

# DELINQUENCY INTAKE

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Intake is the entry point for all juveniles referred to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) for delinquent acts and is a responsibility of the Probation and Community Intervention Services Office. A referral is similar to an arrest in the adult criminal justice system. Youth under age 18 who are charged with a delinquent act are referred to DJJ. The purpose of the intake process is to assess a youth's risks and needs to determine the most appropriate treatment and intervention plan. Some youth are assessed through a Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC), which provides centralized delinquency intake and screening services in some areas of the state.

Each youth referred to DJJ is assigned a juvenile probation officer (JPO), who must conduct a face-to-face intake conference with the youth and his or her parents or guardian to gather information and assess the juvenile's service needs. The Department provides a recommendation to the state attorney and the juvenile court regarding appropriate sanctions and services. The recommendation is based on information from the arresting law enforcement officer and interviews with the victim(s), the youth and his or her family, and other sources such as teachers.

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Data in this chapter are presented based on the most serious offense associated with a delinquency referral for which each individual youth was referred during FY 2008-09. Trends are discussed and findings of note are brought forward. Findings are pulled from the Florida Delinquency Profile, an online publication that can be downloaded at the link below. In addition to intake data, detailed information on diversion, probation, commitment, transfers to adult court, and other topics at the state, judicial circuit and county levels are available from the Profile. The Profile serves as the Department's primary annual reference document for descriptive statistics on delinquency referrals and youth referred. The Delinquency Profile can be downloaded at: [http://www.djj.state.fl.us/Research/Delinquency\\_Profile/index.html](http://www.djj.state.fl.us/Research/Delinquency_Profile/index.html)

**Profile of Youth**

A total of 85,527 youth were referred to DJJ during FY 2008-09, representing 138,372 delinquency referrals. The largest percentage of youth referred were males (68%), white (42%), and were age 15 or older (73%) at the time of their most serious referral.

**Delinquency Intake (FY 2008-09 Individual Youth Served)**

	AGE					Youth Served
	0 - 7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+	
Statewide	85	2,170	20,372	60,211	2,689	85,527
Percentage	0%	3%	24%	70%	3%	

	GENDER/RACE								Youth Served
	Male				Female				
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	
Statewide	23,952	22,943	9,419	1,833	12,271	10,898	3,472	739	85,527
Percentage	28%	27%	11%	2%	14%	13%	4%	1%	

## Statewide Delinquency and Youth Referral Rates

**Delinquency Referrals:** During FY 2008-09, there were 138,372 referrals to DJJ for a delinquent offense. This represents a delinquency referral rate of 73 youth referred for every 1,000 among the at-risk (10-17 years old) population. Between FY 2004-05 and FY 2008-09, the population at risk grew by 4%, however, the number of delinquency referrals to DJJ decreased by 8%. This represents an 11% decline in the delinquency referral rate from 82 to 73 referrals for every 1,000 youth at risk for delinquency in the population.

### Delinquency Referrals and Delinquency Rates (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Intake Rates of Delinquency Referrals by Population</b>					
Delinquency Referrals	151,007	150,421	147,027	145,636	138,372
Pop. 10-17	1,833,187	1,877,022	1,903,063	1,916,825	1,899,976
<b>Rate per 1,000 At-Risk Youth</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>

**Youth Referred:** Youth between the ages of 10 and 17 are considered the population most at risk of becoming delinquent. During FY 2008-09, there were more than 1.89 million youth at-risk for delinquency in Florida. In this same year, 85,527 youth were referred to DJJ for a delinquent offense. This represents a youth referral rate of 45 youth referred for every 1,000 among the at-risk population. Between FY 2004-05 and FY 2008-09, the population at risk grew by 4%; however, the number of youth referred to DJJ decreased by 10%. This represents a 13% drop in the youth referral rate from 52 to 45 for every 1,000 youth at risk in the population.

### Youth Referrals and Delinquency Rates (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Intake Rates of Youth Referred by Population</b>					
Youth Referred	95,154	94,166	91,378	90,078	85,527
Pop. 10-17	1,833,187	1,877,022	1,903,063	1,916,825	1,899,976
<b>Rate per 1,000 At-Risk Youth</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</b>

## Delinquency and Youth Referred by Offense Seriousness

**Delinquency Referrals:** During FY 2008-09, a misdemeanor was the most serious offense for about half of the delinquency referrals (49%) to DJJ. Of the delinquency referrals received by the Department, 30% were for felony offenses while 21% were for other offenses. The “other offense” category includes violations of probation or conditional release, cases reopened, cases transferred to other counties, and interstate compact cases. Misdemeanor offenses have historically represented the most common offense category for which youth are referred to DJJ. Over the last five fiscal years, the number of delinquency referrals for misdemeanor and felony offenses declined by 7% and 11%, respectively. During the same period, the number of delinquency referrals for “other” offenses declined by 7%.

### Delinquency Referrals by Most Serious Offense Types (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Seriousness of Offenses (by Classification)</b>					
Felonies	46,346	47,994	48,403	45,196	41,130
Misdemeanors	73,190	72,215	70,376	71,093	67,986
Other Offenses	31,471	30,212	28,248	29,347	29,256
<b>Total Referrals</b>	<b>151,007</b>	<b>150,421</b>	<b>147,027</b>	<b>145,636</b>	<b>138,372</b>

**Youth Referred:** During FY 2008-09, a misdemeanor was the most serious offense for the majority of individual youth (55%) referred to the Department. Of those referrals, 38% of the youth were referred for felony offenses while 7% were referred for other offenses. The “other offense” category includes violations of probation or conditional release, cases reopened, cases transferred to other counties, and interstate compact cases. Misdemeanor offenses have historically represented the most common offense category for which individual youth are referred to DJJ. Over the last five fiscal years, the number of youth referred for misdemeanor and felony offenses declined by 8% and 12%, respectively. During the same period, the number of individual youth referred for “other” offenses declined by 17%. The bulk of this overall decline was associated with violations of probation which declined by 26%.

### Youth Referred for Delinquency by Most Serious Offense Types (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Seriousness of Offenses (by Classification)</b>					
Felonies	36,568	37,618	37,420	35,140	32,123
Misdemeanors	51,003	49,436	47,766	48,698	47,139
Other Offenses	7,583	7,112	6,192	6,240	6,265
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>95,154</b>	<b>94,166</b>	<b>91,378</b>	<b>90,078</b>	<b>85,527</b>

## Person Offenses

**Delinquency Referrals:** Overall, person offenses declined by 16% between FY 2004-05 and FY 2008-09 (from 37,184 to 31,174). The majority of person offenses during FY 2008-09 involved misdemeanor assault/battery (17,515) followed by aggravated felony assault/battery (7,851). Several offense categories declined substantially over the past two to three fiscal years. Delinquency referrals for murder/manslaughter decreased from 129 during FY 2007-08 to 104 in FY 2008-09 (a 19% decline). Armed robbery also decreased from 1,431 during FY 2007-08 to 1,225 in FY 2008-09 (a 14% decline).

### Delinquency Referrals for Person Offenses (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Person Offenses</b>					
Murder/Manslaughter (F)	93	99	125	129	104
Attempted Murder/Manslaughter (F)	47	79	85	70	81
Sexual Battery (F)	794	738	686	630	618
Other Felony Sex Offense (F)	1,151	1,094	904	844	868
Armed Robbery (F)	722	1,022	1,326	1,431	1,225
Other Robbery (F)	1,318	1,517	1,764	1,936	1,822
Aggravated Assault/Battery (F)	10,302	10,376	9,871	8,595	7,851
Resisting Arrest with Violence (F)	396	379	377	372	352
Shoot/Throw Deadly Missile (F)	875	940	892	734	619
Assault/Battery (M)	21,292	21,198	20,088	18,758	17,515
Other Misdemeanor Sex Offense (M)	194	197	139	159	119
<b>Total Referrals</b>	<b>37,184</b>	<b>37,639</b>	<b>36,257</b>	<b>33,658</b>	<b>31,174</b>

(F) = Felony (M) = Misdemeanor

**Youth Referred:** Overall, the number of youth referred to DJJ for person offenses declined by 16% between FY 2004-05 and FY 2008-09 (from 29,727 to 24,967). The majority of youth referred for person offenses during FY 2008-09 involved misdemeanor assault/battery (12,730) followed by aggravated felony assault/battery (6,926). Several offense categories declined substantially over the past two to three fiscal years. Individual youth referred for murder/manslaughter decreased from 128 during FY 2007-08 to 103 in FY 2008-09 (a 20% decline). Youth whose primary offense was armed robbery also declined from 1,285 during FY 2007-08 to 1,121 in FY 2008-09 (a 13% decline).

### Youth Referred for Person Offenses (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Person Offenses</b>					
Murder/Manslaughter (F)	92	98	125	128	103
Attempted Murder/Manslaughter (F)	45	78	83	69	79
Sexual Battery (F)	777	718	670	617	594
Other Felony Sex Offense (F)	1,095	1,040	878	817	825
Armed Robbery (F)	673	913	1,194	1,285	1,121
Other Robbery (F)	1,211	1,372	1,600	1,748	1,667
Aggravated Assault/Battery (F)	8,984	8,869	8,463	7,521	6,926
Resisting Arrest with Violence (F)	334	317	317	319	300
Shoot/Throw Deadly Missile (F)	759	826	792	639	537
Assault/Battery (M)	15,613	15,261	14,336	13,539	12,730
Other Misdemeanor Sex Offense (M)	144	151	101	115	85
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>29,727</b>	<b>29,643</b>	<b>28,559</b>	<b>26,797</b>	<b>24,967</b>

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## Property Offenses

**Delinquency Referrals:** During FY 2008-09, there were 42,609 delinquency referrals to DJJ for property offenses, a 2% decline from the previous year. Misdemeanor theft (20,195 referrals) was the most common offense, accounting for 47% of all property offenses. Burglary was the next most common offense with 13,500 referrals during FY 2008-09. Auto theft, a felony, declined from 3,044 to 1,913 referrals between FY 2004-05 and FY 2008-09 (a 37% decline).

### Delinquency Referrals for Property Offenses (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Property Offenses</b>					
Arson (F)	361	353	353	288	257
Burglary (F)	12,722	12,677	13,418	13,428	13,500
Auto Theft (F)	3,044	3,072	3,083	2,462	1,913
Grand Larceny (F)	3,030	3,464	4,078	4,014	3,481
Receive Stolen Property (F)	254	336	325	328	342
Forgery (F)	427	406	392	385	338
Misdemeanor Theft (M)	18,786	16,988	16,971	19,563	20,195
Receiving Stolen Property (M)	1	4	11	49	43
Vandalism (M)	3,041	3,238	3,375	2,968	2,540
<b>Total Referrals</b>	<b>41,666</b>	<b>40,538</b>	<b>42,006</b>	<b>43,485</b>	<b>42,609</b>

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**Youth Referred:** During FY 2008-09, a property offense was the most serious offense for 32,183 youth referred to DJJ. Misdemeanor theft (16,254 youth) was the most common offense, accounting for 51% of all youth referred for a property offense. Burglary was the next most common offense with 9,808 youth referred during FY 2008-09. Auto theft, a felony, declined from 1,865 to 1,118 youth referred between FY 2004-05 and FY 2008-09 (a 40% decline).

### Youth Referred for Property Offenses (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Property Offenses</b>					
Arson (F)	330	319	310	252	233
Burglary (F)	9,319	9,370	9,762	9,801	9,808
Auto Theft (F)	1,865	1,908	1,809	1,420	1,118
Grand Larceny (F)	2,326	2,694	3,195	3,137	2,683
Receive Stolen Property (F)	156	230	212	222	219
Forgery (F)	350	329	306	298	268
Misdemeanor Theft (M)	14,978	13,358	13,373	15,397	16,254
Receiving Stolen Property (M)	0	3	5	31	32
Vandalism (M)	1,877	1,941	2,016	1,819	1,568
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>31,201</b>	<b>30,152</b>	<b>30,988</b>	<b>32,377</b>	<b>32,183</b>

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## Substance-Related Offenses

**Delinquency Referrals:** During FY 2008-09, there were 14,863 delinquency referrals for drug and alcohol offenses, a 10% decline over five years. Marijuana misdemeanor offenses accounted for more than half (54%) of the total number of drug and alcohol delinquency referrals. The most serious type of drug offense, non-marijuana felonies, accounted for 2,880 or 19% of all drug and alcohol referrals. Referrals for non-marijuana felonies declined substantially (28%) over the past five years (from 4,008 to 2,880).

### Delinquency Referrals for Illegal Substance (Drug) Related Offenses (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Illegal Substance (Drug) Related Referrals</b>					
Felony Non-Marijuana Drug Offenses (F)	4,008	4,334	4,515	3,602	2,880
Felony Marijuana (F)	1,367	1,487	1,414	1,407	1,247
Misdemeanor Marijuana (M)	8,325	8,822	8,383	8,895	8,077
Drug Paraphernalia (M)	887	806	872	824	810
Other Misdemeanor Drug Offense (M)	86	57	78	110	94
Possess Alcohol (M)	1,735	1,838	1,894	1,893	1,693
Other Alcohol (M)	74	78	81	53	62
<b>Total Referrals</b>	<b>16,482</b>	<b>17,422</b>	<b>17,237</b>	<b>16,784</b>	<b>14,863</b>

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**Youth Referred:** During FY 2008-09, there were 10,121 individual youth referred to DJJ whose most serious offense was drug or alcohol related. Marijuana misdemeanor offenses accounted for just over half the total number of youth referred for drug and alcohol offenses. The most serious type of drug offense, non-marijuana felonies, accounted for 2,078 or 21% of all youth referred for drug and alcohol offenses. The number of youth referred to DJJ for non-marijuana felonies declined substantially (28%) over the last five years (from 2,904 to 2,078).

### Youth Referred for Illegal Substance (Drug) Related Offenses (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Illegal Substance (Drug) Related Referrals</b>					
Felony Non-Marijuana Drug Offenses (F)	2,904	3,005	3,077	2,516	2,078
Felony Marijuana (F)	1,077	1,143	1,063	1,048	931
Misdemeanor Marijuana (M)	5,473	5,791	5,463	5,684	5,181
Drug Paraphernalia (M)	556	497	530	508	507
Other Misdemeanor Drug Offense (M)	56	32	52	67	44
Possess Alcohol (M)	1,408	1,474	1,451	1,502	1,331
Other Alcohol (M)	57	67	64	47	49
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>11,531</b>	<b>12,009</b>	<b>11,700</b>	<b>11,372</b>	<b>10,121</b>

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## Public Disorder Offenses

**Delinquency Referrals:** During FY 2008-09, there were 16,067 delinquency referrals for public disorder offenses, an 8% decline over five years. Disorderly conduct offenses accounted for 38% of the total number of public disorder delinquency referrals. The most serious type of public disorder offense—felony carrying of a concealed weapon—decreased from 539 referrals during FY 2007-08 to 457 referrals during FY 2008-09 (a 15% decline). Misdemeanor carrying of a concealed weapon, decreased from 468 referrals during FY 2007-08 to 374 referrals during FY 2008-09 (a 20% decline).

### Delinquency Referrals for Public Disorder Offenses (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Public Disorder Referrals</b>					
Carrying a Concealed Firearm (F)	264	383	483	539	457
Carrying a Concealed Weapon (M)	564	620	602	468	374
Disorderly Conduct (M)	7,570	7,461	6,810	6,345	6,170
Trespassing (M)	4,873	4,939	5,002	4,959	4,326
Loitering and Prowling (M)	1,333	1,486	1,633	1,752	1,944
Violation of Game-Fish-Boat Laws (M)	103	96	110	111	86
Resist Arrest Without Violence (M)	2,690	2,777	2,804	2,826	2,710
<b>Total Referrals</b>	<b>17,397</b>	<b>17,762</b>	<b>17,444</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>16,067</b>

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**Youth Referred:** During FY 2008-09, there were 9,081 individual youth referred to DJJ whose most serious offense was related to public disorder. Disorderly conduct offenses accounted for 44% of the total number of individual youth whose most serious offense was a public disorder delinquency referral. The number of youth referred for the most serious type of public disorder offense, felony carrying of a concealed weapon, decreased from 380 youth referred during FY 2007-08 to 338 youth referred during FY 2008-09 (an 11% decline). Misdemeanor carrying of a concealed weapon, decreased from 283 youth referred during FY 2007-08 to 222 youth referred during FY 2008-09 (a 22% decline).

### Youth Referred for Public Disorder Offenses (FY 2004-05 through FY 2008-09)

	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
<b>Public Disorder Referrals</b>					
Carrying a Concealed Firearm (F)	195	271	339	380	338
Carrying a Concealed Weapon (M)	354	408	370	283	222
Disorderly Conduct (M)	4,816	4,857	4,448	4,167	4,024
Trespassing (M)	2,683	2,673	2,575	2,592	2,224
Loitering and Prowling (M)	719	739	850	904	965
Violation of Game-Fish-Boat Laws (M)	81	69	84	87	72
Resist Arrest Without Violence (M)	1,267	1,201	1,219	1,267	1,236
<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>10,115</b>	<b>10,218</b>	<b>9,885</b>	<b>9,680</b>	<b>9,081</b>

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## Program Expenditures

The following table provides a listing of the FY 2008-09 expenditures for Juvenile Assessment Centers. Expenditures are obtained through the Department's Bureau of Finance and Accounting and information submitted by private providers..

### Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) Expenditures (FY 2008-09)

CONTRACT PROVIDER PROGRAM NAME	County	Contract #	STATE FUNDING		FEDERAL FUNDING				TOTAL
			DJJ Contract Expenditures	Other State Expenditures	Medicaid	Behavioral Health Overlay (BHOS)	National School Lunch	Other Federal Expenditures	State + Federal Expenditures
<b>Agency for Community Treatment Services</b>									
Hillsborough Juvenile Assessment Center	Hillsborough	M8J01	\$923,610.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$923,610.30
<b>David Lawrence</b>									
Juvenile Assessment Center - Collier	Leon	U8K02	\$47,740.80	\$115,254.00	\$7,195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170,189.80
<b>DISC Village, Inc.</b>									
DISC Village Screening - Leon JAC	Leon	P2020	\$418,158.08	\$57,710.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$475,868.69
<b>Human Services Association</b>									
HSA Screening Circuit 8	Alachua	H6I02	\$339,204.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$339,204.12
Juvenile Services Screening Circuit 9		P2038	\$320,122.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320,122.64
Polk Juvenile Assessment Center - HSA Screening	Polk	X1414	\$488,095.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$488,095.87
St. Lucie Juvenile Assessment Center Circuit 19	Martin	T8K01	\$221,914.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$221,914.62
Intensive Delinquency Diversion Services Circuit 19				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Juvenile Services Program</b>									
Juvenile Assessment Center - Broward 1	Miami-Dade	X1459/P2026	\$214,599.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$214,599.08
JAC - Brevard		P2026	\$214,599.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$214,599.08
Juvenile Alternative Sanctions Program (JASP) Dade		X1439	\$602,482.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$602,482.80
Manatee Juvenile Assessment Center (Juvenile Services Program)	Manatee	P2046	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Operation PAR, Inc.</b>									
Juvenile Assessment Center		P2025	\$336,766.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$336,766.52
<b>Pasco County Sheriff's Office</b>									
JAC/Pasco Detention Screening	Pasco	X1307	\$220,399.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,890.40	\$0.00	\$235,289.44
<b>Sarasota County Government (Coastal behavioral Healthcare)</b>									
Sarasota Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC) (X1560)	Sarasota	X1337	\$120,306.00	\$162,744.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23,522.00	\$306,572.00
<b>Seminole County Sheriff's Office</b>									
Juvenile Assessment Center		X1441	\$194,120.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$194,120.64
<b>The Centers</b>									
The Centers Juvenile Assessment Center		P2022	\$260,485.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$260,485.24
<b>Programs that closed</b>									
<b>First Step Adolescent Services, Inc.</b>									
First Step Adolescent Services Detention Screening (closed 7/18/07)	Orange	8J01	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Human Services Association</b>									
Juvenile Services Screening Circuit 15 (Contract terminated 4/30/08)		O8K02	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Miami Dade Police Department</b>									
Miami-Dade Juvenile Assessment Center (K5K02)	Miami-Dade	K5K01	\$437,462.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	437,462
<b>SMA Behavioral Health (Formerly Stewart Marchman Center)</b>									
Volusia County JAC (Closed)	Volusia	G5I02	\$47,220.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,220.70
<b>The Centers</b>									
The Centers Detention Screening Circuit 5 - Marion JAC 2 (terminated 12/31/07)	Marion	X1138	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$5,407,287.94</b>	<b>\$335,708.61</b>	<b>\$7,195.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$14,890.40</b>	<b>\$23,522.00</b>	<b>\$5,788,603.95</b>