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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 2007. 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,

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JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW

Over the past several years, the Butler County Juvenile Court has been a very busy court. Hampered by a lack of space and personnel, the Juvenile Court has frequently struggled to handle its caseload. The year 2007 was no exception. Over the past year, 20,787 filings (complaints, petitions, motions, and objections) were filed with the Butler County Juvenile Court. Those filings led to 31,295 hearings (an average of 125 per business day). In addition to this, in an effort to alleviate the docket issues caused by that caseload, the Juvenile Court, and with the cooperation of the Butler County Domestic Relations Court, assigned 771 cases to that court. Those 771 cases led to 4,728 hearings conducted by the Domestic Relations Court for the Juvenile Court.

The problems presented by the court's caseload have been exacerbated by changes in our society. As more and more people have chosen to have children out of wedlock, they have found themselves involved with Juvenile Court. This involvement occurs when issues traditionally heard in divorce proceedings by the Domestic Relations Court; such as custody, companionship rights, and child support; arise.

On another note, 2007 was the first full year of operation of the Family Drug Court. The Family Drug Court was initiated in order to provide parents who have lost custody of their children due to substance abuse, the opportunity to have immediate access to intensive treatment. That treatment is actively and continuously monitored by the court and treatment professionals to assure that progress in treatment is encouraged and facilitated and that lapses in treatment are met with appropriate court sanctions. As a result of the efforts made in this program, 20 children were placed in permanent homes in 2007.

A large part of the caseload of the Juvenile Court relates to delinquent children. In that regard, the Butler County Juvenile Rehabilitation Center has proven to be a valuable asset. The Rehabilitation Center was accredited by the American Correctional Association in January of 2008 after an audit in September of 2007 found the Center to be in 100% compliance with ACA standards. 74% of the juveniles placed in the Rehabilitation Center completed the program successfully in 2007.

Unfortunately, the Butler County Juvenile Detention Center continued to struggle with capacity issues in 2007. Designed as a 66 bed facility, its daily population averaged 74 in 2007. This lack of capacity does negatively impact the ability of the court to use detention as a deterrent in some delinquency cases.

As one can see from the foregoing, the Butler County Juvenile Court faces significant challenges. As our county continues to grow, as our society continues to change, and as traditional sources of revenue shrink, the challenges may appear to be formidable. Nonetheless, we remain committed to our goal to provide meaningful and useful resources to the community regarding issues related to our most valuable natural resource, our children.

JUVENILE DATA TOTALS

Delinquent/Unruly

Cases Filed	4266
Juveniles	2642
Offenses	6764
Offenses Against Persons	948
Offenses Against Property	1013
Offenses Involving Drugs or Alcohol	723
Offenses Involving Weapons	58
Other Offenses	643
Unruly Offenses	831
Truancy Offenses	1030
Technical Violations	1518
Restitution Collected	\$102,604.79
Delinquent/Unruly Fines and Costs Collected	\$155,538.38

Diversion

Cases Diverted	609
Juveniles	580
Offenses	980
Juvenile Fund Contributions Collected	\$13,430.61

Traffic

Cases Filed	1987
Juveniles	1786
Offenses	2428
Dispositions	5131
Traffic Fines and Costs Levied	\$183,004.88
Traffic Fines and Costs Collected	\$154,250.68

***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 4,266 Delinquent/Unruly cases filed that involved 2,642 distinct juveniles. Those cases were comprised of 6,764 individual offenses and resulted in the Court issuing 27,815 dispositions or orders.)

Work Program

Total Juvenile Participants	1453
Restitution Hours	5307
Community Service Hours	6881
Total Amount Paid to Victims	\$22,554.75

Bind-Overs

Cases Bound Over	16
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Placements

Department of Youth Services	43
Juvenile Detention Center	1530
Juvenile Rehabilitation Center	83

Juvenile Detention Center

Total Number of Youth Admitted During 2007	1530
Average Daily Population	74
Average Length of Stay in Days	17

Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

Total Number of Youth Admitted During 2007	83
Total Number of Youth Released During 2007	78
Number of Youth Successfully Completing the Program	(74%) 58

Support Services

Abuse/Neglect/Dependency Cases Filed	638
Custody Filings (Complaints and Motions)	843
Visitation Filings (Complaints and Motions)	107
Adult Criminal Cases Filed	780
Adult Criminal Fines and Costs Collected	\$23,720.10

Family Drug Court Program

Clients Accepted into the Program in 2007	15
Clients that Successfully Completed the Program in 2007	7
Clients Currently in the Program	9
Children Currently Involved with Children's Services	14

Clerk Services

Total Number of Cases Filed	9,736
Total Number of Motions Filed	11,051
Total Number of Hearings Held	31,295
Total Number of Service Documents Issued	43,778
Total Number of Warrants Issued	1,788
Number of Cases Assigned to Domestic Relations Court	771
Number of Hearings Held in Domestic Relations Court	4,728
Parentage Complaints	180
Support Complaints	706
UIFSA (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act) Complaints	91

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 youth involved with 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 will recommend sanctions such as restitution to victims, driver 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 nonprofit 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 – 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, Multi-systemic 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) – If court-involved youth are a risk to the community, the youth must be removed from the community, however if court-involved youth are in the community, the Probation Department must supervise the youth. 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.

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. These youth participate in the Diversion Program and have their cases heard unofficially. This is an opportunity for the youth to learn from their mistakes while avoiding an official juvenile criminal record. 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 2007, 706 youth were supervised through Diversion Supervision.

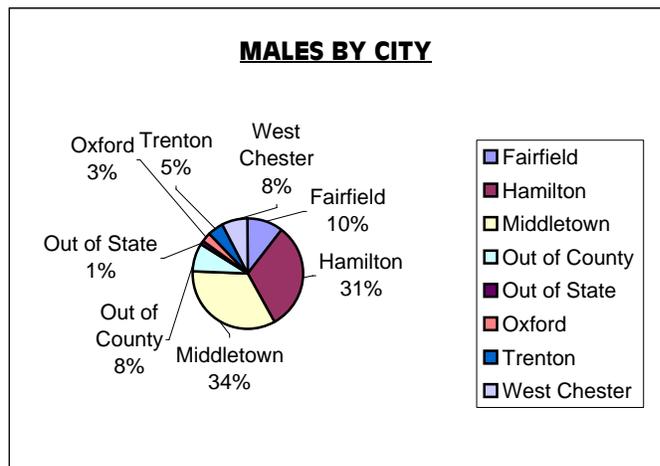
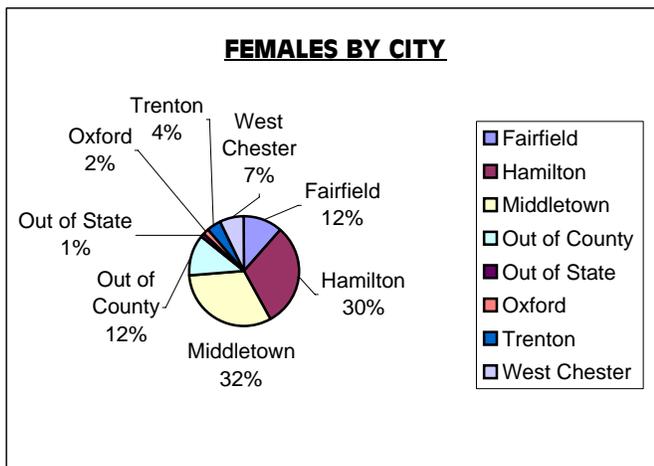
Court Supervision is provided to youth who are found to be delinquent or unruly and are not in need of the structure provided by Probation Supervision. Three Compliance Probation Officers supervise these youth to ensure that the youth fulfill the orders of the court. In 2007, 2,528 youth were supervised 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 2007, 1,290 youth were supervised through Probation Supervision.

In 2007, The Butler County Juvenile Probation Department continued to look at ways to improve their service to the community. In this year, Probation focused attention on juvenile sexual offenses. Probation recognized that juvenile sexual offenders present unique and specific issues. These offenders need specific treatment and more intensive supervision. In 2007, Probation was able to address this identified need by creating a Sexual Offender Unit. This unit is responsible for the case management of all adjudicated juvenile sexual offenders. The Probation Department designated two Field Probation Officers and one Probation Supervisor to complete the Sex Offender Specialist Certification Program provided by Ohio University. These Probation Officers have lower caseloads in order to provide more intensive case management to these sexual offenders.

Delinquent and Unruly Cases by Residence

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Fairfield	450	279	171
Hamilton	1288	839	449
Liberty Township	39	30	9
Middletown	1371	904	467
Monroe	44	24	20
Other (In County)	31	28	3
Oxford	97	73	24
Trenton	185	124	61
West Chester	308	201	107
Out of County	404	221	183
Out of State	49	32	17
Total	4266	2755	1511



	TOTAL	WHITE	BLACK	BI-RACIAL	HISPANIC	OTHER
Fairfield	450	274	106	37	26	7
Hamilton	1288	970	185	62	50	21
Liberty Township	39	24	10	0	2	3
Middletown	1371	904	339	77	35	16
Monroe	44	36	1	3	0	4
Other (In County)	31	30	0	1	0	0
Oxford	97	82	10	3	1	1
Trenton	185	158	21	0	1	5
West Chester	308	204	65	9	13	17
Out of County	404	237	131	21	4	11
Out of State	49	38	2	2	0	7
Total	4266	2957	870	215	132	92

Delinquent and Unruly Cases by Referral Agency

Police Department Referrals

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Butler County Sheriff's Office	397	294	103
Fairfield Police Department	349	221	128
Fairfield Township Police Department	103	59	44
Hamilton Police Department	566	384	182
Metro Parks	0	0	0
Miami University Police Department	4	3	1
Middletown Police Department	814	579	235
Monroe Police Department	77	54	23
New Miami Police Department	12	9	3
Ohio State Patrol	5	4	1
Oxford Police Department	95	77	18
Oxford Township Police Department	5	2	3
Ross Township Police Department	40	28	12
Seven Mile Police Department	0	0	0
Sharonville Police Department	6	5	1
Trenton Police Department	79	65	14
West Chester Police Department	397	305	92
Total	2949	2089	860

Board of Education Referrals

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Butler County	8	5	3
Edgewood	34	18	16
Fairfield	174	92	82
Hamilton	223	122	101
Lakota	83	45	38
Life Skills	65	31	34
Madison	6	3	3
Middletown	361	188	173
Monroe	14	8	6
New Miami	19	12	7
Ross	7	3	4
Talawanda	39	20	19
Total	1033	547	486

Other Referrals

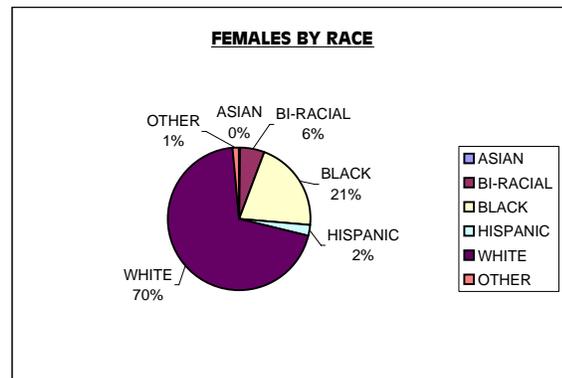
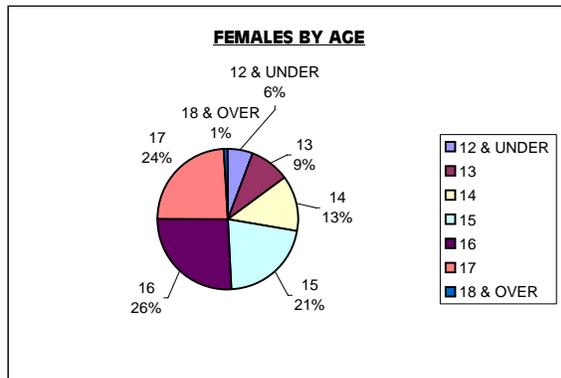
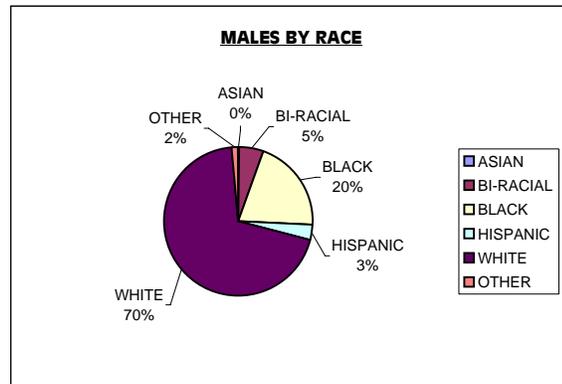
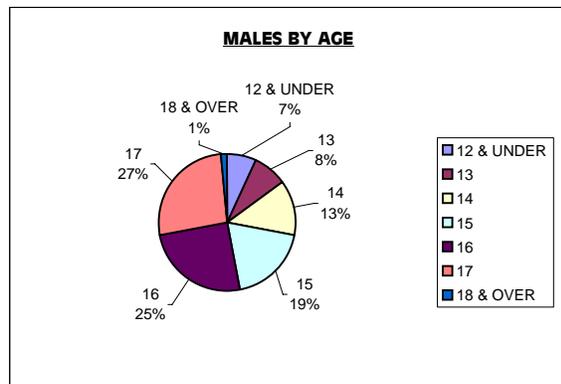
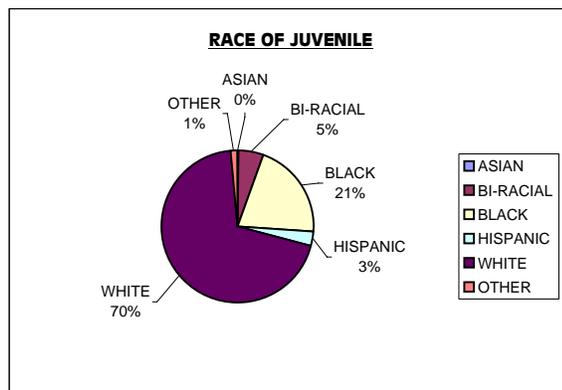
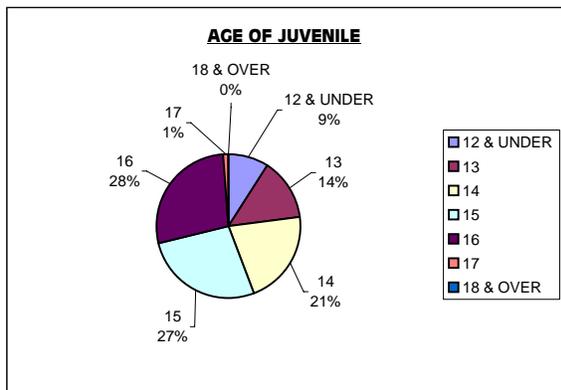
	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Butler County Corrections	39	31	8
Butler County Domestic Relations Court	3	1	2
Department of Youth Services	2	1	1
Hamilton Fire Department	3	1	2
Middletown Fire Department	3	2	1
Other Referrals	12	2	10
Transfer From Another County	222	125	97
Total	284	163	121
Total	4266	2799	1467

Delinquent and Unruly Offender Profile - Case Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
MALE	14	18	50	108	226	360	520	684	739	35	2754
FEMALE	4	3	18	62	140	195	321	392	365	12	1512
TOTAL	18	21	68	170	366	555	841	1076	1104	47	4266

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	5	3	0	11
BI-RACIAL	2	7	0	21	25	73	35	50	13	2	228
BLACK	3	10	27	56	113	157	200	215	93	0	874
HISPANIC	4	2	1	5	11	18	23	41	23	0	128
WHITE	19	16	76	165	279	494	634	846	429	6	2964
OTHER	0	2	2	4	5	7	11	21	9	0	61
TOTAL	28	37	106	252	434	750	903	1178	570	8	4266

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	7	143	563	92	1907	42	2754
FEMALE	4	85	311	36	1057	19	1512
TOTAL	11	228	874	128	2964	61	4266



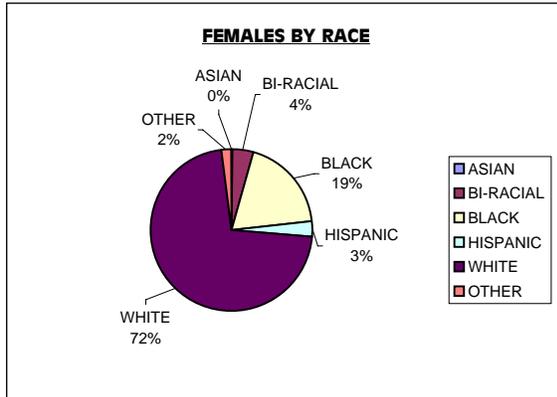
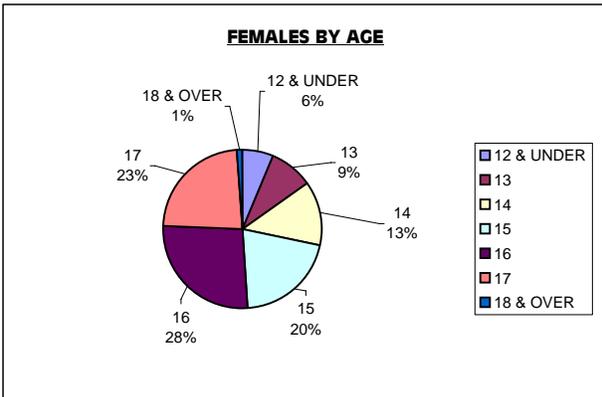
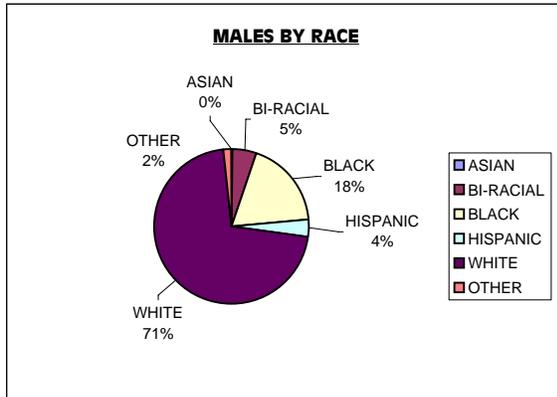
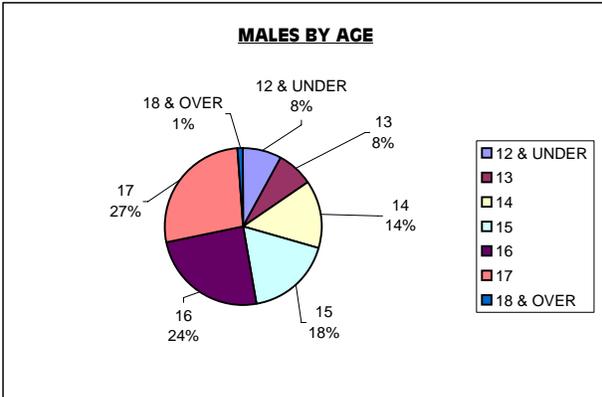
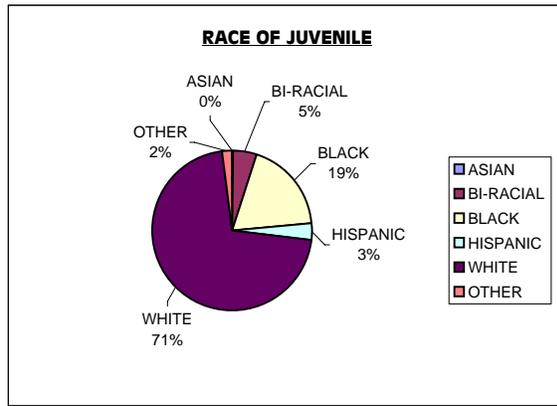
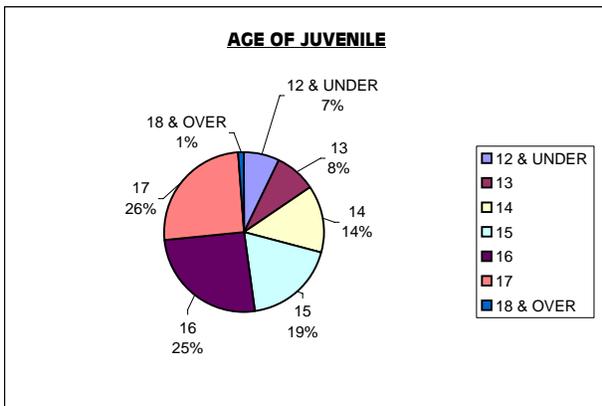
* NOTE: These statistics represent an accounting of the juveniles that committed each offense. Some juveniles may be counted more than once since these counts refer to each case and not each unique juvenile.

Delinquent and Unruly Offender Profile - Distinct Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
MALE	12	14	35	69	123	225	287	397	440	20	1622
FEMALE	3	3	16	42	93	132	209	274	238	10	1020
TOTAL	15	17	51	111	216	357	496	671	678	30	2642

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	3	0	8
BI-RACIAL	1	2	3	7	19	21	21	31	16	2	123
BLACK	1	3	13	19	46	69	99	121	113	6	490
HISPANIC	2	2	1	2	8	8	18	21	28	0	90
WHITE	11	10	32	82	136	253	353	485	501	20	1883
OTHER	0	0	2	1	6	4	5	11	17	2	48
TOTAL	15	17	51	111	216	357	496	671	678	30	2642

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	6	80	298	58	1151	29	1622
FEMALE	2	43	192	32	732	19	1020
TOTAL	8	123	490	90	1883	48	2642



* 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	2006 TOTAL	2007 TOTAL	2007 MALE	2007 FEMALE
Abduction	4	1	1	0
Abuse of a Police Officer	0	3	2	1
Aggravated Assault	2	9	8	1
Aggravated Burglary	11	2	2	0
Aggravated Menacing	42	33	27	6
Aggravated Murder	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Robbery	6	9	9	0
Assault	325	302	199	103
Child Endangering - Abuse/Neglect	1	4	0	4
Child Endangering - Serious Physical Harm	0	1	1	0
Contaminating Substance for Human Consumptio	0	1	1	0
Contributing to Unruliness/Delin. Of a Minor	1	2	2	0
Criminal Mischief Physical Harm to Person	2	3	2	1
Domestic Violence	332	354	214	140
Endangering Child/Op Vehicle	0	1	1	0
Ethnic Intimidation	1	1	1	0
Failure to Stop Injury to Person/Property	1	0	0	0
Felonious Assault	23	28	27	1
Gross Sexual Imposition	29	30	29	1
Harassment by Inmate	0	2	2	0
Importuning	2	1	1	0
Intimidation of Attorney/Victim/Witness	7	3	0	3
Kidnapping	1	1	1	0
Menacing	72	58	37	21
Murder	0	1	0	1
Negligent Assault	6	1	1	0
Rape	54	35	30	5
Robbery	24	25	21	4
Sexual Battery	2	1	1	0
Sexual Imposition	7	12	10	2
Telecommunications Harassment	26	18	10	8
Unlawful Restraint	3	5	3	2
Voyeurism	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	984	948	644	304

Juvenile Offenses

Offenses Against Property	2006 TOTAL	2007 TOTAL	2007 MALE	2007 FEMALE
Aggravated Arson	6	5	2	3
Aggravated Theft	0	1	1	0
Aggravated Trespass	6	4	1	3
Arson	3	4	3	1
Arson - Public Buildings	3	3	0	3
Arson w/o Owner's Consent - Property Less Than \$500	10	10	8	2
Breaking and Entering	53	58	56	2
Burglary	77	55	49	6
Criminal Damaging	124	92	81	11
Criminal Mischief	49	60	54	6
Criminal Trespass	74	116	97	19
Desecration	0	1	0	1
Forgery	10	8	8	0
Grand Theft - More \$5,000/Less \$100,000	13	6	6	0
Grand Theft Motor Vehicle	20	6	5	1
Misuse of Credit Cards	4	5	3	2
Petty Theft - Less Than \$500	362	386	238	148
Receiving Stolen Property - Less Than \$500	34	35	29	6
Receiving Stolen Property - More \$500/Less \$5,000	20	14	13	1
Receiving Stolen Property - More \$5,000/Less \$100,000	25	19	17	2
Safecracking	0	1	1	0
Tampering with Coin Machine	0	1	1	0
Theft - More \$500/Less \$5,000	66	60	56	4
Theft of Motor Vehicle or Firearm	13	7	6	1
Unauthorized Use of Computer Property	1	2	1	1
Unauthorized Use of Property	0	2	2	0
Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	31	31	19	12
Vandalism	28	21	19	2
TOTAL	1032	1013	776	237

Juvenile Offenses

Offenses Involving Drugs or Alcohol	2006 TOTAL	2007 TOTAL	2007 MALE	2007 FEMALE
Aggravated Possession of Drugs	3	2	2	0
Allow minor remain while consuming	0	1	0	1
Disorderly Conduct while Intoxicated	5	13	10	3
Drug Paraphernalia	83	104	84	20
Funding of Drugs or Marijuana Trafficking	0	1	1	0
Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana	0	2	1	1
Intoxicating Liquor - Sell/Purchase/Open/Under 21	9	11	9	2
Permitting Drug Abuse	3	3	2	1
Possession of Cocaine	28	27	22	5
Possession of Counterfeit Controlled Substance	2	7	7	0
Possession of Drug Instrument	1	4	3	1
Possession of Drugs	33	26	13	13
Possession of Marijuana	156	183	155	28
Possession of Tobacco	55	53	44	9
Sell/Purchase/Distribute/Deliver Dangerous Drug	1	7	6	1
Theft of Drugs	7	4	3	1
Trafficking Offenses	35	34	34	0
Underage Alcohol Consumption	195	141	107	34
Underage Alcohol Possession	56	99	72	27
Using Weapons While Intoxicated	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	672	723	576	147

Offenses Involving Weapons	2006 TOTAL	2007 TOTAL	2007 MALE	2007 FEMALE
Carrying Concealed Weapon	15	18	17	1
Discharging a Firearm	3	2	2	0
Discharging Fireworks	1	1	1	0
Having Weapon Under Disability	1	1	1	0
Illegal Conveyance of Deadly Weapon/Detention	0	4	3	1
Illegal Conveyance of Deadly Weapon/School Zone	31	27	19	8
Improper Handling of Firearm in Vehicle	2	1	1	0
Possession of a Deadly Weapon under Detention	0	1	1	0
Unlawful Possession of Dangerous Ordinance	1	2	2	0
Weapon on School Premises or Activities	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	54	58	48	10

Juvenile Offenses

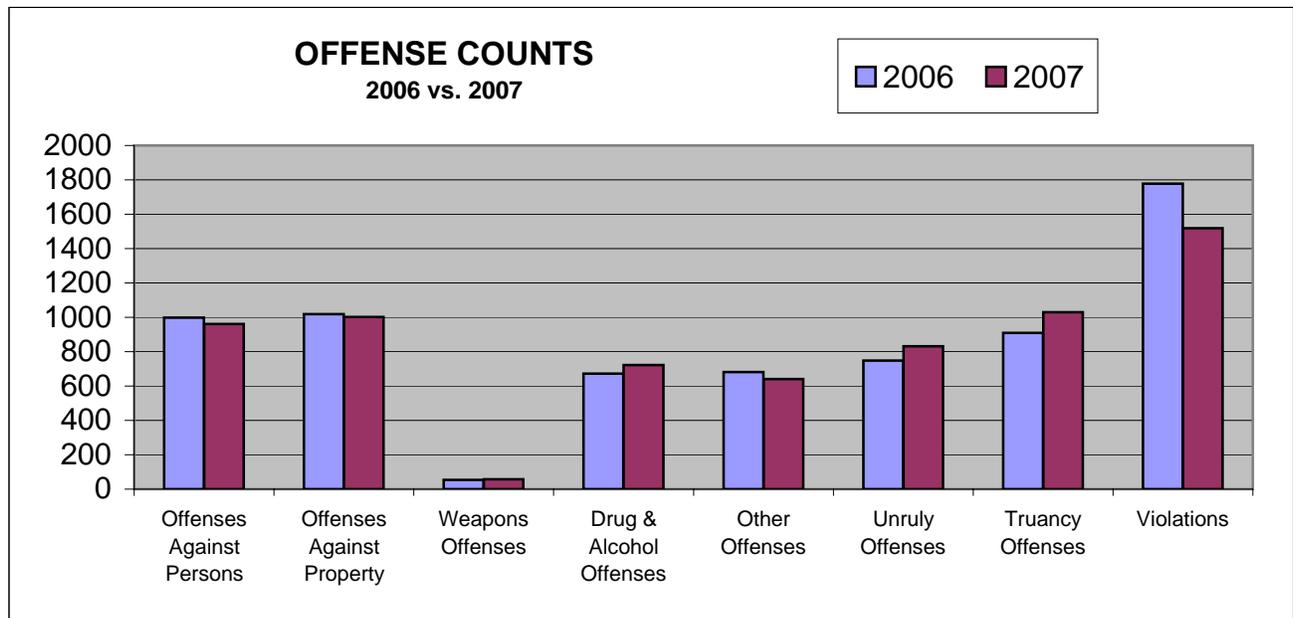
Other Offenses	2006 TOTAL	2007 TOTAL	2007 MALE	2007 FEMALE
Certain Acts Prohibited	0	1	0	1
Complicity	3	5	3	2
Courtesy Supervision to Probation	1	2	2	0
Cruelty to Animals	1	5	5	0
Disorderly Conduct	369	309	192	117
Disrupting Public Services	1	2	2	0
Dog Fighting	0	2	2	0
Escape	5	12	5	7
Failure to Comply with Order of Police	11	7	6	1
Falsification	9	11	6	5
Fugitive from Justice	0	1	0	1
Inciting to Violence	2	3	2	1
Inducing Panic	22	20	12	8
Interference With Custody	0	1	0	1
Making False Alarms	16	7	0	7
Making False Reports	3	5	1	4
Obstructing Justice	8	1	1	0
Obstructing Official Business	128	135	104	31
Possessing Criminal Tools	8	14	14	0
Public Gaming	0	4	4	0
Public Indecency	13	10	9	1
Resisting Arrest	71	72	50	22
Tampering with Evidence	7	8	6	2
Tampering with Records	4	2	0	2
Violation of a Valid Court Order	0	2	0	2
Violation of Park Rules	0	2	2	0
TOTAL	682	643	428	215

Juvenile Offenses

	2006	2007	2007 Male	2007 Female
Unruly				
Curfew	127	185	139	46
Runaway	41	33	16	17
Unruly Child	579	613	347	266
Total	747	831	502	329

	2006	2007	2007 Male	2007 Female
Truancy				
Chronic	602	722	389	333
Habitual	308	308	156	152
Total	910	1030	545	485

	2006	2007	2007 Male	2007 Female
Violations				
Violation of Court Order	412	251	165	86
Violation of Parole	66	53	50	3
Violation of Probation	1299	1214	774	440
Total	1777	1518	989	529



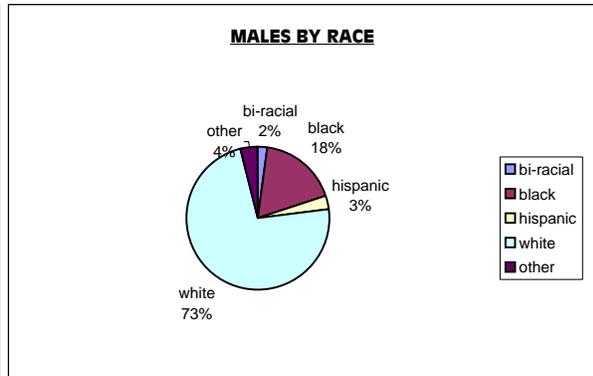
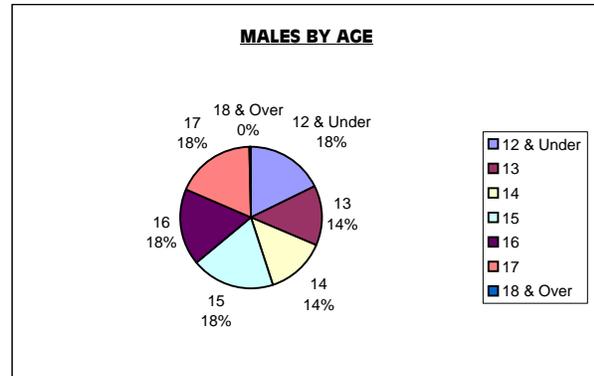
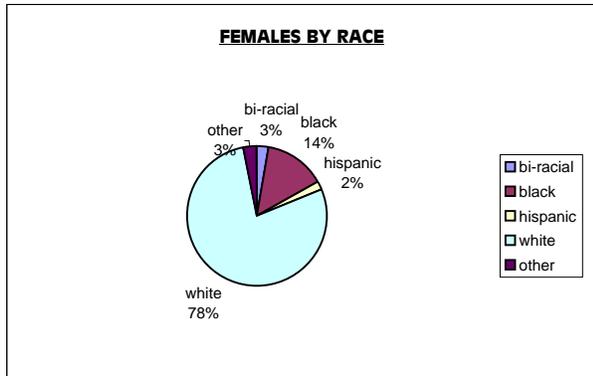
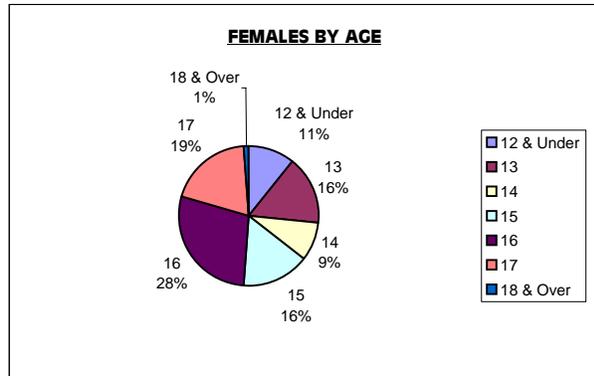
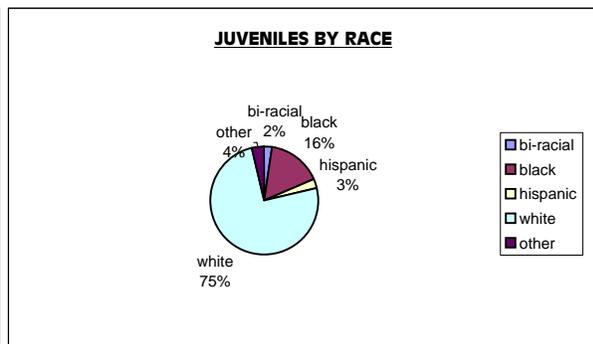
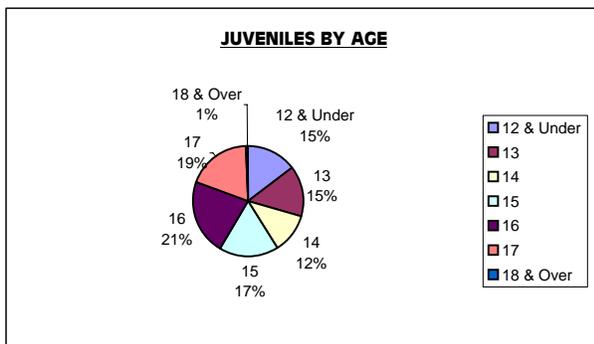
Offenses by Degree	2007	% of Total Offenses
Felony Offenses	657	12.52%
Misdemeanor Offenses	3384	64.51%
Status Offenses	1108	21.12%
Unclassified Offenses	97	1.85%
Total	5246	100.00%

Diversion Offender Profile - Case Count

AGE	< 10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
MALE	6	5	12	39	48	48	66	62	64	1	351
FEMALE	2	0	9	17	41	23	40	73	50	3	258
TOTAL	8	5	21	56	89	71	106	135	114	4	609

AGE	< 10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
BI-RACIAL	1	0	1	3	2	2	0	4	2	0	15
BLACK	0	1	4	6	22	13	22	17	14	0	99
HISPANIC	0	0	2	2	3	3	3	2	1	0	16
WHITE	7	4	14	43	60	48	79	110	88	4	457
OTHER	0	0	0	2	1	4	2	2	9	0	20
TOTAL	8	5	21	56	89	71	106	135	114	4	609

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	2	8	62	11	256	12	351
FEMALE	0	7	37	5	201	8	258
TOTAL	2	15	99	16	457	20	609



* 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	303
Bond Bindover	33
Bond Cash	3
Bond Release	52
Bond Revoked/Forfeited	219
Bond School	371
Bond School Suspended	203
Ct Cost - Delq Felony	7
Ct Cost - Delq Misd	656
Ct Cost - Non-Moving	2
Ct Cost - Suspended	18
Ct Cost - Truancy	682
Ct Cost - TBD	446
Ct Cost - TBD Traffic	1
Fees Assessed Attorney (J)	214
Fine	44
Juvenile Fund Contribution	329
Pay or Appear	732
Restitution	273
Restitution TBD	461
Restitution TBD Delinquency	88
Restitution TBD/WP	52
Restitution/WP	31
Support Order	59
Waived Court Cost	34
Waived Fines and Cost	1
TOTAL	5314

EVALUATIONS/INVESTIGATIONS	
CCM Referral	1
CSB Referral	39
DNA Specimen	300
Drug Screen	703
Evaluation Competency	92
Evaluation D&A (J)	503
Evaluation Disc/Psych Post	33
Evaluation Forensic (J)	2
Evaluation JRC Placement	102
Evaluation Psychiatric	11
Evaluation Psychological (J)	82
Evaluation Sex Offender (J)	49
STD/HIV Testing	26
TOTAL	1943

SUPERVISION	
Court Supervision (J)	1853
Courtesy Supervision Accepted	4
Courtesy Supervision Denied	4
Curfew	15
Electronic Monitoring	32
Follow Home/School Rules	252
Home Incarceration	160
House Arrest	960
No Contact	2319
No Smoking	23
No Unsupervised Contact	1
Off Limits	926
Paroles Rules Adopted	30
Probation Aftercare	62
Probation Dept Investigation	26
Probation Official (J)	621
Probation Official Continued	87
Probation Truancy	651
Probation Truancy Continued	46
Transfer Probation Supervision	2
TOTAL	8074

COMMITMENTS	
Bindover/Probable Cause	4
Bindover/Relinquishment	6
Bound Over to Grand Jury	36
Jail Release	36
Jail Return	27
Jail Sentence (Definite)	7
Jail Sentence (Indefinite)	1
Jail Sentence Stayed (Definite)	4
JDC Release	1075
JDC Remand	150
JDC Return	1001
JDC Sentence	75
JDC Stayed Sentence	62
JDC Suspend Sentence	106
JDC Transfer to Jail	3
JRC Commitment	99
JRC Home Pass	476
JRC Release	54
JRC Return	8
JRC Terminated	22
Judicial Release Approved	3
Judicial Release Denied	22
Placement IV-E	1
Placement Non IV-E	20
TOTAL	3298

Delinquent, Unruly and Diversion Dispositions

LICENSE		PROGRAMS	
Lic - Suspend Right to Apply	72	Anger Management Group	111
Lic Restored - BMV Susp	3	Cluster Referral	6
Lic Restored - Court Susp	6	Community Service Work	445
Lic Suspen - Class	30	Counseling (Family)	106
Lic Suspen - Court	30	Counseling (Individual)	111
Lic Suspen - Div Privileges	2	Counseling (Substance Abuse)	29
Lic Suspen - FTA BMV	9	Family Dispute/Anger Management	60
Lic Suspen - FTP BMV	2	Firesetter Prevention Program	28
Lic Suspen - Parental	30	Mediation Assault	34
Lic Suspen - Pleasure	12	Mediation SOM	119
Lic Suspen Indefinite	13	Mediation VOM	264
Lic - Privlges Granted BMV	11	Restrict Program Referral	76
Lic - Privlges Granted Court	4	Sex Offender Counseling	11
TOTAL	224	Sojourner Outpatient	2
CASE/CHARGE STATUS		Sojourner Residential	7
Case Dismissed 29f2d	83	Teen Intervention Program	1
Case Dismissed W/O Prejudice	473	Tobacco Education Group	7
Case Dismissed With Prejudice	80	Wings Referral	1
Case Dismissed Conditional	6	Work Program	338
Charge Dismissed With Prejudice	20	Work Program JDC	46
Charge Dismissed W/O Prejudice	89	Work Program JRC	1
Charge Withdrawn	203	TOTAL	1803
TOTAL	954	OTHER	
WARRANTS		Appoint Attorney	1655
Failure to Appear (No Warrant)	521	Appoint GAL	139
Failure to Appear (Warrant)	345	Appoint GAL/Attorney	64
Warrant Bench (A)	15	Appoint Interpreter	27
Warrant Issued	323	Attorney Withdrawal	111
Warrant Ordered Recalled	273	Expungement Order	1
Warrant Outstanding	151	Failed to Appear (Parent)	864
Warrant Served	120	Gun Spec 1 Year - Accomplice	1
Warrant to Convey	14	School Absent Note	43
Warrant Withheld	1	School Attendance Mandatory	1088
TOTAL	1763	Sealing Order	4
		Transfer To	184
		Transferred From	35
		Truancy Parent Charged	165
		Warned/Admonished	61
		TOTAL	4442

WORK PROGRAM

Total Juvenile Participants	1453
Restitution Hours	5307
Community Service Hours	6881
Total Amount Paid to Victims	\$22,554.75

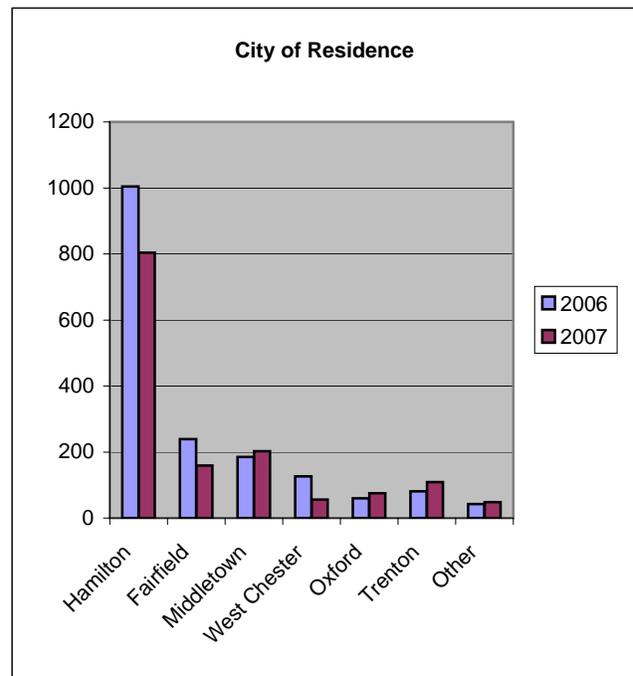
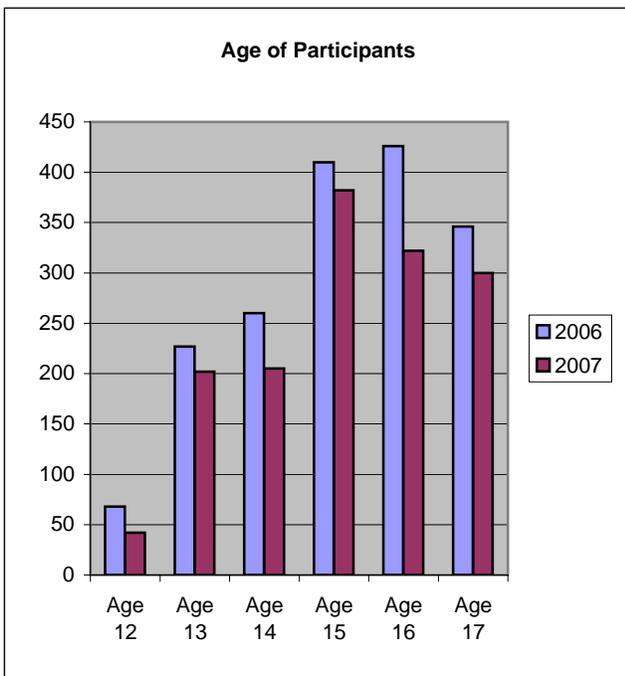
Participant Profile

Race	2006	2007
White	1358	1167
Black	312	221
Other	67	65
Total	1737	1453

Gender	2006	2007
Male	1220	1012
Female	517	441
Total	1737	1453

Age	2006	2007
12	68	42
13	227	202
14	260	205
15	410	382
16	426	322
17	346	300
Total	1737	1453

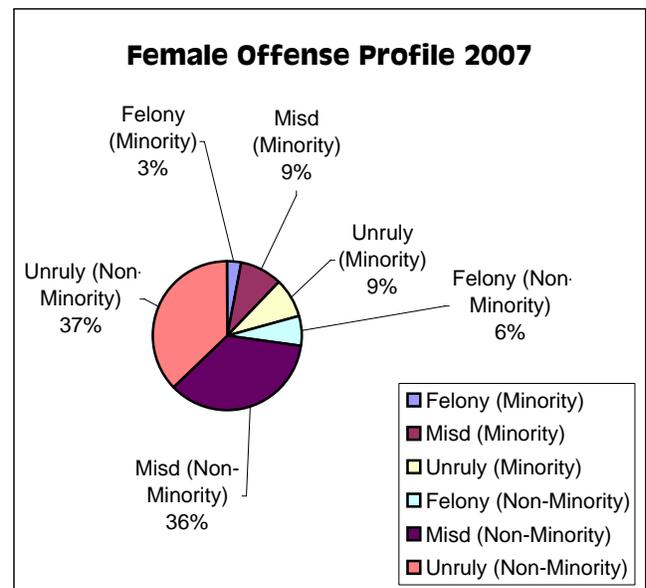
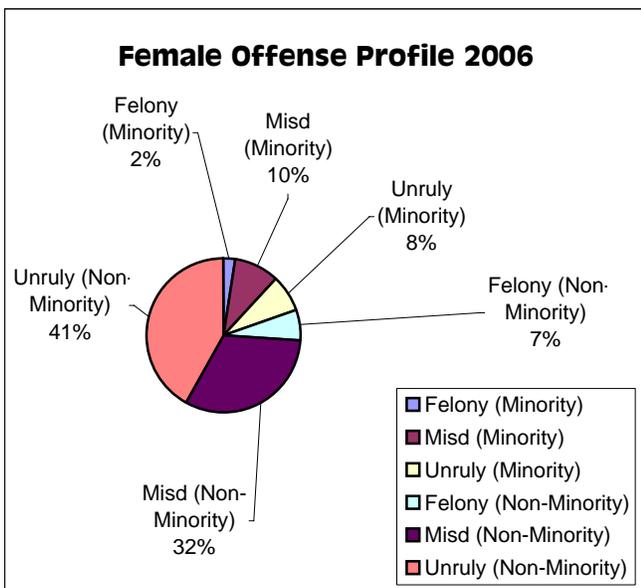
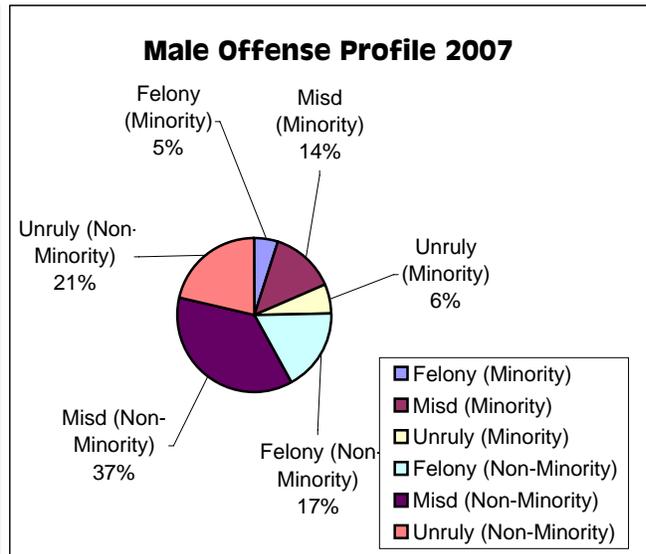
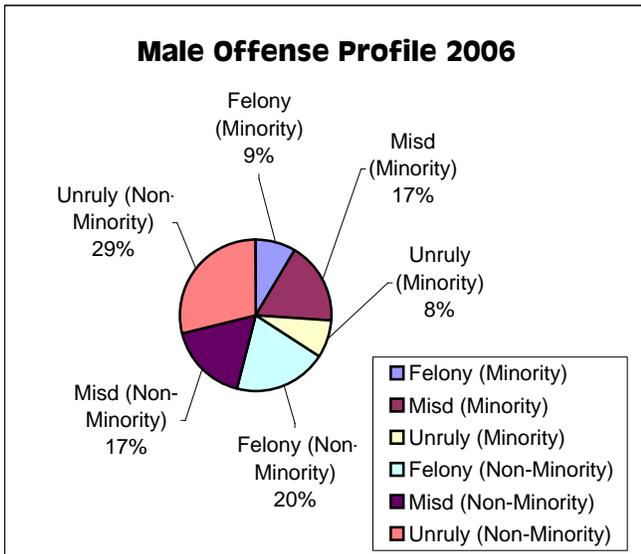
City of Residence	2006	2007
Fairfield	239	159
Hamilton	1004	804
Middletown	185	202
Oxford	60	75
Trenton	81	109
West Chester	126	56
Other	42	48
Total	1737	1453



WORK PROGRAM

Participants by Offense Level

MALE	2006	2007	FEMALE	2006	2007
Minority			Minority		
Felony	29	27	Felony	7	8
Misd	58	72	Misd	28	25
Unruly	27	33	Unruly	22	24
Non-minority			Non-minority		
Felony	65	91	Felony	19	17
Misd	58	195	Misd	93	97
Unruly	96	114	Unruly	122	101
TOTAL	333	532	TOTAL	291	272



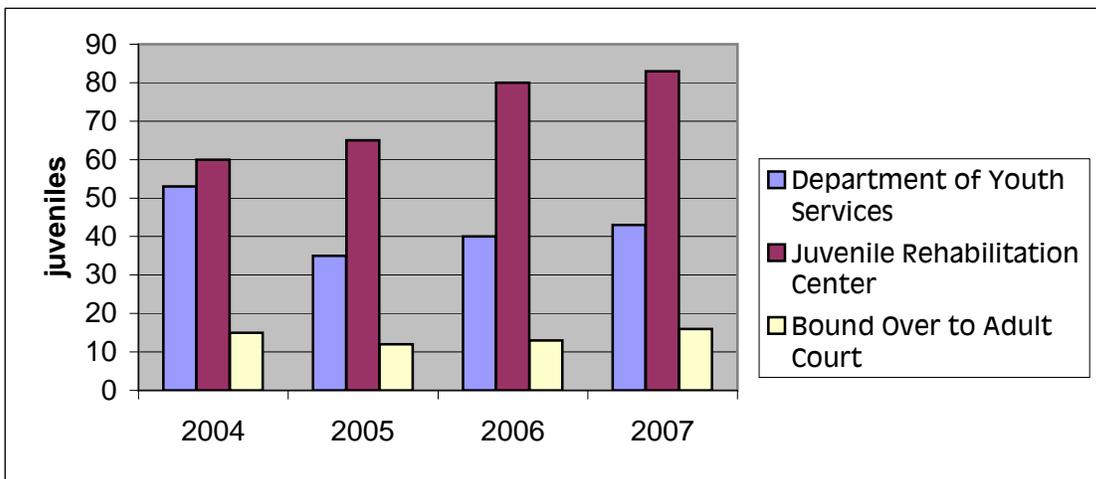
Work Program Work Sites

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
Monore Schools
Monroe Parks
New Miami Schools
New Miami Parks
Oxford Parks
Parachute (Hamilton)
Pyramind 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 participate 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.

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Department of Youth Services	53	35	40	43
Juvenile Rehabilitation Center	60	65	80	83
Bound Over to Adult Court	15	12	13	16



JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER OVERVIEW

The Butler County Juvenile Detention Center is a secure 66 bed, short-term holding facility for juveniles who have been charged with offenses and are in need of secure placement pending case action by the Butler County Juvenile Court. The facility's mission is to maintain the care, welfare, safety and security of the residents placed in the facility's care. The facility houses up to 66 residents, utilizing a classification system to separate youth based on age, gender, and seriousness of offense.

In 2007, 1530 juveniles were admitted into the facility as compared to 1570 in the previous year. The average daily population in the facility significantly increased, going from an average daily population of 67 in 2006 to 74 in 2007. This increase was related to the average length of stay increasing from 14 days in 2006 to 17 days in 2007. Forty four percent of the juveniles held in the facility were charged with a felony offense.

The Butler County Juvenile Detention Center utilized community resources to provide beneficial programming to the residents of the facility. The facility contracts with the Hamilton City School District to provide for the resident's educational needs. Resources such as Narcotics Anonymous, Car Teens, Cincinnati Zoo, Butler County Mental Health Board, Mercy Crisis Center, and the Rape Crisis Center volunteered their time to provide the residents of the facility with meaningful programming. Local churches such as Courts of Praise, Church on Fire, King's Kids, Princeton Pike Church of God, Solid Rock Church of God, Hamilton Vineyard, Emmanuel Lutheran, and Stratford Heights volunteered their time providing religious services for the residents of the facility.

Juvenile Detention Center Statistics

POPULATION	2006	2007
Males	1074	1059
Females	496	471
TOTAL	1570	1530

OFFENSES	2006	2007
Status	91	110
Misdemeanors	477	467
Felonies	325	331
Court Violations	677	662
TOTAL	1570	1530

Child's Residence	2006	2007
Fairfield	140	138
Hamilton	669	561
In County	88	77
Middletown	376	435
New Miami	5	14
Oxford	53	42
Trenton	41	57
West Chester	101	136
Out of County	85	64
Out of State	12	6
TOTAL	1570	1530

REFERRING AGENCY	2006	2007
Butler County Juvenile Court	756	719
Butler County Sheriffs Dept	186	145
Fairfield Police Dept	60	45
Fairfield Township Police Dept	47	43
Hamilton County Juvenile Court	5	6
Hamilton County Sheriff Dept	1	1
Hamilton Police Dept	222	176
Miami University Security	0	0
Middletown Police Dept	125	171
Monroe Police Dept	14	16
New Miami Police Dept	11	6
Ohio Dept Youth Services	8	22
Ohio State Patrol	0	3
Oxford Police Dept	17	16
Oxford Township Police Dept	2	2
Ross Township Police Dept	9	13
Sharonville Police Dept	0	4
Trenton Police Dept	16	29
Warren County Sheriff Office	0	1
West Chester Police Dept	91	106
Other	0	6
TOTAL	1570	1530

Average Length of Stay in Days 14 17



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 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 remained 162 days in both 2007 and 2006. In addition, the total number of admissions increased from a 2006 total of 80 to a 2007 total of 83. Finally, 78 total youth were released in the year, with 58 (74%) being successful completions.

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 Alcohol and Chemical Abuse Council, Hamilton Christian Center, Catholic Social Services, Butler County Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities (MRDD), 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	2006	2007
Adams	2	1
Butler	66	74
Clermont	0	1
Clinton	12	7
Warren	0	0
TOTAL	80	83

Felony Level	2006	2007
Felony 1	14	11
Felony 2	10	12
Felony 3	14	17
Felony 4	16	15
Felony 5	26	28
TOTAL	80	83

Age	2006	2007
12	1	0
13	5	5
14	8	13
15	18	19
16	20	21
17	26	23
18	2	2
TOTAL	80	83

JUVENILE TRAFFIC OVERVIEW

In 2007, the Juvenile Court experienced a significant decline in the numbers of juveniles cited to court for traffic offenses. There was a decrease in nearly all categories of offenses and an overall decrease of nearly 20%. Those facts are somewhat puzzling given the continued population growth in Butler County. One can only speculate as to the reasons for the decline.

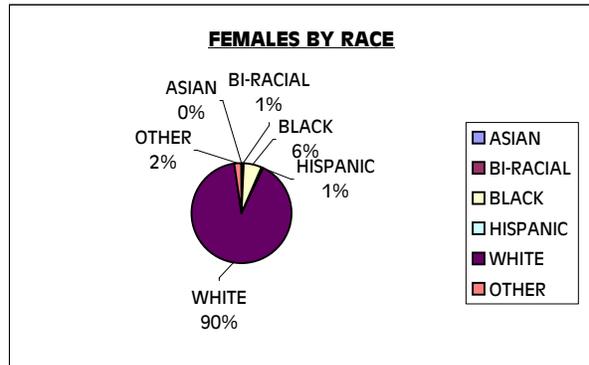
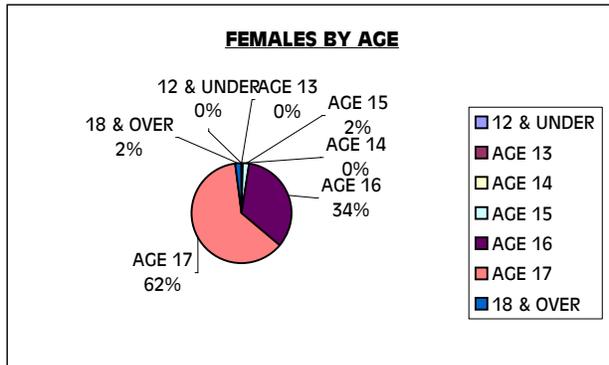
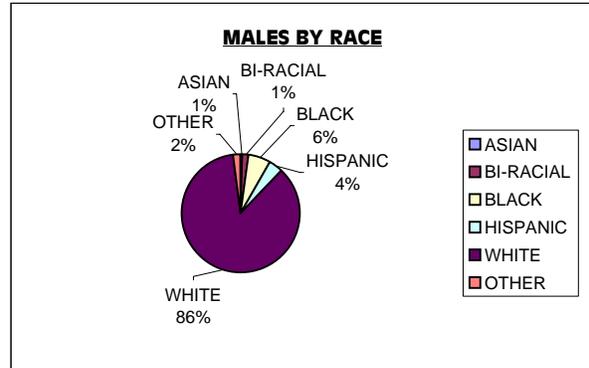
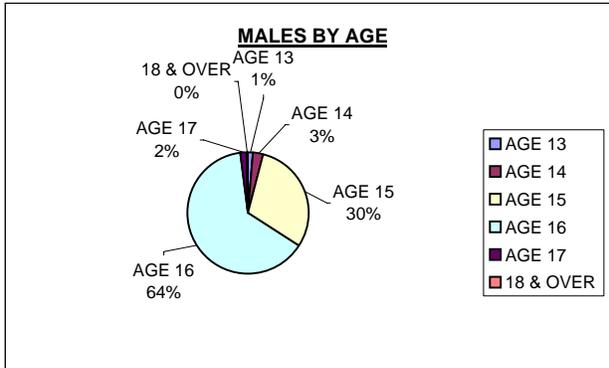
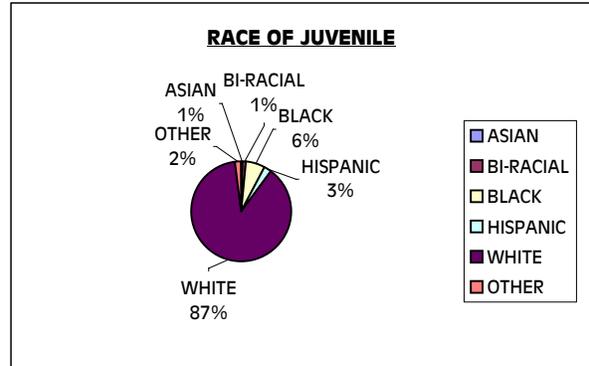
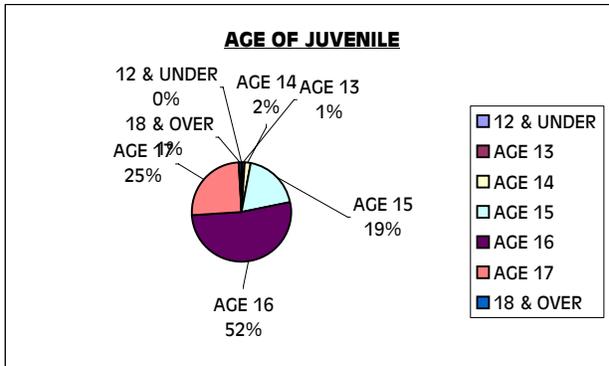
Several factors likely contributed to the decline in juvenile traffic offenses. During 2007, the Ohio legislature did enact a more restrictive graduated license law. In addition, rising gasoline prices may be impinging upon the ability of juveniles to operate motor vehicles except in essential circumstances. Finally, this court has continued to strictly enforce traffic laws, issuing suspensions in approximately 46% of adjudicated cases. The end result, regardless of the cause, is a welcome one. Juveniles appear to be committing fewer traffic offenses.

Traffic Offender Profile - Case Count

AGE	< 10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	TOTAL
MALE	0	0	2	2	16	34	365	774	22	2	1217
FEMALE	0	0	0	1	0	3	15	258	477	16	770
TOTAL	0	0	2	3	16	37	380	1032	499	18	1987

AGE	< 10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	11
BI-RACIAL	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	15	0	22
BLACK	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	28	82	3	119
HISPANIC	0	0	0	1	0	2	6	19	25	1	54
WHITE	0	0	2	1	0	13	37	555	1098	36	1742
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	27	0	39
TOTAL	0	0	2	3	0	19	49	623	1251	40	1987

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	8	18	75	49	1045	22	1217
FEMALE	3	4	44	5	697	17	770
TOTAL	11	22	119	54	1742	39	1987



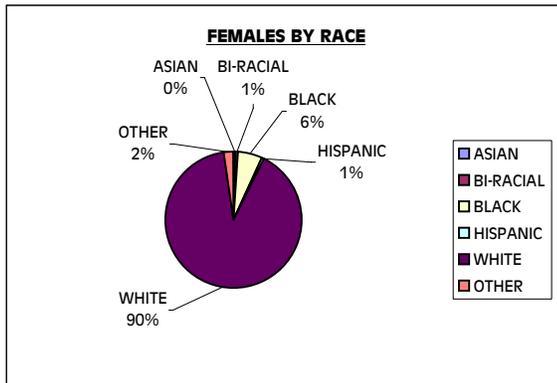
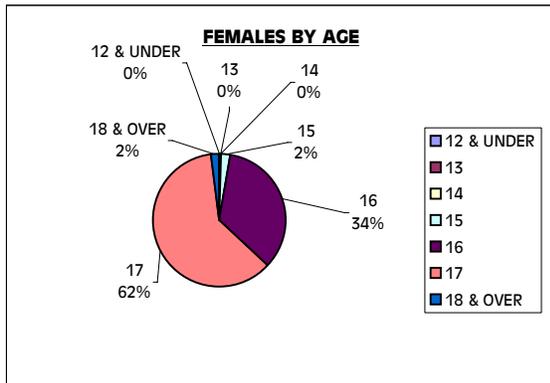
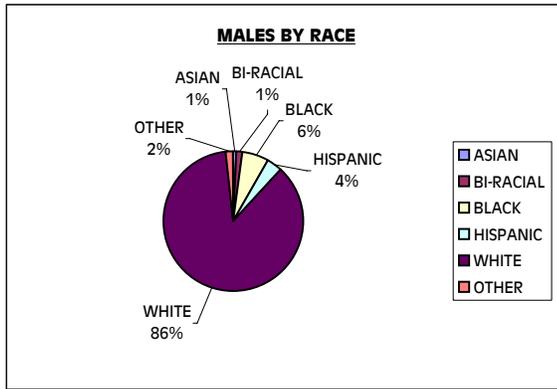
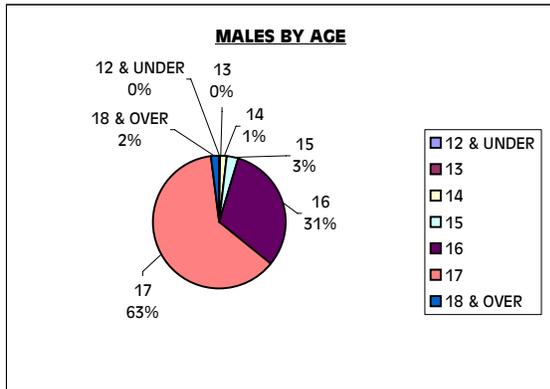
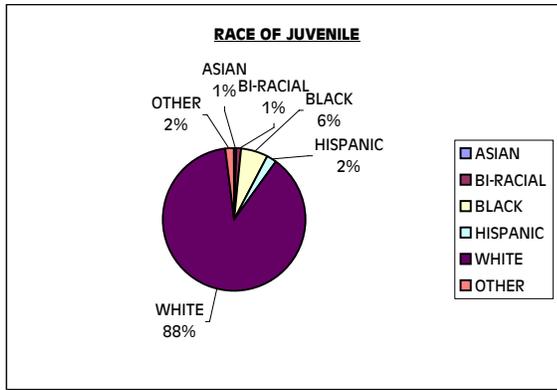
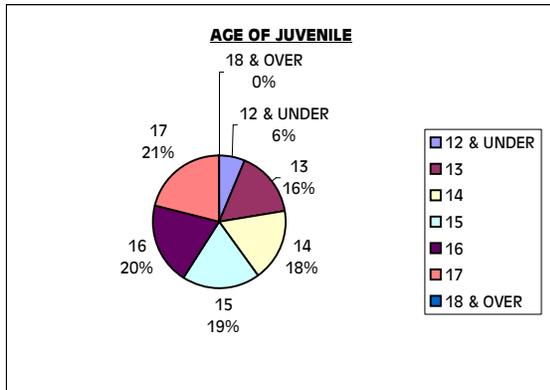
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Traffic Offender Profile - Distinct Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
MALE	0	0	2	2	0	16	31	337	674	21	1083
FEMALE	0	0	0	1	0	3	15	240	431	13	703
TOTAL	0	0	2	3	0	19	46	577	1105	34	1786

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4	0	11
BI-RACIAL	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	12	0	19
BLACK	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	25	74	3	107
HISPANIC	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	16	19	1	44
WHITE	0	0	2	1	0	13	36	516	973	30	1571
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	23	0	34
TOTAL	0	0	2	3	0	19	46	577	1105	34	1786

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	8	15	66	40	936	18	1083
FEMALE	3	4	41	4	635	16	703
TOTAL	11	19	107	44	1571	34	1786



* 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	2006	2007
ALL OCCUPANTS SECURE	0	2
ALL PURPOSE VEHICLE PROHIBITED	6	2
APPROACHING PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE	1	1
ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE	271	228
BICYCLE TO BE RIDDEN ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROADWAY	0	1
CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED	0	2
CURFEW VIO DR LIC	0	15
CURFEW VIO TEMP PERMIT	2	1
DISREGARD OF SAFETY	4	2
DISREGARD SAF PRIV/PROP	0	4
DR LIC MISREP	44	12
DRAG RACING/STREET	1	5
DRIVING IN MARKED HAZARDOUS ZONES	3	5
DRIVING LEFT OF CENTER	7	11
DRIVING LEFT SIDE OF ROADWAY	3	2
DRIVING ON CLOSED HIGHWAY	2	7
DRIVING UNDER SUSP/REV	81	56
DRIVING WITH PREVIOUS REGISTRATION	8	3
DUI - ALCOHOL/LIQUOR	4	1
EQUIPMENT MISUSE	0	1
EXPIRED PLATES	25	31
FAIL DISPLAY REGIS	6	11
FAIL-FILE REQ REPT	26	23
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDER	0	1
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDER OR SIGNAL OF POLICE OFFICER	0	1
FAILURE TO CONTROL	175	149
FAILURE TO DIM HEADLIGHTS	1	1
FAILURE TO DISPLAY LICENSE PLATES	11	14
FAILURE TO DISPLAY LICENSE	22	17
FAILURE TO REINSTATE	6	3
FAILURE TO STOP/INJURY TO PERSON/PROP	2	2
FLEE/ELUDE OFFICER	4	1
FOCUS & AIM OF HEADLIGHTS	0	1
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE	9	6
FTY - FROM PLACE OTHER THAN ROADWAY	18	8
FTY FUNERAL	0	1
FTY RIGHT OF WAY	0	7
FTY-INTERSECTION	17	10
FTY-LEFT TURN	76	64
FTY-PED/BLIND	0	1
FTY-PRIVATE DRIVE	8	4
FTY-STOP SIGN	98	73
HEADLIGHT VIOLATION	7	2
HEADLIGHTS NOT ON	20	9
HIT SKIP/LEAVE SCENE	32	32
HIT-SKIP PRIVATE PROP	0	3
HITCHHIKING	0	2
IMPROP/PROHIB TURN	8	3
IMPROPER PASSING	3	3
IMPROPER PASSING(RIGHT SIDE)	0	4
LITTERING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	0	2

Traffic Offenses

OFFENSES (continued)	2006	2007
MUFFLER/EXHAUST VIOLATION	1	4
NO CHILD RESTRAINT	2	4
NO DRIVER'S LICENSE	274	219
NO LICENSE PLATE LIGHT	14	12
NO MOPED LICENSE OR SAFETY EQUIPMENT	3	5
NO MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT	0	1
NO TEMP PERMIT/NO ADULT	41	26
OMVUAC	0	4
OPERATING AN UNSAFE VEHICLE	26	7
OPERATION WITHOUT LICENSE PLATES	5	3
OVI-ALCOHOL/LIQUOR/DRUGS	38	34
PARKING VIOLATION	4	1
PERMIT RIDING ON VEHICLE	0	1
PROHIBITED U-TURN	6	3
RECKLESS OPER/PRIV PR	3	2
RECKLESS OPERATION	37	33
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL PURPOSE VEHICLES	1	1
RESISTING TRAFFIC OFFICER	3	1
RIDING ON VEHICLE	0	4
RIGHT OF WAY YIELDED BY PEDESTRIAN	3	4
RT SIDE OF ROADWAY	5	4
SAFETY BELT - PASSENGER	47	22
SAFETY BELT - DRIVER	173	108
SECOND AMENDED CHARGE	0	1
SPEED	802	756
SPEED (55 > 10 OVER)	119	54
SPEED (= > 30 OVER)	37	23
STOPPED SCHOOL BUS VIOL	9	10
TAIL LIGHT VIOLATION	5	3
TINTED WINDOWS	4	9
TRAF CONT DEV/SIGNS	44	37
TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTS	38	41
TRANSFER OF CAR TAGS	0	1
UNATTENDED MOTOR VEH. LEFT RUNNING	0	3
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF LICENSE PLATES	8	11
VEHICLE NOISE VIOLATION	10	5
VIO OF RESTRICTION	0	4
VIO STARTING/BACKING	14	22
VIO TURN AT INTERSECTION	3	1
VIO-ONE WAY TRAFFIC	9	10
VIO-TRAF LANES/LINES	53	48
VIO-TURN SIGNALS	0	11
VIO-WHEN BEING PASSED	0	1
VIOL - RR CROSSING	4	1
VIOL-RIGHT TURN ON RED	8	6
VIOLATION FLASHING LIGHTS	0	3
VIOLATION OF EQUIPMENT REGULATION	0	3
VIOLATION-DR LIC REQ	0	8
WRONGFUL ENTRUSTMENT	0	3
OTHER	74	0
TOTAL	2,938	2,428

JUVENILE TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONS

DISPOSITIONS	2007	DISPOSITIONS (continued)	2007
Appoint Attorney	39	LIC - Suspend Right to Apply	66
Appoint GAL	9	LIC Restored - BMV Susp	95
Appoint Interpreter	12	LIC Restored - Court Susp	4
Carteens With Parent	853	LIC Suspend - Class	401
Case Dismissed W/O Prej.	7	LIC Suspend - Court	383
Case Dismissed W/O Prej. - Off. FTA	28	LIC Suspend - FTA BMV	75
Charge Dismissed With Prejudice	6	LIC Suspend - FTP BMV	205
Charge Dismissed Without Prejudice	12	LIC Suspend - Parental	14
Charge Withdrawn By Complainant	2	LIC Suspend - Pleasure	5
Charge Withdrawn By Law Enforcement	1	LIC Privlges Granted BMV	295
Charge Withdrawn By Prosecutor	9	LIC Privlges Granted Court	12
Community Service Work	1	Mediation VOM	1
Continue Prior Orders	1	Motion Granted	6
Ct Cost - Delq Misd	1	No Action Taken	65
Ct Cost - Moving	1254	No Contact (Delinq)	1
Ct Cost - Non-Moving	177	Probation Official (J)	3
Ct Cost TBD Traffic	308	Restitution	3
Driver Improvement Program	112	Restitution TBD	18
Drug Screen (J)	3	Safety Belt Fine (Driver)	37
Evaluation D&A (J)	6	Safety Belt Fine (Passenger)	11
Failed to Appear (Parent)	28	Taken Under Advisement	2
Failure to Appear (No Warrant)	236	Teen Intervention Program	8
Failure to Appear (Warrant)	4	Transfer To	79
Fine	218	Waived Court Cost Traffic	4
House Arrest	1	Waived Fines and Costs Traffic	1
JDC Release	1	Warned/Admonished	3
JDC Return	1	Warrant Issued	1
JDC Suspend Sentence	1	Warrant Served	1
Juvenile Fund Contribution	1	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	5131

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 enforcements 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 638 cases involving 1,286 allegations of abuse (246), neglect (409), and dependency (631) were filed by Butler County Children Services and private citizens in 2007. Additionally, 90 motions for permanent custody were filed during the year.

A total of 780 cases comprised of 889 adult criminal offenses were filed by police departments, truant officers, or private citizens in 2007. Of those, 742 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 also had an increase in the number of custody and visitation cases filed. In 2007, a trained mediator was hired to mediate disputes on custody and visitation cases that were set for trial. Ninety-seven mediations were completed.

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's 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 2007, 15 individuals were accepted to the program. Seven successfully completed. Currently there are nine participants. The program has been able to place 20 children in a permanent placement as a result of their parents participation in drug court. Seventeen children were placed back in the legal custody of the parent(s).

FAMILY DRUG COURT PROGRAM

CLIENTS

CLIENTS in 2007	
Accepted into Program	15
Successfully Completed Program	7
Terminated from Program	10
 TERMINATIONS	
Non-Compliance	5
Neutral	5

CURRENT CLIENTS

CLIENTS CURRENTLY IN PROGRAM	9
(7 Females, 2 Males)	
Phase I	5
Phase II	2
Phase III	2
 TREATMENT	
Clients in Residential Treatment	2
Clients in IOP/OP Treatment	6
Completed Treatment	1

CHILDREN

CHILDREN CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH CHILDREN SERVICES	14
Reunified with Parent(s) of Removal	7
Foster Care	3
Kinship Care	3
In the Legal Custody of Parent(s) of Removal	1

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.

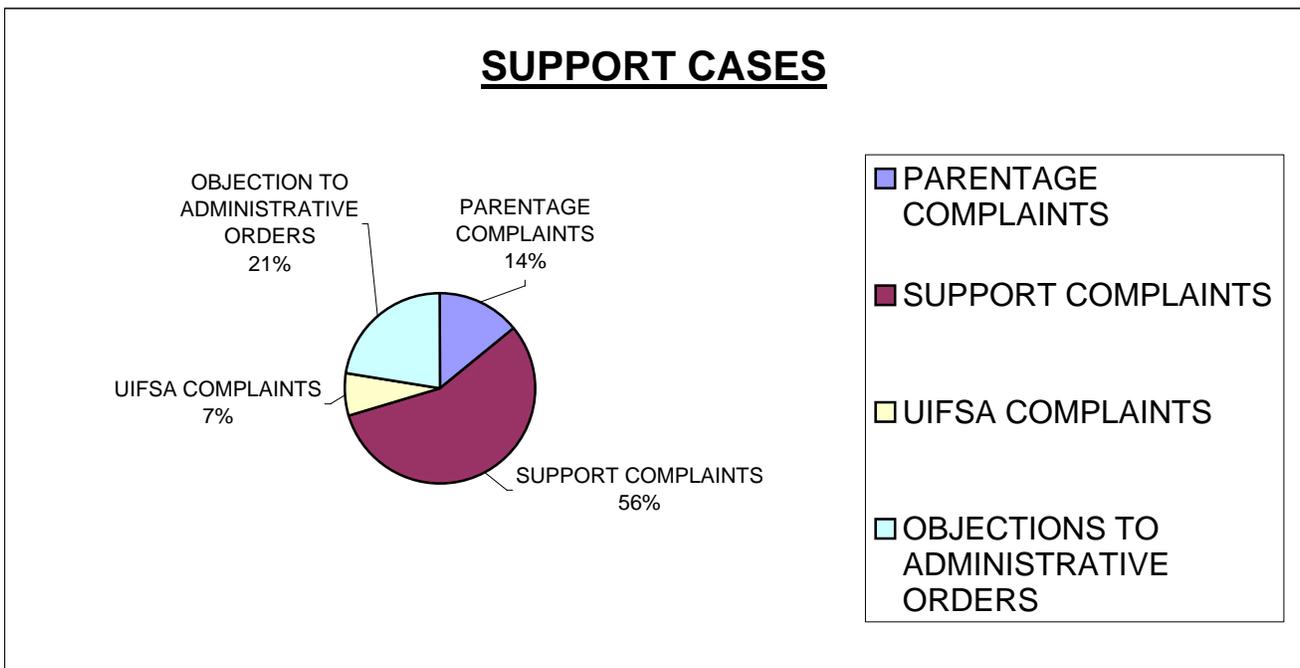
Juvenile Court has been working in conjunction with Domestic Relations Court scheduling and hearing support cases since June of 2005. This collaboration has assisted the public in expediting the initial hearing date and timeframe in which matters are addressed. During the 2007 calendar year, Juvenile Court assigned 771 cases to Domestic Relations Court which resulted in 4,728 hearings for their court.

With all case types being computerized, Juvenile Court has the ability to now gather more in depth statistical data which has been unavailable in years past. During 2007 the Juvenile Clerk's Office processed a total of 9,736 cases which resulted in an additional 11,051 filings of motions, objections and/or violations for a total of 20,787 filings. In response to those filings, Juvenile Court held 31,295 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 year 2007, the Clerk's Office issued 43,778 service documents which include: summons, subpoenas, notice of hearing and publication as well as 1,788 warrants.

By more accurately tracking the business of the Court, the Juvenile Clerk's Office will be working towards greater efficiency in case management to provide better service to partner agencies, attorneys, and the public.

CHILD SUPPORT CASE STATISTICS

	2006	2007
PARENTAGE COMPLAINTS 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.	260	180
SUPPORT COMPLAINTS 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.	821	706
UIFSA COMPLAINTS The "Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA)" is the standard set of requirements for the processing of interstate cases in the United States.	83	91
OBJECTIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS	289	285
TOTAL	1453	1262
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.	544	396
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.	150	123



INFORMATION SERVICES OVERVIEW

In 2007, Butler County Juvenile Court Information Services staff supported 200 users by providing training, direct desktop, and network support. In addition, the staff maintained the Court servers and handled the processing of the daily tape backups ensuring consistent and secure storage of all electronic Court information. The Information Services staff were also instrumental in the creation of standard and ad hoc statistical reports used by the Court for decision making and planning. Finally, the staff processed the monthly Supreme Court report that is sent to the Ohio Supreme Court. This report tracks the flow of cases through the Juvenile Court and reports on their status.

The Juvenile Court Information Services Department continued to be responsible for the ordering and maintaining of all personal computers, printers, scanners and servers. In 2007 staff replaced the following equipment: 54 PC's that ranged in age from 6.17 to 8.33 years old, 1 Laptop that was 6.33 years old, 8 printers that were approximately 11 years old and two servers that were 6.33 and 7.42 years old. A new more efficient rack system was installed and a new backup server and tape library were added as the Court had exceeded capacity on it's old equipment. The new PC equipment should improve productivity as the old equipment had become outdated and should result in energy savings as the newer computer architectures are more energy efficient along with the use of LCD monitors in place of the older CRT based units. Additionally, 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 institutionalized a continual education program for Court personnel that was started in 2006. The Courtroom Clerks, Hearing Officers and Probation staff received additional training on the case management system and reviewed the proper procedures for processing hearings through the software with biannual training days set aside each year.

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.

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.

DAVID J. NIEHAUS
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

RONALD R. CRAFT
JUDGE