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PATHWAYS TO POSSIBILITIES

Executive Summary

In FY2015, the Division of Youth Services (DYS) identified the need for a strategic approach to helping the state's Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) network improve the quality of care offered to Arkansas youth. To this end, the Division's Quality Assurance monitors began auditing all fourteen JDCs in partnership with the Juvenile Detention Facilities Review Committee and required deficient JDCs to implement Corrective Action Plans (CAP). DYS has also developed and implemented a voluntary Program Rehabilitation model for JDCs through its System Reform unit and has begun planning for a statewide DYS Academy that will support Arkansas juvenile justice workers and leaders in their work to meet standards and institute best practices and reform.

Years of planning and coordination culminated with a unique public-private partnership between the Division and Shorter College, for the first time providing on-campus college-level instruction to youth in residential care at the Arkansas Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center (AJATC). This program provides college credit to system-involved youth as a bridge back to the community and to future success, and may well serve as a model for replication at other sites.

The State of Arkansas is required by the federal government to have three targeted counties addressing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) and is in compliance with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) mandate to address DMC. DYS currently coordinates with local DMC coalitions in Jefferson, Pulaski, and Crittenden counties and is working with Garland and Sebastian Counties to establish coalitions there as well.

DYS is working with the Division of Behavioral Health to implement several diversion pilot programs that will link juvenile judges to local treatment options for court-involved youth who have been diagnosed with a disability. Likewise, the Division is partnering with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to continue support for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) sites currently in the state.

In FY2015, DYS and the Arkansas Juvenile Justice Coalition (ACJJ) awarded over half a million dollars in federal monies via Title II and Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) to fund prevention and intervention programming. These encompass mental health services, gender-specific services, deinstitutionalization of status offenders, disproportionate minority contact, juvenile justice system improvement, law enforcement training, graduated sanctions, drug courts, interagency information-sharing, needs and risk assessments, restorative justice, recidivism reduction, and others. Over 30 programs received funding. The Division will provide grantees training and technical assistance into FY2016 to ensure program compliance and success.

Planning continues for the 2016 DYS-ACJJ Statewide Juvenile Justice Conference, a semi-annual event. The Division is coordinating with system partners to produce a conference of regional significance, and inviting juvenile justice professionals from both Arkansas and her surrounding states. The conference will take place in Little Rock from March 15-17 of 2016.



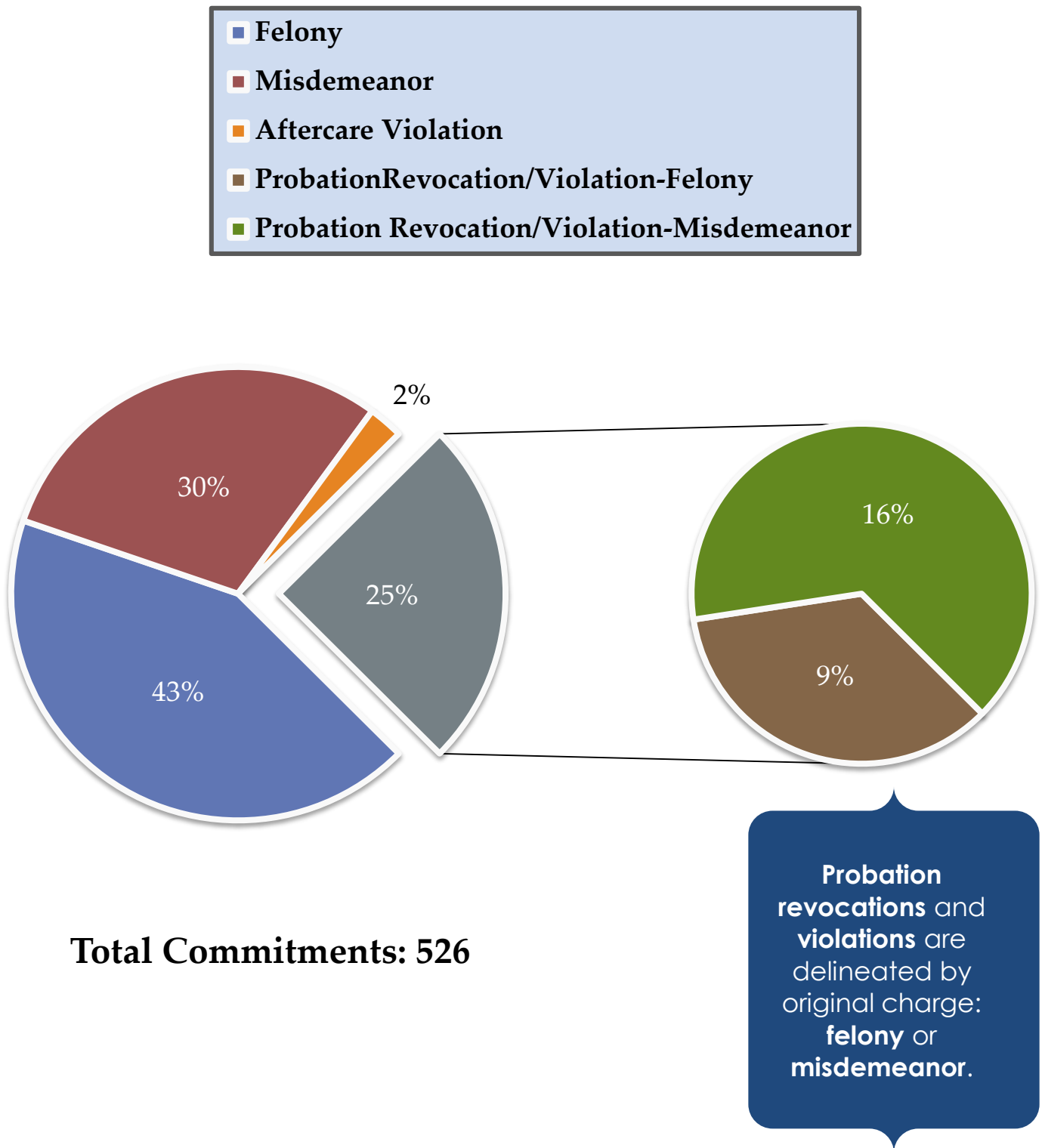
DYS Vision

Arkansas' juvenile justice system is a leader in reform and collaboration across the state, working to prevent most youth from ever needing legal intervention and providing those that do with effective rehabilitation and reintegration; youth that become involved with the juvenile justice system are treated, educated, and equipped with the tools they need to find success as productive and responsible members of collective society.

DYS Mission

The Division of Youth Services' mission is to provide effective community-based prevention, diversion, appropriate correction and rehabilitation, improved education and thorough aftercare in order to enhance the comprehensive well-being of the youth of Arkansas involved in the juvenile justice system.

Figure 1: Commitments by Offense



Was this their first time being committed to DYS care?

Figure 2: First Commitments vs. Recommits

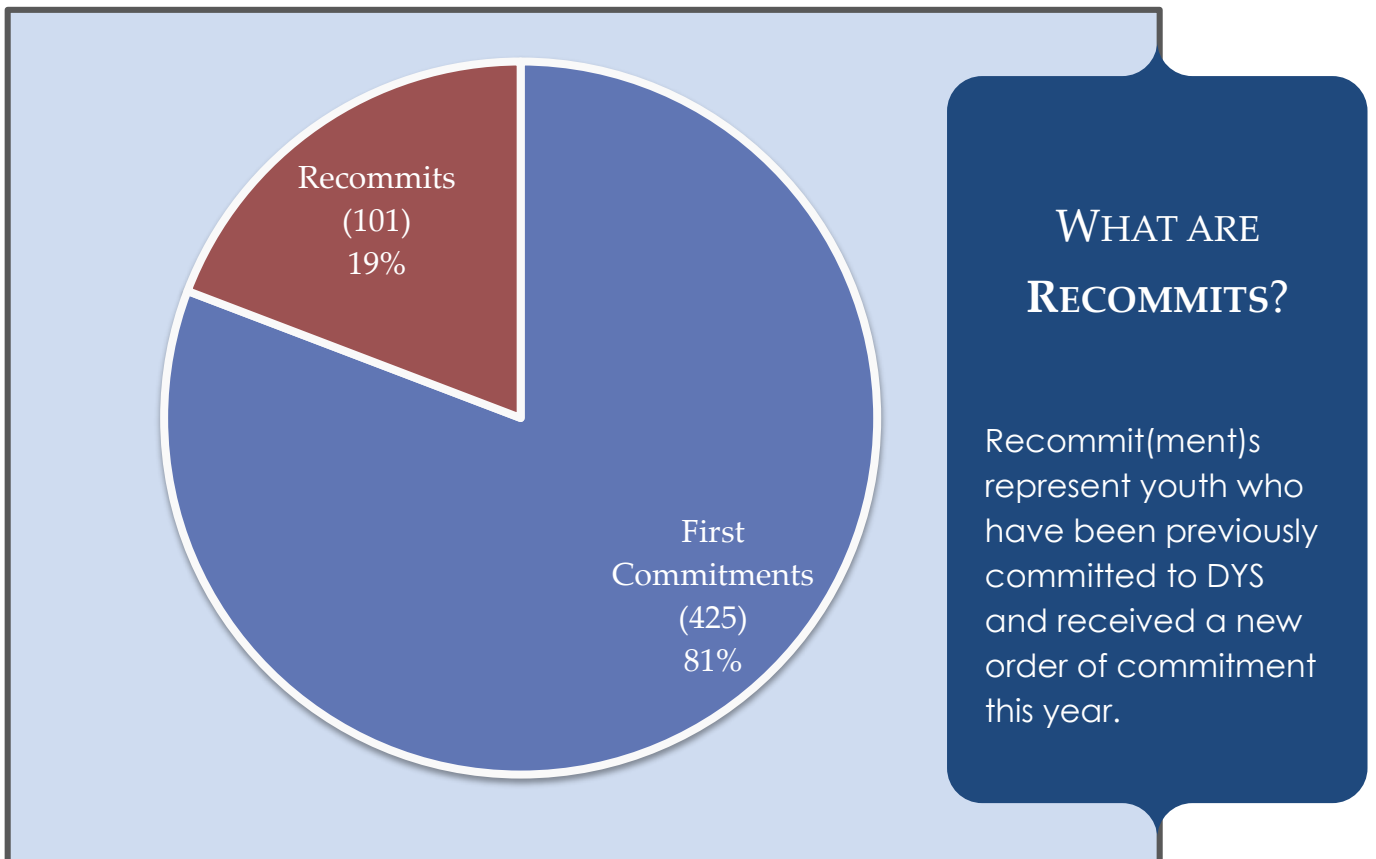
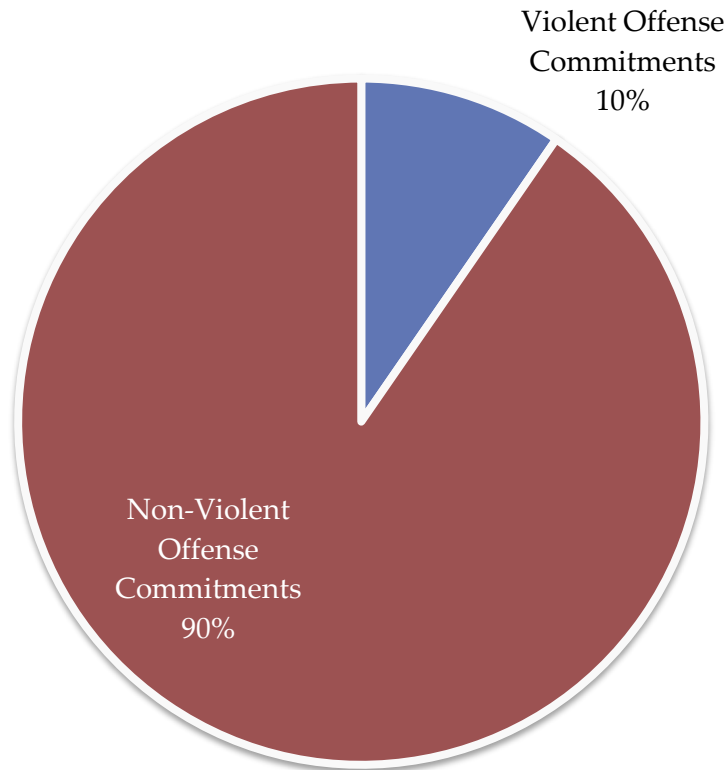


Figure 3: Violent vs. Non-Violent

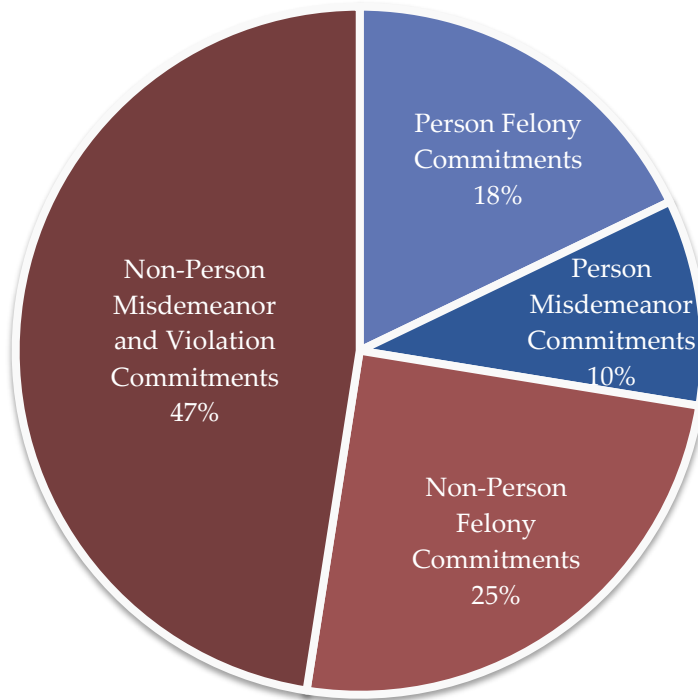


VIOLENT OFFENSES:

Murder/Manslaughter
Forcible Rape
Robbery
Aggravated Assault

Violent Offenses are designated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, a national clearing house for statistical data on crime.

Figure 4a: Person vs. Non-Person



NON-PERSON OFFENSE CATEGORIES:

Property

Drug

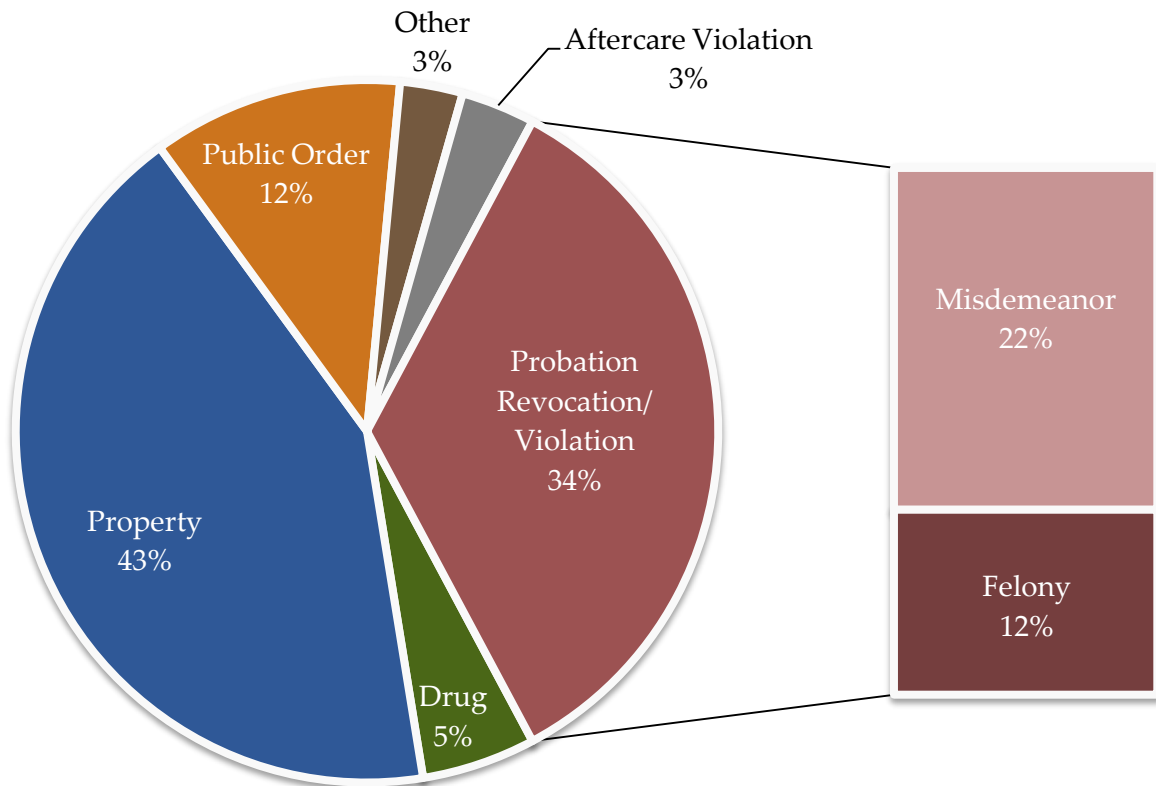
Public Order

Aftercare Violation

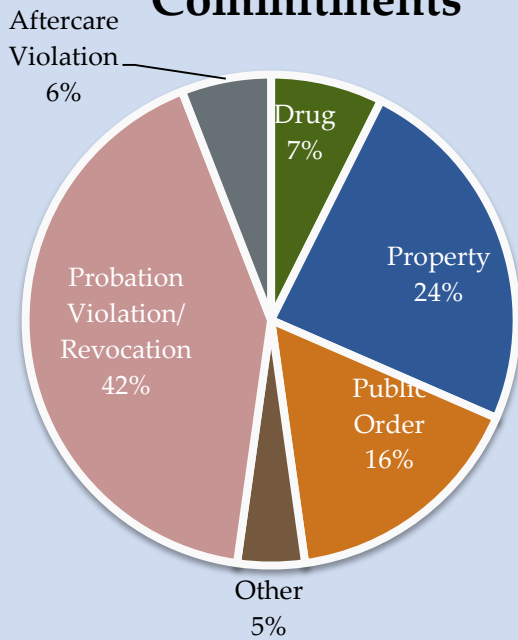
Probation Revocation/Violation

What kinds of offenses brought youth into DYS care this year?

Figure 4b: Non-Person by Category



Non-Person Misdemeanor Commitments



Non-Person Felony Commitments

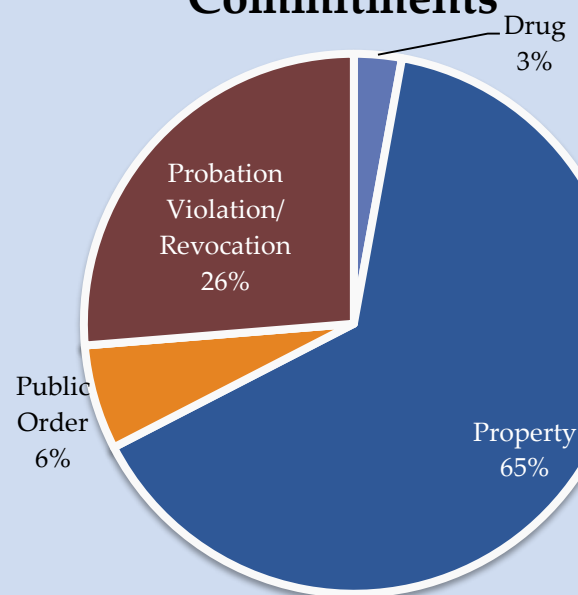
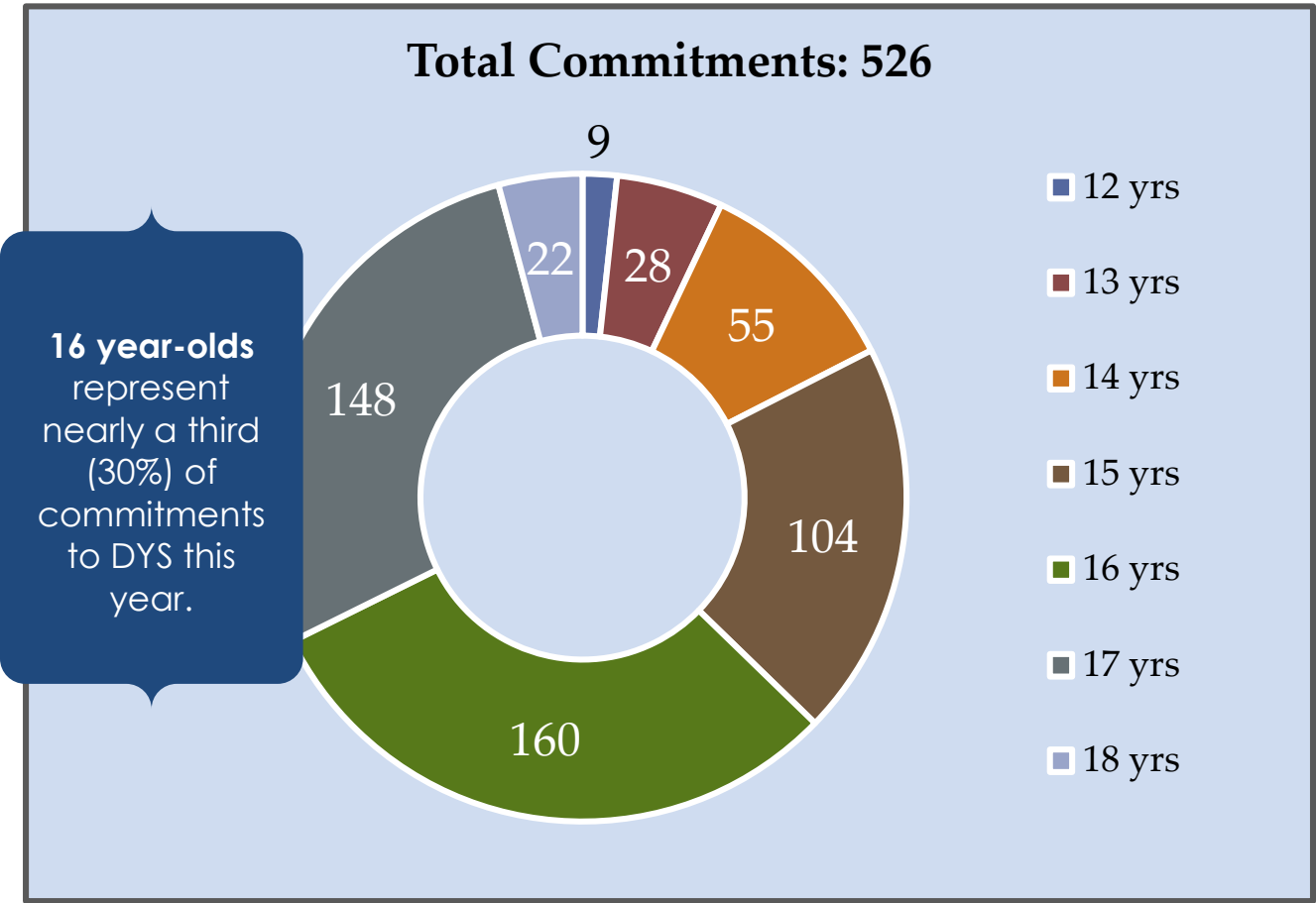
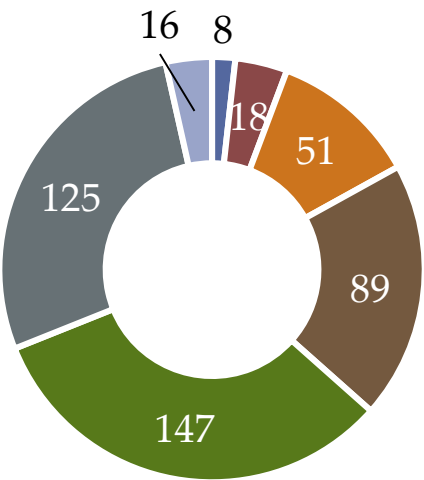


Figure 5a: Commitments by Age & Gender



Male Commitments: 454



Female Commitments: 72

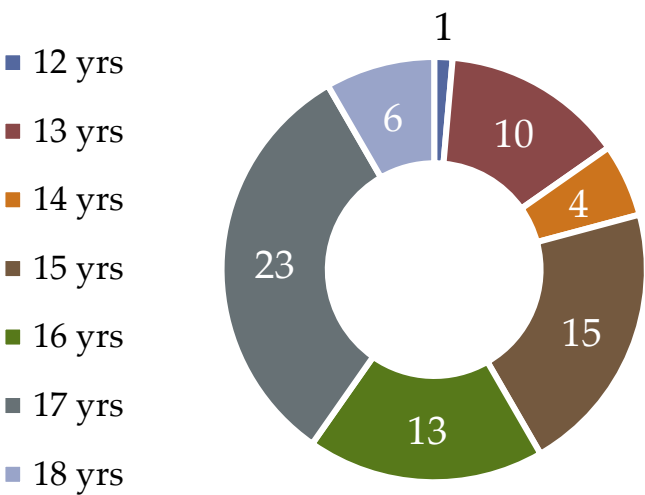
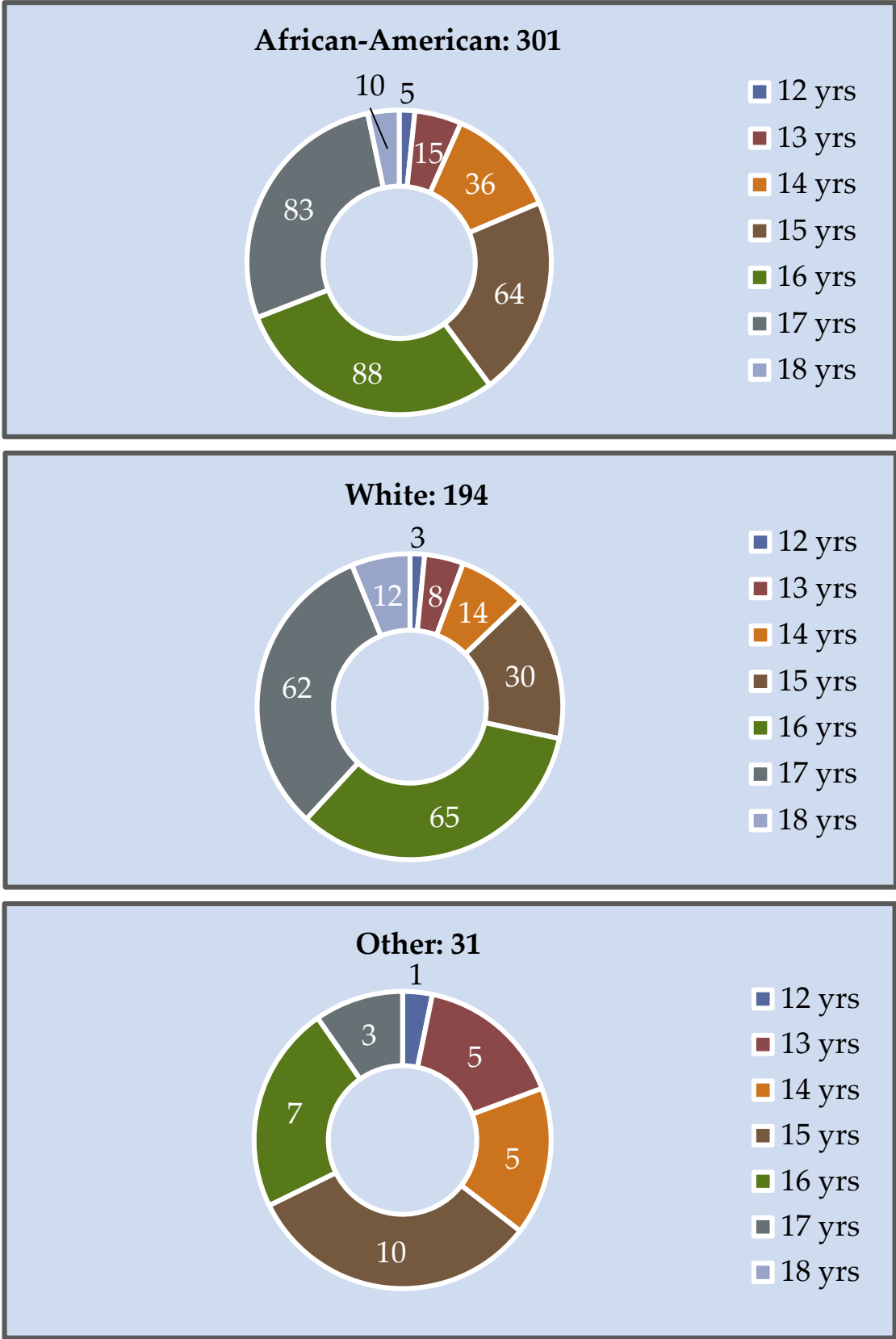


Figure 5b: Commitments by Age & Race



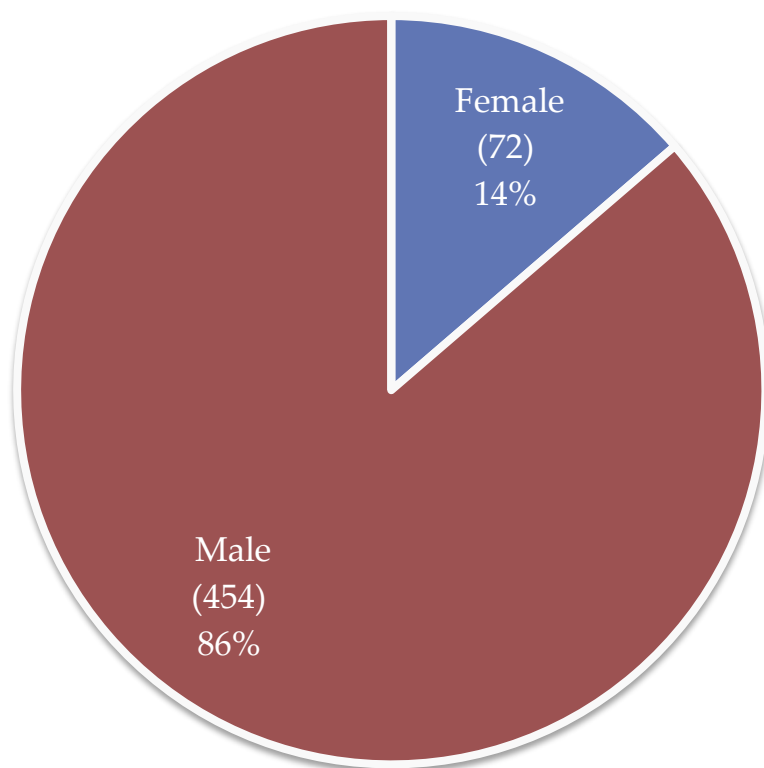
What are the demographics of youth committed to DYS care this year?

Figure 5c: Commitments by Age, Gender, and Race

Age (yrs)	African-American		White		Other		TOTAL
	male	female	male	female	male	female	
12	5		2	1	1		9
13	9	6	6	2	3	2	28
14	33	3	13	1	5		55
15	55	9	26	4	8	2	104
16	81	7	60	5	6	1	160
17	71	12	51	11	3		148
18	8	2	8	4			22
TOTAL	262	39	166	28	26	5	526

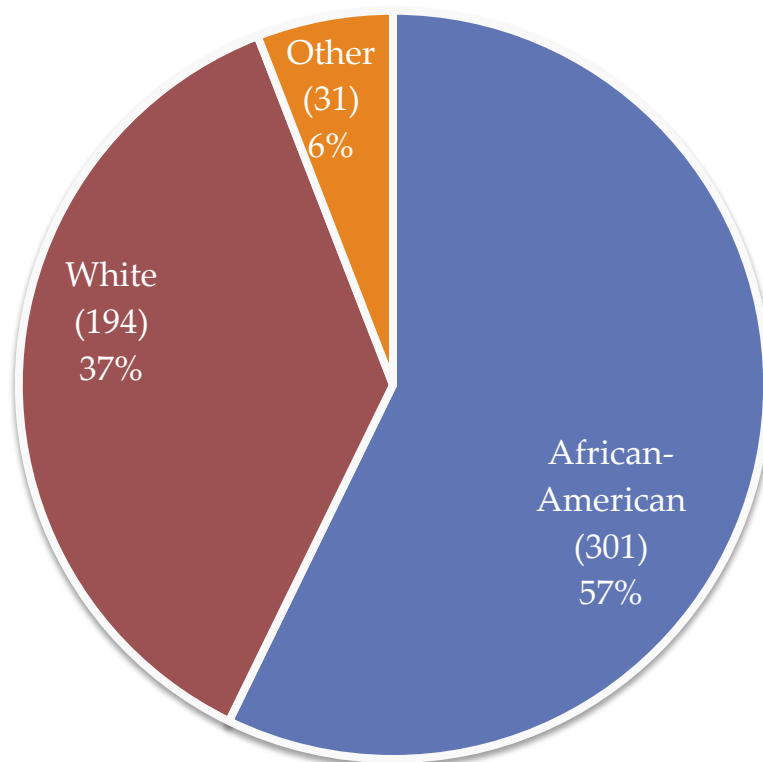
What are the demographics of youth committed to DYS care this year?

Figure 6: Commitments by Gender



What are the demographics of youth committed to DYS care this year?

Figure 7a: Commitments by Race



In the general state population (not just those in DYS custody), **African-American** youth make up **19 percent** of adolescents, while **white** youth account for **77 percent**.

Figure 7b-1: Commitments by Race by County

Committing County	African-American	White	Other	TOTAL
Arkansas		3		3
Ashley	8	6	1	15
Baxter		1		1
Benton		4	2	6
Boone		1		1
Bradley	6	1		7
Calhoun				
Carroll				
Chicot	6	1		7
Clark	2	2		4
Clay		1		1
Cleburne	1	3		4
Cleveland				
Columbia	9	1		10
Conway		2	1	3
Craighead	6	8		14
Crawford		3		3
Crittenden	8			8
Cross	2	1		3
Dallas	1	1		2
Desha	6	1	3	10
Drew	6	3		9
Faulkner	9	10		19
Franklin		2		2
Fulton				
Garland	17	6	4	27
Grant		9		9
Greene		3	1	4
Hempstead	13	4	5	22
Hot Spring	10	8		18
Howard		1		1
Independence		3		3
Izard				
Jackson	4			4
Jefferson	35	1		36
Johnson		2		2
Lafayette	1			1

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NOTE

Zeros have been omitted from this chart for visual clarity

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Figure 7b-2: Commitments by Race by County

Committing County	African-American	White	Other	TOTAL
Lawrence		2		2
Lee				
Lincoln	1			1
Little River	7	4		11
Logan				
Lonoke	2	2		4
Madison				
Marion				
Miller	11	7		18
Mississippi	9	2		11
Monroe				
Montgomery				
Nevada	1			1
Newton				
Ouachita	18	5	1	24
Perry				
Phillips	8	1		9
Pike		2		2
Poinsett				
Polk		2		2
Pope		5		5
Prairie				
Pulaski	48	3		51
Randolph		4		4
Saint Francis	11	1		12
Saline	29	6	1	36
Scott				
Searcy				
Sebastian	6	14	7	27
Sevier			1	1
Sharp		3		3
Stone				
Union	21	3		24
Van Buren				
Washington		4	2	6
White	2	5	2	9
Woodruff		1		1
Yell		3		3
TOTAL				

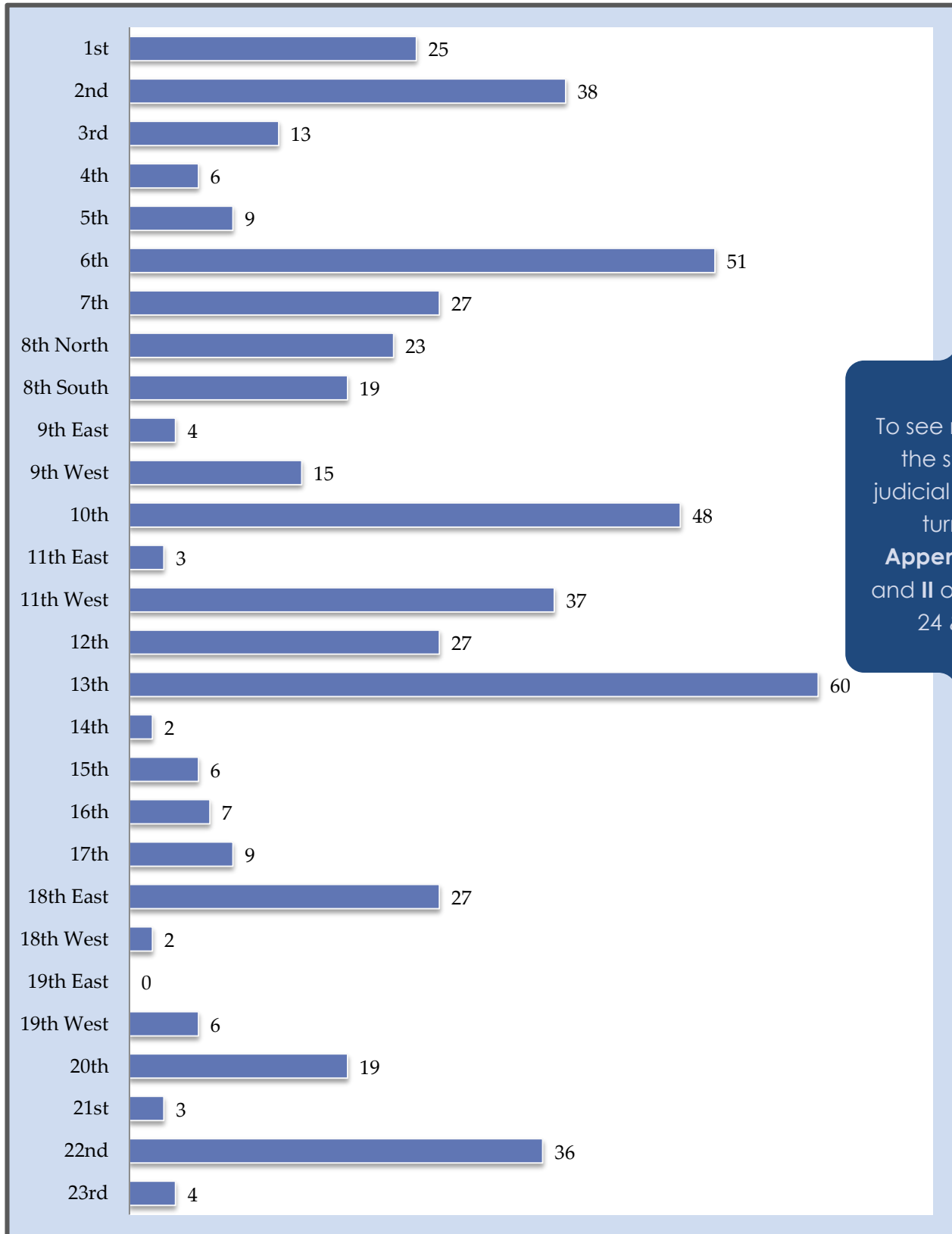
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Figure 8a: Commitments by District



To see **maps** of the state's judicial districts, turn to **Appendices I** and **II** on pages 24 & 25

Figure 8b-1: Commitments by District by Year

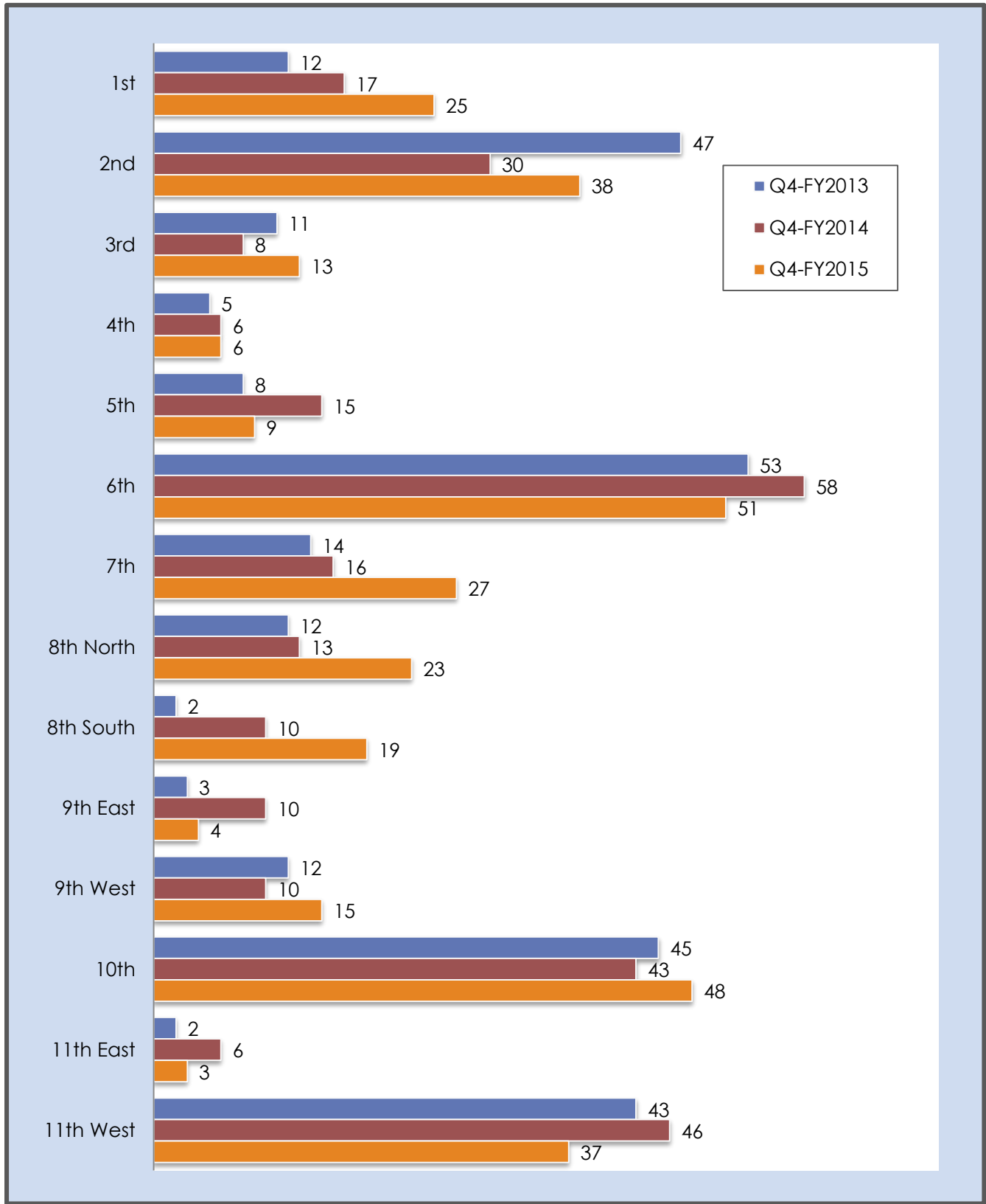


Figure 8b-2: Commitments by District by Year

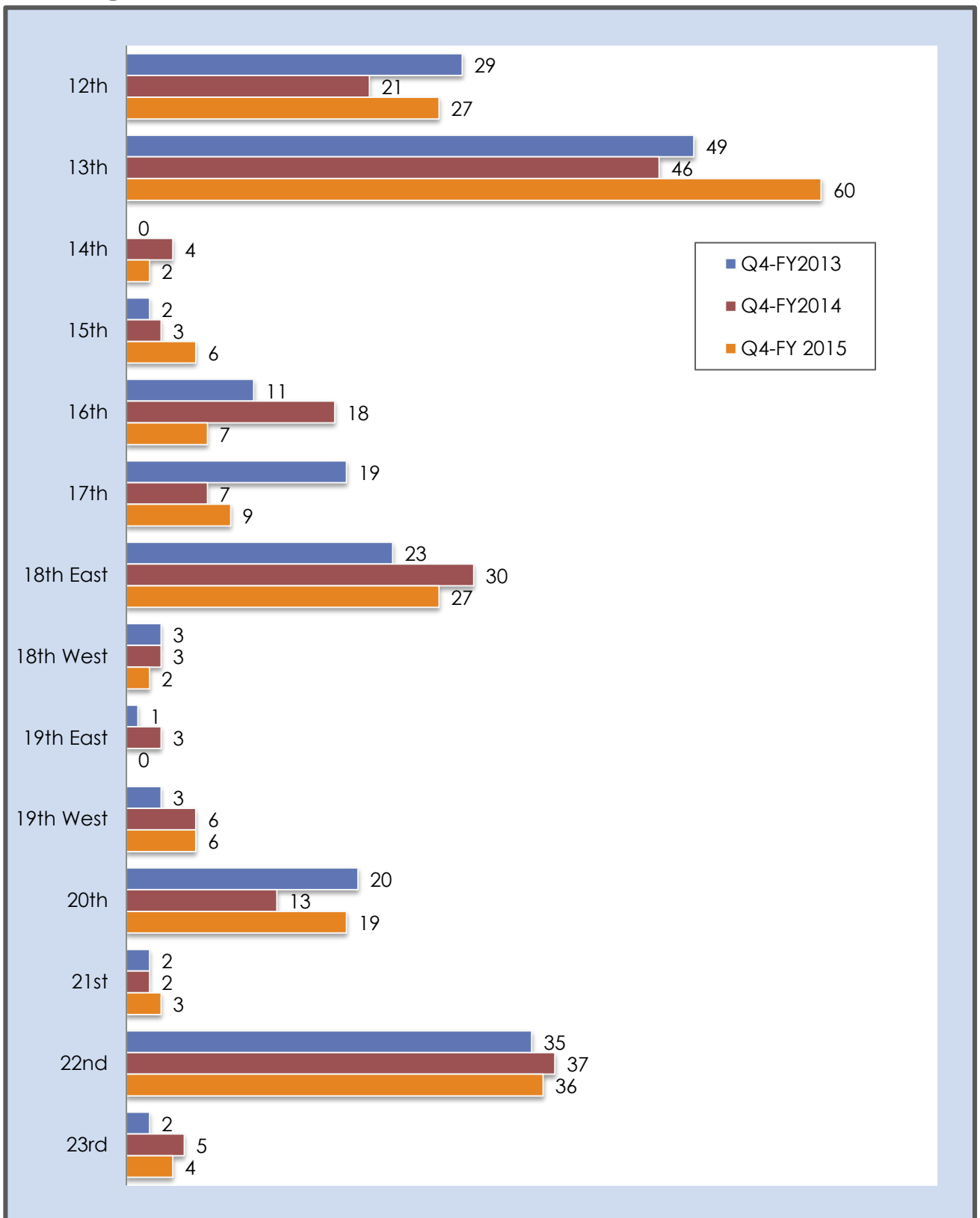
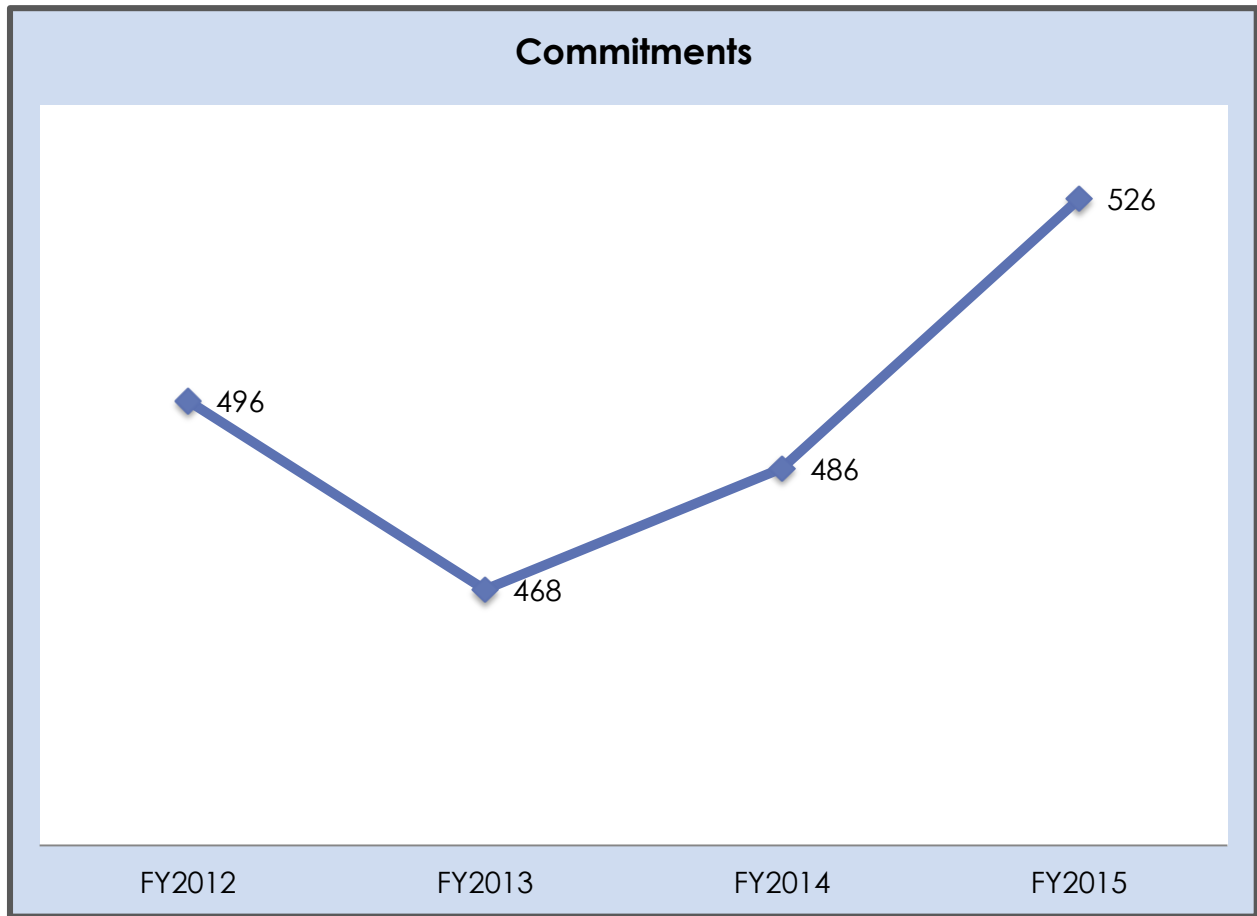


Figure 8c: Total Commitments for FY2015 with Reference to Previous Years



Commitments for FY15 of this year (**526**) are up by 12% from the four-year low of 468 in FY2013.

Figure 9: Facility Bed Rates & Annual Cost

Facility	Provider	Daily Bed Rate	Annual Cost-Per-Youth	Contracted Beds
AJATC	G4S	\$239.08	\$87,264.20	100
Colt JTC	CYS	\$145.00	\$52,925.00	28
Harrisburg JTC	CYS	\$143.00	\$52,195.00	36
Dermott JTC	SAYS	\$145.00	\$52,925.00	30
Dermott 18-21	SAYS	\$150.00	\$54,750.00	32
Mansfield Boys	SAYS	\$139.00	\$50,735.00	27
Mansfield Girls	SAYS	\$142.00	\$51,830.00	22
Lewisville JTC	SAYS	\$144.00	\$52,560.00	30
DYS Average		\$175.29	\$63,980.85	Total = 305

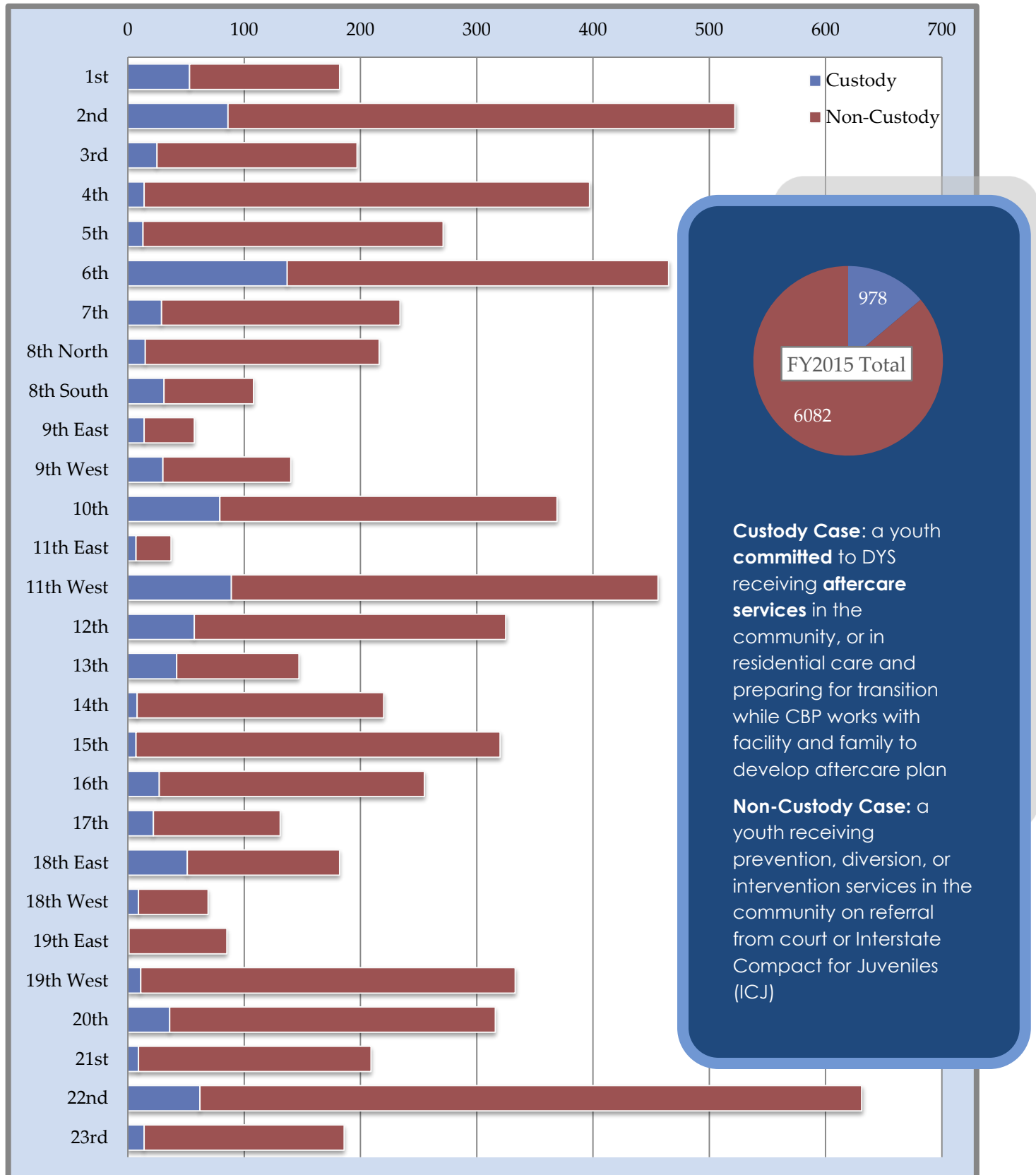
Daily Bed Rate: includes room, board, and treatment; **does not include** medical care and education expenses

Contracted Beds: does not reflect maximum capacity of facility

Annual-Cost-Per-Youth & DYS Average: do not include specialty residential substance abuse, psychiatric, or sex offender treatment programs

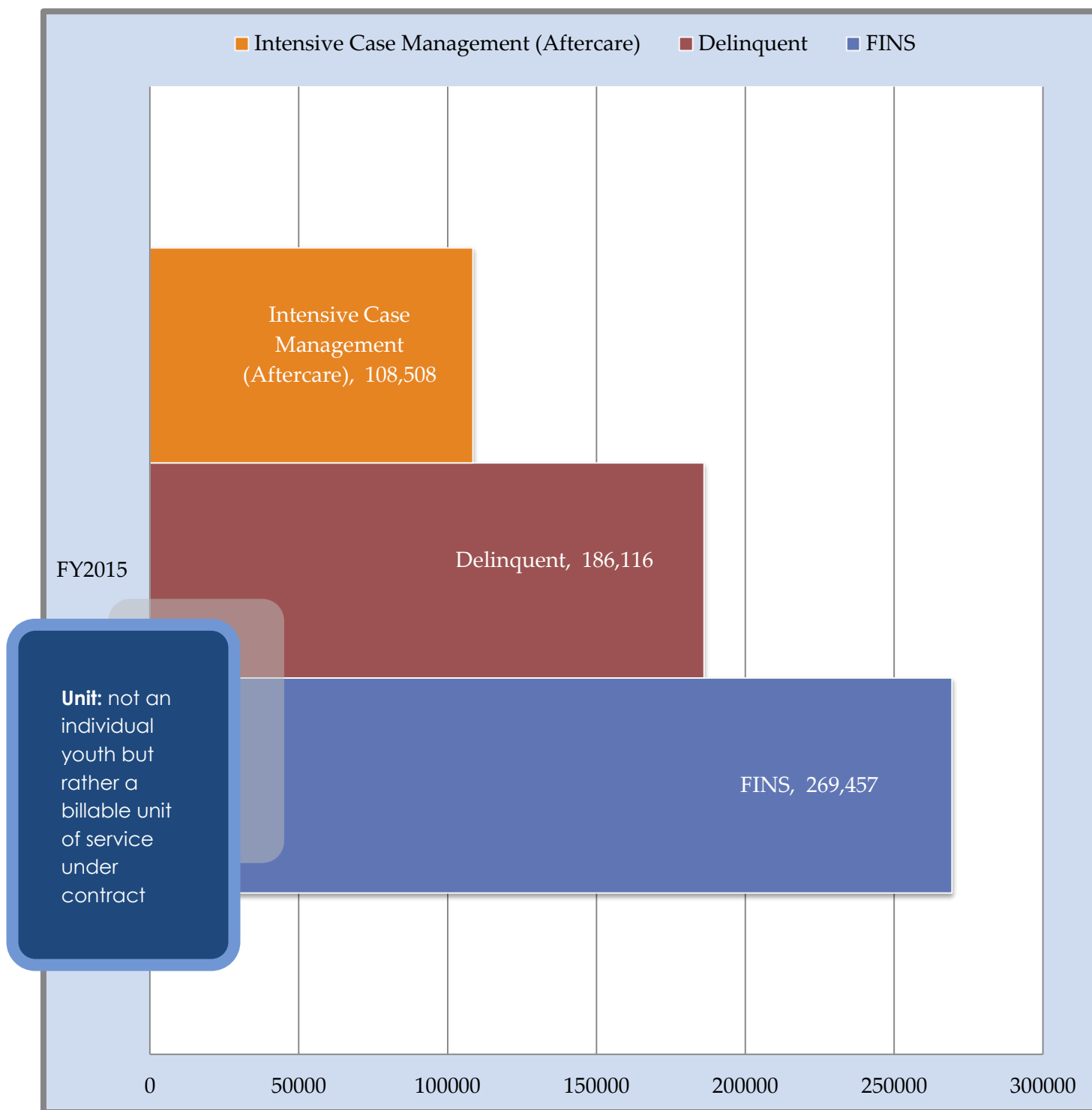
How many youth receive Community-Based Services?

Figure 10a: Youth Served by Community-Based Provider (CBP) Services

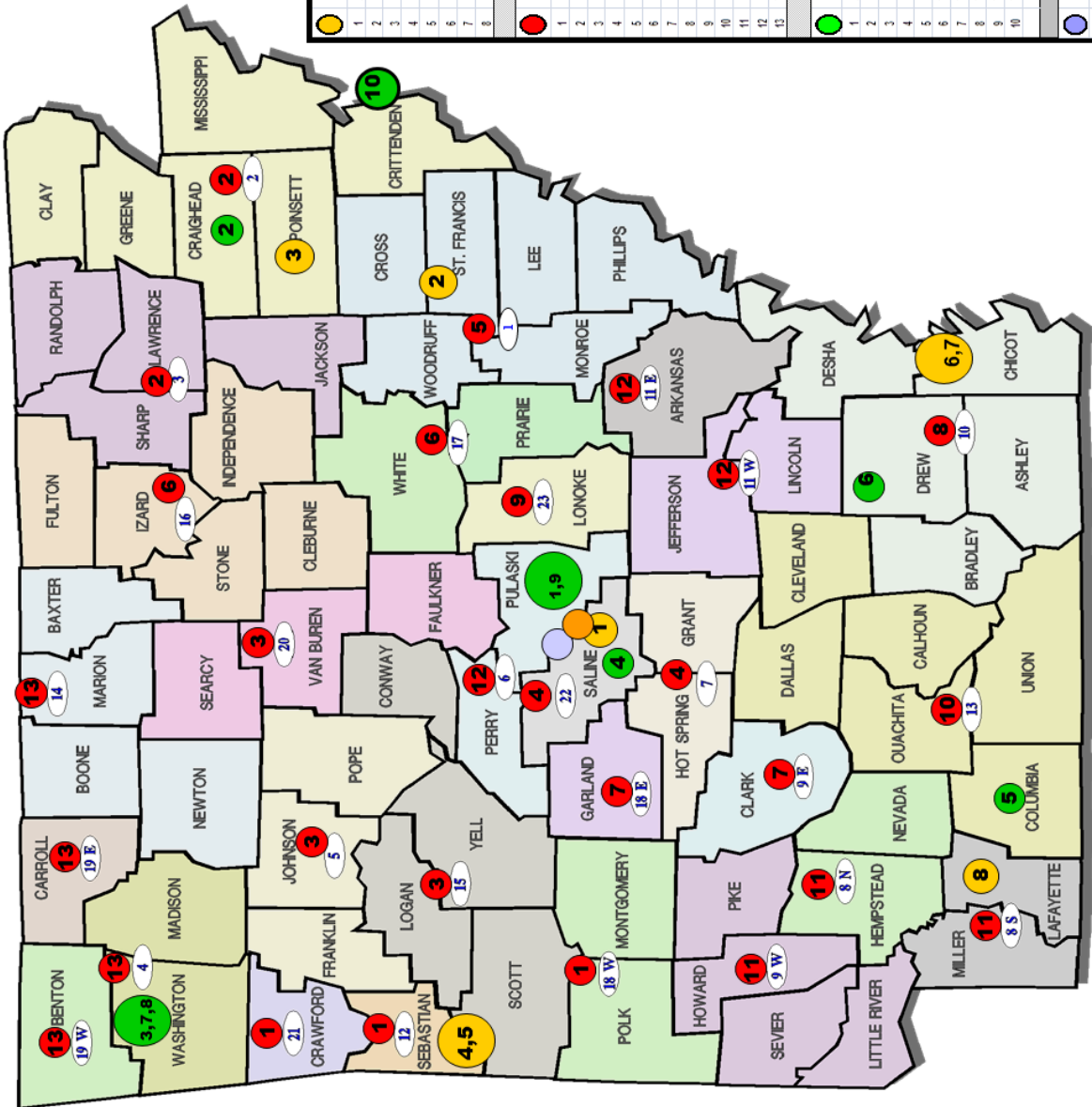


What kinds of Community-Based Services were provided this year?

Figure 10b: Community-Based Services Units by Program Designation



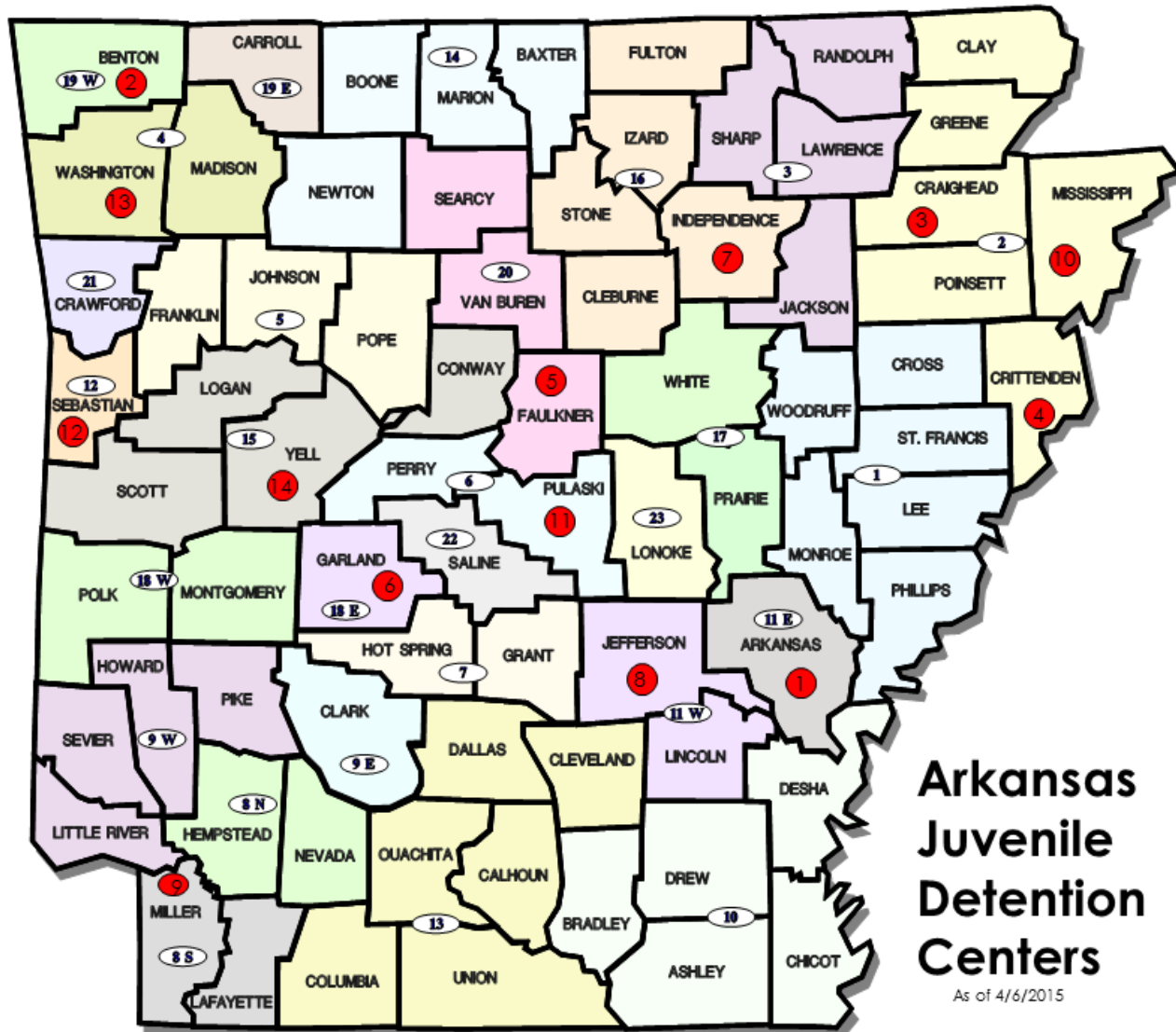
Appendix I



Regional Treatment Centers and Correctional Facility			Location	Residential Beds
1	Arkansas Juvenile Assessment & Treatment Center		Alexander	100
2	Coit Juvenile Treatment Center		Coit	28
3	Harrisburg Juvenile Treatment Center		Harrisburg	36
4	Manfield Juvenile Treatment Center for Girls		Manfield	22
5	Manfield Juvenile Treatment Center		Manfield	27
6	Demott Juvenile Correctional Facility		Demott	32
7	Demott Juvenile Treatment Center		Demott	30
8	Lewisville Juvenile Treatment Center		Lewisville	30
Contracted Beds				305
Community Based Providers			Location	Judicial Districts
1	Comprehensive Juvenile Services		Fl. Smith	12, 18W, 21
2	Consolidated Youth Services		Jonesboro	2, 3
3	Community Services, Inc.		Morrison	5, 15, 20
4	Counseling Clinic, Inc.		Benton	7, 22
5	East Arkansas Youth Services		Marion	1
6	Health Resources of Arkansas, Inc.		Batesville	16, 17
7	Quachita Children's Center		Hot Springs	9E, 18E
8	Phoenix Youth & Family Services		Crossett	10
9	Professional Counseling Associates		Loneoke	23
10	South Arkansas Youth Services		Magnolia	13
11	SWAR Courts & Mental Health Cntr.		Texarkana	8N, 8S, 9W
12	United Family Services		Five Branches Road	6, 11E, 11W
13	Youth Bridge, Inc.		Fayetteville	4, 14, 19W, 19E
Specialized Residential Programs			Location	Service Type
1	Arkansas State Hospital (Psychiatric)		Little Rock	Sex Off. Tr./Psychiatric
2	Consolidated Youth Services A/SAP		Jonesboro	Sex Off. Tr.
3	Pine Ridge Psychiatric Center		Fayetteville	Sex Off. Tr.
4	Rivendell Psychiatric Treatment		Benton	Psychiatric
5	South Arkansas Youth Services Therapeutic Grou.		Marion	Therapeutic
6	Vera Lloyd Therapeutic Group Home		Monticello	Therapeutic
7	Youth Bridge Therapeutic Group Home (Male)		Fayetteville	Therapeutic
8	Youth Bridge Substance Abuse Treatment		Fayetteville	Substance Abuse
9	Youth Home, Inc.		Little Rock	Psychiatric
10	Youth Village, Inc.		Memphis, TN	Sex Off. Tr./Psychiatric
UATIS Mobile Assessment Team			Little Rock	Statewide Assessments
UATIS Adolescent Sexual Adjustment Program			Little Rock	Outpatient Assessment/Treatment

Map of AR Juvenile Detention Centers

Appendix II



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|---|---|
| 1. Arkansas County JDC, DeWitt | 8. *Jefferson County JDC, Pine Bluff |
| 2. Benton County JDC, Bentonville | 9. *Miller County JDC, Texarkana |
| 3. Craighead County JDC, Jonesboro | 10. Mississippi County JDC, Luxora |
| 4. Crittenden County JDC, West Memphis | 11. Pulaski County JDC, Little Rock |
| 5. Faulkner County JDC, Conway | 12. Sebastian County JDC, Fort Smith |
| 6. *Garland County JDC, Hot Springs | 13. Washington County JDC, Fayetteville |
| 7. *Independence County JDC, Batesville (White River JDC) | 14. *Yell County JDC, Danville |

* Indicates Division of Youth Services (DYS) five (5) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement counties.

Child Maltreatment Incident Reporting & Investigation Procedure

Appendix III

