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INTRODUCTION **ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS**

The Bureau of Criminal Statistics (BCS) developed the Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) system to portray the aggregate experience of adults arrested for felony offenses from initial encounter with the police through final disposition. This report describes the decisions made at various levels of the California criminal justice system as they relate to different crimes, offenders, and county population groups.

The use of charts showing comparative data is emphasized throughout this report. Specifically, these charts describe variables such as the crime committed, the offender's sex, race/ethnic group, age, prior criminal record and existing criminal status, and the population of the county of prosecution. Included also is an examination of selected relationships between the many variables affecting criminal justice processing of these offenders.

This report is based on information reported to BCS by local and state criminal justice agencies on the "Disposition of Arrest and Court Action" form (JUS 8715). Although the 1980 OBTS data were an estimated 30 percent under-reported, dispositions received generally describe the statewide processing of adult felony arrestees in California. The Data Section beginning on page 37 contains detailed statewide and county information on dispositions and an explanation of data limitations.

A centerfold chart entitled "Dispositions of Adult Felony Arrests in California, 1980" is inserted in this report. It can be removed for special uses without affecting the sequence and continuity.



ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- During 1980, 189,303 dispositions of adult felony arrestees were reported to BCS. Of those, 55.8 percent were lower or superior court convictions, of which 6.7 percent were sentences to state institutions. State institutions are comprised of prison, Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered sex offenders). Prison dispositions include 24 death penalty sentences.
- The remaining 44.2 percent of the adult felony arrestees were not convicted: 10.6 percent were released at the law enforcement level; 14.8 percent were released at the prosecutor level; and 18.9 percent were dismissed or acquitted by the courts.
- Those arrested for crimes against persons more frequently received a sentence to a state institution (11.5 percent) than did those arrested for crimes against property (6.0 percent) or drug law violations (2.7 percent).
- Adults arrested for crimes against property more often received a combined probation and jail sentence (32.0 percent) than did those arrested for crimes against persons (22.7 percent) or drug law violations (20.0 percent).
- Guilty pleas accounted for 95.8 percent of the convictions.
- Proportionately more females received probation sentences than did males (24.1 versus 15.5 percent), while proportionately more males were sentenced to state institutions (7.3 versus 2.6 percent).
- Compared with other defendants, those under 20 years of age were more likely to be released at the law enforcement level (13.5 percent) and less likely to be committed to state institutions (5.3 percent).
- Superior court defendants who had served at least one prior prison term more often received sentences to state institutions than did those with no prior criminal record (62.0 and 15.7 percent).
- A greater proportion of superior court defendants who were arrested while on parole received state institution sentences (63.0 percent) than did those arrested while on probation (38.0 percent) or not under commitment (25.4 percent).
- Counties with populations of under 500,000 showed the highest conviction rate (66.8 percent).¹
- Pretrial releases were proportionately more frequent in counties of 1,000,000 and over population (31.9 percent) than in counties with populations of 500,000 to 1,000,000 (16.9 percent), 200,000 to 500,000 (7.4 percent), or under 200,000 (9.6 percent).



¹This rate is computed by dividing the number of adult felony arrest dispositions reported by the number of convictions rendered by both lower and superior courts.

GUIDE ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

GUIDE FOR INTERPRETING THE "SYSTEM FALLOUT" CHARTS

The OBTS system traces adults arrested for felonies from arrest through final disposition. A final disposition may occur at the law enforcement, prosecutor, lower court, or superior court level within the California criminal justice system. At each level, a decision is made which results in the termination of the process for some persons and the

continuation for others. Many variables can affect this process, including conditions of arrest, availability of witnesses, type of complaint filed, type of plea entered, evidence presented, the defendant's prior criminal record, and sentencing options available.



This symbol represents the total adult felony arrest dispositions reported by California criminal justice agencies in 1980.



This symbol is associated with dispositions of adult felony arrestees released by law enforcement agencies in accordance with Section 849(b) of the California Penal Code. Police releases most often result from insufficient evidence or victim's refusal to prosecute.



This symbol is associated with the proportion of criminal complaints sought by law enforcement agencies but denied by prosecutors for reasons such as lack of probable cause, lack of evidence, victim refused to prosecute, or illegal search and seizure.



This symbol is associated with dispositions of arrestees exonerated in lower court.



This symbol is associated with dispositions of arrestees exonerated in superior court. These dispositions and those associated with the preceding three symbols are included in the term "nonconviction rate."



This symbol is associated with dispositions of convicted arrestees sentenced to straight probation, fine, or other (no sentence given or sentence suspended).



This symbol is associated with dispositions of convicted arrestees who received probation sentences which included a jail term.



This symbol is associated with dispositions of convicted arrestees who received jail sentences.



This symbol is associated with dispositions of convicted arrestees committed to prison, Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, or confined in state hospitals as mentally disordered sex offenders.

Each system chart has the same nine components described above. The descending nature of the curve (line) or curves in each chart describes the fallout characteristics of the dispositions of a particular group of adult felony arrestees. For example, the centerfold chart indicates that 10.6 percent of the dispositions were for arrestees released by the police and eliminated from the system; therefore, the curve is lower by 10.6 percent. The remaining 89.4 percent represents dispositions of arrestees still in the system. The curve is then lowered by 14.8 percent; this proportion represents criminal complaints denied by

prosecutors. At this point, 74.6 percent of the arrest dispositions remain in the system. The fallout percentage is cumulative.

Through the use of comparative curves, the system fallout charts describe characteristics of a single variable such as sex, age, crime, etc. The space between curves depicts differences in the treatment accorded arrestees in terms of those characteristics. The wider the space, the greater the differences represented by the curves.



ARRESTS



SYSTEM'S RESPONSE BY ARRESTS

This report describes what happens to adults arrested for felonies. The following narrative is based entirely upon the 1980 dispositions of adult felony arrests, not the number of arrests reported during 1980.

During 1980, the California criminal justice system reported 189,303 final dispositions of adult felony arrests to BCS through the Offender-Based Transaction Statistics system. Chart A provides a broad graphic description of how the system disposed of those arrestees.

Of the 55.8 percent of adult felony arrestees convicted in either lower or superior courts:

- 16.7 percent received sentences of probation, fine, or "other."

(13.7 percent were straight probation, 2.9 percent fines, and .1 percent "other" sentences.)²

- 26.3 percent received probation sentences which required the defendant to serve a jail term as part of the total sentence.

- 6.1 percent were sentenced to jail.

- 6.7 percent received sentences to state institutions.

(5.5 percent were prison sentences and 1.2 percent were sentences to the Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, or state hospitals as mentally disordered sex offenders.)

Of the 44.2 percent not convicted, 10.6 percent were released by law enforcement agencies, 14.8 percent were released by prosecutors, and 18.9 percent were released by the courts.

- Arrestees were released by law enforcement agencies for the following reasons:

	Percent
Total	10.6
Insufficient evidence	6.0
Victim refused to prosecute	1.8
Unspecified ³	2.8

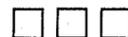
- Arrestees were released at the prosecutor level for the following reasons:

	Percent
Total	14.8
Lack of probable cause	5.5
Lack of evidence	2.7
Victim refused to prosecute	1.4
Illegal search and seizure	.7
Other and unknown	4.6

Note: Percents may not add to total because of rounding.

- Arrestees were dismissed or acquitted by the courts for the following reasons:

	Percent
Total ⁴	18.9
General dismissal ⁵	16.1
Successful completion of drug diversion program under 1000.2 P.C.	1.3
Acquitted	.7
Other	.8



²For purposes of analysis, all nonincarceration type sentences were included in "probation sentences."

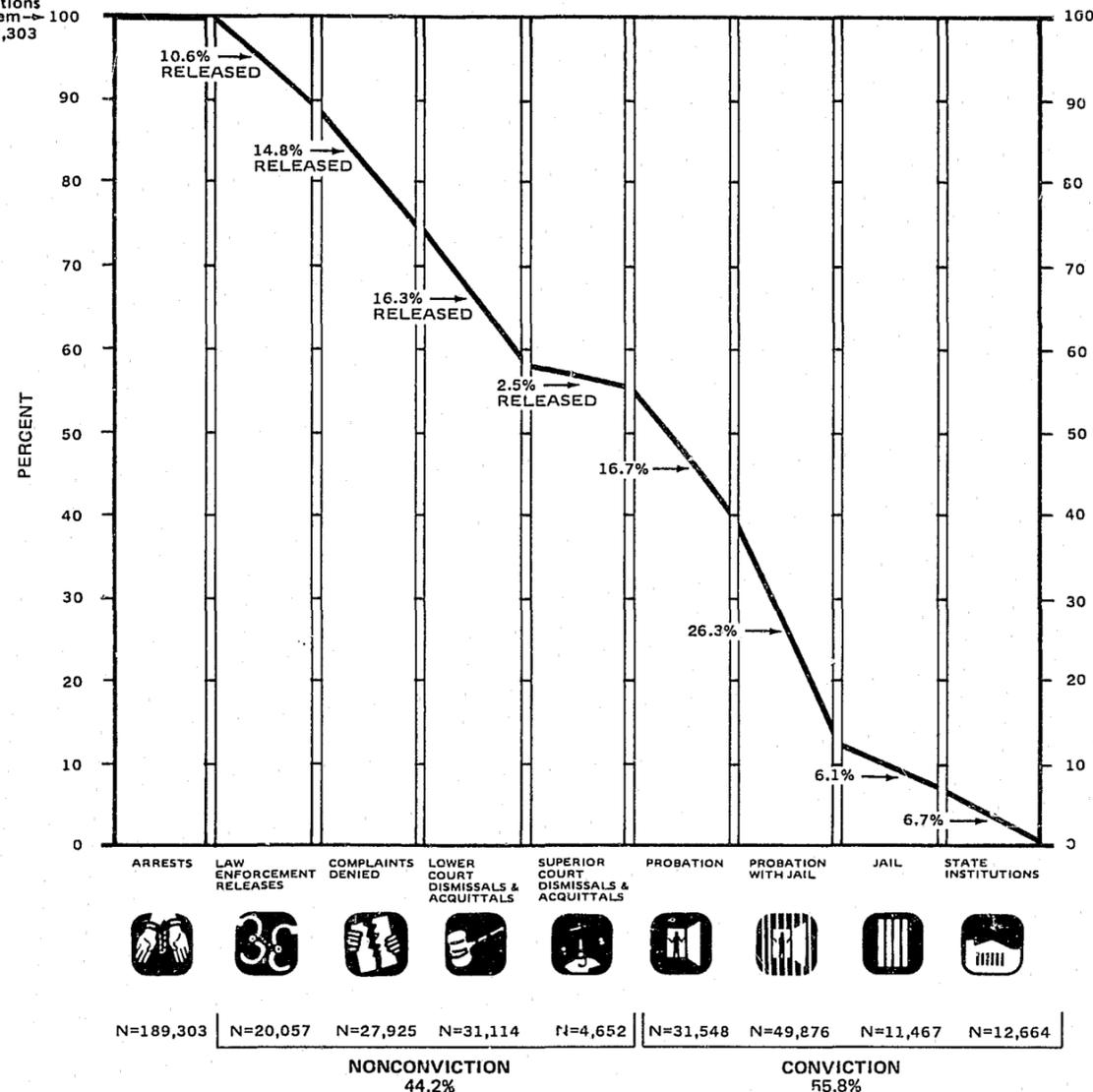
³Unspecified includes exonerated and further investigation.

⁴Percentage differs from Chart A because of rounding.

⁵For example: furtherance of justice, insufficient evidence, etc. (Penal Code Section 13151.1).

Chart A
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
"SYSTEM FALLOUT"

Arrest dispositions in system → 100
N=189,303



Notes: Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended). State institutions are comprised of prison, Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals mentally disordered sex offenders. Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences. Percentages may differ from those presented elsewhere in this publication because of rounding.

Source: Table 3.

ARRESTS ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

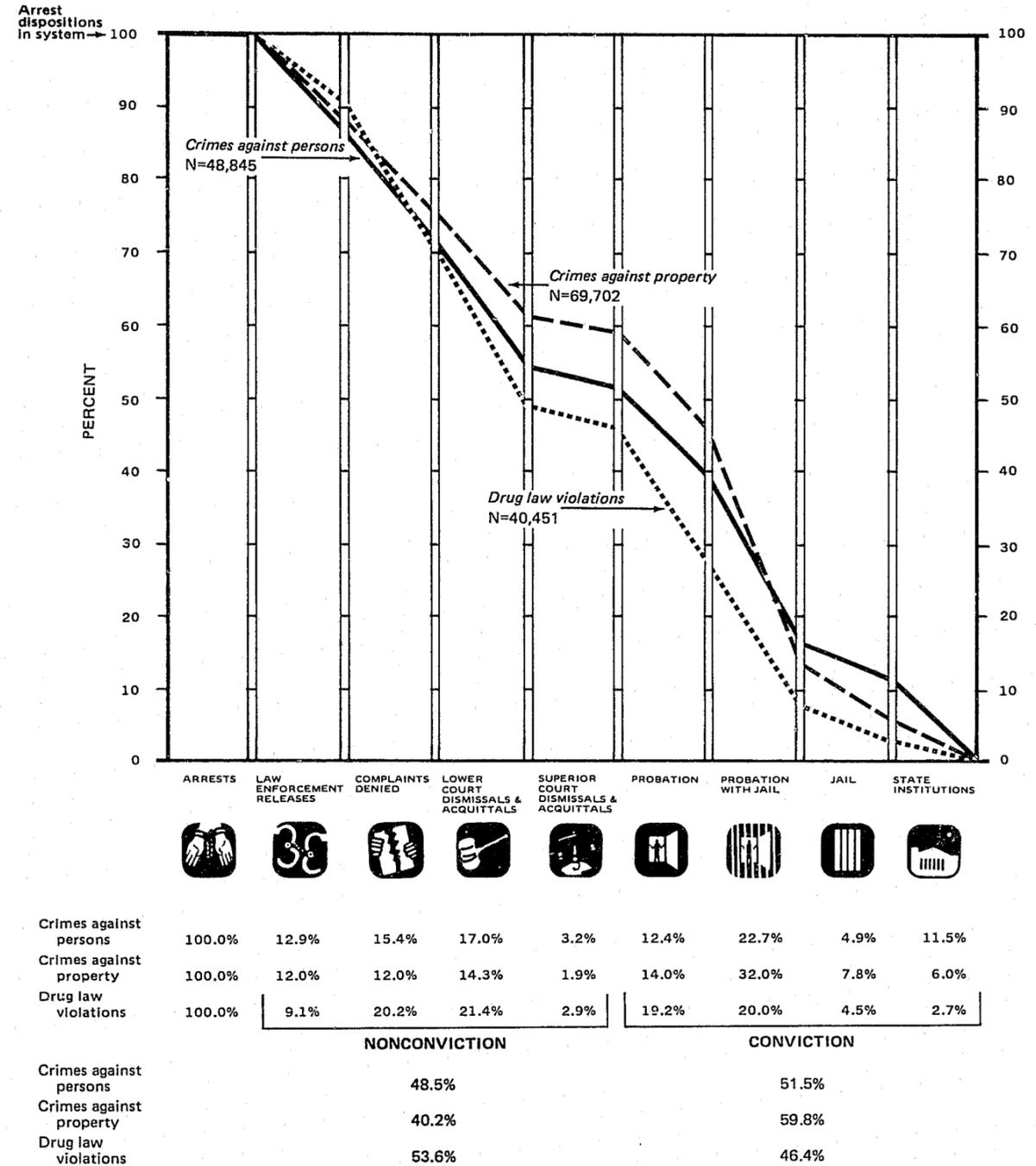
DISPOSITION BY ARREST OFFENSE

Chart B displays the different patterns of adult felony arrest dispositions for crimes against persons, crimes against property, and drug law violations.

- The nonconviction rate (proportion of those released by the police, prosecutors, or courts) was highest for felony drug law violations (53.6 percent). The nonconviction rate for crimes against persons was 48.5 percent compared to 40.2 percent for crimes against property. The higher nonconviction rate for felony drug law violations was mainly attributed to the high rate of complaints denied (20.2 percent) and lower court dismissals and acquittals (21.4 percent).
- The rate of lower court dismissals and acquittals for felony drug law violations was influenced by the drug diversion program under California Penal Code Section 1000.2. After defendants are arraigned for certain drug offenses, this statute allows them to participate in a drug diversion program if the courts determine that they will benefit from the process. Defendants successfully completing the program return to court and the original charges against them are dismissed.
- Probation sentences were granted more frequently to adults arrested for felony drug law violations (19.2 percent) than to those arrested for crimes against property (14.0 percent) or crimes against persons (12.4 percent).
- Jail sentences were received more often by adults arrested for crimes against property (7.8 percent) than by those arrested for crimes against persons (4.9 percent) or for felony drug law violations (4.5 percent).
- Sentences to state institutions were received more frequently by those arrested for crimes against persons (11.5 percent) and less frequently by those arrested for crimes against property (6.0 percent) or felony drug law violations (2.7 percent).



Chart **B**
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Disposition by Type of Arrest Offense



Notes: Crimes against persons are comprised of homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and assault.
Crimes against property are comprised of burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft.
Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended).
State institutions are comprised of prison, Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered sex offenders).
Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences.
Source: Table 3.

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ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

DISPOSITION BY ARREST OFFENSE

Chart C displays a comparison of disposition patterns by selected arrest offenses:

- Persons arrested for motor vehicle theft had the highest rate of law enforcement releases (21.7 percent) while burglary, theft, and assault arrestees had the lowest rates (10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 percent, respectively).
- Persons arrested for assault had the highest rate of lower court dismissals and acquittals (18.5 percent) as well as the highest rate of straight probation, fine, or "other" sentences (17.8 percent). In contrast, homicide and burglary arrestees had the lowest rate of lower court dismissals and acquittals (12.2 percent for both offenses).
- Persons arrested for homicide had the highest rates of state institution sentences (42.8 percent) and superior court dismissals and acquittals (8.1 percent). They had the lowest rates of complaints denied by the prosecutor (8.8 percent), probation sentences (2.5 percent), combined probation and jail sentences (13.1 percent), and jail sentences (.6 percent).

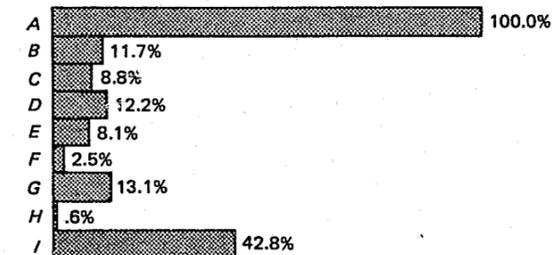
A person arrested for one offense can be convicted of a different offense. Adult felony arrest dispositions in 1980 were examined by the arrest offense as shown in Chart C. Chart D presents an analysis by the offense for which offenders were convicted.



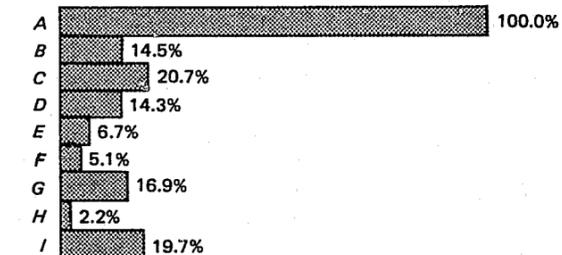
Chart C
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Disposition by Selected Arrest Offenses

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

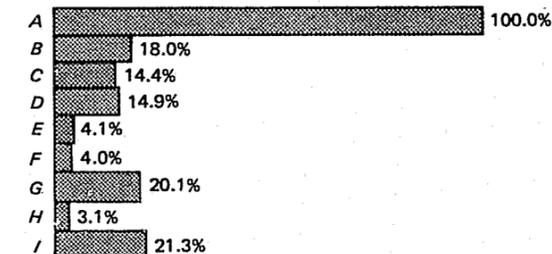
Homicide
N=2,009



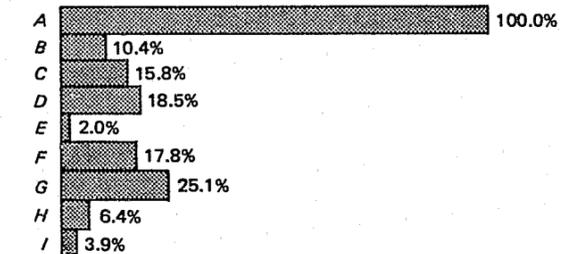
Forcible rape
N=3,126



Robbery
N=13,931

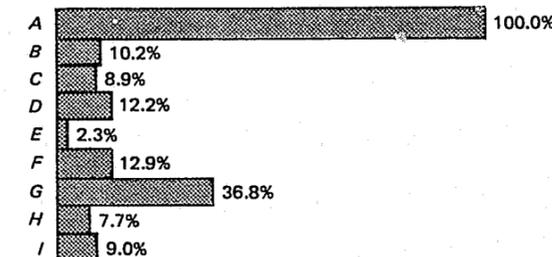


Assault
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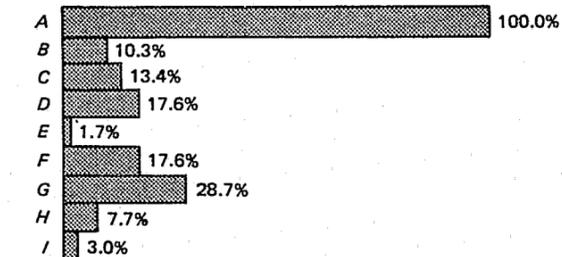


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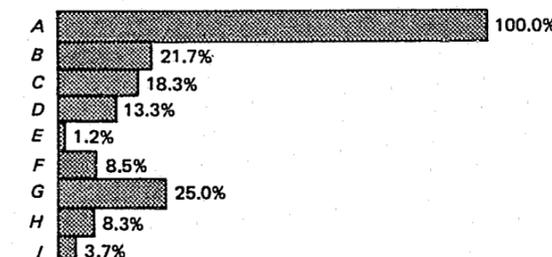
Burglary
N=33,328



Theft
N=25,753



Motor vehicle theft
N=10,621



LEGEND

- A Adult felony arrest dispositions reported
- B Law enforcement releases
- C Complaints denied
- D Lower court dismissals and acquittals
- E Superior court dismissals and acquittals
- F Probation
- G Probation with jail
- H Jail
- I State Institutions

Notes: Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended). State Institutions are comprised of prison, Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered sex offenders). Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Table 3.

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SENTENCE BY CONVICTED OFFENSE

Chart D displays the type of sentence most often given by the court for selected convicted offenses.

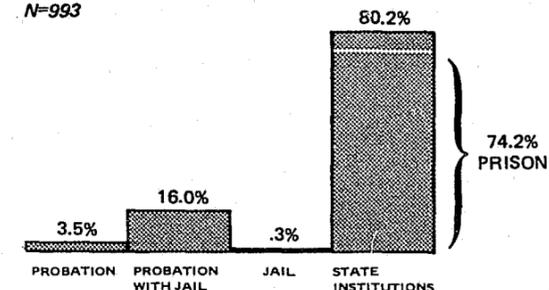
- Probation with jail sentences were received most often by those convicted of burglary and motor vehicle theft (58.5 and 58.1 percent) and least often by those convicted of homicide (16.0 percent).
- Jail sentences were received most often by those convicted of motor vehicle theft (17.1 percent) and least often by those convicted of robbery, forcible rape, and homicide (.2, .3, and .3 percent, respectively).
- Prison sentences were received most often by those convicted of homicide (74.2 percent) and least often by those convicted of theft (5.0 percent).



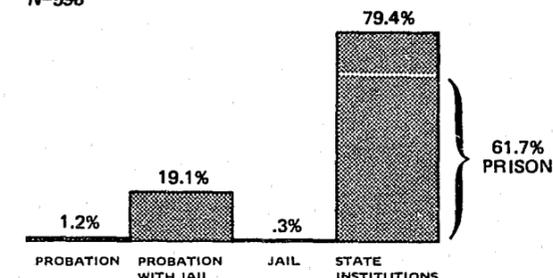
Chart D
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN LOWER AND SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Sentence by Selected Convicted Offenses

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS

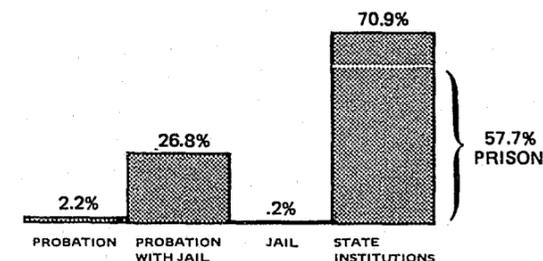
Homicide
N=993



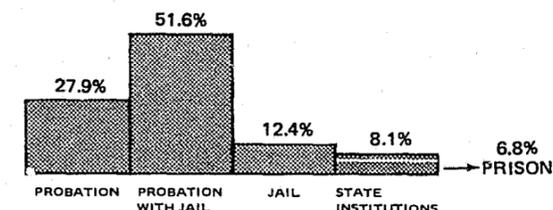
Forcible rape
N=598



Robbery
N=3,905

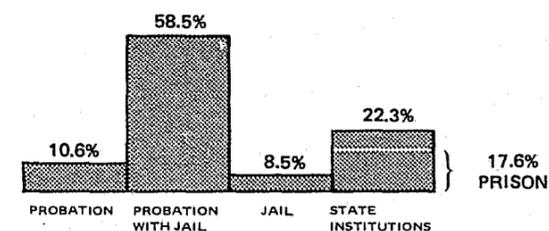


Assault
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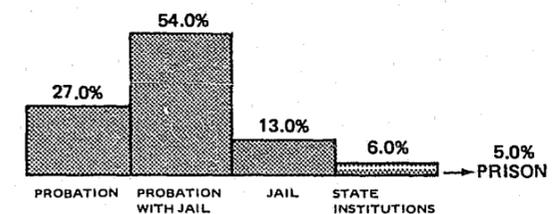


CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

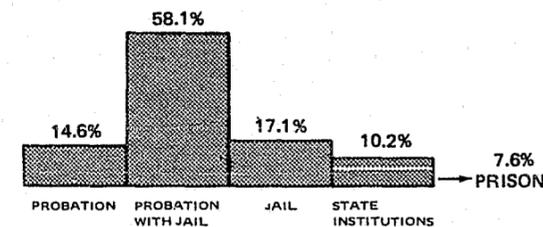
Burglary
N=13,057



Theft
N=21,273



Motor vehicle theft
N=4,107



Notes: Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended).
The state institutions segment above the line is comprised of Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered sex offenders).
Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences.
These convicted offense data include both misdemeanors and felonies.
Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.
Source: Table 4.

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Table 1 shows a percent distribution of the method of conviction, by convicted offense, of the 105,555 adult felony arrestees convicted in 1980 in lower and superior courts.

- The vast majority of these defendants (101,110 or 95.8 percent) were convicted by guilty plea.
- Among the methods of conviction:
 - A greater proportion of those convicted of crimes against persons, compared with those convicted of other major crimes, were convicted by trial.
 - In contrast, a greater proportion of those convicted of crimes against property, drug law violations, and all other crimes were convicted by guilty plea.



TABLE 1
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN LOWER AND SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Percent Distribution of Method of Conviction by Convicted Offense

Convicted offense	Total (N=105,555)	Guilty plea (N=101,110)	Method of conviction		
			Jury trial (N=3,216)	Court trial (N=1,044)	Transcript (N=185)
Total	100.0	95.8	3.0	1.0	.2
Crimes against persons					
Homicide	100.0	66.5	28.4	4.8	.3
Forcible rape	100.0	70.9	25.3	3.7	.2
Robbery	100.0	86.8	11.1	1.7	.4
Assault	100.0	93.6	4.9	1.5	.1
Crimes against property					
Burglary	100.0	95.8	3.3	.8	.1
Theft	100.0	97.8	1.5	.6	.1
Motor vehicle theft	100.0	97.9	1.7	.4	.0
Drug law violations	100.0	95.9	2.3	1.3	.6
All other	100.0	97.5	1.7	.8	.1

Note: Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.
Source: Table 4.

OFFENDER

ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

SYSTEM'S RESPONSE BY OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS

Adult felony arrest dispositions are examined in this section by sex, race/ethnic group, and age; and by prior criminal record and existing criminal status for superior court defendants.

DISPOSITION BY SEX

Chart E shows that the most noticeable difference in the system's treatment of male and female offenders occurred at sentencing.

- A larger proportion of females (24.1 percent) were granted probation sentences than were males (15.5 percent).
- A larger proportion of males (6.4 percent) received jail sentences than did females (4.1 percent).
- A larger proportion of males (7.3 percent) were sentenced to state institutions, primarily prison, than females (2.6 percent).

Overall conviction rates for males and females were similar (55.8 versus 55.2 percent).

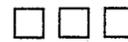
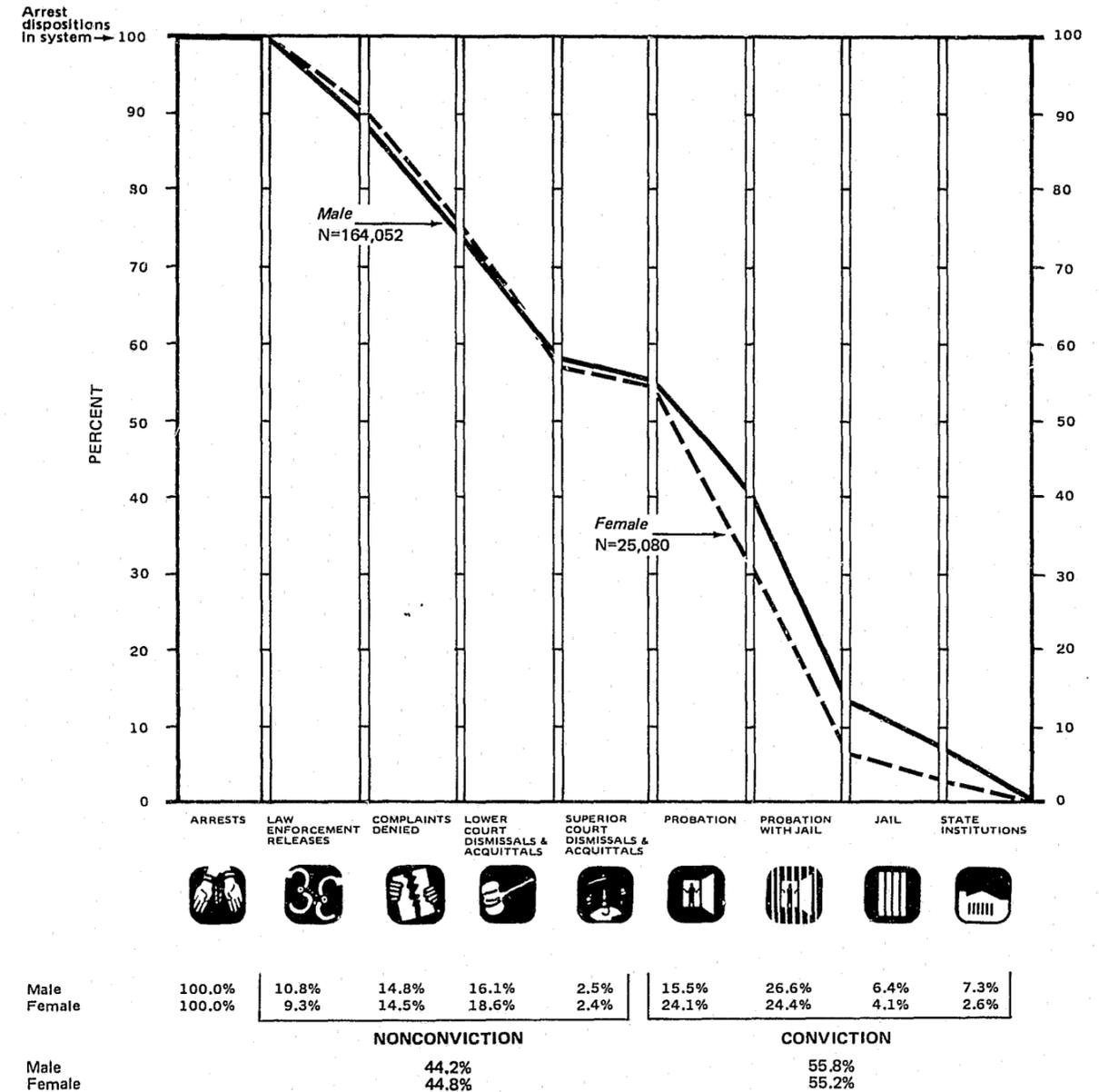


Chart E
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Disposition by Sex



Notes: Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended).
State institutions are comprised of prison, Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered sex offenders).
Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences.
Excludes 171 arrestees whose sex was unknown.
Source: Table 5.

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DISPOSITION BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP

Chart F shows that:

- A greater proportion of blacks and Hispanics than whites (not Hispanic) were released by law enforcement agencies and prosecutors (32.3 and 27.5 versus 20.4 percent).
- A greater proportion of whites (not Hispanic) than either Hispanics or blacks received probation sentences (20.5 versus 14.9 and 11.5 percent).
- A greater proportion of blacks and Hispanics than whites (not Hispanic) were sentenced to state institutions, primarily prison, (7.6 and 7.2 versus 5.8 percent).

Overall, the conviction rate was greater for whites (not Hispanic) than for Hispanics or blacks (59.8 versus 56.3 and 48.7 percent).

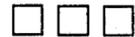
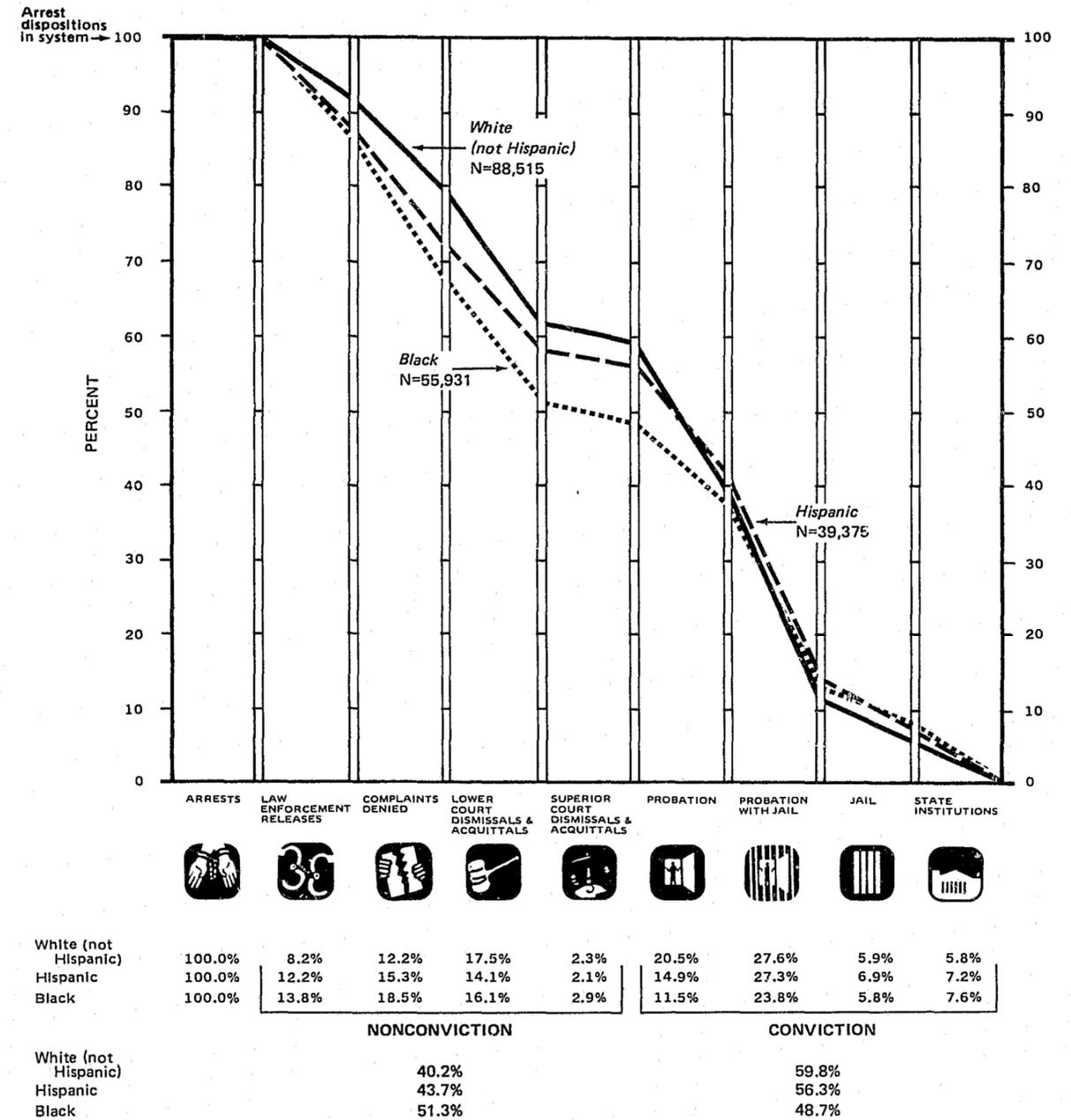


Chart F
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Disposition by Race/Ethnic Group



Notes: Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended).
State institutions are comprised of prison, Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered sex offenders).
Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences.
Excludes 2,683 arrestees of "other" race/ethnic groups and 2,799 arrestees whose race/ethnic group was unknown.
Source: Table 6.

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ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

DISPOSITION BY AGE

Chart G shows that:

- The probability of release by law enforcement agencies and prosecutors combined decreased proportionately with increase in age (29.4 percent were under 20 years of age; 25.7 percent were 20–29 years of age; 23.6 percent were 30–39 years of age; and 21.4 percent were 40 years of age and older).
- Of offenders aged 20–29, the majority (69,970 of 111,365 or 62.8 percent) were 20–24 years of age (see Data Section, Table 7).
- Defendants over 40 years of age were more likely than those of any other age group to be convicted (57.3 percent) and to receive a straight probation, fine, or "other" sentence (21.7 percent).
- Offenders under 20 years of age were less likely to be committed to state institutions (5.3 percent) than were offenders in older age groups (6.6, 7.8, and 6.7 percent, respectively).

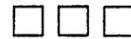
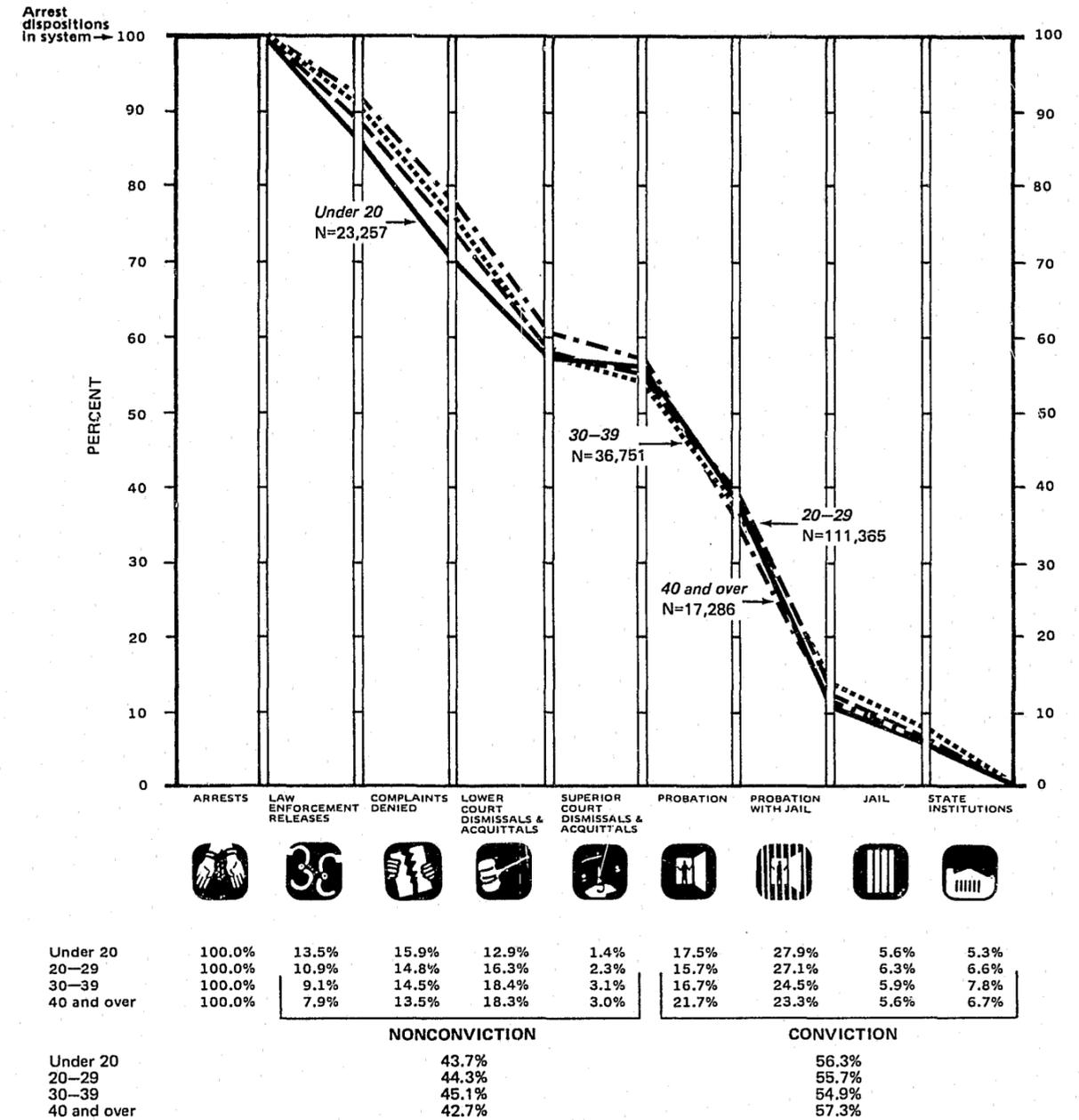


CHART G
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Disposition by Age



Notes: Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended).
State institutions are comprised of prison, Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered sex offenders).
Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences.
Excludes 644 arrestees whose age was unknown.

Source: Table 7.

OFFENDER ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

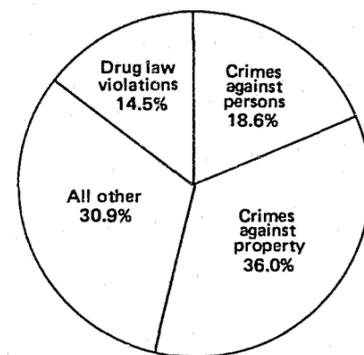
CONVICTION BY SEX OF ARRESTEE

■ A greater proportion of males than females were convicted of crimes against persons (homicide, forcible rape, robbery, and assault), 18.6 and 11.7 percent, respectively.

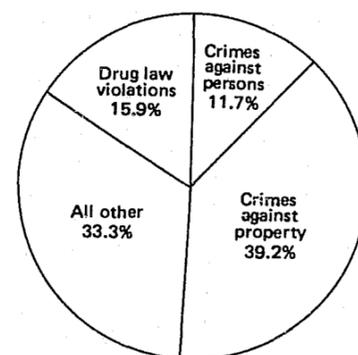


Chart **H**
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN LOWER AND SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
 Percent Distribution of Type of Convicted Offense by Sex

MALE



FEMALE



Notes: Excludes 99 arrestees whose sex was unknown. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Table 10.

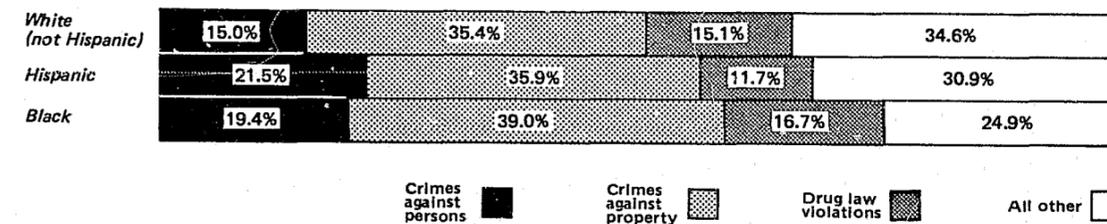
CONVICTION BY RACE/ETHNIC GROUP OF ARRESTEE

■ A greater proportion of Hispanics and blacks than whites (not Hispanic) were convicted of crimes against persons (21.5 and 19.4 versus 15.0 percent).



Chart **I**
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN LOWER AND SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
 Percent Distribution of Type of Convicted Offense by Race/Ethnic Group

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP



Notes: Excludes 1,546 arrestees of "other" race/ethnic groups and 1,695 arrestees whose race/ethnic group was unknown. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Table 10.

OFFENDER ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

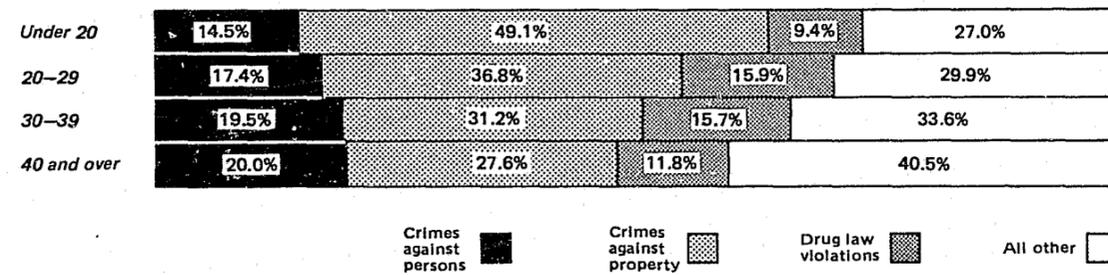
CONVICTION BY AGE OF ARRESTEE

- The proportion of felony arrestees convicted of crimes against persons increased with age, while the proportion convicted of crimes against property decreased with age.



Chart J
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN LOWER AND SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Percent Distribution of Type of Convicted Offense by Age

AGE



Notes: Excludes 380 arrestees whose age was unknown.
Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Table 10.

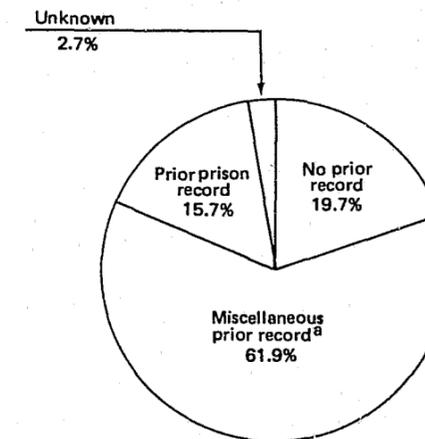
SEX BY PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD

- Of males convicted in superior court, 15.7 percent had a prior prison commitment compared to 4.9 percent of females.
- Of females convicted in superior court, 34.3 percent had no prior criminal record compared to 19.7 percent of males.

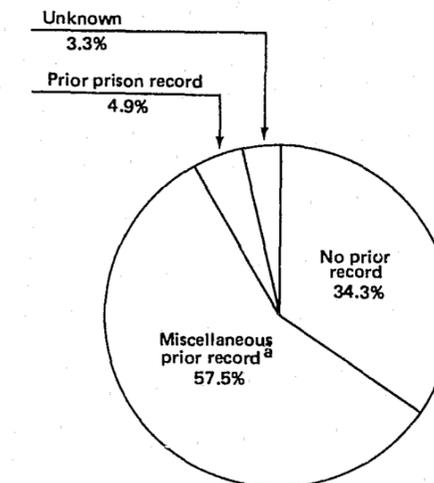


Chart K
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Percent Distribution of Prior Criminal Record by Sex

MALE



FEMALE



^a Any number of arrests or convictions with a sentence(s) of less than prison.
Note: Excludes 35 arrestees whose sex was unknown.

Source: Table 11.

OFFENDER ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

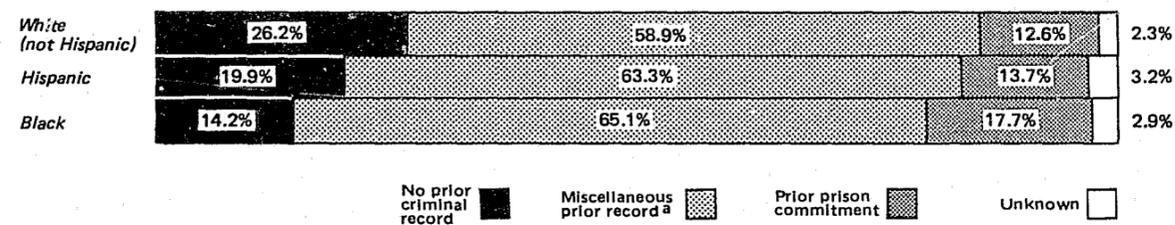
RACE/ETHNIC GROUP BY PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD

- Of adult felony arrestees convicted in superior court, proportionately fewer white (not Hispanic) defendants had prior criminal records (miscellaneous and prison) than Hispanic or black defendants.



Chart L
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Percent Distribution of Prior Criminal Record by Race/Ethnic Group

RACE/ETHNIC GROUP



^a Any number of arrests or convictions with a sentence(s) of less than prison.
Notes: Excludes 525 arrestees of "other" race/ethnic groups and 766 arrestees whose race/ethnic group was unknown. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Table 11.

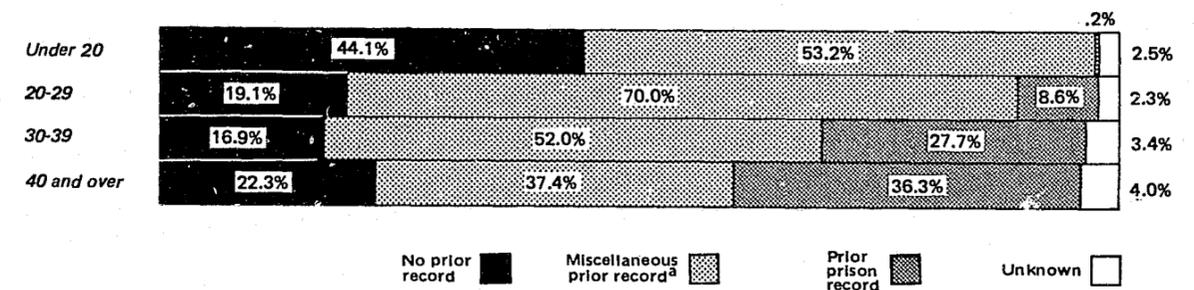
AGE BY PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD

- The proportion of superior court defendants with a prior prison commitment increased with age, while the proportion with no prior record decreased with age for defendants under age 40. The proportion with a miscellaneous prior record decreased with age for defendants age 20 and over.



Chart M
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Percent Distribution of Prior Criminal Record by Age

AGE



^a Any number of arrests or convictions with a sentence(s) of less than prison.
Note: Excludes 277 arrestees whose age was unknown.

Source: Table 11.

OFFENDER ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

SENTENCE BY PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD

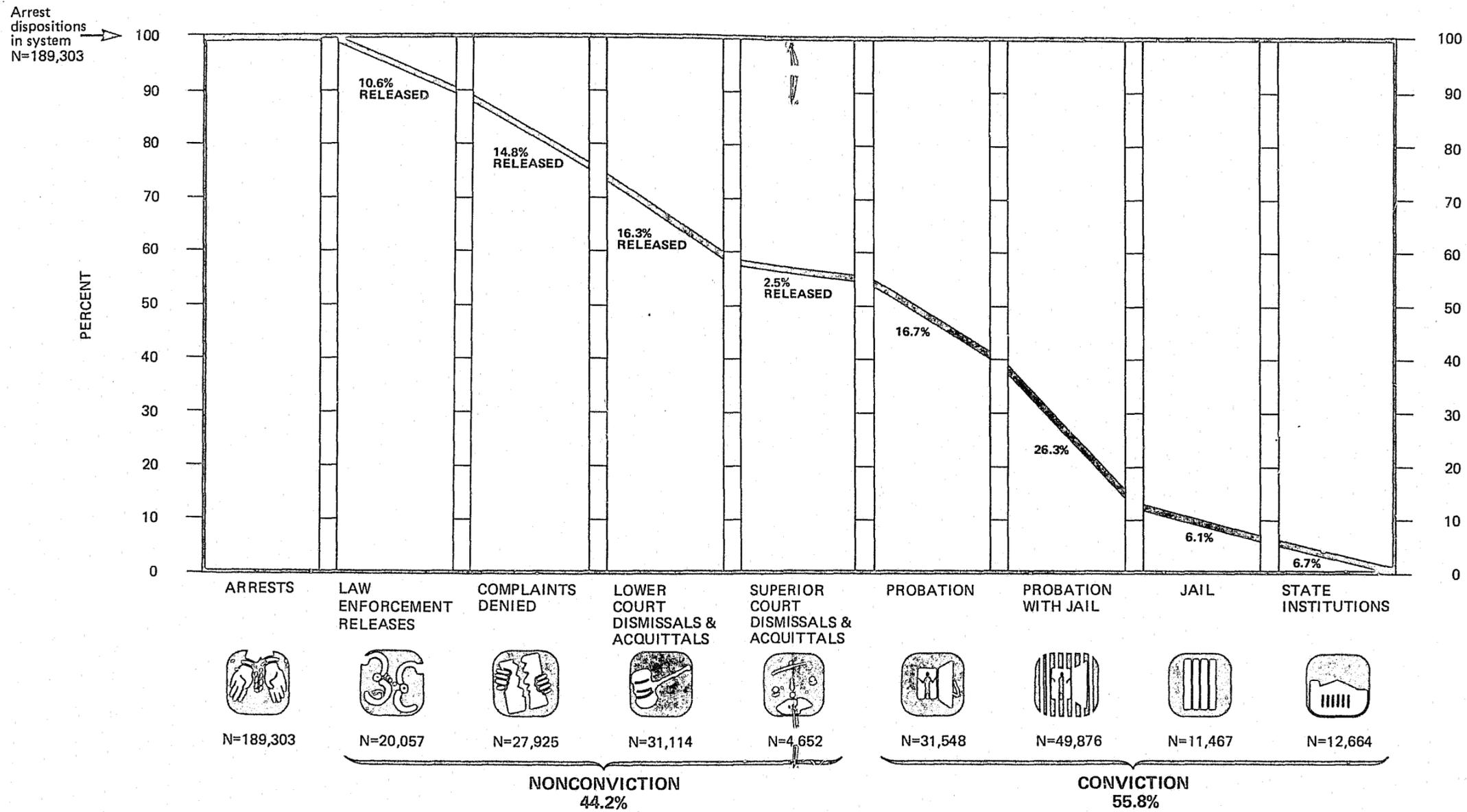
Superior courts treated defendants with prior prison records more severely than those with miscellaneous prior records or no prior records.

- Straight probation sentences were given more often to those with no prior criminal record (19.4 percent) than to those with miscellaneous prior records (10.2 percent) or prior prison records (5.4 percent).
- Similarly, combined probation and jail sentences were given more often to those with no prior criminal record (63.6 percent) than to those with miscellaneous prior records (55.5 percent) or prior prison records (29.0 percent).
- Conversely, sentences to state institutions were given more often to those with prior prison records (62.0 percent) than to those with miscellaneous prior records (31.3 percent) or no prior criminal record (15.7 percent).



DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980

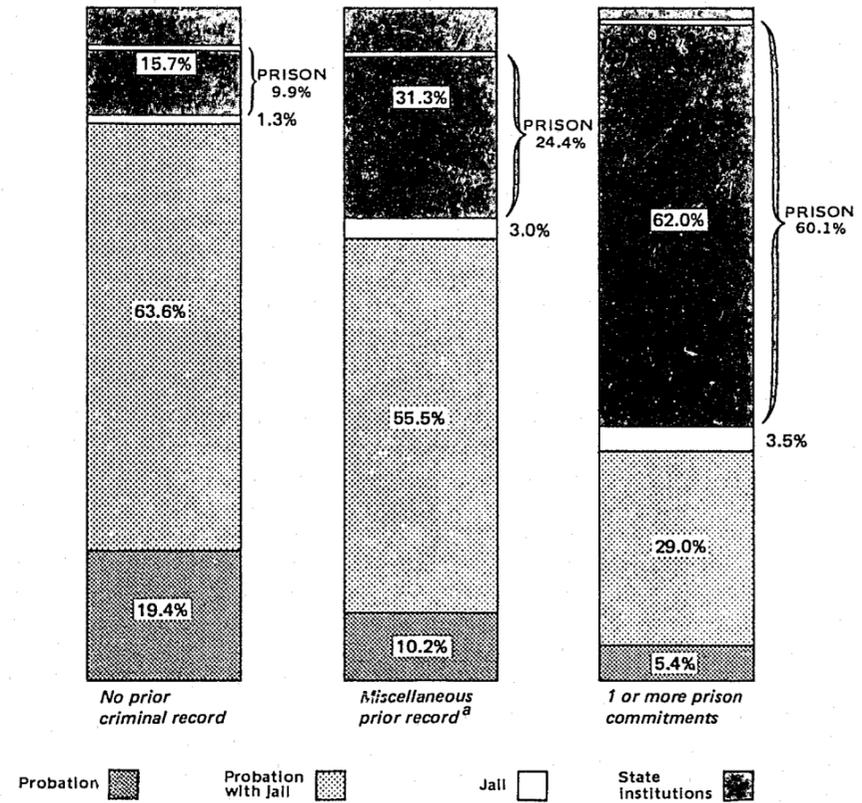
"SYSTEM FALLOUT"



Notes: Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended).
 State institutions are comprised of prison, Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered and sex offenders).
 Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences.

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Chart N
 ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
 Sentence by Prior Criminal Record



^a Any number of arrests or convictions with a sentence(s) of less than prison.
 Notes: Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended).
 The state institutions segment above the white line is comprised of Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered sex offenders).
 Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences.
 Excludes 1,081 arrestees whose prior criminal record was unknown.
 Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Table 8.

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SENTENCE BY EXISTING CRIMINAL STATUS

Defendants who were on probation or parole at time of arrest were treated more severely by superior courts.

- Defendants received straight probation sentences more frequently if not under commitment at time of arrest (14.1 percent) than if on probation (7.6 percent) or on parole (4.1 percent).
- Similarly, defendants received combined probation and jail sentences more often if not under commitment at time of arrest (58.4 percent) or on probation (51.0 percent) than if on parole (29.1 percent).
- Defendants received state institution sentences more frequently if on parole at time of arrest (63.0 percent) than if on probation (38.0 percent) or not under commitment (25.4 percent).

An offender may go to trial while serving a sentence for a previous conviction. Sentences received by those who were serving terms in institutions may be for crimes committed in addition to the offense(s) which resulted in the commitment to an institution.

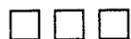
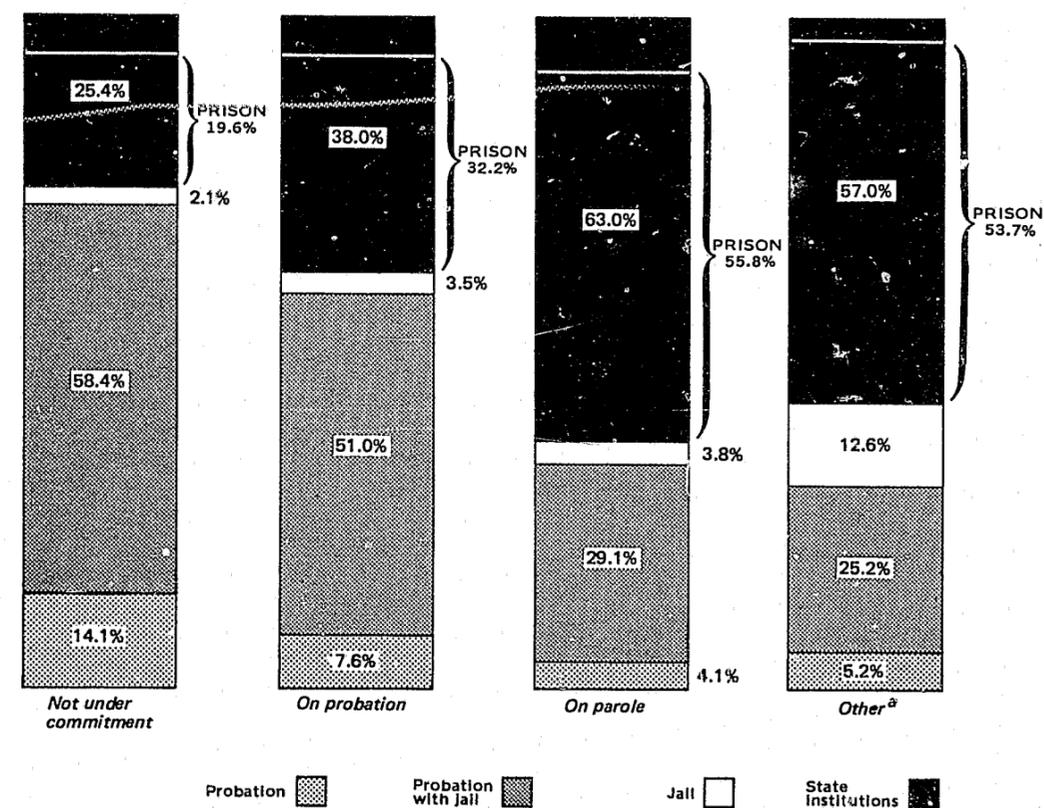


Chart O
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Sentence by Existing Criminal Status



^a Confined in California, federal, or other state penal institutions.
Notes: Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended). The state institutions segment above the white line is comprised of Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered sex offenders). Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences. Excludes 1,081 arrestees whose existing criminal status was unknown. Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.

Source: Table 9.

POPULATION ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

SYSTEM'S RESPONSE BY SIZE OF COUNTY POPULATION

Adult felony arrest dispositions were analyzed by the size of population of the county in which the arrest was processed. Analysis was by pretrial release rates (law enforcement releases and complaints denied), court releases, and convictions (all arrestees sentenced).

In general, the smaller the county, the more severely the offenders were treated.

Chart P shows:

- Pretrial release rates were much higher in counties of 1,000,000 and over population (31.9 percent) than in the three groups of counties with smaller populations (16.9, 7.4, and 9.6 percent, respectively).
- Except for counties with populations of 1,000,000 and over, lower court dismissal and acquittal rates were lowest in counties of under 200,000 population and rose proportionately with increases in populations up to 1,000,000 (19.8, 22.2, and 24.5 percent, respectively).
- Superior court dismissal and acquittal rates were highest in counties of under 200,000 population and lowest in counties of 1,000,000 and over population (3.8 and 2.1 percent, respectively).
- Conviction rates were higher in counties of under 200,000 population and in those of 200,000 to 500,000 population (66.8 percent for both groups) than in counties of 500,000 to 1,000,000 population and in those of 1,000,000 and over population (55.9 and 53.5 percent, respectively).
- Probation and combined probation and jail sentences were both proportionately more frequent in the two groups of less populated counties than in the two groups of more populated counties.
- Sentences to jails and state institutions were most prevalent in counties with populations of under 200,000 (18.6 percent) and least prevalent in counties with populations of 1,000,000 and over (11.7 percent).

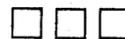
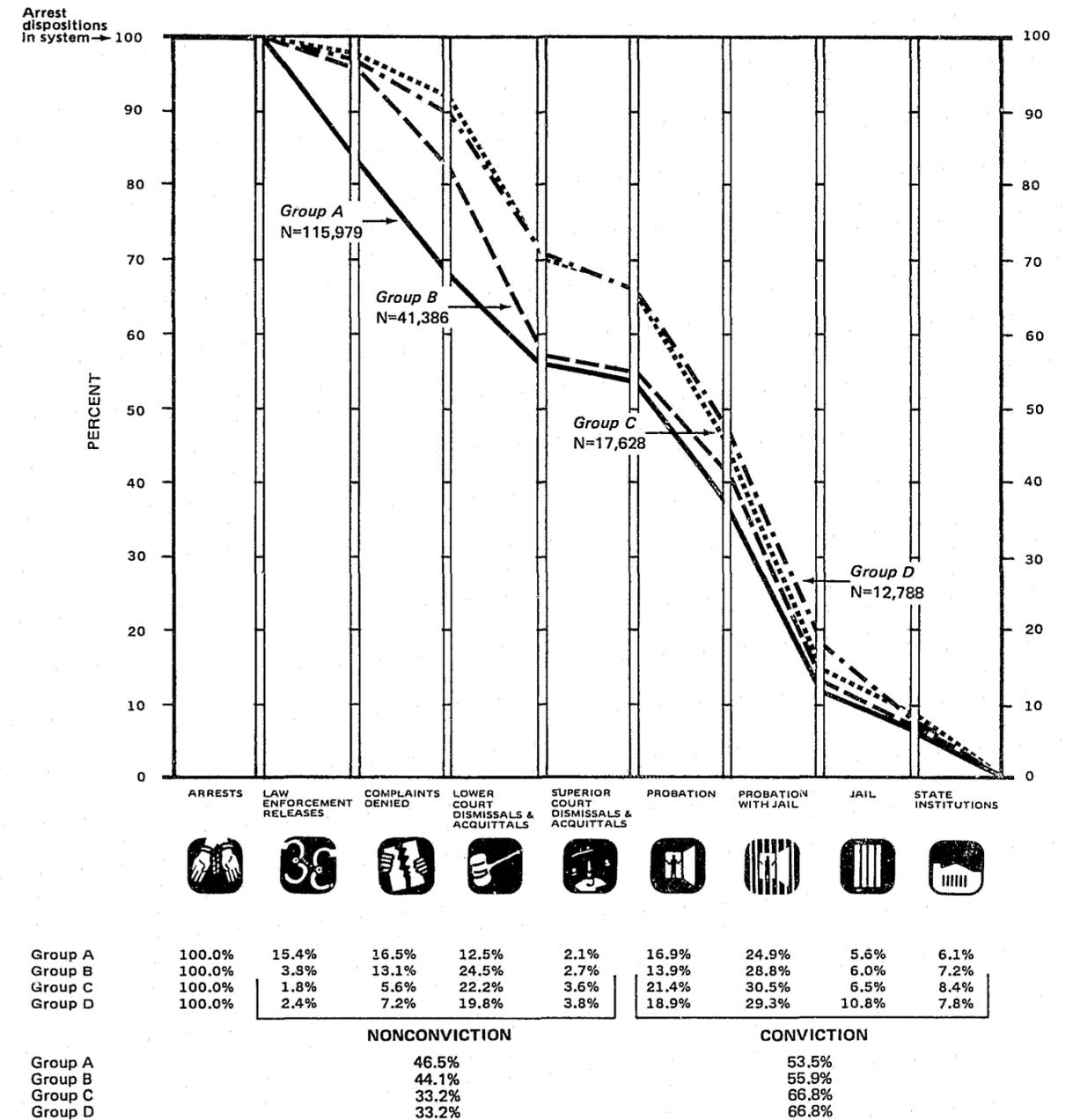


Chart P
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Disposition by County Population Group Size



Notes: Probation includes straight probation, fine, and other (no sentence given and sentence suspended). State Institutions are comprised of prison, Youth Authority, California Rehabilitation Center, and state hospitals (mentally disordered sex offenders). Prison includes 24 death penalty sentences. Excludes 355 adult felony arrests (8 law enforcement releases and 347 complaints denied) made by state agencies (i.e., noncounty agencies) and 1,167 dispositions of institutional arrests made in counties operating under the provisions of Penal Code Section 4703 (i.e., Kern, Marin, Monterey, San Joaquin, Solano, and Tuolumne counties).
A — Counties of 1,000,000 and over population (Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, and Santa Clara).
B — Counties of 500,000 but less than 1,000,000 population (Contra Costa, Fresno, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Ventura).
C — Counties of 200,000 to 500,000 population (Kern, Marin, Monterey, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Tulare).
D — 36 other counties of under 200,000 population.
Source: Table 13.

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TABLE 2
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN LOWER AND SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Percent Distribution of Method of Conviction by County Population Group Size

Method of conviction	Total (N=105,480)	County population groups			
		1,000,000 and over (N=62,038)	500,000 to 1,000,000 (N=23,127)	200,000 to 500,000 (N=11,769)	Less than 200,000 (N=8,546)
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Guilty plea	95.8	96.2	95.9	94.9	94.0
Jury trial	3.0	2.5	3.3	4.4	4.4
Court trial	1.0	1.1	.7	.6	1.5
Transcript	.2	.2	.1	.1	.2

Notes: Excludes 75 dispositions of institutional arrests made in counties operating under the provisions of Penal Code Section 4703.
Percents may not add to 100.0 because of rounding.
Source: Table 13.

CONVICTION METHOD BY COUNTY POPULATION

Table 2 points out differences in the conviction method among counties of varying population.

- Of the 105,480 defendants reported convicted in California courts during 1980, over 95 percent were convicted by guilty plea.
- Of those convicted by juries, proportionately more were from the two groups of less populated counties.

In summary, counties with populations of under 500,000 showed a lower pretrial release rate, a higher conviction rate, and a higher percentage of convictions which resulted from jury trials. This resulted in a higher percentage of offenders in each of the sentencing categories than counties with populations of 500,000 and over.



DATA SECTION



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ADULT
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DISPOSITIONS

DATA SOURCE

The final dispositions of adults arrested for felony offenses were reported to BCS by law enforcement, prosecutor, and court agencies in all 58 California counties. These dispositions were reported on the "Disposition of Arrest and Court Action" form (JUS 8715) by most agencies.

San Francisco County and Santa Clara County agencies submitted dispositions on computer-generated reports, and the Los Angeles Police Department reported dispositions on a document similar to the JUS 8715 form entitled "Consolidated Booking Form" (Form 05.09.0).

DATA LIMITATIONS

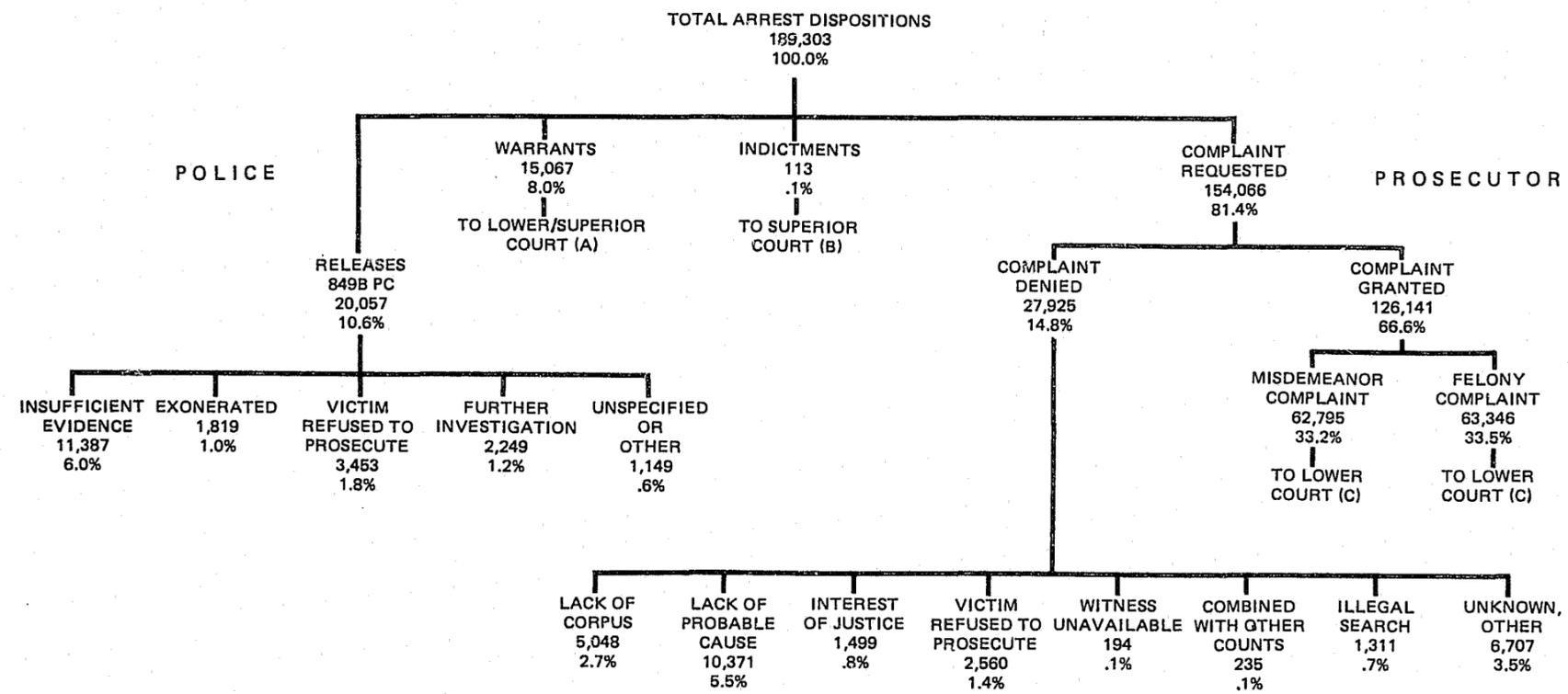
The following general information and limitations must be considered in analyzing, interpreting, and using 1980 OBTS data:

1. These data do not represent all adult felony arrests or all dispositions made at any particular level of the criminal justice system during the disposition year. For 1980, BCS received reports on approximately 70 percent of the adult felony arrests which received final dispositions during the calendar year. In spite of this underreporting, the arrest dispositions received generally describe the "statewide" processing of these arrestees. However, comparisons of county and local data should be used with caution, as underreporting varies between jurisdictions and from year to year.
2. These data reflect 1980 dispositions resulting from arrests made in 1980 or before. There is an important difference between arrest data and OBTS adult felony disposition data reported by BCS. Arrest data are identified by the year the arrest occurred. OBTS data are identified by the year of disposition, no matter when the arrest occurred, and may be reported a year or more after the actual arrest.
3. If an arrestee is charged with multiple offenses, OBTS records only the most serious offense, based on the severity of possible punishment, at time of arrest and at final court conviction.
4. Under Penal Code Section 4703, county prosecutors may elect to refer institutional arrests to the Attorney General for prosecution. During 1980, inmate arrests made at correctional facilities in Kern, Marin, Monterey, San Joaquin, Solano, and Tuolumne counties were referred to the Attorney General for prosecution. County statistics do *not* include arrest disposition data for these persons; however, these data are included in the statewide statistics contained in this report. In addition, inmate arrests made at the Parlin Fork and Chamberlin Creek Conservation Camps in Mendocino County were also referred to the Attorney General; however, BCS has no unique code to identify institutional arrests. Therefore, arrest disposition data from these two institutions are included in county and statewide reports.
5. It is not advisable to make statistical comparisons between OBTS data for the years 1975-1980 and superior court disposition and felony filing data published by BCS prior to 1975 since these disposition data were collected through different reporting systems.
6. OBTS data on state institutional commitments may vary from data compiled and reported by other state agencies because of differences in data collection systems. For example, the California Department of Corrections (CDC) counts the number of defendants actually received by CDC institutions, even though a defendant may have been convicted and sentenced in two or more counties. OBTS, however, counts each commitment.
7. In all counties except Amador, Glenn, Mariposa, Mono, and Plumas, there is a small difference in the number of total dispositions depending upon whether the data are displayed by county of arrest (e.g., disposition tree) or by county of final disposition (e.g., disposition table). This is because a few arrests may not have been disposed of in the county of arrest.
8. The total number of felony arrest dispositions reported by some sparsely populated counties is so low that it may invalidate any proportionate comparisons that may be made.

"Disposition tree" reports, as well as tabular data, are available by county, arresting agency, judicial district, arrest offense, conviction offense, age, race/ethnic group, and sex. For arrests disposed of in superior court, data are also available on the defendant's prior criminal record and existing probation, parole, or institutional status at time of arrest. Data requests should be submitted to the Bureau of Criminal Statistics and Special Services, P. O. Box 13427, Sacramento, CA 95813. Questions about 1980 OBTS data may be directed to the Statistical Analysis Center at (916) 323-7375.



CHART Q
1980 DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR FELONY OFFENSES
 Felony Arrest Disposition Summary
 Police and Prosecutor Processing



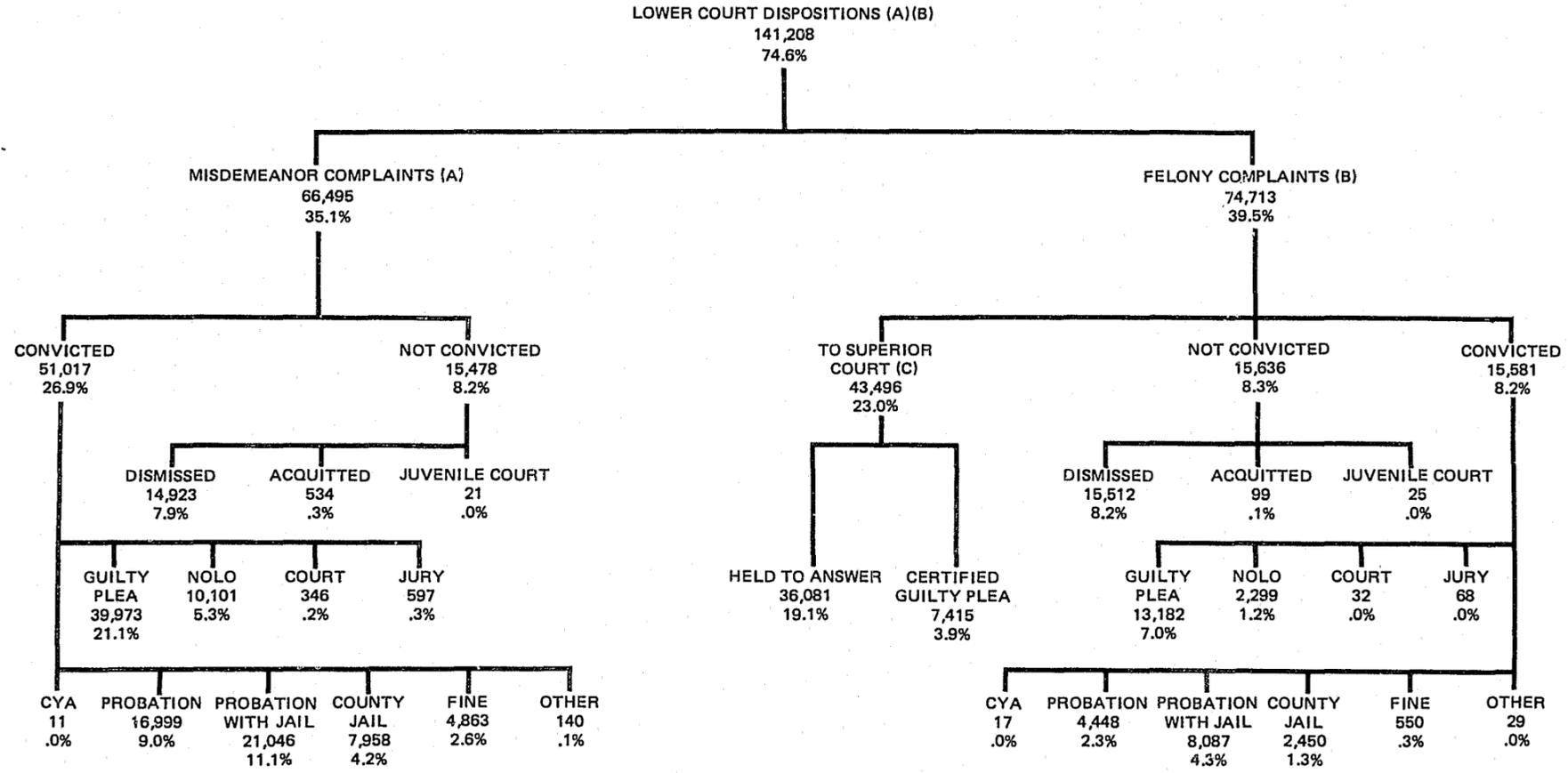
(A) WARRANTS CONTINUED ON PAGE 40.

(B) GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS CONTINUED ON PAGE 41.

(C) LOWER COURT PROCESSING CONTINUED ON PAGE 40.

NOTE: IT IS ESTIMATED THAT STATEWIDE DATA ARE 30 PERCENT UNDERREPORTED. INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES MAY VARY.

CHART R
 1980 DISPOSITIONS OF ADULTS ARRESTED FOR FELONY OFFENSES
 Felony Arrest Disposition Summary
 Lower Court Processing



(A) INCLUDES 62,795 MISDEMEANOR COMPLAINTS GRANTED AND 3,700 MISDEMEANOR WARRANTS FROM PAGE 39.
 (B) INCLUDES 63,346 FELONY COMPLAINTS GRANTED AND 11,367 FELONY WARRANTS FROM PAGE 39.
 (C) SUPERIOR COURT PROCESSING CONTINUED ON PAGE 41.

TABLE 3
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by Arrest Offense

Type of disposition	Total	Arrest offense								
		Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Motor vehicle theft	Drug law violations	All other
Disposition of felony arrests	189,303	2,009	3,126	13,931	29,779	33,328	25,753	10,621	40,451	30,305
Law enforcement releases	20,057	235	453	2,513	3,107	3,410	2,645	2,305	3,667	1,722
Complaints denied	27,925	177	647	2,010	4,702	2,950	3,441	1,948	8,163	3,887
Complaints filed	141,321	1,597	2,026	9,408	21,970	26,968	19,667	6,368	28,621	24,695
Misdemeanor	66,495	28	233	1,363	13,474	11,171	10,585	3,384	13,745	12,512
Felony	74,826	1,569	1,793	8,045	8,496	15,797	9,082	2,984	14,876	12,184
Lower court dispositions	97,712	277	737	3,507	17,593	16,771	15,371	4,889	20,717	17,850
Dismissed	30,481	246	440	2,062	5,280	3,970	4,435	1,379	8,598	4,071
Acquitted	633	0	7	15	237	86	99	32	66	91
Convicted	66,598	31	290	1,430	12,076	12,715	10,837	3,478	12,053	13,688
Guilty plea	65,555	29	284	1,409	11,692	12,571	10,675	3,434	11,949	13,512
Jury trial	665	2	6	12	282	89	101	27	48	98
Court trial	378	0	0	9	102	55	61	17	56	78
Sentence	66,598	31	290	1,430	12,076	12,715	10,837	3,478	12,053	13,688
Youth Authority	28	0	1	0	5	9	4	3	1	5
Probation	21,447	8	89	298	4,055	3,148	3,324	688	4,088	5,749
Probation with jail	29,133	17	148	737	5,474	6,877	5,164	1,862	3,778	5,076
Jail	10,408	5	43	345	1,770	2,274	1,852	815	1,745	1,559
Fine	5,413	1	8	49	743	392	478	106	2,360	1,276
Other	169	0	1	1	29	15	15	4	81	23
Superior court dispositions	43,609	1,320	1,289	5,901	4,377	10,197	4,296	1,479	7,904	6,846
Dismissed	3,906	104	147	471	449	666	395	110	1,074	490
Acquitted	746	59	64	105	145	89	53	20	94	117
Convicted	38,957	1,157	1,078	5,325	3,783	9,442	3,848	1,349	6,736	6,239
Original plea of guilty	15,768	324	331	1,614	1,490	3,853	1,928	562	2,428	3,238
Change plea to guilty	19,787	484	516	3,128	1,822	5,109	1,720	725	3,735	2,548
Jury trial	2,551	299	198	468	363	362	163	51	319	328
Court trial	666	45	31	92	100	96	29	9	160	104
Trial by transcript	185	5	2	23	8	22	8	2	94	21
Sentence	38,957	1,157	1,078	5,325	3,783	9,442	3,848	1,349	6,736	6,239
Death	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison	10,311	769	460	2,378	983	2,369	677	305	921	1,449
Youth Authority	1,653	67	68	552	176	485	64	77	69	95
Probation	4,424	42	56	204	481	730	713	106	1,185	907
Probation with jail	20,743	247	379	2,068	1,994	5,404	2,227	793	4,331	3,300
Jail	1,059	8	25	87	133	300	136	62	90	218
Fine	82	0	2	1	5	8	4	0	40	22
California Rehabilitation Center	352	0	2	32	6	139	27	4	94	48
State hospital - MDSO ^a	296	0	84	3	4	6	0	2	0	197
Other	13	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	6	3

^a Confined to state hospital as a mentally disordered sex offender.

Note: It is estimated that statewide data are 30 percent underreported. Individual counties may vary.

TABLE 4
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN LOWER AND SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Court of Conviction and Sentence by Convicted Offense

Court of conviction	Total	Convicted offense								
		Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Theft	Motor vehicle theft	Drug law violations	All other
Total convictions	105,555	993	598	3,905	13,208	13,057	21,273	4,107	15,455	32,959
Lower court	66,598	0	0	0	9,339	4,697	14,865	2,694	8,891	26,112
Guilty plea	65,555	0	0	0	8,971	4,618	14,665	2,653	8,818	25,830
Jury trial	665	0	0	0	268	62	119	30	37	149
Court trial	378	0	0	0	100	17	81	11	36	133
Sentence	66,598	0	0	0	9,339	4,697	14,865	2,694	8,891	26,112
Youth Authority	28	0	0	0	7	4	4	5	1	7
Probation	21,447	0	0	0	2,813	790	4,236	467	2,494	10,647
Probation with jail	29,133	0	0	0	4,678	2,941	7,613	1,555	3,033	9,313
Jail	10,408	0	0	0	1,461	912	2,559	633	1,520	3,323
Fine	5,413	0	0	0	368	49	442	32	1,780	2,742
Other	169	0	0	0	12	1	11	2	63	80
Superior court	38,957	993	598	3,905	3,869	8,360	6,408	1,413	6,564	6,847
Original plea of guilty	15,768	264	139	1,045	1,492	3,308	3,186	646	2,357	3,331
Change plea to guilty	19,787	396	285	2,345	1,894	4,582	2,951	721	3,642	2,971
Jury trial	2,551	282	151	433	373	364	198	38	312	400
Court trial	666	48	22	66	99	89	56	7	160	119
Trial by transcript	185	3	1	16	11	17	17	1	93	26
Sentence	38,957	993	598	3,905	3,869	8,360	6,408	1,413	6,564	6,847
Death	24	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison	10,311	713	369	2,253	892	2,300	1,059	314	874	1,537
Youth Authority	1,653	59	53	488	161	477	158	90	63	104
Probation	4,424	35	6	84	481	542	1,046	98	1,174	958
Probation with jail	20,743	159	114	1,046	2,143	4,701	3,881	833	4,225	3,641
Jail	1,059	3	2	8	172	199	212	68	92	303
Fine	82	0	1	0	6	5	6	0	39	25
California Rehabilitation Center	352	0	0	23	6	125	46	8	92	52
State hospital - MDSO ^a	296	0	53	3	5	10	0	2	0	223
Other	13	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	5	4

^a Confined to state hospital as a mentally disordered sex offender.
Notes: It is estimated that statewide data are 30 percent underreported. Individual counties may vary.
These convicted offense data include both misdemeanors and felonies.

TABLE 5
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by Sex

Type of disposition	Total	Sex		Unknown
		Male	Female	
Disposition of felony arrests	189,303	164,052	25,080	171
Law enforcement releases	20,057	17,700	2,334	23
Complaints denied	27,925	24,271	3,639	15
Complaints filed	141,321	122,081	19,107	133
Misdemeanor	66,495	57,013	9,410	72
Felony	74,826	65,068	9,697	61
Lower court dispositions	97,712	83,271	14,344	97
Dismissed	30,481	25,833	4,616	32
Acquitted	633	567	65	1
Convicted	66,598	56,871	9,663	64
Guilty plea	65,555	55,969	9,524	62
Jury trial	665	566	98	1
Court trial	378	336	41	1
Sentence	66,598	56,871	9,663	64
Youth Authority	28	26	2	0
Probation	21,447	17,246	4,182	19
Probation with jail	29,133	25,408	3,699	26
Jail	10,408	9,447	947	14
Fine	5,413	4,591	817	5
Other	169	153	16	0
Superior court dispositions	43,609	38,810	4,763	36
Dismissed	3,906	3,383	522	1
Acquitted	746	677	69	0
Convicted	38,957	34,750	4,172	35
Original plea of guilty	15,768	13,768	1,987	13
Change plea to guilty	19,787	17,805	1,963	19
Jury trial	2,551	2,414	134	3
Court trial	666	603	63	0
Trial by transcript	185	160	25	0
Sentence	38,957	34,750	4,172	35
Death	24	24	0	0
Prison	10,311	9,739	561	11
Youth Authority	1,653	1,608	45	0
Probation	4,424	3,420	1,002	2
Probation with jail	20,743	18,302	2,420	21
Jail	1,059	988	70	1
Fine	82	68	14	0
California Rehabilitation Center	352	296	56	0
State hospital — MDSO ^a	296	293	3	0
Other	13	12	1	0

^a Confined to state hospital as a mentally disordered sex offender.
Note: It is estimated that statewide data are 30 percent underreported. Individual counties may vary.

TABLE 6
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by Race/Ethnic Group

Type of disposition	Total	Race/ethnic group				
		White (not Hispanic)	Hispanic	Black	Other	Unknown
Disposition of felony arrests	189,303	88,515	39,375	55,931	2,683	2,799
Law enforcement releases	20,057	7,218	4,792	7,704	197	146
Complaints denied	27,925	10,781	6,029	10,352	326	437
Complaints filed	141,321	70,516	28,554	37,875	2,160	2,216
Misdemeanor	66,495	33,901	14,167	16,643	984	800
Felony	74,826	36,615	14,387	21,232	1,176	1,416
Lower court dispositions	97,712	50,440	19,835	24,523	1,572	1,342
Dismissed	30,481	15,258	5,441	8,836	541	405
Acquitted	633	322	120	173	10	8
Convicted	66,598	34,860	14,274	15,514	1,021	929
Guilty plea	65,555	34,360	14,050	15,236	996	913
Jury trial	665	324	147	166	14	14
Court trial	378	176	77	112	11	2
Sentence	66,598	34,860	14,274	15,514	1,021	929
Youth Authority	28	15	6	5	1	1
Probation	21,447	12,144	4,242	4,269	373	419
Probation with jail	29,133	14,363	6,614	7,395	403	358
Jail	10,408	4,746	2,483	2,923	173	83
Fine	5,413	3,498	901	878	69	67
Other	169	94	28	44	2	1
Superior court dispositions	43,609	20,076	8,719	13,352	588	874
Dismissed	3,906	1,682	698	1,380	54	92
Acquitted	746	315	144	262	9	16
Convicted	38,957	18,079	7,877	11,710	525	766
Original plea of guilty	15,768	8,262	3,181	3,768	210	347
Change plea to guilty	19,787	8,463	4,048	6,662	264	350
Jury trial	2,551	1,039	490	928	40	54
Court trial	666	255	122	269	10	10
Trial by transcript	185	60	36	83	1	5
Sentence	38,957	18,079	7,877	11,710	525	766
Death	24	10	4	8	1	1
Prison	10,311	4,136	2,309	3,492	125	249
Youth Authority	1,653	618	375	606	18	36
Probation	4,424	2,358	671	1,219	67	109
Probation with jail	20,743	10,075	4,134	5,916	285	333
Jail	1,059	455	225	345	11	23
Fine	82	43	15	21	1	2
California Rehabilitation Center	352	167	99	68	12	6
State hospital - MDSO ^a	296	209	43	33	5	6
Other	13	8	2	2	0	1

^a Confined to state hospital as a mentally disordered sex offender.
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TABLE 7
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by Age

Type of disposition	Total	Age						Unknown
		Under 20 years	20-24 years	25-29 years	30-34 years	35-39 years	40 and over	
Disposition of felony arrests	189,303	23,257	69,970	41,395	24,248	12,503	17,286	644
Law enforcement releases	20,057	3,133	7,849	4,341	2,240	1,097	1,363	34
Complaints denied	27,925	3,697	10,363	6,150	3,543	1,788	2,332	52
Complaints filed	141,321	16,427	51,758	30,904	18,465	9,618	13,591	558
Misdemeanor	66,495	8,829	25,061	13,895	7,895	4,177	6,527	111
Felony	74,826	7,598	26,697	17,009	10,570	5,441	7,064	447
Lower court dispositions	97,712	12,398	36,170	20,832	12,189	6,444	9,469	210
Dismissed	30,481	2,939	10,927	6,810	4,328	2,291	3,081	105
Acquitted	633	67	213	142	91	36	82	2
Convicted	66,598	9,392	25,030	13,880	7,770	4,117	6,306	103
Guilty plea	65,555	9,302	24,642	13,659	7,636	4,044	6,171	101
Jury trial	665	49	234	141	96	48	96	1
Court trial	378	41	154	80	38	25	39	1
Sentence	66,598	9,392	25,030	13,880	7,770	4,117	6,306	103
Youth Authority	28	11	17	0	0	0	0	0
Probation	21,447	2,918	7,548	4,369	2,622	1,437	2,529	24
Probation with jail	29,133	4,393	11,281	6,107	3,216	1,743	2,351	42
Jail	10,408	1,225	4,038	2,329	1,309	605	873	29
Fine	5,413	825	2,077	1,037	601	322	543	8
Other	169	20	69	38	22	10	10	0
Superior court dispositions	43,609	4,029	15,588	10,072	6,276	3,174	4,122	348
Dismissed	3,906	270	1,235	962	639	327	418	55
Acquitted	746	46	231	160	110	76	107	16
Convicted	38,957	3,713	14,122	8,950	5,527	2,771	3,597	277
Original plea of guilty	15,768	1,674	5,681	3,506	2,181	1,104	1,481	141
Change plea to guilty	19,787	1,813	7,314	4,650	2,828	1,373	1,694	115
Jury trial	2,551	162	820	609	411	213	322	14
Court trial	666	50	247	135	87	63	77	7
Trial by transcript	185	14	60	50	20	18	23	0
Sentence	38,957	3,713	14,122	8,950	5,527	2,771	3,597	277
Death	24	1	8	6	3	3	3	0
Prison	10,311	368	3,266	2,858	1,803	868	1,055	93
Youth Authority	1,653	858	791	0	0	0	0	4
Probation	4,424	302	1,353	974	684	414	660	37
Probation with jail	20,743	2,087	8,148	4,670	2,703	1,335	1,680	120
Jail	1,059	72	391	243	172	69	99	13
Fine	82	8	28	14	8	9	14	1
California Rehabilitation Center	352	3	74	122	93	33	24	3
State hospital - MDSO ^a	296	13	60	60	59	38	60	6
Other	13	1	3	3	2	2	2	0

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TABLE 8
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS IN SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by Prior Criminal Record

Type of disposition	Total	Prior criminal record					Unknown
		No prior record	Miscellaneous prior record ^a	One prior prison	Two prior prison	3-plus prior prison	
Superior court dispositions	43,609	9,244	26,742	3,943	1,461	944	1,275
Dismissed	3,906	770	2,377	350	150	88	171
Acquitted	746	199	422	66	17	19	23
Convicted	38,957	8,275	23,943	3,527	1,294	837	1,081
Original plea of guilty	15,768	3,916	9,451	1,192	439	281	489
Change plea to guilty	19,787	3,704	12,527	1,917	677	457	505
Jury trial	2,551	443	1,468	342	150	83	65
Court trial	666	163	385	66	21	13	18
Trial by transcript	185	49	112	10	7	3	4
Sentence	38,957	8,275	23,943	3,527	1,294	837	1,081
Death	24	6	10	6	1	1	0
Prison	10,311	812	5,842	2,018	842	531	266
Youth Authority	1,653	395	1,210	1	0	0	47
Probation	4,424	1,577	2,395	194	64	42	152
Probation with jail	20,743	5,260	13,283	1,111	317	214	558
Jail	1,059	109	713	115	50	35	37
Fine	82	27	48	3	0	1	3
California Rehabilitation Center	352	7	253	56	13	11	12
State hospital — MDSO ^b	296	81	180	21	7	2	5
Other	13	1	9	2	0	0	1

^a Any number of arrests or convictions with a sentence(s) of less than prison.
^b Confined to state hospital as a mentally disordered sex offender.
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TABLE 9
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS IN SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by Existing Criminal Status

Type of disposition	Total	Existing criminal status							Unknown
		Not under commitment	On probation	On CRC parole	Youth Authority parole	On prison parole	Serving nonprison term	Serving prison term	
Superior court dispositions	43,609	28,033	9,504	497	1,344	2,377	402	177	1,275
Dismissed	3,906	2,535	812	39	105	211	25	8	171
Acquitted	746	534	124	8	19	32	3	3	23
Convicted	38,957	24,964	8,568	450	1,220	2,134	374	166	1,081
Original plea of guilty	15,768	10,517	3,169	191	408	714	190	90	489
Change plea to guilty	19,787	12,270	4,708	231	689	1,164	163	57	505
Jury trial	2,551	1,577	536	23	104	220	11	15	65
Court trial	666	467	122	2	16	28	9	4	18
Trial by transcript	185	133	33	3	3	8	1	0	4
Sentence	38,957	24,964	8,568	450	1,220	2,134	374	166	1,081
Death	24	14	4	0	2	4	0	0	0
Prison	10,311	4,882	2,757	238	508	1,370	145	145	266
Youth Authority	1,653	1,055	328	0	210	0	13	0	47
Probation	4,424	3,455	637	32	39	81	24	4	152
Probation with jail	20,743	14,574	4,367	135	401	572	124	12	558
Jail	1,059	513	297	13	48	83	63	5	37
Fine	82	66	12	0	0	1	0	0	3
California Rehabilitation Center . .	352	167	117	30	8	15	3	0	12
State hospital — MDSO ^a	296	231	46	0	4	8	2	0	5
Other	13	7	3	2	0	0	0	0	1

^a Confined to state hospital as a mentally disordered sex offender.

Note: It is estimated that statewide data are 30 percent underreported. Individual counties may vary.

TABLE 10
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN LOWER AND SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Type of Convicted Offense by Sex, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age

Sex, race/ethnic group, and age	Total	Type of convicted offense			
		Crimes against persons	Crimes against property	Drug law violations	All other
Total	105,555	18,704	38,437	15,455	32,959
Male	91,621	17,074	32,984	13,241	28,322
Female	13,835	1,615	5,419	2,198	4,603
Unknown	99	15	34	16	34
White (not Hispanic)	52,939	7,941	18,724	7,969	18,305
Hispanic	22,151	4,767	7,946	2,583	6,855
Black	27,224	5,272	10,626	4,556	6,770
Other	1,546	367	514	162	503
Unknown	1,695	357	627	185	526
Under 20 years	13,105	1,898	6,438	1,228	3,541
20-29 years	61,982	10,798	22,833	9,839	18,512
30-39 years	20,185	3,943	6,290	3,164	6,788
40 and over	9,903	1,980	2,737	1,173	4,013
Unknown	380	85	139	51	105

Note: It is estimated that statewide data are 30 percent underreported. Individual counties may vary.

TABLE 11
ADULT FELONY ARRESTEES CONVICTED IN SUPERIOR COURTS, 1980
Prior Criminal Record by Sex, Race/Ethnic Group, and Age

Sex, race/ethnic group, and age	Total	Prior criminal record			
		No prior record	Miscellaneous prior record ^a	Prior prison record	Unknown
Total	38,957	8,275	23,943	5,658	1,081
Male	34,750	6,840	21,522	5,446	942
Female	4,172	1,432	2,398	205	137
Unknown	35	3	23	7	2
White (not Hispanic)	18,079	4,730	10,648	2,287	414
Hispanic	7,877	1,564	4,983	1,078	252
Black	11,710	1,664	7,628	2,075	343
Other	525	120	317	65	23
Unknown	766	197	367	153	49
Under 20 years	3,713	1,639	1,974	8	92
20-29 years	23,072	4,412	16,150	1,977	533
30-39 years	8,298	1,404	4,316	2,297	281
40 and over	3,597	802	1,347	1,305	143
Unknown	277	18	156	71	32

^aAny number of arrests or convictions with a sentence(s) of less than prison.
Note: It is estimated that statewide data are 30 percent underreported. Individual counties may vary.

TABLE 12 - Continued
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by County

Type of disposition	County									
	Fresno	Glenn	Humboldt	Imperial	Inyo	Kern	Kings	Lake	Lassen	Los Angeles
Disposition of felony arrests	4,091	137	793	845	173	4,212	756	179	191	70,044
Law enforcement releases	211	3	3	97	0	175	15	2	2	12,652
Complaints denied	295	7	62	114	1	216	39	28	88	13,056
Complaints filed	3,585	127	728	634	172	3,821	702	149	101	44,336
Misdemeanor	1,355	46	233	192	52	1,595	253	51	47	26,926
Felony	2,230	81	495	442	120	2,226	449	98	54	17,410
Lower court dispositions	3,021	66	539	491	129	2,884	534	86	66	29,791
Dismissed	1,324	13	232	152	37	960	225	19	11	7,162
Acquitted	11	0	5	1	3	6	3	0	0	266
Convicted	1,686	53	302	338	89	1,918	306	67	55	22,363
Guilty plea	1,667	50	295	334	80	1,900	290	66	54	21,987
Jury trial	14	2	6	2	2	17	9	1	1	224
Court trial	5	1	1	2	7	1	7	0	0	152
Sentence	1,686	53	302	338	89	1,918	306	67	55	22,363
Youth Authority	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
Probation	506	14	109	121	29	1,002	28	14	7	7,846
Probation with jail	997	21	91	116	27	738	140	23	13	8,956
Jail	147	7	68	85	16	120	109	24	23	3,842
Fine	36	11	33	16	17	56	27	6	12	1,675
Other	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	39
Superior court dispositions	564	61	189	143	43	937	168	63	35	14,545
Dismissed	3	1	49	11	1	49	25	10	6	1,223
Acquitted	0	2	4	7	7	14	8	3	1	332
Convicted	561	58	136	125	35	874	135	50	28	12,990
Original plea of guilty	466	40	59	45	20	558	43	17	16	3,532
Change plea to guilty	45	10	64	69	13	246	57	26	6	8,175
Jury trial	44	6	11	11	0	69	31	6	3	764
Court trial	5	1	1	0	2	1	4	1	3	373
Trial by transcript	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	146
Sentence	561	58	136	125	35	874	135	50	28	12,990
Death	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Prison	204	9	23	31	2	288	69	18	14	3,459
Youth Authority	20	0	1	9	0	15	3	0	0	746
Probation	10	4	26	26	8	91	2	3	0	1,692
Probation with jail	299	38	75	43	25	455	54	25	7	6,451
Jail	6	7	7	10	0	7	3	3	7	390
Fine	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
California Rehabilitation Center	16	0	1	6	0	3	3	0	0	108
State hospital - MDSO	4	0	2	0	0	14	1	1	0	98
Other	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3

TABLE 12 — Continued
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by County

Type of disposition	County									
	Orange	Placer	Plumas	Riverside	Sacramento	San Benito	San Bernardino	San Diego	San Francisco	San Joaquin
Disposition of felony arrests	13,164	478	82	3,895	6,953	128	6,913	13,468	10,845	3,099
Law enforcement releases	723	8	2	145	32	1	343	3,273	0	19
Complaints denied	1,435	24	13	533	899	7	1,193	2,100	1,691	118
Complaints filed	11,006	446	67	3,217	6,022	120	5,377	8,095	9,154	2,962
Misdemeanor	6,971	109	12	1,677	2,046	58	1,967	3,098	3,491	883
Felony	4,035	337	55	1,540	3,976	62	3,410	4,997	5,663	2,079
Lower court dispositions	8,357	354	45	2,382	4,178	84	3,484	5,325	6,726	2,214
Dismissed	2,413	112	13	629	1,551	23	963	1,531	4,200	790
Acquitted	41	1	1	24	16	0	24	70	3	12
Convicted	5,903	241	31	1,729	2,611	61	2,497	3,724	2,523	1,412
Guilty plea	5,836	241	30	1,701	2,596	60	2,470	3,633	2,493	1,401
Jury trial	56	0	1	18	9	1	22	32	27	10
Court trial	11	0	0	10	6	0	5	59	3	1
Sentence	5,903	241	31	1,729	2,611	61	2,497	3,724	2,523	1,412
Youth Authority	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	2
Probation	1,888	77	18	836	600	5	528	916	196	496
Probation with jail	3,168	33	6	712	717	11	1,353	2,228	1,773	840
Jail	438	72	5	119	582	20	498	409	266	57
Fine	385	58	2	56	710	25	116	166	272	16
Other	24	1	0	3	2	0	0	5	16	1
Superior court dispositions	2,649	92	22	835	1,844	36	1,893	2,770	2,428	748
Dismissed	108	10	2	71	266	5	70	188	400	108
Acquitted	41	2	0	11	22	2	12	18	20	1
Convicted	2,500	80	20	753	1,556	29	1,811	2,564	2,008	639
Original plea of guilty	1,348	26	9	495	699	21	966	1,076	500	47
Change plea to guilty	932	43	9	179	731	6	738	1,391	1,409	527
Jury trial	191	8	2	65	117	2	87	87	85	64
Court trial	27	2	0	12	9	0	19	10	13	0
Trial by transcript	2	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1
Sentence	2,500	80	20	753	1,556	29	1,811	2,564	2,008	639
Death	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Prison	941	20	10	217	360	5	576	445	467	264
Youth Authority	40	3	0	36	53	1	119	38	46	15
Probation	115	6	0	132	204	10	39	228	96	53
Probation with jail	1,333	46	6	353	835	5	996	1,755	1,371	282
Jail	13	2	4	9	57	6	53	58	22	22
Fine	1	2	0	1	7	2	1	2	0	0
California Rehabilitation Center	17	1	0	0	19	0	19	21	5	3
State hospital — MDSO ^b	35	0	0	5	19	0	6	16	1	0
Other	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

TABLE 12 — Continued
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by County

Type of disposition	County									
	San Luis Obispo	San Mateo	Santa Barbara	Santa Clara	Santa Cruz	Shasta	Sierra	Siskiyou	Solano	Sonoma
Disposition of felony arrests	767	2,770	1,963	6,606	1,500	680	37	154	1,375	1,396
Law enforcement releases	4	90	7	1,124	3	12	0	13	27	23
Complaints denied	87	119	172	148	177	2	2	6	13	33
Complaints filed	676	2,561	1,784	5,334	1,320	666	35	135	1,335	1,340
Misdemeanor	350	1,055	989	1,434	542	161	6	49	235	581
Felony	326	1,506	795	3,900	778	505	29	86	1,100	759
Lower court dispositions	458	1,870	1,230	2,833	901	286	21	76	804	927
Dismissed	115	631	351	696	250	53	8	22	297	401
Acquitted	3	7	4	8	4	0	1	0	2	9
Convicted	340	1,232	875	2,129	647	233	12	54	505	517
Guilty plea	338	1,217	860	2,120	638	228	12	51	498	502
Jury trial	1	14	11	6	5	5	0	2	3	8
Court trial	1	1	4	3	4	0	0	1	4	7
Sentence	340	1,232	875	2,129	647	233	12	54	505	517
Youth Authority	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Probation	143	409	262	633	190	60	5	26	208	203
Probation with jail	134	496	398	601	304	145	5	9	191	136
Jail	33	233	127	526	104	23	2	15	73	118
Fine	30	89	85	350	48	5	0	4	31	56
Other	0	5	1	19	0	0	0	0	2	3
Superior court dispositions	218	691	554	2,501	419	380	14	59	531	413
Dismissed	4	101	58	204	41	29	3	5	46	92
Acquitted	0	14	7	20	1	5	0	6	9	14
Convicted	214	576	489	2,277	377	346	11	48	476	307
Original plea of guilty	198	403	232	1,102	168	227	6	14	238	43
Change plea to guilty	9	119	219	1,082	174	104	3	26	174	215
Jury trial	6	45	35	70	26	13	1	6	55	39
Court trial	1	8	3	23	6	2	1	2	7	9
Trial by transcript	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	1
Sentence	214	576	489	2,277	377	346	11	48	476	307
Death	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prison	55	139	102	361	85	72	0	19	99	62
Youth Authority	2	21	22	102	16	10	1	1	25	22
Probation	31	89	45	282	52	25	2	8	165	47
Probation with jail	121	302	291	1,440	201	220	6	14	155	153
Jail	1	11	21	38	15	15	1	3	22	8
Fine	0	1	0	15	2	0	0	0	1	1
California Rehabilitation Center	1	10	3	29	0	3	1	1	7	7
State hospital — MDSO ^b	3	3	5	7	5	1	0	2	2	7
Other	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE 12 — Continued
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by County

Type of disposition	County									State institutions ^c
	Stanislaus	Sutter	Tehama	Trinity	Tulare	Tuolumne	Ventura	Yolo	Yuba	
Disposition of felony arrests	1,756	404	263	94	1,204	196	2,211	607	366	1,167
Law enforcement releases	21	2	0	0	28	1	98	5	0	0
Complaints denied	226	16	2	1	18	11	152	23	38	1,067
Complaints filed	1,509	386	261	93	1,158	184	1,961	579	328	100
Misdemeanor	508	115	57	16	401	48	1,083	247	78	14
Felony	1,001	271	204	77	757	136	878	332	250	86
Lower court dispositions	1,116	291	192	64	821	125	1,280	387	212	26
Dismissed	304	76	87	31	240	39	285	144	79	16
Acquitted	4	2	1	3	6	0	3	2	2	1
Convicted	808	213	104	30	575	86	992	241	131	9
Guilty plea	797	206	100	29	565	84	971	236	125	9
Jury trial	7	7	0	0	10	2	14	4	3	0
Court trial	4	0	4	1	0	0	7	1	3	0
Sentence	808	213	104	30	575	86	992	241	131	9
Youth Authority	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Probation	168	43	38	11	46	27	315	93	45	2
Probation with jail	218	95	43	9	348	17	569	92	57	0
Jail	187	56	17	7	155	19	80	37	20	2
Fine	232	19	5	3	26	23	24	19	9	5
Other	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Superior court dispositions	393	95	69	29	337	59	681	192	116	74
Dismissed	58	3	5	7	44	9	60	20	9	5
Acquitted	12	1	4	1	19	4	8	8	1	3
Convicted	323	91	60	21	274	46	613	164	106	66
Original plea of guilty	116	42	45	13	58	23	439	75	31	26
Change plea to guilty	165	36	9	7	166	13	71	63	68	29
Jury trial	35	10	3	1	48	9	72	23	7	9
Court trial	7	0	3	0	1	1	25	2	0	2
Trial by transcript	0	3	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	0
Sentence	323	91	60	21	274	46	613	164	106	66
Death	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Prison	105	21	17	1	83	6	210	56	31	52
Youth Authority	16	5	1	0	19	2	36	7	11	0
Probation	5	12	0	4	1	4	48	9	14	5
Probation with jail	186	40	26	10	134	34	295	80	32	8
Jail	9	12	16	6	23	0	13	5	9	1
Fine	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
California Rehabilitation Center	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	2	7	0
State hospital — MDSOB	1	0	0	0	10	0	4	5	2	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

^a Includes 355 adult felony arrests (8 law enforcement releases and 347 complaints denied) made by state agencies (i.e., noncounty agencies).

^b Confined to state hospital as a mentally disordered sex offender.

^c Dispositions of institutional arrests made in counties operating under the provisions of Penal Code Section 4703 (i.e., Kern, Marin, Monterey, San Joaquin, Solano, and Tuolumne counties).

Note: It is estimated that statewide data are 30 percent underreported. Individual counties may vary.

TABLE 13
DISPOSITIONS OF ADULT FELONY ARRESTS, 1980
Type of Disposition by County Population Group Size

Type of disposition	Total	County population groups			
		1,000,000 and over	500,000 to 1,000,000	200,000 to 500,000	Less than 200,000
Disposition of felony arrests	189,303 ^a	115,979	41,386	17,628	12,788
Law enforcement releases	20,057	17,865	1,565	318	301
Complaints denied	27,925	19,175	5,425	993	918
Complaints filed	141,321	78,939	34,396	16,317	11,569
Misdemeanor	66,495	42,460	13,901	6,159	3,961
Felony	74,826	36,479	20,495	10,158	7,608
Lower court dispositions	97,712	53,600	24,615	11,531	7,940
Dismissed	30,481	14,063	10,065	3,854	2,483
Acquitted	633	420	100	57	55
Convicted	66,598	39,117	14,450	7,620	5,402
Guilty plea	65,555	38,515	14,262	7,503	5,266
Jury trial	665	363	140	87	75
Court trial	378	239	48	30	61
Sentence	66,598	39,117	14,450	7,620	5,402
Youth Authority	28	8	8	8	4
Probation	21,447	13,582	3,628	2,703	1,532
Probation with jail	29,133	16,648	7,034	3,327	2,124
Jail	10,408	5,907	2,297	1,000	1,202
Fine	5,413	2,850	1,451	571	536
Other	169	122	32	11	4
Superior court dispositions	43,609	25,339	9,781	4,786	3,629
Dismissed	3,906	1,989	1,015	534	363
Acquitted	746	429	89	103	122
Convicted	38,957	22,921	8,677	4,149	3,144
Original plea of guilty	15,768	8,446	4,088	1,562	1,646
Change plea to guilty	19,787	12,700	3,833	2,105	1,120
Jury trial	2,551	1,183	632	428	299
Court trial	666	444	112	42	66
Trial by transcript	185	148	12	12	13
Sentence	38,957	22,921	8,677	4,149	3,144
Death	24	15	7	1	1
Prison	10,311	5,834	2,400	1,211	814
Youth Authority	1,653	971	403	166	113
Probation	4,424	2,959	643	488	329
Probation with jail	20,743	12,190	4,867	2,052	1,626
Jail	1,059	543	192	148	175
Fine	82	53	13	4	12
California Rehabilitation Center	352	185	94	35	38
State hospital - MDSO ^b	296	160	58	43	35
Other	13	11	0	1	1

^a Includes 355 adult felony arrests (8 law enforcement releases and 347 complaints denied) made by state agencies (i.e., noncounty agencies) and 1,167 dispositions of institutional arrests made in counties operating under the provisions of Penal Code Section 4703 (i.e., Kern, Marin, Monterey, San Joaquin, Solano, and Tuolumne counties).

^b Confined to state hospital as a mentally disordered sex offender.

Note: Counties of 1,000,000 and over population, Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, and Santa Clara; 500,000 but less than 1,000,000 population, Contra Costa, Fresno, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Ventura; 200,000 to 500,000 population, Kern, Marin, Monterey, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Tulare; and less than 200,000 population, the 36 other counties.

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