Division of Youth Services
Arkansas Child Welfare Report Card
In Compliance with Act 1222 of 1995
Executive Summary

For FY 08 the age and gender of committed juvenile offenders remained overwhelmingly males between 15 and 17 years of age. In FY 08 there was a 7% decrease in Caucasian youth and a 4% decrease in African-American youth committed to DYS. In FY 08 the number of youth recommitted to DYS increased 3 percentage points and the number of youth committed for felony type offenses increased by 6%. The number of commitments to DYS from FY 2005 through FY 2008 averaged around 611 annually. In FY 2008 commitments decreased by 4% from the prior year.
**Population Profiles**

**July 2007 - June 2008**

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**Total Population in DYS Custody**

- **July 2007**: 749
- **August 2007**: 775
- **September 2007**: 776
- **October 2007**: 791
- **November 2007**: 800
- **December 2007**: 803
- **January 2008**: 800
- **February 2008**: 793
- **March 2008**: 798
- **April 2008**: 815
- **May 2008**: 795
- **June 2008**: 795

*Total Youth Population is based on the population count on the first day of the month.*

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**Population by Program Type**

- **July 2007**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 55
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 253
  - Specialty Provider: 115
  - Intensive Case Management: 171
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 155

- **August 2007**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 71
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 267
  - Specialty Provider: 104
  - Intensive Case Management: 169
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 164

- **September 2007**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 79
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 264
  - Specialty Provider: 110
  - Intensive Case Management: 160
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 163

- **October 2007**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 77
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 258
  - Specialty Provider: 111
  - Intensive Case Management: 172
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 173

- **November 2007**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 59
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 303
  - Specialty Provider: 104
  - Intensive Case Management: 166
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 168

- **December 2007**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 36
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 332
  - Specialty Provider: 102
  - Intensive Case Management: 166
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 168

- **January 2008**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 25
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 334
  - Specialty Provider: 96
  - Intensive Case Management: 175
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 170

- **February 2008**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 34
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 318
  - Specialty Provider: 100
  - Intensive Case Management: 174
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 170

- **March 2008**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 46
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 310
  - Specialty Provider: 98
  - Intensive Case Management: 174
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 180

- **April 2008**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 44
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 321
  - Specialty Provider: 99
  - Intensive Case Management: 171
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 167

- **May 2008**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 52
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 307
  - Specialty Provider: 94
  - Intensive Case Management: 167
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 158

- **June 2008**
  - Juvenile Correction Facilities: 46
  - Juvenile Treatment Facilities: 324
  - Specialty Provider: 91
  - Intensive Case Management: 176
  - Juvenile Detention Center: 176

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Profiles of Juveniles Committed
July 2007 - June 2008

Total Commitments

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Average Bed Days*

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* Average Bed Days captures all releases from residential programs during the fiscal year.
Profiles of Juveniles Committed
July 2007 - June 2008

Commitments by Gender

 FY05 FY06 FY07 FY08
Male
477 519 503 502
Female
99 128 119 96

FY08 Commitments by Gender

Male
84%
Female
16%
Profiles of Juveniles Committed
July 2007 - June 2008

Commitments by Race

FY08 Commitments by Race
Profiles of Juveniles Committed
July 2007 - June 2008

Commitments by Offense Group

FY08 Commitments by Offense Group

FY05 FY06 FY07 FY08

Commitments per Year:
- Felonies: 245, 328, 354, 379
- Misdemeanors: 293, 263, 219

FY08 Offense Group Breakdown:
- Felonies: 63%
- Misdemeanors: 37%
INCIDENTS
Incidents Accepted by the Child Abuse Hotline
July 2007 - June 2008

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* Since the Hotline and the Investigations unit are two separate sections within the Arkansas State Police, the Hotline may accept an incident called in, then later the incident will not be investigated by the Investigations Unit after review of the circumstances. The DYS IAU never receives a follow-up on these reports to know whether they were ever investigated. Some of these incidents occurred prior to the juvenile being committed to DYS. The IAU does not receive notification of the findings in these incidents. Some incidents that are reported in one quarter may not be finalized by the State Police until sometime within the next quarter.
Incident Reports for FY 2008

![Graph showing incident reports for FY 2008, with data points for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.]

Incidents Reported to Hotline for FY 2008

![Graph showing incidents reported to hotline for FY 2008, with data points for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th quarters.]
COMMITMENTS

All Juveniles Committed During the Fiscal Year

Recommitments encompass all juveniles who have previously been committed to DYS and received another order of commitment during the fiscal year.

Average Length of Stay in Days for Juveniles Released

July 2007 - June 2008
# Commitments by District

## July 2007 – June 2008

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