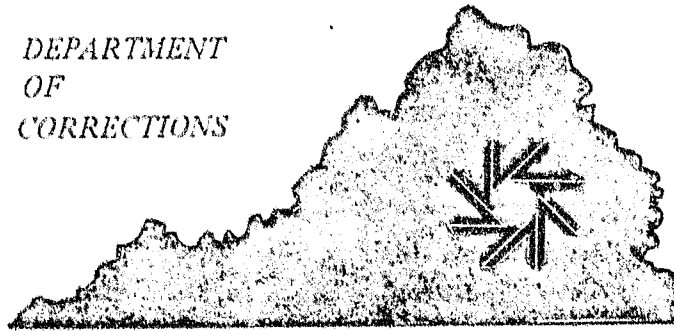


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REPORT OF FELON ESCAPES  
DURING THE FISCAL YEAR  
ENDED JUNE 30, 1977

The data compiled in this statistical report of escapes occurring in fiscal year 1977 were extracted from the felon files maintained by the Department of Corrections, Division of Adult Services, Classification and Treatment Services.

NUMBER OF ESCAPES:

There were 94 felon escapes from the Virginia Correctional System during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977. This was a decrease of 61.9 percent from the 247 escapes which occurred in the previous fiscal year. The average number of escapes per year during the past ten years is 242.

RACE AND SEX:

Of the escapees, 57 or 60.7 percent were white males and 32 or 34.0 percent were non-white males. Among the females there were two white women (2.1 percent) and three non-white women (3.2 percent) who escaped during the fiscal year. This compares to the total felon population on June 30, 1977 of 37.1 percent white males, 59.3 percent non-white males, 1.4 percent white females and 2.2 percent non-white females. The proportion of white males to total escapees has decreased, which has not been the situation in former years. The proportion of white males increased by 5.1 percent during fiscal 1975 and increased by 6.2 percent in fiscal 1976. In fiscal 1977 the proportion of white male escapees decreased 8.5 percentage points from the 69.2 percent recorded in fiscal 1976.

MONTH ESCAPED, TIME OF DAY ESCAPED AND ASSIGNMENT:

The largest number of escapes during the fiscal year occurred during the month of August. During the past six fiscal years 1,781 escapes occurred, of which 223 or 12.5 percent happened during the month of August. As in fiscal year 1976, more than half of the escapes again occurred between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (64 escapes or 68.1 percent). The largest number of escapes (27 or 28.7 percent) occurred while inmates were in a correctional field unit or major institution. Escapes from highway work force assignments, which had represented the largest number of escapes in fiscal 1976, was a close second this year, accounting for 25 escapes or 26.6 percent. Escapes committed by prisoners on furlough have declined steadily since fiscal year 1974 when such escapes accounted for 23.4 percent of escapes that year. During fiscal year 1977, there was only one escape committed by a prisoner on furlough. This represents only 1.1 percent of the total escapes.



#### PAROLE STATUS:

Almost one-half of all escapees (45 or 47.8 percent) were not yet eligible for parole at the time of the escape. Thirty-eight escapees (40.4 percent) had been denied parole prior to their escape, of which 24 or 25.5 percent had been denied three or more months prior to the escapes. Only seven or 7.4 percent were parole violators.

#### LENGTH OF SENTENCE:

During fiscal year 1977, the majority of the escapees were serving sentences of twenty years or more. There were 26 escapees in this category (27.7 percent of the escapees), of which four were serving life sentences. The above ends a trend started in fiscal 1975 when the most frequent escapees were serving sentences between six and ten years. Escapees with sentences between six and fifteen years accounted for a total of 36 escapes or 38.4 percent. In the total felon population, 2,069 felons or 30.7 percent were serving sentences of twenty years or more (400 inmates serving life sentences ).

#### TIME SERVED PRIOR TO ESCAPE:

Of the escapes, 28.7 percent occurred between the first and second years of confinement and 61.7 percent occurred within the first three years of confinement.

#### TIME LEFT TO SERVE AT TIME OF ESCAPE:

At the time of escape, 42 or 44.7 percent of the escapees had less than four years remaining to serve. Of these, 32 or 34.0 percent had less than three years to serve and 25 or 26.6 percent had less than two years to serve. Fifteen escapees or 16.0 percent had detainers or were to be tried for other offenses.

#### AGE OF ESCAPEES:

The largest proportion of all escapes, 32 or 34.1 percent, occurred in the age group between 20 and 24 years. Sixty-one escapees or 64.9 percent were under the age of thirty. There were only two escapees who were fifty years of age or older.

#### PREVIOUS RECORD:

Prior felony or misdemeanor sentences had been served by 61.7 percent or 58 escapees. An additional fourteen felon escapees had an adult record but had not previously served a felon or misdemeanor sentence in a state correctional institution. Escapees with a juvenile record comprised 69.2 percent of the total while only 12.8 percent had no prior record of any kind.

Comparison to the total felon population shows that 2,203 felons (32.8 percent) had served prior felony sentences. Among the felon population, 838 felons (12.5 percent) had served prior misdemeanor sentences but had no prior felony records, and 3,673 felons (54.6 percent) had juvenile records.

#### PRIOR ESCAPES:

Escapees with a history of one or more escapes numbered 28 or 29.8 percent of all escapes. This is a decrease from last fiscal year when 31.2 percent of all escapees had an escape history.

#### OFFENSE:

At the time of escape, 36 escapees (38.3 percent) were serving sentences for offenses against property, while 46 escapees (48.9 percent) were serving sentences for offenses against persons. The most frequent offense category among the total felon population on June 30, 1977 was offenses against persons, representing 36.6 percent of the total felon population.

#### MARITAL STATUS:

Among the felon escapees, 51 (54.3 percent) were single and 27 or 28.7 percent were married. This compares with the total felon population in which 58.3 percent were single and 21.0 percent were married.

#### MILITARY SERVICE AND AWOL RECORDS:

Of the 26 escapees who had military service, 53.8 percent had a history of being AWOL one or more times.

#### CUSTODY STATUS:

More than half, 54 or 57.5 percent, of the total escapes were committed by inmates under gun status. The above is a significant increase over fiscal 1976 when 43.7 percent of all escapees were under gun status.

#### EDUCATION AND INTELLIGENCE:

Educational level of fifth grade or higher was reported for 64 escapees or 77.1 percent of the 83 escapees who had been tested. An I. Q. of ninety (normal) or above was reported for 75.3 percent of the 93 escapees who were tested. In comparison, 72.9 percent of the total felon population who have been tested are fifth grade level or higher and 66.3 percent tested an I. Q. of ninety (normal) or above.

#### INSTITUTION:

Inmates assigned to the correctional field units at the time of their escape accounted for 53.3 percent or 52 of all felon escapes. The above represents a significant decrease in escapes from correctional field units as compared to fiscal 1976 when 78.1 percent of all escapes were from field units. In comparing the total felon population to the correctional field units population we find that on June 30, 1977, 33.1 percent of the felon population was assigned to field units. Among the major institutions, the State Farm (Powhatan Correctional Center and James River Correctional Center) experienced the largest number of escapes with twelve.

#### DAY OF WEEK ESCAPED:

No particular day of the week had a significant number of escapes. There were eighteen escapes made on Fridays, with sixteen escapes on Mondays, and fifteen escapes on Saturdays.

#### TIME ESCAPEE REMAINED FREE:

Within 24 hours, 33 or 35.1 percent of the escapees were recaptured or surrendered, an 8.6 percentage decrease from the recapture rate in fiscal 1976. Within 29 days an additional 32 inmates or 34.0 percent were taken back into custody resulting in 65 inmates or 69.1 percent being recaptured or surrendering within thirty days. On June 30, 1977, eighteen escapees (19.2 percent) remained at large.

#### CRIMES COMMITTED WHILE AT LARGE:

Only twelve or 12.8 percent of all escapees committed crimes while at large. Auto Theft and Breaking and Entering were the most prevalent crimes committed, accounting for four and three crimes respectively. Auto Theft has been the most prevalent crime committed by escapees while at large during the last five fiscal years.

#### STATUS OF PARENTS:

The parents of 26 of the escapees (27.7 percent) were married or living together. Thirty-four escapees or 36.2 percent came from homes where the parents were either divorced or separated, while 22 escapees or 23.4 percent came from homes where one parent had died. It should be noted that all of these categories reflect parental status at the time the escapee was originally committed and not the status at the time of the escape.

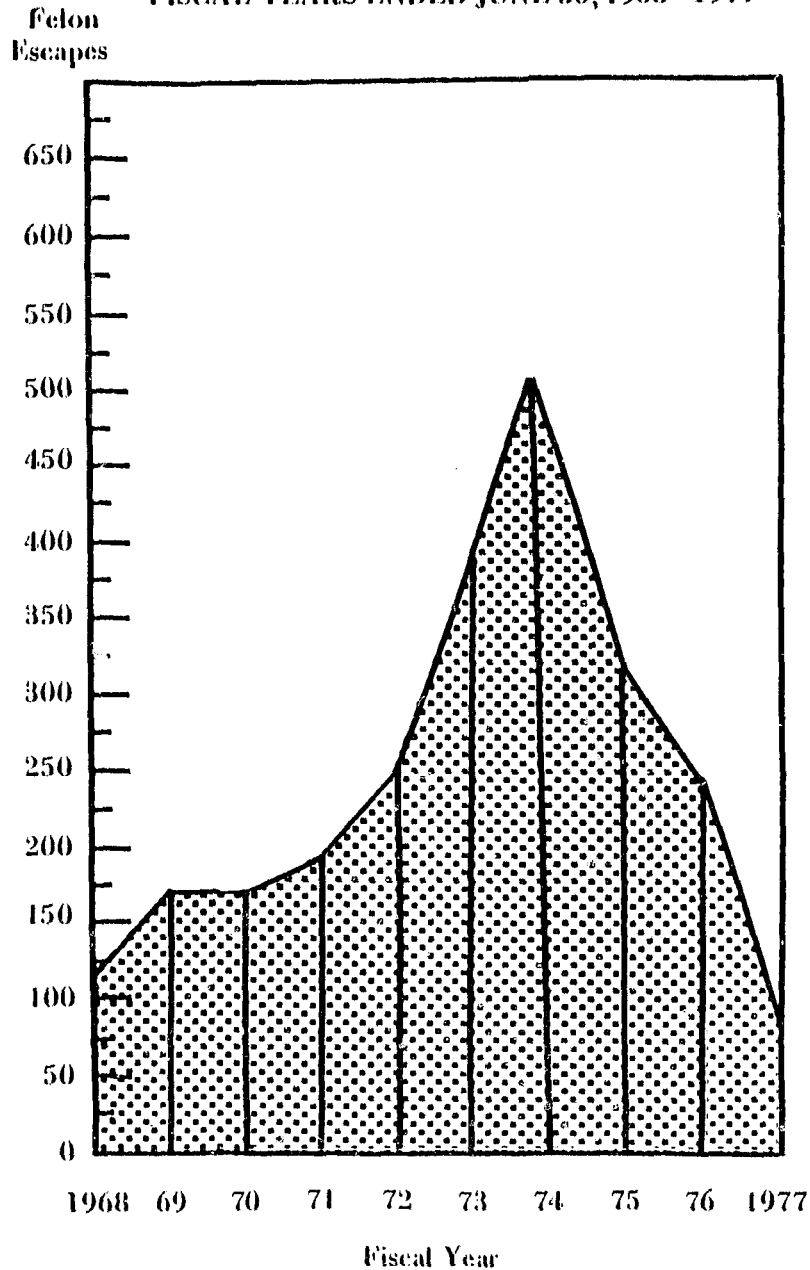
#### SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

There were 27 escapees (28.7 percent) who had a history of liquor habits with drug use. Twenty-six escapees (27.7 percent) were heavy drinkers who did not use drugs. There were sixteen escapees (17.0 percent) who had been addicted to drugs.

#### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Prior to confinement for their felony offense, 71 escapees or 75.5 percent had been steady workers, whereas fifteen escapees or 16.0 percent had only worked intermittently (less than six months employment in the twelve months prior to arrest). It is significant to note that the number of escapees who were steady workers prior to their felon confinement increased sharply from the 48.2 percent in fiscal 1976 to 75.5 percent in fiscal 1977, a 27.3 percentage increase over fiscal 1976.

**GRAPH I**  
**COMPARISON OF FELON ESCAPES**  
**DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS**  
**FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 1968 - 1977**



**GRAPH II**  
**COMPARISON OF FELON POPULATION**  
**ON JUNE 30, FISCAL YEARS 1968 - 1977**

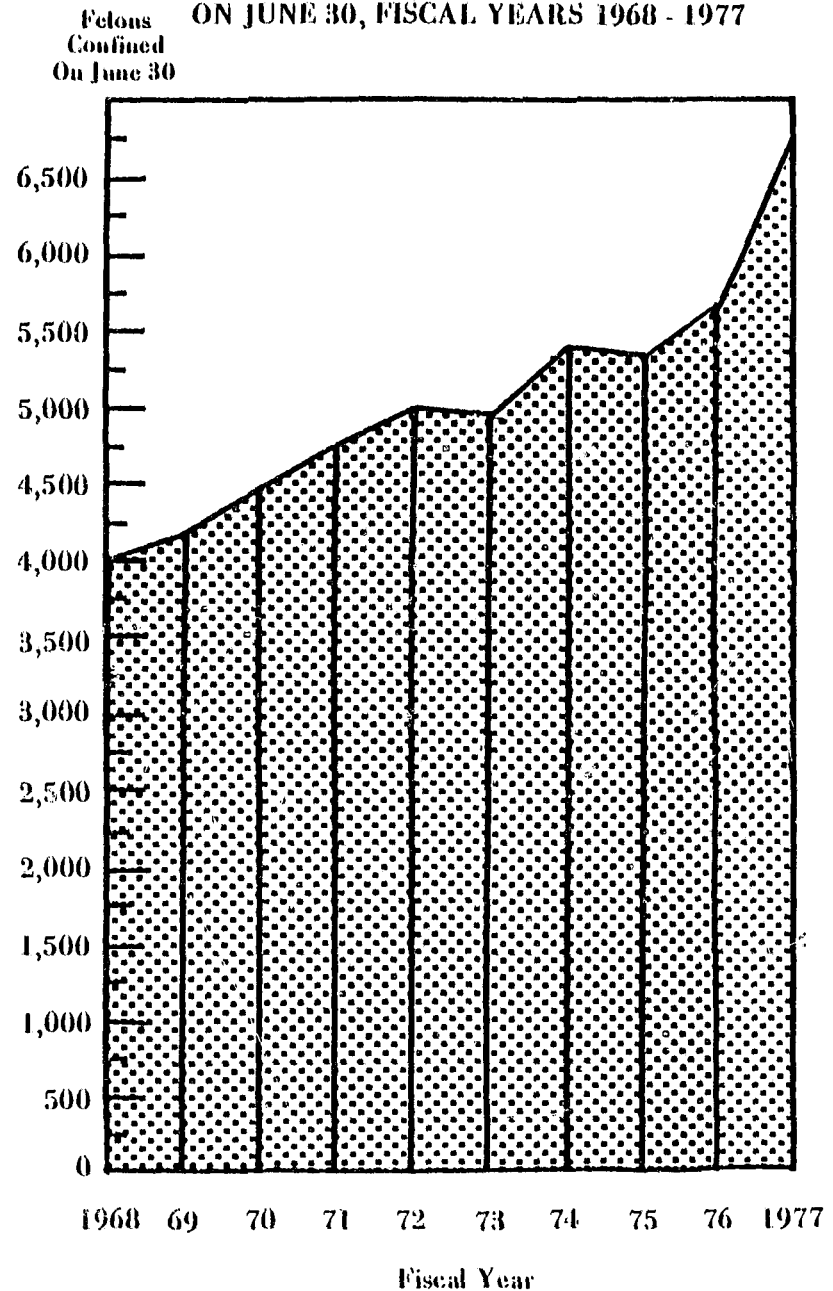


Table I  
Number of Escapes According to Race and Sex  
Compared with Total Felon Population on  
June 30, 1977

Race and Sex	Escapees, Year Ended June 30, 1977		Total Felon Population June 30, 1977		Escapees, Year Ended June 30, 1976	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
		Distribution		Distribution		Distribution
TOTAL	94	100.0	6,721	100.0	247	100.0
White Males	57	60.7	2,491	37.1	171	69.2
White Females	2	2.1	98	1.4	2	0.8
Non-White Males	32	34.0	3,984	59.3	72	29.2
Non-White Females	3	3.2	148	2.2	2	0.8

Table II  
Comparison of Number of Escapes  
During Past Ten Years

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>Number of Escapes</u>
1968	113
1969	168
1970	165
1971	191
1972	250
1973	372
1974	513
1975	305
1976	247
1977	94
Average Number Per Year	242

Table III  
Time Left to Serve at Time of Escape  
and Time Served Prior to Escape  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

		<u>TIME LEFT TO SERVE AT TIME OF ESCAPE</u>										
TIME SERVED		Less Than	1	2	3	4	5	6-9	10-14	15 Yrs.		
PRIOR TO ESCAPE	Total	1 Yr.	Yr.	Yrs.	Yrs.	Yrs.	Yrs.	Yrs.	Yrs.	and over	Life	
TOTAL	94	10	8	7	7	10	9	22	7	10	4	
Less than 1 yr.	11	—	—	1	3	3	1	1	—	1	1	
1 yr.-less than 2 yrs.	27	7	5	1	1	1	1	6	2	2	1	
2 yrs.-less than 3 yrs.	20	1	3	2	1	2	2	7	1	1	—	
3 yrs.-less than 4 yrs.	11	1	—	1	1	2	2	3	1	—	—	
4 yrs.-less than 5 yrs.	7	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	
5 yrs.-less than 6 yrs.	5	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	
6 yrs.-less than 10 yrs.	10	1	—	—	1	1	—	1	2	3	1	
10 yrs. and over	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	

Table IV  
Number of Escapes by Month of Escape

Month of Escape	<u>Year Ended June 30, 1977</u>		<u>Year Ended June 30, 1976</u>	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	94	100.0	247	100.0
July	11	11.7	22	8.9
August	20	21.3	45	18.2
September	9	9.6	29	11.8
October	7	7.4	27	10.9
November	2	2.1	20	8.1
December	6	6.4	11	4.4
January	2	2.1	11	4.4
February	6	6.4	19	7.7
March	4	4.3	10	4.1
April	9	9.6	16	6.5
May	5	5.3	17	6.9
June	13	13.8	20	8.1

Table V  
Time of Day Escaped

Time of Day Prisoner Escaped	<u>Year Ended June 30, 1977</u>		<u>Year Ended June 30, 1976</u>	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	94	100.0	247	100.0
9:00 p.m. — 12:59 a.m.	7	7.4	23	9.3
1:00 a.m. — 4:59 a.m.	3	3.2	11	4.4
5:00 a.m. — 8:59 a.m.	5	5.3	12	4.9
9:00 a.m. — 12:59 p.m.	25	26.6	74	30.0
1:00 p.m. — 4:59 p.m.	39	41.5	73	29.6
5:00 p.m. — 8:59 p.m.	15	16.0	52	21.0
Unknown			1	0.4
Not applicable - Work Release or Furlough			1	0.4

Table VI  
Length of Sentence of Escapees as  
Compared with Total Felon Population  
on June 30, 1977

LENGTH OF SENTENCE	ESCAPEES		TOTAL FELON POPULATION	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	94	100.0	6,721	100.0
Under 2 years	0	0.0	92	1.4
2 years — less than 3 years	2	2.1	217	3.2
3 years — less than 4 years	7	7.4	353	5.3
4 years — less than 5 years	2	2.1	481	7.2
5 years — less than 6 years	7	7.4	681	10.1
6 years — less than 10 years	18	19.2	1,131	16.8
10 years — less than 15 years	18	19.2	1,126	16.8
15 years — less than 20 years	14	14.9	571	8.5
20 years or over	22	23.4	1,669	24.8
Life	4	4.3	400	5.9

Table VII  
Age of Escapees as Compared  
with Total Felon Population on  
June 30, 1977

AGES	ESCAPEES*		TOTAL FELON POPULATION	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	94	100.0	6,721	100.0
Under 20 years	5	5.3	490	7.3
20 — 24	32	34.1	2,223	33.1
25 — 29	24	25.5	1,757	26.1
30 — 34	18	19.2	940	14.0
35 — 39	5	5.3	472	7.0
40 — 44	3	3.2	323	4.8
45 — 49	5	5.3	225	3.4
50 and over	2	2.1	291	4.3

\*Age at time of escape.



Table VIII  
Types of Offenses of Escapees as  
Compared with Total Felon Population on  
June 30, 1977

Offense Groups	ESCAPEES		TOTAL FELON POPULATION	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	94	100.0	6,721	100.0
Offenses Against Persons	46	48.9	3,806	56.6
Offenses Against Property	36	38.3	2,149	32.0
Offenses Against Decency, Peace and Good Order	7	7.5	114	1.7
Offenses Against Public Justice	—	—	13	0.2
Violation of Traffic and Vehicle Laws	—	—	68	1.0
Offenses Against Public Policy, Economy and Health	5	5.3	570	8.5
Miscellaneous Offenses	—	—	1	—

Table IX  
Marital Status of Escapees as  
Compared with Total Felon Population on  
June 30, 1977

Marital Status	ESCAPEES		TOTAL FELON POPULATION	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	94	100.0	6,721	100.0
Single	51	54.3	3,917	58.3
Married	27	28.7	1,413	21.0
Separated	6	6.4	695	10.3
Widowed	7	7.4	131	2.0
Divorced	3	3.2	565	8.4

Table X  
Assignment at Time of Escape  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
In Correctional Unit or Institution	27	28.7
Working on Highway	25	26.6
Working on Farm	3	3.2
Riding to or from work	2	2.1
On Work Release or Study Release	9	9.5
On Furlough	1	1.1
On job inside Correctional Unit or Institution	19	20.2
At Southwestern State Hospital	5	5.3
At MCV Hospital or Clinics	1	1.1
At Central State Hospital	1	1.1
Assignment not indicated	1	1.1

Table XI  
Parole Status at Time of Escape  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
Not yet eligible	45	47.8
Returned for violation of parole within 3 months of escape	1	1.1
Returned for violation of parole more than three months before escape	6	6.4
Heard by board, decision pending; or approved by board, parole plan pending	1	1.1
Eligible, not yet heard	1	1.1
Parole Denied		
Less than 30 days before escape	1	1.1
1 month but less than 3 months before escape	13	13.8
3 months or more before escape	24	25.5
Not interested in parole	2	2.1

Table XII  
Military Service and AWOL Record of Escapees  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

<u>MILITARY RECORD</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
No Military Service	68	72.3
Military Service	26	27.7
Record of AWOL	14	53.8
No Record of AWOL	12	46.2

Table XIII  
 Escapees' Substance Abuse  
 Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
Heavy drinker - no drug use known	26	27.7
Occasional drinker - no drug use known	10	10.6
History of using drugs - no liquor habits known	5	5.3
Drug user — no liquor habits known	4	4.3
History of liquor and drugs	27	28.7
History of being drug user and of using liquor	12	12.8
No record of drugs or liquor	9	9.5
Unknown	1	1.1

Table XIV  
 Escapees' Employment History  
 Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
Steady Worker	71	75.5
Worked intermittently (less than 6 months' employment in 12 months prior to arrest)	15	16.0
Nomadic in work habits, but usually steadily employed (4 jobs or more in 12 months prior to arrest)	5	5.3
Only held odd jobs - no real record	3	3.2

Table XV  
 Day of Week Escaped  
 Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
Sunday	12	12.8
Monday	16	17.0
Tuesday	9	9.5
Wednesday	12	12.8
Thursday	12	12.8
Friday	18	19.1
Saturday	15	16.0

Table XVI  
Status of Parents of Escapees\*  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
Living together	26	27.7
Separated	8	8.5
Divorced	26	27.7
Not married	3	3.2
One parent dead	22	23.4
Both parents dead	7	7.4
Unknown	2	2.1

\*Reflects parental status at time of commitment .

Table XVII  
Juvenile Record of Escapees  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
No juvenile record	27	28.7
Yes, other than state ward	18	19.2
State ward, training school	39	41.5
State ward, training school and foster home	3	3.2
State ward, other	5	5.3
Unknown	2	2.1

Table XVIII  
Number of Years Under Virginia State Care  
As Juvenile\*  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
None	49	52.1
1 year	29	30.9
2 years	7	7.4
3 years	4	4.3
4 years	1	1.1
9 or more years	2	2.1
Unknown	2	2.1

\*Includes State Ward, Training School, Foster Home.

Table XIX

Escapes' Prior Virginia Felony Sentences Served\*  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
None	62	66.0
1	20	21.3
2	9	9.5
3	3	3.2

\*Prior to commitment.

Table XX

Types of Crimes Committed by Escapees While at Large  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
No crimes committed	57	60.6
Offenses Against Persons	4	4.3
Armed Robbery	1	
Other Robbery	1	
Assault on a Police Officer	1	
Abduction	1	
Offenses Against Property	8	8.5
Break and Enter	3	
Auto Theft	4	
Use of Auto without Authority of Owner	1	
Unknown	25	26.6

Table XXI

Had Detainer, Was to be Tried for  
Additional Offense(s)  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
Had detainer, or was to be tried on other offenses	15	16.0
No detainer	79	84.0

Table XXII  
Time Escapee Remained at Large  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
Less than 1 hour	11	11.7
1 hour but less than 3 hours	5	5.3
3 hours but less than 6 hours	6	6.4
6 hours but less than 12 hours	6	6.4
12 hours but less than 24 hours	5	5.3
1 day (24 hours) but less than 2 days	8	8.5
2 days but less than 10 days	16	17.0
10 days but less than 30 days	8	8.5
1 month but less than 6 months	10	10.6
6 months or more	1	1.1
At Large on June 30, 1977	18	19.2

Table XXIII  
Escapees Recaptured, Returned Voluntarily  
or Still at Large  
As of June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
Recaptured	65	69.1
Voluntarily Returned	11	11.7
At Large	18	19.2
Recaptured — Serving sentence in other state	0	0.0
Recaptured in other state, not yet returned to Virginia	0	0.0

Table XXIV  
Numbers and Percentages of Escapees  
Committing Crimes While at Large  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
Committed crime on escape	12	12.8
No crime committed on escape	57	60.6
Unknown	25	26.6

Table XXV  
 Escapees' Prior Sentences to  
 State Adult Correctional Institution for Misdemeanors\*  
 Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
None	72	76.6
1	13	13.8
2	7	7.4
3	1	1.1
7	1	1.1

\*Prior to current commitment.

Table XXVI  
 Escapees' Prior Misdemeanant Convictions\*  
 Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
None	36	38.3
1	29	30.9
2	16	17.0
3	7	7.4
4	2	2.1
5	—	—
6	2	2.1
7	1	1.1
8	—	—
9 or more	1	1.1

\*Prior to current felony conviction.

Table XXVII  
 Escapees' Prior Out-of-State Felony Sentences Served\*  
 Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
None	72	76.6
1	18	19.1
2	2	2.1
3	1	1.1
4	1	1.1

\*Prior to current commitment.

Table XXVIII  
Prior Escape Record

Number of Prior Escapes	Year Ended June 30, 1977		Year Ended June 30, 1976	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	94	100.0	247	100.0
No Prior escapes	66	70.2	170	68.8
1 prior escape	15	16.0	52	21.1
2 prior escapes	7	7.4	14	5.7
3 prior escapes	4	4.3	6	2.4
4 prior escapes	2	2.1	4	1.6
5 prior escapes	—	—	1	0.4

Table XXIX  
Classification of Escapees as to  
Custody Status

Type of Supervision	Year Ended June 30, 1977		Year Ended June 30, 1976	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	94	100.0	247	100.0
Trusty	40	42.5	139	56.3
Under Gun	54	57.5	108	43.7

Table XXX  
Intelligence of Escapees as  
Compared with Total Felon Population  
on June 30, 1977

Intelligence	ESCAPEES		TOTAL FELON POPULATION	
	Number	Percentage Distribution	Number	Percentage Distribution
TOTAL	94	100.0	6,721	100.0
Severely Retarded (I.Q. 43 — 59)	0	0.0	74	1.1
Moderately Retarded (I.Q. 60 — 69)	4	4.2	246	3.7
Borderline (I.Q. 70 — 79)	1	1.1	642	9.6
Dull Normal (I.Q. 80 — 89)	18	19.1	1,245	18.5
Normal (I.Q. 90 — 109)	50	53.2	3,278	48.8
Bright Normal (I.Q. 110 — 119)	15	16.0	871	12.9
Superior (I.Q. 120 — 128)	5	5.3	198	2.9
No Test	1	1.1	167	2.5



Table XXXI  
Education Level of Escapees  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

EDUCATION	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
TOTAL	94	100.0
Beginner (Illiterate - 4.9)	19	20.2
Intermediate (5.0 - 8.9)	50	53.2
Advanced (9.0 - 11.9)	12	12.8
High School and above	2	2.1
Unknown - No Test	11	11.7

Table XXXII  
Previous Criminal Record of Escapees  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

PREVIOUS CRIMINAL RECORD	TOTAL
Juvenile Record <sup>1</sup>	65
Adult Record, but no State Correctional Institution Sentence <sup>2</sup>	14
Served prior State Correctional Institution Sentence <sup>3</sup>	58
No previous Record	12

1. Includes Training School, Foster Home, State Ward and other than State Ward.
2. Jail and Misdemeanor convictions.
3. Includes Virginia and out-of-state sentences.

Table XXXIII  
Institution Escaped from and  
Percentage of Total Escapes  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

INSTITUTIONS	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
TOTAL	94	100.0
Penitentiary	7	7.4
State Farm - James River Correctional Center and Powhatan Correctional Center	12	12.8
Southampton Correctional Center	5	5.3
Virginia Correctional Center for Women	3	3.2
Bland Correctional Center	6	6.4
St. Brides Correctional Center	1	1.1
Pre/Work Release Center	2	2.1
Correctional Field Units	52	55.3
Central State Hospital	1	1.1
Southwestern State Hospital	5	5.3

—————BREAKDOWN OF ESCAPES FROM CORRECTIONAL FIELD UNITS BY UNIT—————

Unit Number	Unit Location	Number of Escapes
1	Pulaski	2
2	Caroline	3
3	Nansemond	—
4	Baskerville	4
5	Floyd	—
6	Woodbridge	—
7	White Post	1
8	Harrisonburg	—
9	Rustburg	6
10	Augusta	2
11	Culpeper	—
12	Fluvanna	—
13	Pocahontas	1
15	Chatham	2
16	New Kent	—
17	Haynesville	2
18	Wise	—
20	Capron	1
21	Stafford	4
22	Tidewater	5
23	Halifax	4
24	Smith Mt. Lake	—
25	Botetourt	4
26	Haymarket	2
27	Dinwiddie	—
28	Patrick Henry	4
29	Buchanan	—
30	Northern Va.	5
31	Tazewell	—
TOTAL		52

Table XXXIV  
Employment Skill of Escapees\*  
Year Ended June 30, 1977

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION</u>
TOTAL	94	100.0
Attendant, Hospital	3	3.1
Attendant, Service Station	2	2.1
Barber	1	1.1
Bartender, Waiter, Waitress	2	2.1
Beautician	1	1.1
Bricklayer, Brickmason	2	2.1
Bricklayer's Apprentice	1	1.1
Business Owner, Operator, Manager	2	2.1
Carpenter	4	4.2
Cashier, Other	1	1.1
Chorus Girl, Dancer	1	1.1
Commercial Cook	2	2.1
Construction Worker	4	4.2
Factory Worker	2	2.1
Heavy Equipment Operator	4	4.2
Laboratory Technician	1	1.1
Laborer	26	27.6
Machinist	1	1.1
Meat Cutter	1	1.1
Mechanic, Auto	7	7.4
Painter	1	1.1
Plumber	1	1.1
Printer, Pressman	1	1.1
Roofer	1	1.1
Sales Clerk	1	1.1
Salesperson	1	1.1
Sawmill Worker	1	1.1
Student	1	1.1
Tile Setter	2	2.1
Tree Trimmer	1	1.1
Truck Driver	10	10.6
Typist	1	1.1
Upholsterer	1	1.1
Welder	3	3.1

\* Reflects employment skill at time of commitment.

APPENDIX I  
EXPLANATION OF DATA SOURCE

The data used to produce this report were extracted from felon inmate files located in the Division of Adult Services under the File Maintenance Section of Classification and Treatment Services. Each individual escapee's record was examined and the necessary information retrieved. For coding purposes the number of escapes used in this report represents those reported to the Bureau of Research, Reporting and Evaluation by Classification and Treatment Services. This report does not cover those escapes which were given a nolle prosequi disposition at court.

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