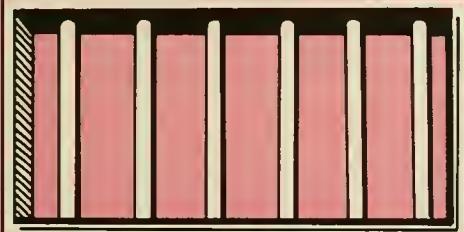
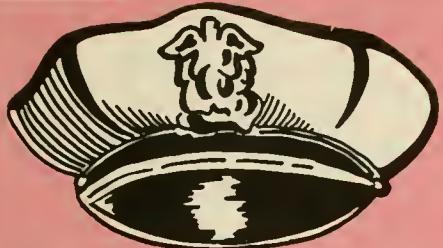


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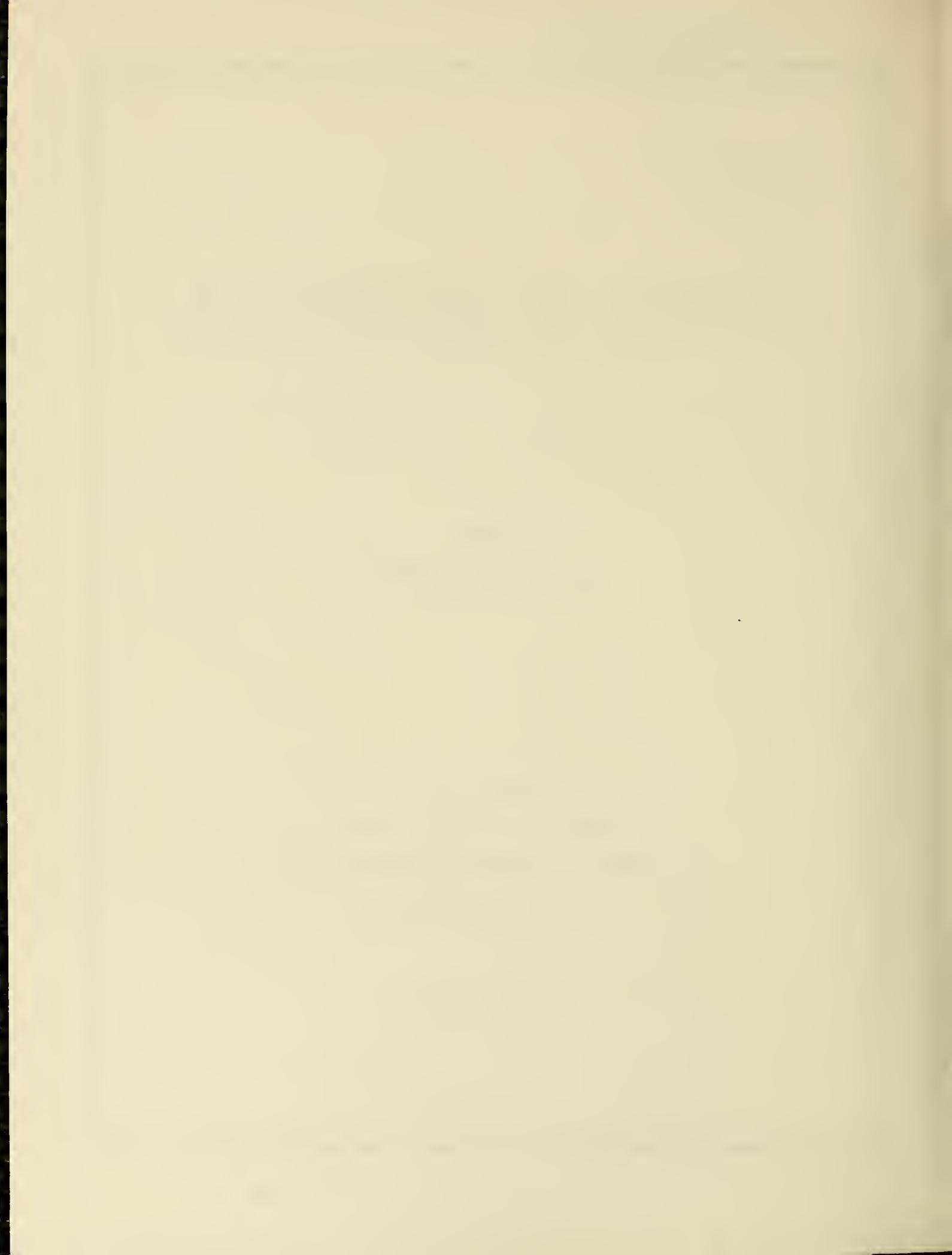
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MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL**FOREWORD**

This publication endeavors to present an overview of crime in Montana. It was prepared for use by professionals and citizens concerned with the problems and progress of criminal justice in Montana.

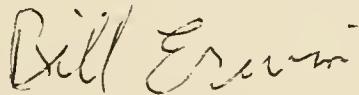
This year's report summarizes offenses known to the police (three years base data); arrests (five years base data); district court and corrections (one year base data). Information was collected from participating law enforcement agencies which submit offense and arrest data to the Criminal Justice Data Center on a monthly basis and from annual reports by District Courts and correction agencies.

Arrest and offense summaries are compiled and issued on a quarterly basis to each department. Courts and correction data which is now compiled annually, next year will be compiled quarterly.

As more data becomes available for analysis, this report will become a valuable tool in gauging the nature and extent of crime in Montana and in planning effective methods of combatting crime in the future.

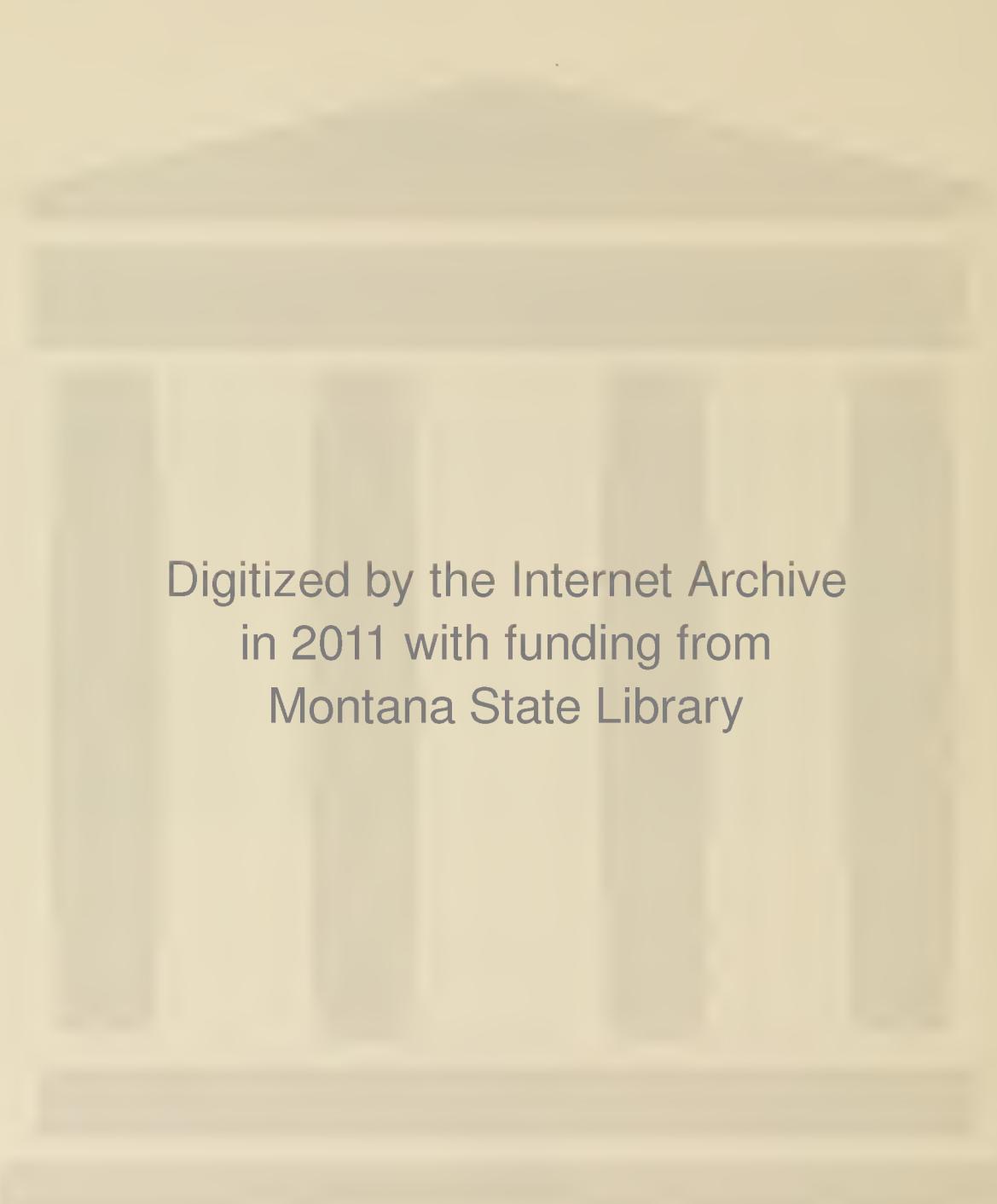
Those criminal justice agencies who reported throughout 1975 deserve special mention. Without their cooperation and effort this report could not be produced.

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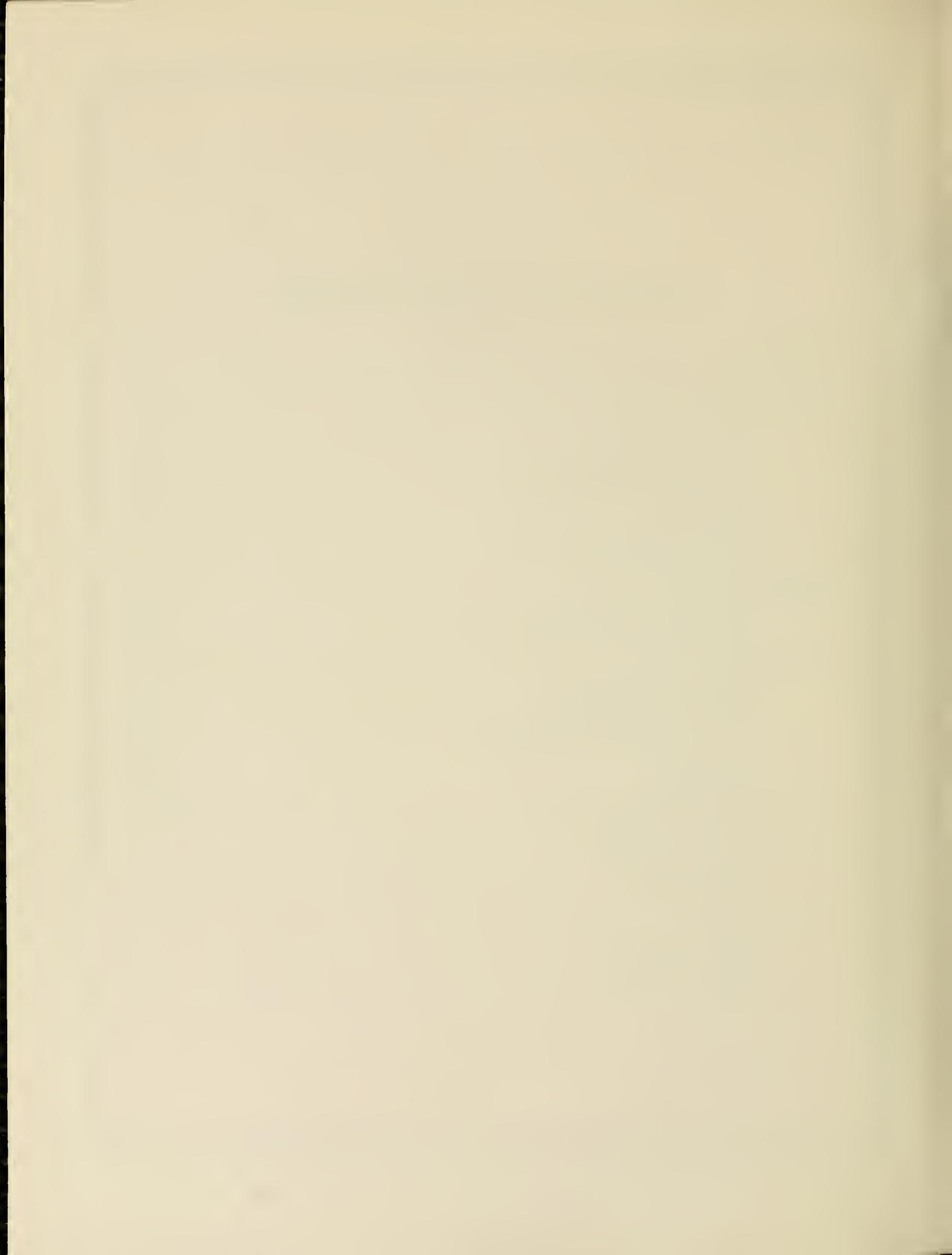


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INTRODUCTION

This is the third annual report concerning crime in Montana produced by the Board of Crime Control's Criminal Justice Data Center. It contains a detailed analysis of crime in Montana during 1975. The information contained in this report is the most complete and accurate crime information currently available in Montana.

The operational goal of the Criminal Justice Data Center is the collection, analysis and dissemination of information which accurately describes current criminal activity in Montana.

The Criminal Justice Data Center collects information from law enforcement agencies through the arrest and offenses known information systems. The arrest information system tabulates felony and misdemeanor arrests by the age, race and sex of the offender and the day, week and month on which the arrest occurred.

The offense information system summarizes the type of crime actually being committed and reported to law enforcement agencies. The Montana Offense Information System is the state counterpart of the National Uniform Crime Reporting System operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Both systems were developed to fulfill a need for uniform data on crime. Approximately 44 states operate or are developing uniform crime reporting systems.

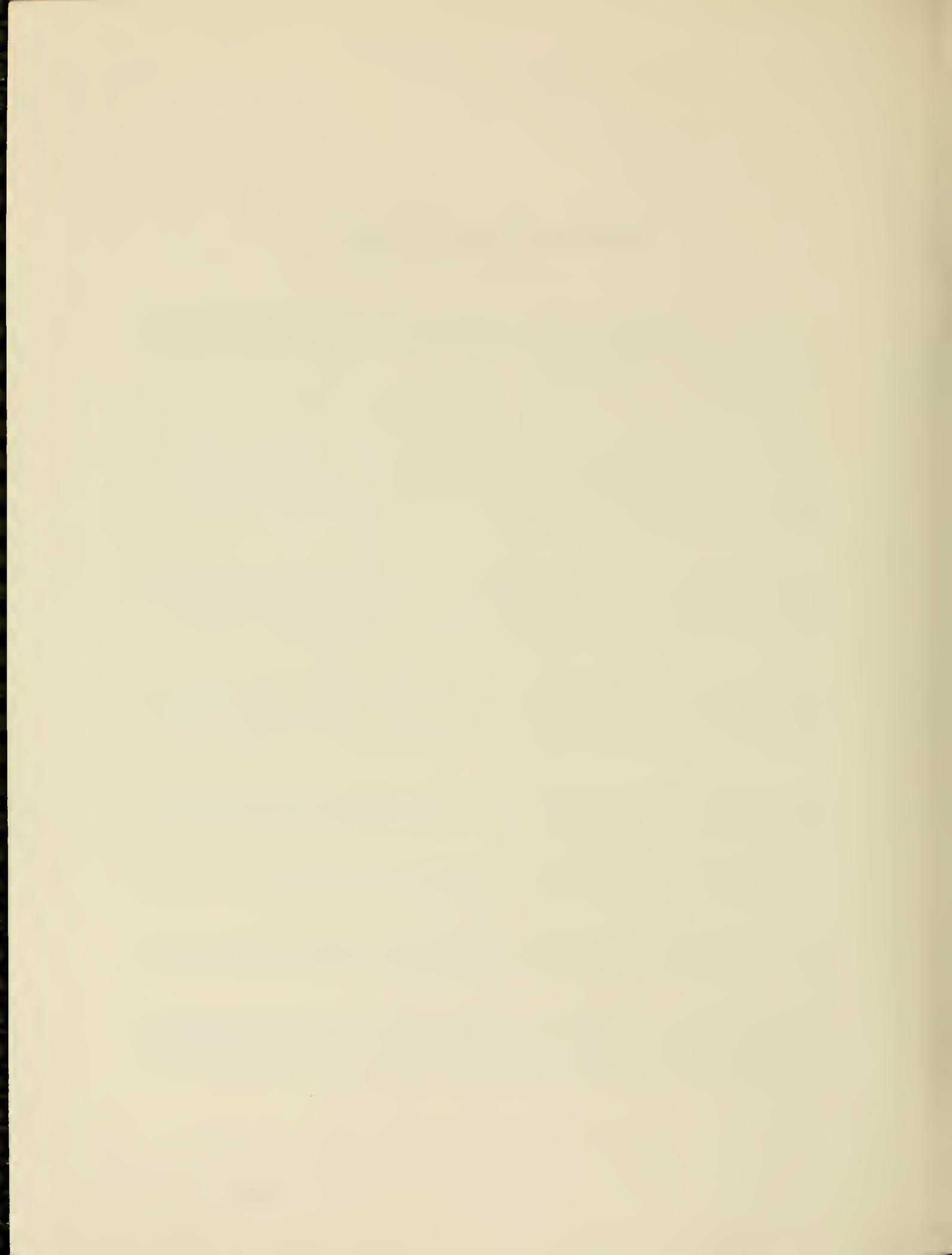
There are several reasons for the development of statewide uniform crime data. A state system can compile unique crime data relevant to state and local laws and organization. It can encourage more agencies to report. Further, the involvement of a local law enforcement agency in state level reporting assures the system is responsive to the information needs of both state and local agencies.

Montana law enforcement agencies have supported the Criminal Justice Data Center's effort to establish centralized collection, analysis and dissemination of crime data. This state is unique in that nearly 100% of local law enforcement agencies provide voluntary crime reporting. No state law requires the contribution of data.

Crime reporting has generated new and greater interest among local departments in recordkeeping, statistical reporting and data analysis.

The centralized data collection allows offense and arrest statistics to be reported separately for each reporting agency or grouped-by-area and population served for comparison to other agencies serving jurisdictions with similar characteristics.

The Criminal Justice Data Center functions as an objective source of factual statewide criminal justice data. Crime statistics are utilized by the Board of Crime Control to assess needs and establish priorities for the allocation of federal funds to reduce crime. Information is disseminated to reporting agencies and other organizations for use in program planning and resource allocation.



THE DATA BASE

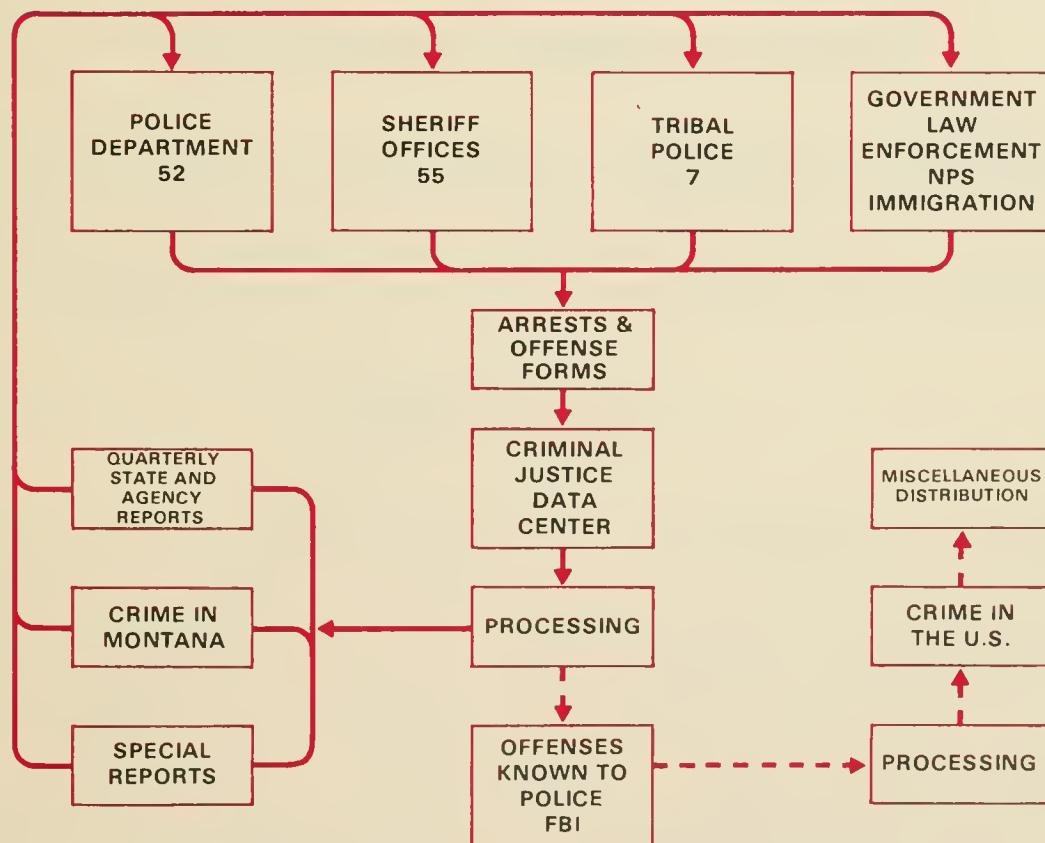
The Criminal Justice Data Center (formerly the Bureau of Crime Statistics) was established by the Board of Crime Control in 1970. The arrest data system was developed in 1970-71 and followed in 1973 by the offense data system. The arrest data system records all arrests by offense charged.

Data collected by the reporting agencies is submitted monthly to the Criminal Justice Data Center for keypunching and processing. It is summarized into various formats for analysis and planning purposes. Quarterly reports are prepared for each participating law enforcement agency (see Illustration 1), Pages 27 through 41 of this report discuss the arrest system in more detail.

The Offenses Known to the Police System is a listing of all crimes reported to local law enforcement agencies. Each law enforcement agency records offenses as reported on forms provided by the Criminal Justice Data Center. If the report of an offense later proves to be unfounded, it is subtracted from the total offenses to arrive at the actual number of offenses. Offenses Known to the Police is the best indicator currently available of the crime level in community or county. However, it should be noted that the results of a victimization survey conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Census indicate that 50% of all crimes go unreported¹. In many instances, the survey shows, the victim considers the crime unimportant or feels the police cannot do anything about it.

The following illustration is a configuration of how crime data flows from law enforcement agencies through the Criminal Justice Data Center and back to the contributing departments.

**Illustration 1
MONTANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA CENTER
ARRESTS AND OFFENSES STATISTICS SYSTEM**



¹ U.S. Department of Justice, *Criminal Victimization In the U.S.: 1973 Advance Report*. Washington, D.C. Government Printing Office, 1975.

POPULATION DATA AND COMPUTATIONS

The computation of crime rates in this report is based on 1975 population estimates provided by the FBI through the cooperation and assistance of Bureau of Census.

Monthly arrest and offense reports are currently received from 52 local law enforcement agencies, 55 county sheriff's departments and 7 tribal agencies.

The crime rate for each law enforcement agency is calculated by dividing the total number of serious crimes (7 major offenses) by the estimated population and multiplying the answer by 100,000 as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Crimes}}{\text{Population of Law Enforcement Jurisdiction}} \times 100,000 = \text{Rate per 100,000}$$

Although this rate is calculated for each law enforcement agency for its annual summary, it is necessary to combine populations and crimes of both city and county to obtain a valid crime rate for county comparison.

CRIME OFFENSE INFORMATION

During 1975, Montana law enforcement agencies recorded 33,174 major index crimes: murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft. A count of these seven major offenses is customarily employed to measure the extent, fluctuation and distribution of crime on a nationwide basis as well as statewide. Comparison of the amount of crime and estimated population (748,000) of Montana shows a crime rate of 4,435. This means that 4,435 out of every 100,000 Montanans were victims of a major crime—or more simply:

444.5 crimes per 10,000 persons
44.4 crimes per 1,000 persons
4.4 crimes per 100 persons

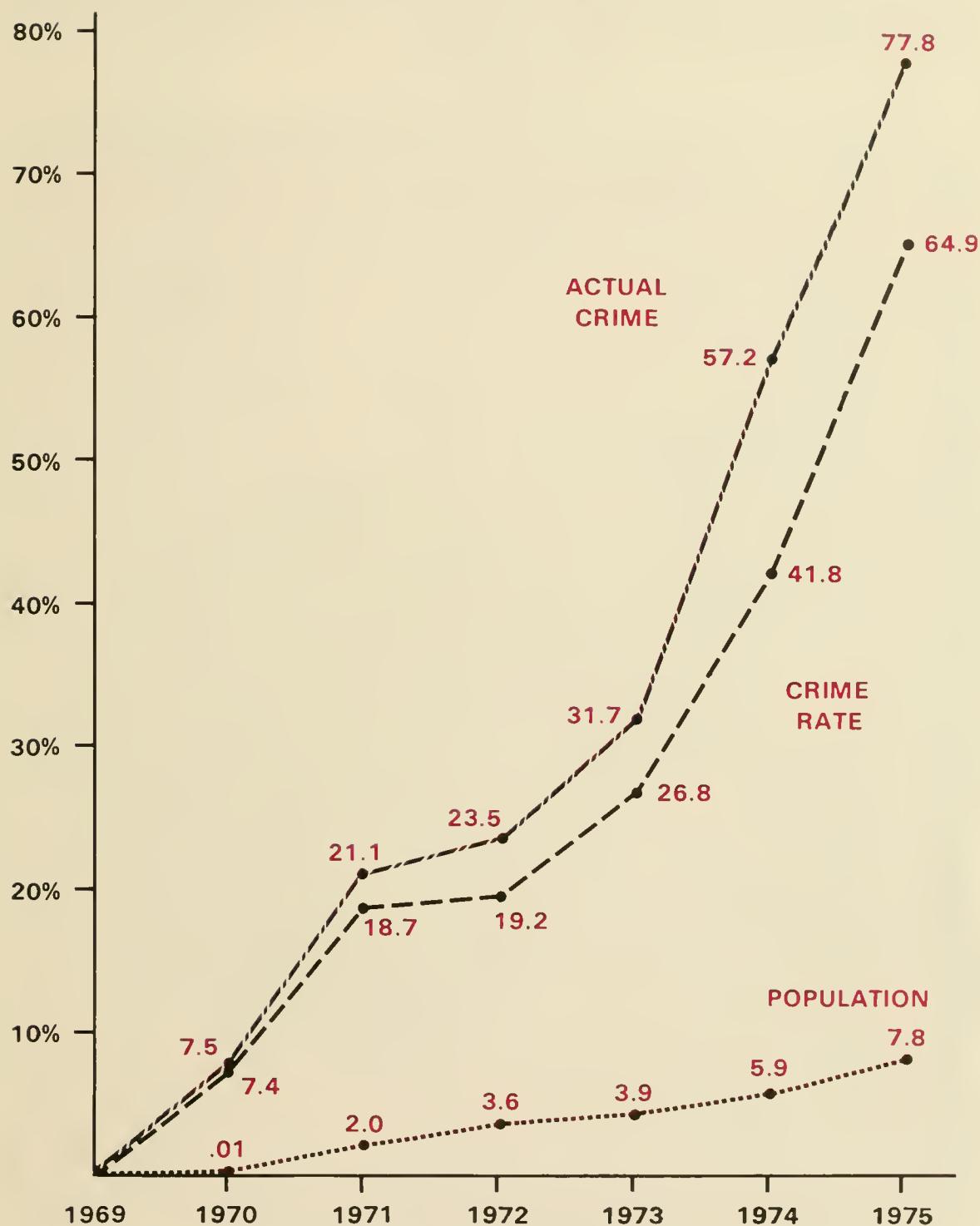
Out of every 100 Montanans, 4.4 were victims of a major index crime. In 1974, the level of victimization was 3.9 per 100 persons—a 12.8% increase in 1975.

The level of victimization when other serious felonies such as arson, receiving stolen property and sex crimes are included is 6,337.7 per 100,000 persons (see table 5, page 21 for further explanation).

A comparison of the amount of 1975 crime with 1974 crime indicates a 13.1% increase, and a 77.8% increase from 1969.

Montana is experiencing significant increases in the amount of crime and a disproportionately small increase in population—1.8% from 1974 to 1975 and 7.8% from 1969 to 1975. Illustration 2 shows the relationship between the crime increase and population change.

Illustration 2
MONTANA
CRIME & POPULATION
PERCENT CHANGE OVER 1969



Although the largest percentage of increase was in the violent crime category, the actual number is much lower than that of property crime. Table I shows a total increase in property crimes of 12%. The most significant increase in this category is in the areas of burglary and larceny/theft with about 3,000 more crimes in 1975 than in 1974 (a 13.4% and 10.7% respective increase).

Although crimes against persons indicated significant percentage increases, the actual volume increase amounts to 500 crimes. Aggravated assault and rape showed a 40.9% and 23.4% respective increase.

Table I
CRIME INCIDENCE COMPARISON
1974 - 1975

OFFENSE	1974	1975	Percent Change
Homicide	44	46	+ 4.6
Rape	107	132	+ 23.4
Robbery	296	347	+ 17.2
Aggravated Assault	1038	1462	+ 40.9
Total Offenses Against Persons	1485	1987	+ <u>33.8</u>
Burglary	6387	7240	+ 13.4
Larceny-Theft	19339	21417	+ 10.7
Motor Vehicle Theft	2116	2530	+ 19.6
Total Offenses Against Property	27842	31187	+ <u>12.0</u>
Total 7 Major Offenses	29327	33174	+ <u>13.1</u>
Negligent Manslaughter .	25	28	+ 12.0
Other Assualts	948	1309	+ 38.1
Arson	68	77	+ 13.2
Forgery	472	453	- 4.1
Fraud	1008	1036	+ 2.8
Embezzlement	12	23	+ 91.7
Stolen Property	134	241	+ 79.9
Vandalism	6359	7672	+ 20.7
Weapons	416	326	- 21.6
Prostitution	10	23	+130.0
Sex Offenses	243	333	+ 37.0
Drugs	970	1759	+ 81.3
Gambling	42	47	+ 11.9
Offenses Against Family	314	905	+188.2
Total Other Offenses	11021	14232	+ <u>29.1</u>
GRAND TOTAL	40348	47406	+ <u>17.5</u>

A profile of Montana crime in 1975 is presented in the following circle graph which shows the proportion of major index crimes to the total crime picture. Note the larceny/theft crime category, which accounts for 64.6% of all index crimes. Property crimes consisting of burglary, larceny/theft and motor vehicle theft account for 94% of all major crimes reported in 1975.

Illustration 3
MONTANA
CRIME OFFENSE PROFILE
1975

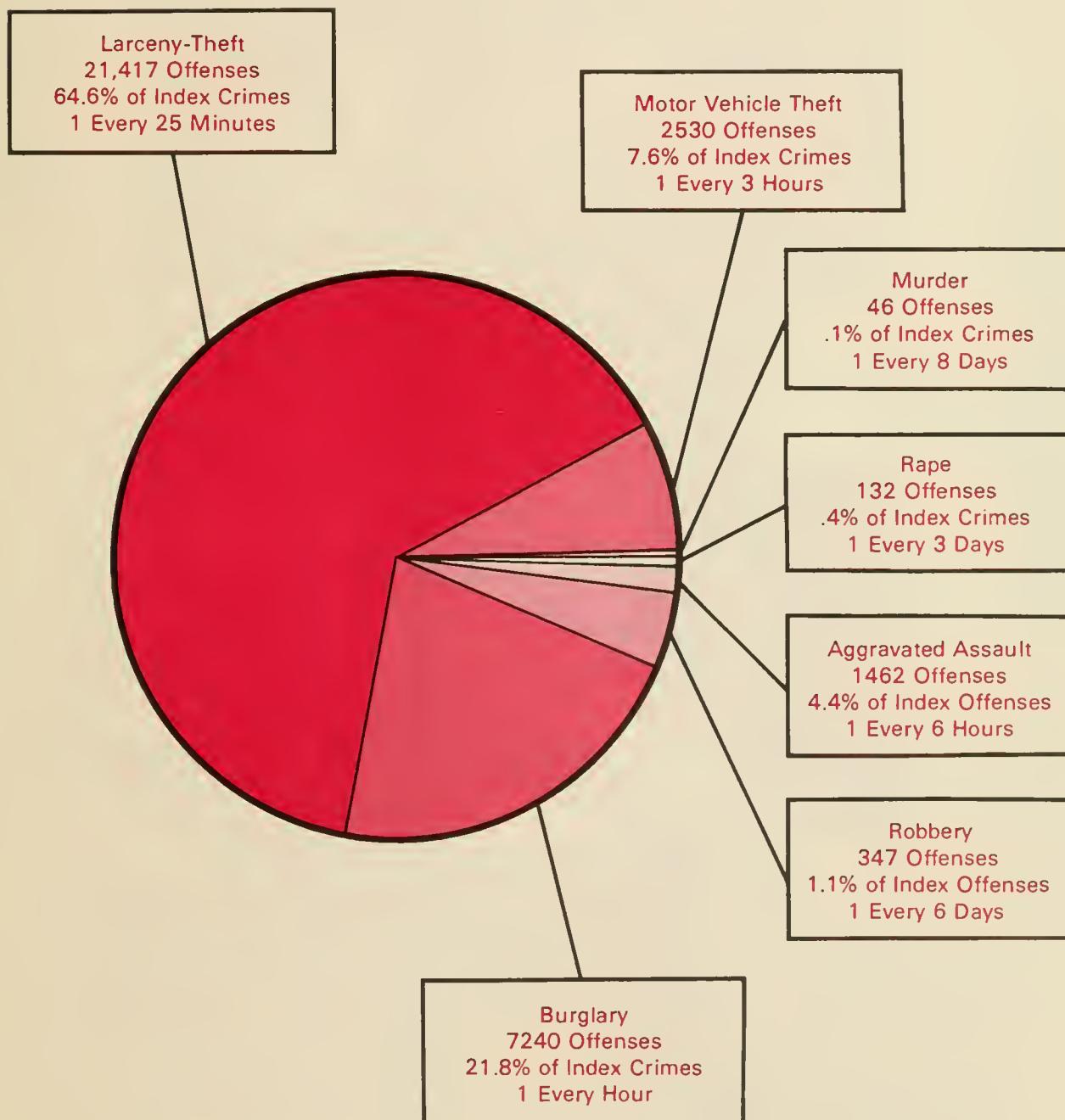
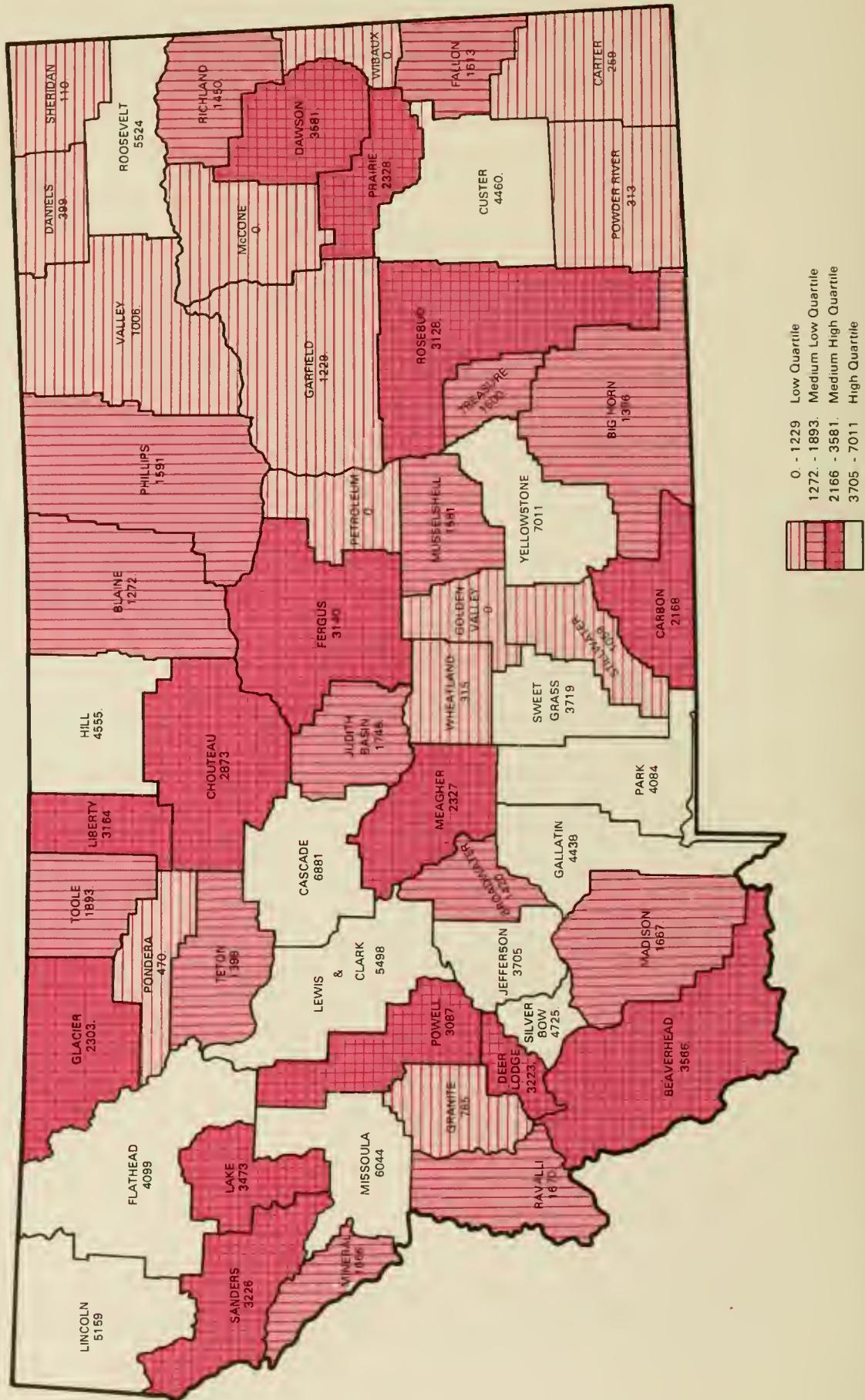


ILLUSTRATION 4
MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL
CRIME RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION, 1975
OFFENSES KNOWN TO POLICE



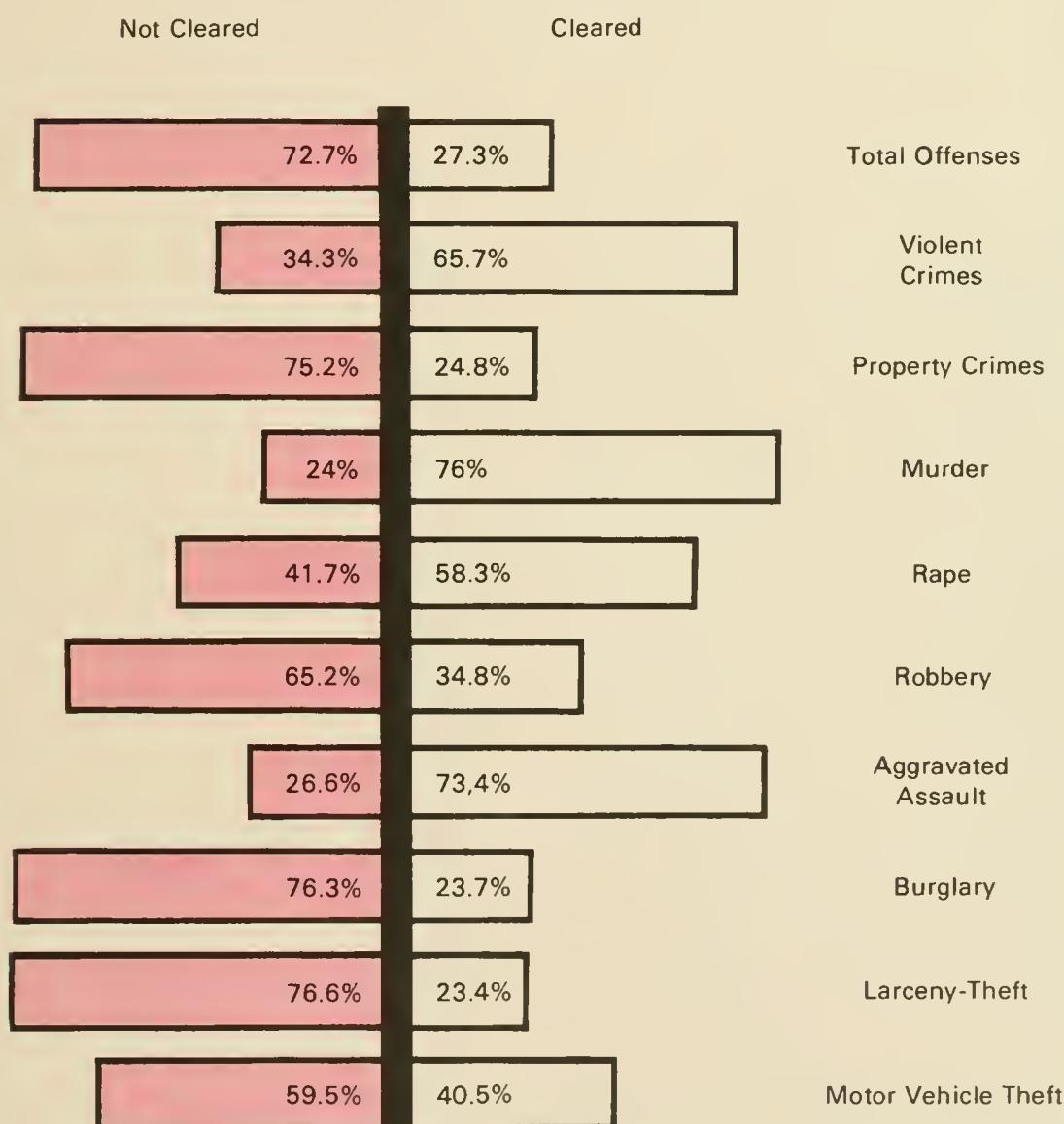
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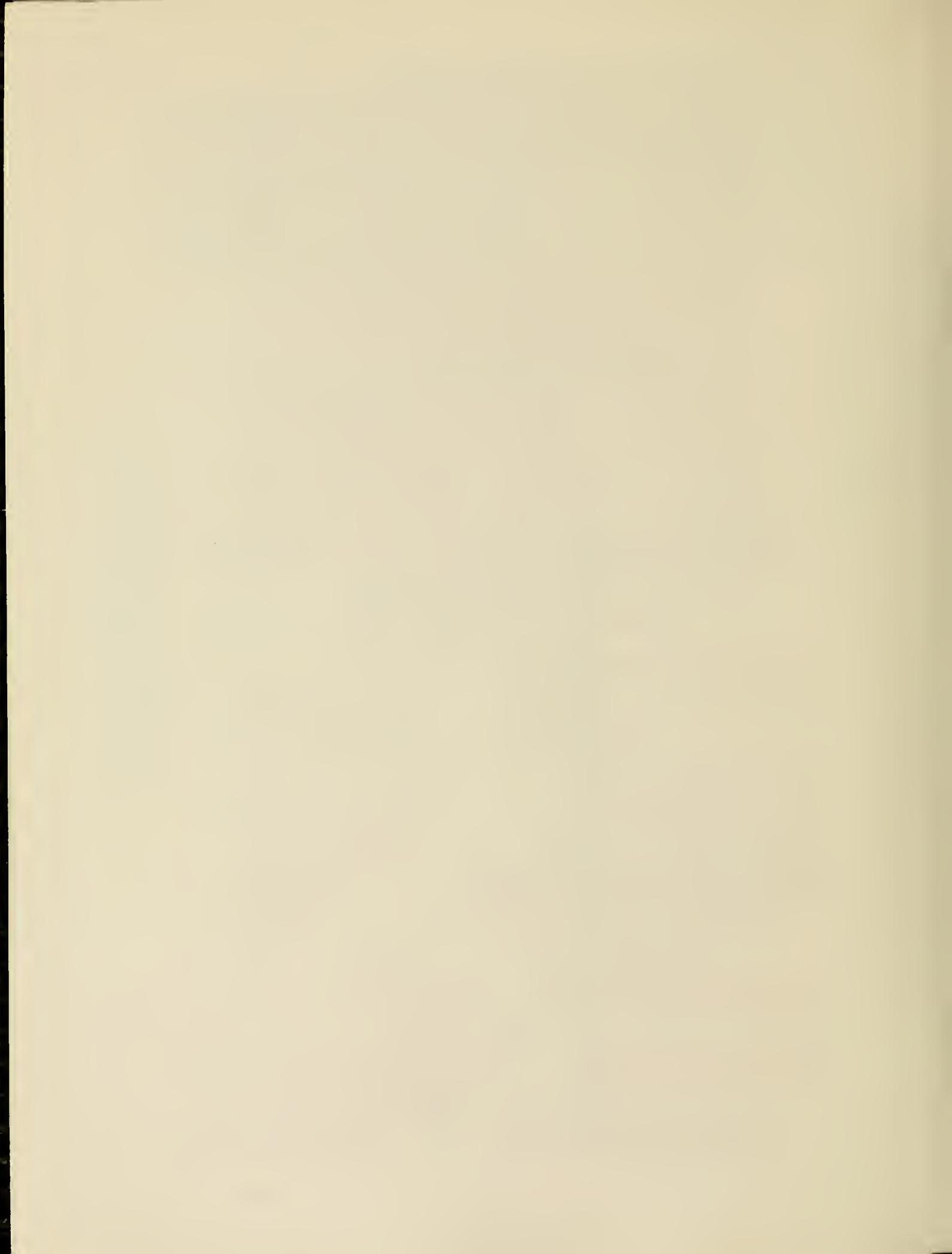
Arrest for major crime also increased in 1975; 9,065 major offenses (27.3% of the total of 33,174 major offenses known) were cleared by arrest. In 1974, 7,009 out of 29,327 offenses were cleared by arrest for a clearance rate of 23.8%.

An index offense is cleared when a law enforcement agency has identified the offender and gathered sufficient evidence for filing of a charge. The arrest of one person can clear several crimes. Conversely, several persons may be arrested in the process of clearing one crime.

A graphic presentation of the percent of offense cleared by arrest follows. Note that property crimes — burglary, larceny-theft and motor vehicle theft — have the lowest percent of clearance, while violent crimes or crimes against persons have the highest percentage of clearance.

Illustration 5
PERCENT OF OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST
1975





CRIME BY COUNTY

The crime rate for each county in Montana has been listed in Table 2. This listing indicates that high crime rates correlate with population concentrations. The high crime/population counties are Yellowstone, Cascade, Missoula, Roosevelt, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Silver Bow, Hill, Custer, Gallatin and Flathead. These eleven high crime counties account for 62% of the total state population and 81% of the seven major index crimes.

The 1975 statewide crime rate was 4,435 per 100,000 population. Eight counties (Yellowstone, Cascade, Missoula, Roosevelt, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Silver Bow and Hill) were above the statewide average. Of these eight counties, Lincoln and Roosevelt are low population. However, in such unpopulated counties any increase or decrease in the number of crimes causes a major impact on the crime rate. This is due to the use of the per 100,000 population ratio in computing the crime rate.

Table 2
MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL
CRIME RATE PER 100,000 POPULATION, 1975
OFFENSES KNOWN TO POLICE

RANKING

1. Yellowstone	7011	29. Toole	1893
2. Cascade	6881	30. Judith Basin	1748
3. Missoula	6044	31. Ravalli	1670
4. Roosevelt	5524	32. Madison	1667
5. Lewis and Clark	5498	33. Mineral	1666
6. Lincoln	5159	34. Fallon	1613
7. Silver Bow	4725	35. Phillips	1591
8. Hill	4555	36. Musselshell	1581
9. Custer	4460	37. Treasure	1500
10. Gallatin	4438	38. Richland	1450
11. Flathead	4099	39. Broadwater	1420
12. Park	4084	40. Teton	1398
13. Sweet Grass	3719	41. Big Horn	1386
14. Jefferson	3705	42. Blaine	1272
15. Dawson	3581	43. Garfield	1229
16. Beaverhead	3566	44. Stillwater	1059
17. Lake	3473	45. Valley	1006
18. Sanders	3226	46. Granite	765
19. Deer Lodge	3223	47. Pondera	470
20. Liberty	3164	48. Daniels	399
21. Fergus	3140	49. Wheatland	315
22. Rosebud	3128	50. Powder River	313
23. Powell	3087	51. Carter	259
24. Chouteau	2873	52. Sheridan	110
25. Prairie	2328	53. Wibaux	0
26. Meagher	2327	54. Petroleum	0
27. Glacier	2303	55. McCone	0
28. Carbon	2166	56. Golden Valley	0

Offense Summary

- The 1975 crime rate for Montana is 4,435 per 100,000 for the seven major index crimes. About 4.4 persons out of every 100 Montanans were victims of a major crime last year. About 6.3 of every 100 Montanans were victims of a serious crime.
- Crimes against persons increased 33.8% in 1975 while crimes against property increased 12.0% for an overall increase in index crimes of 13.1%.
- Property offenses account for 94% of all crimes reported in 1975. Crimes against persons account for the remaining 6%.
- The clearance rate for violent crimes is 65.7% and 24.8% for property crimes. All offenses show a clearance rate of 27.3%. Nearly 75% of all crimes are not solved.
- The Montana population has increased 7.8% from 1969 to 1975. The number of index crimes has increased 77.8% during the same period.

Reporting Summary

Table 3
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE
State Totals Report for January 1, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	OFFENSES REPORTED OR KNOWN TO POLICE	UNFOUNDED OFFENSES	ACTUAL OFFENSES	NUMBER OF OFFENSES CLEARED BY ARREST	
				CLEARED BY ARREST	CLEARED BY ARREST UNDER 18
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE				53 *	6 *
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	93 *	19 *	74 *	35	5
#Manslaughter by Negligence	54	8	46	18	1
FORCIBLE RAPE				77 *	5 *
Rape by Force	39	11	28	27	4
Attempts to Commit Forcible Rape	186 *	54 *	132 *	27	1
ROBBERY				121 *	25 *
Firearm	122	35	87	50	4
Knife or Cutting Instrument	64	19	45	27	1
Other Dangerous Weapon	376 *	29 *	347 *	121	7
Strong Arm — Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.	149	11	138	47	7
ASSAULT				137	7
Firearm	3,031 *	260 *	2,771 *	1,913 *	185 *
Knife or Cutting Instrument	195	13	182	137	11
Other Dangerous Weapon	222	18	204	135	27
Strong Arm — Hands, Fists, Feet, Etc.	156	15	141	49	9
Total Offenses Against Persons	3,686 **	362 **	3,324 **	2,164 **	221 **
BURGLARY					
Forcible Entry	7,758 *	518 *	7,240 *	1,718 *	792 *
Unlawful Entry — No Force	5,183	187	4,996	1,349	622
Attempted Forcible Entry	1,832	171	1,661	288	127
LARCENY THEFT					
22,057 *	640 *	21,417 *	5,013 *	2,333 *	
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	2,922 *	392 *	2,530 *	1,027 *	392 *
Autos	2,122	324	1,798	770	292
Trucks and Buses	450	43	407	165	51
Other Vehicles	350	25	325	92	49
Total Offenses Against Property	32,737 **	1,550 **	31,187 **	7,758 **	3,517 **
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS & PROPERTY	36,423 ***	1,912 ***	34,511 ***	9,922 ***	3,738 ***

Not included in the UCR 7 major offenses * Indicates totals

Reporting Summary

State Totals Report for January 1, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

**Table 4
OFFENSES KNOWN TO THE POLICE**

CLASSIFICATION OF OFFENSES	OFFENSES REPORTED OR KNOWN TO POLICE	UNFOUNDED OFFENSES	ACTUAL OFFENSES	NUMBER OF OFFENSES	
				CLEARED BY ARREST	CLEARED BY ARREST UNDER 1B
ARSON	91 *	14 *	77 *	31 *	17 *
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING	477 *	24 *	453 *	242 *	55 *
FRAUD	1,083 *	47 *	1,036 *	523 *	29 *
EMBEZZLEMENT	30 *	7 *	23 *	18 *	1 *
STOLEN PROPERTY: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	276 *	35 *	241 *	169 *	74 *
VANDALISM	7,892 *	220 *	7,672 *	1,263 *	562 *
WEAPONS: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	355 *	29 *	326 *	227 *	68 *
PROSTITUTION AND COMMERCIALIZED VICE	23 *	0 *	23 *	20 *	1 *
SEX OFFENSES	341 *	8 *	333 *	186 *	19 *
NARCOTIC DRUG LAWS	2,100 *	341 *	1,759 *	1,447 *	519 *
Opiates	22	2	20	17	3
Marijuana	1,428	242	1,186	941	276
Dangerous Drugs	332	45	287	222	23
Other	318	52	266	267	217
GAMBLING	48 *	1 *	47 *	38 *	1 *
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY AND CHILDREN	1,067 *	162 *	905 *	584 *	119 *
TOTAL OTHER OFFENSES	13,783 ***	888 ***	12,895 ***	4,748 ***	1,465 ***
GRAND TOTAL	50,206 ****	2,800 ****	47,406 ****	14,670 ****	5,203 ****

* Indicates totals

Reporting Summary

CRIME INDEX REPORT

State Totals Report for January 1, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

Population or Estimate — 748,000, Sq. Mi. — 146.869, Population Density — 5.1

Sworn Manpower — 1087, Non-Sworn Manpower — 363, Interstates — 15, 90, 94

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	NUMBER OF ACTUAL OFFENSES	CRIME INDEX PER 100,000 POPULATION	OFFENSE OCCURS EVERY:	NUMBER CLEARED BY ARREST	PERCENT CLEARED BY ARREST
Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter	46	6.1	8 Da.	35	76.0
Forcible Rape	132	17.6	3 Da.	77	58.3
Robbery	347	46.4	1 Da.	121	34.8
Aggravated Assault	1,462	195.5	6 Hr.	1,074	73.4
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PERSONS	1,987 *	265.6 *	4 Hr. *	1,307 *	65.7 *
Burglary	7,240	967.9	1 Hr.	1,718	23.7
Larceny Theft	21,417	2,863.2	25 Min.	5,013	23.4
Motor Vehicle Theft	2,530	338.2	3 Hr.	1,027	40.5
TOTAL OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY	31,187 *	4,169.4 *	17 Min. *	7,758 *	24.8 *
TOTAL SEVEN MAJOR OFFENSES	33,174 **	4,435.0 **	16 Min. **	9,065 **	27.3 **
Manslaughter by Negligence	28	3.7	13 Da.	18	64.2
Other Assualts — Simple — Not Aggravated	1,309	175.0	7 Hr.	839	64.0
Arson	77	10.3	5 Da.	31	40.2
Forgery and Counterfeiting	453	60.6	19 Hr.	242	53.4
Fraud	1,036	138.5	8 Hr.	523	50.4
Embezzlement	23	3.1	16 Da.	18	78.2
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	241	32.2	2 Da.	169	70.1
Vandalism	7,672	1,025.7	1 Hr.	1,263	16.4
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc.	326	43.6	1 Da.	227	69.6
Prostitution and Commercialized Vice	23	3.1	16 Da.	20	86.9
Sex Offenses	333	44.5	1 Da.	186	55.8
Narcotic Drug Laws	1,759	235.2	5 Hr.	1,447	82.2
Gambling	47	6.3	8 Da.	38	80.8
Offenses Against Family and Children	905	121.0	10 Hr.	584	64.5
TOTAL OTHER OFFENSES	14,232 **	1,902.7 **	37 Min. **	5,605 **	39.3 **
GRAND TOTAL	47,406 ***	6,337.7 ***	11 Min. ***	14,670 ***	30.9 ***

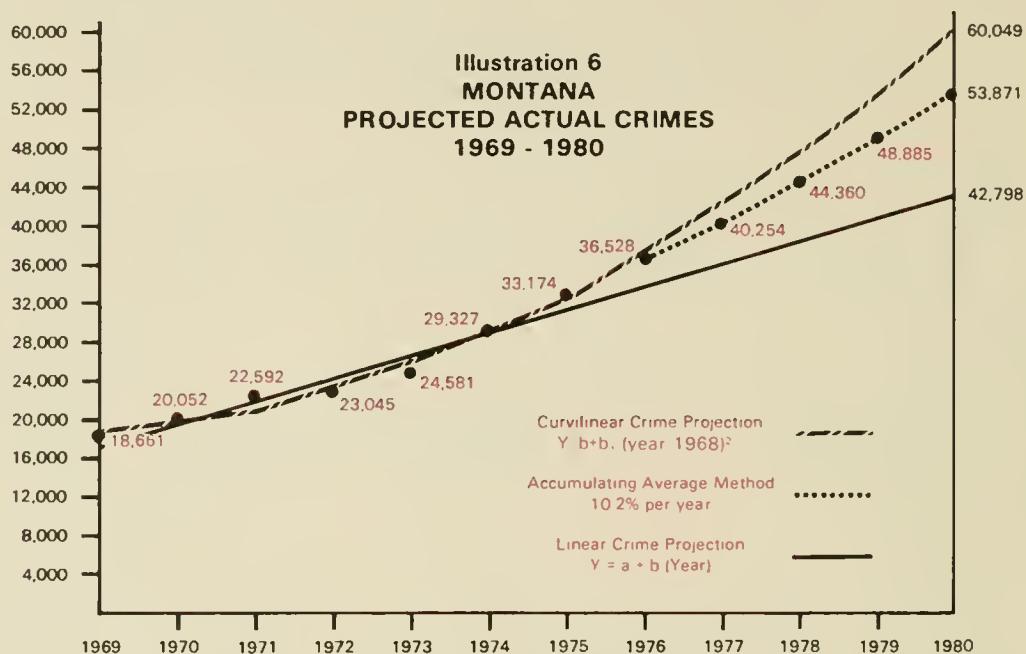
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MONTANA CRIME PROJECTION

Montana's population is projected to reach 816,000 in 1980, a 17.5 percent increase over 1970. However, there is little correlation between population growth and crime. The crime rate is increasing much faster than population, as was shown in Illustration 2.

Three methods are used in developing the following crime projection. The first or straight-line method uses the yearly average percent increase over a six-year base period (1969-1975). If the increment of 10.2% is accumulated over each previous year; the actual crimes are projected to reach 53,871. Dividing this projection by the 1980 population projection indicates a crime rate of 6601.8 per 100,000 in 1980.

The second method of linear least squares regression is calculated by plotting on a graph the number of actual crimes for the six-year period as shown in Illustration 6. Using the regression formula $y=a+bx$, a line is projected to 1980. By this method the number of actual crimes is projected to be 42,798 in 1980. This number divided by the 1980 population projection produces a crime rate of 5244.9 for 1980.



The third method is a curvilinear regression projection. It uses the same six-year base points on the graph, but a different formula to account for the upward curve of the actual crime points. The curvilinear regression formula is $Y=b+b_1(\text{year}-1968)^2$, which fits a curved line among the points and projects in an upward curve to 1980. This method projects 60,049 crimes in 1980. Again, the population is divided into the projection for a crime rate of 7359.0 per 100,000 in 1980.

A summary of the three projection methods and results is as follows:

	Actual Crimes in 1980	Crime Rate Per 100,000 in 1980
1. Accumulating Averages	53,871	6601.8
2. Linear Least Squares Regression	42,798	5244.9
3. Curvilinear Least Squares Regression	60,049	7359.0

It is important to remember that the projections are not point estimates but rather trend estimations. With this in mind, it is predictable that Montana can anticipate a 1980 crime rate between 5244.9 and 7359.0 if present trends continue. It will probably be very near the 6601.8 crimes per 100,000 figure.

CRIME SERIOUSNESS

The previous discussion of Crime in Montana utilized the traditional methods of presenting criminal statistics; crime indexes and crime rates. These methods have been criticized for presenting a one-dimensional view of the crime problem. That is, both the crime index and the crime rate deal with the quantitative aspects of criminal behavior. One homicide is counted in the same way as one larceny/theft, with the net effect of equating the impact of the two crimes. The traditional measures of crime also fail to account for varieties in population. That is, areas with large populations show a higher crime index because of the probability of greater numbers of offenders in the population as well as possible victims.

A qualitative measure is needed to reduce the inherent bias in equating fear crimes with property crimes and high population densities. Such a measure was developed by Sellin & Wolfgang² and applied to Montana crime data.

The measure is a weighted scale in which the seriousness of a crime is ranked by a range of scores from 2 to 26 as follows:

CRIME	SERIOUS WEIGHING SCORE
Homicide	26
Rape	11
Robbery	5
Aggravated Assault	4
Burglary	3
Theft	2

From this scale of weighted scores, a crime seriousness index can be calculated for a single law enforcement agency, city, county or geographical area. The crime seriousness index is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Crime Seriousness} = \frac{(26 \times \text{No. of Homicides}) + (11 \times \text{No. of Rapes}) + \\ (5 \times \text{No. of Robberies}) + (4 \times \text{No. of Assaults}) + \\ (3 \times \text{No. of Burglaries}) + (2 \times \text{No. of Thefts})}{\text{Total Number of Above Crimes}}$$

This measure is used to relate crime seriousness to the volume of index crimes through the following formula:

$$\text{Crime Level} = (\text{Crime Rate}) \times (\text{Crime Seriousness})$$

Table 6 is a comparison of crime rate in the left column and crime level in the right column. Note how several counties—particularly Cascade, Rosebud and Beaverhead—change position from the crime rate scale shown in Table 2.

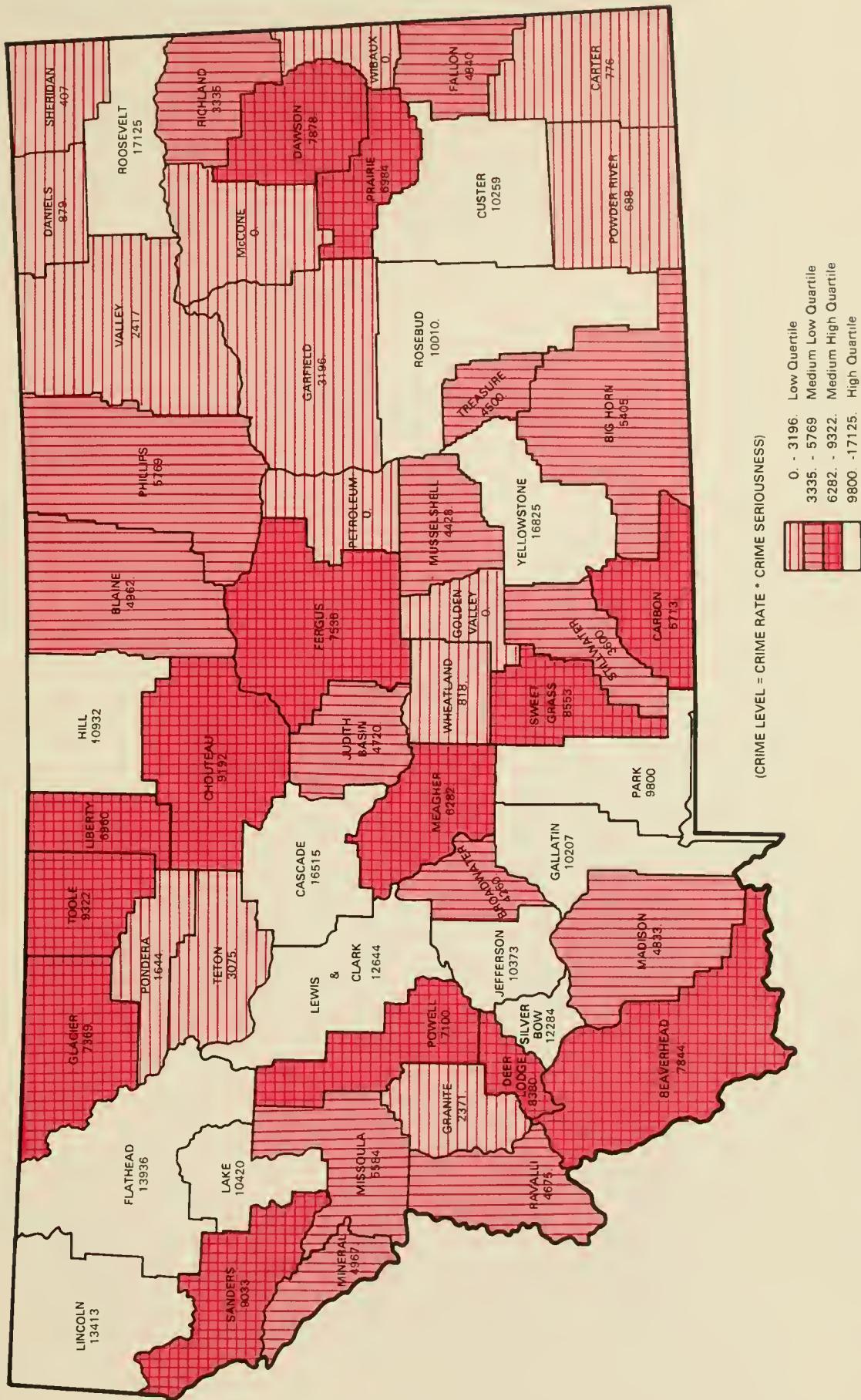
The crime level also is presented in the form of a graphic representation map, page 25. The crime level follows population concentrations just as the crime rate did.

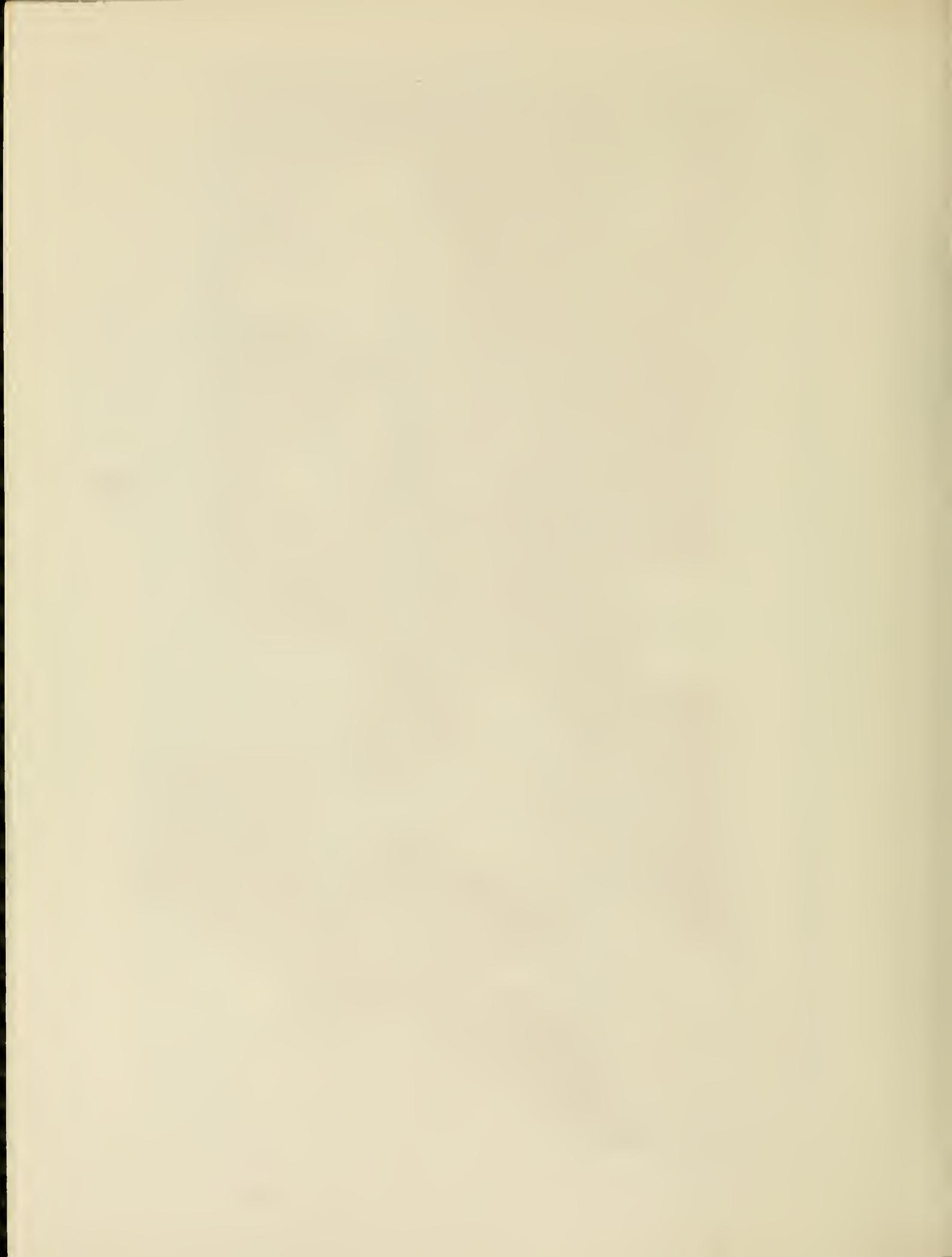
² Thorsten Sellin & M.E. Wolfgang. *The Measurement of Delinquency*. (New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 1964).

Table 6
MONTANA
COMPARISON RANKINGS OF CRIME RATE & CRIME LEVEL

Crime Rate	1975	Crime Level	
1. Yellowstone	7011	1. Roosevelt	17125
2. Cascade	6881	2. Yellowstone	16825
3. Missoula	6044	3. Cascade	16515
4. Roosevelt	5524	4. Flathead	13936
5. Lewis and Clark	5498	5. Lincoln	13413
6. Lincoln	5159	6. Lewis and Clark	12644
7. Silver Bow	4725	7. Silver Bow	12284
8. Hill	4555	8. Hill	10932
9. Custer	4460	9. Lake	10420
10. Gallatin	4438	10. Jefferson	10373
State Average	4435	11. Custer	10259
11. Flathead	4099	12. Gallatin	10207
12. Park	4084	13. Rosebud	10010
13. Sweet Grass	3719	14. Park	9800
14. Jefferson	3705	15. Toole	9322
15. Dawson	3581	16. Chouteau	9192
16. Beaverhead	3566	17. Sanders	9033
17. Lake	3473	18. Sweet Grass	8553
18. Sanders	3226	19. Deer Lodge	8380
19. Deer Lodge	3223	20. Dawson	7878
20. Liberty	3164	21. Beaverhead	7844
21. Fergus	3140	22. Fergus	7536
22. Rosebud	3128	23. Glacier	7369
23. Powell	3087	24. Powell	7100
24. Chouteau	2873	25. Prairie	6984
25. Prairie	2328	26. Liberty	6960
26. Meagher	2327	27. Carbon	6713
27. Glacier	2303	State Average	6536
28. Carbon	2166	28. Meagher	6282
29. Toole	1893	29. Phillips	5769
30. Judith Basin	1748	30. Missoula	5584
31. Ravalli	1670	31. Big Horn	5405
32. Madison	1667	32. Mineral	4967
33. Mineral	1666	33. Blaine	4962
34. Fallon	1613	34. Fallon	4840
35. Phillips	1591	35. Madison	4833
36. Musselshell	1581	36. Judith Basin	4720
37. Treasure	1500	37. Ravalli	4675
38. Richland	1450	38. Treasure	4500
39. Broadwater	1420	39. Musselshell	4428
40. Teton	1398	40. Broadwater	4260
41. Big Horn	1386	41. Stillwater	3600
42. Blaine	1272	42. Richland	3335
43. Garfield	1229	43. Garfield	3196
44. Stillwater	1059	44. Teton	3075
45. Valley	1006	45. Valley	2417
46. Granite	765	46. Granite	2371
47. Pondera	470	47. Pondera	1644
48. Daniels	399	48. Daniels	879
49. Wheatland	315	49. Wheatland	818
50. Powder River	313	50. Carter	776
51. Carter	259	51. Powder River	688
52. Sheridan	110	52. Sheridan	407
53. Wibaux	0	53. Wibaux	0
54. Petroleum	0	54. Petroleum	0
55. McCone	0	55. McCone	0
56. Golden Valley	0	56. Golden Valley	0

ILLUSTRATION 7
MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL
CRIME LEVEL INDEX — 1975



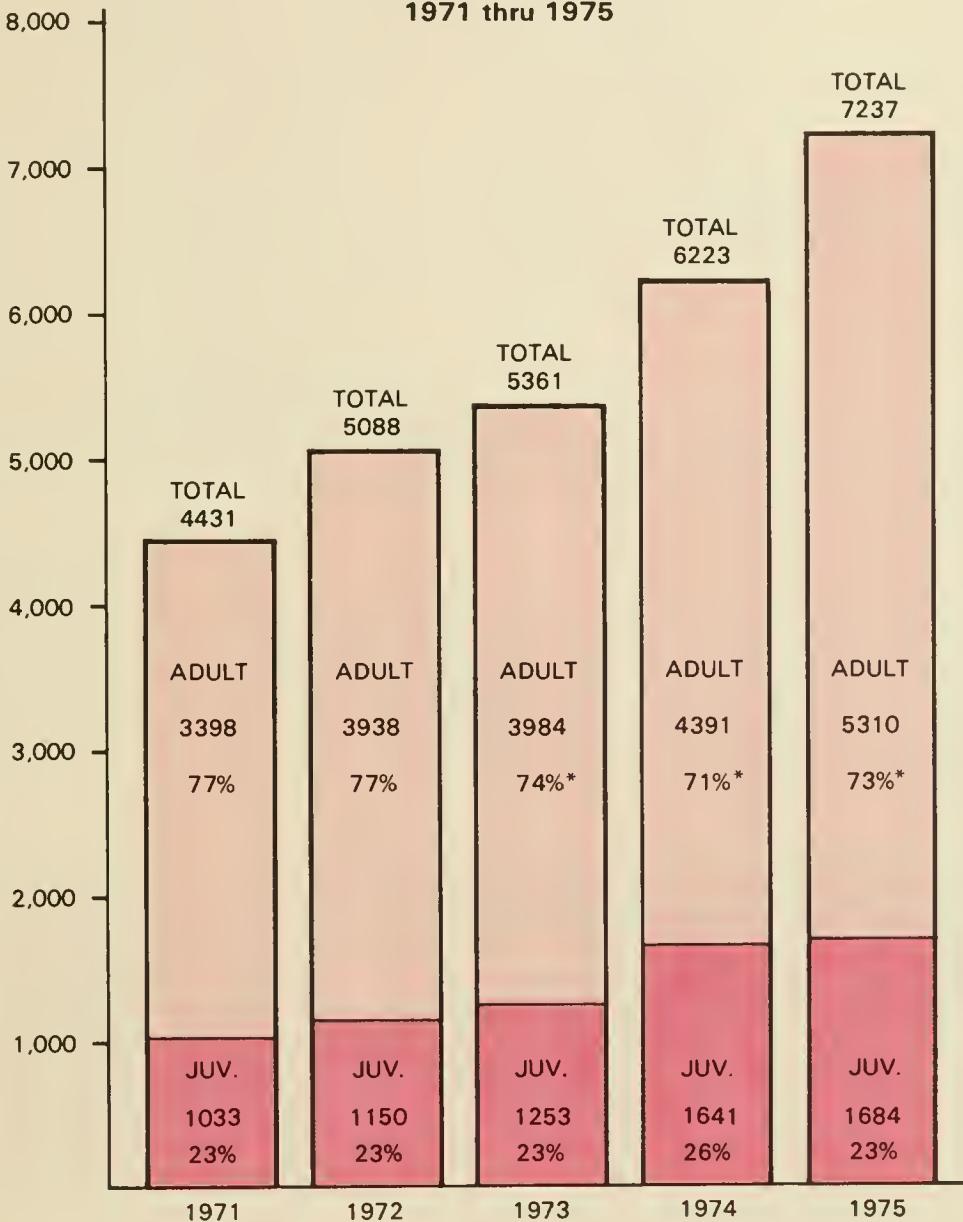


MONTANA ARREST DATA

Montana arrest statistics summarize the arrest activity reported through the Monthly Arrest Register system. Arrest statistics reflect the age, race and sex of the offender and the month, day and hour of the arrest. Data on arrests is submitted by 55 county sheriff departments, 52 police departments and 7 tribal police departments.

The charts on the following pages show the trends in felony arrests and misdemeanor arrests. Juveniles have accounted for 23% of misdemeanor arrests in each of the five years from 1971 through 1975. Juvenile felony arrests were 23% in each year except in 1974, when the juvenile percentage was 26%.

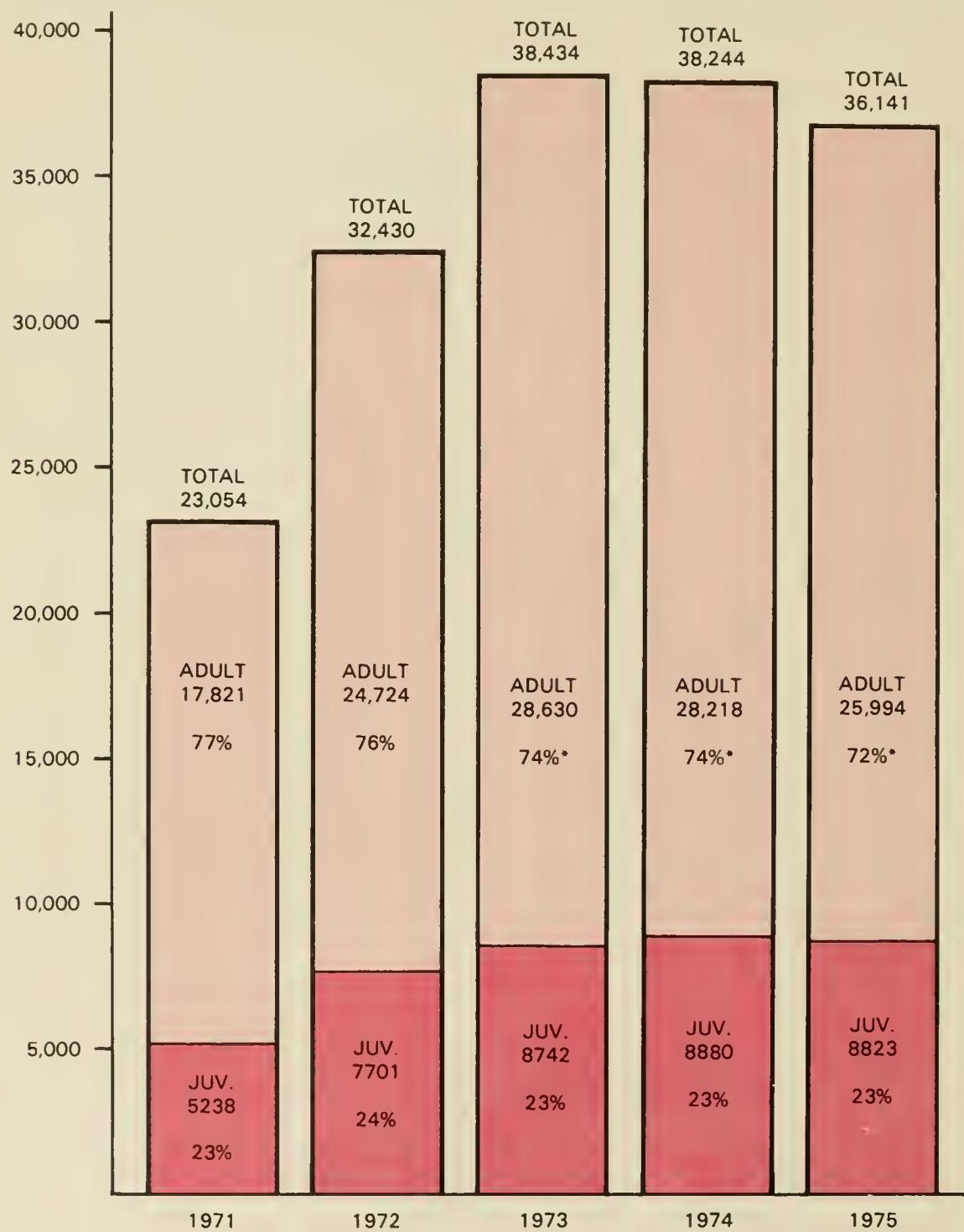
Illustration 8
FELONY ARREST TREND
1971 thru 1975



*Unknown age 3% 1973 - 1974 & 4% 1975

During 1975, Montana law enforcement agencies recorded 43,378 arrests, a 2.6% total decrease for the year. Felony arrests increased 16.3% in 1975 but misdemeanor arrests were down 5.6%. The volume of misdemeanors resulted in an overall statewide decrease in the total number of arrests.

Illustration 9
MISDEMEANOR ARREST TREND
1971 thru 1975



*Unknown Age 3% 1973-1974 & 5% 1975.

Illustration 10 FIVE YEAR FELONY ARREST PROFILE

In a five-year period, the felony arrest trend shows significant increases in aggravated assault, burglary and larceny/theft for 1975. The largest increase (436) is noted for larceny/theft.

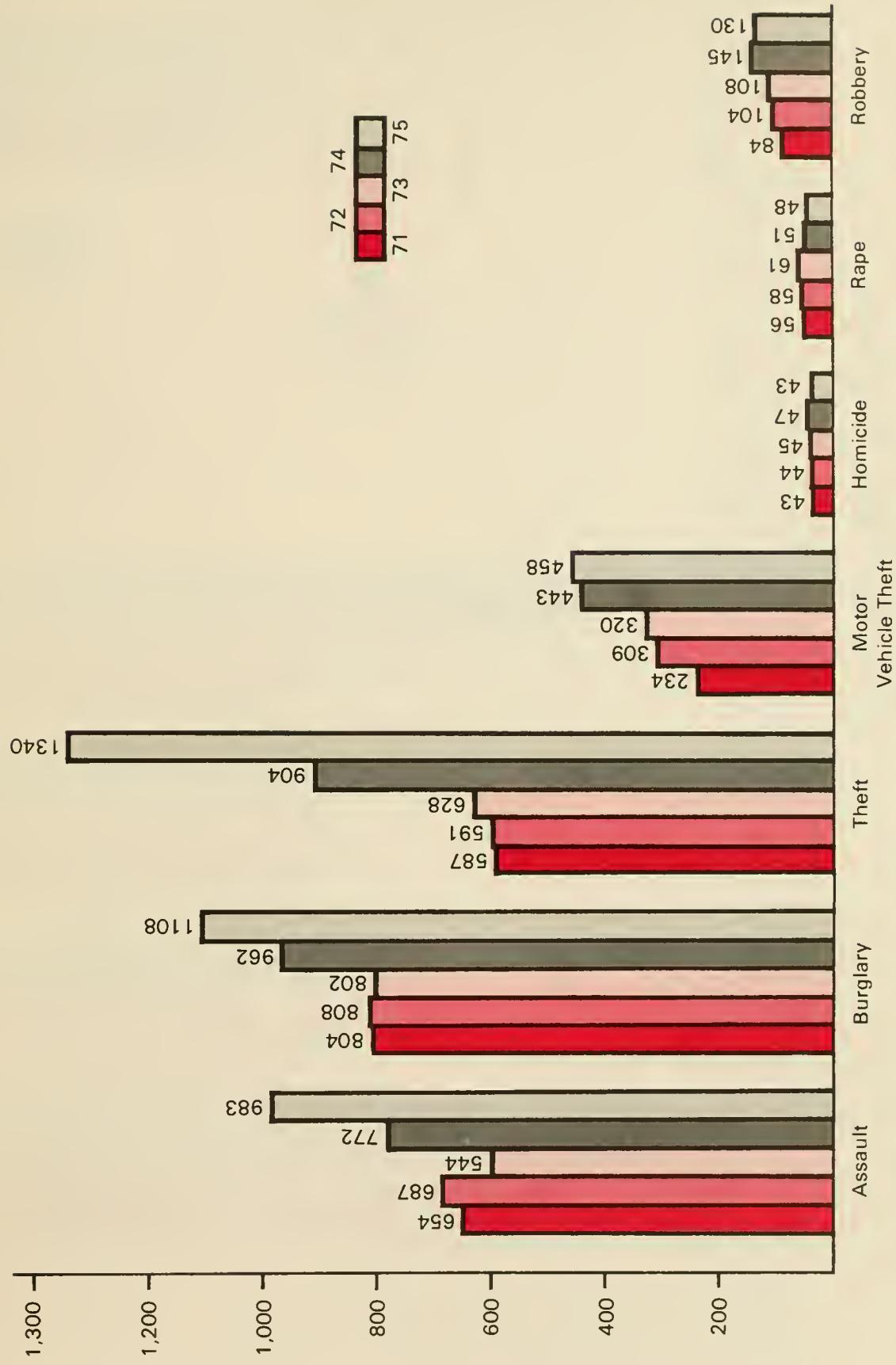
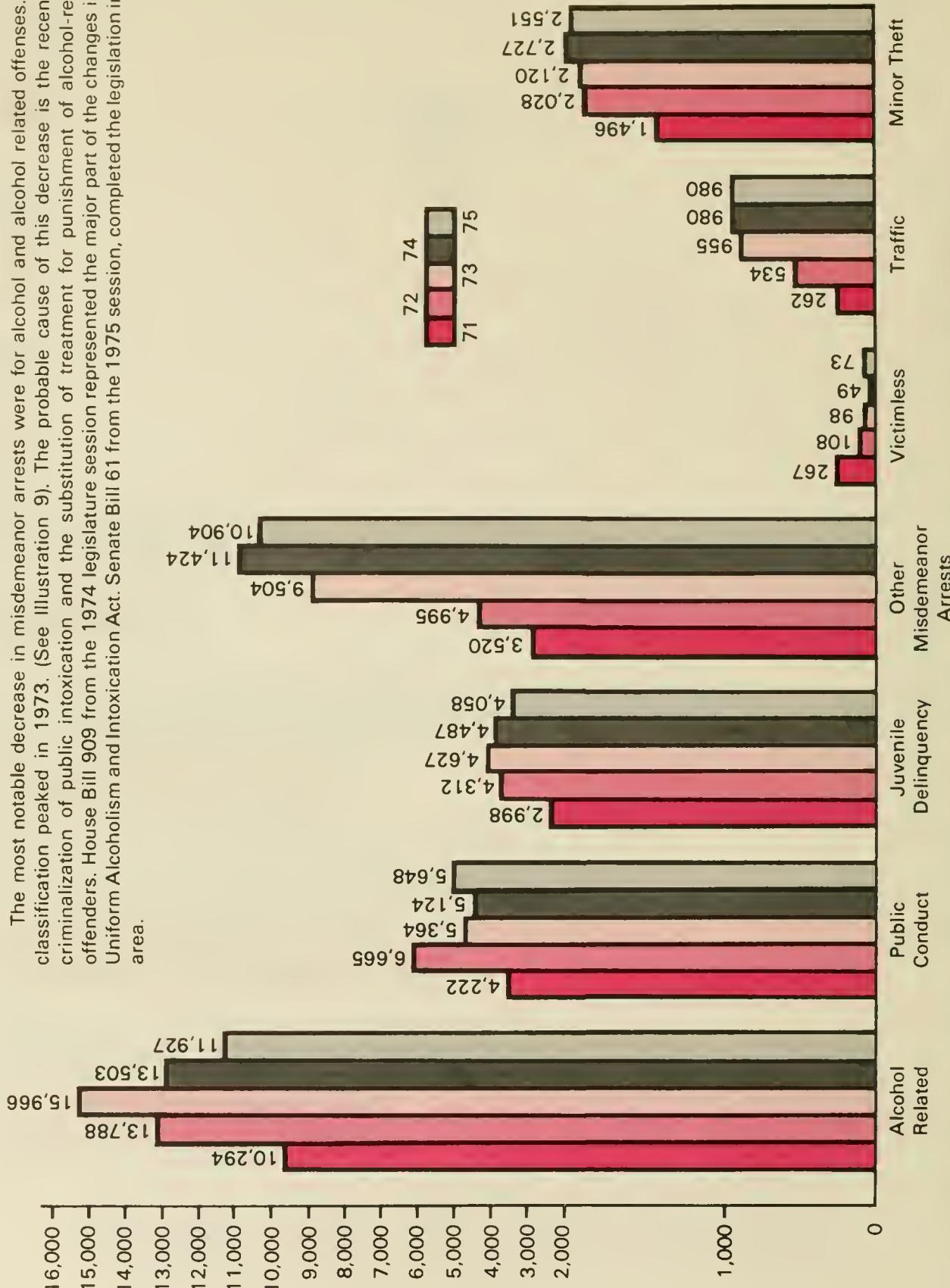


Illustration 11 5-YEAR MISDEMEANOR ARREST PROFILE

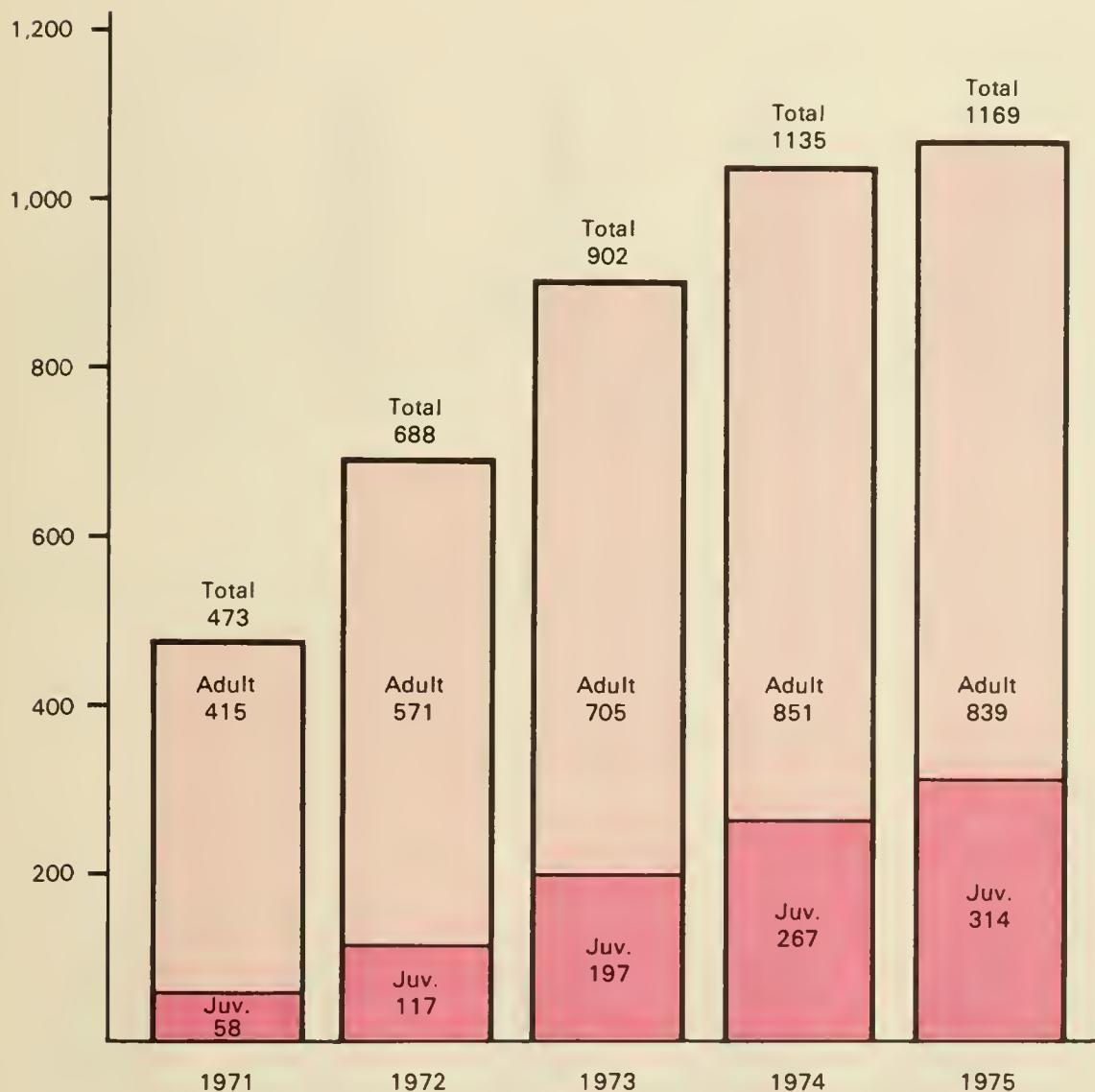
The most notable decrease in misdemeanor arrests were for alcohol and alcohol related offenses. This classification peaked in 1973. (See Illustration 9). The probable cause of this decrease is the recent decriminalization of public intoxication and the substitution of treatment for punishment of alcohol-related offenders. House Bill 909 from the 1974 legislature session represented the major part of the changes in the Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Act. Senate Bill 61 from the 1975 session, completed the legislation in this area.



Montana law enforcement agencies reported 1,169 arrests for drug law violations in 1975, a 3% increase from the previous year. Drug offenses usually are not known unless an arrest is made. A concentration of law enforcement activity in the drug investigation area may affect the arrest rate.

Juveniles account for 24% of all drug arrests. The age groups from 16-25 account for the majority of all drug arrests.

Illustration 12
DRUG ARRESTS
1971 - 1975

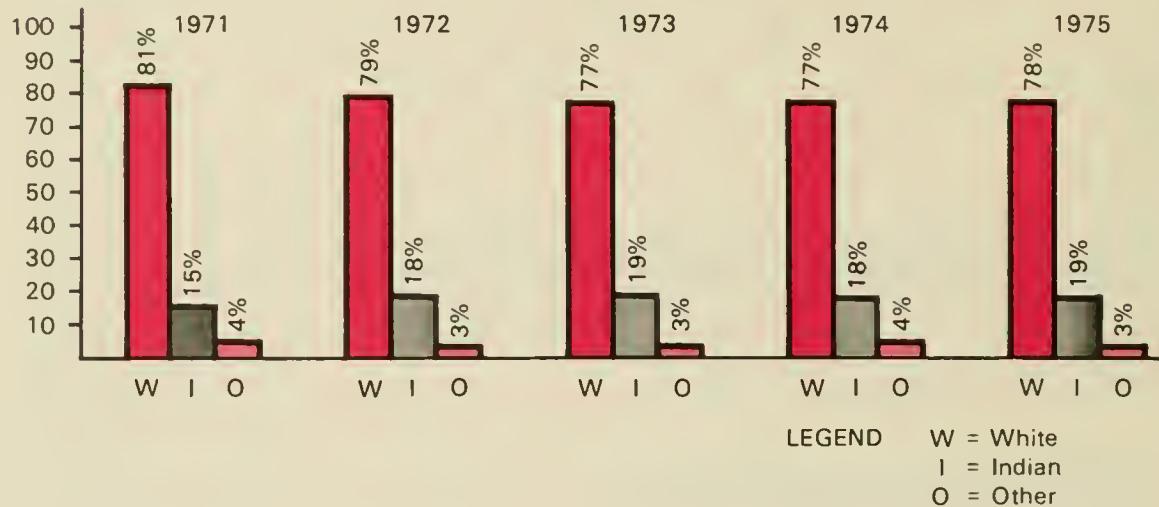


ARRESTS BY RACE

The following illustrations show the percentage of arrests by race. The Criminal Justice Data Center uses only three racial categories; White, Native-American and other. The last category includes blacks and all other groups which are, historically, a small percentage of the total state population.

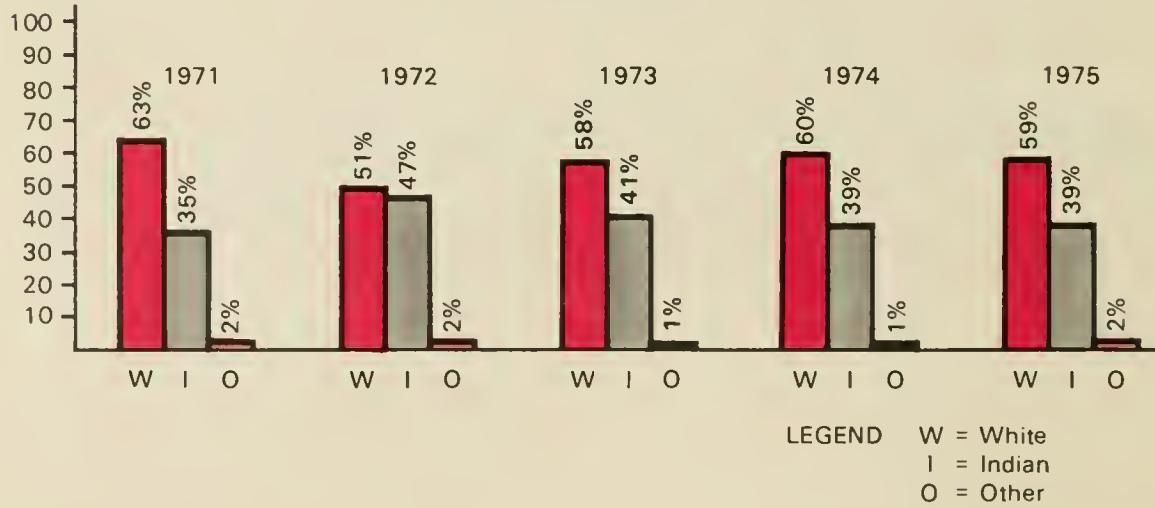
Felony arrests by race over the past five years indicate a fairly consistent pattern of whites accounting for about 77%-78%, Native Americans for 18%-19% and other races for 3%-4% of the total felony arrests.

**Illustration 13
FELONY ARREST PROFILE BY RACE
1971 - 1975**



Misdemeanor arrests by race show a similar trend, although Native Americans account for a larger percentage of arrests than in the felony arrest area. Whites are 58%-60%, Native Americans 39%-41% and other races 1%-2% of the total misdemeanor arrests.

**MISDEMEANOR ARREST PROFILE BY RACE
1971 - 1975**

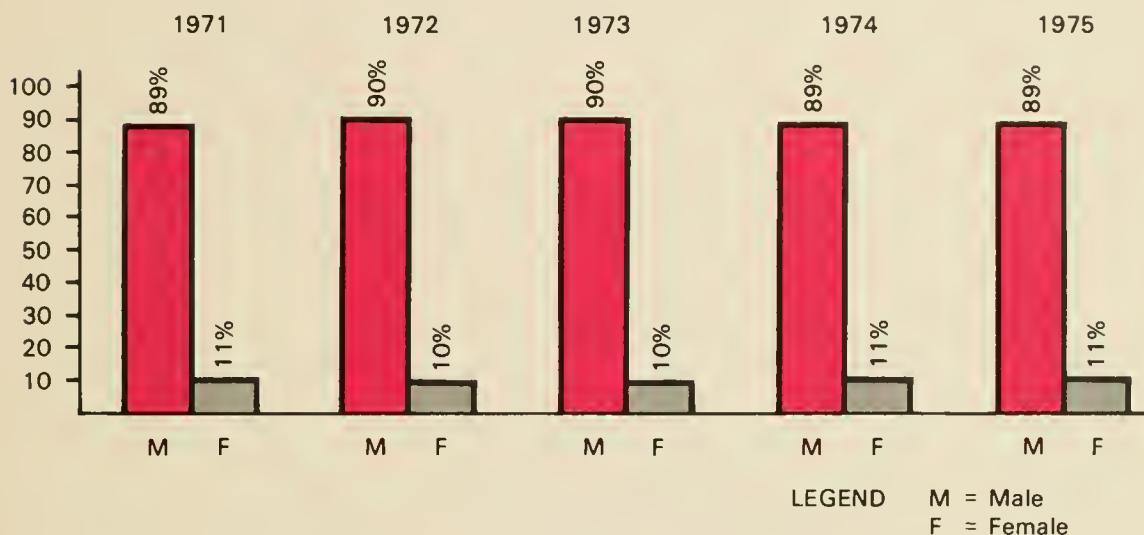


ARRESTS BY SEX

This illustration shows misdemeanor and felony arrests by sex. Males account for 89%-90% of felony arrests over the past five years.

Misdemeanor arrests indicate that females have accounted for 18% of the total misdemeanor arrests for each of the past five years.

Illustration 14
FELONY ARREST PROFILE BY SEX
1971 - 1975



MISDEMEANOR ARREST PROFILE BY SEX
1971 - 1975

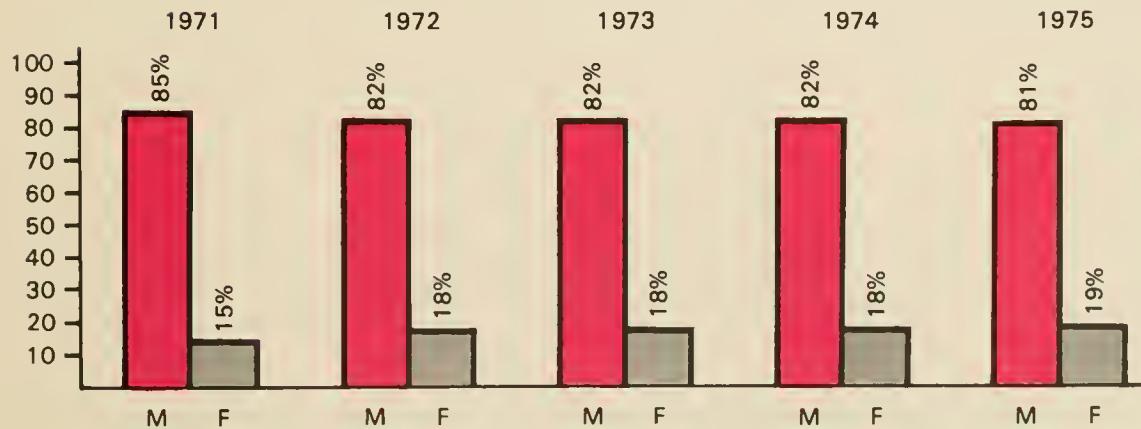


Table 7
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE FELONY ARRESTS BY OFFENSE & AGE
January 1, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

	JUVENILES						ADULTS						GRAND TOTAL	
	TOTAL	1-11	12-15	16-17	TOTAL	18-19	20-25	26-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-UP	UNK	
Homicide	0	0	0	0	43	4	10	6	11	6	3	3	0	43
Forcible Rape	1	0	0	1	46	10	21	5	7	2	0	1	1	48
Robbery	24	1	6	17	106	50	35	11	6	3	1	0	0	130
Aggravated Assault	90	2	28	60	851	127	269	132	161	100	36	26	42	983
Total Against Person	115	3	34	78	1046	191	335	154	185	111	40	30	43	1204
Burglary	425	27	194	204	666	276	249	58	64	15	3	1	17	1108
Grand Theft	294	13	138	143	1013	296	317	110	142	75	42	31	33	1340
Auto Theft	253	5	150	98	200	78	64	21	20	11	5	1	5	458
Total Against Property	972	45	482	445	1879	650	630	189	226	101	50	33	55	2906
Checks Cards Forgery	33	2	17	14	378	44	127	45	92	45	14	11	79	490
Sex	12	1	4	7	82	5	22	12	16	15	8	4	0	94
Drugs	314	1	109	204	839	268	435	85	39	8	4	0	16	1169
Weapons	17	0	7	10	107	17	42	14	16	8	7	3	1	125
Arson	7	0	6	1	20	5	1	6	6	1	0	1	1	28
Federal	9	0	0	9	168	67	79	10	9	3	0	0	4	181
All Others	205	16	83	106	791	154	263	103	147	76	33	15	44	1040
Total Other Felonies	597	20	226	351	2385	560	969	275	325	156	66	34	145	3127
Grand Total	1684	68	742	874	5310	1401	1934	618	736	368	156	97	243	7237
Percent of Grand Total	.23	.04	.44	.52	.73	.26	.36	.12	.14	.07	.03	.02	.03	

Table 8
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE FELONY ARRESTS BY OFFENSE, RACE & SEX
January 1, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

	TOTAL	RACE			SEX			FEMALE
		WHITE	NEGRO	MEX.	IND.	OTHER	TOTAL	
Homicide	43	37	0	0	5	1	43	39
Forcible Rape	48	37	0	0	11	0	48	48
Robbery	130	104	3	0	23	0	130	123
Aggravated Assault	983	578	17	10	377	1	983	885
Total Against Person	1204	756	20	10	416	2	1204	1095
Burglary	1108	901	13	19	173	2	1108	1049
Grand Theft	1340	1110	13	18	198	1	1340	1183
Auto Theft	458	335	3	6	112	2	458	411
Total Against Property	2906	2346	29	43	483	5	2906	2643
Checks Cards Forgery	490	433	6	1	50	0	490	363
Sex	94	60	1	2	31	0	94	81
Drugs	1169	1080	15	16	58	0	1169	1012
Weapons	125	89	0	4	32	0	125	116
Arson	28	22	0	1	5	0	28	24
Federal	181	113	2	48	17	1	181	179
All Others	1040	758	7	15	259	1	1040	924
Total Other Felonies	3127	255	31	87	452	2	3127	2699
Grand Total	7237	5657	80	140	1351	9	7237	6437
Percent of Grand Total	.78	.01	.02	.19	.00		.89	.11

STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE FELONY ARRESTS BY OFFENSE & MONTH

January 1, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

OFFENSE	TOTAL	MONTH												DEC
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DECEMBER	
Homicide	43	3	4	1	6	5	2	6	2	5	1	7	1	1
Forcible Rape	48	4	3	2	2	10	2	4	8	4	4	5	0	0
Robbery	130	11	19	11	14	16	13	10	10	10	4	6	6	6
Aggravated Assault	983	47	80	75	84	83	74	108	91	98	99	61	83	83
Total Against Person	1204	65	106	89	106	114	91	128	111	117	108	79	90	90
Burglary	1108	116	90	90	100	116	115	82	93	71	108	57	70	70
Grand Theft	1340	100	78	91	105	111	139	123	135	102	148	80	128	128
Auto Theft	458	43	23	19	40	51	30	52	39	61	28	28	44	44
Total Against Property	2906	259	191	200	245	278	284	257	267	234	284	165	242	242
Checks Cards Forgery	490	56	22	55	49	30	34	30	52	33	31	51	47	47
Sex	94	7	4	4	6	11	11	12	11	10	7	6	5	5
Drugs	11169	90	101	117	66	98	71	118	115	104	113	60	116	116
Weapons	125	8	6	12	7	18	10	12	11	9	13	10	9	9
Arson	28	1	2	4	2	1	5	0	3	3	3	2	2	2
Federal	181	9	7	9	13	18	23	17	13	20	10	19	23	23
All Others	1040	81	88	73	76	80	70	84	102	112	99	94	81	81
Total Other Felonies	3127	252	230	274	219	256	224	273	307	291	276	242	283	283
Grand Total	7237	576	527	563	570	648	599	658	685	642	668	486	615	615
Percent of Grand Total	.08	.07	.08	.08	.09	.08	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.07	.08	.08

Table 10
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE FELONY ARRESTS BY OFFENSE, DAY & TIME OF CRIME
January 1, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

OFFENSE	TOTAL	DAY						HOUR					
		SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	UNK	0-4AM	4-8AM	8-12AM	12-4PM
Homicide	43	2	2	1	7	3	2	8	18	5	2	0	0
Forcible Rape	48	8	4	4	4	7	4	9	8	8	1	7	3
Robbery	130	10	15	12	17	16	9	15	36	8	6	11	4
Aggravated Assault	983	104	86	109	93	94	129	111	257	126	24	79	81
Total Against Person	1204	124	107	126	121	120	144	143	319	147	33	97	88
Burglary	1108	113	108	104	99	109	123	126	326	159	46	42	54
Grand Theft	1340	116	115	104	150	141	158	126	430	114	24	50	76
Auto Theft	458	50	40	40	36	40	42	57	153	34	16	10	44
Total Against Property	2906	279	263	248	285	290	323	309	909	307	86	102	174
Checks Cards Forgery	490	21	47	40	34	40	47	40	221	1	4	17	22
Sex	94	6	12	9	8	10	5	2	42	3	3	6	9
Drugs	1169	114	65	121	85	116	150	154	364	164	26	37	69
Weapons	125	12	13	13	15	9	23	15	25	22	7	3	13
Arson	28	2	1	2	1	7	1	2	12	5	0	1	2
Federal	181	15	9	8	9	13	11	8	108	7	0	1	14
All Others	1040	75	76	75	76	89	106	109	434	100	18	42	70
Total Other Felonies	3127	245	223	268	228	284	343	330	1206	302	58	107	199
Grand Total	7237	648	593	642	634	694	810	782	2434	756	177	306	461
Percent of Grand Total		.09	.08	.09	.09	.10	.11	.11	.34	.10	.02	.04	.06
													.09

Table 11
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR ARREST BY OFFENSE & AGE
January 1 thru December 31, 1975

	JUVENILES				ADULTS				GRAND TOTAL			
	1-11	12-15	16-17	TOTAL	18-19	20-25	26-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-UP	UNK
TOTAL	42	0	18	24	424	51	142	78	96	35	16	6
Assault	42	0	18	24	424	51	142	78	96	35	16	6
Riotous Conduct	200	3	42	155	2908	339	646	291	555	549	364	164
Disturbing the Peace	128	2	46	80	1271	187	410	176	258	150	61	29
Weapons	17	2	11	4	44	10	16	8	5	2	1	2
Theft	1278	196	672	410	1228	364	424	121	86	69	43	45
Drunk	486	3	198	285	5631	403	973	536	1380	1328	684	327
Driving	79	2	8	69	3145	273	710	369	672	537	400	184
Possession of Alcohol	743	3	208	532	1191	283	419	125	192	105	53	14
Trespassing	136	9	63	64	253	72	73	30	46	20	7	5
Vagrancy	1	0	0	1	19	2	4	1	5	2	4	1
Prostitution	2	0	0	2	34	17	12	2	1	1	1	1
Indecent Exposure	11	1	3	7	139	23	42	15	27	16	10	6
Gambling	0	0	0	0	15	0	1	2	3	2	4	3
Traffic — Hit & Run	31	0	10	21	154	31	51	18	23	9	13	9
Traffic — Reckless	149	2	35	112	620	203	246	59	63	23	15	11
Warrant Arrest	15	0	1	14	648	130	236	72	115	64	28	3
Other Misdemeanors	1230	44	322	864	8081	1709	2643	924	1247	759	460	339
Total Misdemeanors	4548	267	1637	2644	25805	4097	7048	2827	4809	3688	2191	1145
Immoral Conduct	3	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Truant	66	3	53	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Curfew	850	12	382	456	50	8	10	6	6	10	7	3
Incorrigible	118	5	57	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Runaway Local	599	27	364	208	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Runaway Out-of-State	531	2	297	232	9	7	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other Delinquency	1518	73	746	699	121	49	41	10	13	5	3	0
Total Delin. Tendencies	3685	122	1899	1664	189	69	57	16	19	15	10	3
Grand Total	8233	389	3536	4308	25994	4166	7105	2843	4828	3703	2201	1148
Percent of Grand Total	.23	.05	.43	.52	.72	.16	.27	.11	.19	.14	.08	.04
											.05	.05

Table 12
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS BY OFFENSE, RACE & SEX
January 1, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

OFFENSE	RACE				SEX				
	TOTAL	WHITE	NEGRO	MEX.	IND.	OTHER	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Assault	519	249	17	4	248	1	519	464	55
Riotous Conduct	3384	1293	14	11	2065	1	3384	3011	373
Disturbing the Peace	1529	840	17	38	630	4	1529	1303	226
Weapons	63	55	1	1	6	0	63	61	2
Theft	2551	2166	10	58	313	4	2551	1777	774
Drunk	6596	921	6	34	5633	2	6596	5525	1071
Drunk Driving	3331	2495	11	34	785	6	3331	3028	303
Possession of Alcohol	2000	1007	2	12	979	0	2000	1533	467
Trespassing	394	278	3	7	106	0	394	349	45
Vagrancy	21	12	0	0	9	0	21	18	3
Prostitution	36	30	1	0	5	0	36	2	34
Indecent Exposure	153	102	1	0	50	0	153	146	7
Gambling	16	16	0	0	0	0	16	13	3
Traffic — Hit & Run	190	156	3	7	24	0	190	159	31
Traffic — Reckless	790	565	2	12	211	0	790	723	67
Warrant Arrest	670	510	9	4	144	3	670	579	91
Other Misdemeanors	9840	7807	37	47	1938	11	9840	8100	1740
Total Misdemeanors	32083	18502	134	269	13146	32	32083	26791	5292
Immoral Conduct	10	4	0	0	6	0	10	6	4
Truant	68	51	1	2	14	0	68	48	20
Curfew	1004	678	5	35	284	2	1004	683	321
Incorrigible	126	109	0	1	16	0	126	82	44
Runaway Local	615	521	4	13	76	1	615	222	393
Runaway Out-of-State	549	475	1	6	66	1	549	277	272
Other Delinquency	1686	1157	10	22	495	2	1686	1223	463
Total Delinquent Tendencies	4058	2995	21	79	957	6	4058	2541	1517
Grand Total	36141	21497	155	348	14103	38	36141	29332	6809
Percent of Grand Total	.59	.00	.01	.39	.00	.81	.00	.19	.19

Table 13
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS BY OFFENSE & MONTH
January 1, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

OFFENSE	MONTH											
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL	519	30	22	57	38	71	44	50	67	42	40	18
Assault	519	30	22	57	38	71	44	50	67	42	40	18
Riotous Conduct	3384	277	242	288	384	466	248	280	327	221	210	234
Disturbing the Peace	1529	69	108	125	116	133	131	166	178	152	143	117
Weapons	63	3	2	2	3	7	14	6	5	6	7	4
Theft	2551	227	265	218	245	240	199	200	201	172	207	172
Drunk	6596	563	512	667	628	507	612	692	537	407	563	414
Drunk Driving	3331	269	247	321	298	315	273	278	254	296	291	257
Possession of Alcohol	2000	198	136	170	146	181	187	127	291	181	91	150
Trespassing	394	23	14	14	27	40	30	54	44	35	45	42
Vagrancy	21	2	1	2	0	3	1	2	0	0	5	0
Prostitution	36	2	4	3	2	5	5	7	1	3	0	3
Indecent Exposure	153	12	9	9	23	16	10	22	16	14	8	5
Gambling	16	0	1	1	1	0	1	5	0	0	7	0
Traffic — Hit & Run	190	14	18	16	17	12	11	19	23	15	16	14
Traffic — Reckless	790	48	35	76	65	78	72	69	104	80	65	56
Warrant Arrest	670	71	37	53	44	40	49	55	69	61	80	64
Other Misdemeanors	9840	603	583	728	883	927	936	938	1092	799	812	839
Total Misdemeanors	32083	2411	2236	2750	2920	3041	2823	2970	3209	2484	2590	2363
Immoral Conduct	10	1	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Truant	68	4	8	6	8	9	0	1	2	5	15	10
Curfew	1004	102	81	132	91	55	92	136	129	59	40	43
Incorrigible	126	1	3	17	3	7	15	15	22	14	12	7
Runaway Local	615	72	51	49	37	48	51	29	64	64	54	43
Runaway Out-of-State	549	74	46	31	36	61	44	41	47	54	57	35
Other Delinquency	1686	177	87	156	129	148	138	146	155	141	142	130
Total Delinquent Tendencies	4058	431	277	393	310	328	340	368	419	337	320	278
Grand Total	36141	2842	2513	3143	3230	3369	3163	3338	3628	2821	2910	2543
Percent of Grand Total	.08	.07	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.09	.10	.08	.08	.07

Table 14
STATEWIDE ADULT & JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR ARRESTS BY OFFENSE, DAY & TIME OF CRIME
January 1, 1975 thru December 31, 1975

OFFENSE	DAY						HOUR								
	TOTAL	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	0-4AM	4-8AM	8-12AM	12-4PM	4-8PM	8-12PM	
Assault	519	46	53	39	49	52	47	58	175	56	11	27	39	48	63
Riotous Conduct	3384	407	338	335	378	410	518	704	294	944	138	167	362	433	623
Disturbing the Peace	1529	234	154	132	165	169	218	282	175	480	69	69	126	180	360
Weapons	63	11	3	5	5	9	9	10	11	19	3	2	2	8	7
Theft	2551	264	332	286	285	285	321	431	346	207	51	184	584	500	251
Drunk	6596	875	678	712	723	771	960	1305	572	864	195	202	558	756	853
Drunk Driving	3331	455	274	301	361	355	459	621	505	988	110	85	185	344	609
Possession of Alcohol	2000	321	154	143	121	171	341	534	215	472	26	49	116	104	402
Trespassing	394	45	33	55	34	46	46	40	95	67	17	34	42	26	51
Vagrancy	21	4	2	7	2	3	2	1	0	6	2	0	2	3	3
Prostitution	36	2	1	2	5	3	17	4	2	0	3	0	2	3	16
Indecent Exposure	153	18	13	17	18	23	20	30	14	54	3	10	14	15	26
Gambling	16	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	10	5	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic — Hit & Run	190	16	17	27	24	16	32	23	35	41	6	13	15	25	38
Traffic — Reckless	790	131	75	65	58	77	112	161	111	196	21	39	49	81	172
Warrant Arrest	670	42	63	74	86	78	80	85	162	53	6	34	56	47	44
Other Misdemeanors	9840	1238	1106	1065	1185	1124	1365	1453	1304	1313	342	958	1293	1637	1674
Total Misdemeanors	32083	4109	3296	3265	3505	3592	4547	5743	4026	5765	1003	1873	3445	4210	5192
Immoral Conduct	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Truant	68	1	18	7	13	11	10	5	3	3	4	23	16	4	1
Curfew	1004	223	44	54	95	66	101	193	228	527	64	6	15	18	36
Incorrigible	126	11	10	22	13	18	13	18	21	17	6	4	13	18	23
Runaway Local	615	38	78	71	59	51	55	212	32	21	37	43	70	49	49
Runaway Out-of-State	549	55	48	37	48	37	35	31	258	35	17	22	25	15	40
Other Delinquency	1686	151	151	203	239	203	229	211	299	79	20	50	115	98	105
Total Delinquent Tendencies	4058	479	349	394	467	386	439	514	1030	693	132	142	227	223	254
Grand Total	36141	4588	3645	3659	3972	3978	4986	6257	5056	6458	1135	2015	3672	4433	5446
Percent of Grand Total	.13	.10	.10	.11	.11	.14	.17	.14	.18	.03	.06	.10	.12	.15	

MONTANA DISTRICT COURT DATA

Since July, 1974 the Criminal Justice Data Center has used a manual recordkeeping system to tabulate criminal action in Montana's district courts. Input to this system is a court docket sheet, which is filled out by the clerk of court at the disposition of each court case and forwarded to the MBCC. The sheet displays information concerning crime, trial, sentence, etc.

The following data was taken from docket sheets received by the Center prior to January 10, 1976 and showing a disposition in calendar year 1975. The data reflects criminal actions only; extraditions, pre-trial and pre-sentence hearings, etc., are not tallied, nor are civil proceedings.



COMPOSITION OF CASELOAD

Illustrations 15 and 16 show the composition of the Montana District Court criminal caseload in 1975. Cases, not crimes, were tabulated. Each docket sheet was tallied as one event. Docket sheets reflecting trial for more than one crime category were recorded only in the most serious category shown. Crimes are arbitrarily scaled with respect to seriousness by considering homicide as most serious and declining in seriousness from left to right as shown in Illustration 15. Therefore, although total cases of 1,443 were tallied, total crimes or criminals processed through Montana courts in 1975 were slightly in excess of that number.

Under Montana law, a felony is a crime punishable by more than one year in prison or a suspension of such sentence. Deferrals of more than one year are considered felonies. Shorter sentences, and their suspension or deferral, are considered misdemeanors. Within these definitions, Illustration 15 shows the proportion of District Court cases disposed as misdemeanors and as felonies.

Illustration 15
MONTANA DISTRICT COURT CASES
REPORTED TO MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL
1975

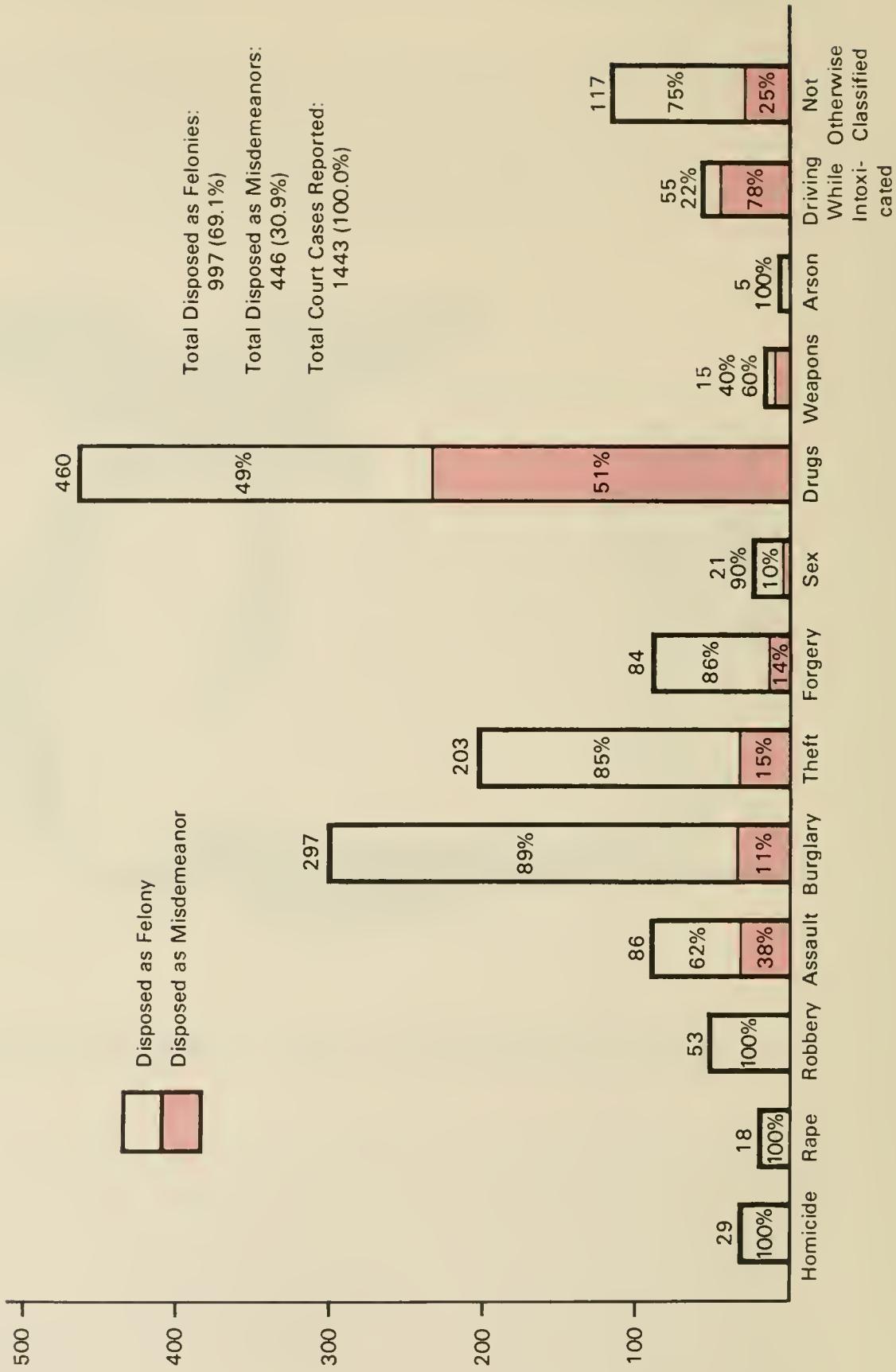


Table 15
CASES DISPOSED IN MONTANA DISTRICT COURT - 1975
BY OFFENSE

Offense	Total	No Conviction		Convicted	
		Dismissed	Acquitted	Plead Guilty	Found Guilty
Homicide	29	3	5	19	2
Rape	18	4	4	10	0
Robbery	53	9	0	41	3
Assault	86	20	3	53	10
Burglary	297	28	2	264	3
Theft	203	36	6	153	8
Forgery	84	12	1	71	0
Sex	21	5	0	14	2
Drugs	460	82	1	366	11
Weapons	15	2	0	12	1
Arson	5	2	0	3	0
DWI	55	7	1	42	5
Not Otherwise Classified	117	39	5	70	3
TOTALS	1443	249	28	1118	48

Percent Distribution

Offense	Not Convicted			Convicted		
	Total (%)	Dismissed	Acquitted	Total (%)	By Plea	By Trial
Homicide	27.6	10.4	17.2	72.4	65.5	6.9
Rape	44.4	22.2	22.2	55.6	55.6	--
Robbery	17.0	--	83.0	77.4	5.6	--
Assault	26.8	23.3	3.5	73.2	61.6	11.6
Burglary	10.1	9.4	0.7	89.9	88.9	1.0
Theft	20.7	17.7	3.0	79.3	75.4	3.9
Forgery	15.5	14.3	1.2	84.5	84.5	--
Sex	23.8	23.8	--	76.2	66.7	9.5
Drugs	18.0	17.8	0.2	82.0	79.6	2.4
Weapons	13.3	13.3	--	86.7	80.0	6.7
Arson	40.0	40.0	--	60.0	60.0	--
DWI	14.5	12.7	1.8	85.5	76.4	9.1
Not Otherwise Classified	37.6	33.3	4.3	62.4	59.8	2.6
TOTALS	19.2	17.3	1.9	80.8	77.5	3.3

PROCESSING TIME

Time elapsed between arraignment or first appearance and disposition of the case was recorded. Processing was aggregated separately for guilty and not guilty pleas. Elapsed time was recorded in the following nine groups:

GROUP	PROCESSING TIME
1	Less than 1 month
2	At least 1 month, but less than 2 months
3	At least 2 months, but less than 3 months
4	At least 3 months, but less than 4 months
5	At least 4 months, but less than 5 months
6	At least 5 months, but less than 6 months
7	At least 6 months, but less than 1 year
8	1 year or more
9	No time element recorded

Table 16

GROUP	GUILTY PLEAS		NOT GUILTY PLEAS		TOTALS		
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT	
1	552	52.6%	85	30.7%	637	48.0%	
2	182	17.4%	52	18.8%	234	17.6%	
3	72	6.9%	23	8.3%	95	7.2%	
4	79	7.5%	26	9.4%	105	7.9%	
5	38	3.6%	17	6.1%	55	4.2%	
6	31	3.0%	10	3.6%	41	3.1%	
7	40	3.8%	33	11.9%	73	5.5%	
8	12	1.1%	4	1.4%	16	1.2%	
9	43	4.1%	27	9.8%	70	5.3%	
<hr/>		1049	100.0%	277	100.0%	1326	100.0%

BAIL

Amount of bail was computed from docket sheets concerning homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, theft, forgery, sex, and drugs. These comprise 1,251, or 86.7% of the total number of docket sheets received.

The amount of final bail was used in all calculations; that is, if bail was reduced, the lower bail was used; if increased, the higher figure was used.

Table 17 displays information concerning bail in Montana District Courts in 1975. It is not known if any of the 232 "No Bail Recorded" were released on own recognizance. Undoubtedly, some cases were disposed at the defendant's first appearance, and required no bail.

**Table 17
BAIL IN MONTANA DISTRICT COURTS - 1975**

CRIME	TOTAL	NO BAIL RECORDED	OWN RECOGNIZANCE	BAIL RECORDED	AVERAGE BAIL	RANGE (LOW; HIGH) In Nearest \$
Homicide	29	9 31.0%	2 6.9%	18 62.1%	\$33,611	(5,000; 100,000)
Rape	18	0	2	16 88.8%	5,062	(1,000; 20,000)
Robbery	53	8 15.1%	3 5.7%	42 79.2%	9,369	(500; 25,000)
Assault	86	13 15.1%	6 7.0%	67 77.9%	4,604	(500; 50,000)
Burglary	297	49 16.5%	54 18.2%	194 65.3%	3,503	(100; 20,000)
Theft	203	36 17.7%	31 15.3%	136 67.0%	2,994	(250; 35,000)
Forgery	84	22 26.2%	12 14.3%	50 59.5%	3,708	(200; 15,000)
Sex	21	2 9.5%	5 23.8%	14 66.7%	7,071	(1,000; 25,000)
Drugs	460	93 20.2%	84 18.3%	283 61.5%	2,280	(50; 25,000)
TOTALS	1251	232	199	820	\$ 4,152	(50; 100,000)

ADMISSIONS TO MONTANA STATE PRISON - 1975

The following data was aggregated from Montana State Prison admission forms. Since 1973, a copy of each admission form has been sent to the Criminal Justice Data Center. However, 1975 is the first year in which prison admissions have been included in 'Crime in Montana.' A year-end report including comparisons of former year's data will be made.

Table 18
ADMISSION BY RACE AND SEX

White	279
Indian	64
Negro	10
Spanish American	4
Unknown	<u>7</u>
TOTAL	<u>364</u>
Male	355
Female	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	<u>364</u>

Table 19
MONTLY ADMISSIONS TO STATE PRISON - 1975

MONTH	TOTAL	HOW ADMITTED				PRIOR ADMISSION			MORE THAN ONCE
		START SENTENCE	TRANSFER	PAROLE VIOLATOR	RETURN ESCAPEE	NEVER BEFORE	ONCE BEFORE		
January	33	25	1	6	1	28	4	1	
February	32	28	2	6	1	22	4	6	
March	22	20	0	2	0	16	2	4	
April	42	40	1	1	0	32	9	1	
May	38	34	0	4	0	28	8	2	
June	29	23	0	6	0	25	3	1	
July	21	14	0	7	0	13	6	2	
August	27	20	0	7	0	24	0	3	
September	19	17	0	2	0	17	0	2	
October	35	32	0	2	1	27	4	4	
November	39	28	0	7	4	30	5	4	
December	27	19	0	8	0	21	5	1	
TOTAL	364	300	4	53	7	283	50	31	
PERCENT	100	82.4	1.1	14.6	1.9	77.8	13.7	8.5	

Table 20
ADMISSIONS BY AGE - 1975
TO MONTANA STATE PRISON

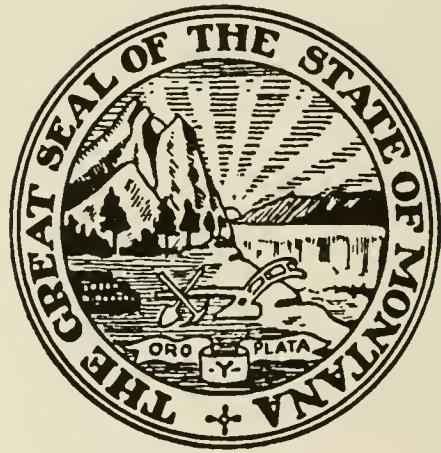
AGE GROUP	NUMBER ADMITTED	PERCENT OF TOTAL*
Under 21	101	27.8
21-25	105	28.8
26-30	73	20.0
31-35	32	8.8
36-40	25	6.9
41-45	10	2.8
46-50	10	2.8
51-55	4	1.1
56-60	3	.8
61 and Over	1	.3
TOTAL	364	100.1

*Sum / 100% due to round-off

Table 21
ADMISSIONS BY CRIME - 1975
MONTANA STATE PRISON

CRIME	NUMBER ADMITTED	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Homicide	23	6.3
Rape	11	3.0
Robbery	35	9.6
Assault	26	7.1
Burglary	93	25.6
Theft	58	15.9
Forgery	24	6.6
Drugs	17	4.7
Other	13	3.6
Parole Violation	53	14.6
Escape	7	1.9
Transfer	4	1.1
TOTAL	364	100.0





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