



**Briefing Report**  
**General Delinquency Referral Update**  
**(2009-10 vs. 2010-11)**  
**April 2011: Preliminary Assessment**

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**Issue:**

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

**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](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 nine months of FY 2010-11 compared to the previous fiscal year.

- Felony referrals declined by 11%.
- Misdemeanor referrals declined by 10%.
- "Other" referrals declined by 11%.
- Overall delinquency declined in 57 of 67 counties.
- Overall delinquency declined in 19 of 20 judicial circuits.

**Specific Areas of Concern:**

- Declines in delinquency have “tapered off” over the last two months. Although there is still an overall reduction in delinquency, it is not as strong as in earlier months.
- 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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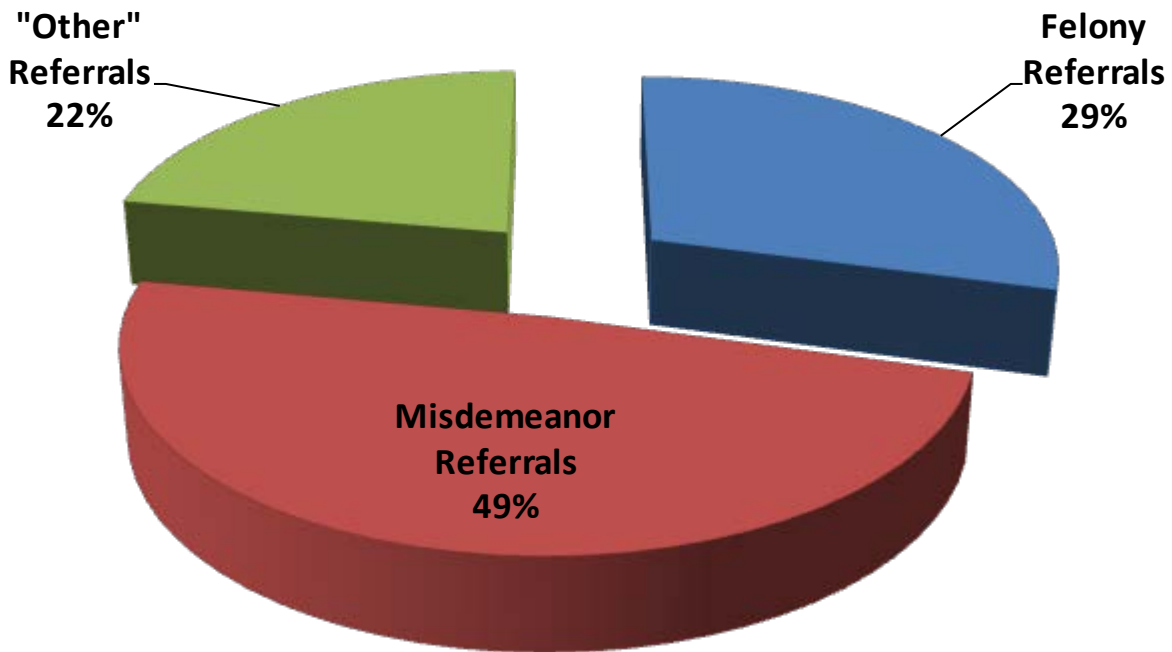
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**Table I – Statewide Comparison of Offenses by Offense Category**

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses Between July '09 - Mar '10	Sum of Offenses Between July '10 - Mar '11	Difference	% Change
Felony Referrals	26,388	23,357	-3,031	-11%
Misdemeanor Referrals	43,052	38,878	-4,174	-10%
"Other" Referrals	19,971	17,738	-2,233	-11%
<b>Sum of Total</b>	<b>89,411</b>	<b>79,973</b>	<b>-9,438</b>	<b>-11%</b>

**Delinquency in Florida by Offense Seriousness  
(FY 2010-11 through March)**



**Table II – Statewide Comparison of Felony Offenses by Charge**

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses Between July '09 - Mar '10	Sum of Offenses Between July '10 - Mar '11	Difference	% Change
<i>Murder/Manslaughter</i> <sup>1</sup>	90	55	-35	<b>-39%</b>
<i>Attempted Murder</i> <sup>1</sup>	42	34	-8	<b>-19%</b>
Sexual Battery	422	388	-34	<b>-8%</b>
Other Felony Sex Offenses	559	560	1	<b>0%</b>
Armed Robbery	710	543	-167	<b>-24%</b>
Other Robbery	1,073	954	-119	<b>-11%</b>
Aggravated Assault/Battery	5,348	4,698	-650	<b>-12%</b>
Arson	177	160	-17	<b>-10%</b>
Burglary	8,654	8,009	-645	<b>-7%</b>
Auto Theft	1,070	963	-107	<b>-10%</b>
Grand Larceny	2,122	1,872	-250	<b>-12%</b>
Dealing in Stolen Property	213	191	-22	<b>-10%</b>
Carry Concealed Firearm	312	209	-103	<b>-33%</b>
Forgery	162	145	-17	<b>-10%</b>
Non-Marijuana Drug Felony	1,737	1,267	-470	<b>-27%</b>
Marijuana Felony	827	776	-51	<b>-6%</b>
<i>Escape</i> <sup>1</sup>	60	43	-17	<b>-28%</b>
Resisting Arrest w/ Violence	236	199	-37	<b>-16%</b>
Shoot/Throw Deadly Missile	388	291	-97	<b>-25%</b>
<i>Felony Traffic Offense</i> <sup>1</sup>	73	103	30	<b>41%</b>
Other Felony	2,113	1,897	-216	<b>-10%</b>
<b>Sum of Total</b>	<b>26,388</b>	<b>23,357</b>	<b>-3,031</b>	<b>-11%</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 - Mar '10	Sum of Offenses Between July '10 - Mar '11	Difference	% Change
Misdemeanor Assault/Battery	11,818	11,241	-577	-5%
<i>Prostitution<sup>1</sup></i>	46	33	-13	-28%
<i>Other Misdemeanor Sex Offenses<sup>1</sup></i>	78	68	-10	-13%
Petit Theft	11,880	9,815	-2,065	-17%
Shoplifting	289	282	-7	-2%
<i>Dealing in Stolen Property<sup>1</sup></i>	20	16	-4	-20%
Carry Concealed Weapon	249	225	-24	-10%
Disorderly Conduct	3,040	2,697	-343	-11%
Vandalism	1,513	1,279	-234	-15%
Trespassing	2,175	1,867	-308	-14%
Loitering/Prowling	912	873	-39	-4%
Marijuana Misdemeanor	5,454	5,101	-353	-6%
<i>Non-Marijuana Misdemeanor Drug<sup>1</sup></i>	78	67	-11	-14%
Drug Paraphernalia	720	712	-8	-1%
Possession of Alcohol	880	822	-58	-7%
<i>Other Alcohol Misdemeanor<sup>1</sup></i>	37	46	9	24%
<i>Violation of Fish/Game Laws<sup>1</sup></i>	75	69	-6	-8%
Resisting Arrest Without Violence	3,059	2,970	-89	-3%
Other Misdemeanor	729	695	-34	-5%
<b>Sum of Total</b>	<b>43,052</b>	<b>38,878</b>	<b>-4,140</b>	<b>-10%</b>

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

Offense Category	Sum of Offenses Between July '09 - Mar '10	Sum of Offenses Between July '10 - Mar '11	Difference	% Change
Contempt of Court	1,773	1,472	-301	-17%
<i>Violation of Local Ordinance</i> <sup>1</sup>	45	21	-24	-53%
<i>Other Traffic Offenses</i> <sup>1</sup>	17	16	-1	-6%
Interstate Compact	414	283	-131	-32%
Violation of Probation	10,663	9,390	-1,273	-12%
Violation of Conditional Release	193	132	-61	-32%
Referral Previously Deferred by SAO	4,939	4,808	-131	-3%
Transfer of Disposition from Other County	1,927	1,616	-311	-16%
<b>Sum of Total</b>	<b>19,971</b>	<b>17,738</b>	<b>-2,233</b>	<b>-11%</b>

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**Table V – Changes in Delinquency Referrals by County<sup>1</sup>**

County	Felony Referrals	Misd. Referrals	Other Referrals	Total Referrals	County	Felony Referrals	Misd. Referrals	Other Referrals	Total Referrals
ALACHUA	-21%	-17%	-17%	-18%	LAKE	-3%	-11%	-6%	-8%
<i>BAKER<sup>1</sup></i>	-27%	23%	-29%	-3%	LEE	-25%	-11%	-24%	-18%
BAY	-37%	-8%	-37%	-25%	LEON	-3%	-18%	-33%	-18%
<i>BRADFORD<sup>1</sup></i>	-28%	24%	8%	0%	LEVY	19%	0%	-24%	0%
BREVARD	-13%	2%	-37%	-11%	<i>LIBERTY<sup>1</sup></i>	11%	-30%	0%	-7%
BROWARD	0%	-7%	-1%	-4%	<i>MADISON<sup>1</sup></i>	-10%	-6%	-29%	-10%
<i>CALHOUN<sup>1</sup></i>	-22%	42%	150%	26%	MANATEE	-9%	-8%	6%	-5%
CHARLOTTE	-25%	-25%	-22%	-24%	MARION	-19%	-40%	-25%	-31%
CITRUS	0%	-13%	-7%	-8%	MARTIN	-9%	3%	-4%	-2%
CLAY	-50%	-47%	-63%	-52%	MONROE	-21%	-6%	-10%	-10%
COLLIER	-14%	-17%	-29%	-18%	NASSAU	-27%	-11%	36%	-5%
COLUMBIA	-30%	-12%	-12%	-18%	OKALOOSA	-9%	13%	-1%	3%
DADE	-12%	-8%	-20%	-12%	<i>OKEECHOBEE<sup>1</sup></i>	58%	0%	-19%	12%
DESOTO	-13%	-7%	-39%	-16%	ORANGE	-4%	-4%	-3%	-3%
<i>DIXIE<sup>1</sup></i>	-50%	-41%	-20%	-41%	OSCEOLA	-5%	-2%	-25%	-9%
DUVAL	-14%	-26%	-23%	-22%	PALM BEACH	-16%	-8%	-12%	-11%
ESCAMBIA	-23%	-26%	-10%	-20%	PASCO	4%	-2%	-12%	-3%
FLAGLER	-29%	2%	-20%	-13%	PINELLAS	-12%	-10%	-20%	-13%
<i>FRANKLIN<sup>1</sup></i>	-20%	81%	22%	37%	POLK	-6%	-1%	59%	10%
<i>GADSDEN<sup>1</sup></i>	-30%	-42%	-66%	-44%	PUTNAM	-12%	-26%	-30%	-22%
<i>GILCHRIST<sup>1</sup></i>	-41%	-25%	29%	-26%	ST. JOHNS	-14%	-14%	-11%	-13%
<i>GLADES<sup>1</sup></i>	25%	-36%	-13%	-17%	ST. LUCIE	0%	-4%	-20%	-7%
<i>GULF<sup>1</sup></i>	-24%	12%	6%	-2%	SANTA ROSA	-23%	-12%	-42%	-25%
<i>HAMILTON<sup>1</sup></i>	-37%	-67%	45%	-44%	SARASOTA	-13%	28%	9%	11%
HARDEE	-14%	-14%	-32%	-19%	SEMINOLE	-20%	-10%	-35%	-18%
HENDRY	-22%	-10%	-61%	-24%	SUMTER1	-36%	13%	-24%	-14%
HERNANDO	7%	-7%	-10%	-3%	SUWANNEE	-24%	-21%	-50%	-28%
HIGHLANDS	10%	-22%	5%	-7%	<i>TAYLOR<sup>1</sup></i>	-38%	-14%	-38%	-27%
HILLSBOROUGH	-10%	-13%	-3%	-10%	UNION1	25%	50%	-50%	13%
<i>HOLMES<sup>1</sup></i>	33%	-52%	-13%	-25%	VOLUSIA	-10%	-5%	6%	-3%
INDIAN RIVER	-11%	12%	-24%	-2%	<i>WAKULLA<sup>1</sup></i>	-31%	6%	-34%	-15%
<i>JACKSON<sup>1</sup></i>	-10%	-17%	-15%	-14%	<i>WALTON<sup>1</sup></i>	-32%	17%	-51%	-19%
<i>JEFFERSON<sup>1</sup></i>	-47%	0%	-33%	-27%	<i>WASHINGTON<sup>1</sup></i>	-4%	-17%	29%	-5%
<i>LA FAYETTE<sup>1</sup></i>	-14%	33%	300%	58%	(OUT OF STATE)	-46%	-22%	-38%	-31%

<sup>1</sup> 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**

<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Felony Referrals</b>	<b>Misd. Referrals</b>	<b>Other Referrals</b>	<b>Total Referrals</b>
1st	-22%	-15%	-13%	-16%
2nd	-13%	-17%	-36%	-20%
3rd	-31%	-24%	-19%	-26%
4th	-13%	-21%	-13%	-17%
5th	-8%	-21%	-14%	-16%
6th	-8%	-8%	-18%	-11%
7th	-12%	-3%	1%	-5%
8th	-19%	-9%	-17%	-14%
9th	-4%	-3%	-6%	-5%
10th	-4%	-4%	45%	6%
11th	-12%	-8%	-20%	-12%
12th	-6%	-7%	-6%	-6%
13th	-10%	-13%	-3%	-10%
14th	-28%	-11%	-29%	-21%
15th	-16%	-8%	-12%	-11%
16th	-21%	-6%	-10%	-10%
17th	0%	-7%	-1%	-4%
18th	-17%	-5%	-40%	-18%
19th	-11%	-3%	-25%	-10%
20th	-23%	-14%	-27%	-19%
Out of State	-46%	-22%	-38%	-31%