

BUTLER COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT JUVENILE DIVISION



2008 ANNUAL REPORT

**In Honor of a Life Well Lived
Judge David J. Niehaus
March 29, 1944 – July 31, 2008**



For forty years, Judge David J. Niehaus served Butler County as an employee of Common Pleas Court. In 1981, he was elected as a Probate Court judge, with the assignment of hearing juvenile cases. In 1987, he became the first Juvenile Court judge in Butler County, a position he held for the last twenty-one years of his life. His life's work was to strengthen families, believing that families were the cornerstone of our society. His fairness and compassion touched the lives of many children and families in our county. He has truly shaped lives for a lifetime. Let us all begin shaping lives for a lifetime.



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In compliance with Section 2151.18 of the Ohio Revised Code, we submit herewith the Annual Report of the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, Butler County, Ohio, covering the calendar year of 2008. This report reflects the number and kinds of cases that have come before it, and other data pertaining to the work of the Court and of interest to you and the general public.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald R. Craft
Administrative Judge

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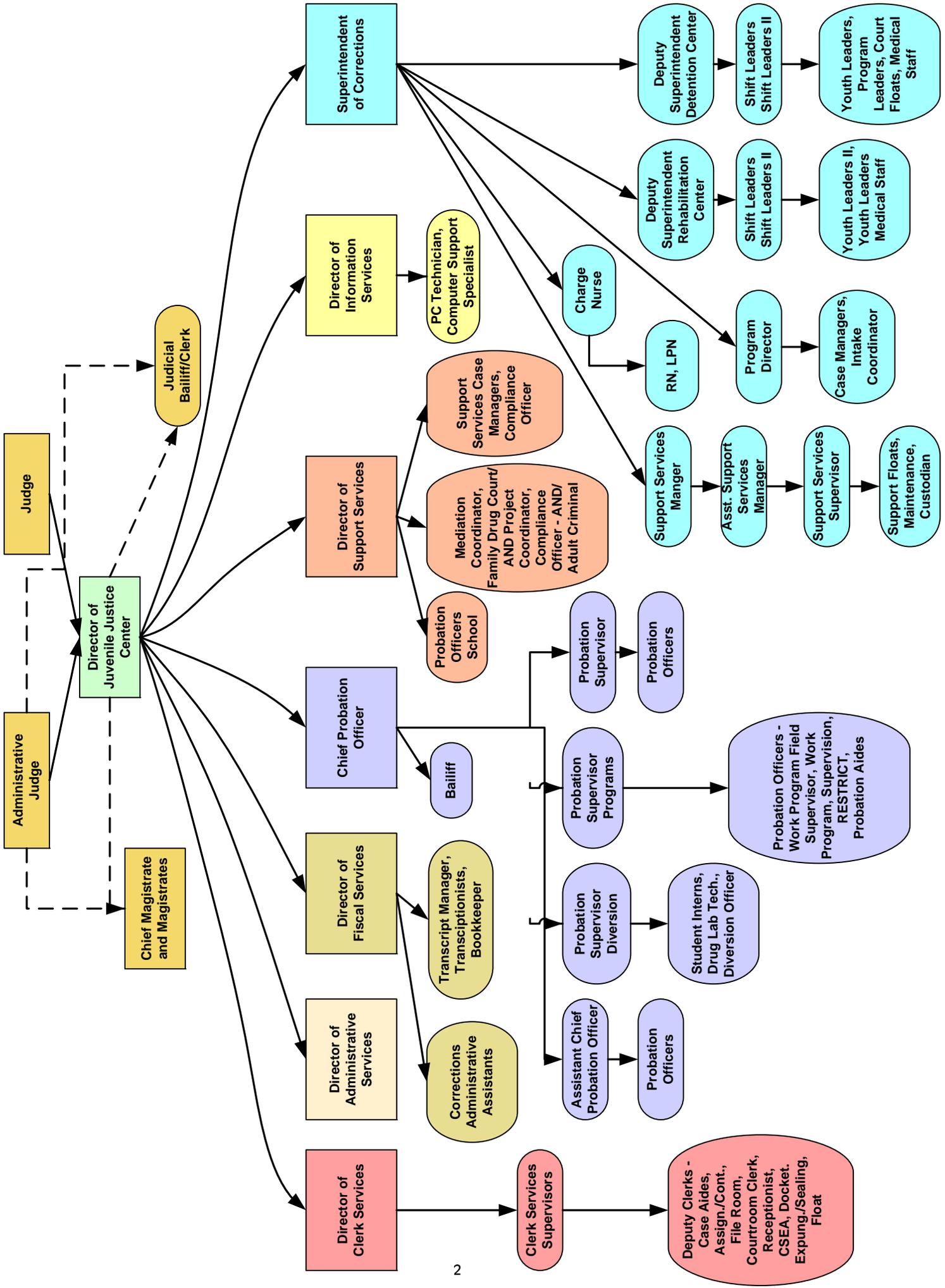
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JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW

It is difficult to write an overview of the year 2008 without first mentioning the untimely passing of Judge David J. Niehaus. During his all too brief time with us, Judge Niehaus guided this court through a time where this court as well as juvenile and family courts across the nation experienced tremendous growth. Fueled by several factors; a growth in societal concern and awareness about child abuse and neglect, a marked upswing in the number of children born to unmarried parents; an increasing awareness of the problems associated with domestic violence, the continuing court and legislative emphasis on due process and proper legal representation for children and parents, ongoing increases in the quantity and severity of juvenile criminal activity, persistent problems posed by drug and alcohol abuse, and growing concerns regarding sex offenders, that growth presented unprecedented challenges to this and other juvenile courts. Judge Niehaus ably led us through those times, always keeping this court focused upon the citizens, children, and families that we all serve. He will be deeply missed by the staff of this court and by the community he served.

After the death of Judge Niehaus, leadership of the Juvenile Court in Butler County passed to Judge Ronald R. Craft. During his first year as Administrative Judge of the Juvenile Court, Judge Craft oversaw a court in transition in many ways. For the first time in many years, this court experienced a marked decrease in the filing of new child abuse, neglect and dependency cases. Almost 200 fewer such cases were filed in 2008 than in 2007. Concurrently, the number of court actions filed in this court regarding visitation and support continued their historical increases, significantly outpacing the decline in abuse, neglect and dependency cases while child custody actions showed a marked decline.

Despite the ongoing increases in the number of complaints and motions filed, utilizing alternative dispute resolution mechanisms such as mandatory mediation and settlement conferences, this court was able, in 2008, to significantly reduce the delays that had historically been present in many case types.

2008 also represented the first full year of operation of the Family Drug Court Program. This innovative program coupled intensive drug dependency treatment with a specialized court process designed to encourage sobriety, to enforce court orders, and to, ultimately, return children to healthy families.

In terms of services for delinquent children, the Juvenile Court contracted with the Sheriff's Office in developing a program designed to find juveniles for whom warrants had been issued. Additionally, the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center was accredited, in 2008, by the American Correctional Association.

There are many challenges which the Juvenile Court must face in the coming year. Economic uncertainty looms large, the needs in our communities continue to expand, and complex changes are being planned for our court system. Optimism and persistence in the face of such challenges may seem unrealistic. We are nonetheless committed to providing quality services to the people and families of this county. In light of this court's legacy we cannot afford to do less.

JUVENILE DATA TOTALS

Delinquent/Unruly

Cases Filed	4188
Juveniles	2616
Offenses	6701
Offenses Against Persons	1019
Offenses Against Property	1050
Offenses Involving Drugs or Alcohol	655
Offenses Involving Weapons	58
Other Offenses	685
Unruly Offenses	801
Truancy Offenses	886
Technical Violations	1547
Restitution Collected	\$243,937.37
Delinquent/Unruly Fines and Costs Collected	\$173,072.45

Diversion

Cases Diverted	670
Juveniles	653
Offenses	751
Juvenile Fund Contributions Collected	\$17,219.81

Traffic

Cases Filed	1819
Juveniles	1636
Offenses	2251
Dispositions	4529
Traffic Fines and Costs Levied	\$126,392.00
Traffic Fines and Costs Collected	\$159,482.39

***Note: The above sections represent the number of cases filed as committed by the number of unique juveniles charged with the number of specific offenses.**

(EXAMPLE: There were 4,188 Delinquent/Unruly cases filed that involved 2,616 distinct juveniles. Those cases were comprised of 6,701 individual offenses and resulted in the Court issuing 31,916 dispositions or orders.)

Work Program

Total Juvenile Participants	1631
Restitution Hours	6277
Community Service Hours	8950
Total Amount Paid to Victims	\$20,392.38

Bind-Overs

Cases Bound Over	14
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Placements

Department of Youth Services	50
Juvenile Detention Center	1525
Juvenile Rehabilitation Center	78

Juvenile Detention Center

Total Number of Youth Admitted During 2008	1525
Average Daily Population	69
Average Length of Stay in Days	15

Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

Total Number of Youth Admitted During 2008	78
Total Number of Youth Released During 2008	85
Number of Youth Successfully Completing the Program	(85%) 72

Support Services

Abuse/Neglect/Dependency Cases Filed	438
Custody Filings (Complaints and Motions)	1291
Visitation Filings (Complaints and Motions)	182
Adult Criminal Cases Filed	698
Adult Criminal Fines and Costs Collected	\$33,017.35

Family Drug Court Program

Clients Accepted into the Program in 2008	21
Clients that Successfully Completed the Program in 2008	3
Clients Currently in the Program	22
Children Currently Involved with Children Services	42

Clerk Services

Total Number of Cases Filed	9,202
Total Number of Motions Filed	11,708
Total Number of Decisions Issued/Hearings Held	35,161
Total Number of Service Documents Issued	47,887
Total Number of Warrants Issued	1818
Number of Cases Assigned to Domestic Relations Court	861
Number of Hearings Held in Domestic Relations Court	5270
Parentage Complaints and Motions	221
Support Complaints and Motions	1869
UIFSA Complaints and Motions (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act)	33

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Butler County Juvenile Probation Department conducts investigations at the direction of the Juvenile Court Judges and presents the findings of the investigations to the Judges. In addition, the Juvenile Probation Department provides supervision for delinquent youth as directed by the Juvenile Court.

The Balanced Approach Philosophy is the framework that guides the Juvenile Probation Department. This philosophy emphasizes holding youth accountable for their actions, keeping the community safe from the individual and referring youth to resources that increase the youth's ability to be successful in the community. The Butler County Juvenile Probation Department implements this framework by:

1. Enforcing the orders of the court (Accountability) – Probation Officers recommend sanctions and enforce orders such as restitution to victims, driver's license suspensions and community service. When the court orders restitution and/or community service, these orders can be met through the Butler County Juvenile Court Work Program. The Butler County Juvenile Court Work Program consists of three Work Program Officers that supervise youth at non-profit work sites within the community, which allows the youth to fulfill the order of the court and to give back to the community. If the youth owes restitution to a victim, the community service hours worked can be converted to money that goes directly to the victim.
2. Referring youth to resources to improve their chances to be successful within the community (Skill Development) – Probation Officers link youth to resources within the community that will address the behaviors that have brought the youth to court. A continuum of substance abuse treatment services, from education to inpatient services, is available for those with substance abuse issues. Other resources, Multisystemic Therapy and Functional Family Therapy, are designed to address the delinquent/unruly behavior of youth. Both of these services are nontraditional therapies that work with the youth and the youth's family to address problem behavior and have research that supports the effectiveness of working with delinquent/unruly youth.

3. Supervising youth who remain in the community (Public Safety) – Court-involved youth who remain in the community must be actively supervised and the Probation Department provides that supervision. Probation Officers have face to face contact with the youth at their home and at school. The Probation Department also utilizes House Arrest, Home Incarceration, Electronic Monitoring and Curfew to restrict the juveniles' movement within the community. Probation Officers go to homes in the evening to verify that the youth are complying with the restrictions. Drug screening is also utilized by Probation Officers to monitor court involved youth. In 2008, there were 1,743 drug screens completed on court involved juveniles.

The Butler County Juvenile Probation Department has three levels of Supervision; Diversion Supervision, Court Supervision and Probation Supervision.

Diversion Supervision is provided to youth who are referred to the court for the first time for committing minor offenses and are willing to take responsibility for their actions. A Diversion Supervisor, Diversion Officer, and at times, interns from social work fields and other related courses of study, supervise those youth, ensuring that they are held accountable for their actions. In 2008, 653 youth were supervised through Diversion Supervision.

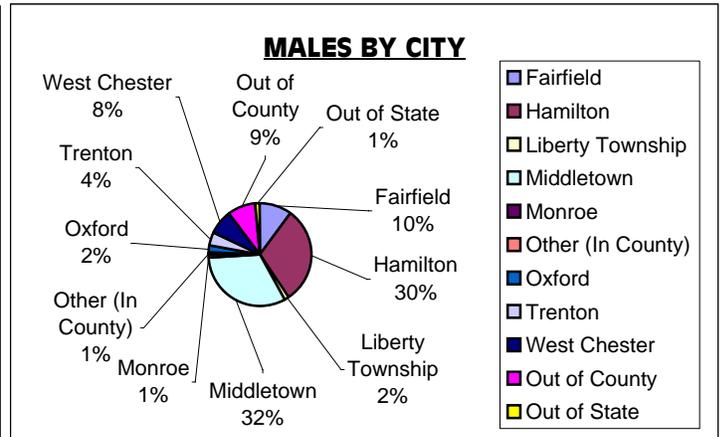
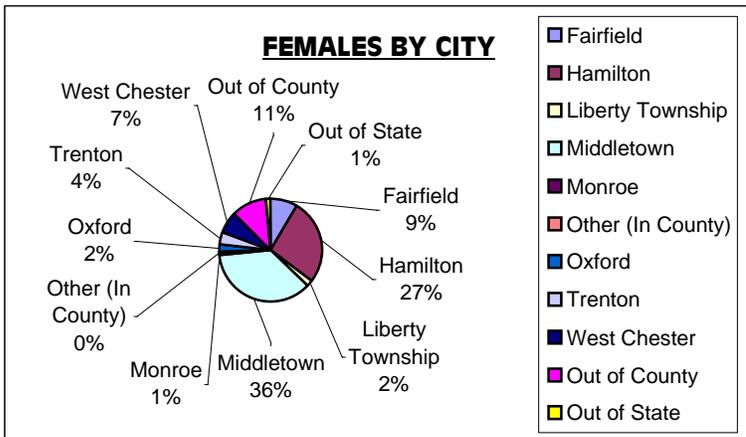
Court Supervision is provided to youth who are found to be delinquent or unruly and are not in need of the structure provided by Probation Supervision. Three Compliance Probation Officers supervise these youth to ensure that the youth fulfill the orders of the court. In 2008, 3,198 youth were supervised through Court Supervision.

Probation Supervision is provided to youth who are found to be serious, high risk offenders and/or chronic offenders. Fifteen Field Probation Officers supervise these youth, not only to ensure that they comply with the orders of the court, but also that the youth show improvement in their functioning at home, school and community. In 2008, 1,174 youth were supervised through Probation Supervision.

In 2008, The Butler County Juvenile Probation Department enhanced its abilities to protect the community from court involved youth. In this year, Probation created the Juvenile Court Law Enforcement Program (JCLE) and contracted with the Butler County Sheriff's Office to provide a Detective as our JCLE Officer. This JCLE Officer began, in August, actively looking for court involved youth who had warrants. In 2008, the JCLE Officer was able to serve 84 warrants. In 2009, the JCLE Officer will also begin checking on high risk juvenile offenders in the evenings to ensure compliance with court ordered restrictions, such as House Arrest and Home Incarceration.

Delinquent and Unruly Cases by Residence

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Fairfield	408	282	126
Hamilton	1210	818	392
Liberty Township	71	42	29
Middletown	1396	863	533
Monroe	44	30	14
Other (In County)	17	14	3
Oxford	95	62	33
Trenton	171	114	57
West Chester	317	214	103
Out of County	405	241	164
Out of State	54	35	19
Total	4188	2715	1473



	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	BI-RACIAL	HISPANIC	ASIAN	NATIVE HAWAIIAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDER	AMERICAN INDIAN /ALASKA NATIVE	OTHER
Fairfield	408	211	155	12	21	6	0	0	3
Hamilton	1210	900	186	37	80	3	1	0	3
Liberty Township	71	46	16	6	1	1	0	0	1
Middletown	1396	881	357	97	44	3	0	0	14
Monroe	44	39	3	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other (In County)	17	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oxford	95	86	3	5	0	0	0	0	1
Trenton	171	165	2	1	3	0	0	0	0
West Chester	317	196	99	7	11	2	0	0	2
Out of County	405	251	125	9	8	0	0	0	12
Out of State	54	36	8	4	1	0	0	0	5
Total	4188	2828	954	179	169	15	1	0	42

Delinquent and Unruly Cases by Referral Agency

Police Department Referrals

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Butler County Sheriff's Office	310	228	82
Fairfield Police Department	366	234	132
Fairfield Township Police Department	136	79	57
Hamilton Police Department	540	398	142
Metro Parks	0	0	0
Miami University Police Department	2	1	1
Middletown Police Department	715	474	241
Monroe Police Department	100	74	26
Ohio State Patrol	11	9	2
Oxford Police Department	88	63	25
Oxford Township Police Department	0	0	0
Ross Township Police Department	33	24	9
Seven Mile Police Department	0	0	0
Sharonville Police Department	2	1	1
Trenton Police Department	123	97	26
West Chester Police Department	401	246	155
Total	2827	1928	899

Board of Education Referrals

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
ECOT	12	7	5
Edgewood	27	15	12
Fairfield	145	89	56
Hamilton	184	98	86
Lakota	59	31	28
Life Skills	88	41	47
Madison	11	4	7
Middletown	268	129	139
Monroe	12	6	6
New Miami	18	10	8
Ross	8	3	5
Talawanda	48	24	24
Total	880	457	423

Other Referrals

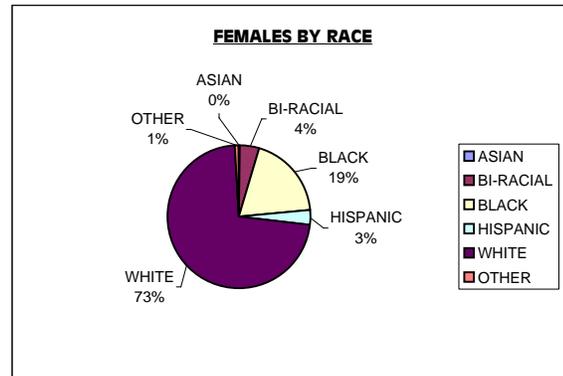
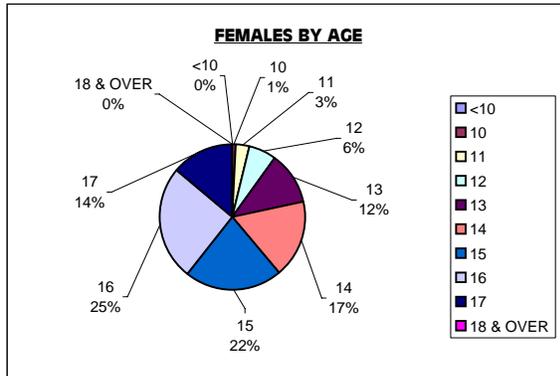
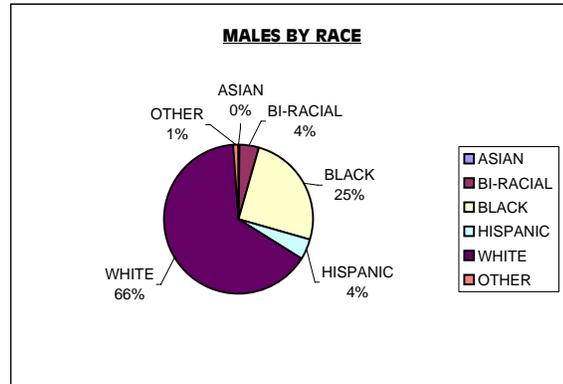
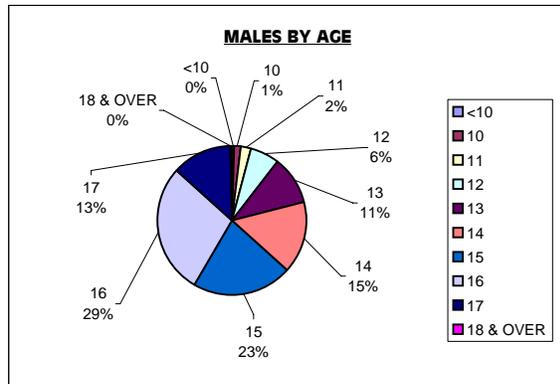
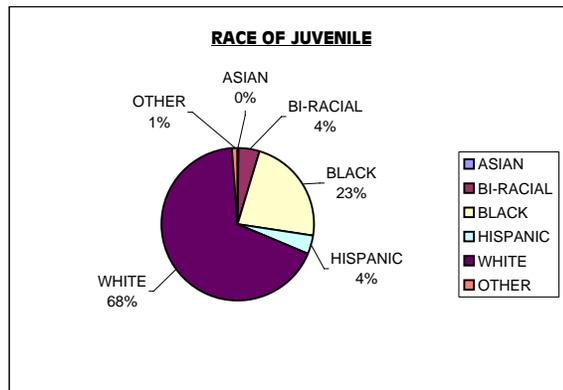
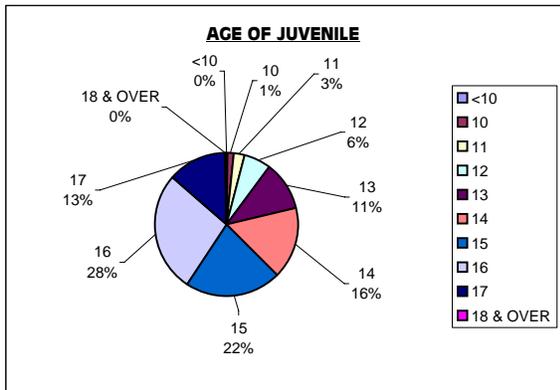
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Butler County Corrections	81	71	10
Department of Youth Services	5	4	1
Middletown Fire Department	1	1	0
Monroe Fire Department	1	0	1
Other Referrals	22	19	3
School Resource Referral	254	168	86
Transfer From Another County	117	67	50
Total	481	330	151
Total	4188	2715	1473

Delinquent and Unruly Offender Profile - Case Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
MALE	13	40	63	171	288	419	591	765	358	7	2715
FEMALE	2	11	43	90	173	254	318	377	204	1	1473
TOTAL	15	51	106	261	461	673	909	1142	562	8	4188

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	1	6	0	15
BI-RACIAL	0	4	11	10	33	30	45	30	14	1	178
BLACK	5	13	28	66	95	177	205	244	120	2	955
HISPANIC	1	3	6	9	15	17	41	50	27	0	169
WHITE	9	30	58	172	308	443	607	810	388	4	2829
OTHER	0	1	3	4	6	3	10	7	7	1	42
TOTAL	15	51	106	261	461	673	909	1142	562	8	4188

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	10	113	676	122	1766	28	2715
FEMALE	5	65	279	47	1063	14	1473
TOTAL	15	178	955	169	2829	42	4188



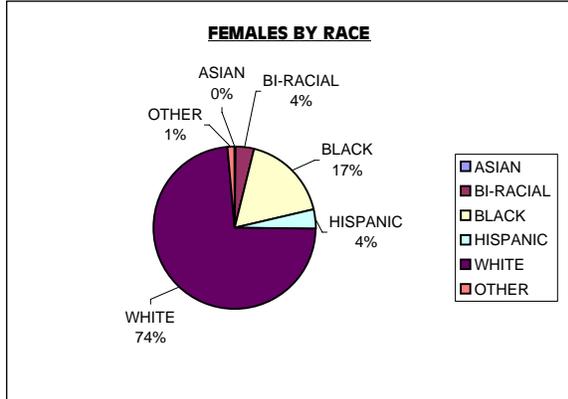
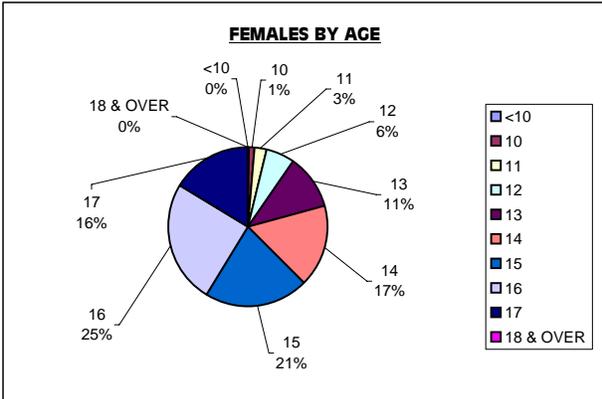
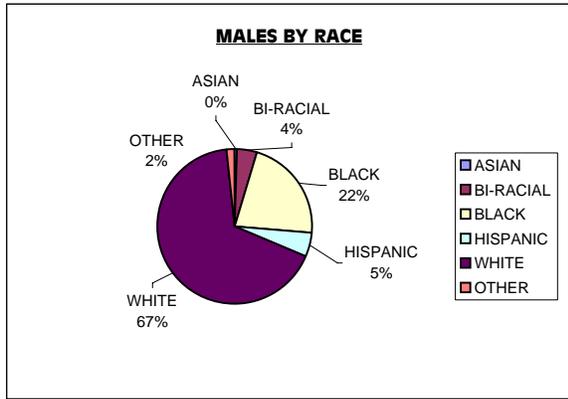
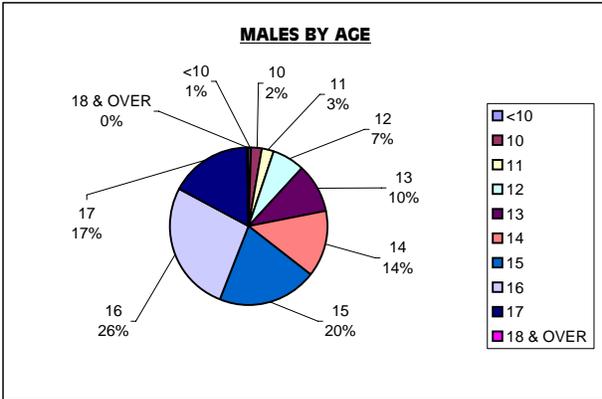
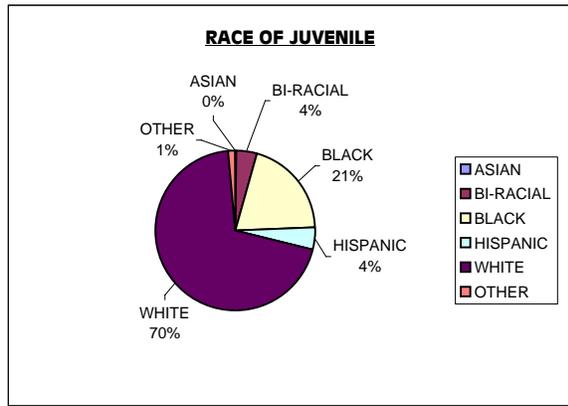
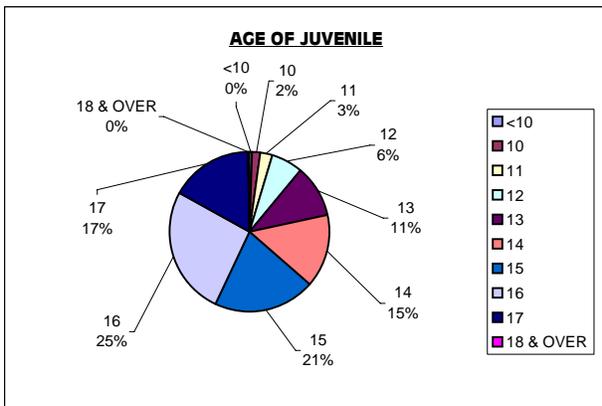
* NOTE: These statistics represent an accounting of the juveniles that committed each offense. Some juveniles may be counted more than once since these counts refer to each case and not each unique juvenile.

Delinquent and Unruly Offender Profile - Distinct Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
MALE	11	32	44	106	164	220	329	436	271	6	1619
FEMALE	2	11	27	56	111	166	210	251	162	1	997
TOTAL	13	43	71	162	275	386	539	687	433	7	2616

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	1	2	0	9
BI-RACIAL	0	2	5	8	16	23	23	19	11	1	108
BLACK	5	12	17	39	54	82	112	121	81	2	525
HISPANIC	1	3	5	7	8	15	18	34	26	0	117
WHITE	7	25	41	104	189	260	377	506	306	3	1818
OTHER	0	1	3	4	6	3	8	6	7	1	39
TOTAL	13	43	71	162	275	386	539	687	433	7	2616

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	7	70	351	80	1085	26	1619
FEMALE	2	38	174	37	733	13	997
TOTAL	9	108	525	117	1818	39	2616



* NOTE: These statistics represent an accounting of the juveniles that committed offenses. Each juvenile is counted only once and is counted by age at their first offense.

Juvenile Offenses

Offenses Against Persons	2007 TOTAL	2008 TOTAL	2008 MALE	2008 FEMALE
Abduction	1	5	4	1
Abuse of a Police Officer	3	1	1	0
Aggravated Assault	9	10	8	2
Aggravated Burglary	2	12	10	2
Aggravated Menacing	33	48	33	15
Aggravated Murder	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Robbery	9	18	15	3
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	0	1	1	0
Assault	302	341	237	104
Child Endangering - Abuse/Neglect	4	3	1	2
Child Endangering - Serious Physical Harm	1	0	0	0
Contaminating Substance for Human Consumption	1	0	0	0
Contributing to Unruliness/Delin. Of a Minor	2	2	2	0
Criminal Mischief Physical Harm to Person	3	4	4	0
Domestic Violence	354	311	180	131
Endangering Child/Op Vehicle	1	4	1	3
Ethnic Intimidation	1	2	1	1
Failure to Stop Injury to Person/Property	0	1	0	1
Felonious Assault	28	26	22	4
Forgery (formerly offense against property)	8	10	3	7
Gross Sexual Imposition	30	23	21	2
Harassment by Inmate	2	1	1	0
Importuning	1	0	0	0
Intimidation of Attorney/Victim/Witness	3	1	1	0
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	2	2	0
Kidnapping	1	6	4	2
Menacing	58	79	57	22
Misuse of Credit Cards (formerly offense against property)	5	14	6	8
Murder	1	1	1	0
Negligent Assault	1	0	0	0
Passing Bad Checks > 500.00 < 5000.00	0	2	2	0
Rape	35	38	37	1
Retaliation	0	1	1	0
Robbery	25	14	14	0
Sexual Battery	1	1	1	0
Sexual Imposition	12	10	9	1
Theft of Elderly of Disabled	0	1	1	0
Telecommunications Harassment	18	23	13	10
Unlawful Restraint	5	2	2	0
Vehicular Homicide	0	1	0	1
Voyeurism	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	961	1019	696	323

Juvenile Offenses

Offenses Against Property	2007 TOTAL	2008 TOTAL	2008 MALE	2008 FEMALE
Aggravated Arson	5	1	1	0
Aggravated Theft	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Trespass	4	5	4	1
Arson	4	3	3	0
Arson - Public Buildings	3	2	2	0
Arson w/o Owner's Consent - Property Less Than \$500	10	2	1	1
Breaking and Entering	58	59	52	7
Burglary	55	44	38	6
Criminal Damaging	92	186	156	30
Criminal Mischief	60	44	34	10
Criminal Trespass	116	120	90	30
Desecration	1	0	0	0
Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle	6	18	16	2
Grand Theft - More \$5,000/Less \$100,000	6	16	16	0
Illegal Vehicle Trespass	0	1	1	0
Petty Theft - Less Than \$500	386	368	227	141
Receiving Stolen Property - Less Than \$500	35	20	16	4
Receiving Stolen Property - More \$500/Less \$5,000	14	17	11	6
Receiving Stolen Property - More \$5,000/Less \$100,000	19	11	10	1
Safecracking	1	1	1	0
Tampering with Coin Machine	1	0	0	0
Theft - More \$500/Less \$5,000	60	46	30	16
Theft of Motor Vehicle or Firearm	7	2	2	0
Unauthorized Use of Computer Property	2	1	1	0
Unauthorized Use of Property	2	3	3	0
Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	31	33	25	8
Vandalism	21	43	37	6
Vehicular Vandalism	0	4	3	1
TOTAL	1000	1050	780	270

*Note: Forgery and Misuse of Credit Cards were previously counted in this section (2007).

Juvenile Offenses

Offenses Involving Drugs or Alcohol	2007 TOTAL	2008 TOTAL	2008 MALE	2008 FEMALE
Abusing Harmful Intoxicants	0	1	1	0
Aggravated Possession of Drugs	2	0	0	0
Allow minor remain while consuming	1	0	0	0
Corrupting Another With Drugs	0	2	0	2
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drug	0	1	0	1
Disorderly Conduct while Intoxicated	13	10	7	3
Drug Paraphernalia	104	94	77	17
Funding of Drugs or Marijuana Trafficking	1	0	0	0
Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana	2	0	0	0
Intoxicating Liquor - Sell/Purchase/Open/Under 21	11	4	4	0
Permitting Drug Abuse	3	1	0	1
Possession of Cocaine	27	13	8	5
Possession of Counterfeit Controlled Substance	7	1	1	0
Possession of Drug Instrument	4	4	4	0
Possession of Drugs	26	32	26	6
Possession of Marijuana	183	187	159	28
Possession of Tobacco	53	61	47	14
Sell/Purchase/Distribute/Deliver Dangerous Drug	7	7	4	3
Theft of Drugs	4	4	1	3
Trafficking Offenses	34	26	26	0
Unauthorized Practice of Pharmacy	0	1	1	0
Underage Alcohol Consumption	141	149	110	39
Underage Alcohol Possession	99	56	42	14
Using Weapons While Intoxicated	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	723	655	519	136

Offenses Involving Weapons	2007 TOTAL	2008 TOTAL	2008 MALE	2008 FEMALE
Carrying Concealed Weapon	18	8	8	0
Discharging a Firearm	2	8	8	0
Discharging Fireworks	1	3	1	2
Having Weapon Under Disability	1	5	4	1
Illegal Conveyance of Deadly Weapon/Detention	4	3	2	1
Illegal Conveyance of Deadly Weapon/School Zone	27	23	21	2
Illegal Manufacturing or Processing Explosives	0	2	2	0
Improper Furnishing of Firearm to Minor	0	1	1	0
Improper Handling of Firearm in Vehicle	1	0	0	0
Possession of a Deadly Weapon under Detention	1	0	0	0
Unlawful Possession of Dangerous Ordinance	2	4	4	0
Weapon on School Premises or Activities	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	58	58	52	6

Juvenile Offenses

Other Offenses	2007 TOTAL	2008 TOTAL	2008 MALE	2008 FEMALE
Adoption of Parole Rules	0	3	3	0
Certain Acts Prohibited	1	2	1	1
Complicity	5	0	0	0
Confining, Restraining, Debarking Dogs	0	1	1	0
Courtesy Supervision to Probation	2	6	5	1
Cruelty to Animals	5	1	1	0
Disorderly Conduct	309	354	234	120
Disposal of Liquids	0	1	1	0
Disrupting Public Services	2	0	0	0
Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles	0	1	1	0
Dog Fighting	2	0	0	0
Escape	12	5	2	3
Failure to Comply with Order of Police	7	7	4	3
False Alarms	0	6	1	5
Falsification	11	6	4	2
Flee/Elude Officer	0	1	1	0
Fugitive from Justice	1	0	0	0
Gambling	0	2	2	0
Illegal Distribution of Tobacco Products	0	2	2	0
Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity-Oriented Material	0	2	2	0
Inciting to Violence	3	7	3	4
Inducing Panic	20	28	26	2
Interference With Custody	1	0	0	0
Intimidation	0	1	0	1
Making False Alarms	7	0	0	0
Making False Reports	5	11	7	4
Misconduct at Emergency	0	2	2	0
Obstructing Justice	1	5	4	1
Obstructing Official Business	135	140	106	34
Pandering Obscenity	0	6	5	1
Possessing Criminal Tools	14	9	9	0
Prohibition Against Failure to Register Dog Kennel	0	1	1	0
Public Gambling	4	0	0	0
Public Indecency	10	17	13	4
Resisting Arrest	72	44	38	6
Soliciting	0	1	0	1
Tampering with Evidence	8	6	5	1
Tampering with Records	2	2	2	0
Transfer of Probation	0	3	2	1
Violating Protection Order or Consent Agreement	0	2	1	1
Violation of a Valid Court Order	2	0	0	0
Violation of Park Rules	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	643	685	489	196

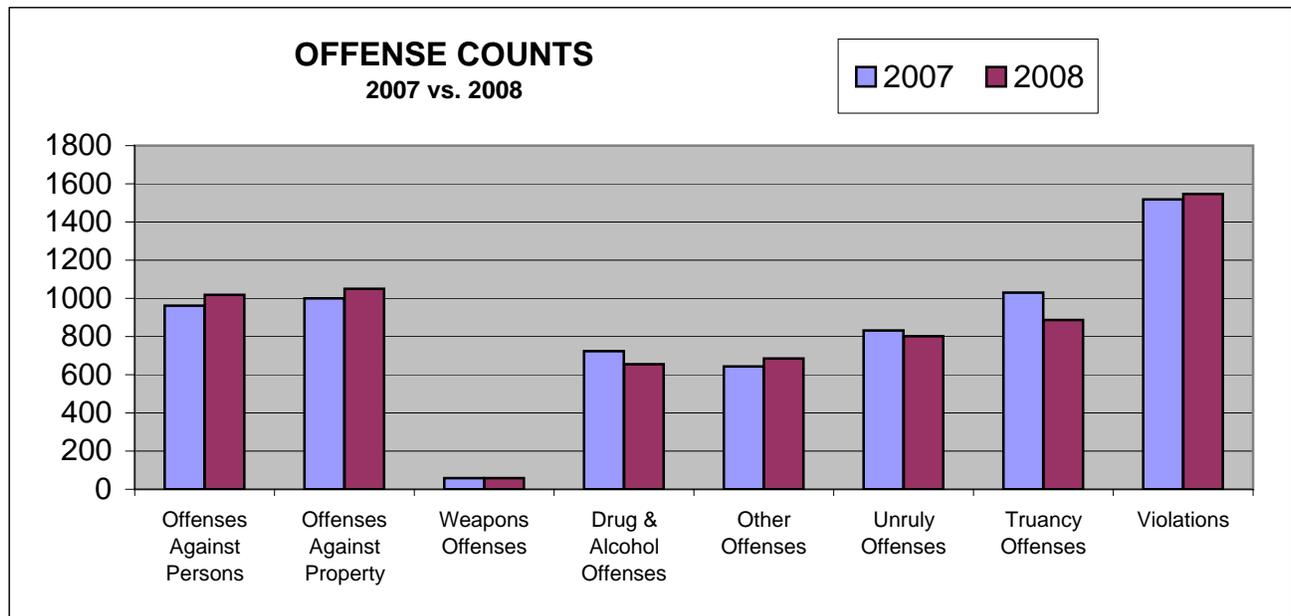
Juvenile Offenses

	2007	2008	2008 Male	2008 Female
Unruly				
Curfew	185	161	134	27
Runaway	33	7	3	4
Unruly Child	613	633	340	293
Total	831	801	477	324

	2007	2008	2008 Male	2008 Female
Truancy				
Chronic	722	625	328	297
Habitual	308	261	128	133
Total	1030	886	456	430

	2007	2008	2008 Male	2008 Female
Violations				
Violation of Court Order	251	242	159	83
Violation of Parole	53	78	60	18
Violation of Probation	1214	1227	817	410
Total	1518	1547	1036	511

Total Offenses	6764	6701	4505	2196
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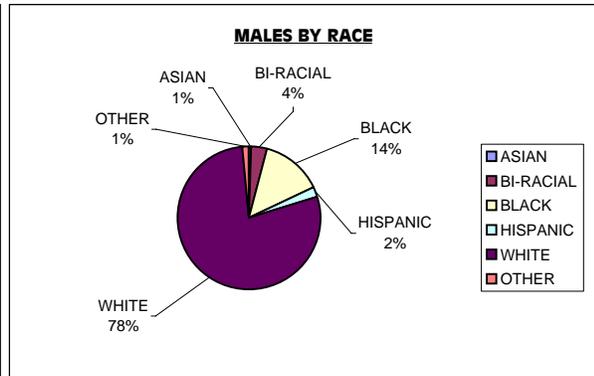
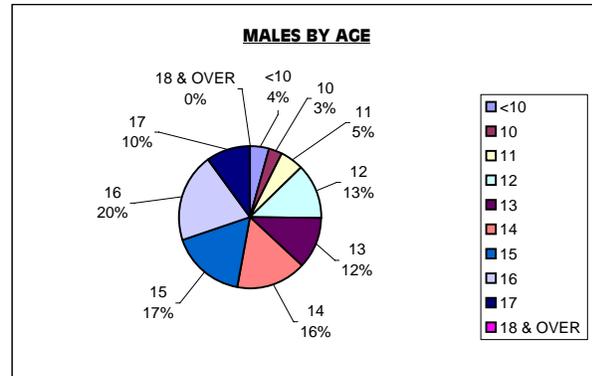
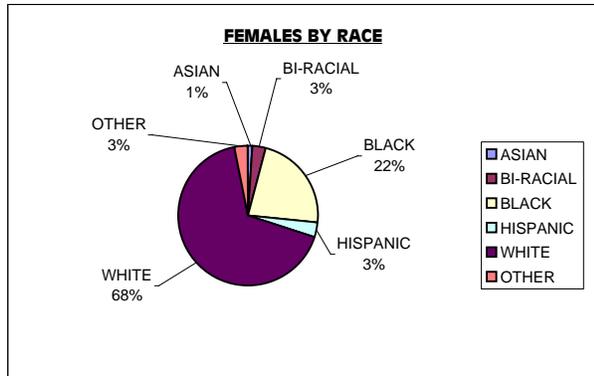
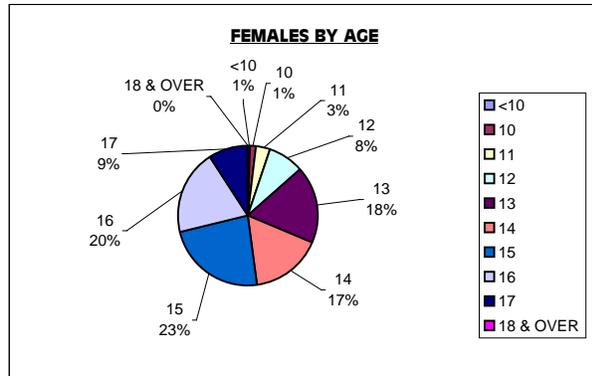
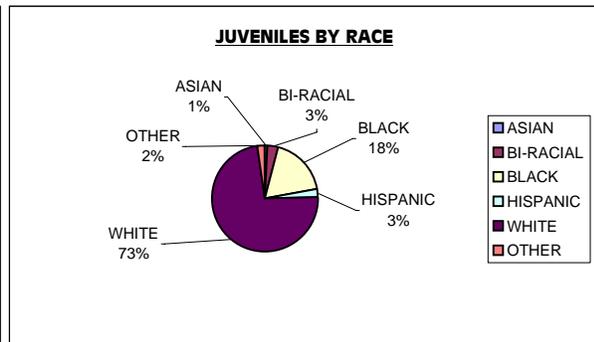
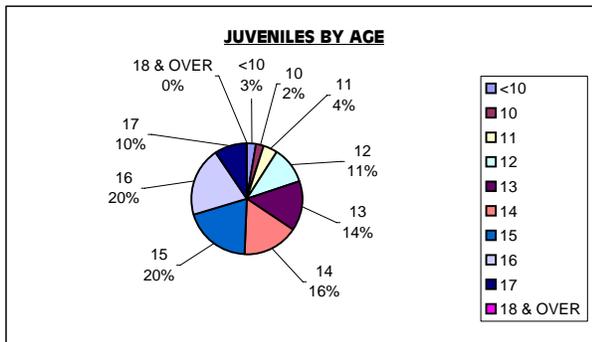
Offenses by Degree	2008	% of Total Offenses
(*Excludes Violations)		
Felony Offenses	633	12.28%
Misdemeanor Offenses	3419	66.34%
Status Offenses	1055	20.47%
Unclassified Offenses	47	0.91%
Total	5154	100.00%

Diversion Offender Profile - Case Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
MALE	16	11	19	46	42	58	61	74	36	0	363
FEMALE	2	4	10	26	54	51	71	61	28	0	307
TOTAL	18	15	29	72	96	109	132	135	64	0	670

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	5
BI-RACIAL	3	0	2	4	1	2	7	4	0	0	23
BLACK	5	5	8	9	17	30	19	17	10	0	120
HISPANIC	1	0	0	1	0	8	4	3	1	0	18
WHITE	7	10	18	54	76	68	96	108	53	0	490
OTHER	2	0	1	4	1	0	4	2	0	0	14
TOTAL	18	15	29	72	96	109	132	135	64	0	670

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	2	13	51	8	284	5	363
FEMALE	3	10	69	10	206	9	307
TOTAL	5	23	120	18	490	14	670



* NOTE: These statistics represent an accounting of the juveniles that committed each offense. Some juveniles may be counted more than once since these counts refer to each case and not each unique juvenile.

Delinquent, Unruly and Diversion Dispositions

FINANCIAL	
Appoint Attorney Fee Waived	367
Bond Bindover	32
Bond Cash	5
Bond Release	78
Bond Revoked/Forfeited	276
Bond School	314
Bond School Suspended	189
Ct Cost - Delq Felony	18
Ct Cost - Delq Misd	758
Ct Cost - Non-Moving	0
Ct Cost - Suspended	6
Ct Cost - Truancy	615
Ct Cost - TBD	632
Ct Cost - TBD Traffic	0
Fees Assessed Attorney (J)	251
Fine	79
Juvenile Fund Contribution	446
Pay or Appear	692
Restitution	383
Restitution TBD	464
Restitution TBD Delinquency	91
Restitution TBD/WP	53
Restitution/WP	38
Support Order	39
Waived Court Cost	47
Waived Fines and Cost	7
TOTAL	5880

EVALUATIONS/INVESTIGATIONS	
CCM Referral	1
Children Services Referral	31
DNA Specimen	245
Drug Screen	702
Evaluation Competency	89
Evaluation D&A (J)	527
Evaluation Disc/Psych Post	0
Evaluation Forensic (J)	5
Evaluation JRC Placement	62
Evaluation Psychiatric	6
Evaluation Psychological (J)	62
Evaluation Sex Offender (J)	42
STD/HIV Testing	22
TOTAL	1794

(J) indicates a Juvenile Disposition
(A) indicates an Adult Disposition

SUPERVISION	
Court Supervision (J)	3198
Courtesy Supervision Accepted	12
Courtesy Supervision Denied	1
Curfew	65
Electronic Monitoring	19
Follow Home/School Rules	587
Home Incarceration	147
House Arrest	1040
No Contact	2491
No Smoking	29
No Unsupervised Contact	43
Off Limits	959
Paroles Rules Adopted	31
Probation Aftercare	72
Probation Dept Investigation	66
Probation Official (J)	486
Probation Official Continued	84
Probation Truancy	575
Probation Truancy Continued	29
Transfer Probation Supervision	2
TOTAL	9936

COMMITMENTS	
Bindover/Probable Cause	8
Bindover/Relinquishment	1
Bound Over to Grand Jury	26
Jail Release	64
Jail Return	49
Jail Sentence (Definite)	13
Jail Sentence (Indefinite)	1
Jail Sentence Stayed (Definite)	23
JDC Release	1216
JDC Remand	155
JDC Return	1080
JDC Sentence	69
JDC Stayed Sentence	88
JDC Suspend Sentence	142
JDC Transfer to Jail	8
JRC Commitment	55
JRC Home Pass	407
JRC Release	75
JRC Return	4
JRC Terminated	3
Judicial Release Approved	4
Judicial Release Denied	33
Placement IV-E	0
Placement Non IV-E	6
TOTAL	3530

Delinquent, Unruly and Diversion Dispositions

LICENSE	
Lic - Suspend Right to Apply	74
Lic Restored - BMV Susp	171
Lic Restored - Court Susp	9
Lic Suspen - Class	107
Lic Suspen - Court	12
Lic Suspen - Div Privileges	0
Lic Suspen - FTA BMV	105
Lic Suspen - FTP BMV	1030
Lic Suspen - Parental	33
Lic Suspen - Pleasure	3
Lic Suspen Indefinite	6
Lic - Privlges Granted BMV	20
Lic - Privlges Granted Court	5
TOTAL	1575

CASE/CHARGE STATUS	
Case Dismissed 29f2d	78
Case Dismissed W/O Prejudice	267
Case Dismissed With Prejudice	41
Case Dismissed Conditional	0
Charge Dismissed With Prejudice	28
Charge Dismissed W/O Prejudice	198
Charge Withdrawn	220
TOTAL	832

WARRANTS	
Failure to Appear (No Warrant)	693
Failure to Appear (Warrant)	197
Warrant Bench (A)	26
Warrant Issued	209
Warrant Ordered Recalled	120
Warrant Outstanding	128
Warrant Served	157
Warrant to Convey	10
Warrant Withheld	2
TOTAL	1542

(J) indicates a Juvenile Disposition
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PROGRAMS	
Anger Management Group	106
Cluster Referral	9
Community Service Work	588
Counseling (Family)	87
Counseling (Individual)	108
Counseling (Substance Abuse)	31
Family Dispute/Anger Management	52
Firesetter Prevention Program	5
Mediation Assault	48
Mediation SOM	129
Mediation VOM	190
Restrict Program Referral	67
Sex Offender Counseling	4
Sojourner Outpatient	0
Sojourner Residential	6
Teen Intervention Program	0
Tobacco Education Group	14
Wings Referral	0
Work Program	395
Work Program JDC	61
Work Program JRC	2
TOTAL	1902

OTHER	
Appoint Attorney	1583
Appoint GAL	96
Appoint GAL/Attorney	418
Appoint Interpreter	104
Attorney Withdrawal	185
Expungement Order	3
Failed to Appear (Parent)	1007
Gun Spec 1 Year - Accomplice	0
School Absent Note	37
School Attendance Mandatory	1038
Sealing Order	0
Transfer To	159
Transferred From	39
Truancy Parent Charged	202
Warned/Admonished	54
TOTAL	4925

WORK PROGRAM

Total Juvenile Participants	1631
Restitution Hours	6277
Community Service Hours	8950
Total Amount Paid to Victims	\$20,392.38

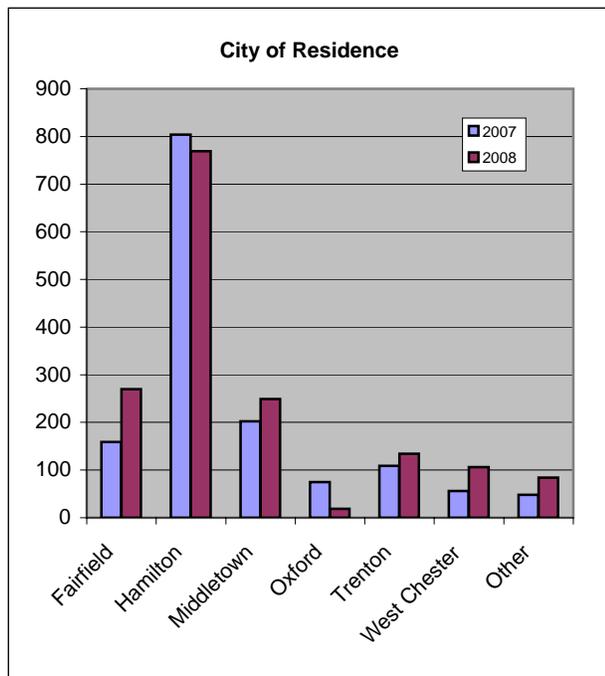
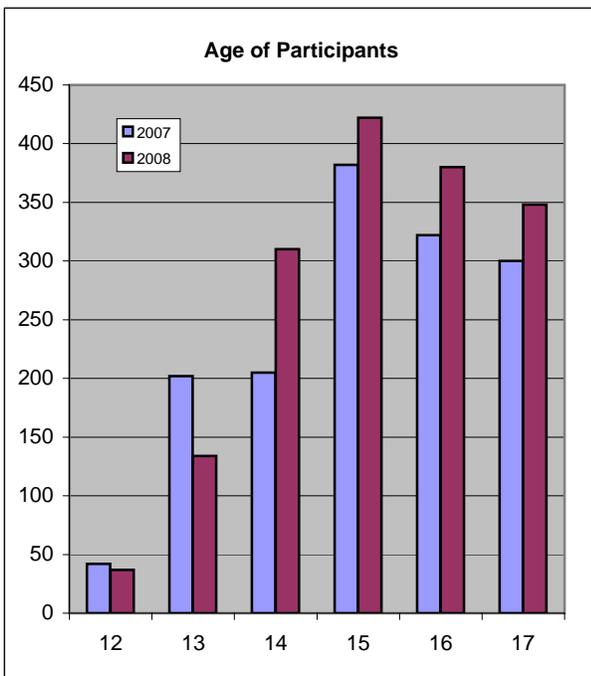
Participant Profile

Race	2007	2008
White	1167	1262
Black	221	235
Other	65	134
Total	1453	1631

Gender	2007	2008
Male	1012	1218
Female	441	413
Total	1453	1631

Age	2007	2008
12	42	37
13	202	134
14	205	310
15	382	422
16	322	380
17	300	348
Total	1453	1631

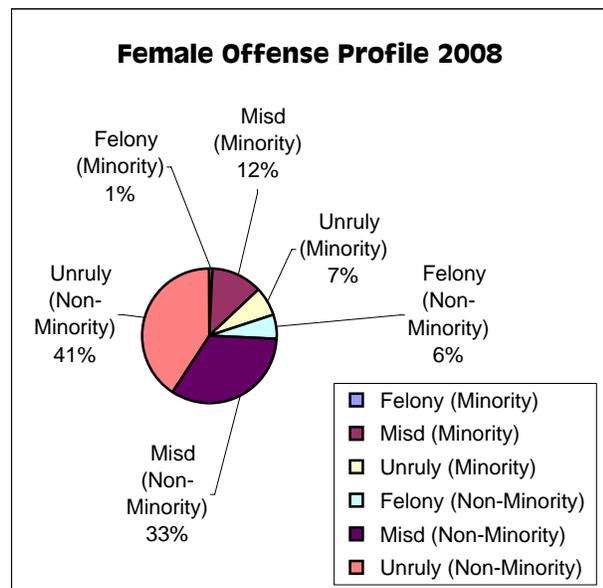
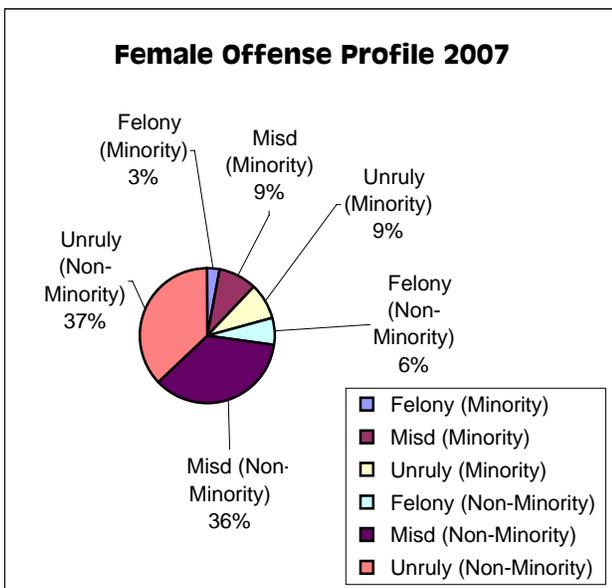
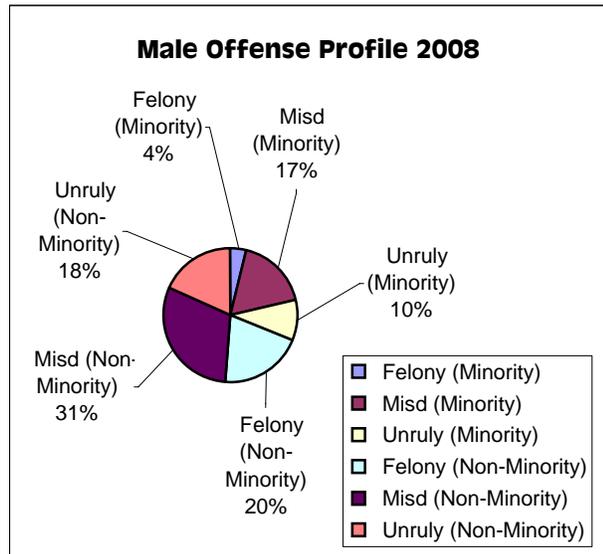
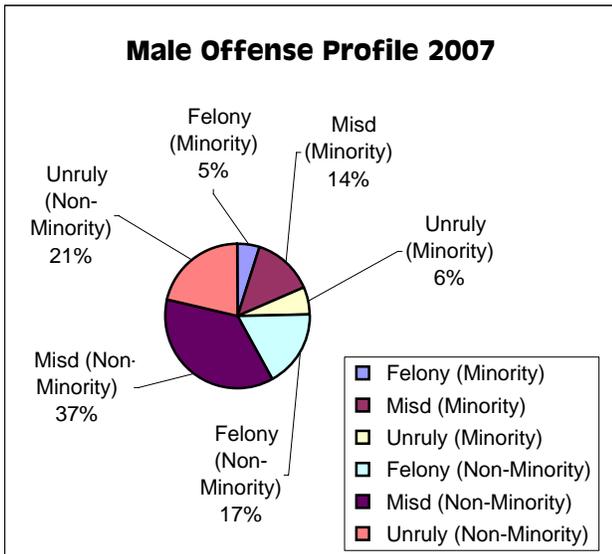
City of Residence	2007	2008
Fairfield	159	270
Hamilton	804	769
Middletown	202	249
Oxford	75	19
Trenton	109	134
West Chester	56	106
Other	48	84
Total	1453	1631



WORK PROGRAM

Participants by Offense Level

MALE		2007	2008	FEMALE		2007	2008
Minority				Minority			
Felony (Minority)		27	19	Felony (Minority)		8	2
Misd (Minority)		72	88	Misd (Minority)		25	31
Unruly (Minority)		33	49	Unruly (Minority)		24	18
Non-minority				Non-minority			
Felony (Non-Minority)		91	101	Felony (Non-Minority)		17	15
Misd (Non-Minority)		195	154	Misd (Non-Minority)		97	85
Unruly (Non-Minority)		114	92	Unruly (Non-Minority)		101	104
TOTAL		532	503	TOTAL		272	255



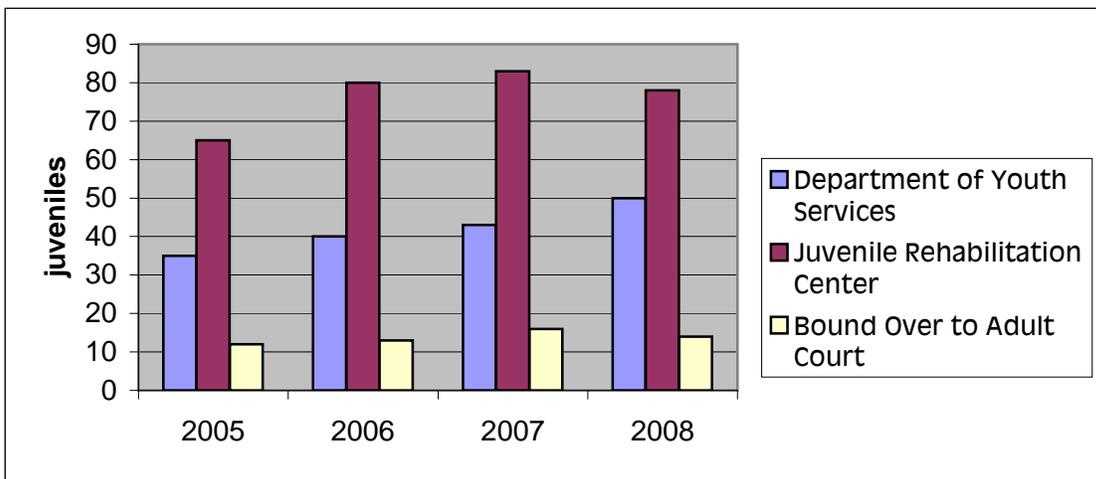
Work Program Work Sites

Abilities First (Middletown)
Badin High School (Hamilton)
Baker Concrete (Education Project)
Butler County Metro Parks
Butler County Fair Grounds
Clean Sweep (Hamilton)
Edgewood Schools
Fairfield Parks
Fairfield Schools
Fenwick High School (Middletown)
Habitat For Humanity (Hamilton, Fairfield)
Habitat Restore (Hamilton)
Hamilton City Parks
Hamilton Dam & Riverwalk
Hamilton Schools
Hamilton Water Works
Lakota Schools
Life Span (Hamilton)
Madison Schools
Middletown Schools
Middletown Bike Path
Middletown Parks
Middletown MidFest
Monroe Schools
Monroe Parks
New Miami Schools
New Miami Parks
Oxford Parks
Parachute (Hamilton)
Pyramid Hill (Hamilton)
Ross Schools
Red Cross (Hamilton)
Seven Mile Schools
Shared Harvest (Fairfield)
Sherman Manor Retirement Apt. (Hamilton)
Talawanda Schools
Trenton Bike Path
Trenton Parks
Trenton Knothole Diamonds
West Chester Parks
West Side Little League (Hamilton)

INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENTS

Whenever a youth commits a felony offense, the Probation Department considers some form of incarceration. Probation will look at the seriousness of the offense, past criminal history and past compliance with probation as factors to determine what form of incarceration to recommend. Most felony youth are recommended for the Juvenile Rehabilitation Center because they receive treatment locally and the parent/guardian participates in that treatment. If the youth is unsuccessful in that program or the juvenile is deemed inappropriate for that setting, the youth is recommended for commitment to the Ohio Department of Youth Services (juvenile prison system). The other option for the most serious offenders is to recommend that the youth be transferred to the adult court. The Probation Department will look at the age of the offender, the seriousness of the offense(s), and the past efforts to address the behavior as factors to determine whether to recommend that the youth be bound over to the adult court.

	2005	2006	2007	2008
Department of Youth Services	35	40	43	50
Juvenile Rehabilitation Center	65	80	83	78
Bound Over to Adult Court	12	13	16	14



JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER OVERVIEW

The Butler County Juvenile Detention Center is a 66 bed holding facility for juveniles who have been charged with either an unruly or delinquency offense. Juveniles are admitted to the facility via referral from either a local law enforcement agency or juvenile court if it is determined the youth warrants secure placement. Residents admitted to the facility are separated based on factors such as age, sex, and seriousness of offense. The mission of JDC is to provide short-term care in secure custody for juveniles accused of a crime, awaiting placement, juveniles who have been adjudicated and court action is pending, juveniles who are awaiting transfer to another facility or for those juveniles that cannot be served in an open setting.

In 2008, the population at the detention center remained consistent with the previous year's admission totals. The facility received 1525 admissions in 2008 compared to 1530 during 2007. The average length of stay for residents averaged 15 days, while the average daily population was 69 residents. The facility admitted 305 juveniles for various felony offenses ranging from Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Burglary, Rape, Robbery, Burglary, Felonious Assault, Gross Sexual Imposition, and Breaking and Entering to lesser felony offenses and another 297 juveniles for technical violations while under community control for a felony offense. Further, the facility admitted 252 juveniles for domestic violence and another 42 juveniles for assault.

The facility utilizes the Hamilton City School District to provide educational programming to residents being housed in the facility. Further, the facility relies on community volunteers and community agencies to provide programming for the residents. James Jordan of the Ohio State Extension Office provides Life Skills and Fatherhood programming to older male residents. The Rape Crisis Center provides groups to the facility's female population. The facility utilizes the Butler County Crisis and Consultation Center to address the needs of youth being held in the facility who are in need crisis intervention. Religious services are provided on a voluntary basis to all residents by a variety of volunteer representatives from local community churches.

Juvenile Detention Center Statistics

POPULATION	2007	2008
Males	1059	1059
Females	471	466
TOTAL	1530	1525
CHILD'S RESIDENCE	2007	2008
Fairfield	138	144
Hamilton	561	517
In County	77	73
Middletown	435	466
New Miami	14	5
Oxford	42	32
Trenton	57	89
West Chester	136	121
Out of County	64	65
Out of State	6	13
TOTAL	1530	1525
OFFENSES	2007	2008
Status	110	120
Misdemeanors	467	492
Felonies	331	267
Court Violations	662	672
TOTAL	1530	1551*

DETAINING AGENCY	2007	2008
Butler County Juvenile Court	719	728
Butler County Sheriffs Dept	145	119
Fairfield Police Dept	45	63
Fairfield Township Police Dept	43	39
Hamilton County Juvenile Court	6	8
Hamilton County Sheriff Dept	1	0
Hamilton Police Dept	176	174
Miami University Security	0	0
Middletown Police Dept	171	153
Monroe Police Dept	16	24
New Miami Police Dept	6	0
Ohio Dept Youth Services	22	42
Ohio State Patrol	3	4
Oxford Police Dept	16	14
Oxford Township Police Dept	2	2
Ross Township Police Dept	13	14
Sharonville Police Dept	4	0
Trenton Police Dept	29	42
Warren County Sheriff Office	1	0
West Chester Police Dept	106	92
Other	6	7
TOTAL	1530	1525

*2008 OFFENSES
INCLUDE MULTIPLE
CHARGES PER CASE

Average Length of Stay in Days 17 15



JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTER OVERVIEW

The Butler County Juvenile Rehabilitation Center (BCJRC) is a 30 bed secure facility housing male felony offenders from southwestern Ohio. Built as the first juvenile Community Correctional Facility (CCF) in Ohio, the facility was created to house offenders in a secure setting, while providing programming designed to help youth become productive citizens.

Youth incarcerated in the facility are provided a variety of programs, both individual and group, designed to meet their unique needs. Programming includes cognitive behavioral interventions and motivating and teaching residents how to make important life changes. Specialized programs such as sex offender and substance abuse treatment are also provided for identified youth. While incarcerated, parents of our residents are involved in Parent Education groups and ongoing family sessions. These services have been created to aid in the transition of youth back to their home community.

While the main focus of the facility is to change the criminal thinking and behavior of our residents, academic improvement is also targeted. Intake testing and educational history allow facility teachers to provide an individualized instruction plan (IIP) for each resident. Residents coming to the facility with an individual education plan (IEP) shall work closely with a special education teacher to meet their unique educational needs. Comprehensive assessment coupled with targeted instruction has resulted in significant academic improvement for many of our residents. One example of this improvement is 90% of the residents experienced academic gains within the year.

On September 17-19, 2007, the American Correctional Association, (ACA), completed an initial audit of the program. The facility was found to be 100% compliant with ACA standards and received accreditation in January 2008.

Within the year, there have been several significant statistical changes. The average length of stay was 150 days for non-sex offenders and 214 days for sex offenders in 2008. In addition, the total number of admissions decreased from a 2007 total of 83 to a 2008 total of 78. Finally, 85 total youth were released in the year, with 72 or 85% of them successfully completing the program.

In closing, the good work of this facility would not be possible if it were not for the involvement of our community partners. Organizations which deserve special thanks are the Hamilton Christian Center, Catholic Charities, Miami University, along with the countless number of volunteers and mentors who have reached out to our residents. Finally, special recognition should be given to our staff who tirelessly work with our youth, helping them help themselves.

Juvenile Rehabilitation Center Resident Profile

Committing County	2007	2008
Adams	1	0
Butler	74	69
Clermont	1	3
Clinton	7	5
Warren	0	0
Miami	0	1
TOTAL	83	78

Felony Level	2007	2008
Felony 1	11	7
Felony 2	12	6
Felony 3	17	23
Felony 4	15	14
Felony 5	28	28
TOTAL	83	78

Age	2007	2008
12	0	2
13	5	2
14	13	9
15	19	21
16	21	20
17	23	23
18	2	1
TOTAL	83	78

JUVENILE TRAFFIC OVERVIEW

In 2008, the decline in traffic citations issued to juveniles continued. Several factors have likely played into this ongoing decline. The increase in the cost of gasoline as experienced in 2008 caused a reduction in miles driven by all Americans, including juveniles. The fewer automobiles there are on the roads, the fewer accidents and offenses occur. Also, 2008 marked the first full year for Ohio's graduated driver's license law. That law effectively took away independent driving privileges from many 16 year-old first offenders. Finally, we are, perhaps, reaping the benefits of the increased media, legal, and parental attention which has been brought to bear upon the issue of teen driving safety over the past few years. Whatever the reason for the decline, this court has continued its policies regarding suspensions of licenses for many juvenile offenders.

Despite this decline, the number of juvenile charged with OVI (Operation of a Vehicle while Intoxicated) rose significantly in 2008. The increase of 14 offenses represents an increase of 41% over 2007. At present, this court mandates significant long-term suspensions of driver's licenses and participation in an alcohol abuse evaluative program whenever a juvenile is convicted of OVI. This court will continue to monitor this situation in order to determine if it is an identifiable trend.

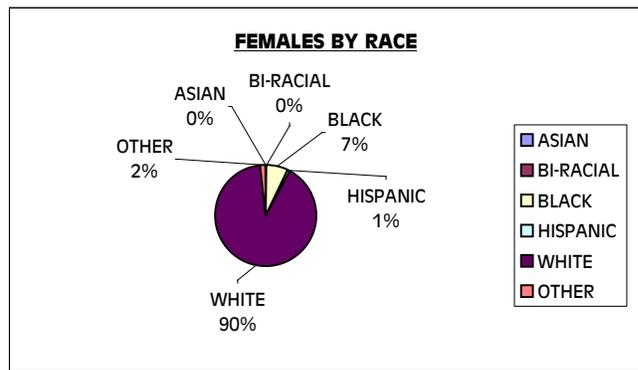
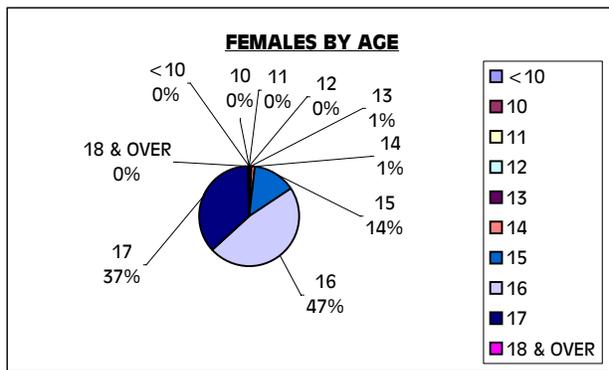
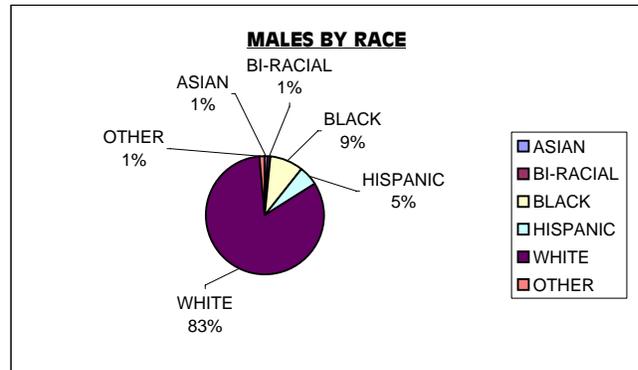
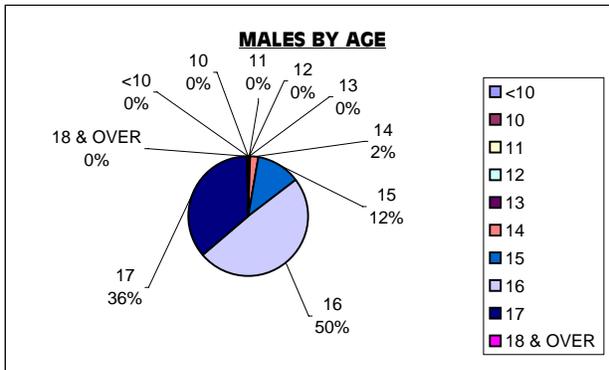
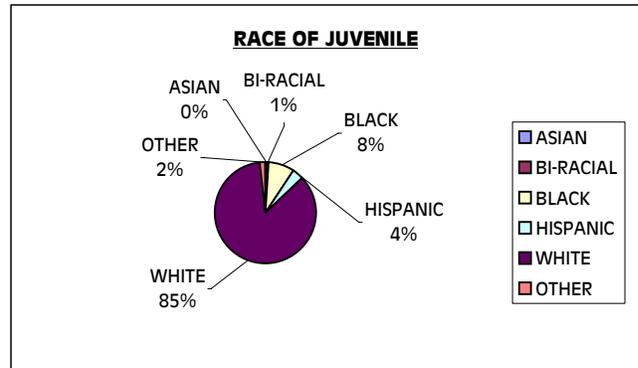
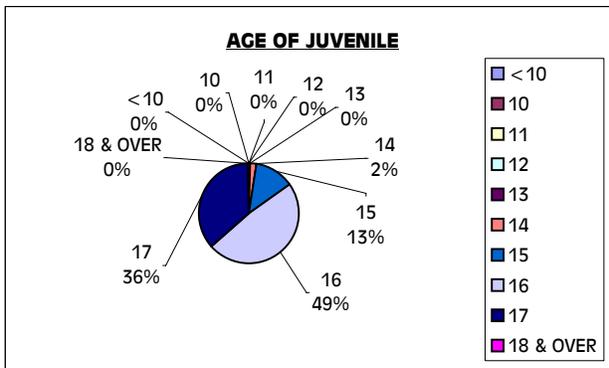
This court continues to utilize the services of the Hamilton Safety Council, The Middletown Safety Council, Horizon Recovery Services, and CarTeens in an effort to educate, evaluate, and, when needed, provide treatment services for teen drivers who commit offenses. Those community partners provide excellent services to this court and to the families of this county

Traffic Offender Profile - Case Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
MALE	1	1	0	1	3	26	132	542	403	2	1111
FEMALE	0	0	0	2	4	7	99	335	259	2	708
TOTAL	1	1	0	3	7	33	231	877	662	4	1819

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	0	9
BI-RACIAL	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	0	11
BLACK	0	1	0	1	2	16	18	59	54	0	151
HISPANIC	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	29	25	0	64
WHITE	1	0	0	2	3	13	201	770	561	4	1555
OTHER	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	13	12	0	29
TOTAL	1	1	0	3	7	33	231	877	662	4	1819

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	8	10	101	59	917	16	1111
FEMALE	1	1	50	5	639	12	708
TOTAL	9	11	151	64	1556	28	1819



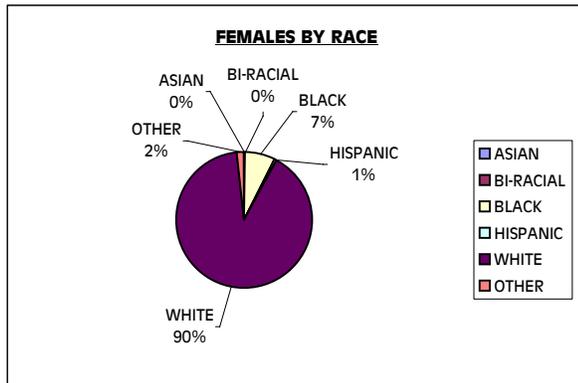
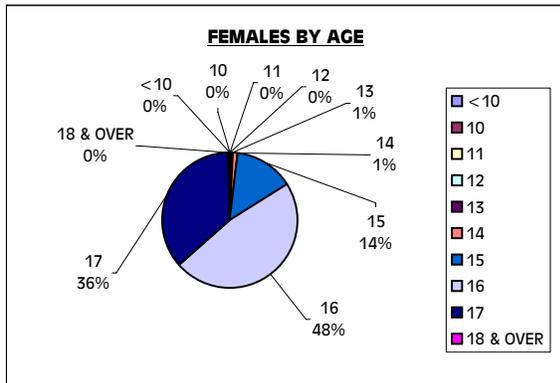
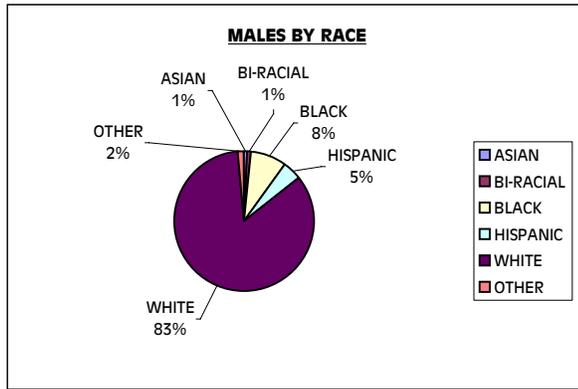
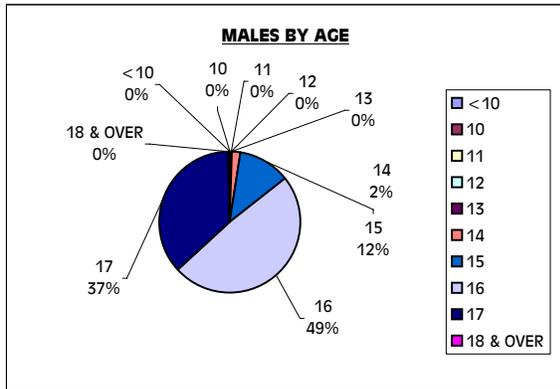
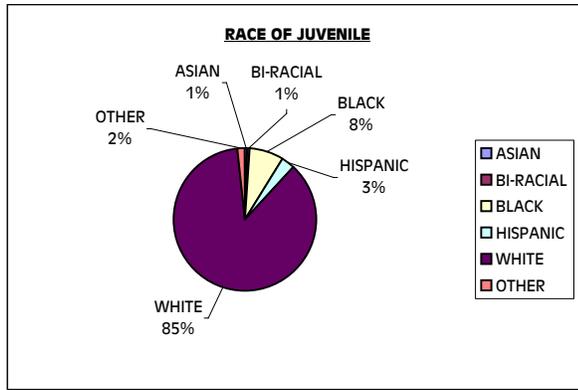
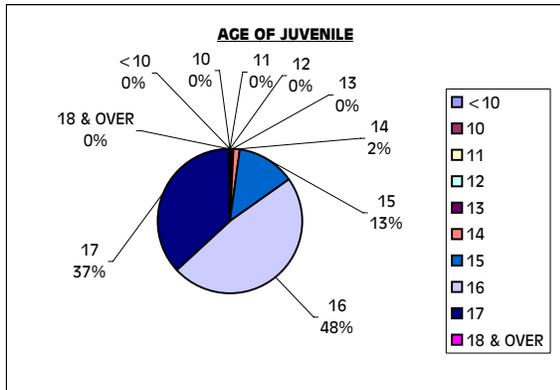
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Traffic Offender Profile - Distinct Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
MALE	1	1	0	1	3	18	120	478	364	2	988
FEMALE	0	0	0	2	4	7	92	306	235	2	648
TOTAL	1	1	0	3	7	25	212	784	599	4	1636

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	5	0	9
BI-RACIAL	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	0	10
BLACK	0	1	0	1	2	9	16	53	45	0	127
HISPANIC	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	22	20	0	51
WHITE	1	0	0	2	3	12	185	690	515	4	1412
OTHER	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	13	10	0	27
TOTAL	1	1	0	3	7	25	212	784	599	4	1636

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	8	9	81	46	829	15	988
FEMALE	1	1	46	5	584	11	648
TOTAL	9	10	127	51	1413	26	1636



* NOTE: These statistics represent an accounting of the juveniles that committed offenses. Each juvenile is counted only once and is counted by age at their first offense.

Traffic Offenses

OFFENSES	2007	2008
ALL OCCUPANTS SECURE	2	5
ALL PURPOSE VEHICLE PROHIBITED	2	3
APPROACHING PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE	1	1
ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE	228	182
BICYCLE TO BE RIDDEN ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROADWAY	1	1
CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED	2	2
CROSSING DIVIDED HIGHWAY	0	2
CURFEW VIO DR LIC	15	15
DISREGARD OF SAFETY	2	2
DISREGARD SAF PRIV/PROP	4	5
DR LIC MISREP	12	2
DRAG RACING/STREET	5	5
DRIVING IN MARKED HAZARDOUS ZONES	5	1
DRIVING LEFT OF CENTER	11	7
DRIVING LEFT SIDE OF ROADWAY	2	1
DRIVING ON SIDEWALK	0	1
DRIVING UNDER SUSP/REV	56	48
DRIVING WITH OBSTRUCTED VIEW	0	1
EQUIPMENT MISUSE	1	1
EXPIRED PLATES	31	20
FAIL DISPLAY REGIS	11	9
FAIL-FILE REQ REPT	23	18
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDER	1	1
FAILURE TO CONTROL	149	122
FAILURE TO DISPLAY LICENSE	17	16
FAILURE TO DISPLAY LICENSE PLATES	14	11
FAILURE TO REINSTATE	3	3
FAILURE TO STOP/INJURY TO PERSON/PROP	2	3
FALSE INFORMATION TO AVOID CITATION	0	2
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE	6	103
FTY - FROM PLACE OTHER THAN ROADWAY	8	15
FTY EMERGENCY VEHICLE	0	2
FTY RIGHT OF WAY	7	8
FTY-INTERSECTION	10	3
FTY-LEFT TURN	64	64
FTY-PED/BLIND	1	1
FTY-PRIVATE DRIVE	4	4
FTY-STOP SIGN	73	66
HEADLIGHT VIOLATION	2	11
HEADLIGHTS NOT ON	9	15
HIT SKIP/LEAVE SCENE	32	27
HIT-SKIP PRIVATE PROP	3	6
IMPROP/PROHIB TURN	3	3
IMPROPER DISPLAY DEALER PLATES	0	1
IMPROPER PASSING	3	6
IMPROPER PASSING(RIGHT SIDE)	4	1
IMPROPER SIGNAL DEVICE	0	1
INTOXICATED OR DRUGGED PEDESTRIAN ON HIGHWAY	0	1
INTOXICATING LIQUOR, OPEN CONTAINER PROHIBITED	0	1
LITTERING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	2	3
MUFFLER/EXHAUST	4	5

Traffic Offenses

OFFENSES (continued)	2007	2008
NO BRAKE LIGHTS	0	1
NO CHILD RESTRAINT	4	4
NO DRIVER'S LICENSE	219	175
NO LICENSE PLATE LIGHT	12	8
NO MOPED LICENSE OR SAFETY EQUIPMENT	5	1
NO REAR VIEW MIRROR	0	1
NO REFLECTOR OR LIGHT ON BICYCLE	0	1
NO TEMP PERMIT/NO ADULT	26	21
OBSTRUCTED VIEW	0	1
OMVUAC	4	2
OPERATING AN UNSAFE VEHICLE	7	6
OPERATION WITHOUT LICENSE PLATES	3	2
OVI-ALCOHOL/LIQUOR/DRUGS	34	48
PARKING VIOLATION	1	3
PERMIT UNLICENSED DRIVER TO DRIVE	0	43
PERMIT UNLICENSED MINOR DRIVER TO DRIVE	0	1
PETITION FOR RESTORATION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES	0	1
PHYSICAL CONTROL	0	2
PLACING INJURIOUS MATERIAL IN STREET	0	1
PROHIBITED U-TURN	3	2
PROHIBITION AGAINST PARKING ON HIGHWAY	0	3
RECKLESS OPER/PRIV PR	2	1
RECKLESS OPERATION	33	29
RIDERS IN TRUCK CARGO AREA	0	1
RIDING ON VEHICLE	4	1
RIGHT OF WAY YIELDED BY PEDESTRIAN	4	1
RT SIDE OF ROADWAY	4	5
SAFETY BELT - PASSENGER	22	22
SAFETY BELT - DRIVER	108	115
SPEED	756	531
SPEED (= > 30 OVER)	23	22
SPEED (55 > 10 OVER)	54	127
STOPPED SCHOOL BUS VIOL	10	11
TAIL LIGHT VIOLATION	3	6
TINTED WINDOWS	9	6
TRAF CONT DEV/SIGNS	37	34
TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTS	41	39
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF LICENSE PLATES	11	9
UNDERAGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION	0	1
VEHICLE NOISE VIOLATION	5	6
VIO OF RESTRICTION	4	5
VIO STARTING/BACKING	22	15
VIO-EQUIP REGULATION	0	1
VIOL - RR CROSSING	1	3
VIOLATION FLASHING LIGHTS	3	2
VIOL-RIGHT TURN ON RED	6	11
VIO-ONE WAY TRAFFIC	10	5
VIO-TRAF LANES/LINES	48	51
VIO-TURN SIGNALS	11	24
WRONGFUL ENTRUSTMENT	3	3
OTHER	41	0
TOTAL	2,428	2,251

JUVENILE TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONS

DISPOSITIONS	2008	DISPOSITIONS (continued)	2008
Appoint Attorney	88	LIC - Suspend Right to Apply	43
Appoint GAL	8	LIC Restored - BMV Susp	70
Appoint Interpreter	34	LIC Restored - Court Susp	0
Carteens With Parent	801	LIC Suspend - Class	284
Case Dismissed W/O Prej.	1	LIC Suspend - Court	273
Case Dismissed W/O Prej. - Off. FTA	20	LIC Suspend - FTA BMV	73
Charge Dismissed With Prejudice	6	LIC Suspend - FTP BMV	234
Charge Dismissed Without Prejudice	12	LIC Suspend - Parental	6
Charge Withdrawn By Complainant	3	LIC Suspend - Pleasure	0
Charge Withdrawn By Law Enforcement	3	LIC Privlges Granted BMV	216
Charge Withdrawn By Prosecutor	9	LIC Privlges Granted Court	4
Community Service Work	0	Mediation VOM	0
Continue Prior Orders	11	Motion Granted	2
Ct Cost - Delq Misd	0	No Action Taken	33
Ct Cost - Moving	1245	No Contact (Delinq)	1
Ct Cost - Non-Moving	69	Probation Official (J)	1
Ct Cost TBD Traffic	236	Restitution	0
Driver Improvement Program	144	Restitution TBD	17
Drug Screen (J)	2	Safety Belt Fine (Driver)	51
Evaluation D&A (J)	1	Safety Belt Fine (Passenger)	16
Failed to Appear (Parent)	35	Taken Under Advisement	1
Failure to Appear (No Warrant)	208	Teen Intervention Program	17
Failure to Appear (Warrant)	1	Transfer To	54
Fine	171	Transferred From	2
House Arrest	0	Waived Court Cost Traffic	5
JDC Release	12	Waived Fines and Costs Traffic	1
JDC Return	2	Warned/Admonished	1
JDC Suspend Sentence	1	Warrant Issued	0
Juvenile Fund Contribution	1	Warrant Served	0
		TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	4529

SUPPORT SERVICES OVERVIEW

The Support Services Unit is comprised of a team of case managers who provide critical coordination of information and services to the court system, the public, the legal community, law enforcement agencies, volunteer agencies, as well as social service agencies within and outside of Butler County. The array of cases handled by the case managers include abuse, neglect, and dependency actions, adult criminal actions, custody/visitation actions, and child support matters.

A total of 438 cases involving 826 allegations of abuse (136), neglect (258), and dependency (432) were filed by Butler County Children Services and private citizens in 2008. Additionally, 61 motions for permanent custody were filed during the year.

A total of 698 cases comprised of 815 adult criminal offenses were filed by police departments, truant officers, or private citizens in 2008. Of those, 522 were parents charged with Failure to Send A Child to School or Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. In 2000, a specialized truancy docket was created to focus on school truancy issues. Parents or custodians may be fined up to \$1,000.00 or sentenced to six months in the Butler County Jail if found guilty of this criminal offense.

Juvenile Court has had an increase in the number of visitation filings but has experienced a decrease in the number of custody filings in 2008. In 2007, a trained mediator was hired to mediate disputes on custody and visitation cases that were set for trial. Mediating visitation and custody cases has reduced the number of trials which helps with an overcrowded docket. The best benefit of mediation is that parties, who know their children, make a plan rather than having the Court decide the case. Mediation is a process that gives the parties the opportunity to settle issues in a way that best serves their child or children's situation. There were 156 mediations scheduled in 2008. Of those mediations, 74 had partial or full agreements, 10 cases were resolved before the mediation occurred, 13 were not held and the cases were continued to the next court date, and 59 cases resulted in no agreements in mediation.

The Support Services Unit also facilitates the Family Drug Court Program (FDCP). The mission of the Butler County Juvenile Court-Family Drug Court is to expedite the reunification of children with their parent(s) in abuse, neglect, and dependency case whereupon parent(s) have identified drug and/or alcohol dependency problems and have complied with court orders, or to expedite permanency in the children's cases whereupon the parent(s) refuse to comply with court orders.

The Family Drug Court Program is a voluntary program that offers a new opportunity to parents who are involved with Juvenile Court because the Children Service Agency has filed a complaint of abuse, neglect, or dependency. The FDCP provides parents with a more intensive focus on treatment and monitoring. The parents are provided immediate access to needed services as well as interaction with a Judicial Hearing Officer and a team of professionals. The parents attend weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly court hearings and compliance, or non-compliance is reviewed by the Team and immediate incentives and sanctions are given. When parents are successful, the family is reunified quicker.

In 2008, 21 individuals were accepted to the program. Three successfully completed. Currently there are 22 participants. The program has been able to place 42 children in a permanent placement as a result of their parents participation in drug court. Twenty-two children were placed back in the temporary or legal custody of the parent(s).

SUPPORT SERVICES STATISTICS

	2007	2008
ABUSE/NEGLECT/DEPENDENCY CASE TOTALS	638	438

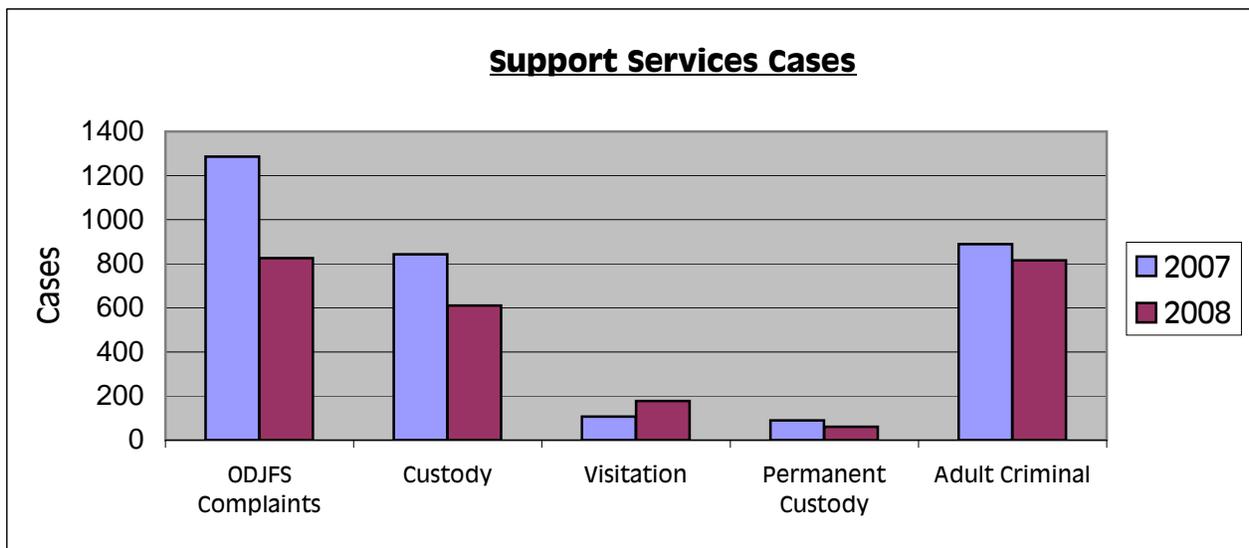
BUTLER COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES/ PRIVATE - ALLEGATIONS		
Abuse	246	136
Neglect	409	258
Dependency	631	432
TOTAL	1286	826

CUSTODY FILINGS (Complaints and Motions)	*Amended 1527*	1291
VISITATION FILINGS (Complaints and Motions)	107	182
PERMANENT CUSTODY MOTIONS	90	61
ADULT CRIMINAL CASES	780	698

ADULT CRIMINAL OFFENSES		
Assault	0	2
Contributing to the Delinquency	8	70
Contributing to the Non-Support	0	0
Contributing to the Unruliness	287	172
Domestic Violence	24	21
Endangering Child/Op Vehicle	12	0
Endangering Children	106	97
Failure to Send	447	452
Interference with Custody	5	0
Public Indecency	0	0
Sexual Imposition	0	1
TOTAL	889	815

Adult Criminal Fines and Costs Collected

\$33,017.35



FAMILY DRUG COURT PROGRAM

CLIENTS

CLIENTS in 2008	
Accepted into Program	21
Successfully Completed Program	3
Terminated from Program	6
TERMINATIONS	
Non-Compliance	6
Neutral	0

CURRENT CLIENTS

CLIENTS CURRENTLY IN PROGRAM	22
(17 Females, 5 Males)	
Phase I	13
Phase II	3
Phase III	6
TREATMENT	
Clients in Residential Treatment	6
Clients in IOP/OP Treatment	9
Completed Treatment	3
Relapse Prevention	3
AWOL (not in treatment)	1

CHILDREN

CHILDREN CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH CHILDREN SERVICES	42
Reunified with Parent(s) of Removal	20
Foster Care	3
Kinship Care	17
In the Legal Custody of Parent(s) of Removal	2

These numbers are only from families that were accepted into, completed or were terminated from the program in 2008.

CLERK SERVICES OVERVIEW

The role of the Clerk Services Unit is to aid the Magistrates and Judges in the courtrooms, aid the Support Services Unit, the Probation Department, outside agencies, and the public in processing the paperwork on new and existing cases. The objective of the Clerk Services Unit is to process all filings and paperwork in an effective and timely manner to ensure that all the Juvenile Court's operations are efficient. In addition, the Deputy Clerks are responsible for the scheduling of official cases before the Judges and the Magistrates, and the monitoring of payments for court costs, fines, restitution, and drug screens.

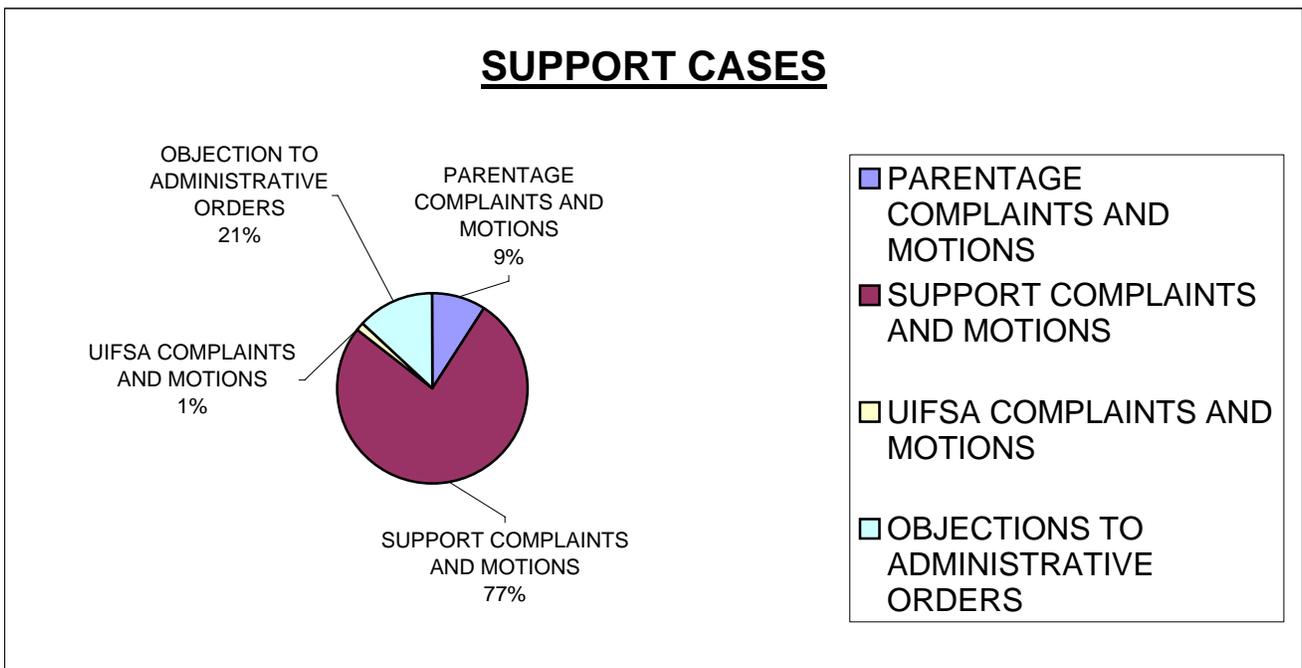
Juvenile Court has been working in conjunction with Domestic Relations Court scheduling and hearing support cases since June of 2005. This collaboration has assisted the public in expediting the initial hearing date and timeframe in which matters are addressed. During the 2008 calendar year, Juvenile Court assigned 861 cases to Domestic Relations Court which resulted in 5,270 hearings for their court.

During 2008 the Juvenile Clerk's Office processed a total of 9,202 cases which resulted in an additional 11,708 filings of motions, objections and/or violations for a total of 20,910 filings. In response to those filings, Juvenile Court issued decisions and/or held 35,161 hearings this past year. Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure 15, 16, and 17 require the Clerk's Office, when requested, to issue service for the parties to ensure they are notified of their upcoming court hearing. In the 2008 year, the Clerk's Office issued 47,887 service documents which include: summons, subpoenas, notice of hearing, and publication as well as 1,818 warrants processed.

The Clerk's Office also began scanning all filed documents, pleadings, etc. "real time" in 2008. By having all documents available in JCS (the Court's case management system) the hearing officer has the ability to view paperwork that may not be accessible in the official file at the time of the hearing. This new process also offers an efficient way to access case information immediately by the Support Services and Probation Department.

CHILD SUPPORT CASE STATISTICS

	2007	2008
PARENTAGE COMPLAINTS AND MOTIONS The legal determination of a "parent and child relationship" that exists between a child and the child's natural or adoptive parents. The "parent and child relationship" includes the mother and child relationship and the father and child relationship.	180	221
SUPPORT COMPLAINTS AND MOTIONS An order for the support of a child that provides for monetary support, whether current or in arrears, health care, or reimbursements, and may include related costs and fees, interest, income withholding requirements, attorney fees, and other relief.	*Amended 1398	1869
UIFSA COMPLAINTS AND MOTIONS The "Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA)" is the standard set of requirements for the processing of interstate cases in the United States.	91	33
OBJECTIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS	*Amended 337	320
TOTAL	*Amended Total 2006	2443
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ADOPTED BY THE COURT Orders issued by a governmental entity other than a court. Such orders are enforceable in a manner similar to orders issued by a court.	396	455
WAGE ASSIGNMENTS Orders of the Court directing an employer to deduct from an employees wages ordered child support and submit payment of the support directly to the State.	123	168



INFORMATION SERVICES OVERVIEW

In 2008, Butler County Juvenile Court Information Services staff continued to support approximately 200 users by providing training, direct desktop, and network support. The staff maintained the Court servers, handled the processing of the daily tape backups and monitored the availability of all electronic Court information. The Information Services staff also expanded their role in the creation of standard and ad hoc statistical reports used by the Court for decision making and planning. It is this role that has expanded most rapidly during the last couple of years as accurate and accessible information has become more important. Finally, the staff processed the monthly Supreme Court report that is sent to the Ohio Supreme Court. This mandatory report tracks the flow of cases through the Juvenile Court, reports on their status and serves as a report card for the Court.

The Juvenile Court Information Services Department continued to be responsible for the ordering and maintaining of all personal computers, printers, scanners and servers. In 2008, staff maintained existing computer equipment with the need to extend the useful life of current PC's as every department faced shrinking budgets. Additional emphasis was placed on in house repairs and upgrades to prolong the life of existing equipment with the majority of the PC's having been in service for 6 to 7 years. Upgrades to the Court's database server were completed and resulted in improved system stability and speed. Additional barcoding and scanning equipment was also put in place in an effort to migrate more information into digital format thereby increasing the amount of information immediately available to court staff. As in years past, all user accounts were created, modified, and maintained for use by the employees who work for the Juvenile Justice Center which includes the Juvenile Detention and Juvenile Rehabilitation Centers which are 24 hour a day, 7 day a week facilities. All of this would not be possible without the assistance of the Butler County Information Services Department which has designated the services of a PC Technician to the Juvenile Justice Center.

The Court continued to utilize the Kronos Timekeeping System. This system managed the collection and distribution of employee hours in every area of the Juvenile Justice Center. The system captured arrival times and departure times, transfers from one department to another, and changes in shift or pay categories for all staff members.

In order to maintain consistency in court processes and to promote the sharing of information among staff the Court continued an education program for Court personnel that was started in 2006.

The Juvenile Court Information Services Department is looking to capture and package greater amounts of raw data as each year progresses. With more and more information being entered into the case management system there exists the opportunity to utilize that data for greater efficiency and planning. This continues to be the mission of the Information Services Department within the Juvenile Court.

ON BEHALF OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

We would like to express our appreciation to law enforcement agencies, other county departments, schools, and various community organizations for their continued support in our efforts to provide meaningful service to the community.

RONALD R. CRAFT
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

KATHLEEN D. ROMANS
JUDGE