



Briefing Report
School-Related Delinquency Referrals
(2009-10 vs. 2010-11)
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Issue:

This briefing report summarizes the results of an analysis of delinquency in Florida's schools 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'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 six months of FY 2010-11. However, there are still several metrics that indicate room for additional reductions.

- As of December 31, 2010 delinquency in schools declined 6.42% compared to a similar period during the previous fiscal year.
- Although the statewide number of delinquency referrals declined, there was an increase in several jurisdictions.
 - Delinquency in schools declined in 13 of 20 judicial circuits.
 - Delinquency in schools declined in 37 of Florida's 67 counties.
- Minority overrepresentation remains a pervasive issue in most jurisdictions.
- 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.

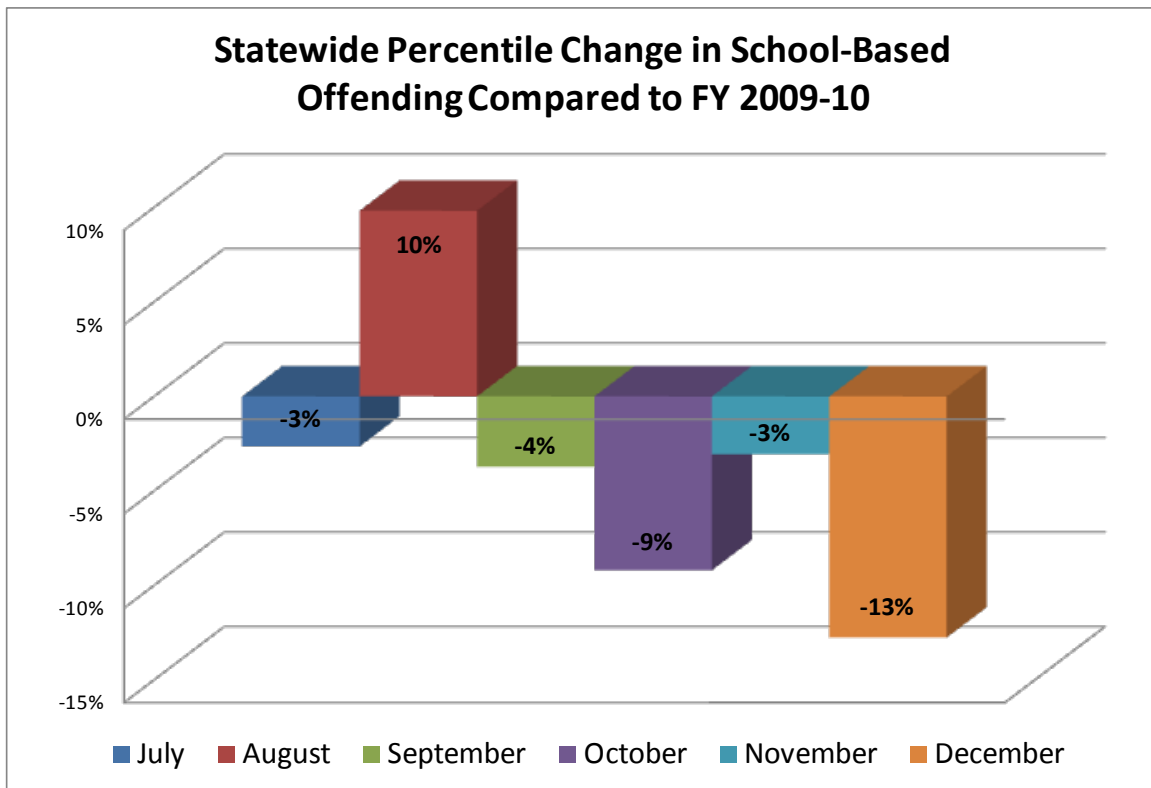
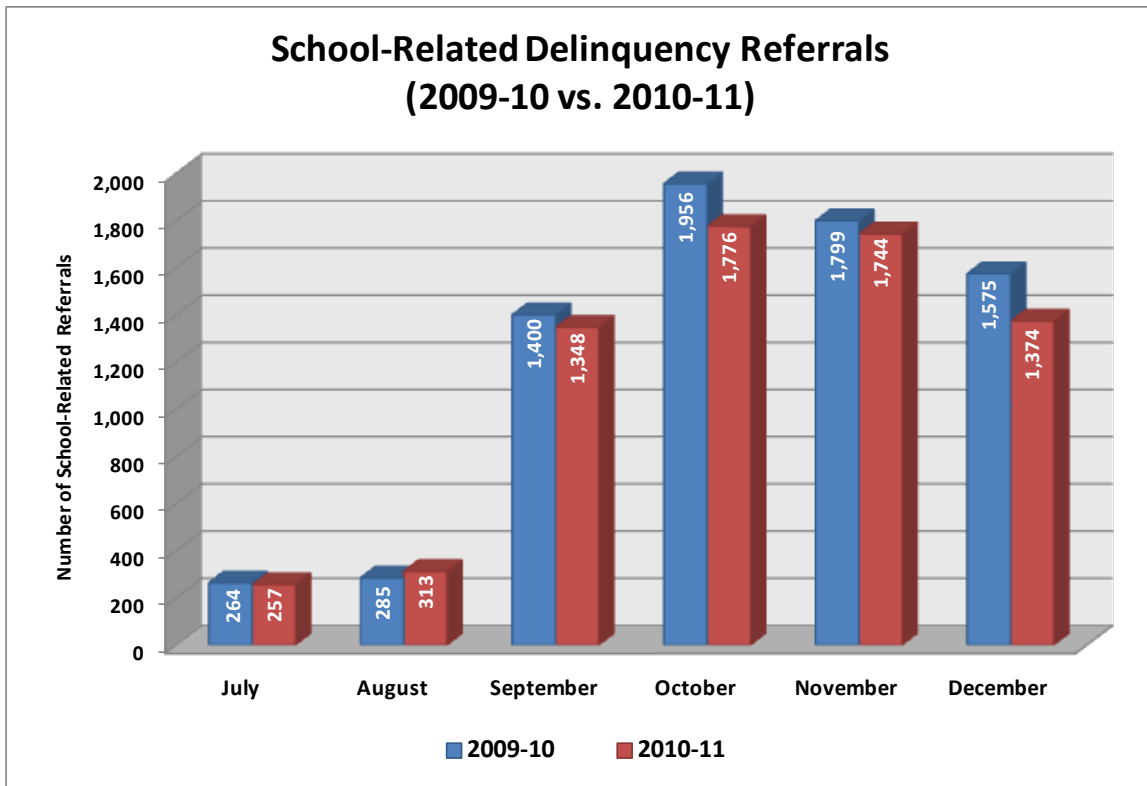
Supplemental Data:

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.

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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	121	140	19	16%	Lake	133	127	-6	-5%
<i>Baker</i>	17	26	9	53%	Lee	122	128	6	5%
Bay	104	82	-22	-21%	Leon	183	130	-53	-29%
<i>Bradford</i>	20	4	-16	-80%	<i>Levy</i>	15	21	6	40%
Brevard	151	166	15	10%	<i>Liberty</i>	1	1	0	0%
Broward	613	440	-173	-28%	<i>Madison</i>	8	10	2	25%
<i>Calhoun</i>	2	8	6	300%	Manatee	192	188	-4	-2%
<i>Charlotte</i>	45	29	-16	-36%	Marion	191	126	-65	-34%
<i>Citrus</i>	44	39	-5	-11%	<i>Martin</i>	48	71	23	48%
<i>Clay</i>	50	48	-2	-4%	<i>Monroe</i>	44	23	-21	-48%
Collier	124	102	-22	-18%	<i>Nassau</i>	6	12	6	100%
<i>Columbia</i>	45	25	-20	-44%	<i>Okaloosa</i>	49	60	11	22%
Dade	636	573	-63	-10%	<i>Okeechobee</i>	31	50	19	61%
<i>Desoto</i>	12	11	-1	-8%	Orange	440	451	11	3%
<i>Dixie</i>	4	4	0	0%	Osceola	125	156	31	25%
Duval	263	182	-81	-31%	Palm Beach	290	298	8	3%
Escambia	248	169	-79	-32%	Pasco	128	185	57	45%
<i>Flagler</i>	56	41	-15	-27%	Pinellas	412	412	0	0%
<i>Franklin</i>	7	1	-6	-86%	Polk	339	346	7	2%
<i>Gadsden</i>	18	12	-6	-33%	<i>Putnam</i>	96	87	-9	-9%
<i>Gilchrist</i>	8	4	-4	-50%	<i>St Johns</i>	50	97	47	94%
<i>Glades</i>	3	2	-1	-33%	St Lucie	226	233	7	3%
<i>Gulf</i>	2	3	1	50%	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	42	32	-10	-24%
<i>Hamilton</i>	14	2	-12	-86%	Sarasota	106	101	-5	-5%
<i>Hardee</i>	12	7	-5	-42%	Seminole	166	170	4	2%
<i>Hendry</i>	25	19	-6	-24%	<i>Sumter</i>	27	30	3	11%
<i>Hernando</i>	67	76	9	13%	<i>Suwannee</i>	21	25	4	19%
<i>Highlands</i>	70	60	-10	-14%	<i>Taylor</i>	2	6	4	200%
Hillsborough	481	448	-33	-7%	<i>Union</i>	2	9	7	350%
<i>Holmes</i>	6	2	-4	-67%	Volusia	294	358	64	22%
<i>Indian River</i>	66	49	-17	-26%	<i>Wakulla</i>	9	15	6	67%
Jackson	31	32	1	3%	<i>Walton</i>	14	19	5	36%
<i>Jefferson</i>	2	0	-2	-100%	<i>Washington</i>	4	4	0	0%
<i>Lafayette</i>	0	4	4	N/A	<i>Out of State</i>	35	9	-26	-74%
					Total	7,218	6,800	-418	-6%

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
<i>Alachua</i>	79	88	9	11%	<i>Lake</i>	88	78	-10	-11%
<i>Baker</i>	8	20	12	150%	<i>Lee</i>	91	95	4	4%
<i>Bay</i>	79	69	-10	-13%	<i>Leon</i>	151	103	-48	-32%
<i>Bradford</i>	11	3	-8	-73%	<i>Levy</i>	10	13	3	30%
<i>Brevard</i>	104	111	7	7%	<i>Liberty</i>	0	0	0	0%
<i>Broward</i>	403	279	-124	-31%	<i>Madison</i>	2	6	4	200%
<i>Calhoun</i>	1	7	6	600%	<i>Manatee</i>	139	142	3	2%
<i>Charlotte</i>	28	21	-7	-25%	<i>Marion</i>	161	88	-73	-45%
<i>Citrus</i>	29	30	1	3%	<i>Martin</i>	35	62	27	77%
<i>Clay</i>	24	35	11	46%	<i>Monroe</i>	36	19	-17	-47%
<i>Collier</i>	102	72	-30	-29%	<i>Nassau</i>	6	6	0	0%
<i>Columbia</i>	24	17	-7	-29%	<i>Okaloosa</i>	36	51	15	42%
<i>Dade</i>	365	322	-43	-12%	<i>Okeechobee</i>	24	31	7	29%
<i>Desoto</i>	8	9	1	13%	<i>Orange</i>	265	278	13	5%
<i>Dixie</i>	3	1	-2	-67%	<i>Osceola</i>	75	104	29	39%
<i>Duval</i>	143	89	-54	-38%	<i>Palm Beach</i>	172	188	16	9%
<i>Escambia</i>	158	107	-51	-32%	<i>Pasco</i>	86	122	36	42%
<i>Flagler</i>	40	32	-8	-20%	<i>Pinellas</i>	284	287	3	1%
<i>Franklin</i>	2	1	-1	-50%	<i>Polk</i>	216	219	3	1%
<i>Gadsden</i>	5	4	-1	-20%	<i>Putnam</i>	56	58	2	4%
<i>Gilchrist</i>	5	4	-1	-20%	<i>St Johns</i>	39	75	36	92%
<i>Glades</i>	2	2	0	0%	<i>St Lucie</i>	183	196	13	7%
<i>Gulf</i>	2	2	0	0%	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	22	26	4	18%
<i>Hamilton</i>	12	2	-10	-83%	<i>Sarasota</i>	73	60	-13	-18%
<i>Hardee</i>	10	5	-5	-50%	<i>Seminole</i>	106	104	-2	-2%
<i>Hendry</i>	22	13	-9	-41%	<i>Sumter</i>	20	21	1	5%
<i>Hernando</i>	50	54	4	8%	<i>Suwannee</i>	15	18	3	20%
<i>Highlands</i>	53	36	-17	-32%	<i>Taylor</i>	0	3	3	N/A
<i>Hillsborough</i>	303	280	-23	-8%	<i>Union</i>	0	3	3	N/A
<i>Holmes</i>	1	2	1	100%	<i>Volusia</i>	186	241	55	30%
<i>Indian River</i>	43	46	3	7%	<i>Wakulla</i>	7	14	7	100%
<i>Jackson</i>	23	25	2	9%	<i>Walton</i>	7	19	12	171%
<i>Jefferson</i>	1	0	-1	-100%	<i>Washington</i>	3	3	0	0%
<i>Lafayette</i>	0	1	1	N/A	<i>Out of State</i>	20	3	-17	-85%
					Total	4,757	4,525	-232	-5%

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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>	42	51	9	21%	<i>Lake</i>	45	49	4	9%
<i>Baker</i>	9	6	-3	-33%	<i>Lee</i>	31	33	2	6%
<i>Bay</i>	25	12	-13	-52%	<i>Leon</i>	31	26	-5	-16%
<i>Bradford</i>	9	1	-8	-89%	<i>Levy</i>	4	7	3	75%
<i>Brevard</i>	46	55	9	20%	<i>Liberty</i>	1	1	0	0%
<i>Broward</i>	209	161	-48	-23%	<i>Madison</i>	6	4	-2	-33%
<i>Calhoun</i>	1	1	0	0%	<i>Manatee</i>	51	44	-7	-14%
<i>Charlotte</i>	17	7	-10	-59%	<i>Marion</i>	30	37	7	23%
<i>Citrus</i>	15	9	-6	-40%	<i>Martin</i>	13	9	-4	-31%
<i>Clay</i>	26	13	-13	-50%	<i>Monroe</i>	8	3	-5	-63%
<i>Collier</i>	22	30	8	36%	<i>Nassau</i>	0	6	6	N/A
<i>Columbia</i>	21	8	-13	-62%	<i>Okaloosa</i>	10	9	-1	-10%
<i>Dade</i>	269	247	-22	-8%	<i>Okeechobee</i>	7	19	12	171%
<i>Desoto</i>	4	2	-2	-50%	<i>Orange</i>	173	170	-3	-2%
<i>Dixie</i>	1	3	2	200%	<i>Osceola</i>	50	52	2	4%
<i>Duval</i>	117	93	-24	-21%	<i>Palm Beach</i>	118	110	-8	-7%
<i>Escambia</i>	86	61	-25	-29%	<i>Pasco</i>	42	62	20	48%
<i>Flagler</i>	16	9	-7	-44%	<i>Pinellas</i>	128	125	-3	-2%
<i>Franklin</i>	5	0	-5	-100%	<i>Polk</i>	120	122	2	2%
<i>Gadsden</i>	13	8	-5	-38%	<i>Putnam</i>	40	29	-11	-28%
<i>Gilchrist</i>	3	0	-3	-100%	<i>St Johns</i>	9	21	12	133%
<i>Glades</i>	1	0	-1	-100%	<i>St Lucie</i>	43	36	-7	-16%
<i>Gulf</i>	0	1	1	N/A	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	20	6	-14	-70%
<i>Hamilton</i>	2	0	-2	-100%	<i>Sarasota</i>	33	40	7	21%
<i>Hardee</i>	2	2	0	0%	<i>Seminole</i>	60	63	3	5%
<i>Hendry</i>	3	6	3	100%	<i>Sumter</i>	7	9	2	29%
<i>Hernando</i>	15	21	6	40%	<i>Suwannee</i>	6	7	1	17%
<i>Highlands</i>	17	24	7	41%	<i>Taylor</i>	2	3	1	50%
<i>Hillsborough</i>	178	168	-10	-6%	<i>Union</i>	2	6	4	200%
<i>Holmes</i>	5	0	-5	-100%	<i>Volusia</i>	105	116	11	10%
<i>Indian River</i>	23	0	-23	-100%	<i>Wakulla</i>	1	1	0	0%
<i>Jackson</i>	8	6	-2	-25%	<i>Walton</i>	7	0	-7	-100%
<i>Jefferson</i>	1	0	-1	-100%	<i>Washington</i>	1	1	0	0%
<i>Lafayette</i>	0	3	3	N/A	<i>Out of State</i>	15	6	-9	-60%
					Total	2,430	2,240	-190	-8%

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Overall School Referral Comparison (by Judicial Circuit)

Judicial Circuit	2009-10	2010-11	Change	% Change ¹
1st	353	280	-73	-21%
2nd	220	159	-61	-28%
<i>3rd</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>-18</i>	<i>-19%</i>
4th	319	242	-77	-24%
5th	462	398	-64	-14%
6th	540	597	57	11%
7th	496	583	87	18%
8th	183	204	21	11%
9th	565	607	42	7%
10th	421	413	-8	-2%
11th	636	573	-63	-10%
12th	310	300	-10	-3%
13th	481	448	-33	-7%
14th	149	131	-18	-12%
15th	290	298	8	3%
<i>16th</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>-21</i>	<i>-48%</i>
17th	613	440	-173	-28%
18th	317	336	19	6%
19th	371	403	32	9%
20th	319	280	-39	-12%
<i>Out-of State</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>-26</i>	<i>-74%</i>
	7,218	6,800	-418	-6%

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Misdemeanor School Referral Comparison (by Judicial Circuit)

Judicial Circuit	2009-10	2010-11	Change	%Change ¹
1st	223	203	-20	-9%
2nd	166	122	-44	-27%
<i>3rd</i>	56	48	-8	-14%
4th	173	130	-43	-25%
5th	348	271	-77	-22%
6th	370	409	39	11%
7th	321	406	85	26%
8th	113	131	18	16%
9th	340	382	42	12%
10th	279	260	-19	-7%
11th	365	322	-43	-12%
12th	220	211	-9	-4%
13th	303	280	-23	-8%
14th	109	108	-1	-1%
15th	172	188	16	9%
<i>16th</i>	36	19	-17	-47%
17th	403	279	-124	-31%
18th	210	215	5	2%
19th	285	335	50	18%
20th	245	203	-42	-17%
<i>Out-of State</i>	20	3	-17	-85%
	4,757	4,525	-232	-5%

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Felony School Referral Comparison (by Judicial Circuit)

Judicial Circuit	2009-10	2010-11	Change	% Change ¹
1st	123	76	-47	-38%
<i>2nd</i>	52	36	-16	-31%
<i>3rd</i>	38	28	-10	-26%
4th	143	112	-31	-22%
5th	112	125	13	12%
6th	170	187	17	10%
7th	170	175	5	3%
<i>8th</i>	69	71	2	3%
9th	223	222	-1	0%
10th	139	148	9	6%
11th	269	247	-22	-8%
<i>12th</i>	88	86	-2	-2%
13th	178	168	-10	-6%
<i>14th</i>	40	21	-19	-48%
15th	118	110	-8	-7%
<i>16th</i>	8	3	-5	-63%
17th	209	161	-48	-23%
18th	106	118	12	11%
<i>19th</i>	86	64	-22	-26%
<i>20th</i>	74	76	2	3%
<i>Out-of State</i>	15	6	-9	-60%
	2,430	2,240	-190	-8%

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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	140	10	LAKE	21,136	127	6
BAKER	2,474	26	11	LEE	41,103	128	3
BAY	13,105	82	6	LEON	16,343	130	8
BRADFORD	1,570	4	3	LEVY	3,045	21	7
BREVARD	38,450	166	4	LIBERTY	725	1	1
BROWARD	137,823	440	3	MADISON	1,444	10	7
CALHOUN	1,077	8	7	MANATEE	21,504	188	9
CHARLOTTE	9,837	29	3	MARION	22,218	126	6
CITRUS	8,914	39	4	MARTIN	9,785	71	7
CLAY	19,849	48	2	MONROE	4,368	23	5
COLLIER	22,062	102	5	NASSAU	6,033	12	2
COLUMBIA	4,906	25	5	OKALOOSA	15,696	60	4
DADE	182,438	573	3	OKEECHOBEE	3,663	50	14
DESOTO	2,473	11	4	ORANGE	90,401	458	5
DIXIE	956	4	4	OSCEOLA	27,925	157	6
DUVAL	60,642	183	3	PALM BEACH	92,304	301	3
ESCAMBIA	20,691	169	8	PASCO	35,275	185	5
FLAGLER	7,053	41	6	PINELLAS	57,409	412	7
FRANKLIN	582	1	2	POLK	47,343	346	7
GADSDEN	2,709	12	4	PUTNAM	5,463	87	16
GILCHRIST	1,366	4	3	ST. JOHNS	16,362	97	6
GLADES	602	2	3	ST. LUCIE	20,633	233	11
GULF	1,117	3	3	SANTA ROSA	13,899	32	2
HAMILTON	856	2	2	SARASOTA	22,365	101	5
HARDEE	2,422	7	3	SEMINOLE	35,916	170	5
HENDRY	3,553	19	5	SUMTER	3,846	30	8
HERNANDO	12,397	76	6	SUWANNEE	3,033	25	8
HIGHLANDS	6,287	60	10	TAYLOR	1,433	6	4
HILLSBOROUGH	99,375	448	5	UNION	1,188	9	8
HOLMES	1,737	2	1	VOLUSIA	33,729	358	11
INDIAN RIVER	9,485	49	5	WAKULLA	2,455	15	6
JACKSON	3,630	32	9	WALTON	3,592	19	5
JEFFERSON	529	0	0	WASHINGTON	1,820	4	2
LAFAYETTE	570	4	7	OTHER	N/A	9	N/A
				TOTAL	1,379,541	6,812	5

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.