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Detention of Juveniles In Local Correctional Facilities North Dakota, 1990

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In 1990, 758 detentions of juveniles in local correctional facilities were reported to the North Dakota Jail Information System (NDJIS). This is an increase of 4.1 percent from the total of 728 detentions reported in 1989.

Local correctional facilities in the state maintain records of all persons incarcerated and report this information to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation through the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Office of the Attorney General. Reports are not received from jails on the state's reservations. NDJIS data does not include information from the State Industrial School, the State Farm, the State Penitentiary, or any other state institution.

The number of detentions of juveniles, persons under the age of 18, should not be interpreted as the number of individuals detained. The numbers produced by the NDJIS indicate the number of times that the detention process is initiated. It is possible that some individuals were detained numerous times in one or a number of facilities.

Of the 758 detentions, approximately 66 percent, or 502, were male. The average length of detention for juvenile males was 156 hours, compared to 78 hours for juvenile females. On an average day in North Dakota in 1990, there were 9 male and 2 female juveniles in detention. In 1989, the average length of detention was 94 hours for juvenile males and 83 hours for juvenile females.

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**Summary of Juvenile Detention Data
1990**

Total Detentions in Local Facilities 758

Sex of Juveniles Detained:

Males	502	(66%)
Females	256	(34%)

Age and Sex of Juveniles Detained:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
10 and Under	5	1	6
11-12	12	6	18
13-14	76	77	153
15	81	77	158
16	137	56	193
17	191	39	230
Total	502	256	758

Average Length of Detention:

Juvenile Male	156 Hours
Juvenile Female	78 Hours

Person-Days in Detention:

Juvenile Male	3,263
Juvenile Female	832

Average Daily Population of Juveniles Detained in Local Facilities:

Juvenile Male	9
Juvenile Female	2

Detentions for Status Offenses or Custody:

Curfew and Loitering	9
Running Away	188
Ungovernable Behavior	76
Other Juvenile Offenses	68
Protective Custody	3
Total	344
Percent of Total Juvenile Detentions	45.4%

**Number of Juvenile Detentions
Involving Alcohol
1977-1990**

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
DUI	106	97	110	106	119	148	117	87	95	87	50	34	26	17
Liquor Laws	13	0	7	13	18	12	6	8	6	6	1	2	1	4
Poss. Alcohol	49	69	51	49	50	64	47	52	46	62	39	44	43	44
Detoxification	60	54	67	60	54	33	32	13	28	13	21	11	6	5
Open Container	2	4	10	2	6	2	6	1	3	8	4	6	1	0
Total Alcohol	230	224	245	230	247	259	208	161	178	176	115	97	77	70
% of Detentions	16.8	14.9	14.7	15.5	15.3	20.7	19.3	17.9	20.6	19.5	11.8	13.6	10.5	9.2

**Number of Juvenile Detentions
Involving Drugs
1977-1990**

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Sale/Manf. Marijuana	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	0
Sale/Manf. Other Drugs	1	0	5	2	0	1	1	1	2	4	0	0	0	0
Poss. Marijuana	39	2	30	18	19	12	18	6	11	2	5	3	0	0
Poss. Other Drugs	18	46	22	17	23	11	1	4	9	4	1	6	5	6
Other Drug Offenses	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Total Drug	62	53	58	37	43	25	20	12	23	12	8	9	9	6
% of Detentions	4.5	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.7	2.0	1.9	1.3	2.7	1.3	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.8

**Juvenile Detention Trend
1977-1990**

	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Male	978	944	1160	1073	1083	841	745	607	605	629	666	499	474	502
Female	391	558	508	409	536	411	334	290	257	274	309	214	254	256
Total	1369	1502	1668	1482	1619	1252	1079	897	862	903	975	713	728	758

**Percent Change in Number
of Juvenile Detentions
North Dakota, 1977-1990**

Year	Total Detentions	% change	% Change Base Year
1977	1369	--	--
1978	1502	9.7	9.7
1979	1668	11.1	21.8
1980	1482	-11.2	8.3
1981	1619	9.2	18.3
1982	1252	-22.7	-8.5
1983	1079	-13.8	-21.2
1984	897	-16.9	-34.5
1985	862	-3.9	-37.0
1986	903	4.8	-34.0
1987	975	8.0	-28.8
1988	713	-26.9	-47.9
1989	728	2.1	-46.8
1990	758	4.1	-44.6

Detentions for status offenses or custody were approximately 45 percent of the detention total. Status offenses are those which would not be considered offenses if committed by an adult, e.g., curfew violations and running away. In 1990, 188 detentions for running away were recorded. See Table I on page 5 for information on juvenile detentions by offense and age. In analyzing detentions by offense, running away has consistently been the offense for which the largest number of juveniles have been detained. See Table II on page 6 for information on juvenile detentions by offense and year.

In 1990, alcohol-related offenses comprised 9.2 percent of juvenile detentions. Detentions relating to alcohol included: 17 detentions for DUI offenses; 4 for liquor law violations other than DUI; 44 for possession of alcohol and 5 for detoxification. The number of detentions for alcohol-related offenses has been dropping each year since 1985.

Detentions for drug offenses have consistently been a very small portion of the total number of juvenile detentions. (See Summary on page 3.) In 1990, the 6 drug-related detentions accounted for less than 1 percent of total detentions. The largest yearly total for juvenile drug-related crimes occurred in 1977 with 62 detentions. Comparing that total with the 1990 total, we find that there has been a decrease of approximately 90 percent since 1977.

Figure I on page 7 illustrates the juvenile detention totals during the period 1977-1990.

Table III is a breakdown of juvenile detentions by age and facility. Cass County Juvenile Detention Center reported 406, or 53 percent, of the total juvenile detentions in 1990. Grand Forks County Juvenile Quarters was second with 141 detentions.

Table I
Number of Juvenile Detentions
By Offense and Age
1990

	10 and Under	11-12	13-14	15	16	17	Total
Robbery	1				3	2	6
Aggravated Assault			1				1
Burglary/Breaking or Entering			1		8	9	18
Larceny-Theft over \$1000			3	3	2	5	13
Larceny-Theft under \$1000			7	5	11	5	28
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	6	13	8	14	7	49
Other Assault			1	4	1	6	12
Checks Offenses						5	5
Buying/Rec. Stolen Property			5	2	6	4	17
Vandalism				2			2
Other Drug Offenses				3		3	6
DUI				2	2	13	17
Liquor Law Violations			1	1		2	4
Disorderly Conduct		1	8	4	7	10	30
Other Offenses			3	4	9	15	31
Curfew and Loitering		2	2	2	1	2	9
Running Away		1	42	57	57	31	188
Ungovernable Behavior	2	6	26	15	17	10	76
Poss/Drinking Liquor			6	9	11	18	44
Other Juvenile Offenses			12	17	13	26	68
Detoxification			1		2	2	5
Escape					1	2	3
Municipal Ordinance Violation						1	1
Parole Violation				1	1	4	6
Protective Custody					2	1	3
Leaving Accident Scene						1	1
Reckless Driving						5	5
Driving Under Suspension					1	14	15
Other Traffic		1					1
Trespassing	2		6	1		2	11
Bench Warrant			1	1	1	3	6
Held for Federal Marshall				1	5		6
Pickup Order		1	14	16	16	20	67
Probation Violation					2	2	4
Custody Review							
Total	6	18	153	158	193	230	758

Table II
Number of Juvenile Detentions
By Offense
1981-1990

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
Murder/Non-neg. Mans.	3				1		6	7	2	
Gross Sexual Imposition	4	2	2	1	1	3	2	1		
Robbery	11	5	5	3		6	1	1	4	6
Aggravated Assault	1	3	3	3	3	7	4		3	1
Burglary/Break & Enter	76	57	33	32	25	20	22	30	19	18
Larceny-Theft Over \$1000	2	6	8	6	2	2	8	7	10	13
Larceny-Theft Under \$1000	56	42	51	31	39	38	38	35	31	28
Motor Vehicle Theft	49	37	39	23	26	30	33	29	12	49
Other Assault	9	4	14	4	7	5	13	9	18	12
Arson	2				1			1		
Forgery (Not Checks)				1						
Check Offenses	9	12	6	7	7	3	1	3	2	5
Fraud	4							1		
Embezzling	1							1		
Buying/Rec. Stolen Property	11	11	6	10	5	5	11	6	10	17
Vandalism	4	2		4	3	4		1	7	2
Weapons Offenses	2		3		3	2	1	1	1	
Prostitution/Commer. Vice		1				1				
Child Molesting					1		3			
Other Sex Offenses	2	1	1	1			1		3	
Sale/Manf. Marijuana	1	1		1	1	1	2		2	
Possession Marijuana	19	12	18	6	11	2	5	3		
Other Drug Offenses	23	12	2	5	11	9	1	6	7	6
Other Offenses Agnst. Fam.	2		3				1	1	1	
DUI	119	146	117	87	95	87	50	34	26	17
Liquor Laws	18	12	6	8	6	6	1	2	1	4
Disorderly Conduct	52	52	37	31	26	29	32	16	26	30
Other Offenses	48	40	41	20	27	29	19	24	25	31
Suspicion		3		1						
Curfew and Loitering	13	4	10	1	5	8	5	5	6	9
Running Away	390	262	246	229	221	227	284	139	169	188
Ungovernable Behavior	135	115	80	73	39	78	80	80	88	76
Poss./Drinking Liquor	50	64	47	52	46	62	39	44	43	44
Other Juvenile Offenses	109	84	79	65	42	53	74	59	74	68
AWOL	5	8	4	6	1	5	4	3	1	
Detoxification	54	33	32	13	28	13	21	11	6	5
Escape	6		1			3	2	2	4	3
Municipal Ord. Violations	4	1	3	1	1	8	3			1
Parole Violation	7	3	7	2	1				1	6
Protective Custody	19	4	9	9	8	2	10	2	1	3
Leaving Accident Scene	7	5	1	7	4		2	1	1	1
Reckless Driving	9	14	9	1	7	13	3	7	6	5
Driving Under Suspension	59	26	26	18	26	30	29	21	21	15
Open Container	6	2	6	1	3	8	4	6	1	
Other Traffic	18	7	12	21	13	4	6	6	6	1
Trespassing	3	4	4	4	2	5	13	1	2	11
Sleeper (No Offense)	7	3	2			1		1	1	
Bench Warrant	24	15	21	17	10	13	20	7	6	6
Held For Fed. Marshal	19	4	8	9		7	5	3	2	6
Pick Up Orders	86	66	69	74	98	65	113	90	74	67
Probation Violation	18	3	5	3	6	5	3	5	4	4
Custody Review	1	1	2	6		4		1	1	
Held For Court	42	61	1							
Total	1619	1252	1079	897	862	903	975	713	728	758

Figure I
Juvenile Detention, 1977-1990

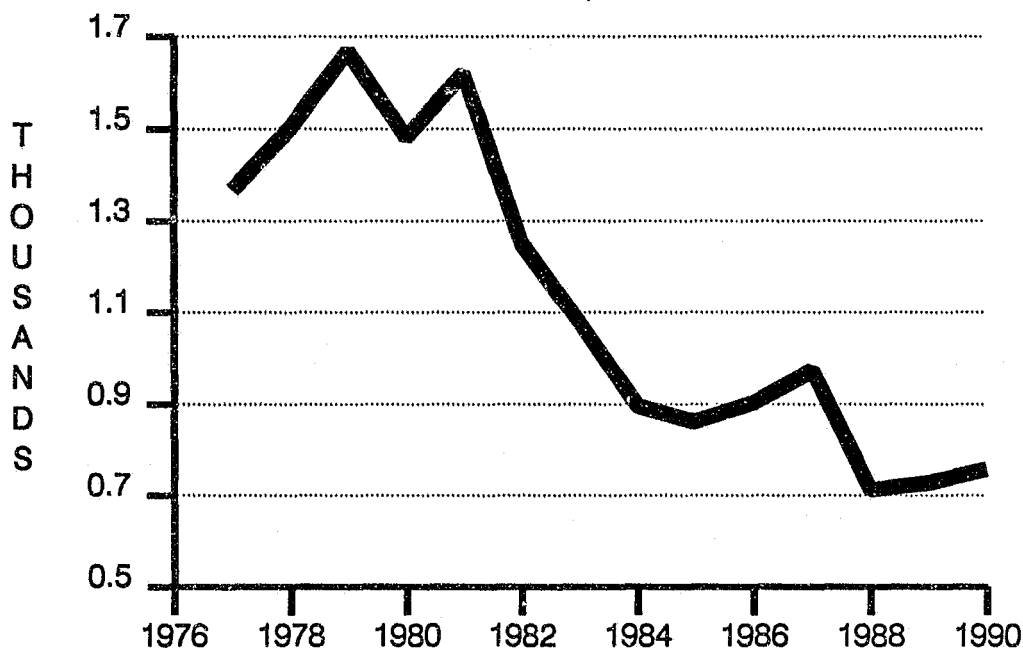


Table III
Number of Juvenile Detentions
by Facility and Age
1990

	10 & Under	11-12	13-14	15	16	17	Total
Barnes Co. Juv. Quarters			2		1		3
Bottineau Co.					1	1	2
Burleigh Co.						3	3
Cass Co.	1						1
Cass Co. Juv. Det. Center	4	12	89	87	113	101	406
Golden Valley Co.			1	4	1	1	7
Grand Forks Co.			4	5	4	11	24
Grand Forks Juv. Quarters	1	3	30	41	27	39	141
Lake Region C.C.		2	7	6	11	23	49
McKenzie Co.						1	1
Mercer Co.						7	7
Morton Co.					2	3	5
Richland Co.					1	2	3
Rolette Co.				1	2	3	6
Stutsman Co.		1	5	3	5	11	25
SWMCCC			6	5	7	11	29
Walsh Co.			1	1	3	1	6
Ward Co.				1	2		3
Williams Co.			8	4	13	12	37
Total	6	18	153	158	193	230	758