



Briefing Report
School-Related Delinquency Referrals
(2009-10 vs. 2010-11)
April 2011: Preliminary Assessment

Contact:
[Mark A. Greenwald, M.J.P.M](#) –
Bureau of Research and Planning

Issue:

This briefing report summarizes the results of an analysis of delinquency in Florida's schools during the first nine months of FY 2010-11. For comparative purposes, data for a comparable period during FY 2009-10 is provided to show shifts in referral patterns by county and judicial circuit. This is a briefing sheet and is not intended to be a complete or definitive study of all data and issues surrounding delinquency in Florida's schools.

Methodology:

All of the data in this briefing sheet was derived from the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) and analyzed by the Bureau of Research and Planning. The methods used to generate the attached figures are identical to those used in the official annual reports, which can be found on the Department's research web site: http://www.djj.state.fl.us/Research/School_Referrals/index.html.

For the purposes of this analysis, delinquency referrals are reported (with the exception of the table provided on page 10 of this analysis). A delinquency referral represents a case referred to the Department for an act of delinquency. Please keep in mind that some youth may have been referred to the Department more than once during the study period. These youth are reported separately for each unique delinquency referral presented to the Department.

Highlighted Results:

The results of this analysis indicate that delinquency in schools declined in most Florida jurisdictions throughout the first nine months of FY 2010-11. However, there are still several metrics that indicate room for additional reductions.

- As of March 31, 2011 delinquency in schools declined 11% compared to a similar period during the previous fiscal year.
- There was a 28% decline in school-related offending during March of 2011.
- Although the statewide number of delinquency referrals declined, there was an increase in several jurisdictions.
 - Delinquency in schools declined in 16 of 20 judicial circuits.
 - Delinquency in schools declined in 41 of Florida's 67 counties.
- The majority of school-related offenses remain misdemeanor offenses.

Recommendations from Research and Planning:

- Communicate with the Department of Education (DOE) the importance of keeping the school districts informed of delinquency referrals making their way to the Department.
- Ask DOE for a follow-up on the implementation of SB 1540.
 - Have all districts reviewed their progressive response or discipline plans?
 - Research and Planning would like a copy of the aforementioned plans so that correlation analyses can be conducted that compare these plans to referral rates and types of cases received.
- Provide Chief Probation Officers and Boards and Councils with this data so that they can review current school referral activity in their respective jurisdictions.
- Although the majority of school-related referrals are ultimately dismissed or diverted, there is a high degree of variation in the use of diversion throughout the state.
 - Recommend the expansion of low-cost community or school-based alternatives to arrest such as mediation, teen court, or civil citation.

Supplemental Data:

The following pages provide detailed charts and tables by county and judicial circuit. These tables represent delinquency “referrals” received by the Department and not individual youth (with the exception of the table provided on page 10 of this analysis). Although the majority of school-related delinquency referrals (57%) involve a first-time offender, it is possible for youth to have been referred to the Department more than once during the six month study period.

Table of Contents:

Overall School Referral Comparison (Statewide by Month) 3

Overall School Referral Comparison (by County) 4

Misdemeanor School Referral Comparison (by County)..... 5

Felony School Referral Comparison (by County) 6

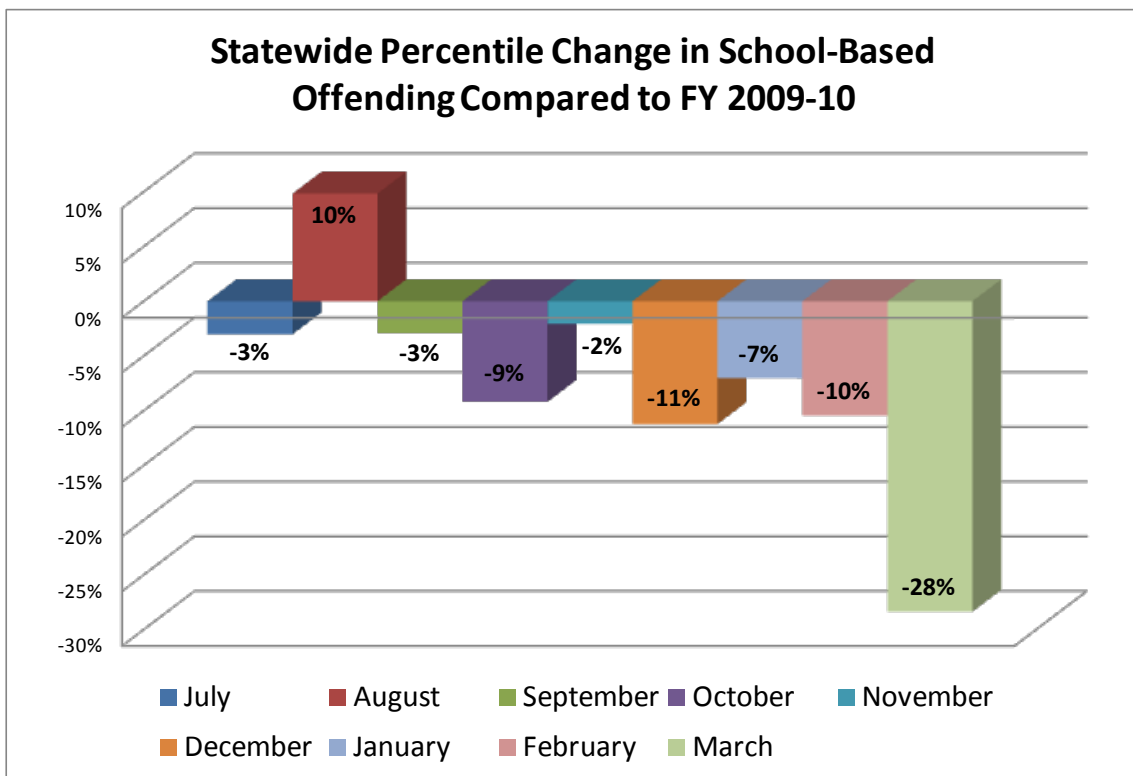
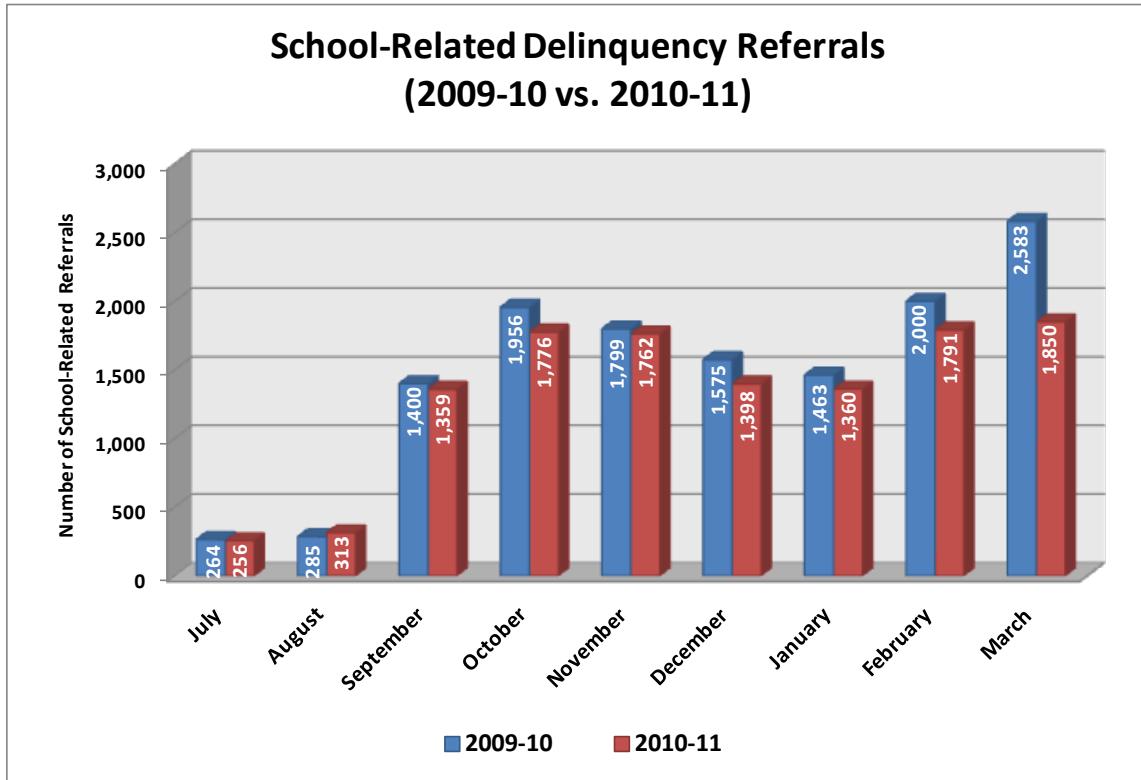
Overall School Referral Comparison (by Judicial Circuit) 7

Misdemeanor School Referral Comparison (by Judicial Circuit) 8

Felony School Referral Comparison (by Judicial Circuit) 9

Youth Referred from School (by County) 10

Overall School Referral Comparison (Statewide by Month)



Overall School Referral Comparison (by County)

County	2009-10	2010-11	Change	%Change ¹	County	2009-10	2010-11	Change	%Change ¹	
Alachua	265	231	-34	-13%	Lake	250	229	-21	-8%	
<i>Baker</i>	33	38	5	15%	Lee	228	239	11	5%	
Bay	182	138	-44	-24%	Leon	311	231	-80	-26%	
<i>Bradford</i>	31	8	-23	-74%	<i>Levy</i>	28	26	-2	-7%	
Brevard	269	301	32	12%	<i>Liberty</i>	3	1	-2	-67%	
Broward	1190	815	-375	-32%	<i>Madison</i>	15	23	8	53%	
<i>Calhoun</i>	4	12	8	200%	Manatee	366	312	-54	-15%	
<i>Charlotte</i>	81	65	-16	-20%	Marion	375	203	-172	-46%	
<i>Citrus</i>	74	64	-10	-14%	<i>Martin</i>	85	112	27	32%	
<i>Clay</i>	97	118	21	22%	<i>Monroe</i>	72	37	-35	-49%	
Collier	203	189	-14	-7%	<i>Nassau</i>	13	23	10	77%	
<i>Columbia</i>	81	49	-32	-40%	<i>Okaloosa</i>	93	110	17	18%	
Dade	1121	956	-165	-15%	<i>Okeechobee</i>	60	79	19	32%	
<i>Desoto</i>	20	17	-3	-15%	Orange	839	857	18	2%	
<i>Dixie</i>	6	4	-2	-33%	Osceola	235	298	63	27%	
Duval	451	328	-123	-27%	Palm Beach	478	491	13	3%	
Escambia	435	294	-141	-32%	Pasco	229	256	27	12%	
<i>Flagler</i>	85	77	-8	-9%	Pinellas	724	719	-5	-1%	
<i>Franklin</i>	7	2	-5	-71%	Polk	669	638	-31	-5%	
<i>Gadsden</i>	31	24	-7	-23%	Putnam	194	152	-42	-22%	
<i>Gilchrist</i>	17	11	-6	-35%	<i>St Johns</i>	93	170	77	83%	
<i>Glades</i>	4	3	-1	-25%	St Lucie	419	362	-57	-14%	
<i>Gulf</i>	3	5	2	67%	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	87	49	-38	-44%	
<i>Hamilton</i>	28	5	-23	-82%	Sarasota	170	176	6	4%	
<i>Hardee</i>	17	10	-7	-41%	Seminole	307	260	-47	-15%	
<i>Hendry</i>	54	51	-3	-6%	<i>Sumter</i>	35	36	1	3%	
Hernando	119	112	-7	-6%	<i>Suwannee</i>	44	46	2	5%	
Highlands	127	107	-20	-16%	<i>Taylor</i>	7	7	0	0%	
Hillsborough	938	840	-98	-10%	<i>Union</i>	3	16	13	433%	
<i>Holmes</i>	14	7	-7	-50%	Volusia	555	584	29	5%	
Indian River	115	97	-18	-16%	<i>Wakulla</i>	19	24	5	26%	
<i>Jackson</i>	36	52	16	44%	<i>Walton</i>	27	39	12	44%	
<i>Jefferson</i>	6	4	-2	-33%	<i>Washington</i>	13	5	-8	-62%	
<i>Lafayette</i>	1	6	5	500%	<i>Out of State</i>	58	15	-43	-74%	
Total						13,249	11,865	-1,384	-10%	

¹ Italics indicate that there were fewer than 100 referrals of this type; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting the resulting percentage change.

Misdemeanor School Referral Comparison (by County)

County	2009-10	2010-11	Change	% Change ¹	County	2009-10	2010-11	Change	% Change ¹
Alachua	182	162	-20	-11%	Lake	171	151	-20	-12%
<i>Baker</i>	14	28	14	100%	Lee	166	179	13	8%
Bay	133	110	-23	-17%	Leon	250	184	-66	-26%
<i>Bradford</i>	20	5	-15	-75%	Levy	15	17	2	13%
Brevard	190	213	23	12%	<i>Liberty</i>	1	0	-1	0%
Broward	784	531	-253	-32%	<i>Madison</i>	4	16	12	300%
<i>Calhoun</i>	3	11	8	267%	Manatee	283	241	-42	-15%
<i>Charlotte</i>	49	44	-5	-10%	Marion	310	145	-165	-53%
<i>Citrus</i>	51	48	-3	-6%	<i>Martin</i>	62	84	22	35%
<i>Clay</i>	49	77	28	57%	<i>Monroe</i>	59	32	-27	-46%
Collier	164	137	-27	-16%	<i>Nassau</i>	11	16	5	45%
Columbia	44	30	-14	-32%	<i>Okaloosa</i>	68	90	22	32%
Dade	623	537	-86	-14%	<i>Okeechobee</i>	50	52	2	4%
<i>Desoto</i>	11	15	4	36%	Orange	532	536	4	1%
<i>Dixie</i>	4	1	-3	-75%	Osceola	141	187	46	33%
Duval	261	158	-103	-39%	Palm Beach	281	292	11	4%
Escambia	292	186	-106	-36%	Pasco	151	160	9	6%
<i>Flagler</i>	60	62	2	3%	Pinellas	498	500	2	0%
<i>Franklin</i>	2	1	-1	-50%	Polk	433	421	-12	-3%
<i>Gadsden</i>	10	11	1	10%	Putnam	120	98	-22	-18%
<i>Gilchrist</i>	12	10	-2	-17%	<i>St Johns</i>	60	137	77	128%
<i>Glades</i>	3	3	0	0%	St Lucie	324	288	-36	-11%
<i>Gulf</i>	3	3	0	0%	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	57	37	-20	-35%
<i>Hamilton</i>	20	4	-16	-80%	Sarasota	126	114	-12	-10%
<i>Hardee</i>	15	7	-8	-53%	Seminole	197	170	-27	-14%
<i>Hendry</i>	45	35	-10	-22%	<i>Sumter</i>	24	27	3	13%
<i>Hernando</i>	88	83	-5	-6%	<i>Suwannee</i>	28	35	7	25%
<i>Highlands</i>	96	67	-29	-30%	<i>Taylor</i>	1	4	3	300%
Hillsborough	619	552	-67	-11%	<i>Union</i>	0	6	6	N/A
<i>Holmes</i>	8	3	-5	-63%	Volusia	361	398	37	10%
<i>Indian River</i>	84	90	6	7%	<i>Wakulla</i>	14	22	8	57%
<i>Jackson</i>	27	39	12	44%	<i>Walton</i>	18	37	19	106%
<i>Jefferson</i>	4	4	0	0%	<i>Washington</i>	10	4	-6	-60%
<i>Lafayette</i>	0	3	3	N/A	<i>Out of State</i>	35	8	-27	-77%
					Total	8,831	7,958	-873	-10%

¹ Italics indicate that there were fewer than 100 referrals of this type; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting the resulting percentage change.

Felony School Referral Comparison (by County)

County	2009-10	2010-11	Change	%Change ¹	County	2009-10	2010-11	Change	%Change ¹
<i>Alachua</i>	83	67	-16	-19%	<i>Lake</i>	79	78	-1	-1%
<i>Baker</i>	19	10	-9	-47%	<i>Lee</i>	62	60	-2	-3%
<i>Bay</i>	48	26	-22	-46%	<i>Leon</i>	59	47	-12	-20%
<i>Bradford</i>	11	3	-8	-73%	<i>Levy</i>	12	9	-3	-25%
<i>Brevard</i>	78	88	10	13%	<i>Liberty</i>	2	1	-1	-50%
<i>Broward</i>	403	283	-120	-30%	<i>Madison</i>	11	7	-4	-36%
<i>Calhoun</i>	1	1	0	0%	<i>Manatee</i>	79	67	-12	-15%
<i>Charlotte</i>	32	20	-12	-38%	<i>Marion</i>	65	58	-7	-11%
<i>Citrus</i>	23	16	-7	-30%	<i>Martin</i>	23	28	5	22%
<i>Clay</i>	48	41	-7	-15%	<i>Monroe</i>	13	4	-9	-69%
<i>Collier</i>	39	52	13	33%	<i>Nassau</i>	2	7	5	250%
<i>Columbia</i>	37	19	-18	-49%	<i>Okaloosa</i>	22	19	-3	-14%
<i>Dade</i>	495	414	-81	-16%	<i>Okeechobee</i>	10	27	17	170%
<i>Desoto</i>	9	2	-7	-78%	<i>Orange</i>	305	315	10	3%
<i>Dixie</i>	2	3	1	50%	<i>Osceola</i>	94	111	17	18%
<i>Duval</i>	187	170	-17	-9%	<i>Palm Beach</i>	195	197	2	1%
<i>Escambia</i>	139	107	-32	-23%	<i>Pasco</i>	78	95	17	22%
<i>Flagler</i>	24	15	-9	-38%	<i>Pinellas</i>	222	219	-3	-1%
<i>Franklin</i>	5	1	-4	-80%	<i>Polk</i>	231	209	-22	-10%
<i>Gadsden</i>	21	13	-8	-38%	<i>Putnam</i>	74	54	-20	-27%
<i>Gilchrist</i>	5	1	-4	-80%	<i>St Johns</i>	30	32	2	7%
<i>Glades</i>	1	0	-1	-100%	<i>St Lucie</i>	95	72	-23	-24%
<i>Gulf</i>	0	2	2	N/A	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	29	12	-17	-59%
<i>Hamilton</i>	8	1	-7	-88%	<i>Sarasota</i>	44	62	18	41%
<i>Hardee</i>	2	3	1	50%	<i>Seminole</i>	110	88	-22	-20%
<i>Hendry</i>	9	16	7	78%	<i>Sumter</i>	11	9	-2	-18%
<i>Hernando</i>	28	28	0	0%	<i>Suwannee</i>	16	11	-5	-31%
<i>Highlands</i>	30	40	10	33%	<i>Taylor</i>	6	3	-3	-50%
<i>Hillsborough</i>	319	286	-33	-10%	<i>Union</i>	3	10	7	233%
<i>Holmes</i>	6	4	-2	-33%	<i>Volusia</i>	190	184	-6	-3%
<i>Indian River</i>	31	4	-27	-87%	<i>Wakulla</i>	4	2	-2	-50%
<i>Jackson</i>	9	12	3	33%	<i>Walton</i>	9	2	-7	-78%
<i>Jefferson</i>	2	0	-2	-100%	<i>Washington</i>	3	1	-2	-67%
<i>Lafayette</i>	1	3	2	200%	<i>Out of State</i>	23	7	-16	-70%
					Total	4,366	3,858	-508	-12%

¹ Italics indicate that there were fewer than 100 referrals of this type; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting the resulting percentage change.

Overall School Referral Comparison (by Judicial Circuit)

Judicial Circuit	2009-10	2010-11	Change	%Change ¹
1st	642	492	-150	-23%
2nd	377	286	-91	-24%
3rd	182	140	-42	-23%
4th	561	469	-92	-16%
5th	853	644	-209	-25%
6th	953	975	22	2%
7th	927	983	56	6%
8th	377	330	-47	-12%
9th	1074	1155	81	8%
10th	813	755	-58	-7%
11th	1121	956	-165	-15%
12th	556	505	-51	-9%
13th	938	840	-98	-10%
14th	252	219	-33	-13%
15th	478	491	13	3%
<i>16th</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>-35</i>	<i>-49%</i>
17th	1190	815	-375	-32%
18th	576	561	-15	-3%
19th	679	650	-29	-4%
20th	570	547	-23	-4%
<i>Out-of State</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>-43</i>	<i>-74%</i>
	13,249	11,865	-1,384	-10%

¹ Italics indicate that there were fewer than 100 referrals of this type; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting the resulting percentage change.

Misdemeanor School Referral Comparison (by Judicial Circuit)

Judicial Circuit	2009-10	2010-11	Change	% Change ¹
1st	435	350	-85	-20%
2nd	281	222	-59	-21%
<i>3rd</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>-8</i>	<i>-8%</i>
4th	321	251	-70	-22%
5th	644	454	-190	-30%
6th	649	660	11	2%
7th	601	695	94	16%
8th	243	228	-15	-6%
9th	673	723	50	7%
10th	544	495	-49	-9%
11th	623	537	-86	-14%
12th	420	370	-50	-12%
13th	619	552	-67	-11%
14th	184	170	-14	-8%
15th	281	292	11	4%
<i>16th</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>-27</i>	<i>-46%</i>
17th	784	531	-253	-32%
18th	387	383	-4	-1%
19th	520	514	-6	-1%
20th	427	398	-29	-7%
<i>Out-of State</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>-27</i>	<i>-77%</i>
	8,831	7,958	-873	-10%

¹ Italics indicate that there were fewer than 100 referrals of this type; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting the resulting percentage change.

Felony School Referral Comparison (by Judicial Circuit)

Judicial Circuit	2009-10	2010-11	Change	% Change ¹
1st	199	140	-59	-30%
<i>2nd</i>	93	64	-29	-31%
<i>3rd</i>	81	47	-34	-42%
4th	237	218	-19	-8%
5th	206	189	-17	-8%
6th	300	314	14	5%
7th	318	285	-33	-10%
8th	133	100	-33	-25%
9th	399	426	27	7%
10th	263	252	-11	-4%
11th	495	414	-81	-16%
12th	132	131	-1	-1%
13th	319	286	-33	-10%
<i>14th</i>	67	46	-21	-31%
15th	195	197	2	1%
<i>16th</i>	13	4	-9	-69%
17th	403	283	-120	-30%
18th	188	176	-12	-6%
19th	159	131	-28	-18%
20th	143	148	5	3%
<i>Out-of State</i>	23	7	-16	-70%
	4,366	3,858	-508	-12%

¹ Italics indicate that there were fewer than 100 referrals of this type; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting the resulting percentage change.

Youth Referred from School (by County)

County	Student Population ¹	Youth w/ School Referral ²	Rate ³	County	Student Population ¹	Youth w/ School Referral ²	Rate ³
ALACHUA	14,550	231	16	LAKE	21,136	229	11
BAKER	2,474	38	15	LEE	41,103	239	6
BAY	13,105	138	11	LEON	16,343	231	14
BRADFORD	1,570	8	5	LEVY	3,045	26	9
BREVARD	38,450	301	8	LIBERTY	725	1	1
BROWARD	137,823	815	6	MADISON	1,444	23	16
CALHOUN	1,077	12	11	MANATEE	21,504	312	15
CHARLOTTE	9,837	65	7	MARION	22,218	203	9
CITRUS	8,914	64	7	MARTIN	9,785	112	11
CLAY	19,849	118	6	MONROE	4,368	37	8
COLLIER	22,062	189	9	NASSAU	6,033	23	4
COLUMBIA	4,906	49	10	OKALOOSA	15,696	110	7
DADE	182,438	956	5	OKEECHOBEE	3,663	79	22
DESOTO	2,473	17	7	ORANGE	90,401	857	9
DIXIE	956	4	4	OSCEOLA	27,925	298	11
DUVAL	60,642	328	5	PALM BEACH	92,304	491	5
ESCAMBIA	20,691	294	14	PASCO	35,275	256	7
FLAGLER	7,053	77	11	PINELLAS	57,409	719	13
FRANKLIN	582	2	3	POLK	47,343	638	13
GADSDEN	2,709	24	9	PUTNAM	5,463	152	28
GILCHRIST	1,366	11	8	ST. JOHNS	16,362	170	10
GLADES	602	3	5	ST. LUCIE	20,633	362	18
GULF	1,117	5	4	SANTA ROSA	13,899	49	4
HAMILTON	856	5	6	SARASOTA	22,365	176	8
HARDEE	2,422	10	4	SEMINOLE	35,916	260	7
HENDRY	3,553	51	14	SUMTER	3,846	36	9
HERNANDO	12,397	112	9	SUWANNEE	3,033	46	15
HIGHLANDS	6,287	107	17	TAYLOR	1,433	7	5
HILLSBOROUGH	99,375	840	8	UNION	1,188	16	13
HOLMES	1,737	7	4	VOLUSIA	33,729	584	17
INDIAN RIVER	9,485	97	10	WAKULLA	2,455	24	10
JACKSON	3,630	52	14	WALTON	3,592	39	11
JEFFERSON	529	4	8	WASHINGTON	1,820	5	3
LAFAYETTE	570	6	11	OTHER	N/A	15	N/A
				TOTAL	1,379,541	11,865	9

¹ Source: Florida Department of Education, 2009-10 Survey 2 Data. Population of public school students in grades 6-12 during the 2009-10 school year.

¹ Source: Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS).

³ Number of school-related youth referred to DJJ per 1,000 students ((School Referrals/Student Population)*1,000). Italics indicate that there were fewer than 100 youth referred from school; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting the resulting rate calculation.