

**Division of Youth Services
Arkansas Child Welfare Report Card
In Compliance with Act 1222 of 1995
Report Period July 2003 – June 2004**



**Arkansas
Department
of Human
Services**

Executive Summary

Total commitments to DYS increased by 1% from FY03 to FY04. There has been an 11% decline in commitments to DYS in the past 4 years. Felony commitments increased from 237 in FY03 to 268 in FY04, a 12% increase.

The average daily youth population in DYS custody was 735 in FY04 compared to an average daily population of 707 for FY03. This was an increase of 4% during FY04. Diversion services were provided to 2,554 juveniles during the fiscal year, compared with 2,739 served in FY03.

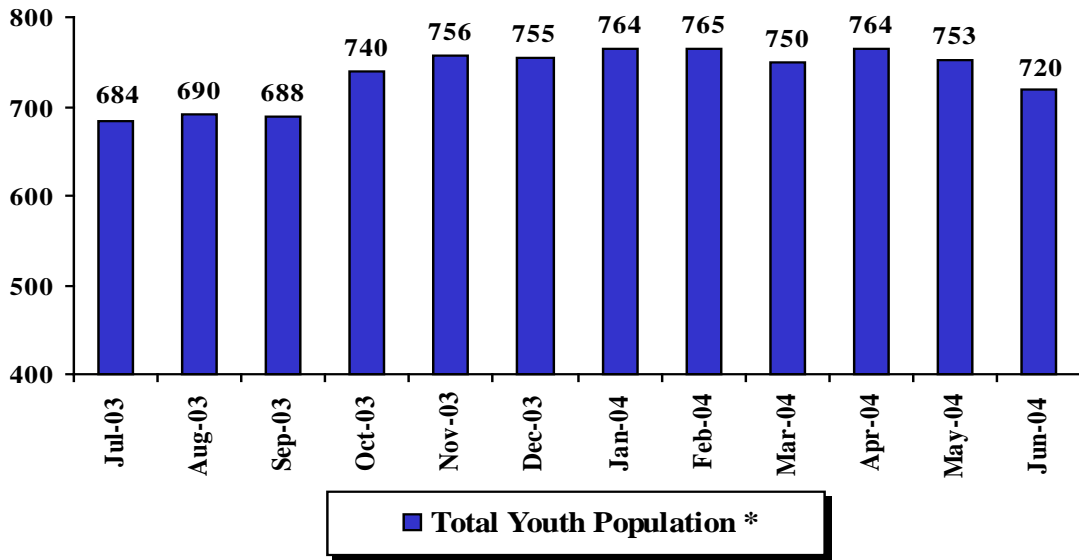
The age and sex of committed juveniles remained overwhelmingly males between 15 and 17 years of age. Of the committed youth, 78% were age 15 – 17. Males comprised 86% of all committed juveniles. From FY03 through FY04 there was an 18% decrease in the number of African-American commitments and a 15% increase commitments for Caucasian youth

In FY04, DYS referred 135 incidents to the Arkansas State Police (ASP) Hotline. Of these incidents, 40 were accepted for investigation. Four cases were founded, comparable with four founded cases in FY03 also.

Of the 531 juveniles committed during Fiscal 2004, 95% were first-time commitments. In Fiscal 2003, 89% were first time commitments, reflecting a reduction of 6% in the number of recommitments.

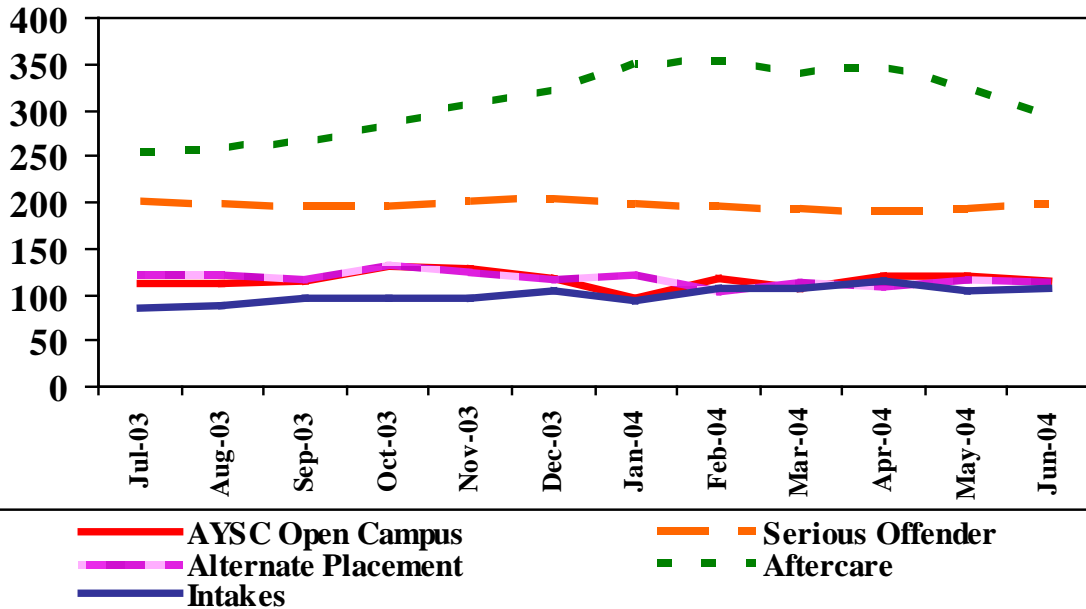
**Population Profiles
July 2003 - June 2004**

Total Population in DYS Custody



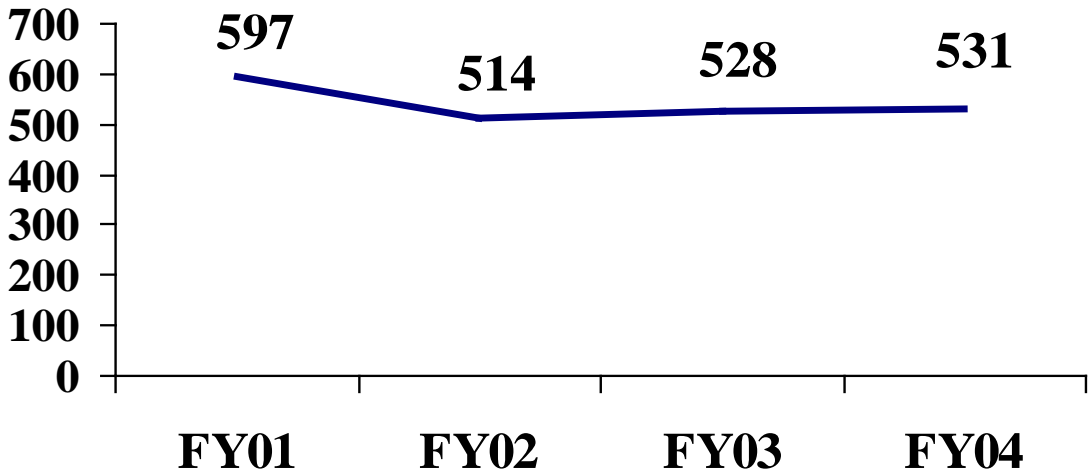
*Total Youth Population is based on the population count on the first day of the month.

Population by Program Type

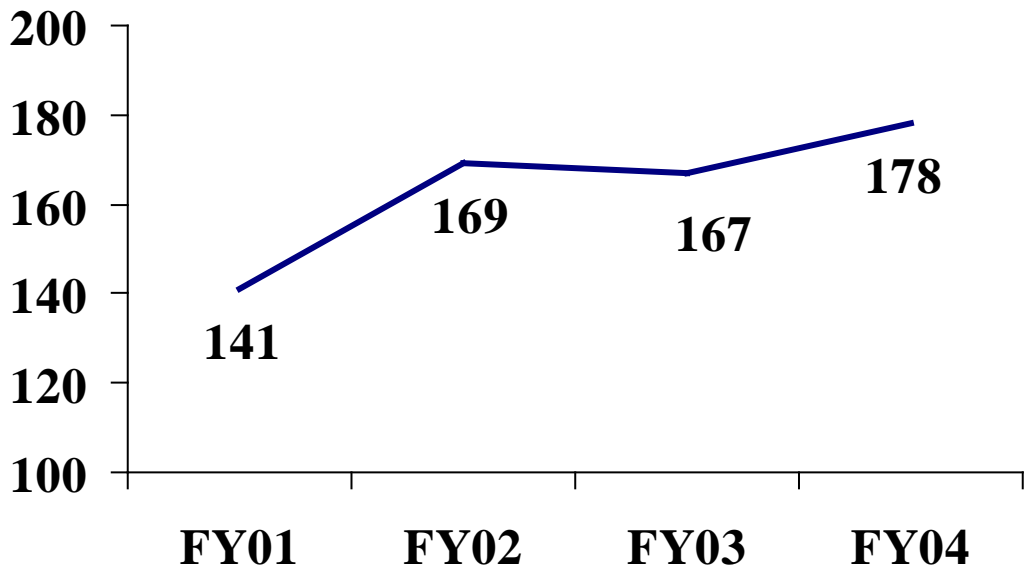


**Profiles of Juveniles Committed
July 2003 - June 2004**

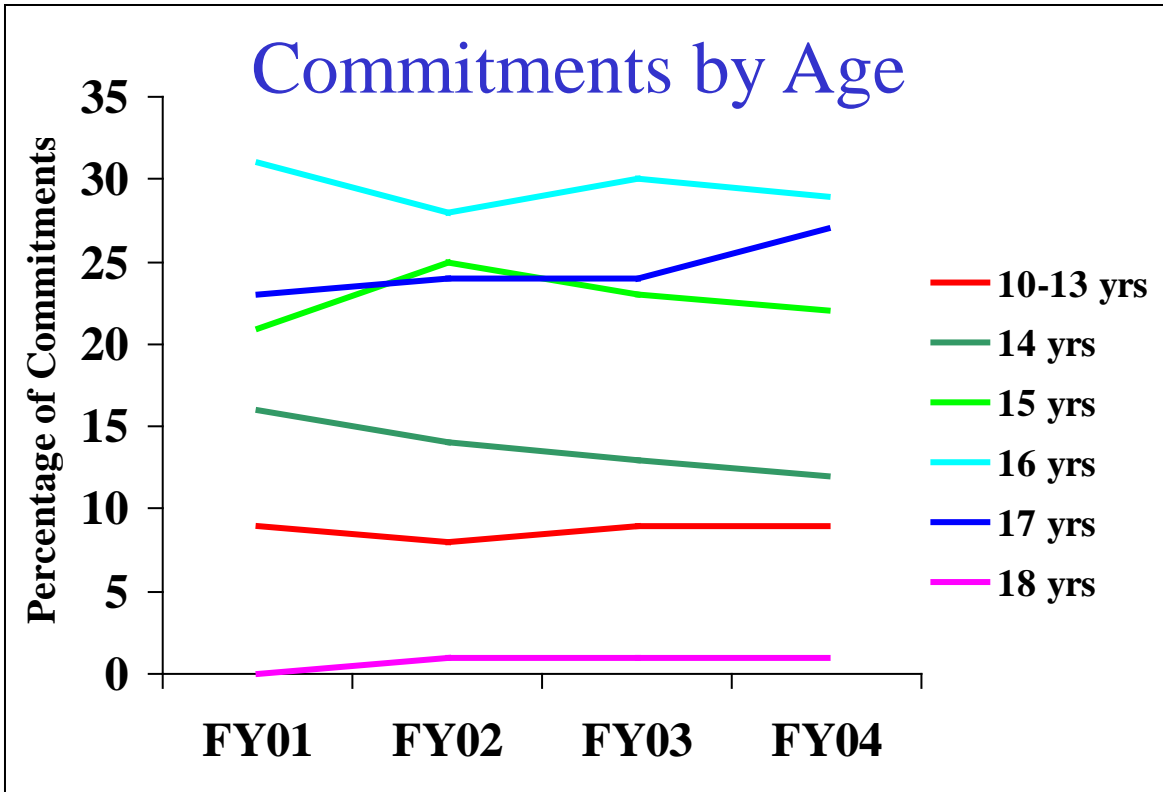
Total Commitments



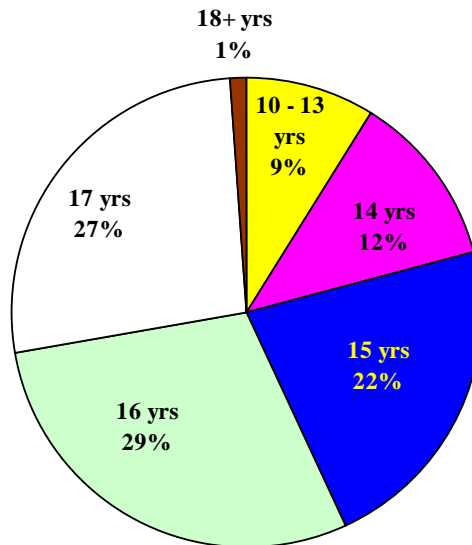
Average Bed Days



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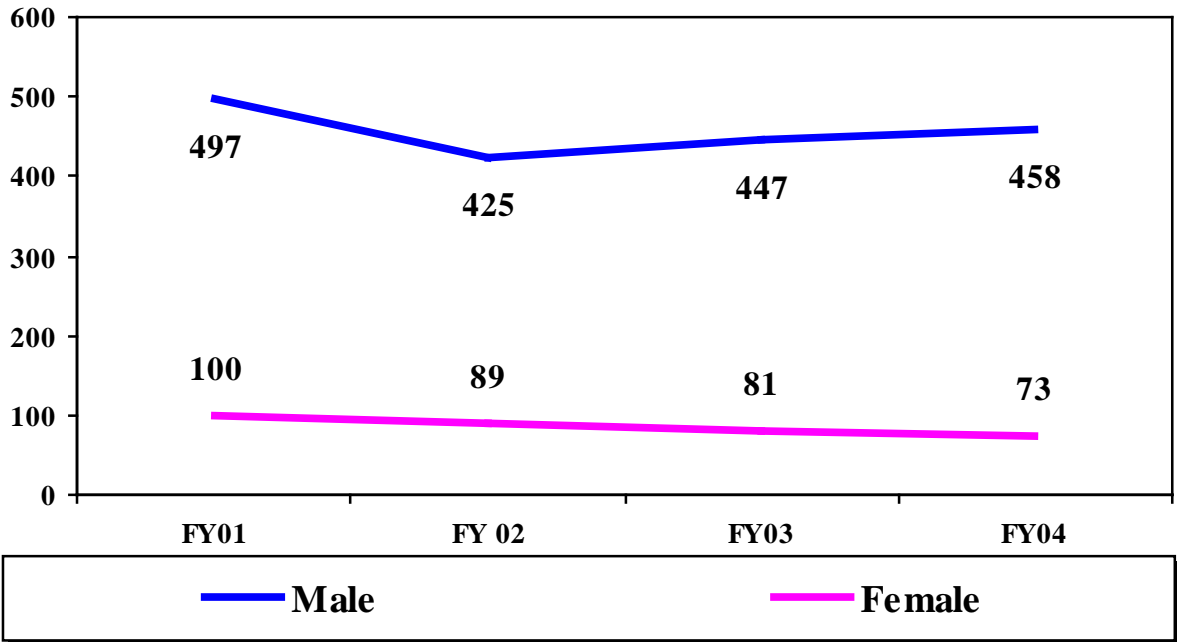


FY04 Commitments by Age

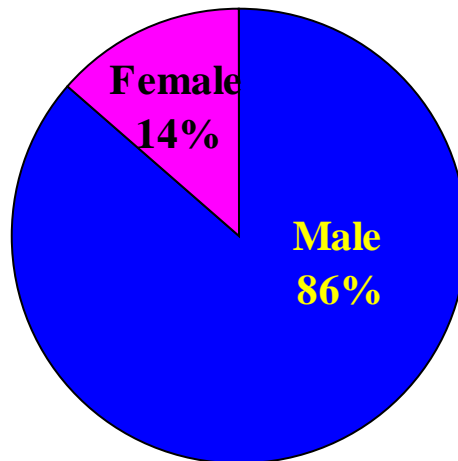


**Profiles of Juveniles Committed
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Commitments by Gender

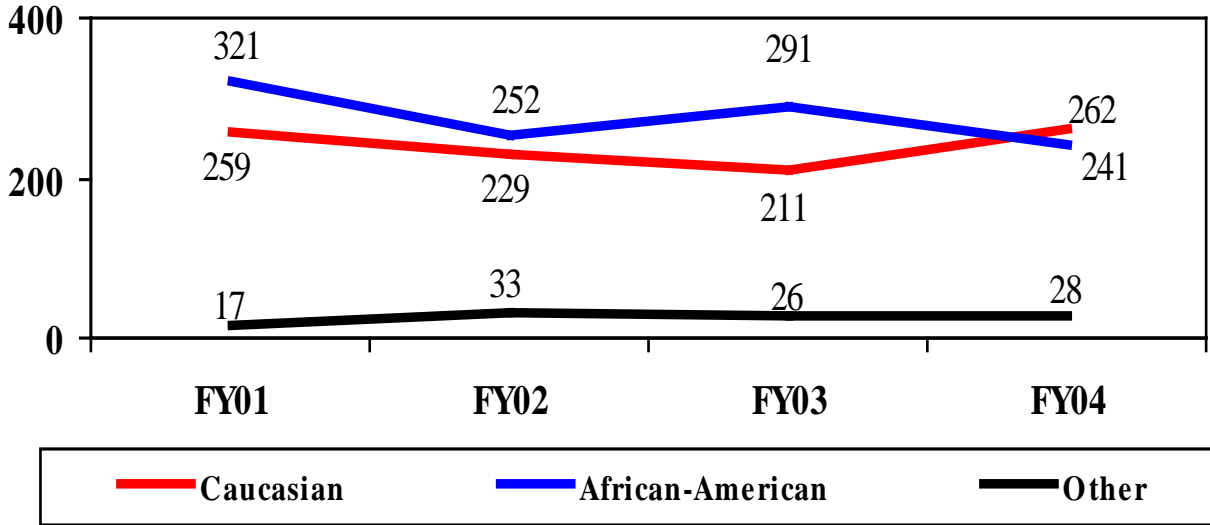


FY04 Commitments by Gender

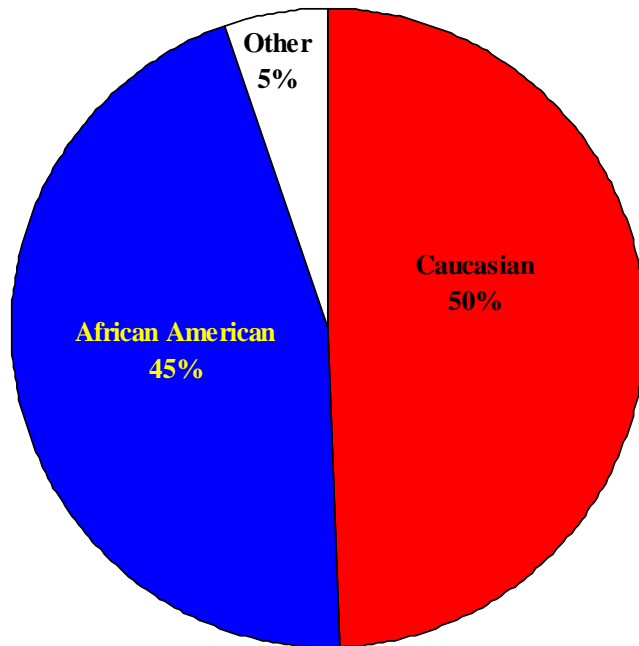


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Commitments by Race

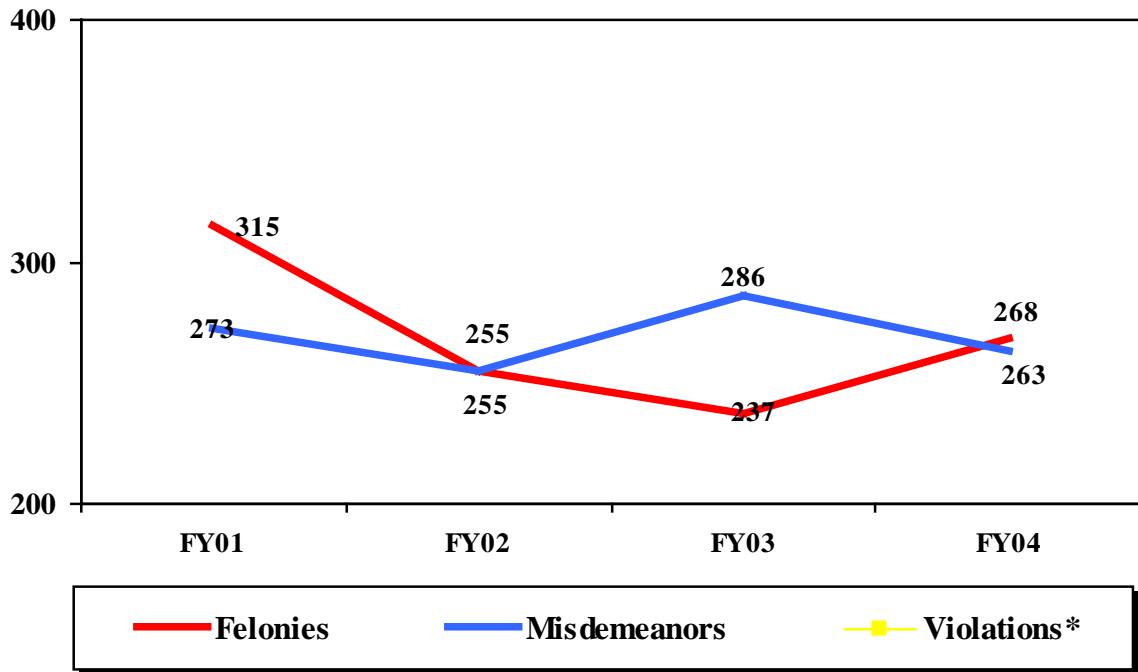


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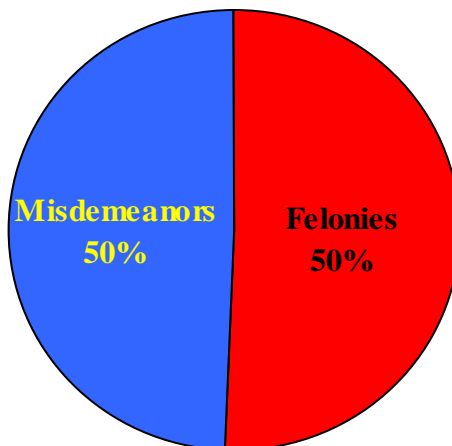
Profiles of Juveniles Committed
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Commitments by Offense Group



*There were 0 violations in FY04. That number is too small to plot on the chart.

FY04 Commitments by Offense Group



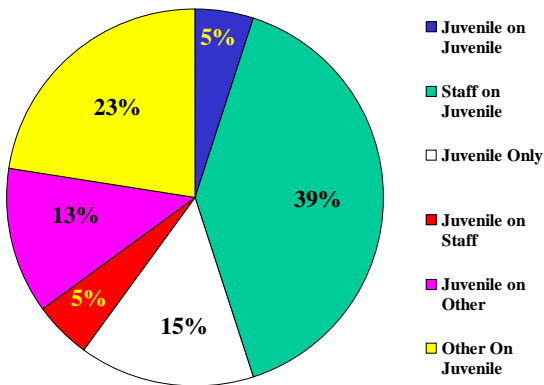
INCIDENTS

Incidents Accepted by the Child Abuse Hotline July 2003 - June 2004

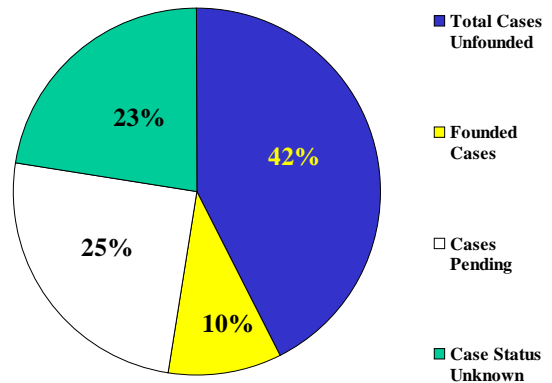
REFERRED TO HOTLINE						INCIDENTS ACCEPTED BY HOTLINE
135						40
Incident Type	Cases Accepted by ASP	Cases Pending	Cases Founded	Cases Unfounded	Case Status Unknown	
ASSAULT	3	2	0	0	1	
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	7	1	0	3	3	
FIGHT	0	0	0	0	0	
NEGLECT	0	0	0	0	0	
OTHER	6	3	1	0	2	
PHYSICAL ABUSE	14	4	2	8	0	
SEXUAL ABUSE	5	0	0	4	1	
SEXUAL MISCONDUCT	5	0	1	2	2	
TOTAL	40	10	4	17	9*	

* 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.

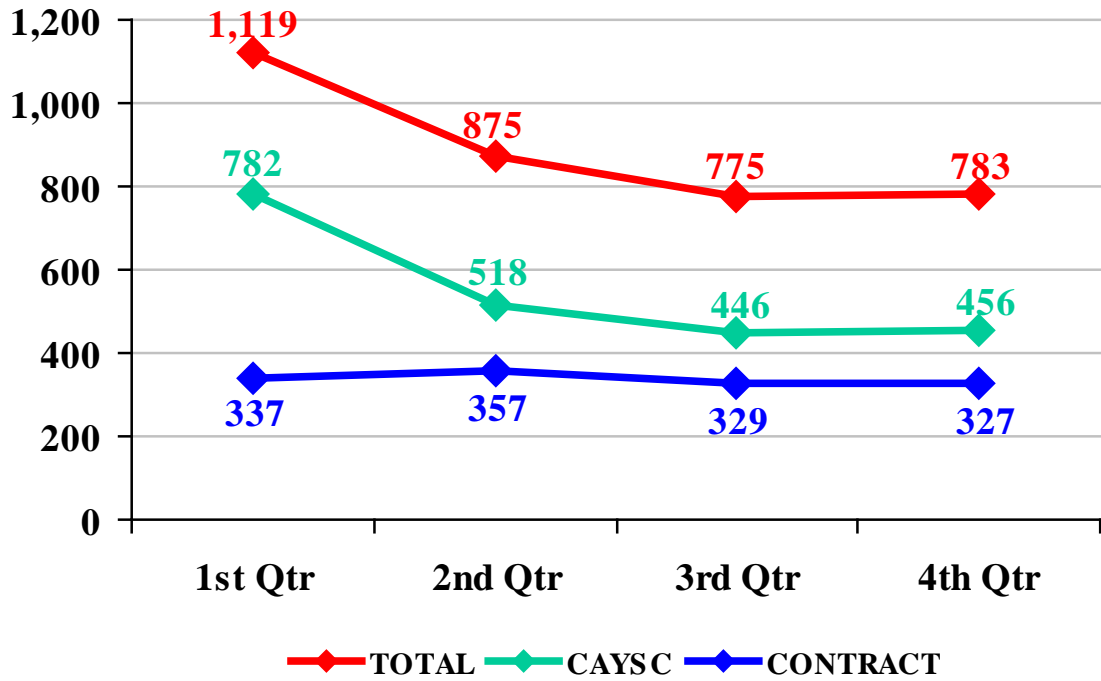
Categories of Cases Accepted



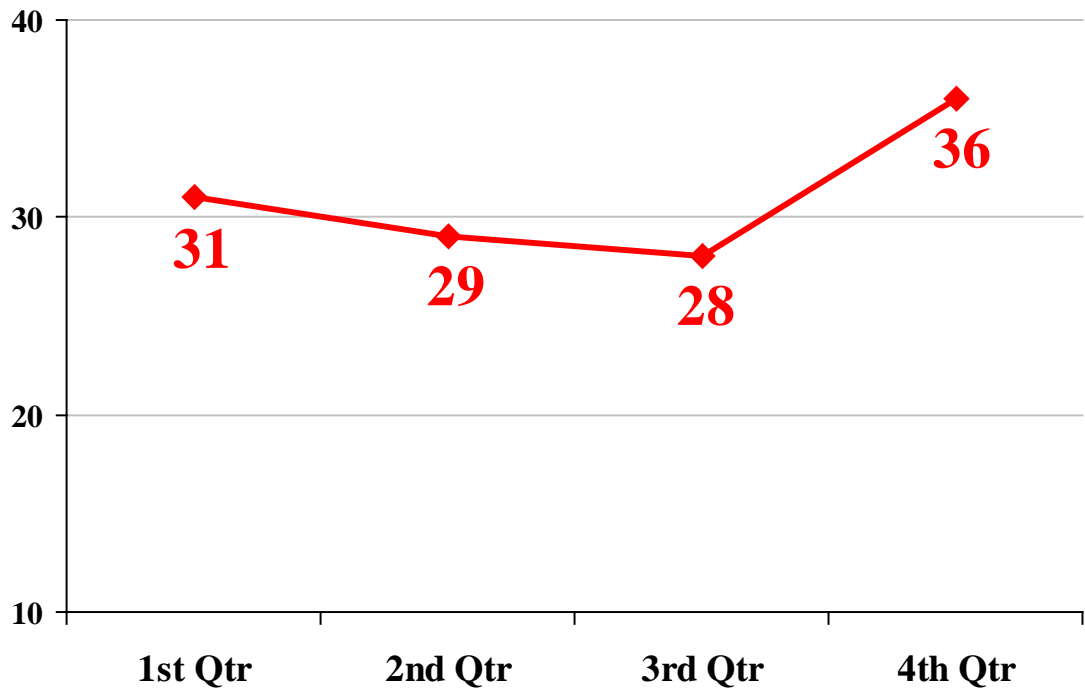
Status of Cases Accepted



Incident Reports for FY 2004

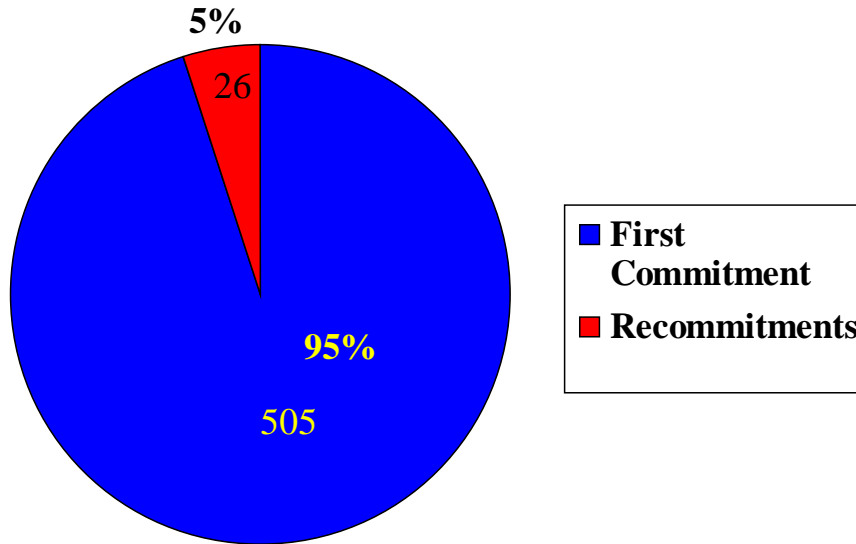


Incidents Reported to Hotline for FY 2004



COMMITMENTS

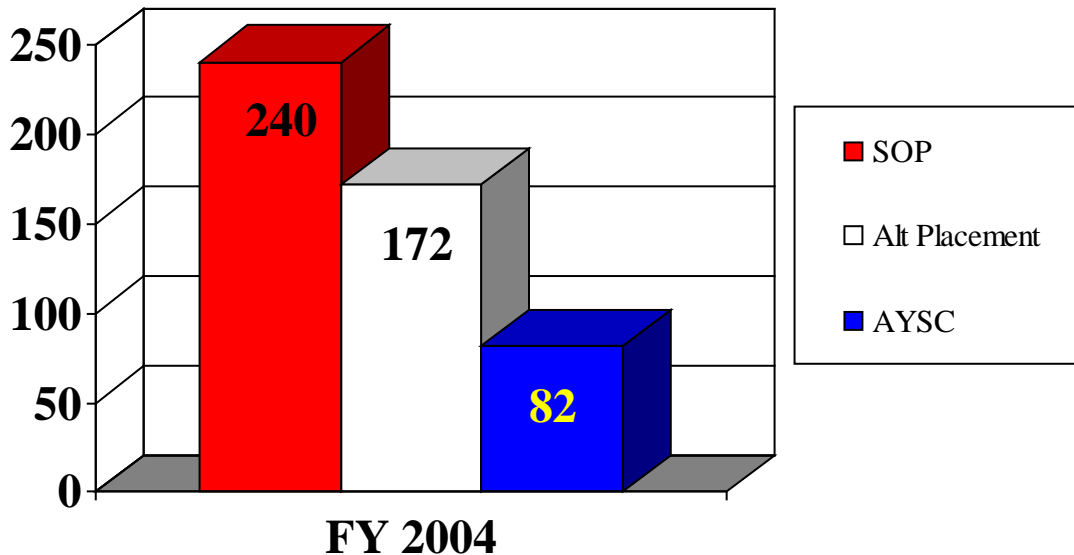
All Juveniles Committed During the Fiscal Year



Recommittments encompass all juveniles previously released from DYS custody and committed again during the fiscal year.

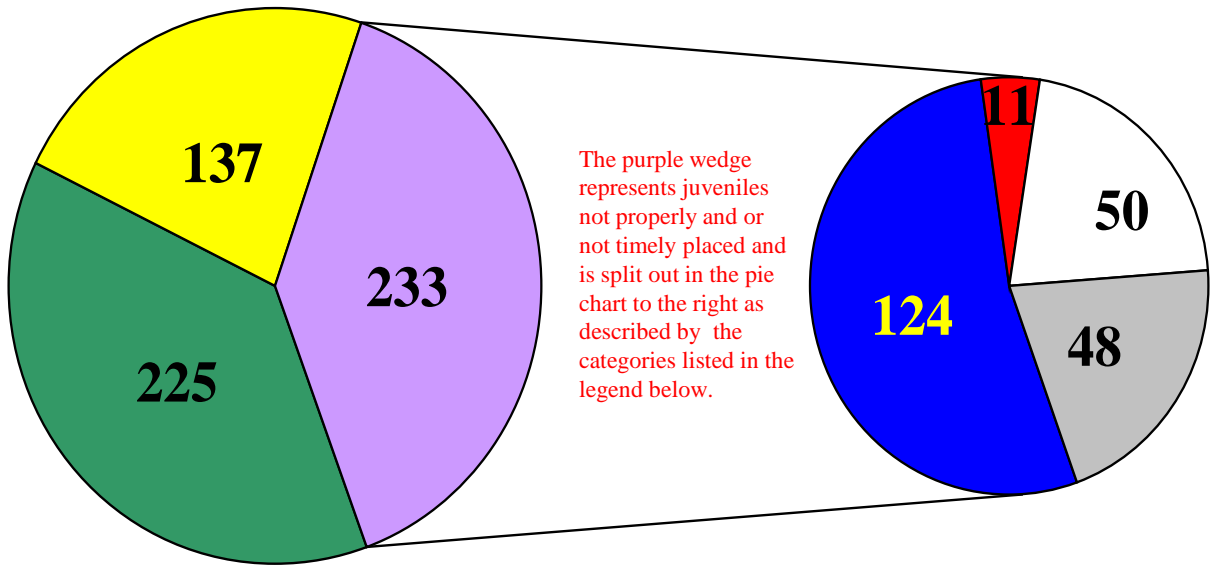
Average Length of Stay in Days for Juveniles Released

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RECOMMENDED PLACEMENTS

Juveniles Who Were Assessed During the Fiscal Year



■ Properly and Timely Placed

Juvenile was placed in accordance with either Primary Recommendation or Secondary recommendation within 14 days of Assessment.

■ Properly Placed After Holding Period

Juvenile was placed with either Primary or Secondary Recommendation 14-30 days following Assessment.

■ Not Timely Placed

Juvenile was not placed with either Primary or Secondary Recommendation within 30 days of Assessment.

■ Not Properly Placed

Juvenile was placed within 30 days of assessment but was not placed at either Primary or Secondary Recommendation.

□ Not Properly and Not Timely Placed

Juvenile was not placed within 30 days of assessment and was not placed at either Primary or Secondary Recommendation.

■ Pending Placement