A PROFILE OF VIETNAM ERA VETERANS INCARCERATED IN MASSACHUSETTS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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INTRODUCTION

Since the termination of the Vietnam conflict the plight of the returning veteran has, in most aspects of society, been well documented. There has been, however, a lack of research concerning the incarcerated veteran. In response to a number of requests for information on veterans incarcerated in Massachusetts Department of Correction facilities, particularly Vietnam era veterans, the research unit of the Department of Correction prepared a preliminary series of statistical reports concerning this aspect of the population.

The initial hypothesis that there might be a substantial portion of Vietnam era veterans incarcerated throughout the state was raised by Parole Board Member Steve Blesofsky. Utilizing a questionnaire originally constructed by him, members of the research unit conducted a series of interviews with the 54 Vietnam veterans incarcerated at MCI Norfolk during September 1975. Using this information as a basis, criminal history and background data was generated on all individuals identified as Vietnam era veterans incarcerated in the various Massachusetts Correctional Institutions (MCI's).

Upon inspection of this data it was determined that as of September 1975 approximately 11% or 222 individuals of the total MCI population were Vietnam era veterans. The specific breakdown by instituion is presented below in Table I.

TABLE I

VIETNAM ERA VETERANS BY SPECIFIC INSTITUTION

	N	%
Walpole	49	(22)
Norfolk	54	(24)
Concord	74	(33)
Framingham	7	(3)
Forestry	14	(6)
Pre-Release	24	(11)
TOTAL	222	(100)

In terms of numbers the majority of veterans were located at MCI's Norfolk and Concord. They accounted for 58% of the entire Vietnam era veteran population. Table I does suggest, then, that there is indeed a significant portion of Vietnam era veterans incarcerated in Massachusetts state correctional institutions.

In 1974 the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Bureau of Correction conducted a joint research study concerning incarcerated veterans. Their analysis was based mostly on simple frequency distributions on all incarcerated veterans in the Pennsylvania Correction System as of December 31, 1974.

This study will concern itself solely with Vietnam era veterans, therefore any comparison between the two reports would not be valid. In addition to presenting frequency distributions on the background and criminal history variables this evaluation will make a statistical comparison between incarcerated veterans and non-veterans on those variables.

SAMPLES:

The veteran sample consisted of 222 incarcerated individuals identified as Vietnam era veterans as of September 1975.

The non-veteran sample was made up of the remaining MCI population who were not identified as Vietnam era veterans.[1]

DATA COLLECTION:

From the computerized data base of the Correction and Parole Information System, (CAPMIS) 14 items of information were generated all related to the individuals criminal history and background, pertaining to his present incarceration. See Appendix I for a frequency distribution of these variables.

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[1]This number will fluctuate from approximately 1,800 to 2,000 individuals depending on the number of missing observations for each variable analyzed.

METHODOLOGY:

Commitment, background and criminal history variables were characterized according to a series of different splits for each sample. The split that yielded the highest chi square was chosen. Variables that yielded a statistically significant relationship at the .05 probability level (x^2 = 3.84, 1df) were selected as indicators of differences between the two samples.

FINDINGS:

A comparison of background and criminal history data between veterans and non-veterans yielded 10 variables that produced statistically significant differences between the two samples. In rank order of their significance the variables were: Number of State or Federal Incarcerations, Number of Juvenile Incarcerations, Number of County Incarcerations, Last Grade Completed, Age as of September 1975, Age at First Arrest, Length of Incarceration, Total Number of Arrests, History of Prior Drug Use, Time Until First Parole Eligibility.

I.   When the variable, Total Number of Prior State or Federal Incarcerations was broken down it was discovered that significantly more of the Vietnam era veterans, 88%, had never experienced a prior incarceration of this nature as compared with 61% of the non-veteran population.

II.   In terms of the variable, Total Number of Juvenile Incarcerations significantly more of the veteran population had never been incarcerated as a juvenile. Specifically, 85% of the veterans as compared to 67% of the non-veterans had not been incarcerated as a juvenile.

III. Analysis of the variable, Total Number of County Incarcerations, indicated, again, that significantly more of the veteran population, 74%, as compared with non-veterans 54%, had no prior county incarcerations.

IV.   In terms of education when the variable Last Grade Completed was broken down it was found that significantly more of the veterans had either completed or gone beyond the 12th grade in high school than did non-veterans. Specifically, 36% of the 222 veterans had completed high school as compared to 19% of the non-veterans.

V.   In terms of Age as of September 1975 it was found that
the veterans tended to be younger than the non-veterans. An-
alysis of this data revealed that approximately 77% of the
veterans were between the ages of 19-29 as compared to 58%
of the remaining MCI population.

VI.   Regarding Age at First Arrest, significantly more of
the non-veteran population were first arrested at 17 years
of age or younger. Specifically, 65% of the non-veteran
population compared to 47% of the veteran group, were arrested
by the age of 17.

VII. When the variable Time Served on Present Incarceration
was split it was found that significantly more, 82%, of the
veterans had been incarcerated, as of September 1975, for a
shorter period of time than did the non-veteran group, 67%.
That is, 82% of the veteran population compared to 67% of the
non-veterans had been incarcerated for less than 3 years.

VIII. Upon inspection of data concerning Total Number of Prior
Arrests it was determined, that a disproportionate number of
veterans had no previous arrest record prior to the arrest
that resulted in the present incarceration. In other words,
a disproportionate number of veterans, 8%, as compared to
non-veterans, 4%, were classified as first offenders.

IX.   An interesting finding surfaced upon analysis of the
variable History of Prior Drug Use. It was determined that
a disproportionate number, 56%, of the veteran sample had some
history of drug use as compared to 46% of the non-veterans.

X.   The last variable that produced a statistically signi-
ficant difference between the two samples was, Time Until
First Parole Eligibility Date. Analysis of the relationship
determined that a disproportionate number of veterans, 59%,
were beyond or within one year of their parole eligibility
data as compared to 52% of the non-veterans. This factor
becomes important in terms of future program implementation.

     In summation, a profile of the typical Vietnam era
veteran in terms of the above information would be the fol-
lowing.

In terms of criminal history background the veteran tended to have no prior juvenile, county or state incarcerations. He generally was 18 years of age or older before his first arrest and was more likely to be presently incarcerated on his first offense than the non-veteran. However, the Vietnam era veteran was more likely to have a history of narcotics use than was the non-veteran. Despite this the veteran generally exhibited a less active criminal history background than did the non-veteran.

Regarding the other variables the veteran was more likely to be younger and better educated at the time of his present incarceration than the non-veteran. More often than not the veteran had served a shorter period of time on his present incarceration than the non-veteran and he tended, more often than the non-veteran, to be beyond or within one year of his first parole eligibility date.

. A summary of these relationships is presented in Appendix II.

As a final aspect of this report, background and military history data was collected in a series of interviews on 46 of the 54 Vietnam era veterans incarcerated at MCI Norfolk. Because of the time element interviews were not conducted at the remaining institutions. By focusing on the MCI Norfolk cohort it is hoped that the findings might be beneficial in some way regarding generalizations made about the remaining incarcerated veterans.

Analysis of the interview data revealed that the majority of Norfolk veterans, 61%, were discharged from the service under honorable conditions. Approximately 28% received bad conduct, undesirable or general discharges. Interestingly more of the interviewed veterans reported having received dishonorable discharges.

In terms of personal conduct while in the service the vast majority of the sample reported never having any disciplinary action taken towards them.

When questioned about employment experiences, 52% of the Norfolk veterans were reportedly engaged in manual labor positions prior to their service entry. Regarding post service employment, approximately 67% again reported manual labor positions.

In conclusion, then, there does seem to be a signi-
ficant proportion of Vietnam era veterans incarcerated in
Massachusetts Correctional Institutions. Generally this
population went further in school and tended to exhibit a
less active criminal history background than the non-vet-
eran prior to their present incarceration. This relative lack
of criminal history background distinguishes the incarcerated
Vietnam era veteran from the non-veteran. From the data doc-
umented in this report one might reach the conclusion that the
incarcerated Vietnam era veteran population represents a
fairly stable group of individuals with a relatively high
rehabilitative potential.

APPENDIX I

TABLE I

TYPE OF OFFENSE

Category	Walpole N	Walpole %	Norfolk N	Norfolk %	Concord N	Concord %	Framingham N	Framingham %	Forestry N	Forestry %	Pre-Release N	Pre-Release %	Total N	Total %
Offense Against Person														
Murder 1	8	(16)	4	(7)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	13	(6)
Murder 2	3	(6)	7	(13)	1	(1)	1	(14)	0	(0)	0	(0)	12	(5)
Manslaughter	5	(10)	6	(11)	1	(1)	1	(14)	1	(7)	1	(4)	15	(7)
Armed Robbery	15	(31)	11	(20)	20	(27)	1	(14)	7	(50)	8	(33)	62	(28)
Other Person	7	(14)	11	(20)	9	(12)	0	(0)	4	(29)	3	(13)	34	(15)
Sex Offenses														
Rape	2	(4)	5	(9)	9	(12)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(8)	18	(8)
Other Sex	5	(10)	4	(7)	3	(4)	1	(14)	0	(0)	0	(0)	13	(6)
Offense Against Property														
Burglary	1	(2)	2	(4)	11	(15)	2	(29)	1	(7)	4	(17)	21	(9)
Other Property	0	(0)	2	(4)	7	(10)	1	(14)	1	(7)	2	(8)	13	(6)
Other Offenses														
Narcotics	2	(4)	2	(4)	6	(8)	0	(0)	0	(0)	4	(17)	14	(6)
Other	1	(2)	0	(0)	6	(8)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	7	(3)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE II

AGE

Age	Walpole N	Walpole %	Norfolk N	Norfolk %	Concord N	Concord %	Framingham N	Framingham %	Forestry N	Forestry %	Pre-Release N	Pre-Release %	Total N	Total %
19	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(4)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(1)
20	2	(4)	1	(2)	2	(3)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	6	(3)
21	1	(2)	1	(2)	4	(5)	0	(0)	1	(7)	1	(4)	7	(3)
22	1	(2)	3	(6)	10	(14)	1	(14)	2	(14)	2	(8)	18	(8)
23	5	(10)	0	(0)	9	(12)	0	(0)	1	(7)	3	(13)	19	(9)
24	6	(12)	5	(9)	10	(14)	0	(0)	3	(21)	2	(8)	25	(11)
25	6	(12)	5	(9)	8	(11)	1	(14)	2	(14)	3	(13)	24	(11)
26	1	(2)	5	(9)	11	(15)	0	(0)	1	(7)	2	(8)	23	(10)
27	3	(6)	3	(6)	3	(4)	1	(14)	1	(7)	1	(4)	17	(8)
28	7	(14)	8	(15)	4	(5)	1	(14)	0	(0)	1	(4)	16	(7)
29	5	(10)	4	(7)	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(21)	2	(8)	14	(6)
30	5	(10)	6	(11)	5	(7)	1	(14)	0	(0)	2	(8)	16	(7)
31	1	(2)	2	(4)	1	(1)	2	(29)	0	(0)	2	(8)	14	(6)
32	2	(4)	2	(4)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	6	(3)
33	0	(0)	2	(4)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	5	(2)
34	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	3	(1)
35	1	(2)	2	(4)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(1)
36	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(1)
38	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(1)
42	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
45	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE III

LAST CIVILIAN ADDRESS

	Walpole N	%	Norfolk N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	Forestry N	%	Pre-Release N	%	Total N	%
Boston	14	(29)	20	(37)	20	(29)	3	(43)	3	(21)	4	(17)	64	(29)
Northern Suburbs	3	(6)	3	(6)	13	(19)	2	(29)	1	(7)	5	(21)	27	(12)
Remaining Metropolitan Area	4	(8)	11	(20)	6	(9)	0	(0)	0	(0)	7	(29)	28	(13)
Lowell-Lawrence Area	3	(6)	2	(4)	4	(6)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	9	(4)
New Bedford Fall River Area	5	(10)	3	(5)	6	(9)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	15	(7)
Springfield Area	7	(14)	6	(11)	4	(6)	1	(14)	1	(7)	2	(8)	21	(9)
Worcester Area	3	(6)	3	(5)	3	(4)	0	(0)	4	(29)	2	(8)	15	(7)
Other Mass. Area	4	(8)	4	(7)	7	(10)	1	(14)	4	(29)	3	(13)	23	(10)
Other New England States	2	(4)	1	(2)	3	(4)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	6	(3)
South Atlantic States	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(3)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(1)
West Central States	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(1)
Unknown	3	(6)	0	(0)	6	(1)	1	(7)	1	(7)	0	(0)	10	(5)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE IV

EDUCATION
LAST GRADE COMPLETED

	Walpole N	%	Norfolk N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	Forestry N	%	Pre-Release N	%	Total N	%
5th Grade	0	(0)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
6th Grade	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(7)	0	(0)	2	(1)
7th Grade	0	(0)	4	(7)	5	(7)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	9	(4)
8th Grade	7	(14)	7	(13)	11	(15)	0	(0)	2	(14)	4	(17)	31	(14)
9th Grade	9	(18)	5	(9)	13	(18)	0	(0)	2	(14)	5	(21)	34	(15)
10th Grade	4	(8)	11	(20)	7	(9)	4	(57)	1	(7)	1	(4)	28	(6)
11th Grade	2	(4)	4	(7)	6	(8)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	13	(6)
12th Grade	10	(20)	18	(33)	15	(20)	1	(14)	5	(36)	10	(42)	59	(27)
13th Grade	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(14)	0	(0)	1	(4)	2	(1)
14th Grade	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
15th Grade	0	(0)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
16th Grade	1	(2)	0	(0)	2	(3)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(2)
Unknown	15	(31)	3	(6)	14	(19)	1	(14)	3	(21)	2	(8)	38	(17)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE V

HISTORY OF PRIOR DRUG USE

	Walpole N	%	Norfolk N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	Forestry N	%	Pre-Release N	%	Total N	%
No Mention of Drug Use	13	(27)	27	(50)	23	(31)	6	(86)	5	(36)	8	(33)	82	(37)
Drug User (no specific drug mentioned)	7	(14)	1	(2)	4	(5)	0	(0)	0	(0)	5	(21)	17	(8)
Drug User (mention of heroin)	12	(24)	11	(20)	20	(27)	1	(14)	4	(29)	7	(29)	55	(25)
Drug User (mention of drug other than heroin/marijuana)	1	(2)	5	(9)	5	(7)	0	(0)	1	(7)	1	(4)	13	(6)
Drug User (marijuana only drug mentioned)	4	(8)	6	(11)	5	(7)	0	(0)	2	(14)	1	(4)	18	(8)
Unknown	12	(24)	4	(7)	17	(23)	0	(0)	2	(14)	2	(8)	37	(17)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE VI

AGE AT FIRST ARREST

	Walpole N	Walpole %	Norfolk N	Norfolk %	Concord N	Concord %	Framingham N	Framingham %	Forestry N	Forestry %	Pre-Release N	Pre-Release %	Total N	Total %
9	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(14)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
10	0	(0)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
11	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(4)	0	(0)	1	(7)	1	(4)	5	(2)
12	2	(4)	1	(2)	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(7)	0	(0)	4	(2)
13	4	(8)	2	(4)	5	(7)	2	(29)	0	(0)	1	(4)	12	(5)
14	1	(2)	1	(2)	4	(5)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	9	(4)
15	3	(6)	4	(7)	10	(14)	0	(0)	1	(7)	0	(0)	18	(8)
16	4	(8)	1	(2)	4	(5)	1	(14)	1	(7)	1	(4)	11	(5)
17	7	(14)	7	(13)	9	(12)	1	(14)	1	(7)	2	(8)	26	(12)
18	3	(6)	4	(7)	8	(11)	0	(0)	0	(0)	5	(21)	22	(10)
19	2	(4)	6	(11)	2	(3)	1	(14)	2	(14)	2	(8)	12	(5)
20	1	(2)	4	(7)	3	(4)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	11	(5)
21	2	(4)	6	(11)	1	(1)	0	(0)	1	(7)	1	(4)	12	(5)
22	1	(2)	0	(0)	2	(3)	0	(0)	0	(7)	3	(13)	4	(2)
23	1	(2)	3	(6)	2	(3)	0	(14)	1	(7)	0	(0)	10	(4)
24	4	(8)	4	(7)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(7)	1	(4)	8	(5)
25	0	(0)	2	(4)	2	(3)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	10	(3)
26	1	(2)	3	(6)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	3	(13)	7	(3)
27	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(14)	0	(0)	0	(0)	7	(1)
28	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(1)
29	1	(0)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
35	3	(0)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
Unknown	12	(24)	2	(4)	15	(20)	0	(0)	4	(29)	4	(17)	37	(17)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE VII

TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIOR COURT APPEARANCES

First Offense	Walpole N	%	Norfolk N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	Forestry N	%	Pre-Release N	%	Total N	%
First Offense	3	(6)	4	(7)	6	(8)	1	(14)	0	(0)	1	(4)	15	(9)
2-5	11	(22)	23	(43)	14	(19)	2	(29)	3	(21)	8	(33)	61	(27)
6-10	10	(20)	12	(22)	17	(23)	2	(29)	3	(21)	7	(29)	51	(23)
11-15	7	(14)	7	(13)	13	(18)	1	(14)	4	(29)	3	(13)	35	(16)
16-20	2	(4)	4	(7)	6	(8)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(8)	14	(6)
21-25	4	(8)	0	(0)	2	(3)	0	(0)	1	(7)	1	(4)	8	(4)
26-30	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(1)
31-35	0	(0)	1	(2)	0	(0)	1	(14)	1	(7)	0	(0)	3	(1)
Unknown	11	(22)	2	(4)	16	(22)	0	(0)	2	(14)	2	(8)	33	(15)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE VIII

TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIOR JUVENILE INCARCERATIONS

	Walpole N	%	Norfolk N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	Forestry N	%	Pre-Release N	%	Total N	%
None	43	(88)	51	(94)	58	(78)	4	(57)	11	(78)	21	(88)	188	(85)
1	4	(8)	1	(2)	6	(8)	0	(0)	2	(14)	1	(4)	14	(6)
2	1	(2)	0	(0)	5	(7)	2	(29)	0	(0)	1	(4)	9	(4)
3	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(3)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	3	(1)
4	0	(0)	1	(2)	2	(3)	1	(14)	0	(0)	0	(0)	4	(2)
5	1	(2)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(7)	0	(0)	3	(1)
Unknown	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE IX

NUMBER OF PREVIOUS JUVENILE PAROLES

	Walpole N	Walpole %	Norfolk N	Norfolk %	Concord N	Concord %	Framingham N	Framingham %	Forestry N	Forestry %	Pre-Release N	Pre-Release %	Total N	Total %
None	45	(92)	51	(94)	63	(85)	4	(57)	12	(86)	22	(92)	197	(89)
1	3	(6)	1	(2)	5	(7)	2	(29)	1	(7)	0	(0)	12	(5)
2	0	(0)	0	(0)	4	(5)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	5	(2)
3	1	(2)	1	(2)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	4	(2)
4	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)	1	(14)	0	(0)	0	(0)	2	(1)
5	0	(0)	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(7)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE X

TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIOR H/C INCARCERATIONS

	Walpole N	Walpole %	Norfolk N	Norfolk %	Concord N	Concord %	Framingham N	Framingham %	Forestry N	Forestry %	Pre-Release N	Pre-Release %	Total N	Total %
None	38	(78)	44	(82)	52	(70)	4	(57)	10	(71)	17	(71)	165	(74)
1	6	(12)	7	(13)	10	(14)	3	(43)	1	(7)	3	(13)	30	(14)
2	4	(8)	1	(2)	10	(14)	0	(0)	1	(7)	3	(13)	19	(9)
3	0	(0)	2	(4)	2	(3)	0	(0)	1	(7)	1	(4)	6	(3)
4	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(7)	0	(0)	2	(1)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE XI

TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIOR STATE OR FEDERAL INCARCERATIONS

	Walpole N	%	Norfolk N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	Forestry N	%	Pre-Release N	%	Total N	%
None	40	(82)	50	(93)	68	(92)	5	(71)	11	(79)	21	(88)	195	(88)
1	6	(12)	4	(7)	4	(5)	2	(29)	2	(14)	3	(13)	21	(9)
2	2	(4)	0	(0)	2	(3)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	4	(2)
3	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
4	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(7)	0	(0)	1	(1)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE XII

NUMBER OF PREVIOUS ADULT PAROLES

	Walpole N	%	Norfolk N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	Forestry N	%	Pre-Release N	%	Total N	%
None	46	(94)	53	(98)	69	(93)	5	(71)	12	(86)	24	(100)	209	(94)
1	1	(2)	1	(2)	5	(7)	2	(29)	1	(7)	0	(0)	10	(5)
2	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(7)	0	(0)	2	(1)
3	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE XIII

LENGTH OF TIME IN MONTHS TO PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATE

	Walpole N	%	Norfolk N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	Forestry N	%	Pre-Release N	%	Total N	%
Beyond PE Date	3	(6)	6	(11)	27	(36)	1	(14)	2	(14)	6	(25)	45	(20)
1-6 Months	2	(4)	1	(2)	18	(24)	1	(14)	5	(36)	6	(25)	33	(15)
7-12 Months	6	(12)	2	(4)	19	(26)	2	(29)	3	(21)	7	(29)	39	(18)
13-18 Months	2	(4)	4	(7)	2	(3)	1	(14)	4	(29)	2	(8)	15	(7)
19-24 Months	6	(12)	2	(4)	1	(1)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(4)	10	(5)
Over 24 Months	19	(39)	29	(54)	5	(7)	1	(14)	0	(0)	1	(4)	55	(25)
Unknown	11	(22)	10	(19)	2	(3)	1	(14)	0	(0)	1	(4)	25	(11)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

TABLE XIV

TIME SERVED ON PRESENT INCARCERATION

	Walpole N	%	Norfolk N	%	Concord N	%	Framingham N	%	Forestry N	%	Pre-Release N	%	Total N	%
1-6 Months	8	(16)	4	(7)	23	(31)	0	(0)	2	(14)	4	(17)	41	(18)
7-12 Months	8	(16)	9	(17)	10	(14)	0	(0)	6	(43)	6	(25)	39	(18)
13-18 Months	3	(6)	8	(15)	13	(18)	4	(57)	2	(14)	2	(8)	32	(14)
19-24 Months	10	(20)	5	(9)	7	(9)	1	(14)	0	(0)	3	(13)	26	(12)
25-30 Months	8	(16)	4	(7)	6	(8)	0	(0)	1	(7)	3	(13)	22	(10)
31-36 Months	3	(6)	9	(17)	5	(7)	0	(0)	1	(7)	3	(13)	21	(9)
Over 36 Months	8	(16)	15	(28)	10	(14)	2	(29)	2	(14)	3	(13)	40	(18)
Unknown	1	(2)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	0	(0)	1	(1)
TOTAL	49	(100)	54	(100)	74	(100)	7	(100)	14	(100)	24	(100)	222	(100)

APPENDIX II

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VARIABLES FOUND TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
VIETNAM ERA VETERANS AND NON-VETERANS

I.   Total Number of State Incarcerations
(unknowns exluded)

	Veterans		Non-Veterans	
	N	%	N	%
None	195	(88)	1162	(61)
One or More	27	(12)	746	(39)

$(x^2 = 62.41,\ 1df,\ P<.001)$

II.   Total Number of Juvenile Incarcerations
(unknowns excluded)

	Veterans		Non-Veterans	
	N	%	N	%
None	188	(85)	1277	(67)
One or More	33	(15)	632	(33)

$(x^2 = 47.76,\ 1df,\ P<.001)$

III.   Total Number of County Incarcerations
(unknowns excluded)

	Veterans		Non-Veterans	
	N	%	N	%
None	165	(74)	1020	(54)
One or More	57	(26)	888	(46)

$(x^2 = 35.08,\ 1df,\ P<.001)$

IV.   Last Grade Completed
(unknowns excluded)

	Veterans		Non-Veterans	
	N	%	N	%
High School Graduate or More	66	(36)	345	(19)
11th Grade or Less	118	(64)	1513	(81)

$(x^2 = 31.17,\ 1df.\ P<.001)$

V. Age as of September 1975
(unknowns excluded)

	Veterans		Non-Veterans	
	N	%	N	%
19-29 Years	170	(77)	1106	(58)
30 Years or Older	52	(23)	797	(42)

$(x^2 = 28.23$, ldf, $P < .001)$

VI. Age at First Arrest
(unknowns excluded)

	Veterans		Non-Veterans	
	N	%	N	%
17 or Younger	87	(47)	1220	(65)
18 or Older	98	(53)	673	(35)

$(x^2 = 21.92$, ldf, $P < .001)$

VII. Time Served on Present Incarceration
(unknowns excluded)

	Veterans		Non-Veterans	
	N	%	N	%
Less than 3 Years	181	(82)	1253	(68)
More than 3 Years	40	(18)	598	(32)

$(x^2 = 18.70$, ldf, $P < .001)$

VIII. Total Number of Prior Arrests
(unknowns excluded)

	Veterans		Non-Veterans	
	N	%	N	%
First Offense	15	(8)	74	(4)
More than one Arrest	174	(92)	1859	(96)

$(x^2 = 7.23$, ldf, $P < .01)$

IX.   History of Prior Drug Use
        (unknowns excluded)

	Veterans		Non-Veterans	
	N	%	N	%
No History	82	(44)	1010	(54)
Some Drug Use	103	(56)	845	(46)

$(x^2 = 6.93, 1df, P < .01)$

X.   Time Until First Parole Eligibility Date
        (unknowns excluded)

	Veterans		Non-Veterans	
	N	%	N	%
Beyond PE Date or Within One Year	117	(59)	1037	(52)
1 Year or More Away from PE Date	80	(41)	963	(48)

$(x^2 = 4.08, 1df, P < .01)$