

Chapter Three

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Introduction

Assistant Jail Administrator Paul Bogenschutz collected the data for a monthly analysis of all the prisoners in custody. The population was examined each month to detail the status of every prisoner in custody.

It is critical to continue this “snapshot” process beyond the completion of this master plan. The criminal justice system officials need to have a regular analysis of who is in custody and how the jail is being used. As changes are implemented in criminal justice system policy, either as a result of actions by local officials or just the changes that naturally occur in any criminal justice system, the impact upon the jail has to be quantified and presented to the Justice Planning Committee.

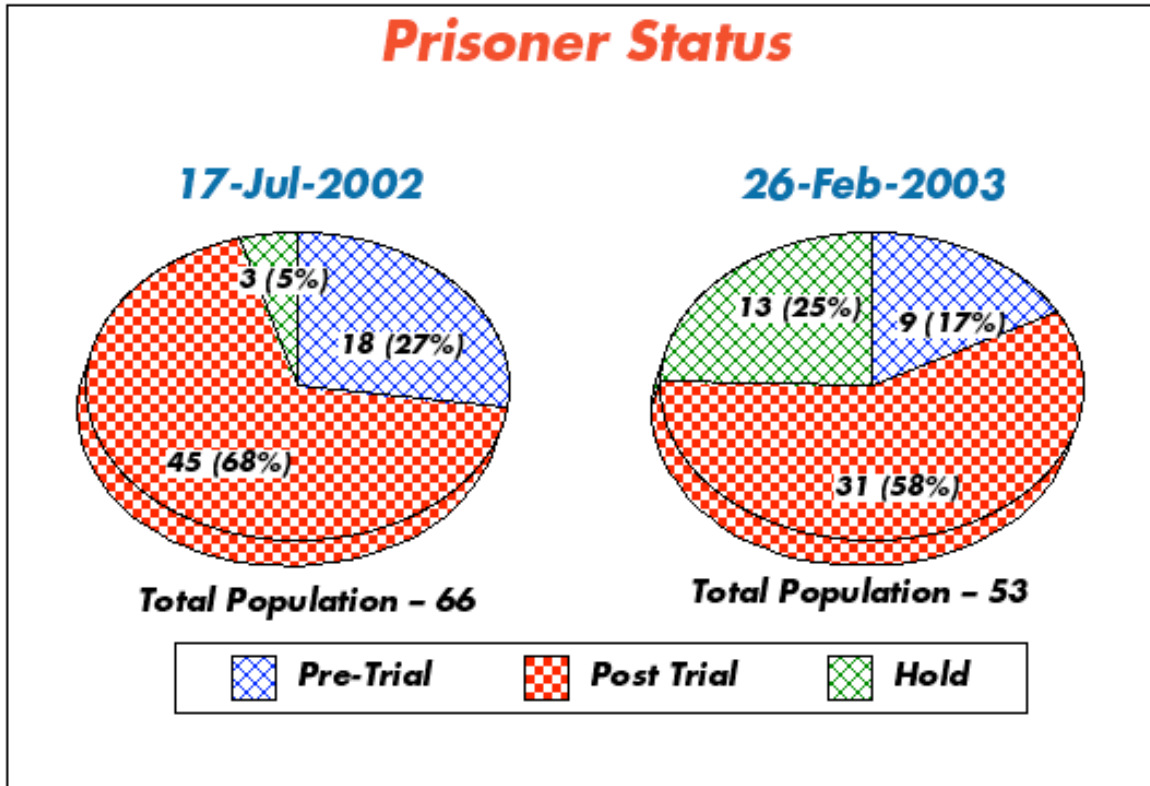
The analysis presented in this report contains the snapshots from 17 July 2002 and the 26 February 2003. For the purposes of the report, only the 26 February data will be discussed. The charges categorized as “other” are either public order offenses or traffic offenses.

The Data

A. Status

1. Overall

The first graphic shows the overall jail population broken down by pre-trial prisoners, post trial prisoners, and holds.

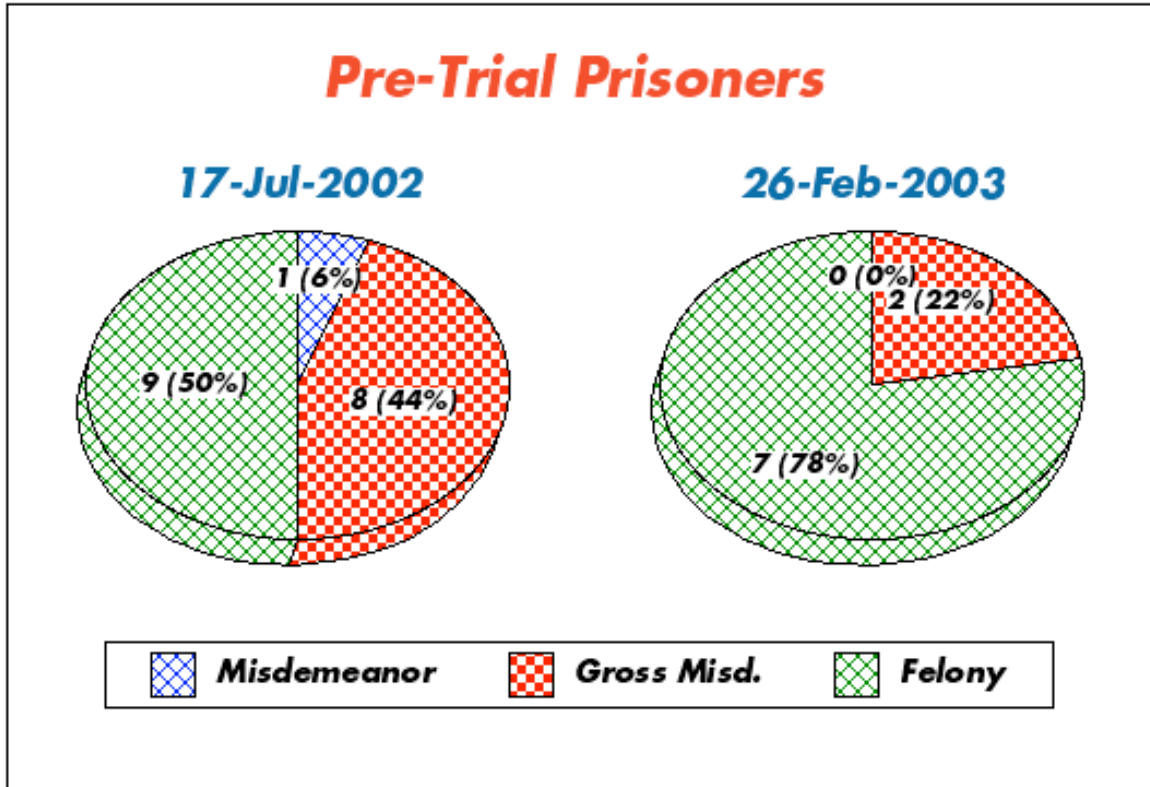


There were 53 prisoners in custody. Nine prisoners or 17 percent of the population were awaiting trial. Thirty-one prisoners or 58 percent of the population were serving a sentence, and the remaining 13 prisoners or 25 percent of the population were in custody on holds.

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2. Pre-Trial Prisoners

The next graphic breaks down the 9 pre-trial prisoners by their charge class.

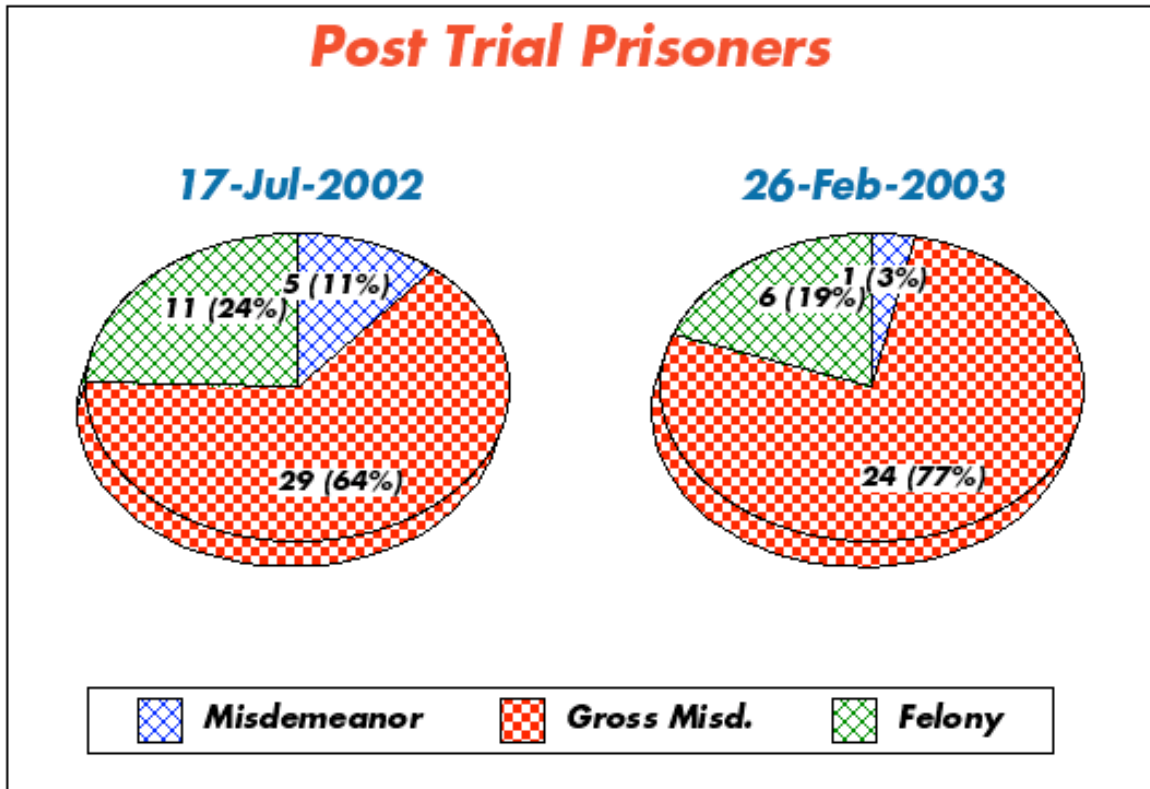


There were no prisoners in custody awaiting trial on a misdemeanor offense. Twenty-two percent of the pre-trial prisoners were awaiting disposition of a gross misdemeanor offense. Seventy-eight percent were in custody on a felony charge.

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3. Post Trial Prisoners

The next graphic breaks down the 31 post trial prisoners by their charge class.

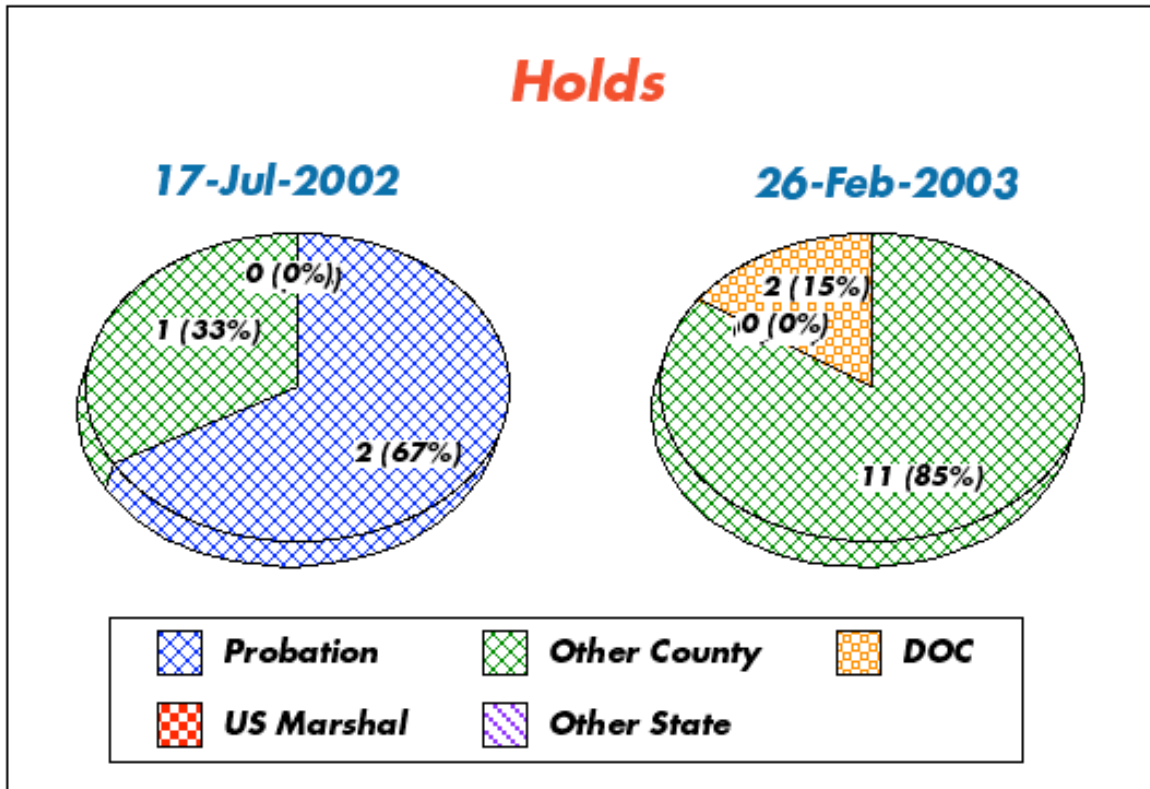


Three percent of the post trial population had been convicted of a misdemeanor. Seventy-seven percent had been convicted of a gross misdemeanor and the remaining 19 percent had been convicted of a felony.

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4. Holds

The next graphic shows the type of hold for the 13 prisoners in that category.



Eighty-five percent of the holds were for other counties in the state of Minnesota under contract. The remaining 15 percent were in jail on holds for the Department of Corrections.

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B. Charge Category

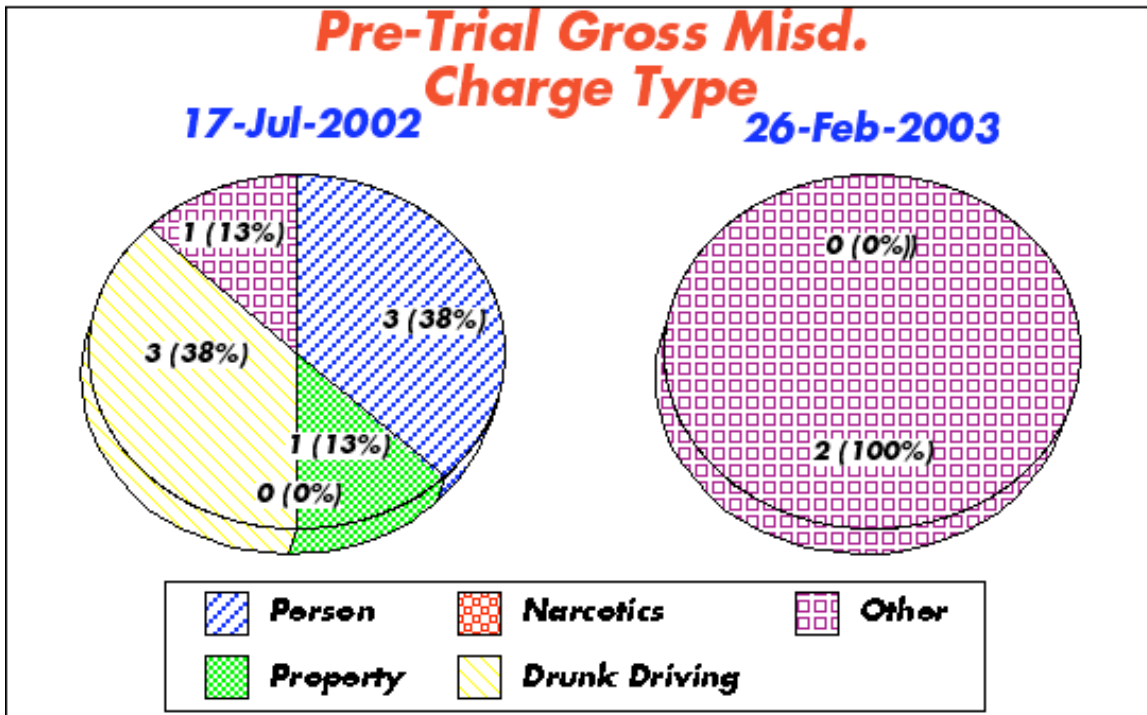
1. Pre-Trial Prisoners

a. Misdemeanors

There were no pre-trial misdemeanors in custody on the sample date.

b. Gross Misdemeanors

The next graphic shows the charge category for the 2 gross misdemeanors awaiting trial.

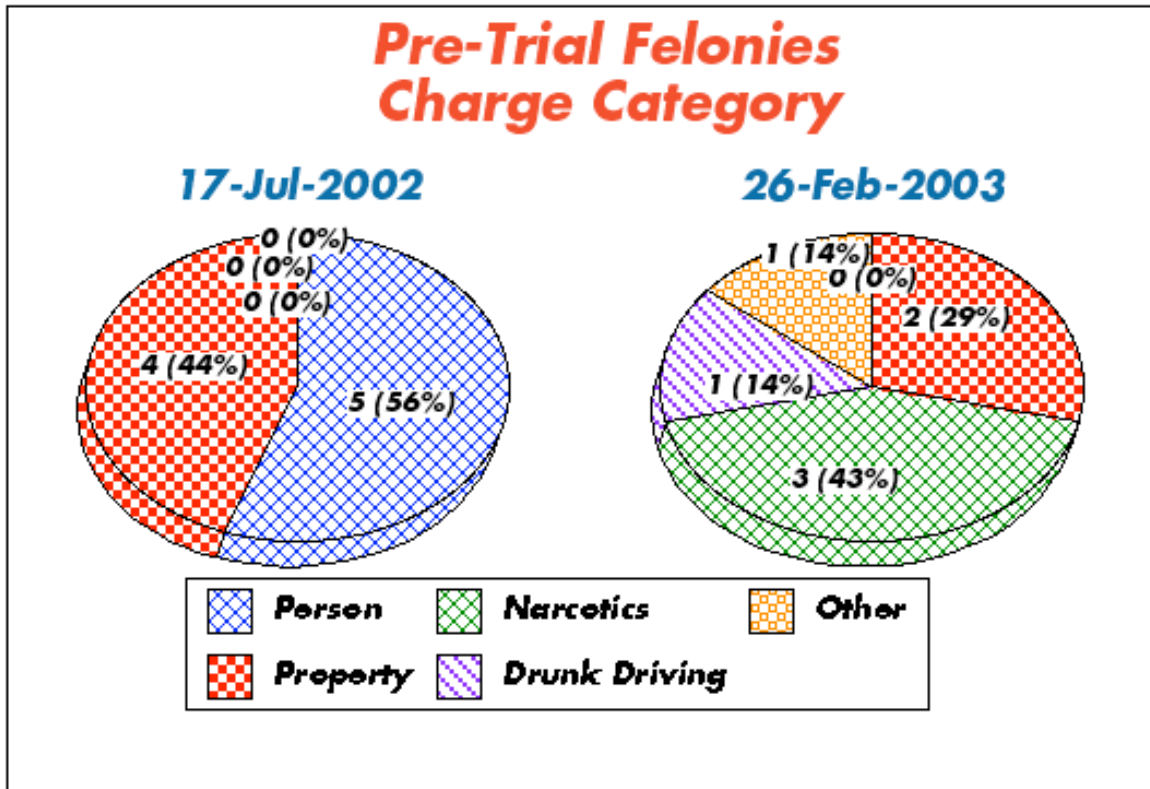


Both of the gross misdemeanors were awaiting trial for “other” offenses, either public order or traffic.

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c. Felonies

The next graphic shows the charge category for the 7 pre-trial felons.



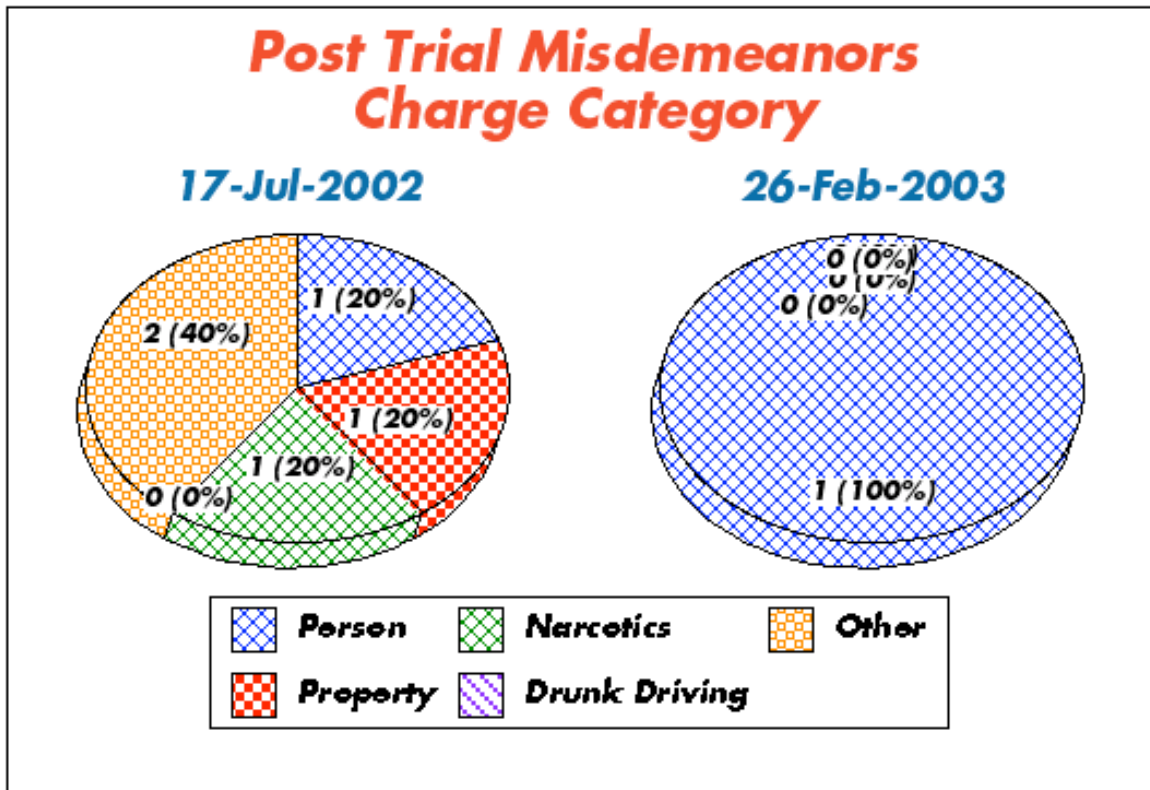
Twenty-nine percent of the pre-trial felons were being held for a property crime. Forty-three percent were awaiting trial for a narcotics offense, fourteen percent for a drunk driving charge and the remaining 14 percent were being held for other charges.

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2. Post Trial Prisoners

a. Misdemeanors

The next graphic details the charge category for the 1 sentenced misdemeanor.

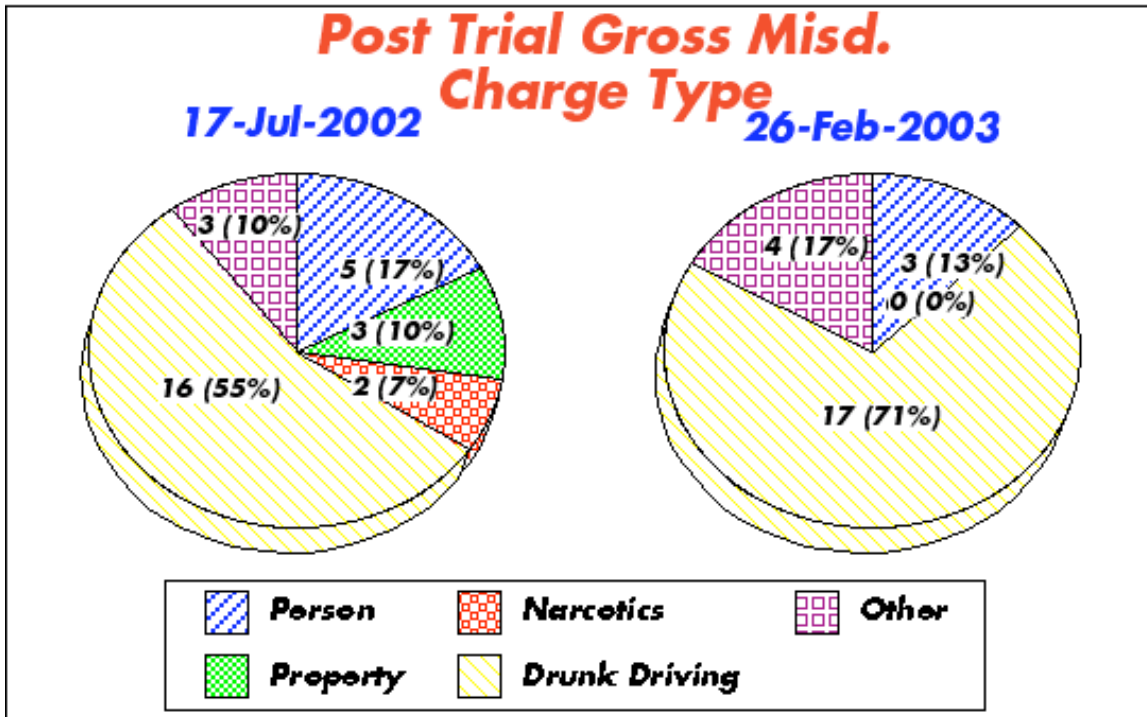


The sentenced misdemeanor had been convicted of drunk driving.

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b. Gross Misdemeanors

The next graphic details the charge category for the 24 sentenced gross misdemeanors.

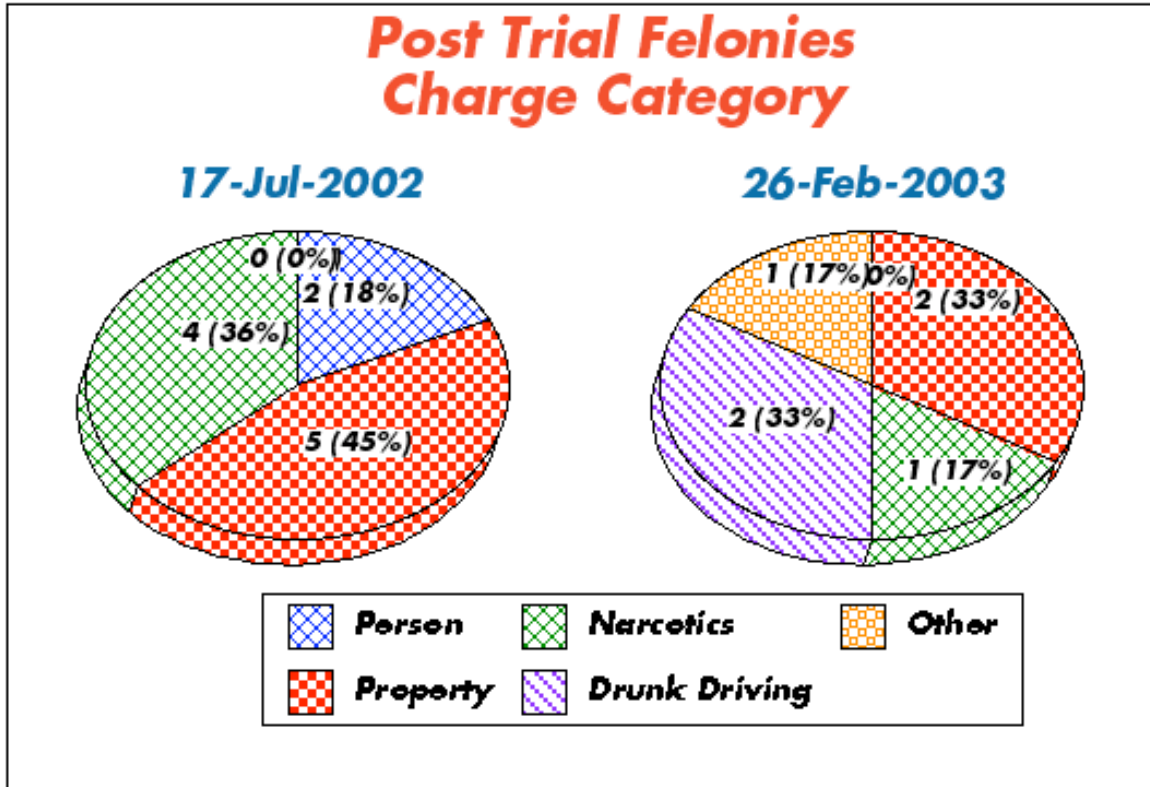


Thirteen percent had convicted for a crime against person. Seventy-one percent had been convicted of drunk driving and the remaining 17 percent had been convicted of other crimes.

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c. Felonies

The next graphic shows the charge category for the 6 convicted felons in the jail.



A third had been convicted of a property offense and 17 percent of a narcotics charge, and a third for drunk driving. The remaining 17 percent were serving a sentence for an “other” charge.

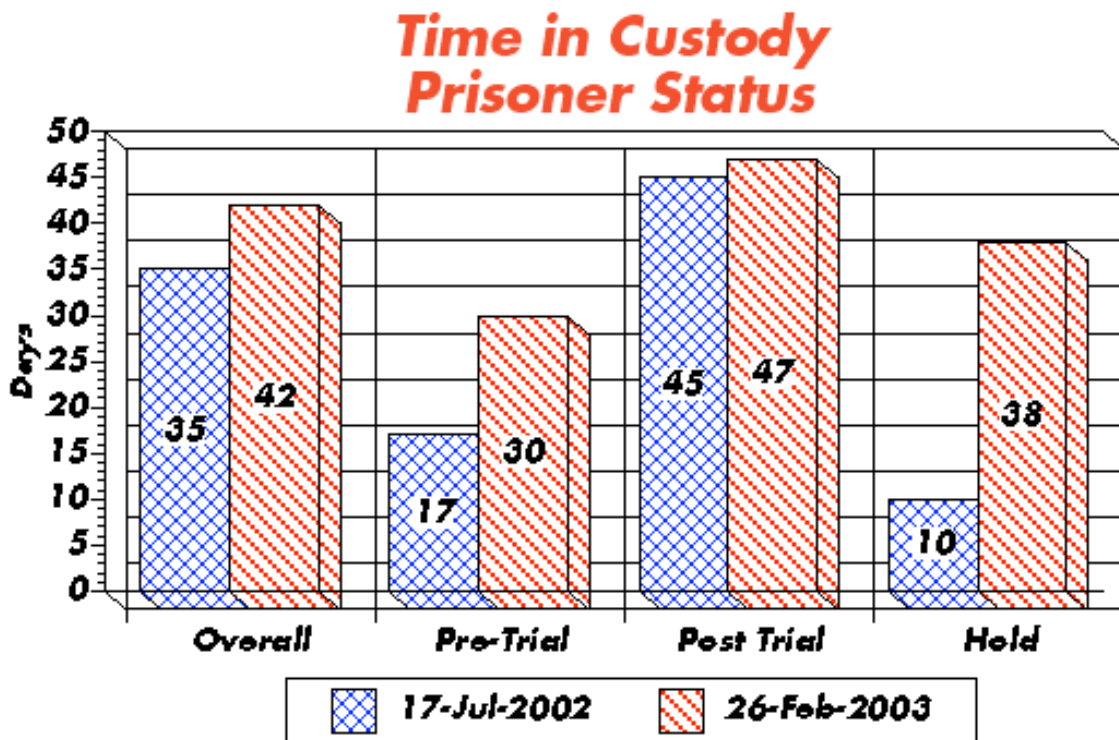
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C. Time in Custody

This section details the time in custody each of the prisoners who were in custody the day of the snapshot had been in the Jail. This is a different statistic than Average Length of Stay that is derived by examining how long each person who had been arrested was detained. The Time in Custody shows longer periods of time because it only includes the persons who are still in custody, not those who had already been released.

1. Prisoner Status

The next graphic shows the time in custody broken down by prisoner status.

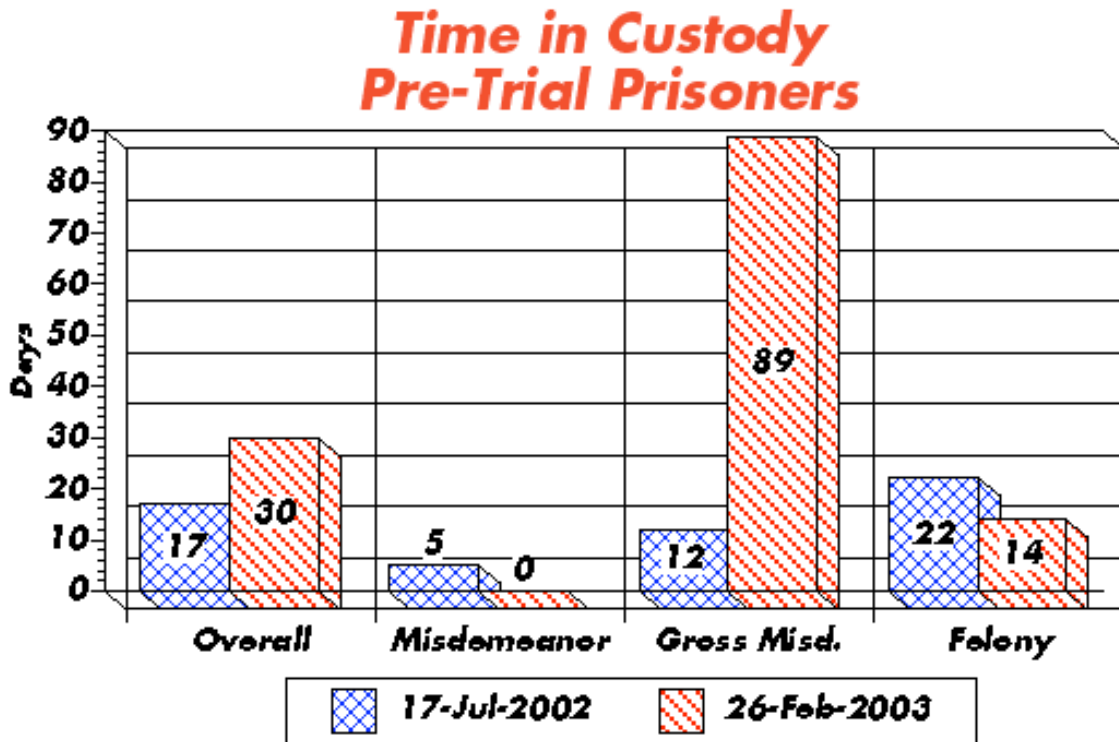


The overall average time in custody was 42 days. Pre-Trial prisoners had been in jail an average of 30 days and post trial prisoners an average of 47 days. The prisoners who were in custody on holds had been an average of 38 days.

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2. Pre-Trial Prisoners

The next graphic shows the time in custody for the pre-trial prisoners.

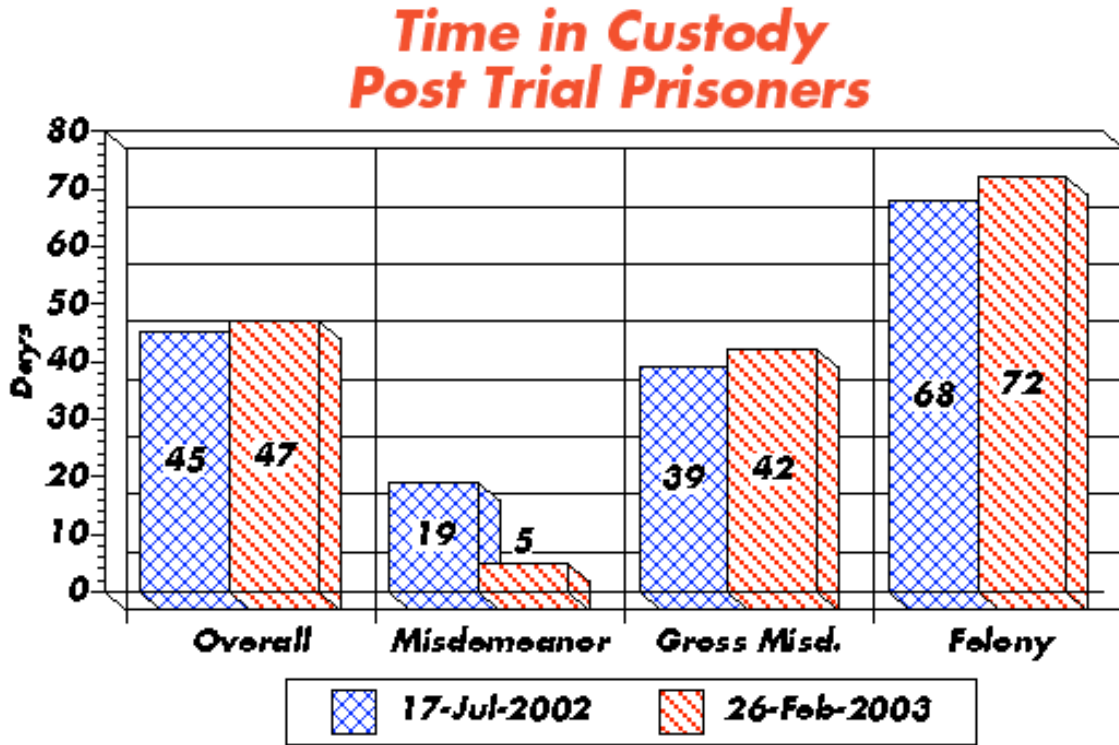


The overall average time in custody for the pre-trial prisoners was 30 days. The pre-trial gross misdemeanants had been there an average 89 days and the felons an average of 14 days.

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3. Post Trial Prisoners

The next graphic shows the time in custody for the post trial prisoners.

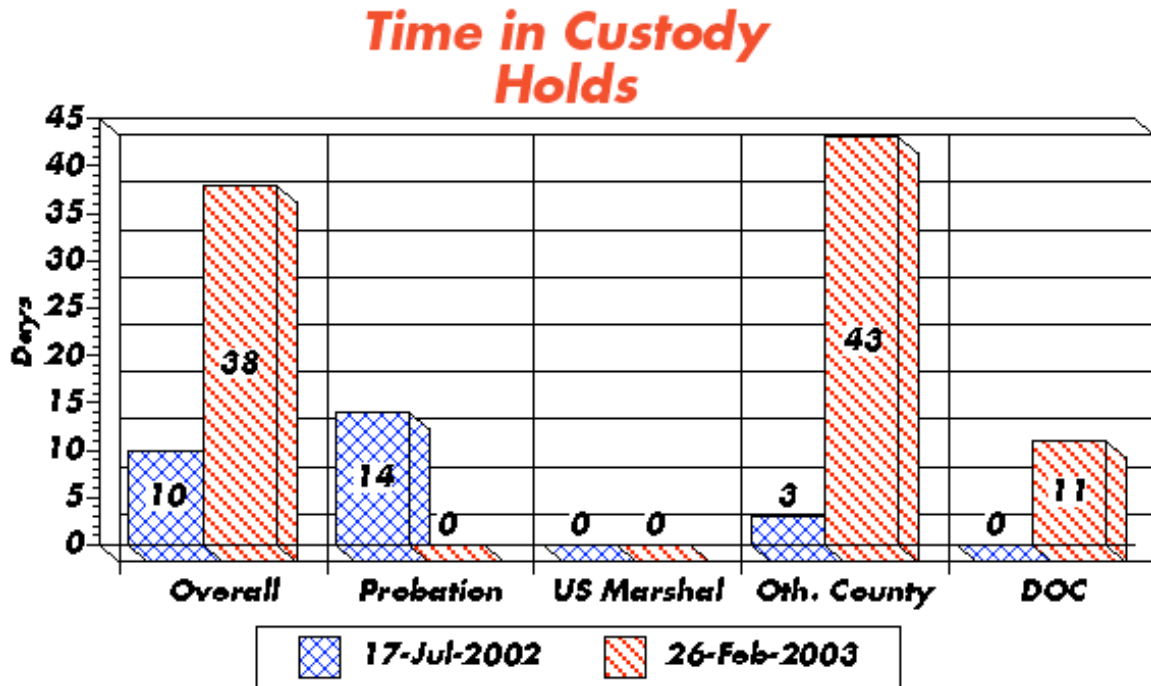


The overall average time in custody for the post trial prisoners was 47 days. Sentenced misdemeanants had been there an average 5 days, gross misdemeanants 42 days and post trial felons had been an average 72 days.

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4. Holds

The final graphic in this section shows the time in custody for the prisoners who had holds.



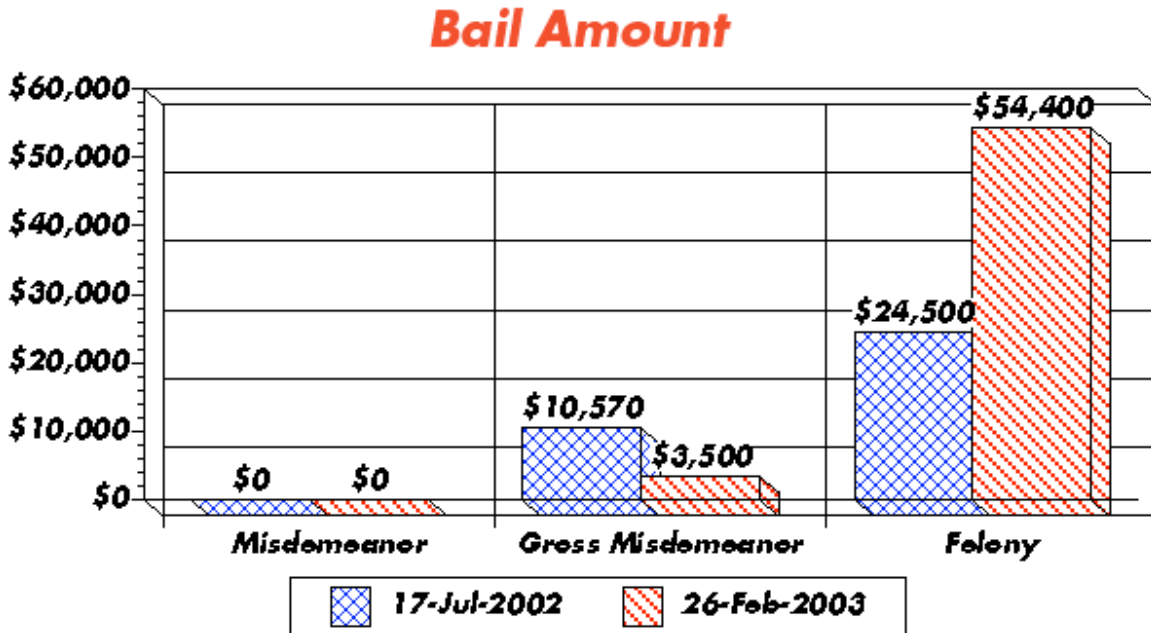
The overall average time in custody for the prisoners with holds was 38 days. Holds for other counties had been in custody an average 43 days while DOC holds had been there an average 11 days.

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D. Miscellaneous

1. Average Bail Amount

The next graphic shows the average bail amount for the pre-trial prisoners.

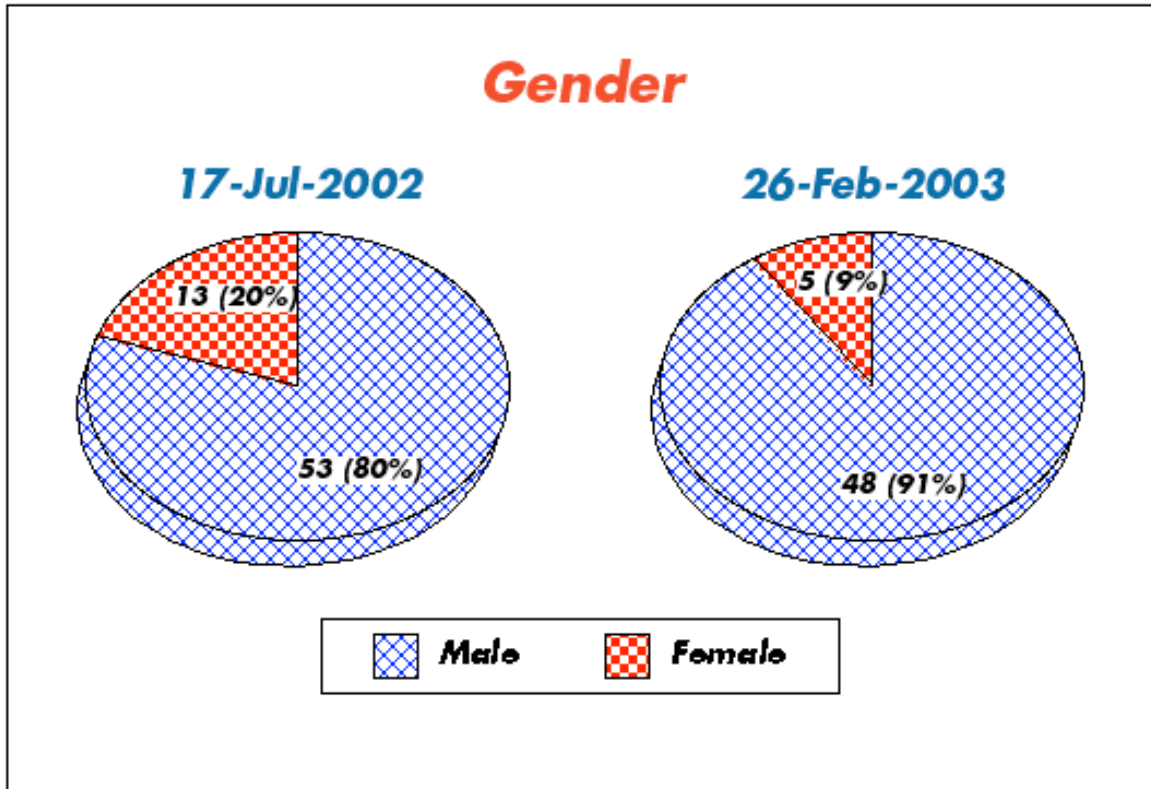


The pre-trial gross misdemeanants were being held for an average \$3,500 bail. The felons were being held for an average \$54,400 bail.

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2. Gender

The final graphic shows the gender of the 128 prisoners in custody.

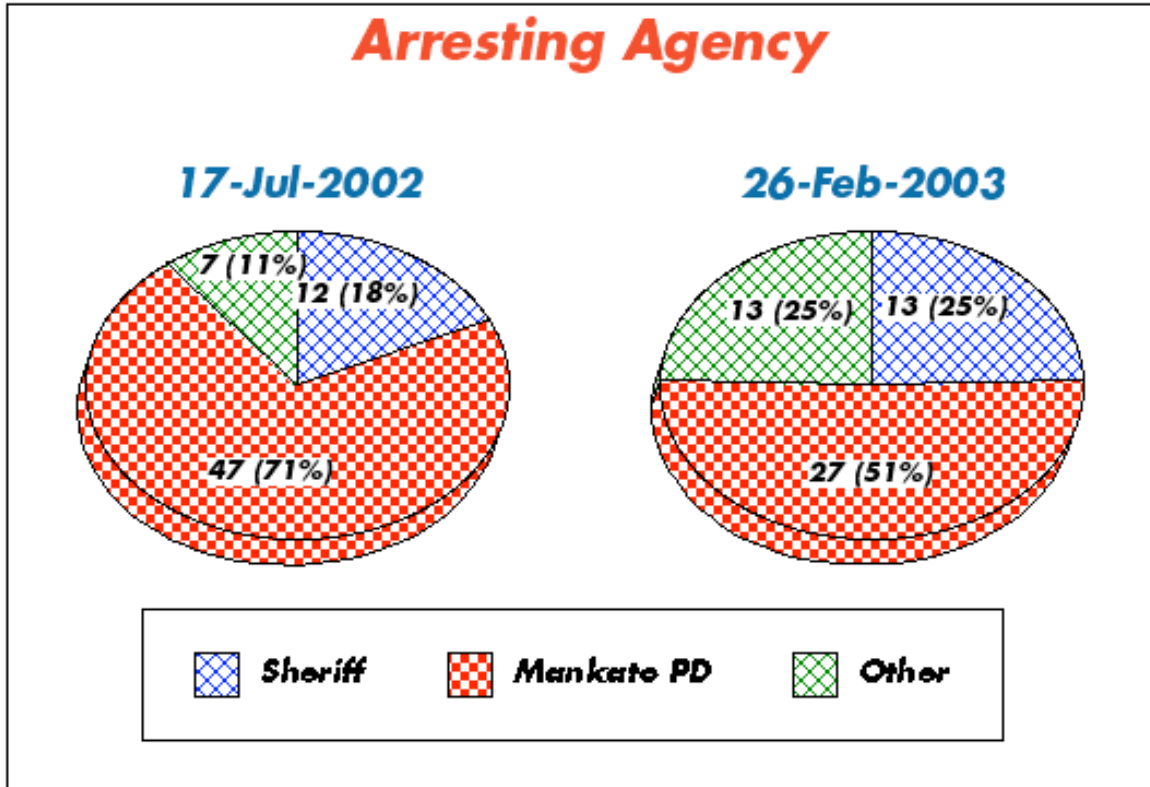


Ninety-one percent of the prisoners were male.

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3. Arresting Agency

The next graphic shows the arresting agency for the persons in custody.



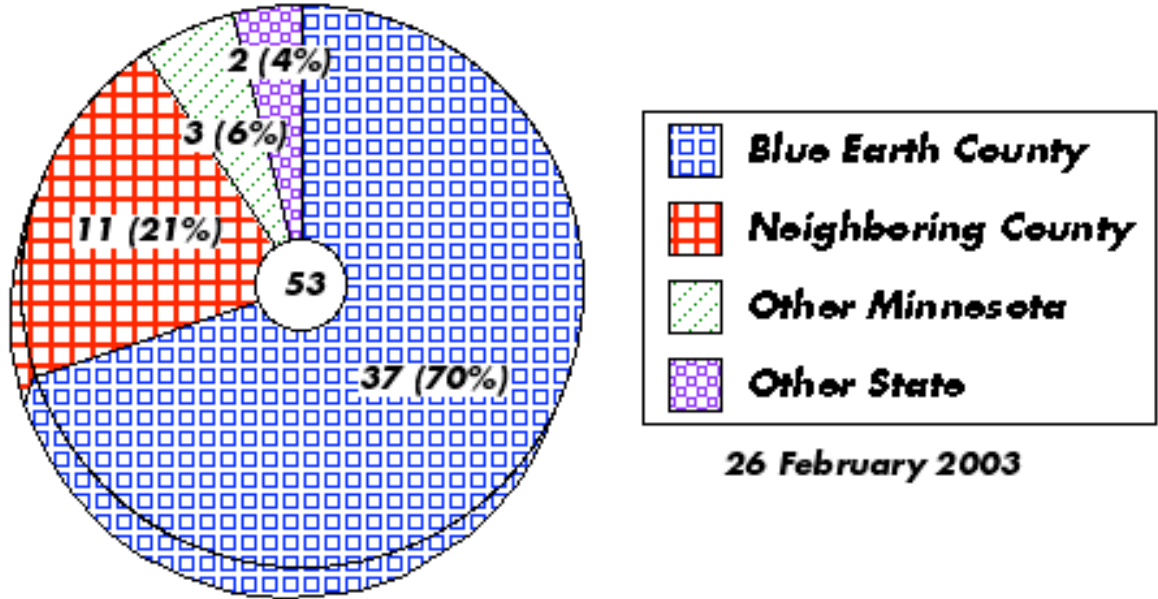
The Sheriff had arrested a quarter of the persons in custody. Mankato Police Department and the remaining fourth by other police agencies had arrested half.

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4. Residence

The next graphic shows the residence for the persons in custody.

Residence

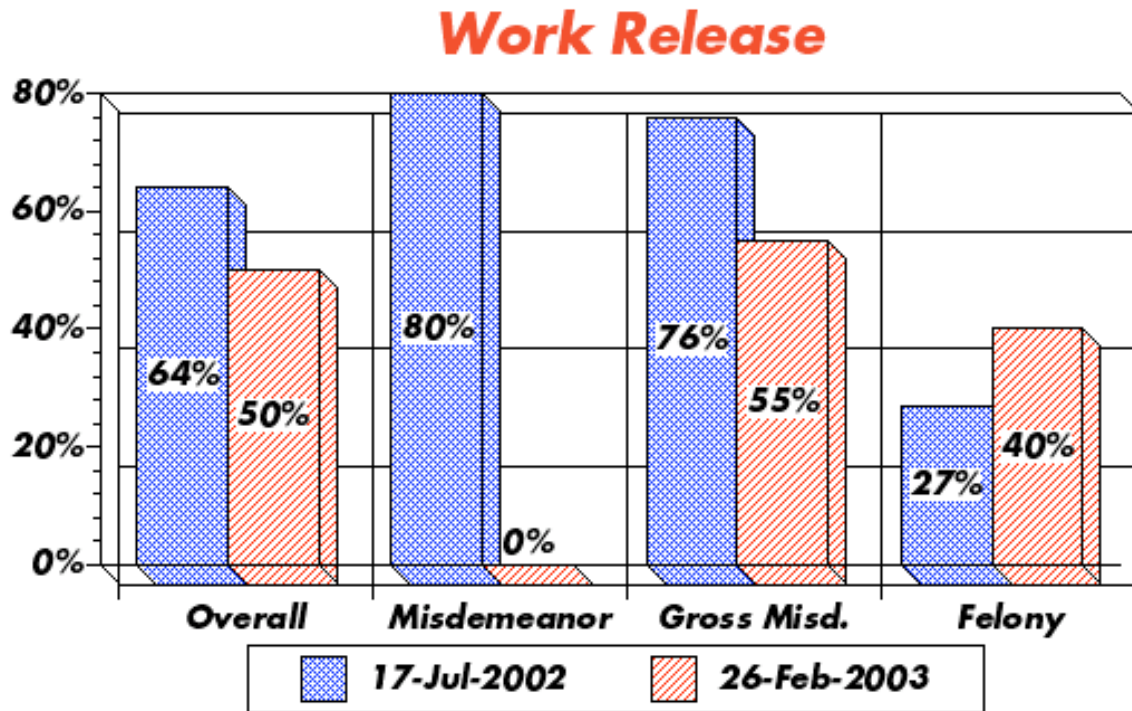


Seventy percent of the persons in jail were residents of Blue Earth County. An additional 11 percent were residents of neighboring counties. Six percent were from other counties in Minnesota and the remaining 4 percent were from out of state.

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5. Work Release

The next graphic shows the percentage of the post trial prisoners who were on Huber status.



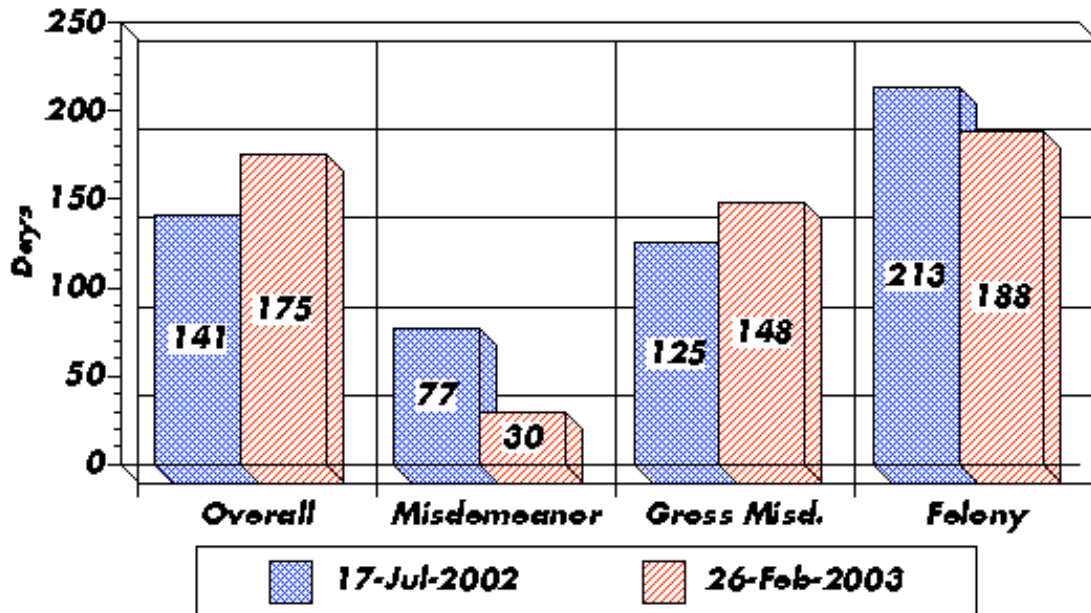
Half of the sentenced prisoners were Huber prisoners. Fifty-five percent of the gross misdemeanants and 40 percent of the felons who were serving sentences were in the Huber facility.

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6. Sentence Days

The final graphic shows the actual jail days the prisoners who were serving a sentence had received from the court. The sentences do not include any suspended time or any good time earned in the facility.

Sentence Days



The average jail sentence was 175 days. Persons convicted of misdemeanor offenses had been sentenced to 30 days, gross misdemeanor sentences were for an average 148 days, and felony sentences for an average of 188 days.