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Executive Summary

In the first quarter of FY2016, DYS continues to partner with the Division of Behavioral Health to implement diversion pilot programs that will link juvenile judges to local treatment options for court-involved youth who have been diagnosed with a disability. Likewise, the Division is partnering with the Annie E. Casey Foundation to continue support for Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) sites currently in the state.

The Division of Youth Services (DYS) prepares for the upcoming inaugural meeting of Arkansas' historic Youth Justice Reform Board. The Board was established by Act 1010 of the legislature and its membership will be appointed by the governor, bringing together stakeholders from across the state to develop a series of recommendations for youth justice reform in Arkansas by June 30th, 2016.

The agency continues working with partners to plan for a DYS academy; this effort will support Arkansas juvenile justice workers and leaders in their work to meet standards and institute best practices and reform.

During the first quarter, the unique public-private partnership between DYS and Shorter College continues providing on-campus college-level instruction to youth in residential care at the Alexander Juvenile Assessment and Treatment Center (AJATC); this program provides college credit to juvenile-justice involved youth as a bridge back to the community and to future success, and the agency is looking to partner with other institutions of higher learning in the state to replicate the model at other sites. Eight youth have received college credit they will be able to take with them to any state institution of higher learning through the Arkansas Credit Transfer Program. This quarter ten students earned their high school diploma while in DYS custody. Eight students have passed the

Arkansas Career readiness Certificate WorkKeys program with either a bronze, silver, or gold certificate.

The State of Arkansas is required by the federal government to have three Targeted Counties addressing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC); DYS currently coordinates with four county-level DMC coalitions and the state is in compliance with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP) mandate to address DMC.

In the first quarter, DYS and the Arkansas Juvenile Justice Coalition (ACJJ) continue to oversee and support the more-than-thirty programs that receive funding via Title II and Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) to fund prevention and intervention programming; these encompass mental health services, gender-specific services, deinstitutionalization of status offenders, disproportionate minority contact, juvenile justice system improvement, law enforcement training, graduated sanctions, drug courts, interagency information-sharing, needs and risk assessments, restorative justice, recidivism reduction, and others. The agency is seeking to partner with stakeholder groups to provide non-profit 101 trainings and technical support for subgrantees.

DYS Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) monitors continue auditing sites where youth are or may be detained in the State of Arkansas in accordance with the federal JJDP Act of 1974.

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

This quarter 121 youth were committed to DYS and the agency has a total of 779 youth in its care. In the third quarter, twenty incidents of suspected abuse or neglect were referred to the Arkansas State Police. Of the twenty incidents, the Arkansas State Police determined ten merited an investigation. The statuses of all ten investigations remain pending.

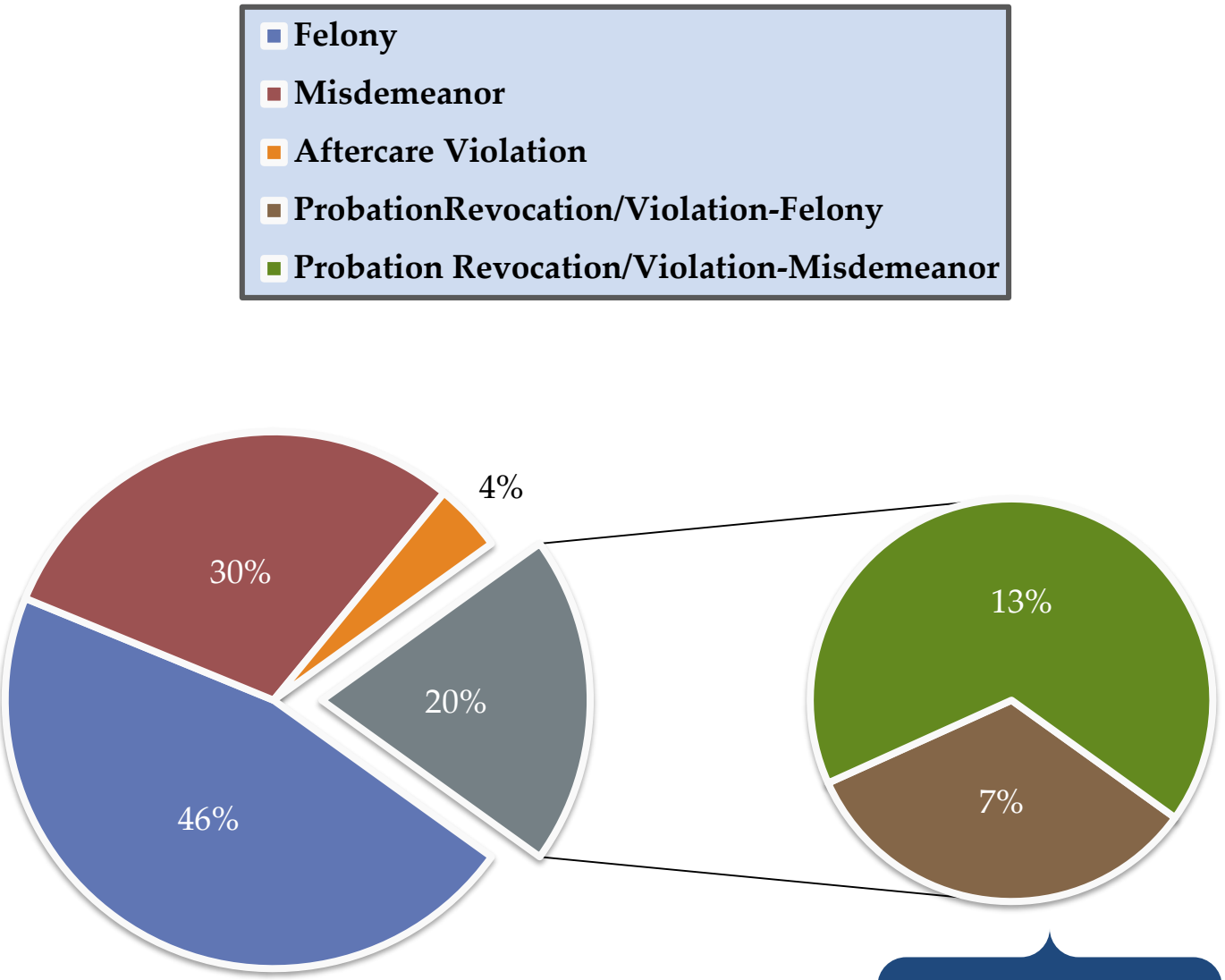
DYS Vision

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

DYS Mission

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

Figure 1: Commitments by Offense

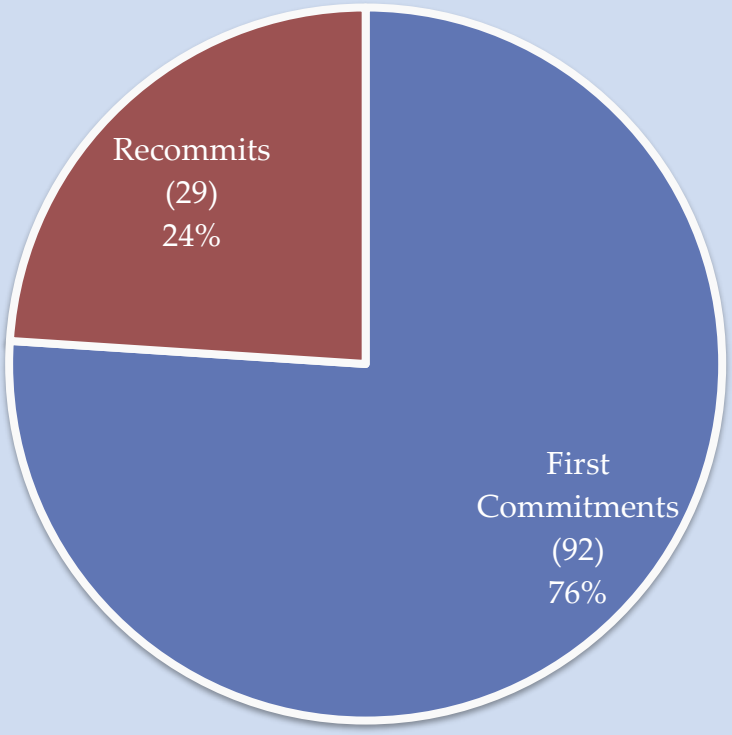


Total Commitments: 121

Probation revocations and **violations** are delineated by original charge: **felony** or **misdemeanor**.

Was this their first time being committed to DYS care?

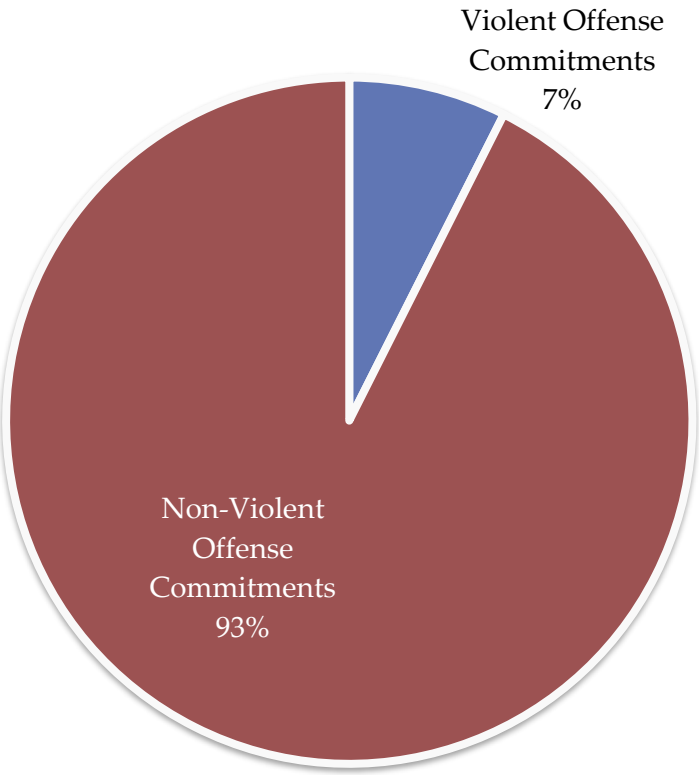
Figure 2: First Commitments vs. Recommits



WHAT ARE RECOMMITS?

Recommit(ment)s represent youth who have been previously committed to DYS and received a new order of commitment this quarter.

Figure 3: Violent vs. Non-Violent

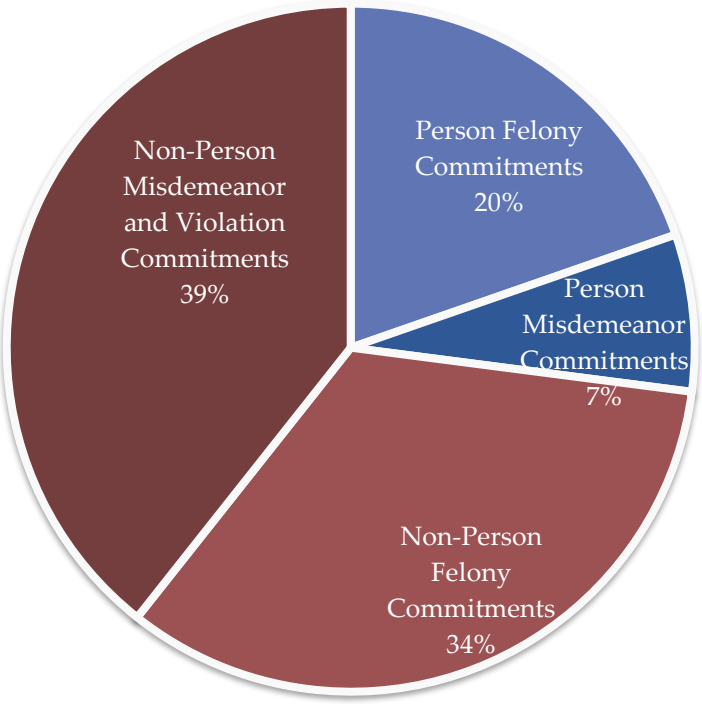


VIOLENT OFFENSES:

- Murder/Manslaughter
- Forcible Rape
- Robbery
- Aggravated Assault

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

Figure 4a: Person vs. Non-Person



NON-PERSON OFFENSE CATEGORIES:

Property

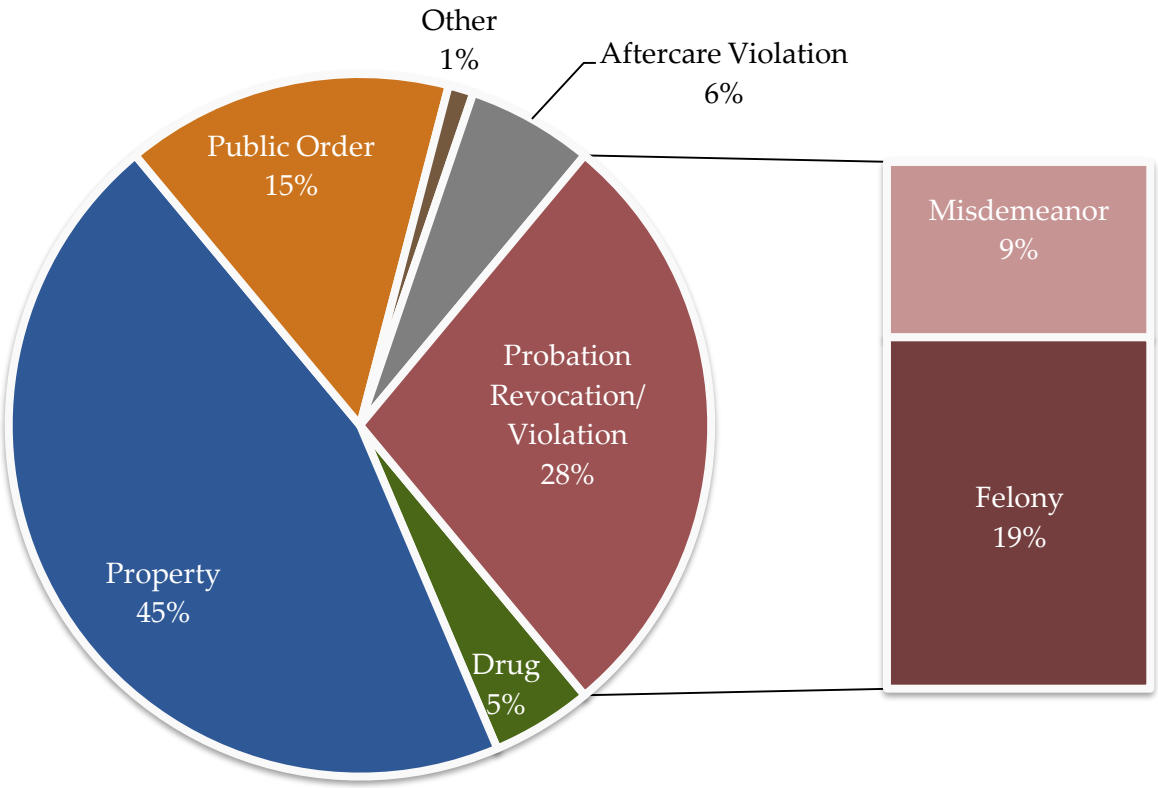
Drug

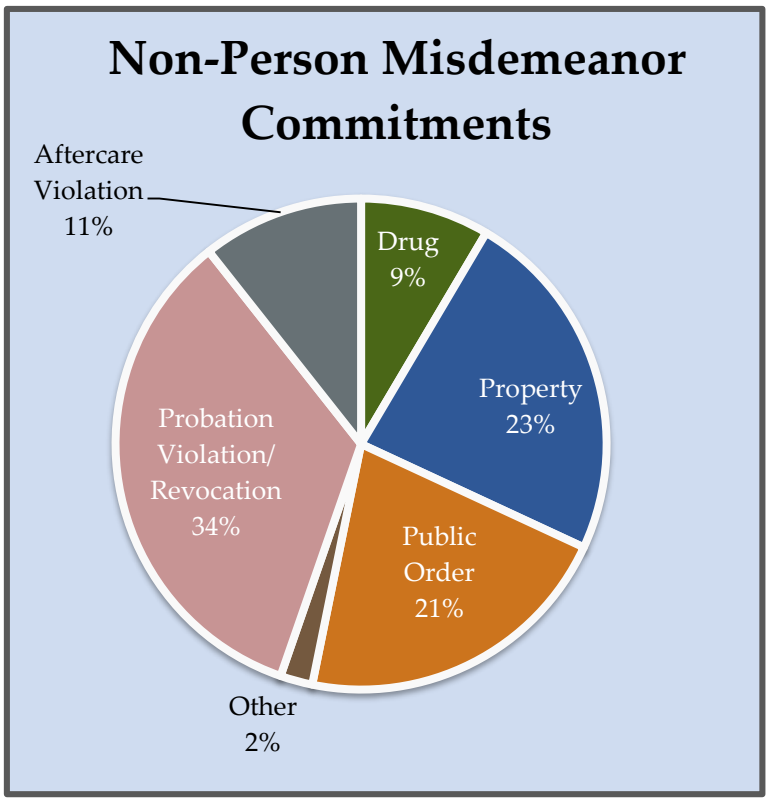
Public Order

Aftercare Violation

Probation Revocation/Violation

Figure 4b: Non-Person by Category





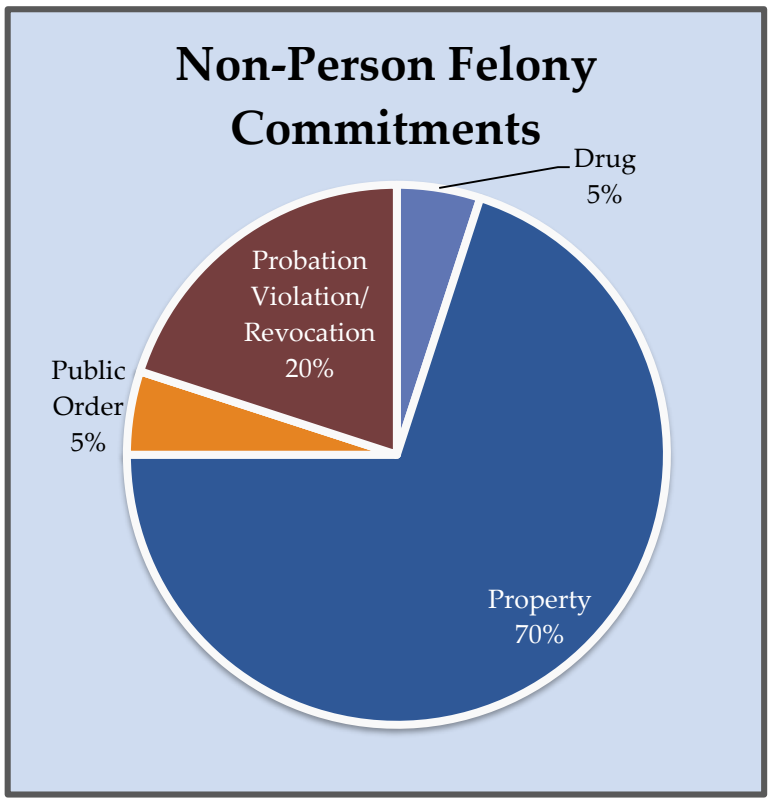
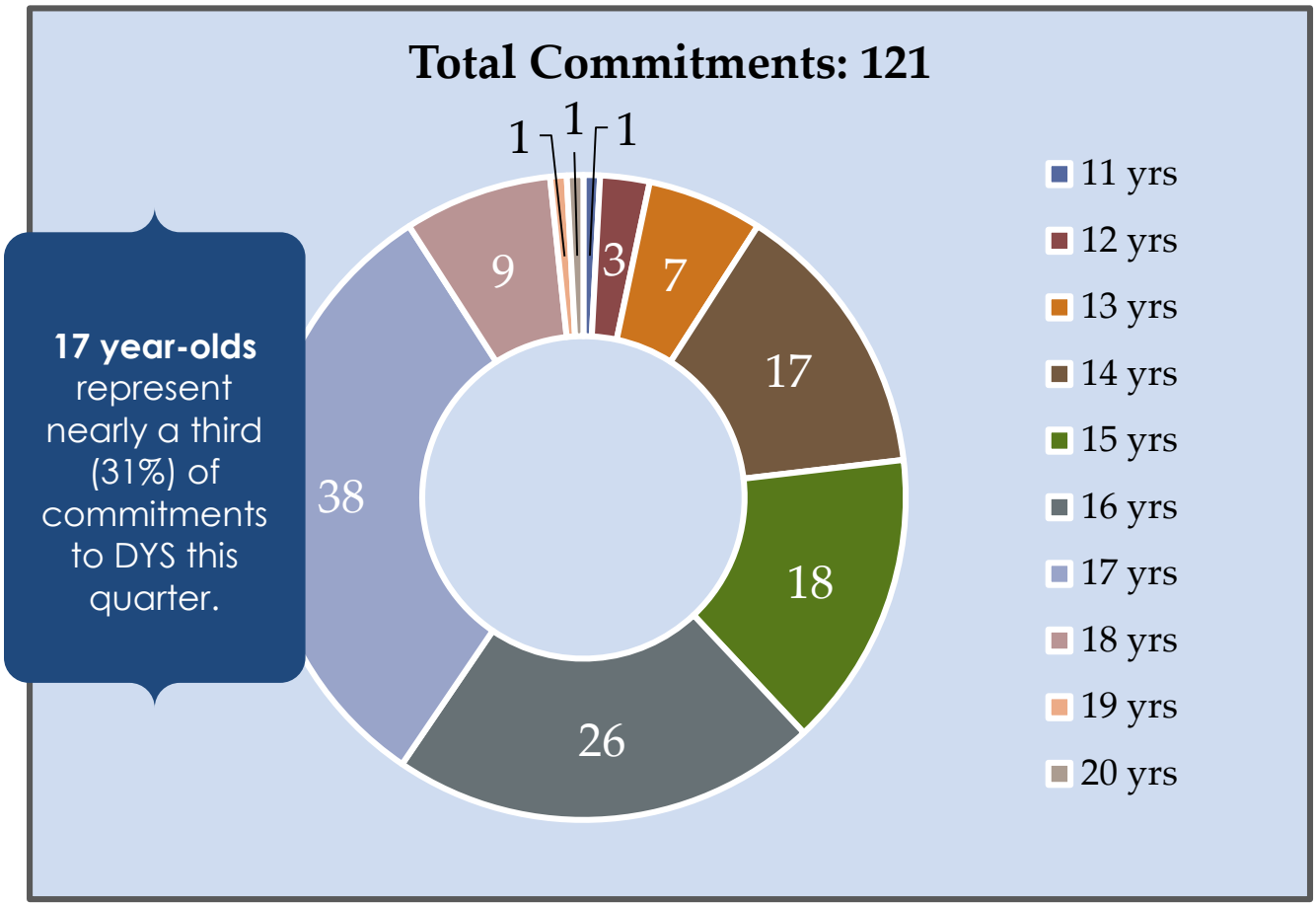
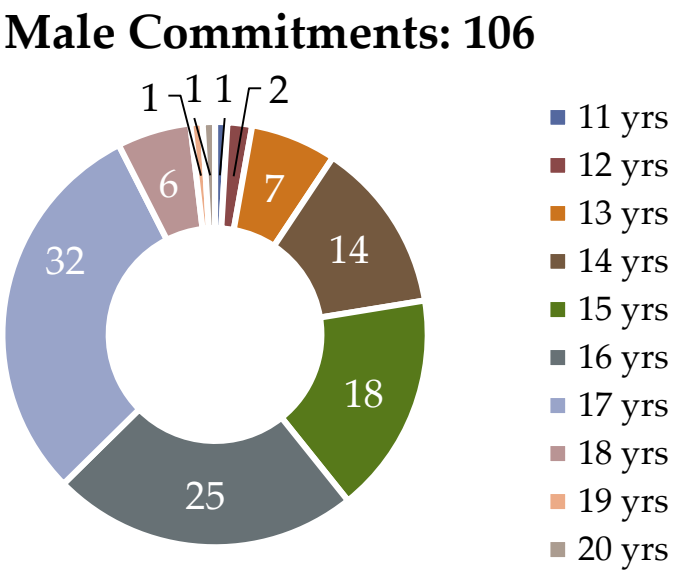


Figure 5a: Commitments by Age & Gender





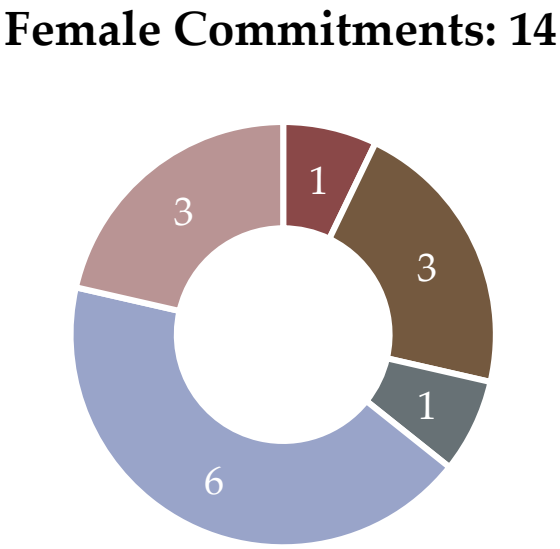
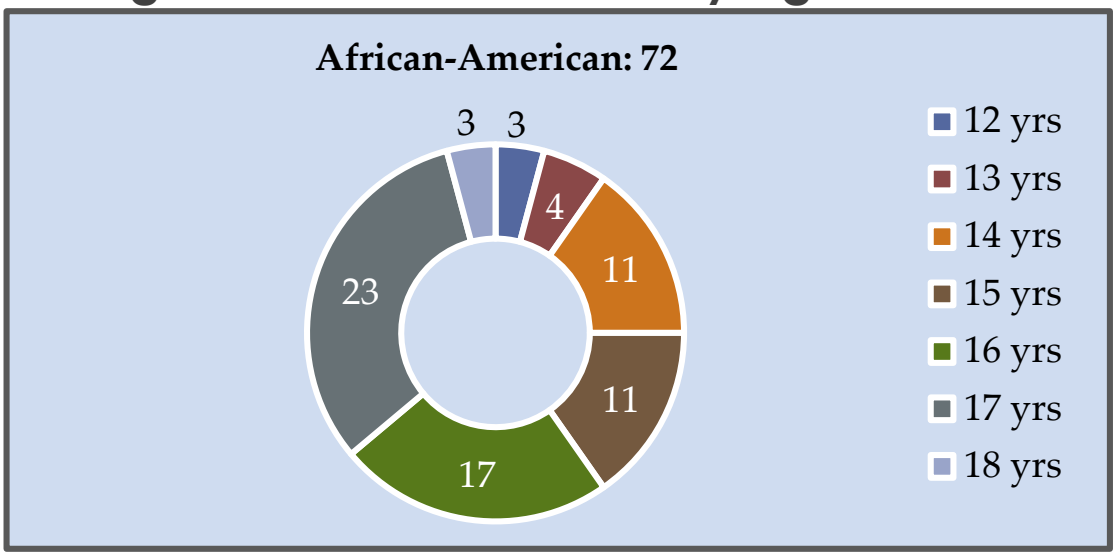
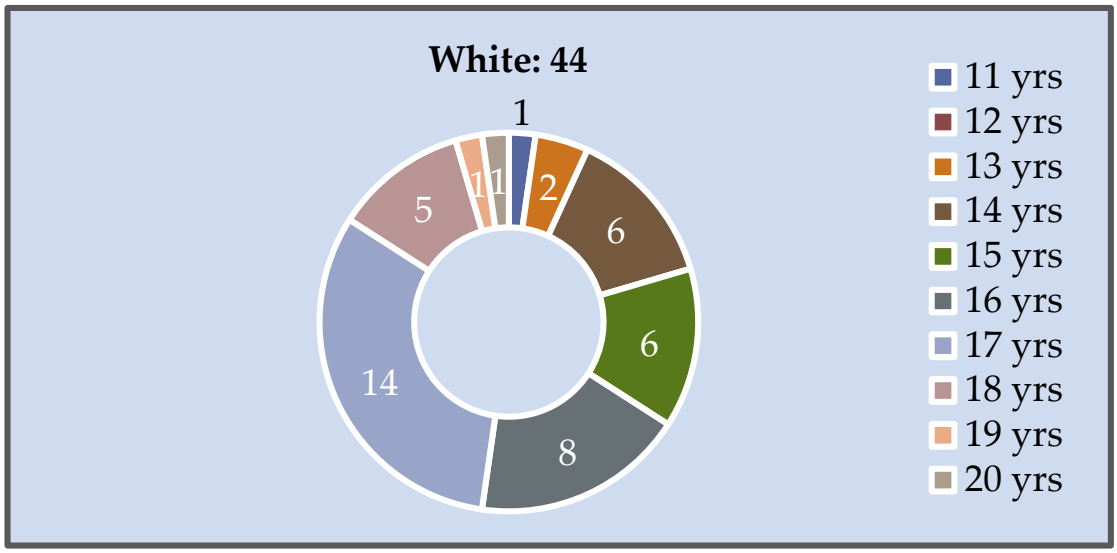


Figure 5b: Commitments by Age & Race





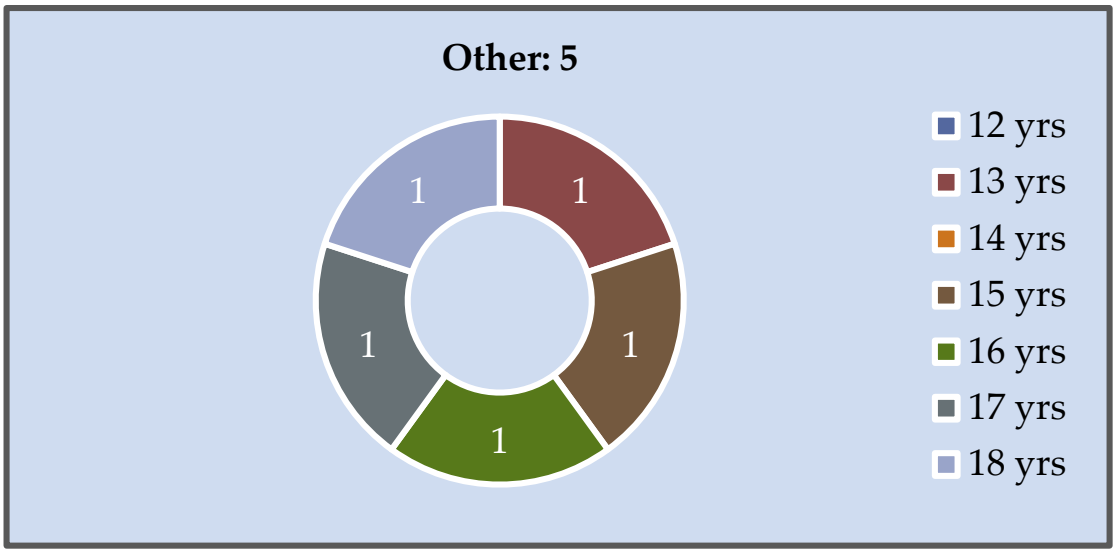
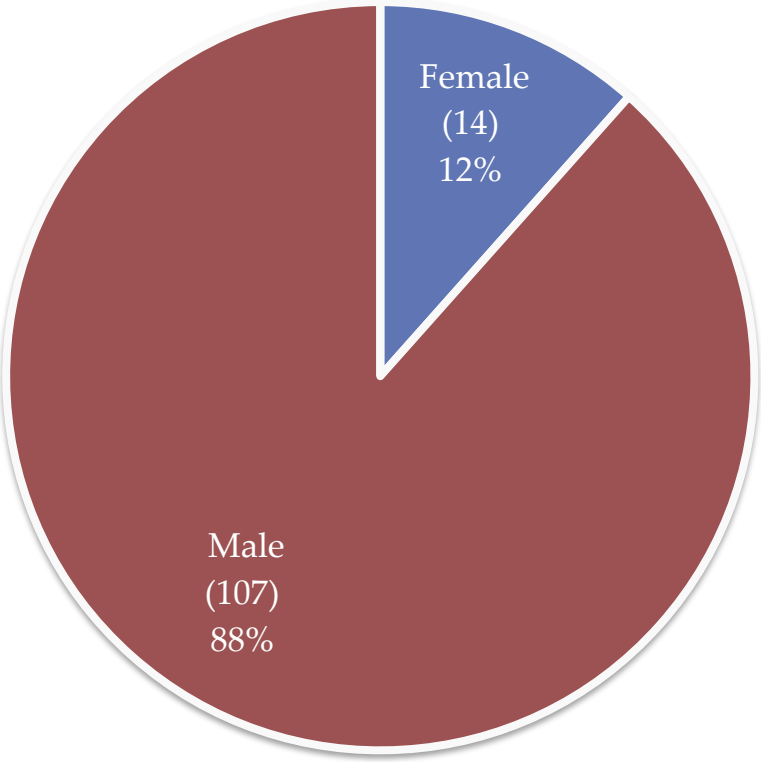


Figure 5c: Commitments by Age, Gender, and Race

Age (yrs)	African-American		White		Other		TOTAL
	male	female	male	female	male	female	
11			1				1
12	2	1					3
13	4		2		1		7
14	9	2	5	1			17
15	11		6		1		18
16	16	1	8		1		26
17	20	3	11	3	1		38
18	2	1	3	2	1		9
19			1				1
20			1				1
TOTAL	64	8	38	6	5		121

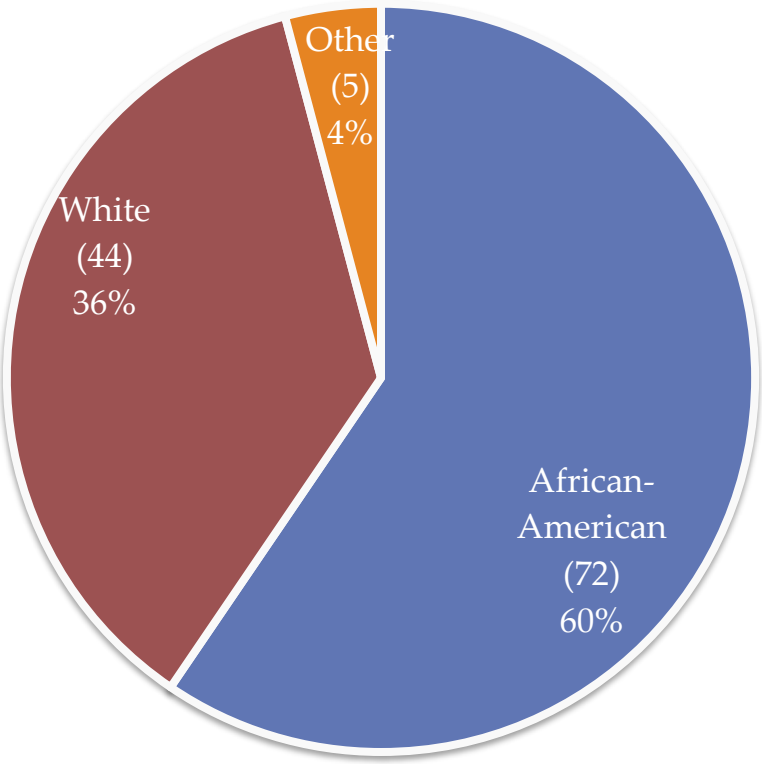
What are the demographics of youth committed to DYS care this quarter?

Figure 6: Commitments by Gender



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

Figure 7a: Commitments by Race



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

Figure 7b-1: Commitments by Race by County

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

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* **NOTE** Zeros have been omitted from this chart for visual clarity *

Figure 7b-2: Commitments by Race by County

Committing County	African-American	White	Other	TOTAL
Lawrence		2		2
Lee				
Lincoln				
Little River	1	1		2
Logan				
Lonoke		2		2
Madison				
Marion				
Miller				
Mississippi	2	2		4
Monroe				
Montgomery				
Nevada				
Newton				
Ouachita	4			4
Perry				
Phillips	1			1
Pike				
Poinsett	2			2
Polk				
Pope				
Prairie				
Pulaski	14	2	1	17
Randolph		1		1
Saint Francis	1			1
Saline	1	5		6
Scott				
Searcy		1		1
Sebastian	1	2	2	5
Sevier			1	1
Sharp				
Stone				
Union	7	1		8
Van Buren		1		1
Washington				
White	1	2		3
Woodruff				
Yell				
TOTAL	72	44	5	121

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Zeros have been omitted from this chart for visual clarity
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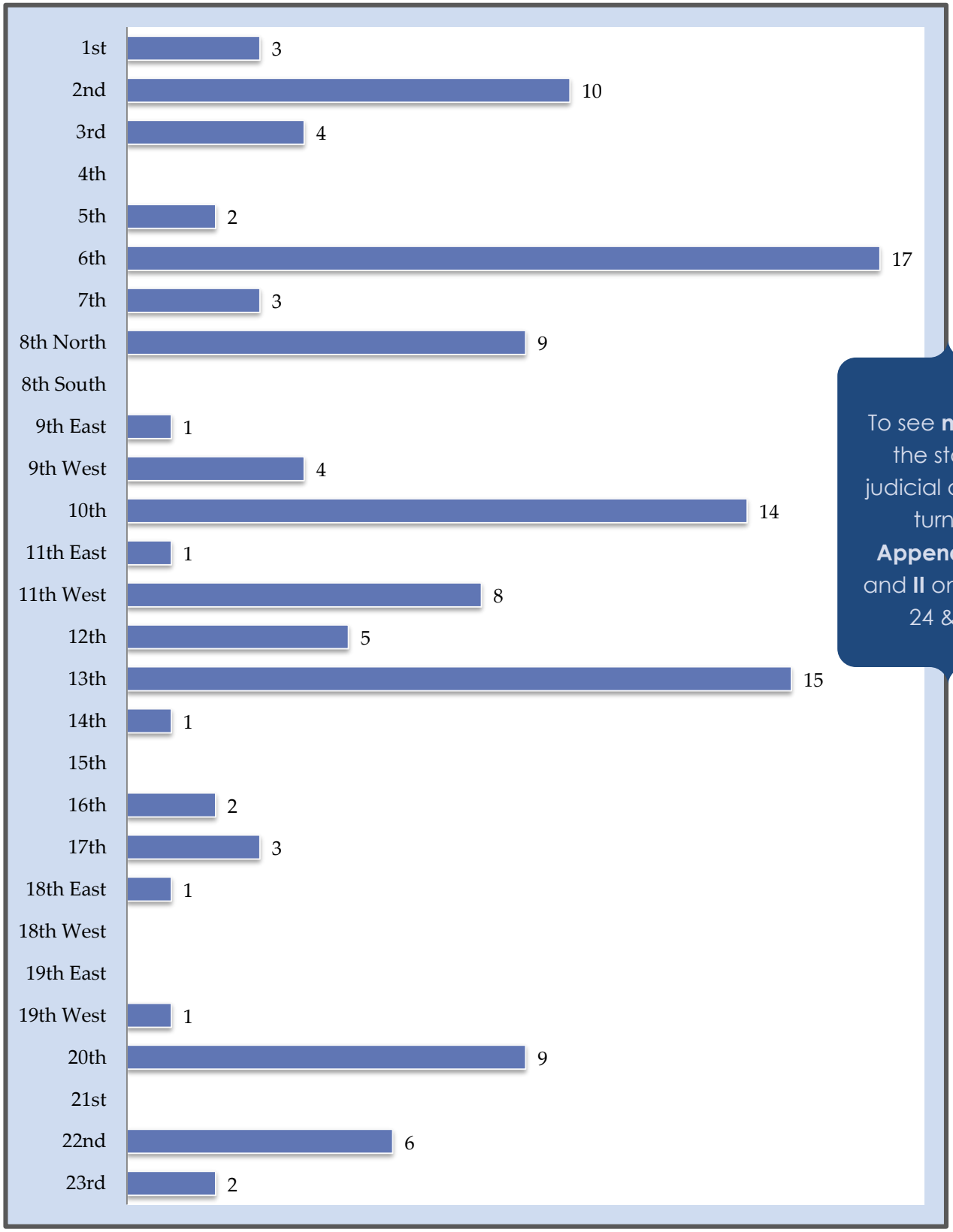
Figure 8a: Commitments by District



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

Figure 8b-1: Commitments by District by Year

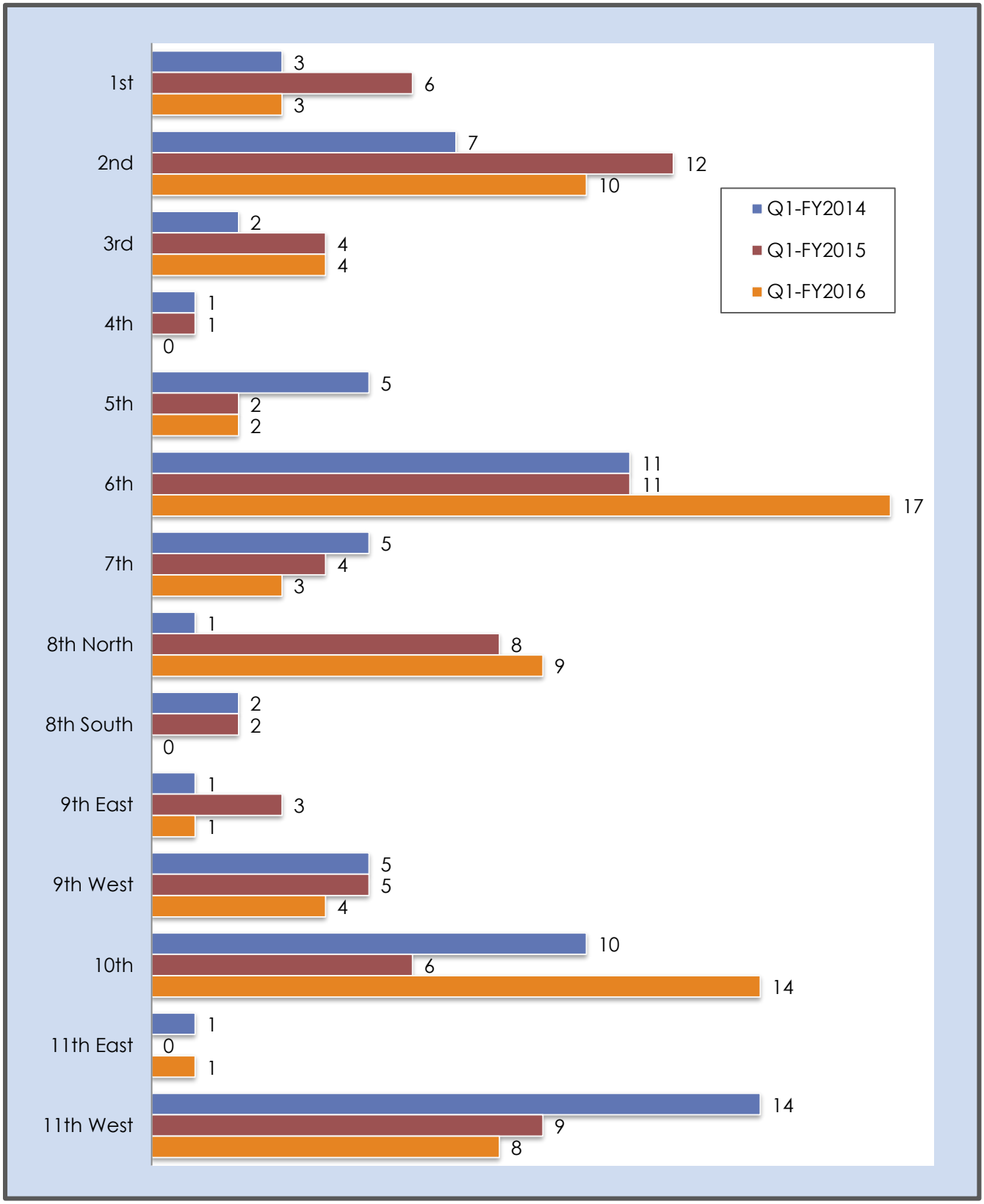


Figure 8b-2: Commitments by District by Year

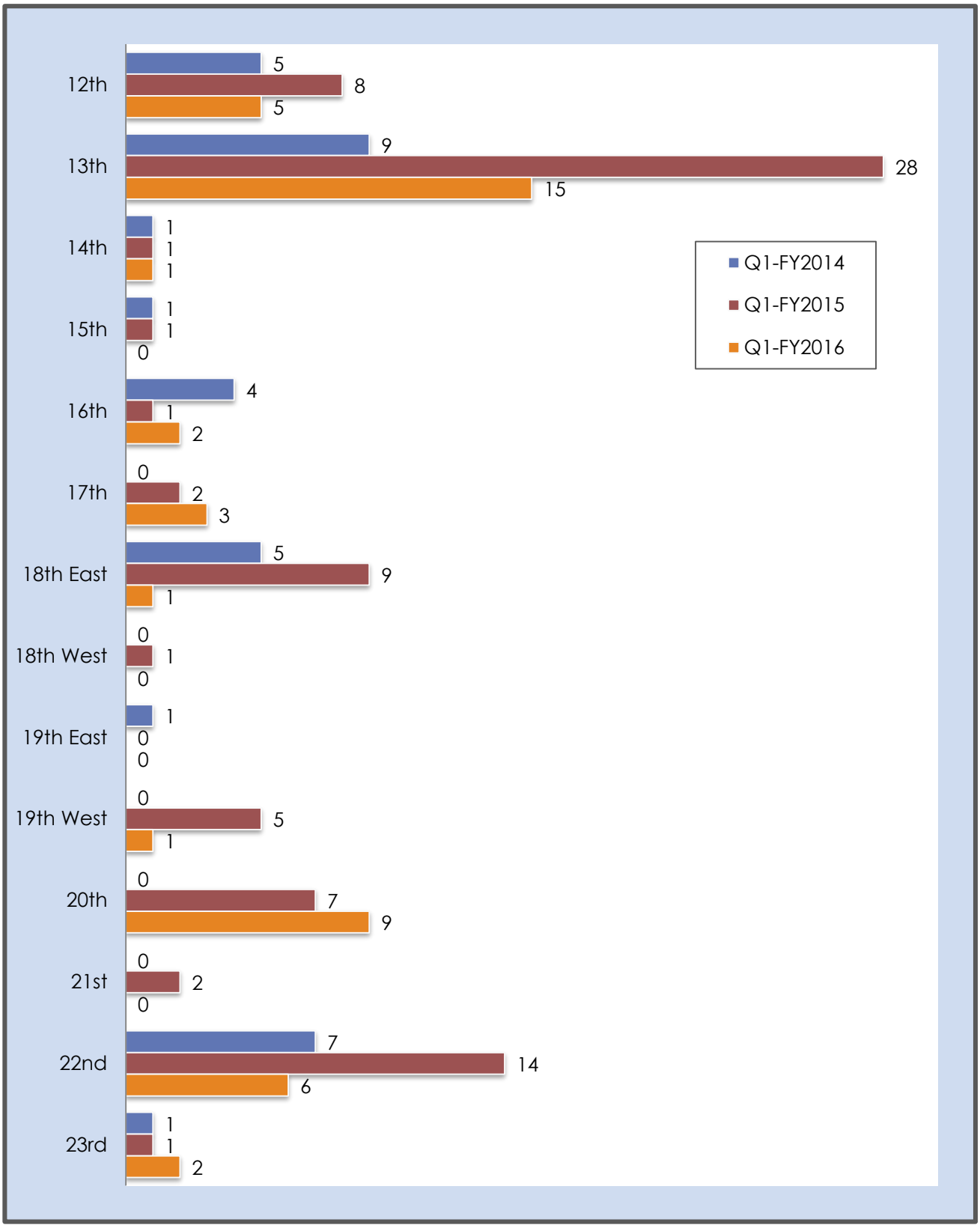
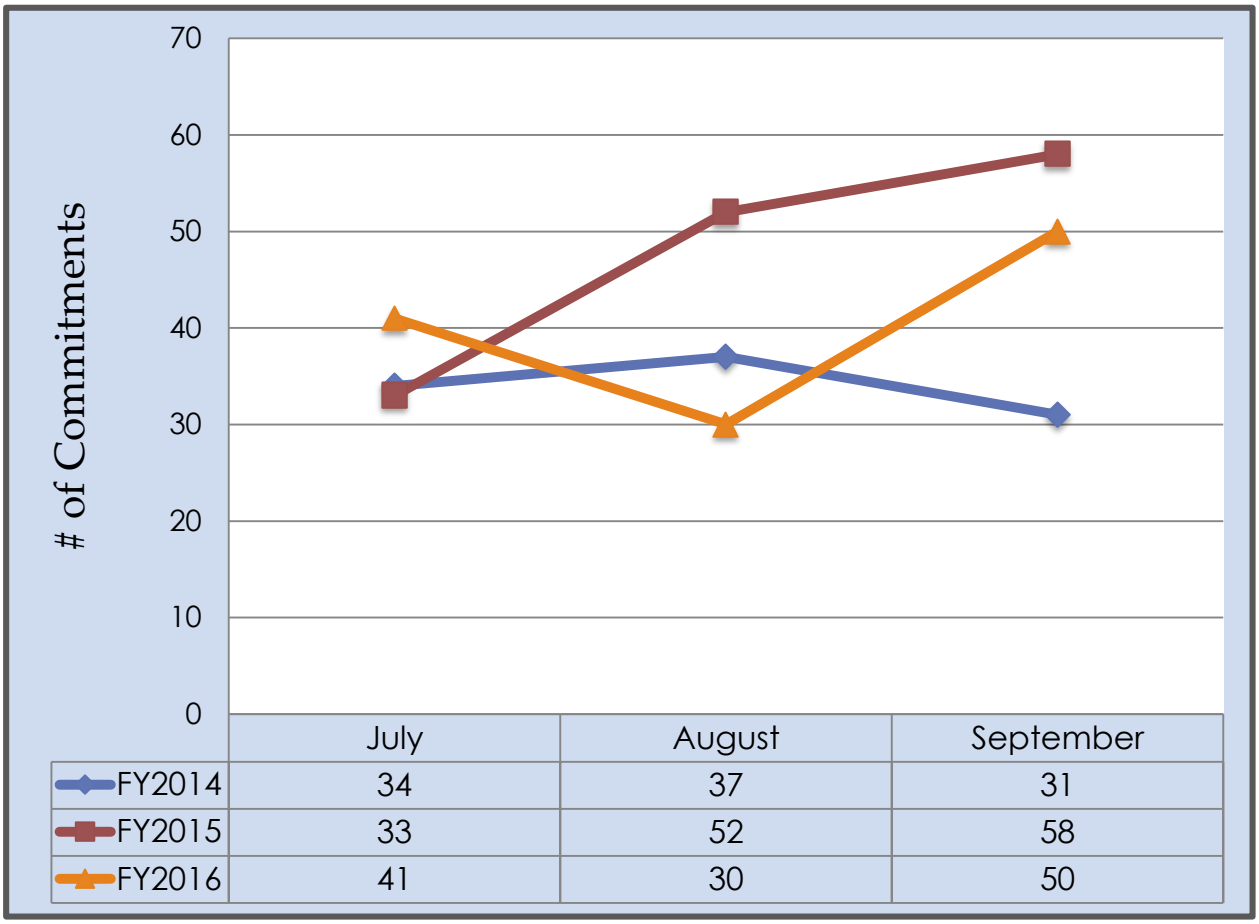


Figure 8c: Total Commitments for Quarter with Reference to Previous Years



	July	August	September
FY2014	34	37	31
FY2015	33	52	58
FY2016	41	30	50

Commitments for Q1 of this year (**121**) are up by 19% from FY2014 (102) and down by 15% from FY2015 (143)

Figure 9: Facility Bed Rates & Annual Cost

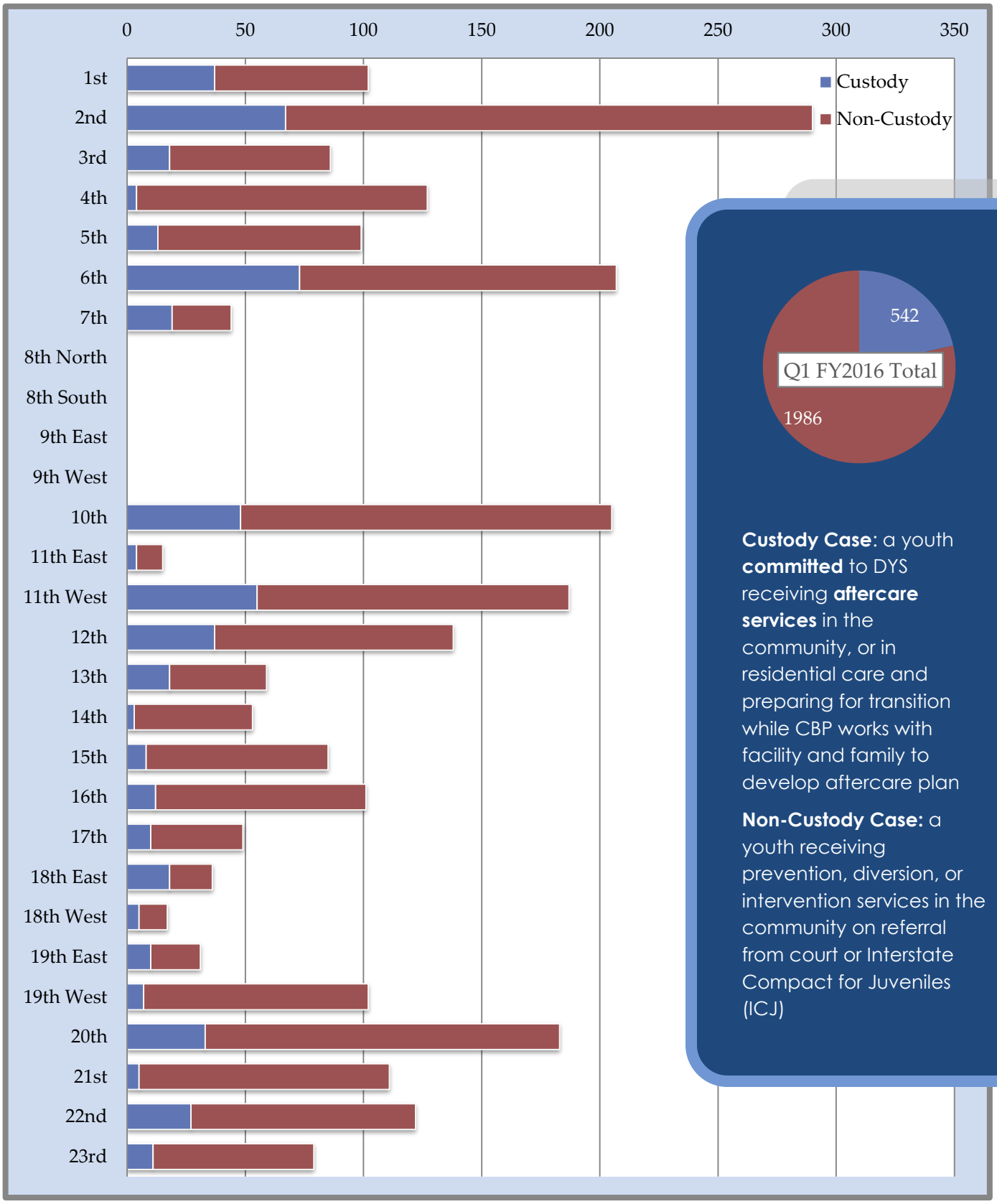
Facility	Provider	Daily Bed Rate	Annual Cost-Per-Youth	Contracted Beds
AJATC	G4S	$239.08	$87,264.20	**100**
Colt JTC	CYS	$145.00	$52,925.00	**28**
Harrisburg JTC	CYS	$143.00	$52,195.00	**36**
Dermott JTC	SAYS	$145.00	$52,925.00	**30**
Dermott 18-21	SAYS	$150.00	$54,750.00	**32**
Mansfield Boys	SAYS	$139.00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

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

Contracted Beds: does not reflect maximum capacity of facility

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

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



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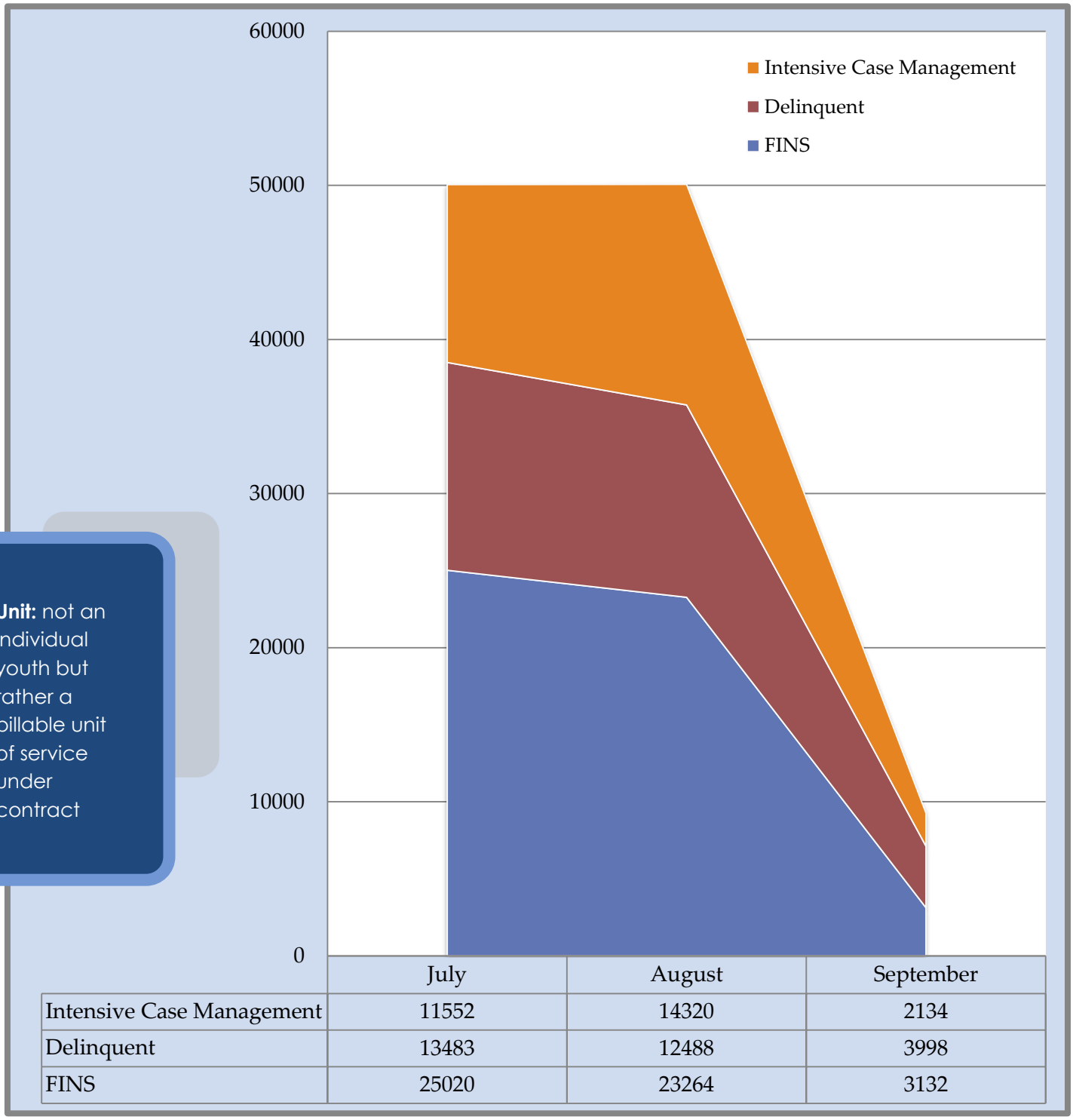
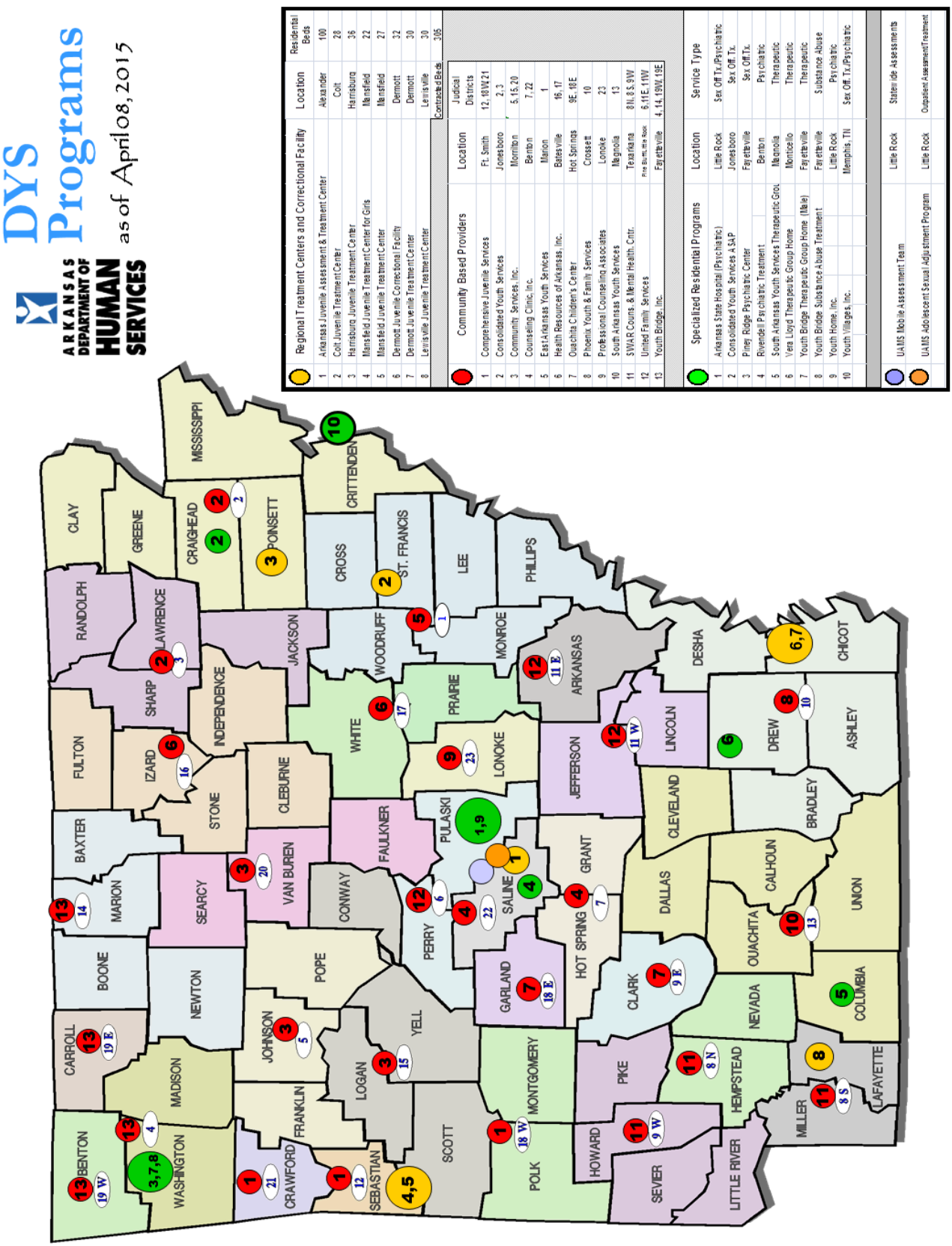


	July	August	September
Intensive Case Management	11552	14320	2134
Delinquent	13483	12488	3998
FINS	25020	23264	3132

Unit: not an individual youth but rather a billable unit of service under contract

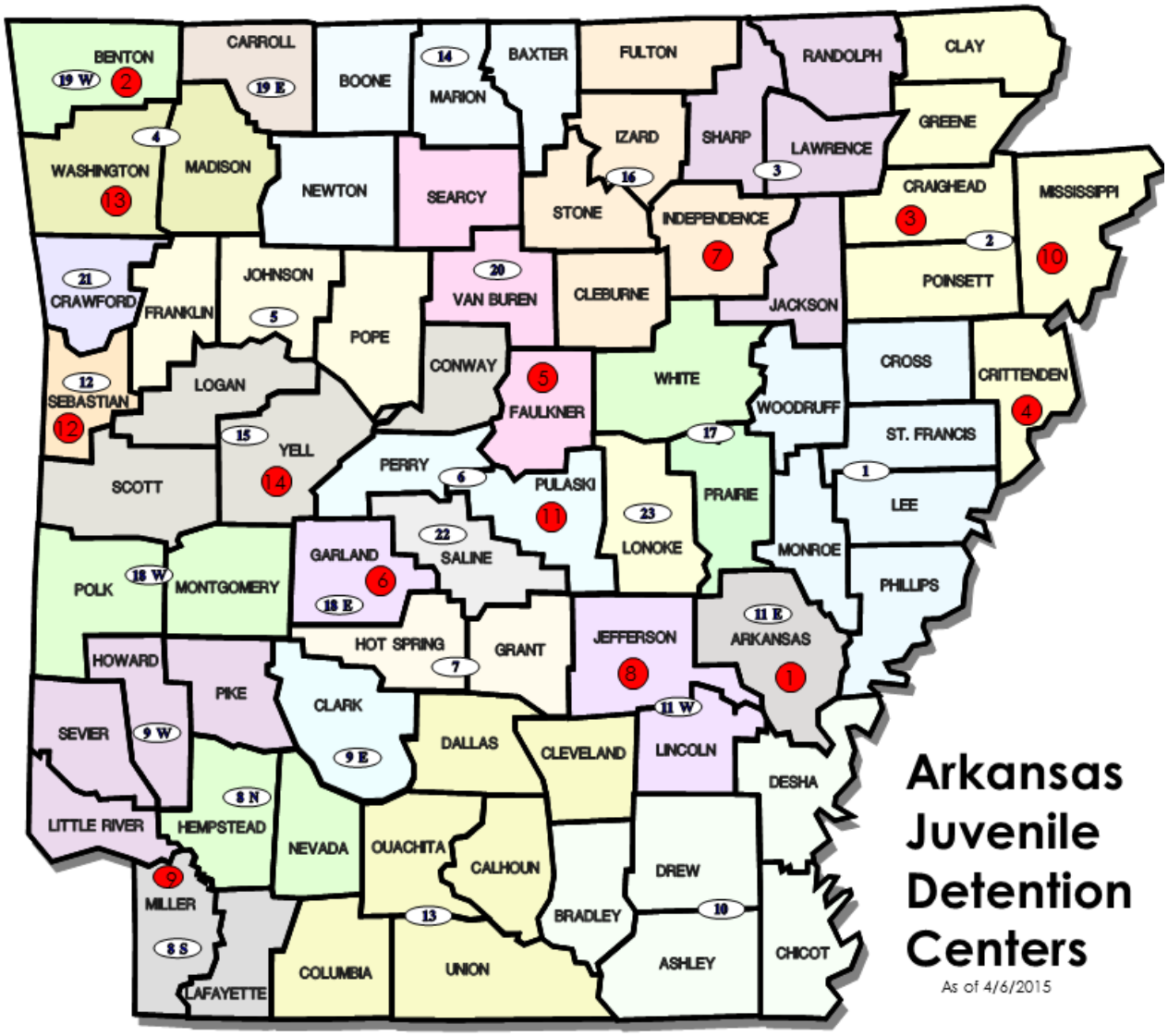
Map of AR DYS Treatment Centers, Programs, and Providers

Appendix I

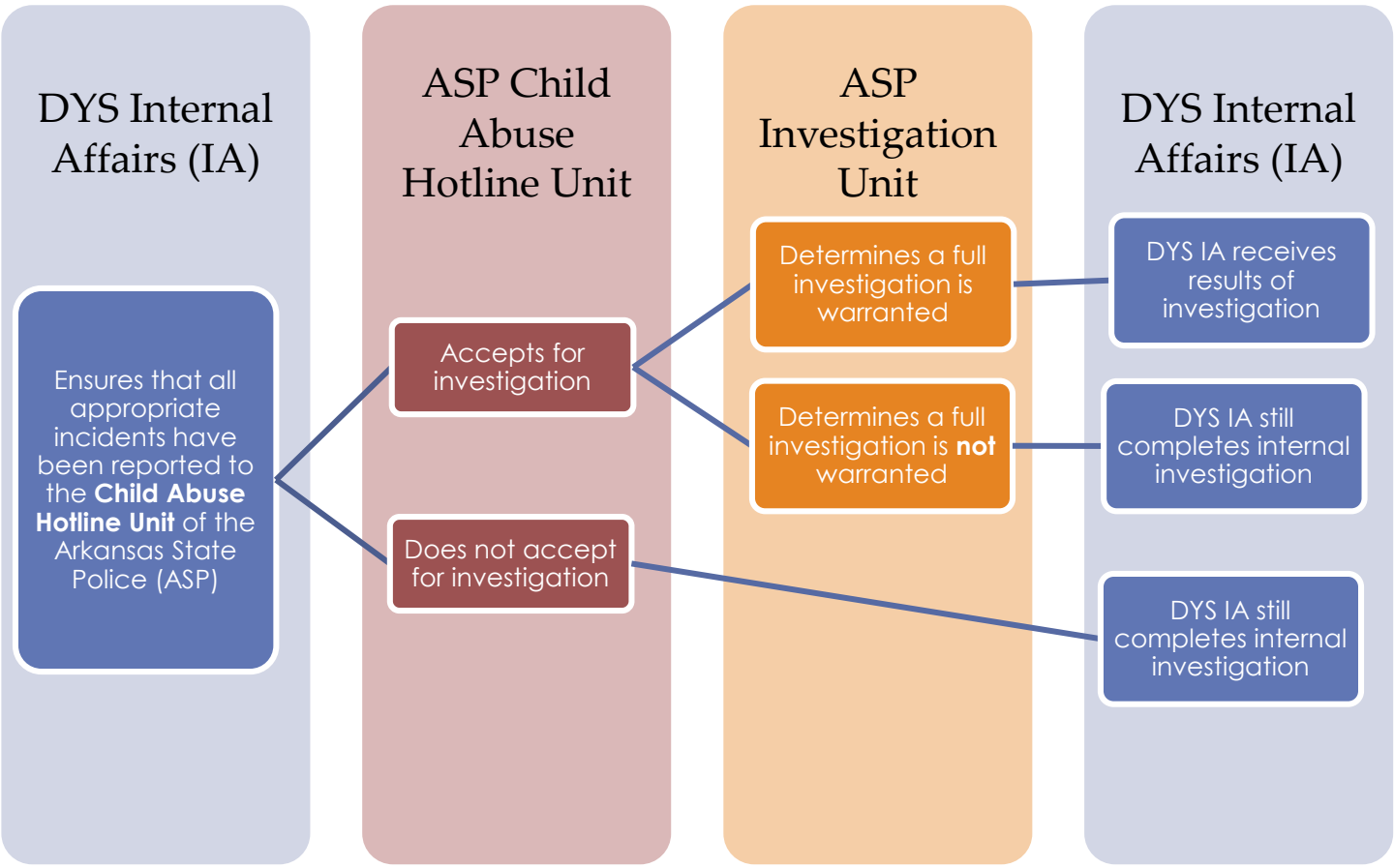


Map of AR Juvenile Detention Centers

Appendix II



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

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

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