

# BUTLER COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT JUVENILE DIVISION



## 2009 ANNUAL REPORT





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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 2009. 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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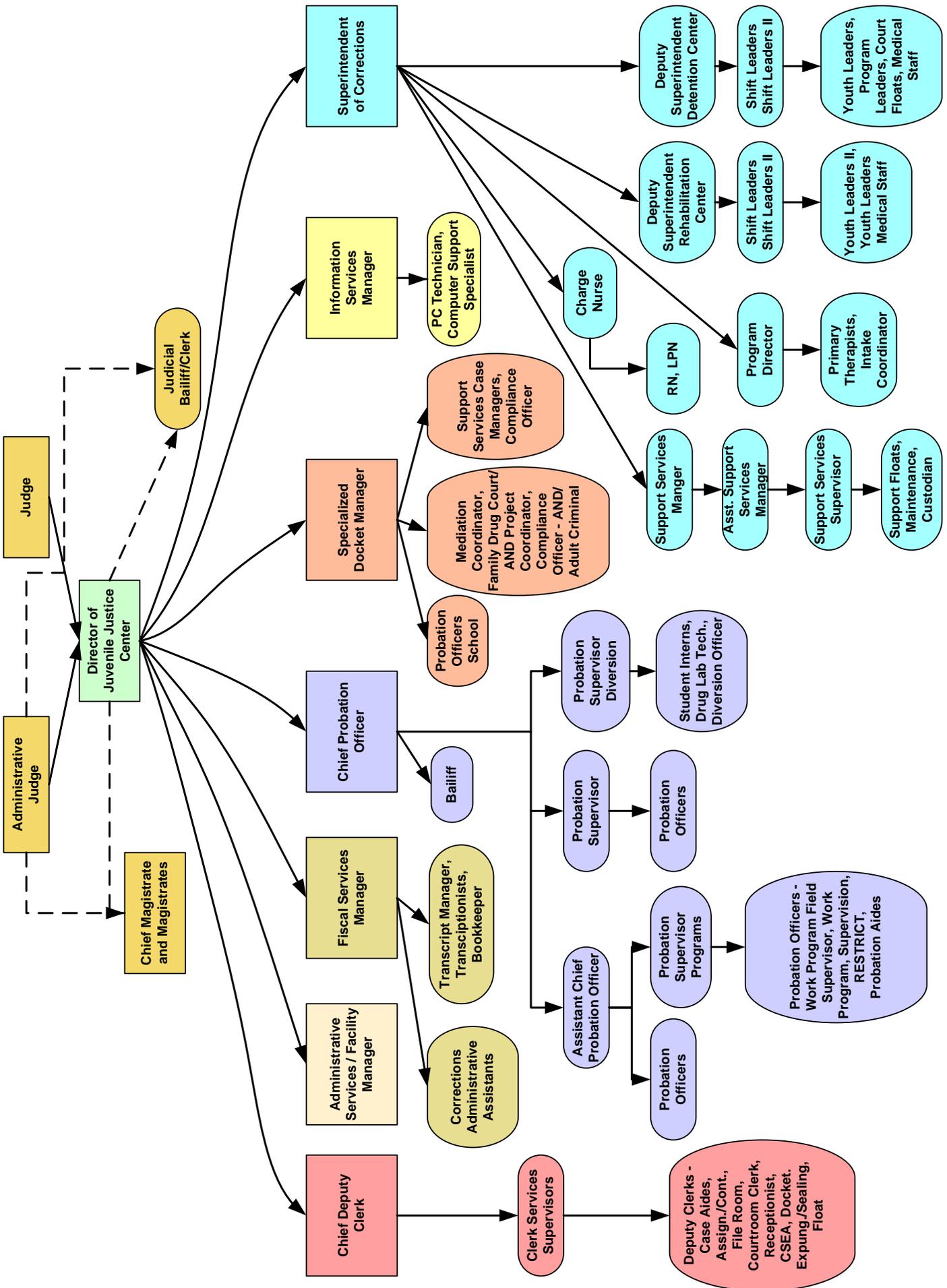
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## **JUVENILE COURT OVERVIEW**

The predominant challenge faced by the court in 2009 was one shared by many other governmental entities, the ongoing reduction in financial resources caused by the economic problems in this nation. Despite the problems caused by lack of resources, several items of note can be found in this annual report.

The Juvenile Court continued to experience a general downward trend in overall juvenile delinquency offenses. This decline has caused the overall numbers of children incarcerated in the Juvenile Detention Center to fall. Despite this decline, however, juvenile offenders spent a total of more than 16,000 days secured in the Butler County Juvenile Detention Center.

The number of custody, visitation, and support cases filed on behalf of unmarried parents continued to increase in 2009. In response to employment and associated child support problems often experienced by such parents, Butler County obtained funding through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and began a program known as the Employment Services Program (ESP). The ESP provides qualifying individuals with community-based assistance in addressing employment barriers and holds them accountable for cooperating with that assistance. After addressing these barriers, many clients find suitable employment enabling them to meet their child support obligations.

In 2009 the family drug court assisted many families in effectively addressing the crippling problems caused by drug and alcohol dependency. Due to problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse by their parents, many children find themselves removed from their homes every year. By providing a means to effective, intensive treatment that emphasizes personal responsibility, the family drug court safely and successfully returned many children to their parents in 2009.

2009 marked the first full year of operation of The Girls Circle. This group program was established by way of a grant from the Women's Fund of the Hamilton Community Foundation. The Girls Circle attempts to engage young women who find themselves in Juvenile Court in a program designed to address risky behaviors and provide skill-building guidance.

2009 marked the first full year that the Juvenile Court has been under the guidance of Judge Ronald R. Craft. Unfortunately due to significant financial issues in 2009 the Juvenile Court endured losses in terms of valuable personnel. Despite those losses, Judge Craft has continued to encourage and to insist upon the continued dedication of the staff of Juvenile Court to continue to strive to provide high quality service to the citizens, families, and children of Butler County.

As was the case last year, there are many challenges which the Juvenile Court must face in the coming year. Economic uncertainty continues to loom large while the ongoing needs and demands of our citizens remain unabated. We at the Juvenile Court are committed to find a way to meet those challenges and to continue to provide quality services to the people and families of this county.

## JUVENILE DATA TOTALS

### Delinquent/Unruly

Cases Filed	3316
Juveniles	2067
Offenses	5305
Offenses Against Persons	866
Offenses Against Property	815
Offenses Involving Drugs or Alcohol	563
Offenses Involving Weapons	45
Other Offenses	568
Unruly Offenses	632
Truancy Offenses	584
Technical Violations	1232
Restitution Collected	\$71,525.99
Delinquent/Unruly Fines and Costs Collected	\$184,043.66

### Diversion

Cases Diverted	823
Juveniles	794
Offenses	882
Juvenile Fund Contributions Collected	\$29,574.86

### Traffic

Cases Filed	1631
Juveniles	1447
Offenses	2001
Dispositions	4555
Traffic Fines and Costs Levied	\$145,127.68
Traffic Fines and Costs Collected	\$163,537.98

**\*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 3,316 Delinquent/Unruly cases filed that involved 2,067 distinct juveniles. Those cases were comprised of 5,305 individual offenses and resulted in the Court issuing 26,663 dispositions or orders.)**

## Work Program

Total Juvenile Participants	1854
Restitution Hours	5856
Community Service Hours	7965
Total Amount Paid to Victims	\$24,351.50

## Bind-Overs

Cases Bound Over	10
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## Placements

Department of Youth Services	48
Juvenile Detention Center	1177
Juvenile Rehabilitation Center	68

## Juvenile Detention Center

Total Number of Youth Admitted During 2009	1177
Average Daily Population	46
Average Length of Stay in Days	14

## Juvenile Rehabilitation Center

Total Number of Youth Admitted During 2009	68
Total Number of Youth Released During 2009	63
Number of Youth Successfully Completing the Program	(79%) 54

## Support Services

Abuse/Neglect/Dependency Cases Filed	486
Custody Filings (Complaints and Motions)	1515
Visitation Filings (Complaints and Motions)	219
Adult Criminal Cases Filed	522
Adult Criminal Fines and Costs Collected	\$28,165.60

## Family Drug Court Program

Clients Accepted into the Program in 2009	22
Clients that Successfully Completed the Program in 2009	9
Clients Currently in the Program	18
Children Currently Involved with Children Services	25

## Clerk Services

Total Number of Cases Filed	8371
Total Number of Motions Filed	12130
Total Number of Decisions Issued/Hearings Held	34860
Total Number of Service Documents Issued	39285
Total Number of Warrants Issued	2045
Number of Cases Assigned to Domestic Relations Court	332
Number of Hearings Held in Domestic Relations Court	3882
Parentage Complaints and Motions	170
Support Complaints and Motions	1746
UIFSA Complaints and Motions (Uniform Interstate Family Support Act)	0

## **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. The Juvenile Court Law Enforcement Program (JCLE), which was created in 2008 to have a contracted Butler County Sheriff's Officer to actively look for court involved youth who had warrants. In 2009, the JCLE Officer was able to serve 242 warrants.

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, are outpatient counseling, anger management classes, mentoring and Community Wraparound. Community Wraparound is process that works with each family to create a team who can plan and deliver services and supports to families in need.
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. Drug screening is also utilized by Probation Officers to monitor court involved youth. In 2009, there were 1,362 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 2009, 823 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 2009, 3,116 youth were supervised through Court Supervision.

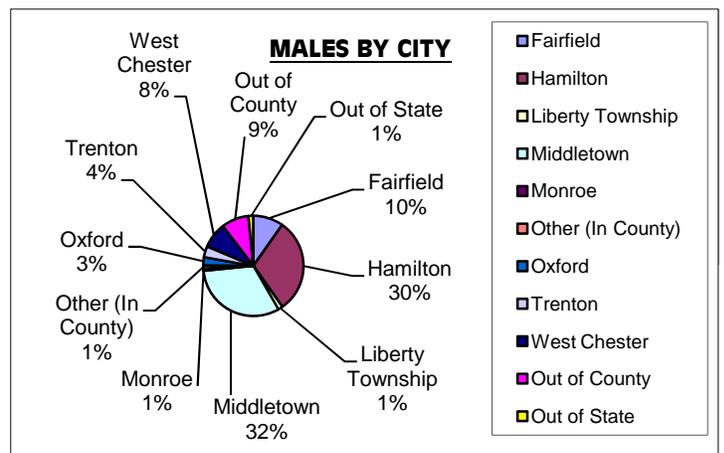
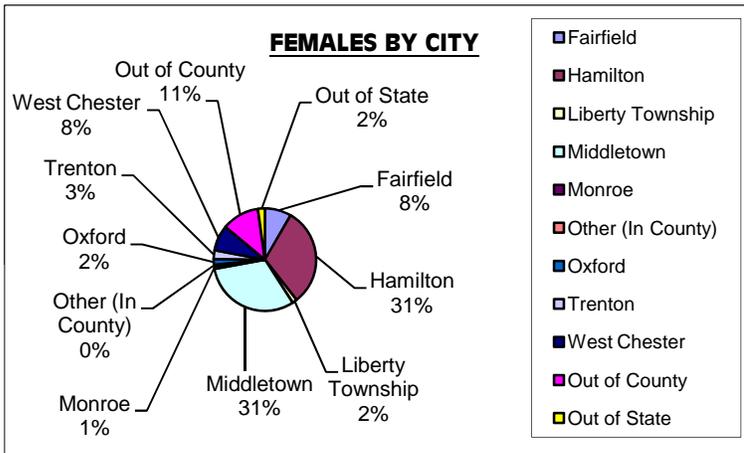
Probation Supervision is provided to youth who are found to be serious, high risk offenders and/or chronic offenders. Fifteen Field Probation Officers supervise these youth, not only to ensure that they comply with the orders of the court, but also that the youth show improvement in their functioning at home, school and community. In 2009, 756 youth were supervised through Probation Supervision.

In 2009, The Butler County Juvenile Probation Department was able to implement a curriculum known as The Girls Circle thanks to funding through the Women's Fund of the Hamilton Community Foundation. The Girls Circle is a strengths-based, skill building approach that creates a safe space for girls to address risky behaviors, build on protective factors, and improve relationships in a format that interests and engages girls.

Also in 2009, budget cuts forced restructuring within the Probation Department. We eliminated the Intake Probation Aide Unit, which terminated four part time positions. Two Probation Officer positions were also eliminated and more low risk youth were placed under Court Supervision and less were placed on Probation Supervision.

# Delinquent and Unruly Cases by Residence

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>
Fairfield	307	207	100
Hamilton	1016	645	371
Liberty Township	50	32	18
Middletown	1046	672	374
Monroe	27	15	12
Other (In County)	26	23	3
Oxford	76	55	21
Trenton	109	76	33
West Chester	273	176	97
Out of County	327	186	141
Out of State	59	33	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>3316</b>	<b>2120</b>	<b>1196</b>



	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>BLACK</b>	<b>BI-RACIAL</b>	<b>HISPANIC</b>	<b>ASIAN</b>	<b>NATIVE HAWAIIAN/ PACIFIC ISLANDER</b>	<b>AMERICAN INDIAN /ALASKA NATIVE</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Fairfield	307	189	65	35	17	0	0	0	1
Hamilton	1016	736	188	44	43	1	1	0	3
Liberty Township	50	25	7	18	0	0	0	0	0
Middletown	1046	621	348	56	19	0	0	0	2
Monroe	27	19	6	2	0	0	0	0	0
Other (In County)	26	23	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Oxford	76	73	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Trenton	109	101	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
West Chester	273	186	69	5	7	4	0	0	2
Out of County	327	183	117	16	5	1	0	1	4
Out of State	59	41	15	0	1	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3316</b>	<b>2197</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>

# Delinquent and Unruly Cases by Referral Agency

## ***Police Department Referrals***

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>
Butler County Sheriff's Office	266	186	80
Fairfield Police Department	281	194	87
Fairfield Township Police Department	129	78	51
Hamilton Police Department	432	288	144
Metro Parks	0	0	0
Miami University Police Department	5	4	1
Middletown Police Department	670	446	224
Monroe Police Department	58	36	22
Ohio State Patrol	8	4	4
Oxford Police Department	78	58	20
Oxford Township Police Department	4	2	2
Ross Township Police Department	22	15	7
Seven Mile Police Department	0	0	0
Sharonville Police Department	6	1	5
Trenton Police Department	53	42	11
West Chester Police Department	356	237	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>2368</b>	<b>1591</b>	<b>777</b>

## ***Board of Education Referrals***

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>
ECOT	12	4	8
Edgewood	12	6	6
Fairfield	85	51	34
Hamilton	148	66	82
Lakota	52	22	30
Life Skills	30	16	14
Madison	2	0	2
Middletown	189	103	86
Monroe	10	5	5
New Miami	17	13	4
Ross	8	3	5
Talawanda	15	11	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>280</b>

## ***Other Referrals***

	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>
Butler County Corrections	37	34	3
Butler County Prosecutors Office	1	1	0
Butler Tech	2	1	1
Department of Youth Services	3	3	0
Middletown Fire Department	2	2	0
Out of State	6	5	1
Parent/Guardian/Relative	7	3	4
Private Citizen	2	2	0
School Resource Referral	134	92	42
Transfer From Another County	174	86	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>139</b>

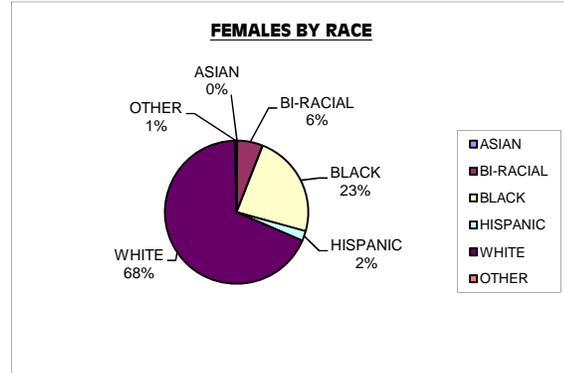
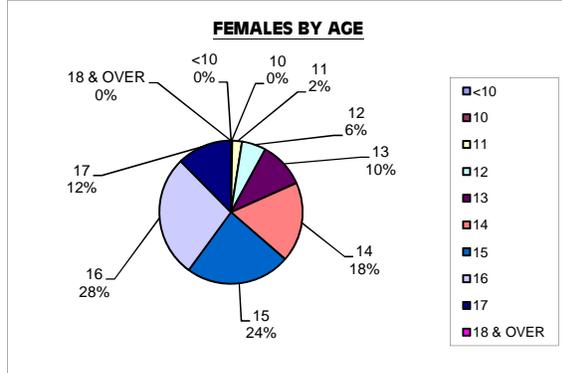
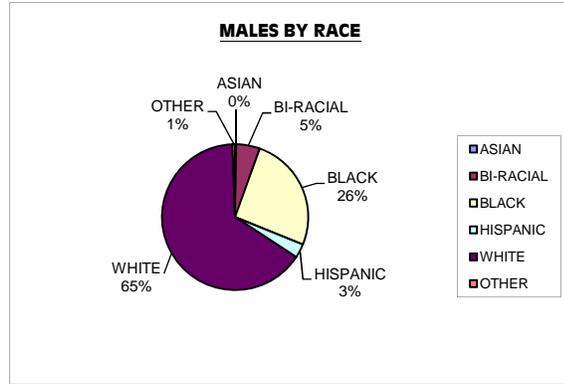
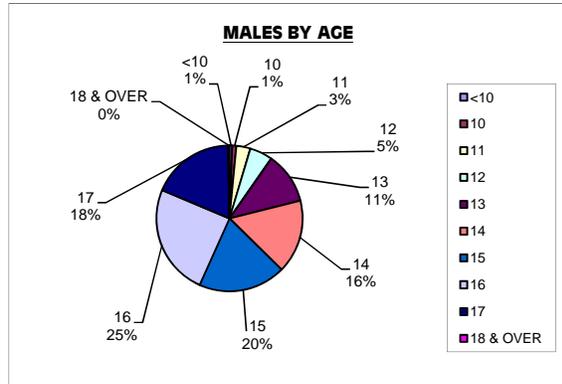
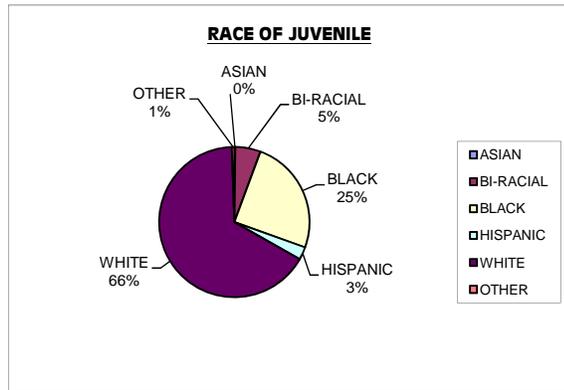
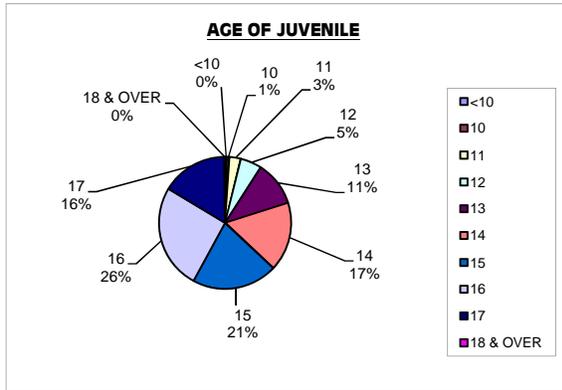
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## Delinquent and Unruly Offender Profile - Case Count

AGE	< 10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
<b>MALE</b>	13	19	66	108	241	345	411	521	389	7	2120
<b>FEMALE</b>	0	3	27	65	124	216	283	330	148	0	1196
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	22	93	173	365	561	694	851	537	7	3316

AGE	< 10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
<b>ASIAN</b>	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	7
<b>BI-RACIAL</b>	0	4	4	13	17	36	37	36	33	0	180
<b>BLACK</b>	1	4	26	53	85	141	177	197	136	3	823
<b>HISPANIC</b>	2	0	4	3	11	18	14	25	15	0	92
<b>WHITE</b>	10	14	56	104	252	359	461	589	348	4	2197
<b>OTHER</b>	0	0	3	0	0	3	4	3	4	0	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	13	22	93	173	365	561	694	850	538	7	3316

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>MALE</b>	5	111	544	65	1382	13	2120
<b>FEMALE</b>	2	69	279	27	815	4	1196
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	180	823	92	2197	17	3316



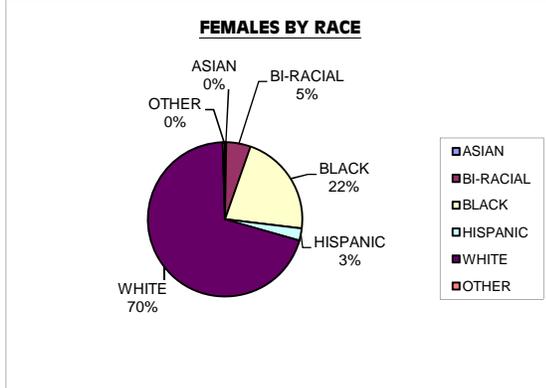
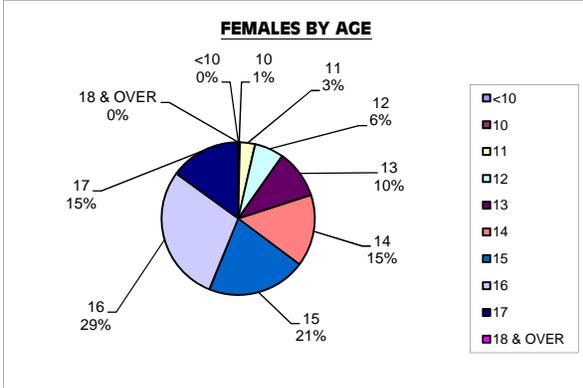
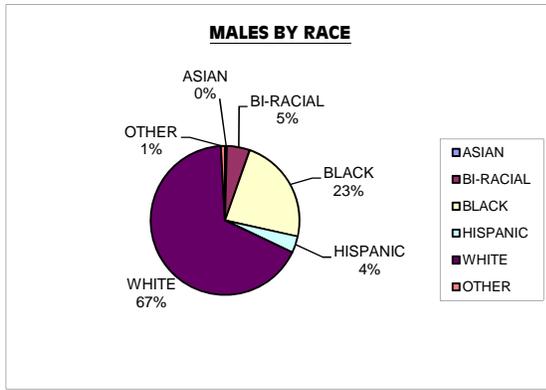
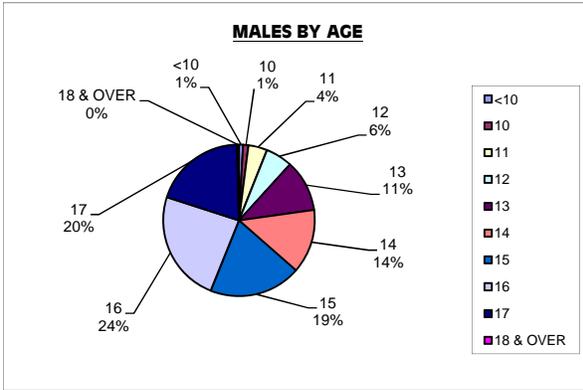
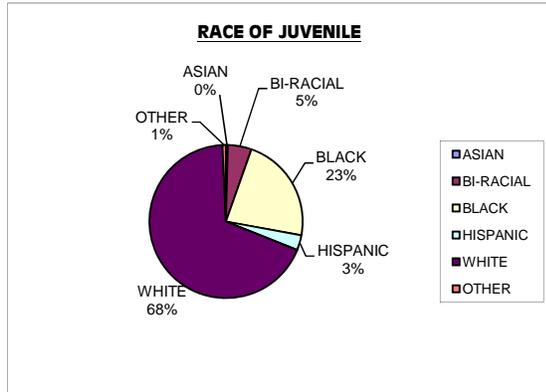
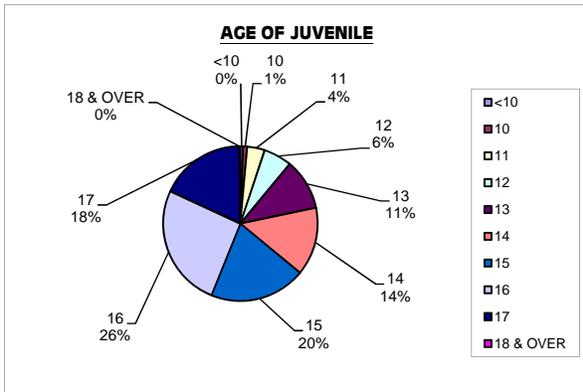
\* NOTE: These statistics represent an accounting of the juveniles that committed each offense. Some juveniles may be counted more than once since these counts refer to each case and not each unique juvenile.

## Delinquent and Unruly Offender Profile - Distinct Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
<b>MALE</b>	11	15	51	73	141	175	251	305	251	5	1278
<b>FEMALE</b>	0	3	25	49	81	120	165	228	118	0	789
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	18	76	122	222	295	416	533	369	5	2067

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
<b>ASIAN</b>	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	7
<b>BI-RACIAL</b>	0	3	3	10	12	12	21	22	21	0	104
<b>BLACK</b>	1	4	22	28	55	62	92	118	83	2	467
<b>HISPANIC</b>	2	0	2	2	9	7	12	19	13	0	66
<b>WHITE</b>	8	11	46	82	146	207	286	371	248	3	1408
<b>OTHER</b>	0	0	3	0	0	3	4	3	2	0	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	11	18	76	122	222	295	416	533	369	5	2067

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>MALE</b>	5	64	296	46	859	12	1282
<b>FEMALE</b>	2	40	169	20	550	4	785
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	104	465	66	1409	16	2067



\* 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	2008 TOTAL	2009 TOTAL	2009 MALE	2009 FEMALE
Abduction	5	0	0	0
Abuse of a Police Officer	1	4	3	1
Aggravated Assault	10	3	2	1
Aggravated Burglary	12	4	3	1
Aggravated Menacing	48	30	23	7
Aggravated Murder	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Robbery	18	28	25	3
Aggravated Vehicular Assault	0	1	1	0
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	1	0	0	0
Assault	341	296	203	93
Child Endangering - Abuse/Neglect	3	3	0	3
Child Endangering - Serious Physical Harm	0	0	0	0
Contaminating Substance for Human Consumption	0	1	0	1
Contributing to Unruliness/Delin. Of a Minor	2	1	1	0
Criminal Child Enticement	0	1	1	0
Criminal Sexual Conduct	0	1	1	0
Criminal Mischief Physical Harm to Person	4	1	1	0
Defrauding A Rental Agency or Hostelery	0	1	1	0
Domestic Violence	311	299	163	136
Endangering Child/Op Vehicle	4	1	0	1
Ethnic Intimidation	2	5	3	2
Extortion	0	1	1	0
Failure to Stop Injury to Person/Property	1	2	1	1
Felonious Assault	26	25	22	3
Forgery (formerly offense against property)	10	2	2	0
Gross Sexual Imposition	23	30	29	1
Harassment by Inmate	1	3	2	1
Importuning	0	0	0	0
Intimidation of Attorney/Victim/Witness	1	2	2	0
Involuntary Manslaughter	2	1	1	0
Kidnapping	6	0	0	0
Menacing	79	45	32	13
Misuse of Credit Cards (formerly offense against property)	14	0	0	0
Murder	1	1	1	0
Negligent Assault	0	1	0	1
Passing Bad Checks > 500.00 < 5000.00	2	1	0	1
Rape	38	22	20	2
Retaliation	1	0	0	0
Robbery	14	22	21	1
Sexual Battery	1	0	0	0
Sexual Imposition	10	10	10	0
Theft of Elderly of Disabled	1	0	0	0
Telecommunications Harassment	23	14	5	9
Unlawful Restraint	2	2	2	0
Vehicular Homicide	1	1	0	1
Vehicular Manslaughter	0	1	0	1
Voyeurism	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1019</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>284</b>

# Juvenile Offenses

<b>Offenses Against Property</b>	<b>2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>2009 TOTAL</b>	<b>2009 MALE</b>	<b>2009 FEMALE</b>
Aggravated Arson	1	1	0	1
Aggravated Theft	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Trespass	5	2	1	1
Arson	3	4	2	2
Arson - Public Buildings	2	0	0	0
Arson w/o Owner's Consent - Property Less Than \$500	2	1	1	0
Breaking and Entering	59	34	28	6
Burglary	44	38	31	7
Criminal Damaging	186	90	76	14
Criminal Mischief	44	36	28	8
Criminal Trespass	120	86	69	17
Desecration	0	1	1	0
Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle	18	6	6	0
Grand Theft - More \$5,000/Less \$100,000	16	3	2	1
Illegal Vehicle Trespass	1	0	0	0
Littering	0	1	1	0
Petty Theft - Less Than \$500	368	385	207	178
Receiving Stolen Property - Less Than \$500	20	31	22	9
Receiving Stolen Property - More \$500/Less \$5,000	17	10	9	1
Receiving Stolen Property - More \$5,000/Less \$100,000	11	11	11	0
Safecracking	1	0	0	0
Tampering with Coin Machine	0	0	0	0
Theft - More \$500/Less \$5,000	46	34	32	2
Theft of Motor Vehicle or Firearm	2	4	4	0
Theft \$500-\$5000-CRCD,LICPLATE,CK	0	2	2	0
Throwing or Shooting Missiles	0	1	1	0
Unauthorized Use of Computer Property	1	0	0	0
Unauthorized Use of Property	3	1	0	1
Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	33	19	9	10
Vandalism	43	12	10	2
Vehicular Vandalism	4	2	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1050</b>	<b>815</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>260</b>

## Juvenile Offenses

<b>Offenses Involving Drugs or Alcohol</b>	<b>2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>2009 TOTAL</b>	<b>2009 MALE</b>	<b>2009 FEMALE</b>
Abusing Harmful Intoxicants	1	2	1	1
Aggravated Possession of Drugs	0	1	1	0
Aggravated Trafficking Sched I/II	0	1	1	0
Allow minor remain while consuming	0	0	0	0
Corrupting Another With Drugs	2	1	1	0
Deception to Obtain Dangerous Drug	1	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct while Intoxicated	10	7	5	2
Drug Paraphernalia	94	93	82	11
Funding of Drugs or Marijuana Trafficking	0	0	0	0
Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana	0	0	0	0
Illegal Dispensing of Drug Samples	0	2	0	2
Intoxicating Liquor - Sell/Purchase/Open/Under 21	4	3	2	1
Permitting Drug Abuse	1	2	1	1
Possession of Cocaine	13	9	9	0
Possession of Counterfeit Controlled Substance	1	1	1	0
Possession of Drug Instrument	4	2	0	2
Possession of Drugs	32	38	29	9
Possession of Marijuana	187	146	123	23
Possession of Tobacco	61	46	37	9
Sell/Purchase/Distribute/Deliver Dangerous Drug	7	3	1	2
Theft of Drugs	4	2	1	1
Trafficking Offenses	26	23	22	1
Unauthorized Practice of Pharmacy	1	0	0	0
Underage Alcohol Consumption	149	127	94	33
Underage Alcohol Possession	56	54	39	15
Using Weapons While Intoxicated	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>113</b>

<b>Offenses Involving Weapons</b>	<b>2008 TOTAL</b>	<b>2009 TOTAL</b>	<b>2009 MALE</b>	<b>2009 FEMALE</b>
Carrying Concealed Weapon	8	11	9	2
Discharging a Firearm	8	1	1	0
Discharging Fireworks	3	2	2	0
Failure to Secure Dangerous Ordinance	0	1	1	0
Having Weapon Under Disability	5	5	5	0
Illegal Conveyance of Deadly Weapon/Detention	3	3	3	0
Illegal Conveyance of Deadly Weapon/School Zone	23	21	19	2
Illegal Manufacturing or Processing Explosives	2	0	0	0
Improper Furnishing of Firearm to Minor	1	0	0	0
Improper Handling of Firearm in Vehicle	0	1	0	1
Possession of a Deadly Weapon under Detention	0	0	0	0
Unlawful Possession of Dangerous Ordinance	4	0	0	0
Weapon on School Premises or Activities	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>5</b>

# Juvenile Offenses

Other Offenses	2008 TOTAL	2009 TOTAL	2009 MALE	2009 FEMALE
Adoption of Parole Rules	3	3	3	0
Assault/Harass Pol. Dog/Horse/Handicap.Asst Dob	0	1	1	0
Certain Acts Prohibited	2	1	1	0
Complicity	0	0	0	0
Confining, Restraining, Debarking Dogs	1	0	0	0
Courtesy Supervision to Probation	6	18	17	1
Cruelty to Animals	1	5	5	0
Disorderly Conduct	354	280	199	81
Disposal of Liquids	1	0	0	0
Disrupting Public Services	0	5	5	0
Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles	1	2	2	0
Dog Fighting	0	0	0	0
Escape	5	3	2	1
Failure to Comply with Order of Police	7	5	5	0
False Alarms	6	2	2	0
Falsification	6	8	5	3
Flee/Elude Officer	1	1	1	0
Fugitive from Justice	0	0	0	0
Gambling	2	0	0	0
Illegal Distribution of Tobacco Products	2	0	0	0
Illegal Use of Minor in Nudity-Oriented Material	2	3	2	1
Inciting to Violence	7	3	1	2
Inducing Panic	28	22	18	4
Interference With Custody	0	0	0	0
Intimidation	1	0	0	0
Litter/Trash/Garbage offenses	0	1	0	1
Making False Alarms	0	0	0	0
Making False Reports	11	2	1	1
Misconduct at Emergency	2	0	0	0
Obstructing Justice	5	10	7	3
Obstructing Official Business	140	122	102	20
Pandering Obscenity	6	2	2	0
Participating in Criminal Gangs	0	7	7	0
Possessing Criminal Tools	9	6	6	0
Prohibition Against Failure to Register Dog Kennel	1	0	0	0
Public Gambling	0	0	0	0
Public Indecency	17	3	3	0
Resisting Arrest	44	40	32	8
Riot	0	1	1	0
Soliciting	1	1	0	1
Tampering with Evidence	6	7	6	1
Tampering with Records	2	0	0	0
Transfer of Probation	3	2	2	0
Violating Protection Order or Consent Agreement	2	0	0	0
Violation of Park Rules	0	0	0	0
Violation of Valid Court Order	0	1	0	1
Wrongful Entrustment	0	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>130</b>

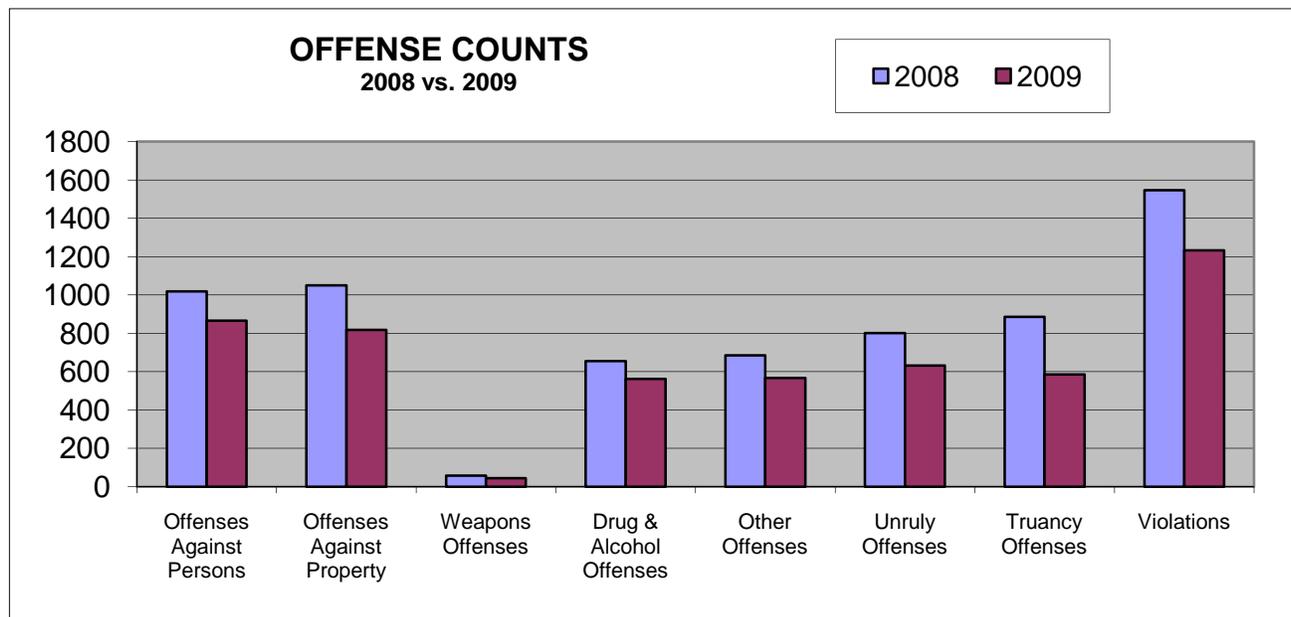
# Juvenile Offenses

	2008	2009	2009 Male	2009 Female
<b>Unruly</b>				
Curfew	161	132	89	43
Runaway	7	107	48	59
Unruly Child	633	393	225	168
<b>Total</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>270</b>

	2008	2009	2009 Male	2009 Female
<b>Truancy</b>				
Chronic	625	430	211	219
Habitual	261	154	89	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>886</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>284</b>

	2008	2009	2009 Male	2009 Female
<b>Violations</b>				
Violation of Court Order	242	421	264	157
Violation of Parole	78	70	57	13
Violation of Probation	1227	741	498	243
<b>Total</b>	<b>1547</b>	<b>1232</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>413</b>

<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>6701</b>	<b>5305</b>	<b>3546</b>	<b>1759</b>
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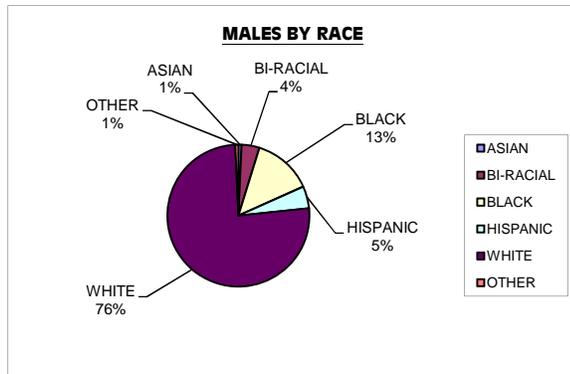
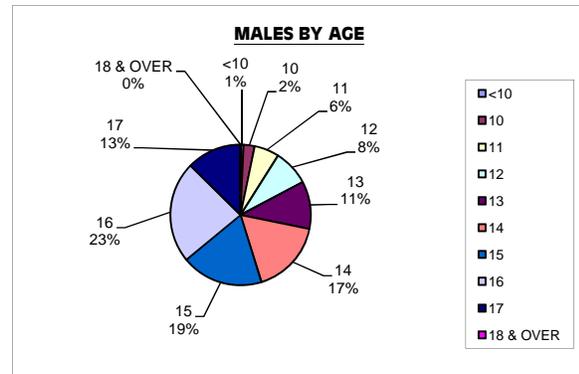
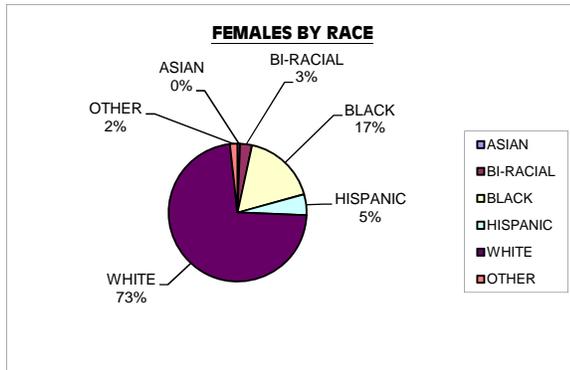
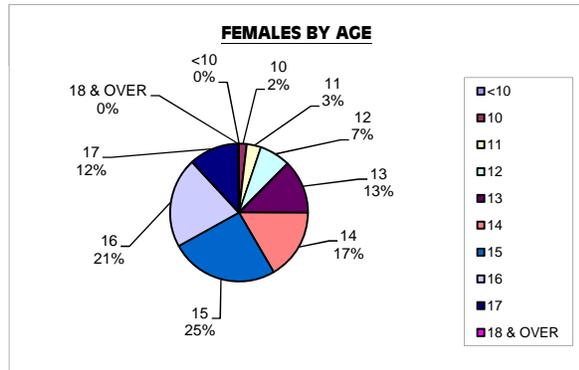
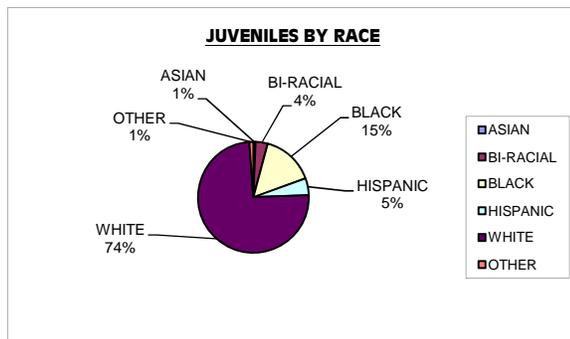
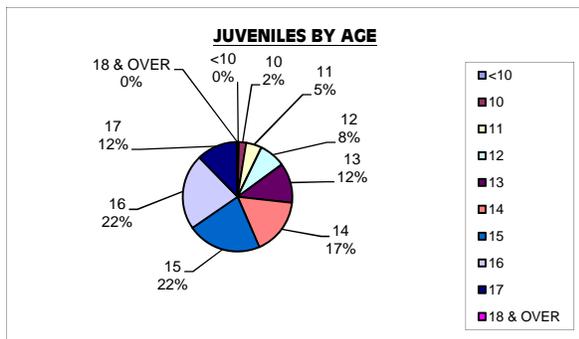
Offenses by Degree (*Excludes Violations)	2009	% of Total Offenses
Felony Offenses	493	12.12%
Misdemeanor Offenses	2774	67.97%
Status Offenses	680	16.64%
Unclassified Offenses	126	3.27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4073</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## Diversion Offender Profile - Case Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
<b>MALE</b>	3	11	25	36	48	74	82	102	55	0	436
<b>FEMALE</b>	0	7	13	28	49	64	98	82	45	1	387
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	18	38	64	97	138	180	184	100	1	823

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
<b>ASIAN</b>	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	5
<b>BI-RACIAL</b>	0	4	1	3	6	3	1	6	5	0	29
<b>BLACK</b>	1	1	15	9	13	19	39	13	16	0	126
<b>HISPANIC</b>	0	1	1	2	6	7	5	13	6	0	41
<b>WHITE</b>	2	11	19	49	71	108	131	149	71	1	612
<b>OTHER</b>	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	2	0	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	18	38	64	97	138	180	184	100	1	823

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
<b>MALE</b>	3	18	59	22	332	3	437
<b>FEMALE</b>	2	11	67	19	280	7	386
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	29	126	41	612	10	823



\* 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

<b>FINANCIAL</b>	
Appoint Attorney Fee Waived	566
Bond Bindover	39
Bond Own Recognizance	1
Bond Release	14
Bond Revoked/Forfeited	116
Bond School	33
Bond School Suspended	2
Ct Cost - Delq Felony	0
Ct Cost - Delq Misd	897
Ct Cost - Non-Moving	0
Ct Cost - Suspended	0
Ct Cost - Truancy	402
Ct Cost - TBD	811
Ct Cost - TBD Traffic	1
Fees Assessed Attorney (J)	298
Fine	42
Juvenile Fund Contribution	68
Pay or Appear	623
Restitution	332
Restitution TBD	306
Restitution TBD Delinquency	97
Restitution TBD/WP	24
Restitution/WP	25
Support Order	25
Waived Court Cost	104
Waived Fines and Cost	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4826</b>

<b>EVALUATIONS/INVESTIGATIONS</b>	
CCM Referral	0
Children Services Referral	46
DNA Specimen	164
Drug Screen	382
Evaluation Competency	96
Evaluation D&A (J)	432
Evaluation Disc/Psych Post	1
Evaluation Forensic (J)	0
Evaluation JRC Placement	54
Evaluation Psychiatric	5
Evaluation Psychological (J)	36
Evaluation Sex Offender (J)	48
Home Study	6
STD/HIV Testing	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1271</b>

<b>SUPERVISION</b>	
Court Supervision (J)	3116
Courtesy Supervision Accepted	17
Courtesy Supervision Denied	2
Curfew	14
Electronic Monitoring	26
Follow Home/School Rules	602
Home Incarceration	118
House Arrest	742
No Contact	2011
No Smoking	2
No Unsupervised Contact	43
Off Limits	637
Paroles Rules Adopted	25
Probation Aftercare	43
Probation Dept Investigation	62
Probation Official (J)	213
Probation Official Continued	44
Probation Truancy	444
Probation Truancy Continued	11
Transfer Probation Supervision	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8173</b>

<b>COMMITMENTS</b>	
Bindover/Probable Cause	4
Bindover/Relinquishment	10
Bound Over to Grand Jury	18
Jail Release	62
Jail Return	26
Jail Sentence (Definite)	5
Jail Sentence (Indefinite)	0
Jail Sentence Stayed (Definite)	8
JDC Release	960
JDC Remand	95
JDC Return	917
JDC Sentence	36
JDC Stayed Sentence	55
JDC Suspend Sentence	98
JDC Transfer to Jail	1
JRC Commitment	42
JRC Home Pass	315
JRC Release	48
JRC Return	7
JRC Terminated	3
Judicial Release Approved	0
Judicial Release Denied	29
Placement IV-E	0
Placement Non IV-E	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2744</b>

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

# Delinquent, Unruly and Diversion Dispositions

<b>LICENSE</b>	
Lic - Suspend Right to Apply	73
Lic Restored - BMV Susp	464
Lic Restored - Court Susp	3
Lic Suspen - Class	36
Lic Suspen - Court	7
Lic Suspen - Div Privileges	0
Lic Suspen - FTA BMV	68
Lic Suspen - FTP BMV	702
Lic Suspen - Parental	2
Lic Suspen - Pleasure	0
Lic Suspen Indefinite	0
Lic - Privlges Granted BMV	12
Lic - Privlges Granted Court	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1368</b>

<b>CASE/CHARGE STATUS</b>	
Case Dismissed 29f2d	65
Case Dismissed W/O Prejudice	125
Case Dismissed With Prejudice	55
Case Dismissed Conditional	1
Charge Dismissed With Prejudice	25
Charge Dismissed W/O Prejudice	193
Charge Withdrawn	285
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>749</b>

<b>WARRANTS</b>	
Failure to Appear (No Warrant)	650
Failure to Appear (Warrant)	201
Warrant Bench (A)	42
Warrant Issued	199
Warrant Ordered Recalled	78
Warrant Outstanding	158
Warrant Served	168
Warrant to Convey	17
Warrant Withheld	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1513</b>

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<b>PROGRAMS</b>	
Anger Management Group	119
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Referrals	5
Cluster Referral	16
Community Service Work	624
Counseling (Family)	51
Counseling (Individual)	67
Counseling (Substance Abuse)	7
Family Dispute/Anger Management	44
Firesetter Prevention Program	7
Mediation Assault	15
Mediation SOM	54
Mediation VOM	17
Restrict Program Referral	241
Sex Offender Counseling	4
Sojourner Outpatient	0
Sojourner Residential	3
Teen Intervention Program	1
Tobacco Education Group	1
Wings Referral	3
Work Program	518
Work Program JDC	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1831</b>

<b>OTHER</b>	
Appoint Attorney	1213
Appoint GAL	74
Appoint GAL/Attorney	522
Appoint Interpreter	85
Attorney Withdrawal	196
Expungement Order	1
Failed to Appear (Parent)	945
Gun Spec 1 Year - Accomplice	0
School Absent Note	13
School Attendance Mandatory	737
Sealing Order	0
Transfer To	170
Transferred From	110
Truancy Parent Charged	110
Warned/Admonished	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4188</b>

# WORK PROGRAM

Total Juvenile Participants	1854
Restitution Hours	5856
Community Service Hours	7965
Total Amount Paid to Victims	\$24,351.50

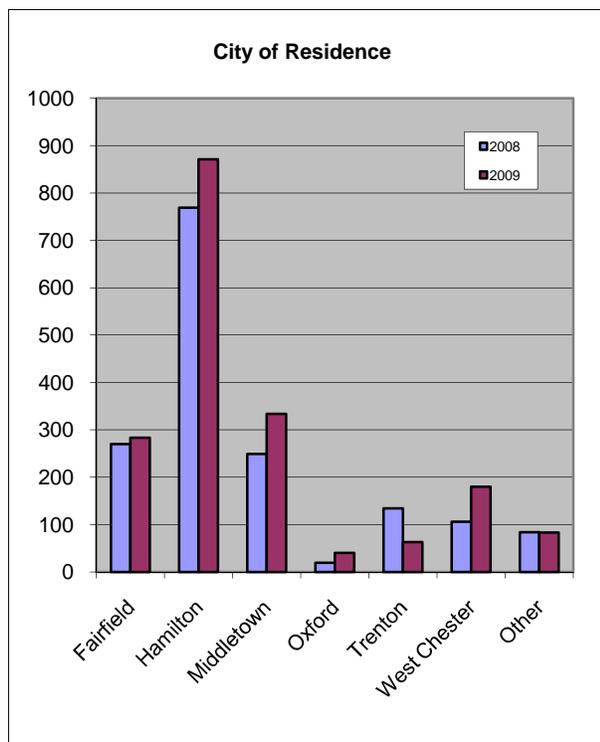
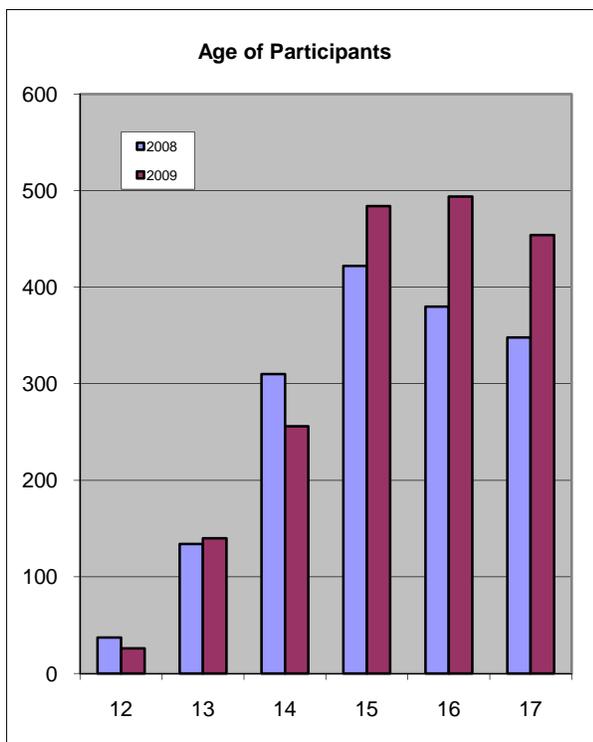
## Participant Profile

Race	2008	2009
White	1262	1477
Black	235	255
Other	134	122
<b>Total</b>	<b>1631</b>	<b>1854</b>

Gender	2008	2009
Male	1218	1334
Female	413	520
<b>Total</b>	<b>1631</b>	<b>1854</b>

Age	2008	2009
12	37	26
13	134	140
14	310	256
15	422	484
16	380	494
17	348	454
<b>Total</b>	<b>1631</b>	<b>1854</b>

City of Residence	2008	2009
Fairfield	270	283
Hamilton	769	871
Middletown	249	334
Oxford	19	40
Trenton	134	63
West Chester	106	180
Other	84	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>1631</b>	<b>1854</b>

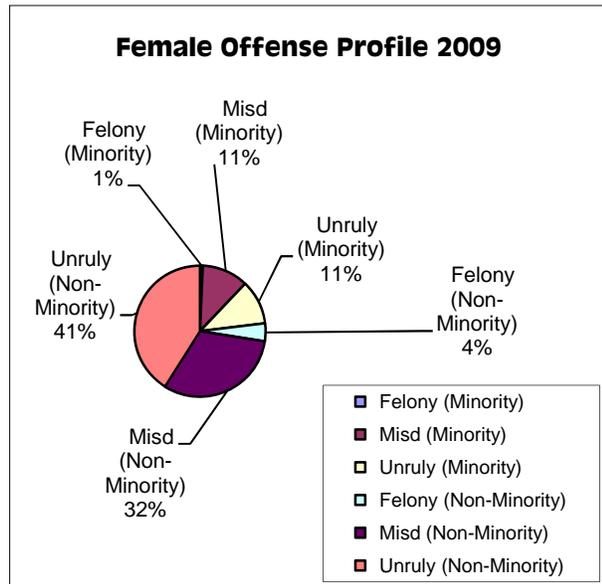
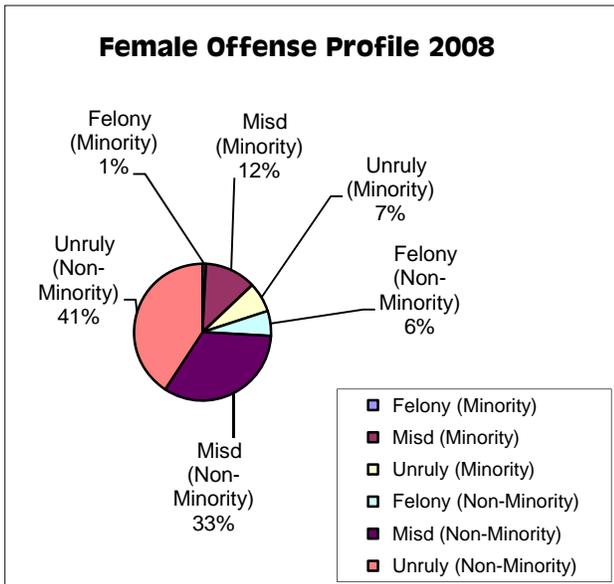
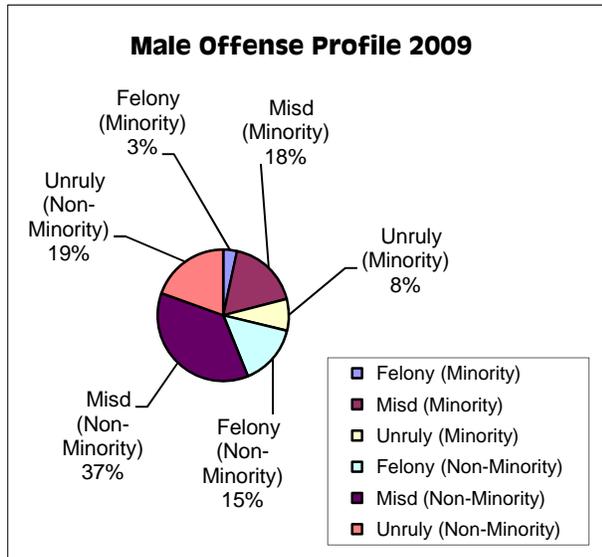
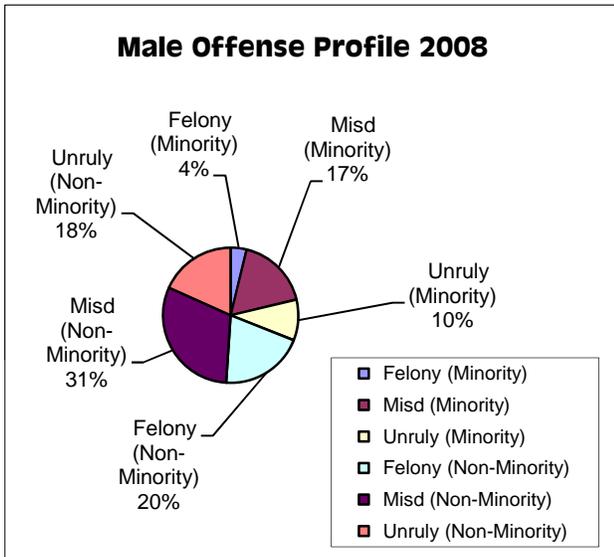


# WORK PROGRAM

## Participants by Offense Level

<b>MALE</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Minority		
Felony (Minority)	19	19
Misd (Minority)	88	99
Unruly (Minority)	49	44
Non-minority		
Felony (Non-Minority)	101	85
Misd (Non-Minority)	154	206
Unruly (Non-Minority)	92	110
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>563</b>

<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Minority		
Felony (Minority)	2	2
Misd (Minority)	31	31
Unruly (Minority)	18	30
Non-minority		
Felony (Non-Minority)	15	12
Misd (Non-Minority)	85	86
Unruly (Non-Minority)	104	112
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>273</b>



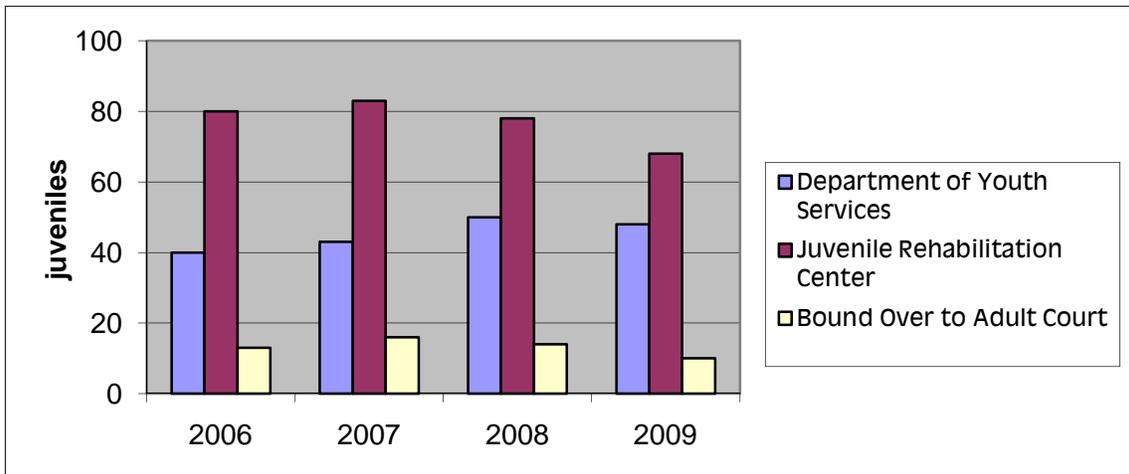
# Work Program Work Sites

Abilities First (Middletown)  
Badin High School (Hamilton)  
Baker Concrete (Education Project)  
Butler County Fair Grounds  
Butler County Metro Parks  
Butler County Records Dept.  
Clean Sweep (Hamilton)  
Edgewood Schools  
Fairfield Parks  
Fairfield Schools  
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.

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Department of Youth Services	40	43	50	48
Juvenile Rehabilitation Center	80	83	78	68
Bound Over to Adult Court	13	16	14	10



## **Juvenile Detention Center Overview**

The Butler County Juvenile Detention Center is a 54 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 warrant's secure placement. The facility has a rated capacity of 42 male and 12 female beds. 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 2009, the population at the detention center decreased from the previous year's admission totals. The facility received 1177 admissions in 2009 compared to 1525 during 2008. The average length of stay for residents averaged 14 days, while the average daily population was 46 residents. The facility admitted 226 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 196 juveniles for technical violations while under community control for a felony offense. Further, the facility admitted 226 juveniles for domestic violence and another 35 juveniles for assault.

The facility utilizes the Hamilton City School District to provide educational programming to residents being housed in the facility. The facility employs a Program Coordinator to provide daily programming to residents in the areas of life skills, money management, character education, drug awareness, anger management, and parenting. In addition James Jordan of the Ohio State Extension Office provides additional life skill programming in the areas of fatherhood, driver's education and role modeling to older male residents. 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

<b>POPULATION</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Males	1059	798
Females	466	379
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>1177</b>

<b>CHILD'S RESIDENCE</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Fairfield	144	108
Hamilton	517	383
In County	73	42
Middletown	466	417
New Miami	5	3
Oxford	32	21
Trenton	89	27
West Chester	121	105
Out of County	65	60
Out of State	13	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>1177</b>

<b>OFFENSES</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Status	120	48
Misdemeanors	492	398
Felonies	267	226
Court Violations	672	516
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1551*</b>	<b>1188*</b>

<b>DETAINING AGENCY</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Butler County Juvenile Court	728	526
Butler County Sheriffs Dept	119	95
Fairfield Police Dept	63	48
Fairfield Township Police Dept	39	48
Hamilton County Juvenile Court	8	7
Hamilton County Sheriff Dept	0	4
Hamilton Police Dept	174	109
Miami University Security	0	0
Middletown Police Dept	153	148
Monroe Police Dept	24	15
New Miami Police Dept	0	0
Ohio Dept Youth Services	42	45
Ohio State Patrol	4	1
Oxford Police Dept	14	13
Oxford Township Police Dept	2	1
Ross Township Police Dept	14	9
Sharonville Police Dept	0	5
Trenton Police Dept	42	11
Warren County Sheriff Office	0	0
West Chester Police Dept	92	88
Other	7	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1525</b>	<b>1177</b>

\* 2008 / 2009 OFFENSES  
INCLUDE MULTIPLE  
CHARGES PER CASE

**Average Length of Stay in Days      15      14**



# **BUTLER COUNTY**

## **JUVENILE REHABILITATION CENTER OVERVIEW**

### **2009**

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.

Changes / enhancements in Education Program Delivery Model from Hamilton City School, District is as follows at BCJRC:

- Move to year-round school calendar.
- Move to computer-lab learning system – Pace Accelerated Learning Lab (ALL) software, with integrated, compatible print materials for students needing extra teacher assistance.
- Pace ALL is comprised of the content areas:
  - Reading/Language Arts
  - Writing (print only)

- Mathematics
  - Social Studies
  - Science
- This program can be used for remediation, credit recovery, and GED preparation.
- The Pace ALL is a structured, individualized program that is software driven rather than web-based to maintain security within the correctional environment.
- After completing an online placement assessment, students will work within assigned content areas to meet individualized needs.
- Highly qualified content certificated teachers will direct student learning in the content classrooms.
- A Special Education Intervention Specialist are available to provide additional intervention and accommodations.
- Students assessed at higher achieving levels and up to date with credits may participate in independent study of higher level courses.
- Course assignment will first address credit deficiencies or core classes needed to graduate.
- Incorporate Hamilton City School District's Character Education Focus into the curriculum.
- Adopt of an Advisor/Advisee model, with students paired with teachers for progress monitoring.

BCJRC used child support funds to do a complete security upgrade of the Detention Electronic Control System to include the addition of 36 cameras with digital and audio recording capability for the entire Butler County Juvenile Justice Center.

BCJRC was the first CCF in Ohio to receive Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Program Certification on March 18, 2009 complying with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 5139-69-02. This certification is valid until March 17, 2011.

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 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

<b>Committing County</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Adams	0	2
Belmont	0	1
Butler	69	61
Clermont	3	2
Clinton	5	2
Miami	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>68</b>

<b>Felony Level</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Felony 1	7	4
Felony 2	6	10
Felony 3	23	14
Felony 4	14	15
Felony 5	28	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>68</b>

<b>Age</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
12	2	0
13	2	4
14	9	5
15	21	15
16	20	17
17	23	25
18	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>68</b>

## **TRAFFIC COURT**

In 2009, the recent trend where we have seen a decline in traffic citations issued to juveniles continued. The possible cause or causes of this trend are, perhaps, unknowable. We are certain, however, that several factors have played a role in this ongoing decline. As a nation, we have continued to struggle with the effects of a depressed economic environment. The statistics from the Federal Highway Commission show that a precipitous drop in vehicle miles driven in the United States occurred between 2006 and 2007. To date, that statistic has remained depressed. When there fewer automobiles on the road fewer accidents and offenses occur. The depressed economy has also made it difficult for young adults to find employment. Historically, many juvenile traffic offenses occur when minors are trying to make their way from school to work or after they have had a long day of work and school. 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.

The statistic noted in last year's report that indicated a significant increase in OVI (Operation of a Vehicle while Intoxicated) citations did not continue into 2009. We hope that the trend is now moving downward.

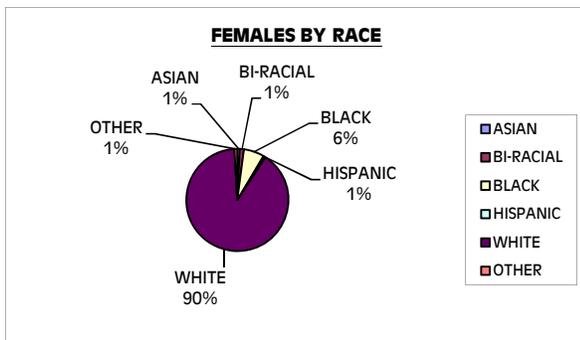
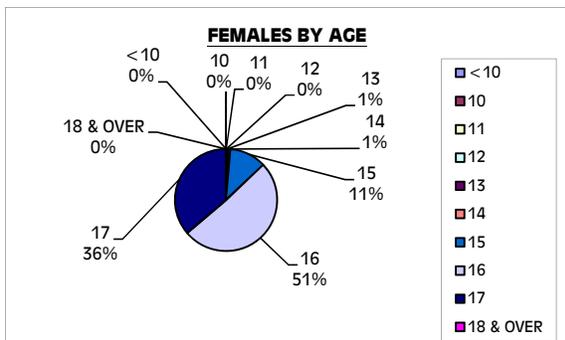
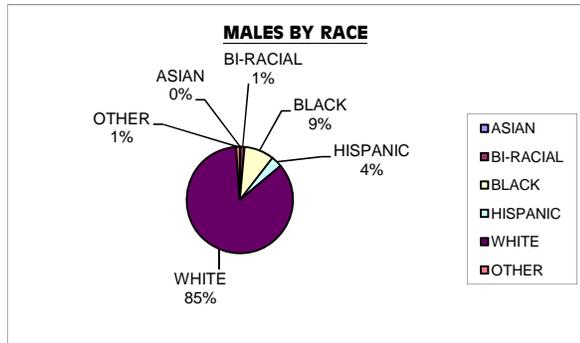
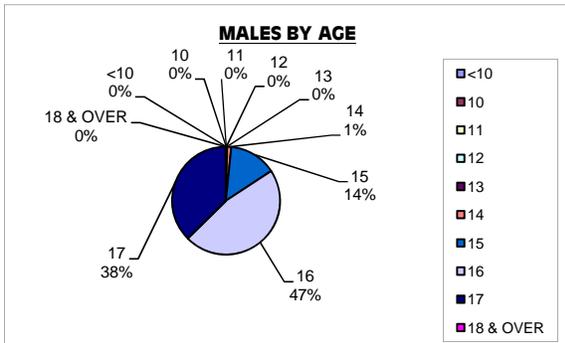
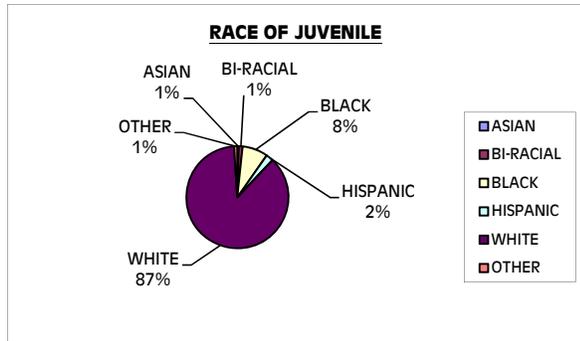
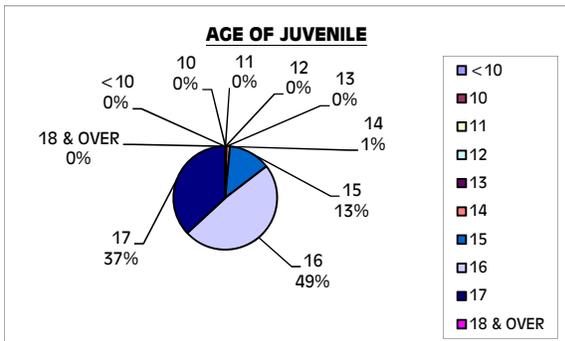
This court continues to utilize the services of the Hamilton Safety Council, The Middletown Safety Council, Horizon Recovery Services, and CarTeens in an effort to educate, evaluate, and, when needed, provide treatment services for teen drivers who commit offenses. Those community partners provide excellent 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	0	0	0	1	2	12	139	459	365	1	979
FEMALE	0	0	0	0	4	5	75	332	236	0	652
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	1	6	17	214	791	601	1	1631

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	7
BI-RACIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	10	0	20
BLACK	0	0	0	1	1	4	21	52	53	0	132
HISPANIC	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	16	9	1	37
WHITE	0	0	0	0	5	9	182	707	515	0	1418
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	0	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	1	6	17	214	791	601	1	1631

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	2	12	89	33	832	11	979
FEMALE	5	8	43	4	586	6	652
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	20	132	37	1418	17	1631



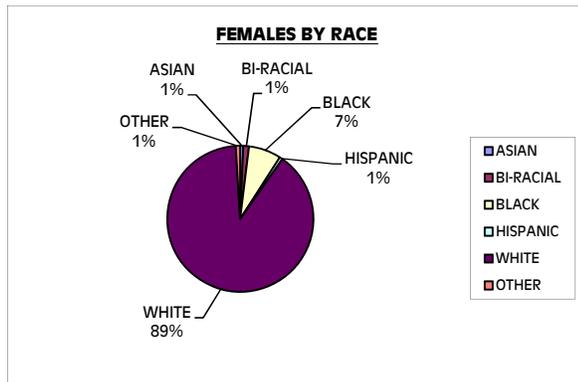
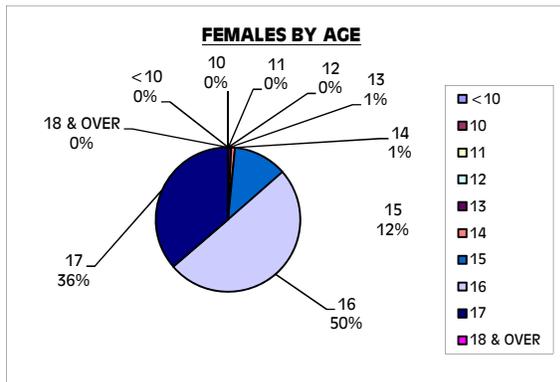
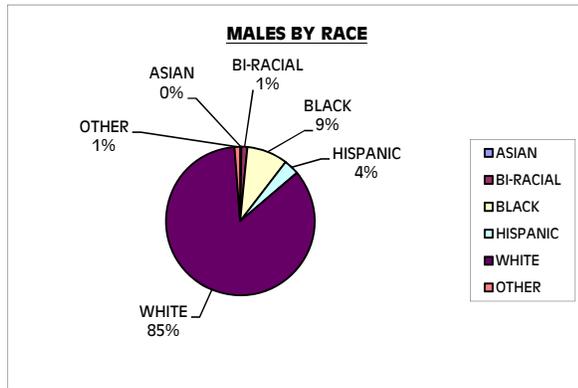
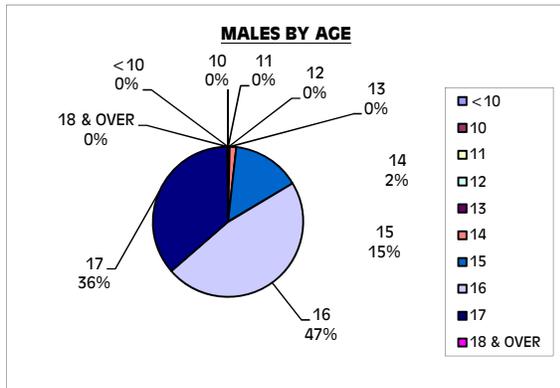
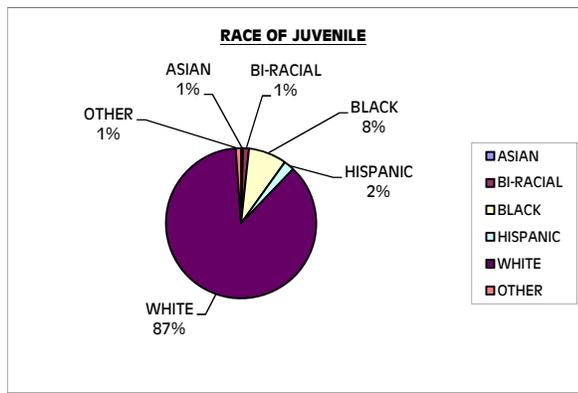
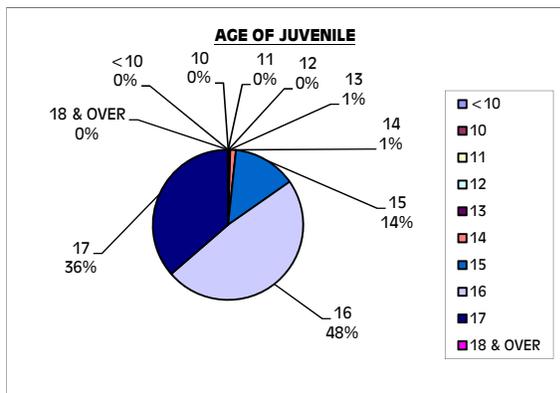
\* NOTE: These statistics represent an accounting of the juveniles that committed each offense. Some juveniles may be counted more than once since these counts refer to each case and not each unique juvenile.

## Traffic Offender Profile - Distinct Count

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
MALE	0	0	0	1	2	12	127	407	313	1	863
FEMALE	0	0	0	0	4	5	70	293	212	0	584
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1447</b>

AGE	<10	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18 & OVER	TOTAL
ASIAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	6
BI-RACIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	10	0	18
BLACK	0	0	0	1	1	4	18	50	45	0	119
HISPANIC	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	15	8	1	33
WHITE	0	0	0	0	5	9	171	620	449	0	1254
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	0	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1447</b>

RACE	ASIAN	BI-RACIAL	BLACK	HISPANIC	WHITE	OTHER	TOTAL
MALE	2	11	77	29	733	11	863
FEMALE	4	7	42	4	521	6	584
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1447</b>



\* 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

<b>OFFENSES</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
ALL OCCUPANTS SECURE	5	10
ALL PURPOSE VEHICLE PROHIBITED	3	2
APPROACHING PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE	1	2
ASSURED CLEAR DISTANCE	182	196
BICYCLE TO BE RIDDEN ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROADWAY	1	1
CERTAIN ACTS PROHIBITED	2	0
CROSSING DIVIDED HIGHWAY	2	0
CURFEW VIO DR LIC	15	18
DISREGARD OF SAFETY	2	0
DISREGARD SAF PRIV/PROP	5	3
DR LIC MISREP	2	0
DRAG RACING/STREET	5	2
DRIVING IN MARKED HAZARDOUS ZONES	1	1
DRIVING LEFT OF CENTER	7	9
DRIVING LEFT SIDE OF ROADWAY	1	0
DRIVING ON SIDEWALK	1	0
DRIVING UNDER SUSP/REV	48	59
DRIVING WITH OBSTRUCTED VIEW	1	0
DRIVING WITH PREVIOUS REGISTRATION	0	3
EQUIPMENT MISUSE	1	0
EXPIRED PLATES	20	20
FAIL DISPLAY REGIS	9	8
FAIL-FILE REQ REPT	18	13
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDER	1	1
FAILURE TO CONTROL	122	119
FAILURE TO DIM HEADLIGHTS	0	5
FAILURE TO DISPLAY LICENSE	16	18
FAILURE TO DISPLAY LICENSE PLATES	11	9
FAILURE TO REINSTATE	3	3
FAILURE TO STOP/INJURY TO PERSON/PROP	3	0
FALSE INFORMATION TO AVOID CITATION	2	3
FLEE/ELUDE OFFICER	0	2
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSE	103	5
FOREIGN LICENSE PLATES WHEN RESIDENT OF THIS STATE	0	1
FTY - FROM PLACE OTHER THAN ROADWAY	15	16
FTY EMERGENCY VEHICLE	2	0
FTY RIGHT OF WAY	8	10
FTY-INTERSECTION	3	13
FTY-LEFT TURN	64	55
FTY-PED/BLIND	1	2
FTY-PRIVATE DRIVE	4	4
FTY-STOP SIGN	66	85
HEADLIGHT VIOLATION	11	4
HEADLIGHTS NOT ON	15	8
HIT SKIP/LEAVE SCENE	27	20
HIT-SKIP PRIVATE PROP	6	6
IMPROP/PROHIB TURN	3	1
IMPROPER DISPLAY DEALER PLATES	1	0
IMPROPER PASSING	6	3
IMPROPER PASSING(RIGHT SIDE)	1	1
IMPROPER SIGNAL DEVICE	1	0
INTOXICATED OR DRUGGED PEDESTRIAN ON HIGHWAY	1	1
INTOXICATING LIQUOR, OPEN CONTAINER PROHIBITED	1	0
LITTERING FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE	3	3
MUFFLER/EXHAUST	5	4
NO BRAKE LIGHTS	1	1
NO CHILD RESTRAINT	4	2

# Traffic Offenses

<b>OFFENSES (continued)</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
NO DRIVER'S LICENSE	175	152
NO LICENSE PLATE LIGHT	8	5
NO MOPED LICENSE OR SAFETY EQUIPMENT	1	0
NO MOTORCYCLE ENDORSEMENT	0	4
NO REAR VIEW MIRROR	1	0
NO REFLECTOR OR LIGHT ON BICYCLE	1	0
NO TEMP PERMIT/NO ADULT	21	25
OBSTRUCTED VIEW	1	0
OMVUAC	2	1
OPERATING AN UNSAFE VEHICLE	6	6
OPERATION WITHOUT LICENSE PLATES	2	3
OVI-ALCOHOL/LIQUOR/DRUGS	48	25
PARKING VIOLATION	3	1
PERMIT UNLICENSED DRIVER TO DRIVE	43	3
PERMIT UNLICENSED MINOR DRIVER TO DRIVE	1	1
PETITION FOR RESTORATION OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES	1	0
PHYSICAL CONTROL	2	1
PLACING INJURIOUS MATERIAL IN STREET	1	0
PROHIBITED U-TURN	2	2
PROHIBITION AGAINST PARKING ON HIGHWAY	3	3
RECKLESS OPER/PRIV PR	1	0
RECKLESS OPERATION	29	32
RIDERS IN TRUCK CARGO AREA	1	0
RIDING ON VEHICLE	1	0
RIGHT OF WAY YIELDED BY PEDESTRIAN	1	0
RULES FOR BICYCLES, MOTORCYCLES AND SNOWMOBILES	0	3
RT SIDE OF ROADWAY	5	7
SAFETY BELT - PASSENGER	22	22
SAFETY BELT - DRIVER	115	128
SPEED	531	504
SPEED (= > 30 OVER)	22	27
SPEED (55 > 10 OVER)	127	119
STOPPED SCHOOL BUS VIOL	11	21
TAIL LIGHT VIOLATION	6	3
TINTED WINDOWS	6	6
TRAF CONT DEV/SIGNS	34	30
TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTS	39	25
TRANSFER OF CAR TAGS	0	1
UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE LEFT RUNNING	0	1
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF LICENSE PLATES	9	8
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLE	0	1
UNDERAGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION	1	0
VEHICLE NOISE VIOLATION	6	3
VIO OF RESTRICTION	5	0
VIO STARTING/BACKING	15	8
VIO-EQUIP REGULATION	1	0
VIOL - RR CROSSING	3	1
VIOLATION FLASHING LIGHTS	2	3
VIOL-RIGHT TURN ON RED	11	2
VIOL-ONE WAY TRAFFIC	5	4
VIOL-TRAF LANES/LINES	51	37
VIOL-TURN AT INTERSECTION	0	3
VIOL-TURN SIGNALS	24	14
W/O DUE REGARD PRIV PR	0	1
WRONGFUL ENTRUSTMENT	3	3
OTHER	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>2,001</b>

# JUVENILE TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONS

<b>DISPOSITIONS</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>DISPOSITIONS (continued)</b>	<b>2009</b>
Appoint Attorney	28	LIC - Suspend Right to Apply	35
Appoint GAL	2	LIC Restored - BMV Susp	219
Appoint Interpreter	25	LIC Restored - Court Susp	2
Carteens With Parent	799	LIC Suspend - Class	269
Case Dismissed W/O Prej.	8	LIC Suspend - Court	265
Case Dismissed W/O Prej. - Off. FTA	23	LIC Suspend - FTA BMV	48
Charge Dismissed With Prejudice	6	LIC Suspend - FTP BMV	268
Charge Dismissed Without Prejudice	18	LIC Suspend - Parental	10
Charge Withdrawn By Complainant	6	LIC Suspend - Pleasure	2
Charge Withdrawn By Law Enforcement	2	LIC Privlges Granted BMV	199
Charge Withdrawn By Prosecutor	12	LIC Privlges Granted Court	5
Community Service Work	1	Mediation VOM	0
Continue Prior Orders	12	Motion Granted	1
Ct Cost - Delq Misd	0	No Action Taken	39
Ct Cost - Moving	1164	No Contact (Delinq)	2
Ct Cost - Non-Moving	112	Probation Official (J)	1
Ct Cost TBD Traffic	313	Restitution	1
Driver Improvement Program	118	Restitution TBD	3
Drug Screen (J)	2	Safety Belt Fine (Driver)	55
Evaluation D&A (J)	1	Safety Belt Fine (Passenger)	19
Failed to Appear (Parent)	40	Taken Under Advisement	3
Failure to Appear (No Warrant)	137	Teen Intervention Program	18
Failure to Appear (Warrant)	4	Transfer To	57
Fine	186	Transferred From	2
House Arrest	0	Waived Court Cost Traffic	1
JDC Release	4	Waived Fines and Costs Traffic	0
JDC Return	0	Warned/Admonished	0
JDC Suspend Sentence	3	Warrant Ordered Recalled	1
Juvenile Fund Contribution	2	Warrant Outstanding	2
		<b>TOTAL DISPOSITIONS</b>	<b>4555</b>

## **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 486 cases involving 897 allegations of abuse (179), neglect (236), and dependency (482) were filed by Butler County Children Services and private citizens in 2009. Additionally, 77 motions for permanent custody were filed during the year.

A total of 522 cases comprised of 673 adult criminal offenses were filed by police departments, truant officers, or private citizens in 2009. Of those, 445 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. 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 140 mediations held in 2009. Of those mediation's, 73 had partial or full agreements.

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 2009, 22 individuals were accepted to the program. Nine successfully completed. Currently there are 19 participants. The program has been able to place 84 children in a permanent placement as a result of their parents participation in drug court. Fifty-one children were placed back in the temporary or legal custody of the parent(s).



# FAMILY DRUG COURT PROGRAM

## CLIENTS

CLIENTS in 2009	
Accepted into Program	22
Successfully Completed Program	9
Terminated from Program	17

TERMINATIONS	
Non-Compliance	17
Neutral	0

## CURRENT CLIENTS

CLIENTS CURRENTLY IN PROGRAM	18
(14 Females, 4 Males)	
Phase I	9
Phase II	5
Phase III	4

TREATMENT	
Clients in Residential Treatment	6
Clients in IOP/OP Treatment	7
Completed Treatment	5
Relapse Prevention	0
AWOL (not in treatment)	0

## CHILDREN

CHILDREN CURRENTLY INVOLVED WITH CHILDREN SERVICES	42
Reunified with Parent(s) of Removal	11
Foster Care	2
Kinship Care	12
In the Legal Custody of Parent(s) of Removal	17

*These numbers are only from families that were accepted into, completed or were terminated from the program in 2009.*

## **CLERK SERVICES OVERVIEW**

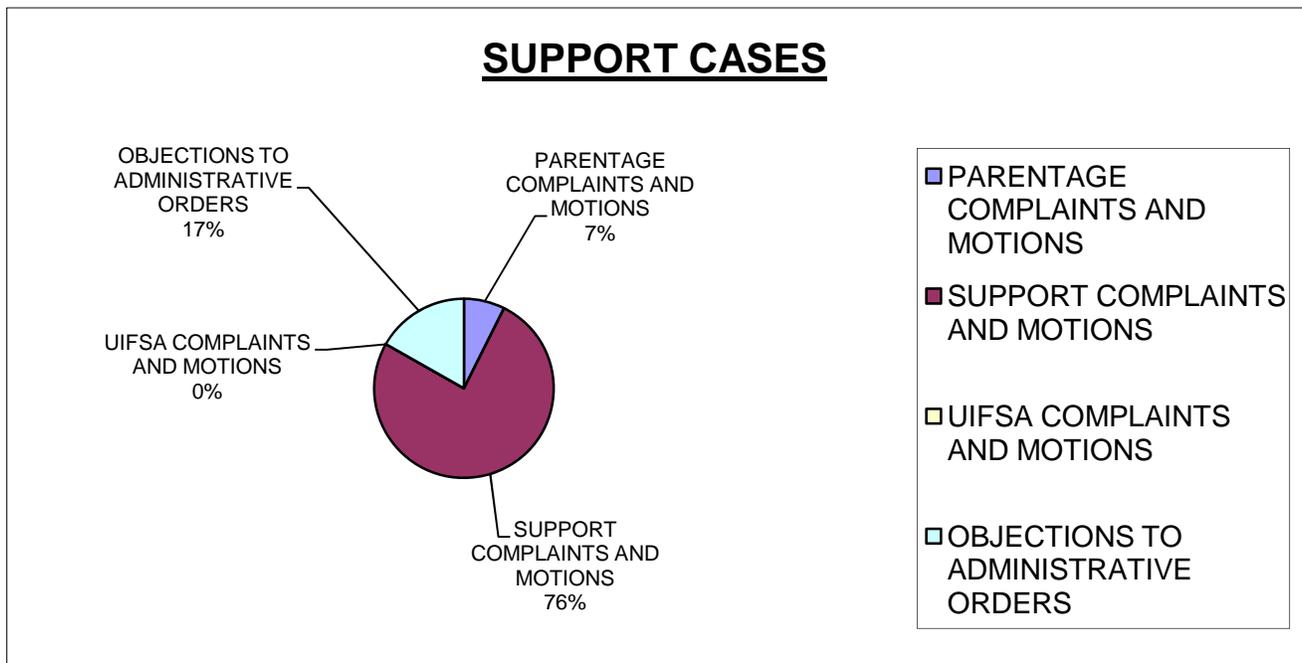
The role of the Clerk Services Unit is to aid the Magistrates and Judges in the courtrooms, aid the Support Services Unit, the Probation Department, outside agencies, and the public in processing the paperwork on new and existing cases. The objective of the Clerk Services Unit is to process all filings 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 had worked in conjunction with Domestic Relations Court to hear paternity and support cases since June of 2005. Due to county-wide budget reductions, Domestic Relations Court was forced to end this collaboration in September of 2009. During the 2009 calendar year, Juvenile Court assigned 332 cases to Domestic Relations Court which resulted in 3,882 hearings for their court.

During 2009 the Juvenile Clerk's Office processed a total of 8,371 cases which resulted in an additional 12,130 filings of motions, objections and/or violations for a total of 20,501 filings. In response to those filings, Juvenile Court held 34,860 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 2009 year, the clerk's office issued 39,285 service documents which include: summons, subpoenas, notice of hearing, and publication as well as 2,045 warrants processed.

# CHILD SUPPORT CASE STATISTICS

	2008	2009
<b>PARENTAGE COMPLAINTS AND MOTIONS</b> 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.	221	170
<b>SUPPORT COMPLAINTS AND MOTIONS</b> 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.	1869	1746
<b>UIFSA COMPLAINTS AND MOTIONS</b> The "Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA)" is the standard set of requirements for the processing of interstate cases in the United States.	33	0
<b>OBJECTIONS TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS</b>	320	386
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2443</b>	<b>2302</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ADOPTED BY THE COURT</b> Orders issued by a governmental entity other than a court. Such orders are enforceable in a manner similar to orders issued by a court.	455	497
<b>WAGE ASSIGNMENTS</b> 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.	168	35



## **INFORMATION SERVICES OVERVIEW**

In 2009, Butler County Juvenile Court Information Services staff supported the full and part time staff of the Juvenile Court, Juvenile Detention Center and Juvenile Rehabilitation Center. Daily operations included necessary server maintenance, the processing of the tape backups and monitoring the availability of all electronic Court information. The Information Services staff continued creating standard and ad hoc statistical reports for use by the Court for decision making and planning and specifically, staff gathered data for use by the DMC (Disproportionate Minority Contact) Initiative. 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 ordering and maintaining all of the personal computers, printers, scanners and servers used at the Juvenile Justice Center. In 2009, staff maintained existing computer equipment with the growing 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.

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. Juvenile Court and Butler County Information Services staff began planning for an upgrade to the Kronos system to be completed in 2010.

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.

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