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Limitations of the 2004 Data

Juvenile courts vary in the completeness of reporting data as required by statute. Data accuracy and, therefore, validity are impacted by several factors including the complex division of labor between the juvenile court and the juvenile court clerk's office for data reporting purposes and the adequacy of training available to those responsible for the collecting and reporting of the data.

Several initiatives are underway to improve juvenile court data collection and reporting. A training manual is being developed on the currently most widely used data collection system. Business requirements are being documented and methods are being researched to automate the defined business requirements to make it easier for the courts to collect and transmit accurate information as well as to streamline business procedures.

In addition to business requirements, study is being done on juvenile court workflows and data collection systems with the ultimate goal being to upgrade or replace the existing juvenile court data collection system.

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Name of Court	Children 2003	Children 2004	Number of Cases 2003	Number of Cases 2004	Referral Reasons 2003	Referral Reasons 2004
Anderson	744	1,197	940	1,529	966	1,748
Bedford	346	345	404	411	668	702
Benton	242	241	292	296	345	374
Bledsoe	109	170	128	243	139	268
Blount	1,492	1,617	2,250	2,709	3,795	5,813
Bradley	783	797	1,362	1,404	1,709	1,763
City of Bristol	632	765	863	1,003	1,067	1,216
Campbell	427	440	429	442	429	442
Cannon	169	168	268	273	268	273
Carroll	232	222	259	236	353	351
Carter	502	1,062	838	1,555	841	1,560
Cheatham	628	610	784	749	842	830
Chester	267	330	344	456	383	494
Claiborne	368	306	738	474	774	514
Clay	96	84	178	155	252	243
Cocke	843	883	1,631	1,643	1,722	1,720
Coffee	449	459	542	570	645	709
Crockett	111	111	166	137	253	169
Cumberland	573	684	650	781	683	836
Davidson	7,532	9,562	15,723	22,516	19,992	25,543
Decatur	101	104	111	115	136	145
Dekalb	87	171	113	201	141	215
Dickson	688	698	923	924	1,077	1,019
Dyer	408	447	696	809	884	964
Fayette	203	587	210	619	217	664
Fentress	144	170	183	244	204	285
Franklin	269	295	319	347	351	373
Gibson	1,270	1,386	1,940	2,014	2,070	2,153
Giles	419	409	667	569	918	816
Grainger	508	350	510	351	561	388
Greene	759	833	1,256	1,311	1,371	1,395
Grundy	332	288	952	682	1,047	737
Hamblen	743	782	1,321	1,502	1,497	1,685
Hamilton	4,069	4,516	5,937	7,084	6,590	7,989
Hancock	87	94	138	171	138	175
Hardeman	436	575	520	704	803	1,022
Hardin	230	227	297	325	318	360
Hawkins	1,080	1,025	1,694	1,493	1,853	1,647
Haywood	993	1,138	2,163	2,458	2,302	2,647
Henderson	559	571	856	855	1,094	1,093
Henry	186	228	239	329	286	394
Hickman	301	387	374	513	413	595
Houston	93	87	169	171	173	173
Humphreys	359	339	758	614	812	672
Jackson	143	151	303	281	371	407
Jefferson	701	743	1,184	1,250	1,254	1,342
Johnson	417	333	463	428	463	446
Johnson City	1,450	1,664	2,262	2,907	2,632	3,328
Knox	3,382	5,746	4,197	8,986	5,291	11,376
Lake	92	59	133	93	159	111

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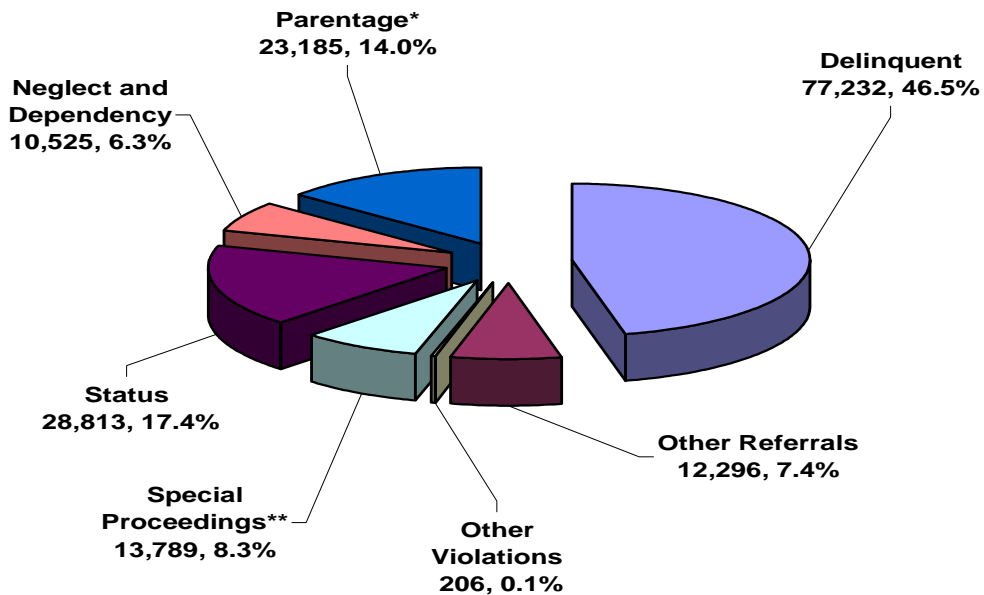
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Lauderdale	927	1,176	1,579	1,951	1,731	2,084
Lawrence	540	654	658	798	688	820
Lewis	133	107	159	141	246	197
Lincoln	285	415	415	601	496	808
Loudon	585	513	736	651	821	755
Macon	351	428	504	520	580	720
Madison	759	337	955	346	1,289	357
Marion	513	446	525	666	569	754
Marshall	538	846	684	1,045	860	1,320
Maury	1,099	291	1,640	291	1,947	315
McMinn	469	525	597	710	743	907
McNairy	391	905	394	1,337	420	1,509
Meigs	128	127	129	129	132	131
Monroe	627	712	800	1,206	847	1,259
Montgomery	1,835	1,722	2,139	1,898	2,784	2,503
Moore	65	65	73	66	78	72
Morgan	233	227	349	357	362	362
Obion	561	675	725	940	923	1,128
Overton	118	92	118	92	122	97
Perry	140	85	205	87	245	119
Pickett	61	56	85	78	88	79
Polk	49	31	50	32	57	44
Putnam	841	1,091	1,409	1,553	1,627	1,847
Rhea	215	140	245	154	272	174
Roane	111	262	152	370	176	433
Robertson	1,016	1,467	1,808	2,053	2,033	2,457
Rutherford	1,165	1,382	1,487	1,848	2,139	2,519
Scott	250	211	250	211	277	241
Sequatchie	96	109	140	125	180	152
Sevier	1,858	2,214	3,680	4,490	4,598	5,774
Shelby	14,760	15,987	20,490	22,817	24,156	26,680
Smith	77	139	110	244	142	337
Stewart	136	167	160	264	200	319
Sullivan Div. 1	900	855	1,342	1,315	1,443	1,384
Sullivan Div. 2	1,059	965	1,679	1,346	1,882	1,513
Sumner	2,234	2,433	4,117	4,384	4,821	5,099
Tipton	198	332	225	402	301	538
Trousdale	166	148	210	188	262	232
Unicoi	165	0	212	0	219	0
Union	297	357	328	491	359	559
Van Buren	76	82	80	87	89	104
Warren	755	724	1,029	962	1,417	1,229
Washington	909	696	1,501	1,043	1,622	1,127
Wayne	414	337	521	484	605	553
Weakley	221	412	257	499	317	564
White	173	184	199	203	253	231
Williamson	1,925	1,764	3,398	2,913	4,578	3,584
Wilson	901	1,164	1,400	1,721	1,545	1,872
Totals	78,379	88,513	119,480	140,041	143,093	166,046

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2004 Executive Summary

With all of Tennessee's 98 juvenile courts participating, information regarding **88,513** children, **140,041** cases, and **166,046** referral reasons was reported to TCJFCJ for the period between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004.

**Number of Referrals to
Tennessee Juvenile Courts in 2004
(Total Number of Referrals is 166,046)**



*Parentage includes: Custody, Visitation, Paternity/Legitimation and Child Support

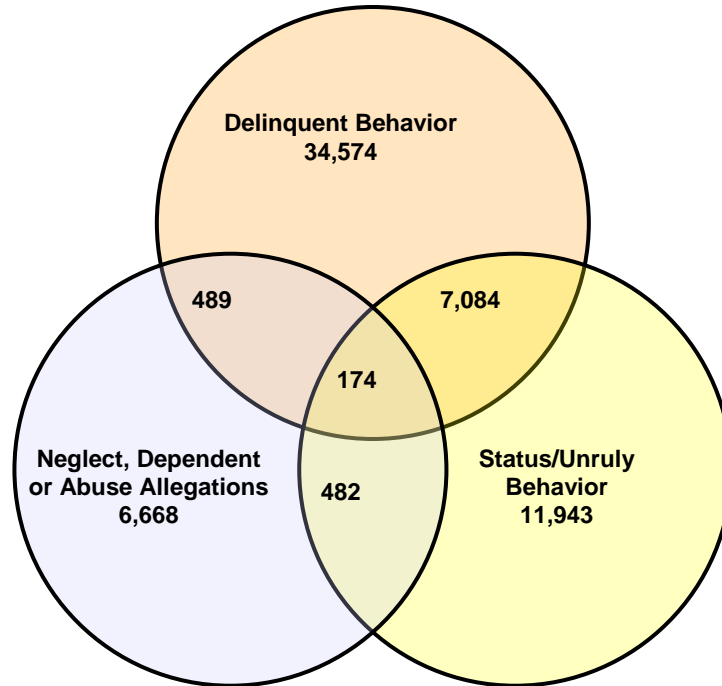
**Special Proceedings include: Judicial Review, Administrative Review, Foster Care Review, Request for Medical Treatment and Consent to Marry

During 2004, almost half (46.5%) of the referral reasons in Tennessee's juvenile courts were for alleged delinquent offenses. Status/Unruly offenses represented 17.4% of referral reasons. A status offense is an offense committed by a child that if committed by an adult, would not be considered an offense or unlawful act. An example of this is smoking when one is not legally an adult.

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Number of Children Referred to Tennessee Juvenile Courts in 2004

For the purposes of this chart a child is counted only once in a category even if that child had more than one referral in that category.



The remaining children are referred for Custody, Visitation, Paternity/Legitimation, Child Support, Special Procedures and "Other" referrals.

Each child may be counted in more than one category.

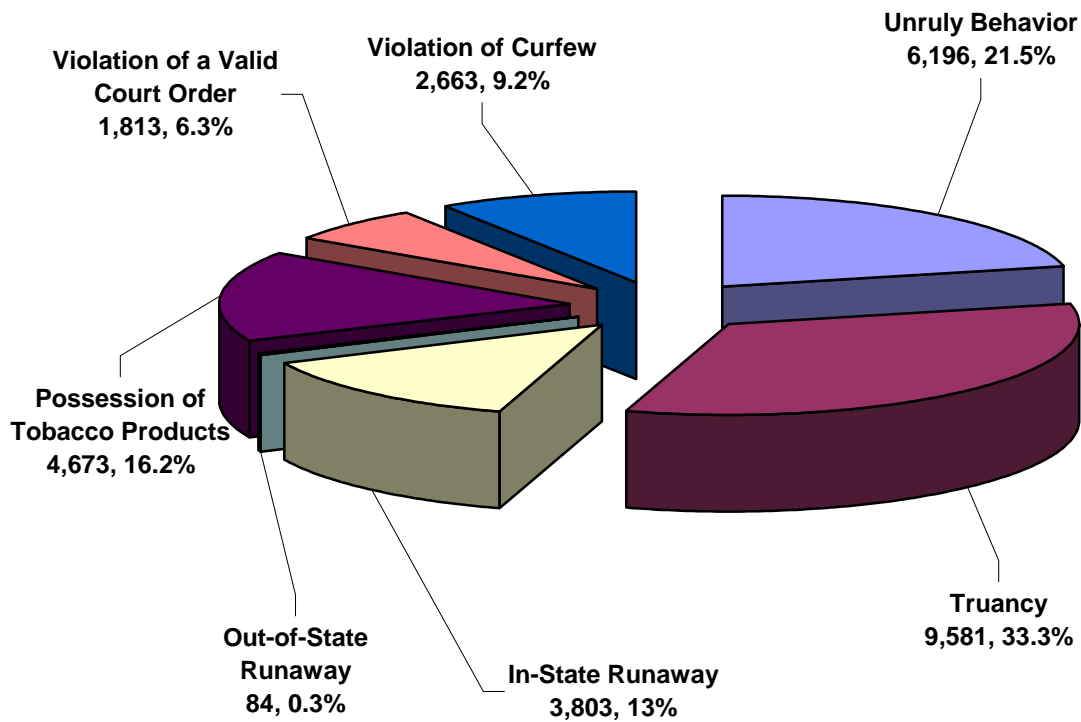
Total number of individual children for ALL referrals
disposed by juvenile courts during 2004 equals
88,513.

Children can have referrals in multiple categories. To illustrate this, the above drawing shows that in the year 2004 there were 42,321 individual children referred to juvenile courts in Tennessee for delinquent referrals, 19,683 for status/unruly behavior, and 7,813 for neglect, dependent or abuse referral. Of these children there were 7,085 that had a delinquent and a status/unruly referral. There were 489 children that were referred for delinquent behavior and a neglect, dependent or abuse allegation. There were 482 children referred that had both a status/unruly referral and a neglect, dependent or abuse allegation. Also, there were 174 children that had a delinquent referral, a status/unruly referral and a neglect, dependent or abuse allegation during the year 2004.

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Truancy remained the most often-reported referral reason within the status offense category for 2004, and unruly behavior became the second most reported status offense. Referral reasons surrounding issues of child support and custody are the most prevalent within the non-offense category.

Number of Referrals for Status/Unruly Offenses in 2004 (Total Number of Status/Unruly Referrals = 28,813)



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Juvenile Justice System in Tennessee

Tennessee's juvenile courts operate under the basic philosophy of striving to assure that each child coming before the court receives the opportunity for appropriate physical, mental, and moral development. The courts endeavor to facilitate this opportunity through consideration of each child's case on its individual merits while adhering to three primary obligations: (1) protecting the community and society at large; (2) acting in the best interest and welfare of the child by means of protection, treatment, and rehabilitation and (3) upholding the dignity of the law.

Tennessee is home to 98 juvenile courts with 110 juvenile court judges. Of these 98 courts, 17 are designated "special act" juvenile courts, while the remaining 81 are general session's courts with juvenile jurisdiction. Each of these courts, with the exception of Bristol and Johnson City, are county-based and administered, with at least one juvenile court located in each of the state's 95 counties. While all of Tennessee's courts with juvenile jurisdiction strive to follow the procedural guidelines established by the Tennessee Rules of Juvenile Procedure, there is very little standardization with regard to juvenile court size, management and administration. Hence, Tennessee's juvenile court system is diverse and tends to reflect the needs and preferences of the people living within a given county or community.

Jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court

A juvenile is any individual who is under the chronological age of eighteen (18) and has not been previously transferred to adult court.

Juvenile courts deal not only with delinquency and status offenses, but also with issues of child neglect and abuse, child support, child custody, establishing parentage, visitation and the need for a child's medical and/or mental health treatment. Tennessee's juvenile courts have jurisdiction within the following areas:

- Adjudication of children as dependent, neglected, abused, status/unruly or delinquent
- Determination of custody
- Termination of parental rights
- Ordering of treatment, evaluation and/or commitment of mentally retarded and/or mentally ill children
- Commitment of children to the custody of the Department of Children Services
- Establishment of parentage
- Ordering and enforcement of child support for children of unwed parents
- Establishing visitation for non-custodial parents
- Enforcement of the compulsory school attendance laws
- Removal of the age restrictions on a minor's application for a marriage license
- Giving of judicial consent to a minor's employment or enlistment in the armed services if law requires such consent
- Giving of judicial consent to the medical treatment of a child when his/her parents or guardians are unable to do so
- Judicial authorization of an abortion without parental consent
- Adjudication of alleged traffic violations by persons under the age of eighteen
- Transfer of serious delinquency cases to criminal court for trial as adults

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Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 37-1-159, the juvenile court is a court of record. It may enforce its orders in any way in which a court of equity may enforce its orders and decrees, including by imprisonment and by fine for contempt.

Juvenile Court Professional Staff

The dedication of the juvenile court staff is crucial to the functioning of the juvenile court. The typical juvenile court professional staff is comprised of the juvenile court judge, the referees (primarily in the larger courts), the youth services officers or probation officers and the juvenile court clerk.

Juvenile Court Judge

The juvenile court judge must be 30 years old, licensed to practice law (unless elected to the post prior to 1982 or the county has no qualified attorney), a resident of his/her district for one year and elected by the people. In addition to his/her judicial duties, the judge is the chief administrator of the court and is seen as having the following attributes: (1) learned in the law; (2) possessing administrative ability and experience; (3) maintaining a broad acquaintance with modern social problems affecting children and youth; and (4) having a realistic understanding of children and their behavior in relation to their total life needs.

Juvenile Court Referee

The referee is appointed by the judge, and may be directed to hear any case or class of cases. He or she must be licensed to practice law and has the same authority and powers as the judge to issue process and to conduct proceedings. Referees are generally appointed when the court's juvenile justice population is greater than one judge can cover, or when a commitment is probable and the judge is not an attorney. Cases heard and adjudicated by a referee may be appealed to the judge.

Youth Services Officer and Probation Officer

The youth services officer (YSO) and probation officer (PO) are officials of the court and are essential to the functioning of the judicial process, as well as to the welfare of the children within the juvenile justice system. Their duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Juvenile Court Intake
- Pre-Hearing Investigations
- Referral
- Supervision of Youth
- Detention Screenings
- Counseling
- Record Keeping

Juvenile Court Clerk

The juvenile court clerk is the record keeping and records management backbone of the juvenile court. The clerk maintains separate minutes, dockets and legal records of all matters pertaining to juvenile court proceedings as required by law. Juvenile court clerks also collect all fees, fines and court costs assessed by the juvenile court.

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Juvenile Court Process

In Tennessee the basic juvenile court process is comprised of three central phases: (1) intake, (2) adjudication and (3) disposition.

Juvenile court intake is a process through which the court reviews information in order to determine whether it has the authority to intervene in a child's life and in what manner it will administer its authority. The components of the intake process are referral to intake, detention screening and assessment of how to handle the complaint. Referral to intake involves the filing of a complaint by law enforcement, parents or other individuals or agencies requesting the court to exercise its authority. If the complainant requests detention, the intake officer performs a detention screening to determine if there is probable cause (legal sufficiency) that the child committed the alleged offense and is subject to detention in accordance with statute. Lastly, an assessment is made to determine if the complaint should be excluded, if informal adjustment (a voluntary agreement between the intake officer, the child and the parents) should be pursued or if a petition should be filed.

In most instances, if a petition is filed, the case goes into the adjudicatory phase. In this phase the case is heard by the juvenile court judge or referee to determine if the allegations of the petition are true. In making its decision, the court considers only the evidence that has been formally admitted. If the allegations are not substantiated or cannot be proven, the petition will be dismissed. In those situations where the allegations are substantiated, the judge will proceed immediately or will set a later hearing to determine the appropriate outcome or disposition for the case.

The purpose of the dispositional phase is to determine an appropriate course of action regarding the child and his/her circumstances. Disposition, insofar as possible, typically attempts to meet the treatment, social and rehabilitation needs of the child.

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**Juvenile Court Data Collection Process
for the 2004 Annual Report**

As required by Tennessee Code Annotated § 37-1-506, 2004 data were sent to TCJFCJ by each court with juvenile jurisdiction. All ninety-eight (98) courts sent data to TCJFCJ electronically either on diskettes or as attachments to electronic mail. These courts either used a data entry software program provided by TCJFCJ or other software that their individual court had obtained. All data were cleaned, edited and analyzed to produce the 2004 Annual Report, as well as year-end and ad hoc statistical reports.

In 2004, **all of Tennessee's juvenile courts once again reported data** to TCJFCJ. Every Tennessee juvenile court has reported data to TCJFCJ for the past ten (11) years, thereby distinguishing Tennessee as having one of the relatively few juvenile court statewide databases in the country with every court reporting. All automated court systems were required to utilize data edits developed by TCJFCJ staff. (These required data edits did not allow many incomplete or incorrectly coded records to be copied to diskette for inclusion in the TCJFCJ database.)

Unit of Count

The Council uses four (4) units of count. These consist of the number of **children**, the number of **cases**, the number of **referrals** and the number of **disposition** (outcomes).

Counting of **children** is accomplished by using the identifying number that the court assigns to each child. Therefore, each child can be counted only once for statistical purposes.

Each child can have one (1) or more **cases**. **TCJFCJ defines a case as: "All referral reasons/charges reported to the court (via complaint, petition, motion, etc.) on a given day for a given child"**. TCJFCJ uses the top five of these reason/charges for the statistical reports.

Each case can have one (1) or up to five (5) **referrals** per referral date. A referral is a complaint, offense or reason that the juvenile court is involved with the child. Each case or referral has one or more dispositions, therefore the number of dispositions/outcomes exceeds the number of referrals.

Disposition is the definite action taken or treatment plan decided on regarding a particular case.

Definition of Year

TCJFCJ uses the calendar year for all statistical reports.

To determine the year TCJFCJ uses the date of disposition for statistical reports. This is the date that the case is disposed by the juvenile court and then reported to TCJFCJ during the calendar year.

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**Number of Individual Children Referred
to Juvenile Courts in 2004**

During the reporting period between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004, information regarding 88,231 children was reported by the juvenile courts to TCJFCJ. This number represents a statewide increase of twelve and six-tenths of a percent or 9,852 children compared to calendar year 2003.

The juvenile courts reporting the largest number of children referred and whose cases were Disposed were Shelby County/Memphis, Davidson County/Nashville, Hamilton County/Chattanooga and Knox County/Knoxville. Once again, Shelby County reported the largest number of children with 15,705, and Polk County, reporting 31 children, was the county with the smallest number of children who were referred to a juvenile court.

Please refer to the chart on pages 12-14 for a county by county listing of the numbers of children, cases, and referrals.

NOTE: The reader should note that the TCJFCJ definition of case is as follows: "All referral reasons/charges reported to the court (via complaint, petition, motion, etc.) on a given day for a given child."

NOTE: It is also important to be aware that the TCJFCJ data is based on the date of disposition. This is the date that the case is disposed by the juvenile court. All data in this report is based upon cases disposed by the juvenile court and then reported to TCJFCJ during the calendar year 2004.

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Maury	291	291	315
McMinn	525	710	907
McNairy	905	1,337	1,509
Meigs	127	129	131
Monroe	712	1,206	1,259
Montgomery	1,722	1,898	2,503
Moore	65	66	72
Morgan	227	357	362
Obion	675	940	1,128
Overton	92	92	97
Perry	85	87	119
Pickett	56	78	79
Polk	31	32	44
Putnam	1,091	1,553	1,847
Rhea	140	154	174
Roane	262	370	433
Robertson	1,467	2,053	2,457
Rutherford	1,382	1,848	2,519
Scott	211	211	241
Sequatchie	109	125	152
Sevier	2,214	4,490	5,774
Shelby	15,987	22,817	26,680
Smith	139	244	337
Stewart	167	264	319
Sullivan Div. 1	855	1,315	1,384
Sullivan Div. 2	965	1,346	1,513
Sumner	2,433	4,384	5,099
Tipton	332	402	538
Trousdale	148	188	232

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**Number of Individual Children, Cases and Referral Reasons by Court
Based on Number of Reported Cases
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Name of Court	Children	Cases	Referral Reasons
Unicoi	0	0	0
Union	357	491	559
Van Buren	82	87	104
Warren	724	962	1,229
Washington	696	1,043	1,127
Wayne	337	484	553
Weakley	412	499	564
White	184	203	231
Williamson	1,764	2,913	3,584
Wilson	1,164	1,721	1,872
Totals	88,513	140,041	166,046

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**Sex, Race and Age Information
Based on Number of Individual Children in 2004**

Sex and Race

The tables on pages 18-20 present the number of children by sex and race as well as sex and race by county for calendar year 2004. White males, totaling 31,969 and representing 36.1% of the overall juvenile court population outnumbered their female counterparts, who totaled 21,065 and represented 23.8% of the juvenile court population. African American males, totaling 16,797 and representing 19% of the juvenile court population, outnumbered their female counterparts, who totaled 11,922 and represented 13.5% of the juvenile court population. These percentage data are consistent with those of years 1995 through 2004.

Regarding race, non-white (African American, Native American, Asian, and mixed race) children were reported as representing 34.2% of the juvenile court population. Conversely, white children were reported as making up 59.9% of the juvenile court population. The remaining 5.9% were either unknown or not reported. Those counties reporting the highest percentages of non-white children within their juvenile court population were as follows:

Shelby	-- 82.3%
Haywood	-- 81.2%
Madison	-- 69.2%
Lauderdale	-- 58.8%
Davidson	-- 56.6%

The tables on page 21 show sex and race by the three (3) categories of delinquent, status/unruly and neglect/dependent.

Within the delinquent category white males total 18,339 and represent 42.4% of the juvenile court population outnumbering their female counterparts who total 8,975 and represent 20.7% of the juvenile population with delinquent referrals. African American males total 9,410 and represent 21.7% of the juvenile population with delinquent referrals and outnumber their female counterparts who total 4,900 and represent 11.3% of the juvenile population with delinquent referrals.

Within the status/unruly category white males total 8,067 and represent 37.6% of the juvenile court population with status/unruly referrals and outnumber their female counterparts who total 5,921 and represent 27.6% of the juvenile population with status/unruly referrals. African American males total 3,853 and represent 18% of the juvenile population with status/unruly referrals and outnumber their female counterparts who total 2,768 and represent 12.9% of the juvenile population with status/unruly referrals.

Within the neglected/dependent category white males total 2,011 and represent 25.4% of the juvenile court population with neglected/dependent referrals and were outnumbered by their female counterparts who total 2,170 and represent 27.4% of the juvenile population with neglected/dependent referrals. African American males total 1,485 and represent 18.7% of the juvenile population with neglected/dependent referrals and are almost even to their female counterparts who total 1,576 and represent 19.9% of the juvenile population.

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It must be noted that due to the method of filing neglected/dependent petitions this data is under reported to the Council.

Tennessee is divided into eight (8) major regions and four (4) metropolitan areas. These areas are depicted on page 22 and the table on page 23 presents the number of juveniles referred to juvenile courts by region and metropolitan area. When looking at sex and race regionally white males are referred most in the East region with 5,997 which represents 54.6% of the region's juvenile court population. White females are also referred most in the East region with 3,973 which represents 36.2% of this region's juvenile court population. African American males are referred most in the Shelby Metro area with 7,503 and represents 46.9% of this region's juvenile court population. African American females are also referred most in the Shelby/Memphis area with 5,562 which represents 34.8% of this region's juvenile court population.

When looking at age, the 2004 data indicated that the largest number of children fall within the 17 through 18 years of age category (see chart on page 24). Prior to the 1994, 1995, and 1996 data, African American females historically were represented more in the birth to 10 years of age category. In 1994, 1995, and 1996, African American females were most represented in the 15 through 16 age group. In the years 1997 through 2003 and again in 2004, the largest category for African American females is found in the birth to 10 years age category.

The tables on page 25 show age by sex and race with the three (3) categories of delinquent, status/unruly and neglect/dependent.

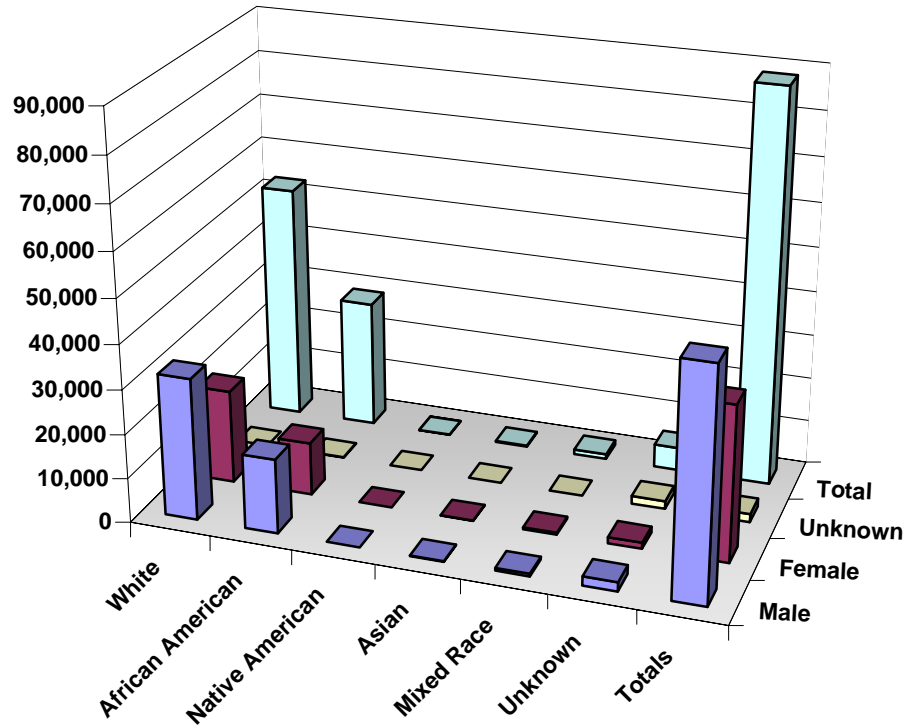
Looking at the delinquent category African American males and African American females are most often found in the age group of age 15 through 16, then in the 17 through 18 age group. White females are most often found in the age group of 17 through 18, however the next highest age group in which they are found is 15 through 16.

Looking at status/unruly category white males are found most often in the age group 15 through 16. For African American males and their counterparts African American females are found most often in the age group 15 through 16 also.

Looking at neglected/dependent category all youth are found most in the Birth through Age 10 group.

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**Race by Sex and Hispanic Origin by Sex
Based on Number of Individual Children Disposed
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	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Mixed Race	Unknown	Totals
Male	31,969	16,797	25	156	608	2,070	51,625
Female	21,065	11,922	28	102	484	1,386	34,987
Unknown	40	90	0	3	6	1,762	1,901
Total	53,074	28,809	53	261	1,098	5,218	88,513

Hispanic Origin

	Male	Female	Unknown Gender	Total
Hispanic	949	487	6	1,442

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Based on Number of Individual Children
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AM = Asian Male	AF = Asian Female	AU = Asian Unknown Sex
MRM = Mixed Race Male	MRF = Mixed Race Female	MRU = Mixed Race Unknown Sex
UM = Unknown Race Male	UF = Unknown Race Female	UU = Unknown Race Unknown Sex

CourtName	WM	AAM	NAM	AM	MRM	UM	WF	AAF	NAF	AF	MRF	UF	WU	AAU	NAU	AU	MRU	UU	TOTALS	
Anderson	666	107	0	1	5	32	323	35	0	0	6	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1,197
Bedford	178	28	1	0	5	0	108	10	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	345
Benton	136	3	0	0	0	0	100	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	241
Bledsoe	91	5	0	0	3	0	62	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	170
Blount	841	73	0	1	20	12	583	42	0	1	13	19	1	0	0	0	0	11	1,617	
Bradley	413	49	0	3	11	14	274	18	0	1	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	797	
Bristol	438	12	0	0	0	0	289	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	17	765	
Campbell	261	2	0	0	0	0	177	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	440	
Cannon	93	2	0	0	5	0	55	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	168	
Carroll	116	16	0	1	3	2	72	7	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	222	
Carter	564	5	0	3	6	17	447	6	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	2	1,062	
Cheatham	378	24	0	0	0	2	203	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	610	
Chester	124	42	0	1	2	0	86	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	330	
Claiborne	197	1	0	1	1	0	103	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	306	
Clay	34	0	0	0	1	2	29	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	14	84	
Cocke	404	26	1	0	9	16	389	18	0	0	8	8	2	0	0	0	1	1	883	
Coffee	278	9	0	0	0	1	162	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	459	
Crockett	45	17	0	0	0	6	32	3	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	111	
Cumberland	350	0	0	0	0	31	222	0	0	1	0	32	1	0	0	0	0	47	684	
Davidson	1,710	3,051	4	31	116	478	1,276	2,054	7	13	111	304	1	20	0	3	0	383	9,562	
Decatur	52	7	0	0	3	0	37	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	104	
DeKalb	107	4	0	0	0	5	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	171	
Dickson	348	45	0	1	5	40	204	10	0	0	4	22	2	2	0	0	0	15	698	
Dyer	183	91	0	1	0	3	107	59	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	447	
Fayette	88	210	0	0	0	3	64	194	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	23	587	
Fentress	113	2	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	170	
Franklin	172	17	0	0	0	0	93	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	295	
Gibson	323	248	0	0	12	72	201	219	0	0	18	72	2	45	0	0	2	172	1,386	
Giles	195	51	0	0	6	1	121	18	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	409	
Grainger	222	0	0	0	3	0	124	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	
Greene	481	13	0	1	2	9	317	5	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	833	
Grundy	150	0	0	0	0	0	134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	288	
Hamblen	413	44	0	1	3	11	271	27	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	782	
Hamilton	1,252	1,248	3	4	27	84	828	947	1	6	16	66	1	0	0	0	0	33	4,516	
Hancock	40	0	0	0	1	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	94	
Hardeman	100	128	0	0	1	15	69	70	0	0	0	14	0	5	0	0	173	575		
Hardin	117	4	0	0	1	3	95	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	227	
Hawkins	585	4	0	0	3	1	420	9	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,025	
Haywood	74	486	1	0	2	0	79	430	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	60	1,138		
Henderson	284	31	0	0	17	4	186	18	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	17	571		
Henry	110	33	1	0	2	4	59	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	228	

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CourtName	WM	AAM	NAM	AM	MRM	UM	WF	AAF	NAF	AF	MRF	UF	WU	AAU	NAU	AU	MRU	UU	TOTALS
Hickman	215	4	0	0	8	0	140	3	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	387
Houston	35	5	0	0	8	0	32	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	87
Humphreys	171	4	0	0	3	2	116	7	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	29	339
Jackson	110	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	151
Jefferson	378	18	0	0	1	49	213	4	0	1	0	34	1	0	0	0	0	44	743
Johnson	210	3	0	0	1	0	98	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	333
Johnson City	736	57	0	0	43	12	621	61	3	0	32	3	0	0	0	0	0	96	1,664
Knox	2,187	583	0	7	32	366	1,647	417	1	5	39	323	12	13	0	0	2	112	5,746
Lake	36	4	0	0	1	1	13	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Lauderdale	260	350	3	0	10	4	217	325	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,176
Lawrence	334	15	0	0	1	43	190	4	0	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	26	654
Lewis	56	7	0	0	0	0	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	107
Lincoln	232	34	0	0	1	0	124	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	415
Loudon	297	4	0	0	0	0	200	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	513
Macon	244	1	0	0	1	1	196	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	446
Madison	170	371	0	0	2	0	91	211	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	846
Marion	156	15	0	0	0	0	114	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	291
Marshall	278	39	0	0	8	4	162	24	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	525
Maury	382	142	0	1	15	23	251	70	0	0	8	9	1	0	0	0	0	3	905
McMinn	263	19	0	0	0	0	133	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	428
McNairy	190	25	0	0	3	0	107	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	337
Meigs	71	1	0	0	2	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127
Monroe	378	16	1	0	6	6	286	11	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	712
Montgomery	639	311	1	14	73	24	387	181	2	9	55	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	1,722
Moore	43	1	0	0	0	0	20	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
Morgan	155	0	0	0	0	0	71	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	227
Obion	252	102	0	0	8	0	180	95	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	675
Overton	54	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
Perry	52	7	0	0	2	9	12	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Pickett	35	1	0	0	0	0	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
Polk	23	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Putnam	491	31	0	0	3	185	301	11	0	4	3	49	1	0	0	0	0	12	1,091
Rhea	70	4	0	0	1	0	61	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	140
Roane	155	11	0	1	3	1	84	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	262
Robertson	592	152	0	1	12	128	331	99	0	2	5	100	4	0	0	0	0	41	1,467
Rutherford	635	183	0	22	1	5	367	85	0	14	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	67	1,382
Scott	152	0	0	0	0	0	57	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	211
Sequatchie	63	3	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	109
Sevier	1,164	11	0	3	15	19	903	6	0	0	24	16	0	0	0	0	0	53	2,214
Shelby	1,528	7,503	5	47	0	196	1,007	5,562	9	31	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	3	15,987
Smith	94	3	0	0	1	0	38	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	139

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CourtName	WM	AAM	NAM	AM	MRM	UM	WF	AAF	NAF	AF	MRF	UF	WU	AAU	NAU	AU	MRU	UU	TOTALS	
Stewart	92	0	0	0	3	0	60	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	167
Sullivan Div. 1	506	1	0	0	0	2	345	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	855
Sullivan Div. 2	525	51	0	1	6	0	353	26	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	965
Sumner	1,187	177	1	2	21	65	755	141	0	4	16	45	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	2,433
Tipton	147	79	0	0	2	0	68	25	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	332
Trousdale	68	8	1	0	7	0	53	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	148
Unicoi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union	222	0	0	0	0	0	129	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	357
Van Buren	64	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	82
Warren	412	20	0	0	1	0	262	9	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	724
Washington	434	6	0	0	4	4	213	1	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	696
Wayne	185	14	0	0	0	7	123	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	337
Weakley	218	26	0	0	3	5	141	13	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	412
White	114	3	0	2	4	0	59	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	184
Williamson	932	117	1	4	11	33	529	79	1	7	12	20	7	1	0	0	1	9	1,764	
Wilson	551	117	1	1	6	8	404	66	2	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,164
Totals	31,969	16,797	25	156	608	2,070	21,065	11,922	28	102	484	1,386	40	90	0	3	6	1,762	88,513	

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**Children * Referred to Juvenile Courts
With Delinquent Referrals in Tennessee for 2004**

	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Mixed Race	Unknown Race	Total
Male	18,339	9,410	16	120	241	728	28,854
Female	8,975	4,900	11	39	133	250	14,308
Unknown Sex	15	27	0	1	1	84	128
Totals	27,329	14,337	27	160	375	1,062	43,290

**Children * Referred to Juvenile Courts
With Status/Unruly Referrals in Tennessee for 2004**

	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Mixed Race	Unknown Race	Total
Male	8,067	3,853	9	57	98	303	12,387
Female	5,921	2,768	6	46	81	207	9,029
Unknown Sex	2	3	0	1	0	18	24
Totals	13,990	6,624	15	104	179	528	21,440

**Children * Referred to Juvenile Courts
With Dependent, Neglect, and Abuse Allegations in Tennessee for
2004**

	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Mixed Race	Unknown Race	Total
Male	2,011	1,485	5	8	97	182	3,788
Female	2,170	1,575	6	5	98	182	4,036
Unknown Sex	6	6	0	0	0	90	102
Totals	4,187	3,066	11	13	195	454	7,926

* A child may be counted in more than one category

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**Tennessee is divided into eight (8) major regions
and four (4) metropolitan areas.**



East: Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier and Union

Mid-Cumberland: Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson and Wilson

Northeast: Bristol City, Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson City, Sullivan Division 1, Sullivan Division 2, Unicoi and Washington

Northwest: Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Johnson, Lake, Obion and Weakley

South Central: Bedford, Coffee, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry and Wayne

Southeast: Bledsoe, Bradley, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea and Sequatchie

Southwest: Chester, Decatur, Fayette, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy and Tipton

Upper Cumberland: Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, Dekalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Van Buren, Warren and White

Davidson/Nashville

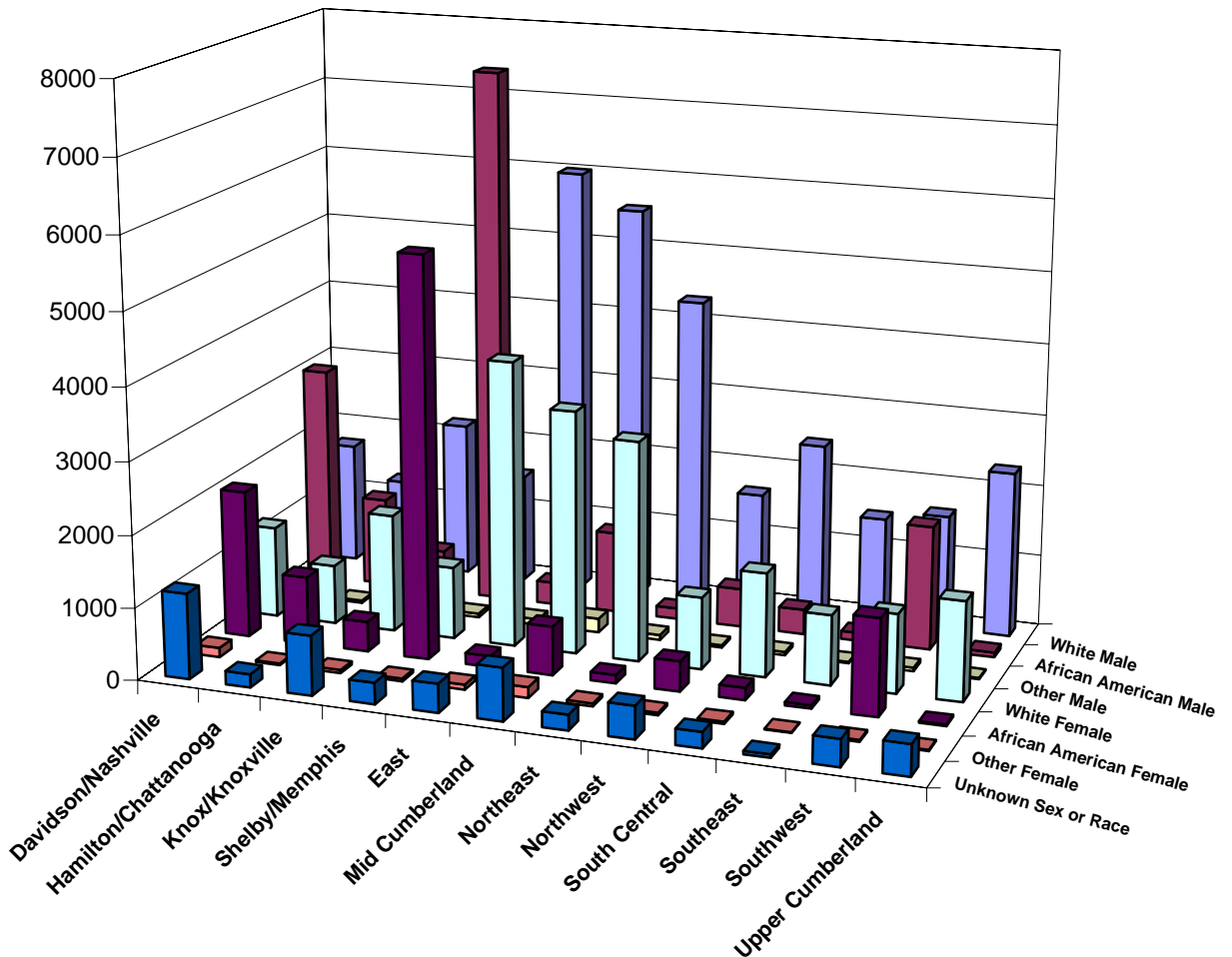
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Hamilton/Chattanooga

Knox/Knoxville

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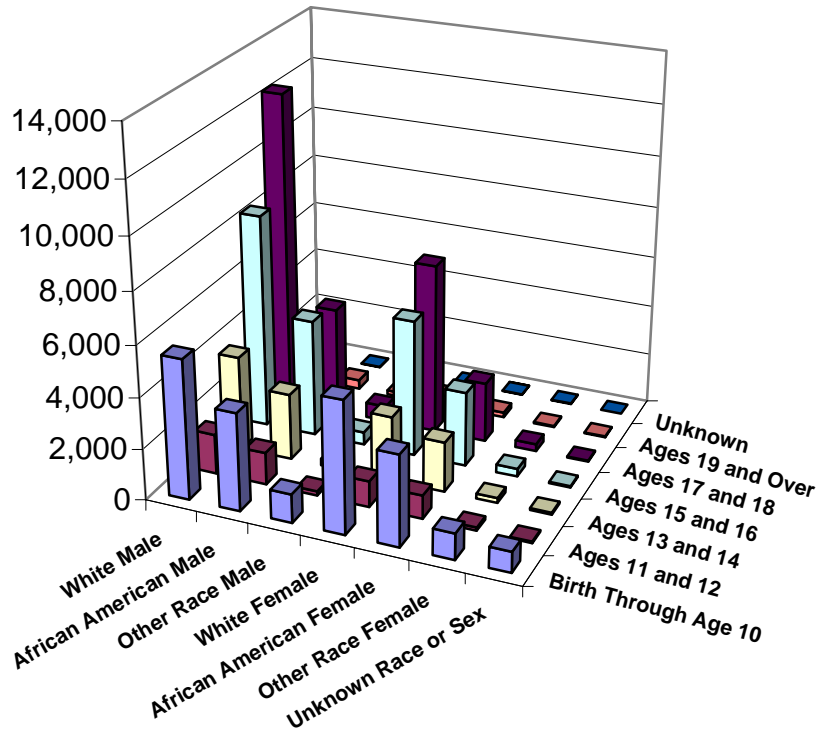
**Number of Individual Children Referred to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee – 2004
Sex and Race by Regions and Metropolitan Regions
Based on Number of Individual Children**



Region	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	TOTAL
Davidson/Nashville	1,710	3,051	151	1,276	2,054	131	1,189	9,562
Hamilton/Chattanooga	1,252	1,248	34	828	947	23	184	4,516
Knox/Knoxville	2,187	583	39	1,647	417	45	828	5,746
Shelby/Memphis	1,528	7,503	52	1,007	5,562	40	295	15,987
East	5,997	313	79	3,973	154	68	397	10,981
Mid Cumberland	5,536	1,143	197	3,381	677	151	729	11,814
Northeast	4,309	149	70	3,057	117	42	215	7,959
Northwest	1,629	543	33	1,003	419	34	453	4,114
South Central	2,428	351	48	1,444	168	32	222	4,693
Southeast	1,472	113	20	972	45	8	46	2,676
Southwest	1,606	1,733	48	1,099	1,339	26	372	6,223
Upper Cumberland	2,315	67	18	1,378	23	14	427	4,242
TOTALS	31,969	16,797	789	21,065	11,922	614	5,357	88,513

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**Age Group of Children Based on Number of Individual Children
from last Date of Referral for January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004**



Individual Children Referred to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2004

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Birth Through Age 10	5,481	3,829	1,125	5,155	3,556	1,027	808	20,981
Ages 11 and 12	1,561	1,265	175	1,017	919	128	60	5,125
Ages 13 and 14	3,693	2,599	260	2,537	1,961	199	79	11,328
Ages 15 and 16	8,421	4,615	507	5,364	2,944	307	56	22,214
Ages 17 and 18	12,396	4,206	598	6,693	2,361	290	40	26,584
Ages 19 and Over	846	365	168	410	197	47	29	2,062
Unknown	47	12	62	32	7	23	4	187
Totals	32,445	16,891	2,895	21,208	11,945	2,021	1,076	88,481

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**Children * Referred to Juvenile Courts
With Delinquent Referrals in Tennessee for 2004**

	White Male	African American Male	Other Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Female	Unknown	Totals
Birth Through Age 10	420	374	93	233	206	68	62	1,456
Ages 11 thru 12	514	593	50	167	311	14	7	1,656
Ages 13 thru 14	2,017	1,720	113	941	1,103	57	15	5,966
Ages 15 thru 16	5,604	3,433	334	2,861	1,795	124	15	14,166
Ages 17 thru 18	9,646	3,167	439	4,593	1,424	140	17	19,426
Ages 19 and Over	182	69	15	58	28	5	3	360
Unknown	18	4	15	15	3	3	2	60
Totals	18,401	9,360	1,059	8,868	4,870	411	121	43,090

**Children * Referred to Juvenile Courts
With Neglect/Dependent and Abuse Allegations in Tennessee for
2004**

	White Male	African American Male	Other Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Female	Unknown	Totals
Birth Through Age 10	1,364	911	210	1,320	984	201	79	5,069
Ages 11 thru 12	197	165	24	197	152	24	5	764
Ages 13 thru 14	198	157	17	255	159	16	9	811
Ages 15 thru 16	163	162	16	244	183	13	3	784
Ages 17 thru 18	107	86	8	134	86	10	0	431
Ages 19 and Over	5	2	0	3	2	0	0	12
Unknown	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Totals	2,036	1,484	275	2,153	1,566	264	96	7,874

**Children * Referred to Juvenile Courts
With Status/Unruly Referrals in Tennessee for 2004**

	White Male	African American Male	Other Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Birth Through Age 10	446	208	31	441	186	28	3	1,343
Ages 11 thru 12	401	212	24	291	112	15	2	1,057
Ages 13 thru 14	291	679	65	1,055	584	50	8	2,732
Ages 15 thru 16	3,132	1,526	157	2,234	1,063	122	5	8,239
Ages 17 thru 18	2,825	1,198	152	1,818	794	107	4	6,898
Ages 19 and Over	29	12	2	15	3	1	0	62
Unknown	5	2	2	4	1	0	0	14
Totals	7,129	3,837	433	5,858	2,743	323	22	20,345

* A child may be counted in more than one category

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**Living Arrangement of the Child
At The Time of Referral to Juvenile Court in 2004**

Consistent with the data gathered in previous years, the chart on page 27 shows the largest numbers (34,161 or 38.6%) of the children within the general juvenile court population were reported to be "living with their mothers only" at the time of referral to juvenile court. The second and third most reported living arrangements for the general juvenile court population were "living with both natural parents" (16.2%) and "unknown" (14.9%) with the "living with relatives" at (10.2%).

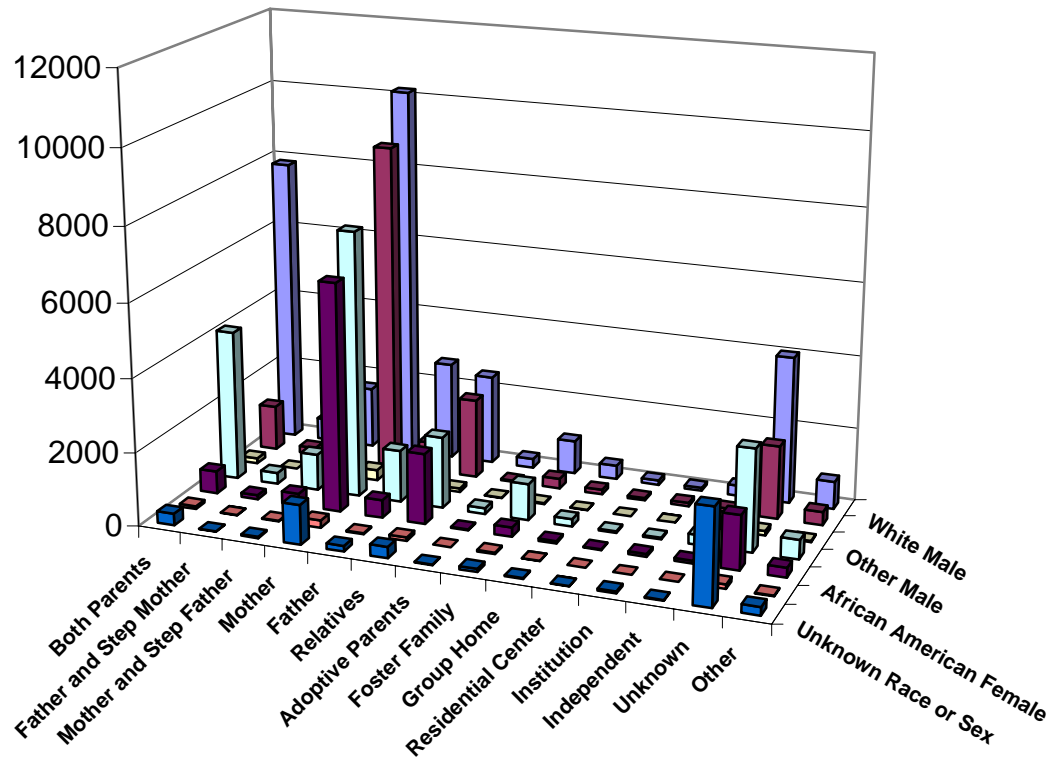
When examining the 2004 juvenile court population by race and gender categories, different living arrangement patterns can be seen (see chart on page 27). White female data continued to mirror the general juvenile court population figures. This data revealed a higher percentage of "living with mothers only" (34.5%) over "living with both natural parents" (20%), "unknown" (13.2%) or "living with relatives" (9.3%).

Data regarding African American females continued to be reflective of a different living arrangement. Fifty-two point two percent of African American females were reported to be "living with mothers only," followed by "relatives" (16.1%). "unknown" (12.3%) and "living with both natural parents" (5.2%).

Once again, the 2004 data reflected a change from the historical trend of white males living more often with both natural parents. As in 1995 through 2003 the 2004 data showed that the largest category for white males was "living with mother only" with (31.6%). "living with both natural parents" continued to be the second most reported living arrangement for white males (24.4%), followed by "unknown" (12.5%).

Data associated with African American males revealed that over half (52.8%) of African American males were reported as "living with mother only" at the time of referral. (12.9%) reported "living with relatives" and (11.8%) "unknown" did not report the living arrangement.

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**Individual Children Referred to
 Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2004**

	White Male	African American Male	Other Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Female	Unknown Sex or Race	Totals
Both Biological Parents	7,862	1,236	137	4,123	615	75	319	14,367
Father and Stepmother	596	181	7	308	114	6	15	1,227
Mother and Stepfather	1,666	538	32	991	324	23	37	3,611
Mother	10,174	8,924	287	7,266	6,231	201	1,078	34,161
Father	2,665	801	52	1,421	486	27	150	5,602
Relatives	2,449	2,175	98	1,953	1,921	92	305	8,993
Adoptive Parents	246	35	7	158	26	7	16	495
Foster Family	922	271	26	996	253	42	84	2,594
Group Home	377	126	6	201	63	3	26	802
Residential	126	60	5	42	20	1	7	261
In a Institution	83	99	4	45	79	0	53	363
Independent	286	93	0	268	78	2	20	747
Unknown	4,020	1,995	122	2,784	1,469	125	2,598	13,113
Other	753	365	30	528	258	21	222	2,177
Totals	32,225	16,899	813	21,084	11,937	625	4,930	88,513

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**School Status of Individual Children at the Time of
Referral to Juvenile Court in 2004**

The chart on page 29 shows that, in 2004, a majority (63%) of the children were reported as being formally enrolled (either full or part-time) in regular school at the time of referral to juvenile court, while 11% were reported as being out or not formally enrolled in regular school. This "out of regular school" category also included those children who had been expelled. Additionally, 3.4% of the general juvenile court population was reported as being enrolled in a special education curriculum at the time of referral.

It should be noted that for 22,757 (26%) children no information was reported for school enrollment.

NOTE: The Council has concerns over the accuracy of the school data that is being reported. The Council is working on methods to increase the accuracy of this information.

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**Educational Information about Individual Children
Based on Number of Individual Children
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The following school statistics pertain to the 78,379 children whose cases were processed.

School Enrollment of Child

3,377	4% Too Young for School
716	1% Finished Preschool
836	1% Finished Kindergarten
909	1% Finished First Grade
882	1% Finished Second Grade
960	1% Finished Third Grade
1,244	1% Finished Fourth Grade
1,915	2% Finished Fifth Grade
3,282	4% Finished Sixth Grade
4,491	5% Finished Seventh Grade
7,218	8% Finished Eighth Grade
7,726	9% Finished Ninth Grade
7,515	8% Finished Tenth Grade
5,552	6% Finished Eleventh Grade
1,141	1% Finished Twelfth Grade
28	0% Last Enrolled in Non-Graded Special Education
415	0% GED
283	0% Graduated
2,002	2% Have Never been in School
36,909	42% Unknown
1,112	1% Other

88,513 100% Total

Is Child Enrolled In School

55,935	63% Enrolled in School
9,821	11% Not Enrolled in School
22,757	26% Unknown

88,513 100% Total

Special Education Status

3,014	3% Enrolled in Special Education
50,227	57% Not Enrolled in Special Education
35,272	40% Unknown

88,513 100% Total

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**Referral Information by Race, Sex,
and Class of Referral/Offense
2004**

During the reporting period between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004, information regarding 164,989 referral reasons disposed of by Tennessee juvenile courts was reported to the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Nearly half (46%) of the 2004 referral reasons disposed of by juvenile courts fell into the category of alleged delinquent offenses. Status offenses represented 17.4% of referral reasons, while non-offense referral reasons comprised an additional 36.3% of the total 2004 juvenile court referral reasons.

For the following report, the broad categories of referrals/offenses (delinquent, status, and non-offense) were broken into these classes of referrals/offenses:

Offenses Against Persons – Delinquent offenses, such as criminal homicide, assault, rape, etc., that were committed against persons.

Offenses Against Property – Delinquent offenses, such as burglary, arson, vandalism, etc., that were committed against property.

Illegal Conduct – Delinquent offenses such as possession or sale of controlled substances, disorderly conduct, criminal trespass, etc.

Status Offenses – Offenses committed by a child that, if committed by an adult, would not be considered an offense or unlawful act. These can include such actions as runaway, truancy, unruly behavior, etc.

Dependency/Neglect Issues – Issues that affect the safety and well being of the referred child, such as abuse, dependency, neglect, termination of parental rights, etc. This is a non-offense category as the referred child is the “victim”, not the offender.

Parentage Issues – Issues that affect custody of the child, visitation, determining parentage and child support.

Other Violation Proceedings – Violation of pretrial diversion and violation of informal adjustment.

Special Proceedings – Judicial reviews, administrative reviews and foster care reviews that are conducted by the court. This is also a non-offense category.

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The chart on page 32 indicates that the first and second most often reported classes of referral reasons for males are the same for both White and African American races. Among white males, the two most commonly reported classes of referral/offense were "Illegal Conduct" and "Status Offenses". Thirty-seven point one (37.1%) percent of white male referral reasons were for "Illegal Conduct" and 17.2% were for "Status Offenses". "Offenses Against Property" represented the third most reported class of referral/offense for white male referrals at 10.5% followed by "Parentage" at 9.9%.

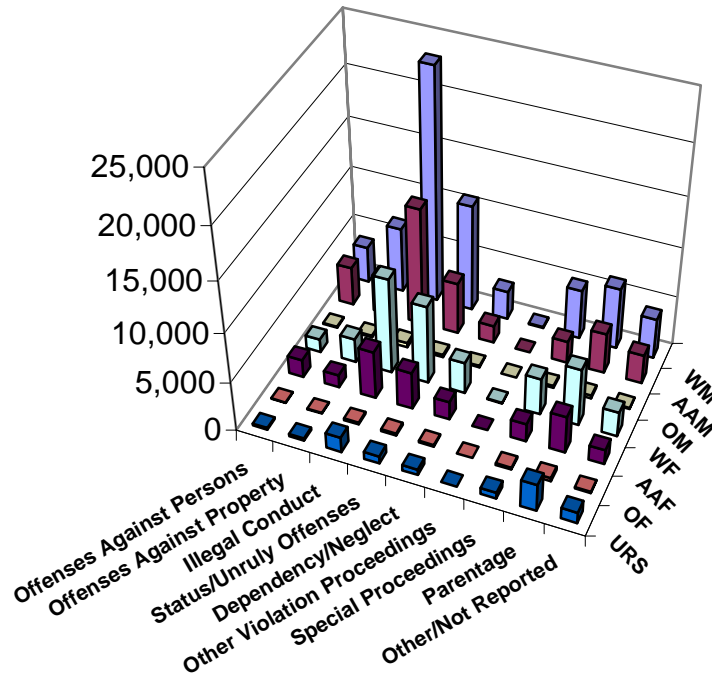
Thirty-three and two tenths percent (33.2%) of African American male referral reasons were for "Illegal Conduct". The second and third most reported class of referral/offense for African American males were "Status Offenses" (14.6%) and "Parentage" (11.4%).

The first and second most reported class of referral/offense for white females were for "Illegal Conduct" at 26.3% and "Status Offenses" at 21.6%. The third most reported referral/offense for white females was "Parentage" at 15.8%.

The most often reported class for African American females in 2004 was "Illegal Conduct" at 23.5%. The second and third most reported referral/offense for African American females were "Parentage" at 18.3% and "Status Offenses" at 18.2%.

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Referrals to Juvenile Court in Tennessee for 2004
by Class of Referral/Offense, Sex and Race
Based on Number of Referrals



	WM	AAM	OM	WF	AAF	OF	URS	Total
Offenses Against Persons	3,645	3,903	116	1,338	1,805	45	186	11,038
Offenses Against Property	6,565	3,741	177	2,438	1,283	70	257	14,531
Illegal Conduct	23,201	11,833	453	9,634	4,827	189	1,526	51,663
Status/Unruly Offenses	10,736	5,222	243	7,906	3,753	201	752	28,813
Dependency/Neglect	2,868	1,768	148	3,182	1,822	158	579	10,525
Other Violation Proceedings	129	7	0	68	0	0	2	206
Special Proceedings	5,010	2,207	193	3,716	1,847	192	624	13,789
Parentage	6,183	4,084	299	5,793	3,768	326	2,732	23,185
Other/Not Reported	4,065	2,918	127	2,497	1,468	126	1,095	12,296
Totals	62,402	35,683	1,756	36,572	20,573	1,307	7,753	166,046

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**Referral Reasons by
Race and Sex in 2004**

Please refer to the tables on pages 34–36 regarding referral reasons by race and gender. Since these data are spread between 83 potential referral reasons, most of the percentages presented in this discussion will be small. ***It is important to note that many juvenile courts do not hear traffic cases. In these jurisdictions, traffic cases go to the court with jurisdiction for hearing adult traffic violations. It is also important to note that the category of “Unknown” includes not reported.***

The 2004 data showed the most commonly reported delinquent referral reasons to be traffic offenses, theft of property, assault, and disorderly conduct. The most often reported status offense referral reasons were truancy, unruly behavior, possession of tobacco products and followed closely by in-state runaway. Referral reasons surrounding issues of custody and dependency neglect are the most prevalent within the non-offense category.

When looking by race and gender, the top four specific referral reasons for white males reported in 2004 were “Traffic” (15.7%), “Other” (6.5%), “Truancy” (5.1%), and “Violation of Probation” (4.9%).

The most often reported specific referral reasons associated with African American males were “Other” (8.3%), “Disorderly Conduct” (8.1%), “Assault” (7.1%), and “Child Support” (6.3%).

The most often cited specific referral reasons for white females were “Traffic” (13.2%), “Truancy” (8.2%), “Dependency Neglect” (7.9%), and “Custody” (7.2%).

Regarding African American females, the most often cited specific referral reasons in 2003 were “Disorderly Conduct” (11.1%), “Child Support” (9.8%), “Dependency Neglect” (8.5%), and “Other” (7.2%).

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**2004 Referral Reasons by Race and Sex
Based on Number of Referrals**

<u>Offenses Against Persons</u>	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Criminal Homicide	10	22	0	4	0	0	5	41
First Degree Murder	10	17	0	6	1	0	0	34
Second Degree Murder	4	3	0	4	1	0	1	13
Aggravated Rape	9	14	0	5	0	0	0	28
Rape of a Child	139	131	2	13	2	0	10	297
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	7	0	0	4	2	0	0	13
Especially Aggravated Robbery	9	18	0	6	1	0	3	37
Especially Aggravated Kidnapping	5	3	0	0	4	0	0	12
Aggravated Robbery	55	324	2	12	13	3	9	418
Aggravated Kidnapping	8	18	0	5	13	0	4	48
Aggravated Child Abuse/Neglect	4	0	0	6	0	0	1	11
Aggravated Sexual Battery	110	76	6	3	4	0	8	207
Rape	32	31	2	2	1	0	3	71
Voluntary Manslaughter	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
Vehicular Homicide	6	0	0	2	0	0	0	8
Sexual Abuse of a Child	8	1	0	5	1	0	0	15
Other Sexual Offense	138	88	2	12	26	0	6	272
Aggravated Assault	460	407	23	102	209	6	26	1,233
Robbery	23	130	2	5	9	1	1	171
Criminally Negligent Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempt a Crime Against a Person	18	39	8	2	3	0	4	74
Assault	2,308	2,472	62	1,098	1,495	35	92	7,562
Reckless Endangerment	282	107	7	41	19	0	13	469
Totals	3,645	3,903	116	1,338	1,805	45	186	11,038

<u>Offenses Against Property</u>	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Aggravated Arson	21	5	0	2	3	1	2	34
Arson	83	21	1	8	4	0	2	119
Aggravated Burglary	414	500	26	69	40	0	12	1,061
Theft of Property	2,917	2,012	83	1,828	1,003	55	135	8,033
Vandalism	1,951	686	42	286	163	8	58	3,194
Forgery	75	24	0	72	21	0	5	197
Worthless Checks	3	1	0	18	2	4	1	29
Illegal Poss./Fraud. Use of Credit/Debit Cards	29	14	4	20	5	0	1	73
Burglary	888	382	18	67	18	1	37	1,411
Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	162	84	3	64	23	1	4	341
Cruelty to Animals	22	12	0	4	1	0	0	39
Totals	6,565	3,741	177	2,438	1,283	70	257	14,531

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Based on Number of Referrals**

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	American Male	Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female		
<u>Illegal Conduct</u>								
Sale of Controlled Substances	156	363	5	35	25	0	5	589
Other Drug Offenses	1,093	188	22	316	25	6	36	1,686
Possession of Controlled Substances	2,146	1,176	23	649	128	8	83	4,213
Criminal Attempt	28	112	4	5	7	0	4	160
Weapons on School Property	135	181	6	34	88	1	14	459
Unlawful Carrying/Possession Weapon	239	473	15	30	50	0	34	841
Evading Arrest	364	577	16	55	72	6	13	1,103
Escape	111	142	3	34	48	1	14	353
Driving Under Influence(DUI)	232	12	4	50	1	4	21	324
Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	1,861	157	25	812	37	5	58	2,955
Resisting, Stop, Frisk, Halt, Arrest or Search	307	347	17	56	162	3	13	905
Aggravated Criminal Trespass	20	28	1	4	4	0	2	59
Harassment	132	50	1	93	47	1	4	328
Failure to Appear	106	137	4	53	64	4	26	394
Filing a False Police Report	91	35	5	63	12	0	5	211
Criminal Impersonation	161	125	3	83	54	3	10	439
Disorderly Conduct	1,198	2,879	47	552	2,271	22	106	7,075
Criminal Trespass	512	849	13	143	166	2	29	1,714
Public Intoxication	377	186	4	97	26	1	18	709
Gambling	6	102	1	1	3	0	1	114
Traffic	9,812	1,606	140	4,825	713	50	633	17,779
Local Ordinances	169	57	4	46	11	2	6	295
Violation of Wildlife Regulations	99	1	0	2	0	0	1	103
Contempt of Court	664	281	22	481	301	35	290	2,074
Violation of Probation	3,053	1,599	66	1,075	483	31	99	6,406
Violation of Aftercare	129	170	2	40	29	4	1	375
Totals	23,201	11,833	453	9,634	4,827	189	1,526	51,663

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	American Male	Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female		
<u>Status Offenses</u>								
Unruly Behavior	2,179	1,244	80	1,686	800	38	169	6,196
Truancy	3,158	1,599	73	3,009	1,337	68	337	9,581
In-State Runaway	879	727	18	1,108	958	43	70	3,803
Out-of-State Runaway	22	9	0	31	15	3	4	84
Possession of Tobacco Products	2,891	483	29	1,086	101	14	69	4,673
Violation of a Valid Court Order	696	267	14	568	202	23	43	1,813
Violation of Curfew	911	893	29	418	340	12	60	2,663
Totals	10,736	5,222	243	7,906	3,753	201	752	28,813

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Based on Number of Referrals**

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female		
Dependency/Neglect								
Sexually Abused Child	4	0	0	34	0	0	0	38
Physically Abused Child	20	10	1	36	14	0	14	95
Dependency/Neglect	2,609	1,683	125	2,875	1,743	136	490	9,661
Termination of Parental Rights	235	75	22	237	65	22	75	731
Totals	2,868	1,768	148	3,182	1,822	158	579	10,525

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female		
Other Violation Proceedings								
Violation of Pretrial Diversion	113	6	0	49	0	0	1	169
Violation of Informal Adjustment	16	1	0	19	0	0	1	37
Totals	129	7	0	68	0	0	2	206

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female		
Parentage								
Custody	2,524	1,257	123	2,632	1,171	131	619	8,457
Visitation	425	243	16	422	271	23	115	1,515
Paternity/Legitimation	531	372	42	393	325	33	371	2,067
Child Support	2,703	2,212	118	2,346	2,001	139	1,627	11,146
Totals	6,183	4,084	299	5,793	3,768	326	2,732	23,185

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female		
Special Proceedings								
Judicial Review	2,973	270	43	1,989	158	45	296	5,774
Administrative Review	527	758	12	438	835	15	105	2,690
Foster Care Review	1,502	1,176	138	1,258	852	132	221	5,279
Request for Medical Treatment	4	3	0	3	2	0	0	12
Consent to Marry	4	0	0	28	0	0	2	34
Totals	5,010	2,207	193	3,716	1,847	192	624	13,789

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female		
Other								
Totals	4,065	2,918	127	2,497	1,468	126	1,095	12,296

Totals	62,248	35,035	1,749	36,561	20,415	1,307	7,746	165,061
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**The Referral Sources of Referrals
to the Juvenile Court in 2004**

Anyone perceiving a need for the court to intervene in a child's affairs can refer that child to the juvenile court. Frequently, the referral source is closely related to the reason for referral. For example schools refer truants and law enforcement officers refer children who have committed illegal acts.

The table on page 38 lists each referral source and its corresponding percentage of referrals. As can be seen by this table, in 2004, "law enforcement" remained the most often cited referral source for juveniles to the courts (42.8%), while "parents" continued to represent the second most often cited referral source (10.7%). The 2004 data shows "court staff" (9.7%) as the third most often reported source, while "school" (8.6%) was the fourth and "Department of Children Services" (8.5%) was the fifth.

When looking at the six most frequently reported referral reasons associated with each referral source, the tables on pages 39-41 reveal that, in 2004, "law enforcement" personnel continued to appear more likely to refer juveniles for traffic complaint, while "custody" was the most often cited reason for referral by parents. With regard to schools, "truancy" remained the most cited referral reason with "tobacco products" being the second most referral reason by schools. Victims continue to refer more often for theft of property.

The tables on pages 43-44 show sex and race by the three (3) categories of delinquent, status/unruly and neglect dependent.

Within the delinquent category law enforcement personnel are more likely to refer juveniles (77.6% of the total delinquent referrals). Of "law enforcement" referrals 34.4% of these referrals were for white males, 13.1% were for white females, 19.4% were for African American males, and 7.8% were for African American females when compared to the total delinquent referrals.

Within the status/unruly category law enforcement personnel referred 38.4%. Of the law enforcement referrals 15.2% were white males, 7.2% were white females, 9.2% were African American males, and 5.0% were African American females when compared to the total status/unruly category. Schools were second with 36.3% of referrals within the category status/unruly. Of the school referrals 14.3% were white males, 10.6% were white females, 5.5% were African American males and 4.2% were African American females when compared to the total status/unruly category.

Within the neglected and dependent category the Department of Children's Services referred 44.8%. Of the referrals from the Department of Children Services 15.0% were white males, 16.6% were white females, 4.0% were African American males, and 3.9% were African American females when compared to the total neglected and dependent referrals. It must be noted that due to the method of filing neglected and dependent petitions this data is under-reported to the TCJFCJ.

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**Referral Source
Based on Number of Referrals
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Law Enforcement	69,244	42.8%
Parents	17,338	10.7%
Relatives	5,306	3.3%
Self	862	0.5%
School	13,988	8.6%
Community Services Agency	78	0.0%
Department of Children's Services	13,803	8.5%
Other State Departments	5,582	3.4%
District Attorney	2,889	1.8%
Court Staff	15,642	9.7%
Social Agency	1,332	0.8%
Other Court	601	0.4%
Victim	3,539	2.2%
Child and Parent	741	0.5%
Hospital	72	0.0%
Unknown	4,702	2.9%
Other	6,108	3.8%
Total	161,827	100%

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**2004 Six Most Frequent Referral Reasons by Source
Based On Number of Referrals Disposed**

Referral Source and Referral Reasons

Law Enforcement

1. Traffic
2. Disorderly Conduct
3. Theft of Property
4. Assault
5. Possession of Controlled Substances
6. Possession/Consumption of Alcohol

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
1. Traffic	9,379	1,259	136	4,672	625	49	552	16,672
2. Disorderly Conduct	1,022	2,517	42	485	1,959	17	100	6,142
3. Theft of Property	2,119	1,764	64	1,048	830	37	117	5,979
4. Assault	1,406	2,037	43	632	1,296	21	55	5,490
5. Possession of Controlled Substances	1,899	1,086	23	566	108	7	79	3,768
6. Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	1,720	142	24	745	32	3	53	2,719

Parents

1. Custody
2. Unruly Behavior
3. Dependency/Neglect
4. Child Support
5. Administrative Review
6. Other

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
1. Custody	946	552	48	919	451	48	161	3,125
2. Unruly Behavior	965	331	26	896	218	22	18	2,476
3. Dependency/Neglect	344	702	15	366	824	7	40	2,298
4. Child Support	405	303	3	400	295	15	174	1,595
5. Administrative Review	117	588	2	121	672	5	2	1,507
6. Other	378	315	10	308	189	16	119	1,335

Relatives

1. Custody
2. Child Support
3. Other
4. Unruly Behavior
5. In-State Runaway
6. Visitation

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
1. Custody	941	352	53	1,041	326	42	213	2,968
2. Child Support	393	254	25	383	219	35	58	1,367
3. Other	82	47	4	74	39	7	47	300
4. Unruly Behavior	57	33	2	57	19	1	0	169
5. In-State Runaway	25	12	1	48	11	0	1	98
6. Visitation	31	4	0	27	8	2	8	80

Self

1. Other
2. Child Support
3. Custody
4. Violation of Probation
5. Visitation
6. Dependency/Neglect

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
1. Other	103	5	3	104	5	1	4	225
2. Child Support	134	21	1	51	3	1	4	215
3. Custody	106	2	1	70	3	0	3	185
4. Violation of Probation	43	0	4	45	1	2	0	95
5. Visitation	8	2	0	15	0	1	1	27
6. Dependency/Neglect	10	4	1	7	2	1	0	25

School

1. Truancy
2. Possession of Tobacco Products
3. Other
4. Dependency/Neglect
5. Unruly Behavior
6. Disorderly Conduct

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
1. Truancy	2,897	1,513	64	2,768	1,292	63	319	8,916
2. Possession of Tobacco Products	1,430	200	17	507	54	12	32	2,252
3. Other	186	23	1	227	27	1	8	473
4. Dependency/Neglect	79	101	6	108	83	8	57	442
5. Unruly Behavior	183	55	5	95	22	3	11	374
6. Disorderly Conduct	84	76	2	36	58	3	2	261

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Referral Source and Referral Reasons

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male		
Community Services Agencies								
1. Dependency/Neglect	11	11	2	0	0	0	0	25
2. Violation of Probation	13	0	2	1	0	0	0	16
3. Child Support	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
4. Custody	2	3	0	0	0	0	2	7
5. Judicial Review	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	7
6. Other	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	5

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male		
Department of Children's Services								
1. Dependency/Neglect	1,347	1,464	375	59	360	67	302	3,974
2. Foster Care Review	777	722	139	50	96	60	72	1,916
3. Judicial Review	713	454	74	15	30	14	35	1,335
4. Other	569	358	115	17	97	14	97	1,267
5. Violation of Probation	695	156	142	10	35	16	8	1,062
6. Custody	279	281	85	7	79	13	126	870

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male		
Other State Department								
1. Child Support	870	690	1,069	23	957	47	431	4,087
2. Contempt of Court	144	110	66	7	79	20	127	553
3. Paternity/Legitimation	97	37	96	7	93	2	93	425
4. Violation of Probation	173	40	26	0	2	1	0	242
5. Judicial Review	29	15	23	2	20	2	35	126
6. Other	10	2	1	0	2	0	6	21

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male		
District Attorney								
1. Child Support	679	540	256	28	186	30	441	2,160
2. Paternity/Legitimation	85	87	36	19	16	15	90	348
3. Contempt of Court	66	91	20	10	26	0	22	235
4. Other	33	12	12	1	2	0	7	67
5. Administrative Review	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	20
6. Theft of Property	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	12

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male		
Court Staff								
1. Violation of Probation	1,603	660	1,232	44	372	13	82	4,006
2. Foster Care Review	619	450	1,034	88	753	69	133	3,146
3. Judicial Review	1,427	939	108	19	75	22	153	2,743
4. Other	381	202	506	5	99	6	20	1,219
5. Violation of a Valid Court Order	393	357	197	10	145	6	33	1,141
6. Administrative Review	204	150	72	9	86	9	97	627

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Referral Source and Referral Reasons

Social Agency

1. Dependency/Neglect
2. Administrative Review
3. Foster Care Review
4. Violation of Probation
5. Other
6. In-State Runaway

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female	Sex	
1. Dependency/Neglect	62	97	2	70	92	2	3	328
2. Administrative Review	6	71	0	18	57	0	0	152
3. Foster Care Review	72	0	0	62	0	1	0	135
4. Violation of Probation	102	6	1	21	2	0	2	134
5. Other	54	10	1	37	30	1	0	133
6. In-State Runaway	33	4	0	25	3	0	6	71

Other Court

1. Theft of Property
2. Other
3. Possession/Consumption of Alcohol
4. Traffic
5. Possession of Controlled Substances
6. Violation of Probation

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female	Sex	
1. Theft of Property	49	14	1	31	8	1	0	104
2. Other	45	9	0	10	9	1	10	84
3. Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	46	3	0	24	1	1	0	75
4. Traffic	36	2	0	5	2	0	0	45
5. Possession of Controlled Substances	26	3	0	1	1	0	0	31
6. Violation of Probation	19	4	1	2	2	0	0	28

Victim

1. Theft of Property
2. Assault
3. Vandalism
4. Harassment
5. Other
6. Aggravated Assault

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female	Sex	
1. Theft of Property	528	123	13	592	106	14	10	1,386
2. Assault	401	173	9	251	64	9	11	918
3. Vandalism	295	49	8	64	10	2	2	430
4. Harassment	63	13	0	50	20	0	0	146
5. Other	64	15	1	38	3	0	2	123
6. Aggravated Assault	61	22	1	15	10	1	0	110

Child and Parent

1. Child Support
2. Assault
3. Other
4. Custody
5. Paternity/Legitimation
6. Unruly Behavior

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female	Sex	
1. Child Support	148	25	31	141	26	19	33	423
2. Assault	50	15	1	22	7	0	0	95
3. Other	27	5	0	9	5	0	2	48
4. Custody	12	2	0	13	1	0	2	30
5. Paternity/Legitimation	9	0	0	5	0	0	8	22
6. Unruly Behavior	9	3	0	5	0	0	2	19

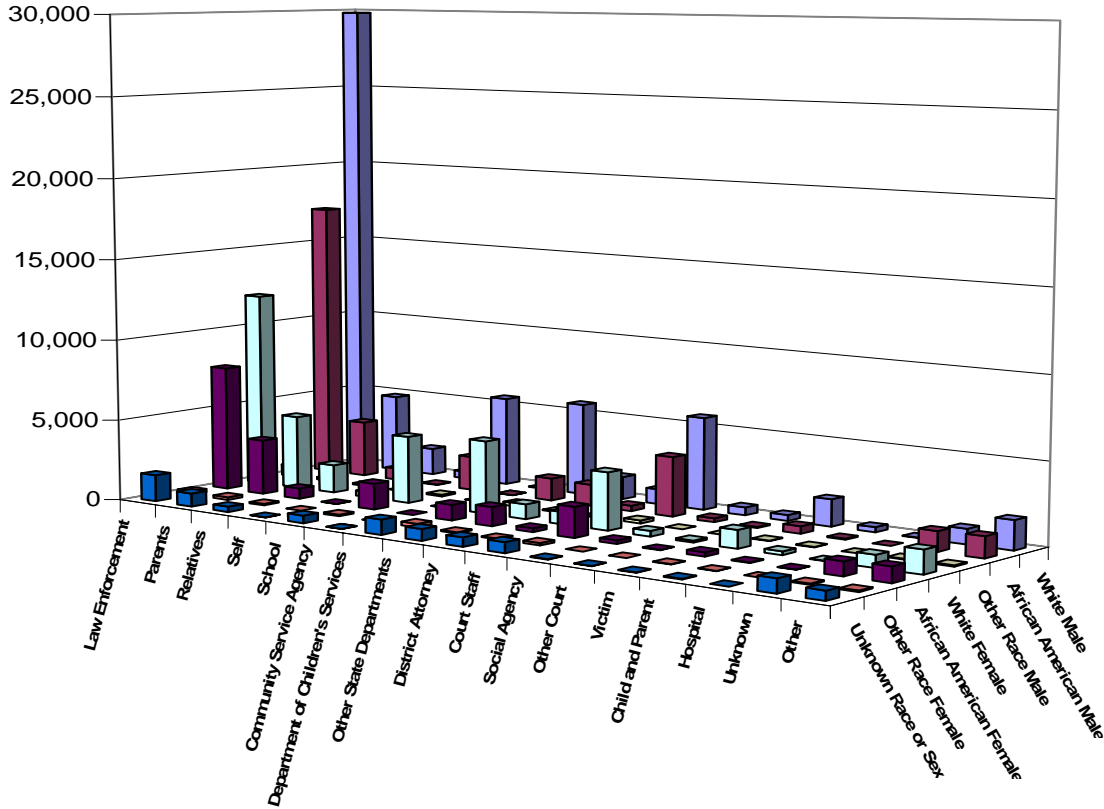
Hospital

1. Paternity/Legitimation
2. Dependency/Neglect
3. Request for Medical Treatment
4. Assault
5. Truancy
6. Disorderly Conduct

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female	Sex	
1. Paternity/Legitimation	18	0	0	13	2	0	2	35
2. Dependency/Neglect	7	0	0	8	0	0	0	15
3. Request for Medical Treatment	1	3	0	3	2	0	0	9
4. Assault	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
5. Truancy	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
6. Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2

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**Source of Referral for all Referrals
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Based on Number of Referrals**



**Referrals for All Children
Referred to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2004**

All Referrals	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	Female	Female	Female	Female			
Law Enforcement	29,822	17,174	678	12,013	7,702	219	1,636	69,244		
Parents	4,810	3,473	152	4,533	3,378	173	819	17,338		
Relatives	1,666	730	87	1,745	652	90	336	5,306		
Self	442	40	12	322	21	8	17	862		
School	5,500	2,101	98	4,129	1,599	98	463	13,988		
Community Services Agency	43	7	1	20	1	0	6	78		
Department of Children's Services	5,668	1,383	203	4,452	962	225	910	13,803		
Other State Departments	1,395	1,306	39	911	1,160	72	699	5,582		
District Attorney	914	326	59	749	231	45	565	2,889		
Court Staff	5,681	3,645	193	3,493	1,849	145	636	15,642		
Social Agency	486	237	9	337	219	8	36	1,332		
Other Court	354	66	5	121	33	9	13	601		
Victim	1,648	453	36	1,099	245	31	27	3,539		
Child and Parent	311	69	32	216	42	22	49	741		
Hospital	35	3	0	26	6	0	2	72		
Unknown	925	1,219	57	753	842	73	833	4,702		
Other	1,773	1,280	73	1,412	933	79	558	6,108		
Totals	61,473	33,512	1,734	36,331	19,875	1,297	7,605	161,827		

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**Delinquent Referrals to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2004
Based on Number of Referrals**

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Law Enforcement	26,693	15,100	616	10,156	6,085	186	1,439	60,275
Parents	643	232	19	389	198	19	83	1,583
Relatives	99	24	3	66	19	0	5	216
Self	31	9	2	19	7	2	3	73
School	687	206	9	348	118	9	19	1,396
Community Services Agency	17	3	1	1	0	0	0	22
Department of Children's Services	1,056	427	17	292	101	22	28	1,943
Other State Departments	370	112	9	170	84	24	134	903
District Attorney	81	23	10	98	27	0	27	266
Court Staff	2,295	1,504	52	990	478	22	143	5,484
Social Agency	174	21	4	57	12	1	13	282
Other Court	282	56	5	77	23	3	1	447
Victim	1,564	433	36	1,053	236	31	25	3,378
Child and Parent	96	34	1	37	10	3	1	182
Hospital	6	0	0	1	2	0	0	9
Unknown	51	19	0	14	3	0	5	92
Other	467	203	9	262	122	8	40	1,111
Totals	34,612	18,406	793	14,030	7,525	330	1,966	77,662

Status/Unruly Referrals to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2004

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Law Enforcement	4,989	3,016	164	2,368	1,636	50	324	12,547
Parents	1,469	479	41	1,485	392	46	36	3,948
Relatives	104	47	3	127	36	1	1	319
Self	6	4	0	6	1	0	1	18
School	4,665	1,802	87	3,480	1,383	82	373	11,872
Community Services Agency	7	2	0	1	0	0	0	10
Department of Children's Services	396	130	11	283	135	23	20	998
Other State Departments	35	2	0	6	2	0	0	45
District Attorney	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Court Staff	704	402	20	684	296	14	79	2,199
Social Agency	46	7	2	37	4	0	7	103
Other Court	30	2	0	13	6	3	1	55
Victim	70	9	0	37	6	4	0	126
Child and Parent	12	5	0	9	0	0	2	28
Hospital	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Unknown	23	14	1	10	4	0	4	56
Other	160	54	1	121	39	1	10	386
Totals	12,722	5,975	330	8,668	3,940	224	858	32,717

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**Dependent, Neglect, and Abuse Allegations
Referred to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2004
Based on Number of Referrals**

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Law Enforcement	57	20	1	50	13	1	3	145
Parents	400	706	20	441	827	8	43	2,445
Relatives	418	256	25	411	220	36	58	1,424
Self	4	0	0	8	2	0	0	14
School	81	103	6	111	88	8	58	455
Community Services Agency	11	2	0	11	1	0	0	25
Department of Children's Services	1,635	438	82	1,807	426	93	406	4,887
Other State Departments	3	1	0	3	0	0	2	9
District Attorney	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	5
Court Staff	116	65	3	144	67	3	6	404
Social Agency	72	112	3	74	107	3	4	375
Other Court	6	0	0	10	1	0	0	17
Victim	3	3	0	2	2	0	0	10
Child and Parent	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Hospital	7	0	0	8	0	0	0	15
Unknown	9	6	2	7	9	0	0	33
Other	187	65	12	263	65	21	20	633
Totals	3,013	1,777	154	3,353	1,828	173	600	10,898

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**Manner of Handling the Referral
2004**

After determining that a referral warrants action, the court must decide whether to process the referral formally or informally. This decision affects the manner in which the referral is handled by court staff. If the referral is to be disposed by a judge or referee through formal adjudicatory and dispositional proceedings, then a petition outlining the charges must be filed as part of the intake process. The filing of a petition, however, does not necessarily result in a formal hearing.

The table on page 46 shows that petitions or motions were filed in 61.4% of the 2004 referrals. This figure is reflective of the number of petitions or motions that resulted in judicial action of some kind. Petitions that were filed but ended in an informal adjustment are explained later in this report.

Citation/Tickets, which may be used by law enforcement in lieu of a petition, were issued in 11.3% of the referrals, while judicial, administrative and foster care reviews accounted for 6.6% of reported referrals.

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**Intake Actions
Based on Number of Referrals**

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	Number	Percent
Petition Filed	93,371	56.2%
Motion Filed	8,649	5.2%
Citation Processed	18,837	11.3%
Paternity Processed	54	0.0%
Judicial Review	5,536	3.3%
Administrative Review	791	0.5%
Foster Care Review	4,721	2.8%
Unknown	32,896	19.8%
Does Not Apply	1,126	0.7%
Other	68	0.0%
Total	166,049	100.0%

Figures based on number of reported referral reasons disposed.

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**Detention Information
Based on Number of Reported Cases
2004**

After receiving an offense-related referral, one of the immediate decisions the court must make is whether or not to detain the child. When the court believes that a child, referred for offense-related reasons, is in need of protection or may be a threat to the community, the court may elect to detain the child. The 2004 data revealed that in 70.56% of reported cases, children were not considered for detention. In 13.05% of reported cases, however, children were considered for and detained in a juvenile detention facility. Remember that the definition of case (from page 11) is “all referral reasons/charges reported to the court (via complaint, petition, motion, etc.) on a given day for a given child.” Please refer to the table below and the chart on page 48 for more information.

Not Considered for Detention*	98,812	70.56%
Non Secure Placement	3,974	2.84%
Juvenile Detention	18,280	13.05%
Jail Complete Separation	25	0.02%
Jail Partial Separation	6	0.00%
Jail No Separation	20	0.01%
Psychiatric Hospital	128	0.09%
Unknown	17,948	12.82%
Other	848	0.61%
Total	140,041	100.00%

****Not Considered For Detention – These children had referrals that did not make them eligible to be detained in a detention facility or the decision was made not to detain them.***

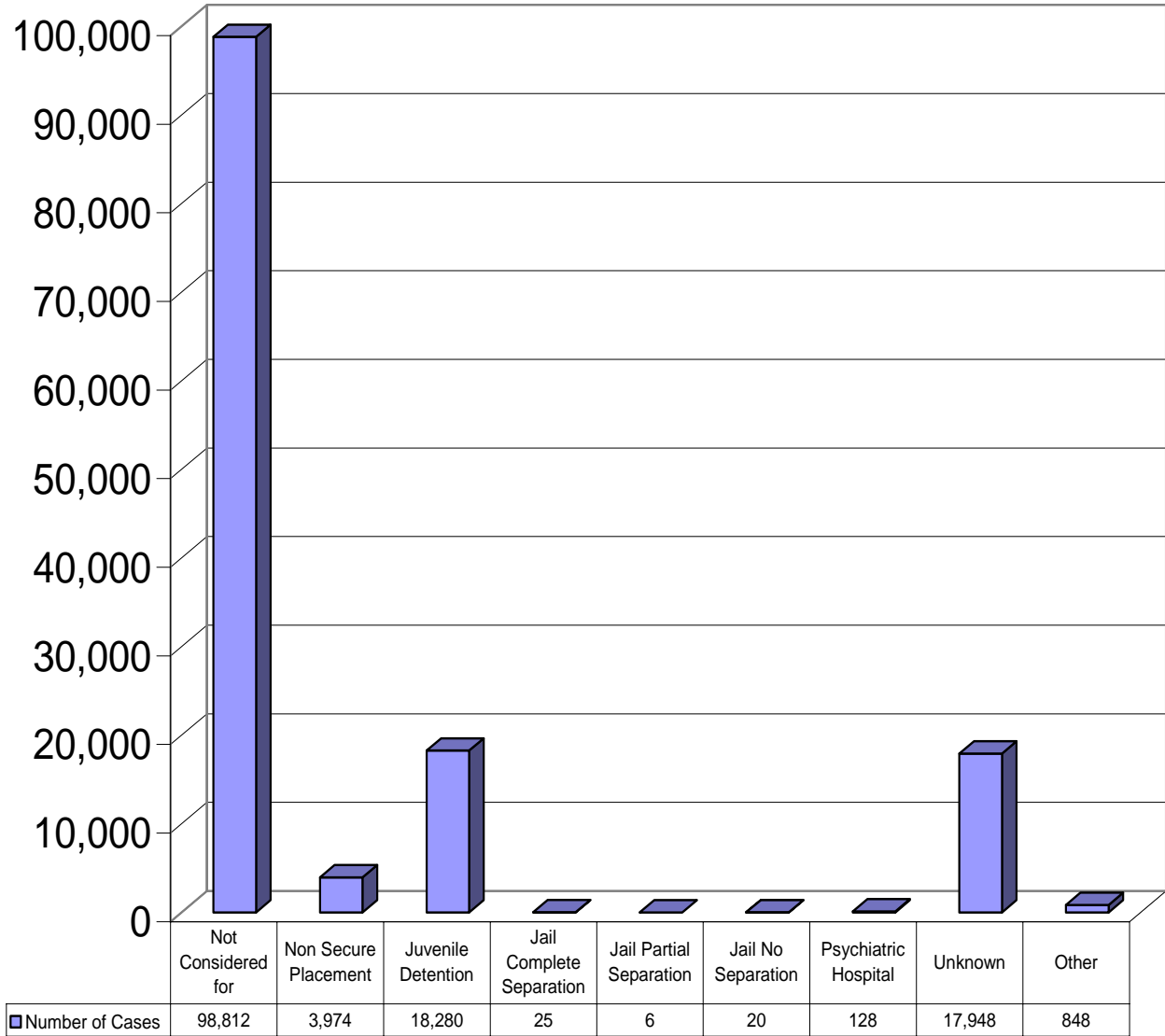
Non-secure placements provide children with shelter and supervision in a setting that enables them to continue as many normal activities as possible. Temporary Holding Resources (THRs), emergency foster homes, and shelters constitute most of the non-secure placements used by juvenile courts. The 2004 data showed 3,974 or 2.84% of the juvenile court cases resulted in placement in one of these non-secure settings.

Conversely, the 2004 data revealed 25 or 0.02% of cases resulted in children being placed in adult jails completely separated by sight and sound from all adult prisoners, and 26 or 0.02% were placed in adult jails with partial or no separation.

If a child's behavior and mental health status so warrant he/she may be placed in a secure psychiatric hospital setting. The 2004 data indicated children were placed in a psychiatric hospital in lieu of juvenile detention in 128 or 0.09% of cases.

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Juvenile Court Adjudicatory & Dispositional Procedures
2004

As mentioned before, after a referral is made to the juvenile court, decisions are made regarding how the court will proceed. If the decision is made to handle the referral informally, two options are open to the court; pretrial diversion and informal adjustment. These two procedures are quite similar in that they are both a voluntary agreement between the court officer, the child and the parents that address the problem but avoid a formal court hearing and an official finding of guilt. The difference between pretrial diversion and informal adjustment is seen in the extent to which the judge or referee is involved. Pretrial diversion requires judicial approval of the voluntary agreement. Informal adjustment is subject to judicial approval but does not require it prior to initiation. The table on page 50 reveals that informal adjustment was the result in 16.8% of the referrals to juvenile court. Pretrial diversions were the method of handling 13.5% of the referrals.

When the court believes that it is in the best interest of the child and/or the community, a formal adjudicatory proceeding or hearing is held regarding the child's referral to juvenile court. The adjudicatory hearing is a formal proceeding in which the judge or referee determines whether the motion made on behalf of the child, or the complaint made against the child is substantiated. If substantiation of the motion/complaint occurs, a dispositional hearing must be held either immediately or at a later date. The table on 50 indicates that 42.4% of the referrals to juvenile court resulted in a formal adjudicatory proceeding. The table on 50 further shows that of the formally adjudicated proceedings, 67.6% of the motions/complaints against children were substantiated, while 22.8% of motion/complaints were formally dismissed and 9.5% were retired.

The table on page 52 shows how the delinquent referrals were handled. This table shows that 31.9% of the referrals were substantiated delinquent, 16.7% were either dismissed or retired, 21.9% of the referrals were informally adjusted or 18.6% were pretrial diversion.

The next table on page 52 shows the status referrals and how they were handled. Of this category it is seen that 25.3% were substantiated status offender, 15.3% were either dismissed or retired, 25.5% were informally adjusted and 4.6% were pretrial diverted.

The table on page 53 shows the dependent and neglected referrals and how they were handled. In this category that 38.3% of the referrals are substantiated dependent and neglected and 12.5% are either dismissed or retired. There are 19.1% of these referrals dealt with as special proceedings that are reviews conducted by the court.

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Of the 139,338 cases disposed, the procedure used to dispose or adjust each of the 164,992 referral reasons were:

70,365	42.4% Formally Adjudicated
27,840	16.8% Informally Adjusted
435	0.3% Charges Cleared by/or Transfer to Adult Court
67,409	40.6% Otherwise Handled
166,049	100.0%

Of the 69,695 referral reasons that were disposed by formal adjudicatory proceedings were:

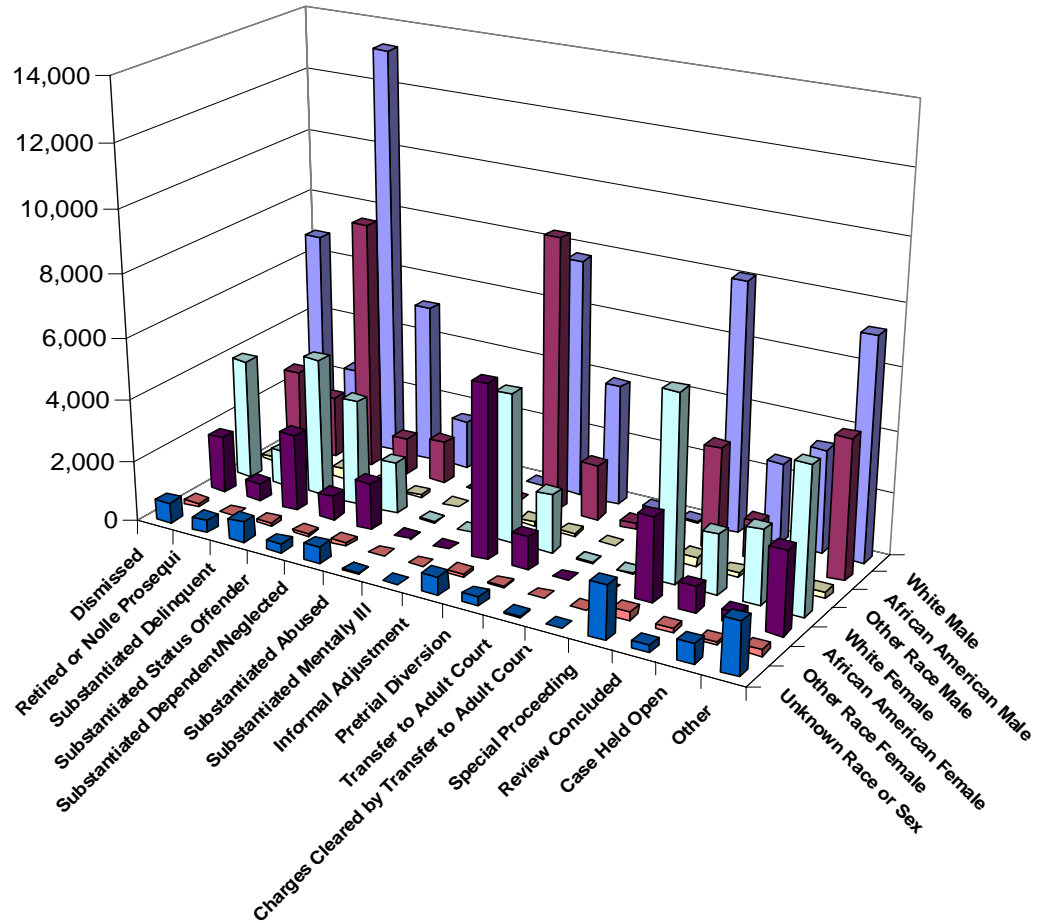
16,068	22.8% Dismissed
6,692	9.5% Retired
29,519	42.0% Substantiated Delinquent
11,004	15.6% Substantiated Status Offender
6,860	9.7% Substantiated Dependency/Neglect
208	0.3% Substantiated Abused
14	0.0% Substantiated Mentally Ill
70,365	100.0%

Of the 67,022 referral reasons that were otherwise handled were:

9,121	13.5% Pretrial Diversion
22,485	33.4% Special Proceeding
7,100	10.5% Review Concluded
7,421	11.0% Case Held Open
21,282	31.6% Other
67,409	100.0%

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**Adjudicatory Procedures
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Based on Number of Referrals**



	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Dismissed	6,801	2,609	153	3,908	1,831	107	659	16,068
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	2,463	2,003	80	1,129	577	40	400	6,692
Substantiated Delinquent	13,281	8,072	347	4,513	2,507	112	687	29,519
Substantiated Status Offender	5,156	1,187	96	3,416	782	78	289	11,004
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	1,576	1,357	93	1,676	1,522	104	532	6,860
Substantiated Abused	92	34	0	50	15	0	17	208
Substantiated Mentally Ill	8	2	0	3	0	0	1	14
Informal Adjustment	7,712	8,853	135	4,817	5,626	102	595	27,840
Pretrial Diversion	3,912	1,809	93	1,893	1,083	46	285	9,121
Transfer to Adult Court	130	198	5	18	10	2	15	378
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	44	2	1	10	0	2	0	57
Special Proceeding	8,107	3,306	317	6,048	2,697	295	1,715	22,485
Review Concluded	2,581	1,236	143	1,940	851	120	229	7,100
Case Held Open	3,336	501	82	2,418	375	81	628	7,421
Other	7,206	4,514	211	4,733	2,697	220	1,701	21,282
Totals	62,405	35,683	1,756	36,572	20,573	1,307	7,753	166,049

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Delinquent Referrals to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2004

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Dismissed	4,293	1,325	83	1,777	536	43	216	8,273
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	2,058	1,785	70	762	456	33	243	5,407
Substantiated Delinquent	11,946	7,391	318	3,705	2,019	93	564	26,036
Substantiated Status Offender	1,870	253	30	850	89	11	45	3,148
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	47	17	2	38	6	3	4	117
Substantiated Abused	19	5	0	12	3	0	0	39
Substantiated Mentally Ill	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Informal Adjustment	5,271	5,588	91	3,092	3,348	52	450	17,892
Pretrial Diversion	3,296	1,404	77	1,364	702	36	129	7,008
Transfer to Adult Court	114	195	5	16	8	2	15	355
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	40	2	1	4	0	0	0	47
Special Proceeding	2,054	350	26	766	168	22	124	3,510
Review Concluded	125	21	7	76	7	2	2	240
Case Held Open	1,260	161	35	569	74	14	67	2,180
Other	3,102	2,043	69	1,220	773	29	248	7,484
Totals	35,501	20,541	814	14,251	8,189	340	2,107	81,743

Status/Unruly Referrals to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2004

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Dismissed	1,422	438	38	1,010	294	28	110	3,340
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	619	514	31	413	138	14	97	1,826
Substantiated Delinquent	2,033	959	82	907	346	22	137	4,486
Substantiated Status Offender	3,713	1,018	72	2,723	709	74	244	8,553
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	80	20	1	82	36	6	7	232
Substantiated Abused	3	5	0	2	1	0	0	11
Substantiated Mentally Ill	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Informal Adjustment	2,220	2,599	40	1,575	2,025	43	126	8,628
Pretrial Diversion	728	174	15	408	143	12	62	1,542
Transfer to Adult Court	6	1	0	2	1	0	0	10
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	4
Special Proceeding	567	86	12	543	73	18	11	1,310
Review Concluded	62	16	5	83	4	0	9	179
Case Held Open	559	50	11	412	26	6	22	1,086
Other	1,014	560	36	617	308	10	73	2,618
Totals	13,027	6,440	343	8,782	4,104	233	898	33,827

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**Dependent, Neglect, and Abuse Allegations
Referred to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2004**

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Dismissed	287	322	18	330	342	12	42	1,353
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	2	6	0	6	2	0	0	16
Substantiated Delinquent	44	124	2	53	111	1	39	374
Substantiated Status Offender	8	4	1	18	7	1	1	40
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	1,027	803	62	1,067	911	62	252	4,184
Substantiated Abused	13	4	0	16	3	0	6	42
Substantiated Mentally Ill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informal Adjustment	17	12	0	22	21	0	4	76
Pretrial Diversion	18	34	2	28	39	1	69	191
Transfer to Adult Court	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Special Proceeding	599	355	38	649	305	35	111	2,092
Review Concluded	191	5	16	268	1	18	9	508
Case Held Open	412	31	9	490	29	13	35	1,019
Other	398	85	7	409	67	30	33	1,029
Totals	3,017	1,785	155	3,358	1,839	173	601	10,928

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**Dispositional Procedure Information
by Race, Gender and Class of Referral/Offense
Based on Number of Referrals
2004**

In looking at classes of referrals/offenses across the general juvenile court population, the 2004 data reflected in the table on pages 55-57 continued to indicate that referrals for delinquent, status, and dependency/neglect reasons were more likely to be formally adjudicated than informally adjusted (52.2% of delinquent referral reasons handled by formal adjudication, 52.9% of status offense reasons handled by formal adjudication and 56% of dependency and neglect allegations handled by formal adjudication).

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**Procedure Used By Class of Referral/Offense by Race and Sex
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Based on Number of Referrals**

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Offenses Against Persons								
Dismissed	503	342	17	211	132	8	30	1,243
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	244	317	19	88	88	2	17	775
Substantiated Delinquent	1,395	1,327	48	446	449	17	55	3,737
Substantiated Status Offender	41	16	0	21	11	0	1	90
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	10	7	0	9	1	2	1	30
Substantiated Abused	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
Substantiated Mentally III	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Informal Adjustment	385	1,235	6	174	826	4	33	2,663
Pretrial Diversion	432	308	10	151	201	5	17	1,124
Transfer to Adult Court	25	86	2	3	3	2	10	131
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Special Proceeding	202	32	0	68	27	2	2	333
Review Concluded	25	4	2	18	2	0	1	52
Case Held Open	196	34	9	88	13	2	9	351
Other	169	195	3	60	51	1	10	489
Totals	3,645	3,903	116	1,338	1,805	45	186	11,038

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Offenses Against Property								
Dismissed	612	208	17	221	70	7	14	1,149
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	314	200	12	70	78	3	44	721
Substantiated Delinquent	3,021	1,589	87	848	428	15	99	6,087
Substantiated Status Offender	49	10	2	12	8	0	0	81
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	8
Substantiated Abused	3	3	0	4	0	0	0	10
Substantiated Mentally III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informal Adjustment	697	1,068	22	611	506	17	48	2,969
Pretrial Diversion	899	346	23	414	116	21	24	1,843
Transfer to Adult Court	50	30	1	4	4	0	1	90
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	14	0	0	2	0	0	0	16
Special Proceeding	284	22	2	112	5	5	2	432
Review Concluded	18	5	1	9	0	0	0	33
Case Held Open	210	17	4	43	6	1	6	287
Other	390	243	5	86	61	1	19	805
Totals	6,565	3,741	177	2,438	1,283	70	257	14,531

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Illegal Conduct								
Dismissed	2,932	701	42	1,260	318	24	163	5,440
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	1,337	1,093	30	530	267	26	160	3,443
Substantiated Delinquent	7,061	4,228	164	2,251	1,073	55	369	15,201
Substantiated Status Offender	1,356	136	18	631	48	1	38	2,228
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	25	6	1	24	3	0	1	60
Substantiated Abused	14	1	0	7	2	0	0	24
Substantiated Mentally III	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Informal Adjustment	4,092	3,196	63	2,248	1,985	31	365	11,980
Pretrial Diversion	1,778	711	40	733	369	6	79	3,716
Transfer to Adult Court	34	72	2	9	1	0	3	121
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	11	2	1	2	0	0	0	16
Special Proceeding	1,526	281	24	574	134	15	114	2,668
Review Concluded	70	8	3	34	5	2	0	122
Case Held Open	765	103	18	390	51	8	47	1,382
Other	2,198	1,294	47	941	571	21	187	5,259
Totals	23,201	11,833	453	9,634	4,827	189	1,526	51,663

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<u>Status Offenses</u>	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Dismissed	1,194	344	28	936	279	26	99	2,906
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	413	310	14	331	96	4	70	1,238
Substantiated Delinquent	1,063	488	36	570	236	13	85	2,491
Substantiated Status Offender	3,632	1,004	71	2,670	702	74	243	8,396
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	73	17	1	67	34	4	6	202
Substantiated Abused	3	5	0	2	1	0	0	11
Substantiated Mentally Ill	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Informal Adjustment	2,025	2,367	34	1,473	1,929	42	109	7,979
Pretrial Diversion	473	140	8	331	126	5	48	1,131
Transfer to Adult Court	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	6
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	4
Special Proceeding	543	79	12	531	66	18	11	1,260
Review Concluded	46	12	4	68	4	0	9	143
Case Held Open	472	44	8	379	24	6	19	952
Other	796	411	27	541	255	9	53	2,092
Totals	10,736	5,222	243	7,906	3,753	201	752	28,813

<u>Neglect and Abuse</u>	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Dismissed	270	321	18	308	337	12	42	1,308
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	2	5	0	6	1	0	0	14
Substantiated Delinquent	38	117	2	50	108	1	39	355
Substantiated Status Offender	5	3	1	15	7	1	1	33
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	1,016	802	62	1,051	910	62	244	4,147
Substantiated Abused	13	4	0	16	3	0	6	42
Substantiated Mentally Ill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informal Adjustment	16	12	0	21	16	0	3	68
Pretrial Diversion	18	34	2	28	39	1	69	191
Transfer to Adult Court	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Special Proceeding	592	355	38	636	304	35	102	2,062
Review Concluded	130	3	10	187	1	4	8	343
Case Held Open	400	28	9	480	29	13	35	994
Other	367	84	6	383	66	29	30	965
Totals	2,868	1,768	148	3,182	1,822	158	579	10,525

<u>Other Violation Proceedings</u>	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Dismissed	10	0	0	2	0	0	0	12
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3
Substantiated Delinquent	40	3	0	20	0	0	0	63
Substantiated Status Offender	9	0	0	8	0	0	0	17
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Substantiated Abused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substantiated Mentally Ill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informal Adjustment	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	5
Pretrial Diversion	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Proceeding	41	3	0	15	0	0	1	60
Review Concluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Case Held Open	14	0	0	3	0	0	0	17
Other	12	1	0	14	0	0	0	27
Totals	129	7	0	68	0	0	2	206

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	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Special Proceeding								
Dismissed	369	207	3	195	233	7	13	1,027
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	31	5	1	18	1	0	2	58
Substantiated Delinquent	59	42	2	33	37	3	5	181
Substantiated Status Offender	24	1	1	32	2	2	0	62
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	121	371	9	146	426	15	7	1,095
Substantiated Abused	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Substantiated Mentally Ill	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Informal Adjustment	22	22	2	21	20	2	1	90
Pretrial Diversion	9	0	0	4	0	0	0	13
Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Special Proceeding	1,305	242	40	1,098	185	36	299	3,205
Review Concluded	2,023	1,161	114	1,396	811	105	179	5,789
Case Held Open	804	63	20	546	34	18	82	1,567
Other	240	91	1	227	97	4	36	696
Totals	5,010	2,207	193	3,716	1,847	192	624	13,789

	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Parentage								
Dismissed	608	412	20	606	410	20	268	2,344
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	46	33	3	46	34	5	95	262
Substantiated Delinquent	132	119	3	158	135	4	12	563
Substantiated Status Offender	4	2	1	7	1	0	1	16
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	305	138	18	353	124	20	263	1,221
Substantiated Abused	58	19	0	20	4	0	11	112
Substantiated Mentally Ill	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Informal Adjustment	180	161	6	141	187	6	22	703
Pretrial Diversion	176	228	9	170	202	7	38	830
Transfer to Adult Court	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Special Proceeding	2,572	1,997	163	2,274	1,777	149	908	9,840
Review Concluded	94	24	3	85	15	5	17	243
Case Held Open	417	205	14	439	214	32	421	1,742
Other	1,586	746	59	1,492	665	78	675	5,301
Totals	6,183	4,084	299	5,793	3,768	326	2,732	23,185

	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Other Referrals Not Determined								
Dismissed	303	74	8	169	52	3	30	639
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	76	40	1	38	12	0	11	178
Substantiated Delinquent	472	159	5	137	41	4	23	841
Substantiated Status Offender	36	15	2	20	3	0	5	81
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	21	16	1	24	23	1	10	96
Substantiated Abused	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3
Substantiated Mentally Ill	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Informal Adjustment	294	792	2	124	157	0	14	1,383
Pretrial Diversion	126	42	1	62	30	1	10	272
Transfer to Adult Court	14	9	0	0	0	0	1	24
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Special Proceeding	1,042	295	38	740	199	35	276	2,625
Review Concluded	175	19	6	143	13	4	15	375
Case Held Open	57	7	0	50	4	1	9	128
Other	1,447	1,449	63	989	931	77	691	5,647
Totals	4,065	2,918	127	2,497	1,468	126	1,095	12,296

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**Number of Individual Children Transferred to Adult Court
by Court, Race and Sex
Based on Number of Children
2004**

The 2004 data were analyzed to determine the number of children transferred to adult court for the alleged delinquent offenses. The data reported in the table on page 59 shows that 215 children were transferred to adult court in 2004. 88.8% of males were the overwhelming majority of transferred children. When looking at race, 55.8% of the children transferred were African American males, while their white male counterparts represented 31.6% of the overall transfers. African American females represented 2.3% and white females represented 5.1% of all transfers.

The court reporting the largest number of children transferred was Shelby County Juvenile Court, which accounted for 45.1% of the statewide transfers. The court with the next highest number of transfers to adult court was Hamilton County Juvenile Court (7.9%). Thirty-nine (39) courts reported at least one transfer.

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Total Number of Individual Children
Transferred to Adult Court by Race and Sex
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Name of Court	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Bedford	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Blount	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	6
Bradley	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cannon	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Carroll	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Carter	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Cheatham	5	0	0	1	0	0	1	7
Coffee	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dyer	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Giles	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Greene	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hamilton	5	10	0	1	0	1	0	17
Hawkins	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Haywood	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Henry	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Hickman	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jefferson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Johnson City	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Knox	4	5	0	0	0	0	1	10
Lincoln	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Loudon	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Macon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Madison	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Marshall	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Maury	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
McMinn	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
McNairy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Montgomery	3	4	0	1	0	0	1	9
Overton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Robertson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rutherford	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sevier	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Shelby	10	79	0	1	4	0	3	97
Stewart	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sumner	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	7
Union	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Warren	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wayne	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Wilson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	68	120	3	11	5	1	7	215

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**Individual Dispositional Actions
by Race and Sex for 2004**

This report looks at individual dispositional actions taken by the juvenile courts in 2004. As the data are spread between sixty-four (64) potential dispositional actions, most of the percentages presented will be small.

NOTE: Starting in the 2001 Annual Report the counting of the data was changed so that each child was only counted "One time per disposition date with that particular Outcome". This will result in lower totals than past years (if comparing to previous annual reports), however this will reflect a more accurate number of Outcome Referrals that were ordered per court hearing (disposition date).

With respect to the 2004 reporting of individual dispositional actions, the table on pages 61-62 reveals that the most often reported specific dispositional choice was "Other". **Because of the un-interpretable nature of this dispositional choice, "Other" will not be included in the most often cited dispositional actions presented in the remainder of this discussion.**

When looking at race and gender, the top three dispositional actions reported were "Court Costs" with 10.4% of the total dispositional actions (52.4% white males, 28.4% white females, 9.5% African American males, and 5.5% African American females based on the total "Court Costs" dispositional action). The second highest dispositional action is "Warned/Counseled" with 6.7% of the total dispositional actions (28.7% white males, 18.5% white females, 29.1% African American males, and 21% African American females based on the total "Warned/Counseled" dispositional action). Also, "Case Dismissed" disposition action is 6.6% of the total dispositional actions (36.2% white males, 22.2% white females, 21.6% African American males and 15% African American females based on the total "Case Dismissed" dispositional action).

The most often reported dispositional actions associated with white males were court costs at 13.1%, public service at 6.1%, case dismissed at 5.8% and held open for review at 4.9% based on total dispositional actions.

The most often reported dispositional actions associated with white females were court costs at 12.2%, case dismissed at 6.1%, held open for review at 5.9% and warned/counseled at 5.1% based on total dispositional actions.

The most often reported dispositional actions associated with African American males were warned/counseled at 10.8%, case dismissed at 7.8%, court costs at 5.4% and held open at 5.1% based on total dispositional actions.

The most often reported dispositional actions associated with African American females were warned/counseled at 13.2%, case dismissed at 9.4%, held open for review at 6.1% and relative placement at 5.6% based on total dispositional actions.

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<u>General Action Codes</u>	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Case Dismissed	6,167	3,678	111	3,783	2,548	106	622	17,015
Case Retired	2,118	1,214	54	1,102	421	31	316	5,256
Warned/Counseled	4,919	4,994	102	3,171	3,594	71	286	17,137
Held Open for Review	5,276	2,409	142	3,632	1,644	121	763	13,987
Probation to Court	4,670	1,933	76	2,575	860	50	148	10,312
Probation to Parents	377	203	7	211	104	2	14	918
Referred for Supervision	1,522	599	33	1,153	502	32	48	3,889
Mental Health Counseling	1,075	610	13	571	338	12	29	2,648
Alcohol and Drug Counseling	2,028	371	55	830	110	8	71	3,473
Alternative School	210	116	4	100	16	3	17	466
Private Agency	52	19	0	40	7	5	1	124
Defensive Driving School	3,228	140	26	1,886	101	17	95	5,493
Alcohol Safety School	575	110	7	231	24	3	15	965
Court Education-Based Program	1,418	235	26	719	122	28	34	2,582
Driver's License Held Informally	1,454	576	18	574	77	6	34	2,739
Voluntary MHDD Placement	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	9
Private Mental Health Placement	36	7	0	12	0	1	0	56
Private Mental Retardation Placement	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
City/County Placement	260	1,647	11	101	350	10	72	2,451
Relative Placement	649	1,425	25	652	1,518	22	81	4,372
Fine	5,135	448	73	2,406	200	19	138	8,419
Public Service	6,548	1,982	95	3,097	802	60	240	12,824
Restitution	1,788	777	28	528	207	8	37	3,373
Runaway Returned	45	20	0	102	31	2	7	207
No Contact Order	2,039	980	53	1,273	508	31	160	5,044
Injunction	414	184	10	249	136	4	20	1,017
House Arrest	818	732	26	281	88	15	19	1,979
Court Curfew	646	187	23	376	64	4	19	1,319
Dismissed from Informal Adjustment	476	54	7	259	27	4	22	849
Dismissed from Pretrial Diversion	634	101	5	354	57	5	28	1,184
Released from Probation	751	236	10	327	139	5	12	1,480
Totals	55,336	25,988	1,040	30,597	14,595	685	3,348	131,589

<u>Formal Action Codes</u>	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Transferred to Adult Court	103	148	4	12	7	1	7	282
MHDD Involuntary Commitment	8	2	0	8	2	0	1	21
DCS Commitment - Determinate	78	70	8	40	46	3	13	258
DCS Commitment	1,929	990	52	1,101	577	49	167	4,865
DCS Commitment - Suspended	705	319	22	193	89	3	6	1,337
DCS Intensive Probation	128	12	1	41	1	0	3	186
Other Intensive Probation	725	156	13	186	35	4	9	1,128
DCS Probation	1,894	426	33	591	128	25	26	3,123
Placed Under Valid Court Order	2,493	452	59	1,522	223	51	144	4,944
DCS Supervision	298	23	4	217	21	6	24	593
Transferred to Other Juvenile Court	627	112	7	297	55	2	16	1,116
Parental Rights Terminated	185	53	12	155	49	10	50	514
Parental Rights Not Terminated	9	0	1	9	1	0	3	23
Totals	9,182	2,763	216	4,372	1,234	154	469	18,390

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	White male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Special Proceedings								
Order of Reference to DCS	181	13	4	152	10	3	13	376
Court Costs	14,005	2,540	269	7,578	1,458	169	685	26,704
Foster Care Terminated	217	49	8	184	44	4	15	521
Foster Care Continued	1,379	292	53	1,283	240	74	301	3,622
Custody Changed	2,514	915	102	2,259	554	115	381	6,840
Custody Unchanged	929	204	33	756	134	28	79	2,163
Visitation Changed	889	399	27	861	434	36	183	2,829
Visitation Unchanged	52	6	2	48	13	1	20	142
Parentage Voluntary Acknowledgment	46	15	1	49	22	7	66	206
Parentage Determined	297	133	28	215	139	15	167	994
Parentage Not Determined	13	4	1	9	6	0	8	41
Child Support Granted	1,430	436	60	1,146	314	38	560	3,984
Child Support Amended	466	104	16	384	89	19	89	1,167
Child Support Denied	29	3	0	19	4	0	9	64
Child Support Terminated	58	28	3	43	16	1	9	158
Medical Treatment Granted	27	32	0	22	30	3	27	141
Medical Treatment Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consent to Marry Granted	3	0	0	24	1	0	2	30
Consent to Marry Denied	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	22,535	5,173	607	15,034	3,508	513	2,614	49,984
All Other Outcome Actions	19,964	13,211	655	11,909	7,796	572	3,387	57,494
Totals	107,017	47,135	2,518	61,912	27,133	1,924	9,818	257,457

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**Juvenile Court Referrals Disposed by
January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004
Based on Number of Referrals**

As mentioned earlier in this report, juvenile court cases and referrals can be disposed (depending upon the procedure used) by judges, referees, or youth services/probation officers. All cases resulting in a formal hearing and adjudication must be disposed by judicial staff (judges, referees, special judges). Cases that are handled informally through informal adjustment or other informal, non-judicial actions can be disposed by the court officers.

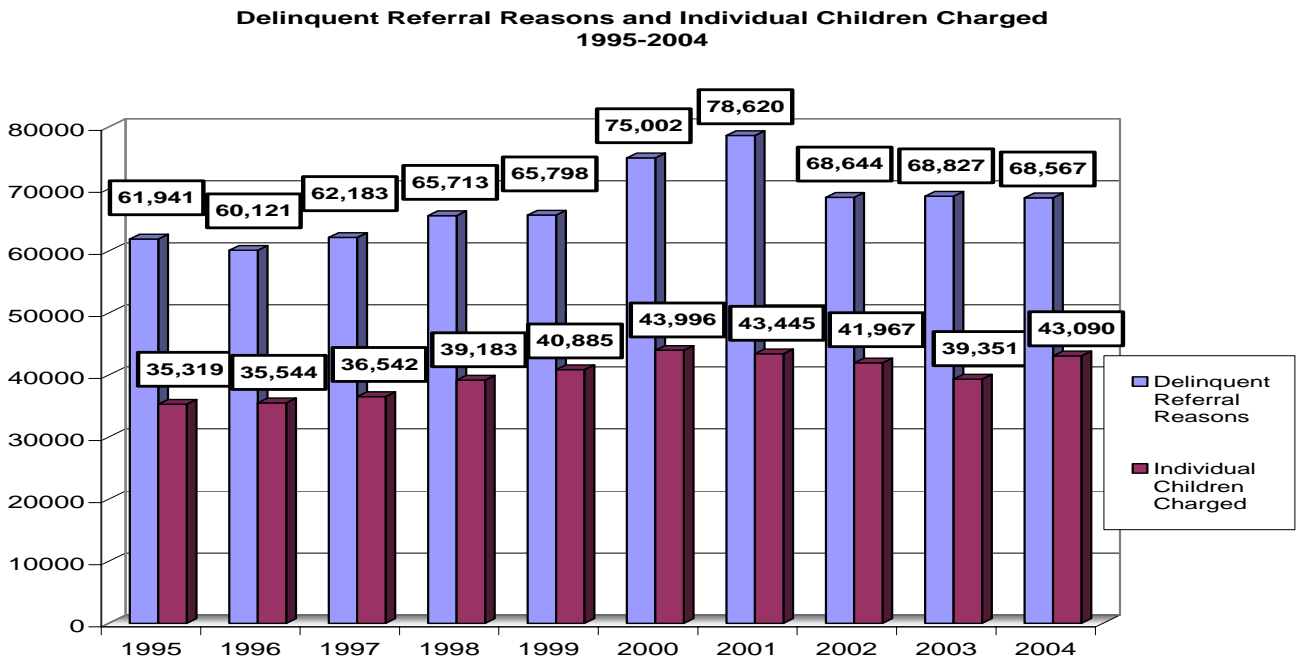
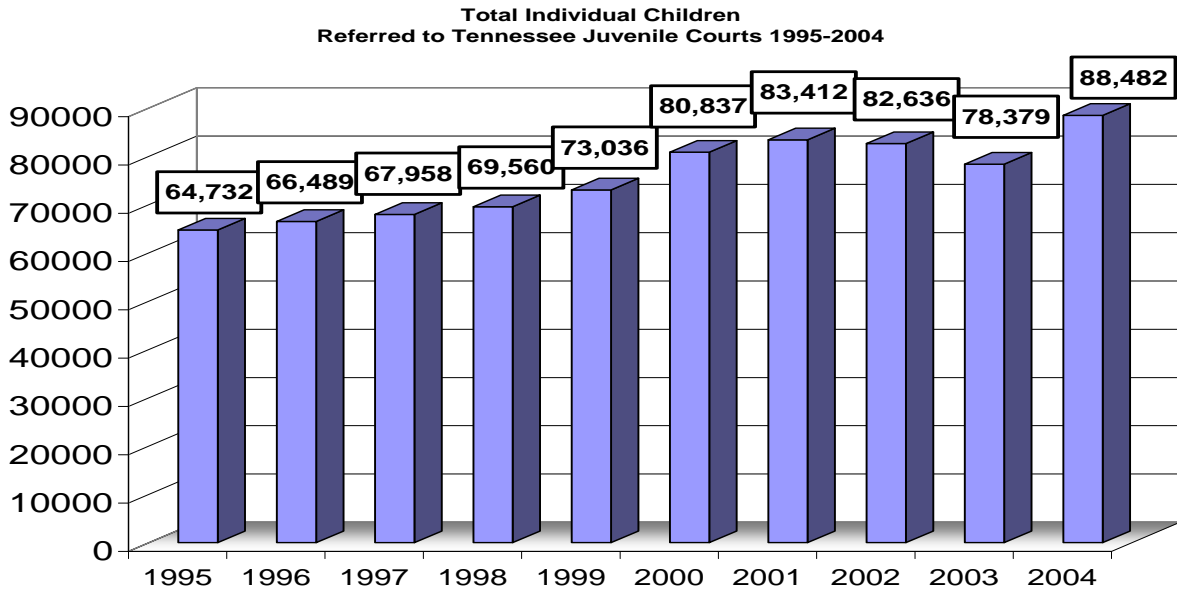
The 2004 data, as reflected in the table below, shows that 74% of referral reasons were disposed by judicial staff: 46.0% by judges and 28% by referees. Youth Services/Probation Officers were reported as disposing of 18.6% of referral reasons, while 7.3% of referral reasons were reported as being disposed by Other/Not Reported.

Judge	76,390	46.0%
Referee	46,575	28.0%
YSO	30,903	18.6%
Other	12,180	7.3%
Totals	166,048	100%

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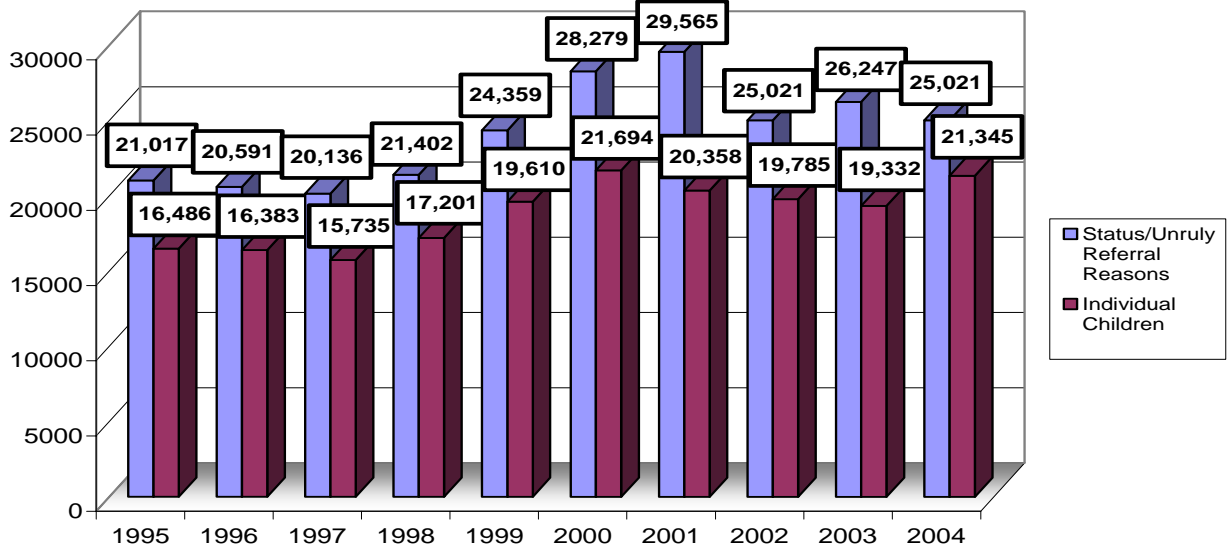


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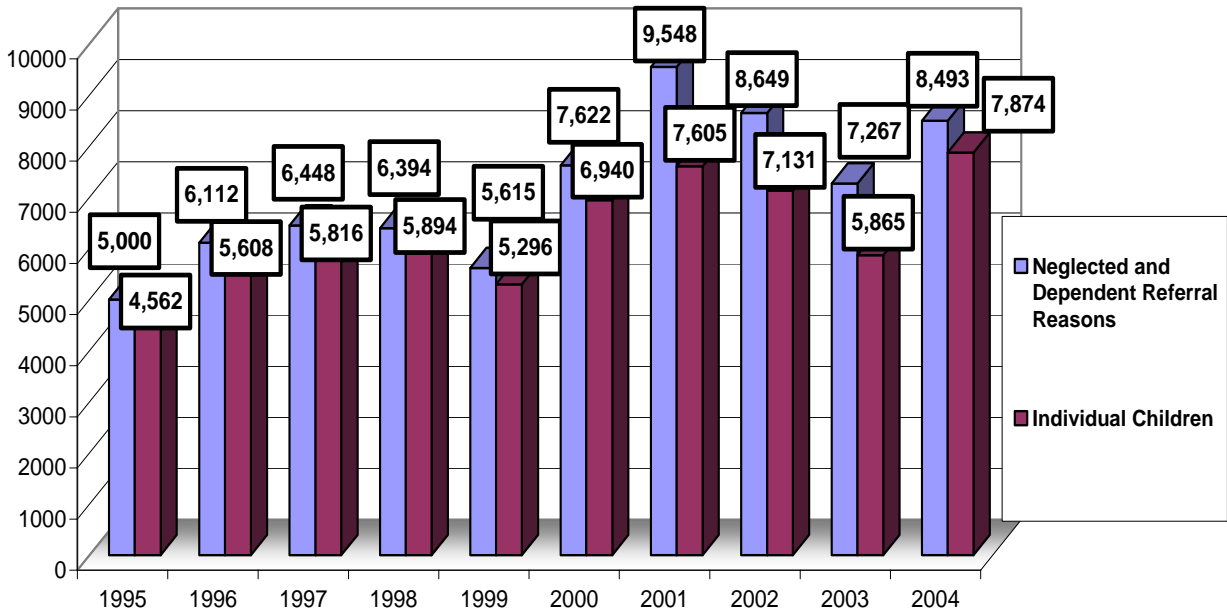
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**Status/Unruly Referral Reasons and Individual Children Charged
1995-2004**



**Neglected, Dependent and Abused
Referral Reasons and Individual Children Referred
1995-2004**

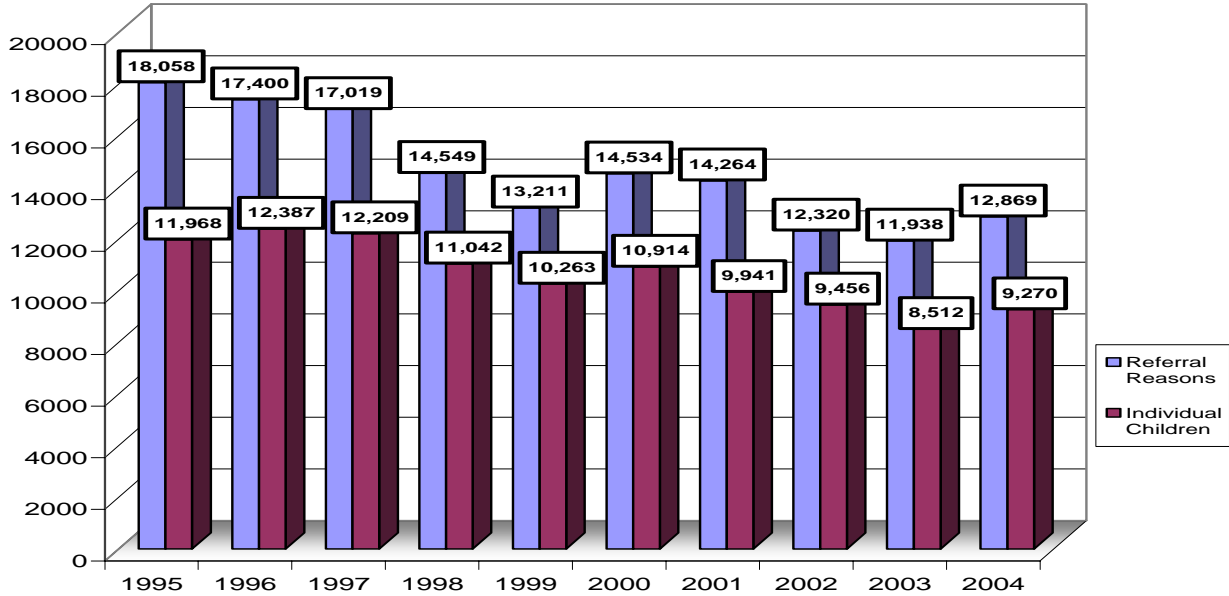


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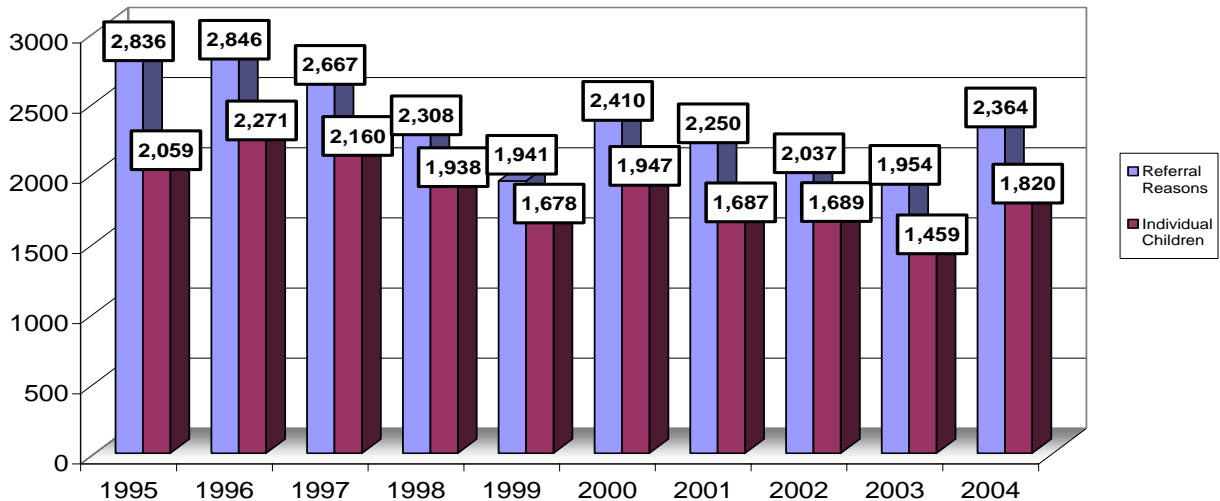
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**Tennessee Juvenile Court Crime Index Referrals 1995-2004 for
(Homicide*, Robbery*, Aggravated Assault, Rape*, Larceny*, Burglary*)**



*Homicide includes: Criminal Homicide, First Degree Murder, Second Degree Murder, Aggravated Vehicular Homicide and Vehicular Homicide
 *Robbery includes: Especially Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Robbery and Robbery
 *Rape includes: Aggravated Rape, Rape of a Child and Rape
 *Larceny includes: Theft of Property
 *Burglary includes: Aggravated Burglary and Burglary

**Tennessee Juvenile Court Violent Crime Index Referrals 1995-2004 for
(Homicide*, Robbery*, Aggravated Assault, Rape*)**

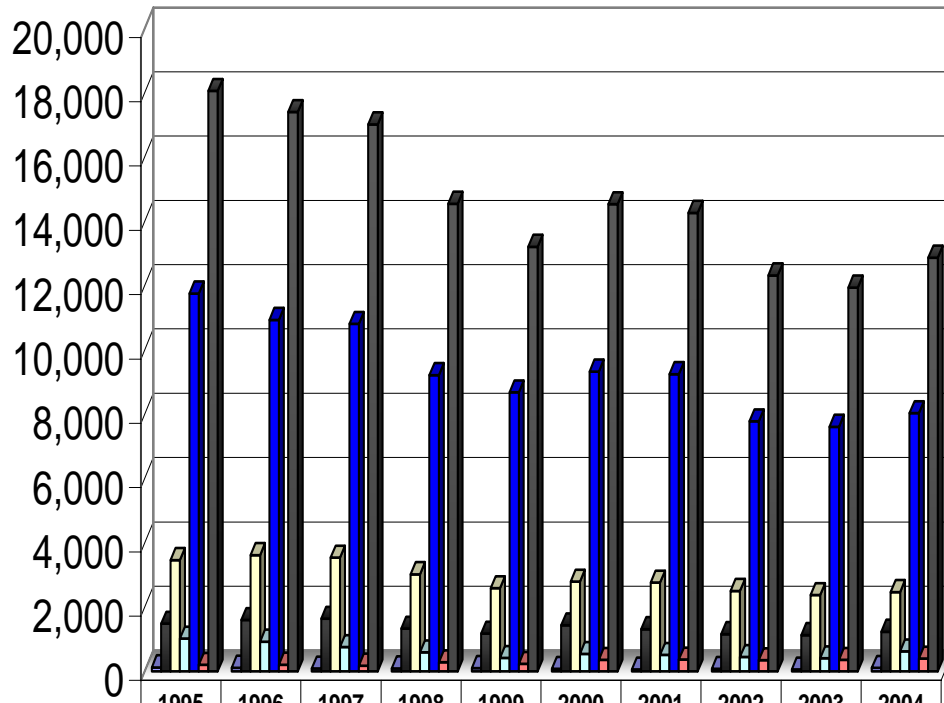


*Homicide includes: Criminal Homicide, First Degree Murder, Second Degree Murder, Aggravated Vehicular Homicide and Vehicular Homicide
 *Robbery includes: Especially Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Robbery and Robbery
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**Tennessee Juvenile Court Referrals 1995-2004 for
Homicide*, Aggravated Assault, Burglary*, Robbery*, Larceny* and Rape***



	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
■ Homicide	128	116	91	96	108	80	61	79	61	109
■ Aggravated Assault	1,485	1,596	1,638	1,331	1,177	1,430	1,315	1,161	1,128	1,233
■ Burglary	3,466	3,618	3,541	3,023	2,588	2,794	2,764	2,503	2,376	2,472
■ Robbery	1,021	927	758	593	420	542	509	451	409	626
■ Larceny	11,756	10,936	10,811	9,218	8,682	9,330	9,250	7,780	7,608	8,033
■ Rape	202	207	180	288	236	358	365	346	356	396
■ Totals	18,058	17,400	17,019	14,549	13,211	14,534	14,264	12,320	11,938	12,869

*Homicide includes: Criminal homicide, First Degree Murder, Second Degree Murder, Aggravated Vehicular Homicide and Vehicular Homicide

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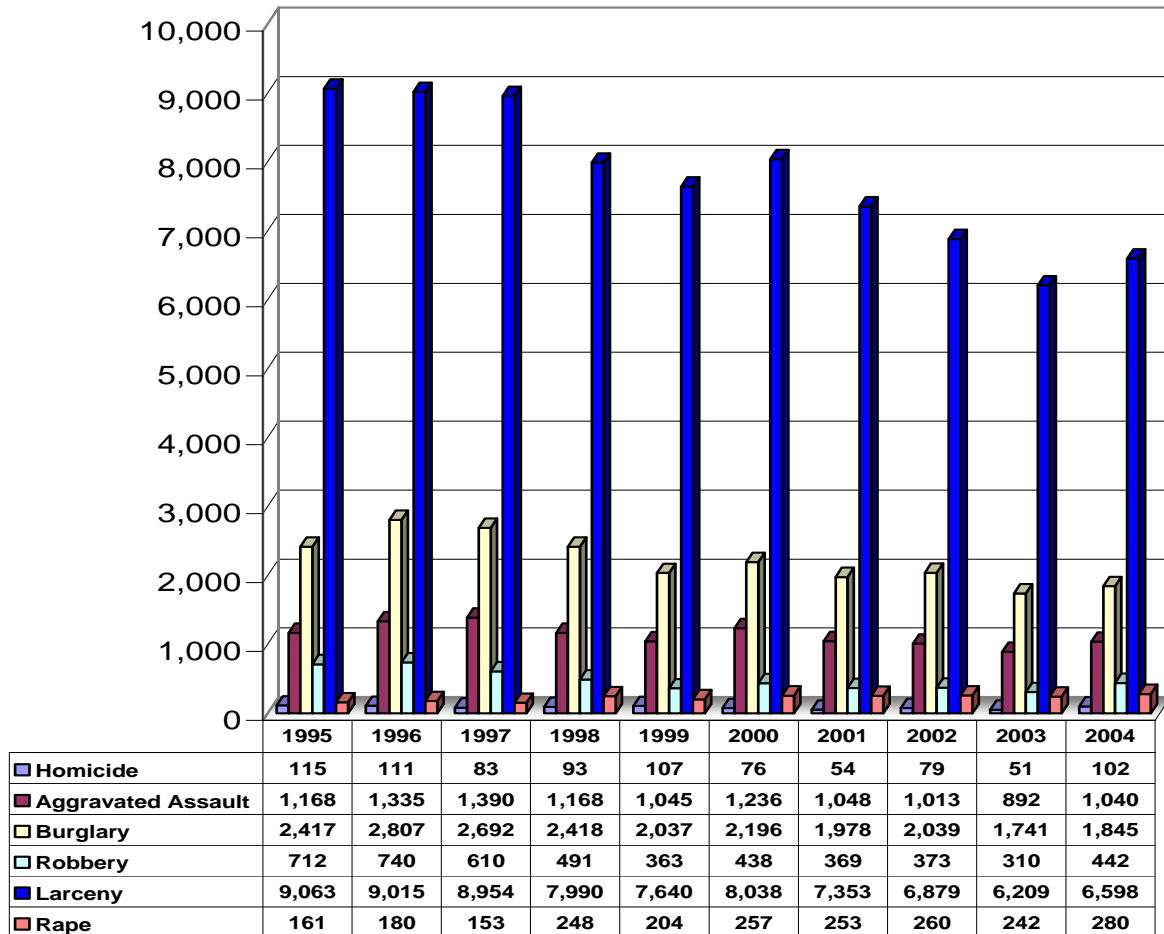
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**Tennessee Juvenile Court Referrals 1995-2004 for
Homicide*, Aggravated Assault, Burglary*, Robbery*, Larceny* and Rape***

Number of Children may be counted in more than one category



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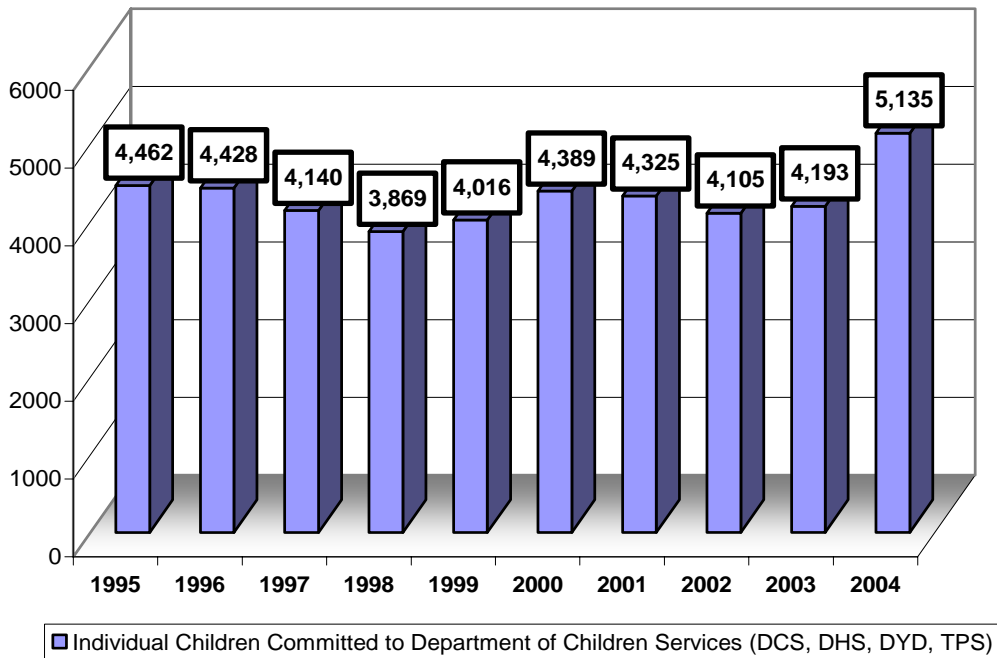
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Note: Totals have been omitted intentionally. Since children can occur in multiple offense categories, they are counted only once per that category in this chart. Including totals here would show falsely inflated numbers as children could be counted more than once. On page 65 each juvenile is counted only once per the calendar year.

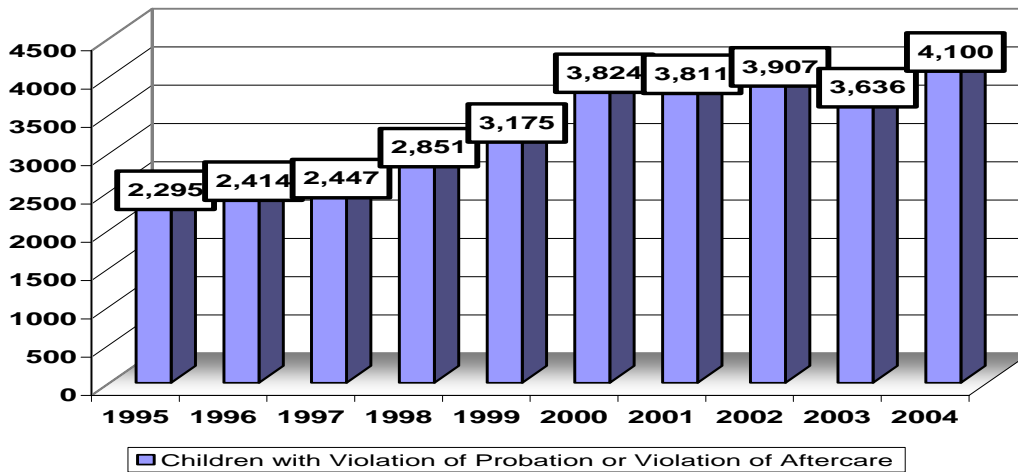
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Commitments to the Department of Children Services (DCS, DHS, DYD)
Individual Juveniles Committed for Secure or Non-Secure Placement
For Delinquent, Status or Neglect and Dependent
1995-2004



Individual Juveniles Referred to Juvenile Courts for
Violation of Probation or Violation of Aftercare
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Adjudication	Judicial fact finding determination (judgment) of a case (ex. guilty or not guilty).
Aftercare	The supervision given to a child for a limited period of time after they are released from commitment to a state agency.
Burglary	The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.
CASA	Court Appointed Special Advocate (usually volunteers) who serve to ensure that the needs and interests of a child in child protection judicial proceedings are fully protected.
Commitment	A decision by the judge that a child should be sent to a state agency for monitoring or care of the child.
Contempt of Court	A willful disobedience of a court order or willful interference with the administration of justice.
Crime Index	Includes homicide, robbery, aggravated assault, rape, larceny and burglary.
DCS	The Tennessee Department of Children's Services.
Delinquency	Acts or conduct in violation of criminal law.
Delinquent Act	An act committed by a juvenile that, if committed by an adult, would require prosecution in a criminal court. Because the act is committed by a juvenile it falls within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.
Dependency Case	Those cases covering neglect or inadequate care on the part of parents or guardians, such as abandonment or desertion; abuse or cruel treatment; improper or inadequate conditions in the home; and insufficient care or support resulting from death, absence, or physical or mental incapacity of parents.
Detention	The placement of youth in a restrictive facility between referral to court and the first court hearing (Detention Hearing). Also, a youth may be placed in a detention facility at different points as a case progresses through the juvenile justice system.
Disposition	Definite action taken or treatment plan decided on regarding a particular case. (ex: a course of treatment and rehabilitation).

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Disposition Date	The date that the disposition (outcome) or the informal adjustment of each referral took place. This is the date on which all reports produced by TCJFCJ are based.
Informal Adjustment	A non-judicial procedure whereby the juvenile court staff, subject to court approval, makes the decision to attempt to remedy the situation alleged in the referral by giving counsel and advice to the parent(s) and child. This is a voluntary agreement in which no official finding of fact is made. Informal adjustments may be initiated with or without a petition.
Institution	Juvenile correctional or rehabilitation center.
Intake	Intake department first screens referred cases. The intake department may decide to dismiss the case for lack of legal sufficiency or to resolve the matter formally or informally.
Judge	An elected or appointed judge presiding over the juvenile court proceedings.
Juvenile	Any individual under the chronological age of eighteen (18) and that has not been previously transferred to adult court.
Larceny/Theft	The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession of another.
Motion	Oral or written request before, during or after court hearings on which a court issues a ruling or order.
Paternity	Determination of who is the father of a child.
Petition	A document filed in a juvenile court alleging that a juvenile is a delinquent, status offender or on the child's behalf and asking that the court assume jurisdiction over the juvenile or juvenile's case.
Pretrial Diversion	A procedure similar in nature to informal adjustment, with no official finding as to guilt, except that a judge or referee must approve any agreement.
Probation	Supervision of the child to monitor behavior after finding of guilt.
Referee	An individual, licensed to practice law in Tennessee, who is appointed by the judge to hear cases. A referee has the same authority and powers as the judge to issue process and conduct proceedings.
Referral Date	The date the child was referred to the court on the current referral reason/charges.

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Referral Source	The agency or individual filing a complaint with intake that initiates court proceedings.
Review Hearing	Held by the juvenile court to review dispositions and to determine the need to maintain placement in out-of-home care and/or jurisdiction of a child.
Robbery	The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.
Status/Unruly Offenses	Includes acts or types of conduct that are offenses only when committed or engaged in by a juvenile; that can be adjudicated only by a juvenile court.
Termination of Parental Rights	A legal proceeding forever severing all legal rights and obligations of the parent so that others may adopt the child.
Violent Crime Index	Includes homicide, robbery, forcible rape and aggravated assault.
YSO	Youth Services Officer – An official of the court whose duties include, but are not limited to, juvenile court intake, pre-hearing investigations, referral, supervision, detention screenings, counseling, and/or record keeping.