

tions conducted by the Bureau of the Census in 1960, 75 percent of the population of institutions for dependent and neglected children and homes for unmarried mothers was found in institutions located in standard metropolitan statistical areas of all sizes, and 52 percent of the population of these institutions was in institutions located in standard metropolitan statistical areas of 500,000 or more in population.¹²

(d) *Age Distribution*

(1) The distribution of detention homes in the United States by age is estimated by the detention consultants of the Children's Bureau as follows: 15 percent built prior to 1941; about 60 percent built between 1941-60; and about 25 percent were built since 1961.

(2) The distribution of public institutions for juvenile delinquents by age is shown in table 7. Twenty-two percent were built before 1900; 26 percent were built between 1901-40; and 52 percent were built since 1941.

TABLE 7.—*Distribution of age of public institutions for delinquent children, 1965.*

When built	Number	Percent
Total.....	266	100
Before 1900.....	58	22
1901 to 1920.....	44	17
1921 to 1940.....	25	9
1941 to 1960.....	102	38
1961 or later.....	37	14

Source: Children's Bureau, Welfare Administration, 1966. (Age of 10 institutions is unknown.)

The following represent estimates of the age distribution of other child welfare institutions made by specialists in the Children's Bureau.

Original or new construction:	Percent
Before 1900.....	40
During 1901-20.....	40
1921-40.....	10
1941-60.....	8
1961-present.....	2

(e) *Ownership Patterns*

1. Auspices of the 281 detention homes is as follows: city-county, 268; State, 8; voluntary, 5 (all in New York); and proprietary, none.

2. The ownership distribution of the institutions for juvenile delinquents is: State, 49 percent; city-county, 20 percent; voluntary, 26 percent; proprietary, 5 percent.

3. Of the 1,580 other child welfare institutions now in operation, 1,422 or 90 percent are under the auspices of private nonprofit organizations, and 158 or 10 percent are operated by governmental agencies, of which an estimated four-fifths are county or city agencies and one-fifth are State agencies.¹³ Although precise information is not available, the proportion of proprietary or profitmaking institutions is believed too slight to be significant.

¹² Derived from Bureau of the Census, *Inmates of Institutions*, 1960, tables 10, 31, and 42.

¹³ Unpublished list compiled by Children's Bureau from information furnished by State departments of public welfare.