

Delinquency Intake

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 Corrections branch. A referral is similar to an arrest in the adult criminal justice system. Youth under age 18 who are charged with a crime are referred to DJJ. The purpose of the intake process is to assess a youth's risks and needs to determine the most appropriate referral and treatment plan. Each youth referred 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, the youth and his or her family, and other sources (e.g. teachers).

Data in this chapter are presented based on the most serious offense for which a youth was referred during the 2005-06 fiscal year. Trends are discussed and findings of note are brought forward. Findings are pulled from the *Profile of Florida Delinquency*, 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, which serves as the Department's primary annual reference document for descriptive statistics on delinquency referrals and youth referred. The Delinquency Profile can be viewed at:

http://www.djj.state.fl.us/Research/Delinquency_Profile/0506_Profile.html

Profile of Delinquency Referrals

A total of 94,228 youth were referred to DJJ during FY 2005-06, presenting 150,104 delinquency referrals (unduplicated). The majority of youth referred were males (70%), white (45%), and were age 15 or under (49%) at the time of their most serious referral.

	AGE					Referrals
	0-7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+	
Statewide	143	4,076	40,404	101,683	3,798	150,104
Percentage	<1%	3%	27%	68%	3%	100%

Table 5-1

	GENDER/RACE						Referrals
	Male			Female			
	White	Black	Other	White	Black	Other	
Statewide	45,193	46,513	19,158	18,111	15,926	5,203	150,104
Percentage	30%	31%	13%	12%	11%	3%	100%

Table 5-2

Intake Services by Judicial Circuit

The following table provides a listing of intake centers currently in operation. The Department's quality assurance process only assesses the Juvenile Assessment Centers that provide an intake function for the Department. Others are operated by the Department of Juvenile Justice and are evaluated with the Circuit or are funded to provide security only.

Juvenile Justice Assessment Centers

Circuit	County	Program Name	Contract Provider
1	Escambia	Pensacola Juvenile Assessment Center	University of West Florida
2	Leon	Disc Village Screening - Leon Juvenile Assessment Center	DISC Village, Inc.
5	Marion	The Centers Detention Screening	The Centers, Inc.
6	Pinellas	Juvenile Assessment Center Pinellas	Department of Juvenile Justice
6	Pasco	Juvenile Assessment Center/Pasco Detention Screening	Pasco County Sheriff's Office
7	Volusia	Volusia County Juvenile Assessment Center	DJJ & Stewart Marchman, Inc.
8	Alachua	HSA Screening	Human Services Associates, Inc.
9	Orange	First Step Adolescent Services Detention Screening	First Step Adolescent Treatment Services
10	Polk	POLK Juvenile Assessment Center - HAS Screening	Human Services Associates, Inc.
11	Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade Juvenile Assessment Center	Miami-Dade Department of Human Services
12	Manatee	Manatee Juvenile Assessment Center	Agency for Community Treatment Services
12	Sarasota	Sarasota Juvenile Assessment Center	Sarasota County Government
13	Hillsborough	Juvenile Assessment Center Hillsborough	Agency for Community Treatment Services
15	Palm Beach	Juvenile Assessment Center Palm Beach	Wackenhut Security, Inc.
17	Broward	Juvenile Assessment Center Broward	Children's Services Counsel
18	Brevard	Crosswinds Detention Screening	Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.
18	Seminole	Juvenile Assessment Center Seminole	Seminole County Sheriff's Office
19	St. Lucie	St. Lucie Juvenile Assessment Center	Human Services Associates, Inc.
20	Collier	Juvenile Assessment Center Collier	David Lawrence Center
20	Lee	Juvenile Assessment Center Lee	Lee County Sheriff's Office

Table 5-3

Program Evaluation

Juvenile Assessment Centers and Intake Screening programs are evaluated using the Department's quality assurance process following a set of standards developed specifically for these program types. Standards are based on the criteria set by national indicators, state policy, and Florida Statutes.

Quality Assurance Performance

The following table ranks the juvenile assessment centers based on their 2006 QA performance score.

**Juvenile Assessment Center
Quality Assurance Performance 2006**

Rank	Circuit	County	Program Name	Program Type	QA Score
1	10	Polk	Polk Juvenile Assessment Center - HSA Screening	Probation	89%
2	11	Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade Juvenile Assessment Center	Probation	86%
3	7	Volusia	Volusia County JAC	Probation	83%
4	12	Manatee	Manatee Juvenile Assessment Center	Probation	82%
5	12	Sarasota	Sarasota Juvenile Assessment Center	Probation	79%
6	18	Brevard	Crosswinds Detention Screening	Probation	76%
7	19	St. Lucie	St. Lucie Juvenile Assessment Center	Probation	74%
8	8	Alachua	HSA Screening	Probation	67%
9	1	Escambia	Pensacola Juvenile Assessment Center	Probation	63%
Deemed Status	2	Leon	DISC Village Screening - Leon JAC ¹	Probation	91%
	13	Hillsborough	JAC Hillsborough ¹	Probation	90%
	5	Marion	The Centers Detention Screening - Marion JAC ¹	Probation	86%
	6	Pasco	JAC/Pasco Detention Screening ¹	Detention Screening	82%
	9	Orange	First Step Adolescent Services Detention Screening ²	Probation	-

¹Program received a one day review and the Deemed Status score was carried over for 2006. Deemed Status is eliminated for 2007.

Table 5-4

²Program not reviewed.

Statewide Delinquency Referral Rates

Youth between the ages of 10 and 17 are considered the population at-risk of becoming delinquent. During FY 2005-06, there were more than 1.88 million youth at-risk. In this same year, 94,228 youth were referred to DJJ for a delinquent offense. This represents a delinquency rate of 50.1 youths referred per 1,000 youth among the at-risk population. Between FY 2001-02 and FY 2005-06, the population at-risk grew by 10%, however the number of youth referred to DJJ decreased by three percent. This represents a drop in the delinquency rate from 57 to 50 youth referred per 1,000 youth at-risk in the population. Therefore, although the number of youth at-risk increased over the five-year period, the delinquency rate per 1,000 youth at-risk declined by 12%.

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Rate/1000	57	56	56	52	50
Youth Referred	97,387	97,738	99,667	95,254	94,228
Pop. 10-17	1,707,153	1,741,798	1,794,534	1,831,748	1,881,114
Total	1,804,597	1,839,592	1,894,257	1,927,054	1,975,392

Table 5-5

Youth Referred by Offense Seriousness

During FY 2005-06, the majority of youth (53%) referred to DJJ were referred for nothing more serious than a misdemeanor offense. Nearly 40% of the youth were referred for felony offenses while less than 8% 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 youth are referred to DJJ. Over the last five fiscal years, the number of youth referred for felony offenses and misdemeanor offenses has dropped by 2% and 6%, respectively. At the same time, the number of youth referred for other offenses has increased by seventeen percent.

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Felonies	38,604	37,801	37,464	36,621	37,644
Misdemeanors	52,720	53,436	54,972	51,056	49,476
Other Offenses	6,063	6,501	7,231	7,577	7,108
Total	97,387	97,738	99,667	95,254	94,228

Table 5-6

Person Offenses

Overall, person offenses remained essentially unchanged between FY 2004-05 and FY 2005-06 (falling from 29,609 to 29,509). Though the total number of youth referred for person offenses in FY 2001-02 was 29,609, the number peaked in FY 2003-04 at 30,028. Person offenses peaked in 2003-04 at 30,190. The majority of these person offenses for FY 2005-06 involved misdemeanor assault/battery (15,281).

OFFENSE	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Murder/Manslaughter	79	73	83	92	95
Attempted Murder/Manslaughter	34	35	45	45	80
Sexual Battery	769	758	779	778	728
Other Felony Offense	1,150	1,176	1,158	1,099	1,039
Armed Robbery	680	722	630	675	923
Other Robbery	1,407	1,324	1,223	1,212	1,371
Aggravated Assault	9,097	8,703	8,949	8,990	8,833
Resisting Arrest with Violence	371	332	341	335	327
Shoot/Throw Deadly Missile	906	945	875	760	832
Assault/Battery	15,090	15,269	15,945	15,623	15,281
Total	29,583	29,337	30,028	29,609	29,509

Table 5-7

Property Offenses

During FY 2005-06, there were 30,189 youth referred for property offenses. Misdemeanor theft accounts for 43% of the total. Youth referred for property offenses decreased by 3% from the previous year. Over the last five years, the number of youth referred for property offenses dropped by 14% overall. Most of the decrease is attributable to the drop in youth referred for misdemeanor theft.

OFFENSE	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Arson	412	412	376	334	323
Burglary	10,451	10,755	9,944	9,335	9,406
Auto Theft	2,258	2,111	1,940	1,868	1,931
Grand Larceny	2,958	2,628	2,548	2,329	2,639
Receive Stolen Property (F)	230	191	193	156	233
Forgery	463	384	385	351	322
Petty Theft	14,896	16,313	16,515	14,510	13,037
Shoplifting	1,454	1,040	606	493	355
Receive Stolen Property (M)	1	3	1	0	3
Vandalism	1,995	2,180	2,173	1,877	1,940
Total	35,118	36,017	34,681	31,253	30,189

Table 5-8

Drug and Alcohol Offenses

During FY 2005-06, 12,045 youth were referred for drug and alcohol offenses. Marijuana misdemeanor offenses accounted for nearly one-half of the total. The most serious type of drug offense, non-marijuana felonies, accounted for 3,019 youth referred (25%). Overall, during the last five years, the number of youth referred for drug and alcohol offenses decreased three percent.

OFFENSE	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Felony Drug Offense	2,826	2,594	2,823	2,910	3,019
Felony Marijuana	1,047	1,121	1,141	1,081	1,158
Misdemeanor Marijuana	5,548	5,119	5,753	5,478	5,793
Drug Paraphernalia	605	618	649	556	499
Other Misdemeanor Drug Offense	84	70	71	56	33
Possess Alcohol	2,293	1,776	1,627	1,410	1,475
Other Alcohol	86	59	75	57	68
Total	12,489	11,357	12,139	11,548	12,045

Table 5-9

Program Expenditures

The following table provides total state versus federal expenditures for intake services and include self-reported federal expenditures from private provider organizations. The source documents from which these amounts were derived are as follows: FLAIR Report at Level 2 for period July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006; Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005; and program cost affidavits submitted by private provider organizations. The first two sources are submitted to the Florida Department of Financial Services and used by the State Auditor General's Office for their audit of the Department's expenditures of federal funds.

Intake State and Federal Expenditures FY 2005-2006

CONTRACT PROVIDER PROGRAM NAME	Contract#	STATE FUNDING			FEDERAL FUNDING			TOTAL
		DJJ Contract Expenditures	Other State Expenditures	Total State Expenditures	Medicaid	National School Lunch	Other Federal Expenditures	Total Federal Expenditures
Agency for Community Treatment Services								
Juvenile Assessment Center	M8J01	951,522	0	951,522	0	0	0	951,522
Juvenile Assessment Center	L4J02	293,248	0	293,248	0	0	0	293,248
Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc.								
Juvenile Assessment Center	X1295	133,185	0	133,185	0	0	0	133,185
DISC Village, Inc.								
DISC Village Juvenile Assessment Center	I3B01	364,606	0	364,606	0	0	58,000	422,606
First Step Adolescent Services, Inc.								
Juvenile Assessment Center	I8J01	361,428	0	361,428	0	0	0	361,428

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State and Federal Expenditures (continued)

CONTRACT PROVIDER PROGRAM NAME	Contract#	STATE FUNDING			FEDERAL FUNDING			TOTAL State + Federal Expenditures	
		DJJ Contract Expenditures	Other State Expenditures	Total State Expenditures	Medicaid	National School Lunch	Other Federal Expenditures		Total Federal Expenditures
Human Services Association									
Juvenile Assessment Center Circuit 8	H6I02	321,814	0	321,814	0	0	0	321,814	
Juvenile Assessment Center Circuit 9	I4J01	316,600	0	316,600	0	0	0	316,600	
Juvenile Assessment Center Circuit 10	J5J03	505,801	0	505,801	0	0	0	505,801	
Juvenile Assessment Center Circuit 15	O8K02	247,266	0	247,266	0	0	0	247,266	
Juvenile Assessment Center Circuit 19	T8K01	289,901	0	289,901	0	0	0	289,901	
Juvenile Services Program									
Juvenile Assessment Center	R5K01	473,594	0	473,594	0	0	0	473,594	
Miami Dade Police Department									
Juvenile Assessment Center	K5K01	803,367	unknown	803,367	unknown	unknown	unknown	803,367	
Operation PAR, Inc.									
Juvenile Assessment Center	E3J01	365,818	unknown	365,818	unknown	unknown	unknown	365,818	
Pasco County Sheriff's Office									
Juvenile Assessment Center	X1307	239,413	0	239,413	0	8,129	0	247,542	
Sarasota County Government									
Juvenile Assessment Center	L4J03	210,000	0	210,000	0	0	0	210,000	
Seminole County Sheriff's Office									
Juvenile Assessment Center	S5J02	210,867	0	210,867	0	0	0	210,867	
Stewart Marchman, Inc.									
Juvenile Assessment Center	G5I02	243,939	0	243,939	0	0	0	243,939	
The Centers									
Juvenile Assessment Center	X1138	275,401	0	275,401	0	0	0	275,401	
University of West Florida									
Juvenile Assessment Center	A4I04	147,118	0	147,118	0	0	0	147,118	
TOTAL		\$6,754,889	\$0	\$6,754,889	\$0	\$8,129	\$58,000	\$66,129	\$6,821,018

Sources: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Management and Budget.
 Provider self-reported funding excluding DJJ Contract expenditures.

Table 5-10