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Arkansas Division of Youth Services FY 2018 4th Quarter Statistical Report

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DYS FY 2018 Fourth Quarter Statistics – Summary

Total Commitments for Fourth Quarter FY 2016-2018

2018 = 101 2017 = 121 2016-122

Commitments by Offense (Figure 1)

Felony = 60% Misdemeanor = 37%

First Commitments vs. Recommits (Figure 2)

First Commits = 73% Recommits = 27%

Violent vs. Non-Violent Offenses (Figure 3)

Violent offenses = 10% Non-violent offenses = 91%

Commitments by Age, Gender, Race (Figure 4, 5, 6)

Total commitments, gender: 79% male, 21% female AR youth population, gender: 51% male, 49% female Total commitments, race: 50% African American, 40% white, 10% other AR youth population, race: 20% African American, 77% white, 3% other Ages of committed youth: 12-18 years Over half of total commitments were between 16-17 years

Commitments by County (Figure 7)

Top committing counties this quarter

- 1) *Columbia* (10)
- 2) Pulaski (7)
- 3) Sebastian, Union, White (6)

Commitments by District (Figure 8)

Top committing districts this quarter1)13th (21)2)6th (7)

3) 12th, 11th-West, 17th (6)

Quarterly Commitments by District-3-year Comparison (Figure 9)

Largest reduction in commitments

1) 2nd (-13) Clay, Crittenden, Greene, Mississippi, and Poinsett counties

2) 10th (-9) Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, and Drew counties

Largest increase in commitments

1) 13th (+10)

2) 4th (+3)

Youth Served by Community Based Providers (CBP) Services (Figure 11)

Top districts with youth and families served

2nd (248)
4th (193)

3) 5th (176)

DYS Programs Map (Appendix I)

DYS residential treatment facilities (AJATC + 6) = 7 Community–based service providers = 13 Specialized residential programs = 10

Juvenile Detention Center Map (Appendix II)

Total number of county-operated detention centers = 14 DYS-JDC Intergovernmental Agreements = 6

Judicial Districts Map (Appendix III)

Number of counties in Arkansas = 75 Number of circuit court districts in Arkansas = 28 Number of Arkansas judges who adjudicate juveniles = 6

Note: Format for the DYS FY2018 Annual Report and future DYS Quarterly Statistical Reports will include comparison to previous quarters/years, more information on diversion and community based services, and additional context on various statistics.

Arkansas Division of Youth Services Core Beliefs and Mission July 2017

- 1. Youth are best served in **least-restrictive settings located close to home**, when appropriate, evidence-based rehabilitative service are available and removing youth from the home should be the option of last resort.
- 2. Families, schools, law enforcement and courts need a **wide array of service options**, including graduated sanctions outside the courtroom.
- 3. **Decision-making should be data-driven**, and programs and services should be supported by data demonstrating their effectiveness in improving outcomes for youth and families.
- 4. Effective community based services can **reduce the use of confinement and commitment to DYS** and result in significant fiscal savings in state revenue.
- 5. Treatment and placement decisions should be **individualized**, **based on comprehensive**, **standardized assessment**, **and actively involve youth and families** in the planning processes.
- 6. All youth in DYS custody should be provided **effective education and vocational training** opportunities.
- 7. *Limited length of stay recommendations* should recognize that effectiveness of treatment provided in institutional settings is diminished after six months, notwithstanding correctional and public safety goals.
- 8. **Collaboration with local school districts** is critical to successful prevention, aftercare and re-entry for DYS youth.
- 9. **Funding allocation across residential and community-based services** must be rebalanced.
- 10. All children and youth in the state should have **equal opportunities for services and success**, without regard to gender, race or ethnicity, disability, geographic location, or income level.

DYS Mission

The Arkansas Division of Youth Services works with judges, providers, schools, and other stakeholders to provide a continuum of individualized rehabilitative services and sanctions for at-risk and adjudicated youth and their families. Services will provide alternatives to confinement or commitment to DYS and/or support transition of youth back into their homes, schools and communities. Treatment plans for both youth and families will rely on results of individualized risk and needs assessment, and promote positive growth, educational and vocational development, self-sufficiency, and accountability.

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Figure 1: Commitments by Offense



Figure 2: First Commitments vs. Recommits

Figure 3: Violent vs. Non-Violent Offenses



Figure 4: Commitments by Age, Gender, and Race

Age	African- American		White		Other		TOTAL
(yrs.)	male	female	male	female	male	female	
12	1				1		2
13	1	1	1	1			4
14	3		3	4	1		11
15	6	2	8	1			17
16	10	1	13	5	3	1	33
17	13		11	3	2	2	31
18	2		1				3
TOTAL	36	4	37	14	7	3	101

Figure 5: Commitments by Age and Gender







Figure 6: Commitments by Race

Statewide, **African-American** youth make up **20 percent** of the adolescent population, while **white** youth account for **77 percent**.

Data Source: https://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/asp/comparison_display.asp

Figure 7: Commitments by Race by County

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Figure 7: Commitments by Race by County (continued)

Committing County	African- American	White	Other	TOTAL
Little River				
Logan				
Lonoke				
Madison				
Marion				
Miller	3	2		5
Mississippi	1			1
Monroe				
Montgomery				
Nevada				
Newton				
Ouachita	2	1	1	4
Perry				
Phillips	1			1
Pike		1		1
Poinsett				
Polk				
Роре				
Prairie				
Pulaski	7			7
Randolph		1		1
Saint Francis				
Saline		1	1	2
Scott		1		1
Sebastian	2	2	2	6
Sevier			1	1
Sharp		4		4
Stone				
Union	3	1	1	6
Van Buren		2		2
Washington		3		3
White	1	5		6
Woodruff				
Yell	1			1
TOTAL	40	51	9	101



Figure 8: Commitments by District



Figure 9: Commitments by District by Year

Data Source: Rite Track, DYS Information Management System

Figure 9: Commitments by District by Year (cont.)



Data Source: Rite Track, DYS Information Management System





Commitments for Q4 of this year (**101**) are down from last year (**121**) and from FY 2016 (**122**).

Figure 11: Youth Served by Community-Based Provider (CBP)



Data Source: Rite Track, DYS Information Management System

Map of AR DYS Treatment Centers, Specialized Residential Programs, and Community-Based Providers



Map of AR Juvenile Detention Centers

Appendix II



Map of AR Judicial Districts and List of Juvenile Judges

