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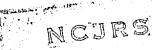
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PREFACE

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The data in this report reflect the characteristics of children committed to the State Board of Corrections and received into direct care during fiscal year 1981 (July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981). Data from similar annual statistical reports on the characteristics of children committed are available back to 1974. Copies of more recent annual reports on children committed are available for fiscal years 1977 through 1980. All questions, remarks or requests relating to the report should be directed to:

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REPORT OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CHILDREN COMMITTED TO STATE CARE IN FISCAL YEAR 1981

This report represents the data recorded on the Direct Care System's Intake, History, Clinical Assessment, and Educational Assessment forms submitted by the Court Service Units, the Reception and Diagnostic Center, the Behavioral Services Unit (formerly the Mobile Psychiatric Clinic) and the Rehabilitative School Authority during fiscal year 1981. All of the children committed to the care of the Virginia Department of Corrections are received and tested at the Reception and Diagnostic Center. There were 1,272 children committed to the State Board of Corrections and received into direct care in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981.

Summary of General Characteristics

COMMITTING OFFENSE

Of the 1,272 children committed in fiscal year 1981, 667 or 52.4% were committed for Offenses Against Property, while only 180 or 14.2% were committed for Offenses Against Persons. The most frequent committing offense was Break and Enter, accounting for 239 or 35.8% of all Offenses Against Property. Assault and Battery was the most common Offense Against Persons, accounting for 67 or 37.2% of such offenses. Alcohol or drug-related offenses accounted for only 27 or 2.1% of all commitments. The most common drug-related offense was Possession of Narcotics (misdemeanor) accounting for 20 or 74.1% of all alcohol or drug-related offenses. There were 318 (25.0%) children committed for violation of probation.

RACE AND SEX

Only 177 or 13.9% of all commitments to the Department of Corrections in fiscal 1981 were female, while 1,095 or 86.1% were male. The number of black children committed totaled 534 or 42.0%, while the number of white children totaled 738 or 58.0%. Black female commitments comprised only 65 or 5.1% of all commitments, while white females accounted for 112 or 8.8% of the total. Black males accounted for 469 commitments or 36.9%, while white males comprised the largest number of commitments with 626 or 49.2% percent.

AGE AT COMMITMENT

The average age of all children committed was 15.4 years. The most frequent age at commitment was 16 years, while 15 years was the second most frequent age.

AGE AT FIRST COMMUNITY CONTACT AND TYPE OF CONTACT

The most frequent ages for first community contact were 14 years and 13 years, comprising 18.4% and 15.5%, respectively, of all commitments. Children who were 15 years old accounted for the next most frequent age with 12.0%. The Juvenile Court was the most frequent type of first contact, accounting for 841 or 70.9% of all commitments. The School Psychologist/School Social Worker was a very distant second in type of first community contact, with 120 or 10.1% of all commitments, while the Social Service Bureau was third, accounting for 114 or 9.6% of all commitments.

Summary of General Characteristics (Continued)

INTELLIGENCE

Average or Normal intelligence was the mode for all children committed in fiscal 1981, accounting for 50.8% of all commitments. Children with Dull Normal or below intelligence accounted for 36.3% of all commitments, while Bright Normal and above intelligence accounted for 12.9%. There were 5 children with Very Superior intelligence (I.Q. over 130) and 51 children (4.7%) were committed who tested Retarded intelligence (I.Q. below 70).

NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS

Children who were received only once at the Reception and Diagnostic Center accounted for 1,042 or 81.9% of the total commitments during fiscal year 1981. More than one commitment does not necessarily indicate recidivism. It is a common practice of the courts to send children to the Reception and Diagnostic Center for pre-dispositional evaluation. If the child is subsequently committed to State care, he will again be received at the Diagnostic Center, accounting for two commitments. Of the 1,272 commitments, 230 or 18.1% of the children had been received two or more times at the Reception and Diagnostic Center.

COMMITTING COURT

The cities committed the greatest number of children in fiscal 1981, accounting for 676 or 53.1%, while the counties committed 596 or 46.9%. The City of Norfolk committed the most children with 94, while the City of Richmond was second in commitments with 73. The City of Newport News was third with 65 commitments. The counties of Fairfax, Prince William, and Henrico committed the largest number of children for county courts, committing 69, 63, and 62, respectively.

MONTH OF COMMITMENT

The months of June, July, and March had the largest number of commitments, accounting for 137, 129, and 124, respectively. The month of January had the fewest commitments with 67.

LIVING SITUATION OF CHILD AT TIME OF COMMITMENT

The largest number of children committed, 353 or 30.2%, were living with their mother only, at the time of commitment. Children living with both natural parents accounted for 303 or 26.0% of all commitments. Among the total children committed, there were 42.1% who had homes with at least two adults in supervision.

EARLIER LIVING SITUATION OF CHILD COMMITTED

The earlier living situation which was most prevalent was that of the child living with both natural parents (416 or 37.3%). The second most prevalent situation was multiple (253 or 22.7%), meaning that the child was in various living situations prior to the time of commitment.

Medical Evaluation

PREVIOUS NEUROLOGICAL EVALUATION

A large majority (92.9%) of the children committed did not have previous neurological evaluations. Only 84 or 7.1% had previously had evaluations of this type.

PREVIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION

Of the children committed, 67.4% had at least one previous psychological contact, while 32.6% had had no previous psychological evaluations.

PREVIOUS PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

Of the commitments, 73.4% had no previous history of psychiatric evaluations, while 26.6% had had previous psychiatric evaluations. Most of the children committed had never been hospitalized for psychiatric care. Only 15.1% of all children committed had a history of psychiatric hospitalization.

PREVIOUS RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS

Of the children committed, 40.0% had a history of previous residential placement for behavior problems. Previous residential care does not include placement in locally operated community youth homes.

HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

Only 7.2% of the children committed were overweight, while only 3.5% were underweight. In comparing height, only 6.2% of all children committed were tall for their age, while 6.5% percent were short for their age.

VISION, DENTAL AND OTHER MEDICAL DISORDERS

Children with vision disorders comprised 30.0% of the commitments, while children with dental disorders represented only 6.0% of the total commitments. Children with other medical disorders accounted for 23.0% of all commitments.

Educational Evaluation

MATHEMATICS

Numeration, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, application, money, time, and measurement are tests taken from the Individual Mathematics System (IMS). The IMS is a graduated levels system based on math skills that are taught in the elementary grades. Results from the above tests are used to place children in the appropriate mathematics level in the learning centers. Level One would indicate skills that are usually learned at an early age, while Level Nine represents skills of children who have completed elementary grades and who would be capable of advancing to middle school. The results of the tests are reported in levels from lowest to highest and do not reflect grade level. The average level in each category was as follows: numeration—5.4; addition—6.6; subtraction—6.0; multiplication—6.2; division—5.3; fractions—4.9; application—5.0; money—5.0; time—5.4; and measurement—4.2.

• NOTES •

The percentages in the preceding narrative and in the following tables have been adjusted to exclude data not reported. The percentages are based on the adjusted total, which is the total minus the number of those "Not Reported".

The "Not Reported" categories in the Educational Evaluation Section contain a combination of children not tested, children who refused to take the test and children for whom the test is not applicable — i.e. older children functioning above elementary grade and skill level.

The tables represent statistics for fiscal year 1981 (July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981).

General Characteristics

RACE AND SEX - FY 1981

	NO.	%
BLACK FEMALE	65	5.1
BLACK MALE	469	36.9
WHITE FEMALE	112	8.8
WHITE MALE	626	49.2
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

AGE AT COMMITMENT - FY 1981

	NO.	%
ELEVEN	5	0.4
TWELVE	25	2.0
THIRTEEN	68	5.4
FOURTEEN	189	14.9
FIFTEEN	336	26.4
SIXTEEN	376	29.5
SEVENTEEN	248	19.5
EIGHTEEN	24	1.8
NINETEEN	· · · · · 1]	0.1
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

COMMITTING OFFENSES - FY 1981

	NO.	%
OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS	180	14.2
OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY	667	52.4
OFFENSES AGAINST MORALITY, DECENCY, AND PEACE	57	4.5
OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE AND POLICY	17	1.3
TRAFFIC AND VEHICLE OFFENSES	6	0.5
ALCOHOL AND DRUG OFFENSES	27	2.1
MISCELLANEOUS OFFENSES	318	25.0
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

INTELLIGENCE - FY 1981

	NO.	%
VERY SUPERIOR (Over 130)	5	0.5
SUPERIOR (120 — 129)	21	1.9
BRIGHT NORMAL (110 – 119)	114	10.5
NORMAL (90 – 109)	551	50.8
DULL NORMAL (80 – 89)	224	20.6
BORDERLINE (70 – 79)	119	11.0
RETARDED (Below 70)	51	4.7
UNKNOWN	187	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

AGE AT FIRST COMMUNITY CONTACT - FY 1981

	NO.	%
ONE	11	0.9
TWO	11	0.9
THREE	12	1.0
FOUR	13	1.1
FIVE	19	1.6
SIX	26	2.2
SEVEN	19	1.6
EIGHT	46	3.9
NINE	53	4.5
TEN	84	7.1
ELEVEN	113	9.5
TWELVE	139	11.7
THIRTEEN	185	15.6
FOURTEEN	219	18.4
FIFTEEN	143	12.0
SIXTEEN	79	6.7
SEVENTEEN	15	1.3
NOT REPORTED	85	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

TYPE OF COMMUNITY CONTACT - FY 1981

NO.	%
120	10.1
114	9.6
841	70.9
36	3.0
76	6,4
85	
1,272	100.0
	120 114 841 36 76 85

NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS - FY 1981

	NO.	%
ONE	1,042	81.9
TWO	204	16.0
THREE	24	1.9
FOUR	2	0.2
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

NOTE: Multiple commitments do not necessarily indicate recidivism. See explanation in narrative on page 2.

MONTH OF COMMITMENT - FY 1981

	NO.	%
1980: JULY	129	10.1
AUGUST	97	7.6
SEPTEMBER	101	7.9
OCTOBER	109	8.6
NOVEMBER	95	7.5
DECEMBER	119	9.4
1981: JANUARY	67	5.3
FEBRUARY	87	6.8
MARCH	124	9.7
APRIL	89	7.0
MAY	118	9.3
JUNE	137	10.8
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

COMMITTING COURT - FY 1981

COUNTY	NO.	%_
ACCOMACK	11	0.9
ALBEMARLE	10	0.8
ALLEGHANY	2	0.2
AMELIA	2	0.2
AMHERST	2	0.2
APPOMATTOX	3	0.2
ARLINGTON	26	2.0
AUGUSTA	5	0.4
BEDFORD	2	0.2
BOTETOURT	5	0.4
BRUNSWICK	.	0.1
BUCHANAN	3 - 1 - 1	0.2
BUCKINGHAM	2	0.2
CAMPBELL	7	0.6
CAROLINE	4	0.3
CARROLL	3	0.2
CHARLOTTE	3	0.2
CHESTERFIELD	41	3.2
CULPEPER	6	0.5
CUMBERLAND	2	0.2
DICKENSON	1	0.1
DINWIDDIE	4	0,3
ESSEX	3	0.2

COMMITTING COURT - FY 1981 (Continued)

COUNTY	NO.	96
FAIRFAX	69	5.4
FAUQUIER	4	0.3
FLOYD	1	0.1
FRANKLIN	6	0.5
FREDERICK	1	0.1
GILES	3	0.2
GLOUCESTER	2	0.2
GREENE	1	0.1
GREENSVILLE	1	0.1
HALIFAX	9	0.7
HANOVER	4	0.3
HENRICO	62	4.9
HENRY	13	1.0
ISLE OF WIGHT		0.2
JAMES CITY	6	0.5
KING GEORGE	2	0.2
LANCASTER	5	0.4
LEE	2	0.2
LOUDOUN	7	0.6
LOUISA	5	0.4
LUNENBURG	6	0.5
MADISON	2	0.2
MATHEWS	2	0.2

COMMITTING COURT - FY 1981 (Continued)

COUNTY	NO.	%
MIDDLESEX	4	0.3
MONTGOMERY	3	0.2
NEW KENT		0.1
NORTHAMPTON	1	0.1
NORTHUMBERLAND	1	0.1
NOTTOWAY	1	0.1
ORANGE	7	0.6
PAGE	3	0.2
PATRICK	2 ·	0.2
PITTSYLVANIA	17	1.3
POWHATAN	2	0.2
PRINCE EDWARD	2	0.2
PRINCE GEORGE	4	0.3
PRINCE WILLIAM	63	5.0
PULASKI	8	0.6
RICHMOND	5	0.4
ROANOKE	9	0.7
ROCKINGHAM	4	0.3
RUSSELL	3	0.2
SCOTT	1	0.1
SHENANDOAH	4	0.3
SMYTH	4	0.3
SOUTHAMPTON	1	0.1
SPOTSYLVANIA	16	1.3

COMMITTING COURT - FY 1981 (Continued)

COUNTY	NO.	%
STAFFORD	9	0.7
SUSSEX	3	0.2
TAZEWELL	17	1.3
WARREN	7	0.6
WASHINGTON	8	0.6
WESTMORELAND	2	0.2
WISE	8	0.6
WYTHE	3	0.2
YORK	9	0.7
COUNTY TOTAL	596	46.9
CITY	NO.	%
ALEXANDRIA	31	2.4
BEDFORD	1	0.1
BRISTOL	9	0.7
BUENA VISTA	2	0.2
CHARLOTTESVILLE	16	1.3
CHESAPEAKE	56	4.4
COLONIAL HEIGHTS	1	0.1
DANVILLE	19	1.5
EMPORIA	5	0.4
FREDERICKSBURG	6	0.5
GALAX	1	0.1

COMMITTING COURT - FY 1981 (Concluded)

CITY	NO.	%
HAMPTON	36	2.8
HARRISONBURG	3	0.2
HOPEWELL	18	1.4
%.EXINGTON	4	0.3
LYNCHBURG	14	1.1
MANASSAS	2	0.2
MANASSAS PARK	1	0.1
MARTINSVILLE	8	0.6
NEWPORT NEWS	65	5.1
NORFOLK	94	7.4
PETERSBURG	16	1.3
PORTSMOUTH	55	4.3
RICHMOND	73	5.7
ROANOKE	48	3.8
SALEM	4	0.3
STAUNTON	7	0.6
SUFFOLK	25	2.0
VIRGINIA BEACH	31	2.4
WAYNESBORO	10	0.8
WILLIAMSBURG	5	0.4
WINCHESTER	10	0.8
CITY TOTAL	676	53.1
GRAND TOTAL	1,272	100.0

Note: Due to rounding, individual percentages may not total to 100%.

LIVING SITUATION OF CHILD AT TIME OF COMMITMENT FY 1981

	NO.	%
BOTH NATURAL PARENTS	303	26.0
1 PARENT, 1 STEP-PARENT	188	16.1
MOTHER ONLY	353	30.2
FATHER ONLY	60	5.1
STEP-PARENT ONLY	4	0.3
NOT IN PARENTAL HOME	57	4.9
ADOPTIVE HOME	25	2.1
FOSTER HOME	53	4.5
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT	65	5.6
OTHER	61	5.2
NOT REPORTED	103	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

EARLIER LIVING SITUATION OF CHILD COMMITTED FY 1981

NO.	%
416	37.3
97	8.7
184	16.5
17	1.5
3	0.3
19	1.7
14	1.2
28	2.5
62	5.6
23	2.0
253	22.7
156	
1,272	100.0
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Medical Evaluation

PREVIOUS NEUROLOGICAL EVALUATION - FY 1981

	NO.	%
NO	1,103	92.9
YES	77	6.5
MULTIPLE	7	0.6
NOT REPORTED	85	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

PREVIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION - FY 1981

	NO.	%
NC	387	32.6
YES	573	48.3
MULTIPLE	227	19,1
NOT REPORTED	85	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

PREVIOUS PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION - FY 1981

	NO.	%
NO	871	73.4
YES	259	21.8
MULTIPLE	57	4,8
NOT REPORTED	85	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

PREVIOUS RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FOR BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS — FY 1981

	NO.	%
NO	712	60.0
YES	407	34.3
MULTIPLE	68	5.7
NOT REPORTED	85	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

PREVIOUS PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATION — FY 1981

	NO.	%
NO	1,008	84.9
YES	147	12,4
MULTIPLE	32	2.7
NOT REPORTED	85	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

OVERWEIGHT - FY 1981

	NO.	 %
NO	1,087	92.8
YES	84	7.2
NOT REPORTED	101	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

UNDERWEIGHT - FY 1981

:	NO.	%
NO	1,132	96.5
YES	41	3.5
NOT REPORTED	99	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

TALL FOR AGE - FY 1981

•	NO.	%
NO	1,101	93.8
YES	73	6.2
NOT REPORTED	98	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

SHORT FOR AGE - FY 1981

	NO.	%
NO	1,097	93.5
YES	76	6.5
NOT REPORTED	99	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

VISION DISORDER - FY 1981

	NO.	%
NO	782	70.3
YES	330	29.7
NOT REPORTED	160	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

DENTAL DISORDER - FY 1981

	NO.	%
NO	812	94.0
YES	52	6.0
NOT REPORTED	408	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

OTHER MEDICAL DISORDERS - FY 1981

	NO.	%
NO	770	77.0
YES	230	23.0
NOT REPORTED	272	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

Educational Evaluation

NUMERATION - FY 1981

LEVEL	NO.	%
ONE	40	4.1
TWO	55	5.7
THREE	177	18.4
FOUR	124	12.8
FIVE	135	13.9
SIX	134	13.8
SEVEN	155	16.0
EIGHT	77	7.9
NINE	72	7.4
NOT REPORTED	303	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

ADDITION - FY 1981

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LEVEL	NO.	%
ONE	7	0.7
TWO	6	0.6
THREE	13	1.3
FOUR	31	3.1
FIVE	96	9.5
SIX	367	36.5
SEVEN	192	19.1
EIGHT	171	17.0
NINE	123	12.2
NOT REPORTED	266	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

SUBTRACTION - FY 1981

LEVEL	NO.	%
ONE	24	2.5
TWO	9	0.9
THREE	34	3.6
FOUR	70	7.4
FIVE	189	19.9
SIX	259	27.4
SEVEN	194	20.4
EIGHT	93	9.8
NINE	77	8.1
NOT REPORTED	323	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

MULTIPLICATION - FY 1981

LEVEL	NO.	%
ONE	29	2.9
TWO	28	2.8
THREE	27	2.7
FOUR	69	7.0
FIVE	162	16.3
SIX	231	23.4
SEVEN	147	14.8
EIGHT	169	17.1
NINE	129	13.0
NOT REPORTED	281	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

DIVISION - FY 1981

LEVEL	NO.	%
ONE	67	7.2
TWO	82	8.8
THREE	82	8.8
FOUR	104	11.1
FIVE	112	12.0
SIX	187	19.9
SEVEN	124	13.3
EIGHT	85	9.1
NINE	92	9.8
NOT REPORTED	337	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

FRACTIONS - FY 1981

LEVEL	NO.	%
ONE	81	8.1
TWO	88	8.8
THREE	100	10.0
FOUR	154	15.3
FIVE	138	13.7
SIX	190	18.9
SEVEN	140	13.9
EIGHT	57	5.7
NINE	56	5.6
NOT REPORTED	268	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

APPLICATION - FY 1981

LEVEL	NO.	%
ONE	31	3.1
TWO	87	8.7
THREE	127	12.7
FOUR	192	19.1
FIVE	155	15.4
SIX	139	13.9
SEVEN	141	14.1
EIGHT	81	8.1
NINE	49	4.9
NOT REPORTED	270	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

MONEY - FY 1981

LEVEL	NO.	%
ONE	58	5.9
тwо	22	2.2
THREE	51	5.2
FOUR	119	12.2
FIVE	412	42.2
SIX	152	15.6
SEVEN	138	14.1
EIGHT	4	0.4
NINE	22	2.2
NOT REPORTED	294	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

TIME - FY 1981

		
LEVEL	NO.	%
ONE	44	4.4
TWO	67	6.7
THREE	61	6.1
FOUR	124	12.5
FIVE	149	15.0
SIX	217	21.9
SEVEN	190	19.1
EIGHT	104	10.5
NINE	38	3.8
NOT REPORTED	278	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

MEASUREMENT - FY 1981

LEVEL	NO.	%
ONE	91	9.7
TWO	119	12.7
THREE	173	18.3
FOUR	160	17.0
FIVE	142	15.1
SIX	126	13.4
SEVEN	74	7.9
EIGHT	27	2.9
NINE	28	3.0
NOT REPORTED	332	
TOTAL	1,272	100.0

END