



Briefing Report
General Delinquency Arrests Update
(2011-12 vs. 2012-13)
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Issue:

This briefing report summarizes the results of a preliminary analysis of delinquency throughout Florida during the first eight months of FY 2012-13. For comparative purposes, data from FY 2011-12 is provided to show shifts in arrest patterns by category and county. 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. Official statistics for FY 2012-13 will be released in the Delinquency Profile (October, 2013).

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 arrests are reported. A delinquency arrest represents a case referred to the Department for an act of delinquency. Please keep in mind that some youth may have been arrested more than once during the study period. These youth are reported separately for each unique delinquency arrests presented to the Department.

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Highlighted Results:

Overall, delinquency declined throughout most of Florida during FY 2012-13. The changes highlighted below reflect the percentage change between July and February of FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13.

General Highlights

- Felony offenses declined by -11%.
- Misdemeanor offenses declined by -15%.
- “Other” offenses declined by -12%.
- Overall delinquency declined in 45 of 67 counties.
- Narcotics possession and distribution continued to see substantial declines.

Felony Offense Highlights

- Most violent felony offenses continued to decline.
- Small numeric increases in:
 - Murder/manslaughter
 - Attempted murder manslaughter
 - Sexual battery
 - Auto theft

Misdemeanor Offense Highlights

- Almost half (46%) of the delinquency offenses received by DJJ during FY 2012-13 were for misdemeanor offenses.
- With the exception of a small increase in misdemeanor sex offenses, all misdemeanor offense categories declined.

Supplemental Data:

The following pages provide detailed charts and tables by county and offense type. These tables represent delinquency arrests received by the Department and not individual youth. It is possible that youth were arrested more than once during the study period.

Table I – Statewide Comparison of Offenses by Offense Category

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses FY 2011-12	Sum of Offenses FY 2012-13	Difference	% Change
Felony	19,361	17,259	-2,102	-11%
Misdemeanor	29,516	25,159	-4,357	-15%
"Other"	14,453	12,699	-1,754	-12%
Sum of Total	63,330	55,117	-8,213	-13%

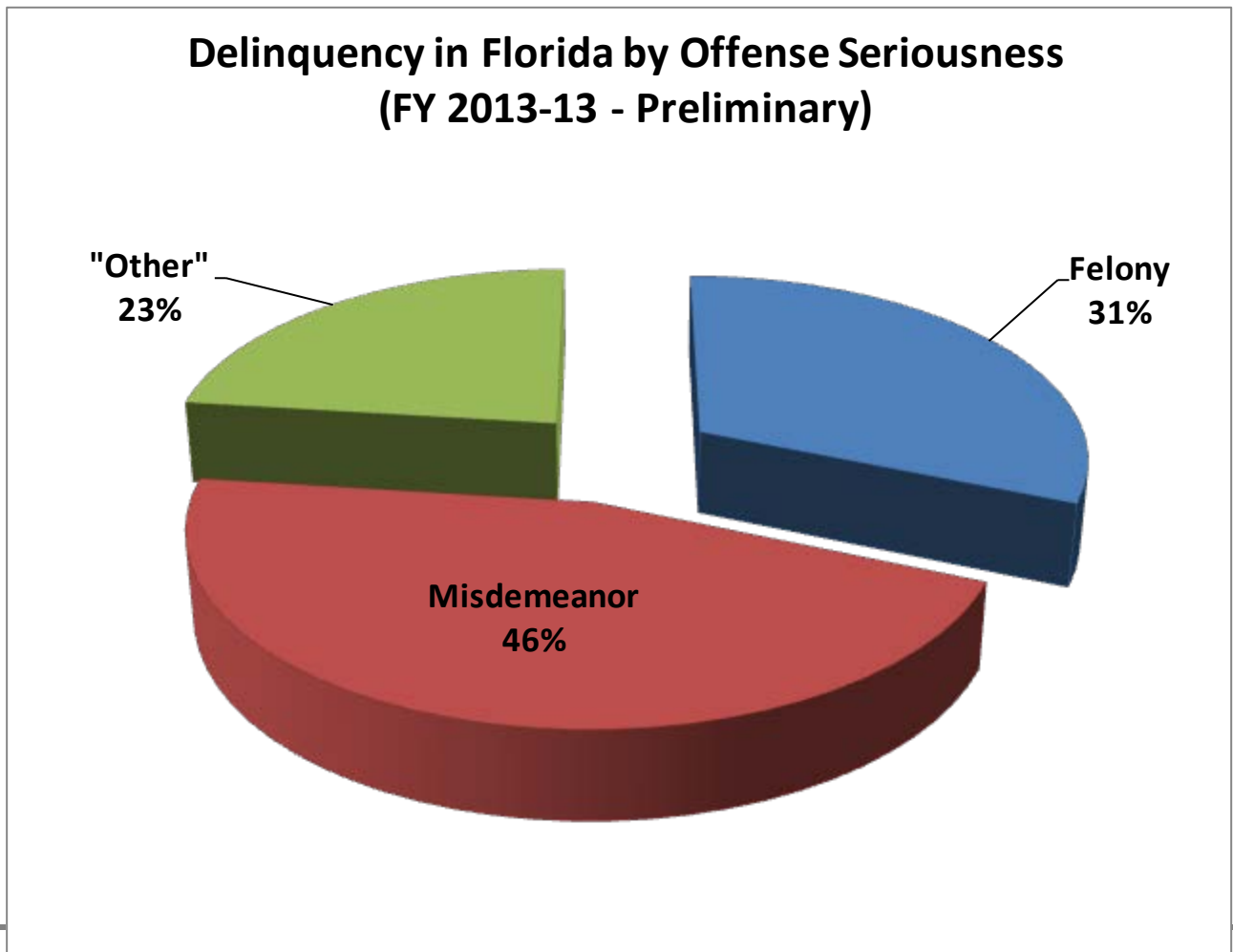


Table II – Statewide Comparison of Felony Offenses by Charge

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Between FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses FY 2011-12	Sum of Offenses FY 2012-13	Difference	% Change
<i>Murder/Manslaughter</i> ¹	44	46	2	5%
<i>Attempted Murder/Manslaughter</i> ¹	19	23	4	21%
Sexual Battery	328	358	30	9%
Kidnapping	126	95	-31	-25%
Other Felony Sex Offenses	487	414	-73	-15%
Armed Robbery	503	448	-55	-11%
Aggravated Assault/Battery	3,686	3,273	-413	-11%
Other Robbery	770	671	-99	-13%
Obstruct Justice (with violence)	244	201	-43	-18%
Arson	107	103	-4	-4%
Weapon or Firearm Offenses	977	809	-168	-17%
Burglary	6,757	5,848	-909	-13%
Auto Theft	802	839	37	5%
Grand Larceny (excluding auto theft)	1,800	1,765	-35	-2%
Felony Drug Laws	1,422	1,254	-168	-12%
Fraud, Forgery, & Counterfeiting	168	157	-11	-7%
Felony Vandalism	319	239	-80	-25%
Stolen Property	172	152	-20	-12%
<i>Escape</i> ¹	26	29	3	12%
Obstruct Justice (without violence)	306	249	-57	-19%
"Other" Felony	298	286	-12	-4%
Sum of Total	19,361	17,259	-2,102	-11%

¹ indicates that there were fewer than 100 offenses 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 FY 2011-12	Sum of Offenses FY 2012-13	Difference	% Change
Assault and or Battery (not aggravated)	8,748	7,677	-1,071	-12%
<i>Misdemeanor Sex Offenses</i> ¹	70	71	1	1%
Petit Larceny	7,456	6,474	-982	-13%
Misdemeanor Weapon-Firearm Offense	207	171	-36	-17%
Misdemeanor Violation of Drug Laws	4,828	4,209	-619	-13%
Vandalism	1,077	818	-259	-24%
Trespassing	1,635	1,292	-343	-21%
Disorderly Conduct	2,169	1,788	-381	-18%
Misdemeanor Alcohol Offenses	550	488	-62	-11%
Loitering and Prowling	1,004	644	-360	-36%
<i>Violation of Hunt/Fish/Boat Laws</i> ¹	53	47	-6	-11%
Misdemeanor Obstruction of Justice	1,586	1,374	-212	-13%
"Other" Misdemeanors	133	106	-27	-20%
Sum of Total	29,516	25,159	-4,357	-15%

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

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses FY 2011-12	Sum of Offenses FY 2012-13	Difference	% Change
<i>County or Municipal Ordinance</i>	29	14	-15	-52%
<i>Non-Felony Traffic Offenses</i>	11	9	-2	-18%
Violation of Aftercare-Furlough	227	217	-10	-4%
Violation of Community Control	7,309	6,934	-375	-5%
Contempt of Court	1,065	612	-453	-43%
<i>Non-Criminal Infraction</i>	2	6	4	200%
Interstate Compact	305	271	-34	-11%
Prosecution Previously Deferred	3,991	3,313	-678	-17%
Transfer from Another County	1,514	1,323	-191	-13%
Sum of Total	14,453	12,699	-1,754	-12%

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Table VI – Percentage Changes in Delinquency Offenses by County

County	Felony	Misd.	"Other"	Total	County	Felony	Misd.	"Other"	Total
ALACHUA	2%	-9%	2%	-4%	LAKE	-16%	-10%	-21%	-15%
BAKER ¹	13%	-42%	14%	-22%	LEE	-11%	-7%	-39%	-14%
BAY	-16%	-12%	-14%	-14%	LEON	3%	0%	-6%	0%
BRADFORD ¹	20%	-15%	14%	2%	LEVY ¹	18%	6%	82%	23%
BREVARD	-16%	-20%	-8%	-17%	LIBERTY ¹	-17%	200%	N/A	38%
BROWARD	-9%	-24%	-25%	-19%	MADISON ¹	24%	-14%	63%	6%
CALHOUN ¹	-22%	-19%	-70%	-34%	MANATEE	-15%	-20%	-17%	-18%
CHARLOTTE ¹	39%	-13%	-8%	-2%	MARION	-5%	-7%	31%	0%
CITRUS ¹	1%	-22%	26%	-4%	MARTIN ¹	-8%	-16%	-27%	-17%
CLAY	-24%	2%	-15%	-10%	MONROE ¹	-14%	17%	43%	9%
COLLIER	-9%	-10%	-21%	-12%	NASSAU ¹	19%	12%	32%	20%
COLUMBIA ¹	20%	-3%	-26%	0%	OKALOOSA	-8%	29%	9%	12%
DADE	-13%	-20%	-27%	-18%	OKEECHOBEE ¹	14%	-10%	27%	3%
DESOTO1	34%	-23%	-64%	-16%	ORANGE	3%	-9%	-25%	-11%
DIXIE ¹	167%	-30%	133%	58%	OSCEOLA	2%	-17%	-3%	-9%
DUVAL	-27%	-22%	1%	-20%	PALM BEACH	-24%	-16%	-11%	-18%
ESCAMBIA	-1%	-5%	20%	3%	PASCO	17%	-12%	-5%	-2%
FLAGLER ¹	39%	-32%	-14%	-15%	PINELLAS	-8%	-7%	-25%	-12%
FRANKLIN ¹	-25%	-68%	-20%	-49%	POLK	-11%	-17%	2%	-10%
GADSDEN ¹	-24%	-40%	-18%	-29%	PUTNAM	23%	-12%	31%	6%
GILCHRIST ¹	-9%	6%	17%	3%	ST. JOHNS	-10%	10%	-21%	-5%
GLADES ¹	0%	-38%	25%	-18%	ST. LUCIE	-13%	-29%	-18%	-21%
GULF ¹	-62%	58%	-43%	-13%	SANTA ROSA	-18%	-33%	-19%	-25%
HAMILTON ¹	25%	-22%	167%	10%	SARASOTA	-12%	5%	21%	2%
HARDEE ¹	-12%	-21%	-31%	-21%	SEMINOLE	-22%	-12%	-26%	-18%
HENDRY ¹	13%	-34%	-47%	-25%	SUMTER ¹	3%	5%	-4%	2%
HERNANDO	-16%	-20%	-14%	-18%	SUWANNEE ¹	-23%	-35%	17%	-26%
HIGHLANDS	-43%	7%	36%	-3%	TAYLOR ¹	-38%	-33%	0%	-31%
HILLSBOROUGH	-14%	-13%	-2%	-11%	UNION ¹	-38%	-9%	140%	-6%
HOLMES ¹	118%	6%	23%	40%	VOLUSIA	-28%	-22%	-3%	-19%
INDIAN RIVER	-35%	-14%	-17%	-20%	WAKULLA ¹	-4%	16%	-75%	-24%
JACKSON ¹	0%	67%	-17%	22%	WALTON ¹	47%	17%	-45%	2%
JEFFERSON ¹	-73%	-29%	22%	-30%	WASHINGTON ¹	-15%	-13%	-31%	-17%
LAFAYETTE ¹	N/A	500%	0%	225%	(OUT OF STATE)	-47%	-18%	-31%	-29%

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