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JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This report presents statistics on the disposition of criminal offenders in the courts of general jurisdiction in some 25 States for 1943. Statistics of this type have been collected annually by the Bureau of the Census since 1932. The material presented here constitutes a brief summary of the data collected from the cooperating States. The reader is referred to the reports of 1935 and 1936 for a more comprehensive discussion of the scope of these statistics and the methods of collection, as well as for a detailed analysis of the data collected.

Acknowledgment.—The generous cooperation of the clerks of court and of the State officials and other special agents through whom the data were supplied, which made possible the publication of this report, is gratefully acknowledged.

Summary of 1943 statistics.—The statistics indicate that 76 percent of all defendants prosecuted for major offenses in the courts of general jurisdiction during 1943 were convicted. A little more than seven-tenths of those disposed of without conviction were eliminated by dismissal of the charges against them. Pleas of guilty accounted for 82 percent of all convictions. Of the defendants convicted and sentenced, 38 percent were sentenced to State prisons or reformatories, and about one-third were given probation or a suspended sentence.

Scope.—Twenty-five States, including the District of Columbia, cooperated with the Bureau of the Census in furnishing reports on defendants in criminal cases disposed of during the year 1943 in courts having original felony jurisdiction. This is the twelfth year in which the judicial criminal statistics collection has been made by the Bureau of the Census. The first collection in 1932 included reports from 16 States; 24 States furnished information for 1933, 27 for 1934, 30 for 1935 and 1936, 29 for 1937, 27 for 1938, 25 for 1939, 27 for 1940, and 25 for 1941 and 1942.

Significance of data.—The judicial criminal statistics gathered by the Bureau of the Census represent, for the most part, statistics on criminal defendants disposed of by courts of general jurisdiction in the cooperating States. In most States, there is a court of general

jurisdiction in each county that has authority to try and dispose of all serious or felony offenses and of such minor or misdemeanor offenses as are not within the exclusive jurisdiction of inferior courts. Thus, any offender charged with a felony will be tried in a court of general jurisdiction, although he may have a preliminary examination in a minor court. In a few States, the power to try and dispose of felony charges has been extended in certain instances to minor courts, such as municipal and county courts.

Although most offenders convicted of felony charges are disposed of by courts of general jurisdiction, not all felony charges come before these courts. Many offenders arrested on felony charges are disposed of finally in minor courts, either by the dismissal of the charge at the preliminary examination or by the reduction of the charge to a misdemeanor which is within the jurisdiction of the minor court. This means that statistics gathered mainly from courts of general jurisdiction do not account for the prosecution of all offenders charged with felonies. A complete picture of the administration of criminal justice would require, of course, statistics covering all action taken in a criminal case, from the point of arrest or the filing of the first charge to final disposition.

There are differences from State to State both in the organization of the general trial courts and in the particular jurisdiction possessed by them. Although most States have one court of general jurisdiction in each county, in some States special jurisdiction to dispose of felony offenses has been given to local courts that otherwise would be classified as courts of limited jurisdiction. In Vermont, for instance, the county courts are the general trial courts of the State and have complete power to dispose of felony cases. In addition, however, the municipal courts of that State have been granted power to dispose of felony cases when the defendant pleads guilty. As most of the felony cases are disposed of by pleas of guilty in the municipal courts, it is necessary to collect statistics from both county and municipal courts in Vermont to obtain adequate coverage of the felony convictions in that State.

There may be considerable variation in the extent of jurisdiction possessed by the general trial courts even within a single State. Their misdemeanor jurisdiction is essentially residual; that is, they may dispose of all types of

cases not within the exclusive jurisdiction of a lower court. In metropolitan counties the lower courts handle the bulk of lesser offenses and felony cases only are tried in the general court. In rural counties, however, nearly all cases, felony and misdemeanor, come before the general trial court. There are, therefore, real difficulties in a comparative analysis of these statistics. For this reason, the summary reports are limited to the major offense categories. It is thought that this method eliminates a great deal of variability in the statistics that would otherwise result from the widely differing jurisdiction of the reporting courts. No refinement of selection, however, will make up for the fact that these statistics do not embody the results of the early stages in the prosecution of felony cases.

METHODS OF COLLECTION

Tally-sheet method.—For most States, the judicial criminal statistics collected by the Bureau of the Census are based on an annual report made by the clerks of court on a uniform tally sheet supplied by the Bureau of the Census. This provides for the tallying of all defendants disposed of during the year by offense and method of disposition and for the tallying of all persons convicted by offense for which convicted and sentence imposed. The 1943 data were collected by this tally-sheet method in 20 of the 25 States. In Pennsylvania a summary tally sheet was prepared from reports of the clerks and submitted to the Bureau by the Department of Welfare. Reports were received from Massachusetts and New York on the basis of the reporting forms used by the Departments of Correction in those States. Reports for the District of Columbia were prepared by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts.

Case-card method.—In two of the States--Ohio and Minnesota--judicial criminal statistics are collected on the basis of individual-case reports. Under this system, the clerk of court fills out a standard card furnishing a summary of the action taken in each case filed and disposed of in his court. The collecting, editing, and clarifying of recorded data is done by a central statistical agency of the State, thus insuring uniform interpretation of the data reported. The cards are forwarded annually to the Bureau of the Census where they are coded and tabulated.

This method is far more flexible than the tally-sheet method because it makes possible a more intensive analysis of the data collected and can quite easily be adapted to the particular record-keeping routines used by different clerks of court.

ANALYSIS OF 1943 DATA

General.—The 1943 report consists principally of summaries for each of the 25 cooperating States. For 24 States it was possible to present a 5-year comparison showing, by major offense, the number of defendants charged and convicted. State figures on the procedural outcome and type of sentence imposed are also shown in 5-year comparison tables. Such comparisons for a given State are probably more reliable and useful than any comparisons that might be made between States, for reasons already outlined.

Disposition and sentence, by States.—Table 1 shows, by States, the number and proportion of defendants charged with major offenses who were disposed of without conviction, and the number and proportion convicted. The proportion of defendants disposed of without conviction ranged from 34.9 in New Mexico to 4.8 in Rhode Island, and conversely, the proportion convicted ranged from 95.2 in Rhode Island to 65.1 in New Mexico.

Table 1.—PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, BY STATES: 1943

STATE	Defendants disposed of	DISPOSED OF WITHOUT CONVICTION		CONVICTED AND SENTENCED	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Total, 25 States	48,719	11,953	24.5	36,766	75.5
California.....	7,463	1,805	24.2	5,658	75.8
Colorado.....	1,053	209	19.8	844	80.2
Connecticut ¹	975	126	12.9	849	87.1
District of Columbia..	1,498	435	29.0	1,063	71.0
Idaho.....	241	60	24.9	181	75.1
Iowa.....	1,201	327	27.2	874	72.8
Kansas.....	945	295	31.2	650	68.8
Massachusetts.....	2,248	350	15.6	1,898	84.4
Minnesota.....	929	103	11.1	826	88.9
Montana.....	246	60	24.4	186	75.6
New Hampshire.....	220	18	8.2	202	91.8
New Jersey.....	4,466	1,087	24.3	3,379	75.7
New Mexico.....	720	251	34.9	469	65.1
New York.....	6,829	1,753	25.7	5,076	74.3
North Dakota.....	253	51	20.2	202	79.8
Ohio.....	3,236	613	18.9	2,623	81.1
Oregon.....	608	121	19.9	487	80.1
Pennsylvania.....	11,040	3,419	31.0	7,621	69.0
Rhode Island.....	291	14	4.8	277	95.2
South Dakota.....	176	29	16.5	147	83.5
Utah.....	303	94	31.0	209	69.0
Vermont.....	376	109	29.0	267	71.0
Washington.....	1,239	225	18.2	1,014	81.8
Wisconsin.....	1,939	351	18.1	1,588	81.9
Wyoming.....	224	48	21.4	176	78.6

¹ Statistics are for the year July 1, 1943, through June 30, 1944.

Table 2 shows the number and proportion of defendants disposed of without conviction for

each of the three types of disposition, namely, (1) dismissed and other no-penalty dispositions, (2) acquitted by court after waiver of jury trial, and (3) acquitted by jury. Dismissals and other no-penalty dispositions accounted for the great majority of defendants eliminated, ranging from 98.0 percent in North Dakota to 46.3 percent in Massachusetts.

It will be noted that in several States there were no acquittals by court after waiver of jury trial. In most of these States there is no legal provision for waiver of jury trial in a felony case. In Massachusetts 38.0 percent of the defendants disposed of without conviction were acquitted by jury, whereas in North Dakota there were no cases of this type.

Table 2.—DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES WITHOUT CONVICTION, BY METHOD OF DISPOSITION, BY STATES: 1943

(Percent not shown where base is less than 50)

STATE	Defendants disposed of without conviction	DISMISSED AND OTHER NO-PENALTY		ACQUITTED--			
		Number	Percent	By court ¹		By jury	
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total, 25 States.....	11,953	8,496	71.1	1,081	9.0	2,376	19.9
California.....	1,805	1,250	69.3	325	18.0	230	12.7
Colorado.....	209	170	81.3	2	1.0	37	17.7
Connecticut ²	126	105	83.3	11	8.7	10	7.9
District of Columbia.....	435	297	68.3	-	-	138	31.7
Idaho.....	60	56	93.3	-	-	4	6.7
Iowa.....	327	233	71.3	71	21.7	23	7.0
Kansas.....	295	266	90.2	1	0.3	28	9.5
Massachusetts.....	350	162	46.3	55	15.7	133	38.0
Minnesota.....	103	78	75.7	-	-	25	24.3
Montana.....	60	48	80.0	4	6.7	8	13.3
New Hampshire.....	18	16	88.9	-	-	2	11.1
New Jersey.....	1,087	801	73.7	187	17.2	99	9.1
New Mexico.....	251	217	86.5	8	3.2	26	10.4
New York.....	1,753	1,544	88.1	-	-	209	11.9
North Dakota.....	51	50	98.0	1	2.0	-	-
Ohio.....	613	447	72.9	79	12.9	87	14.2
Oregon.....	121	94	77.7	6	5.0	21	17.4
Pennsylvania.....	3,419	1,909	55.8	319	9.3	1,191	34.8
Rhode Island.....	14	10	71.4	-	-	4	28.6
South Dakota.....	29	25	86.2	-	-	4	13.8
Utah.....	94	64	68.1	-	-	30	31.9
Vermont.....	109	105	96.3	-	-	4	3.7
Washington.....	225	187	83.1	-	-	38	16.9
Wisconsin.....	351	319	90.9	12	3.4	20	5.7
Wyoming.....	48	43	89.6	-	-	5	10.4

¹ Jury waived.

² Statistics are for the year July 1, 1943, through June 30, 1944.

Table 3 shows the number and proportion of convictions for each of the three types of conviction: (1) pleas of guilty, (2) convictions by court after waiver of jury trial, and (3) jury verdicts of guilty. A plea of guilty was the most frequent method of reaching a conviction. The proportion of convictions resulting

from pleas of guilty ranged from 98.5 percent in North Dakota to 67.5 in Utah. (Data by method of conviction were not available for New York State.) Jury verdicts of guilty accounted for 29.7 percent of all convictions in Utah and 1.0 percent in North Dakota.

Table 3.—DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES, BY METHOD OF CONVICTION, BY STATES: 1943

STATE	Defendants convicted and sentenced	PLEADED GUILTY		FOUND GUILTY--			
		Number	Percent	By court ¹		By jury	
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total, 25 States.....	31,690	26,027	82.1	2,436	7.7	3,227	10.2
California.....	5,658	4,545	80.3	611	10.8	502	8.9
Colorado.....	844	734	87.0	9	1.1	101	12.0
Connecticut ²	849	762	89.8	71	8.4	16	1.9
District of Columbia.....	1,063	820	77.1	9	0.8	234	22.0
Idaho.....	181	152	84.0	16	8.8	13	7.2
Iowa.....	874	792	90.6	45	5.1	37	4.2
Kansas.....	650	586	90.2	14	2.2	50	7.7
Massachusetts.....	1,898	1,649	86.9	79	4.2	170	9.0
Minnesota.....	826	777	94.1	5	0.6	44	5.3
Montana.....	186	168	90.3	4	2.2	14	7.5
New Hampshire.....	202	177	87.6	15	7.4	10	5.0
New Jersey.....	3,379	2,827	83.7	427	12.6	125	3.7
New Mexico.....	469	425	90.6	15	3.2	29	6.2
New York ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Dakota.....	202	199	98.5	1	0.5	2	1.0
Ohio.....	2,623	2,220	84.6	196	7.5	207	7.9
Oregon.....	487	438	89.9	22	4.5	27	5.5
Pennsylvania.....	7,621	5,545	72.8	656	8.6	1,420	18.6
Rhode Island.....	277	268	96.8	-	-	9	3.2
South Dakota.....	147	134	91.2	10	6.8	3	2.0
Utah.....	209	141	67.5	6	2.9	62	29.7
Vermont.....	267	248	92.9	3	1.1	16	6.0
Washington.....	1,014	902	89.0	14	1.4	98	9.7
Wisconsin.....	1,588	1,347	84.8	208	13.1	33	2.1
Wyoming.....	176	171	97.2	-	-	5	2.8

¹ Jury waived.

² Statistics are for the year July 1, 1943, through June 30, 1944.

³ Data not available.

Table 4 shows, for each of the 25 States, the number and percent of those convicted and sentenced, by type of sentence imposed. In Montana, 73.7 percent of the defendants sentenced for major offenses received a prison sentence, whereas, at the other end of the scale, the figures for Pennsylvania showed only 18.7 percent of those convicted as sentenced to prison or death. This low figure reflects the fact that a considerable proportion of the defendants sentenced to confinement in Pennsylvania are sentenced to local jails or workhouses. Probation was used

most extensively in Rhode Island, where 69.7 percent were reported as being placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Rhode Island law permits defendants to waive indictment by the grand jury and plead nolo contendere. Such defendants very frequently receive a deferred sentence. Probation was used next most extensively in New Hampshire where 46.5 percent of the convicted defendants received this treatment. Iowa reported the least use of this type of sentence, with 15.9 percent.

Table 4.—TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES, BY STATES: 1943

STATE	Defendants convicted and sentenced	PRISON OR REFORMATORY		PROBATION OR SUSPENDED SENTENCE		LOCAL JAIL OR WORKHOUSE		OTHER SENTENCE	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total, 25 States...	36,766	113,823	37.6	12,139	33.0	7,844	21.3	2,960	8.1
California.....	5,658	1,733	30.6	1,894	33.5	1,731	30.6	300	5.3
Colorado.....	844	551	65.3	234	27.7	38	4.5	21	2.5
Connecticut ²	849	294	34.6	258	30.4	276	32.5	21	2.5
District of Columbia.....	1,063	538	50.6	364	34.2	147	13.8	14	1.3
Idaho.....	181	83	45.9	59	32.6	30	16.6	9	5.0
Iowa.....	874	415	47.5	139	15.9	232	26.5	88	10.1
Kansas.....	650	445	68.5	118	18.2	75	11.5	12	1.8
Massachusetts.....	1,898	1,078	56.8	517	27.2	-	-	303	16.0
Minnesota.....	826	406	49.2	330	40.0	64	7.7	26	3.1
Montana.....	186	137	73.7	34	18.3	2	1.1	13	7.0
New Hampshire.....	202	59	29.2	94	46.5	37	18.3	12	6.0
New Jersey.....	3,379	1,147	33.9	1,430	42.3	485	14.4	317	9.4
New Mexico.....	469	228	48.6	139	29.6	29	6.2	73	15.6
New York.....	5,076	2,133	42.0	1,755	34.6	1,027	20.2	161	3.2
North Dakota.....	202	89	44.1	46	22.8	52	25.7	15	7.4
Ohio.....	2,623	1,252	47.7	1,105	42.1	189	7.2	77	2.9
Oregon.....	487	251	51.5	182	37.4	35	7.2	19	3.9
Pennsylvania.....	7,621	1,423	18.7	2,122	27.8	2,995	39.3	1,081	14.2
Rhode Island.....	277	77	27.8	193	69.7	6	2.2	1	0.4
South Dakota.....	147	66	44.9	37	25.2	28	19.0	16	10.9
Utah.....	209	117	56.0	74	35.4	11	5.3	7	3.3
Vermont.....	267	84	31.5	76	28.5	37	13.9	70	26.2
Washington.....	1,014	560	55.2	276	27.2	149	14.7	29	2.9
Wisconsin.....	1,588	571	36.0	589	37.1	164	10.3	264	16.6
Wyoming.....	176	86	48.9	74	42.0	5	2.8	11	6.3

¹ Includes 66 death sentences.

² Statistics are for the year July 1, 1943, through June 30, 1944.

³ Includes defendants sentenced to local jail or workhouse, or to an institution for juvenile delinquents only.

Disposition and sentence, by offense.—In interpreting the data presented in tables 5 to 8, which show disposition and sentence by offense for the 25 States combined, it must be remembered that a few States account for most of the cases reported, and consequently, the figures shown in these tables reflect, in large part, the practices followed in these States in regard to both disposition and sentence. Five States—Pennsylvania, California, New York, New Jersey, and Ohio—account for about 68 percent of the cases covered, while the other 20 States account for the remainder.

Table 5 shows the number of defendants disposed of in the 25 States and those disposed of without conviction as well as those convicted in each offense group. Burglary and auto theft showed the highest proportions of convictions, whereas manslaughter and embezzlement and fraud showed the lowest proportions.

Table 5.—PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, BY OFFENSE: 1943

OFFENSE	Defendants disposed of	DISPOSED OF WITHOUT CONVICTION		CONVICTED AND SENTENCED	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	48,719	11,953	24.5	36,766	75.5
Murder.....	677	200	29.5	477	70.5
Manslaughter.....	1,046	432	41.3	614	58.7
Robbery.....	3,688	1,125	30.5	2,563	69.5
Aggravated assault.....	4,713	1,720	36.5	2,993	63.5
Burglary.....	3,446	1,384	16.4	7,062	83.6
Larceny, except auto theft ¹	9,064	1,770	19.5	7,294	80.5
Auto theft.....	3,492	616	17.6	2,876	82.4
Embezzlement and fraud....	1,961	723	36.9	1,238	63.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1,150	371	32.3	779	67.7
Forgery and counterfeiting	2,825	542	19.2	2,283	80.8
Rape.....	2,379	775	32.6	1,604	67.4
Commercialized vice.....	763	211	27.7	552	72.3
Other sex offenses.....	4,646	1,114	24.0	3,532	76.0
Violating drug laws.....	711	161	22.6	550	77.4
Carrying, etc., weapons....	1,433	361	25.2	1,072	74.8
Other major offenses.....	1,725	448	26.0	1,277	74.0

¹ Includes embezzlement and fraud in Massachusetts.

Table 6 shows, by offense, the number and percent of defendants disposed of without conviction in the 25 States, for each of the three types of non-conviction disposition. Defendants charged with forgery and counterfeiting showed the highest proportion of dispositions by dismissal and the lowest proportion of acquittals by jury. Defendants charged with murder showed the lowest proportion of dispositions by dismissal and the highest proportion of acquittals by jury.

Table 7 shows, for each offense group, the number and percent of defendants convicted and sentenced in 24 States, by method of conviction. Forgery, auto theft, and burglary were the offense groups showing the highest proportions of convictions by pleas of guilty; and murder, manslaughter, and aggravated assault were those showing the lowest. Murder and manslaughter, however, showed the highest proportions of convictions by jury verdict.

Table 6.—DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES WITHOUT CONVICTION, BY METHOD OF DISPOSITION, BY OFFENSE: 1943

OFFENSE	Defendants disposed of without conviction	DISMISSED AND OTHER NO-PENALTY		ACQUITTED--			
		Number	Percent	By court ¹		By jury	
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	11,953	8,496	71.1	1,081	9.0	2,376	19.9
Murder.....	200	85	42.5	8	4.0	107	53.5
Manslaughter.....	432	236	54.6	33	7.6	163	37.7
Robbery.....	1,125	681	60.5	131	11.6	313	27.8
Aggravated assault.....	1,720	1,087	63.2	198	11.5	435	25.3
Burglary.....	1,884	1,097	79.3	97	7.0	190	13.7
Larceny, except auto theft ²	1,770	1,367	77.2	130	7.3	273	15.4
Auto theft.....	616	518	84.1	44	7.1	54	8.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	723	526	72.8	95	13.1	102	14.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc..	371	247	66.6	42	11.3	82	22.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	542	504	93.0	17	3.1	21	3.9
Rape.....	775	525	67.7	58	7.5	192	24.8
Commercialized vice.....	211	138	65.4	19	9.0	54	25.6
Other sex offenses.....	1,114	792	71.1	106	9.5	216	19.4
Violating drug laws.....	161	108	67.1	28	17.4	25	15.5
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	361	237	65.7	46	12.7	78	21.6
Other major offenses.....	448	348	77.7	29	6.5	71	15.8

¹ Jury waived.

² Includes embezzlement and fraud in Massachusetts.

Table 7.—DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES, BY METHOD OF CONVICTION, BY OFFENSE: 1943

OFFENSE	Defendants convicted and sentenced	PLEADED GUILTY		FOUND GUILTY			
		Number	Percent	By court ¹		By jury	
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	231,690	26,027	82.1	2,436	7.7	3,227	10.2
Murder.....	401	161	40.1	46	11.5	194	48.4
Manslaughter.....	497	310	62.4	43	8.7	144	29.0
Robbery.....	2,188	1,593	72.8	173	7.9	422	19.3
Aggravated assault.....	2,559	1,679	65.6	338	13.2	542	21.2
Burglary.....	6,205	5,504	88.7	349	5.6	352	5.7
Larceny, except auto theft ³	5,566	4,782	85.9	466	8.4	318	5.7
Auto theft.....	2,416	2,173	89.9	127	5.3	116	4.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	1,233	1,080	87.6	59	4.8	94	7.6
Stolen property, receiving, etc..	721	568	78.8	49	6.8	104	14.4
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	2,137	2,026	94.8	66	3.1	45	2.1
Rape.....	1,387	1,043	75.2	109	7.9	235	16.9
Commercialized vice.....	540	392	72.6	60	11.1	88	16.3
Other sex offenses.....	3,359	2,690	80.1	335	10.0	334	9.9
Violating drug laws.....	533	445	83.5	44	8.3	44	8.3
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	870	674	77.5	97	11.1	99	11.4
Other major offenses.....	1,078	907	84.1	75	7.0	96	8.9

¹ Jury waived.

² Excludes 5,076 defendants convicted in New York State.

³ Includes embezzlement and fraud in Massachusetts.

Table 8 shows, for each offense group, the number and percent of defendants convicted and sentenced in the 25 States, by type of sentence imposed. As might be expected, nearly all persons convicted of murder were given a death or prison sentence. Of the 448 defendants shown in the table as receiving death or prison sentences for murder, 65 were given the death sentence.

Probation and suspended sentence were given most frequently to those defendants convicted of auto theft, receiving stolen property, and embezzlement and fraud. The offense groups showing the highest proportions of defendants sentenced to jail were those for violating drug laws and carrying weapons.

Table 8.—TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES, BY OFFENSE: 1943

OFFENSE	Defendants convicted and sentenced	PRISON OR REFORMATORY		PROBATION OR SUSPENDED SENTENCE		LOCAL JAIL OR WORKHOUSE		OTHER SENTENCE	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	36,766	¹ 13,823	37.6	12,139	33.0	7,844	21.3	2,960	8.1
Murder.....	477	² 448	93.9	5	1.0	17	3.6	7	1.5
Manslaughter.....	614	347	56.5	135	22.0	110	17.9	22	3.6
Robbery.....	2,563	1,746	68.1	465	18.1	283	11.0	69	2.7
Aggravated assault.....	2,993	828	27.7	903	30.2	1,018	34.0	244	8.2
Burglary.....	7,062	3,021	42.8	2,469	35.0	1,178	16.7	394	5.6
Larceny, except auto theft ³	7,294	2,144	29.4	2,899	39.7	1,627	22.3	624	8.6
Auto theft.....	2,876	948	33.0	1,258	43.7	511	17.8	159	5.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	1,238	299	24.2	519	41.9	257	20.8	163	13.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc....	779	166	21.3	340	43.6	214	27.5	59	7.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	2,283	937	41.0	815	35.7	419	18.4	112	4.9
Rape.....	1,604	⁴ 849	52.9	412	25.7	266	16.6	77	4.8
Commercialized vice.....	552	147	26.6	137	24.8	141	25.5	127	23.0
Other sex offenses.....	2,532	1,055	29.9	1,009	28.6	855	24.2	613	17.4
Violating drug laws.....	550	129	23.5	49	8.9	342	62.2	30	5.5
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	1,072	152	14.2	376	35.1	425	39.6	119	11.1
Other major offenses.....	1,277	607	47.5	348	27.3	181	14.2	141	11.0

¹ Includes defendants sentenced to local jail or workhouse or to an institution for juvenile delinquents only in Massachusetts.

² Includes 65 death sentences.

³ Includes embezzlement and fraud in Massachusetts.

⁴ Includes 1 death sentence.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

CALIFORNIA

A total of 7,463 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior courts of California during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 7,463 defendants, 5,658, or 75.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 1,894, or 33.5 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence, and 1,731, or 30.6 percent, were sentenced to a local jail or workhouse. Of the 4,449 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 3,465, or 77.9 percent, were convicted; and of the 1,358 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 920, or 67.7 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population has decreased from 124.1 in 1940 to 99.8 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same general trend, decreasing from 99.4 in 1940 to 75.6 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1943, with forgery and counterfeiting following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 27.5 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 4 years, 77.8 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. The

percentage of defendants convicted decreased from 80.1 in 1940 to 75.8 in 1943. In 1943, 60.9 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 6.7 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 4 years, 34.0 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1942 and 1943 were lower than this figure, and the percentage for 1941 was somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during these 4 years, 31.3 percent were sentenced to a local jail or workhouse.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 3 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 4 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1.--DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1940 TO 1943
(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 58 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 51 counties, 94.9 percent; 1942, 42 counties, 85.7 percent; 1941, 37 counties, 71.8; 1940, 29 counties, 68.5 percent. No reports were received for 1939)

OFFENSE	NUMBER				RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION			
	1943	1942	1941	1940 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF								
Total.....	7,463	6,530	6,355	5,873	99.8	106.0	125.4	124.1
Murder.....	137	122	77	89	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.9
Manslaughter.....	103	124	199	158	1.4	2.0	3.9	3.3
Robbery.....	748	566	600	625	10.0	9.2	11.8	13.2
Aggravated assault.....	721	469	363	317	9.6	7.6	7.2	6.7
Burglary.....	1,180	1,101	1,202	1,222	15.8	17.9	23.7	25.8
Larceny, except auto theft.....	629	575	573	582	8.4	9.3	11.3	12.3
Auto theft.....	773	845	764	692	10.3	13.7	15.1	14.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	134	205	210	331	1.8	3.3	4.1	7.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	109	151	178	131	1.5	2.5	3.5	2.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	876	817	997	739	11.7	13.3	19.7	15.6
Rape.....	397	377	277	229	5.3	6.1	5.5	4.8
Other major offenses.....	1,656	1,178	915	758	22.1	19.1	18.1	16.0
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED								
Total.....	5,658	5,036	5,010	4,705	75.6	81.8	98.9	99.4
Murder.....	86	78	37	52	1.1	1.3	0.7	1.1
Manslaughter.....	74	78	118	93	1.0	1.3	2.3	2.0
Robbery.....	466	397	387	441	6.2	6.4	7.6	9.3
Aggravated assault.....	490	296	259	220	6.6	4.8	5.1	4.6
Burglary.....	961	893	998	1,040	12.8	14.5	19.7	22.0
Larceny, except auto theft.....	507	458	460	474	6.8	7.4	9.1	10.0
Auto theft.....	619	689	645	599	8.3	11.2	12.7	12.7
Embezzlement and fraud.....	94	170	180	287	1.3	2.8	3.6	6.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	71	112	129	109	0.9	1.8	2.5	2.3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	747	692	915	678	10.0	11.2	18.1	14.3
Rape.....	270	243	189	141	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.0
Other major offenses.....	1,273	930	693	571	17.0	15.1	13.7	12.1

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940 for counties reporting.

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Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1940 TO 1943

(No reports were received for 1939)

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	7,463	100.0	6,530	100.0	6,355	100.0	5,873	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	1,805	24.2	1,494	22.9	1,345	21.2	1,168	19.9
Dismissed.....	1,038	13.8	856	13.1	744	11.7	594	10.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	325	4.4	260	4.0	244	3.8	240	4.1
Acquitted by jury.....	230	3.1	176	2.7	173	2.7	196	3.3
Other no-penalty disposition.....	217	2.9	202	3.1	184	2.9	138	2.3
Convicted and sentenced.....	5,658	75.8	5,036	77.1	5,010	78.8	4,705	80.1
Pleaded guilty.....	4,545	60.9	4,188	64.1	4,220	66.4	3,965	67.9
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	611	8.2	469	7.2	419	6.6	330	5.6
Found guilty by jury.....	502	6.7	379	5.8	371	5.8	390	6.6

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1940 TO 1943

(No reports were received for 1939)

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced.....	5,658	100.0	5,036	100.0	5,010	100.0	4,705	100.0
Death penalty.....	6	0.1	9	0.2	5	0.1	10	0.2
Prison or reformatory.....	1,727	30.5	1,479	29.4	1,452	29.0	1,407	29.9
Probation or suspended sentence.....	1,894	33.5	1,620	32.2	1,816	36.2	1,600	34.0
Local jail or workhouse.....	1,731	30.6	1,614	32.0	1,519	30.3	1,526	32.4
Fine or costs only.....	137	2.4	114	2.3	56	1.1	43	0.9
Institution for juvenile delinquents only.....	130	2.3	155	3.1	115	2.3	115	2.4
Other sentence.....	33	0.6	45	0.9	47	0.9	4	0.1

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dis-missed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	9,625	2,224	1,280	408	280	256	7,401	5,931	900	570	7,401	6	1,803	2,884	2,206	286	167	49	
Major offenses.....	7,463	1,805	1,033	325	230	217	5,658	4,545	611	502	5,658	6	1,727	1,894	1,731	137	130	33	
Murder.....	137	51	13	5	28	5	86	22	6	58	86	6	76	1	-	-	-	3	
Manslaughter.....	103	29	11	8	9	1	74	38	17	15	74	-	47	18	9	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	748	282	144	71	43	24	466	331	52	83	466	-	294	104	38	1	29	-	
Aggravated assault.....	721	231	122	63	30	16	490	310	111	69	490	-	109	92	255	27	6	1	
Burglary.....	1,180	219	138	29	20	32	961	841	76	44	961	-	338	328	258	2	28	7	
Larceny, except auto theft..	629	122	66	23	7	26	507	386	70	51	507	-	128	193	163	2	15	6	
Auto theft.....	773	154	103	19	5	27	619	539	53	27	619	-	111	304	174	4	19	7	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	134	40	23	14	3	-	94	83	4	7	94	-	20	46	26	-	2	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	109	38	23	12	3	-	71	50	14	7	71	-	11	43	14	1	1	1	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	876	129	96	5	7	21	747	712	21	14	747	-	220	315	194	3	10	5	
Rape.....	397	127	66	25	23	13	270	192	38	40	270	-	79	117	64	3	5	2	
Commercialized vice.....	13	2	2	-	-	-	11	6	2	3	11	-	7	-	4	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	634	170	93	14	29	34	464	365	64	35	464	-	95	222	134	8	5	-	
Violating drug laws.....	464	106	58	20	15	13	358	301	38	19	358	-	59	8	285	3	2	1	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	139	28	20	5	2	1	111	92	16	3	111	-	19	8	69	15	2	-	
Other major offenses.....	406	77	55	12	6	4	329	277	29	23	329	-	114	95	44	68	8	-	
Abortion.....	22	7	5	2	-	-	15	4	2	9	15	-	5	9	-	-	1	-	
Arson.....	36	8	5	2	1	-	28	22	4	2	28	-	6	12	5	5	-	-	
Bigamy.....	35	7	4	3	-	-	28	26	2	-	28	-	2	24	2	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion....	11	6	3	-	3	-	5	4	1	-	5	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	253	25	21	2	-	2	228	208	17	3	228	-	84	38	37	62	7	-	
Kidnaping.....	33	19	13	3	2	1	14	5	1	8	14	-	13	1	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	16	5	4	-	-	1	11	8	2	1	11	-	1	10	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	2,162	419	247	83	50	39	1,743	1,386	289	68	1,743	-	76	990	475	149	37	16	

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; conspiracy; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

COLORADO

A total of 1,053 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Colorado during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 1,053 defendants, 844, or 80.2 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 549, or 65.0 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 811 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 677, or 83.5 percent, were convicted; and of the 185 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 134, or 72.4 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 137.6 in 1939 to 102.7 in 1943, with a slight increase in 1941. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 107.5 in 1939 to 82.3 in 1943, with slight increases in 1941 and 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 47.9 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 78.3 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 78.1 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1940, 79.4 percent; in 1941, 77.1 percent; in 1942, 77.0 percent; and in 1943, 80.2 percent. In 1943, 69.7 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 9.6 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 65.0 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1939 and 1940 fell below this amount, while those for 1941 and 1942 were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 28.6 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943 (Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 63 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 58 counties, 96.1 percent; 1942, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1941, 59 counties, 99.1 percent; 1940, 59 counties, 99.2 percent; 1939, 61 counties, 99.3 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ²	1941 ¹	1940 ³	1939 ⁴
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	1,053	1,145	1,345	1,327	1,528	102.7	105.1	123.2	119.1	137.6
Murder.....	22	30	20	32	34	2.1	2.8	1.8	2.9	3.1
Manslaughter.....	31	26	31	32	29	3.0	2.4	2.8	2.9	2.6
Robbery.....	71	79	112	88	102	6.9	7.3	10.3	7.9	9.2
Aggravated assault.....	51	49	56	41	45	5.0	4.5	5.1	3.7	4.1
Burglary.....	196	260	277	294	347	19.1	23.9	25.4	26.4	31.3
Larceny, except auto theft.....	308	293	354	332	418	30.0	26.9	32.4	29.8	37.6
Auto theft.....	46	58	49	71	70	4.5	5.3	4.5	6.4	6.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	117	133	164	187	148	11.4	12.2	15.0	16.8	13.3
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	34	18	47	29	34	3.3	1.7	4.3	2.6	3.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	39	47	91	90	127	3.8	4.3	8.3	8.1	11.4
Rape.....	81	68	71	76	101	7.9	6.2	6.5	6.8	9.1
Other major offenses.....	57	84	73	55	73	5.6	7.7	6.7	4.9	6.6
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	844	882	1,037	1,054	1,194	82.3	81.0	95.0	94.6	107.5
Murder.....	16	22	14	13	17	1.6	2.0	1.3	1.2	1.5
Manslaughter.....	15	9	20	25	19	1.5	0.8	1.8	2.2	1.7
Robbery.....	63	56	97	79	88	6.1	5.1	8.9	7.1	7.9
Aggravated assault.....	40	30	35	23	27	3.9	2.8	3.2	2.1	2.4
Burglary.....	175	228	238	250	306	17.1	20.9	21.8	22.4	27.6
Larceny, except auto theft.....	251	243	275	265	329	24.5	22.3	25.2	23.8	29.6
Auto theft.....	39	48	40	60	58	3.8	4.4	3.7	5.4	5.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	86	97	115	146	108	8.4	8.9	10.5	13.1	9.7
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	29	11	32	24	33	2.8	1.0	2.9	2.2	3.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	34	37	78	83	109	3.3	3.4	7.1	7.4	9.8
Rape.....	63	47	43	48	50	6.1	4.3	3.9	4.3	4.5
Other major offenses.....	33	54	50	38	50	3.2	5.0	4.6	3.4	4.5

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on estimate of civilian population of the State.

³ Based on Population census of 1940 for counties reporting.

⁴ Based on estimate of total population for counties reporting.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--COLORADO

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	1,053	100.0	1,145	100.0	1,345	100.0	1,327	100.0	1,528	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	209	19.8	263	23.0	308	22.9	273	20.5	334	21.9
Dismissed.....	156	14.8	161	15.8	204	15.2	202	15.2	243	15.9
acquitted by court (jury waived).....	2	0.2	-	-	7	0.5	5	0.4	1	0.1
acquitted by jury.....	37	3.5	74	6.5	60	4.5	49	3.7	78	5.1
Other no-penalty disposition.....	14	1.3	8	0.7	37	2.8	17	1.3	12	0.8
Convicted and sentenced.....	844	80.2	882	77.0	1,037	77.1	1,054	79.4	1,194	78.1
Fleeced guilty.....	734	69.7	749	65.4	932	69.3	956	72.0	1,065	69.7
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	9	0.9	13	1.1	2	0.1	10	0.8	9	0.5
Found guilty by jury.....	101	9.6	120	10.5	103	7.7	88	6.6	120	7.9

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	844	100.0	882	100.0	1,037	100.0	1,054	100.0	1,194	100.0
Death penalty.....	2	0.2	3	0.3	-	-	1	0.1	5	0.4
Prison or reformatory.....	549	65.0	577	65.4	733	70.7	627	59.5	772	64.7
Probation or suspended sentence.....	254	27.7	213	24.1	255	25.6	371	35.2	343	29.1
Local jail or workhouse.....	38	4.5	61	6.9	34	3.3	39	3.7	51	4.3
Fine or costs only.....	12	1.4	26	2.9	4	0.4	12	1.1	15	1.3
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	5	0.6	2	0.2	1	0.1	4	0.4	5	0.3
Other sentence.....	4	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Fleeced guilty	Found guilty--										
All offenses.....	1,183	252	198	2	37	15	931	805	16	110	931	2	573	272	47	23	8	6	
Major offenses.....	1,053	209	156	2	37	14	844	734	9	101	844	2	549	234	38	12	5	4	
Murder.....	22	6	-	-	4	2	16	6	-	10	16	2	13	-	1	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	31	16	7	-	8	1	15	9	-	6	15	-	2	4	9	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	71	8	5	-	3	-	63	55	-	8	63	-	60	3	-	-	-	-	
aggravated assault.....	51	11	8	-	-	3	40	27	-	13	40	-	22	8	9	1	-	-	
Burglary.....	196	21	20	-	-	1	175	162	3	10	175	-	123	39	8	5	-	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	308	57	40	2	13	2	251	231	4	16	251	-	137	108	3	3	-	-	
Auto theft.....	46	7	7	-	-	-	39	35	-	4	39	-	22	12	1	-	3	1	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	117	31	27	-	2	2	86	72	-	14	86	-	54	28	1	2	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	34	5	5	-	-	-	29	21	-	8	29	-	14	10	5	-	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	39	5	5	-	-	-	34	34	-	-	34	-	29	3	1	1	-	-	
Rape.....	81	18	15	-	1	2	63	55	2	6	63	-	50	11	-	-	2	-	
Commercialized vice.....	14	14	11	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	24	5	4	-	-	1	19	17	-	2	19	-	17	1	-	-	-	1	
Violating drug laws.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	3	1	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	16	4	1	-	3	-	12	8	-	4	12	-	5	5	-	-	-	1	
Abortion.....	5	2	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	3	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bigamy.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	5	1	-	-	1	-	4	3	-	1	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	
Perjury.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	130	43	42	-	-	1	87	71	7	9	87	-	24	38	9	11	3	2	

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943-1944

CONNECTICUT

(Statistics are for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944)

A total of 975 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior and common pleas courts of Connecticut during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 975 defendants, 849, or 87.1 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 292, or 31.4 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a prison or reformatory. Of the 520 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 450, or 86.5 percent, were convicted; and of the 138 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 109, or 79.0 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population has ranged, during the past 5 years, from 48.7 in 1942-1943 to 56.4 in 1939-1940. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses ranged from 43.3 in 1942-1943 to 49.9 in 1939-1940. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, with larceny following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 31.4 percent of all major offense dispositions.

During the past 5 years, 87.7 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. This percentage was 88.4 in 1939-1940, 86.6 in 1940-1941, 87.7 in 1941-1942, 88.8 in 1942-1943, and 87.1 in 1943-1944.

In 1943-1944, 78.2 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 1.6 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 33.8 percent were sentenced to a prison or reformatory and 33.8 percent were sent to a local jail or workhouse. Only 2.8 percent of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years were fined or charged with costs only, while 28.9 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the fiscal year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the fiscal year ending in 1944 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in the year ending June 30, 1944, are presented by offenses in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1940 TO 1944
[Statistics shown by fiscal year and not calendar year. Thus, figures for "1943-1944" are for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944]

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943-1944	1942-1943	1941-1942	1940-1941	1939-1940	1943-1944 ¹	1942-1943 ¹	1941-1942 ¹	1940-1941 ²	1939-1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total	975	860	959	901	954	55.8	48.7	55.0	52.7	56.4
Murder.....	11	13	10	9	3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2
Manslaughter.....	21	33	47	45	33	1.2	1.9	2.7	2.6	2.0
Robbery.....	66	69	72	66	91	3.8	3.9	4.2	3.9	5.4
Aggravated assault.....	30	36	40	25	38	1.7	2.0	2.3	1.5	2.2
Burglary.....	211	166	175	189	244	12.1	9.4	10.0	11.1	14.4
Larceny, exc. auto theft.....	95	67	94	86	82	5.4	3.8	5.4	5.0	4.9
Auto theft.....	69	41	97	82	71	3.9	2.3	5.6	4.8	4.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	32	62	43	68	77	1.8	3.5	2.5	4.0	4.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.	30	11	22	12	13	1.7	0.6	1.3	0.7	0.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	17	11	19	23	15	1.0	0.6	1.1	1.3	0.9
Rape.....	76	60	85	83	60	4.3	3.4	4.9	4.9	3.6
Other major offenses.....	317	291	254	213	227	18.1	16.5	14.6	12.5	13.4
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	849	764	841	780	843	48.6	43.3	48.3	45.6	49.9
Murder.....	10	12	10	8	3	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.2
Manslaughter.....	14	27	36	28	20	0.8	1.5	2.1	1.6	1.2
Robbery.....	55	57	62	58	82	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.4	4.9
Aggravated assault.....	22	32	38	21	36	1.3	1.8	2.2	1.2	2.1
Burglary.....	195	155	165	172	227	11.2	8.8	9.5	10.1	13.4
Larceny, exc. auto theft.....	82	52	77	74	70	4.7	2.9	4.4	4.3	4.1
Auto theft.....	59	40	87	78	68	3.4	2.3	5.0	4.6	4.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	30	56	36	60	68	1.7	3.2	2.1	3.5	4.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.	23	10	17	10	13	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	16	11	18	21	14	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.8
Rape.....	63	46	79	64	51	3.6	2.6	4.5	3.7	3.0
Other major offenses.....	280	266	216	186	191	16.0	15.1	12.4	10.9	11.3

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941-1942 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940.

³ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--CONNECTICUT

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1940 TO 1944

[Statistics shown are for fiscal years. See headnote on table 1]

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943-1944		1942-1943		1941-1942		1940-1941		1939-1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	975	100.0	860	100.0	959	100.0	901	100.0	954	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	126	12.9	98	11.2	118	12.3	121	13.4	111	11.6
Dismissed.....	99	10.2	71	8.3	96	10.0	90	10.1	91	9.5
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	11	1.1	13	1.5	10	1.0	12	1.3	11	1.2
Acquitted by jury.....	10	1.0	4	0.5	7	0.7	4	0.4	5	0.5
Other no-penalty disposition.....	6	0.6	8	0.9	5	0.5	15	1.7	4	0.4
Convicted and sentenced.....	849	87.1	764	88.8	841	87.7	780	86.6	843	88.4
Fleeced guilty.....	762	78.2	680	79.1	786	82.0	721	80.0	755	79.1
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	71	7.3	69	8.0	40	4.2	42	4.7	54	5.7
Found guilty by jury.....	16	1.6	15	1.7	15	1.6	17	1.9	34	3.6

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1940 TO 1944

[Statistics shown are for fiscal years. See headnote on table 1]

SENTENCE	1943-1944		1942-1943		1941-1942		1940-1941		1939-1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	849	100.0	764	100.0	841	100.0	780	100.0	843	100.0
Death penalty.....	2	0.2	4	0.5	1	0.1	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	292	34.4	266	33.3	288	34.2	230	29.5	212	27.1
Probation or suspended sentence.....	258	30.4	207	27.1	221	27.5	250	32.1	233	27.6
Local jail or workhouse.....	276	32.5	271	35.5	295	35.1	265	34.0	271	32.1
Fine or costs only.....	14	1.6	24	3.1	26	3.1	26	3.3	26	3.1
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	7	0.8	2	0.3	-	-	9	1.2	-	-
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943-1944

[Statistics shown are for fiscal year. See headnote on table 1]

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR ALL DEFENDANTS											SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED							
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dis-missed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Fleeced guilty	Found guilty--										
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	1,608	319	255	38	17	9	1,284	1,112	140	32	1,284	2	296	394	393	191	7	1	
Major offense.....	975	126	99	11	10	6	849	762	71	16	849	2	292	268	276	14	7	-	
Murder.....	11	1	-	-	-	1	10	7	1	2	10	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	21	7	4	2	1	-	14	13	1	-	14	-	3	4	1	-	-		
Robbery.....	66	11	10	1	-	-	55	43	10	2	55	-	38	7	9	1	-		
Aggravated assault.....	30	8	3	1	2	2	22	18	3	1	22	-	8	7	7	-	-		
Burglary.....	211	16	13	1	-	2	195	189	4	2	195	-	80	55	59	-	1		
Larceny, except auto theft..	93	13	12	-	1	-	82	75	7	-	82	-	14	27	37	4	-		
Auto theft.....	69	10	10	-	-	-	59	35	4	-	59	-	17	23	14	-	-		
Embezzlement and fraud.....	32	2	1	1	-	-	30	28	1	1	30	-	5	5	20	-	-		
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	30	7	4	1	2	-	23	20	-	3	23	-	6	9	8	-	-		
Forgery and counterfeiting..	17	1	-	-	-	1	16	16	-	-	16	-	3	6	7	-	-		
Rape.....	76	13	11	1	1	-	63	51	10	2	63	-	29	19	14	1	-		
Commercialized vice.....	7	2	2	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	-		
Other sex offenses.....	250	31	25	3	3	-	219	188	28	3	219	-	52	73	82	6	6		
Violating drug laws.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-		
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	3	2	2	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	1	-		
Other major offenses.....	50	2	2	-	-	-	48	46	2	-	48	-	18	17	13	-	-		
Abortion.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	3	1	-	-	-		
Arson.....	3	1	1	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	1	3	-	-	-		
Bigamy.....	20	1	1	-	-	-	19	19	-	-	19	-	1	9	9	-	-		
Blackmail and extortion....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-		
Escape and jail break.....	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	-	-	15	-	12	1	2	-	-		
Kidnaping.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-		
Perjury.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	3	-	-	2	1	-	-		
Minor offenses ²	628	193	156	27	7	3	435	350	69	16	435	-	4	136	117	177	-	1	

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A total of 1,498 defendants were charged with major offenses and disposed of in the District Court of the District of Columbia during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received by the Bureau of the Census from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Of these 1,498 defendants, 1,063, or 71.0 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 537, or 50.5 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a reformatory, and 364, or 34.2 percent, were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 1,051 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 764, or 72.7 percent, were convicted; and of the 340 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 224, or 65.9 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population dropped from 231.0 in 1939 to 202.2 in 1940, and in 1941, increased to 222.0. Even though the totals for 1942 and 1943 include some defendants charged with major offenses, but convicted of minor offenses, the rate dropped to 190.4 in 1942, and to 183.4 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted showed a continuous decline from 174.0 in 1939 to 130.1 in 1943. Among the defendants charged with major offenses and disposed of in 1943, there were more defendants charged with robbery than with any other offense, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 33.2 percent of the total. (See table 1.)

During the 3 years prior to 1942, 74.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted.

In 1942, 75.9 percent of all defendants charged with major offenses were convicted, and in 1943, 71.0 percent. In 1943, 54.7 percent of all defendants charged with major offenses entered a plea of guilty and 15.6 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the 3 years prior to 1942, 61.5 percent were sentenced to a reformatory, and 10.3 percent were sentenced to a local jail or workhouse. The corresponding percentages for defendants charged with major offenses and disposed of in the 2 years 1942 and 1943 were 54.8 and 15.1.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. For the years 1942 and 1943, a defendant charged with more than one offense was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged. For the years 1939 to 1941, a defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943.

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941	1940	1939	1943 ²	1942 ²	1941 ²	1940 ³	1939 ⁴
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	1,498	1,564	1,645	1,341	1,520	183.4	190.4	222.0	202.2	231.0
Murder.....	46	28	21	15	16	5.6	3.4	2.8	2.3	2.4
Manslaughter.....	20	20	42	21	33	2.4	2.4	5.7	3.2	5.0
Robbery.....	249	264	262	209	261	30.5	32.1	35.4	31.5	39.7
Aggravated assault.....	232	274	219	139	143	28.4	33.4	29.6	21.0	21.7
Burglary.....	248	239	287	339	300	30.4	29.1	36.7	51.1	45.6
Larceny, except auto theft.....	208	216	201	145	171	25.5	26.3	27.1	21.9	26.0
Auto theft.....	148	219	271	173	155	18.1	26.7	36.6	26.1	23.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	92	94	97	65	113	11.3	11.4	13.1	9.8	17.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	49	26	36	44	45	6.0	3.2	4.9	6.6	6.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	57	73	87	68	81	7.0	8.9	11.7	10.3	12.3
Rape.....	42	46	59	28	28	5.1	5.6	8.0	4.2	4.3
Other major offenses.....	107	65	63	95	174	13.1	7.9	8.5	14.3	26.4
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	1,063	1,187	1,144	1,088	1,145	130.1	144.5	154.4	164.1	174.0
Murder.....	34	26	13	9	8	4.2	3.2	1.8	1.4	1.2
Manslaughter.....	10	12	26	15	27	1.2	1.5	3.5	2.3	4.1
Robbery.....	170	190	147	160	199	20.8	23.1	19.8	24.1	30.2
Aggravated assault.....	155	186	131	101	99	19.0	22.6	17.7	15.2	15.0
Burglary.....	200	202	226	309	261	24.5	24.6	30.5	46.6	39.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	146	165	162	123	144	17.9	20.1	21.9	18.5	21.9
Auto theft.....	109	175	231	147	117	13.3	21.3	31.2	22.2	17.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	66	74	49	49	49	8.1	9.0	6.8	7.2	7.4
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	20	20	24	26	23	2.4	2.4	3.2	3.9	3.5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	53	66	74	59	71	6.5	8.0	10.0	8.9	10.8
Rape.....	25	24	25	21	18	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.2	2.7
Other major offenses.....	75	47	36	70	129	9.2	5.7	4.9	10.6	19.6

¹ Includes defendants charged with major offenses but convicted of minor offenses.

² Based on estimate of civilian population of the District of Columbia. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

³ Based on Population census of 1940.

⁴ Based on estimate of total population of the District of Columbia.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943 ¹		1942 ¹		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	1,498	100.0	1,564	100.0	1,645	100.0	1,841	100.0	1,520	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	485	29.0	377	24.1	501	30.5	253	18.9	375	24.7
Dismissed.....	297	19.8	242	15.5	284	17.3	162	12.1	250	16.4
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	1	0.1	34	2.1	35	2.6	2	0.2
Acquitted by jury.....	138	9.2	134	8.6	173	10.5	52	3.9	107	7.0
Other no-penalty disposition.....	-	-	-	-	10	0.6	4	0.3	15	1.0
Convicted and sentenced.....	1,063	71.0	1,187	75.9	1,144	69.5	1,088	81.1	1,145	75.3
Pleaded guilty.....	820	54.7	905	57.9	892	54.2	914	68.2	955	62.8
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	9	0.6	-	-	6	0.5	2	0.1	1	0.1
Found guilty by jury.....	234	15.6	282	18.0	244	14.8	172	12.8	189	12.4

¹ Includes defendants charged with major offenses but convicted of minor offenses.

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943 ¹		1942 ¹		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	1,063	100.0	1,187	100.0	1,144	100.0	1,088	100.0	1,145	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	0.1	-	-	6	0.5	1	0.1	1	0.1
Prison or reformatory.....	537	50.5	697	58.7	702	61.4	679	62.4	697	60.9
Probation or suspended sentence.....	364	34.2	292	24.6	293	25.6	297	27.3	336	29.5
Local jail or workhouse.....	147	13.8	193	16.2	137	12.0	108	9.9	104	9.1
Fine or costs only.....	14	1.3	5	0.4	6	0.5	3	0.3	5	0.4
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Includes defendants charged with major offenses but convicted of minor offenses.

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

(Defendants classified by offense charged)

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED							
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction				Convicted and sentenced				Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence	
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted-- By court ¹	Other no-penalty By jury	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty-- By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	1,899	573	420	-	153	-	1,326	1,073	11	242	1,326	1	586	501	194	44	-	-
Major offenses.....	1,498	435	297	-	138	-	1,063	820	9	234	1,063	1	527	364	147	14	-	-
Murder.....	45	12	6	-	6	-	34	20	-	14	34	1	32	-	1	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	20	10	1	-	9	-	10	4	-	6	10	-	5	-	4	1	-	-
Robbery.....	249	79	47	-	32	-	170	109	1	60	170	-	117	30	23	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	232	77	53	-	24	-	155	101	2	52	155	-	54	71	30	-	-	-
Burglary.....	248	48	31	-	17	-	200	174	2	24	200	-	123	48	29	-	-	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	208	62	46	-	16	-	146	123	1	22	146	-	59	69	18	-	-	-
Auto theft.....	148	39	31	-	8	-	109	92	1	16	109	-	38	52	19	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	92	26	21	-	5	-	66	62	-	4	66	-	17	30	6	13	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	49	29	21	-	8	-	20	18	-	2	20	-	3	14	3	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	57	4	3	-	1	-	53	48	-	5	53	-	29	22	2	-	-	-
Rape.....	42	17	12	-	5	-	25	14	-	11	25	-	16	3	6	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	16	6	6	-	-	-	10	6	-	4	10	-	9	-	1	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	16	3	2	-	1	-	13	7	2	4	13	-	5	8	-	-	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	43	16	14	-	2	-	27	21	-	6	27	-	22	5	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	32	7	3	-	4	-	25	21	-	4	25	-	8	12	5	-	-	-
Abortion.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Arcen.....	4	3	1	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sigamy.....	9	1	-	-	1	-	8	7	-	1	8	-	2	6	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion....	6	2	2	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	2	1	3	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	7	-	1	8	-	2	1	5	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	401	138	123	-	15	-	263	253	2	8	263	-	49	137	47	30	-	-

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

IDAHO

A total of 241 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Idaho during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 241 defendants, 181, or 75.1 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 83, or 45.9 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 184 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 142, or 77.2 percent, were convicted; and of the 32 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 25 were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population has decreased from 115.1 in 1939 to 55.4 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same general trend, decreasing from 98.8 in 1939 to 41.6 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for forgery and counterfeiting than for any other offense during 1943, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 47.7 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 80.1 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 85.9 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940, 82.1 percent; in 1941, 79.2 percent; in 1942, 70.4 percent; and in 1943, 75.1 percent. In 1943, 63.1

percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 5.4 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 54.2 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1940, 1941, and 1943 fell below this amount, while those for 1939 and 1942 were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 26.7 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1.--DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943
(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 44 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 39 counties, 92.0 percent; 1942, 42 counties, 97.1 percent; 1941, 1940, and 1939, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³	1939 ⁴
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	241	311	428	576	594	55.4	67.2	86.3	109.7	115.1
Murder.....	5	10	6	9	11	1.1	2.2	1.2	1.7	2.1
Manslaughter.....	3	7	12	15	14	0.7	1.5	2.4	2.9	2.7
Robbery.....	9	24	17	32	17	2.1	5.2	3.4	6.1	3.3
Aggravated assault.....	8	15	14	26	22	1.8	3.2	2.8	5.0	4.3
Burglary.....	55	69	113	155	171	12.6	14.9	22.8	29.5	33.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	34	42	61	83	110	7.8	9.1	12.3	15.8	21.3
Auto theft.....	13	11	25	9	5	3.0	2.4	5.0	1.7	1.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	4	8	19	21	15	0.9	1.7	3.8	4.0	2.9
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	9	1	9	9	16	2.1	0.2	1.8	1.7	3.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	60	85	108	154	152	13.8	18.4	21.8	29.3	29.5
Rape.....	16	13	16	33	23	3.7	2.8	3.2	6.3	4.5
Other major offenses.....	25	26	28	30	38	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7	7.4
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	181	219	339	473	510	41.6	47.3	66.3	90.1	98.8
Murder.....	4	5	6	8	7	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.4
Manslaughter.....	3	6	8	8	11	0.7	1.3	1.6	1.5	2.1
Robbery.....	6	17	15	30	14	1.4	3.7	3.0	5.7	2.7
Aggravated assault.....	6	8	9	18	17	1.4	1.7	1.8	3.4	3.3
Burglary.....	45	55	95	134	157	10.3	11.9	19.1	25.5	30.4
Larceny, except auto theft.....	26	27	49	73	97	6.0	5.8	9.9	13.9	18.8
Auto theft.....	5	6	17	7	4	1.1	1.3	3.4	1.3	0.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	4	7	12	13	11	0.9	1.5	2.4	2.5	2.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	6	1	7	8	9	1.4	0.2	1.4	1.5	1.7
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	50	65	89	130	138	11.5	14.0	17.9	24.8	26.7
Rape.....	12	8	9	24	16	2.8	1.7	1.8	4.6	3.1
Other major offenses.....	14	14	23	20	29	3.2	3.0	4.6	3.8	5.6

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting.
² Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.
³ Based on Population census of 1940.
⁴ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

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Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	241	100.0	311	100.0	428	100.0	576	100.0	594	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	60	24.9	92	29.6	89	20.8	103	17.9	84	14.1
Dismissed.....	54	22.4	66	21.2	72	16.8	93	14.4	61	10.3
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	2	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	4	1.7	13	4.2	8	1.9	16	2.8	16	2.7
Other no-penalty disposition.....	2	0.8	11	3.5	9	2.1	4	0.7	7	1.2
Convicted and sentenced.....	181	75.1	219	70.4	339	79.2	473	82.1	510	85.9
Pleading guilty.....	152	63.1	195	62.7	296	69.2	413	71.7	475	80.0
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	16	6.6	5	1.6	3	0.7	16	2.8	5	0.8
Found guilty by jury.....	13	5.4	19	6.1	40	9.3	44	7.6	30	5.1

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	181	100.0	219	100.0	339	100.0	473	100.0	510	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	83	45.9	125	61.6	179	52.8	245	51.8	292	57.3
Probation or suspended sentence.....	59	32.6	48	21.9	81	23.9	132	27.9	139	27.3
Local jail or workhouse.....	30	16.6	20	13.7	67	19.8	83	17.5	76	14.9
Fine or costs only.....	4	2.2	2	0.9	3	0.9	1	0.2	1	0.2
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	5	2.8	3	1.4	8	2.4	11	2.3	2	0.4
Other sentence.....	-	-	1	0.5	1	0.3	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Pleading guilty	Found guilty--										
All offenses.....	276	69	62	-	4	3	207	176	16	15	207	-	86	64	86	17	5	-	
Major offenses.....	241	60	54	-	4	2	181	152	16	13	181	-	83	59	30	4	5	-	
Murder.....	5	1	-	-	1	-	4	1	1	2	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	
Manlaughter.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	9	3	3	-	-	-	6	4	2	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	8	2	2	-	-	-	6	4	1	1	6	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	
Burglary.....	55	10	10	-	-	-	45	38	4	3	45	-	21	15	5	-	4	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	34	8	8	-	-	-	26	24	1	1	26	-	10	9	5	2	-	-	
Auto theft.....	13	8	7	-	-	1	5	5	-	-	5	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	9	3	2	-	1	-	6	5	1	-	6	-	2	3	-	1	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	60	10	9	-	1	-	50	45	3	2	50	-	22	16	10	-	1	-	
Rape.....	16	4	4	-	-	-	12	7	3	2	12	-	8	3	1	-	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	13	3	3	-	-	-	10	9	-	1	10	-	-	5	4	1	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	8	4	3	-	-	1	4	4	-	-	4	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	3	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bigamy.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	3	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	35	9	8	-	-	1	26	24	-	2	26	-	3	5	5	13	-	-	

1 Jury waived.

2 This group includes minor assault, nonsupport, violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

IOWA

A total of 1,201 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Iowa during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 1,201 defendants, 874, or 72.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 414, or 47.4 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 811 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 604, or 74.5 percent, were convicted; and of the 119 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 72, or 60.5 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 92.5 in 1939 to 52.7 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 71.4 in 1939 to 38.4 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with forgery and counterfeiting following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 38.7 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 76.4 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 77.2 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940, 77.3 percent; in 1941, 77.7 percent; in 1942,

75.4 percent; and in 1943, 72.8 percent. In 1943, 65.9 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 3.1 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 42.5 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1939, 1940, and 1941 fell below this figure, and the percentages for 1942 and 1943 were somewhat higher. Only 18.0 percent of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943
[Statistics for all years except 1939 based on reports for all of the 99 counties of the State. Statistics for 1939 based on reports from 85 counties which contain 80.6 percent of the 1940 population of the State]

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	1,201	1,486	1,890	2,195	1,875	52.7	60.8	76.2	86.5	92.5
Murder.....	11	16	19	17	15	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7
Manslaughter.....	19	12	22	20	20	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	1.0
Robbery.....	29	41	66	67	63	1.3	1.7	2.7	2.6	3.1
Aggravated assault.....	52	51	81	69	85	2.3	2.1	3.3	2.7	4.2
Burglary.....	115	169	229	300	254	5.1	6.9	9.2	11.8	12.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	296	412	567	588	482	13.0	16.9	22.8	23.2	23.8
Auto theft.....	81	105	119	161	142	3.6	4.3	4.8	6.3	7.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	107	101	164	233	232	4.7	4.1	6.6	9.2	11.4
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	14	22	24	33	22	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	169	269	289	311	240	7.4	11.0	11.6	12.3	11.8
Rape.....	37	50	36	48	53	1.6	2.0	1.5	1.9	2.6
Other major offenses.....	271	238	274	348	267	11.9	9.7	11.0	13.7	13.2
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	874	1,120	1,469	1,697	1,448	38.4	45.0	59.2	66.9	71.4
Murder.....	8	10	16	13	10	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.5
Manslaughter.....	8	6	15	10	13	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.6
Robbery.....	20	29	52	51	39	0.9	1.2	2.1	2.0	1.9
Aggravated assault.....	36	37	56	52	60	1.6	1.5	2.3	2.0	3.0
Burglary.....	93	131	183	232	224	4.1	5.4	7.4	9.1	11.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	242	341	484	513	417	10.6	13.9	19.5	20.2	20.6
Auto theft.....	58	80	98	126	124	2.5	3.3	3.9	5.0	6.1
Embezzlement and fraud.....	50	67	104	145	124	2.2	2.7	4.2	5.7	6.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	8	17	19	25	16	0.4	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	133	196	230	244	193	5.8	8.0	9.3	9.6	9.5
Rape.....	20	24	21	34	36	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.8
Other major offenses.....	198	182	191	252	192	8.7	7.4	7.7	9.9	9.5

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940.

³ Based on estimate of total population for counties reporting.

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Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	1,201	100.0	1,486	100.0	1,890	100.0	2,195	100.0	1,875	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	327	27.2	355	24.6	421	22.3	498	22.7	427	22.8
Dismissed.....	214	17.8	320	21.5	359	19.0	439	20.0	359	19.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	71	5.9	5	0.3	3	0.2	3	0.1	14	0.7
Acquitted by jury.....	23	1.9	25	1.7	45	2.4	46	2.1	41	2.2
Other no-penalty disposition.....	19	1.6	15	1.0	14	0.7	10	0.5	13	0.7
Convicted and sentenced.....	874	72.8	1,130	75.4	1,469	77.7	1,697	77.3	1,448	77.2
Pleaded guilty.....	792	65.9	1,075	72.4	1,399	74.0	1,527	74.1	1,373	73.2
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	45	3.7	15	1.1	22	1.2	19	0.9	20	1.1
Found guilty by jury.....	37	3.1	28	1.9	48	2.5	51	2.3	55	2.9

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	874	100.0	1,120	100.0	1,469	100.0	1,597	100.0	1,448	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	1	0.1	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	414	47.4	487	43.5	612	41.7	597	41.1	599	41.4
Probation or suspended sentence.....	139	15.9	193	17.2	256	18.1	303	17.9	290	20.0
Local jail or workhouse.....	232	26.5	368	32.9	499	34.0	585	34.5	470	32.5
Fine or costs only.....	79	9.0	53	5.6	58	4.6	91	5.4	73	5.0
Institution for juvenile delinquents only.....	9	1.0	7	0.5	20	1.4	20	1.2	15	1.1
Other sentence.....	-	-	2	0.2	4	0.3	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
All offenses.....	3,002	753	434	244	39	36	2,249	2,059	198	32	2,249	1	473	293	438	1,024	17	1	
Major offenses.....	1,201	327	214	71	23	19	874	792	43	37	874	1	414	139	232	79	9	-	
Murder.....	11	3	2	-	1	-	8	5	-	3	8	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	19	11	5	2	4	-	8	5	-	3	8	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	29	9	4	4	-	1	20	20	-	20	-	15	3	1	1	-	-		
Aggravated assault.....	52	15	13	1	1	1	36	30	3	3	36	-	12	4	15	5	-		
Burglary.....	113	22	17	5	-	-	93	85	5	3	93	-	47	12	22	5	5		
Larceny, except auto theft..	295	54	38	7	5	7	242	224	9	9	242	-	77	59	92	12	2		
Auto theft.....	81	23	12	10	-	1	58	54	3	1	58	-	35	11	9	3	-		
Embezzlement and fraud.....	107	57	31	25	1	-	50	49	-	1	50	-	14	11	7	18	-		
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	14	6	1	5	-	-	9	8	-	-	9	-	4	1	2	1	-		
Forgery and counterfeiting..	159	36	32	2	-	2	133	128	5	-	133	-	57	23	35	17	1		
Rape.....	37	17	10	1	5	1	20	17	-	3	20	-	17	-	3	-	-		
Commercialized vice.....	11	3	3	-	-	-	8	6	-	2	8	-	8	-	-	-	-		
Other sex offenses.....	181	60	44	7	5	4	121	113	1	7	121	-	55	7	40	9	-		
Violating drug laws.....	4	2	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	3	1	-		
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	17	2	2	-	-	-	15	15	-	-	15	-	3	4	3	5	-		
Other major offenses.....	58	5	3	-	1	2	52	31	19	2	52	-	46	2	3	1	-		
Abortion.....	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Arson.....	9	2	1	-	-	1	7	5	1	-	7	-	5	1	1	-	-		
Bigamy.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	1	1	1	1	-		
Blackmail and extortion...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Escape and jail break.....	42	2	1	-	1	-	40	21	18	1	40	-	39	-	1	-	-		
Kidnaping.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-		
Perjury.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Minor offenses ^a	1,801	425	220	173	15	17	1,375	1,267	98	15	1,375	-	59	156	206	945	8	1	

^a Jury waived.

^b This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

KANSAS

A total of 945 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Kansas during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 945 defendants, 650, or 68.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 443, or 68.2 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a prison or reformatory. Of the 713 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 502, or 70.4 percent, were convicted; and of the 158 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 94, or 59.5 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 99.0 in 1939 to 56.3 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 76.8 in 1939 to 38.7 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 45.3 percent of all major offense dispositions.

During the past 5 years, 73.0 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 77.0 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940, 79.0 percent; in 1941, 69.2 percent; in 1942, 69.8

percent; and in 1943, 68.8 percent. In 1943, 62.0 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 5.3 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 69.7 percent were sentenced to a prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1943 and 1939 were lower than this amount, while those for the remaining years were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 18.7 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	945	1,055	1,424	1,430	1,805	56.3	61.4	81.5	79.4	99.0
Murder.....	20	34	21	16	29	1.2	2.0	1.2	0.9	1.6
Manslaughter.....	15	15	23	14	22	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.6	1.2
Robbery.....	19	36	72	54	71	1.1	2.2	4.1	3.0	3.9
Aggravated assault.....	55	45	69	60	55	3.3	2.6	5.1	3.3	3.0
Burglary.....	171	188	267	290	301	10.2	10.9	15.3	16.1	16.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	257	320	369	404	554	16.3	18.6	21.1	22.4	30.4
Auto theft.....	56	75	95	72	76	3.3	4.4	5.4	4.0	4.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	31	52	65	123	174	1.8	3.0	4.9	6.8	9.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	33	23	29	25	27	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	146	154	232	205	236	8.7	9.0	13.3	11.4	14.1
Rape.....	68	44	68	70	100	4.1	2.6	3.9	3.9	5.5
Other major offenses.....	74	67	74	97	138	4.4	3.9	4.2	5.4	7.6
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	650	736	966	1,130	1,400	38.7	42.8	56.4	62.7	76.8
Murder.....	17	25	10	10	22	1.0	1.5	0.6	0.6	1.2
Manslaughter.....	9	13	14	11	15	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.6
Robbery.....	15	25	56	43	51	0.9	1.5	3.2	2.4	2.6
Aggravated assault.....	32	27	31	36	39	1.9	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.1
Burglary.....	113	141	206	244	255	6.7	8.2	11.8	13.5	14.0
Larceny, except auto theft.....	187	235	285	345	470	11.1	13.7	16.3	19.2	25.8
Auto theft.....	44	63	80	68	67	2.6	3.7	4.6	3.6	3.7
Embezzlement and fraud.....	15	25	36	70	66	0.9	1.5	2.1	3.9	4.7
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	25	11	16	17	20	1.5	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	103	104	171	182	213	6.1	6.1	9.8	10.1	11.7
Rape.....	36	21	37	38	64	2.1	1.2	2.1	2.1	3.5
Other major offenses.....	54	46	44	66	98	3.2	2.7	2.5	3.7	5.4

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940.

³ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--KANSAS

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	945	100.0	1,055	100.0	1,130	100.0	1,430	100.0	1,805	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	295	31.2	319	30.2	424	30.8	300	21.0	405	22.4
Dismissed.....	257	27.2	266	25.2	374	26.3	244	17.1	335	18.6
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	1	0.1	3	0.3	3	0.2	6	0.4	7	0.4
Acquitted by jury.....	26	3.0	38	3.6	56	4.1	49	3.4	61	3.4
Other co-penalty disposition.....	9	1.0	12	1.1	3	0.2	1	0.1	2	0.1
Convicted and sentenced.....	650	68.8	736	69.8	966	85.2	1,130	79.0	1,400	77.6
Pleaded guilty.....	586	62.0	632	60.0	664	60.7	1,007	70.4	1,263	70.0
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	14	1.5	26	2.5	26	1.8	19	1.3	16	0.9
Found guilty by jury.....	50	5.3	77	7.3	96	6.7	104	7.3	121	6.7

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCES	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	650	100.0	736	100.0	966	100.0	1,130	100.0	1,400	100.0
Death penalty.....	2	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	443	68.2	569	77.3	691	70.1	605	71.2	911	65.1
Probation or suspended sentence.....	112	18.2	84	11.4	165	18.6	211	18.7	318	22.7
Local jail or workhouse.....	75	11.5	74	10.1	91	9.2	105	9.3	151	10.8
Fine or costs only.....	6	0.9	8	1.1	18	1.8	9	0.8	20	1.4
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	5	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sentence.....	1	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	1,461	561	507	5	35	14	920	825	22	67	920	2	471	221	179	37	5	5	
Major offenses.....	945	295	257	1	26	9	650	586	14	50	650	2	443	118	75	6	5	1	
Murder.....	20	3	3	-	-	-	17	8	-	9	17	2	15	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	15	6	3	-	2	1	9	4	-	5	9	-	6	2	1	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	19	4	3	-	1	-	15	14	1	-	15	-	12	-	2	-	1	-	
Aggravated assault.....	55	23	19	-	3	1	32	27	-	5	32	-	13	4	11	4	-	-	
Burglary.....	171	58	49	-	8	1	113	104	5	4	113	-	69	20	3	-	1	-	
Larceny, except auto theft.....	257	70	66	-	3	1	187	177	1	9	187	-	115	43	27	-	2	-	
Auto theft.....	56	12	9	-	-	3	44	40	2	2	44	-	30	5	6	1	-	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	31	16	15	-	1	-	15	12	-	3	15	-	11	3	-	-	-	1	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	33	8	7	1	-	-	25	21	-	4	25	-	10	11	4	-	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	145	43	42	-	1	-	103	97	4	2	103	-	76	20	5	1	1	-	
Rape.....	68	32	23	-	8	1	36	31	1	4	36	-	31	4	1	-	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	14	3	3	-	-	-	11	10	-	1	11	-	6	-	5	-	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	6	3	3	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	52	13	11	-	1	1	39	37	-	2	39	-	27	6	6	-	-	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	20	6	7	-	-	1	12	12	-	-	12	-	10	2	-	-	-	-	
Sigamy.....	11	1	1	-	-	-	10	9	-	1	10	-	5	3	2	-	-	-	
Bribe and extortion.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	18	3	3	-	-	-	15	15	-	-	15	-	11	-	4	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	536	266	250	4	7	5	270	239	14	17	270	-	26	103	104	31	-	4	

¹ Jury waived.² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

MASSACHUSETTS

A total of 2,248 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior courts of Massachusetts during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the Massachusetts Department of Correction by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 2,248 defendants, 1,898, or 84.4 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 1,076, or 56.7 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sentenced to imprisonment. Of the 1,550 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 1,330, or 85.8 percent, were convicted; and of the 367 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 297, or 80.9 percent were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 81.0 in 1939 to 54.9 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 65.4 in 1939 to 46.4 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1943, with larceny following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 45.1 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 82.3 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 80.7 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1940, 82.9 percent; in 1941, 84.6 percent; in 1942, 79.5 percent; and in 1943, 84.4 percent. In 1943, 73.4 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 7.6 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 54.7 percent were sentenced to imprisonment. The percentages for 1942, 1941, and 1940 fell below this figure, and those for the remaining years were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 29.1 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	2,248	2,825	3,083	3,194	3,548	54.9	66.1	71.9	74.0	81.0
Murder.....	20	10	16	19	17	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Manslaughter.....	37	28	31	17	41	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.9
Robbery.....	252	243	273	406	416	6.2	5.7	6.4	9.4	9.5
Aggravated assault.....	122	115	144	111	168	3.0	2.7	3.4	2.6	3.8
Burglary.....	636	727	845	962	1,057	15.5	17.0	19.7	22.3	24.1
Larceny, except auto theft ⁴	377	595	630	566	527	9.2	13.9	14.7	13.1	12.0
Auto theft.....	174	325	404	311	354	4.3	7.6	9.4	7.2	8.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	57	77	52	62	59	1.4	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	54	57	99	57	44	1.3	1.3	2.3	1.3	1.0
Rape.....	188	215	218	275	241	4.6	5.0	5.1	6.4	5.5
Other major offenses.....	331	433	371	408	624	8.1	10.1	8.7	9.5	14.2
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	1,898	2,246	2,609	2,647	2,865	46.4	52.6	60.8	61.3	65.4
Murder.....	15	4	10	12	8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
Manslaughter.....	28	19	24	13	12	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3
Robbery.....	195	189	223	333	342	4.8	4.4	5.2	7.7	7.8
Aggravated assault.....	99	97	115	82	137	2.4	2.3	2.7	1.9	3.1
Burglary.....	588	670	784	874	969	14.4	15.7	18.3	20.2	22.1
Larceny, except auto theft ⁴	313	378	518	434	445	7.6	8.8	12.1	10.1	10.2
Auto theft.....	151	283	357	273	286	3.7	6.6	8.3	6.3	6.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	40	55	41	46	51	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.2
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	43	42	89	50	42	1.1	1.0	2.1	1.2	1.0
Rape.....	155	176	179	212	200	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.9	4.6
Other major offenses.....	271	333	269	318	373	6.6	7.8	6.3	7.4	8.5

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940.

³ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

⁴ Larceny, except auto theft, includes embezzlement and fraud.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--MASSACHUSETTS

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

[Percent not shown where less than 0.1]

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	2,248	100.0	2,225	100.0	3,083	100.0	3,194	100.0	3,548	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	350	15.6	579	26.5	474	15.4	547	17.1	683	19.5
Dismissed.....	160	7.1	367	16.0	238	7.6	242	7.6	393	11.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	55	2.4	67	2.4	70	2.3	95	3.0	98	2.6
Acquitted by jury.....	128	5.9	145	5.1	168	5.4	209	6.5	195	5.5
Other no-penalty disposition.....	2	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	-	-	2	0.1
Convicted and sentenced.....	1,898	84.4	2,246	79.5	2,609	84.6	2,647	82.9	2,865	80.7
Fleaded guilty.....	1,649	73.4	1,908	67.5	2,260	73.3	2,270	71.1	2,450	69.1
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	79	3.5	143	5.1	118	3.8	132	4.1	109	2.9
Found guilty by jury.....	170	7.8	195	6.9	231	7.5	245	7.7	312	8.8

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

[Percent not shown where less than 0.1]

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	1,898	100.0	2,246	100.0	2,609	100.0	2,647	100.0	2,865	100.0
Death penalty.....	2	0.1	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	0.1
Imprisonment ¹	1,076	56.7	1,189	52.9	1,425	54.6	1,428	53.9	1,587	55.4
Probation or suspended sentence.....	517	27.2	657	29.3	718	27.5	735	27.8	940	32.8
Fine or costs only.....	23	1.2	33	1.5	20	0.8	10	0.4	21	0.7
On file after conviction.....	280	14.8	366	16.3	445	17.1	473	17.9	315	11.0

¹ Includes defendants sentenced to a State prison or reformatory, to local jail or workhouse, or to an institution for juvenile delinquents only.

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED						
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Imprisonment ²	Probation or suspended sentence	Fine or costs only	Placed on file after conviction
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Fleaded guilty	Found guilty--								
All offenses.....	3,012	623	405	63	153	2	2,389	2,065	93	231	2,389	2	1,237	685	91	374	
Major offenses.....	2,248	350	160	55	133	2	1,898	1,649	79	170	1,898	2	1,076	517	23	280	
Murder.....	20	5	2	-	3	-	15	10	-	5	15	2	13	-	-	-	
Manlaughter.....	37	9	-	-	9	-	28	22	-	6	28	-	24	4	-	-	
Robbery.....	252	57	8	17	32	-	195	165	7	23	195	-	149	34	-	12	
Aggravated assault.....	122	25	8	6	9	-	99	75	7	17	99	-	51	32	2	14	
Burglary.....	636	46	28	8	10	2	588	563	7	18	588	-	281	222	1	84	
Larceny, except auto theft ³	377	64	48	2	14	-	313	279	7	27	313	-	161	78	3	71	
Auto theft.....	174	23	15	1	7	-	151	138	1	12	151	-	85	44	1	21	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	57	17	9	3	5	-	40	37	-	3	40	-	14	18	3	5	
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	54	11	7	-	4	-	43	42	-	1	43	-	20	12	3	8	
Rape.....	168	33	16	2	15	-	155	124	9	22	155	-	102	37	-	16	
Commercialized vice.....	11	3	1	1	3	-	6	5	1	-	6	-	2	2	1	1	
Other sex offenses.....	185	32	7	10	15	-	153	123	12	18	153	-	97	20	6	30	
Violating drug laws.....	4	2	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	35	3	1	-	2	-	32	6	24	2	32	-	23	2	-	7	
Other major offenses.....	96	18	10	3	5	-	78	58	4	16	78	-	52	12	5	11	
Abortion.....	22	7	4	1	2	-	15	5	2	8	15	-	10	4	1	-	
Arson.....	22	6	1	2	3	-	16	12	2	2	16	-	10	5	-	1	
Bigamy.....	11	2	2	-	-	-	9	7	-	2	9	-	9	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion.....	3	1	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	20	-	-	-	-	-	20	18	-	2	20	-	13	2	-	5	
Kidnaping.....	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	7	-	2	-	-	5	
Perjury.....	11	2	2	-	-	-	9	7	-	2	9	-	6	1	2	-	
Minor offenses ⁴	764	273	245	8	20	-	491	416	14	61	491	-	161	168	68	94	

¹ Jury waived.² Includes defendants sentenced to a State prison or reformatory, to a local jail or workhouse, or to an institution for juvenile delinquents only.³ Larceny, except auto theft, includes embezzlement and fraud.⁴ This group includes minor assault; non-support; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

MINNESOTA

A total of 929 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Minnesota during the calendar year 1943, according to individual reports received from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 929 defendants, 826, or 88.9 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 406, or 49.2 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory; and 330, or 40.0 percent, were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 643 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 590, or 91.8 percent, were convicted; and of the 168 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 130, or 77.4 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 74.9 in 1939 to 36.8 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 67.8 in 1939 to 32.7 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with forgery and counterfeiting following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 44.3 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 89.2 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 90.5 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1940, 90.8 percent; in 1941, 89.7 percent; in 1942, 84.2 percent; and in 1943, 88.9 percent. In 1943, 83.6 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 4.7 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 45.2 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1943 and 1939 were higher than this amount, while those for the remaining years were somewhat lower. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 41.0 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	929	1,385	1,696	1,990	2,069	36.8	51.8	62.3	71.3	74.9
Murder.....	7	11	17	14	12	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4
Manslaughter.....	25	37	37	24	23	1.0	1.4	1.4	0.9	1.0
Robbery.....	19	63	61	53	127	0.8	2.4	2.2	1.9	4.6
Aggravated assault.....	47	63	57	76	72	1.9	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.6
Burglary.....	105	122	191	278	225	4.2	4.6	7.0	10.0	8.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	292	499	589	686	702	11.6	18.6	19.8	22.6	25.4
Auto theft.....	72	107	139	151	170	2.9	4.0	5.1	5.4	6.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	18	42	61	52	71	0.7	1.6	2.2	1.9	2.6
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	17	29	27	38	37	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	120	187	295	353	321	4.8	7.0	10.8	12.6	11.6
Rape.....	89	84	120	91	112	3.5	3.1	4.4	3.3	4.1
Other major offenses.....	118	141	152	224	192	4.7	5.3	5.6	8.0	7.0
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	826	1,166	1,522	1,807	1,873	32.7	43.6	55.9	64.7	67.8
Murder.....	5	10	12	10	7	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Manslaughter.....	17	25	26	16	17	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.6
Robbery.....	17	57	53	50	111	0.7	2.1	1.9	1.8	4.0
Aggravated assault.....	36	39	42	58	62	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.1	2.2
Burglary.....	100	105	172	264	220	4.0	3.9	6.3	9.5	8.0
Larceny, except auto theft.....	274	434	498	590	639	10.8	16.2	18.3	21.1	23.1
Auto theft.....	60	92	135	143	161	2.4	3.4	5.0	5.1	5.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	11	33	42	36	59	0.4	1.2	1.5	1.3	2.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	14	23	24	35	28	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	114	165	270	333	308	4.5	6.2	9.9	11.9	11.2
Rape.....	72	65	105	81	101	2.9	2.4	3.9	2.9	3.7
Other major offenses.....	106	118	143	191	160	4.2	4.4	5.3	6.8	5.8

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940.

³ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--MINNESOTA

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	929	100.0	1,385	100.0	1,696	100.0	1,990	100.0	2,069	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	108	11.1	219	15.8	174	10.3	183	9.2	196	9.5
Dismissed.....	74	8.0	153	11.0	125	7.4	130	6.5	132	6.4
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.1	3	0.2	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	25	2.7	46	3.3	43	2.5	43	2.2	56	2.7
Other no-penalty disposition.....	4	0.4	19	1.4	5	0.3	7	0.4	8	0.4
Convicted and sentenced.....	826	89.9	1,166	84.2	1,522	89.7	1,807	90.8	1,873	90.5
Released guilty.....	777	83.6	1,089	78.6	1,434	84.6	1,741	87.5	1,784	86.2
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	5	0.5	5	0.4	7	0.4	3	0.2	6	0.3
Found guilty by jury.....	44	4.7	72	5.2	81	4.8	63	3.2	83	4.0

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

(Death penalty not applicable in Minnesota)

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	826	100.0	1,166	100.0	1,522	100.0	1,807	100.0	1,873	100.0
Prison or reformatory.....	406	49.2	518	44.4	682	44.9	788	43.6	859	45.9
Probation or suspended sentence.....	330	40.0	426	36.5	661	43.4	719	39.8	740	39.5
Local jail or workhouse.....	64	7.7	122	10.5	148	9.7	240	13.3	212	11.3
Fine or costs only.....	19	2.3	27	2.3	27	1.8	55	3.0	55	2.9
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	5	0.7	3	0.3	2	0.1	5	0.3	7	0.4
Other sentence.....	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

(Death penalty not applicable in Minnesota)

OFFENSE	Total defendants disposed of	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS								SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED							
		Disposed of without conviction				Convicted and sentenced				Total	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence	
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted-- By court ¹	Other no-penalty By jury	Total	Fleaded guilty	Found guilty-- By court ¹	By jury								
All offenses.....	1,152	147	108	-	35	4	1,005	947	7	51	1,005	410	410	90	88	6	1
Major offenses.....	929	103	74	-	25	4	826	777	5	44	826	406	380	64	19	6	1
Murder.....	7	2	-	-	2	-	5	3	-	2	5	5	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	25	8	1	-	6	1	17	12	-	5	17	11	5	1	-	-	-
Robbery.....	19	2	2	-	-	-	17	16	-	1	17	16	1	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	47	11	9	-	2	-	36	33	-	3	36	16	15	3	2	-	-
Burglary.....	105	5	5	-	-	-	100	99	-	1	100	64	29	4	-	3	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	292	18	14	-	3	1	274	264	2	7	274	122	127	19	3	3	-
Auto theft.....	72	12	12	-	-	-	60	57	-	3	60	27	29	4	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	18	7	4	-	3	-	11	10	1	-	11	3	6	-	2	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	17	3	2	-	1	-	14	11	-	3	14	1	7	3	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	120	6	6	-	-	-	114	110	-	4	114	46	49	16	3	-	-
Rape.....	89	17	13	-	4	-	72	67	1	4	72	34	29	8	-	-	1
Commercialized vice.....	4	2	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	74	7	3	-	2	2	67	60	-	7	67	41	20	3	3	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	12	1	-	-	1	-	11	10	-	1	11	4	2	2	3	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	27	2	1	-	1	-	25	23	-	2	25	15	10	-	-	-	-
Abortion.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	3	1	2	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	5	1	-	-	1	-	4	3	-	1	4	1	3	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	8	4	4	-	-	-	-
Snack and extortion.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	223	44	34	-	10	-	179	170	2	7	179	4	80	26	69	-	-

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

MONTANA

A total of 246 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Montana during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 246 defendants, 186, or 75.6 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 136, or 73.1 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 166 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 128, or 77.1 percent, were convicted; and of the 52 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 37, or 71.2 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population showed a downward trend from 97.0 in 1939 to 59.5 in 1943, although there was a slight increase in 1940 over 1939. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses decreased steadily from 83.1 in 1939 to 45.0 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with forgery and counterfeiting following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 41.5 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 80.4 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. The

percentage convicted decreased from 85.6 in 1939 to 75.6 in 1943. In 1943, 68.3 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 5.7 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 76.0 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1941, 1942, and 1943 fell below this amount, while those for 1939 and 1940 were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 15.3 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 56 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 52 counties, 87.9 percent; 1942, 1941, and 1940, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1939, 44 counties, 70.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ²	1941 ²	1940 ³	1939 ⁴
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	246	376	503	549	375	59.5	72.1	93.8	98.1	97.0
Murder.....	6	8	10	8	8	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.4	2.1
Manslaughter.....	4	13	5	5	6	1.0	2.5	0.9	0.9	1.6
Robbery.....	1	23	27	31	16	0.2	4.4	5.0	5.5	4.1
Aggravated assault.....	23	25	22	30	22	5.6	4.8	4.1	5.4	5.7
Burglary.....	42	74	99	149	93	10.2	14.2	18.5	26.6	24.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	54	78	134	115	97	13.1	15.0	25.0	20.6	25.1
Auto theft.....	12	12	19	42	14	2.9	2.3	3.5	7.5	3.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	3	7	7	7	12	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.3	3.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	6	6	7	28	6	1.5	1.2	1.3	5.0	1.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	48	59	98	91	61	11.6	11.3	18.3	16.3	15.8
Rape.....	19	27	36	27	13	4.6	5.2	6.7	4.8	3.4
Other major offenses.....	28	44	39	16	27	6.8	8.4	7.3	2.9	7.0
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	186	289	398	453	321	45.0	55.4	74.2	81.0	83.1
Murder.....	5	6	7	5	6	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.9	1.6
Manslaughter.....	4	7	3	1	3	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.2	0.8
Robbery.....	-	20	21	23	10	-	3.8	3.9	4.1	2.6
Aggravated assault.....	17	18	18	23	20	4.1	3.5	3.4	4.1	5.2
Burglary.....	29	58	80	131	89	7.0	11.1	14.9	23.4	23.0
Larceny, except auto theft.....	36	55	107	95	78	8.7	10.5	20.0	17.0	20.2
Auto theft.....	11	9	15	33	14	2.7	1.7	2.8	5.9	3.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	1	5	6	4	9	0.2	1.0	1.1	0.7	2.3
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	5	6	6	26	4	1.2	1.2	1.1	4.6	1.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	46	53	90	84	58	11.1	10.2	16.8	15.1	15.0
Rape.....	11	13	16	17	9	2.7	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.3
Other major offenses.....	21	39	29	11	21	5.1	7.5	5.4	2.0	5.4

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting.

² Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

³ Based on Population census of 1940.

⁴ Based on estimate of total population for counties reporting.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--MONTANA

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	246	100.0	276	100.0	503	100.0	549	100.0	275	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	60	24.4	87	23.1	105	20.9	96	17.5	54	14.4
Dismissed.....	43	17.5	69	18.4	90	17.9	71	12.9	43	11.5
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	4	1.6	4	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	8	3.3	13	3.5	14	2.8	21	3.8	10	2.7
Other no-penalty disposition.....	5	2.0	1	0.3	1	0.2	4	0.7	1	0.3
Convicted and sentenced.....	186	75.6	289	76.9	398	79.1	453	82.5	321	85.6
Pledged guilty.....	168	68.3	258	68.6	345	68.6	390	71.0	294	78.4
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	4	1.6	8	2.1	8	1.6	21	3.8	2	0.5
Found guilty by jury.....	14	5.7	23	6.1	45	8.9	42	7.7	25	6.7

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	186	100.0	289	100.0	398	100.0	453	100.0	321	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.3
Prison or reformatory.....	136	73.1	217	75.1	300	75.4	351	77.5	248	77.3
Probation or suspended sentence.....	34	18.3	46	15.9	64	16.1	62	13.7	46	14.3
Local jail or workhouse.....	2	1.1	4	1.4	17	4.3	24	5.3	13	4.0
Fine or costs only.....	6	3.2	6	2.1	9	2.3	5	1.1	5	1.9
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	6	3.2	16	5.5	8	2.0	11	2.4	7	2.2
Other sentence.....	1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dis-missed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Pledged guilty	Found guilty--										
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	331	92	67	6	10	9	239	212	6	21	239	1	143	45	16	21	11	2	
Major offenses.....	246	60	43	4	8	5	185	168	4	14	186	1	136	34	2	6	6	1	
Murder.....	6	1	-	-	1	-	5	3	-	2	5	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	4	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	2	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	23	6	3	-	1	2	17	15	-	2	17	-	11	4	1	1	-	-	
Burglary.....	42	13	9	-	2	2	29	28	-	1	29	-	20	6	-	-	3	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	54	18	15	2	1	-	36	31	2	3	36	-	26	7	-	1	1	1	
Auto theft.....	12	1	1	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	11	-	6	1	1	2	1	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	3	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	6	1	1	-	-	-	5	4	-	1	5	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	48	2	1	-	-	1	46	45	1	-	46	-	36	9	-	-	1	-	
Repe.....	19	8	6	-	2	-	11	9	1	1	11	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	12	2	2	-	-	-	10	8	-	2	10	-	9	1	-	-	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	5	1	1	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	11	4	2	2	-	-	7	7	-	-	7	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	6	3	2	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	
Bigamy.....	4	1	-	1	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	85	32	24	2	2	4	53	44	2	7	53	-	7	11	14	15	5	1	

¹ Jury waived.² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

NEW HAMPSHIRE

A total of 220 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior courts of New Hampshire during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 220 defendants, 202, or 91.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 94, or 46.5 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 137 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 127, or 92.7 percent, were convicted; and of the 39 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 35 were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population showed a general decline from 89.3 in 1939 to 52.8 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted increased from 69.0 in 1939 to 77.5 in 1940, and then decreased to 48.5 in 1943. Among the defendants disposed of for major offenses during 1943, there were more defendants disposed of for burglary than for any other offense, with larceny following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 41.4 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 84.5 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In

1939, 77.3 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940, 88.2 percent; in 1941, 89.3 percent; in 1942, 79.4 percent; and in 1943, 91.8 percent. In 1943, 80.5 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 4.5 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 49.4 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1941 and 1943 fell below this figure, and the percentages for the remaining years were somewhat higher.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943
(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 10 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 8 counties, 91.9 percent; 1942, 9 counties, 96.8 percent; 1941, 1940, and 1939, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³	1939 ⁴
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	220	335	337	432	436	52.8	72.4	69.7	87.9	89.3
Murder.....	-	-	1	1	8	-	-	0.2	0.2	1.6
Manslaughter.....	3	5	3	2	4	0.7	1.1	0.6	0.4	0.8
Robbery.....	4	6	10	8	15	1.0	1.3	2.1	1.6	3.1
Aggravated assault.....	17	23	19	13	18	4.1	5.0	3.9	2.6	3.7
Burglary.....	49	89	79	90	109	11.8	19.2	16.4	18.3	22.3
Larceny, except auto theft.....	42	57	59	98	78	10.1	12.3	12.2	19.9	16.0
Auto theft.....	7	13	15	24	20	1.7	2.8	3.1	4.9	4.1
Embezzlement and fraud.....	21	40	32	54	74	5.0	8.7	6.6	11.0	15.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	3	3	7	4	5	0.7	0.6	1.4	0.8	1.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	11	8	18	20	10	2.6	1.7	3.7	4.1	2.0
Rape.....	19	25	34	27	29	4.6	5.4	7.0	5.5	5.9
Other major offenses.....	44	66	60	91	66	10.6	14.3	12.4	18.5	13.5
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	202	266	301	381	337	48.5	57.5	62.3	77.5	69.0
Murder.....	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	-	0.2	1.2
Manslaughter.....	3	3	3	1	3	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6
Robbery.....	3	5	9	8	13	0.7	1.1	1.9	1.6	2.7
Aggravated assault.....	14	21	17	12	14	3.4	4.5	3.5	2.4	2.9
Burglary.....	47	76	73	86	95	11.3	16.4	15.1	17.5	19.4
Larceny, except auto theft.....	38	46	57	92	69	9.1	9.9	11.8	15.7	14.1
Auto theft.....	7	7	13	21	17	1.7	1.5	2.7	4.3	3.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	19	26	26	43	32	4.6	5.6	5.4	8.7	6.6
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	2	3	7	3	4	0.5	0.6	1.4	0.6	0.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	11	6	17	18	9	2.6	1.3	3.5	3.7	1.8
Rape.....	18	22	29	20	20	4.3	4.8	6.0	4.1	4.1
Other major offenses.....	40	51	50	76	55	9.6	11.0	10.3	15.5	11.3

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting.

² Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

³ Based on Population census of 1940.

⁴ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--NEW HAMPSHIRE

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	220	100.0	385	100.0	337	100.0	432	100.0	436	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	18	8.2	69	20.6	36	10.7	51	11.8	99	22.7
Dismissed.....	14	6.4	45	13.4	31	9.2	38	8.8	86	19.7
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	2	0.6	-	-	1	0.2	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	2	0.9	5	1.5	1	0.3	6	1.4	9	2.1
Other no-penalty disposition.....	2	0.9	17	5.1	4	1.2	6	1.4	4	0.9
Convicted and sentenced.....	202	91.8	266	79.4	301	89.3	381	88.2	337	77.8
Plead guilty ¹	177	80.6	261	77.9	274	81.3	368	85.2	334	76.6
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	15	6.8	-	-	18	5.3	1	0.2	-	-
Found guilty by jury.....	10	4.5	5	1.5	9	2.7	12	2.8	3	0.7

¹ Includes one plea of nolo contendere for manslaughter.

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	202	100.0	266	100.0	301	100.0	381	100.0	337	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	59	29.2	69	25.9	83	27.6	104	27.3	91	27.0
Probation or suspended sentence.....	94	46.5	132	49.6	130	43.2	202	53.0	176	52.2
Local jail or workhouse.....	37	18.3	52	19.5	66	21.9	66	17.3	55	16.3
Fine or costs only.....	7	3.5	9	3.4	7	2.3	8	2.1	12	3.6
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	-	-	2	0.8	3	1.0	1	0.3	3	0.9
Other sentence.....	5	2.5	2	0.8	12	4.0	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Plead guilty ²		Found guilty--									
				By court ¹	By jury			By court ¹	By jury										
All offenses.....	267	25	21	-	2	3	241	212	19	11	241	-	63	119	41	13	-	5	
Major offenses.....	220	18	14	-	2	2	202	177	15	10	202	-	59	94	37	7	-	5	
Murder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	3	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	4	1	1	-	-	3	2	-	1	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Aggravated assault.....	17	3	2	-	1	14	12	2	-	14	-	2	5	4	3	-	-	-	
Surglary.....	49	2	2	-	-	47	47	-	-	47	-	13	23	10	-	-	-	1	
Larceny, except auto theft..	42	4	4	-	-	38	30	6	2	38	-	10	21	7	-	-	-	-	
Auto theft.....	7	-	-	-	-	7	6	1	-	7	-	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	21	2	1	-	1	19	18	1	-	19	-	2	7	6	1	-	-	3	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	2	1	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	11	-	-	-	-	11	10	1	-	11	-	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	
Rape.....	19	1	-	-	1	18	12	1	5	18	-	13	4	1	-	-	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	6	-	-	-	-	6	4	1	1	6	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	32	3	2	-	1	29	27	1	1	29	-	6	19	1	3	-	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons....	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	5	1	1	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bigamy.....	3	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ³	47	8	7	-	-	1	39	35	3	1	39	-	4	25	4	6	-	-	

¹ Jury waived.

² Includes one plea of nolo contendere for manslaughter.

³ This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

NEW JERSEY

A total of 4,466 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the trial courts of New Jersey during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 4,466 defendants, 3,379, or 75.7 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 1,430, or 42.3 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence; and 1,147, or 33.9 percent, were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 2,700 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 2,143, or 79.4 percent, were convicted; and of the 728 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 463, or 63.6 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population has fluctuated from year to year, during the 5 years since 1939, and has ranged from 112.6 in 1943 to 177.3 in 1940. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same pattern of variation, ranging from 85.2 in 1943 to 135.0 in 1940. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1943, with larceny following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 38.1 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 76.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. This

percentage was 80.1 in 1939, 76.1 in 1940, 77.8 in 1941, 74.9 in 1942, and 75.7 in 1943. In 1943, 63.3 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 2.8 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 37.5 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1941 and 1939 fell below this figure, and the percentages for the remaining years were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 34.6 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1.—DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATES PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 21 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 19 counties, 97.2 percent; 1942, 19 counties, 98.8 percent; 1941, 20 counties, 94.8 percent; 1940, 20 counties, 98.3 percent; 1939, all counties, 100.0 percent.)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	4,466	5,872	5,291	7,250	5,870	112.6	148.1	133.0	177.3	142.1
Murder.....	29	65	57	51	34	0.6	1.8	1.4	1.2	0.8
Manslaughter.....	73	80	101	103	70	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.5	1.7
Robbery.....	342	268	354	400	397	8.6	8.8	8.9	9.8	9.6
Aggravated assault.....	467	725	654	743	561	11.8	18.3	16.4	18.2	16.0
Burglary.....	903	1,088	963	1,666	1,298	22.8	26.2	24.2	40.7	31.4
Larceny, except auto theft.....	799	1,061	831	1,193	1,054	20.1	26.8	20.9	29.2	25.5
Auto theft.....	218	305	343	398	226	5.5	7.7	8.6	9.7	5.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	269	499	408	956	674	6.8	12.6	10.3	23.4	16.3
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	101	176	179	152	168	2.5	4.4	4.5	3.7	4.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	68	175	172	127	111	1.7	4.4	4.3	3.1	2.7
Rape.....	165	231	242	220	201	4.2	5.8	6.1	5.4	4.9
Other major offenses.....	1,038	1,249	987	1,241	976	26.2	31.5	24.8	30.3	23.6
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	3,379	4,399	4,117	5,519	4,700	85.2	111.0	103.5	135.0	113.6
Murder.....	17	47	41	35	23	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.6
Manslaughter.....	35	42	43	40	36	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Robbery.....	237	219	270	329	322	6.0	5.5	6.8	8.0	7.8
Aggravated assault.....	293	444	415	457	454	7.4	11.2	10.4	11.2	11.0
Burglary.....	808	918	874	1,502	1,192	20.4	23.2	22.0	36.7	28.9
Larceny, except auto theft.....	642	826	673	989	908	16.2	20.8	16.9	24.2	22.0
Auto theft.....	183	266	319	308	199	4.6	6.7	8.0	7.5	4.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	172	279	266	580	438	4.3	7.0	7.2	14.2	10.8
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	65	121	125	102	119	1.6	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.9
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	36	132	119	101	95	0.9	3.3	3.0	2.5	2.3
Rape.....	118	164	179	158	150	3.0	4.1	4.5	3.9	3.6
Other major offenses.....	773	941	773	918	764	19.5	23.7	19.4	22.4	18.5

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940 for counties reporting.

³ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--NEW JERSEY

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	4,466	100.0	5,872	100.0	5,291	100.0	7,250	100.0	5,370	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	1,087	24.3	1,473	25.1	1,174	22.2	1,731	23.9	1,170	19.9
Dismissed.....	643	14.4	911	15.5	739	14.0	1,132	15.6	702	12.0
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	187	4.2	307	5.2	241	4.6	302	4.2	254	4.9
Acquitted by jury.....	99	2.2	160	2.7	166	3.1	185	2.6	188	3.2
Other no-penalty disposition.....	158	3.5	95	1.6	28	0.5	112	1.5	26	0.4
Convicted and sentenced.....	3,379	75.7	4,399	74.9	4,117	77.8	5,519	76.1	4,700	80.1
Plead guilty.....	2,827	63.3	3,560	60.6	3,542	66.9	4,648	64.1	4,103	69.9
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	427	9.6	642	10.9	401	7.6	593	8.2	374	6.4
Found guilty by jury.....	125	2.8	197	3.4	174	3.3	278	3.8	223	3.8

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	3,379	100.0	4,399	100.0	4,117	100.0	5,519	100.0	4,700	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	-	-	8	0.1	-	-	2	-
Prison or reformatory.....	1,147	33.9	1,504	34.2	1,488	36.1	1,950	35.5	1,555	33.1
Probation or suspended sentence.....	1,430	42.3	1,672	38.0	1,399	34.0	2,098	38.0	1,704	36.3
Local jail or workhouse.....	485	14.4	909	18.4	796	19.3	1,059	19.1	944	20.1
Fine or costs only.....	298	8.8	395	9.0	408	9.9	341	6.2	402	8.6
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	19	0.6	5	0.1	11	0.3	51	0.9	80	1.7
Other sentence.....	-	-	13	0.3	12	0.3	16	0.3	13	0.3

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Fleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
All offenses.....	6,271	1,844	1,172	313	135	224	4,427	3,493	780	154	4,427	-	1,218	1,946	656	577	22	6	
Major offenses.....	4,466	1,087	643	187	99	158	3,379	2,827	427	125	3,379	-	1,147	1,420	485	298	19	-	
Murder.....	23	6	-	-	5	1	17	7	-	10	17	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	73	38	12	5	16	35	27	6	2	35	-	10	6	7	12	-	-		
Robbery.....	342	105	72	12	8	13	237	178	37	22	237	-	141	68	24	4	-		
Aggravated assault.....	467	174	78	57	22	17	293	223	53	17	293	-	63	117	72	41	-		
Burglary.....	903	95	47	21	3	24	808	735	66	7	808	-	307	348	98	46	9		
Larceny, except auto theft..	799	157	108	19	9	22	642	534	104	4	642	-	155	340	82	58	7		
Auto theft.....	215	35	18	4	1	12	183	170	12	1	183	-	67	85	21	8	2		
Embezzlement and fraud.....	269	97	60	19	10	6	172	155	11	6	172	-	31	80	80	30	1		
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	101	36	28	2	2	4	65	52	8	5	65	-	8	29	15	13	-		
Forgery and counterfeiting..	68	32	23	1	-	8	36	34	2	-	36	-	14	15	5	2	-		
Rape.....	165	47	20	3	10	12	118	97	7	14	118	-	69	38	11	6	-		
Commercialized vice.....	178	51	40	6	2	3	122	98	13	11	122	-	48	53	10	13	-		
Other sex offenses.....	575	134	68	26	12	8	441	330	95	16	441	-	145	170	72	54	-		
Violating drug laws.....	19	8	3	1	-	4	11	11	-	-	11	-	2	4	4	1	-		
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	134	30	19	7	2	2	104	92	9	3	104	-	21	54	24	5	-		
Other major offenses.....	137	42	27	3	8	4	95	84	4	7	95	-	57	23	10	5	-		
Abortion.....	34	11	8	-	3	-	23	18	-	5	23	-	9	7	3	4	-		
Arson.....	19	9	2	1	3	3	10	10	-	-	10	-	3	4	2	1	-		
Bigamy.....	14	1	-	-	-	1	13	12	1	-	13	-	5	7	1	-	-		
Blackmail and extortion.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	3	-	2	-	1	-	-		
Escape and jail break.....	42	1	1	-	-	-	41	40	1	-	41	-	36	2	3	-	-		
Kidnaping.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-		
Perjury.....	22	20	16	2	2	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-		
Minor offenses ²	1,805	757	529	126	36	66	1,048	666	353	29	1,048	-	71	516	171	279	3	8	

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

NEW MEXICO

A total of 720 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of New Mexico during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 720 defendants, 469, or 65.1 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 227, or 48.4 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a prison or reformatory; and 139, or 29.6 percent, were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 450 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 323, or 71.8 percent, were convicted; and of the 160 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 78, or 48.8 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population has fluctuated from year to year, ranging from 196.6 in 1939 to 123.1 in 1942. The rate for defendants convicted decreased from 142.0 in 1939 to 83.5 in 1942, and rose to 98.3 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with aggravated assault following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 36.1 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 69.2 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. The per-

centage of defendants convicted decreased from 72.2 in 1939 to 65.1 in 1943. In 1943, 59.0 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 4.0 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 51.7 percent were sentenced to a prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1941 and 1943 fell below this figure, and the percentages for the remaining years were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during these 5 years, 33.9 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 31 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 30 counties, 97.3 percent; 1942, 1941, and 1940, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1939, 30 counties, 98.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ²	1941 ²	1940 ³	1939 ⁴
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	720	641	974	969	1,008	151.0	123.1	185.6	182.2	196.6
Murder.....	20	25	23	27	18	4.2	4.8	4.4	5.1	3.5
Manslaughter.....	11	20	29	23	23	2.3	3.8	5.5	4.3	4.5
Robbery.....	34	10	33	32	23	7.1	1.9	6.3	6.0	4.5
Aggravated assault.....	79	92	114	100	115	16.6	17.7	21.7	18.8	22.4
Burglary.....	68	30	79	90	98	14.3	5.8	15.1	16.9	19.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	181	182	271	296	343	38.0	34.9	51.6	55.7	66.9
Auto theft.....	25	26	55	43	43	5.2	5.0	10.5	8.1	8.4
Embezzlement and fraud.....	56	46	78	79	83	11.7	8.8	14.9	14.9	16.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	9	14	24	28	25	1.9	2.7	4.6	5.3	4.9
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	77	69	118	127	107	16.1	18.2	22.5	23.9	20.9
Rape.....	50	49	63	40	52	10.5	9.4	12.0	7.5	10.1
Other major offenses.....	110	78	87	84	78	23.1	15.0	16.6	15.8	15.2
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	469	435	665	685	728	98.3	83.5	126.7	128.8	142.0
Murder.....	12	16	12	18	13	2.5	3.1	2.3	3.4	2.5
Manslaughter.....	7	12	18	18	12	1.5	2.3	3.4	3.4	2.3
Robbery.....	22	8	22	27	17	4.6	1.5	4.2	5.1	3.3
Aggravated assault.....	42	57	62	52	54	8.8	10.9	11.8	9.8	10.5
Burglary.....	49	23	63	78	79	10.3	4.4	12.0	14.7	15.4
Larceny, except auto theft.....	140	140	195	199	271	29.4	26.9	37.2	37.4	52.3
Auto theft.....	25	24	48	37	34	5.2	4.6	9.1	7.0	6.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	26	25	46	56	56	5.5	4.8	8.8	10.5	10.9
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	7	9	20	17	17	1.5	1.7	3.8	3.2	3.3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	54	45	94	101	91	11.3	8.6	17.9	19.0	17.7
Rape.....	17	24	40	25	34	3.6	4.6	7.6	4.7	6.6
Other major offenses.....	68	52	45	57	50	14.3	10.0	8.6	10.7	9.8

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting.

² Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

³ Based on Population census of 1940.

⁴ Based on estimate of total population for counties reporting.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--NEW MEXICO

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	720	100.0	641	100.0	974	100.0	969	100.0	1,008	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	251	34.9	206	32.1	309	31.7	294	29.3	280	27.8
Dismissed.....	215	29.9	158	24.6	242	24.8	223	23.0	237	23.5
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	8	1.1	1	0.2	5	0.5	9	0.9	4	0.4
Acquitted by jury.....	26	3.6	39	6.1	53	5.4	36	3.7	39	3.9
Other no-penalty disposition.....	2	0.3	8	1.2	9	0.9	16	1.7	-	-
Convicted and sentenced.....	469	65.1	435	67.9	665	68.3	685	70.7	728	72.2
Pleaded guilty.....	425	59.0	374	58.3	569	58.4	615	63.5	661	65.6
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	15	2.1	14	2.2	36	3.7	25	2.6	5	0.5
Found guilty by jury.....	29	4.0	47	7.3	60	6.2	45	4.6	62	6.2

¹ Includes one plea of nolo contendere for carrying, etc., weapons.

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	469	100.0	435	100.0	665	100.0	685	100.0	728	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.1
Prison or reformatory.....	227	48.4	236	54.3	342	51.4	260	52.6	277	51.8
Probation or suspended sentence.....	139	29.6	131	30.1	229	34.4	237	34.6	276	37.9
Local jail or workhouse.....	29	6.2	26	6.0	45	6.8	47	6.9	40	5.5
Fines or costs only.....	24	5.1	18	4.1	25	3.8	13	1.9	24	3.3
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	47	10.0	20	4.6	23	3.5	28	4.1	10	1.4
Other sentence.....	2	0.4	4	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	Total defendants disposed of	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS								SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
		Disposed of without conviction				Convicted and sentenced				Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence	
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted-- By court ¹	Other no-penalty By jury	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty-- By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	1,172	408	354	9	35	10	764	699	29	36	764	1	245	238	65	148	64	8
Major offenses.....	720	251	215	8	26	2	469	425	15	29	469	1	227	139	29	24	47	2
Murder.....	20	8	1	-	7	-	12	8	-	4	12	1	9	-	-	-	-	2
Manslaughter.....	11	4	2	1	1	-	7	6	-	1	7	-	6	1	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	34	12	9	-	3	-	22	22	-	-	22	-	16	5	1	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	79	37	32	-	4	-	42	36	3	3	42	-	15	15	7	5	-	-
Burglary.....	66	19	18	-	1	-	49	47	2	-	49	-	24	11	-	2	12	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	181	41	38	1	2	-	140	130	5	5	140	-	69	46	5	10	9	1
Auto theft.....	25	-	-	-	-	-	25	25	-	-	25	-	11	6	1	-	7	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	56	30	28	1	1	-	26	25	-	1	26	-	19	6	1	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	9	2	2	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	7	-	3	3	1	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	77	23	23	-	-	-	54	51	1	2	54	-	24	21	-	1	7	1
Rape.....	50	33	24	5	4	-	17	11	2	4	17	-	11	3	-	-	3	-
Commercialized vice.....	25	6	6	-	-	-	19	18	-	1	19	-	8	8	7	1	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	24	11	11	-	-	-	23	20	2	1	23	-	9	7	-	1	6	-
Violating drug laws.....	4	2	2	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	28	11	10	-	1	-	17	12	-	5	17	-	2	6	5	4	-	-
Other major offenses.....	19	12	8	-	2	2	7	6	-	1	7	-	4	1	1	-	1	-
Abortion.....	3	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	5	2	-	-	2	-	3	2	-	1	3	-	2	-	1	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	3	-	-	9	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Minor offenses ²	452	157	139	1	9	8	295	274	14	7	295	-	18	99	36	119	17	6

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

NEW YORK

A total of 6,829 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the county trial courts (including the 5 counties that are boroughs of New York City) during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the New York State Department of Correction by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 6,829 defendants, 5,076, or 74.3 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 2,104, or 41.4 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a prison or reformatory. Of the 4,695 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 3,629, or 78.0 percent, were convicted; and of the 1,276 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 844, or 66.1 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population showed a downward trend, with the exception of 1940, from 76.0 in 1939 to 54.9 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses decreased from 59.3 in 1939 to 40.8 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 46.1 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 75.2 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In 1939, 78.0 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1940, 72.6 percent; in 1941, 75.3 percent; in 1942, 75.5 percent; and in 1943, 74.3 percent. (See table 2.) Data showing procedural outcome for defendants convicted are not available for New York.

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 41.3 percent were sentenced to a prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1940 and 1941 fell below this figure, and the percentages for 1939 and 1943 were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 35.4 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943
(Statistics for all years except 1939 based on reports for all of the 62 counties of the State. Statistics for 1939 based on complete reports from 57 counties and partial reports from the remaining 5 counties; these reports together covered approximately 99.0 percent of the 1940 population of the State. Rate not shown where less than 0.1)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	6,829	8,779	9,432	10,797	10,153	54.9	68.2	72.0	80.1	76.0
Murder.....	97	141	114	146	106	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.8
Manslaughter.....	168	182	229	210	222	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.6	1.7
Robbery.....	605	799	818	1,179	947	4.9	6.2	6.2	8.7	7.1
Aggravated assault.....	660	900	737	787	816	5.3	7.0	5.6	5.8	6.1
Burglary.....	1,159	1,447	1,817	2,359	2,413	9.3	11.2	13.9	17.5	18.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	1,988	2,713	2,485	2,799	2,375	16.0	21.1	19.0	20.8	17.8
Auto theft.....	560	733	778	789	732	4.5	5.7	5.9	5.9	5.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	12	3	20	30	17	0.1	-	0.2	0.2	0.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	115	157	174	221	177	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	216	225	357	505	408	1.7	1.7	2.7	3.7	3.1
Rape.....	351	339	367	433	437	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.3
Other major offenses.....	898	1,140	1,536	1,339	1,503	7.2	8.9	11.7	9.9	11.2
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	5,076	6,627	7,102	7,834	7,924	40.8	51.5	54.2	58.1	59.3
Murder.....	76	88	65	85	61	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.5
Manslaughter.....	117	117	163	149	139	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.0
Robbery.....	375	587	579	700	691	3.0	4.6	4.4	5.2	5.2
Aggravated assault.....	434	622	526	484	568	3.5	4.8	4.0	3.6	4.3
Burglary.....	837	1,134	1,448	1,883	2,058	6.9	8.8	11.1	14.0	15.4
Larceny, except auto theft.....	1,728	2,262	2,190	2,294	2,028	13.9	17.6	16.7	17.0	15.2
Auto theft.....	460	610	659	665	623	3.7	4.7	5.0	4.9	4.7
Embezzlement and fraud.....	5	1	14	10	5	-	-	0.1	0.1	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	58	83	96	114	85	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	146	152	284	366	327	1.2	1.2	2.2	2.7	2.4
Rape.....	217	200	239	243	294	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.2
Other major offenses.....	603	771	839	841	1,047	4.8	6.0	6.4	6.2	7.8

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940.

³ Based on estimate of population covered by the reports.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--NEW YORK

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	6,829	100.0	6,779	100.0	6,432	100.0	6,797	100.0	6,153	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	1,753	25.7	2,152	24.5	2,330	24.7	2,963	27.4	2,229	22.0
Dismissed.....	1,320	19.3	1,689	19.2	1,780	18.3	1,413	13.1	1,332	13.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived) ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	209	3.1	246	2.8	311	3.3	510	4.7	573	5.6
Other no-penalty disposition.....	224	3.3	217	2.5	289	3.1	1,040	9.6	324	3.2
Convicted and sentenced.....	5,076	74.3	4,627	75.5	4,102	75.3	3,834	72.6	3,924	78.0
Pleaded guilty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Found guilty by court (jury waived) ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Found guilty by jury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Item not applicable for this State.

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

[Percent not shown where less than 0.1]

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	5,076	100.0	4,627	100.0	4,102	100.0	3,834	100.0	3,924	100.0
Death penalty.....	29	0.6	18	0.3	21	0.3	24	0.3	23	0.3
Prison or reformatory.....	2,104	41.4	2,750	41.5	2,865	40.3	3,203	40.9	3,338	42.1
Probation or suspended sentence.....	1,755	34.6	2,887	35.7	2,494	35.1	2,945	36.3	2,772	35.0
Local jail or workhouse.....	1,027	20.2	1,454	21.9	1,659	23.4	1,719	21.9	1,729	21.8
Fine or costs only.....	159	3.1	32	0.5	45	0.6	29	0.4	55	0.7
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sentence.....	2	-	6	0.1	18	0.3	14	0.2	7	0.1

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED							
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction				Convicted and sentenced				Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence	
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--	Other no-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--	By court ¹									By jury
All offenses.....	8,237	2,087	1,622	-	219	246	6,150	2,679	-	247	6,150	29	2,168	2,300	1,428	223	-	2
Major offenses.....	6,829	1,753	1,320	-	209	224	5,076	-	-	-	5,076	29	2,104	1,755	1,027	159	-	2
Murder.....	97	21	15	-	3	3	76	-	-	-	76	29	45	1	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	169	51	32	-	16	2	117	-	-	-	117	-	102	10	5	-	-	-
Robbery.....	605	230	171	-	32	27	375	-	-	-	375	-	337	29	9	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	660	226	130	-	50	46	434	-	-	-	434	-	228	92	104	10	-	-
Burglary.....	1,159	302	246	-	15	41	857	-	-	-	857	-	362	326	157	11	-	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	1,988	260	202	-	30	23	1,728	-	-	-	1,728	-	445	744	452	86	-	-
Auto theft.....	560	100	74	-	5	21	460	-	-	-	460	-	143	217	88	12	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	12	7	7	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	1	2	2	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	115	57	42	-	4	11	58	-	-	-	58	-	19	24	11	4	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	216	70	66	-	2	2	146	-	-	-	146	-	62	52	20	12	-	-
Rape.....	351	134	98	-	14	22	217	-	-	-	217	-	114	63	40	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	13	1	1	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	12	-	5	4	3	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	235	62	46	-	12	4	173	-	-	-	173	-	105	40	26	2	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	22	5	3	-	1	1	17	-	-	-	17	-	7	2	8	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	261	59	49	-	2	8	202	-	-	-	202	-	36	77	78	11	-	-
Other major offenses ²	367	169	137	-	23	8	199	-	-	-	199	-	92	72	24	11	-	-
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ³	1,403	334	302	-	10	22	1,074	-	-	-	1,074	-	64	545	401	64	-	-

¹ Item not applicable for this State.

² Classification by offense not available.

³ This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

NORTH DAKOTA

A total of 253 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of North Dakota during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 253 defendants, 202, or 79.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 89, or 44.1 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 153 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 129, or 84.3 percent, were convicted; and of the 36 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 23 were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 92.6 in 1939 to 47.2 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 80.1 in 1939 to 37.7 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with auto theft following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 34.4 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 86.1 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 86.5 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940, 88.6 percent; in 1941, 85.0 percent; in 1942,

87.9 percent; and in 1943, 79.8 percent. In 1943, 78.7 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 0.8 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 53.9 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentage for 1940 was higher than this figure, and the percentages for the remaining years were somewhat lower. Only 15 percent of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943
(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 53 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943 and 1942, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1941, 51 counties, 97.3 percent; 1940, 45 counties, 88.0 percent; 1939, 52 counties, 98.5 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³	1939 ⁴
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	253	364	413	481	584	47.2	61.4	69.3	84.2	92.5
Murder.....	-	4	4	3	4	-	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6
Manslaughter.....	4	5	8	3	5	0.7	1.0	1.3	0.5	0.8
Robbery.....	7	11	8	11	17	1.3	1.9	1.3	1.9	2.7
Aggravated assault.....	16	17	10	18	23	3.0	2.9	1.7	3.2	3.6
Burglary.....	18	45	57	90	98	3.4	7.6	9.6	15.8	15.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	66	119	130	131	189	12.3	20.1	21.8	22.0	30.0
Auto theft.....	21	8	27	16	27	3.9	1.3	4.5	2.9	4.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	17	33	35	54	46	3.2	5.6	5.9	9.5	7.3
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	5	6	3	8	13	0.9	1.0	0.5	1.4	2.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	19	43	46	44	35	3.5	7.3	7.7	7.7	5.5
Rape.....	16	26	28	25	47	3.0	4.4	4.7	4.4	7.5
Other major offenses.....	64	45	57	78	80	11.9	7.8	9.6	13.7	12.7
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	202	320	351	426	505	37.7	54.0	58.9	74.6	80.1
Murder.....	-	3	3	2	3	-	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Manslaughter.....	2	5	8	3	5	0.4	0.8	1.3	0.5	0.8
Robbery.....	4	11	6	10	16	0.7	1.9	1.0	1.8	2.5
Aggravated assault.....	11	17	10	14	11	2.1	2.9	1.7	2.5	1.7
Burglary.....	14	42	50	89	92	2.6	7.1	8.4	15.6	14.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	57	108	109	122	169	10.6	18.2	18.3	21.4	26.8
Auto theft.....	18	8	22	15	27	3.4	1.3	3.7	2.6	4.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	15	27	27	47	40	2.8	4.6	4.5	8.2	6.3
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	4	5	3	7	12	0.7	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.9
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	17	41	43	42	32	3.2	6.9	7.2	7.4	5.1
Rape.....	10	22	22	20	26	1.9	3.7	3.7	3.5	4.1
Other major offenses.....	50	31	48	55	71	9.3	5.2	8.1	9.6	11.3

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State.

² Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting. Rate for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

³ Based on Population census of 1940 for counties reporting.

⁴ Based on estimate of total population for counties reporting.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--NORTH DAKOTA

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	253	100.0	364	100.0	413	100.0	481	100.0	594	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	51	20.2	44	12.1	52	15.0	35	11.4	79	13.5
Dismissed.....	46	18.2	30	8.2	54	13.0	42	8.7	60	10.3
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	1	0.4	4	1.1	-	-	2	0.4	1	0.2
Acquitted by jury.....	-	-	5	1.4	4	1.0	9	1.9	9	1.5
Other no-penalty disposition.....	4	1.6	5	1.4	4	1.0	2	0.4	9	1.5
Convicted and sentenced.....	202	79.8	320	87.9	351	85.0	426	88.6	505	86.5
Pleaded guilty.....	199	78.7	306	84.1	339	82.1	400	83.2	490	82.2
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	1	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.5	-	-	2	0.5
Found guilty by jury.....	2	0.8	12	3.3	10	2.4	26	5.4	22	3.8

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	202	100.0	320	100.0	351	100.0	426	100.0	505	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	89	44.1	169	52.8	183	52.1	232	61.5	270	59.5
Probation or suspended sentence.....	46	22.8	50	15.6	59	15.8	50	11.7	71	14.1
Local jail or workhouse.....	52	25.7	59	18.4	75	21.7	77	18.1	106	21.4
Fines or costs only.....	8	4.0	15	5.0	10	2.8	8	1.9	22	4.4
Institution for juvenile delinquents only.....	7	3.5	26	8.1	23	6.5	29	6.8	34	6.7
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS								SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED									
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction				Convicted and sentenced				Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fines or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence	
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
All offenses.....	572	102	90	1	1			10	470	467	1	2	470	-	100	159	133	71
Major offenses.....	253	51	46	1	-	4	202	199	1	2	202	-	89	46	52	8	7	-
Murder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	4	2	2	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	7	3	3	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	15	5	4	1	-	11	11	-	-	11	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Burglary.....	18	4	4	-	-	14	14	-	-	14	-	11	2	-	-	-	1	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	65	9	9	-	-	57	55	1	-	57	-	15	24	14	1	3	-	-
auto theft.....	21	3	3	-	-	18	18	-	-	18	-	11	5	-	-	2	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	17	2	2	-	-	15	15	-	-	15	-	5	1	7	1	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	5	1	1	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	19	2	2	-	-	17	17	-	-	17	-	3	3	5	1	-	-	-
Rape.....	15	5	4	-	-	10	9	-	1	10	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	40	11	11	-	-	29	29	-	-	29	-	5	6	16	2	-	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	5	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	18	3	1	-	2	15	15	-	-	15	-	7	2	5	-	1	-	-
abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	12	-	-	-	-	12	12	-	-	12	-	3	1	5	-	1	-	-
Kidnaping.....	3	2	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	319	51	44	-	1	6	268	268	-	-	268	-	11	112	81	63	-	1

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

OHIO

A total of 3,236 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the common pleas courts of Ohio during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the office of the Secretary of State of Ohio by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 3,236 defendants, 2,623, or 81.1 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 1,246, or 47.5 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 2,325 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 1,958, or 84.2 percent, were convicted; and of the 569 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 394, or 69.2 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 80.2 in 1939 to 51.7 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same general trend, decreasing from 66.8 in 1939 to 41.9 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1943, with robbery following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 35.0 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 82.1 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In 1939, 83.3 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940, 83.7 percent; in 1941, 83.2 percent; in 1942, 78.3 percent; and in 1943, 81.1 percent. In 1943, 68.6

percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 6.4 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 46.1 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1940 and 1943 were higher than this figure, and the percentages for 1939, 1941, and 1942 were somewhat lower. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during these 5 years, 42.9 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 88 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 71 counties, 91.6 percent; 1942, 87 counties, 99.8 percent; 1941, 1940, and 1939, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³	1939 ⁴
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	3,236	4,079	4,515	5,320	5,536	51.7	59.0	65.2	77.0	80.2
Murder.....	75	70	58	73	72	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.0
Manslaughter.....	128	179	193	181	175	2.0	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.5
Robbery.....	410	454	452	592	602	6.6	6.6	6.5	8.6	8.7
Aggravated assault.....	235	258	234	271	262	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.9	3.8
Burglary.....	723	969	1,080	1,473	1,497	11.6	14.0	15.6	21.3	21.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	403	528	634	692	775	6.4	7.6	9.2	10.0	11.2
Auto theft.....	375	483	499	540	524	6.0	7.0	7.2	7.8	7.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	140	214	301	318	313	2.2	3.1	4.3	4.6	4.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	72	87	76	106	169	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.5	2.4
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	201	314	399	504	479	3.2	4.5	5.8	7.3	6.9
Rape.....	131	153	157	150	183	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.7
Other major offenses.....	342	370	432	420	491	5.5	5.3	6.2	6.1	7.1
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	2,623	3,194	3,755	4,453	4,611	41.9	46.2	54.3	64.5	66.8
Murder.....	46	41	36	52	50	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.7
Manslaughter.....	91	132	161	142	132	1.5	1.9	2.3	2.1	1.9
Robbery.....	332	372	356	499	494	5.3	5.4	5.1	7.2	7.2
Aggravated assault.....	176	184	179	210	199	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.0	2.9
Burglary.....	621	785	955	1,290	1,341	9.9	11.3	13.8	18.7	19.4
Larceny, except auto theft.....	347	443	548	618	677	5.5	6.4	7.9	8.9	9.8
Auto theft.....	322	395	444	486	454	5.1	5.7	6.4	7.0	6.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	114	143	199	217	215	1.8	2.1	2.9	3.1	3.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	60	67	66	85	135	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2	2.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	162	237	336	408	382	2.6	3.4	4.9	5.9	5.5
Rape.....	81	104	121	102	135	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.5	2.0
Other major offenses.....	271	291	354	344	397	4.3	4.2	5.1	5.0	5.8

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting.

² Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

³ Based on Population census of 1940.

⁴ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--OHIO

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	2,236	100.0	4,079	100.0	4,515	100.0	5,320	100.0	5,536	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	613	18.9	885	21.7	760	16.8	867	16.3	925	16.7
Dismissed.....	390	12.1	652	16.0	528	11.7	620	11.7	668	12.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	79	2.4	75	1.8	97	2.1	82	1.5	93	1.7
Acquitted by jury.....	87	2.7	103	2.5	111	2.5	117	2.2	123	2.2
Other no-penalty disposition.....	57	1.8	55	1.3	24	0.5	48	0.9	41	0.7
Convicted and sentenced.....	2,623	81.1	3,194	78.3	2,755	83.2	4,453	83.7	4,611	83.3
Plead guilty.....	2,220	68.6	2,736	67.1	3,225	71.7	3,959	74.4	4,070	73.5
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	196	6.1	194	4.8	217	4.8	223	4.2	236	4.3
Found guilty by jury.....	207	6.4	264	6.5	303	6.7	271	5.1	305	5.5

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	2,623	100.0	3,194	100.0	3,755	100.0	4,453	100.0	4,611	100.0
Death penalty.....	6	0.2	2	0.1	2	0.1	7	0.2	1	-
Prison or reformatory.....	1,246	47.5	1,454	45.5	1,721	45.8	2,088	46.8	2,093	45.4
Probation or suspended sentence.....	1,105	42.1	1,443	45.2	1,573	41.9	1,880	42.2	2,001	43.4
Local jail or workhouse.....	189	7.2	225	7.0	301	8.0	295	6.6	379	8.2
Fine or costs only.....	77	2.9	69	2.2	158	4.2	188	4.2	137	3.0
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Plead guilty	Found guilty--										
All offenses.....	4,199	857	584	98	95	80	3,342	2,838	239	245	3,342	6	1,278	1,387	339	332	-	-	
Major offenses.....	3,236	613	390	79	87	57	2,623	2,220	196	207	2,623	6	1,246	1,105	189	77	-	-	
Murder.....	75	29	7	3	13	6	46	16	8	22	46	6	38	2	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	128	37	15	5	16	1	91	65	5	21	91	-	51	37	2	1	-	-	
Robbery.....	410	78	41	16	14	7	332	237	39	36	332	-	239	88	4	1	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	235	59	36	7	13	3	176	128	26	22	176	-	60	97	10	9	-	-	
Burglary.....	723	102	76	8	6	12	621	549	32	40	621	-	336	275	8	2	-	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	403	56	42	4	5	5	347	300	26	21	347	-	111	150	66	20	-	-	
Auto theft.....	376	54	46	1	-	7	322	300	18	4	322	-	139	178	2	3	-	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	140	26	24	2	-	-	114	102	4	8	114	-	37	63	13	1	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	72	12	7	3	2	-	60	53	2	5	60	-	14	34	8	4	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	201	39	33	2	-	4	162	155	4	3	162	-	79	76	4	3	-	-	
Rape.....	131	50	22	16	11	1	81	57	12	12	81	-	58	13	8	2	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	19	5	-	3	2	-	14	14	-	-	14	-	2	1	5	6	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	96	19	7	4	3	5	77	59	12	6	77	-	51	17	4	5	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	42	4	4	-	-	-	38	36	-	2	38	-	9	9	12	8	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	127	20	14	2	1	3	107	101	5	1	107	-	13	45	40	9	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	58	23	16	3	1	3	35	28	3	4	35	-	9	20	3	3	-	-	
Abortion.....	5	2	1	-	1	-	3	2	1	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	14	6	3	-	-	3	8	6	1	1	8	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	
Bribery.....	11	1	1	-	-	-	10	8	1	1	10	-	1	9	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion.....	8	6	4	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	6	2	2	-	-	-	6	5	-	1	6	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	10	4	3	1	-	-	6	5	-	1	6	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	963	244	194	19	8	23	719	618	63	38	719	-	32	282	150	255	-	-	

¹ Jury waived.² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

OREGON

A total of 608 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the circuit courts of Oregon during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 608 defendants, 487, or 80.1 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 249, or 51.1 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 432 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 358, or 82.9 percent, were convicted; and of the 95 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 66, or 69.5 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 119.5 in 1939 to 78.9 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 99.2 in 1939 to 63.2 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with forgery and counterfeiting following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 41.0 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 84.0 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 83.0 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940, 87.5 percent; in 1941, 81.8 percent; in 1942, 87.0

percent; and in 1943, 80.1 percent. In 1943, 72.0 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 4.4 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 49.5 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1940, 1942, and 1943 were higher than this figure, and the percentages for the remaining years were somewhat lower. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during these 5 years, 35.6 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

[Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 36 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 34 counties, 65.7 percent; 1942, 31 counties, 63.2 percent; 1941, 35 counties, 99.7 percent; 1940, 36 counties, 100.0 percent; 1939, 32 counties, 88.0 percent]

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	608	578	1,048	1,115	1,136	78.9	85.9	97.9	102.3	119.5
Murder.....	17	7	15	10	4	2.2	1.0	1.4	0.9	0.4
Manslaughter.....	4	14	35	17	21	0.5	2.1	3.3	1.6	2.2
Robbery.....	14	8	25	30	40	1.8	1.2	2.3	2.8	4.2
Aggravated assault.....	42	38	68	36	52	5.5	5.6	6.4	3.3	5.5
Burglary.....	61	54	146	185	187	7.9	8.0	13.6	17.0	19.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	154	161	237	263	351	20.0	23.9	22.1	24.1	37.0
Auto theft.....	44	56	75	91	76	5.7	8.3	7.0	8.4	8.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	40	52	132	153	127	5.2	7.7	12.3	14.0	13.4
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	24	15	23	34	25	3.1	2.2	2.1	3.1	2.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	95	87	143	161	120	12.3	12.9	13.4	14.8	12.6
Rape.....	32	31	48	43	35	4.2	4.6	4.5	3.9	3.7
Other major offenses.....	81	55	101	92	98	10.5	8.2	9.4	8.4	10.3
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	487	503	857	976	943	63.2	74.8	80.0	89.6	99.2
Murder.....	9	6	13	8	2	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.7	0.2
Manslaughter.....	2	13	11	10	12	0.3	1.9	1.0	0.9	1.3
Robbery.....	13	8	23	25	36	1.7	1.2	2.1	2.3	3.8
Aggravated assault.....	32	26	51	29	38	4.2	3.9	4.8	2.7	4.0
Burglary.....	53	49	126	166	166	6.9	7.3	11.8	15.2	17.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	19	142	201	237	289	15.4	21.1	16.8	21.7	30.4
Auto theft.....	42	53	61	81	73	5.5	7.9	5.7	7.4	7.7
Embezzlement and fraud.....	32	49	105	139	106	4.2	7.3	9.8	12.8	11.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	20	12	20	31	19	2.6	1.8	1.9	3.8	2.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	79	80	129	146	93	10.3	11.9	12.0	13.4	9.8
Rape.....	23	21	34	28	29	3.0	3.1	3.2	2.6	3.1
Other major offenses.....	63	44	83	76	80	8.2	6.5	7.8	7.0	8.4

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940.

³ Based on estimate of total population for counties reporting.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--OREGON

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	608	100.0	578	100.0	1,048	100.0	1,115	100.0	1,126	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	121	19.9	75	13.0	191	18.2	139	12.5	192	17.0
Dismissed.....	84	13.8	49	8.5	154	14.7	106	9.5	150	13.2
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	6	1.0	4	0.7	1	0.1	1	0.1	3	0.3
Acquitted by jury.....	21	3.5	16	2.8	29	2.8	25	2.2	32	2.8
Other no-penalty disposition.....	10	1.6	6	1.0	7	0.7	7	0.6	8	0.7
Convicted and sentenced.....	487	80.1	503	87.0	857	81.8	976	87.5	943	83.0
Fleaded guilty.....	438	72.0	467	80.8	769	73.4	904	81.1	891	78.4
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	22	3.6	6	1.0	15	1.4	7	0.6	7	0.6
Found guilty by jury.....	27	4.4	30	5.2	73	7.0	65	5.8	45	4.0

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	487	100.0	503	100.0	857	100.0	976	100.0	943	100.0
Death penalty.....	2	0.4	-	-	2	0.2	2	0.2	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	249	51.1	259	51.5	416	48.5	502	51.4	427	45.3
Probation or suspended sentence.....	182	37.4	187	37.2	305	35.6	326	33.4	342	36.3
Local jail or workhouse.....	25	7.2	40	8.0	102	11.9	132	13.5	145	15.4
Fine or costs only.....	18	3.7	13	2.6	25	2.9	12	1.2	6	0.8
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	1	0.2	4	0.8	5	0.6	2	0.2	9	1.0
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	2	0.2	-	-	2	0.2

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Fleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
			By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury										
All offenses.....	955	164	114	6	29	15	691	625	30	36	691	2	266	245	53	124	1	-	
Major offenses.....	608	121	84	6	21	10	487	438	22	27	487	2	249	182	35	18	1	-	
Murder.....	17	8	2	-	4	2	9	3	-	6	9	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	
Manlaughter.....	4	2	-	-	2	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	14	1	-	-	1	-	13	13	-	-	13	-	8	5	-	-	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	42	10	6	1	3	-	32	21	4	7	32	-	15	9	2	5	-	-	
Burglary.....	61	8	7	-	-	1	53	51	1	1	53	-	28	25	-	-	-	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	154	35	30	2	1	2	119	110	7	2	119	-	68	44	4	3	-	-	
Auto theft.....	44	2	1	-	1	-	42	39	1	2	42	-	15	16	2	3	-	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	40	8	8	-	-	-	32	31	-	1	32	-	12	17	2	1	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	24	4	4	-	-	-	20	19	-	1	20	-	9	7	3	1	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	95	16	12	1	1	2	79	72	5	2	79	-	43	32	4	-	-	-	
Rape.....	32	7	3	1	3	2	23	18	2	3	23	-	15	7	-	-	1	-	
Commercialized vice.....	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	60	12	9	1	1	1	49	47	-	1	48	-	22	15	9	2	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	1	-	4	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	3	2	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	12	2	-	-	2	-	10	9	1	-	10	-	6	3	1	-	-	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	3	1	-	-	1	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Bigamy.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	1	-	5	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	247	43	30	-	8	5	204	187	8	9	204	-	17	63	18	106	-	-	

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

PENNSYLVANIA

A total of 11,040 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the trial courts of Pennsylvania during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 11,040 defendants, 7,621, or 69.0 percent, were convicted and sentenced. Among those defendants convicted and sentenced, 2,122, or 27.8 percent, were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence; 1,417, or 18.6 percent, were sent to a prison or reformatory; and 2,995, or 39.3 percent, were sent to a local jail or workhouse. Of the 5,911 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 4,352, or 73.6 percent, were convicted; and of the 2,403 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 1,297, or 54.0 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population dropped from 202.6 in 1939 to 119.1 in 1943. Likewise, the rate for defendants convicted decreased from 143.9 in 1939 to 82.2 in 1943. Among defendants disposed of for major offenses during 1943, there were more defendants disposed of for larceny than for any other offense, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 31.6 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 70.2 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In 1939, 71.0

percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940, 71.4 percent; in 1941, 69.8 percent; in 1942, 69.2 percent; and in 1943, 69.0 percent. In 1943, 50.2 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 12.9 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 27.1 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1941 and 1939 were lower than the figures, and the percentages for the remaining years were somewhat higher. Only 15.6 percent of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years were sentenced to a prison or reformatory, while 42.9 percent were sentenced to a local jail or workhouse.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 67 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 64 counties, 99.0 percent; 1942, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1941, 63 counties, 97.7 percent; 1940, 66 counties, 99.8 percent; 1939, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ²	1941 ³	1940 ⁴	1939 ⁵
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	11,040	14,309	14,411	17,278	19,937	119.1	147.3	150.7	174.9	202.6
Murder.....	106	159	106	169	180	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.7	1.8
Manslaughter.....	292	382	379	391	375	3.1	3.9	4.0	4.0	3.8
Robbery.....	631	826	861	1,076	958	6.8	8.5	9.0	10.9	9.7
Aggravated Assault.....	1,630	2,015	1,988	2,093	2,635	17.6	20.7	20.8	21.2	26.8
Burglary.....	1,667	2,226	2,349	2,973	2,058	16.0	22.9	24.6	30.1	31.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	1,822	2,403	2,474	3,449	4,747	19.6	24.7	25.9	34.9	48.2
Auto theft.....	428	656	572	610	874	4.6	6.8	6.0	6.2	8.9
Embezzlement and fraud.....	694	1,080	1,273	1,470	1,878	7.5	11.1	12.3	14.9	19.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	423	633	433	540	520	4.6	6.5	4.5	5.5	5.3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	246	386	394	522	615	2.7	4.0	4.1	5.3	6.2
Rape.....	375	480	509	544	578	4.0	4.9	5.3	5.5	5.9
Other major offenses.....	2,726	3,063	3,073	3,441	3,519	29.4	31.5	32.1	34.8	35.8
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	7,621	9,895	10,064	12,328	14,158	82.2	101.8	105.2	124.8	143.9
Murder.....	78	108	64	106	111	0.8	1.1	0.7	1.1	1.1
Manslaughter.....	114	136	121	156	136	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.6	1.4
Robbery.....	421	607	664	805	771	4.5	6.2	6.9	8.1	7.8
Aggravated assault.....	880	1,058	993	1,141	1,286	8.5	10.9	10.4	11.5	13.1
Burglary.....	1,408	1,877	2,026	2,551	2,636	15.2	19.3	21.2	25.8	26.8
Larceny, except auto theft.....	1,298	1,763	1,855	2,660	3,683	14.0	18.1	19.4	26.9	37.4
Auto theft.....	348	549	487	489	732	3.8	5.7	5.1	4.9	7.4
Embezzlement and fraud.....	380	623	769	899	1,199	4.1	6.4	8.0	9.1	12.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	298	409	246	313	296	3.2	4.2	2.6	3.2	3.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	199	285	343	412	459	2.1	2.9	3.6	4.2	4.7
Rape.....	225	297	294	312	269	2.4	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.7
Other major offenses.....	1,972	2,182	2,202	2,484	2,479	21.3	22.5	23.0	25.1	25.2

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting.

² Based on estimate of civilian population of the State.

³ Based on estimate of civilian population of counties reporting. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

⁴ Based on Population census of 1940 for counties reporting.

⁵ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--PENNSYLVANIA

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	11,040	100.0	14,309	100.0	14,411	100.0	17,278	100.0	19,987	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	3,419	31.0	4,414	30.8	4,347	30.2	4,950	28.6	5,779	29.0
Dismissed.....	1,483	13.4	1,681	11.7	1,550	10.8	1,778	10.3	2,299	11.5
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	319	2.9	446	3.1	410	2.8	687	4.0	770	3.9
Acquitted by jury.....	1,191	10.8	1,619	11.3	1,812	12.6	1,835	10.6	2,151	10.8
Other no-penalty disposition.....	426	3.9	668	4.7	575	4.0	650	3.8	559	2.8
Convicted and sentenced.....	7,621	69.0	9,895	69.2	10,064	69.8	12,328	71.4	14,158	71.0
Pleaded guilty.....	5,545	50.2	7,275	50.8	7,560	52.5	9,463	54.8	10,946	54.9
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	656	5.9	913	6.4	649	4.5	1,131	6.5	1,084	5.4
Found guilty by jury.....	1,420	12.9	1,707	11.9	1,855	12.9	1,784	10.0	2,128	10.7

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	7,621	100.0	9,895	100.0	10,064	100.0	12,328	100.0	14,158	100.0
Death penalty.....	6	0.1	5	0.1	3	-	7	0.1	9	0.1
Prison or reformatory.....	1,417	18.6	1,686	17.0	1,809	18.0	1,612	13.1	1,904	13.4
Probation or suspended sentence.....	2,122	27.8	2,724	27.6	2,620	26.0	3,411	27.7	3,764	26.6
Local jail or workhouse.....	2,995	39.3	4,046	40.9	4,262	42.3	5,442	44.1	6,474	45.7
Fine or costs only.....	787	10.3	1,052	10.6	1,015	10.1	1,484	12.0	1,573	11.1
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	171	2.2	238	2.4	173	1.7	237	1.9	276	1.9
Other sentence.....	123	1.6	134	1.4	182	1.8	135	1.1	158	1.1

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
All offenses.....	23,432	7,672	3,953	661	2,087	971	15,760	10,531	3,187	2,042	15,760	6	1,481	4,291	4,428	3,659	264	1,631	
Major offenses.....	11,040	3,419	1,483	319	1,191	426	7,621	5,545	656	1,420	7,621	6	1,417	2,122	2,995	787	171	123	
Murder.....	106	28	4	-	22	2	78	28	26	24	78	5	58	-	13	-	-	2	
Manslaughter.....	292	178	59	10	64	45	114	55	10	49	114	-	37	18	54	5	-		
Robbery.....	631	210	49	10	135	15	421	242	4	175	421	-	195	42	170	5	8	1	
Aggravated assault.....	1,580	750	380	61	255	53	880	472	109	293	880	-	62	270	454	93	-	1	
Burglary.....	1,567	259	102	25	96	36	1,408	1,147	105	156	1,408	-	409	858	499	70	66	6	
Larceny, except auto theft..	1,822	524	245	65	147	67	1,298	1,045	146	107	1,298	-	162	472	499	98	55	12	
Auto theft.....	428	80	34	9	26	11	348	286	12	40	348	-	77	108	130	17	15	1	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	694	314	181	31	78	29	380	309	27	44	380	-	31	153	124	65	7	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	423	125	37	14	54	20	298	214	24	60	298	-	35	110	136	17	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	246	47	23	6	4	14	199	161	10	8	199	-	41	46	96	11	3	2	
Rape.....	375	150	62	1	71	16	225	139	9	77	225	1	80	18	103	17	1	5	
Commercialized vice.....	378	98	22	9	44	23	280	179	42	59	280	-	35	62	104	79	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	1,468	422	211	38	118	55	1,046	769	76	201	1,046	-	118	252	337	240	8	91	
Violating drug laws.....	78	12	2	3	6	1	66	48	4	14	66	-	14	19	27	6	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	621	187	60	32	64	31	434	307	42	85	434	-	23	163	197	49	2	-	
Other major offenses.....	181	85	12	5	10	8	146	114	10	22	146	-	40	31	52	15	6	2	
Abortion.....	45	10	2	1	2	5	35	25	-	10	35	-	12	10	9	3	-	1	
Arson.....	47	8	3	-	4	1	39	28	5	6	39	-	10	6	14	5	4	-	
Bigamy.....	21	3	1	-	2	-	18	16	-	2	18	-	1	8	7	1	-	1	
Blackmail and extortion.....	4	3	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	37	1	-	-	-	1	36	34	2	-	36	-	16	1	17	-	2	-	
Kidnaping.....	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	26	5	3	4	1	1	17	10	3	4	17	-	-	6	5	6	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	12,392	4,253	2,470	342	896	545	8,139	4,986	2,531	622	8,139	-	64	2,169	1,433	2,872	93	1,508	

¹ Jury waived.² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

RHODE ISLAND

A total of 291 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior courts of Rhode Island during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the Department of Social Welfare at Providence by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 291 defendants, 277, or 95.2 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 193, or 69.7 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 222 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 214, or 96.4 percent, were convicted; and all 31 of the persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 90.1 in 1939 to 41.9 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 89.1 in 1939 to 39.9 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1943, with auto theft following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 50.2 percent of all major offense dispositions.

During the past 5 years, 96.6 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 98.9 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940, 95.2 percent; in 1941, 95.7 percent; in 1942, 97.4

percent; and in 1943, 95.2 percent. In 1943, 92.1 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 3.1 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 72.0 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1943 and 1939 were lower than this figure, while those for the remaining years were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 22.4 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	291	468	514	600	632	41.9	64.9	71.8	94.1	90.1
Murder.....	2	4	-	2	1	0.3	0.6	-	0.3	0.1
Manslaughter.....	2	6	2	3	5	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.7
Robbery.....	31	13	28	20	29	4.5	1.8	3.9	2.8	4.1
Aggravated assault.....	21	25	29	33	4	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.6	0.6
Burglary.....	110	202	224	258	310	15.8	28.0	31.3	36.2	44.2
Larceny, except auto theft.....	29	26	14	21	18	4.2	3.6	2.0	2.9	2.6
Auto theft.....	36	100	122	109	95	5.2	13.9	17.0	15.3	13.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	9	6	17	62	28	1.3	0.8	2.4	8.7	4.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	3	3	1	3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	6	26	24	12	17	0.9	3.6	3.4	1.7	2.4
Rape.....	6	24	8	26	26	0.9	3.3	1.1	3.6	3.7
Other major offenses.....	38	38	43	53	96	5.5	4.6	6.0	7.4	13.7
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	277	456	492	571	625	39.9	63.3	68.7	80.0	89.1
Murder.....	2	4	-	1	1	0.3	0.6	-	0.1	0.1
Manslaughter.....	2	3	1	3	5	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.7
Robbery.....	28	13	25	20	28	4.0	1.8	3.5	2.8	4.0
Aggravated assault.....	21	24	28	32	4	3.0	3.3	3.9	4.5	0.6
Burglary.....	106	200	221	254	308	15.3	27.7	30.9	35.6	43.9
Larceny, except auto theft.....	28	24	13	20	18	4.0	3.3	1.8	2.8	2.6
Auto theft.....	36	100	119	103	95	5.2	13.9	16.6	14.4	13.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	9	5	16	50	28	1.3	0.7	2.2	7.0	4.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	3	3	1	3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	6	26	23	12	17	0.9	3.6	3.2	1.7	2.4
Rape.....	6	21	7	26	25	0.9	2.9	1.0	3.6	3.6
Other major offenses.....	32	38	36	49	93	4.6	4.6	5.0	6.9	13.3

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940.

³ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--RHODE ISLAND

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	291	100.0	458	100.0	514	100.0	600	100.0	632	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	14	4.8	12	2.6	22	4.3	29	4.8	7	1.1
Dismissed or nolle prosequi.....	10	3.4	6	1.8	17	3.3	17	2.8	7	1.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	-	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	4	1.4	6	1.8	4	0.8	11	1.8	-	-
Other no-penalty disposition.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	-
Convicted and sentenced.....	277	95.2	456	97.4	492	95.7	571	95.2	625	98.9
Nolo contendere ¹	268	92.1	449	95.9	486	94.6	565	94.2	625	98.9
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Found guilty by jury.....	9	3.1	7	1.5	6	1.2	6	1.0	-	-

¹ Includes pleas of guilty.

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	277	100.0	456	100.0	492	100.0	571	100.0	625	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	77	27.8	85	18.6	71	14.4	116	20.3	134	31.0
Probation or suspended sentence.....	193	69.7	348	76.8	401	81.5	423	74.1	377	60.3
Local jail or workhouse.....	6	2.2	19	4.2	17	3.5	27	4.7	45	7.4
Fine or costs only.....	1	0.4	4	0.9	3	0.6	5	0.9	8	1.3
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS									SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction				Convicted and sentenced				Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence	
		Total	Dismissed or nolle prosequi	Acquitted-- By court ¹	By jury	Other no-penalty	Total	Nolo contendere ²	Found guilty-- By court ¹									By jury
All offenses.....	304	17	13	-	4	-	287	278	-	9	287	-	79	197	6	6	-	-
Major offenses.....	291	14	10	-	4	-	277	268	-	9	277	-	77	193	6	1	-	-
Murder.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	31	3	-	-	3	-	28	27	-	1	28	-	8	20	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	21	-	-	-	-	-	21	20	-	1	21	-	6	14	1	-	-	-
Burglary.....	110	4	4	-	-	-	106	106	-	-	106	-	24	81	1	-	-	-
Larceny, except auto theft.	29	1	1	-	-	-	28	28	-	-	28	-	5	22	1	-	-	-
Auto theft.....	36	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	-	-	36	-	10	26	-	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud....	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	8	-	1	9	-	3	5	1	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting.	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
Rape.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	3	3	-	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons....	12	1	-	-	1	-	11	11	-	-	11	-	4	6	-	1	-	-
Other major offenses.....	19	3	3	-	-	-	16	14	-	2	16	-	6	9	1	-	-	-
Abortion.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	1	5	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion...	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	4	2	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ³	13	3	3	-	-	-	10	10	-	-	10	-	1	4	-	5	-	-

¹ Jury waived.

² Includes pleas of guilty.

³ This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

SOUTH DAKOTA

A total of 176 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the circuit courts of South Dakota during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 176 defendants, 147, or 83.5 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 65, or 44.2 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 135 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 117, or 86.7 percent, were convicted; and of the 24 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 16 were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population dropped from 76.9 in 1939 to 34.4 in 1943. Likewise, the rate for defendants convicted showed a continuous decline from 68.2 in 1939 to 28.7 in 1943. Among the defendants disposed of for major offenses during 1943, there were more defendants disposed of for larceny than for any other offense, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 53.4 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 86.3 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In

1939, 88.7 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940 and 1941, 87.0 percent; in 1942, 82.2 percent; and in 1943, 83.5 percent. In 1943, 76.1 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 1.7 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 57.8 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1939 and 1943 fell below this figure, while the percentages for the remaining years were somewhat higher.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 69 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 66 counties, 93.9 percent; 1942, 68 counties, 97.9 percent; 1941 and 1940, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1939, 65 counties, 94.4 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³	1939 ⁴
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	176	287	384	478	468	34.4	49.9	63.0	74.3	76.9
Murder.....	1	-	2	4	3	0.2	-	0.3	0.6	0.5
Manslaughter.....	7	6	2	7	6	1.4	1.0	0.3	1.1	1.0
Robbery.....	1	11	15	9	11	0.2	1.9	2.5	1.4	1.8
Aggravated assault.....	8	7	11	15	11	1.6	1.2	1.8	2.3	1.8
Burglary.....	29	35	47	78	81	5.7	6.1	7.7	12.1	13.3
Larceny, except auto theft.....	65	102	134	151	156	12.7	17.7	22.0	23.5	25.6
Auto theft.....	5	18	19	23	17	1.0	3.1	3.1	3.6	2.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	27	35	48	37	1.6	4.7	5.7	7.5	6.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	-	8	6	5	11	-	1.4	1.0	0.8	1.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	27	32	63	81	69	5.3	5.6	10.3	12.6	11.3
Rape.....	8	18	23	22	26	1.6	3.1	3.8	3.4	4.3
Other major offenses.....	17	23	27	35	40	3.3	4.0	4.4	5.4	6.6
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	147	236	334	416	415	28.7	41.0	54.8	64.7	68.2
Murder.....	1	-	2	2	3	0.2	-	0.3	0.3	0.5
Manslaughter.....	2	3	2	3	4	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.7
Robbery.....	1	10	14	7	11	0.2	1.7	2.3	1.1	1.8
Aggravated assault.....	7	5	10	10	6	1.4	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.0
Burglary.....	26	31	40	74	71	5.1	5.4	6.6	11.5	11.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	54	87	121	139	147	10.6	15.1	19.9	21.6	24.2
Auto theft.....	5	14	16	20	17	1.0	2.4	2.6	3.1	2.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	20	23	37	32	1.6	3.5	3.8	5.8	5.3
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	-	8	5	3	11	-	1.4	0.8	0.5	1.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	23	28	60	78	64	4.5	4.9	9.8	12.1	10.5
Rape.....	6	12	19	15	19	1.2	2.1	3.1	2.3	3.1
Other major offenses.....	14	18	22	28	30	2.7	3.1	3.6	4.4	4.9

¹ Based on estimate for civilian population for counties reporting.

² Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

³ Based on Population census of 1940.

⁴ Based on estimate of total population for counties reporting.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--SOUTH DAKOTA

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	176	100.0	287	100.0	384	100.0	478	100.0	468	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	29	16.5	51	17.8	50	13.0	62	13.0	53	11.3
Dismissed.....	21	11.9	38	13.2	37	9.6	44	9.2	38	8.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	1	0.3	-	-	1	0.2	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	4	2.3	12	4.2	10	2.6	11	2.3	13	2.8
Other no-penalty disposition.....	4	2.3	-	-	3	0.8	6	1.3	2	0.4
Convicted and sentenced.....	147	83.5	236	82.2	334	87.0	416	87.0	415	88.7
Pleaded guilty.....	134	76.1	216	75.3	311	81.0	397	81.0	374	79.9
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	10	5.7	5	1.7	10	2.6	17	3.6	22	4.7
Found guilty by jury.....	3	1.7	15	5.2	13	3.4	12	2.5	19	4.1

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	147	100.0	236	100.0	334	100.0	416	100.0	415	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	0.7	-	-	2	0.6	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	65	44.2	151	64.0	202	60.5	246	59.1	231	55.7
Probation or suspended sentence.....	37	25.2	44	18.6	68	20.4	95	22.8	87	21.0
Local jail or workhouse.....	28	19.0	37	15.7	53	15.9	60	14.4	79	19.0
Fine or costs only.....	12	8.2	4	1.7	7	2.1	11	2.6	7	1.7
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	4	2.7	-	-	2	0.6	4	1.0	11	2.7
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED							
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction				Convicted and sentenced				Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence	
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted-- By court ¹	Other no-penalty By jury	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty-- By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	343	56	44	-	5	7	287	267	16	4	287	1	75	68	57	62	4	-
Major offenses.....	176	29	21	-	4	4	147	134	10	3	147	1	65	37	28	12	4	-
Murder.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	7	5	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	8	1	-	-	1	-	7	7	-	-	7	-	4	1	1	1	-	-
Burglary.....	29	3	-	-	-	2	26	21	4	1	26	-	11	6	3	3	3	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	65	11	8	-	2	1	54	51	3	-	54	-	18	15	13	8	-	-
Auto theft.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	4	-	1	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	6	2	-	8	-	2	2	4	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	27	4	4	-	-	-	23	22	1	-	23	-	11	7	4	-	1	-
Rape.....	8	2	2	-	-	-	6	5	-	1	6	-	4	2	-	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	8	2	1	-	-	1	6	6	-	-	6	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	2	1	1	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	5	1	-	-	1	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
Abortion.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	167	27	23	-	1	3	140	133	6	1	140	-	10	51	29	50	-	-

¹ Jury waived.² This group includes minor assault; conspiracy; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

UTAH

A total of 303 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Utah during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 303 defendants, 209, or 69.0 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 114, or 37.5 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a prison or reformatory. Of the 219 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 154, or 70.3 percent, were convicted; and of the 49 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 32 were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population has decreased from 76.5 in 1939 to 51.9 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same general trend, decreasing from 63.7 in 1939 to 35.8 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1943, with larceny following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 50.8 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 77.2 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. The percentage of defendants convicted decreased from 83.4 in 1939 to 69.0 in 1943. In 1943, 46.5 percent of all

defendants entered a plea of guilty, and 20.5 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 48.6 percent were sent to a prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1939, 1940, and 1941 fell below this figure, and the percentages for the remaining years were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 40.2 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 29 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943 and 1942, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1941, 27 counties, 96.2 percent; 1940, 28 counties, 97.1 percent; 1939, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³	1939 ⁴
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	303	362	352	394	415	51.9	65.4	66.3	73.7	76.5
Murder.....	9	6	5	7	8	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.3	1.5
Manslaughter.....	6	12	11	13	7	1.0	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.3
Robbery.....	16	29	28	28	24	2.7	5.2	5.3	5.2	4.4
Aggravated assault.....	19	22	13	11	16	3.3	4.0	2.4	2.1	2.9
Burglary.....	104	88	104	134	153	17.8	15.9	19.6	25.1	28.2
Larceny, except auto theft.....	50	56	46	62	60	8.6	10.1	8.7	11.6	11.1
Auto theft.....	-	1	4	7	23	-	0.2	0.8	1.3	4.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	26	21	19	8	1.4	4.7	4.0	3.6	1.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	5	4	8	9	4	0.9	0.7	1.5	1.7	0.7
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	36	66	68	52	47	6.2	11.9	12.8	9.7	8.7
Rape.....	15	13	19	13	23	2.6	2.3	3.6	2.4	4.2
Other major offenses.....	35	39	25	39	42	6.0	7.0	4.7	7.3	7.7
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	209	254	280	320	346	35.8	45.9	52.7	59.9	63.7
Murder.....	7	6	2	4	6	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.7	1.1
Manslaughter.....	5	5	9	9	5	0.9	0.9	1.7	1.7	0.9
Robbery.....	9	21	22	19	19	1.5	3.8	4.1	3.6	3.5
Aggravated assault.....	14	15	9	5	11	2.4	2.7	1.7	0.9	2.0
Burglary.....	72	64	64	114	135	12.3	11.6	15.8	21.3	24.9
Larceny, except auto theft.....	36	34	37	58	49	6.2	6.1	7.0	10.9	9.0
Auto theft.....	-	1	3	6	23	-	0.2	0.6	1.1	4.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	6	22	11	17	6	1.0	4.0	2.1	3.2	1.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	5	3	4	6	3	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	26	47	63	49	42	4.5	8.5	11.9	9.2	7.7
Rape.....	6	11	16	8	21	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.5	3.9
Other major offenses.....	23	25	20	25	26	3.9	4.5	3.8	4.7	4.8

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State.

² Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

³ Based on Population census of 1940 for counties reporting.

⁴ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--UTAH

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	303	100.0	362	100.0	352	100.0	394	100.0	415	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	94	31.0	108	29.8	72	20.5	74	18.8	69	16.6
Dismissed.....	45	14.9	69	19.1	27	7.7	37	9.4	36	8.7
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	1	0.8	6	1.7	4	1.0	7	1.7
Acquitted by jury.....	30	9.9	27	7.5	31	8.8	33	8.4	28	5.5
Other no-penalty disposition.....	19	6.3	11	3.0	8	2.3	-	-	3	0.7
Convicted and sentenced.....	209	69.0	254	70.2	280	79.5	320	81.2	346	83.4
Pleaded guilty.....	141	46.5	171	47.2	169	58.7	251	63.7	257	61.9
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	4	2.0	7	1.9	8	2.3	7	1.8	12	2.9
Found guilty by jury.....	48	20.5	76	21.0	83	23.6	62	15.7	77	18.6

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	209	100.0	254	100.0	280	100.0	320	100.0	346	100.0
Death penalty.....	8	1.4	1	0.4	2	0.7	2	0.6	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	114	54.5	138	52.4	131	46.8	151	47.2	156	45.1
Probation or suspended sentence.....	74	35.4	85	33.5	126	45.0	122	38.1	159	46.0
Local jail or workhouse.....	11	5.3	18	7.1	18	6.4	33	10.3	23	6.6
Fine or costs only.....	6	2.9	15	5.9	2	0.7	9	2.8	6	1.7
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	1	0.5	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-	2	0.6
Other sentence.....	-	-	1	0.4	-	-	3	0.9	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED						
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction				Convicted and sentenced				Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--									
			By court ¹	By jury	Other no-penalty			By court ¹	By jury								
All offenses.....	581	192	58	4	48	77	329	225	20	84	329	3	123	99	40	62	2
Major offenses.....	303	94	45	-	30	19	209	141	6	63	209	3	114	74	11	6	1
Murder.....	9	2	-	-	1	1	7	1	1	5	7	3	4	-	-	-	-
Manlaughter.....	4	1	-	-	1	-	3	2	-	3	0	-	0	2	-	-	-
Robbery.....	16	7	3	-	8	1	9	4	-	9	9	-	6	3	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	19	8	1	-	5	1	14	10	1	3	14	-	7	4	3	-	-
Burglary.....	104	32	15	-	8	9	72	57	1	14	72	-	40	31	-	1	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	50	14	9	-	3	2	36	21	1	14	36	-	21	12	3	-	-
Auto theft.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	2	1	-	1	-	6	4	1	1	6	-	2	4	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	8	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	2	5	-	3	1	1	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	38	10	7	-	-	3	26	24	1	1	26	-	12	10	2	1	1
Repe.....	15	9	2	-	6	1	6	4	-	2	6	-	6	-	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	3	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-
Other sex offenses.....	89	10	8	-	3	1	19	11	-	8	19	-	11	6	-	2	-
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bleekmail and extortion....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	218	98	23	4	13	38	180	84	14	22	130	-	9	25	29	56	1

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

VERMONT

A total of 376 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the reporting trial courts of Vermont during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 376 defendants, 267, or 71.0 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 84, or 31.5 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory; and 76, or 28.5 percent, were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 261 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 187, or 71.6 percent, were convicted; and of the 31 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 20 were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 221.7 in 1939 to 156.1 in 1942, and then increased to 169.0 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same general trend, decreasing from 171.1 in 1939 to 97.1 in 1942 and then increasing to 120.0 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with auto theft following in second place, and the two offense groups accounting for 50.0 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 72.6 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 77.2 percent were convicted; in 1940, 77.8 percent; in 1941, 74.1 percent; in 1942, 62.2 percent; and in 1943, 71.0 percent. In 1943, 66.0 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 4.3 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 36.9 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1943 and 1940 fell below this amount, while those for the remaining years were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 28.4 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

Under Vermont law municipal courts exercise felony jurisdiction concurrently with the county court in 11 of the 14 counties of the State. In 1943, reports on criminal disposition were received from the county courts in 12 counties containing 92.7 percent of the 1940 population of the State and from all municipal courts in 7 counties and 1 of the 2 municipal courts in each of 3 counties. The jurisdiction of these municipal courts represents 69.8 percent of the 1940 population of all counties in which municipal courts have jurisdiction. It is estimated that the reporting courts account for 70.4 percent of all of the judicial criminal proceedings in the State.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943
[See text for coverage]

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	376	410	533	418	425	169.0	156.1	188.3	205.6	221.7
Murder.....	3	1	-	3	2	1.3	0.4	-	1.5	1.0
Manslaughter.....	-	2	9	1	-	-	0.8	3.2	0.5	-
Robbery.....	3	7	6	3	3	1.3	2.7	2.1	1.5	1.6
Aggravated assault.....	14	7	3	2	14	6.3	2.7	1.1	1.0	7.3
Burglary.....	44	33	84	82	74	19.8	12.6	29.7	40.3	38.6
Larceny, except auto theft.....	136	209	219	151	162	61.1	79.6	77.4	74.3	84.5
Auto theft.....	52	16	18	14	14	23.4	6.1	6.4	6.9	7.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	16	20	37	31	30	7.2	7.6	13.1	15.2	15.7
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	-	11	2	12	3	-	4.2	0.7	5.9	1.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	10	12	23	13	23	4.5	4.6	8.1	6.4	12.0
Rape.....	14	16	22	22	19	6.3	6.1	7.9	10.8	9.9
Other major offenses.....	84	76	110	84	81	37.8	28.9	38.9	41.3	42.3
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	267	255	395	325	328	120.0	97.1	139.6	159.8	171.1
Murder.....	1	-	-	2	1	0.4	-	-	1.0	0.5
Manslaughter.....	-	1	5	-	-	-	0.4	1.8	-	-
Robbery.....	2	2	5	2	3	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.0	1.6
Aggravated assault.....	10	4	-	1	14	4.5	1.5	-	0.5	7.3
Burglary.....	23	19	68	66	67	10.3	7.2	24.0	32.5	35.0
Larceny, except auto theft.....	104	125	166	120	119	46.7	47.6	58.7	59.0	62.1
Auto theft.....	43	10	11	14	14	19.3	3.8	8.9	6.9	7.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	9	14	25	21	24	4.0	5.3	8.9	10.3	12.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	-	8	1	7	2	-	3.0	0.4	3.4	1.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	6	11	22	11	16	2.7	4.2	7.9	5.4	8.3
Rape.....	9	11	9	13	11	4.0	4.2	3.2	6.4	5.7
Other major offenses.....	60	50	83	68	57	27.0	19.0	29.3	33.4	29.7

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population covered by the reports.
² Based on estimate of total population covered by the reports.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--VERMONT

Reports were received from county courts in 13 counties in 1942, 12 counties in 1941, 11 counties in 1940, and 12 counties in 1939. Of the 11 counties with municipal courts having felony jurisdiction, all municipal courts reported in 7 counties in 1942, 9 counties in 1941, 6 counties in 1940, and 4 counties in 1939. One of the 2 municipal courts reported in each of 2 counties in 1942, in 1 county in 1941, in 1 county in 1940, and in each of 3 counties in 1939. It is estimated that reporting courts accounted for 76.3 percent of all of the judicial criminal proceedings in the State in 1942, 81.0 in 1941, 56.6 in 1940, and 53.6 in 1939.

The statistics presented in this report are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony

jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	376	100.0	410	100.0	533	100.0	416	100.0	425	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	109	29.0	155	37.6	168	25.9	93	22.2	97	22.8
Dismissed.....	64	22.3	139	33.9	79	14.8	71	17.0	79	18.6
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	1	0.2
Acquitted by jury.....	4	1.1	6	1.5	5	0.9	10	2.4	11	2.6
Other no-penalty disposition.....	21	5.6	10	2.4	54	10.1	11	2.6	6	1.4
Convicted and sentenced.....	267	71.0	255	62.2	365	74.1	325	77.8	328	77.2
Pleaded guilty.....	248	66.0	211	51.5	280	71.3	314	75.1	311	73.2
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	3	0.8	30	7.3	4	0.6	2	0.5	1	0.2
Found guilty by jury.....	16	4.3	14	3.4	11	2.1	9	2.2	16	3.8

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced.....	267	100.0	255	100.0	395	100.0	325	100.0	328	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.3	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	64	31.5	96	38.4	147	37.2	116	35.7	134	40.9
Probation or suspended sentence.....	76	28.5	77	30.2	105	26.6	91	28.0	97	29.6
Local jail or workhouse.....	37	13.9	35	13.7	72	18.2	66	20.3	53	16.2
Fine or costs only.....	46	17.2	40	15.7	50	12.7	37	11.4	30	9.1
Institution for juvenile delinquents only.....	24	9.0	4	1.6	20	5.1	14	4.3	13	4.0
Other sentence.....	-	-	1	0.4	1	0.3	-	-	1	0.3

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	Total defendants disposed of	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED							
		Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted-- By court ¹	Other no-penalty By jury	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty-- By court ¹	By jury										
All offenses.....	2,444	351	265	4	12	70	2,093	2,059	13	22	2,093	-	99	165	264	1,496	28	1	
Major offenses.....	376	109	84	-	4	21	267	248	3	16	267	-	64	76	37	46	24	-	
Murder.....	3	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	3	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	14	4	3	-	1	10	5	-	5	10	7	-	7	1	1	1	-	-	
Burglary.....	44	21	17	-	4	23	21	1	1	23	6	-	7	4	-	4	-	4	
Larceny, except auto theft.....	136	32	26	-	4	104	101	1	2	104	10	-	39	17	29	9	-	-	
Auto theft.....	52	9	9	-	-	43	43	-	-	43	10	-	9	6	10	6	-	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	16	7	6	-	1	9	9	-	-	9	4	-	2	-	3	-	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	10	4	4	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	1	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	
Rape.....	14	5	3	-	1	9	6	1	2	9	7	-	7	1	-	-	1	-	
Commercialized vice.....	10	2	2	-	-	8	6	-	-	6	6	-	6	-	-	2	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	56	17	6	-	2	39	37	-	2	39	17	-	13	5	1	3	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	16	5	4	-	1	13	11	-	2	13	11	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	5	2	1	-	1	3	1	-	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Seduction.....	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	11	2	2	-	-	9	9	-	-	9	9	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	2,068	242	161	4	8	1,826	1,810	10	6	1,826	-	15	109	247	1,450	4	1		

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

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WASHINGTON

A total of 1,239 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior courts of Washington during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 1,239 defendants, 1,014, or 81.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 560, or 55.2 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 827 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 678, or 82.0 percent, were convicted; and of the 187 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 148, or 79.1 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 94.6 in 1939 to 68.1 in 1943. The rate for defendant convicted of major offenses decreased from 79.7 in 1939 to 52.8 in 1942, and then rose to 55.7 in 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 46.9 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 82.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 84.3 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1940, 84.8 percent; in 1941, 86.4 percent; in 1942, 75.5

percent; and in 1943, 81.8 percent. In 1943, 72.8 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 7.9 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 55.9 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1939 and 1940 were higher than this amount, while those for the remaining years were somewhat lower. Of all defendant convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 28.1 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1.--DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943
(Statistics are based on reports from a varying number of counties. The number of reporting counties out of the 39 counties of the State and the percent of the 1940 population of the State in these reporting counties are as follows: 1943, 37 counties, 95.5 percent; 1942, 38 counties, 96.9 percent; 1941, 36 counties, 95.7 percent; 1940 and 1939, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	1,239	1,187	1,334	1,584	1,614	68.1	70.0	80.2	91.2	94.6
Murder.....	15	15	13	16	13	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8
Manslaughter.....	42	33	49	42	29	2.3	1.9	2.9	2.4	1.7
Robbery.....	49	44	76	76	88	2.7	2.6	4.6	4.4	5.2
Aggravated assault.....	85	58	36	55	45	4.7	3.4	2.2	3.2	2.6
Burglary.....	225	227	257	324	377	12.4	13.4	15.5	18.7	22.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	356	358	366	476	507	19.6	21.1	22.0	27.4	29.7
Auto theft.....	109	121	169	122	124	6.0	7.1	10.2	7.0	7.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	9	14	23	51	10	0.5	0.8	1.7	2.9	0.6
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	6	9	22	19	10	0.3	0.5	1.3	1.1	0.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	73	115	119	187	161	4.0	6.8	7.2	10.8	9.4
Rape.....	45	34	31	48	22	2.5	2.0	1.9	2.8	1.3
Other major offenses.....	225	159	168	168	228	12.4	9.4	10.1	9.7	13.4
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	1,014	896	1,152	1,343	1,360	55.7	52.8	69.3	77.4	79.7
Murder.....	9	11	11	10	7	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.4
Manslaughter.....	34	22	35	26	17	1.9	1.3	2.1	1.5	1.0
Robbery.....	40	39	61	66	71	2.2	2.3	3.7	3.8	4.2
Aggravated assault.....	67	45	32	44	33	3.7	2.7	1.9	2.5	2.0
Burglary.....	195	188	236	300	349	10.7	11.1	14.2	17.3	20.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	281	257	307	401	418	15.4	15.2	18.5	23.1	24.5
Auto theft.....	91	85	154	108	110	5.0	5.0	9.3	6.2	6.4
Embezzlement and fraud.....	6	8	23	31	5	0.3	0.5	1.4	1.8	0.3
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	3	4	16	14	9	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.8	0.5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	62	100	112	174	146	3.4	5.9	6.7	10.0	8.6
Rape.....	38	27	24	37	16	2.1	1.6	1.4	2.1	0.9
Other major offenses.....	188	110	141	132	179	10.3	6.5	8.5	7.6	10.5

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population for counties reporting. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940.

³ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

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Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	1,239	100.0	1,187	100.0	1,334	100.0	1,364	100.0	1,614	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	225	18.2	291	24.5	182	13.6	241	15.2	254	15.7
Dismissed.....	162	13.1	196	16.5	140	10.5	186	11.7	177	11.0
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	2	0.2	7	0.1	1	0.1	1	0.1
Acquitted by jury.....	39	3.1	42	3.5	39	2.9	40	2.8	58	3.6
Other no-penalty disposition.....	25	2.0	51	4.3	2	0.1	14	0.9	18	1.1
Convicted and sentenced.....	1,014	81.8	896	75.5	1,152	86.4	1,343	84.8	1,360	84.3
Pleaded guilty.....	902	72.8	824	69.4	1,022	76.6	1,234	77.9	1,235	76.6
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	14	1.1	2	0.2	85	2.6	2	0.1	4	0.2
Found guilty by jury.....	98	7.9	70	5.9	95	7.1	107	6.8	121	7.5

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	1,014	100.0	896	100.0	1,152	100.0	1,343	100.0	1,360	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	2	0.2	1	0.1	4	0.3	2	0.1
Prison or reformatory.....	560	55.2	493	55.0	628	54.5	765	57.0	775	57.1
Probation or suspended sentence.....	276	27.3	239	26.7	369	32.0	391	29.4	356	26.2
Local jail or workhouse.....	149	14.7	142	15.8	199	17.1	182	13.6	205	14.9
Fine or costs only.....	27	2.7	11	1.2	13	1.1	10	0.7	12	0.9
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	2	0.2	6	0.7	2	0.2	-	-	9	0.7
Other sentences.....	-	-	3	0.3	-	-	-	-	2	0.1

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fines or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
			By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury										
All offenses.....	1,566	363	256	1	45	61	1,303	1,124	72	107	1,303	-	577	347	226	99	58	1	
Major offenses.....	1,239	225	162	-	38	25	1,014	902	14	98	1,014	-	560	276	149	27	2	-	
Murder.....	15	6	2	-	3	1	9	3	-	6	9	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	
Manlaughter.....	42	8	1	-	7	-	34	26	-	8	34	-	11	11	11	1	-	-	
Robbery.....	49	9	8	-	1	-	40	35	5	2	40	-	34	6	-	-	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	85	18	9	-	9	-	67	55	-	14	67	-	39	20	10	4	-	-	
Burglary.....	225	30	22	-	5	5	195	178	1	16	195	-	135	55	3	1	-	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	356	75	57	-	9	9	281	258	9	15	281	-	124	88	60	8	1	-	
Auto theft.....	109	18	17	-	1	-	91	85	2	4	91	-	46	37	7	-	1	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	9	3	3	-	-	-	6	5	-	1	6	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	6	3	2	-	-	1	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	73	11	10	-	-	1	62	61	-	1	62	-	45	14	2	1	-	-	
Rape.....	45	7	4	-	2	1	38	26	-	12	38	-	32	2	3	1	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	8	1	1	-	-	-	7	3	-	4	7	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	149	27	18	-	3	6	122	111	-	11	122	-	51	22	44	5	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	4	1	1	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	8	2	2	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	56	6	5	-	-	1	50	47	-	3	50	-	28	14	6	2	-	-	
Abortion.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	18	4	4	-	-	-	14	12	-	2	14	-	9	3	-	2	-	-	
Bigamy.....	12	1	-	-	-	1	11	11	-	-	11	-	4	6	1	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion...	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	12	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	-	-	12	-	10	-	2	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	3	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	8	-	1	4	3	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	427	138	94	1	7	36	289	222	58	9	289	-	17	71	77	72	51	1	

¹ Jury waived.

² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

WISCONSIN

A total of 1,939 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the reporting courts of Wisconsin during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 1,939 defendants, 1,588, or 81.9 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 589, or 37.1 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence; and 571, or 36.0 percent, were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 1,125 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 922, or 82.0 percent, were convicted; and of the 230 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 172, or 74.8 percent, were convicted.

Of the defendants disposed of for major offenses during 1943, more defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 33.4 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 82.8 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. The percentage convicted decreased from 84.3 in 1939 to 81.3 in 1942, and then increased to 81.9 in 1943. In 1943, 69.5 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 1.7 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 40.2 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1940, 1942, and 1943 fell below this amount, while those for

1939 and 1941 were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 35.5 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory.

Under Wisconsin law, county, municipal, and superior courts in some counties exercise varying degrees of criminal jurisdiction concurrently with the circuit court. Not all courts which exercise original felony jurisdiction in these counties have submitted a report on criminal dispositions during the past 5 years. Reports from one or more courts were received from each of 62 of the 71 counties of the State in 1943, from 66 counties in 1942, from 67 counties in 1941 and 1940, and from 62 counties in 1939. It is estimated that the reporting courts account for not less than 73 percent of all the judicial criminal proceedings in the State in 1943; 72 percent, in 1942; 87 percent, in 1941; 90 percent, in 1940; and 83 percent, in 1939.

The statistics presented in this report are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during the calendar year 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

(See text for coverage)

OFFENSE	DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF					DEFENDANTS CONVICTED				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939
Total.....	1,939	2,247	2,710	3,192	3,225	1,588	1,826	2,232	2,664	2,719
Murder.....	18	19	18	19	12	15	12	14	15	11
Manslaughter.....	25	25	50	34	32	15	14	37	23	28
Robbery.....	67	75	101	104	87	58	64	85	91	81
Aggravated assault.....	60	87	124	98	134	46	72	110	83	101
Burglary.....	289	357	350	476	529	255	307	317	427	486
Larceny, except auto theft.....	359	450	547	761	810	305	370	474	681	726
Auto theft.....	150	201	244	233	229	125	178	209	194	199
Embezzlement and fraud.....	113	160	245	416	366	72	96	173	268	227
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	27	38	21	57	52	14	29	19	47	39
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	120	213	319	308	258	93	190	242	273	241
Rape.....	127	136	186	195	186	96	78	142	147	157
Other major offenses.....	584	486	505	491	530	494	416	410	415	423

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Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	1,939	100.0	2,247	100.0	2,710	100.0	3,192	100.0	3,225	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	351	18.1	421	18.7	478	17.6	528	16.5	506	15.7
Dismissed.....	278	14.3	311	13.8	330	12.2	409	12.8	388	12.0
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	12	0.6	11	0.5	18	0.7	18	0.6	47	1.5
Acquitted by jury.....	20	1.0	25	1.1	32	1.2	16	0.5	27	0.8
Other no-penalty disposition.....	41	2.1	74	3.3	98	3.6	85	2.7	44	1.4
Convicted and sentenced.....	1,588	81.9	1,826	81.3	2,232	82.4	2,664	83.5	2,719	84.3
Pleaded guilty.....	1,347	69.5	1,538	68.4	1,890	69.7	2,378	74.5	2,373	73.6
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	208	10.7	248	11.0	274	10.1	217	6.8	277	8.6
Found guilty by jury.....	33	1.7	40	1.8	68	2.5	69	2.2	69	2.1

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1939 TO 1943

(Death penalty not applicable in Wisconsin)

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	1,588	100.0	1,826	100.0	2,232	100.0	2,664	100.0	2,719	100.0
Prison or reformatory.....	571	36.0	700	38.3	899	40.3	917	34.4	830	30.5
Probation or suspended sentence.....	589	37.1	726	39.8	911	40.8	1,052	39.5	1,154	42.4
Local jail or workhouse.....	164	10.3	181	9.9	246	11.0	364	13.7	431	15.9
Fine or costs only.....	241	15.2	201	11.0	140	6.3	283	10.6	264	9.7
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	20	1.3	14	0.8	25	1.1	36	1.4	36	1.3
Other sentence.....	3	0.2	4	0.2	11	0.5	12	0.5	4	0.1

Table 4. DISPOSITION IN REPORTING COURTS OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1943

(Death penalty not applicable in Wisconsin)

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED							
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentences
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--									
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury								
All offenses.....	6,686	1,104	760	42	35	267	5,582	4,779	744	59	5,582	667	1,218	533	3,080	24	110	
Major offenses.....	1,939	351	278	12	20	41	1,588	1,347	208	33	1,588	571	589	164	241	20	8	
Murder.....	18	3	1	-	1	1	15	7	3	5	15	14	-	1	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	25	10	6	-	3	1	15	10	3	2	15	10	4	-	1	-	-	
Robbery.....	67	9	5	-	-	4	58	39	17	2	58	42	12	1	-	3	-	
Aggravated assault.....	60	14	12	-	2	-	46	28	18	5	46	16	17	11	2	-	-	
Burglary.....	289	34	31	-	1	2	255	219	30	6	255	116	129	7	1	2	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	359	54	42	4	-	8	305	251	53	1	305	54	141	40	64	6	-	
Auto theft.....	150	25	19	-	-	6	125	108	17	-	125	38	67	11	5	4	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	113	41	35	2	2	2	72	64	7	1	72	14	40	7	11	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	27	13	12	1	-	-	14	14	-	-	14	2	9	-	3	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	120	27	26	-	-	1	93	86	7	-	93	55	44	4	10	-	-	
Rape.....	127	31	23	1	4	3	96	80	10	6	96	50	34	2	8	-	2	
Commercialized vice.....	45	7	5	-	-	2	38	37	1	-	38	11	4	1	22	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	454	68	50	3	6	9	386	339	42	5	386	119	81	73	108	5	-	
Violating drug laws.....	4	1	1	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	1	
Carrying, etc., weapons....	9	4	3	-	-	1	5	4	1	-	5	-	-	1	4	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	72	10	7	1	1	1	62	59	3	-	62	50	7	4	1	-	-	
Abortion.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	8	2	-	-	1	1	6	4	2	-	6	2	4	-	-	-	-	
Bigamy.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	48	5	1	1	-	-	43	43	-	-	43	40	-	3	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	7	1	1	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	5	-	1	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	5	1	1	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	1	2	1	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	4,747	753	482	30	15	226	3,994	3,432	536	26	3,994	96	629	369	2,789	4	107	

¹ Jury waived.² This group includes minor assault; nonsupport; violating liquor, gambling, or driving laws; and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1943

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A total of 224 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Wyoming during the calendar year 1943, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 224 defendants, 176, or 78.6 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 85, or 48.3 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 176 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1943 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 142, or 80.7 percent, were convicted; and of the 40 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 27 were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 155.5 in 1939 to 80.2 in 1942, and then increased to 95.0 in 1943. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses showed a general decline from 129.7 in 1939 to 74.7 in 1943, with increases in 1941 and 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1943, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 45.5 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 80.2 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1939, 83.4 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1940, 77.6 percent; in 1941, 82.6 percent; in 1942, 74.7 percent; and in 1943, 76.3 percent. In 1943, 76.3 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 2.2 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 57.7 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1941 and 1943 fell below this figure, and the percentages for the remaining years were somewhat higher. About 32 percent of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence.

The statistics presented here are for those persons actually brought before a court having felony jurisdiction, whose cases were disposed of by the court during the calendar year. A defendant charged with more than one offense, if not convicted, was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged, and in the case of conviction, to the most serious offense of which convicted. The number of defendants disposed of for selected major offenses and also the number convicted, during 1943 and the preceding 4 years, are presented in table 1, together with the rate per 100,000 of the population. Table 2 shows the procedural outcome of dispositions for major offenses during the past 5 years, while table 3 shows the type of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1943 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1.—DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED, FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, WITH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION: 1939 TO 1943

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1943	1942	1941	1940	1939	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²	1939 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	224	186	292	322	385	95.0	80.2	123.2	128.4	155.5
Murder.....	8	7	5	4	4	2.5	3.0	2.1	1.6	1.6
Manslaughter.....	3	8	2	5	7	1.3	3.4	0.8	2.0	2.8
Robbery.....	11	13	15	15	17	4.7	5.6	6.3	6.0	6.9
Aggravated assault.....	19	10	10	10	17	8.1	4.3	4.2	4.0	6.9
Burglary.....	38	14	57	72	93	15.1	6.0	24.0	28.7	39.6
Larceny, except auto theft.....	84	51	85	82	93	27.1	22.0	35.9	32.7	37.2
Auto theft.....	17	14	22	20	29	7.2	6.0	9.3	8.0	11.7
Embezzlement and fraud.....	11	8	10	28	22	4.7	3.4	4.2	11.8	8.9
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	9	7	6	9	0.4	3.9	3.0	2.4	3.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	34	32	64	60	70	14.4	13.8	27.0	23.9	28.3
Rape.....	12	8	9	8	17	5.1	3.4	3.8	3.2	6.9
Other major offenses.....	8	12	6	12	3	2.4	5.2	2.5	4.8	1.2
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	176	139	244	250	321	74.7	59.9	102.9	99.7	129.7
Murder.....	4	5	4	2	1	1.7	2.2	1.7	0.8	0.4
Manslaughter.....	3	4	2	3	4	1.3	1.7	0.8	1.2	1.6
Robbery.....	11	12	13	13	16	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.2	6.5
Aggravated assault.....	13	9	7	7	13	5.5	3.9	3.0	2.8	5.3
Burglary.....	29	10	50	65	91	12.3	4.3	21.1	25.9	36.2
Larceny, except auto theft.....	53	42	75	65	77	22.5	18.1	31.6	25.9	31.1
Auto theft.....	16	10	13	13	26	6.8	4.3	5.5	5.3	10.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	6	6	13	16	3.4	2.6	2.5	5.2	6.3
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	6	7	5	5	0.4	2.6	3.0	2.0	2.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	24	24	59	50	61	10.2	10.3	24.9	19.9	24.6
Rape.....	7	4	3	4	9	3.0	1.7	1.3	1.6	3.6
Other major offenses.....	7	7	5	10	2	3.0	3.0	2.1	4.0	0.8

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which were based on the Population census of 1940.

² Based on Population census of 1940.

³ Based on estimate of total population of the State.

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Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES; 1939 TO 1943

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	224	100.0	186	100.0	292	100.0	322	100.0	355	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	48	21.4	47	25.3	48	16.4	72	22.4	64	18.0
Omitted.....	38	17.0	36	19.4	36	12.3	68	19.0	54	14.0
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	5	2.2	5	2.7	9	3.1	7	2.2	9	2.5
Other non-penalty disposition.....	5	2.2	6	3.2	3	1.0	3	0.8	1	0.3
Convicted and sentenced.....	176	78.6	139	74.7	244	83.6	250	77.6	321	88.4
Fleaded guilty.....	171	76.3	134	72.0	238	81.5	237	73.6	311	87.6
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	-	-	2	1.1	1	0.3	6	1.9	-	-
Found guilty by jury.....	5	2.2	3	1.6	6	1.7	7	2.2	10	2.8

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES; 1939 TO 1943

SENTENCE	1943		1942		1941		1940		1939	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced.....	176	100.0	139	100.0	244	100.0	250	100.0	321	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	85	48.3	69	64.0	135	55.3	147	58.8	198	61.1
Probation or suspended sentence.....	74	42.0	34	24.5	65	26.6	78	31.2	89	27.7
Local jail or workhouse.....	5	2.8	8	5.8	13	5.3	6	2.4	10	3.1
Fine or costs only.....	2	1.1	4	2.9	1	0.4	4	1.6	6	1.9
Institution for juvenile delinquents only.....	9	5.1	4	2.9	10	4.1	18	7.2	20	6.2
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES; 1943

OFFENSE	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS										SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED								
	Total defendants disposed of	Disposed of without conviction					Convicted and sentenced					Total	Death penalty	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or workhouse	Fine or costs only	Institution for juvenile delinquents only	Other sentence
		Total	Dis-missed	Acquitted--		Other non-penalty	Total	Fleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	208	69	59	-	5	5	239	218	21	5	239	1	88	108	5	7	29	1	
Major offenses.....	224	48	38	-	5	5	176	171	-	5	176	1	85	74	5	2	9	-	
Murder.....	6	2	-	-	2	-	4	2	-	2	4	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	11	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	11	-	5	5	-	-	1	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	19	6	6	-	-	-	13	13	-	-	13	-	4	2	3	2	2	-	-
Burglary.....	38	9	6	-	-	3	29	29	-	-	29	-	11	17	-	-	1	-	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	64	11	7	-	2	2	59	53	-	-	59	-	28	21	-	-	4	-	-
Auto theft.....	17	1	1	-	-	-	16	16	-	-	16	-	2	14	-	-	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	11	3	3	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	8	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	34	10	10	-	-	-	24	24	-	-	24	-	16	8	-	-	-	-	-
Rape.....	12	5	4	-	1	-	7	6	-	1	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	5	1	1	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Bigamy.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	84	21	21	-	-	-	63	42	21	-	62	-	3	34	-	5	20	1	-

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