



SARASOTA COUNTY DELINQUENCY, FY 2003-04 – FY 2007-08

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Department of
Juvenile Justice**
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- A total of 1,370 Sarasota County youth were charged with delinquency offenses during FY 2007-08. Statewide, 89,776 were charged; Sarasota County youth made up 1.5% of the total. By way of comparison, Orange County had 5,182 (5.9% of the total), Hillsborough County had 7,457 (8.5%), Leon County had 1,266 (1.4%) and Duval County had 4,753 (5.4%).
- During FY 2007-08 an estimated 30,455 youth ages 10-17 lived in Sarasota County. Since FY 2003-04 the number of Sarasota County youth charged with violent felony offenses (murder, attempted murder, manslaughter, felony sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, shooting or throwing a deadly missile, and resisting arrest with violence) has decreased from 6.6 to 5.2 per 1,000 during FY 2007-08. Statewide the number went from 8.1 to 7.5 per 1,000. In Orange County, it changed from 7.9 to 6.5 per 1,000; in Hillsborough County from 10.2 to 8.5 per 1,000; in Leon County from 7.3 to 7.5 per 1,000; in Duval County from 8.6 to 8.2 per 1,000.
- Between FY 2003-04 and FY 2007-08 in Sarasota County, the number of youth charged with violent offenses decreased from 175 to 157, a 10.3% change.
- While the number of Sarasota County youth charged with violent felonies decreased 10.3% over the last 5 years, the number of violent offense referrals has decreased 14.1%.

VIOLENT OFFENDERS

LOCATION	Youth			Referrals		
	03-04	07-08	% Change	03-04	07-08	% Change
Sarasota County	175	157	-10.3%	198	170	-14.1%
Orange County	902	805	-10.8%	1,003	929	-7.4%
Hillsborough County	1,287	1,147	-10.9%	1,432	1,323	-7.6%
Leon County	176	184	4.5%	190	201	5.8%
Duval County	844	816	-3.3%	945	914	-3.3%
Statewide	14,085	13,096	-7.0%	15,632	14,685	-6.1%

- In FY 2007-08 11.5% of the youth charged with delinquency offenses in Sarasota County were charged with violent felony offenses. Statewide, 14.6% of all youth charged were accused of violent offenses during FY 2007-08.
- In Sarasota County there was an overall decrease of 5.8% in the number of delinquency referrals received. The number of white males charged with delinquency offenses decreased 20.1% from FY 2003-04 to FY 2007-08. During the same period the number of black males charged with delinquency offenses increased 16.2% while the number of white females decreased 10.4% and the number of black females increased 15.1%. The number of Hispanic males referred decreased 0.0% and the number of Hispanic females decreased 9.1%.

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YEAR	Age 10-17 Population	% change	Total youth referred	% change	% of 10-17 referred
2003-04	26,536	--	1,510	--	5.7%
2004-05	28,367	6.9%	1,422	-5.8%	5.0%
2005-06	29,269	3.2%	1,359	-4.4%	4.6%
2006-07	29,972	2.4%	1,334	-1.8%	4.5%
2007-08	30,455	1.6%	1,370	2.7%	4.5%

DIVERSIONS FROM COURT:

YEAR	Delinquency referrals diverted	% change
2003-04	742	--
2004-05	571	-23.0%
2005-06	513	-10.2%
2006-07	462	-9.9%
2007-08	568	22.9%

DELINQUENCY REFERRALS RECEIVED:

YEAR	Felonies	% change	Misdemeanors	% change	Other Delinquency Offenses	% change	Total referrals	% change
2003-04	660	--	1,258	--	608	--	2,526	--
2004-05	602	-8.8%	1,059	-15.8%	597	-1.8%	2,258	-10.6%
2005-06	646	7.3%	1,094	3.3%	564	-5.5%	2,304	2.0%
2006-07	733	13.5%	1,083	-1.0%	589	4.4%	2,405	4.4%
2007-08	659	-10.1%	1,144	5.6%	577	-2.0%	2,380	-1.0%

REFERRALS RECEIVED FOR FELONIES AGAINST PERSONS:

YEAR	Felonies	% of total referrals	Number of youth charged	% change
2003-04	170	--	149	--
2004-05	186	8.2%	172	15.4%
2005-06	170	7.4%	151	-12.2%
2006-07	172	7.2%	156	3.3%
2007-08	162	6.8%	150	-3.8%

TRANSFERS TO ADULT COURT:

YEAR	Referrals transferred	% change	Number of youth transferred	% change
2003-04	18	--	12	--
2004-05	14	-22.2%	9	-25.0%
2005-06	14	0.0%	10	11.1%
2006-07	32	128.6%	20	100.0%
2007-08	33	3.1%	28	40.0%

JUVENILE PROBATION:

YEAR	Juvenile probation dispositions	% change
2003-04	618	--
2004-05	534	-13.6%
2005-06	636	19.1%
2006-07	692	8.8%
2007-08	686	-0.9%

COMMITMENTS TO RESIDENTIAL:

YEAR	Commitments	% change
2003-04	197	--
2004-05	188	-4.6%
2005-06	184	-2.1%
2006-07	169	-8.2%
2007-08	149	-11.8%

JUDICIAL DISPOSITIONS:

YEAR	Judicial dispositions	% change
2003-04	1,296	--
2004-05	1,185	-8.6%
2005-06	1,323	11.6%
2006-07	1,442	9.0%
2007-08	1,447	0.3%