



Briefing Report
General Delinquency Referral Update
(2009-10 vs. 2010-11)
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Issue:

This briefing report summarizes the results of an analysis of delinquency throughout Florida during the first six 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.

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 to develop the data provided within the Electronic Delinquency Profile, which can be found on the Department's research Web site:

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

For the purposes of this analysis, delinquency referrals are reported. 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:

Overall, delinquency of all types continued to decline throughout the first six months of FY 2010-11 compared to the previous fiscal year.

- Felony referrals declined by 13%.
- Misdemeanor referrals declined by 11%.
- "Other" referrals declined by 13%.
- Overall delinquency declined in 54 of 67 counties.
- Overall delinquency declined in 19 of 20 judicial circuits.
- Murder/manslaughter referrals declined by 42%.

Specific Areas of Concern:

- Substantial increase in violations of probation from Circuit 10 and specifically from Polk County. After speaking with staff, this increase is driven by the judiciary and aggressive enforcement of curfew violations by the Polk County Sheriff’s Department.
- Minority overrepresentation continues to be pervasive throughout the state.

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. It is possible that youth were referred to the Department more than once during the six month study period.

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Table I – Statewide Comparison of Offenses by Offense Category

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses Between July '09 - Dec '09	Sum of Offenses Between July '10 - Dec '10	Difference	% Change
Felony Referrals	17,554	15,209	-2,345	-13%
Misdemeanor Referrals	27,619	24,659	-2,960	-11%
"Other" Referrals	13,212	11,502	-1,710	-13%
Sum of Total	58,385	51,370	-7,015	-12%

Table II – Statewide Comparison of Felony Offenses by Charge

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses Between July '09 - Dec '09	Sum of Offenses Between July '10 - Dec '10	Difference	% Change ¹
<i>Murder/Manslaughter</i> ¹	62	36	-26	-42%
<i>Attempted Murder</i> ¹	31	24	-7	-23%
Sexual Battery	291	260	-31	-11%
Other Felony Sex Offenses	360	363	3	1%
Armed Robbery	494	353	-141	-29%
Other Robbery	695	575	-120	-17%
Aggravated Assault/Battery	3,396	2,974	-422	-12%
Arson	112	105	-7	-6%
Burglary	5,995	5,358	-637	-11%
Auto Theft	745	685	-60	-8%
Grand Larceny	1,400	1,239	-161	-12%
Dealing in Stolen Property	135	126	-9	-7%
Carry Concealed Firearm	220	140	-80	-36%
Forgery	109	96	-13	-12%
Non-Marijuana Drug Felony	1,142	833	-309	-27%
Marijuana Felony	484	450	-34	-7%
<i>Escape</i> ¹	42	31	-11	-26%
Resisting Arrest w/ Violence	165	140	-25	-15%
Shoot/Throw Deadly Missile	257	201	-56	-22%
<i>Felony Traffic Offense</i> ¹	51	64	13	25%
Other Felony	1,368	1,156	-212	-15%
Sum of Total	17,554	15,209	-2,345	-13%

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

Table III – Statewide Comparison of Misdemeanor Offenses by Charge

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses Between July '09 - Dec '09	Sum of Offenses Between July '10 - Dec '10	Difference	% Change ¹
Misdemeanor Assault/Battery	7,648	7,373	-275	-4%
<i>Prostitution¹</i>	32	26	-6	-19%
<i>Other Misdemeanor Sex Offenses¹</i>	38	47	9	24%
Petit Theft	8,036	6,434	-1,602	-20%
Shoplifting	177	195	18	10%
<i>Dealing in Stolen Property¹</i>	15	13	-2	-13%
Carry Concealed Weapon	159	141	-18	-11%
Disorderly Conduct	1,750	1,586	-164	-9%
Vandalism	954	820	-134	-14%
Trespassing	1,397	1,229	-168	-12%
Loitering/Prowling	613	567	-46	-8%
Marijuana Misdemeanor	3,188	2,969	-219	-7%
<i>Non-Marijuana Misdemeanor Drug¹</i>	48	50	2	4%
Drug Paraphernalia	436	388	-48	-11%
Possession of Alcohol	546	419	-127	-23%
<i>Other Alcohol Misdemeanor¹</i>	23	28	5	22%
<i>Violation of Fish/Game Laws¹</i>	50	55	5	10%
Resisting Arrest Without Violence	2,025	1,894	-131	-6%
Other Misdemeanor	484	425	-59	-12%
Sum of Total	27,619	24,659	-2,901	-11%

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Table IV – Statewide Comparison of “Other” Offenses by Charge

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses Between July '09 - Dec '09	Sum of Offenses Between July '10 - Dec '10	Difference	% Change ¹
Contempt of Court	1,151	973	-178	-15%
<i>Violation of Local Ordinance¹</i>	35	12	-23	-66%
<i>Other Traffic Offenses¹</i>	11	12	1	9%
Interstate Compact	278	177	-101	-36%
Violation of Probation	6,970	6,084	-886	-13%
Violation of Conditional Release	144	76	-68	-47%
Referral Previously Deferred by SAO	3,309	3,073	-236	-7%
Transfer of Disposition from Other County	1,314	1,095	-219	-17%
Sum of Total	13,212	11,502	-1,710	-13%

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Table V – Changes in Delinquency Referrals by County¹

County	Felony Referrals	Misd. Referrals	Other Referrals	Total Referrals	County	Felony Referrals	Misd. Referrals	Other Referrals	Total Referrals
ALACHUA	-12%	-11%	-16%	-12%	LAKE	0%	-14%	3%	-6%
<i>BAKER¹</i>	-33%	41%	-11%	3%	LEE	-26%	-13%	-25%	-19%
BAY	-42%	-12%	-29%	-26%	LEON	-6%	-21%	-38%	-21%
<i>BRADFORD¹</i>	-49%	48%	23%	-1%	LEVY	14%	-7%	-20%	-5%
BREVARD	-11%	-5%	-32%	-12%	<i>LIBERTY¹</i>	33%	0%	-25%	8%
BROWARD	0%	-3%	-7%	-3%	<i>MADISON¹</i>	29%	-11%	-60%	-7%
<i>CALHOUN¹</i>	-38%	38%	33%	5%	MANATEE	-4%	-8%	6%	-3%
CHARLOTTE	-20%	-32%	-16%	-25%	MARION	-18%	-38%	-25%	-30%
CITRUS	2%	-5%	-19%	-5%	MARTIN	-17%	10%	16%	4%
CLAY	-7%	3%	8%	1%	MONROE	-19%	1%	3%	-5%
COLLIER	-21%	-28%	-29%	-27%	NASSAU	-23%	-22%	64%	-7%
COLUMBIA	-25%	-12%	-51%	-24%	OKALOOSA	-32%	4%	-21%	-14%
DADE	-15%	-10%	-23%	-14%	<i>OKEECHOBEE¹</i>	94%	9%	0%	30%
DESOTO	4%	-19%	-44%	-16%	ORANGE	-11%	-4%	-4%	-6%
<i>DIXIE¹</i>	-33%	-56%	-67%	-50%	OSCEOLA	-14%	2%	-27%	-11%
DUVAL	-19%	-30%	-31%	-27%	PALM BEACH	-22%	-12%	-16%	-16%
ESCAMBIA	-28%	-25%	-6%	-20%	PASCO	-1%	2%	-7%	-1%
FLAGLER	-34%	7%	-13%	-11%	PINELLAS	-15%	-13%	-20%	-15%
<i>FRANKLIN¹</i>	-17%	45%	17%	22%	POLK	-6%	-6%	49%	5%
<i>GADSDEN¹</i>	-36%	-56%	-76%	-55%	PUTNAM	-12%	-17%	-32%	-17%
<i>GILCHRIST¹</i>	-7%	-7%	0%	-7%	ST. JOHNS	-26%	4%	-18%	-10%
<i>GLADES¹</i>	50%	-57%	0%	-21%	ST. LUCIE	-2%	-9%	-12%	-7%
<i>GULF¹</i>	0%	-33%	25%	-9%	SANTA ROSA	-13%	-7%	-40%	-21%
<i>HAMILTON¹</i>	-53%	-66%	71%	-46%	SARASOTA	-1%	17%	-7%	7%
HARDEE	-30%	-26%	-28%	-28%	SEMINOLE	-26%	-5%	-46%	-19%
HENDRY	-36%	-21%	-67%	-35%	SUMTER1	-16%	2%	-38%	-14%
HERNANDO	7%	-1%	-3%	1%	SUWANNEE	-4%	-30%	-50%	-24%
HIGHLANDS	8%	-21%	8%	-6%	<i>TAYLOR¹</i>	-6%	20%	0%	7%
HILLSBOROUGH	-13%	-13%	-7%	-12%	UNION1	20%	31%	0%	20%
<i>HOLMES¹</i>	25%	-52%	-13%	-27%	VOLUSIA	-7%	-4%	6%	-2%
INDIAN RIVER	-22%	20%	-25%	-3%	<i>WAKULLA¹</i>	-10%	-7%	-39%	-16%
<i>JACKSON¹</i>	-31%	-27%	-38%	-31%	<i>WALTON¹</i>	-28%	5%	-46%	-23%
<i>JEFFERSON¹</i>	-47%	-50%	-17%	-42%	<i>WASHINGTON¹</i>	-6%	-17%	11%	-7%
<i>LAFAYETTE¹</i>	0%	167%	350%	109%	(OUT OF STATE)	-44%	-37%	-40%	-40%

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

Table VI – Changes in Delinquency Referrals by Judicial Circuit

Circuit	Felony Referrals	Misd. Referrals	Other Referrals	Total Referrals
1st	-28%	-12%	-14%	-17%
2nd	-13%	-23%	-43%	-25%
3rd	-15%	-23%	-34%	-22%
4th	-18%	-26%	-20%	-22%
5th	-6%	-20%	-13%	-14%
6th	-11%	-8%	-17%	-11%
7th	-10%	-2%	0%	-4%
8th	-15%	-3%	-13%	-9%
9th	-12%	-3%	-8%	-7%
10th	-5%	-9%	37%	2%
11th	-15%	-10%	-23%	-14%
12th	-3%	-9%	-3%	-6%
13th	-13%	-13%	-7%	-12%
14th	-35%	-17%	-24%	-24%
15th	-22%	-12%	-16%	-16%
16th	-19%	1%	3%	-5%
17th	0%	-3%	-7%	-3%
18th	-12%	-6%	-37%	-16%
19th	-16%	4%	-27%	-8%
20th	-25%	-21%	-26%	-23%
Out of State	-44%	-37%	-40%	-40%