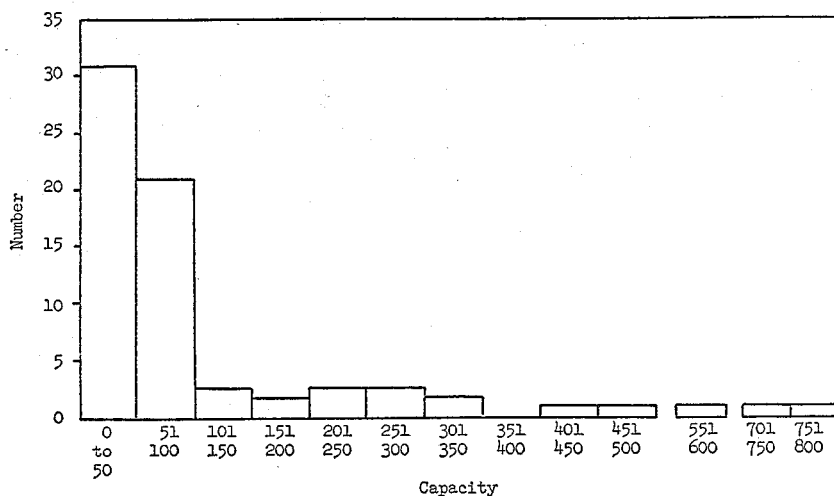


offenses. The largest single-offense group in the jails of this State was being held for drunkenness. Average time served in jail on any particular admission is estimated as 5 to 60 days and will vary this much from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF JAIL FACILITIES

Jails range in size from 1-cell units to a 4,000-man institution in Log Angeles, Calif. A variety of living arrangements are possible, depending primarily on security requirements. The extremes range from single-man cells providing the closest possible security for potentially dangerous inmates to open dormitories housing 40 to 80 men serving short sentences for misdemeanors. The Federal jail inspector survey of jail construction, which provided data on 73 new jails built during the past 5 years, showed that they range in size from small institutions constructed to handle as few as 2 men, to institutions as large as 3,300. The average capacity of these institutions is 56 (see fig. 1 for a graphic presentation of this distribution). Most jails with a capacity of over 25 have both close security quarters arrangements and multiman quarters of lesser security.

FIGURE 1 - CAPACITY DISTRIBUTION OF 73 JAILS CONSTRUCTED 1961-1965



Almost all jails have kitchen facilities. In very small jails the wife of the sheriff may prepare meals in her own kitchen, whereas a very few small jails may receive food from local restaurants.

Virtually all jails have modern toilet facilities, usually located in the living quarters; however, in some older jails they are located outside the quarters themselves. Although shower facilities are usually available in jails, not infrequently these facilities are very inadequate to the demands made on them. Federal standards require 1 shower head for 14 men; most jails fail to meet this standard. In