

MONTANA JUDICIAL BRANCH

Youth Court At-A-Glance

January 2015 through December 2015



MONTANA SUPREME COURT
Office of the Court Administrator
301 South Park Ave., STE 328
Helena, Montana 59620
(406) 841-2950

JUVENILE JUSTICE OVERVIEW

Juveniles usually enter the juvenile justice system through contact with law enforcement, although they may be referred to juvenile probation by other agencies and parents. Juvenile probation is an integral part of the Youth Court and is overseen by the Youth Court judge within each of the 22 Judicial Districts. Most referrals to the Youth Court's juvenile probation office are in the form of a ticket accompanied by a report from law enforcement. Juvenile probation officers may handle any referral except traffic and fish and game violations, which fall under the jurisdiction of the Justice, Municipal, City, and District Courts.

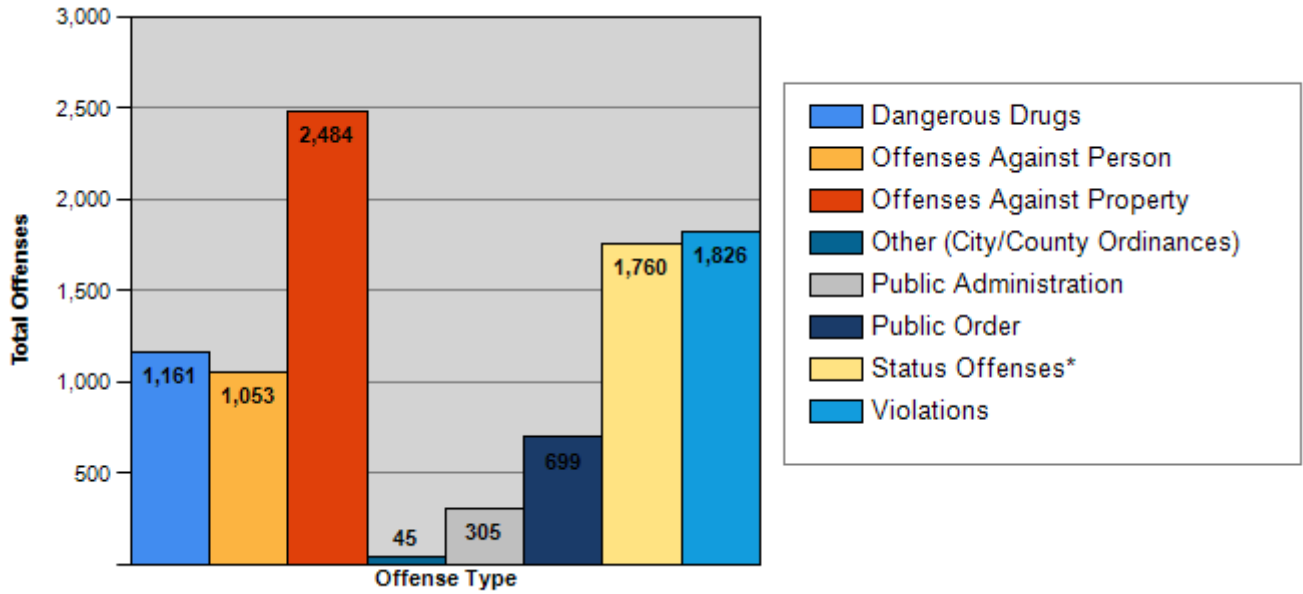
Youth referred to probation must appear in front of the juvenile probation officer with a parent or guardian to answer to the allegations against them. Most youth will never see the Youth Court judge and will work solely through the Youth Court juvenile probation officer to resolve the ticket in what is referred to as the informal process. If the referral is forwarded to the county attorney and a petition is filed on the alleged charges, the youth will appear before the Youth Court judge in what is referred to as the formal process. Approximately 20% of the youth referred to juvenile probation each year are handled formally.



REFERRALS TO MONTANA'S YOUTH COURTS

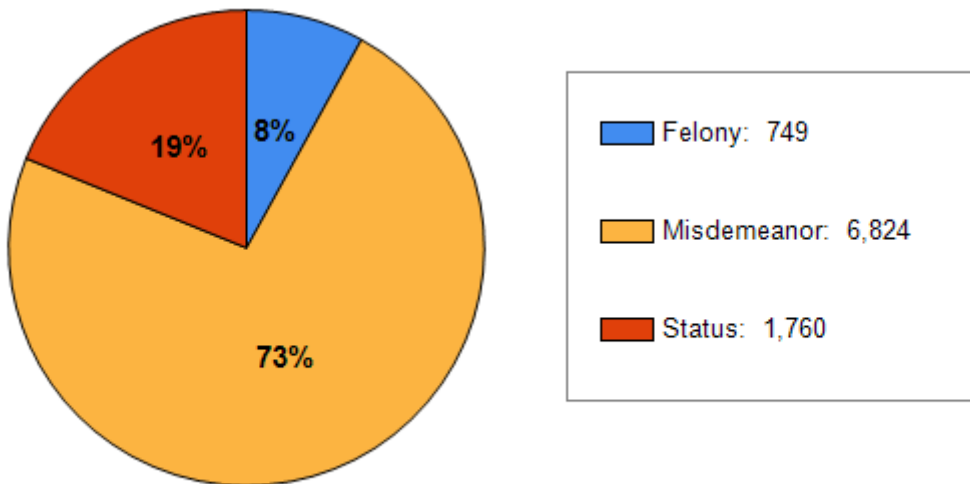
Youth Referred to Youth Court	3,885
Referrals (a youth may have multiple referrals)	5,955
Offenses (a referral may have multiple offenses)	9,333

OFFENSE CATEGORIES

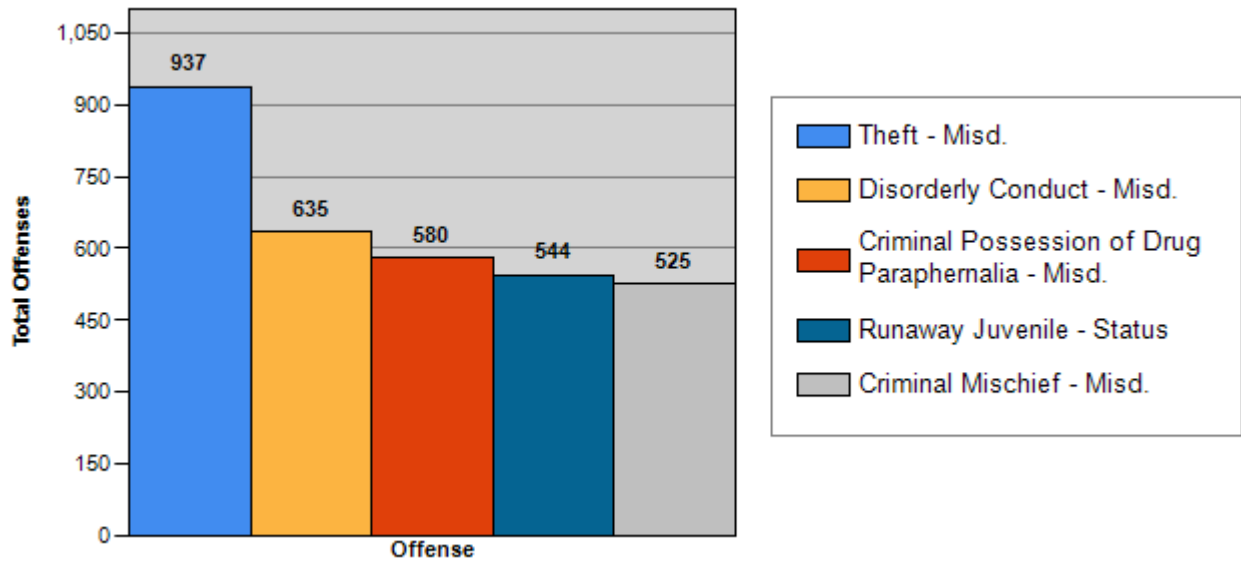


* These are matters that are offenses because of the youth's age and include such things as a minor in possession of alcohol, truancy, curfew or a run-away violation.

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATIONS

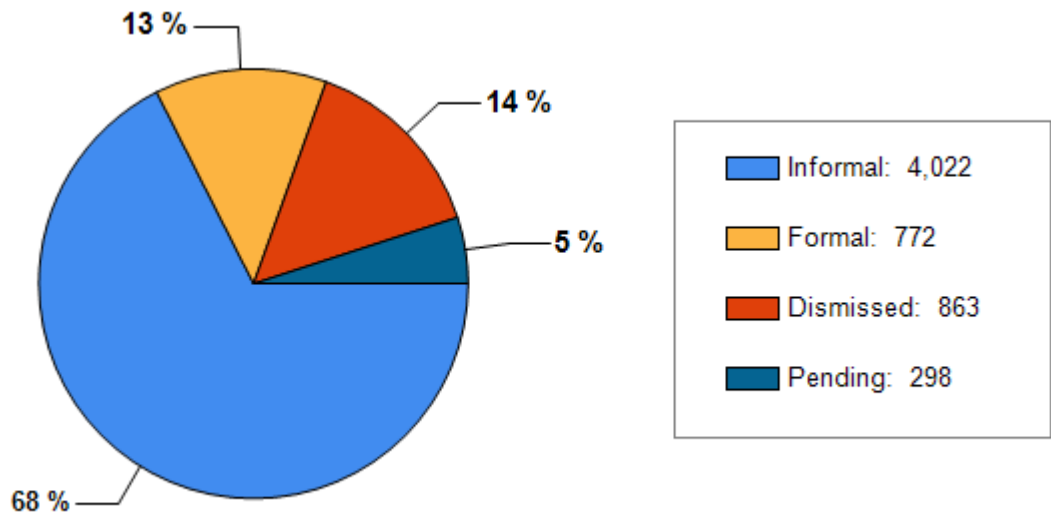


FIVE MOST FREQUENT OFFENSES ASSOCIATED WITH REFERRALS TO JUVENILE PROBATION



TYPE OF DISPOSITION USED

Informal: Handled by juvenile probation officer
Formal: Youth appears before Youth Court judge
Dismissed: Case is dismissed by juvenile probation officer or county attorney
Pending: Awaiting action from the county attorney's office, requires further investigation by law enforcement, or a ticket has been issued and juvenile probation is waiting to see the youth and parent(s).

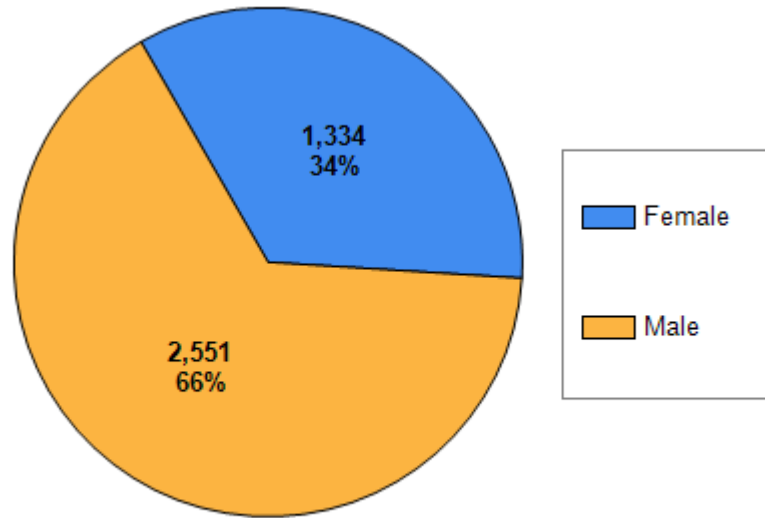


* Total of percentages may be slightly off due to rounding.

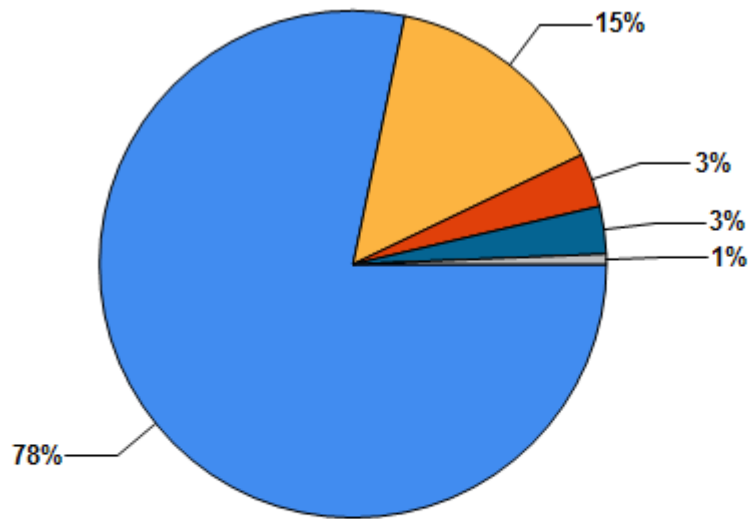


YOUTH DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER

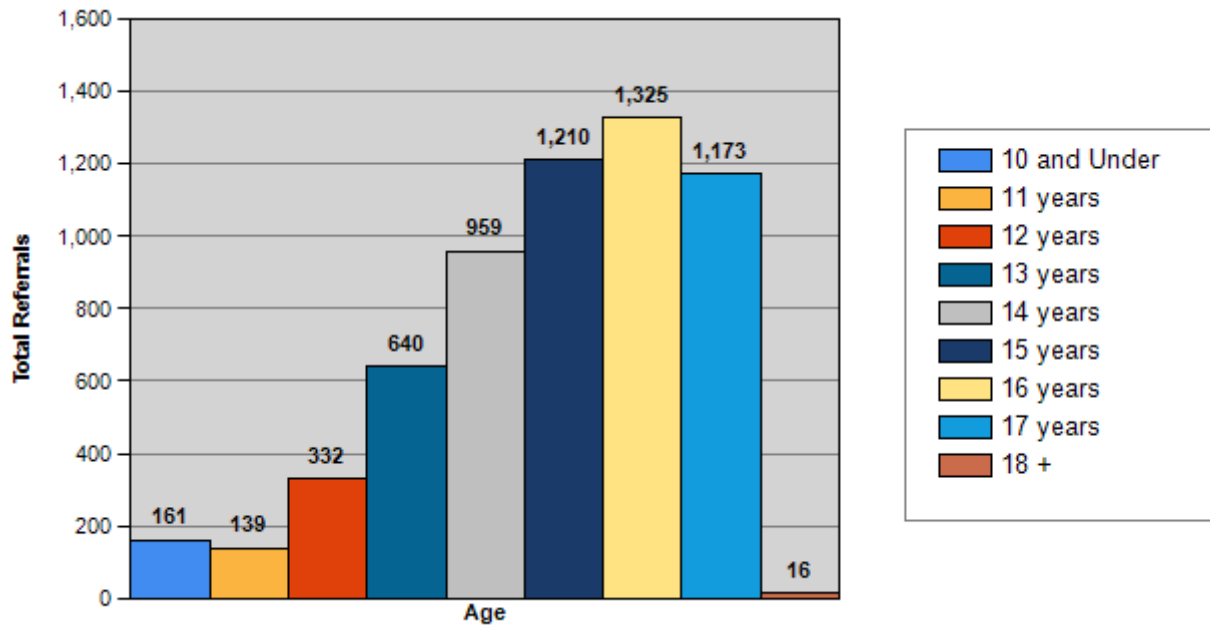


RACE

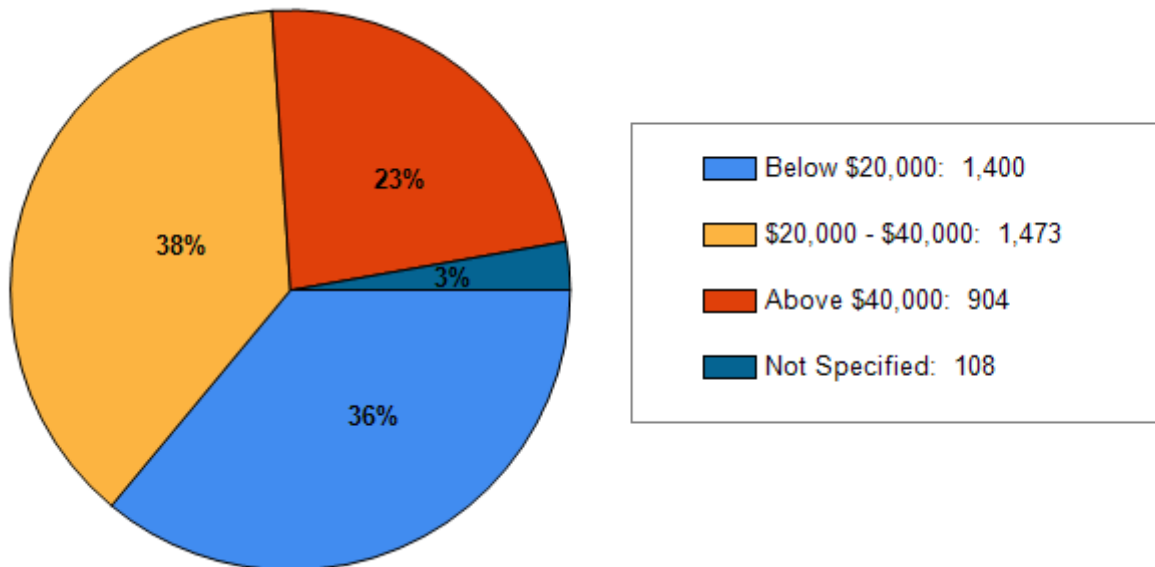


Caucasian: 3,041	Hispanic: 133	Other: 25
Native American: 568	Black: 118	

AGE AT TIME OF OFFENSE



FAMILY'S HOUSEHOLD INCOME



RESTORING JUSTICE TO VICTIMS AND HOLDING OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE

LENGTH OF DISPOSITION

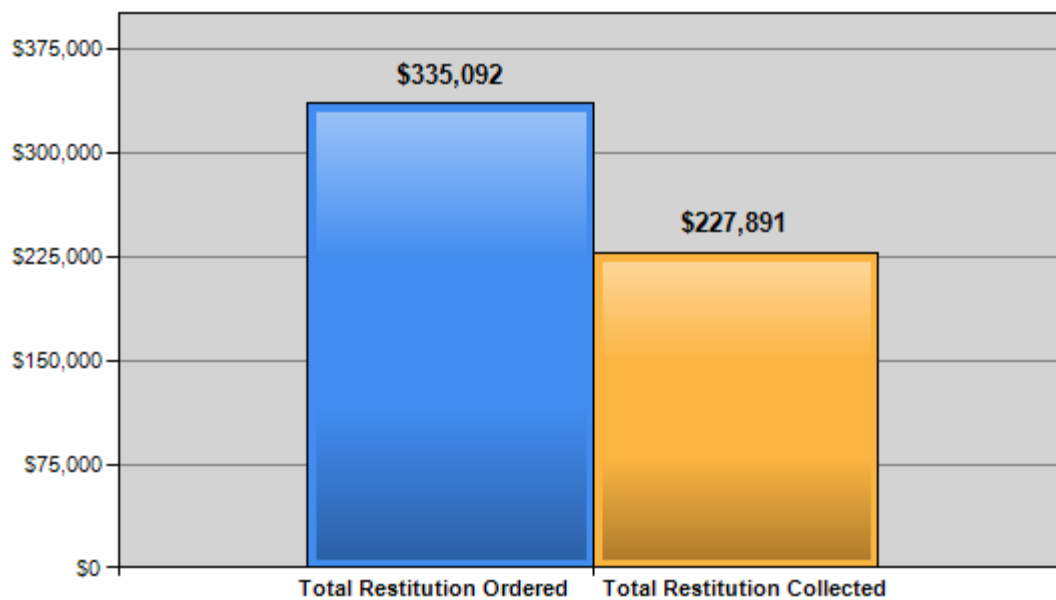
Every referral has a disposition, which is the equivalent to an adult sentence handed down by a Judge.

0-30 days:	1,821
31-90 days:	977
+90 days:	2,859

* Includes all dispositions except *Pending* because those referrals don't yet have a disposition end date.

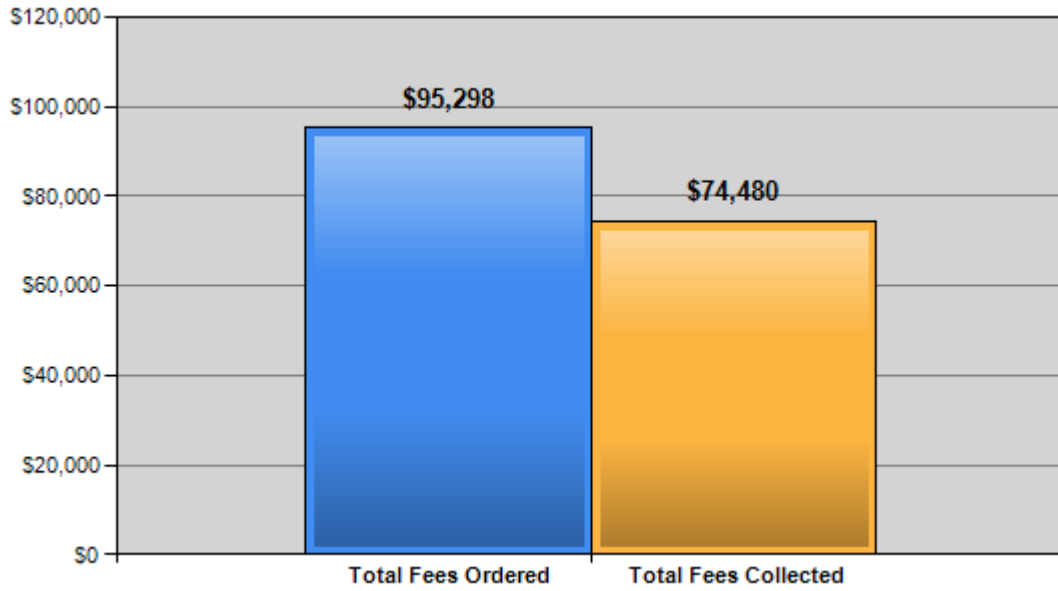
RESTITUTION

Number of Youth Ordered to Pay Restitution: 465



FEES

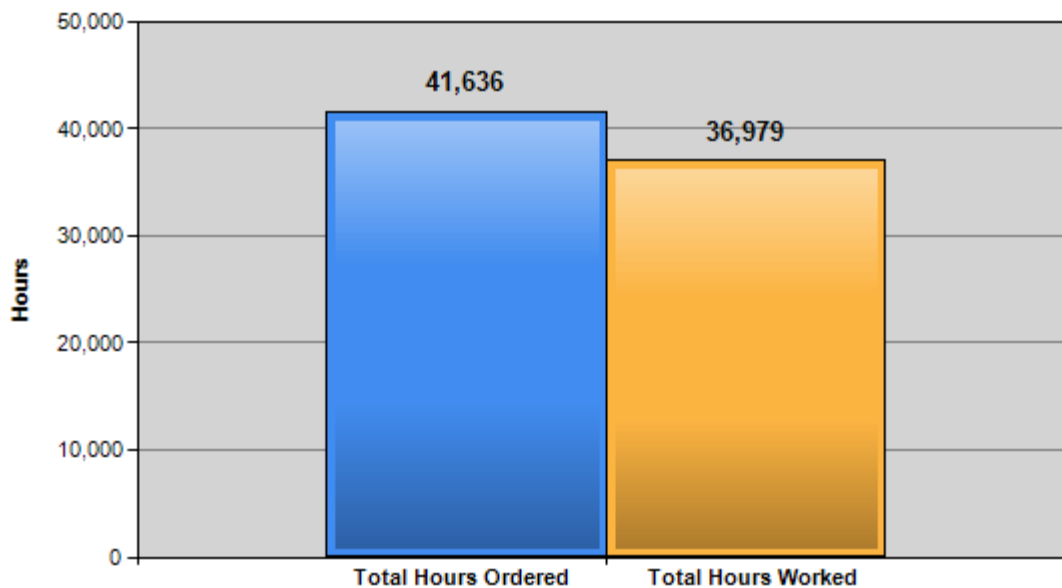
Number of Youth Ordered to Pay Fees: 1,486



Fees used to offset cost of drug testing, workers' compensation, and other services.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Number of Youth Ordered to Complete Community Service: 1,355



COMMUNITY SERVICE SWEAT EQUITY HOURS

Many youth are unable to contribute towards their restitution obligation because they have no family support, are not old enough to get a job, or lack the necessary social skills to get and keep a job. The Community Service Sweat Equity program is offered to youth as an opportunity, by utilizing community service, to earn restitution money to repay their victims.

Total Number of Youth that Worked Sweat Equity Hours:	191
Total Sweat Equity Hours Worked:	6,767.35
Total Money Earned to Pay to Victims:	\$54,478.74

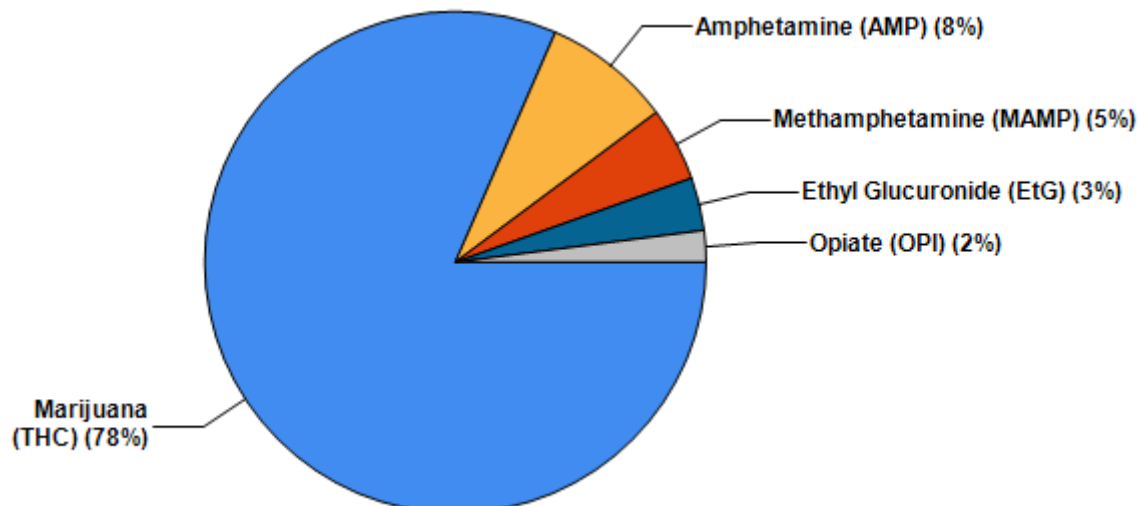
RESISTANCE TO DRUGS

Offenders ordered to submit to drug testing are tested randomly, unless there is suspicion to believe the youth has recently been using. Youth going through drug court may be required to test more often as required by the judge.

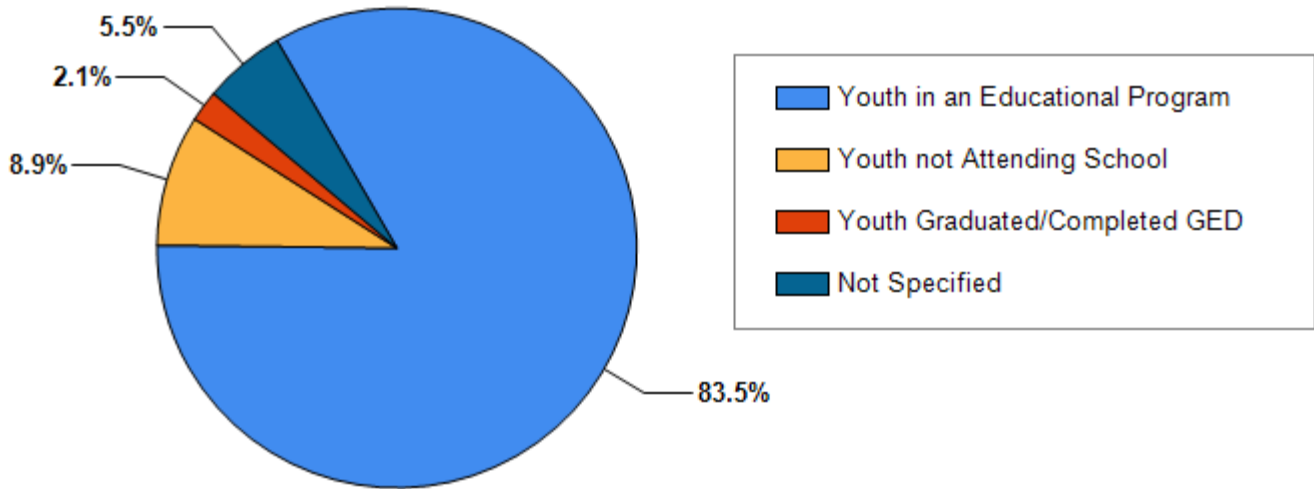
Total Number of Youth Drug Tested:	1,104
Total Number of Tests Administered:	5,590
Total Number of Youth Testing Positive:	590

* A single youth may have tested positive multiple times

TOP FIVE DRUGS USED

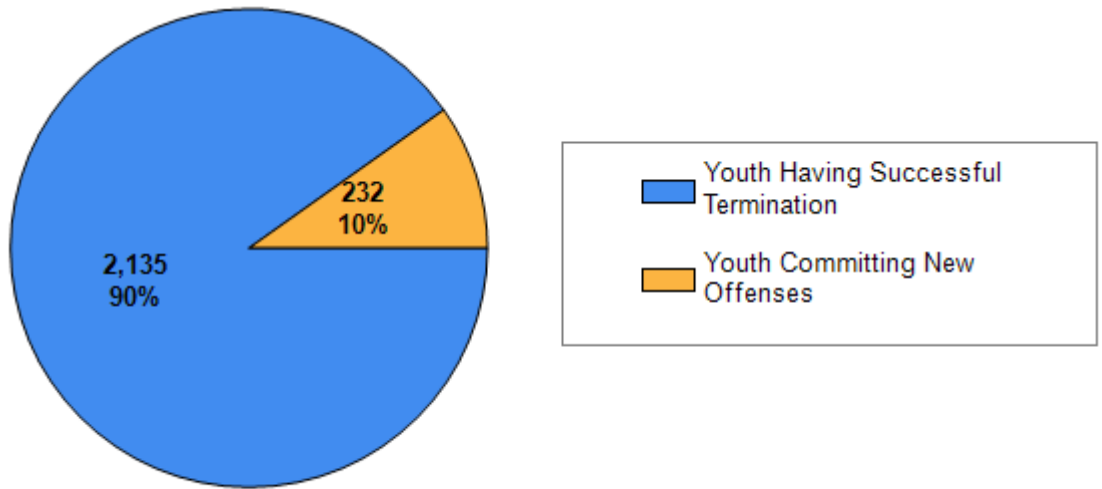


SCHOOL PARTICIPATION (UNDUPLICATED YOUTH)



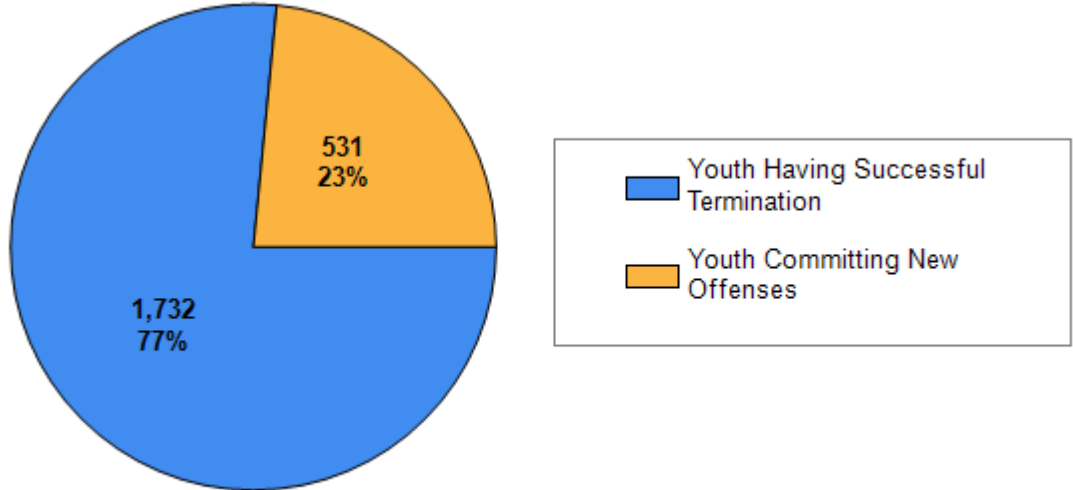
RECIDIVISM WHILE UNDER SUPERVISION (UNDUPLICATED YOUTH NEW TO THE SYSTEM)

Recidivism on unduplicated youth that had their initial intake in 2015 and committed a new offense prior to the disposition end date.



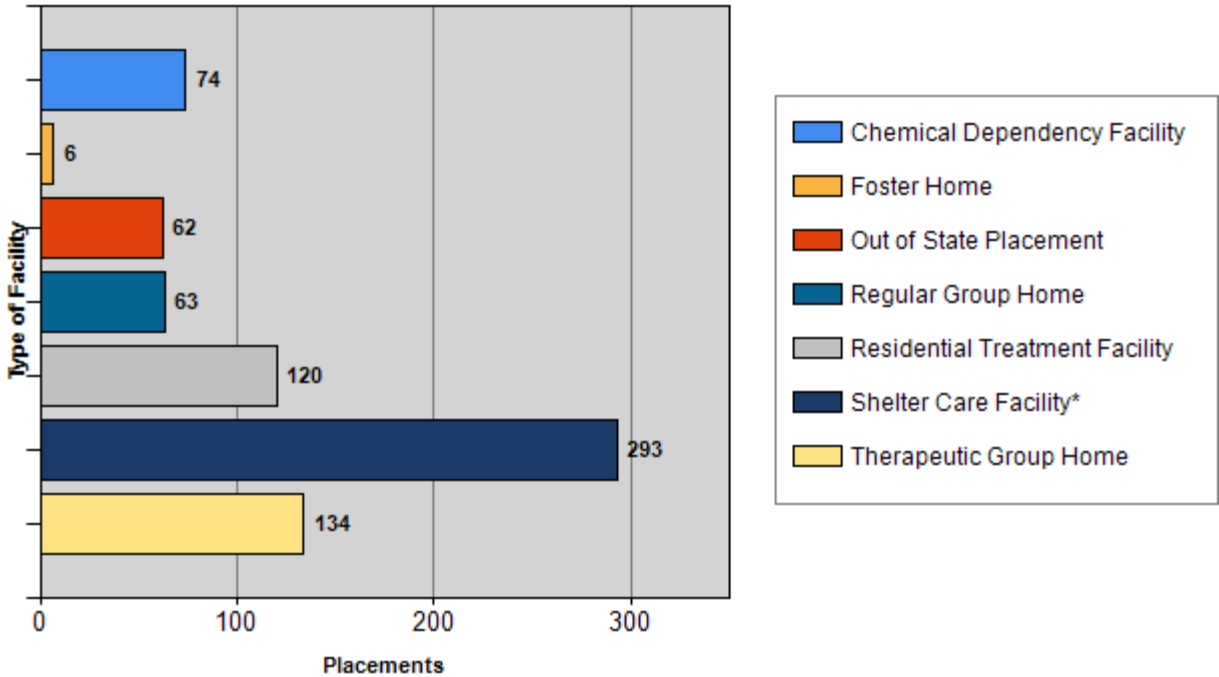
RECIDIVISM WITHIN 1 YR AFTER CASE COMPLETION (UNDUPLICATED YOUTH NEW TO THE SYSTEM)

Recidivism on unduplicated youth that had their initial intake in 2015 and committed a new offense within 1 year of the original disposition end date.



OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS

Out of 5,955 referrals to Youth Court, 752 resulted in out-of-home placements. Please note that a single youth may be placed multiple times.



* Shelter care, the most common placement, is a very short-term placement used when Youth Court is assessing the youth and family's situation.

DETENTION

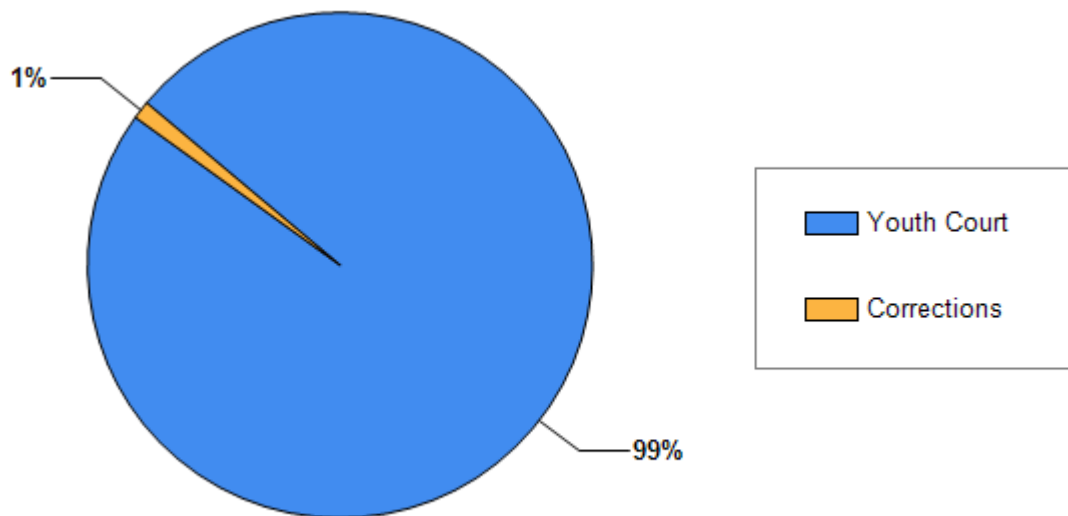
Number of Youth Placed in Detention at Time of Arrest: 827

Youth detention facilities, which are physically restricting youth facilities designed to prevent a youth from departing at will are mostly funded and operated by counties. Local law enforcement officers make the decision to detain at the time of arrest.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS COMMITMENTS

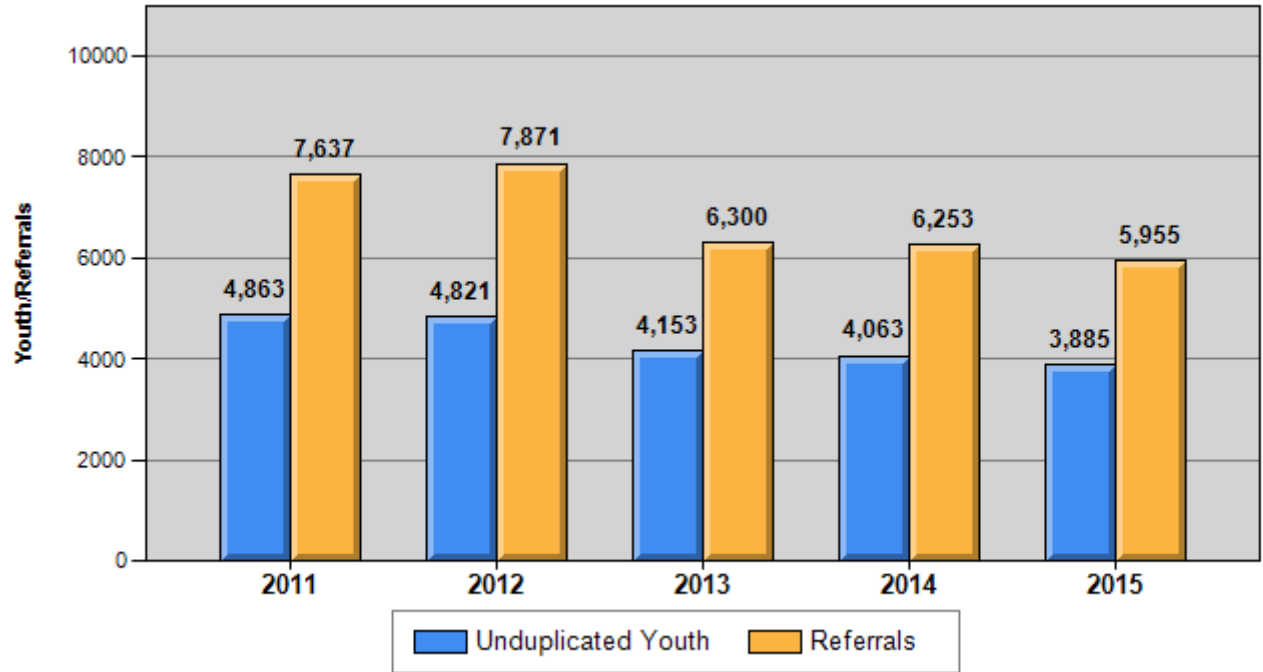
Only a Youth Court judge may sentence a youth to the Department of Corrections. Approximately 1% of all youth referred to juvenile probation are sentenced to the Department of Corrections.

Of the 3,885 youth referred to Youth Court, 43 were committed to the Department of Corrections for placement in a youth correctional facility.

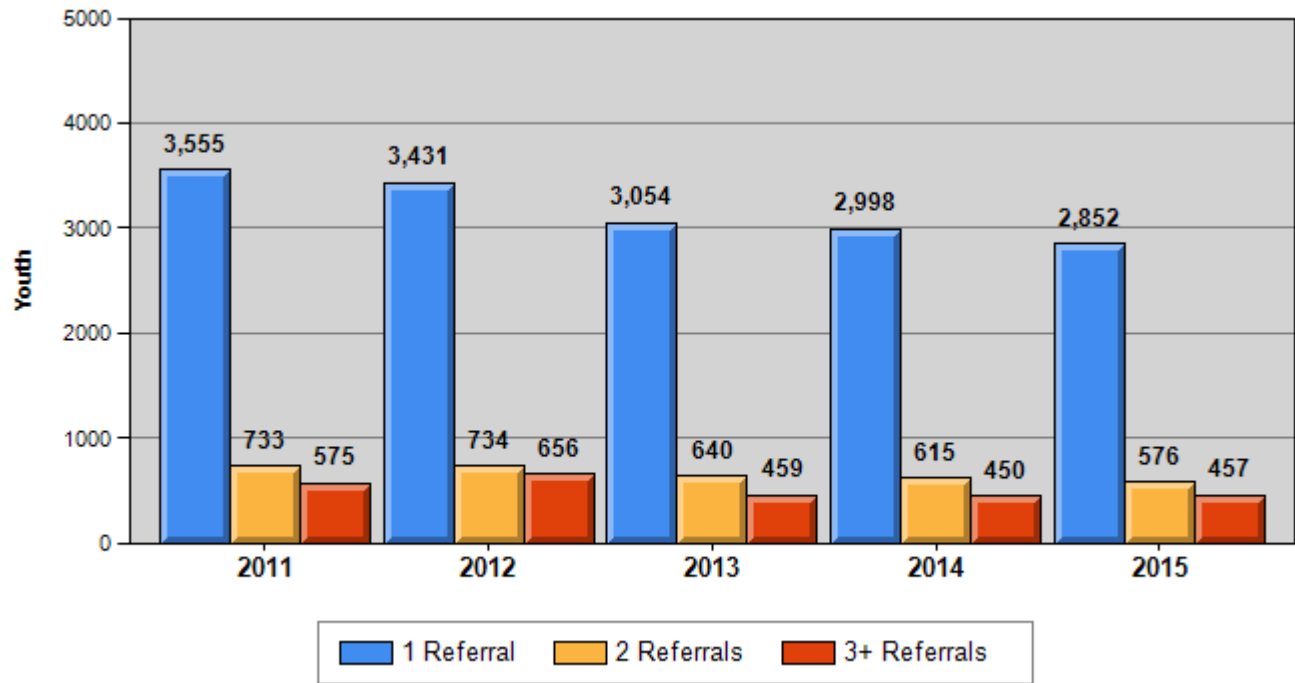


5 YEAR TRENDS

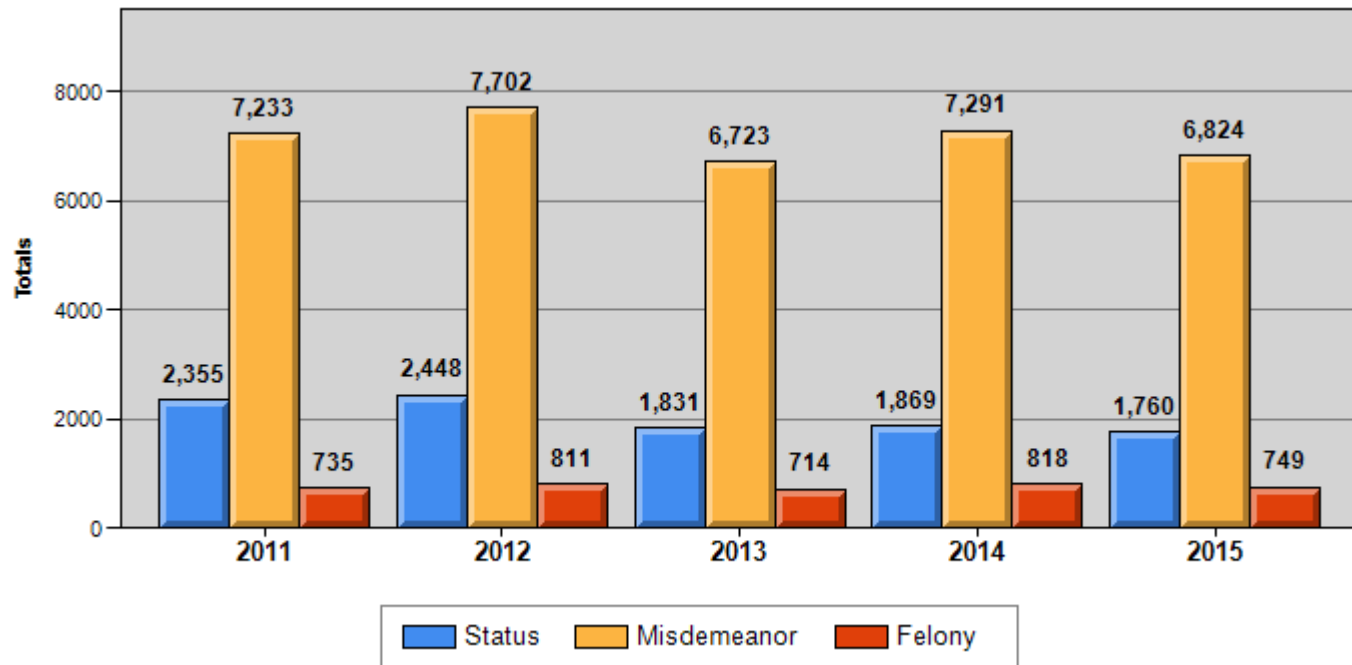
UNDUPLICATED YOUTH AND REFERRALS



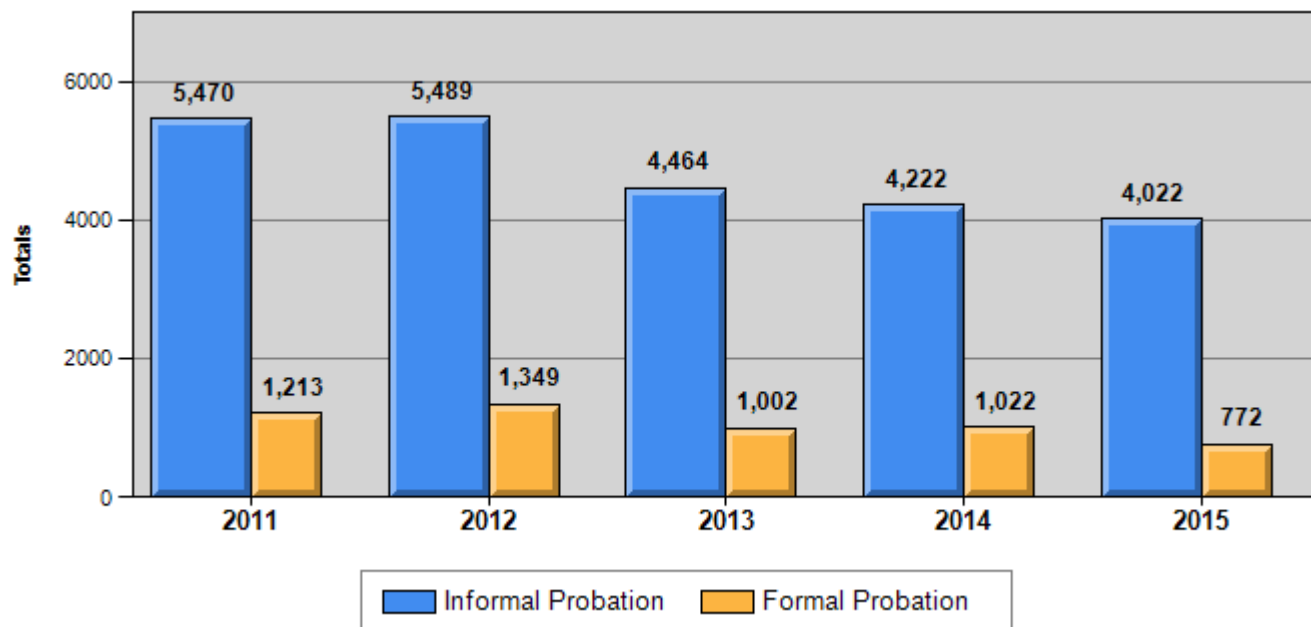
NUMBER OF REFERRALS PER YOUTH



OFFENSE CLASSIFICATIONS



TYPE OF DISPOSITION USED



* The following Dispositions are not included in either the formal or informal category: *Dismissed*, *Dismissed by County Attorney*, or *Pending*.

YOUTH COURT CONTACTS BY JUDICIAL DISTRICT

#1 Counties – Lewis and Clark, Broadwater

District Court Judges: Mike Menahan, DeeAnn Cooney, Kathy Seeley, James P. Reynolds
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Sharon Tregidga
Contact Number: 447-8228

#2 County – Silver Bow

District Court Judges: Kurt Krueger, Brad Newman
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Tom Billteen
Contact Number: 497-6375

#3 Counties – Deer Lodge, Powell, Granite

District Court Judge: Ray Dayton
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Marylyn Shovlin
Contact Number: 563-4031

#4 Counties – Missoula, Mineral

District Court Judges: Leslie Halligan, Dusty Deschamps, John W. Larson, Karen Townsend
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Glen Welch
Contact Number: 258-4735

#5 Counties – Beaverhead, Jefferson, Madison

District Court Judge: Loren Tucker
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Sam Stockett
Contact Number: 683-3760

#6 Counties – Park, Sweet Grass

District Court Judge: Brenda Gilbert
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Sue Chvilicek
Contact Number: 222-4162

#7 Counties – Dawson, Richland, McCone, Wibaux, Prairie

District Court Judges: Katherine M. Bidegaray, Richard A. Simonton
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Steven Bailey
Contact Number: 377-4675

#8 County – Cascade

District Court Judges: Greg Pinski, Elizabeth Best, John Kutzman, Dirk M. Sandefur
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Tim Callahan
Contact Number: 454-6880

#9 Counties – Glacier, Pondera, Teton, Toole

District Court Judge: Robert G. “Bob” Olson
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Tasha Stiner
Contact Number: 873-3620

#10 Counties – Fergus, Judith Basin, Petroleum

District Court Judge: Jon A. Oldenburg
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Laura Singley
Contact Number: 538-9242

#11 County – Flathead

District Court Judges: Robert B. Allison, Amy Eddy, Heidi Ulbricht, David Ortley
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Nick Nyman
Contact Number: 758-5547

#12 Counties – Hill, Chouteau, Liberty

District Court Judge: Daniel Boucher
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Vacant
Contact Number: 265-5481

#13 County – Yellowstone

District Court Judges: Ingrid Gustafson, Russell C. Fagg, Michael Moses, Gregory R. Todd, Rod Souza, Mary Jane Knisely
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Tara French
Contact Number: 256-2843

#14 Counties – Golden Valley, Meagher, Musselshell, Wheatland

District Court Judge: Randal I. Spaulding
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Sally Palmer
Contact Number: 323-1714

#15 Counties – Roosevelt, Sheridan, Daniels

District Court Judge: David Cybulski
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Ron Kemp
Contact Number: 653-6263

#16 Counties – Carter, Custer, Fallon, Garfield, Powder River, Rosebud, Treasure

District Court Judges: Nickolas Murnion, Michael Hayworth
Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Matt Phillips
Contact Number: 874-3418

#17 Counties – Blaine, Phillips, Valley

District Court Judge: John C. McKeon

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Clark Kelly

Contact Number: 654-2087

#18 County – Gallatin

District Court Judges: Holly Brown, Michael

Salvagni, John C. Brown

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Gwen Massey

Contact Number: 582-2180

#19 County – Lincoln

District Court Judge: Jim Wheelis

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Kindra

Hageness

Contact Number: 293-9715

#20 Counties – Lake, Sanders

District Court Judges: Jim Manley, Deborah Kim
Christopher

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Barb Monaco

Contact Number: 883-7264

#21 County – Ravalli

District Court Judges: Jeffrey H. Langton, James
A. Haynes

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Clint Arneson

Contact Number: 375-6805

#22 Counties – Big Horn, Carbon, Stillwater

District Court Judge: Blair Jones

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer: Lindsey Fox

Contact Number: 322-8046