 10 had quit school before graduating from high school. Blacks and "others" tended to be somewhat younger than whites, and they also had had slightly more schooling. The median age for the entire prisoner population was 24.9 years; the median number of years of schooling was 9.6.

For the inmate population as a whole, the median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 8.3 years. It was 7.1 years for whites and 9.4 years for blacks and "others." At the time of the census, the median length of time served on the current sentence was 10.6 months; it was about 1½ months longer for blacks and "others" (11.2 months) than for whites (9.5 months). Only 5 percent of the prisoner population had been in custody for 6 or more years.

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<sup>1</sup>At the time of the 1970 Census, South Carolina's population was racially constituted as follows: white, 69 percent; black, 31 percent; and races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. South Carolina: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		Race		Black and Other	
	Number	Percent	White		Number	Percent
			Number	Percent		
Total	3,369	100	1,394	100	1,975	100
Crimes of violence	1,732	51	551	40	1,181	60
Murder	265	8	112	8	153	8
Attempted murder	76	2	30	2	46	2
Manslaughter	404	12	108	8	296	15
Kidnaping	7	(Z)	2	(Z)	5	(Z)
Rape	93	3	18	1	75	4
Statutory rape	6	(Z)	3	(Z)	3	(Z)
Lewd act with child	6	(Z)	3	(Z)	3	(Z)
Sexual assault:						
force undetermined	49	1	12	1	37	2
Robbery	580	17	175	13	405	21
Assault	246	7	88	7	158	8
Crimes against property	1,225	36	628	45	597	30
Burglary	297	9	142	10	155	8
Larceny	691	21	370	27	321	16
Motor vehicle theft	56	2	28	2	28	1
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	110	3	59	4	51	3
Arson	14	(Z)	5	(Z)	9	(Z)
Stolen property	57	2	24	2	33	2
Crimes against public order	359	11	185	13	174	9
Drug offense	304	9	144	10	160	8
Weapons offense	7	(Z)	5	(Z)	2	(Z)
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	5	(Z)	3	(Z)	2	(Z)
Traffic offense	38	1	30	2	8	(Z)
Escape or flight	5	(Z)	3	(Z)	2	(Z)
Other	53	2	30	2	23	1

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. South Carolina: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		Race White		Black and Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex						
Total	3,369	100	1,394	100	1,975	100
Male	3,219	96	1,339	96	1,880	95
Female	142	4	51	4	91	5
Not reported	8	(Z)	4	(Z)	4	(Z)
Age						
Total	3,369	100	1,394	100	1,975	100
Under 18	148	4	71	5	77	4
18	230	7	113	8	117	6
19	214	6	96	7	118	6
20-24	1,112	33	409	29	703	36
25-29	711	21	269	19	442	22
30-34	315	9	143	10	172	9
35-39	198	6	94	7	104	5
40-44	127	4	53	4	74	4
45-49	119	4	55	4	64	3
50 and over	179	5	85	6	94	5
Not reported	16	(Z)	6	(Z)	10	1
Median		24.9		25.1		24.8
Highest grade completed						
Total	3,369	100	1,394	100	1,975	100
Eighth grade or less	1,166	35	493	35	673	34
1-3 years of high school	1,179	35	409	29	770	39
4 years of high school	453	13	214	15	239	12
Any college	93	3	51	4	42	2
Not reported	478	14	227	16	251	13
Median		9.6		9.5		9.7

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
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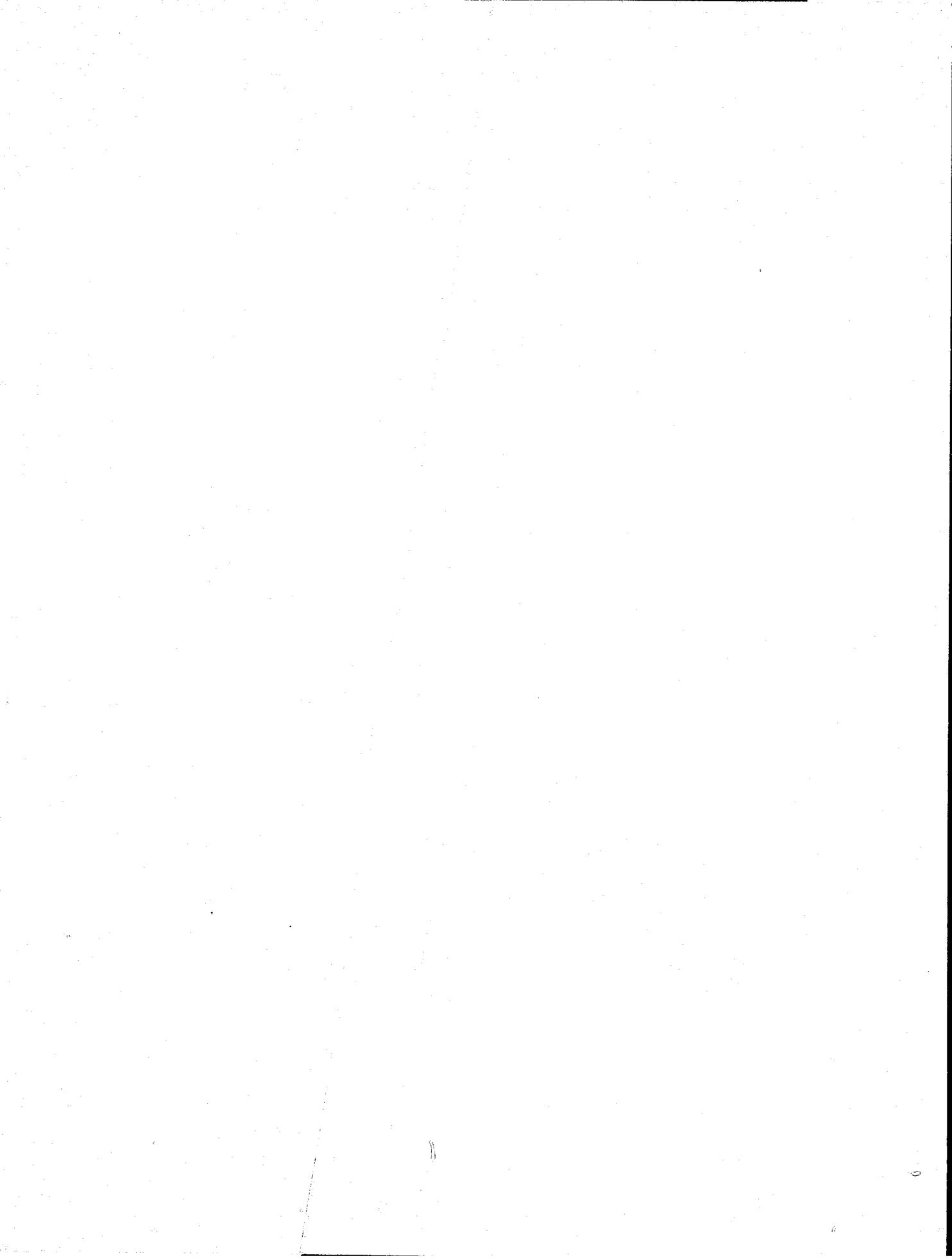
**Table 3. South Carolina: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		Race White		Black and Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)						
Total	3,369	100	1,394	100	1,975	100
Less than 3	412	12	217	16	195	10
3 less than 4	325	10	152	11	173	9
4 less than 5	118	4	60	4	58	3
5 less than 6	329	10	165	12	164	8
6 less than 10	855	25	385	28	470	24
10 less than 11	222	7	82	6	140	7
11 less than 15	178	5	48	3	130	7
15 less than 16	212	6	49	4	163	8
16 less than 20	88	3	28	2	60	3
20 less than 30	242	7	69	5	173	9
30 less than 98	116	3	29	2	87	4
98 or more, life, or death	272	8	110	8	162	8
Median		8.3		7.1		9.4
Time served (in months)						
Total	3,369	100	1,394	100	1,975	100
Less than 6	1,104	33	481	35	623	32
6 less than 12	385	11	143	10	242	12
12 less than 18	311	9	101	7	210	11
18 less than 24	185	5	75	5	110	6
24 less than 30	179	5	77	6	102	5
30 less than 36	114	3	46	3	68	3
36 less than 48	179	5	79	6	100	5
48 less than 72	167	5	61	4	106	5
72 less than 120	114	3	48	3	66	3
120 or more	50	1	16	1	34	2
Not reported	581	17	267	19	314	16
Median		10.6		9.5		11.2

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## SOUTH DAKOTA

In South Dakota, 256 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were being held in State-operated correctional facilities as of June 30, 1973. The inmate-to-population ratio was 38 per 100,000. Fifty-seven percent of the prisoner population were serving time for crimes against property, 38 percent had been committed for crimes of violence, and 5 percent had been sentenced for crimes against public order. Convicted burglars were most numerous among the inmates, accounting for 26 percent of the total. Those serving time for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement ranked second and made up one-fifth of all prisoners. Inmates in custody for robbery and for larceny each constituted 9 percent of the prisoner population. Persons convicted of manslaughter, numbering 19, and those sentenced for murder, totaling 17, each comprised 7 percent of the inmate population.

Whites made up approximately two-thirds of all prisoners; blacks, 2 percent; and persons of races other than white or black, 31 percent.<sup>1</sup> The racial identification of two prisoners was not reported. Too few blacks were imprisoned at the time of the census to make meaningful comparisons between that inmate group and those composed of whites or races other than white or black. Among white prisoners, 38 percent had been

sentenced for crimes of violence, 56 percent for crimes against property, and 6 percent for crimes against public order. Corresponding proportions for inmates classified as other than white or black were 37 percent, 63 percent, and 0 percent. The specific offenses accounting for the largest number of both white and "other" inmates were burglary; forgery, fraud, or embezzlement; and robbery, in that order. Relatively more "others" than whites were being held for burglary and for robbery, while the opposite was true with respect to forgery, fraud, or embezzlement.

All but 1 percent of South Dakota's prisoner population were males. The median age for the population as a whole was 30.1 years, and it was almost 1 year lower for "others" (29.5 years) than for whites (30.4 years). Both for whites and for "others," the largest number of inmates was in the 5-year age group 25-29. Eighty-two percent of the prisoners had not completed high school, 14 percent had received a high school diploma, and 2 percent had attended college. The median number of years of schooling was 9.6. Whites, for whom the median was 9.9 years, had had 1 year more formal education than inmates of races other than white or black, among whom the value was 8.9 years.

Inmates held as of June 30, 1973, had received a median maximum sentence of 4.3 years for the offense resulting in their incarceration. For white prisoners, the median was 5.1 years and for "others" it was 3.7 years. Members of races other than white or black had been in custody for the current offense for 15.0 months, compared with 13.6 months for white inmates. Eleven percent of all inmates had been held for 6 or more years:

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<sup>1</sup>South Dakota's population at the time of the 1970 Census was distributed as follows: white, 95 percent; black, less than 0.5 percent; and races other than white or black, 5 percent. American Indians accounted for 95 percent of those classified as other than white or black.

Table 1. South Dakota: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	256	100	170	100	5	100	79	100	2	100
Crimes of violence	97	38	64	38	3	60	29	37	1	50
Murder	17	7	14	8	0	0	3	4	0	0
Attempted murder	3	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	19	7	11	6	2	40	6	8	0	0
Kidnaping	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	9	4	6	4	0	0	3	4	0	0
Lewd act with child	6	2	5	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	24	9	15	9	0	0	9	11	0	0
Assault	15	6	7	4	1	20	6	8	1	50
Crimes against property	146	57	95	56	1	20	50	63	0	0
Burglary	66	26	39	23	1	20	26	33	0	0
Larceny	24	9	15	9	0	0	9	11	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	51	20	38	22	0	0	13	16	0	0
Arson	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	4	2	2	1	0	0	2	3	0	0
Crimes against public order	12	5	10	6	1	20	0	0	1	50
Drug offense	7	3	5	3	1	20	0	0	1	50
Weapons offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	(Z)	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. South Dakota: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex										
Total	256	100	170	100	5	100	79	100	2	100
Male	254	99	169	99	5	100	78	99	2	100
Female	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Age										
Total	256	100	170	100	5	100	79	100	2	100
Under 18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	9	4	5	3	0	0	4	5	0	0
19	8	3	1	1	0	0	7	9	0	0
20-24	43	17	35	21	1	20	7	9	0	0
25-29	62	24	41	24	0	0	21	27	0	0
30-34	41	16	25	15	3	60	13	16	0	0
35-39	26	10	16	9	0	0	10	13	0	0
40-44	15	6	12	7	0	0	3	4	0	0
45-49	20	8	14	8	0	0	6	8	0	0
50 and over	22	9	19	11	0	0	3	4	0	0
Not reported	10	4	2	1	1	20	5	6	2	100
Median		30.1		30.4		31.7		29.5		
Highest grade completed										
Total	256	100	170	100	5	100	79	100	2	100
Eighth grade or less	106	41	62	36	3	60	41	52	0	0
1-3 years of high school	105	41	70	41	0	0	0	0	2	100
4 years of high school	37	14	32	19	2	40	36	46	0	0
Any college	5	2	4	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Not reported	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Median		9.6		9.9		8.5		8.9		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

Table 3. South Dakota: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)										
Total	256	100	170	100	5	100	79	100	2	100
Less than 3	93	36	59	35	2	40	31	39	1	50
3 less than 4	30	12	17	10	1	20	12	15	0	0
4 less than 5	15	6	8	5	0	0	7	9	0	0
5 less than 6	31	12	21	12	0	0	10	13	0	0
6 less than 10	13	5	10	6	0	0	3	4	0	0
10 less than 11	24	9	18	11	0	0	5	6	1	50
11 less than 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	5	2	2	1	0	0	3	4	0	0
16 less than 20	3	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	8	3	6	4	0	0	2	3	0	0
30 less than 98	8	3	4	2	2	40	2	3	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	26	10	22	13	0	0	4	5	0	0
Median		4.3		5.1		3.5		3.7		
Time served (in months)										
Total	256	100	170	100	5	100	79	100	2	100
Less than 6	72	28	53	31	1	20	18	23	0	0
6 less than 12	46	18	26	15	1	20	18	23	1	50
12 less than 18	29	11	22	13	0	0	7	9	0	0
18 less than 24	21	8	8	5	0	0	13	16	0	0
24 less than 30	26	10	16	9	1	20	9	11	0	0
30 less than 36	10	4	6	4	1	20	3	4	0	0
36 less than 48	9	4	6	4	0	0	2	3	1	50
48 less than 72	16	6	11	6	1	20	4	5	0	0
72 less than 120	10	4	7	4	0	0	3	4	0	0
120 or more	17	7	15	9	0	0	2	3	0	0
Median		14.0		13.7		27.0		15.0		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



## TENNESSEE

Data for Tennessee were incomplete. It was reported that 3,289 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were in the custody of State correctional authorities as of June 30, 1973, or 80 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants of the State. Included within the total were 252 inmates on work-release programs and 35 prisoners who were on special duty within the Tennessee correctional system. No information was submitted on these 287 persons. Data on the sex and age of approximately 300 other inmates also were lacking.

Of the total number of prisoners for whom the relevant information was recorded, 59 percent were serving time for crimes of violence, one-third were being held for crimes against property, 5 percent had been sentenced for crimes against public order, predominantly drug offenses, and the remainder were confined for other, miscellaneous crimes. More inmates had been sentenced for robbery (740) than any other single offense, such inmates making up one-fourth of those for whom offense data were reported. Persons convicted of murder (528) were the second most numerous, followed by those imprisoned for burglary (496) or for larceny (302).

Slightly over half of the prisoners were white and 41 percent were black.<sup>1</sup> No racial identification of the remaining 9 percent was available, although Tennessee authorities noted that these inmates were either white or black, as the State's correctional system held no prisoners, as of June 30, 1973, of races other than white or black. Of those for whom offense data were recorded, black prisoners were far more likely than their white counterparts to have been serving time for crimes of

violence. Whites, on the other hand, were more apt than blacks to have been sentenced for crimes against property and for crimes against public order. Although constituting a minority of the prisoner population, black inmates outnumbered white inmates serving time for such violent crimes as murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery, and assault.

The sex of 2,713 inmates was reported; 97 percent were male. Similarly, age data were available on about 82 percent of the prisoner population. Among those for whom such information was reported, the median age was 27.4 years. Black inmates, for whom the median age was 26.1 years, were almost 2½ years younger than their white counterparts, for whom the value was 28.5 years. Among both white and black prisoners, the largest single number was in the 5-year age group 20-24.

Only seven inmates were under age 18; at the other extreme, 158 were age 50 and over. Excluding 9 percent of the inmates for whom levels of educational attainment were not reported, about four out of every five prisoners had failed to complete high school; almost half of these, in fact, had had no more than 8 years of formal education. In contrast, only 3 percent had attended college. The median number of years of schooling was 10.1 years. It was 10.6 years for blacks, approximately 1 year more than for whites (9.5 years).

Excluding data for inmates on work-release programs and on special duty within the correctional system, the median maximum sentence handed down for the offense that resulted in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 10.6 years; it was about 6 months longer for blacks than for whites. In terms of time actually served on the current sentence at the time of the census, the median number of months for black prisoners was 19.9, compared with 15.2 for whites. About 10 percent of the inmate population had been imprisoned for 6 years or more.

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<sup>1</sup> At the time of the 1970 Census, Tennessee's population was classified as follows: white 84 percent; black, 16 percent; and races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Tennessee: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	3,289	100	1,655	100	1,347	100	287	100
Crimes of violence	1,772	54	786	47	986	73	0	0
Murder	528	16	238	14	290	22	0	0
Attempted murder	83	3	44	3	39	3	0	0
Manslaughter	94	3	42	3	52	4	0	0
Kidnaping	19	1	13	1	6	(Z)	0	0
Rape	174	5	65	4	109	8	0	0
Statutory rape	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Lewd act with child	40	1	21	1	19	1	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	47	1	18	1	29	2	0	0
Robbery	740	22	322	19	418	31	0	0
Assault	45	1	22	1	23	2	0	0
Crimes against property	994	30	704	43	290	22	0	0
Burglary	496	15	354	21	142	11	0	0
Larceny	302	9	196	12	106	8	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	28	1	22	1	6	(Z)	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	115	3	93	6	22	2	0	0
Arson	8	(Z)	6	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0
Stolen property	45	1	33	2	12	1	0	0
Crimes against public order	163	5	113	7	49	4	0	0
Drug offense	146	4	104	6	42	3	0	0
Weapons offense	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	5	(Z)	2	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0
Traffic offense	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	10	(Z)	6	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0
Other	69	2	48	3	21	2	0	0
Not reported	291	9	3	(Z)	1	(Z)	287	100

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Tennessee: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	3,289	100	1,655	100	1,347	100	287	100
Male	2,635	80	1,457	88	1,178	87	0	0
Female	78	2	46	3	32	2	0	0
Not reported	576	18	152	9	137	10	287	100
<b>Age</b>								
Total	3,289	100	1,655	100	1,347	100	287	100
Under 18	7	(Z)	0	0	7	1	0	0
18	29	1	13	1	16	1	0	0
19	105	3	55	3	50	4	0	0
20-24	913	28	443	27	470	35	0	0
25-29	617	19	340	21	277	21	0	0
30-34	360	11	229	14	131	10	0	0
35-39	225	7	139	8	86	6	0	0
40-44	168	5	108	7	60	4	0	0
45-49	128	4	83	5	45	3	0	0
50 and over	158	5	91	5	67	5	0	0
Not reported	579	18	154	9	138	10	287	100
Median		27.4		28.5		26.1		
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	3,289	100	1,655	100	1,347	100	287	100
Eighth grade or less	1,108	34	744	45	364	27	0	0
1-3 years of high school	1,244	38	572	36	672	50	0	0
Some high school (years unreported)	41	1	17	1	24	2	0	0
4 years of high school	521	16	271	16	250	19	0	0
Any college	79	2	47	3	32	2	0	0
Not reported	296	9	4	(Z)	5	(Z)	287	100
Median		10.1		9.5		10.6		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 3. Tennessee: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	3,289	100	1,655	100	1,347	100	287	100
Less than 3	132	4	98	6	34	3	0	0
3 less than 4	467	14	318	19	149	11	0	0
4 less than 5	58	2	41	2	17	1	0	0
5 less than 6	340	10	201	12	139	10	0	0
6 less than 10	196	6	125	8	71	5	0	0
10 less than 11	563	17	263	16	300	22	0	0
11 less than 15	119	4	68	4	51	4	0	0
15 less than 16	186	6	73	4	113	8	0	0
16 less than 20	57	2	35	2	22	2	0	0
20 less than 30	340	10	160	10	180	13	0	0
30 less than 98	276	8	151	9	125	9	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	268	8	122	7	146	11	0	0
Not reported	287	9	0	0	0	0	287	100
Median	10.6		10.2		10.9			
Time served (in months)								
Total	3,289	100	1,655	100	1,347	100	287	100
Less than 6	742	23	423	26	319	24	0	0
6 less than 12	446	14	287	17	159	12	0	0
12 less than 18	367	11	214	13	153	11	0	0
18 less than 24	273	8	150	9	123	9	0	0
24 less than 30	240	7	119	7	121	9	0	0
30 less than 36	168	5	86	5	82	6	0	0
36 less than 48	212	6	98	6	114	8	0	0
48 less than 72	241	7	122	7	119	9	0	0
72 less than 120	182	6	90	5	92	7	0	0
120 or more	121	4	62	4	59	4	0	0
Not reported	297	9	4	(Z)	6	(Z)	287	100
Median	17.0		15.2		19.9			

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## TEXAS

On June 30, 1973, a total of 16,289 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were confined in State-operated correctional facilities in Texas. There were 138 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants of the State. Two out of every five inmates were being held for crimes of violence, 35 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 13 percent were incarcerated for crimes against public order, chiefly drug offenses, and 12 percent had been sentenced for other, miscellaneous crimes. Burglary was the specific offense accounting for the largest number of prisoners, followed, in order, by robbery, drug offenses, and murder. Together, inmates held for these four crimes accounted for almost 70 percent of the total prisoner population.

Texas correctional authorities classified Mexicans as neither whites nor blacks, but included them among races other than white or black, along with American Indians, Orientals, and others.<sup>1</sup> Given that determination, the inmate population was distributed as follows: blacks, 43 percent; whites, 39 percent; "others," 16 percent; and unclassified, 2 percent. Inasmuch as Mexicans were included with whites in most other States, it is probable that, had Texas followed such a procedure, a majority of the State's inmate population would have been classified as white.

In relative terms, blacks were more apt than all others to have been serving time for crimes of violence, whites for crimes against property, and "others" for crimes against public order. Robbery, followed by

burglary, were the two crimes for which the largest numbers of blacks were confined. For whites, the two crimes, in order, were burglary and robbery, and for "others," they were burglary and drug offenses. Convicted murderers accounted for 10 percent of the prisoner population—11 percent among black inmates, as well as among "others," and 9 percent among white inmates.

Females constituted 4 percent of the total inmate population. The proportion that prevailed among white inmates, as well as among "other" inmates, was 3 percent. Among black prisoners, however, females accounted for 5 percent. Age data were available on 76 percent of all inmates. Among these, the median age was 28.8 years. It was lowest for blacks (28.0 years), highest for whites (29.8 years). Prisoners of races other than white or black had a median age of 29.2 years. Information on the number of years of school completed was not reported, as the Texas correctional system does not collect such data. Instead, it administers a general achievement test to all new inmates. The results of this test provide a general indication of the intelligence of the inmates but are not comparable with levels of educational attainment, as expressed in the number of years of schooling actually completed.

The median maximum sentence meted out for the offense resulting in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 8.4 years. It was more than 3 years longer for blacks (10.0 years) than for whites (6.8 years), and almost 2 years longer for blacks than for "others" (8.3 years). Inmates of races other than white or black, as classified by Texas correctional authorities, had, on the whole, served a median length of time of 18.0 months. For black inmates, the median number of months imprisoned on their current sentence was 17.4, and it was 14.5 for white prisoners. About 9 percent of all inmates had been incarcerated for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>At the time of the 1970 Census, the population of Texas was distributed as follows: white, 87 percent; black, 12 percent; and races other than white or black, 1 percent. Mexicans, most of whom were enumerated by the 1970 Census as whites, accounted for about 6 percent of the total population of the State.

Table 1. Texas: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense.	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.	16,289	100	6,324	100	7,070	100	2,568	100	327	100
Crimes of violence	6,443	40	2,182	35	3,406	48	752	29	103	31
Murder	1,658	10	540	9	800	11	294	11	24	7
Manslaughter	146	1	50	1	64	1	32	1	0	0
Kidnaping	17	(Z)	14	(Z)	1	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0
Rape	758	5	259	4	389	6	102	4	8	2
Statutory rape	72	(Z)	20	(Z)	30	(Z)	18	1	4	1
Lewd act with child	69	(Z)	54	1	7	(Z)	8	(Z)	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	99	1	44	1	31	(Z)	21	1	3	1
Robbery	3,469	21	1,164	18	2,015	29	240	9	50	15
Assault <sup>1</sup>	155	1	37	1	69	1	35	1	14	4
Crimes against property	5,675	35	2,353	37	2,268	32	903	35	151	46
Burglary	4,051	25	1,602	25	1,642	23	721	28	86	26
Larceny	792	5	316	5	337	5	97	4	42	13
Motor vehicle theft	78	(Z)	42	1	18	(Z)	13	1	5	2
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	678	4	364	6	240	3	58	2	16	5
Arson	38	(Z)	16	(Z)	13	(Z)	7	(Z)	2	1
Stolen property	38	(Z)	13	(Z)	18	(Z)	7	(Z)	0	0
Crimes against public order	2,189	13	880	14	688	10	563	22	58	18
Drug offense	1,875	12	672	11	628	9	527	21	48	15
Weapons offense	50	(Z)	16	(Z)	25	(Z)	9	(Z)	0	0
Commercialized sex	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	68	(Z)	50	1	8	(Z)	9	(Z)	1	(Z)
Traffic offense	166	1	128	2	19	(Z)	11	(Z)	8	2
Escape or flight	29	(Z)	13	(Z)	8	(Z)	7	(Z)	1	(Z)
Other	1,982	12	909	14	708	10	350	14	15	5

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Includes attempted murder.

Table 2. Texas: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>										
Total	16,289	100	6,324	100	7,070	100	2,568	100	327	100
Male	15,701	96	6,131	97	6,740	95	2,503	97	327	100
Female	588	4	193	3	330	5	65	3	0	0
<b>Age</b>										
Total	16,289	100	6,324	100	7,070	100	2,568	100	327	100
Under 18	20	(Z)	11	(Z)	6	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0
18	138	1	67	1	55	1	16	1	0	0
19	384	2	184	3	149	2	49	2	2	1
20-24	3,454	21	1,226	19	1,740	25	484	19	4	1
25-29	2,916	18	991	16	1,408	20	512	20	5	2
30-34	1,957	12	747	12	830	12	375	15	5	2
35-39	1,240	8	519	8	492	7	226	9	3	1
40-44	904	6	393	6	355	5	155	6	1	(Z)
45-49	622	4	289	5	249	4	78	3	6	2
50 and over	809	5	448	7	288	4	73	3	0	0
Not reported	3,845	24	1,449	23	1,498	21	597	23	301	92
Median		28.8		29.8		28.0		29.2		32.0
<b>Highest grade completed</b>										
Total	16,289	100	6,324	100	7,070	100	2,568	100	327	100
Eighth grade or less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-3 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any college	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not reported	16,289	100	6,324	100	7,070	100	2,568	100	327	100

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
 (Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 3. Texas: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>										
Total	16,289	100	6,324	100	7,070	100	2,568	100	327	100
Less than 3	1,341	8	632	10	472	7	173	7	64	20
3 less than 4	1,638	10	728	12	591	8	273	11	46	14
4 less than 5	994	6	437	7	406	6	130	5	21	6
5 less than 6	2,916	18	1,206	19	1,153	16	483	19	74	23
6 less than 10	2,113	13	792	13	899	13	386	15	36	11
10 less than 11	1,927	12	666	11	878	12	356	14	27	8
11 less than 15	696	4	232	4	322	5	135	5	7	2
15 less than 16	822	5	262	4	419	6	131	5	10	3
16 less than 20	205	1	69	1	100	1	33	1	3	1
20 less than 30	1,278	8	408	6	683	10	167	7	20	6
30 less than 98	925	6	329	5	474	7	118	5	4	1
98 or more, life, or death	1,434	9	563	9	673	10	183	7	15	5
Median		8.4		6.8		10.0		8.3		5.4
<b>Time served (in months)</b>										
Total	16,289	100	6,324	100	7,070	100	2,568	100	327	100
Less than 6	3,826	23	1,600	25	1,477	21	444	17	305	93
6 less than 12	2,676	16	1,141	18	1,123	16	412	16	0	0
12 less than 18	2,438	15	978	15	1,027	15	431	17	2	1
18 less than 24	1,658	10	595	9	741	10	319	12	3	1
24 less than 30	1,225	8	397	6	594	8	232	9	2	1
30 less than 36	843	5	300	5	410	6	131	5	2	1
36 less than 48	1,089	7	342	5	541	8	205	8	1	(Z)
48 less than 72	1,062	7	397	6	499	7	161	6	5	2
72 less than 120	819	5	285	5	385	5	147	6	2	1
120 or more	648	4	287	5	271	4	85	3	5	2
Not reported	5	(Z)	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Median		16.1		14.5		17.4		18.0		3.2

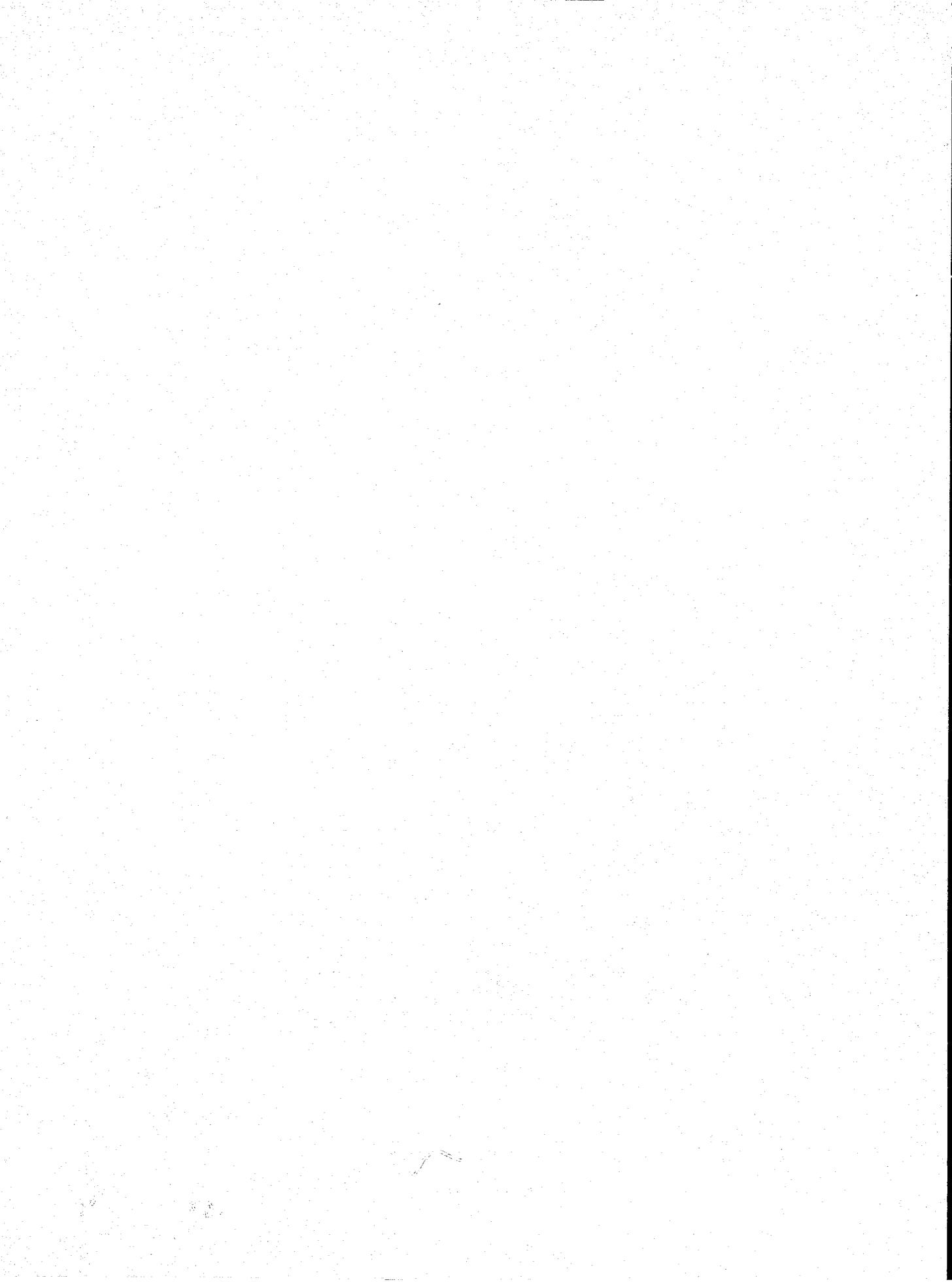
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(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



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## UTAH

Utah's State-operated correctional facilities housed, as of June 30, 1973, a total of 512 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day, or 45 inmates per 100,000 inhabitants of the State. Persons imprisoned for crimes against property accounted for 53 percent of the prisoner population; those held for crimes of violence made up 39 percent and those sentenced for crimes against public order, principally drug offenses, constituted 8 percent. Convicted burglars, numbering 123, or almost one-fourth of all inmates, were the largest group among those serving time. Those sentenced for robbery (91) were second most numerous, followed, in order, by those confined for larceny (78); forgery, fraud, or embezzlement (60); or murder (45). Inmates serving time for murder made up 9 percent of the prisoner population.

Whites constituted 88 percent of all prisoners in Utah's State-operated correctional facilities, blacks accounted for 9 percent, and members of races other than white or black made up 3 percent.<sup>1</sup> A majority of white inmates were being held for crimes against property, whereas a majority of black prisoners, as well as those of "other" races, were in custody for crimes of violence. Burglary was the offense for which the largest single number of whites had been convicted; for blacks,

the offense was robbery; and for "others," it was forgery, fraud, or embezzlement.

Of the total inmate population, 97 percent were males. Females represented 2 percent of the white prisoner population, 6 percent of the black, and 15 percent of the "other." The median age for all those held in custody was 29.3 years. White inmates were slightly older than blacks who, in turn, were about 1½ years older than those of races other than white or black. Regardless of race, the largest number of inmates were concentrated in the 5-year age group 20-24. Only 2 prisoners were under age 18; only 25, or 5 percent, were age 50 and over. Seven out of every 10 inmates had terminated their formal education before receiving a high school diploma, including about 21 percent who had quit at the time of or before completing the eighth grade. Only 3 percent had attended college. On the whole, black prisoners had had more schooling (11.3 years) than whites (10.6 years) or "others" (9.8 years).

The median maximum sentence handed down for the offense resulting in incarceration as of June 30, 1973, was 23.8 years, the length being in large part a reflection of the fact that almost one-third of the prisoner population had received sentences of life imprisonment or of 98 years or more. Blacks had received the longest sentences, the median for them being 27.1 years, compared with 23.4 years for whites and 21.7 years for inmates of races other than white or black. With respect to time actually served, as of June 30, 1973, on their current sentence, the median number of months was 17.6. The median was highest for "others," only slightly lower for blacks than whites. Some 4 percent of the inmate population, at the time of the census, had been in custody for 6 years or longer.

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<sup>1</sup>Utah's population at the time of the 1970 Census was composed as follows: white, 97 percent; black, 1 percent; and races other than white or black, 2 percent. American Indians constituted 54 percent of those classified as other than white or black.

Table 1. Utah: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	512	100	450	100	47	100	13	100	2	100
Crimes of violence	201	39	167	37	24	51	8	62	2	100
Murder	45	9	38	8	6	13	0	0	1	50
Attempted murder	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter	11	2	8	2	1	2	2	15	0	0
Kidnaping	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	23	4	19	4	1	2	3	23	0	0
Statutory rape	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault: force undetermined	6	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	91	18	75	17	14	30	1	8	1	50
Assault	20	4	16	4	2	4	2	15	0	0
Crimes against property	271	53	248	55	18	38	5	38	0	0
Burglary	123	24	119	26	4	9	0	0	0	0
Larceny	78	15	70	16	7	15	1	8	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	60	12	49	11	7	15	4	31	0	0
Arson	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	6	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	40	8	35	8	5	11	0	0	0	0
Drug offense	38	7	33	7	5	11	0	0	0	0
Weapons offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Utah: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex										
Total	512	100	450	100	47	100	13	100	2	100
Male	499	97	442	98	44	94	11	85	2	100
Female	13	3	8	2	3	6	2	15	0	0
Age										
Total	512	100	450	100	47	100	13	100	2	100
Under 18	2	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	3	1	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0	1	50
19	11	2	10	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
20-24	138	27	120	27	13	28	5	38	0	0
25-29	113	22	98	22	12	26	3	23	0	0
30-34	109	21	100	22	6	13	3	23	0	0
35-39	51	10	44	10	6	13	1	8	0	0
40-44	27	5	24	5	3	6	0	0	0	0
45-49	22	4	15	3	5	11	1	8	1	50
50 and over	25	5	24	5	1	2	0	0	0	0
Not reported	11	2	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Median		29.3		29.4		29.0		27.5		
Highest grade completed										
Total	512	100	450	100	47	100	13	100	2	100
Eighth grade or less	107	21	97	22	6	13	4	31	0	0
1-3 years of high school	258	50	222	49	27	57	7	54	2	100
Some high school (years unreported)	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	117	23	104	23	11	23	2	16	0	0
Any college	17	3	15	3	2	4	0	0	0	0
Not reported	10	2	9	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
Median		10.7		10.6		11.3		9.8		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.  
(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 3. Utah: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)										
Total	512	100	450	100	47	100	13	100	2	100
Less than 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 less than 4	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 less than 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	63	12	55	12	6	13	2	15	0	0
5 less than 10	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 less than 11	129	25	118	26	7	15	4	31	0	0
11 less than 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	5	1	3	(Z)	2	4	0	0	0	0
16 less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	152	30	137	30	12	26	3	23	0	0
30 less than 98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	161	31	135	30	20	43	4	31	2	100
Median	23.8		23.4		27.1		21.7			
Time served (in months)										
Total	512	100	450	100	47	100	13	100	2	100
Less than 6	99	19	92	20	6	13	0	0	1	50
6 less than 12	93	18	80	18	12	26	1	8	0	0
12 less than 18	67	13	56	12	6	13	5	38	0	0
18 less than 24	52	10	47	10	4	9	1	8	0	0
24 less than 30	56	11	48	11	6	13	2	15	0	0
30 less than 36	37	7	31	7	5	11	1	8	0	0
36 less than 48	54	11	46	10	5	11	3	23	0	0
48 less than 72	30	6	28	6	1	2	0	0	1	50
72 less than 120	17	3	15	3	2	4	0	0	0	0
120 or more	6	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not reported	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Median	17.6		17.6		17.5		21.0			

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## VERMONT

On June 30, 1973, State-operated correctional facilities in Vermont held in custody 185 inmates who had been sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day, or an inmate-to-population ratio of 40 per 100,000. Of the total number of prisoners, 54 percent had been sentenced for crimes against property, one-third were serving time for crimes of violence, 10 percent had been committed for crimes against public order, and the remainder had been convicted of other, miscellaneous crimes. Inmates held for burglary were the most numerous, and, in fact, outnumbered those serving time for the second most common offense—assault—by two to one. Larceny ranked third; forgery, fraud, or embezzlement, fourth; murder, fifth; and robbery, sixth. Together, prisoners held for these six offenses constituted 70 percent of the inmate population.

The median maximum sentence for the offense

resulting in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 4.9 years. The median number of months actually served on that sentence was 7.9. Only 1 percent of all inmates had been imprisoned for 6 years or longer.

All but one of the prisoners was white,<sup>1</sup> 96 percent were males. The median age was 26.0 years, with the largest single number of inmates concentrated in the 5-year age group 20-24. Three percent of the prisoners were under age 18, and 2 percent were age 50 and over. Seven out of every 10 prisoners had failed to complete high school, including one-third who had, at best, not advanced beyond the eighth grade. Some 8 percent had ever attended college.

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<sup>1</sup>Slightly more than 99 percent of Vermont's population at the time of the 1970 Census was enumerated as white. Blacks and members of races other than white or black each accounted for less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. Vermont: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	All races		Race		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	185	100	184	100	1	100
Crimes of violence	61	33	61	33	0	0
Murder	12	6	12	7	0	0
Attempted murder	1	1	1	1	0	0
Manslaughter	2	1	2	1	0	0
Kidnaping	1	1	1	1	0	0
Rape	7	4	7	4	0	0
Statutory rape	4	2	4	2	0	0
Lewd act with child	1	1	1	1	0	0
Sexual assault: force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	9	5	9	5	0	0
Assault	24	13	24	13	0	0
Crimes against property	99	54	98	53	1	100
Burglary	48	26	48	26	0	0
Larceny	22	12	22	12	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	7	4	6	3	1	100
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	15	8	15	8	0	0
Arson	4	2	4	2	0	0
Stolen property	3	2	3	2	0	0
Crimes against public order	19	10	19	10	0	0
Drug offense	8	4	8	4	0	0
Weapons offense	1	1	1	1	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	2	1	2	1	0	0
Traffic offense	5	3	5	3	0	0
Escape or flight	3	2	3	2	0	0
Other	6	3	6	3	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

**Table 2. Vermont: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	All races		Race		Black	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>						
Total	185	100	184	100	1	100
Male	178	96	177	96	1	100
Female	7	4	7	4	0	0
<b>Age</b>						
Total	185	100	184	100	1	100
Under 18	6	3	6	3	0	0
18	15	8	15	8	0	0
19	10	5	10	5	0	0
20-24	53	29	52	28	1	100
25-29	44	24	44	24	0	0
30-34	20	11	20	11	0	0
35-39	12	6	12	7	0	0
40-44	18	10	18	10	0	0
45-49	3	2	3	2	0	0
50 and over	4	2	4	2	0	0
Median		26.0		26.0		
<b>Highest grade completed</b>						
Total	185	100	184	100	1	100
Eighth grade or less	61	33	61	33	0	0
1-3 years of high school	68	37	68	37	0	0
Some high school (years unreported)	2	1	2	1	0	0
4 years of high school	37	20	37	20	0	0
Any college	15	8	14	8	1	100
Not reported	2	1	2	1	0	0
Median		10.0		10.0		

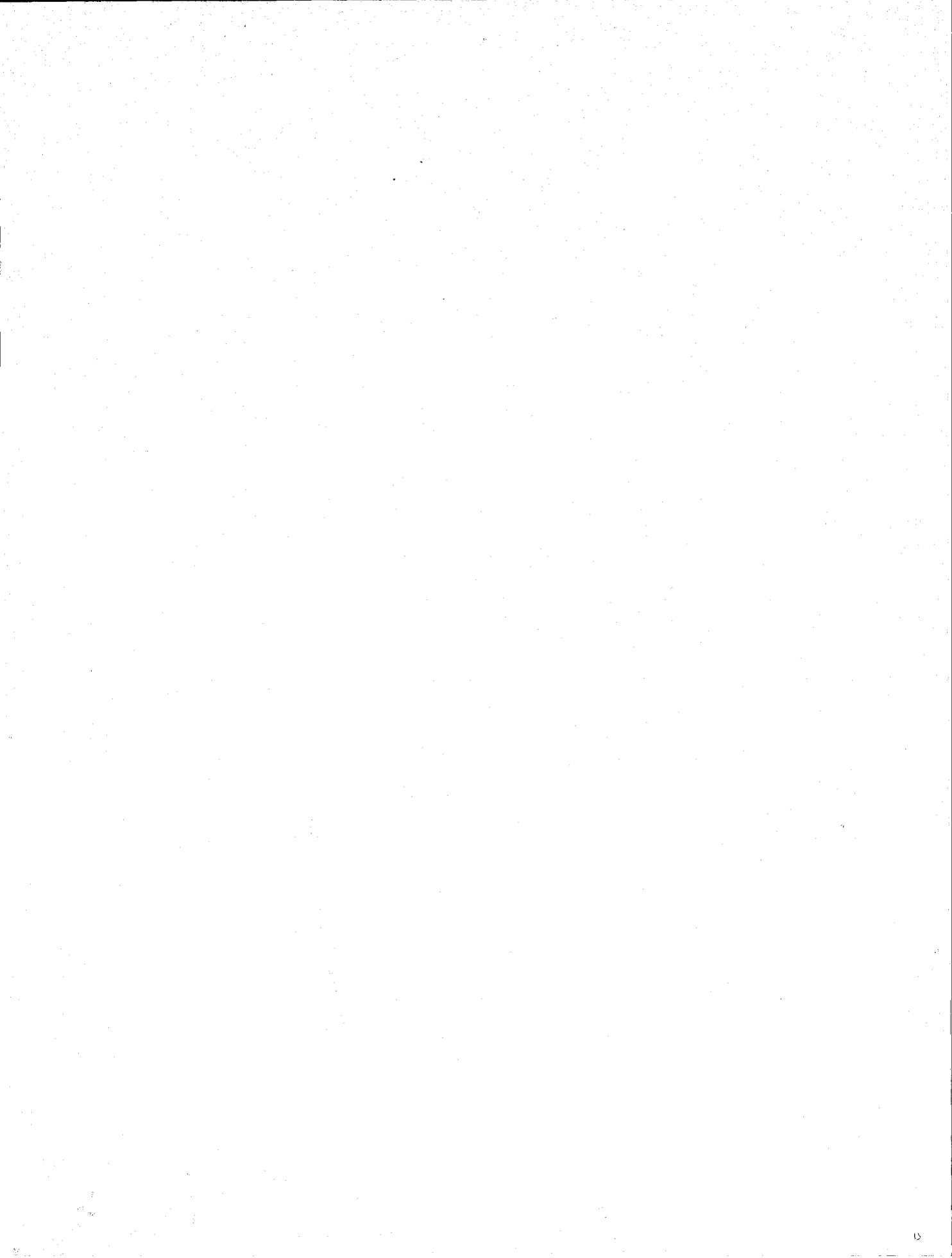
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**Table 3. Vermont: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	All races		Race		Black	
	Number	Percent	White		Number	Percent
			Number	Percent		
Maximum sentence length (in years)						
Total	185	100	184	100	1	100
Less than 3	42	23	41	22	1	100
3 less than 4	34	18	34	18	0	0
4 less than 5	18	10	18	10	0	0
5 less than 6	26	14	26	14	0	0
6 less than 10	27	15	27	15	0	0
10 less than 11	12	6	12	7	0	0
11 less than 15	6	3	6	3	0	0
15 less than 16	5	3	5	3	0	0
16 less than 20	1	1	1	1	0	0
20 less than 30	4	2	4	2	0	0
30 less than 98	1	1	1	1	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	9	5	9	5	0	0
Median		4.9		4.9		
Time served (in months)						
Total	185	100	184	100	1	100
Less than 6	77	42	76	41	1	100
6 less than 12	47	25	47	26	0	0
12 less than 18	32	17	32	17	0	0
18 less than 24	7	4	7	4	0	0
24 less than 30	5	3	5	3	0	0
30 less than 36	4	2	4	2	0	0
36 less than 48	4	2	4	2	0	0
48 less than 72	6	3	6	3	0	0
72 less than 120	1	1	1	1	0	0
120 or more	1	1	1	1	0	0
Not reported	1	1	1	1	0	0
Median		7.9		7.9		

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



## VIRGINIA

There were 5,041 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day being held in State-operated correctional facilities in Virginia on June 30, 1973, or 104 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants of the State. Fifty-two percent of Virginia's inmates were serving time for crimes of violence, one-third had been sentenced for crimes against property, and 13 percent had been placed in custody for crimes against public order, chiefly drug offenses. The remaining prisoners were being held for other, miscellaneous crimes or for offenses the nature of which was not reported. Four crimes—robbery, burglary, murder, and drug offenses—accounted for about two-thirds of all inmates, convicted robbers having been the most numerous.

Blacks made up 59 percent of the inmate population and whites 40 percent.<sup>1</sup> Racial identification of the remaining 1 percent was not reported, although Virginia correctional authorities noted that their system held no inmates of races other than white or black. Black inmates were far more likely than their white counterparts to have been serving time for crimes of violence, but the reverse was true with respect to crimes against property and crimes against public order. Whereas 27

percent of black prisoners were in custody for robbery, the corresponding proportion for whites was 12 percent. In contrast, 24 percent of the whites, compared with 17 percent of the blacks, had been committed for burglary.

Of all inmates, 97 percent were males. Females made up 3 percent of the white prisoner population and 4 percent of the black. The median age for all prisoners was 27.2 years; it was almost 1 year lower for blacks (26.9 years) than for white (27.7 years). More than half of all inmates, irrespective of race, were in their 20's, with the largest single concentration in the 5-year age group 20-24. Two percent of the prisoners were under age 18, and 6 percent were age 50 and over. Information on the number of years of schooling completed was not available, as the Virginia correctional system does not collect such data. Instead, it classifies its inmates on the basis of a general achievement test, the results of which are not comparable with the number of years of schooling completed.

Among the prisoner population as a whole, the median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 9.2 years. It was about 2½ years longer for black inmates (10.2 years) than for whites (7.8 years). In terms of time actually served at the time of the census, blacks had spent 17.5 months in custody, compared with 15.7 months for whites. Eleven percent of both white and black inmates had been held 6 years or longer on their current sentence.

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<sup>1</sup>Virginia's population, at the time of the 1970 Census, was distributed as follows: white, 81 percent; black, 18 percent; and races other than white or black, 1 percent.

Table 1. Virginia: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	5,041	100	2,041	100	2,987	100	13	100
Crimes of violence	2,611	52	835	41	1,770	59	6	46
Murder	743	15	285	14	457	15	1	8
Attempted murder	35	1	13	1	22	1	0	0
Manslaughter	91	2	34	2	57	2	0	0
Kidnaping	57	1	35	2	22	1	0	0
Rape	299	6	93	5	203	7	3	23
Statutory rape	33	1	22	1	11	(Z)	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	(Z)	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1,038	21	235	12	802	27	1	8
Assault	315	6	118	6	196	7	1	8
Crimes against property	1,684	33	843	41	837	28	4	31
Burglary	1,004	20	480	24	522	17	2	15
Larceny	268	5	120	6	147	5	1	3
Motor vehicle theft	151	3	92	5	59	2	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	202	4	118	6	84	3	0	0
Arson	46	1	27	1	18	1	1	8
Stolen property	13	(Z)	6	(Z)	7	(Z)	0	0
Crimes against public order	675	13	314	15	358	12	3	23
Drug offense	605	12	277	14	325	11	3	23
Weapons offense	27	1	9	(Z)	18	1	0	0
Commercialized sex	2	(Z)	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Other sex offense	35	1	23	1	12	(Z)	0	0
Traffic offense	5	(Z)	4	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0
Escape or flight	1	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)	0	0
Other	33	1	22	1	11	(Z)	0	0
Not reported	38	1	27	1	11	(Z)	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

**Table 2. Virginia: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race**

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	5,041	100	2,041	100	2,987	100	13	100
Male	4,871	97	1,980	97	2,878	96	13	100
Female	170	3	61	3	109	4	0	0
<b>Age</b>								
Total	5,041	100	2,041	100	2,987	100	13	100
Under 18	80	2	23	1	57	2	0	0
18	158	3	48	2	109	4	1	8
19	229	5	95	5	134	4	0	0
20-24	1,573	31	626	31	940	31	7	54
25-29	1,090	22	419	21	668	22	3	23
30-34	660	13	279	14	381	13	0	0
35-39	451	9	196	10	254	9	1	8
40-44	309	6	147	7	161	5	1	8
45-49	178	4	74	4	104	3	0	0
50 and over	312	6	133	7	179	6	0	0
Not reported	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Median		27.2		27.7		26.9		24.0
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	5,041	100	2,041	100	2,987	100	13	100
Eighth grade or less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1-3 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 years of high school	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any college	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not reported	5,041	100	2,041	100	2,987	100	13	100

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 3. Virginia: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	5,041	100	2,041	100	2,987	100	13	100
Less than 3	366	7	201	10	165	6	0	0
3 less than 4	440	9	208	10	230	8	2	15
4 less than 5	467	9	195	10	271	9	1	8
5 less than 6	533	11	245	12	287	10	1	8
6 less than 10	881	17	387	19	489	10	5	38
10 less than 11	325	6	109	5	216	7	0	0
11 less than 15	368	7	126	6	242	8	0	0
15 less than 16	171	3	63	3	108	4	0	0
16 less than 20	237	5	94	5	143	5	0	0
20 less than 30	524	10	165	8	359	12	0	0
30 less than 98	407	8	141	7	263	9	3	23
98 or more, life, or death	322	6	107	5	214	7	1	8
Median		9.2		7.8		10.2		8.0
Time served (in months)								
Total	5,041	100	2,041	100	2,987	100	13	100
Less than 6	1,124	22	503	25	618	21	3	23
6 less than 12	780	15	322	16	456	15	2	15
12 less than 18	768	15	314	15	452	15	2	15
18 less than 24	501	10	185	9	312	10	4	31
24 less than 30	350	7	154	8	195	7	1	8
30 less than 36	226	4	79	4	147	5	0	0
36 less than 48	359	7	124	6	234	8	1	8
48 less than 72	384	8	138	7	246	8	0	0
72 less than 120	286	6	114	6	172	6	0	0
120 or more	262	5	108	5	154	5	0	0
Not reported	1	(Z)	0	0	1	(Z)	0	0
Median		16.8		15.7		17.5		16.6

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# WASHINGTON

In Washington, a total of 2,875 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were confined in State-operated correctional facilities on June 30, 1973. In relation to the State's population, there were 84 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants. Of the total inmate population, 43 percent were serving time for crimes against property, 32 percent for crimes of violence, 13 percent for crimes against public order, largely drug offenses, and 12 percent for other, miscellaneous crimes. Burglary was the most common crime for which persons had been imprisoned, followed, in order, by larceny, robbery, drug offenses, and assault. Inmates held for burglary made up 17 percent of the prisoner population. Corresponding proportions for larceny, robbery, drug offenses, and assault were 14 percent, 13 percent, 11 percent, and 7 percent. Persons convicted of murder and attempted murder together numbered 169 and accounted for 6 percent of the inmate population.

Whites constituted 74 percent of the total number of inmates; blacks, 17 percent; and races other than white or black, 6 percent.<sup>1</sup> Racial identification of the remaining 3 percent was not available.<sup>2</sup> In relative terms, blacks were more likely than "others" to have been sentenced for crimes of violence, and the latter were more apt than whites to have been serving time for such

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of Washington's population, at the time of the 1970 Census, was as follows: white, 95 percent; black, 2 percent; and races other than white or black, 3 percent. Among those classified as other than white or black, American Indians constituted 38 percent and Japanese 23 percent.

<sup>2</sup>All of the 74 inmates for whom racial identification was lacking were males. Most of them were age 50 and over, and all of them had been imprisoned, as of June 30, 1973, for 6 years or longer. A majority had been sentenced for burglary or larceny. No educational data were available for these prisoners; length of sentence data also generally were lacking.

offenses. With respect to crimes against property, blacks were least likely to have been confined for such offenses; whites and "others" were about equally likely to have been committed. More blacks were being held in custody for robbery than any other single offense. For whites the crime was burglary, as it also was for members of races other than white or black.

Males made up 95 percent of the prisoner population. Females accounted for 5 percent of the white inmates, but 6 percent of the blacks and 8 percent of the "others." For the total population, as well as for each racial group, more than half of all inmates were in their 20's, with the largest single concentration in the 5-year age group 20-24. The median age was highest for blacks (27.0 years), lowest for members of races other than white or black (26.4 years). Levels of educational attainment were reported for 78 percent of the prisoner population. Of the group for whom the relevant information was available, 70 percent had not completed high school, 26 percent had terminated their formal education upon graduation from high school, and 4 percent had had some college training. The median number of years of schooling was identical for whites and blacks (10.6 years); it was about 1 year less for "others."

Sentence information was unavailable for slightly more than one-third of all prisoners. Among those for whom such data were reported, the median maximum sentence length for the offense leading to incarceration as of June 30, 1973, was 15.8 years. Blacks had received longer sentences (21.2 years) than whites (15.8 years) or members of races other than white or black (15.6 years). White inmates, however, had actually spent longer periods in custody. The median number of months served on the current sentence was 11.2 for whites, compared with 10.3 for blacks and 10.0 for "others." About 7 percent of all inmates had been imprisoned at the time of the census for 6 or more years.

Table 1. Washington: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	• Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,875	100	2,122	100	500	100	179	100	74	100
Crimes of violence	906	32	612	29	225	45	60	34	9	12
Murder and attempted murder	169	6	126	6	31	6	12	7	0	0
Manslaughter	53	2	33	2	15	3	4	2	1	1
Kidnaping	20	1	13	1	7	1	0	0	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	41	1	27	1	10	2	4	2	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:										
force undetermined	30	1	25	1	2	(Z)	3	2	9	0
Robbery	382	13	245	12	114	23	17	9	6	8
Assault	211	7	143	7	46	9	20	11	2	3
Crimes against property	1,242	43	958	45	140	28	82	46	62	84
Burglary	498	17	382	18	45	9	43	24	28	38
Larceny	408	14	314	15	55	11	14	8	25	34
Motor vehicle theft	152	5	117	6	15	3	17	9	3	4
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	167	6	129	6	25	5	8	4	5	7
Arson	17	1	16	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Stolen property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	387	13	301	14	69	14	15	8	2	3
Drug offense	307	11	229	11	65	13	13	7	0	0
Weapons offense	5	(Z)	4	(Z)	0	0	1	1	0	0
Commercialized sex	2	(Z)	0	0	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	64	2	60	3	2	(Z)	1	1	1	1
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	9	(Z)	8	(Z)	0	0	0	0	1	1
Other	340	12	251	12	66	13	22	12	1	1

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(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. Washington: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	All races		White		Race Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex										
Total	2,875	100	2,122	100	500	100	179	100	74	100
Male	2,718	95	2,007	95	472	94	165	92	74	100
Female	157	5	115	5	28	6	14	8	0	0
Age										
Total	2,875	100	2,122	100	500	100	179	100	74	100
Under 18	6	(Z)	4	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
18	35	1	24	1	9	2	2	1	0	0
19	131	5	106	5	14	3	11	6	0	0
20-24	1,009	35	763	36	180	36	66	37	0	0
25-29	615	21	468	22	110	22	37	21	0	0
30-34	363	13	269	13	62	12	31	17	1	1
35-39	231	8	168	8	48	10	15	8	0	0
40-44	144	5	114	5	23	5	7	4	0	0
45-49	111	4	82	4	20	4	5	3	4	5
50 and over	200	7	118	6	32	6	5	3	45	61
Not reported	30	1	6	(Z)	0	0	0	0	24	32
Median		27.0		26.7		27.0		26.4		50.0
Highest grade completed										
Total	2,875	100	2,122	100	500	100	179	100	74	100
Eighth grade or less	564	20	400	19	107	21	57	32	0	0
1-3 years of high school	1,003	35	757	36	193	39	53	30	0	0
4 years of high school	573	20	460	22	86	17	27	15	0	0
Any college	99	3	82	4	14	3	3	2	0	0
Not reported	636	22	423	20	100	20	39	22	74	100
Median		10.6		10.6		10.6		9.5		

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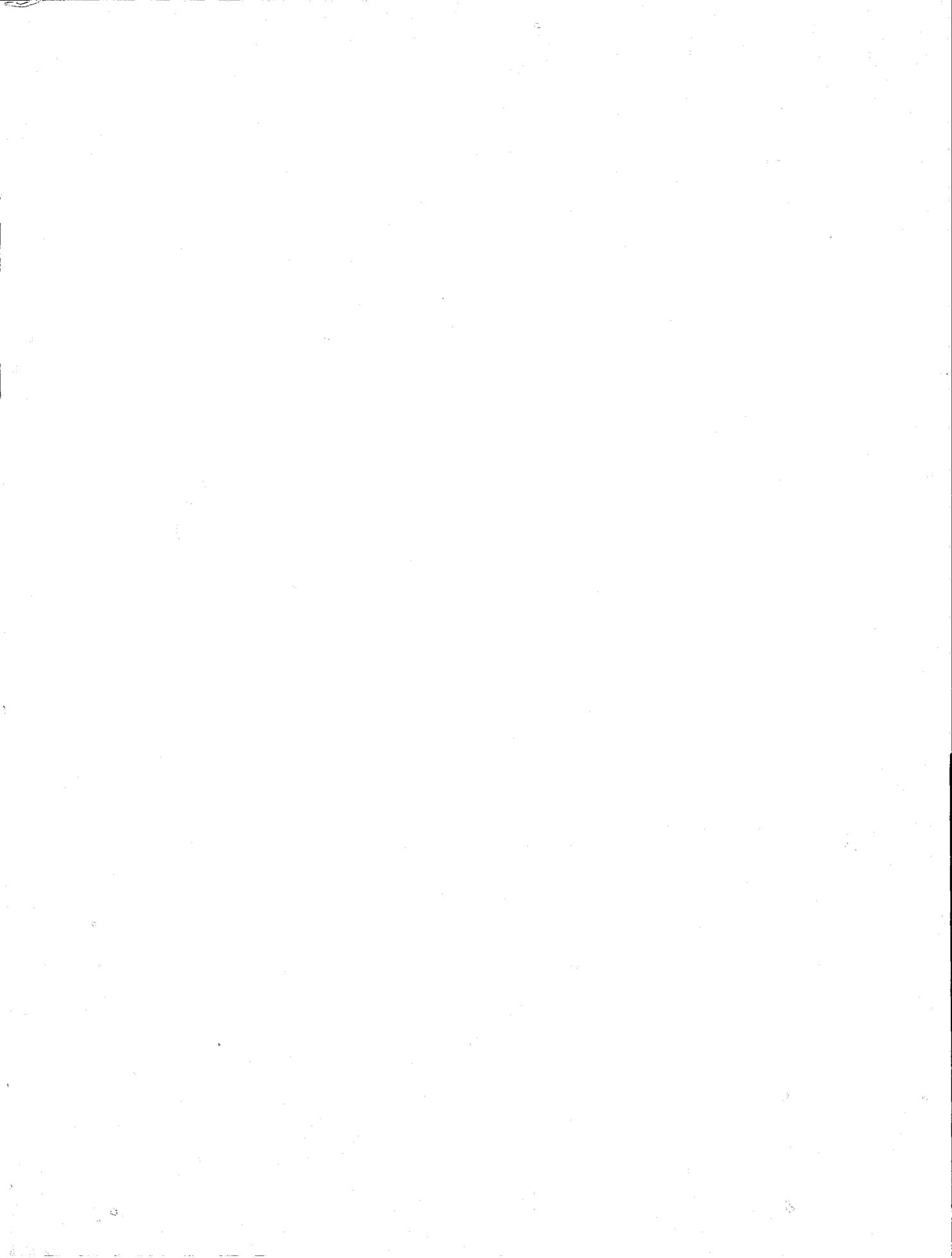
Table 3. Washington: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race									
	All races		White		Black		Other		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)										
Total	2,875	100	2,122	100	500	100	179	100	74	100
Less than 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 less than 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 less than 5	13	(Z)	9	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	2	3
5 less than 6	164	6	136	6	19	4	6	3	3	4
6 less than 10	11	(Z)	9	(Z)	2	(Z)	0	0	0	0
10 less than 11	306	11	218	10	57	11	31	17	0	0
11 less than 15	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	541	19	451	1	57	11	31	17	2	3
16 less than 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	644	22	475	22	138	28	31	17	0	0
30 less than 98	70	2	53	2	12	2	5	3	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	137	5	109	5	20	4	8	4	0	0
Not reported	988	34	661	31	193	39	67	37	67	91
Median	15.8		15.8		21.2		15.6		5.5	
Time served (in months)										
Total	2,875	100	2,122	100	500	100	179	100	74	100
Less than 6	849	30	632	30	164	33	53	30	0	0
6 less than 12	669	23	496	23	118	24	55	31	0	0
12 less than 18	499	17	385	18	83	17	31	17	0	0
18 less than 24	202	7	165	8	28	6	9	5	0	0
24 less than 30	141	5	105	5	30	6	6	3	0	0
30 less than 36	69	2	47	2	17	3	5	3	0	0
36 less than 48	130	5	94	4	28	6	8	4	0	0
48 less than 72	125	4	98	5	19	4	8	4	0	0
72 less than 120	61	2	50	2	8	2	3	2	0	0
120 or more	130	5	50	2	5	1	1	1	74	100
Median	11.3		11.2		10.3		10.0			

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## WEST VIRGINIA

Inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day who were being held in West Virginia's State-operated correctional facilities numbered 982 as of June 30, 1973, or 55 per 100,000 population. A slightly larger proportion of the prisoner population was confined for crimes against property (46 percent) than for crimes of violence (45 percent). In addition, 7 percent of the total were serving time for crimes against public order, mainly drug offenses, and 2 percent had been sentenced for other, miscellaneous crimes. More inmates had been convicted of burglary than any other single offense. Convicted burglars numbered 250 and accounted for 26 percent of the total inmate population. Persons in custody for robbery (159) were second most numerous, followed, in order, by those held for murder (153) or larceny (121).

West Virginia correctional authorities classified inmates by two racial categories: white, including members of races other than white or black, and black. They did not distinguish between whites and "others," although the former, due to the makeup of the State's civilian population, undoubtedly vastly outnumbered the latter within the prisoner population. Given the State's racial designations, whites and "others" accounted for 85 percent of the inmate population; blacks constituted 15 percent.<sup>1</sup> Black inmates were more likely than whites and "others" to have been serving time for crimes of violence and for crimes against public order, but the opposite was true with respect to

crimes against property. The largest single number of blacks, amounting to 29 percent of the black inmate population, had been committed to prison for robbery. The most common offense for which whites and "others" had been sentenced was burglary.

The State's inmate population was composed overwhelmingly of males; females constituted only 3 percent of the total. Females, however, made up a higher proportion of the black inmate population (8 percent) than of its white and "other" counterpart (3 percent). Over half of the prisoners were in their 20's, with the largest single component having been in the 5-year age group 20-24. Three inmates were under age 18, and 89, or 9 percent of the total, were age 50 and over. The median age was about 1 year lower for black prisoners (27.8) than for whites and "others" (28.7 years). Three out of every four of the State's prisoners had failed to finish high school, including 42 percent who had terminated their formal education at the time of or before completing the eighth grade. One in five had been graduated from high school but had not gone on to college; only 4 percent had received any college training. On the whole, black inmates had had more schooling than whites and "others." The median number of years of school completed was 11.4 for the former and 9.2 for the latter.

The median maximum sentence for the offense leading to imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 10.8 years. It was 4½ years longer for blacks (15.2 years) than for whites and "others" (10.7 years). In terms of time actually served, as of the date of the census, the median number of months was 15.2; it did not vary greatly between the two racial groups. Seven percent of all inmates had been imprisoned for 6 years or longer as of June 30, 1973.

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of West Virginia's population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 96 percent; black, 4 percent; and races other than white or black, less than 0.5 percent.

Table 1. West Virginia: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White and Other		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	982	100	830	100	150	100	2	100
Crimes of violence	441	45	349	42	91	61	1	50
Murder	153	16	127	15	25	17	1	50
Attempted murder	2	(Z)	0	0	2	1	0	0
Manslaughter	28	3	23	3	5	3	0	0
Kidnaping	9	1	9	1	0	0	0	0
Rape	35	4	28	3	7	5	0	0
Statutory rape	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	159	16	116	14	43	29	0	0
Assault	52	5	43	5	9	6	0	0
Crimes against property	452	46	412	50	39	26	1	50
Burglary	250	26	224	27	26	17	0	0
Larceny	121	12	114	14	7	5	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	58	6	53	6	4	3	1	50
Arson	10	1	8	1	2	1	0	0
Stolen property	10	1	10	1	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	73	7	54	7	19	13	0	0
Drug offense	55	6	39	5	16	11	0	0
Weapons offense	1	(Z)	0	0	1	1	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	14	1	14	2	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	3	(Z)	1	(Z)	2	1	0	0
Other	16	2	15	2	1	1	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

Table 2. West Virginia: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White and Other		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	982	100	830	100	150	100	2	100
Male	948	97	808	97	138	92	2	100
Female	34	3	22	3	12	8	0	0
<b>Age</b>								
Total	982	100	830	100	150	100	2	100
Under 18	3	(Z)	3	(Z)	0	0	0	0
18	11	1	10	1	1	1	0	0
19	36	4	29	3	7	5	0	0
20-24	283	29	232	28	51	34	0	0
25-29	213	22	186	22	27	18	0	0
30-34	130	13	107	13	23	15	0	0
35-39	75	8	59	7	15	10	1	50
40-44	70	7	65	8	5	3	0	0
45-49	60	6	51	6	8	5	1	50
50 and over	89	9	78	9	11	7	0	0
Not reported	12	1	10	1	2	1	0	0
Median		28.6		28.7		27.8		
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	982	100	830	100	150	100	2	100
Eighth grade or less	416	42	390	47	24	16	2	100
1-3 years of high school	322	33	252	30	70	47	0	0
4 years of high school	200	20	156	19	44	29	0	0
Any college	43	4	31	4	12	8	0	0
Not reported	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Median		9.6		9.2		11.4		

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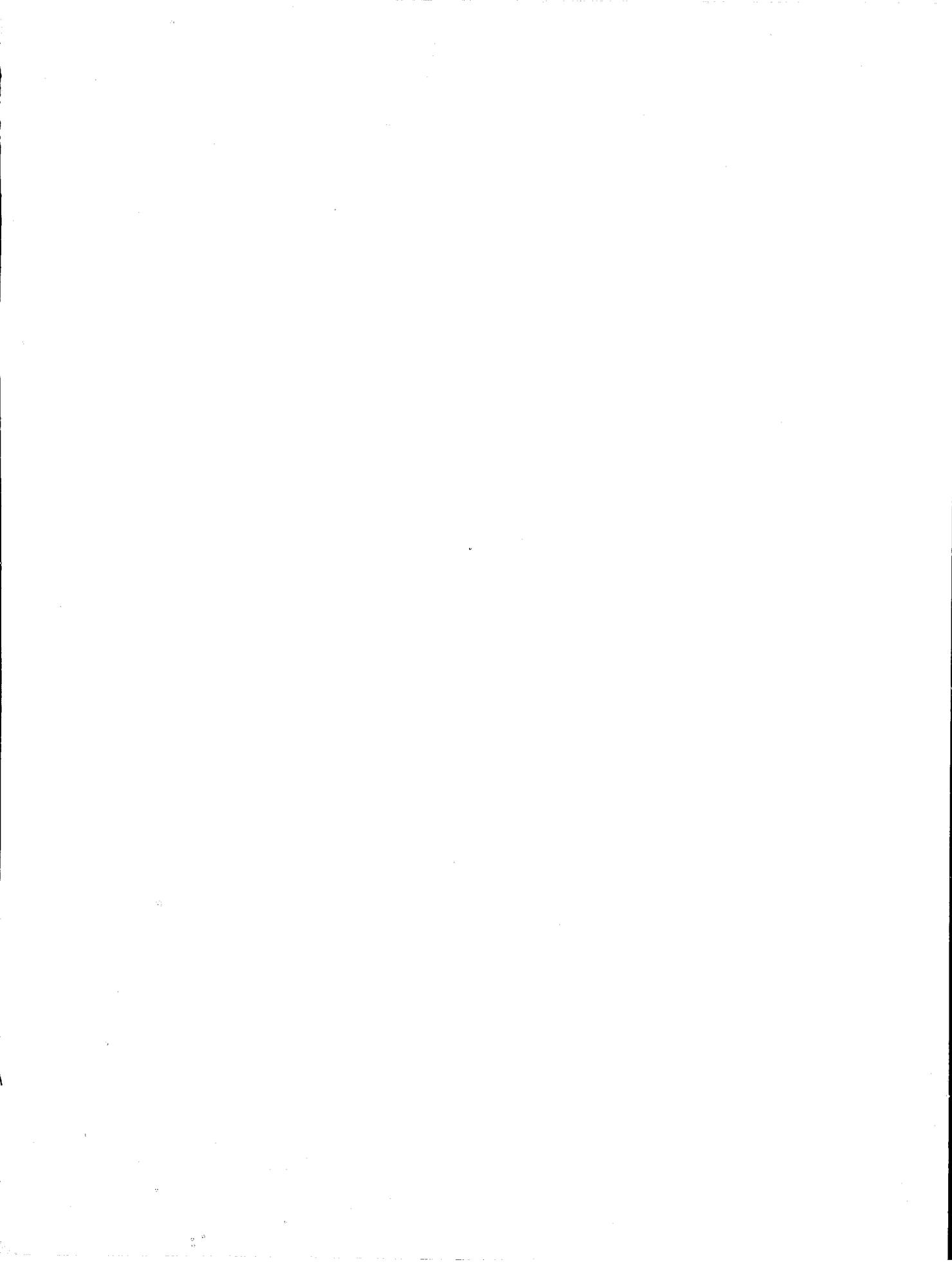
Table 3. West Virginia: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White and Other		Black		Race not reported	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	982	100	830	100	150	100	2	100
Less than 3	36	4	35	4	1	1	0	0
3 less than 4	3	(2)	3	(2)	0	0	0	0
4 less than 5	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	0	0	0
5 less than 6	100	10	80	10	20	13	0	0
6 less than 10	3	(2)	3	(2)	0	0	0	0
10 less than 11	443	45	391	47	51	34	1	50
11 less than 15	15	2	15	2	0	0	0	0
15 less than 16	64	7	45	5	19	13	0	0
16 less than 20	118	12	92	11	26	17	0	0
20 less than 30	48	5	43	5	5	3	0	0
30 less than 98	34	3	25	3	9	6	0	0
98 or more, life, or death	117	12	97	12	19	13	1	50
Median		10.8		10.7		15.2		
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	982	100	830	100	150	100	2	100
Less than 6	197	20	169	20	28	19	0	0
6 less than 12	196	20	168	20	28	19	0	0
12 less than 18	180	18	144	17	36	24	0	0
18 less than 24	119	12	100	12	19	13	0	0
24 less than 30	67	7	61	7	6	4	0	0
30 less than 36	38	4	32	4	5	3	1	50
36 less than 48	49	5	44	5	5	3	0	0
48 less than 72	65	7	51	6	14	9	0	0
72 less than 120	39	4	34	4	4	3	1	50
120 or more	31	3	26	3	5	3	0	0
Not reported	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	0	0	0
Median		15.2		15.2		15.1		

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(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.



## WISCONSIN

In Wisconsin, 2,046 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were being held in State-operated correctional facilities on June 30, 1973. There were 45 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants of the State. Persons in custody for crimes against property accounted for 46 percent of the inmate population; 44 percent were serving time for crimes of violence and 6 percent for crimes against public order. The remaining 4 percent had been sentenced for other, miscellaneous crimes that, for Wisconsin, included, but were not restricted to, attempts at various offenses, e.g., attempted murder. Burglary, for which 546 inmates were serving time, was the specific offense accounting for the largest single number of prisoners. It was followed by robbery (425), murder (220), and forgery, fraud, or embezzlement (179).

Among all inmates, whites accounted for 61 percent; blacks, 34 percent; and persons of races other than white or black, 5 percent.<sup>1</sup> Blacks were more likely than whites or "others" to have been confined for crimes of violence; whites were more likely than inmates of the other two racial groups to have been committed for crimes against property; and prisoners of races other than white or black were more apt than either whites or blacks to have been held in custody for crimes against public order, principally drug offenses. Relatively more whites (as well as "others") than blacks were serving time for burglary, and relatively more blacks than either whites or "others" were being held for robbery.

<sup>1</sup> According to the 1970 Census, Wisconsin's population was racially distributed as follows: white, 96 percent; black, 3 percent; and races other than white or black, 1 percent. American Indians made up 62 percent of those classified as other than white or black.

Ninety-seven percent of the inmates were males. Females accounted for 5 percent of the black prisoner population, for 4 percent of the "other" population, and for 2 percent of the white population. About three out of every five inmates, irrespective of race, were in their 20's, with the largest single number in the 5-year age group 20-24. Only 10 prisoners were under age 18, and 68, or 3 percent, were age 50 and over. The median age for all inmates was 25.5 years. It was 24.4 years for "other" prisoners, 25.0 years for blacks, and 25.9 years for whites.

With respect to levels of educational attainment, data were lacking on 522 inmates, or 26 percent of the total prisoner population. Among those for whom such information was available, 18 percent had quit school at the time of or before completing the eighth grade, 52 percent had attended high school for 1 to 3 years, and 30 percent had been graduated from high school. Some of the inmates who had received a high school diploma undoubtedly had attended college, but data on the number of those who had had any postsecondary training were not available.

For all inmates, the median maximum sentence meted out for the offense resulting in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 5.5 years. Blacks had received the longest sentences (7.1 years), followed by whites (5.1 years), and "others" (4.0 years). At the time of the census, the median number of months actually served on the current sentence was 12.0. Blacks had spent a longer period in custody than whites or "others," the median number of months having been 15.2, 10.8, and 10.7, respectively. Only 3 percent of the prisoners held in State-operated correctional facilities in Wisconsin had been imprisoned for 6 or more years.

Table 1. Wisconsin: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	2,046	100	1,243	100	697	100	106	100
Crimes of violence	906	44	440	35	424	61	42	40
Murder	220	11	113	9	99	14	8	8
Manslaughter	29	1	16	1	11	2	2	2
Kidnaping	6	(2)	6	(2)	0	0	0	0
Rape and statutory rape	107	5	65	5	40	6	2	2
Lewd act with child	24	1	18	1	5	1	1	1
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	425	21	177	14	233	33	15	14
Assault	95	5	45	4	36	5	14	13
Crimes against property	948	46	683	55	211	30	54	51
Burglary	546	27	406	33	113	16	27	25
Larceny	90	4	59	5	25	4	6	6
Motor vehicle theft	101	5	65	5	23	3	13	12
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	179	9	126	10	46	7	7	7
Arson	13	1	11	1	1	(2)	1	1
Stolen property	19	1	16	1	3	(2)	0	0
Crimes against public order	118	6	79	6	32	5	7	7
Drug offense	84	4	53	4	26	4	5	5
Weapons offense	4	(2)	4	(2)	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	2	(2)	0	0	2	(2)	0	0
Other sex offense	11	1	8	1	3	(2)	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	17	1	14	1	1	(2)	2	2
Other <sup>1</sup>	73	4	41	3	29	4	3	3
Not reported	1	(2)	0	0	1	(2)	0	0

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to subtotals or totals shown because of rounding.

(2) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Includes, but is not restricted to, attempts to commit various offenses, e.g., attempted murder.

Table 2. Wisconsin: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sex								
Total	2,046	100	1,243	100	697	100	106	100
Male	1,980	97	1,214	98	664	95	102	96
Female	66	3	29	2	33	5	4	4
Age								
Total	2,046	100	1,243	100	697	100	106	100
Under 18	10	(Z)	6	(Z)	3	(Z)	1	1
18	48	2	32	3	13	2	3	3
19	129	6	76	6	43	6	10	9
20-24	795	39	462	37	289	41	44	42
25-29	454	22	265	21	164	24	25	24
30-34	248	12	159	13	79	11	10	9
35-39	143	7	95	8	43	6	5	5
40-44	88	4	61	5	24	3	3	3
45-49	63	3	42	3	19	3	2	2
50 and over	68	3	45	4	20	3	3	3
Median		25.5		25.9		25.0		24.4
Highest grade completed								
Total	2,046	100	1,243	100	697	100	106	100
Eighth grade or less	279	14	141	11	115	16	23	22
1-3 years of high school	790	39	454	37	303	43	33	31
4 years of high school or more	455	22	320	26	116	17	19	18
Not reported	522	26	328	26	163	23	31	29
Median		10.9		11.0		10.8		10.3

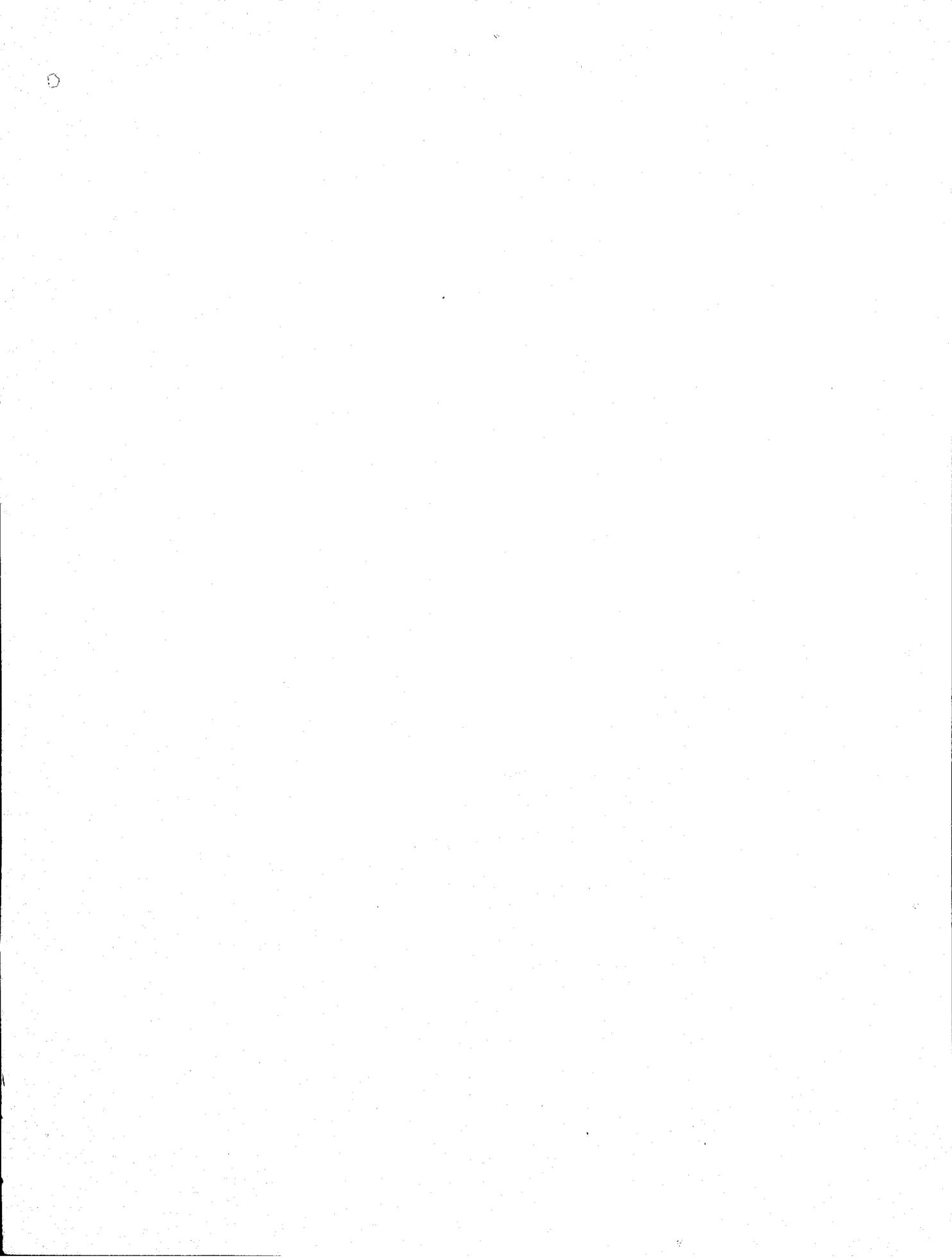
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Table 3. Wisconsin: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race

(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Maximum sentence length (in years)								
Total	2,046	100	1,243	100	697	100	106	100
Less than 3	364	18	272	22	61	9	31	29
3 less than 4	337	16	224	18	90	13	23	22
4 less than 5	162	8	103	8	51	7	8	8
5 less than 6	332	16	203	16	116	17	13	12
6 less than 10	256	13	135	11	108	15	13	12
10 less than 11	147	7	84	7	57	8	6	6
11 less than 15	62	3	31	2	29	4	2	2
15 less than 16	80	4	37	3	41	6	2	2
16 less than 20	26	1	15	1	11	2	0	0
20 less than 30	119	6	60	5	56	8	3	3
30 less than 98	52	3	20	2	30	4	2	2
98 or more, life, or death	109	5	59	5	47	7	3	3
Median		5.5		5.1		7.1		4.0
Time served (in months)								
Total	2,046	100	1,243	100	697	100	106	100
Less than 6	587	29	387	31	168	24	32	30
6 less than 12	439	21	292	23	120	17	27	25
12 less than 18	324	16	196	16	112	16	16	15
18 less than 24	200	10	123	10	67	10	10	9
24 less than 30	123	6	55	4	62	9	6	6
30 less than 36	109	5	45	4	62	9	2	2
36 less than 48	123	6	64	5	52	7	7	7
48 less than 72	89	4	48	4	37	5	4	4
72 less than 120	33	2	19	2	13	2	1	1
120 or more	19	1	14	1	4	1	1	1
Median		12.0		10.8		15.2		10.7

NOTE: Percentage detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.



## WYOMING

As of June 30, 1973, 284 inmates sentenced as adult or youthful offenders to a maximum term of at least 1 year and 1 day were held in custody in State-operated correctional facilities in Wyoming. In relation to the population of the State, there were 80 prisoners per 100,000 inhabitants. Slightly more than half of the inmates had been sentenced for crimes against property, two-fifths had been convicted of crimes of violence, 7 percent were serving time for crimes against public order, largely drug offenses, and the remainder were confined for other, miscellaneous crimes. More inmates (61) were being held for forgery, fraud, or embezzlement than any other offense; they accounted for 21 percent of the prisoner population. Those held for burglary were second most numerous (49), followed by those serving time for murder (33) or robbery (25).

The racial composition of Wyoming's inmate population was as follows: white, 79 percent; black, 4 percent; and races other than white or black, 17 percent.<sup>1</sup> Thirty-eight percent of the white prisoners had been sentenced for crimes of violence, compared with 42 percent of the blacks and 50 percent of the "others." For crimes against property, the proportions were 52 percent for whites, 58 percent for blacks, and 46 percent for "others." No blacks or member of races other than

white or black were imprisoned for crimes against public order.

Ninety-six percent of the prisoners were males. Females made up 3 percent of the white inmate population and 8 percent of the prisoner population composed of members of races other than white or black. No black females were in custody at the time of the census. The median age for all inmates was 28.3 years. It was lowest for "others" (25.9 years) and highest for whites (29.2 years). For blacks it was 26.3 years. More than half of all inmates were in their 20's; only 1 inmate was under age 18, and only 28 were age 50 and over. More than three out of every five prisoners had failed to complete high school, including about one-fourth who had terminated their formal education at the time of or before finishing the eighth grade. About one-third had completed 12 years of schooling but no more, and 6 percent had had some college training. The median number of years schooling was 10.9. Members of races other than white or black had had the least amount of formal education (9.8 years); there was little difference between the medians for whites and blacks.

The median maximum sentence for the offense resulting in imprisonment as of June 30, 1973, was 5.7 years. On the whole, members of "other" races had received the longest sentences (6.4 years), followed by whites (5.7 years) and blacks (4.5 years). In terms of time actually served in prison, as of June 30, 1973, for the current sentence, whites had been held for about 2½ weeks longer than blacks and almost 1½ months longer than "others." Eight percent of the prisoner population had been incarcerated for 6 years or longer. No blacks had been in custody for so long a period.

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<sup>1</sup>The racial composition of Wyoming's population at the time of the 1970 Census was as follows: white, 97 percent; black, 1 percent; and races other than white or black, 2 percent. American Indians accounted for 73 percent of those classified as other than white or black.

Table 1. Wyoming: Most serious offense, by race

Most serious offense	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	284	100	224	100	12	100	48	100
Crimes of violence	113	40	84	38	5	42	24	50
Murder	33	12	27	12	1	8	5	10
Manslaughter	11	4	6	3	2	17	3	6
Kidnaping	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Rape	15	5	9	4	1	8	5	10
Statutory rape	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Lewd act with child	1	(Z)	1	(Z)	0	0	0	0
Sexual assault:								
force undetermined	2	1	1	(Z)	0	0	1	2
Robbery	25	9	21	9	1	8	3	6
Assault <sup>1</sup>	24	8	17	8	0	0	7	15
Crimes against property	145	51	116	52	7	58	22	46
Burglary	49	17	37	17	5	42	7	15
Larceny	24	8	12	5	2	17	10	21
Motor vehicle theft	8	3	6	3	0	0	2	4
Forgery, fraud, or embezzlement	61	21	58	26	0	0	3	6
Arson	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Stolen property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crimes against public order	21	7	21	9	0	0	0	0
Drug offense	18	6	18	8	0	0	0	0
Weapons offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Commercialized sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other sex offense	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Traffic offense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Escape or flight	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	5	2	3	1	0	0	2	4

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(Z) Represents less than 0.5 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Includes attempted murder.

Table 2. Wyoming: Selected characteristics of inmates, by race

Characteristic	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Sex</b>								
Total	284	100	224	100	12	100	48	100
Male	273	96	217	97	12	100	44	92
Female	11	4	7	3	0	0	4	8
<b>Age</b>								
Total	284	100	224	100	12	100	48	100
Under 18	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	0	0	0
18	7	2	5	2	1	8	1	2
19	12	4	5	2	0	0	7	15
20-24	73	26	56	25	4	33	13	27
25-29	74	26	53	24	4	33	17	35
30-34	26	9	25	11	0	0	1	2
35-39	24	8	20	9	1	8	3	6
40-44	19	7	18	8	0	0	1	2
45-49	19	7	16	7	1	8	2	4
50 and over	28	10	24	11	1	8	3	6
Not reported	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	0	0	0
Median		28.3		29.2		26.3		25.9
<b>Highest grade completed</b>								
Total	284	100	224	100	12	100	48	100
Eighth grade or less	68	24	45	20	3	25	20	42
1-3 years of high school	108	38	86	38	5	42	17	35
4 years of high school	91	32	76	34	4	33	11	23
Any college	17	6	17	8	0	0	0	0
Median		10.9		11.1		11.0		9.8

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**Table 3. Wyoming: Maximum sentence length and time served, by race**

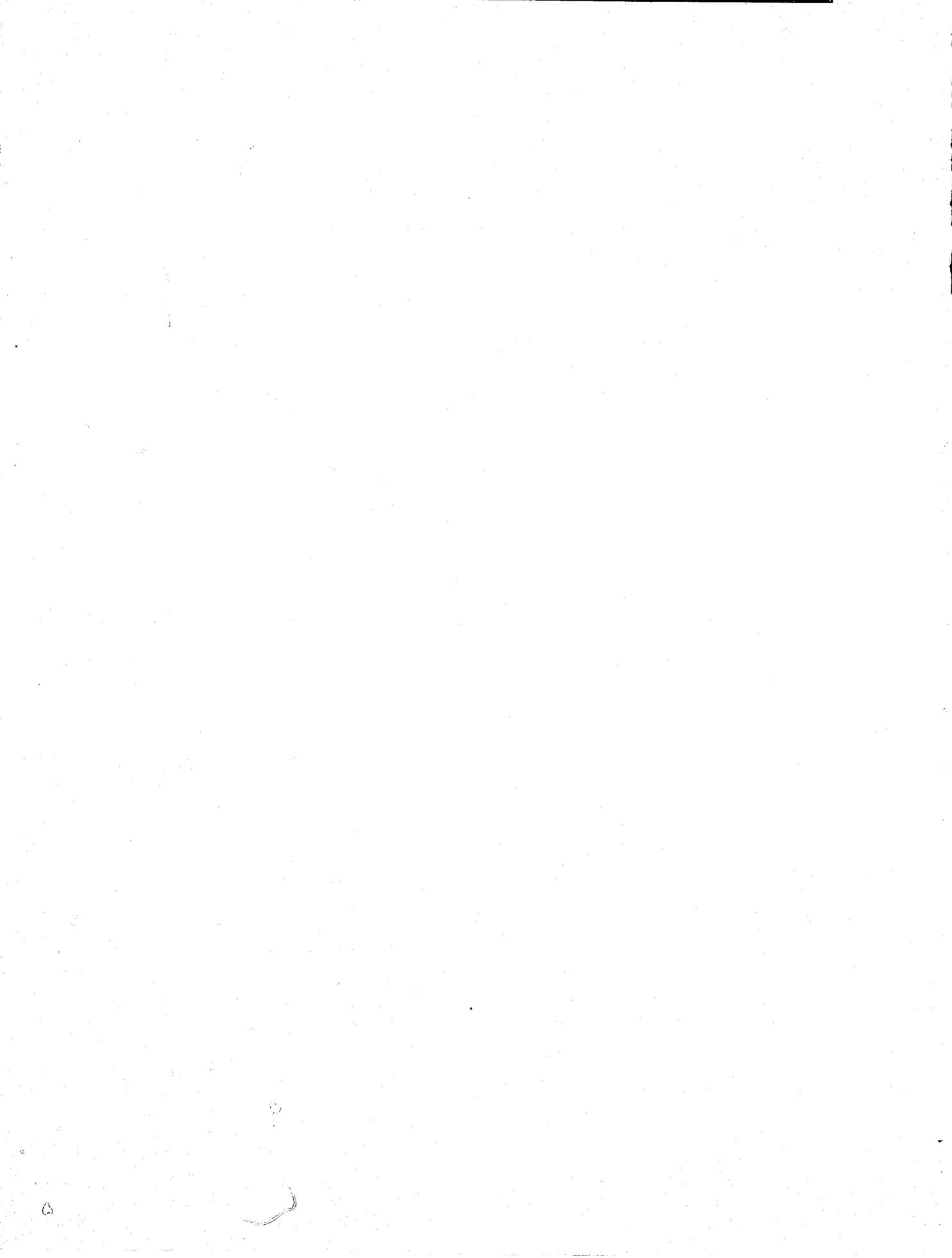
(Sentence length in years; time served in months)

Item	Race							
	All races		White		Black		Other	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Maximum sentence length (in years)</b>								
Total	284	100	224	100	12	100	48	100
Less than 3	46	16	34	15	1	8	11	23
3 less than 4	38	13	33	15	3	25	2	4
4 less than 5	29	10	21	9	4	33	4	8
5 less than 6	39	14	33	15	0	0	6	13
6 less than 10	45	16	33	15	3	25	9	19
10 less than 11	17	6	12	5	0	0	5	10
11 less than 15	13	5	11	5	0	0	2	4
15 less than 16	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	2
16 less than 20	3	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
20 less than 30	11	4	10	4	0	0	1	2
30 less than 98	18	6	12	5	1	8	5	10
98 or more, life, or death	22	8	20	9	0	0	2	4
Median	5.7		5.7		4.5		6.4	
<b>Time served (in months)</b>								
Total	284	100	224	100	12	100	48	100
Less than 6	83	29	63	28	2	17	18	38
6 less than 12	57	20	46	21	4	33	7	15
12 less than 18	46	16	32	14	5	42	9	19
18 less than 24	32	11	28	13	0	0	4	8
24 less than 30	22	8	16	7	1	8	5	5
30 less than 36	7	2	7	3	0	0	0	0
36 less than 48	8	3	6	3	0	0	2	4
48 less than 72	7	2	6	3	0	0	1	2
72 less than 120	12	4	12	5	0	0	0	0
120 or more	10	4	8	4	0	0	2	4
Median	12.2		12.6		12.0		11.2	

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# APPENDIX 1



FORM NPS-4  
(2-16-73)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS ADMINISTRATION  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
ACTING AS COLLECTING AGENT FOR THE  
LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

**PRISONER CENSUS REPORT**  
**NATIONAL PRISONER STATISTICS**

**NOTICE** - All information which would permit identification of the individual will be held strictly confidential, will be used only by persons engaged in and for the purposes of the survey and will not be disclosed or released to others for any other purpose.

<b>1. Inmate identifying code</b> (In most cases this number will be the prisoner's serial number)	<b>2. Date of birth</b> (Enter month, day, year) (400) Month Day Year	<b>3. Sex (Mark (X) one box)</b> (401) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Male 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<b>4. Race (Mark (X) one box)</b> (402) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> White 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Black 3 <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other races	<b>5. Date of admission</b> (Enter the month and day of the prisoner's most recent admission from court to your institution.) (403) Month Day Year
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<b>6. Effective date of sentence</b> (Enter month, day, year) (404) Month Day Year	<b>7. Type of admission (Mark (X) one box)</b> (405) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> a. New court commitment <b>NOT</b> now serving an institutional sentence (exclude parole). 2 <input type="checkbox"/> b. Returned from parole or conditional release on a technical violation. 3 <input type="checkbox"/> c. Returned from parole or conditional release with a new adult institution sentence. 4 <input type="checkbox"/> d. Other - Specify _____
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<b>8. Offenses for which committed</b> (Enter the offense(s) using words or abbreviations which are readily understandable. DO NOT describe an offense by reference to a State statute. For several counts of the same offense, enter the number of counts.)	<b>9. Maximum sentence length</b>				<b>CENSUS USE ONLY</b>	
	<b>Number</b>		<b>Mark (X) appropriate boxes</b>			<b>Number of counts</b>
	<b>Months</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>Sentence to run</b>	<b>Convicted as</b>		
_____ _____	(406) _____	(407) _____	(408) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Singular or concurrent 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Consecutive	(409) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Felon 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanant	(410) _____	(411) _____
_____ _____	(412) _____	(413) _____	(414) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Singular or concurrent 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Consecutive	(415) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Felon 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanant	(416) _____	(417) _____
_____ _____	(418) _____	(419) _____	(420) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Singular or concurrent 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Consecutive	(421) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Felon 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanant	(422) _____	(423) _____
_____ _____	(424) _____	(425) _____	(426) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Singular or concurrent 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Consecutive	(427) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Felon 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanant	(428) _____	(429) _____

<b>10. Prior correctional institution experience</b>			<b>11. Mark (X) the highest grade of school or year of college completed prior to this admission.</b>	
<b>a. Prior juvenile experience</b> (430) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Not available	<b>b. Prior youthful offender experience</b> (431) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Not available	<b>c. Prior adult experience</b> (432) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes 2 <input type="checkbox"/> No 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Not available	(433) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Never attended or kindergarten (434) 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary school (435) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4th <input type="checkbox"/> 5th <input type="checkbox"/> 6th <input type="checkbox"/> 7th <input type="checkbox"/> 8th (436) 3 <input type="checkbox"/> High school (437) <input type="checkbox"/> 9th <input type="checkbox"/> 10th <input type="checkbox"/> 11th <input type="checkbox"/> 12th (438) 4 <input type="checkbox"/> College (439) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6+	

SAMPLE

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<b>1. Inmate identifying code</b> (In most cases this number will be the prisoner's serial number)	<b>2. Date of birth</b> (Enter month, day, year)	<b>3. Sex (Mark (X) one box)</b> (401) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Male 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<b>4. Race (Mark (X) one box)</b> (402) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> White 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Black 3 <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Other races	<b>5. Date of admission</b> (Enter the month and day of the prisoner's most recent admission from court to your institution.)					
		(400)    Month    Day    Year				(403)    Month    Day    Year			
<b>6. Effective date of sentence</b> (Enter month, day, year)	<b>7. Type of admission (Mark (X) one box)</b> (405) 1 <input type="checkbox"/> a. New court commitment NOT now serving an institutional sentence (exclude parole). 2 <input type="checkbox"/> b. Returned from parole or conditional release on a technical violation. 3 <input type="checkbox"/> c. Returned from parole or conditional release with a new adult institution sentence. 4 <input type="checkbox"/> d. Other - Specify _____								
(404)    Month    Day    Year									
<b>8. Offenses for which committed</b> (Enter the offense(s) using words or abbreviations which are readily understandable. DO NOT describe an offense by reference to a State statute. For several counts of the same offense, enter the number of counts.)	<b>9. Maximum sentence length</b>				<b>CENSUS USE ONLY</b>				
	Number		Mark (X) appropriate boxes			Number of counts			
	Months	Years	Sentence to run	Convicted as					
	(406)	(407)	(408)	(409)		(410)			
			1 <input type="checkbox"/> Singular or concurrent 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Consecutive	1 <input type="checkbox"/> Felon 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanant		(411)			
	(412)	(413)	(414)	(415)	(416)				
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