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Connecticut	New Hampshire	Rhode Island
District of Columbia	New Jersey	South Dakota
Idaho	New Mexico	Utah
Iowa	New York	Washington
Kansas	North Dakota	Wisconsin
Massachusetts	Ohio	Wyoming

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1944

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This report presents statistics on the offense and disposition of criminal offenders in the courts of general jurisdiction in 24 States for 1944. 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.

Acknowledgement.--The generous cooperation of each 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 1944 statistics.--The statistics indicate that about 78 percent of all defendants prosecuted for major offenses in the courts of general jurisdiction during 1944 were convicted. Almost 70 percent of those disposed of without conviction were eliminated by dismissal of the charges against them. Pleas of guilty accounted for about 83 percent of all convictions. Of the defendants convicted and sentenced, 38 percent were sentenced to State prisons or reformatories, and nearly one-third were given probation or a suspended sentence.

Scope.--Twenty-four 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 1944 in courts having original felony jurisdiction. This is the thirteenth 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, 1942, and 1943.

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 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.

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.

In a few States special jurisdiction to dispose of felony offenses has been given to local courts, such as municipal and county courts, that otherwise would be classified as courts of limited jurisdiction. In these States, a considerable number of felony cases are disposed of in these minor courts; consequently, it is necessary to collect statistics, not only from the courts of general jurisdiction in these States, but also from the minor courts in order to obtain adequate coverage of the felony convictions.

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, summary reports are limited to the major or serious 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.

METHOD 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 1944 data were collected by this tally-sheet method in 19 of the 24 States. 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 1944 DATA

General.--The 1944 report consists principally of summaries for each of the 24 cooperating States. For each of these States a 5-year comparison is presented, which shows, by major offenses, 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 much 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. For all of the cooperating States, the proportion of defendants disposed of without conviction was 22.5 percent. This percentage ranged from 35.7 in New Mexico to 2.8 in Rhode Island.

Table 1.—PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, BY STATES: 1944

STATE	Defendants disposed of	DISPOSED OF WITHOUT CONVICTION		CONVICTED AND SENTENCED	
		Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Total, 24 States	47,697	10,750	22.5	36,947	77.5
California.....	8,399	1,851	22.0	6,548	78.0
Colorado.....	727	129	17.7	598	82.3
Connecticut ¹	889	93	11.1	746	88.9
District of Columbia..	1,159	298	25.7	861	74.3
Idaho.....	249	51	20.5	198	79.5
Iowa.....	1,394	261	18.7	1,133	81.3
Kansas.....	842	246	29.2	596	70.8
Massachusetts.....	2,909	393	13.5	2,516	86.5
Minnesota.....	808	68	8.5	735	91.5
Montana.....	239	55	23.0	184	77.0
New Hampshire.....	259	60	23.2	199	76.8
New Jersey.....	4,186	774	18.5	3,412	81.5
New Mexico.....	532	190	35.7	342	64.3
New York.....	7,003	1,977	28.2	5,026	71.8
North Dakota.....	249	24	9.6	225	90.4
Ohio.....	3,065	456	14.9	2,609	85.1
Oregon.....	608	80	13.2	528	86.8
Pennsylvania.....	9,989	3,021	30.2	6,968	69.8
Rhode Island.....	549	15	2.8	528	97.2
South Dakota.....	211	40	19.0	171	81.0
Utah.....	298	92	30.9	206	69.1
Washington.....	1,370	268	19.2	1,107	80.8
Wisconsin.....	1,634	284	17.4	1,350	82.6
Wyoming.....	190	29	15.3	161	84.7

¹Statistics are for the year July 1, 1944, through June 30, 1945.

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. Such cases constituted a relatively high proportion of all defendants disposed of without conviction in such States as Wisconsin, New York, and New Hamp-

shire and a relatively low proportion in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

It will be noted that in a number of 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 Pennsylvania 39.3 percent of the defendants disposed of without conviction were acquitted by jury, whereas in Wyoming there was only 1 case of this type.

Table 2.—DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES WITHOUT CONVICTION, BY METHOD OF DISPOSITION, BY STATES: 1944

(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, 24 States.....	10,750	7,388	68.7	979	9.1	2,383	22.2
California.....	1,851	1,299	70.2	252	13.6	300	16.2
Colorado.....	129	88	68.2	2	1.6	39	30.2
Connecticut ²	93	79	84.9	9	9.7	5	5.4
District of Columbia.....	298	190	63.8	5	1.7	° 103	34.6
Idaho.....	51	45	88.2	-	-	6	11.8
Iowa.....	261	224	85.8	3	1.1	34	13.0
Kansas.....	246	214	87.0	9	3.7	23	9.3
Massachusetts.....	393	176	44.8	65	16.5	152	38.7
Minnesota.....	68	56	82.4	-	-	12	17.6
Montana.....	55	43	78.2	-	-	12	21.8
New Hampshire.....	60	54	90.0	-	-	6	10.0
New Jersey.....	774	488	63.0	175	22.6	111	14.3
New Mexico.....	190	158	83.2	2	1.1	30	15.8
New York.....	1,977	° 1,787	90.4	-	-	190	9.6
North Dakota.....	24	21	-	-	-	3	-
Ohio.....	456	328	71.9	70	15.4	58	12.7
Oregon.....	80	56	70.0	2	2.5	22	27.5
Pennsylvania.....	3,021	1,467	48.6	366	12.1	1,188	39.3
Rhode Island.....	15	12	-	-	-	3	-
South Dakota.....	40	32	-	-	-	8	-
Utah.....	92	49	53.3	8	8.7	35	38.0
Washington.....	263	233	88.6	4	1.5	26	9.9
Wisconsin.....	284	261	91.9	7	2.5	16	5.6
Wyoming.....	29	28	-	-	-	1	-

¹ Jury waived.

² Statistics are for the year July 1, 1944, through June 30, 1945.

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 98.9 percent in Rhode Island to 64.6 percent in Utah. (Data by method of conviction were not available for New York State.) Jury verdicts of guilty accounted for 24.8 percent of all convictions in Utah and 1.1 percent in Rhode Island.

Table 3.—DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES, BY METHOD OF CONVICTION, BY STATES: 1944

STATE	Defendants convicted and sentenced	PLEADED GUILTY		FOUND GUILTY—			
		Number	Percent	By court ¹		By jury	
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total, 24 States.....	31,921	26,437	82.8	2,517	7.9	2,967	9.3
California.....	6,548	5,163	78.8	300	12.2	585	8.9
Colorado.....	598	520	87.0	7	1.2	71	11.9
Connecticut ²	746	685	91.8	47	6.3	14	1.9
District of Columbia.....	861	685	79.6	2	0.2	174	20.2
Idaho.....	198	177	89.4	8	4.0	13	6.6
Iowa.....	1,133	1,063	93.8	28	2.5	42	3.7
Kansas.....	596	551	92.4	16	2.7	29	4.9
Massachusetts.....	2,516	2,232	88.7	107	4.3	177	7.0
Minnesota.....	735	699	95.1	1	0.1	35	4.8
Montana.....	184	175	95.1	1	0.5	8	4.3
New Hampshire.....	199	178	89.4	14	7.0	7	3.5
New Jersey.....	3,412	2,883	84.5	383	11.2	146	4.3
New Mexico.....	342	312	91.2	7	2.0	23	6.7
New York ³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Dakota.....	225	214	95.1	5	2.2	6	2.7
Ohio.....	2,609	2,228	85.4	204	7.8	177	6.8
Oregon.....	528	500	94.7	6	1.1	22	4.2
Pennsylvania.....	6,968	5,043	72.4	667	9.6	1,258	18.1
Rhode Island.....	528	522	98.9	-	-	6	1.1
South Dakota.....	171	144	84.2	23	13.5	4	2.3
Utah.....	206	133	64.6	22	10.7	51	24.8
Washington.....	1,107	994	89.8	27	2.4	86	7.8
Wisconsin.....	1,350	1,180	87.4	137	10.1	33	2.4
Wyoming.....	161	156	96.9	5	3.1	-	-

¹ Jury waived.

² Statistics are for the year July 1, 1944, through June 30, 1945.

³ Data not available.

Table 4 shows, for each of the 24 States, the number and percent of those convicted and sentenced, by type of sentence imposed. In this table the relatively small number of defendants sentenced to death (37 in 1944) are combined with defendants sentenced to a prison or reformatory. In Montana, 78.3 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 17.4 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 64.8 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 54.3 percent of the convicted defendants received this treatment. This type of sentence was used less frequently in Kansas than in any other cooperating State during 1944.

Table 4.—TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES, BY STATES: 1944

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, 24 States...	36,947	13,982	37.8	11,549	31.3	8,050	21.8	3,366	9.1
California.....	6,548	1,931	29.5	2,078	31.7	2,081	31.8	458	7.0
Colorado.....	598	379	63.4	158	26.4	27	4.5	34	5.7
Connecticut ²	746	284	38.1	208	27.9	229	30.7	25	3.4
District of Columbia.....	861	440	51.1	279	32.4	137	15.9	5	0.6
Idaho.....	198	113	57.1	53	26.8	21	10.6	11	5.6
Iowa.....	1,133	456	40.2	198	17.5	218	19.2	261	23.0
Kansas.....	596	408	68.5	77	12.9	92	15.4	19	3.2
Massachusetts.....	2,516	1,312	52.1	675	26.8	-	-	529	21.0
Minnesota.....	735	321	43.7	292	39.7	88	12.0	34	4.6
Montana.....	184	144	78.3	31	16.8	7	3.8	2	1.1
New Hampshire.....	199	54	27.1	108	54.3	29	14.6	8	4.0
New Jersey.....	3,412	1,519	44.5	1,040	30.5	548	16.1	305	8.9
New Mexico.....	342	209	61.1	75	21.9	16	4.7	42	12.3
New York.....	5,026	2,068	41.1	1,738	34.6	1,099	21.9	121	2.4
North Dakota.....	225	113	50.2	30	13.3	48	21.3	34	15.1
Ohio.....	2,609	1,261	48.3	1,145	43.9	161	6.2	42	1.6
Oregon.....	528	233	44.1	207	39.2	48	9.1	40	7.6
Pennsylvania.....	6,968	1,214	17.4	1,802	25.9	2,858	41.0	1,094	15.7
Rhode Island.....	528	150	28.4	342	64.8	18	3.4	18	3.4
South Dakota.....	171	84	49.1	39	22.8	27	15.8	21	12.3
Utah.....	206	127	61.7	62	30.1	7	3.4	10	4.9
Washington.....	1,107	604	54.6	303	27.4	143	12.9	57	5.1
Wisconsin.....	1,350	465	34.4	562	41.6	142	10.5	161	13.4
Wyoming.....	161	98	57.8	47	29.2	6	3.7	15	9.3

¹ Includes 37 death sentences.

² Statistics are for the year July 1, 1944, through June 30, 1945.

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 24 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, New York, California, New Jersey, and Ohio—account for about 68 percent of the cases covered, while the other 19 States account for the remainder.

Table 5 shows the number of defendants disposed of in the 24 States and those disposed of without conviction as well as those convicted in each offense group. Forgery and counterfeiting and burglary showed the highest proportions of convictions, whereas manslaughter and murder showed the lowest proportions.

Table 6 shows, by offense, the number and percent of defendants disposed of without conviction in the 24 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

Table 5.—PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES, BY OFFENSE: 1944

OFFENSE	Defendants disposed of	DISPOSED OF WITHOUT CONVICTION		CONVICTED AND SENTENCED	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	47,697	10,750	22.5	36,947	77.5
Murder.....	603	216	35.8	387	64.2
Manslaughter.....	1,019	337	33.0	682	62.0
Robbery.....	3,433	870	25.3	2,563	74.7
Aggravated assault.....	4,614	1,548	33.6	3,066	66.4
Burglary.....	8,629	1,356	15.7	7,273	84.3
Larceny, exc. auto theft ¹	8,723	1,600	18.3	7,123	81.7
Auto theft.....	4,063	707	17.4	3,356	82.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	1,589	480	30.2	1,109	69.8
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1,210	399	28.0	871	72.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	2,884	412	14.3	2,472	85.7
Rape.....	2,090	699	33.4	1,391	66.6
Commercialized vice.....	472	127	26.9	345	73.1
Other sex offenses.....	4,357	1,073	24.6	3,284	75.4
Violating drug laws.....	839	166	19.8	673	80.2
Carrying, etc., weapons....	1,522	330	21.7	1,192	78.3
Other major offenses.....	1,650	440	26.7	1,210	73.3

¹ Includes embezzlement and fraud in Massachusetts.

the lowest proportion of acquittals by jury. Defendants charged with manslaughter 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 23 States by method of conviction.

Forgery and counterfeiting, auto theft, and embezzlement and fraud were the offense groups showing the highest proportion 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: 1944

OFFENSE	Defendants disposed of without conviction	DISMISSED AND OTHER NO-PENALTY		ACQUITTED—			
		Number	Percent	By court ¹		By jury	
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	10,750	7,893	68.7	979	9.1	2,883	22.2
Murder.....	216	116	53.7	10	4.6	90	41.7
Manslaughter.....	387	176	45.5	30	7.8	181	46.8
Robbery.....	870	519	59.7	96	11.0	255	29.3
Aggravated assault.....	1,548	910	58.8	216	14.0	422	27.3
Burglary.....	1,856	1,061	78.2	66	4.9	229	16.9
Larceny, except auto theft ²	1,600	1,181	73.8	152	9.5	267	16.7
Auto theft.....	707	592	83.7	42	5.9	73	10.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	430	369	76.9	36	7.5	75	15.6
Stolen property, receiving, etc..	339	203	59.9	42	12.4	94	27.7
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	412	369	89.6	17	4.1	26	6.3
Rape.....	699	462	66.1	46	6.6	191	27.3
Commercialized vice.....	127	70	55.1	22	17.3	35	27.6
Other sex offenses.....	1,073	722	67.3	80	7.5	271	25.3
Violating drug laws.....	166	106	63.9	37	22.3	23	13.9
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	330	162	49.4	70	21.2	97	29.4
Other major offenses.....	440	369	83.9	17	3.9	54	12.3

¹ Jury waived.

² Includes embezzlement and fraud in Massachusetts.

Table 7.—DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES, BY METHOD OF CONVICTION, BY OFFENSE: 1944

OFFENSE	Defendants convicted and sentenced	PLEADED GUILTY		FOUND GUILTY—			
		Number	Percent	By court ¹		By jury	
				Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	81,921	26,437	82.8	2,517	7.9	2,967	9.3
Murder.....	333	155	46.5	31	9.3	147	44.1
Manslaughter.....	526	341	64.8	51	9.7	134	25.5
Robbery.....	2,203	1,600	72.6	184	8.4	419	19.0
Aggravated assault.....	2,622	1,707	65.1	441	16.8	474	18.1
Burglary.....	6,442	5,768	89.5	331	5.1	343	5.3
Larceny, except auto theft ³	5,382	4,670	86.8	400	7.4	312	5.8
Auto theft.....	2,886	2,613	90.5	151	5.2	122	4.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	1,101	986	89.6	64	5.8	51	4.6
Stolen property, receiving, etc..	804	628	78.1	60	7.5	116	14.4
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	2,343	2,220	94.8	88	3.8	35	1.5
Rape.....	1,206	910	75.5	106	8.8	190	15.8
Commercialized vice.....	332	234	70.5	48	14.5	50	15.1
Other sex offenses.....	3,113	2,449	78.7	327	10.5	337	10.8
Violating drug laws.....	643	520	80.9	77	12.0	46	7.2
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	967	765	79.1	91	9.4	111	11.5
Other major offenses.....	1,018	871	85.6	67	6.6	80	7.9

¹ Jury waived.

² Excludes 5,026 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 24 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 372 defendants shown in the table as receiving death or prison sentences for

murder, 36 were given the death sentence. Probation and suspended sentence were given most frequently to those defendants convicted of receiving stolen property and auto theft. 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: 1944

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.....	36,947	13,982	37.8	11,549	31.3	8,050	21.8	3,366	9.1
Murder.....	387	² 372	96.1	1	0.3	6	1.6	8	2.1
Manslaughter.....	632	³ 325	51.4	158	25.0	111	17.6	38	6.0
Robbery.....	2,563	1,716	67.0	432	16.9	308	12.0	107	4.2
Aggravated assault.....	3,066	855	27.9	899	29.3	986	32.2	326	10.6
Burglary.....	7,273	3,173	43.6	2,349	32.3	1,238	17.0	513	7.1
Larceny, except auto theft ⁴	7,123	2,285	32.1	2,535	35.6	1,680	23.6	623	8.7
Auto theft.....	3,356	1,176	35.0	1,286	38.3	626	18.7	268	8.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	1,109	279	25.2	392	35.3	187	16.9	251	22.6
Stolen property, receiving, etc....	871	189	21.7	372	42.7	233	26.8	77	8.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	2,472	1,035	41.9	862	34.9	422	17.1	153	6.2
Rape.....	1,391	718	51.6	361	26.0	235	16.9	77	5.5
Commercialized vice.....	345	70	20.3	80	23.2	97	28.1	98	28.4
Other sex offenses.....	3,284	872	26.6	1,036	31.5	801	24.4	575	17.5
Violating drug laws.....	673	147	21.8	47	7.0	454	67.5	25	3.7
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	1,192	170	14.3	420	35.2	461	38.7	141	11.8
Other major offenses.....	1,210	600	49.6	319	26.4	205	16.9	86	7.1

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

² Includes 36 death sentences.

³ Includes 1 death sentence.

⁴ Includes embezzlement and fraud in Massachusetts.

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JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1944

CALIFORNIA

A total of 8,399 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior courts of California during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 8,399 defendants, 6,548, or 78.0 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 2,078, or 31.7 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence, and 2,081, or 31.8 percent, were sentenced to a local jail or workhouse. Of the 4,931 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 3,999, or 81.1 percent, were convicted; and of the 1,542 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 1,074, or 69.6 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population has decreased from 124.1 and 125.4 in 1940 and 1941, respectively, to 99.8 in 1943, and then increased to 112.8 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same general trend, decreasing from 99.4 in 1940 to 75.6 in 1943, and increasing to 87.9 in 1944. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1944, with auto theft following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 25.6 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years 77.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. The

percentage of defendants convicted decreased from 80.1 in 1940 to 78.0 in 1944. In 1944, 61.5 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 7.0 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 33.4 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1940, 1941 and 1943 were higher than this figure, and the percentages for 1942 and 1944 were somewhat lower. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during these 5 years, 31.4 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 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 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 1944 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 1944

(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: 1944, 51 counties, 93.5 percent; 1943, 51 counties, 94.9 percent; 1942, 42 counties, 85.7 percent; 1941, 37 counties, 71.8 percent; 1940, 29 counties, 68.5 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	8,399	7,463	6,530	6,355	5,873	112.8	99.8	106.0	125.4	124.1
Murder.....	155	137	122	77	89	2.1	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.9
Manslaughter.....	200	103	124	199	158	2.7	1.4	2.0	3.9	3.3
Robbery.....	724	748	566	600	625	9.7	10.0	9.2	11.8	13.2
Aggravated assault.....	836	721	469	363	317	11.2	9.6	7.6	7.2	5.7
Burglary.....	1,176	1,180	1,101	1,202	1,222	15.8	15.8	17.9	23.7	25.8
Larceny, except auto theft.....	919	629	575	573	562	12.3	8.4	9.3	11.3	12.3
Auto theft.....	974	773	845	764	692	13.1	10.3	13.7	15.1	14.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	35	134	205	210	331	0.5	1.8	3.3	4.1	7.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	132	109	151	176	131	1.3	1.5	2.5	3.5	2.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	971	876	817	997	739	13.0	11.7	13.3	19.7	15.6
Rape.....	351	397	377	277	229	4.7	5.3	6.1	5.5	4.8
Other major offenses.....	1,926	1,656	1,178	915	758	25.9	22.1	19.1	18.1	16.0
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	6,548	5,658	5,036	5,010	4,705	87.9	75.6	81.5	98.9	99.4
Murder.....	93	86	78	37	52	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.7	1.1
Manslaughter.....	136	74	78	118	93	1.8	1.0	1.3	2.8	2.0
Robbery.....	500	466	397	387	441	6.7	6.2	6.4	7.6	9.3
Aggravated assault.....	636	490	296	259	220	8.5	6.6	4.8	5.1	4.6
Burglary.....	959	961	693	998	1,040	12.8	12.8	14.5	19.7	22.0
Larceny, except auto theft.....	740	507	458	460	474	9.9	6.8	7.4	9.1	10.0
Auto theft.....	800	619	689	645	599	10.7	8.3	11.2	12.7	12.7
Embezzlement and fraud.....	31	94	170	180	287	0.4	1.3	2.8	3.6	6.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	109	71	112	129	109	1.5	0.9	1.8	2.5	2.3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	866	747	692	915	678	11.5	10.0	11.2	16.1	14.8
Rape.....	209	270	243	189	141	2.8	3.6	3.9	3.7	3.0
Other major offenses.....	1,475	1,273	930	693	571	19.8	17.0	15.1	18.7	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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--1944

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	8,399	100.0	7,453	100.0	6,530	100.0	6,355	100.0	5,873	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	1,851	22.0	1,805	24.2	1,494	22.9	1,345	21.2	1,168	19.9
Dismissed.....	276	11.6	1,033	13.8	856	13.1	744	11.7	594	10.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	252	3.0	325	4.4	260	4.0	244	3.8	240	4.1
Acquitted by jury.....	300	3.6	230	3.1	176	2.7	173	2.7	196	3.3
Other co-penalty disposition.....	223	2.8	217	2.9	202	3.1	184	2.9	138	2.3
Convicted and sentenced.....	6,548	78.0	5,658	75.8	5,036	77.1	5,010	78.8	4,705	80.1
Found guilty.....	5,163	61.5	4,545	60.9	4,188	64.1	4,220	66.4	3,985	67.9
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	800	9.5	611	8.2	469	7.2	419	6.6	330	5.6
Found guilty by jury.....	585	7.0	502	6.7	379	5.8	371	5.8	290	4.9

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	6,548	100.0	5,658	100.0	5,036	100.0	5,010	100.0	4,705	100.0
Death penalty.....	12	0.2	6	0.1	9	0.2	5	0.1	10	0.2
Prison or reformatory.....	1,919	29.3	1,727	30.5	1,479	29.4	1,452	29.0	1,407	29.9
Probation or suspended sentence.....	2,078	31.7	1,894	33.5	1,620	32.2	1,816	36.2	1,600	34.0
Local jail or workhouse.....	2,081	31.8	1,751	30.6	1,614	32.0	1,519	30.3	1,526	32.4
Fines or costs only.....	117	1.8	137	2.4	114	2.3	56	1.1	43	0.9
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	257	3.9	130	2.3	155	3.1	115	2.3	115	2.4
Other sentence.....	84	1.3	33	0.6	45	0.9	47	0.9	4	0.1

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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.....	10,207	2,156	1,149	328	340	339	8,051	6,410	997	644	8,051	12	1,961	2,892	2,482	346	270	88
Major offenses.....	8,399	1,851	976	252	300	323	6,548	5,163	800	585	6,548	12	1,919	2,078	2,081	117	157	84
Murder.....	155	62	18	5	21	18	93	36	10	47	93	11	76	-	-	-	3	3
Manlaughter.....	200	64	27	12	23	2	156	75	22	39	136	1	62	50	19	2	1	1
Robbery.....	724	224	125	36	43	20	500	298	95	107	500	-	315	91	43	1	40	10
Aggravated assault.....	836	200	104	36	32	28	636	418	136	82	636	-	115	139	304	52	17	9
Burglary.....	1,176	223	138	14	25	46	958	827	75	51	958	-	299	324	270	-	45	15
Larceny, except auto theft..	919	179	105	29	22	23	740	567	97	76	740	-	237	235	231	6	17	4
Auto theft.....	974	174	72	14	15	73	800	702	76	22	800	-	128	343	229	5	60	15
Embezzlement and fraud.....	35	4	2	2	-	-	31	31	-	-	31	-	10	11	9	1	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	132	23	13	4	5	1	109	85	10	14	1	-	23	58	19	6	8	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	971	105	66	4	9	26	866	823	33	10	866	-	272	335	230	1	13	10
Rape.....	851	142	70	18	28	26	209	162	25	22	209	-	55	93	51	1	13	4
Commercialized vice.....	11	4	3	-	-	1	7	6	-	1	7	-	4	-	3	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	856	221	105	28	51	37	635	459	113	63	635	-	134	314	156	20	6	5
Violating drug laws.....	553	125	71	32	15	7	428	333	73	22	428	-	58	3	358	-	3	6
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	188	35	19	8	4	4	153	127	17	9	153	-	18	18	97	19	-	1
Other major offenses.....	318	66	38	10	7	11	252	214	18	20	252	-	113	64	62	8	9	1
Abortion.....	14	6	3	2	1	-	8	3	1	4	8	-	4	3	1	-	-	-
Arson.....	34	10	5	1	-	4	24	19	1	4	24	-	16	6	2	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	25	4	4	-	-	-	21	20	1	-	21	-	5	16	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion....	11	3	3	-	-	-	8	3	4	1	8	-	1	5	1	1	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	178	13	10	-	-	3	165	152	8	5	165	-	73	26	55	2	8	1
Kidnaping.....	41	22	8	6	5	3	19	13	2	4	19	-	13	3	2	-	1	-
Perjury.....	15	8	5	1	1	1	7	4	1	2	7	-	1	5	1	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	1,808	305	173	76	40	16	1,503	1,247	197	59	1,503	-	42	814	401	229	13	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: 1944

COLORADO

A total of 727 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Colorado during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 727 defendants; 598, or 82.3 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 377, or 63.0 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 557 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 475, or 85.3 percent, were convicted; and of the 119 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 80, or 67.2 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 119.1 in 1940 to 75.3 in 1944, with a slight increase in 1941. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 94.6 in 1940 to 61.9 in 1944, with small increases in 1941 and 1943. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1944, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 51.0 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 78.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1940, 79.4 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1941, 77.1 percent; in 1942, 77.0 percent; in 1943, 80.2 percent; and in 1944, 82.3 percent. In 1944, 71.5 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 9.8 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 64.8 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1940 and 1944 fell below this amount, while those for 1941, 1942, and 1943 were somewhat higher. Of all defendants 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 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 1944 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 1944
(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: 1944, 56 counties, 91.2 percent; 1943, 58 counties, 96.1 percent; 1942, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1941, 59 counties, 99.1 percent; 1940, 59 counties, 99.2 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ²	1941 ¹	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	727	1,053	1,145	1,345	1,327	75.3	102.7	105.1	123.2	119.1
Murder.....	18	22	30	20	32	1.9	2.1	2.8	1.8	2.9
Manslaughter.....	11	31	26	31	32	1.1	3.0	2.4	2.8	2.9
Robbery.....	32	71	79	112	88	3.3	6.9	7.3	10.3	7.9
Aggravated assault.....	39	51	49	56	41	4.0	5.0	4.5	5.1	3.7
Burglary.....	179	196	260	277	294	18.5	19.1	23.9	25.4	26.4
Larceny, except auto theft.....	192	308	293	354	332	19.9	30.0	26.9	32.4	29.8
Auto theft.....	22	46	58	49	71	2.3	4.5	5.3	4.5	6.4
Embezzlement and fraud.....	78	117	133	164	187	8.1	11.4	12.2	15.0	16.8
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	18	34	18	47	29	1.9	3.3	1.7	4.3	2.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	36	39	47	91	90	3.7	3.8	4.3	8.3	8.1
Rape.....	51	81	68	71	76	5.3	7.9	6.2	6.5	6.8
Other major offenses.....	51	57	84	73	55	5.3	5.6	7.7	6.7	4.9
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	598	844	882	1,037	1,054	61.9	82.3	81.0	95.0	94.6
Murder.....	12	16	22	14	13	1.2	1.6	2.0	1.3	1.2
Manslaughter.....	5	15	9	20	25	0.5	1.5	0.8	1.8	2.2
Robbery.....	28	63	56	97	79	2.9	6.1	5.1	8.9	7.1
Aggravated assault.....	30	40	30	35	23	3.1	3.9	2.8	3.2	2.1
Burglary.....	146	175	228	238	250	15.1	17.1	20.9	21.8	22.4
Larceny, except auto theft.....	166	251	243	275	265	17.2	24.5	22.3	25.2	23.8
Auto theft.....	20	39	48	40	60	2.1	3.8	4.4	3.7	5.4
Embezzlement and fraud.....	65	86	97	115	146	6.7	8.4	8.9	10.5	13.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	16	29	11	32	24	1.7	2.8	1.0	2.9	2.2
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	34	34	37	78	83	3.5	3.3	3.4	7.1	7.4
Rape.....	33	63	47	43	48	3.4	6.1	4.3	3.9	4.3
Other major offenses.....	43	33	54	50	38	4.5	3.2	5.0	4.6	3.4

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 estimate of civilian population of the State.

³ Based on Population census of 1940 for counties reporting.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--COLORADO

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	727	100.0	1,058	100.0	1,145	100.0	1,345	100.0	1,327	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	129	17.7	209	19.8	263	23.0	308	22.9	278	20.8
Dismissed.....	81	11.1	156	14.8	181	15.8	204	15.2	202	15.2
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	2	0.3	2	0.2	-	-	7	0.5	5	0.4
Acquitted by jury.....	39	5.4	37	3.5	74	6.5	60	4.5	49	3.7
Other no-penalty disposition.....	7	1.0	14	1.3	8	0.7	37	2.8	17	1.3
Convicted and sentenced.....	598	82.3	844	80.2	882	77.0	1,037	77.1	1,054	79.4
Pleaded guilty.....	520	71.5	734	69.7	749	65.4	932	69.3	956	72.0
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	7	1.0	9	0.9	13	1.1	2	0.1	10	0.8
Found guilty by jury.....	71	9.8	101	9.6	120	10.5	103	7.7	88	6.6

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	598	100.0	844	100.0	882	100.0	1,037	100.0	1,054	100.0
Death penalty.....	2	0.3	2	0.2	3	0.3	-	-	1	0.1
Prison or reformatory.....	377	63.0	549	65.0	577	65.4	738	70.7	627	59.5
Probation or suspended sentence.....	158	26.4	234	27.7	213	24.1	265	25.6	371	35.2
Local jail or workhouse.....	27	4.5	38	4.5	61	6.9	34	3.3	39	3.7
Fine or costs only.....	26	4.3	12	1.4	26	2.9	4	0.4	12	1.1
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	5	0.8	5	0.6	2	0.2	1	0.1	4	0.4
Other sentence.....	3	0.5	4	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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.....	808	161	103	3	44	11	647	563	7	77	647	2	391	176	29	38	7	4
Major offenses.....	727	129	81	2	39	7	598	520	7	71	598	2	377	158	27	26	5	3
Murder.....	18	6	-	-	5	1	12	5	-	7	12	2	9	-	-	-	-	1
Manslaughter.....	11	6	1	-	5	-	5	3	-	2	5	-	4	1	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	32	4	2	-	2	-	28	19	-	9	28	-	26	2	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	39	9	9	-	-	-	30	19	-	11	30	-	9	7	10	3	1	-
Burglary.....	179	38	24	-	9	-	146	137	3	6	146	-	108	36	5	1	1	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	192	26	16	-	8	2	166	153	2	11	166	-	101	52	6	7	-	-
Auto theft.....	22	2	2	-	-	-	20	19	-	1	20	-	18	5	2	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	78	13	9	-	3	1	65	58	1	6	65	-	41	21	1	2	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	18	2	1	-	-	1	16	15	-	1	16	-	7	6	3	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	35	2	-	-	1	1	34	33	-	1	34	-	23	9	-	1	1	-
Rape.....	51	18	9	2	6	1	33	26	1	6	33	-	20	9	-	1	2	1
Commercialized vice.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	24	3	3	-	-	-	21	17	-	4	21	-	10	1	2	10	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Other major offenses.....	24	5	5	-	-	-	19	13	-	6	19	-	11	7	-	1	-	-
Abortion.....	6	2	2	-	-	-	4	2	-	4	6	-	4	2	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
Bigamy.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	5	-	2	3	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	4	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	81	22	22	1	5	4	49	43	-	6	49	-	14	18	2	12	2	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: 1944-1945

CONNECTICUT

(Statistics are for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945)

A total of 839 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior and common pleas courts of Connecticut during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 839 defendants, 746, or 88.9 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 279, or 37.4 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a prison or reformatory. Of the 408 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 357, or 87.5 percent, were convicted; and of the 176 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 162, or 92.0 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 48.0 in 1944-1945 to 55.8 in 1943-1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses ranged from 42.7 in 1944-1945 to 48.6 in 1943-1944. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945, with rape following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 35.5 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 87.8 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. This percentage was 86.6 in 1940-1941, 87.7 in 1941-1942, 88.8 in 1942-1943, 87.1 in 1943-1944, and 88.9 in 1944-1945.

In 1944-1945, 81.6 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, 33.8 percent were sentenced to a prison or reformatory and 33.6 percent were sent to a local jail or workhouse. Only 2.9 percent of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years were fined or charged with costs only, while 29.0 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 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 1945 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, 1945, 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: 1941 TO 1945
(Statistics shown by fiscal year and not calendar year. Thus, figures for "1944-1945" are for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1945)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944-1945 ¹	1943-1944	1942-1943	1941-1942	1940-1941	1944-1945 ¹	1943-1944 ¹	1942-1943 ¹	1941-1942 ¹	1940-1941 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	839	975	860	959	901	48.0	55.8	48.7	55.0	52.7
Murder.....	13	11	13	10	9	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5
Manslaughter.....	23	21	33	47	45	1.3	1.2	1.9	2.7	2.6
Robbery.....	24	66	69	73	66	1.4	3.8	3.9	4.2	3.9
Aggravated assault.....	50	30	36	40	25	2.9	1.7	2.0	2.3	1.5
Burglary.....	208	211	166	175	189	11.9	12.1	9.4	10.0	11.1
Larceny, except auto theft....	71	95	67	94	86	4.1	5.4	3.8	5.4	5.0
Auto theft.....	57	69	41	97	82	3.3	3.9	2.3	5.6	4.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	28	32	62	43	68	1.6	1.8	3.5	2.5	4.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.	5	30	11	22	12	0.3	1.7	0.6	1.3	0.7
Forgery and counterfeiting....	15	17	11	19	23	0.9	1.0	0.6	1.1	1.3
Rape.....	90	76	60	85	83	5.1	4.3	3.4	4.9	4.9
Other major offenses.....	255	317	291	254	213	14.6	18.1	16.5	14.6	12.5
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	746	849	764	841	780	42.7	48.6	42.3	48.3	45.6
Murder.....	13	10	12	10	8	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5
Manslaughter.....	22	14	27	36	28	1.3	0.8	1.5	2.1	1.6
Robbery.....	22	55	57	62	58	1.3	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.4
Aggravated assault.....	46	22	32	38	21	2.6	1.3	1.8	2.2	1.2
Burglary.....	186	195	155	165	172	10.6	11.2	8.8	9.5	10.1
Larceny, except auto theft....	58	82	52	77	74	3.3	4.7	2.9	4.4	4.3
Auto theft.....	49	59	40	87	78	2.8	3.4	2.3	5.0	4.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	23	30	56	36	60	1.3	1.7	3.2	2.1	3.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.	4	23	10	17	10	0.2	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.6
Forgery and counterfeiting....	15	16	11	18	21	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.2
Rape.....	81	63	46	79	64	4.6	3.6	2.6	4.5	3.7
Other major offenses.....	227	280	266	216	186	13.0	16.0	15.1	12.4	10.9

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--CONNECTICUT

Table 2. PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1941 TO 1945

(Statistics shown are for fiscal years. See headnote on table 1)

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944-1945		1943-1944		1942-1943		1941-1942		1940-1941	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	839	100.0	975	100.0	860	100.0	959	100.0	901	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	93	11.1	126	12.9	96	11.2	118	12.3	121	13.4
Dismissed.....	68	8.1	99	10.2	71	8.3	96	10.0	90	10.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	9	1.1	11	1.1	13	1.5	10	1.0	12	1.3
Acquitted by jury.....	5	0.6	10	1.0	4	0.5	7	0.7	4	0.4
Other no-penalty disposition.....	11	1.3	6	0.6	8	0.9	5	0.5	15	1.7
Convicted and sentenced.....	746	88.9	849	87.1	764	88.8	841	87.7	780	86.6
Pledged guilty.....	685	81.6	762	78.2	680	79.1	786	82.0	721	80.0
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	47	5.6	71	7.3	69	8.0	40	4.2	42	4.7
Found guilty by jury.....	14	1.7	16	1.6	15	1.7	15	1.6	17	1.9

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1941 TO 1945

(Statistics shown are for fiscal years. See headnote on table 1)

SENTENCE	1944-1945		1943-1944		1942-1943		1941-1942		1940-1941	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	746	100.0	849	100.0	764	100.0	841	100.0	780	100.0
Death penalty.....	5	0.7	2	0.2	4	0.5	1	0.1	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	279	37.4	292	34.4	256	33.5	228	34.2	230	29.5
Probation or suspended sentence.....	208	27.9	258	30.4	207	27.1	221	27.5	250	32.1
Local jail or workhouse.....	229	30.7	276	32.5	271	35.5	295	35.1	265	34.0
Fine or costs only.....	25	3.4	14	1.6	24	3.1	26	3.1	26	3.3
Institution for juvenile delinquents only...	-	-	7	0.8	2	0.3	-	-	9	1.2
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944-1945

(Statistics shown are for fiscal year. See headnote on table 1)

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	Pledged guilty	Found guilty--										
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	1,248	234	166	31	10	27	1,014	895	97	22	1,014	5	292	283	294	140	-	-	
Major offenses.....	839	93	68	9	5	11	746	685	47	14	746	5	279	208	229	25	-	-	
Murder.....	13	-	-	-	-	13	7	3	3	13	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	23	1	1	-	-	22	21	-	1	22	-	10	3	6	3	-	-		
Robbery.....	24	2	1	1	-	22	19	2	1	22	-	16	2	4	-	-	-		
Aggravated assault.....	50	4	3	-	1	46	38	7	1	46	-	7	16	22	1	-	-		
Burglary.....	208	22	18	1	2	186	173	9	4	186	-	76	60	50	-	-	-		
Larceny, except auto theft..	71	13	7	2	1	58	55	2	1	58	-	12	24	19	3	-	-		
Auto theft.....	57	8	6	1	1	49	46	3	-	49	-	20	16	13	-	-	-		
Embezzlement and fraud.....	28	5	4	1	-	23	22	1	-	23	-	7	6	7	3	-	-		
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	5	1	1	-	-	4	3	1	-	4	-	1	2	1	-	-	-		
Forgery and counterfeiting..	15	-	-	-	-	15	15	-	-	15	-	6	5	4	-	-	-		
Rape.....	90	9	5	2	1	81	70	9	2	81	-	41	27	13	-	-	-		
Commercialized vice.....	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-		
Other sex offenses.....	188	23	18	1	-	165	157	7	1	165	-	54	40	65	6	-	-		
Violating drug laws.....	4	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	2	1	1	-	-	-		
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	6	2	1	-	-	4	3	1	-	4	-	2	-	1	1	-	-		
Other major offenses.....	55	3	3	-	-	52	50	2	-	52	-	16	6	22	8	-	-		
Abortion.....	15	1	1	-	-	14	14	-	-	14	-	1	3	2	8	-	-		
Arson.....	4	-	-	-	-	4	3	1	-	4	-	1	-	3	-	-	-		
Bigamy.....	16	2	2	-	-	14	14	-	-	14	-	3	3	8	-	-	-		
Blackmail and extortion...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Escape and jail break.....	17	-	-	-	-	17	16	1	-	17	-	11	-	6	-	-	-		
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Perjury.....	3	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-		
Minor offenses ²	409	141	98	22	5	16	268	210	50	8	268	-	13	75	65	115	-	-	

¹ Jury waived.

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

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1944

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A total of 1,159 defendants were charged with major offenses and disposed of in the District Court of the District of Columbia during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received by the Bureau of the Census from the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Of these 1,159 defendants, 861, or 74.3 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 438, or 50.9 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a reformatory, and 279, or 32.4 percent, were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 884 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 670, or 75.8 percent, were convicted; and of the 181 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 115, or 63.5 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population increased from 202.2 in 1940 to 222.0 in 1941. Even though the totals for 1942, 1943, and 1944 include some defendants charged with major offenses, but convicted of minor offenses, the rate dropped to 190.4 in 1942, to 183.4 in 1943, and to 139.7 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted showed a continuous decline from 164.1 in 1940 to 103.8 in 1944. Among the defendants charged with major offenses and disposed of in 1944, there were more defendants charged with burglary than with any other offense, with robbery following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 35.4 percent of the total. (See table 1.)

During the 2 years prior to 1942, 74.7 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted.

In the remaining 3 years, 73.7 percent of all defendants charged with major offenses were convicted. In 1944, 59.1 percent of all defendants charged with major offenses entered a plea of guilty and 15.0 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the 2 years prior to 1942, 61.9 percent were sentenced to a reformatory, and 11.0 percent were sentenced to a local jail or workhouse. The corresponding percentages for defendants charged with major offenses and disposed of in 1944 were 50.9 and 15.9.

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, 1943, and 1944, a defendant charged with more than one offense was assigned to the most serious offense of which charged. For the years 1940 and 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 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 1944 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 1944

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941	1940	1944 ²	1943 ²	1942 ²	1941 ²	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	1,159	1,496	1,564	1,645	1,341	139.7	188.4	190.4	222.0	202.2
Murder.....	32	46	28	21	15	3.9	5.6	3.4	2.8	2.3
Manslaughter.....	13	20	20	42	21	1.6	2.4	2.4	5.7	3.2
Robbery.....	158	249	264	262	209	19.0	30.5	32.1	35.4	31.5
Aggravated assault.....	107	232	274	219	139	12.9	28.4	33.4	29.6	21.0
Burglary.....	252	248	239	267	339	30.4	30.4	29.1	36.7	51.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	141	208	216	201	145	17.0	25.5	26.3	27.1	21.9
Auto theft.....	119	148	219	271	173	14.1	18.1	26.7	36.6	26.1
Embezzlement and fraud.....	93	92	94	97	65	11.2	11.3	11.4	13.1	9.8
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	45	49	26	36	44	5.4	6.0	3.2	4.9	6.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	76	57	73	87	68	9.2	7.0	8.9	11.7	10.3
Rape.....	29	42	46	59	28	3.5	5.1	5.6	8.0	4.2
Other major offenses.....	94	107	65	63	95	11.3	13.1	7.9	8.5	14.3
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	861	1,063	1,187	1,144	1,088	103.8	130.1	144.5	154.4	164.1
Murder.....	21	34	26	13	9	2.5	4.2	3.2	1.8	1.4
Manslaughter.....	8	10	12	26	15	1.0	1.2	1.5	3.5	2.3
Robbery.....	105	170	190	147	160	12.7	20.8	23.1	16.8	24.1
Aggravated assault.....	70	155	186	131	101	8.4	19.0	22.6	17.7	15.2
Burglary.....	209	200	202	226	309	25.2	24.5	24.6	30.5	46.6
Larceny, except auto theft.....	116	146	165	162	123	14.0	17.9	20.1	21.9	18.5
Auto theft.....	91	109	175	231	147	11.0	13.3	21.3	31.2	22.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	56	66	74	49	48	6.7	8.1	9.0	6.6	7.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	33	20	20	24	26	4.0	2.4	2.4	3.2	3.9
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	60	53	66	74	59	7.2	6.5	8.0	10.0	8.9
Rape.....	16	25	24	25	21	1.9	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.2
Other major offenses.....	76	75	47	36	70	9.2	9.2	5.7	4.9	10.6

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944 ¹		1943 ¹		1942 ¹		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	1,159	100.0	1,498	100.0	1,564	100.0	1,645	100.0	1,341	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	298	25.7	485	29.0	377	24.1	501	30.5	253	18.9
Dismissed.....	190	16.4	297	19.8	242	15.5	284	17.3	162	12.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	5	0.4	-	-	1	0.1	34	2.1	35	2.6
Acquitted by jury.....	108	9.3	188	12.5	134	8.6	173	10.5	52	3.9
Other no-penalty disposition.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	0.6	4	0.3
Convicted and sentenced.....	861	74.3	1,063	71.0	1,187	75.9	1,144	69.5	1,088	81.1
Pleaded guilty.....	685	59.1	820	54.7	905	57.9	892	54.2	914	68.2
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	2	0.2	9	0.6	-	-	8	0.5	2	0.1
Found guilty by jury.....	174	15.0	234	15.6	282	18.0	244	14.8	172	12.8

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

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

SENTENCE	1944 ¹		1943 ¹		1942 ¹		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced..	861	100.0	1,063	100.0	1,187	100.0	1,144	100.0	1,088	100.0
Death penalty.....	2	0.2	1	0.1	-	-	6	0.5	1	0.1
Prison or reformatory.....	438	50.9	537	50.5	697	58.7	702	61.4	679	62.4
Probation or suspended sentence.....	279	32.4	364	34.2	292	24.6	293	25.6	297	27.3
Local jail or workhouse.....	137	15.9	147	13.8	193	16.3	137	12.0	108	9.9
Fine or costs only.....	5	0.6	14	1.3	5	0.4	6	0.5	3	0.3
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: 1944
(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.....	1,336	318	205	5	108	-	1,018	830	4	184	1,018	2	470	357	152	37	-	-
Major offenses.....	1,159	298	190	5	103	-	861	685	2	174	861	2	438	279	137	5	-	-
Murder.....	32	11	5	-	6	-	21	10	-	11	21	2	19	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	13	5	3	-	2	-	8	4	-	4	8	-	4	3	1	-	-	-
Robbery.....	158	53	27	-	26	-	105	70	-	35	105	-	68	18	18	1	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	107	37	18	-	19	-	70	44	-	26	70	-	34	26	9	1	-	-
Burglary.....	252	43	32	1	10	-	209	184	-	25	209	-	132	44	32	1	-	-
Larceny, except auto theft.....	141	25	19	2	4	-	116	96	-	20	116	-	36	59	25	-	-	-
Auto theft.....	119	28	21	-	7	-	91	75	1	15	91	-	36	35	20	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	93	37	27	-	10	-	56	49	-	7	56	-	18	34	3	1	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	45	12	9	-	3	-	33	31	-	2	33	-	8	21	4	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	76	16	11	1	4	-	60	57	-	3	60	-	20	34	5	1	-	-
Rape.....	29	13	7	-	6	-	16	12	-	4	16	-	12	1	3	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	17	4	1	-	3	-	13	4	-	9	13	-	2	2	9	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	50	5	3	1	1	-	45	35	-	10	45	-	36	4	5	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	25	7	6	-	1	-	18	14	1	3	18	-	11	4	3	-	-	-
Abortion.....	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	6	3	2	-	1	-	3	1	-	2	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	10	1	1	-	-	-	9	7	1	1	9	-	6	2	1	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	3	1	1	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	177	20	15	-	5	-	157	145	2	10	157	-	32	78	15	32	-	-

¹ Jury waived.

² Inasmuch as the United States District Court for the District of Columbia has federal as well as general criminal jurisdiction, this group includes Internal Revenue Liquor, Selective Service Act, impersonation of a federal officer, and alien registration violations, as well as minor assault, nonsupport, gambling, driving laws, and all other offenses generally classified as misdemeanors which are usually tried in minor courts.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1944

IDAHO

A total of 249 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Idaho during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 249 defendants, 198, or 79.5 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 113, or 57.1 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 192 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 157, or 81.8 percent, were convicted; and of the 40 persons disposed of for 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 decreased from 109.7 in 1940 to 55.4 in 1943, and then increased slightly in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same general trend. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1944, with forgery and counterfeiting following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 52.2 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 78.1 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1940, 82.1 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1941, 79.2 percent; in 1942, 70.4 percent; in 1943, 75.1

percent; and in 1944, 79.5 percent. In 1944, 71.1 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 5.2 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 53.5 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1940, 1941, and 1943 fell below this amount, while those for 1942 and 1944 were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 26.5 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 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 1944 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 1944
(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: 1944, 39 counties, 95.6 percent; 1943, 39 counties, 92.0 percent; 1942, 42 counties, 97.1 percent; 1941 and 1940, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	249	241	311	428	576	56.0	55.4	67.2	66.3	109.7
Murder.....	3	5	10	6	9	0.7	1.1	2.2	1.2	1.7
Manslaughter.....	6	3	7	12	15	1.3	0.7	1.5	2.4	2.9
Robbery.....	8	9	24	17	32	1.8	2.1	5.2	3.4	6.1
Aggravated assault.....	20	8	15	14	26	4.5	1.8	3.2	2.9	5.0
Burglary.....	67	55	69	113	155	15.1	12.6	14.9	22.8	29.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	28	34	42	61	83	6.3	7.8	9.1	12.3	15.8
Auto theft.....	9	13	11	25	9	2.0	3.0	2.4	5.0	1.7
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	4	8	19	21	1.8	0.9	1.7	3.8	4.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	9	9	1	9	9	2.0	2.1	0.2	1.8	1.7
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	63	60	85	108	154	14.2	13.8	18.4	21.8	29.8
Rape.....	11	16	19	16	33	2.5	3.7	2.8	3.2	6.3
Other major offenses.....	17	25	26	28	30	3.8	5.7	5.6	5.6	5.7
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	198	181	219	339	473	44.5	41.6	47.3	68.3	90.1
Murder.....	2	4	5	6	8	0.4	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.5
Manslaughter.....	5	3	6	8	8	1.1	0.7	1.3	1.6	1.5
Robbery.....	6	6	17	15	30	1.3	1.4	3.7	3.0	5.7
Aggravated assault.....	16	6	8	9	18	3.6	1.4	1.7	1.8	3.4
Burglary.....	56	45	55	95	134	12.6	10.3	11.9	19.1	25.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	23	26	27	49	73	5.2	6.0	5.8	9.9	13.9
Auto theft.....	6	5	6	17	7	1.3	1.1	1.3	3.4	1.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	6	4	7	12	13	1.3	0.9	1.5	2.4	2.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	7	6	1	7	8	1.6	1.4	0.2	1.4	1.5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	53	50	65	89	130	11.9	11.5	14.0	17.9	24.8
Rape.....	9	12	8	9	24	2.0	2.8	1.7	1.8	4.6
Other major offenses.....	9	14	14	23	20	2.0	3.2	3.0	4.6	3.8

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--IDAHO

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	349	100.0	241	100.0	311	100.0	428	100.0	576	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	51	20.5	60	24.9	92	29.6	89	20.8	103	17.9
Dismissed.....	44	17.7	54	22.4	66	21.2	72	16.8	83	14.4
acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	-	-	2	0.6	-	-	-	-
acquitted by jury.....	6	2.4	4	1.7	13	4.2	8	1.9	16	2.8
Other no-penalty disposition.....	1	0.4	2	0.8	11	3.5	9	2.1	4	0.7
Convicted and sentenced.....	198	79.5	181	75.1	219	70.4	339	79.2	473	82.1
Pleaded guilty.....	177	71.1	152	63.1	195	62.7	296	69.2	413	71.7
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	8	3.2	16	6.6	5	1.6	3	0.7	16	2.8
Found guilty by jury.....	13	5.2	13	5.4	19	6.1	40	9.3	44	7.6

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	198	100.0	181	100.0	219	100.0	339	100.0	473	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2
Prison or reformatory.....	113	57.1	83	45.9	135	61.6	179	52.8	245	51.6
Probation or suspended sentence.....	53	26.8	59	32.6	48	21.9	81	23.9	132	27.9
Local jail or workhouse.....	21	10.6	30	16.6	30	13.7	67	19.8	83	17.5
Fine or costs only.....	8	4.0	4	2.2	2	0.9	3	0.9	1	0.2
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	3	1.5	5	2.8	3	1.4	8	2.4	11	2.3
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	1	0.5	1	0.3	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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.....	329	73	57	-	8	8	256	233	9	14	256	-	114	65	24	50	3	-
Major offenses.....	249	51	44	-	6	1	198	177	8	13	198	-	113	53	21	8	3	-
Murder.....	3	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	6	1	1	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	8	2	2	-	-	-	6	5	-	1	6	-	3	1	2	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	20	4	4	-	-	-	16	12	-	4	16	-	10	2	1	3	-	-
Burglary.....	67	11	9	-	2	-	56	51	1	4	56	-	32	17	5	-	2	-
Larceny, except auto theft.....	28	5	4	-	1	-	23	22	-	1	23	-	9	10	1	3	-	-
Auto theft.....	9	3	3	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	2	1	-	-	1	6	6	-	-	6	-	5	-	1	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	9	2	2	-	-	-	7	6	-	1	7	-	3	3	1	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	63	10	10	-	-	-	53	45	7	1	53	-	31	12	8	1	1	-
Rape.....	11	2	1	-	1	-	9	9	-	-	9	-	7	1	1	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	12	4	4	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	8	-	5	2	-	1	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	5	4	3	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	80	22	13	-	2	7	58	56	1	1	58	-	1	12	3	42	-	-

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: 1944

IOWA

A total of 1,394 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Iowa during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 1,394 defendants, 1,133, or 81.3 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 455, or 40.2 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 986 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 824, or 83.6 percent, were convicted; and of the 132 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 89, or 67.4 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 86.5 in 1940 to 52.7 in 1943, and then increased to 62.2 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1944, with embezzlement and fraud following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 34.6 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 77.1 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1940, 77.3 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1941, 77.7 percent; in 1942, 75.4 percent; in 1943,

72.8 percent; and in 1944, 81.3 percent. In 1944, 76.3 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 3.0 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 42.3 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1940, 1941, and 1944 fell below this figure, and the percentages for 1942 and 1943 were somewhat higher. Only 17.5 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 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 1944 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 1944

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	1,394	1,201	1,486	1,690	2,195	62.2	52.7	60.8	75.2	86.5
Murder.....	15	11	16	19	17	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.7
Manslaughter.....	22	19	12	22	20	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8
Robbery.....	24	29	41	66	67	1.1	1.3	1.7	2.7	2.6
Aggravated assault.....	61	52	51	81	69	2.7	2.3	2.1	3.3	2.7
Burglary.....	143	115	169	229	300	6.4	5.1	6.9	9.2	11.8
Larceny, except auto theft.....	271	296	412	567	588	13.1	13.0	16.9	20.8	23.2
Auto theft.....	126	81	105	119	161	5.6	3.6	4.3	4.8	6.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	211	107	101	164	233	9.4	4.7	4.1	6.6	9.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	12	14	22	24	33	0.5	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	199	169	269	289	311	8.9	7.4	11.0	11.6	12.3
Rape.....	34	37	50	36	48	1.5	1.6	2.0	1.5	1.9
Other major offenses.....	276	271	238	274	348	12.3	11.9	9.7	11.0	13.7
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	1,133	874	1,120	1,469	1,697	50.5	38.4	45.8	59.2	66.9
Murder.....	14	8	10	16	13	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.5
Manslaughter.....	15	8	6	15	10	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.4
Robbery.....	21	20	29	52	51	0.9	0.9	1.2	2.1	2.0
Aggravated assault.....	40	36	37	56	52	1.8	1.6	1.5	2.3	2.0
Burglary.....	115	93	131	183	232	5.1	4.1	5.4	7.4	9.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	223	242	341	484	513	9.9	10.6	13.9	19.5	20.2
Auto theft.....	106	58	80	98	126	4.7	2.5	3.3	3.9	5.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	186	50	67	104	145	8.3	2.2	2.7	4.2	5.7
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	9	8	17	19	25	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.8	1.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	164	133	196	230	244	7.3	5.8	8.0	9.3	9.6
Rape.....	20	20	24	21	34	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.3
Other major offenses.....	220	198	182	191	252	9.8	8.7	7.4	7.7	9.9

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--IOWA

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of	1,394	100.0	1,801	100.0	1,486	100.0	1,890	100.0	2,195	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	861	18.7	327	27.2	566	24.6	421	22.3	498	22.7
Dismissed.....	223	16.0	314	17.8	320	21.5	359	19.0	439	20.0
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	3	0.2	71	5.9	5	0.3	8	0.2	3	0.1
Acquitted by jury.....	34	2.4	28	1.9	26	1.7	45	2.4	46	2.1
Other no-penalty disposition.....	2	0.1	19	1.6	15	1.0	14	0.7	10	0.5
Convicted and sentenced.....	1,133	81.3	874	72.8	1,120	75.4	1,469	77.7	1,697	77.3
Pleaded guilty.....	1,063	76.3	792	65.9	1,076	72.4	1,399	74.0	1,627	74.1
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	28	2.0	45	3.7	18	1.1	22	1.2	19	0.9
Found guilty by jury.....	42	3.0	37	3.1	28	1.9	48	2.5	51	2.3

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	1,133	100.0	874	100.0	1,120	100.0	1,469	100.0	1,697	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-	-	-	1	0.1
Prison or reformatory.....	455	40.2	414	47.4	487	43.5	612	41.7	697	41.1
Probation or suspended sentence.....	198	17.5	139	15.9	193	17.2	266	18.1	303	17.9
Local jail or workhouse.....	218	19.2	232	26.5	368	32.9	499	34.0	585	34.5
Fine or costs only.....	244	21.5	79	9.0	63	5.6	68	4.6	91	5.4
Institution for juvenile delinquents only.....	16	1.4	9	1.0	7	0.6	20	1.4	20	1.2
Other sentence.....	1	0.1	-	-	2	0.2	4	0.3	-	-

TABLE 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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.....	2,888	466	394	3	60	11	2,420	2,268	99	53	2,420	1	508	350	387	1,113	53	8	
Major offenses.....	1,994	261	223	3	34	1	1,133	1,063	28	42	1,133	1	455	198	218	244	16	1	
Murder.....	15	1	-	-	1	-	14	9	-	5	14	1	13	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	22	7	4	-	3	-	15	12	1	2	15	-	8	5	-	2	-	-	
Robbery.....	24	3	-	1	2	-	21	19	-	2	21	-	16	3	2	-	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	61	21	18	-	3	-	40	33	-	7	40	-	16	6	10	8	-	-	
Burglary.....	143	28	26	-	2	-	115	112	3	-	115	-	61	19	27	5	3	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	271	48	40	-	8	-	223	213	6	4	223	-	89	58	64	14	4	-	
Auto theft.....	126	20	18	1	1	-	106	99	1	6	106	-	69	14	17	4	2	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	211	25	21	-	4	-	186	180	5	1	186	-	21	11	15	139	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	12	3	3	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	9	-	2	4	1	1	1	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	199	35	33	-	2	-	164	158	6	-	164	-	62	26	31	44	-	1	
Rape.....	34	14	10	1	3	-	20	15	1	4	20	-	16	-	-	-	4	-	
Commercialized vice.....	6	1	1	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	161	37	39	-	3	1	124	120	2	2	124	-	29	42	36	15	2	-	
Violating drug laws.....	11	3	3	-	-	-	8	7	-	1	8	-	4	-	1	3	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	28	3	2	-	1	-	25	24	1	-	25	-	3	5	12	5	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	70	12	11	-	1	-	58	48	2	8	58	-	50	4	-	4	-	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Sizemur.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	
Stockmill and extortion....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	51	1	1	-	-	-	50	43	-	7	50	-	47	2	-	1	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	9	7	7	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	6	3	2	-	1	-	3	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	1,494	207	171	-	26	10	1,287	1,205	71	11	1,287	-	53	152	169	869	37	7	

¹ Jury waived.

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

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1944

KANSAS

A total of 842 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Kansas during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 842 defendants, 596, or 70.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 407, or 68.3 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a prison or reformatory. Of the 651 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 478, or 73.4 percent, were convicted; and of the 127 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 79, or 62.2 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 79.4 in 1940 to 50.7 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 62.7 in 1940 to 35.9 in 1944. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1944, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 43.1 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 71.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1940, 79.0 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1941, 69.2 percent; in 1942, 69.8 percent; in 1943, 68.8

percent; and in 1944, 70.8 percent. In 1944, 65.4 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 3.4 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 71.1 percent were sentenced to a prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1944, 1943 and 1941 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, 16.5 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 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 1944 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 1944

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	842	945	1,055	1,424	1,430	50.7	56.3	61.4	61.5	79.4
Murder.....	9	20	34	21	16	0.5	1.2	2.0	1.2	0.9
Manslaughter.....	15	15	15	23	14	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.8
Robbery.....	27	19	38	72	54	1.6	1.1	2.2	4.1	3.0
Aggravated assault.....	54	55	45	89	60	3.2	3.3	2.6	5.1	3.3
Burglary.....	140	171	188	267	290	8.4	10.2	10.9	15.3	16.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	223	257	320	369	404	13.4	15.3	18.6	21.1	22.4
Auto theft.....	83	56	75	95	72	5.0	3.3	4.4	5.4	4.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	34	31	52	85	123	2.0	1.8	3.0	4.9	6.8
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	22	33	23	29	25	1.3	2.0	1.3	1.7	1.4
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	122	146	154	232	205	7.3	8.7	9.0	13.3	11.4
Rape.....	49	68	44	68	70	2.9	4.1	2.6	3.9	3.9
Other major offenses.....	64	74	67	74	97	3.9	4.4	3.9	4.2	5.4
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	596	650	736	986	1,130	35.9	38.7	42.8	56.4	62.7
Murder.....	6	17	25	10	10	0.4	1.0	1.5	0.6	0.6
Manslaughter.....	9	9	13	14	11	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6
Robbery.....	16	15	25	56	43	1.0	0.9	1.5	3.2	2.4
Aggravated assault.....	41	32	27	31	36	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.6	2.0
Burglary.....	113	113	141	206	244	6.8	6.7	8.2	11.8	13.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	168	187	235	285	345	10.1	11.1	13.7	16.3	19.2
Auto theft.....	60	44	63	80	68	3.6	2.6	3.7	4.6	3.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	24	15	25	36	70	1.4	0.9	1.5	2.1	3.9
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	9	25	11	16	17	0.5	1.5	0.6	0.9	0.9
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	68	103	104	171	182	5.3	6.1	6.1	9.8	10.1
Rape.....	23	36	21	37	38	1.4	2.1	1.2	2.1	2.1
Other major offenses.....	39	54	46	44	66	2.3	3.2	2.7	2.5	3.7

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--KANSAS

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	842	100.0	945	100.0	1,055	100.0	1,424	100.0	1,430	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	246	29.2	295	31.2	319	30.2	438	30.8	300	21.0
Dismissed.....	207	24.6	257	27.2	266	25.2	374	26.3	244	17.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	9	1.1	1	0.1	3	0.3	3	0.2	6	0.4
Acquitted by jury.....	27	2.7	28	3.0	38	3.5	58	4.1	49	3.4
Other no-penalty disposition.....	3	0.8	9	1.0	12	1.1	3	0.2	1	0.1
Convicted and sentenced.....	596	70.8	650	68.8	736	69.8	986	69.2	1,130	79.0
Pleaded guilty.....	551	65.4	586	62.0	633	60.0	864	60.7	1,007	70.4
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	16	1.9	14	1.5	26	2.5	26	1.8	19	1.3
Found guilty by jury.....	29	3.4	50	5.3	77	7.3	96	6.7	104	7.3

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	596	100.0	650	100.0	736	100.0	986	100.0	1,130	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	0.2	2	0.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	407	68.3	442	68.2	569	77.3	691	70.1	805	71.2
Probation or suspended sentence.....	77	12.9	118	18.2	84	11.4	165	16.8	211	18.7
Local jail or workhouse.....	92	15.4	75	11.5	74	10.1	91	9.2	105	9.3
Fine or costs only.....	17	2.9	6	0.9	8	1.1	16	1.6	9	0.8
Institution for juvenile delinquents only.....	-	-	5	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sentence.....	2	0.3	1	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.1	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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	Dis-missed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--									
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury								
All offenses.....	1,442	553	506	11	27	9	889	830	27	32	889	1	433	149	148	152	-	6
Major offenses.....	842	246	207	9	23	7	596	551	16	29	596	1	407	77	92	17	-	2
Murder.....	9	3	-	-	2	1	6	5	-	1	6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	15	6	6	-	-	-	9	8	-	3	9	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	27	11	9	-	2	-	16	15	1	-	16	-	13	1	2	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	54	13	10	-	2	1	41	30	1	10	41	-	20	6	10	5	-	-
Burglary.....	140	27	23	-	2	2	113	111	-	2	113	-	97	14	2	-	-	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	223	55	47	3	5	-	168	159	6	3	168	-	104	29	34	1	-	-
Auto theft.....	83	23	19	2	2	-	60	57	3	-	60	-	31	7	21	1	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	34	10	8	1	1	-	24	23	-	1	24	-	14	4	4	1	-	1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	22	13	12	-	1	-	9	6	2	1	9	-	4	2	3	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	122	34	29	3	-	2	88	86	1	1	88	-	69	10	4	5	-	-
Rape.....	49	26	21	-	5	-	23	19	-	4	23	-	20	1	2	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	19	5	4	-	-	1	14	11	2	1	14	-	7	2	3	2	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	41	19	18	-	1	-	22	21	-	1	22	-	14	1	5	1	-	1
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	8	4	4	-	-	-	4	3	-	1	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	1
Bigamy.....	11	2	2	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	9	-	3	1	4	1	-	-
Blackmail and extortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	19	10	10	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	9	-	6	-	1	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	600	307	299	2	4	2	293	279	11	3	293	-	25	72	56	135	-	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: 1944

MASSACHUSETTS

A total of 2,909 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior courts of Massachusetts during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the Massachusetts Department of Correction by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 2,909 defendants, 2,516, or 86.5 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 1,312, or 52.1 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sentenced to imprisonment. Of the 2,223 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 1,936, or 87.1 percent, were convicted; and of the 342 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 280, or 81.9 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 74.0 in 1940 to 54.9 in 1943, and then increased to 71.6 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1944, with larceny following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 50.2 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 83.6 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1940, 82.9 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1941, 84.6 percent; in 1942, 79.5 percent; in 1943, 84.4

percent; and in 1944, 86.5 percent. In 1944, 76.7 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 6.1 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 54.0 percent were sentenced to imprisonment. The percentages for 1944, 1942, and 1940 fell below this figure, while those for the remaining years were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 27.7 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 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 1944 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 1944

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	2,909	2,248	2,825	3,083	3,194	71.6	54.9	66.1	71.9	74.0
Murder.....	7	20	10	16	19	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.4
Manslaughter.....	27	37	28	31	17	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.4
Robbery.....	392	252	243	273	406	9.6	6.2	5.7	6.4	9.4
Aggravated assault.....	126	122	115	144	111	3.1	3.0	2.7	3.4	2.6
Burglary.....	941	636	727	845	962	23.2	15.5	17.0	19.7	22.3
Larceny, except auto theft ³	519	377	595	630	566	12.8	9.2	13.9	14.7	13.1
Auto theft.....	217	174	325	404	311	5.3	4.3	7.6	9.4	7.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	94	57	77	52	62	2.3	1.4	1.8	1.2	1.4
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	60	54	57	99	57	1.5	1.3	1.3	2.3	1.3
Rape.....	182	188	215	218	275	4.5	4.6	5.0	5.1	6.4
Other major offenses.....	344	331	433	371	408	8.5	8.1	10.1	8.7	9.5
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	2,516	1,893	2,246	2,609	2,647	61.9	46.4	52.6	60.8	61.3
Murder.....	3	15	4	10	12	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3
Manslaughter.....	19	28	19	24	13	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.3
Robbery.....	339	195	189	223	333	8.3	4.8	4.4	5.2	7.7
Aggravated assault.....	102	99	97	115	82	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.7	1.9
Burglary.....	877	588	670	784	874	21.6	14.4	15.7	18.3	20.2
Larceny, except auto theft ³	423	313	378	518	434	10.4	7.6	8.8	12.1	10.1
Auto theft.....	183	151	283	357	273	4.5	3.7	6.6	8.3	6.3
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	61	40	55	41	46	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.0	1.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	53	43	42	89	50	1.3	1.1	1.0	2.1	1.2
Rape.....	156	155	176	179	212	3.8	3.8	4.1	4.2	4.9
Other major offenses.....	300	271	333	269	318	7.4	6.6	7.8	6.3	7.4

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 Larceny, except auto theft, includes embezzlement and fraud.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--MASSACHUSETTS

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

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	2,209	100.0	2,248	100.0	2,325	100.0	3,083	100.0	3,194	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	393	13.5	350	15.6	379	20.5	474	13.4	547	17.1
Dismissed.....	176	6.1	160	7.1	367	13.0	233	7.6	342	7.6
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	65	2.2	55	2.4	67	2.4	70	2.3	95	3.0
Acquitted by jury.....	152	5.2	133	5.9	145	5.1	168	5.4	209	6.5
Other no-penalty disposition.....	-	-	2	0.1	-	-	3	0.1	1	-
Convicted and sentenced.....	2,516	86.5	1,998	84.4	2,246	79.5	2,609	84.6	2,647	82.9
Pleaded guilty.....	2,232	76.7	1,649	73.4	1,908	67.5	2,260	73.3	2,270	71.1
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	107	3.7	79	3.5	143	5.1	118	3.8	132	4.1
Found guilty by jury.....	177	6.1	170	7.6	195	6.9	231	7.5	245	7.7

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

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced ..	2,516	100.0	1,998	100.0	2,246	100.0	2,609	100.0	2,647	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	2	0.1	1	-	1	-	1	-
Imprisonment ¹	1,312	52.1	1,076	53.7	1,189	52.9	1,423	54.6	1,428	53.9
Probation or suspended sentence.....	675	26.8	517	25.9	657	29.3	718	27.5	735	27.8
Fine or costs only.....	22	0.9	23	1.2	33	1.5	20	0.8	10	0.4
On file after conviction.....	507	20.2	280	14.8	366	16.3	445	17.1	473	17.9

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

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

OFFENSE	Total defendants disposed of	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS								SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED						
		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	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--							
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹							By jury
All offenses.....	3,567	556	276	76	204	-	3,011	2,629	150	232	3,011	-	1,447	794	146	684
Major offenses.....	2,909	393	176	65	152	-	2,516	2,232	107	177	2,516	-	1,312	675	82	507
Murder.....	7	4	2	-	2	-	3	-	-	3	3	-	3	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	27	8	4	-	4	-	19	16	-	3	18	-	18	1	-	-
Robbery.....	392	53	16	12	25	-	339	296	11	32	339	-	262	49	-	28
Aggravated assault.....	426	24	10	3	11	-	402	73	10	19	402	-	60	86	7	9
Burglary.....	941	64	33	10	21	-	877	842	18	17	877	-	396	319	-	162
Larceny, except auto theft ³	519	96	59	9	28	-	423	397	6	20	423	-	150	111	2	160
Auto theft.....	217	34	19	13	2	-	183	172	5	6	183	-	87	84	-	72
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	94	33	7	4	22	-	61	43	3	13	61	-	30	23	3	5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	60	37	2	-	5	-	59	50	1	2	53	-	23	15	-	15
Rape.....	192	26	6	6	14	-	156	109	22	25	156	-	102	46	-	8
Commercialized vice.....	15	3	-	1	2	-	12	5	3	4	12	-	6	2	1	3
Other sex offenses.....	128	20	5	6	9	-	108	68	23	17	108	-	73	11	4	20
Violating drug laws.....	10	3	2	-	1	-	7	6	-	1	7	-	3	2	1	1
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	52	2	1	-	1	-	50	46	-	4	50	-	24	9	3	14
Other major offenses.....	139	16	10	1	5	-	123	109	5	9	123	-	75	37	1	10
Abortion.....	35	2	2	-	-	-	33	29	-	4	33	-	15	14	1	3
Arson.....	41	9	5	-	4	-	32	27	3	2	32	-	14	16	-	2
Bigamy.....	8	2	2	-	-	-	6	5	-	1	6	-	5	-	-	1
Blackmail and extortion.....	9	-	-	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	9	-	7	-	-	2
Escape and jail break.....	28	-	-	-	-	-	28	28	-	-	28	-	28	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	9	2	1	-	1	-	7	4	2	1	7	-	5	-	-	3
Perjury.....	9	1	-	1	-	-	8	7	-	1	8	-	1	7	-	-
Minor offenses ⁴	658	163	100	11	52	-	495	397	43	55	495	-	135	119	124	117

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; 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: 1944

MINNESOTA

A total of 803 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Minnesota during the calendar year 1944, according to individual reports received from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 803 defendants, 735, or 91.5 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 321, or 43.7 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory; and 292, or 39.7 percent, were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 560 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 522, or 93.2 percent, were convicted; and of the 125 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 104, or 83.2 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 71.3 in 1940 to 32.2 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 64.7 in 1940 to 29.5 in 1944. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1944, with forgery and counterfeiting following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 43.8 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 89.0 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1940, 90.8 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1941, 89.7 percent; in 1942, 84.2 percent; in 1943, 88.9 percent; and in 1944, 91.5 percent. In 1944, 87 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, 44.8 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1943 and 1944 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, 41.2 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 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 1944 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 1944

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	803	929	1,385	1,696	1,990	32.2	36.8	51.8	62.3	71.3
Murder.....	2	7	11	17	14	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.5
Manslaughter.....	21	25	37	37	24	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.4	0.9
Robbery.....	34	19	63	61	53	1.4	0.8	2.4	2.2	1.9
Aggravated assault.....	43	47	63	57	76	1.7	1.9	2.4	2.1	2.7
Burglary.....	91	105	122	191	278	3.6	4.2	4.6	7.0	11.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	258	292	499	539	636	10.3	11.6	18.6	19.8	22.8
Auto theft.....	53	72	107	139	151	2.1	2.9	4.0	5.1	5.4
Embezzlement and fraud.....	19	18	42	61	52	0.8	0.7	1.6	2.2	1.9
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	11	17	29	27	38	0.4	0.7	1.1	1.0	1.4
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	94	120	187	295	353	3.8	4.8	7.0	10.8	12.6
Rape.....	59	63	64	120	91	2.4	3.5	3.1	4.4	3.3
Other major offenses.....	118	118	141	152	224	4.7	4.7	5.3	5.6	8.0
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	735	825	1,166	1,522	1,807	29.5	32.7	43.6	55.9	64.7
Murder.....	2	5	10	12	10	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Manslaughter.....	16	17	25	26	16	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.5
Robbery.....	34	17	57	53	50	1.4	0.7	2.1	1.9	1.6
Aggravated assault.....	34	36	39	42	58	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	2.1
Burglary.....	87	100	105	172	254	3.5	4.0	3.9	5.1	7.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	251	274	434	498	590	9.3	10.3	16.2	16.6	18.1
Auto theft.....	50	60	92	135	143	2.0	2.4	3.4	5.2	5.1
Embezzlement and fraud.....	17	11	33	42	36	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.5	1.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	10	14	23	24	35	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.9	1.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	93	114	163	270	333	3.7	4.5	6.2	8.9	11.9
Rape.....	52	72	65	105	81	2.1	2.9	2.4	3.9	2.6
Other major offenses.....	109	106	116	143	191	4.4	4.2	4.4	5.2	6.8

¹ Based on estimate of civilian population of the State. Rates for 1941 differ, therefore, from rates previously published which are based on the Population census of 1940.
² Based on Population census of 1940.

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	803	100.0	929	100.0	1,385	100.0	1,696	100.0	1,990	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	68	8.5	103	11.1	219	15.8	174	10.3	183	9.2
Dismissed.....	48	6.0	74	8.0	153	11.0	125	7.4	180	9.0
Acquitted by court (jur. waived).....	-	-	-	-	1	0.1	1	0.1	3	0.2
Acquitted by jury.....	18	1.5	28	2.7	46	3.3	43	2.5	48	2.4
Other no-penalty disposition.....	8	1.0	4	0.4	19	1.4	5	0.3	7	0.4
Convicted and sentenced.....	735	91.5	826	88.9	1,166	84.2	1,522	89.7	1,807	90.8
Pleaded guilty.....	699	87.0	777	83.6	1,089	78.6	1,484	84.6	1,741	87.5
Found guilty by court (jur. waived).....	1	0.1	5	0.5	5	0.4	7	0.4	3	0.2
Found guilty by jury.....	35	4.4	44	4.7	72	5.2	81	4.8	63	3.2

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1940 TO 1944 (Death penalty not applicable in Minnesota)

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	735	100.0	826	100.0	1,166	100.0	1,522	100.0	1,807	100.0
Prison or reformatory.....	311	42.2	405	49.2	518	44.4	683	44.9	788	43.6
Probation or suspended sentence.....	232	31.6	330	40.0	436	37.4	611	40.4	719	39.8
Local jail or workhouse.....	89	12.0	84	10.2	122	10.5	148	9.7	240	13.3
Fine or costs only.....	30	4.1	19	2.3	27	2.3	27	1.8	55	3.0
Institution for juvenile delinquents only.....	4	0.5	6	0.7	3	0.3	2	0.1	5	0.3
Other sentence.....	-	-	1	0.1	-	-	1	0.1	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944 (Death penalty not applicable in Minnesota)

OFFENSE	Total defendants disposed of	PROCEDURAL OUTCOME FOR TOTAL DEFENDANTS								SENTENCE FOR THOSE CONVICTED							
		Total	Dis-mised	Acquitted--			Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--		Total	Prison or reformatory	Probation or suspended sentence	Local jail or work-house	Fine or costs only	Insti-tution for juvenil-delin-quents only	Other sen-tence
				By court ¹	By jury	Other no-penalty			By court ¹	By jury							
All offenses.....	1,002	84	61	-	15	8	918	876	2	40	919	327	370	104	113	4	-
Major offenses.....	803	58	43	-	12	8	735	699	1	35	735	321	292	88	30	4	-
Murder.....	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	21	5	2	-	1	2	16	13	-	3	16	10	2	2	-	-	-
Robbery.....	34	-	-	-	-	34	31	-	3	34	31	3	2	2	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	43	9	1	-	6	2	34	33	-	1	34	12	17	1	4	-	-
Burglary.....	91	4	4	-	-	37	85	-	2	87	41	33	9	2	2	-	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	258	27	25	-	1	1	231	227	-	4	231	82	110	27	10	2	-
Auto theft.....	53	3	3	-	-	50	47	-	3	50	21	23	6	-	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	19	2	2	-	-	17	15	-	2	17	4	11	1	1	-	-	-
Receiving property received, stolen.....	11	1	1	-	-	10	10	-	-	10	1	5	4	-	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	94	1	1	-	-	93	92	-	1	93	37	43	12	1	-	-	-
Rape.....	59	7	5	-	2	52	47	1	4	52	26	18	7	1	-	-	-
Compulsively vit.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	73	6	3	-	1	2	67	58	-	9	67	35	16	13	3	-	-
Violating arms laws.....	14	1	-	-	1	-	13	13	-	-	13	9	1	1	2	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	5	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	1	-	4	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	25	2	1	-	1	23	22	-	1	23	9	9	5	-	-	-	-
Abortion.....	7	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	7	2	4	1	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	6	1	-	-	1	5	4	-	1	5	2	3	-	-	-	-	-
Sigamy.....	8	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	8	3	2	3	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	199	16	13	-	3	-	183	177	1	5	183	6	78	16	83	-	-

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: 1944

MONTANA

A total of 239 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Montana during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 239 defendants, 184, or 77.0 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 144, or 78.3 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 133 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 150, or 82.0 percent, were convicted; and of the 39 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 21, or 53.8 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population showed a downward trend from 98.1 in 1940 to 53.6 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses decreased steadily from 81.0 in 1940 to 41.3 in 1944. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1944. Burglary, forgery and counterfeiting, and larceny together accounted for 66.1 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 78.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. The percentage convicted decreased from 82.5 in 1940 to 75.6 in 1943, and then increased to 77.0 in 1944. In 1944,

73.2 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 3.3 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 1940 and 1944 were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 15.7 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 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 1944 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 1944

(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: 1944, 52 counties, 96.8 percent; 1943, 52 counties, 87.9 percent; 1942, 1941, and 1940, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ²	1941 ²	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	239	246	376	503	549	86.6	93.5	72.1	93.6	98.1
Murder.....	3	6	8	10	8	0.7	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.4
Manslaughter.....	2	4	13	5	5	3.4	1.0	3.5	0.9	0.9
Robbery.....	4	1	23	27	31	0.9	0.2	4.4	5.0	5.5
Aggravated assault.....	18	23	25	22	30	2.9	5.6	4.8	4.1	5.4
Burglary.....	65	42	74	99	149	12.6	10.2	14.2	18.5	26.6
Larceny, except auto theft.....	51	34	78	134	115	11.4	13.1	18.0	25.0	20.6
Auto theft.....	16	12	12	19	42	3.6	2.9	1.3	3.5	7.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	1	3	7	7	7	0.2	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.3
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	4	6	6	7	25	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.3	5.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	51	48	59	98	91	11.4	11.5	11.3	18.3	16.3
Rape.....	21	19	27	36	27	4.7	4.3	3.2	6.7	4.6
Other major offenses.....	17	28	44	39	16	3.8	6.8	6.4	7.3	2.9
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	184	186	289	398	453	41.6	45.0	55.4	74.2	81.0
Murder.....	1	5	6	7	5	0.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	0.9
Manslaughter.....	1	4	7	3	1	0.2	1.0	1.3	0.6	0.2
Robbery.....	4	-	20	21	23	0.9	-	3.8	3.9	4.1
Aggravated assault.....	4	17	18	18	23	0.9	4.1	3.5	3.4	4.1
Burglary.....	47	29	58	80	131	10.5	7.0	11.1	14.9	23.4
Larceny, except auto theft.....	38	36	55	107	95	8.5	8.7	10.5	20.0	17.0
Auto theft.....	15	11	9	15	33	3.4	2.7	1.7	2.8	5.9
Embezzlement and fraud.....	-	1	5	6	4	-	0.2	1.0	1.1	0.7
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	2	5	6	6	26	0.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	4.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	44	46	53	90	84	9.9	11.1	10.2	16.8	15.1
Rape.....	15	11	13	16	17	3.4	2.7	2.5	3.0	3.0
Other major offenses.....	13	21	39	29	11	2.9	5.1	7.5	5.4	2.0

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.

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	239	100.0	246	100.0	376	100.0	503	100.0	549	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	55	23.0	60	24.4	87	23.1	105	20.9	96	17.5
Dismissed.....	37	15.5	48	17.5	69	18.4	90	17.9	71	12.9
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	4	1.6	4	1.1	-	-	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	12	5.0	8	3.3	13	3.5	14	2.8	21	3.8
Other no-penalty disposition.....	6	2.5	5	2.0	1	0.3	1	0.2	4	0.7
Convicted and sentenced.....	184	77.0	186	75.6	289	76.9	398	79.1	453	82.5
Pled guilty.....	175	73.2	168	68.3	258	68.6	345	68.6	390	71.0
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	1	0.4	4	1.6	6	2.1	8	1.6	21	3.8
Found guilty by jury.....	8	3.3	14	5.7	23	6.1	45	8.9	42	7.7

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	184	100.0	186	100.0	289	100.0	398	100.0	453	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	144	78.3	136	73.1	217	75.1	300	75.4	351	77.5
Probation or suspended sentence.....	31	16.8	34	18.3	46	15.9	64	16.1	62	13.7
Local jail or workhouse.....	7	3.8	2	1.1	4	1.4	17	4.3	24	5.3
Fine or costs only.....	-	-	6	3.2	6	2.1	9	2.3	5	1.1
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	2	1.1	6	3.2	16	5.5	8	2.0	11	2.4
Other sentence.....	-	-	1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. D POSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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 non-penalty	Total	Pled guilty	Found guilty--										
			By court ¹	By jury			By court ¹	By jury											
All offenses.....	329	75	50	1	16	6	254	233	9	12	254	-	149	55	14	25	9	2	
Major offenses.....	239	55	37	-	12	6	184	175	1	8	184	-	144	51	7	-	2	-	
Murder.....	3	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	13	9	4	-	3	2	4	4	-	-	4	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	
Burglary.....	56	9	9	-	-	-	47	45	-	2	47	-	43	4	-	-	-	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	51	13	9	-	4	-	38	36	1	1	38	-	27	8	2	-	1	-	
Auto theft.....	16	1	1	-	-	-	15	15	-	-	15	-	10	-	4	-	1	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	4	2	1	-	1	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	51	7	4	-	-	3	44	44	-	-	44	-	35	9	-	-	-	-	
Rape.....	21	6	4	-	1	1	15	12	-	3	15	-	12	3	-	-	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	6	2	2	-	-	-	6	5	-	1	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	4	1	-	-	1	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Bigamy.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	90	20	13	1	4	2	70	58	8	4	70	-	5	24	7	25	7	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: 1944

NEW HAMPSHIRE

A total of 259 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior courts of New Hampshire during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 259 defendants, 199, or 76.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 108, or 54.3 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 145 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 116, or 80.0 percent, were convicted; and of the 42 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 showed a general decline from 87.9 in 1940 to 52.8 in 1943, and then increased to 59.7 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted decreased from 77.5 in 1940 to 45.9 in 1944. Among the defendants disposed of for major offenses during 1944, there were more defendants disposed of for burglary than for any other specific offense, with larceny following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 39.0 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 85.2 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In

1940, 88.2 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1941, 89.3 percent; in 1942, 79.4 percent; in 1943, 91.8 percent; and in 1944, 76.8 percent. In 1944, 68.7 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 2.7 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 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 1944 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 1944
(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: 1944, 9 counties, 96.8 percent; 1943, 8 counties, 91.9 percent; 1942, 9 counties, 96.8 percent; 1941 and 1940, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	259	220	335	337	432	59.7	52.8	72.4	69.7	87.9
Murder.....	2	-	-	1	1	0.5	-	-	0.2	0.2
Manslaughter.....	2	3	5	3	2	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.6	0.4
Robbery.....	3	4	6	10	8	0.7	1.0	1.3	2.1	1.6
Aggravated assault.....	17	17	23	19	13	3.9	4.1	5.0	3.9	2.6
Burglary.....	63	49	89	79	90	14.5	11.8	19.2	16.4	16.3
Larceny, except auto theft.....	38	42	57	59	98	8.8	10.1	12.3	12.2	19.9
Auto theft.....	22	7	13	15	24	2.8	1.7	2.8	3.1	4.9
Embezzlement and fraud.....	20	21	40	32	54	4.6	5.0	8.7	6.6	11.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	3	3	7	4	0.2	0.7	0.6	1.4	0.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	8	11	8	18	20	1.8	2.6	1.7	3.7	4.1
Rape.....	21	19	25	34	27	4.8	4.6	5.4	7.0	5.5
Other major offenses.....	72	44	66	60	91	16.6	10.6	14.3	12.4	18.5
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	199	202	266	301	381	45.9	48.5	57.5	62.3	77.5
Murder.....	1	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	-	-	0.2
Manslaughter.....	2	3	3	3	1	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.2
Robbery.....	2	3	5	9	8	0.5	0.7	1.1	1.9	1.6
Aggravated assault.....	10	14	21	17	12	2.3	3.4	4.5	3.5	2.4
Burglary.....	53	47	76	73	86	12.2	11.8	16.4	15.1	17.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	30	38	46	57	92	6.9	9.1	9.9	11.8	18.7
Auto theft.....	11	7	7	13	21	2.5	1.7	1.5	2.7	4.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	11	19	26	26	43	2.5	4.6	5.6	5.4	6.7
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	2	3	7	3	0.2	0.5	0.6	1.4	0.5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	8	11	6	17	18	1.8	2.6	1.3	3.5	3.7
Rape.....	14	18	22	29	20	3.2	4.3	4.8	6.0	4.1
Other major offenses.....	56	40	51	50	76	12.9	9.6	11.0	10.3	15.5

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.

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	259	100.0	220	100.0	335	100.0	337	100.0	432	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	60	23.1	18	8.2	69	20.6	36	10.7	51	11.8
Dismissed.....	28	10.8	14	6.4	45	13.4	31	9.2	38	8.8
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	-	-	2	0.6	-	-	1	0.2
Acquitted by jury.....	6	2.3	1	0.9	5	1.5	1	0.3	6	1.4
Other non-penalty disposition.....	26	10.0	3	0.9	17	5.1	4	1.2	6	1.4
Convicted and sentenced.....	199	76.9	202	91.8	266	79.4	301	89.3	381	88.2
Pleaded guilty.....	178	68.7	177	80.5	251	77.9	274	81.3	368	85.2
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	14	5.4	15	6.8	-	-	18	5.3	1	0.2
Found guilty by jury.....	7	2.7	10	4.5	5	1.5	9	2.7	12	2.8

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced.....	199	100.0	202	100.0	266	100.0	301	100.0	381	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	54	27.1	59	29.2	69	25.9	83	27.6	104	27.3
Probation or suspended sentence.....	108	54.3	94	46.5	132	49.6	130	43.2	202	53.0
Local jail or workhouse.....	29	14.6	37	18.3	52	19.5	66	21.9	66	17.3
Fine or costs only.....	7	3.5	7	3.5	9	3.4	7	2.3	8	2.1
Institution for juvenile delinquents only.....	1	0.5	-	-	2	0.8	3	1.0	1	0.3
Other sentence.....	-	-	5	2.5	2	0.8	12	4.0	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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	By jury	Other non-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty-- By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	305	77	35	1	6	35	226	206	15	8	226	-	57	127	22	11	1	-	
Major offenses.....	259	60	28	-	6	26	199	178	14	7	199	-	54	108	29	7	1	-	
Murder.....	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Manlaughter.....	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	
Robbery.....	3	1	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	17	7	5	-	-	2	10	8	1	1	10	-	3	6	1	-	-	-	
Burglary.....	63	10	4	-	-	6	53	47	4	2	53	-	16	28	9	-	-	-	
Larceny, except auto theft.....	38	8	4	-	-	3	30	27	3	-	30	-	3	22	3	1	1	-	
Auto theft.....	12	1	1	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	11	-	2	8	1	-	-	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	20	9	1	-	-	8	11	9	2	-	11	-	2	6	1	2	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	7	1	-	8	-	-	6	1	1	-	-	
Rape.....	21	7	4	-	-	2	14	13	-	1	14	-	11	-	3	-	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	58	12	9	-	-	1	46	40	3	3	46	-	11	26	8	1	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	12	4	-	-	-	3	8	8	-	-	8	-	3	2	2	1	-	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	6	3	-	-	-	3	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	
Bigamy.....	4	1	-	-	-	1	3	3	-	-	3	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	46	17	7	1	-	9	29	27	1	1	29	-	3	19	3	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: 1944

NEW JERSEY

A total of 4,186 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the trial courts of New Jersey during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 4,186 defendants, 3,412, or 81.5 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 1,040, or 30.5 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence; and 1,516, or 44.4 percent, were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 2,551 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 2,205, or 86.4 percent, were convicted; and of the 816 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 537, or 65.8 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 177.3 in 1940 to 102.9 in 1944 with a slight increase in 1942. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same pattern of decrease. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1944, with larceny following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 37.2 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 70.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. This percentage was 70.1 in 1940, 77.8 in 1941, 74.9 in 1942, 75.7 in 1943, and 81.5 in 1944. In 1944, 68.9 per-

cent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 3.5 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 36.7 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1944 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, 36.6 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 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 1944 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 1944
(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: 1944, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1943, 19 counties, 97.2 percent; 1942, 19 counties, 93.8 percent; 1941, 20 counties, 94.8 percent; 1940, 20 counties, 98.3 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ²	1942 ²	1941 ²	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	4,186	4,466	5,872	5,291	7,250	102.9	112.6	148.1	133.0	177.3
Murder.....	49	23	65	57	51	1.2	0.6	1.6	1.4	1.2
Manslaughter.....	66	73	80	101	103	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.5
Robbery.....	260	342	268	354	400	6.4	8.6	6.8	8.9	9.6
Aggravated assault.....	532	467	725	654	743	13.1	11.8	18.5	16.4	18.2
Burglary.....	805	903	1,038	963	1,666	19.8	22.8	26.2	24.2	40.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	752	799	1,061	831	1,193	18.5	20.1	26.8	20.9	29.2
Auto theft.....	346	218	305	343	398	8.5	5.5	7.7	8.6	9.7
Embezzlement and fraud.....	170	269	499	408	956	4.2	6.8	12.6	10.3	23.4
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	135	101	176	179	152	3.3	2.5	4.4	4.5	5.9
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	83	68	175	172	127	2.0	1.7	4.4	4.3	3.1
Rape.....	169	165	231	242	220	4.2	4.2	5.8	6.1	5.4
Other major offenses.....	819	1,038	1,249	987	1,241	20.1	26.2	31.5	24.8	30.3
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	3,412	3,379	4,399	4,117	5,519	83.9	85.2	111.0	103.5	135.6
Murder.....	32	17	47	41	35	0.8	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.9
Manslaughter.....	41	35	42	43	40	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0
Robbery.....	214	237	219	270	329	5.3	6.0	5.5	6.8	8.0
Aggravated assault.....	337	293	444	415	457	8.3	7.4	11.2	10.4	11.2
Burglary.....	735	808	918	874	1,502	18.1	20.4	23.2	22.0	36.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	665	642	826	673	989	16.4	16.2	20.8	16.9	24.1
Auto theft.....	304	183	266	319	308	7.5	4.6	6.7	8.0	7.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	115	172	279	286	580	2.8	4.3	7.0	7.2	14.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	100	65	121	125	102	2.5	1.6	3.1	3.1	2.5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	72	36	132	119	101	1.8	0.9	3.3	3.0	2.6
Rape.....	127	118	164	179	158	3.1	3.0	4.1	4.5	3.9
Other major offenses.....	670	773	941	773	918	16.5	19.5	23.7	19.4	22.4

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--NEW JERSEY

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	4,186	100.0	4,466	100.0	5,872	100.0	5,291	100.0	7,250	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	774	18.5	1,087	24.3	1,473	25.1	1,174	22.2	1,731	23.9
Dismissed.....	455	10.9	643	14.4	911	15.5	739	14.0	1,132	15.6
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	175	4.2	187	4.2	307	5.2	241	4.6	302	4.2
Acquitted by jury.....	111	2.7	99	2.2	160	2.7	166	3.1	185	2.6
Other no-penalty disposition.....	33	0.8	158	3.5	95	1.6	28	0.5	112	1.5
Convicted and sentenced.....	3,412	81.5	3,379	75.7	4,399	74.9	4,117	77.8	5,519	76.1
Flooded guilty.....	2,863	68.9	2,827	63.3	3,550	60.6	3,542	66.9	4,646	64.1
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	383	9.1	427	9.5	642	10.9	401	7.6	593	8.2
Found guilty by jury.....	146	3.5	125	2.8	197	3.4	174	3.3	278	3.8

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

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced	3,412	100.0	3,379	100.0	4,399	100.0	4,117	100.0	5,519	100.0
Death penalty.....	3	0.1	-	-	1	-	3	0.1	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	1,516	44.4	1,147	33.9	1,504	34.2	1,488	36.1	1,960	35.5
Probation or suspended sentence.....	1,040	30.5	1,430	42.3	1,672	38.0	1,399	34.0	2,098	38.0
Local jail or workhouse.....	548	16.1	485	14.4	809	18.4	796	19.3	1,053	19.1
Fine or costs only.....	385	11.3	296	8.8	395	9.0	406	9.9	341	6.2
Institution for juvenile delinquents only.....	19	0.6	19	0.6	5	0.1	11	0.3	51	0.9
Other sentence.....	1	-	-	-	13	0.3	12	0.3	16	0.3

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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--		Other no-penalty	Total	Flooded guilty	Found guilty--										
		By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury											
All offenses.....	5,886	1,316	818	294	149	55	4,570	3,672	724	174	4,570	3	1,664	1,526	725	612	31	9	
Major offenses.....	4,186	774	455	175	111	33	3,412	2,863	393	146	3,412	3	1,516	1,040	548	285	19	1	
Murder.....	49	17	7	-	9	1	32	18	3	11	32	3	29	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	66	25	6	8	11	-	41	28	6	7	41	-	22	6	5	6	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	260	46	24	16	6	-	214	173	20	21	214	-	156	44	26	8	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	532	195	95	69	29	2	337	243	70	24	337	-	101	194	85	47	-	-	
Burglary.....	805	70	44	16	6	4	735	656	62	7	735	-	352	277	89	62	5	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	752	67	52	21	8	6	685	568	84	13	685	-	293	251	109	21	11	-	
Auto theft.....	346	42	24	6	4	8	304	277	20	7	304	-	152	57	40	14	1	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	170	55	43	5	3	4	115	97	14	4	115	-	28	30	29	18	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	135	35	26	8	3	1	100	83	8	9	100	-	31	38	24	7	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	83	11	9	-	-	-	72	67	5	-	72	-	37	12	15	8	-	-	
Drugs.....	169	42	25	6	9	2	127	95	12	20	127	-	51	27	11	7	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	100	25	15	5	-	-	80	73	9	1	80	-	30	23	12	16	1	-	
Other sex offenses.....	451	82	54	7	16	5	369	296	56	15	369	-	121	133	52	61	1	1	
Violating drug laws.....	24	7	7	-	-	-	17	17	-	-	17	-	3	4	10	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	144	21	9	8	4	-	123	110	9	2	123	-	37	52	30	4	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	100	19	15	-	4	-	81	71	5	5	81	-	53	13	11	4	-	-	
Abortion.....	18	7	3	-	4	-	11	6	-	3	11	-	2	2	4	3	-	-	
ATFON.....	12	5	5	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	7	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	
Bigamy.....	10	2	2	-	-	-	8	7	1	-	8	-	2	3	3	-	-	-	
Blasphemy and extortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	50	2	2	-	-	-	48	45	3	-	48	-	45	1	2	1	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Ferriery.....	6	2	2	-	-	-	6	2	1	2	6	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	
Minor offenses.....	1,700	542	363	119	38	22	1,158	789	341	28	1,158	-	148	446	177	327	12	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: 1944

NEW JERSEY

A total of 4,186 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the trial courts of New Jersey during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 4,186 defendants, 3,412, or 81.5 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 1,040, or 30.5 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence; and 1,516, or 44.4 percent, were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 2,551 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 2,205, or 86.4 percent, were convicted; and of the 816 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 537, or 65.8 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 177.3 in 1940 to 102.9 in 1944 with a slight increase in 1942. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same pattern of decrease. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1944, with larceny following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 37.2 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 70.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. This percentage was 70.1 in 1940, 77.8 in 1941, 74.9 in 1942, 75.7 in 1943, and 81.5 in 1944. In 1944, 68.9 per-

cent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 3.5 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 36.7 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1944 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, 36.6 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 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 1944 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 1944
(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: 1944, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1943, 19 counties, 97.2 percent; 1942, 19 counties, 93.8 percent; 1941, 20 counties, 94.8 percent; 1940, 20 counties, 93.3 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ²	1942 ²	1941 ²	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	4,186	4,466	5,872	5,291	7,250	102.9	112.6	148.1	133.0	177.3
Murder.....	49	23	65	57	51	1.2	0.6	1.6	1.4	1.2
Manslaughter.....	66	73	80	101	103	1.6	1.8	2.0	2.5	2.5
Robbery.....	260	342	268	354	400	6.4	8.6	6.8	8.9	9.8
Aggravated assault.....	532	467	725	654	743	13.1	11.8	18.3	16.4	18.2
Burglary.....	805	903	1,038	963	1,666	19.8	22.8	26.2	24.2	40.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	752	799	1,061	831	1,193	18.5	20.1	26.8	20.9	29.2
Auto theft.....	346	318	305	343	398	8.5	5.5	7.7	8.6	9.7
Embezzlement and fraud.....	170	269	499	408	956	4.2	6.8	12.6	10.3	23.4
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	135	101	176	179	152	3.3	2.5	4.4	4.5	5.7
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	83	68	175	172	127	2.0	1.7	4.4	4.3	3.1
Rape.....	169	165	231	242	220	4.2	4.2	5.8	6.1	5.4
Other major offenses.....	819	1,032	1,249	937	1,241	20.1	26.2	31.5	24.8	30.3
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	3,412	4,379	4,399	4,117	5,519	83.9	65.2	111.0	103.5	133.0
Murder.....	32	17	47	41	35	0.8	0.4	1.2	1.0	0.9
Manslaughter.....	41	35	42	43	40	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.0
Robbery.....	214	237	218	270	329	5.3	6.0	5.5	6.8	8.0
Aggravated assault.....	337	192	444	415	457	8.3	7.4	11.2	10.4	13.1
Burglary.....	735	808	918	874	1,502	18.1	20.4	23.2	22.0	36.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	665	642	826	673	989	16.4	16.2	20.8	16.9	24.2
Auto theft.....	304	183	266	319	308	7.5	4.6	6.7	8.0	7.5
Embezzlement and fraud.....	115	172	279	286	580	2.8	4.3	7.0	7.2	14.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	100	65	121	125	102	2.5	1.6	3.1	3.1	2.5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	72	56	132	119	101	1.8	0.9	3.3	3.0	2.8
Rape.....	127	114	164	179	158	3.1	3.0	4.1	4.5	3.9
Other major offenses.....	670	773	941	773	918	16.5	19.5	23.7	19.4	23.4

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--NEW JERSEY

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	4,186	100.0	4,466	100.0	5,872	100.0	5,291	100.0	7,250	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	774	18.5	1,087	24.3	1,473	25.1	1,174	22.2	1,731	23.9
Dismissed.....	455	10.9	643	14.4	911	15.5	739	14.0	1,132	15.6
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	175	4.2	187	4.2	307	5.2	241	4.6	302	4.2
Acquitted by jury.....	111	2.7	99	2.2	160	2.7	166	3.1	185	2.6
Other no-penalty disposition.....	33	0.8	158	3.5	95	1.6	28	0.5	112	1.5
Convicted and sentenced.....	3,412	81.5	3,379	75.7	4,399	74.9	4,117	77.8	5,519	76.1
Pleaded guilty.....	2,883	68.9	2,827	63.3	3,560	60.6	3,542	66.9	4,648	64.1
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	383	9.1	427	9.6	642	10.9	401	7.6	593	8.2
Found guilty by jury.....	146	3.5	125	2.8	197	3.4	174	3.3	278	3.8

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

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced	3,412	100.0	3,379	100.0	4,399	100.0	4,117	100.0	5,519	100.0
Death penalty.....	3	0.1	-	-	1	-	3	0.1	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	1,516	44.4	1,147	33.9	1,504	34.2	1,468	35.1	1,965	35.6
Probation or suspended sentence.....	1,040	30.5	1,430	42.3	1,572	35.0	1,398	34.0	2,098	38.0
Local jail or workhouse.....	548	16.1	485	14.4	809	18.4	796	19.3	1,053	19.1
Fine or costs only.....	285	8.4	296	8.8	235	5.0	408	9.9	341	6.2
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	19	0.6	19	0.6	5	0.1	11	0.3	51	0.9
Other sentence.....	1	-	-	-	13	0.3	12	0.3	16	0.3

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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--											
				By court ¹	By jury			Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--									
All offenses.....	5,866	1,316	816	294	149	55	4,570	3,872	734	174	4,570	3	1,664	1,526	705	612	31	9	
Major offenses.....	4,186	774	455	175	111	33	3,412	2,883	283	146	3,412	3	1,516	1,345	548	265	19	1	
Murder.....	49	17	7	-	9	1	32	18	3	11	32	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Involuntary.....	66	25	6	-	8	1	41	25	6	7	41	-	22	2	5	-	-	-	
Voluntary.....	283	46	24	15	6	-	214	178	20	21	214	-	135	44	26	6	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	532	195	95	69	29	2	337	243	70	24	337	-	101	134	65	47	-	-	
Burglary.....	805	70	44	16	6	4	735	666	62	7	735	-	582	272	89	62	5	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	752	67	52	21	6	6	685	566	84	13	685	-	293	261	109	21	11	-	
Auto theft.....	346	42	24	6	4	5	304	277	20	7	304	-	162	97	47	14	1	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	170	55	43	5	3	4	115	97	14	4	115	-	38	33	29	16	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	135	35	26	6	2	1	100	83	6	3	100	-	31	35	24	7	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	83	11	9	-	-	-	72	67	5	-	72	-	37	17	15	6	-	-	
Rape.....	169	42	25	6	9	2	127	95	12	20	127	-	61	27	15	7	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	100	20	15	5	-	-	80	73	9	1	80	-	30	23	10	16	1	-	
Other sex offenses.....	451	82	54	7	16	5	369	296	56	15	369	-	121	133	52	61	1	1	
Violating drug laws.....	24	7	7	-	-	-	17	17	-	-	17	-	3	4	10	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	144	21	9	8	4	-	123	112	9	2	123	-	37	52	30	4	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	100	19	15	-	4	-	81	71	5	5	81	-	53	17	11	4	-	-	
Abortion.....	18	7	3	-	4	-	11	8	-	3	11	-	2	3	4	3	-	-	
Arson.....	12	5	5	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	7	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	
Surgery.....	10	3	2	-	-	-	8	7	1	-	8	-	2	3	3	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	50	2	2	-	-	-	48	45	2	-	48	-	47	1	3	1	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	6	2	2	-	-	-	6	3	1	2	6	-	2	3	1	-	-	-	
Minor offenses.....	1,700	542	363	119	38	22	1,156	789	341	28	1,156	-	246	406	177	327	15	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: 1944

NEW MEXICO

A total of 532 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of New Mexico during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 532 defendants, 342, or 64.3 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 208, or 39.0 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a prison or reformatory; and 75, or 14.1 percent, were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 316 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 227, or 71.8 percent, were convicted; and of the 144 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 78, or 54.2 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 185.6 in 1941 to 109.4 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted decreased from 128.8 in 1940 to 70.3 in 1944. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1944, with aggravated assault following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 36.8 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 67.7 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. The percentage of defendants convicted decreased from 70.7 in

1940 to 64.3 in 1944. In 1944, 58.6 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, 52.9 percent were sentenced to a prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1940, 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, 31.2 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 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 1944 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 1944
(Statistics for all years except 1943 based on reports for all of the 31 counties of the State. Statistics for 1943 based on reports from 30 counties which contain 97.3 percent of the 1940 population of the State)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ²	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	532	720	641	974	969	109.4	151.0	123.1	185.6	182.2
Murder.....	18	20	25	23	27	3.7	4.2	4.8	4.4	5.1
Manslaughter.....	9	11	20	29	23	1.9	2.3	3.8	5.5	4.3
Robbery.....	15	34	10	33	32	3.1	7.1	1.9	6.3	6.0
Aggravated assault.....	80	79	92	114	100	16.4	16.6	17.7	21.7	18.8
Burglary.....	61	68	30	79	90	12.5	14.3	5.8	15.1	16.9
Larceny, except auto theft.....	116	181	182	271	295	23.9	38.0	34.9	51.6	55.7
Auto theft.....	19	25	26	55	43	3.9	5.2	3.0	10.5	8.1
Embezzlement and fraud.....	43	56	46	78	79	8.8	11.7	8.8	14.9	14.9
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	12	9	14	24	23	2.5	1.9	2.7	4.6	5.3
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	50	77	69	118	127	10.3	16.1	13.2	22.5	23.9
Rape.....	37	50	49	63	40	7.6	10.5	9.4	12.0	7.5
Other major offenses.....	72	110	78	87	84	14.3	23.1	15.0	16.6	15.8
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	342	469	435	665	685	70.3	98.3	83.5	126.7	122.9
Murder.....	14	12	16	12	13	2.9	2.5	3.1	2.3	3.4
Manslaughter.....	3	7	12	13	18	0.6	1.5	2.3	3.4	3.4
Robbery.....	9	22	8	22	27	1.9	4.5	1.5	4.2	5.1
Aggravated assault.....	42	42	57	62	52	8.6	8.8	10.9	11.8	9.8
Burglary.....	50	49	23	63	73	10.3	10.3	4.4	13.0	14.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	92	140	140	195	199	18.9	29.4	26.9	37.2	37.4
Auto theft.....	10	25	24	43	37	2.1	5.2	4.6	9.1	7.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	25	26	25	48	56	5.1	5.5	4.8	8.8	10.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	9	7	9	20	17	1.9	1.5	1.7	3.8	3.2
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	32	54	45	94	101	6.6	11.3	8.6	17.9	19.0
Rape.....	19	17	24	40	25	3.9	3.6	4.5	7.6	4.7
Other major offenses.....	37	68	52	45	57	7.6	14.3	10.0	8.6	10.7

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 estimate of civilian population for counties reporting.

³ Based on Population census of 1940.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--NEW MEXICO

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	588	100.0	720	100.0	641	100.0	974	100.0	969	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	190	32.7	251	34.9	206	32.1	309	31.7	284	29.3
Dismissed.....	152	26.0	215	29.9	158	24.6	240	24.8	223	23.0
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	2	0.4	8	1.1	1	0.2	5	0.5	9	0.9
Acquitted by jury.....	30	5.6	26	3.6	39	6.1	23	2.4	36	3.7
Other no-penalty disposition.....	6	1.1	2	0.3	8	1.2	9	0.9	16	1.7
Convicted and sentenced.....	342	64.3	469	65.1	435	67.9	665	68.3	685	70.7
Pleaded guilty.....	312	58.6	425	59.0	374	58.3	569	58.4	615	68.5
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	7	1.3	15	2.1	14	2.2	26	2.7	23	2.6
Found guilty by jury.....	23	4.3	29	4.0	47	7.3	60	6.2	45	4.6

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

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	342	100.0	469	100.0	435	100.0	665	100.0	685	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	0.3	1	0.2	-	-	1	0.2	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	208	60.8	227	48.4	236	54.3	342	51.4	360	52.6
Probation or suspended sentence.....	75	21.9	139	29.6	131	30.1	229	34.4	237	34.6
Local jail or workhouse.....	16	4.7	29	6.2	26	6.0	45	6.8	47	6.9
Fine or costs only.....	29	8.5	24	5.1	18	4.1	25	3.8	13	1.9
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	7	2.0	47	10.0	20	4.6	23	3.5	28	4.1
Other sentence.....	6	1.8	2	0.4	4	0.9	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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	By jury	Other no-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty-- By court ¹	By jury								
All offenses.....	890	349	296	4	42	7	541	500	18	28	541	1	228	132	51	95	21	8
Major offenses.....	582	190	152	2	30	6	342	312	7	23	342	1	208	75	16	23	7	6
Murder.....	18	4	-	-	3	1	14	8	-	6	14	1	12	-	-	-	-	1
Manslaughter.....	9	6	4	-	2	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	15	6	6	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	9	-	7	2	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	80	28	29	1	8	-	42	33	2	7	42	-	14	10	2	13	-	3
Burglary.....	61	11	8	-	3	-	50	49	-	1	50	-	31	11	-	3	5	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	116	24	19	-	4	1	92	90	-	2	92	-	59	22	7	2	2	-
Auto theft.....	19	9	8	-	-	1	10	10	-	-	10	-	7	1	1	1	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	43	18	17	1	-	-	25	23	-	2	25	-	16	6	1	2	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	12	3	3	-	-	-	9	8	-	1	9	-	2	5	-	-	-	1
Forgery and counterfeiting..	50	18	14	-	1	3	32	28	2	2	32	-	20	9	1	2	-	-
Rape.....	37	18	12	-	6	-	19	18	1	-	19	-	17	1	-	1	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	15	5	4	-	1	-	10	10	-	-	10	-	4	3	1	2	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	18	10	8	-	2	-	8	7	-	1	8	-	5	1	2	-	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	3	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	17	13	13	-	-	-	4	3	-	1	4	-	3	-	-	-	-	1
Other major offenses.....	19	5	5	-	-	-	14	12	2	-	14	-	7	4	1	2	-	-
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	8	3	3	-	-	-	5	3	2	-	5	-	3	-	1	1	-	-
Blackmail and extortion..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	3	3	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	3	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	358	159	144	2	12	1	199	168	6	5	199	-	15	57	35	66	24	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: 1944

NEW YORK

A total of 7,003 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 1944, according to reports received from the New York State Department of Correction by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 7,003 defendants, 5,026, or 71.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 2,066, or 41.1 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a prison or reformatory. Of the 4,849 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 3,606, or 74.4 percent, were convicted; and of the 1,224 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 789, or 64.5 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 80.1 in 1940 to 54.9 in 1943 and then increased slightly in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses decreased from 58.1 in 1940 to about 41 in 1943 and 1944. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1944, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 47.1 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 73.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In 1940, 71.8 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1941, 75.3 percent; in 1942, 75.5 percent; in 1943, 74.3 percent; and in 1944, 71.8 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, 41.0 percent were sentenced to a prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1940 and 1941 fell below this figure, and the percentages for the remaining years were slightly 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 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 1944 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 1944
(Statistics for all years except 1944 based on reports for all of the 62 counties of the State. Statistics for 1944 based on complete reports from 59 counties and partial reports from the remaining 3 counties; these reports together cover approximately 99.8 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				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	7,003	6,829	6,779	9,432	10,797	57.0	54.9	66.2	72.0	80.1
Murder.....	80	97	141	114	146	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.1
Manslaughter.....	143	169	182	229	210	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.7	1.6
Robbery.....	557	605	789	818	1,179	4.5	4.9	6.2	6.2	8.7
Aggravated assault.....	639	660	900	737	767	5.7	5.3	7.0	5.6	5.8
Burglary.....	1,335	1,159	1,447	1,817	2,359	10.0	9.3	11.2	13.9	17.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	2,060	1,988	2,713	2,485	2,799	16.8	16.0	21.1	19.0	20.8
Auto theft.....	685	560	733	778	789	5.6	4.5	5.7	5.9	5.9
Embezzlement and fraud.....	14	12	3	20	30	0.1	0.1	-	0.2	0.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	112	115	157	174	221	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.6
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	185	216	225	357	505	1.5	1.7	1.7	2.7	3.7
Rape.....	332	351	339	367	433	2.5	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.2
Other major offenses.....	930	898	1,140	1,536	1,339	7.6	7.2	8.9	11.7	9.9
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	5,026	5,076	6,627	7,102	7,834	40.9	40.8	51.5	54.2	58.1
Murder.....	54	76	89	65	85	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.6
Manslaughter.....	106	117	117	163	149	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.1
Robbery.....	360	375	582	579	700	2.9	3.0	4.6	4.4	5.2
Aggravated assault.....	444	434	622	526	484	3.6	3.5	4.8	4.0	3.6
Burglary.....	831	857	1,134	1,448	1,883	6.8	6.9	8.8	11.1	14.0
Larceny, except auto theft.....	1,741	1,728	2,262	2,190	2,294	14.2	13.9	17.6	16.7	17.0
Auto theft.....	470	460	610	659	665	3.8	3.7	4.7	5.0	4.9
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	5	1	14	10	0.1	-	-	0.1	0.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	67	58	83	96	114	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	129	146	152	284	366	1.0	1.2	1.2	2.2	2.7
Rape.....	185	217	200	239	243	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.8
Other major offenses.....	631	608	771	839	841	5.1	4.8	6.0	6.4	6.2

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--NEW YORK

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	7,003	100.0	6,829	100.0	8,779	100.0	9,432	100.0	10,797	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	1,977	28.2	1,758	25.7	2,152	24.5	2,390	24.7	2,963	27.4
Dismissed.....	1,071	15.3	1,320	19.3	1,689	19.2	1,730	18.3	1,413	13.1
Acquitted by court (jury waived) ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	190	2.7	209	3.1	246	2.8	311	3.3	510	4.7
Other no-penalty disposition.....	716	10.2	224	3.3	217	2.5	289	3.1	1,040	9.6
Convicted and sentenced.....	5,026	71.8	5,076	74.3	6,627	75.5	7,102	75.3	7,834	72.6
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: 1940 TO 1944
(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	5,026	100.0	5,076	100.0	6,627	100.0	7,102	100.0	7,834	100.0
Death penalty.....	2	-	29	0.6	18	0.3	21	0.3	24	0.3
Prison or reformatory.....	2,066	41.1	2,104	41.4	2,750	41.5	2,865	40.3	3,203	40.9
Probation or suspended sentence.....	1,738	34.6	1,755	34.6	2,267	35.7	2,494	35.1	2,845	36.3
Local jail or workhouse.....	1,099	21.9	1,027	20.2	1,454	21.9	1,659	23.4	1,719	21.9
Fine or costs only.....	118	2.3	159	3.1	32	0.5	45	0.6	29	0.4
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sentence.....	3	0.1	2	-	6	0.1	18	0.3	14	0.2

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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.....	8,535	2,435	1,496	-	204	735	6,100	25,671	-	2429	6,100	2	2,138	2,278	1,495	182	-	5
Major offenses.....	7,003	1,977	1,071	-	190	716	5,026	-	-	5,026	2	2,066	1,738	1,099	118	-	-	2
Murder.....	80	26	13	-	2	11	54	-	-	54	2	52	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	143	37	20	-	15	2	106	-	-	106	-	88	10	11	2	-	-	-
Robbery.....	557	197	151	-	18	28	360	-	-	360	-	313	36	11	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	699	255	140	-	56	59	444	-	-	444	-	234	106	91	13	-	-	-
Burglary.....	1,235	404	173	-	22	209	831	-	-	831	-	357	278	181	14	-	-	1
Larceny, except auto theft.	2,060	319	194	-	21	104	1,741	-	-	1,741	-	469	706	497	47	-	-	-
Auto theft.....	685	215	89	-	12	114	470	-	-	470	-	167	201	99	3	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	14	6	5	-	1	-	8	-	-	8	-	-	6	1	1	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	112	45	30	-	2	13	67	-	-	67	-	13	35	15	4	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting.	186	57	41	-	1	15	129	-	-	129	-	51	66	10	2	-	-	-
Rape.....	202	117	56	-	19	42	185	-	-	185	-	107	57	19	2	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	16	2	3	-	-	-	13	-	-	13	-	5	6	2	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	227	56	37	-	6	13	171	-	-	171	-	91	36	40	3	-	-	1
Violating drug laws.....	31	1	1	-	-	-	30	-	-	30	-	13	9	8	-	-	-	-
Carrying, e'c., weapons.....	277	52	37	-	4	11	225	-	-	225	-	27	107	88	8	-	-	-
Other major offenses ²	379	187	81	-	11	95	192	-	-	192	-	64	77	31	19	-	-	1
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ³	1,532	458	425	-	14	19	1,074	-	-	1,074	-	72	540	396	64	-	-	2

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: 1944

NORTH DAKOTA

A total of 249 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of North Dakota during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 249 defendants, 225, or 90.4 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 113, or 50.2 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 175 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 160, or 91.4 percent, were convicted; and of the 38 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 33 were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 84.2 in 1940 to 47.2 in 1943, with a slight increase in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 74.6 in 1940 to 37.7 in 1943, and then increased to 42.7 in 1944. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1944, with embezzlement and fraud following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 39.4 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 86.6 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1940, 88.6 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1941, 85.0 percent; in 1942, 87.9 percent; in 1943, 79.8 percent; and in 1944, 90.4 percent. In 1944, 85.9 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 2.4 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 53.5 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 15.4 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 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 1944 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 1944

(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: 1944, 1943, and 1942, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1941, 51 counties, 97.3 percent; 1940, 45 counties, 89.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	249	253	364	413	481	47.3	47.2	61.4	69.3	84.2
Murder.....	3	-	4	4	3	0.6	-	0.7	0.7	0.5
Manslaughter.....	4	4	6	8	3	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.3	0.5
Robbery.....	8	7	11	8	11	1.5	1.3	1.9	1.3	1.9
Aggravated assault.....	15	16	17	10	18	2.8	3.0	2.9	1.7	3.2
Burglary.....	15	18	45	57	90	2.9	3.4	7.5	9.6	15.8
Larceny, except auto theft.....	65	66	119	130	131	12.3	12.3	20.1	21.8	23.0
Auto theft.....	18	21	8	27	16	3.4	3.9	1.3	4.5	2.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	33	17	33	35	54	5.3	3.2	5.6	5.9	9.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	8	5	6	3	8	1.5	0.9	1.0	0.5	1.4
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	28	19	43	46	44	5.3	3.5	7.3	7.7	7.7
Rape.....	16	16	26	28	25	3.0	3.0	4.4	4.7	4.4
Other major offenses.....	36	64	46	57	78	6.8	11.9	7.8	9.6	13.7
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	225	202	320	351	426	42.7	37.7	54.0	58.9	74.6
Murder.....	3	-	3	3	2	0.6	-	0.5	0.5	0.4
Manslaughter.....	4	2	5	8	3	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.3	0.5
Robbery.....	5	4	11	6	10	0.9	0.7	1.9	1.0	1.8
Aggravated assault.....	12	11	17	10	14	2.3	2.1	2.9	1.7	2.5
Burglary.....	14	14	42	50	89	2.7	2.6	7.1	8.4	15.6
Larceny, except auto theft.....	60	57	108	109	122	11.4	10.6	18.2	18.3	21.4
Auto theft.....	17	18	8	22	15	3.2	3.4	1.3	3.7	2.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	29	15	27	27	47	5.5	2.8	4.5	4.5	8.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	8	4	5	3	7	1.5	0.7	0.8	0.5	1.2
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	27	17	41	43	42	5.1	3.2	6.9	7.2	7.4
Rape.....	14	10	22	22	20	2.7	1.9	3.7	3.7	3.5
Other major offenses.....	32	50	31	48	55	6.1	9.3	5.2	8.1	9.6

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--NORTH DAKOTA

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	249	100.0	253	100.0	364	100.0	413	100.0	481	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	24	9.6	51	20.2	44	12.1	62	15.0	55	11.4
Dismissed.....	20	8.0	46	18.2	30	8.2	54	13.0	42	8.7
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	1	0.4	4	1.1	-	-	2	0.4
Acquitted by jury.....	3	1.2	-	-	5	1.4	4	1.0	9	1.9
Other no-penalty disposition.....	1	0.4	4	1.6	5	1.4	4	1.0	2	0.4
Convicted and sentenced.....	225	90.4	202	79.8	320	87.9	351	85.0	426	88.6
Pleaded guilty.....	214	85.9	199	78.7	306	84.1	339	82.1	400	83.2
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	5	2.0	1	0.4	2	0.5	2	0.5	-	-
Found guilty by jury.....	6	2.4	2	0.8	12	3.3	10	2.4	26	5.4

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	225	100.0	202	100.0	320	100.0	351	100.0	426	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	113	50.2	89	44.1	169	52.8	183	52.1	262	61.5
Probation or suspended sentence.....	30	13.3	46	22.8	50	15.6	59	16.8	50	11.7
Local jail or workhouse.....	48	21.3	52	25.7	59	18.4	75	21.7	77	18.1
Fines or costs only.....	10	4.4	8	4.0	16	5.0	10	2.8	8	1.9
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	21	9.3	7	3.5	26	8.1	23	6.6	29	6.8
Other sentence.....	3	1.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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.....	521	66	54	3	7			4	453	438	8	7	453	-	119	95	130	80	21
Major offenses.....	249	24	20	-	3	1	225	214	5	6	225	-	113	20	48	10	21	8	
Murder.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manlaughter.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	-	1	4	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	8	3	3	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	15	3	3	-	-	-	12	9	2	1	12	-	3	1	6	1	-	1	
Burglary.....	15	1	1	-	-	-	14	14	-	-	14	-	8	2	2	-	2	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	65	5	3	-	1	1	60	56	3	1	60	-	38	10	6	3	8	-	
Auto theft.....	18	1	1	-	-	-	17	17	-	-	17	-	6	3	5	-	3	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	33	4	4	-	-	-	29	29	-	-	29	-	15	7	4	1	2	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	7	-	1	8	-	2	4	-	-	2	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	28	1	1	-	-	-	27	27	-	-	27	-	11	3	11	1	1	-	
Rape.....	16	2	1	-	1	-	14	13	-	1	14	-	11	-	-	2	-	1	
Commercialized vice.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	21	1	1	-	-	-	20	20	-	-	20	-	8	10	2	-	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	3	1	-	-	1	1	
Other major offenses.....	9	3	2	-	1	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	2	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Bigamy.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion...	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	2	2	-	-	1	-	
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	272	44	34	3	4	3	228	224	3	1	228	-	5	65	82	70	-	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: 1944

OHIO

A total of 3,065 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the common pleas courts of Ohio during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the office of the Secretary of State of Ohio by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 3,065 defendants, 2,609, or 85.1 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 1,260, or 48.3 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 2,235 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 1,954, or 87.4 percent, were convicted; and of the 496 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 367, or 74.0 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population has decreased from 77.0 in 1940 to 51.7 in 1943, with a slight increase in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same general trend, decreasing from 64.5 in 1940 to 41.9 in 1943, and then increased to 46.9 in 1944. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1944. Burglary, larceny, and auto theft together accounted for 49.1 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years 82.3 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In 1940, 83.7 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1941, 83.2 percent; in 1942, 78.3 percent; in 1943,

81.1 percent; and in 1944, 85.1 percent. In 1944, 72.7 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 5.8 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 46.7 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1940, 1943, and 1944 were higher than this figure, and the percentages for 1941 and 1942 were somewhat lower. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during these 5 years, 43.0 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 the calendar year 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 of sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1944 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 1944

(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: 1944, 59 counties, 81.8 percent; 1943, 71 counties, 91.6 percent; 1942, 87 counties, 99.8 percent; 1941 and 1940, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	3,065	3,236	4,079	4,515	5,320	55.1	51.7	59.0	65.2	77.0
Murder.....	53	75	70	58	73	1.0	1.2	1.0	0.8	1.1
Manslaughter.....	108	128	179	193	181	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.8	2.6
Robbery.....	356	410	454	452	592	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.5	8.6
Aggravated assault.....	215	235	258	234	271	3.9	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.9
Burglary.....	727	723	969	1,080	1,473	13.1	11.6	14.0	15.6	21.3
Larceny, except auto theft.....	389	403	528	634	692	7.0	6.4	7.6	9.2	10.0
Auto theft.....	389	376	483	499	540	7.0	6.0	7.0	7.2	7.8
Embezzlement and fraud.....	117	140	214	301	318	2.1	2.2	3.1	4.3	4.6
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	71	72	87	76	106	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	186	201	314	399	504	3.3	3.2	4.5	5.8	7.3
Rape.....	120	131	153	157	150	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.2
Other major offenses.....	334	342	370	432	420	6.0	5.5	5.3	6.2	6.1
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	2,609	2,623	3,194	3,755	4,453	46.9	41.9	46.2	54.3	64.5
Murder.....	34	46	41	36	52	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8
Manslaughter.....	83	91	132	161	142	1.5	1.5	1.9	2.3	2.1
Robbery.....	300	332	372	356	499	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.1	7.2
Aggravated assault.....	176	176	184	179	210	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.0
Burglary.....	645	621	785	955	1,290	11.6	9.9	11.3	13.8	18.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	334	347	443	548	618	6.0	5.5	6.4	7.9	8.9
Auto theft.....	349	322	395	444	486	6.3	5.1	5.7	6.4	7.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	96	114	143	199	217	1.7	1.8	2.1	2.9	3.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	62	60	67	66	85	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.2
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	167	162	237	336	408	3.0	2.6	3.4	4.9	5.9
Rape.....	74	81	104	121	102	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.5
Other major offenses.....	288	271	291	354	344	5.2	4.3	4.2	5.1	5.0

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.

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	2,065	100.0	2,236	100.0	4,079	100.0	4,515	100.0	5,320	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	456	14.9	613	18.9	885	21.7	760	16.8	867	16.3
Dismissed.....	271	8.8	390	12.1	652	16.0	528	11.7	620	11.7
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	70	2.3	79	2.4	75	1.8	97	2.1	82	1.5
Acquitted by jury.....	56	1.9	87	2.7	108	2.5	111	2.5	117	2.2
Other non-penalty disposition.....	57	1.9	57	1.8	55	1.3	24	0.5	48	0.9
Convicted and sentenced.....	2,609	85.1	2,623	81.1	3,194	78.3	3,755	83.2	4,453	83.7
Fleaded guilty.....	2,228	72.7	2,220	68.6	2,736	67.1	3,235	71.7	3,959	74.4
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	204	6.7	196	6.1	194	4.8	217	4.8	223	4.2
Found guilty by jury.....	177	5.8	207	6.4	264	6.5	308	6.7	271	5.1

Table 3. TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1940 TO 1944
(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	2,609	100.0	2,623	100.0	3,194	100.0	3,755	100.0	4,453	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	-	6	0.2	2	0.1	2	0.1	7	0.2
Prison or reformatory.....	1,260	48.3	1,246	47.5	1,434	45.5	1,721	45.8	2,083	46.8
Probation or suspended sentence.....	1,145	42.9	1,105	42.1	1,443	45.2	1,573	41.9	1,880	42.2
Local jail or workhouse.....	161	6.2	189	7.2	225	7.0	301	8.0	295	6.6
Fine or costs only.....	42	1.6	77	2.9	69	2.2	158	4.2	188	4.2
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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 non-penalty	Total	Fleaded guilty	Found guilty--									
		By court ¹	By jury							By court ¹	By jury							
All offenses.....	3,745	580	369	85	64	62	3,165	2,709	260	196	3,165	1	1,279	1,385	312	188	-	-
Major offenses.....	3,065	456	271	70	58	57	2,609	2,228	204	177	2,609	1	1,260	1,145	161	42	-	-
Murder.....	53	19	9	2	3	5	34	19	6	9	34	1	32	1	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	108	25	8	5	11	1	83	65	5	13	83	-	44	30	5	4	-	-
Robbery.....	356	56	29	19	4	4	300	233	35	32	300	-	220	79	-	1	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	215	39	19	12	4	4	176	121	39	16	176	-	58	106	11	1	-	-
Burglary.....	727	81	53	6	11	11	646	561	27	38	646	-	363	272	10	1	-	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	389	55	34	11	8	2	334	295	26	13	334	-	110	172	47	5	-	-
Auto theft.....	389	40	27	1	5	7	349	321	11	17	349	-	167	176	5	1	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	117	21	16	3	2	-	96	92	3	1	96	-	22	69	2	3	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	71	9	7	1	1	-	62	49	6	8	62	-	18	32	9	3	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	186	19	17	1	-	1	167	158	8	1	167	-	81	81	-	5	-	-
Repe.....	120	46	27	3	6	10	74	46	10	16	74	-	53	14	7	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	15	-	-	-	-	-	15	10	3	2	15	-	3	8	4	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	86	18	7	2	1	2	68	44	18	6	68	-	48	11	5	4	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	31	4	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	27	-	7	6	9	5	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	141	10	6	3	-	1	121	125	6	-	131	-	20	61	43	7	-	-
Other major offenses.....	61	14	8	1	2	3	47	41	1	5	47	-	14	27	4	2	-	-
Abortion.....	5	1	1	-	-	-	4	2	-	2	4	-	3	1	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	12	7	3	-	1	3	5	4	-	1	5	-	2	-	2	1	-	-
Bigamy.....	14	1	1	-	-	-	13	13	-	-	13	-	1	12	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion.....	5	1	1	-	-	-	4	3	1	-	4	-	-	3	-	1	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	9	1	1	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	8	-	2	4	2	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	14	2	1	-	1	-	12	10	-	2	12	-	6	6	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	680	124	98	15	6	5	556	461	56	19	556	-	19	240	151	146	-	-

¹ Jury waived.

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

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1944

OREGON

A total of 608 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the circuit courts of Oregon during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 608 defendants, 528, or 86.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 232, or 43.9 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 445 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 392, or 88.1 percent, were convicted; and of the 78 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 66, or 84.6 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 102.3 in 1940 to 78.9 in 1943, and then increased to 85.1 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other specific offense group during 1944, with forgery and counterfeiting following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 37.5 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 84.7 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1940, 87.5 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1941, 81.8 percent; in 1942, 87.0 percent; in 1943, 80.1

percent; and in 1944, 86.8 percent. In 1944, 82.2 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 3.6 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, 36.0 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 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 1944 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 1944

(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: 1944, 31 counties, 60.6 percent; 1943, 34 counties, 65.7 percent; 1942, 31 counties, 63.2 percent; 1941, 35 counties, 99.7 percent; 1940, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	608	608	579	1,048	1,115	85.1	78.9	85.9	97.9	102.3
Murder.....	8	17	7	15	10	1.1	2.2	1.0	1.4	0.9
Manslaughter.....	10	4	14	35	17	1.4	0.5	2.1	3.3	1.6
Robbery.....	5	14	8	25	30	0.7	1.8	1.2	2.3	2.8
Aggravated assault.....	35	42	36	68	36	4.9	5.5	5.6	6.4	3.3
Burglary.....	64	61	54	146	185	9.0	7.9	8.0	13.6	17.0
Larceny, except auto theft.....	145	154	161	237	263	20.3	20.0	23.9	22.1	24.1
Auto theft.....	80	44	56	75	91	11.2	5.7	8.3	7.0	8.4
Embezzlement and fraud.....	39	40	52	132	153	5.5	5.2	7.7	12.3	14.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	29	24	15	23	34	4.1	3.1	2.2	2.1	3.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	83	95	87	143	161	11.6	12.3	12.9	13.4	14.8
Rape.....	25	32	31	43	43	3.5	4.2	4.6	4.5	3.9
Other major offenses.....	85	81	55	101	92	11.9	10.5	8.2	9.4	8.4
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	528	487	503	857	376	73.9	63.2	74.8	80.0	89.6
Murder.....	6	9	6	13	6	0.8	1.2	0.9	1.2	0.7
Manslaughter.....	8	2	13	11	10	1.1	0.3	1.9	1.0	0.9
Robbery.....	5	13	8	23	25	0.7	1.7	1.2	2.1	2.3
Aggravated assault.....	32	32	26	51	29	4.5	4.2	3.9	4.8	2.7
Burglary.....	57	53	49	126	155	8.0	6.9	7.3	11.2	15.2
Larceny, except auto theft.....	115	119	142	201	237	16.1	15.4	21.1	18.5	21.7
Auto theft.....	77	42	53	61	81	10.8	5.5	7.9	5.7	7.4
Embezzlement and fraud.....	32	32	49	105	139	4.5	4.3	7.3	9.8	12.8
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	27	20	12	20	31	3.8	2.6	1.8	1.9	2.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	79	79	80	129	146	11.1	10.3	11.9	12.0	13.4
Rape.....	20	23	21	34	28	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.2	1.6
Other major offenses.....	70	63	44	83	75	9.8	8.2	6.5	7.5	7.0

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.

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	608	100.0	608	100.0	578	100.0	1,048	100.0	1,115	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	80	13.2	121	19.9	75	13.0	191	18.2	139	12.5
Dismissed.....	48	7.9	84	13.8	49	8.5	154	14.7	108	9.5
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	2	0.3	6	1.0	4	0.7	1	0.1	1	0.1
Acquitted by jury.....	22	3.6	21	3.5	16	2.8	29	2.8	25	2.2
Other no-penalty disposition.....	8	1.3	10	1.6	6	1.0	7	0.7	7	0.6
Convicted and sentenced.....	528	86.8	487	80.1	503	87.0	857	81.8	976	87.5
Pleaded guilty.....	500	82.2	498	72.0	467	80.8	769	73.4	904	81.1
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	6	1.0	22	3.6	6	1.0	15	1.4	7	0.6
Found guilty by jury.....	22	3.6	27	4.4	30	5.2	73	7.0	65	5.8

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced..	528	100.0	487	100.0	503	100.0	857	100.0	976	100.0
Death penalty.....	1	0.2	2	0.4	-	-	2	0.2	2	0.2
Prison or reformatory.....	232	43.9	249	51.1	259	51.5	415	48.5	502	51.4
Probation or suspended sentence.....	207	39.2	182	37.4	187	37.2	305	35.6	325	33.4
Local jail or workhouse.....	48	9.1	35	7.2	40	8.0	102	11.9	132	13.5
Fine or costs only.....	23	4.4	18	3.7	13	2.6	25	2.9	12	1.2
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	17	3.2	1	0.2	4	0.8	5	0.6	2	0.2
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0.2	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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--		Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
All offenses.....	747	101	60	3	27	11	646	610	8	28	646	1	241	274	54	53	23	-
Major offenses.....	608	80	48	2	27	8	528	500	6	22	528	1	232	207	48	23	17	-
Murder.....	8	2	-	-	2	-	6	4	-	2	6	1	5	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	10	2	1	-	1	-	8	2	1	5	8	-	7	-	1	-	-	-
Robbery.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	35	5	1	-	2	-	32	27	-	5	32	-	21	2	3	6	-	-
Burglary.....	64	7	5	1	-	1	57	56	1	-	57	-	30	24	1	-	2	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	145	30	20	1	5	4	115	113	-	2	115	-	39	59	11	5	1	-
Auto theft.....	80	3	2	-	1	-	77	76	1	-	77	-	27	35	9	6	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	39	7	5	-	1	1	32	32	-	-	32	-	19	10	2	1	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	29	2	2	-	-	-	27	24	1	2	27	-	11	12	2	-	2	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	83	4	4	-	-	-	79	75	2	2	79	-	45	29	3	-	2	-
Rape.....	25	5	1	-	4	-	20	19	-	1	20	-	11	4	4	-	1	-
Commercialized vice.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	62	11	5	-	4	2	51	48	-	3	51	-	8	22	8	5	5	-
Violating drug laws.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	7	1	1	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	2	3	1	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	15	3	1	-	2	-	12	12	-	-	12	-	2	6	3	-	1	-
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
Sizemy.....	4	1	-	-	1	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	4	2	1	-	1	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Minor offenses ²	139	21	12	1	5	3	118	110	2	6	118	-	9	67	6	30	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.

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JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS: 1944

PENNSYLVANIA

A total of 9,989 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the trial courts of Pennsylvania during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 9,989 defendants, 6,968, or 69.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced. Among those defendants convicted and sentenced, 1,802, or 25.9 percent, were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence; 1,211, or 17.4 percent, were sent to a prison or reformatory; and 2,858, or 41.0 percent, were sent to a local jail or workhouse. Of the 5,471 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 4,163, or 76.1 percent, were convicted; and of the 2,078 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 1,128, or 54.3 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased from 174.9 in 1940 to 108.9 in 1944. Likewise, the rate for defendants convicted of major offenses dropped from 124.8 in 1940 to 76.0 in 1944. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1944, with burglary following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 32.2 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 69.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In 1940, 71.4 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1941, 69.8 percent; in 1942, 69.2 percent; in 1943, 69.0 percent; and in 1944, 69.8 percent. In 1944, 50.5 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 12.6 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 1944 and 1941 fell below this figure, and those for the remaining years were somewhat higher. Only 16.5 percent of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years were sentenced to a prison or reformatory, while 41.8 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 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 1944 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 1944

(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: 1944, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1943, 64 counties, 99.0 percent; 1942, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1941, 63 counties, 97.7 percent; 1940, 66 counties, 99.8 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ²	1942 ¹	1941 ³	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	9,989	11,040	14,309	14,411	17,278	108.9	119.1	147.8	150.7	174.9
Murder.....	85	106	159	106	169	0.9	1.1	1.6	1.1	1.7
Manslaughter.....	266	292	382	379	391	2.9	3.1	3.9	4.0	4.0
Robbery.....	657	631	826	861	1,076	7.2	6.8	8.5	9.0	10.9
Aggravated assault.....	1,397	1,630	2,015	1,988	2,093	15.2	17.6	20.7	20.8	21.2
Burglary.....	1,602	1,667	2,226	2,349	2,973	17.5	18.0	22.9	24.6	30.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	1,613	1,822	2,403	2,474	3,449	17.6	19.6	24.7	25.9	34.9
Auto theft.....	428	428	656	572	610	4.7	4.6	6.8	6.0	6.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	509	694	1,080	1,273	1,470	5.6	7.5	11.1	13.3	14.9
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	449	423	633	433	540	4.9	4.6	6.5	4.5	5.5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	213	246	385	394	522	2.3	2.7	4.0	4.1	5.3
Rape.....	330	375	480	509	544	3.6	4.0	4.9	5.3	5.5
Other major offenses.....	2,440	2,726	3,063	3,073	3,441	26.6	29.4	31.5	32.1	34.8
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	6,968	7,621	9,895	10,064	12,323	76.0	82.2	101.8	105.2	124.8
Murder.....	43	78	108	64	106	0.5	0.8	1.1	0.7	1.1
Manslaughter.....	101	114	136	121	156	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.6
Robbery.....	472	421	607	664	805	5.1	4.5	6.2	6.9	8.1
Aggravated assault.....	774	880	1,058	993	1,141	8.4	9.5	10.9	10.4	11.5
Burglary.....	1,378	1,408	1,877	2,026	2,551	15.0	15.2	19.3	21.2	25.8
Larceny, except auto theft.....	1,174	1,298	1,763	1,855	2,660	12.8	14.0	18.1	19.4	26.9
Auto theft.....	368	348	549	487	489	4.0	3.8	5.7	5.1	4.9
Embezzlement and fraud.....	292	380	623	769	899	3.2	4.1	6.4	8.0	9.1
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	306	298	409	246	313	3.3	3.2	4.8	2.6	3.2
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	173	199	285	343	412	1.9	2.1	2.9	3.6	4.2
Rape.....	210	225	297	294	312	2.3	2.4	3.1	3.1	3.2
Other major offenses.....	1,677	1,972	2,163	2,202	2,484	18.3	21.3	22.5	23.0	25.1

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.

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	9,989	100.0	11,040	100.0	14,309	100.0	14,411	100.0	17,278	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	3,021	30.2	3,419	31.0	4,414	30.8	4,347	30.2	4,950	28.8
Dismissed.....	1,171	11.7	1,483	13.4	1,681	11.7	1,550	10.8	1,778	10.3
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	866	8.7	319	2.9	446	3.1	410	2.8	587	4.0
Acquitted by jury.....	1,188	11.9	1,191	10.8	1,619	11.3	1,812	12.6	1,835	10.4
Other no-penalty disposition.....	296	3.0	426	3.9	668	4.7	575	4.0	650	3.8
Convicted and sentenced.....	6,968	69.8	7,621	69.0	9,895	69.2	10,064	69.8	12,328	71.4
Pleaded guilty.....	5,043	50.5	5,545	50.2	7,275	50.8	7,560	52.5	9,463	54.8
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	667	6.7	656	5.9	913	6.4	649	4.5	1,131	6.5
Found guilty by jury.....	1,258	12.6	1,420	12.9	1,707	11.9	1,855	12.9	1,784	10.0

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

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	6,968	100.0	7,621	100.0	9,895	100.0	10,064	100.0	12,328	100.0
Death penalty.....	3	-	6	0.1	5	0.1	3	-	7	0.1
Prison or reformatory.....	1,211	17.4	1,417	18.6	1,686	17.0	1,809	18.0	1,612	13.1
Probation or suspended sentence.....	1,802	25.9	2,122	27.8	2,734	27.6	2,580	25.0	3,411	27.7
Local jail or workhouse.....	2,858	41.0	2,955	39.3	4,046	40.9	4,282	42.3	5,442	44.1
Fine or costs only.....	799	11.5	787	10.3	1,052	10.6	1,015	10.1	1,484	12.0
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	200	2.9	171	2.2	288	2.4	173	1.7	237	1.9
Other sentence.....	95	1.4	123	1.6	134	1.4	182	1.8	135	1.1

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

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.....	22,053	6,728	3,329	755	1,971	678	15,325	10,237	3,164	1,984	15,325	3	1,274	4,356	4,022	3,853	308	1,609	
Major offenses.....	9,989	3,021	1,171	366	1,188	296	6,968	5,043	667	1,258	6,968	3	1,211	1,802	2,858	799	200	95	
Murder.....	85	42	9	3	25	5	43	16	8	19	43	3	34	-	6	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	266	153	54	5	93	13	101	32	13	36	101	3	19	21	50	11	-	-	
Bobbery.....	657	185	33	10	125	17	472	299	10	163	472	-	208	59	198	4	7	1	
Aggravated assault.....	1,397	823	250	93	338	42	774	410	127	237	774	-	49	249	390	79	6	1	
Burglary.....	1,602	224	75	16	104	29	1,378	1,106	112	160	1,378	-	397	308	321	44	99	15	
Larceny, except auto theft..	1,613	439	200	69	126	44	1,174	938	196	100	1,174	-	142	340	480	151	50	11	
Auto theft.....	423	60	30	4	22	4	368	309	17	42	368	-	79	101	148	16	21	8	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	509	217	124	21	47	25	292	237	30	23	292	-	16	116	100	59	1	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	449	143	42	37	56	18	306	220	27	59	306	-	22	111	144	26	2	1	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	213	40	28	5	3	4	173	154	9	10	173	-	40	46	70	10	3	4	
Rape.....	330	120	43	8	62	7	210	126	15	69	210	-	60	16	111	18	1	4	
Commercialized vice.....	248	73	15	16	27	15	175	113	31	31	175	-	8	31	63	71	-	2	
Other sex offenses.....	1,353	455	213	32	164	46	898	543	63	192	898	-	71	238	291	247	5	51	
Violating drug laws.....	92	12	2	4	5	1	80	64	4	12	80	-	6	11	60	3	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	962	182	33	21	82	16	400	256	56	68	400	-	23	139	188	56	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	168	41	20	3	9	10	124	100	9	15	124	-	42	27	44	4	5	2	
Abortion.....	41	18	3	1	3	3	23	12	3	8	23	-	4	7	12	-	-	-	
Arson.....	48	15	9	-	3	3	33	24	5	4	33	-	9	11	10	-	2	1	
Bigamy.....	16	1	1	-	-	-	15	12	1	1	15	-	1	1	10	3	-	1	
Blackmail and extortion.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	46	1	1	-	-	-	43	45	-	-	45	-	27	7	8	-	3	-	
Kidnaping.....	2	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	11	3	1	-	1	1	8	6	-	2	8	-	1	1	4	2	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	12,064	3,707	2,158	389	783	377	8,367	6,194	2,497	666	8,367	-	63	2,454	1,184	3,054	108	1,514	

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: 1944

RHODE ISLAND

A total of 543 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior courts of Rhode Island during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the Department of Social Welfare at Providence by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 543 defendants, 528, or 97.2 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 342, or 64.8 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. Of the 449 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 445, or 99.1 percent, were convicted; and of the 55 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 47 were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population showed a steady decline from 84.1 in 1940 to 41.9 in 1943, and then increased sharply to 78.4 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 80.0 in 1940 to 39.9 in 1943 and increasing in 1944 to 76.3. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1944, with auto theft following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 66.3 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 96.2 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In 1940, 95.2 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1941, 95.7 percent; in 1942, 97.4 percent; in 1943,

95.2 percent; and in 1944, 97.2 percent. In 1944, 96.1 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 1.1 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 73.5 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1943 and 1944 fall 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, 21.5 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 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 1944 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 1944

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	543	291	468	514	600	78.4	41.9	64.9	71.8	84.1
Murder.....	4	2	4	-	2	0.6	0.3	0.6	-	0.3
Manslaughter.....	5	2	6	2	3	0.7	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.4
Robbery.....	27	31	13	28	20	3.9	4.5	1.8	3.9	2.8
Aggravated assault.....	28	21	25	29	33	4.0	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.6
Burglary.....	246	110	202	224	258	35.5	15.8	28.0	31.3	36.2
Larceny, except auto theft.....	27	29	26	14	21	3.9	4.2	3.6	2.0	2.9
Auto theft.....	114	36	100	122	109	16.5	5.2	13.9	17.0	15.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	4	9	6	17	62	0.6	1.3	0.8	2.4	8.7
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	6	1	3	3	1	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	25	6	26	24	12	3.6	0.9	3.6	3.4	1.7
Rape.....	18	6	24	8	26	2.6	0.9	3.3	1.1	3.6
Other major offenses.....	39	38	33	43	53	5.6	5.5	4.6	6.0	7.4
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	528	277	456	492	571	76.3	39.9	63.3	68.7	80.0
Murder.....	3	2	4	-	1	0.4	0.3	0.6	-	0.1
Manslaughter.....	4	2	3	1	3	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.4
Robbery.....	27	28	13	25	20	3.9	4.0	1.8	3.5	2.8
Aggravated assault.....	27	21	24	28	32	3.9	3.0	3.3	3.9	4.5
Burglary.....	242	106	200	221	254	35.0	15.3	27.7	30.9	35.6
Larceny, except auto theft.....	27	28	24	13	20	3.9	4.0	3.3	1.8	2.8
Auto theft.....	114	36	100	119	103	16.5	5.2	13.9	16.6	14.4
Embezzlement and fraud.....	4	9	5	16	50	0.6	1.3	0.7	2.2	7.0
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	6	1	3	3	1	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	25	6	26	23	12	3.6	0.9	3.6	3.2	1.7
Rape.....	13	6	21	7	26	1.9	0.9	2.9	1.0	3.6
Other major offenses.....	36	32	33	36	49	5.2	4.6	4.6	5.0	6.9

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--RHODE ISLAND

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	543	100.0	291	100.0	468	100.0	514	100.0	800	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	15	2.8	14	4.8	12	2.6	22	4.3	29	4.8
Dismissed or nolle prosequi.....	12	2.2	10	3.4	6	1.5	17	3.3	17	2.8
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	3	0.6	4	1.4	6	1.5	4	0.8	11	1.8
Other no-penalty disposition.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.2
Convicted and sentenced.....	528	97.2	277	95.2	456	97.4	492	95.7	571	95.2
Nolo contendere ¹	522	96.1	268	92.1	449	96.9	486	94.6	565	94.2
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Found guilty by jury.....	6	1.1	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: 1940 TO 1944

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	528	100.0	277	100.0	456	100.0	492	100.0	571	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	150	28.4	77	27.8	88	19.6	71	14.4	116	20.5
Probation or suspended sentence.....	342	64.8	193	69.7	346	76.3	401	81.5	423	74.1
Local jail or workhouse.....	18	3.4	6	2.2	19	4.2	17	3.5	27	4.7
Fine or costs only.....	18	3.4	1	0.4	4	0.9	3	0.6	5	0.9
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

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 or nolle prosequi	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Nolo con-tenders ²	Found guilty--										
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	550	15	12	-	3	-	528	522	-	6	535	-	150	345	19	21	-	-	
Major offenses.....	543	15	12	-	3	-	528	522	-	6	528	-	150	342	18	18	-	-	
Murder.....	4	1	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	2	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	3	1	-	-	1	-	4	2	-	2	4	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	27	-	-	-	-	-	27	27	-	-	27	-	6	21	-	-	-	-	
Aggravated assault.....	28	1	1	-	-	-	27	27	-	-	27	-	5	18	4	-	-	-	
Burglary.....	246	4	4	-	-	-	242	241	-	1	242	-	84	153	5	-	-	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	27	-	-	-	-	-	27	26	-	1	27	-	7	16	-	4	-	-	
Auto theft.....	114	-	-	-	-	-	114	114	-	-	114	-	27	82	-	5	-	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	1	1	-	4	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	25	-	-	-	-	-	25	25	-	-	25	-	4	15	6	-	-	-	
Rape.....	18	5	4	-	1	-	13	13	-	-	13	-	3	10	-	1	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	6	2	1	-	1	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	7	-	3	3	1	1	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	13	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	-	-	13	-	1	10	-	1	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	14	1	1	-	-	-	13	13	-	-	13	-	4	8	1	-	-	-	
Abortion.....	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	4	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Bigamy.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	6	1	1	-	-	-	5	5	-	-	5	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ³	7	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	7	-	-	3	1	3	-	-	

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: 1944

SOUTH DAKOTA

A total of 211 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the circuit courts of South Dakota during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 211 defendants, 171, or 81.0 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 84, or 49.1 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 160 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 137, or 85.6 percent, were convicted; and of the 26 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 74.3 in 1940 to 34.4 in 1943, and then increased to 39.9 in 1944. Likewise, the rate for defendants convicted showed a continuous decline from 64.7 in 1940 to 28.7 in 1943 with a slight increase in 1944. Among the defendants disposed of for major offenses during 1944, there were more defendants disposed of for larceny than for any other offense, with forgery following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 42.7 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 84.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. In

1940 and 1941, 87.0 percent of the defendants were convicted; in 1942, 82.2 percent; in 1943, 83.5 percent; and in 1944, 81.0 percent. In 1944, 68.2 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 1.9 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 57.4 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentages for 1943 and 1944 fall 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 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 1944 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 1944
(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: 1944, 68 counties, 98.7 percent; 1943, 66 counties, 93.9 percent; 1942, 68 counties, 97.9 percent; 1941 and 1940, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	211	176	287	384	478	39.9	34.4	49.9	63.0	74.3
Murder.....	3	1	-	2	4	0.6	0.2	-	0.3	0.6
Manslaughter.....	2	7	6	2	7	0.4	1.4	1.0	0.3	1.1
Robbery.....	3	1	11	15	9	0.6	0.2	1.9	2.5	1.4
Aggravated assault.....	9	8	7	11	15	1.7	1.6	1.2	1.8	2.3
Burglary.....	33	29	35	47	78	6.2	5.7	6.1	7.7	12.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	53	65	102	134	151	10.0	12.7	17.7	22.0	23.5
Auto theft.....	6	5	18	19	23	1.5	1.0	3.1	3.1	3.6
Embezzlement and fraud.....	21	8	27	35	48	4.0	1.6	4.7	5.7	7.5
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	5	-	8	6	5	0.9	-	1.4	1.0	0.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	87	27	32	63	81	7.0	5.3	5.6	10.3	12.6
Rape.....	12	8	18	23	22	2.3	1.6	3.1	3.8	3.4
Other major offenses.....	25	17	23	27	35	4.7	3.3	4.0	4.4	5.4
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	171	147	236	334	416	32.3	28.7	41.0	54.8	64.7
Murder.....	2	1	-	2	2	0.4	0.2	-	0.3	0.3
Manslaughter.....	1	2	3	2	3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5
Robbery.....	2	1	10	14	7	0.4	0.2	1.7	2.3	1.1
Aggravated assault.....	5	7	5	10	10	0.9	1.4	0.9	1.6	1.6
Burglary.....	31	26	31	40	74	5.9	5.1	5.4	6.6	11.5
Larceny, except auto theft.....	45	54	87	121	139	8.5	10.6	15.1	19.9	21.6
Auto theft.....	7	5	14	16	20	1.3	1.0	2.4	2.6	3.1
Embezzlement and fraud.....	12	8	20	23	27	2.3	1.6	3.5	3.8	5.8
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	5	-	8	5	3	0.9	-	1.4	0.8	0.5
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	35	23	28	60	78	6.6	4.5	4.9	9.8	12.1
Rape.....	8	6	12	19	15	1.5	1.2	2.1	3.1	2.3
Other major offenses.....	18	14	18	22	28	3.4	2.7	3.1	3.6	4.4

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.

JUDICIAL CRIMINAL STATISTICS--SOUTH DAKOTA

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	211	100.0	176	100.0	287	100.0	384	100.0	478	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	40	19.0	29	16.5	51	17.8	50	13.0	62	13.0
Dismissed.....	24	11.4	21	11.9	38	13.2	37	9.6	44	9.3
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	-	-	1	0.3	-	-	1	0.2
Acquitted by jury.....	8	3.8	4	2.3	12	4.2	10	2.6	11	2.3
Other no-penalty disposition.....	8	3.8	4	2.3	-	-	3	0.8	6	1.3
Convicted and sentenced.....	171	81.0	147	83.5	236	82.2	334	87.0	416	87.0
Pleaded guilty.....	144	68.2	134	76.1	216	75.3	311	81.0	387	81.0
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	23	10.9	10	5.7	5	1.7	10	2.6	17	3.5
Found guilty by jury.....	4	1.9	3	1.7	15	5.2	13	3.4	12	2.5

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	171	100.0	147	100.0	236	100.0	334	100.0	416	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	1	0.7	-	-	2	0.6	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	84	49.1	85	44.2	151	64.0	202	60.5	246	59.1
Probation or suspended sentence.....	39	22.8	37	25.2	44	18.6	68	20.4	95	22.8
Local jail or workhouse.....	27	15.8	28	19.0	37	15.7	53	15.9	60	14.4
Fine or costs only.....	13	7.6	12	8.2	4	1.7	7	2.1	11	2.6
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	7	4.1	4	2.7	-	-	2	0.6	4	1.0
Other sentence.....	1	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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.....	359	69	46	-	11	12	290	246	37	7	290	-	91	73	39	75	8	4	
Major offenses.....	211	40	24	-	8	8	171	144	22	4	171	-	84	39	27	13	7	1	
Murder.....	3	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	2	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	3	1	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Aggravated assault.....	9	4	2	-	1	5	4	1	-	5	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	
Burglary.....	33	2	1	-	-	1	31	25	6	-	31	-	12	8	4	4	3	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	53	8	5	-	2	1	45	41	4	-	45	-	22	11	11	-	-	1	
Auto theft.....	8	1	-	-	1	-	7	6	1	-	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	21	9	5	-	2	2	12	9	2	1	12	-	6	4	1	1	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	1	-	5	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	27	2	2	-	-	-	25	30	5	-	25	-	16	10	5	4	-	-	
Rape.....	12	4	3	-	1	-	8	5	3	-	8	-	4	1	-	1	2	-	
Commercialized vice.....	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	9	5	3	-	-	2	4	4	-	-	4	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	6	-	2	2	1	1	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	8	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	8	-	7	-	-	1	-	-	
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
Bigamy.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Blackmail and extortion....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	7	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	148	29	22	-	3	4	119	102	14	2	119	-	7	34	12	62	1	3	

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: 1944

UTAH

A total of 298 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Utah during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 298 defendants, 206, or 69.1 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 127, or 42.3 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a prison or reformatory. Of the 187 defendants charged with major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 142, or 75.9 percent, were convicted; and of the 50 persons charged with major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 21 were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population has decreased from 73.7 in 1940 to 50.9 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted followed the same general trend, decreasing from 59.9 in 1940 to 35.2 in 1944. More defendants were disposed of for burglary than for any other offense during 1944, with larceny following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 40.9 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 74.3 percent of all defendants disposed of for major offenses were convicted. The percentage of defendants convicted decreased from 81.2 in 1940 to 69.1 in 1944. In 1944, 44.6 percent of all

defendants entered a plea of guilty, and 17.1 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 sent to a prison or reformatory. The percentages for 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, 37.0 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 the calendar year 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 1944 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 1944

(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: 1944, 1943, and 1942, all counties, 100.0 percent; 1941, 27 counties, 96.2 percent; 1940, 28 counties, 97.1 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ²	1940 ³
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	298	303	362	352	394	50.9	51.9	65.4	66.3	73.7
Murder.....	5	9	6	5	7	0.9	1.5	1.1	0.9	1.3
Manslaughter.....	12	6	12	11	13	2.1	1.0	2.2	2.1	2.4
Robbery.....	17	16	29	28	28	2.9	2.7	5.2	5.3	5.2
Aggravated assault.....	13	19	22	13	11	2.2	3.3	4.0	2.4	2.1
Burglary.....	78	104	88	104	134	13.3	17.8	15.9	19.6	25.1
Larceny, except auto theft.....	44	50	56	46	52	7.5	8.6	10.1	8.7	11.6
Auto theft.....	1	-	1	4	7	0.2	-	0.2	0.8	1.3
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	8	26	21	19	1.4	1.4	4.7	4.0	3.6
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	4	5	4	8	9	0.7	0.9	0.7	1.5	1.7
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	35	36	66	66	52	6.0	6.2	11.9	12.8	9.7
Rape.....	20	15	13	19	13	3.4	2.6	2.3	3.6	2.4
Other major offenses.....	61	35	39	25	39	10.4	6.0	7.0	4.7	7.3
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	206	209	254	280	320	35.2	35.8	45.9	52.7	59.9
Murder.....	2	7	6	2	4	0.3	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.7
Manslaughter.....	6	5	5	9	9	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.7	1.7
Robbery.....	14	9	21	22	19	2.4	1.5	3.8	4.1	3.6
Aggravated assault.....	7	14	15	9	5	1.2	2.4	2.7	1.7	1.2
Burglary.....	66	72	64	84	114	11.3	12.3	11.6	15.8	21.8
Larceny, except auto theft.....	27	36	34	37	56	4.6	6.2	6.1	7.0	10.9
Auto theft.....	-	-	1	3	6	-	-	0.2	0.6	1.1
Embezzlement and fraud.....	6	6	22	11	17	1.0	1.0	4.0	2.1	3.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	3	5	3	4	6	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.8	1.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	26	26	47	63	49	4.4	4.5	8.5	11.9	9.8
Rape.....	6	6	11	16	8	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	1.8
Other major offenses.....	43	23	25	20	25	7.3	3.9	4.5	3.8	4.7

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.

CRIMINAL STATISTICS - UTAH

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	296	100.0	303	100.0	332	100.0	352	100.0	394	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	92	30.9	94	31.0	106	29.8	72	20.5	74	18.8
Dismissed	35	11.7	45	14.9	69	19.1	27	7.7	37	9.4
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	8	2.7	-	-	1	0.3	6	1.7	4	1.0
Acquitted by jury.....	35	11.7	30	9.9	27	7.5	31	8.8	33	8.4
Other no-penalty disposition.....	14	4.7	19	6.3	11	3.0	8	2.3	-	-
Convicted and sentenced.....	206	69.1	209	69.0	254	70.2	280	79.5	320	81.2
Pledged guilty.....	133	44.6	141	46.5	171	47.2	189	53.7	231	58.7
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	22	7.4	6	2.0	7	1.9	8	2.3	7	1.8
Found guilty by jury.....	51	17.1	62	20.5	76	21.0	83	23.6	62	15.7

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	206	100.0	209	100.0	254	100.0	280	100.0	320	100.0
Death penalty	-	-	3	1.4	-	0.4	2	0.7	2	0.6
Prison or reformatory.....	127	61.7	114	54.5	133	52.4	131	46.9	151	47.2
Probation or suspended sentence.....	65	30.1	76	35.4	88	33.5	126	45.0	132	39.1
Local jail or workhouse.....	7	3.4	11	5.3	18	7.1	18	6.4	33	10.3
Fine or costs only.....	7	3.4	6	2.9	15	5.9	2	0.7	9	2.8
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	2	1.0	1	0.5	1	0.4	1	0.4	-	-
Other sentence.....	1	0.5	-	-	1	0.4	-	-	3	0.9

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

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	Pledged guilty	Found guilty-- By court ²	By jury									
All offenses.....	481	161	62	14	45	40	320	192	28	100	320	-	166	93	20	82	2	7
Major offenses.....	296	92	35	8	35	14	206	138	22	51	206	-	127	62	7	7	2	1
Murder.....	5	3	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	12	6	2	-	1	1	6	1	-	5	6	-	2	3	1	-	-	-
Robbery.....	17	3	-	1	1	1	14	9	-	5	14	-	11	3	-	-	-	-
Aggravated assault.....	13	6	2	1	3	-	7	4	-	3	7	-	2	2	2	1	-	-
Burglary.....	78	12	5	-	5	2	66	55	1	10	66	-	38	25	1	-	2	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	44	17	9	2	2	4	27	15	-	12	27	-	16	7	2	-	-	-
Auto theft.....	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	8	2	1	-	-	1	6	5	-	1	6	-	3	3	-	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	4	1	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	1	3	-	1	1	-	1	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	35	9	5	1	-	2	26	21	5	-	26	-	19	6	-	1	-	-
Rape.....	20	14	4	-	10	-	6	4	-	2	6	-	5	1	-	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	27	18	2	3	7	1	14	11	-	3	14	-	3	7	-	3	-	1
Violating drug laws.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	7	2	-	-	1	1	5	2	-	3	5	-	2	1	1	1	-	-
Other major offenses.....	26	3	2	-	1	-	23	4	15	4	23	-	21	2	-	-	-	-
Abortion.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	18	3	2	-	1	-	15	-	15	-	15	-	15	-	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	4	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	183	69	27	6	10	26	114	59	6	49	114	-	39	31	18	25	-	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.

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WASHINGTON

A total of 1,370 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the superior courts of Washington during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 1,370 defendants, 1,107, or 80.8 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 601, or 54.3 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 894 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 743, or 83.1 percent, were convicted; and of the 241 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 181, or 75.1 percent, were convicted.

The number of defendants disposed of for major offenses per 100,000 of the population decreased steadily from 91.2 in 1940 to 68.1 in 1943, and then increased to 84.4 in 1944. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses followed the same general trend, decreasing from 77.4 in 1940 to 52.8 in 1942, with a sharp increase in 1944. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1944, and this offense group accounted for 30.8 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 82.1 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1940, 84.8 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1941, 86.4 percent; in 1942, 75.5 percent; in 1943, 81.2 percent; and in 1944, 80.8 percent. In 1944, 72.6 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 6.3 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 55.3 percent were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. The percentage for 1940 was 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, 28.4 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 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 1944 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 1944
(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: 1944, 36 counties, 84.5 percent; 1943, 37 counties, 95.5 percent; 1942, 38 counties, 96.9 percent; 1941, 36 counties, 95.7 percent; 1940, all counties, 100.0 percent)

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	1,370	1,239	1,187	1,334	1,584	84.4	68.1	70.0	80.2	91.2
Murder.....	24	15	15	13	16	1.5	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.9
Manslaughter.....	33	42	33	49	42	2.0	2.3	1.9	2.9	2.4
Robbery.....	40	49	44	76	76	2.5	2.7	2.6	4.6	4.4
Aggravated assault.....	134	85	58	36	55	8.3	4.7	3.4	2.2	3.2
Burglary.....	185	225	227	257	324	11.4	12.4	13.4	15.5	18.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	422	356	358	366	476	26.0	19.6	21.1	22.0	27.4
Auto theft.....	121	109	121	169	122	7.5	6.0	7.1	10.2	7.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	12	9	14	28	51	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.7	2.9
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	6	9	22	19	0.1	0.3	0.5	1.3	1.1
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	113	73	115	119	187	7.0	4.0	6.8	7.2	10.8
Rape.....	50	45	34	31	48	3.1	2.5	2.0	1.9	2.8
Other major offenses.....	235	225	159	168	168	14.5	12.4	9.4	10.1	9.7
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	1,107	1,014	896	1,152	1,343	68.2	55.7	52.8	69.3	77.4
Murder.....	18	9	11	11	10	1.1	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6
Manslaughter.....	23	34	22	35	26	1.4	1.9	1.3	2.1	1.5
Robbery.....	31	40	39	61	66	1.9	2.2	2.3	3.7	3.8
Aggravated assault.....	108	67	45	32	44	6.7	3.7	2.7	1.9	2.5
Burglary.....	168	195	188	236	300	10.4	10.7	11.1	14.2	17.3
Larceny, except auto theft.....	339	281	257	307	401	20.9	15.4	15.2	18.5	23.1
Auto theft.....	101	91	85	154	108	6.2	5.0	5.0	9.3	6.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	7	6	8	23	31	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.4	1.6
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	3	4	16	14	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.8
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	96	62	100	112	174	5.9	3.4	5.9	6.7	10.0
Rape.....	32	38	27	24	37	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.4	2.1
Other major offenses.....	183	188	110	141	132	11.3	10.3	6.3	8.5	7.6

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.

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	1,370	100.0	1,239	100.0	1,187	100.0	1,334	100.0	1,584	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	263	19.2	225	18.2	291	24.5	182	13.6	241	15.2
Dismissed.....	192	14.0	162	13.1	196	16.5	140	10.5	196	11.7
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	4	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	1	0.1	1	0.1
Acquitted by jury.....	26	1.9	38	3.1	42	3.5	39	2.9	40	2.5
Other no-penalty disposition.....	41	3.0	25	2.0	51	4.3	2	0.1	14	0.9
Convicted and sentenced.....	1,107	80.8	1,014	81.8	896	75.5	1,152	86.4	1,343	84.8
Fleeced guilty.....	994	72.6	902	72.8	824	69.4	1,022	76.6	1,294	77.9
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	27	2.0	14	1.1	8	0.7	35	2.6	2	0.1
Found guilty by jury.....	86	6.3	98	7.9	70	5.9	95	7.1	107	6.8

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	1,107	100.0	1,014	100.0	896	100.0	1,152	100.0	1,343	100.0
Death penalty.....	3	0.3	-	-	2	0.2	1	0.1	4	0.3
Prison or reformatory.....	601	54.3	560	55.2	493	55.0	628	54.5	766	57.0
Probation or suspended sentence.....	303	27.4	276	27.2	239	26.7	369	32.0	381	28.4
Local jail or workhouse.....	143	12.9	149	14.7	142	15.8	139	12.1	182	13.6
Fine or costs only.....	13	1.2	27	2.7	11	1.2	18	1.1	10	0.7
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	44	4.0	2	0.2	6	0.7	2	0.2	-	-
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	3	0.3	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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.....	1,814	403	289	5	36	73	1,411	1,277	30	104	1,411	8	622	408	247	74	58	5	
Major offenses.....	1,370	263	192	4	26	41	1,107	994	27	86	1,107	3	601	303	143	13	44	-	
Murder.....	24	6	3	-	3	-	18	9	1	8	18	3	15	-	-	-	-	-	
Manlaughter.....	39	10	5	-	5	-	23	16	-	7	23	-	9	9	4	1	-	-	
Robbery.....	40	9	8	-	1	-	31	25	-	6	31	-	25	5	-	-	1	-	
Aggravated assault.....	134	26	19	-	4	9	108	65	26	17	108	-	46	26	8	2	26	-	
Burglary.....	185	17	13	-	3	1	168	160	-	8	168	-	114	46	8	-	-	-	
Larceny, except auto theft..	422	28	28	3	6	16	339	319	-	20	339	-	152	108	68	5	11	-	
Auto theft.....	121	20	18	-	-	2	101	98	-	3	101	-	60	22	4	-	5	-	
Embezzlement and fraud.....	12	5	3	-	-	1	7	7	-	-	7	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Forgery and counterfeiting..	113	17	12	-	-	5	96	95	-	1	96	-	76	18	2	-	-	-	
Rape.....	50	18	15	-	1	2	32	29	-	3	32	-	19	11	2	-	-	-	
Commercialized vice.....	4	3	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Other sex offenses.....	159	30	24	1	1	4	129	118	-	11	129	-	58	35	34	2	-	-	
Violating drug laws.....	3	2	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	18	3	2	-	-	1	15	14	-	1	15	-	3	6	4	2	-	-	
Other major offenses.....	51	14	10	-	1	3	37	36	-	1	37	-	21	10	6	-	-	-	
Abortion.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Arson.....	12	6	4	-	-	2	6	6	-	-	6	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	
Sigamy.....	10	1	1	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	9	-	7	2	-	-	-	-	
Stolemail and extortion...	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Escape and jail break.....	12	1	-	-	-	1	11	11	-	-	11	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	
Kidnaping.....	4	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
Perjury.....	9	4	3	-	1	-	5	4	-	1	5	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	
Minor offenses ²	444	140	97	1	10	32	304	283	3	18	304	-	21	105	104	61	8	5	

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: 1944

WISCONSIN

A total of 1,634 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the reporting courts of Wisconsin during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 1,634 defendants, 1,350, or 82.6 percent, were convicted and sentenced; 562, or 41.6 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence; and 465, or 34.4 percent, were sentenced to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 925 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 779, or 84.2 percent, were convicted; and of the 195 persons disposed of for major crimes against the person (murder, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and rape) 134, or 68.7 percent, were convicted.

Of the defendants disposed of for major offenses during 1944, 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 31.3 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 82.4 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. The percentage convicted decreased from 83.5 percent in 1940 to 81.3 percent in 1942, and then increased to 82.6 percent in 1944. In 1944, 72.2 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, whereas only 2.0 percent were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 39.8 percent were placed on probation or given a suspended sentence. The percentages for 1940, 1942, and 1943 fell below this amount, while those for

1941 and 1944 were somewhat higher. Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 36.8 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 disposition during the past 5 years. Reports from one or more courts were received from each of 61 of the 71 counties of the State in 1944, from 62 counties in 1943, from 66 counties in 1942, and from 67 counties in 1941 and 1940. It is estimated that the reporting courts account for not less than 68 percent of all of the judicial criminal proceedings in the State in 1944; 73 percent, in 1943; 72 percent, in 1942; 87 percent, in 1941; and 90 percent, in 1940.

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 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 1944 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 types of sentence imposed on defendants who were convicted. Detailed data on procedural outcome and sentence or treatment of all defendants charged in 1944 are presented by offense in table 4.

Table 1. DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF AND DEFENDANTS CONVICTED FOR MAJOR OFFENSES: 1944 TO 1944

(See text for coverage)

OFFENSE	DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF					DEFENDANTS CONVICTED				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940
Total.....	1,634	1,939	2,247	2,710	3,192	1,350	1,588	1,826	2,232	2,664
Murder.....	12	18	19	18	19	8	15	12	14	15
Manslaughter.....	16	25	25	50	34	11	15	14	37	23
Robbery.....	50	67	75	101	104	39	58	64	85	91
Aggravated assault.....	78	60	87	124	98	61	46	72	110	83
Burglary.....	237	289	357	350	476	194	255	307	317	427
Larceny, except auto theft.....	275	359	450	547	761	242	305	370	474	681
Auto theft.....	148	150	201	244	233	131	125	178	209	194
Embezzlement and fraud.....	81	113	160	245	416	55	72	96	173	263
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	15	27	38	21	57	8	14	29	19	47
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	119	120	213	319	308	110	93	190	242	273
Rape.....	89	127	136	186	195	54	96	78	142	147
Other major offenses.....	514	584	486	505	491	437	494	416	410	415

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	1,634	100.0	1,939	100.0	2,247	100.0	2,710	100.0	3,192	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	284	17.4	351	18.1	421	18.7	478	17.6	528	16.5
Dismissed.....	191	11.7	278	14.3	311	13.8	330	12.2	409	12.8
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	7	0.4	12	0.6	11	0.5	18	0.7	18	0.6
Acquitted by jury.....	16	1.0	20	1.0	25	1.1	32	1.2	16	0.5
Other no-penalty disposition.....	70	4.3	41	2.1	74	3.3	98	3.6	85	2.7
Convicted and sentenced.....	1,350	82.6	1,588	81.9	1,826	81.3	2,232	82.4	2,664	83.5
Pleaded guilty.....	1,180	72.2	1,347	69.5	1,538	68.4	1,890	69.7	2,378	74.5
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	137	8.4	208	10.7	248	11.0	274	10.1	217	6.8
Found guilty by jury.....	83	2.0	33	1.7	40	1.8	68	2.5	69	2.2

Table 3.--TYPE OF SENTENCE IMPOSED ON DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF MAJOR OFFENSES: 1940 TO 1944
(Death penalty not applicable in Wisconsin)

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	1,350	100.0	1,588	100.0	1,826	100.0	2,232	100.0	2,664	100.0
Prison or reformatory.....	465	34.4	571	36.0	700	38.3	899	40.3	917	34.4
Probation or suspended sentence.....	562	41.6	589	37.1	726	39.8	911	40.8	1,052	39.5
Local jail or workhouse.....	142	10.5	164	10.3	181	9.9	246	11.0	354	13.7
Fine or costs only.....	156	11.6	241	15.2	201	11.0	140	6.3	283	10.6
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	23	1.7	20	1.3	14	0.8	25	1.1	36	1.4
Other sentence.....	2	0.1	3	0.2	4	0.2	11	0.5	12	0.5

Table 4.--DISPOSITION IN REPORTING COURTS OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944
(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 sentence
		Total	Dismissed	Acquitted--		Other no-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--									
All offenses.....	4,771	694	474	33	28		159	4,077	3,660	365	52	4,077	518	980	370	2,145	41	23
Major offenses.....	1,634	284	191	7	16	70	1,350	1,180	137	33	1,350	465	562	142	156	23	2	
Murder.....	12	4	2	-	1	1	8	3	-	5	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	
Manslaughter.....	16	5	2	-	1	2	11	8	3	-	11	3	6	2	-	-	-	
Robbery.....	50	11	8	-	-	3	39	27	10	2	39	25	9	2	1	-		
Aggravated assault.....	78	17	12	1	1	3	61	40	19	2	61	24	21	11	4	1		
Burglary.....	237	45	24	1	2	16	194	183	8	3	194	79	101	7	3	4		
Larceny, except auto theft..	275	38	26	-	1	6	242	214	21	7	242	46	132	28	28	8		
Auto theft.....	148	17	12	-	-	5	131	119	12	-	131	54	73	1	1	2		
Embezzlement and fraud.....	81	26	19	2	-	5	55	49	6	-	55	15	28	3	9	-		
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	15	7	7	-	-	-	8	7	-	1	8	1	4	-	2	1		
Forgery and counterfeiting..	119	9	8	-	-	1	110	107	3	-	110	42	55	4	6	2		
Rape.....	89	35	23	-	2	10	54	45	6	3	54	25	20	-	8	1		
Commercialized vice.....	14	7	4	-	2	1	7	5	2	-	7	2	2	1	2	-		
Other sex offenses.....	405	54	37	-	3	14	351	307	39	5	351	90	100	78	80	2		
Violating drug laws.....	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	21	4	3	-	-	1	17	13	1	3	17	-	4	4	8	1		
Other major offenses.....	73	11	3	3	3	2	62	53	7	2	62	51	7	1	2	-		
Abortion.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	3	8	-	-	-	-		
Arson.....	12	3	-	-	-	-	3	4	3	2	9	4	3	-	2	-		
Rigamy.....	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	-	2	-	2	-	-	-		
Blackmail and extortion....	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Escape and jail break.....	45	4	-	2	-	2	41	41	-	-	41	40	-	1	-	-		
Kidnaping.....	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-		
Perjury.....	8	3	1	1	1	-	5	2	3	-	5	2	2	-	1	-		
Minor offenses ²	3,137	410	283	26	12	89	2,727	2,480	228	19	2,727	53	418	228	1,989	18	21	

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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A total of 190 defendants were disposed of for major offenses in the district courts of Wyoming during the calendar year 1944, according to reports received from the clerks of court by the Bureau of the Census. Of these 190 defendants, 161, or 84.7 percent, were convicted and sentenced; and 93, or 57.8 percent, of the defendants convicted and sentenced were sent to a State prison or reformatory. Of the 154 defendants disposed of for major crimes against property in 1944 (robbery, burglary, larceny, auto theft, embezzlement, fraud, stolen property, forgery, and counterfeiting) 130, or 84.4 percent, were convicted; and of the 20 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 decreased from 128.4 in 1940 to a low of 80.2 in 1942, increased to 95.0 in 1943, and then, in 1944, dropped back to about the level of 1942. The rate for defendants convicted of major offenses showed essentially the same trend. More defendants were disposed of for larceny than for any other offense during 1944, with forgery following in second place, and the two offense groups together accounting for 43.2 percent of all major offense dispositions. (See table 1.)

During the past 5 years, 79.9 percent of all defendants disposed of for major crimes were convicted. In 1940, 77.6 percent of the defendants were convicted; in

1941, 83.6 percent; in 1942, 74.7 percent; in 1943, 78.6 percent; and in 1944, 84.7 percent. In 1944, 82.1 percent of all defendants entered a plea of guilty, but no defendants were found guilty by jury. (See table 2.)

Of all defendants convicted of major offenses during the past 5 years, 56.6 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 33 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 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 1944 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 1944

OFFENSE	NUMBER					RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION				
	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	1944 ¹	1943 ¹	1942 ¹	1941 ¹	1940 ²
DEFENDANTS DISPOSED OF										
Total.....	190	224	166	292	322	81.1	95.0	80.2	123.2	128.4
Murder.....	-	6	7	5	4	-	2.5	3.0	2.1	1.6
Manslaughter.....	3	3	8	2	5	1.3	1.3	3.4	0.8	2.0
Robbery.....	8	11	13	15	15	3.4	4.7	5.6	6.3	6.0
Aggravated assault.....	13	19	10	10	10	5.5	8.1	4.3	4.2	4.0
Burglary.....	25	38	14	57	72	10.7	16.1	6.0	24.0	28.7
Larceny, except auto theft.....	51	64	51	85	82	21.8	27.1	22.0	35.9	32.7
Auto theft.....	18	17	14	22	20	7.7	7.2	6.0	9.3	8.0
Embezzlement and fraud.....	11	11	8	10	28	4.7	4.7	3.4	4.2	11.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	10	1	9	7	6	4.3	0.4	3.9	3.0	2.4
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	31	34	32	64	60	13.2	14.4	13.8	27.0	23.9
Rape.....	4	12	8	9	8	1.7	5.1	3.4	3.8	3.2
Other major offenses.....	18	8	12	6	12	6.8	3.4	5.2	2.5	4.8
DEFENDANTS CONVICTED										
Total.....	161	176	139	244	250	68.7	74.7	59.9	102.9	99.7
Murder.....	-	4	5	4	2	-	1.7	2.2	1.7	0.8
Manslaughter.....	3	3	4	2	3	1.3	1.3	1.7	0.8	1.2
Robbery.....	8	11	12	13	13	3.4	4.7	5.2	5.5	5.2
Aggravated assault.....	12	13	7	7	7	5.1	5.5	3.9	3.0	2.8
Burglary.....	19	29	10	50	65	8.1	12.3	4.3	21.1	25.9
Larceny, except auto theft.....	46	53	42	75	65	19.6	22.5	18.1	31.6	25.9
Auto theft.....	17	16	10	13	13	7.3	6.8	4.3	5.5	5.2
Embezzlement and fraud.....	9	8	6	6	13	3.8	3.4	2.6	2.5	5.2
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	8	1	6	7	5	3.4	0.4	2.6	3.0	2.0
Forgery and counterfeiting.....	23	24	24	59	50	9.8	10.2	10.3	24.9	15.9
Rape.....	1	7	4	3	4	0.4	3.0	1.7	1.3	1.6
Other offenses.....	15	7	7	5	10	6.4	3.0	3.0	2.1	4.0

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.

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

PROCEDURAL OUTCOME	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants disposed of.....	190	100.0	224	100.0	186	100.0	292	100.0	322	100.0
Disposed of without conviction.....	29	15.3	46	21.4	47	25.3	48	16.4	72	22.4
Dismissed.....	24	12.6	38	17.0	38	19.4	36	12.3	63	19.6
Acquitted by court (jury waived).....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquitted by jury.....	1	0.5	5	2.2	5	2.7	9	3.1	7	2.2
Other no-penalty dispositio.....	4	2.1	5	2.2	6	3.2	3	1.0	2	0.6
Convicted and sentenced.....	161	84.7	176	78.6	139	74.7	244	83.6	250	77.6
Pleaded guilty.....	156	82.1	171	76.3	134	72.0	238	81.5	237	73.6
Found guilty by court (jury waived).....	5	2.6	-	-	2	1.1	1	0.3	6	1.9
Found guilty by jury.....	-	-	5	2.2	3	1.6	5	1.7	7	2.2

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

SENTENCE	1944		1943		1942		1941		1940	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Defendants convicted and sentenced...	161	100.0	176	100.0	139	100.0	244	100.0	250	100.0
Death penalty.....	-	-	1	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prison or reformatory.....	93	57.8	85	48.3	89	64.0	135	55.3	147	58.8
Probation or suspended sentence.....	47	29.2	74	42.0	34	24.5	85	34.8	78	31.2
Local jail or workhouse.....	6	3.7	5	2.8	8	5.8	13	5.3	8	3.2
Fines or costs only.....	1	0.6	2	1.1	4	2.9	1	0.4	4	1.6
Institution for juvenile delinquents only..	14	8.7	9	5.1	4	2.9	10	4.1	13	5.2
Other sentence.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 4. DISPOSITION OF DEFENDANTS FOR ALL OFFENSES: 1944

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--		Other no-penalty	Total	Pleaded guilty	Found guilty--										
				By court ¹	By jury				By court ¹	By jury									
All offenses.....	283	60	54	-	1	5	223	214	5	4	223	-	98	73	11	13	28	-	
Major offenses.....	190	29	24	-	1	4	161	156	5	-	161	-	93	47	6	1	14	-	
Murder.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manslaughter.....	3	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Robbery.....	8	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	-	8	-	5	2	-	-	-	1	-
Aggravated assault.....	13	1	1	-	-	12	12	-	-	-	12	-	8	-	3	1	-	-	-
Burglary.....	25	6	5	-	1	19	18	1	-	-	19	-	12	2	-	-	-	5	-
Larceny, except auto theft..	51	5	5	-	-	46	43	3	-	-	46	-	29	12	2	-	-	3	-
Auto theft.....	18	1	1	-	-	17	17	-	-	-	17	-	3	9	-	-	-	5	-
Embezzlement and fraud.....	11	2	1	-	1	9	9	-	-	-	9	-	3	6	-	-	-	-	-
Stolen property, receiving, etc.....	10	2	2	-	-	8	8	-	-	-	8	-	3	4	1	-	-	-	-
Forgery and counterfeiting..	31	8	7	-	1	23	23	-	-	-	23	-	15	8	-	-	-	-	-
Rape.....	4	3	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commercialized vice.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other sex offenses.....	4	1	1	-	-	3	2	1	-	-	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Violating drug laws.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying, etc., weapons.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other major offenses.....	12	-	-	-	-	12	12	-	-	-	12	-	9	3	-	-	-	-	-
Abortion.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arson.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bigamy.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Blackmail and extortion...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Escape and jail break.....	11	-	-	-	-	11	11	-	-	-	11	-	9	2	-	-	-	-	-
Kidnaping.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perjury.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minor offenses ²	93	31	30	-	-	1	62	58	-	4	62	-	5	26	5	12	14	-	

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.



