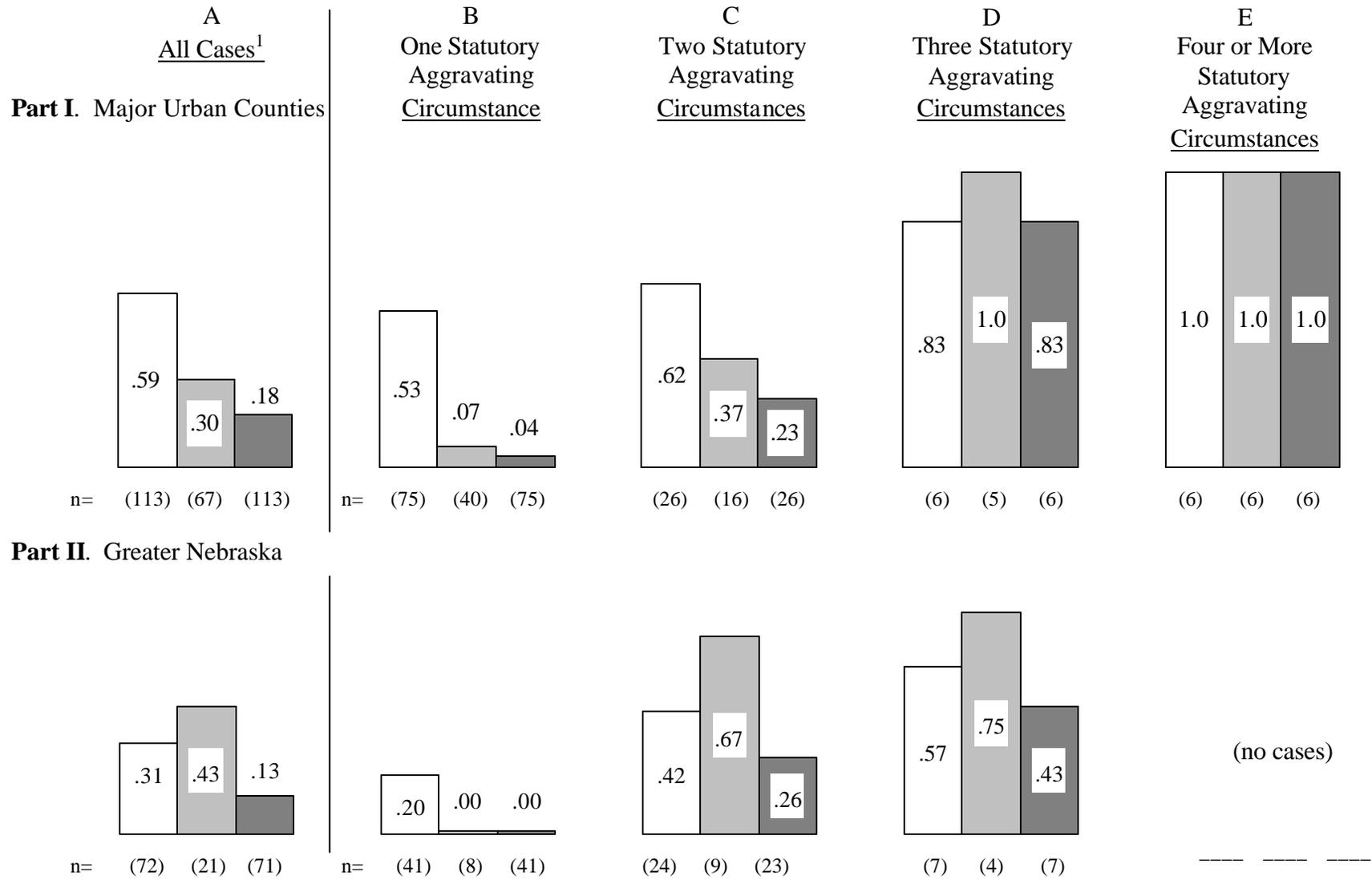


FIGURE 12
CHARGING AND SENTENCING OUTCOMES IN MAJOR URBAN COUNTIES AND GREATER NEBRASKA CONTROLLING FOR THE NUMBER OF STATUTORY AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE CASES: NEBRASKA, 1973-1999.



Legend: □ Rates at which death-eligible cases advance to a penalty trial with the state seeking a death sentence ▒ Penalty trial death-sentencing rates
 ■ Death-sentencing rates among all death-eligible cases

¹ After adjustment for the number of aggravating circumstances in the cases: (a) the death-sentencing rate among all death-eligible cases was .15 in the major urban areas and .10 in greater Nebraska ($p=.31$); the penalty trial death-sentencing rate was .27 in the major urban counties and .29 in greater Nebraska ($p=.67$); and the rate at which cases advance to a penalty trial was .58 in the major urban counties and .28 in greater Nebraska ($p=.0001$).