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JUVENILE RISK/NEED SUMMARY TABLES

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JUVENILE NEW RISK/NEED

5 YEAR COMPARISON

JANUARY - DECEMBER 1993

**STATEWIDE JUVENILE COURT
RISK/NEED OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS**

OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS	1989 (N=3432)	1990 (N=3536)	1991 (N=3212)	1992 (N=3568)	1993 (N=3364)
AVERAGE AGE (YEARS)	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.8	14.8
OFFENSE CHARACTERISTICS					
PERSON OFFENDERS	17.9%	21.8%	24.3%	31.7%	36.5%
PROPERTY OFFENDERS	51.1	50.6	51.7	49.7	46.1
DRUG OFFENDERS	8.6	6.9	5.7	5.5	5.6
MOTOR VEHICLE	10.3	9.1	7.8	5.9	4.9
OTHER	12.0	11.7	10.4	7.1	7.0
RISK CHARACTERISTICS					
PRIOR RECORD PAST 5 YRS	34.1	35.1	32.0	33.5	34.7
PRIOR PERIOD OF PROBATION PAST 5 YEARS	26.6	27.1	24.6	23.7	22.5
<14 YEARS OLD 1ST OFFENSE	49.0	50.7	51.4	53.5	54.5
TWO OR MORE RESIDENCE CHANGES	10.9	10.9	11.5	10.4	10.4
SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROBLEM	71.0	67.8	68.5	73.1	76.6
HOME DISCIPLINE PROBLEM	66.6	67.5	69.3	72.7	72.5
ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM	40.6	40.0	35.1	38.1	41.4
PEER RELATION PROBLEM	65.0	66.0	68.0	74.7	77.8
ATTITUDINAL PROBLEM	16.4	15.5	15.5	21.6	26.8
NEED CHARACTERISTICS					
EDUCATION SKILLS PROBLEM	59.4	57.4	58.0	62.4	66.1
FAMILY RELATIONS PROBLEM	45.2	43.3	44.1	49.9	52.1
SOCIAL RELATIONS PROBLEM	60.5	61.6	64.1	70.2	75.0
ALCOHOL ABUSE PROBLEM	24.2	24.3	20.9	24.1	26.4
OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM	23.2	18.8	15.2	18.1	21.9
BEHAVIOR PROBLEM	47.2	43.9	42.3	49.5	52.4
PROBATION SUPERVISION					
AVERAGE LENGTH (MONTHS)	10.8	11.3	11.1	11.8	10.8
LEVELS					
MAXIMUM	39.9	41.2	41.0	47.9	53.4
MODERATE	40.2	40.0	40.6	39.1	36.6
MINIMUM	19.9	18.8	18.3	13.0	9.9

SOURCE: RESEARCH AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PROBATION, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, 1994.

JUVENILE NEW RISK/NEED

**MALE AND FEMALE
CHARACTERISTICS**

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**STATEWIDE JUVENILE COURT
MALE AND FEMALE RISK/NEED OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS**

OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS	FEMALE (N= 510)	MALE (N= 2854)	TOTAL (N=3364)
AVERAGE AGE	14.7 yrs.	14.8 yrs.	14.8 yrs.
OFFENSE CHARACTERISTICS			
PERSON OFFENDERS	46.3 %	34.7 %	36.5 %
PROPERTY OFFENDERS	37.3	47.7	46.1
DRUG OFFENDERS	3.7	5.9	5.6
MOTOR VEHICLE	7.1	4.5	4.9
OTHER	5.7	7.2	7.0
RISK CHARACTERISTICS			
PRIOR RECORD PAST 5 YRS	25.7	36.3	34.7
PRIOR PERIOD OF PROBATION PAST 5 YEARS	14.7	23.9	22.5
≤14 YEARS OLD 1ST OFFENSE	55.7	54.3	54.5
TWO OR MORE RESIDENCE CHANGES	17.1	9.2	10.4
SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROBLEM	77.1	76.6	76.6
HOME DISCIPLINE PROBLEM	76.1	71.8	72.5
ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM	42.2	41.2	41.4
PEER RELATION PROBLEMS	77.8	77.8	77.8
ATTITUDINAL PROBLEM	22.7	27.6	26.8
NEED CHARACTERISTICS			
EDUCATION SKILLS PROBLEM	68.2	65.7	66.1
FAMILY RELATIONS PROBLEM	63.1	50.1	52.1
SOCIAL RELATIONS PROBLEM	73.7	75.2	75.0
ALCOHOL ABUSE PROBLEM	28.4	26.0	26.4
OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM	21.2	22.0	21.9
BEHAVIOR PROBLEM	57.5	51.5	52.4
PROBATION SUPERVISION			
AVERAGE LENGTH	9.8 mos.	11.0 mos.	10.8 mos.
LEVELS			
MAXIMUM	56.1	53.0	53.4
MODERATE	34.5	37.0	36.6
MINIMUM	9.4	10.0	9.9

SOURCE: RESEARCH AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PROBATION, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, 1994.

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**MALE AND FEMALE
CHARACTERISTICS**

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**STATEWIDE JUVENILE COURT
1994 RISK/NEED OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS**

OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS	MALE (N= 2386)	FEMALE (N= 387)	TOTAL (N= 2773)
AVERAGE AGE	14.7 yrs.	14.7 yrs.	14.7 yrs.
OFFENSE CHARACTERISTICS			
PERSON OFFENDERS	35.6%	48.1%	37.4%
PROPERTY OFFENDERS	47.3	34.4	45.5
DRUG OFFENDERS	5.7	4.4	5.5
MOTOR VEHICLES	4.3	7.8	4.8
OTHER	7.1	5.4	6.9
RISK CHARACTERISTICS			
PRIOR RECORD PAST 5 YRS	38.4	30.7	37.3
PRIOR PERIOD OF PROBATION PAST 5 YEARS	26.3	18.9	25.3
≤14 YEARS OLD 1ST OFFENSE	56.0	57.6	56.3
TWO OR MORE RESIDENCE CHANGES	9.1	18.9	10.5
SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROBLEM	72.6	74.2	72.8
HOME DISCIPLINE PROBLEM	69.3	76.5	70.3
ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM	40.7	42.6	41.0
PEER RELATION PROBLEM	71.7	73.4	71.9
ATTITUDINAL PROBLEM	31.9	29.2	31.5
NEED CHARACTERISTICS			
EDUCATION SKILLS PROBLEM	59.8	65.9	60.7
FAMILY RELATIONS PROBLEM	48.3	63.0	50.3
SOCIAL RELATIONS PROBLEM	66.5	69.3	66.9
ALCOHOL ABUSE PROBLEM	23.9	26.4	24.3
OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM	21.6	22.7	21.8
BEHAVIOR PROBLEM	50.5	57.1	51.4
PROBATION SUPERVISION			
AVERAGE LENGTH	13.1 mos.	11.4 mos.	12.9 mos.
MAXIMUM	42.0	45.5	42.5
MODERATE	42.0	40.8	41.8
MINIMUM	16.0	13.7	15.7

SOURCE: RESEARCH AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PROBATION, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, 1994.

JUVENILE NEW RISK/NEED

**LEVEL OF SUPERVISION
CHARACTERISTICS**

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**STATEWIDE JUVENILE COURT
RISK/NEED OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS**

OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS	MAX (N= 1799)	MOD (N= 1233)	MIN (N= 334)	TOTAL (N= 3366)
AVERAGE AGE	14.9 yrs.	14.7 yrs.	14.7 yrs.	14.8 yrs.
OFFENSE CHARACTERISTICS				
PERSON OFFENDERS	53.7%	17.0%	15.9%	36.5%
PROPERTY OFFENDERS	31.9	61.7	65.0	46.1
DRUG OFFENDERS	5.5	6.4	3.0	5.6
MOTOR VEHICLES	3.0	6.4	9.3	4.9
OTHER	5.9	8.5	6.9	7.0
RISK CHARACTERISTICS				
PRIOR RECORD PAST 5 YRS	48.0	23.8	2.7	34.7
PRIOR PERIOD OF PROBATION PAST 5 YEARS	34.4	11.2	0.0	22.5
≤14 YEARS OLD 1ST OFFENSE	61.2	48.9	38.9	54.5
TWO OR MORE RESIDENCE CHANGES	16.1	4.8	0.3	10.4
SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROBLEM	86.8	76.4	23.1	76.6
HOME DISCIPLINE PROBLEM	82.2	72.1	21.6	72.5
ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM	51.5	35.7	7.5	41.4
PEER RELATION PROBLEM	82.9	79.4	44.6	77.8
ATTITUDINAL PROBLEM	40.5	13.9	0.9	26.8
NEED CHARACTERISTICS				
EDUCATION SKILLS PROBLEM	77.2	63.6	15.3	66.1
FAMILY RELATIONS PROBLEM	64.5	43.7	16.2	52.1
SOCIAL RELATIONS PROBLEM	81.8	74.7	39.2	75.0
ALCOHOL ABUSE PROBLEM	35.2	20.0	2.4	26.4
OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM	29.3	16.1	3.0	21.9
BEHAVIOR PROBLEM	65.4	42.7	18.0	52.4
PROBATION SUPERVISION				
AVERAGE LENGTH	11.7 mos.	9.9 mos.	9.4 mos.	10.8 mos.

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**JUVENILE NEW RISK/NEED
OFFENSE CHARACTERISTICS**

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**STATEWIDE JUVENILE COURT
RISK/NEED OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS BY OFFENSE TYPE**

OFFENDER CHARACTERISTICS	PERSON (N=1227)	PROPERTY (N=1551)	CONTR SUBS (N=188)	MOTOR VEH (N=164)	OTHER (N=234)
AVERAGE AGE (YEARS)	14.8	14.7	15.4	15.0	14.8
RISK CHARACTERISTICS					
PRIOR RECORD PAST 5 YRS	34.5	34.9	37.8	33.5	32.5
PRIOR PERIOD OF PROBATION PAST 5 YRS	22.6	22.6	26.6	21.3	18.8
≤14 YRS OLD 1ST OFFENSE	56.1	56.2	36.7	47.0	54.3
TWO OR MORE RESIDENCE CHANGES	11.0	9.3	13.8	12.8	9.8
SCHOOL DISCIPLINE PROBLEM	77.3	75.4	80.3	72.0	81.6
HOME DISCIPLINE PROBLEM	73.3	72.3	71.8	65.9	74.4
ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM	38.0	38.6	86.7	39.6	42.3
PEER RELATIONSHIP PROBLEM	73.6	80.9	83.5	72.0	79.1
ATTITUDINAL PROBLEM	26.9	26.3	33.0	25.6	25.6
NEED CHARACTERISTICS					
EDUCATION SKILLS PROBLEM	64.7	66.2	72.3	64.6	68.8
FAMILY RELATIONS PROBLEM	56.6	50.4	43.1	50.0	48.3
SOCIAL RELATIONS PROBLEM	72.9	76.5	83.5	65.2	75.6
ALCOHOL ABUSE PROBLEM	25.2	25.5	34.6	22.6	33.8
OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM	18.1	19.1	78.2	14.6	20.5
BEHAVIOR PROBLEM	57.9	48.2	56.4	40.2	56.4
PROBATION SUPERVISION					
AVERAGE LENGTH (MONTHS)	12.1	10.2	9.9	8.7	10.0
LEVELS					
MAXIMUM	78.6	37.0	52.7	32.9	45.3
MODERATE	17.0	49.0	42.0	48.2	44.9
MINIMUM	4.3	14.0	5.3	18.9	9.8

SOURCE: RESEARCH AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PROBATION, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, 1994.