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H I G H L I G H T S

1. Total first admissions decreased by 28 (2.1 percent) from 1,322 in 1977 to 1,294 in 1978, including 1,206 men and 88 women. Readmissions dropped by 36 (12.7 percent) from 283 to 247, including 240 men and 7 women.
2. Of the first admissions, 34.9 percent of the men and 40.9 percent of the women were admitted as probation violators. (Table 1)
3. The largest offense category for first and readmitted men was unarmed burglary. Forgery was the largest offense category for women. (Table 4)
4. Of the 1,541 total admissions, 635 were from Milwaukee County, 83 from Kenosha County, and 71 from Rock County. (Table 5)
5. Guilty pleas had been entered by 81.5 percent of the first admissions and 91.9 percent of the readmissions. (Table 6)
6. Sentences of less than two years were received by 16.1 percent of the first admissions; 64.7 percent received sentences of two years, less than six, and 19.2 percent received sentences of six years, less than life. Among the readmissions, 7.7 percent received sentences of less than two years, 61.1 percent received sentences of two years, less than six, and 31.2 percent received sentences of six years, less than life. (Table 7)
7. White offenders constituted 63.4 percent of first admissions and Blacks, 30.6 percent. Another 3.3 percent were Native Americans. (Table 8)
8. More than 80 percent of the men and women were not married at admission. One-third of the women and nearly one-sixth of the men were divorced or separated. (Table 9)
9. First admissions with previous felony convictions accounted for 43.6 percent of the men and 10.2 percent of the women. (Table 10)
10. About two-fifths of the first-admitted men and one-fourth of the first-admitted women had previous penal experience. (Table 11)

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A total of 1,541 persons -- 1,446 men and 95 women -- were admitted to Wisconsin adult correctional institutions during 1978. Of these, 1,206 men and 88 women were classified as "first admissions," viz., admitted for a new offense or for violating probation. Another 240 men and 7 women, incarcerated for violating parole or aftercare, were classified as "readmissions." The total number of admissions was down 4 percent from 1,605 admissions in 1977.

Admission Status (Table 1)

Of the 1,206 men classified as first admissions, 58.8 percent were not sentenced as probation violators; another 34.9 percent were probation violators, 81.5 percent of whom were admitted with a new sentence. Of the 88 first-admitted women, 59.1 percent were non-violators and 40.9 percent were probation violators. All of the female probation violators were admitted with a new sentence.

Note: First admissions on all tables include 74 men who were admitted as new youthful offender commitments prior to the July 1, 1978 repeal of the Youthful Offender Statute.

Type of Commitment (Table 2)

There were 1,294 first admissions and 247 readmissions in 1978. Regular felony commitments accounted for 99.0 percent of the men's first admissions, 99.2 percent of the men's readmissions, and all of the women's first admissions and readmissions.

Age (Table 3)

The majority of first-admitted men were under the age of 25, with 26.7 percent aged 19 or under and 35.4 percent aged 20 through 24. An additional 17.7 percent fell between the ages of 25 and 29. The 20 through 24 year category was largest for women also, accounting for 42.0 percent of the first admissions. Additionally, 10.2 percent of the women were aged 19 or under, 18.2 percent were 25 through 29, and 10.2 percent were 30 through 34.

More than two-thirds of the readmitted men were aged 20 through 29, with 38.3 percent aged 20 through 24 and 31.3 percent aged 25 through 29. Men 30 through 34 accounted for 15.0 percent of the readmissions. Of the seven women readmitted, four were in the 25 through 29 group and two in the 30 through 34 age group.

#### Offense (Table 4)

Burglary was the most common offense category for first-admitted and readmitted men, while forgery was the most common offense category for women. Seven types of offense accounted for 79.0 percent of male first admissions, 80.2 percent of male readmissions, and 61.5 percent of female first admissions, as shown below.

OFFENSE	First-Admitted Men	Readmitted Men	First-Admitted Women
Murder (all degrees)	4.1%	2.1%	2.2%
Robbery (armed and unarmed)	15.6	18.4	12.6
Burglary (unarmed)	30.2	35.4	6.8
Theft (including auto theft and receiving stolen property)	16.3	13.4	7.9
Forgery	6.4	6.7	17.2
Drug law violations	6.4	4.2	14.8

Of the seven readmitted women, three were sentenced for forgery and three for assault.

#### County of Conviction (Table 5)

Milwaukee County accounted for 40 percent of the 1,541 total admissions in 1978 with 635 commitments (520 first admissions and 115 readmissions). There were 83 commitments from Kenosha County (72 first admissions and 11 readmissions) and 71 commitments from Rock County (56 first admissions and 15 readmissions).

#### Plea and Multiple Sentencing (Table 6)

Guilty pleas were entered by 81.5 percent of the first admissions (80.9 percent of the men and 90.9 percent of the women); 41.5 percent of the total first admissions received a single sentence; 25.0 percent, concurrent sentences, and 5.0 percent, consecutive sentences. Of the 18.5 percent of total first admissions who pleaded not guilty, the majority received

single sentences.

All seven readmitted women and 91.6 percent of the readmitted men pleaded guilty; 45.8 percent received a single sentence; 35.6 percent, concurrent sentences, and 10.5 percent, consecutive sentences. Not guilty pleas were entered by 8.1 percent of the total readmissions.

#### Length of Sentence (Table 7)

Sentences of less than two years were received by 16.1 percent of total first admissions; of two years, less than three, by 20.9 percent; of three years, less than four, by 22.6 percent; of four years, less than six, by 21.2 percent, and of six years, less than life, by 17.3 percent. Excluding life sentences, the average (mean) sentence for women was 34.9 months, compared with 53.2 months for men.

Among readmissions, 7.7 percent received sentences of less than two years; 11.3 percent, two years, less than three; 19.8 percent, three years, less than four; 30.0 percent, four years, less than six, and 30.8 percent, six years, less than life. Excluding life sentences, the average (mean) sentence was 70.0 months for men and 35.4 months for women.

#### Race (Table 8)

Total first admissions were comprised of 66.1 percent White offenders; including 2.7 percent Whites of Mexican origin, 30.6 percent Black offenders, and 3.3 percent Native Americans. Whites constituted 60.6 percent of the readmissions (including 2.8 percent Whites of Mexican origin), Blacks, 36.6 percent, and Native Americans, 2.8 percent. Comparing male and female first admissions, more White men were admitted (64.3 percent) than White women (51.1 percent), and fewer non-White men were admitted (33.0 percent) than non-White women (46.6 percent). In all non-White categories there were higher percentages of women than men.

#### Marital Status (Table 9)

Over three-fourths of first-admitted offenders were single (83.5 percent of the men and 83.0 percent of the women). Of the men 67.9 percent had never been married and 14.5 percent were divorced or separated. Of the women, 48.9 percent had never been married and 33.0 percent were divorced



or separated. Six of the seven readmitted women and 77.1 percent of the readmitted men were single.

#### Previous Felony Convictions (Table 10)

Of the first-admitted men, 56.4 percent had no recorded previous felony conviction, 24.7 percent had one past conviction on record, 11.0 percent had two past convictions, and 7.9 percent had three or more. Of the first-admitted women, 89.8 percent had no previous felony convictions.

#### Previous Penal Experience (Table 11)

Of the first-admitted men, 38.7 percent had previous penal experience; 17.7 percent had spent time in a Wisconsin state correctional institution; 13.8 percent, in a local jail, and 7.2 percent, in other prisons or reformatories. Only 23.8 percent of the first-admitted women had previous penal experience, 13.6 percent of them in a county or city jail.

#### Juvenile Institution Experience (Table 12)

More than one-fourth (26.1 percent) of the first-admitted men and 17.0 percent of the first-admitted women had previous juvenile institution experience. Most of these (17.1 percent of the men and 13.6 percent of the women) had been housed in Wisconsin juvenile training schools.

#### Grade Completed (Table 13)

Less than one-third (29.5 percent) of the first-admitted adults had completed high school or post-high school grades. The highest grade completed was ninth for 13.4 percent, tenth for 20.1 percent, and eleventh for 22.2 percent of the first admissions. The percentage of women who completed grade school and high school was slightly higher than that of men.

#### Achievement Test (Table 14)

Approximately one-fourth of the first admissions (26.0 percent of the men and 27.2 percent of the women) scored at the tenth grade level or above on achievement tests. Test scores between the seventh and ninth grade levels were registered by 30.1 percent of the men and 39.9 percent of the women. Scores at the sixth grade level or below were registered by 25.9 percent of the men and 31.8 percent of the women. Eighteen percent of



the men were not tested at the time data were collected.

Intelligence Estimate (Table 15)

Slightly over one-half of the first admissions were tested for an intelligence estimate. About one-third of those tested (33.1 percent of the men and 34.1 percent of the women) were estimated to be of average or normal intelligence. Another 7.5 percent were estimated to be of bright normal intelligence and 10.6 percent to be dull normal. At the time of the data collection 44.3 percent had not been tested.

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Table 1  
ADMISSION STATUS  
Residents First and Readmitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Admission Status	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total First Admissions</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Non-violator	761	58.8	709	58.8	52	59.1
Probation violator	457	35.3	421	34.9	36	40.9
New sentence	(379)	(29.3)	(343)	(28.4)	(36)	(40.9)
No new sentence	(78)	(6.0)	(78)	(6.5)	(-)	(-)
Juvenile aftercare violator	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-
Youthful offender commitment	74	5.7	74	6.1	-	-
New	(59)	(4.6)	(59)	(4.9)	(-)	(-)
Probation violator	(15)	(1.1)	(15)	(1.2)	(-)	(-)
<u>Total Readmissions</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Parole violator	112	45.3	106	44.2	6	85.7
Mandatory release violator	135	55.7	134	55.8	1	14.3

Table 2  
TYPE OF COMMITMENT  
Residents First and Readmitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Type of Commitment	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
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Felony	1,282	99.1	1,194	99.0	88	100.0
Misdemeanor	12	0.9	12	1.0	-	-
<u>Sex Deviate Commitment</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Total Readmissions</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Regular Commitment</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Felony	245	99.2	238	99.2	7	100.0
Misdemeanor	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
<u>Sex Deviate Commitment</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Table 3

## AGE

Residents First and Readmitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

AGE	First Admissions						Readmissions					
	Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women		Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Under 20 years</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>25.7</u>	<u>323</u>	<u>26.7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10.2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0.8</u>	-	-
16 years	4	0.3	4	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17 years	28	2.2	27	2.2	1	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
18 years	133	10.3	131	10.9	2	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 years	167	12.9	161	13.3	6	6.8	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
<u>20 to 24 years</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>35.8</u>	<u>427</u>	<u>35.4</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>42.0</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>37.6</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>38.3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14.3</u>
20 years	129	10.0	121	10.0	8	9.1	11	4.4	10	4.2	1	14.3
21 years	88	1.8	80	6.6	8	9.1	17	6.9	17	7.1	-	-
22 years	90	7.0	84	7.0	6	6.8	25	10.1	25	10.4	-	-
23 years	86	6.6	78	6.5	8	9.1	25	10.1	25	10.4	-	-
24 years	71	5.5	64	5.3	7	7.9	15	6.1	15	6.2	-	-
<u>25 to 29 years</u>	<u>230</u>	<u>17.8</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>17.7</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>18.2</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>32.0</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>31.3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>57.2</u>
25 years	60	4.6	52	4.3	8	9.1	27	10.9	27	11.3	-	-
26 years	45	3.5	42	3.5	3	3.4	14	5.7	13	5.4	1	14.3
27 years	45	3.5	45	3.7	-	-	17	6.9	14	5.8	3	42.9
28 years	48	3.7	45	3.7	3	3.4	8	3.2	8	3.4	-	-
29 years	32	2.5	30	2.5	2	2.3	13	5.3	13	5.4	-	-
<u>30 to 34 years</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>9.4</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>9.4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10.2</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>15.0</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>14.6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>28.5</u>
<u>35 to 39 years</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>5.1</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>4.9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6.1</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>6.3</u>	<u>2</u>	-
<u>40 to 44 years</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>1.9</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4.6</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4.4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4.6</u>	-	-
<u>45 to 49 years</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3.4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2.9</u>	-	-
<u>50 to 54 years</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1.1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.4</u>	-	-
<u>55 to 64 years</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0.8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0.7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2.3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.4</u>	-	-
<u>65 and over</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0.2</u>	-	-	<u>1</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0.4</u>	-	-
Mean			24.9		27.5				28.1		27.4	
Median			22.4		24.2				25.5		27.0	

Table 4

## OFFENSE

Residents First and Readmitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

OFFENSE	First Admissions						Readmissions					
	Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women		Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,294	100.0	1,206	100.0	88	100.0	247	100.0	240	100.0	7	100.0
Murder	52	4.0	50	4.1	2	2.2	5	2.0	5	2.1	-	-
First degree	(28)	(2.1)	(27)	(2.2)	(1)	(1.1)	(2)	(0.8)	(2)	(0.8)	(-)	(-)
Second degree	(22)	(1.7)	(21)	(1.7)	(1)	(1.1)	(2)	(0.8)	(2)	(0.8)	(-)	(-)
Third degree	(2)	(0.2)	(2)	(0.2)	(-)	(-)	(1)	(0.4)	(1)	(0.4)	(-)	(-)
Attempted murder	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
Manslaughter	7	0.5	5	0.4	2	2.2	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Negligent homicide	12	0.9	12	1.0	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Robbery	200	15.4	189	15.6	11	12.6	44	17.8	44	18.4	-	-
Unarmed	(78)	(6.0)	(74)	(6.1)	(4)	(4.6)	(21)	(8.5)	(21)	(8.8)	(-)	(-)
Armed	(122)	(9.4)	(115)	(9.5)	(7)	(8.0)	(23)	(9.3)	(23)	(9.6)	(-)	(-)
Assault	74	5.7	70	5.8	4	4.6	14	5.6	11	4.6	3	42.9
Aggravated	(5)	(0.4)	(5)	(0.4)	(-)	(-)	(2)	(0.8)	(2)	(0.8)	(-)	(-)
Simple	(51)	(3.9)	(48)	(4.0)	(3)	(3.5)	(7)	(2.8)	(4)	(1.7)	(3)	(42.9)
Conduct regardless of life	(17)	(1.3)	(16)	(1.3)	(1)	(1.1)	(4)	(1.6)	(4)	(1.7)	(-)	(-)
Negligent use of weapon	(1)	(0.1)	(1)	(0.1)	(-)	(-)	(1)	(0.4)	(1)	(0.4)	(-)	(-)
Burglary	381	29.4	375	31.1	6	6.8	87	35.2	87	36.2	-	-
Armed	(11)	(0.8)	(11)	(0.9)	(-)	(-)	(2)	(0.8)	(2)	(0.8)	(-)	(-)
Unarmed	(370)	(28.6)	(364)	(30.2)	(6)	(6.8)	(85)	(34.4)	(85)	(35.4)	(-)	(-)
Theft	204	15.8	197	16.3	7	7.9	32	12.9	32	13.4	-	-
Entry into locked veh.	(1)	(0.1)	(1)	(0.1)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Theft	(114)	(8.8)	(109)	(9.0)	(5)	(5.7)	(20)	(8.1)	(20)	(8.4)	(-)	(-)
Receiving stolen prop.	(13)	(1.0)	(12)	(1.0)	(1)	(1.1)	(2)	(0.8)	(2)	(0.8)	(-)	(-)
Auto theft	(76)	(5.9)	(75)	(6.2)	(1)	(1.1)	(10)	(4.0)	(10)	(4.2)	(-)	(-)
Fraud	15	1.1	5	0.4	10	11.4	2	0.8	1	0.4	1	14.2
Embezzlement	3	0.2	1	0.1	2	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer of encum. prop.	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forgery	93	7.1	78	6.4	15	17.2	19	7.7	16	6.7	3	42.9
Worthless checks	15	1.2	10	0.8	5	5.7	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4 (Concluded)

OFFENSE	First Admissions						Readmissions					
	Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women		Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Sexual Assaults	(43)	3.3	43	3.6	-	-	(5)	2.0	5	2.1	-	-
First degree	(27)	(2.1)	(27)	(2.2)	(-)	(-)	(5)	(2.0)	(5)	(2.1)	(-)	(-)
Second degree	(13)	(1.0)	(13)	(1.1)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Third degree	(3)	(0.2)	(3)	(0.3)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(-)
Rape (including attempt)	(7)	0.5	7	0.6	-	-	(5)	2.0	5	2.1	-	-
Incest	(2)	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Indecent behavior with a child	3	0.2	3	0.3	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Adultery	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual perversion (sodomy)	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uniform Controlled Substance Act and other drug violations	91	7.0	78	6.4	13	14.8	10	4.0	10	4.2	-	-
Concealed weapons	3	0.2	3	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape	5	0.4	5	0.4	-	-	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
Arson	13	1.0	11	0.9	2	2.3	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Conspiracy, bribery, solicitation	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Kidnapping, abducting	5	0.4	5	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malicious dest. of prop.	10	0.8	10	0.8	-	-	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
Abandonment, non-support	6	0.5	6	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contr. to delinq. of minor	2	0.2	1	0.1	1	1.1	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Prostitution, pandering	2	0.2	1	0.1	1	1.1	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Disorderly conduct	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Attempt (except murder and rape)	15	1.2	15	1.2	-	-	8	3.2	8	3.4	-	-
Possession of burglarious tools	3	0.2	3	0.3	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Other offenses	19	1.5	12	1.0	7	7.9	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-

Table 5  
COUNTY OF COMMITMENT  
Residents First and Readmitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

County of Commitment	First Admissions						Readmissions					
	Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women		Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	1,294	100.0	1,206	100.0	88	100.0	247	100.0	240	100.0	7	100.0
Adams	3	0.2	2	0.2	1	1.1	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Ashland	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
Barron	13	1.0	13	1.1	-	-	3	1.2	3	1.3	-	-
Bayfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown	44	3.4	39	3.3	5	5.8	4	1.6	4	1.7	-	-
Buffalo	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Burnett	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calumet	3	0.2	3	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chippewa	5	0.3	5	0.4	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Clark	3	0.2	3	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Columbia	6	0.5	6	0.5	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Crawford	7	0.5	7	0.6	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Dane	44	3.4	44	3.7	-	-	15	6.2	15	6.4	-	-
Dodge	11	0.9	10	0.8	1	1.1	3	1.2	3	1.3	-	-
Door	6	0.5	6	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Douglas	18	1.4	17	1.4	1	1.1	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Dunn	7	0.5	7	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eau Claire	18	1.4	17	1.4	1	1.1	3	1.2	3	1.3	-	-
Florence	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Fond du Lac	9	0.7	9	0.7	-	-	4	1.6	3	1.3	1	14.4
Forest	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grant	18	1.4	17	1.4	1	1.1	3	1.2	3	1.3	-	-
Green	4	0.3	3	0.2	1	1.1	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Green Lake	7	0.5	6	0.5	1	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa	9	0.7	9	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron	5	0.4	5	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jackson	3	0.2	3	0.2	-	-	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
Jefferson	7	0.5	6	0.5	1	1.1	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Juneau	5	0.4	4	0.3	1	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kenosha	72	5.6	69	5.8	3	3.4	11	4.5	9	3.6	2	28.4
Kewaunee	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
La Crosse	28	2.2	28	2.3	-	-	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
Lafayette	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Langlade	5	0.4	5	0.4	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Lincoln	7	0.5	6	0.5	1	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manitowoc	10	0.8	10	0.8	-	-	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
Marathon	21	1.6	21	1.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marinette	8	0.6	8	0.7	-	-	4	1.6	4	1.7	-	-
Marquette	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Menominee	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5 (Concluded)

County of Commitment	First Admissions						Readmissions					
	Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women		Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Milwaukee	520	40.0	478	39.7	42	47.9	115	46.6	113	47.0	2	28.4
Monroe	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oconto	12	0.9	12	1.0	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Oneida	16	1.2	15	1.2	1	1.1	5	2.1	5	2.1	-	-
Outagamie	11	0.9	9	0.7	2	2.3	3	1.2	3	1.3	-	-
Ozaukee	3	0.2	3	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pepin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pierce	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polk	3	0.2	3	0.2	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Portage	5	0.4	5	0.4	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Price	1	0.1	-	-	1	1.1	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Racine	56	4.3	53	4.4	3	3.5	10	4.1	9	3.8	1	14.4
Richland	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Rock	56	4.3	46	3.8	10	11.5	15	6.0	15	6.4	-	-
Rusk	5	0.4	5	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Croix	12	0.9	12	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sauk	5	0.4	5	0.4	-	-	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
Sawyer	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shawano	20	1.5	20	1.7	-	-	4	1.6	4	1.7	-	-
Sheboygan	19	1.5	17	1.4	2	2.3	6	2.4	5	2.1	1	14.4
Taylor	5	0.4	5	0.4	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Trempealeau	3	0.2	2	0.2	1	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vernon	6	0.5	6	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vilas	8	0.6	8	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Walworth	19	1.5	18	1.5	1	1.1	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
Washburn	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington	6	0.5	6	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waukesha	26	2.0	25	2.1	1	1.1	5	2.1	5	2.1	-	-
Waupaca	10	0.8	9	0.7	1	1.1	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Waushara	6	0.5	6	0.5	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Winnebago	25	1.9	21	1.7	4	4.6	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Wood	12	0.9	11	0.9	1	1.1	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Out of state	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-



Table 6  
PLEA AND MULTIPLE SENTENCING  
Residents First and Readmitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Plea and Multiple Sentencing	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total First Admissions</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Guilty</u>	<u>1,055</u>	<u>81.5</u>	<u>975</u>	<u>80.9</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>90.9</u>
Single sentence	667	51.5	614	50.9	53	60.2
Concurrent sentence	324	25.0	300	24.9	24	27.3
Consecutive sentence	64	5.0	61	5.1	3	3.4
<u>Not Guilty</u>	<u>239</u>	<u>18.5</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>19.1</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9.1</u>
Single sentence	144	11.1	144	11.9	-	-
Concurrent sentence	62	4.8	59	4.9	3	3.4
Consecutive sentence	33	2.6	28	2.3	5	5.7
<u>Total Readmissions</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Guilty</u>	<u>227</u>	<u>91.9</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>91.6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Single sentence	113	45.8	106	44.2	7	100.0
Concurrent sentence	88	35.6	88	36.6	-	-
Consecutive sentence	26	10.5	26	10.8	-	-
<u>Not Guilty</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>8.1</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>8.4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Single sentence	10	4.1	10	4.2	-	-
Concurrent sentence	7	2.8	7	2.9	-	-
Consecutive sentence	3	1.2	3	1.3	-	-

Table 7  
LENGTH OF SENTENCE  
Residents First and Readmitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

LENGTH OF SENTENCE	First Admissions						Readmissions					
	Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women		Total		Facilities for Men		Facility for Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,294	100.0	1,206	100.0	88	100.0	247	100.0	240	100.0	7	100.0
Less than 1 year	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-	3	1.2	3	1.2	-	-
1 year, less than 2	206	15.9	180	14.9	26	29.6	16	6.5	15	6.3	1	14.3
2 years, less than 3	271	20.9	248	20.6	23	26.1	28	11.3	27	11.3	1	14.3
3 years, less than 4	292	22.6	273	22.6	19	21.6	49	19.8	45	18.8	4	57.1
4 years, less than 5	102	7.9	101	8.4	1	1.1	24	9.7	24	10.0	-	-
5 years, less than 6	172	13.3	161	13.3	11	12.5	50	20.3	49	20.4	1	14.3
6 years, less than 7	38	2.9	36	3.0	2	2.3	17	6.9	17	7.1	-	-
7 years, less than 8	55	4.2	53	4.4	2	2.3	14	5.7	14	5.8	-	-
8 years, less than 9	25	1.9	25	2.1	-	-	11	4.5	11	4.6	-	-
9 years, less than 10	3	0.2	3	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 years, less than 15	56	4.3	53	4.4	3	3.4	23	9.3	23	9.6	-	-
15 years, less than 20	24	1.9	24	2.0	-	-	3	1.2	3	1.2	-	-
20 years, less than 25	11	0.9	11	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 years, less than life	13	1.0	13	1.1	-	-	8	3.2	8	3.3	-	-
Life	24	1.9	23	1.9	1	1.1	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Mean <sup>/1</sup> (in months)			53.2		34.9				70.0		35.4	
Median (in months)			36.1		24.5				59.6		35.5	

<sup>/1</sup> Excludes Residents with life sentences.

Table 8

RACE

Residents First and Readmitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Race	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total First Admissions</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>White</u>	<u>820</u>	<u>63.4</u>	<u>775</u>	<u>64.3</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>51.1</u>
<u>White (Mexican Origin)</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>2.7</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>2.7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2.3</u>
<u>Non-White</u>	<u>439</u>	<u>33.9</u>	<u>398</u>	<u>33.0</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>46.6</u>
Black	396	30.6	357	29.6	39	44.3
Native American	43	3.3	41	3.4	2	2.3
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total Readmissions</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>White</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>57.8</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>58.4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>28.6</u>
<u>White (Mexican Origin)</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Non-White</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>39.4</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>38.7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>71.4</u>
Black	91	36.6	86	35.8	5	71.4
Native American	7	2.8	7	2.9	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 9

MARITAL STATUS

Residents First and Readmitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Marital Status	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total First Admissions</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Single</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>83.5</u>	<u>1,007</u>	<u>83.5</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>83.0</u>
Never married	862	66.6	819	67.9	43	48.9
Divorced or separated	204	15.8	175	14.5	29	33.0
Widowed	14	1.1	13	1.1	1	1.1
<u>Married</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>16.5</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>16.5</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>17.0</u>
<u>Total Readmissions</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>Single</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>77.3</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>77.1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>85.7</u>
Never married	152	61.5	147	61.3	5	71.4
Divorced or separated	37	15.0	36	15.0	1	14.3
Widowed	2	0.8	2	0.8	-	-
<u>Married</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>22.7</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>22.9</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>14.3</u>

Table 10  
PREVIOUS FELONY CONVICTIONS  
Residents First Admitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Number of Previous Felony Convictions	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>None Recorded</u>	<u>760</u>	<u>58.7</u>	<u>681</u>	<u>56.4</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>89.8</u>
<u>Previous Convictions</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>41.3</u>	<u>525</u>	<u>43.6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10.2</u>
One	303	23.4	298	24.7	5	5.7
Two	135	10.4	132	11.0	3	3.4
Three or more	96	7.5	95	7.9	1	1.1

Table 11  
PREVIOUS PENAL EXPERIENCE  
Residents First Admitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Previous Penal Experience	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>None Recorded</u>	<u>806</u>	<u>62.3</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>61.3</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>76.2</u>
<u>Previous Correctional</u>						
<u>Institution Experience</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>37.7</u>	<u>467</u>	<u>38.7</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>23.8</u>
At Wisconsin penal institutions	221	17.1	213	17.7	8	9.1
Other prisons or reformatories	89	6.9	88	7.2	1	1.1
Jail sentence	178	13.7	166	13.8	12	13.6

Table 12  
JUVENILE INSTITUTION EXPERIENCE  
Residents First Admitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Juvenile Institution Experience	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>100.0</u>
<u>None Recorded</u>	<u>929</u>	<u>71.8</u>	<u>857</u>	<u>71.1</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>81.9</u>
<u>At Wisconsin Institutions</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>25.5</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>26.1</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>17.0</u>
Wisconsin juvenile training schools	218	16.8	206	17.1	12	13.6
Wisconsin juvenile training and Wisconsin Child Center	34	2.6	34	2.8	-	-
Wisconsin Child Center	19	1.5	19	1.6	-	-
Other children's institutions in Wisconsin	59	4.6	56	4.6	3	3.4
<u>Children's Institutions in other states</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>2.7</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>2.8</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1.1</u>

Table 13  
GRADE COMPLETED  
Residents First Admitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Grade Completed	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,294	100.0	1,206	100.0	88	100.0
Less than fourth	8	0.6	8	0.7	-	-
Fourth	6	0.5	5	0.4	1	1.1
Fifth	4	0.3	4	0.3	-	-
Sixth	12	0.9	11	0.9	1	1.1
Seventh	32	2.5	30	2.5	2	2.3
Eighth	84	6.5	79	6.6	5	5.7
Ninth	174	13.4	160	13.3	14	15.9
Tenth	259	20.1	237	19.7	22	25.0
Eleventh	287	22.2	274	22.6	13	14.8
Twelfth or more	382	29.5	353	29.3	29	33.0
Unknown	46	3.5	45	3.7	1	1.1

Table 14  
ACHIEVEMENT TEST  
Residents First Admitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Achievement Test	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,294	100.0	1,206	100.0	88	100.0
Less than fourth grade	72	5.6	68	5.6	4	4.5
Fourth grade	87	6.7	80	6.6	7	8.0
Fifth grade	79	6.1	73	6.1	6	6.8
Sixth grade	103	8.0	92	7.6	11	12.5
Seventh grade	100	7.7	87	7.2	13	14.9
Eighth grade	146	11.3	134	11.1	12	13.6
Ninth grade	152	11.7	142	11.8	10	11.4
Tenth grade	112	8.7	106	8.8	6	6.8
Eleventh grade	84	6.5	80	6.6	4	4.5
Twelfth grade or more	141	10.9	127	10.6	14	15.9
Not tested	218	16.8	217	18.0	1	1.1

Table 15  
INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE  
Residents First Admitted to  
Wisconsin Adult Correctional Institutions in 1978

Intelligence Estimate	Total		Facilities For Men		Facility For Women	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,294</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,206</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Superior and above	7	0.5	7	0.6	-	-
Bright normal	97	7.5	92	7.6	5	5.7
Average or normal	429	33.1	399	33.1	30	34.1
Dull normal	137	10.6	125	10.4	12	13.6
Borderline	49	3.8	46	3.8	3	3.4
Defective	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-
Not tested	573	44.3	535	44.3	38	43.2