

MONTANA JUDICIAL BRANCH

Youth Court Services

4th Judicial District

Youth Court at a Glance - Report Card -

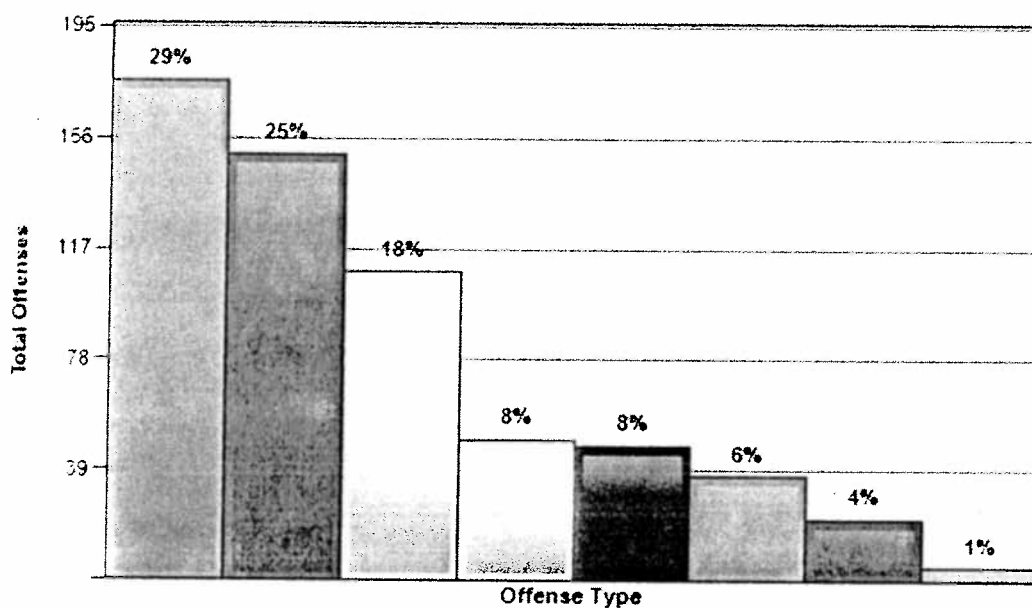
1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020



REFERRALS TO MONTANA'S YOUTH COURTS

Youth Referred to Youth Court:	262
Referrals (a youth may have multiple referrals):	436
Offenses (a referral may have multiple offenses):	597

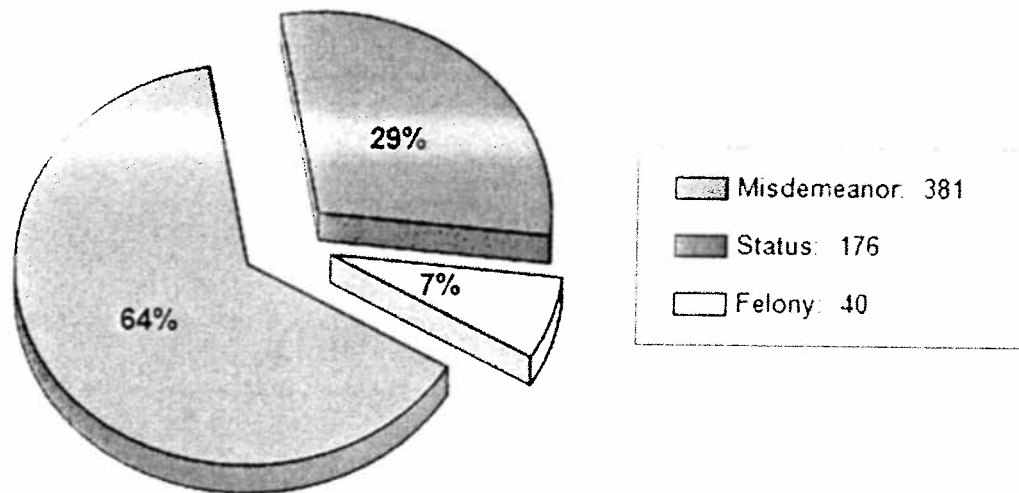
OFFENSE CATEGORIES



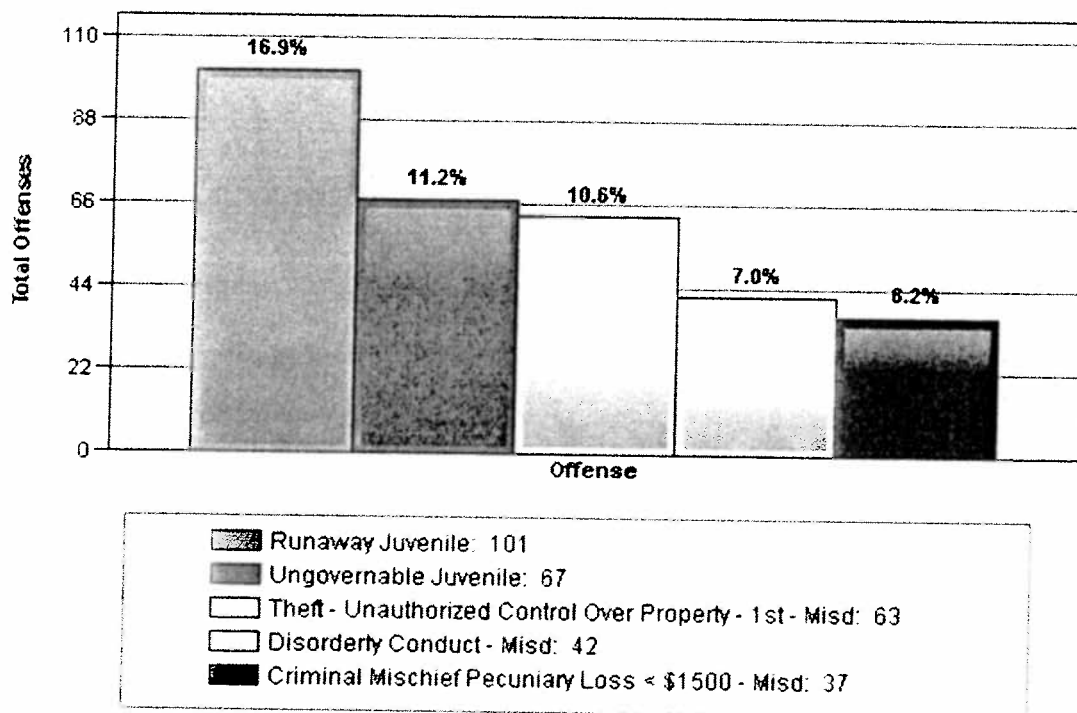
Status Offenses*: 176	Dangerous Drugs: 48
Offenses Against Property: 150	Violations: 37
Offenses Against Person: 109	Public Administration: 22
Public Order: 50	Other (City/County Ordinances): 5

* These are matters that are offenses because of the youth's age and include such things as a minor in possession of alcohol, truancy, curfew or a run-away violation.

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATIONS



FIVE MOST FREQUENT OFFENSES ASSOCIATED WITH REFERRALS TO JUVENILE PROBATION



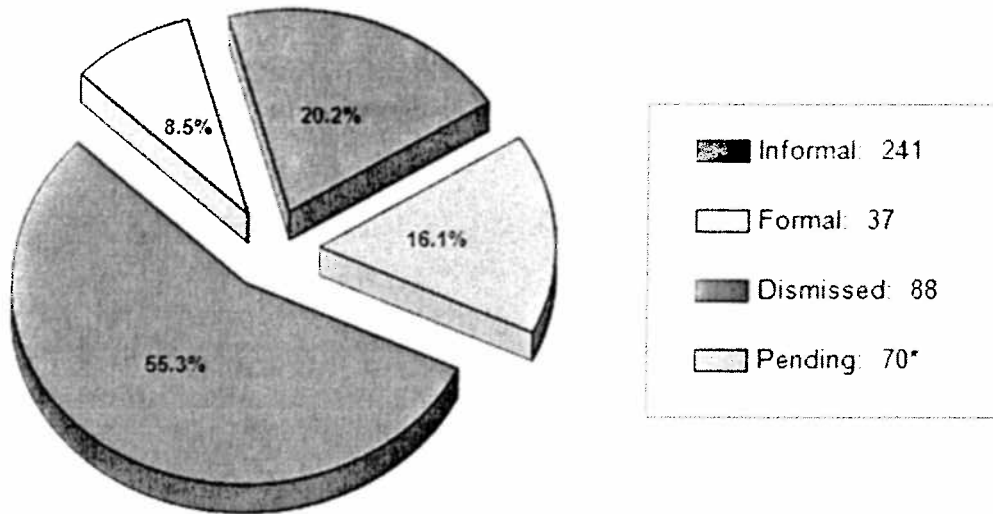
TYPE OF DISPOSITION USED

Informal: Referral handled by juvenile probation officer

Formal: Referral in which youth appears before Youth Court judge

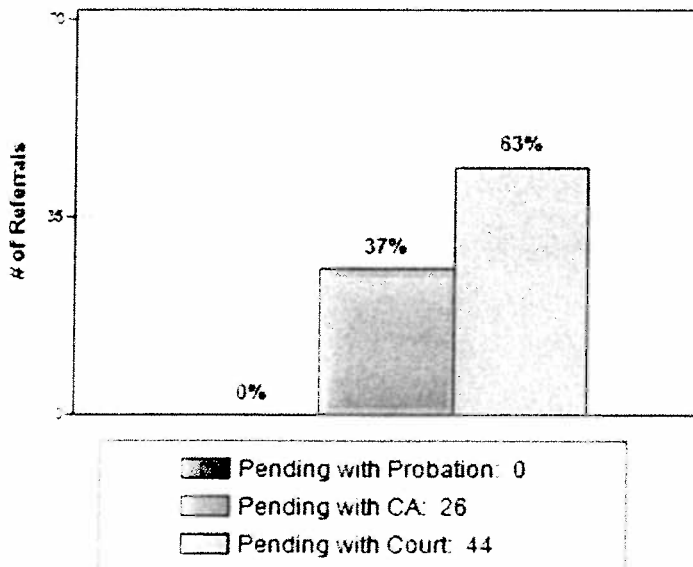
Dismissed: Referral in which case is dismissed by juvenile probation officer, county attorney, or court

Pending: Referral that is awaiting action from the county attorney's office or the court, or a ticket has been issued and juvenile probation is waiting to see the youth and parent(s), or is awaiting further investigation by law enforcement

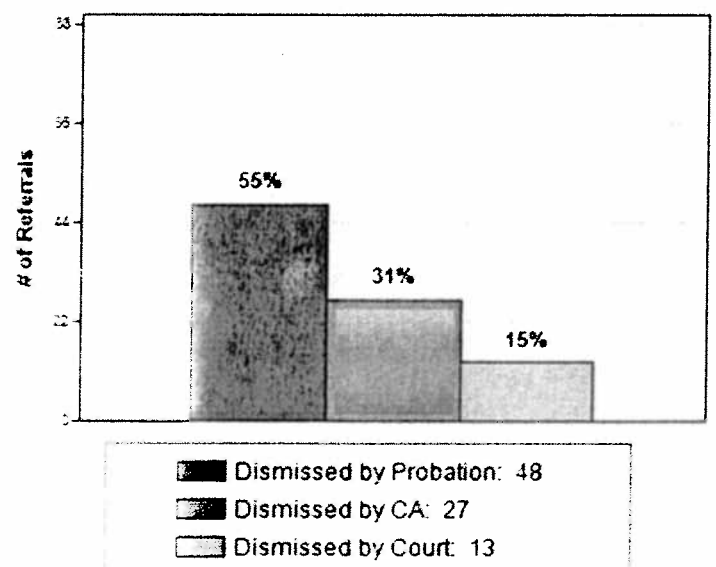


* Pending may include "In Progress" intakes, which are not included in other totals.

Pending Disposition Breakdown

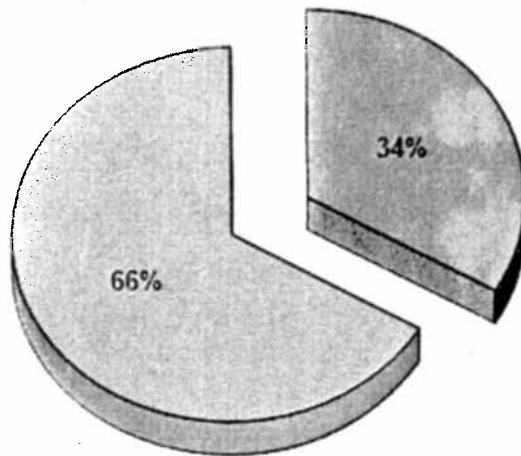


Dismissed Disposition Breakdown



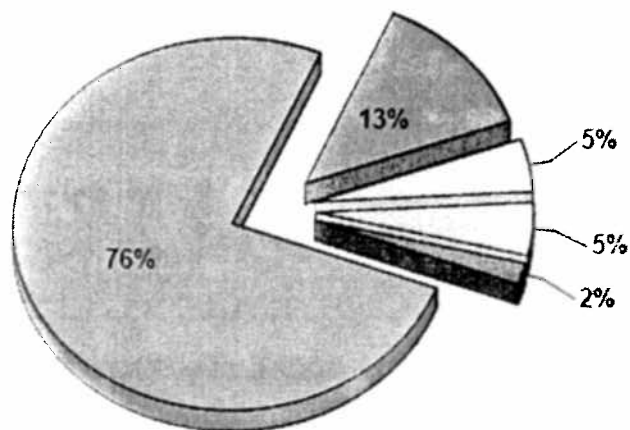
YOUTH DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER



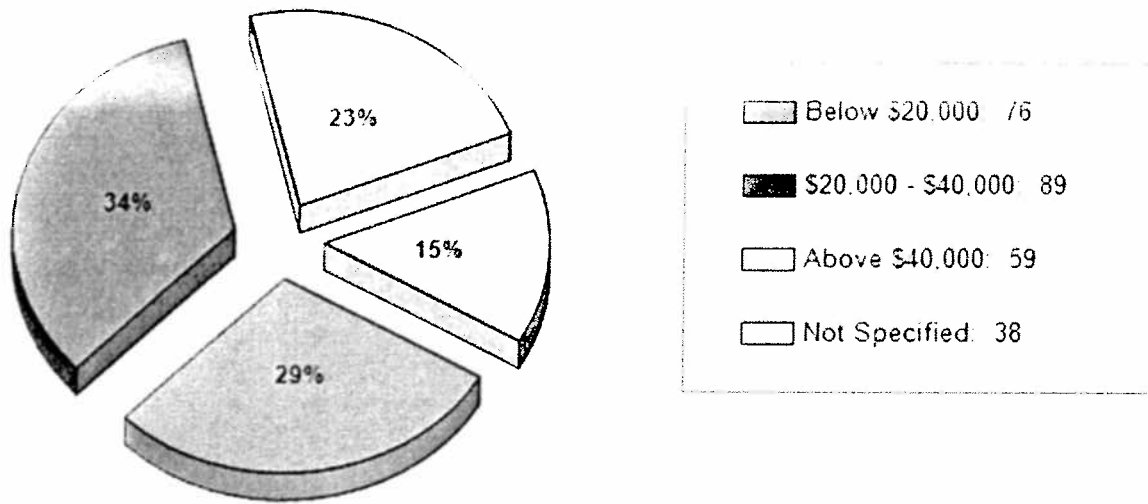
Male: 174 Female: 88

RACE

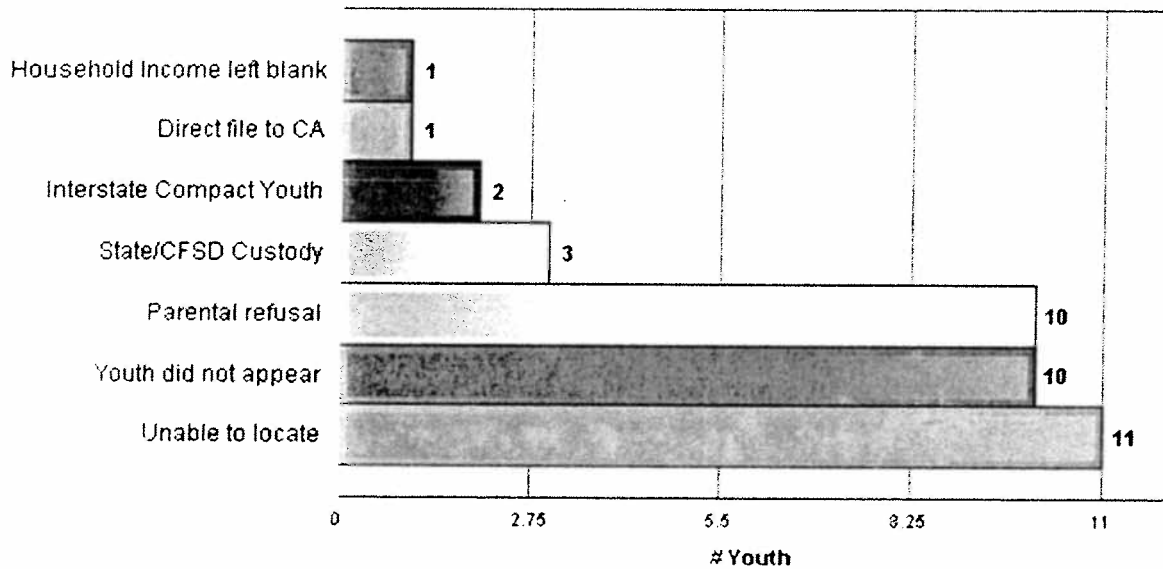


White: 199 Other: 12 Hispanic: 5
Native American: 34 Black: 12

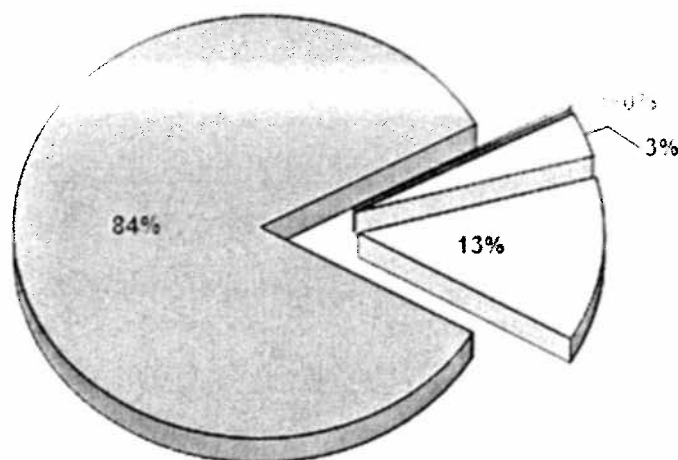
FAMILY'S HOUSEHOLD INCOME (UNDUPLICATED YOUTH)



Reasons: Household Income "Not Specified"

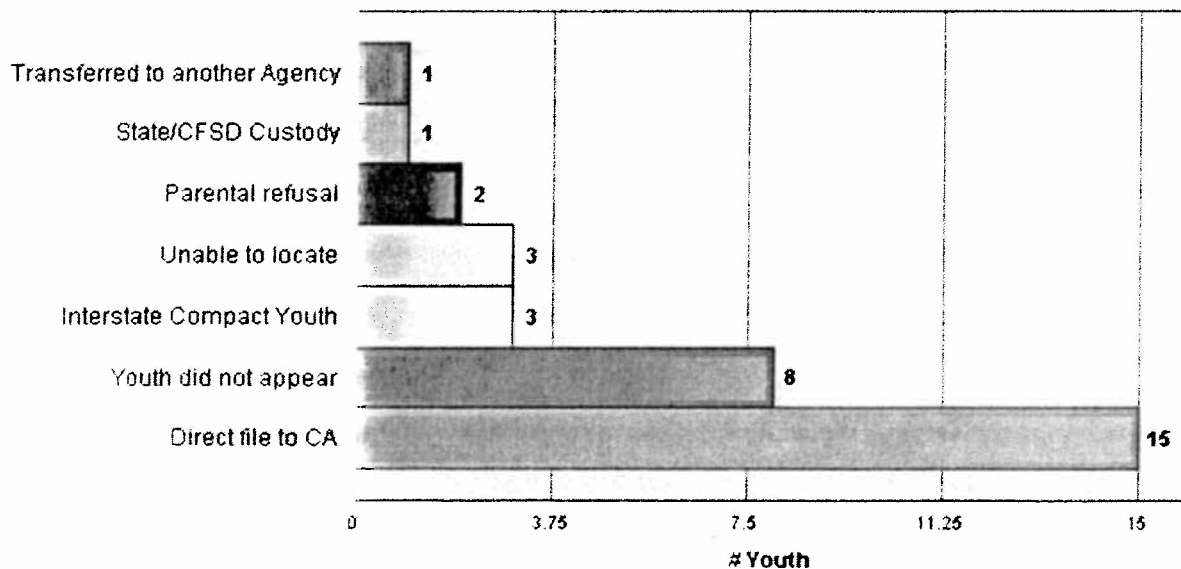


SCHOOL PARTICIPATION (UNDUPLICATED YOUTH)

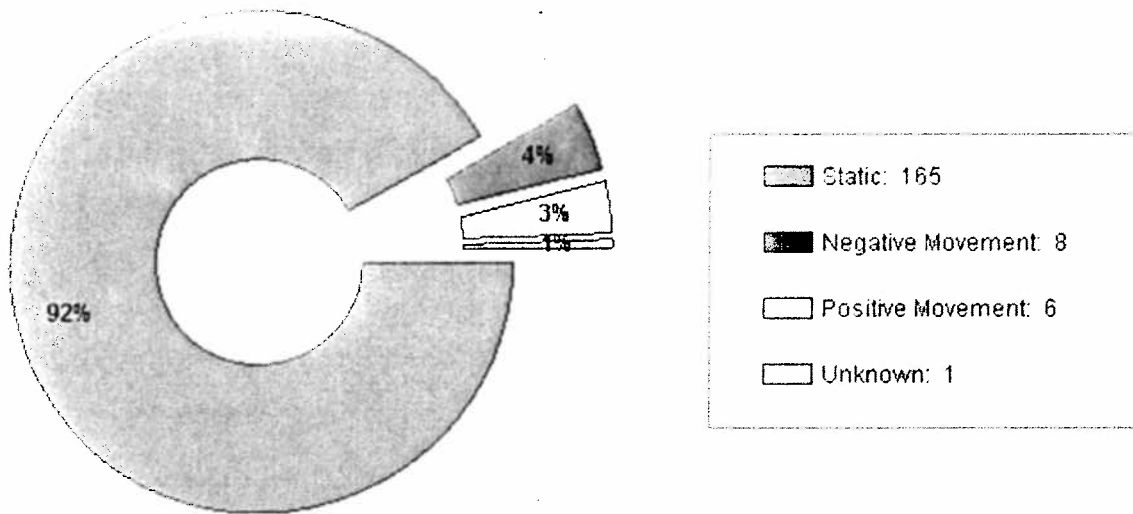


Youth in an Educational Program: 219	Youth not Attending School: 9
Youth Graduated/Completed GED: 1	Not Specified: 33

Reasons why School Participation was "Not Specified"



SCHOOL PARTICIPATION: AT TIME OF INTAKE VS AT CLOSURE



Positive Movement:

School Status at Time of Intake

Youth in an Educational Program
Youth not Attending School
Youth not Attending School
Youth Education Not Specified

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School Status at Intake Closure

Youth Graduated/Completed GED
Youth in an Educational Program
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Youth in an Educational Program

Negative Movement:

School Status at Time of Intake

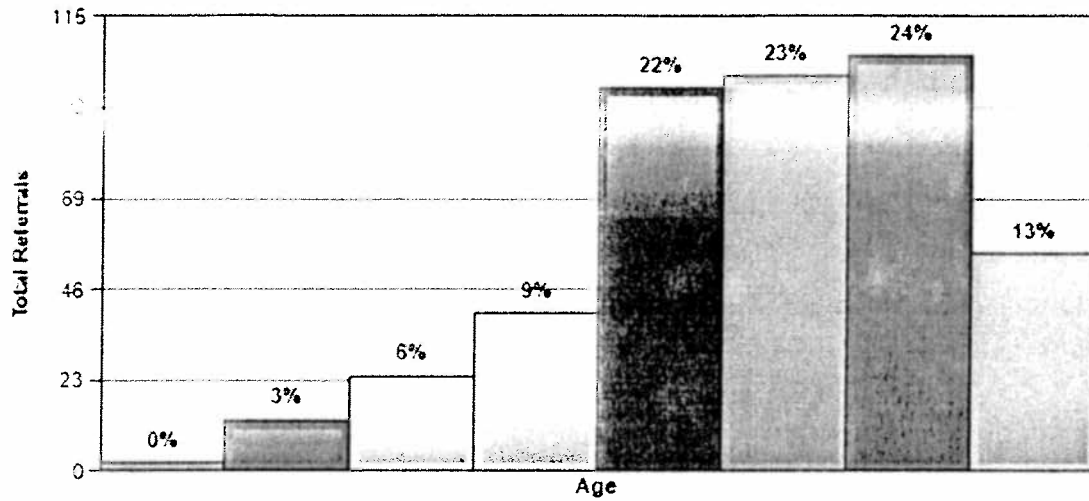
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School Status at Intake Closure

Youth not Attending School
Youth Education Not Specified

AGE AT TIME OF OFFENSE



10 and Under: 2	14 years: 97
11 years: 13	15 years: 100
12 years: 24	16 years: 105
13 years: 40	17 years: 55

RESTORING JUSTICE TO VICTIMS AND HOLDING OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE

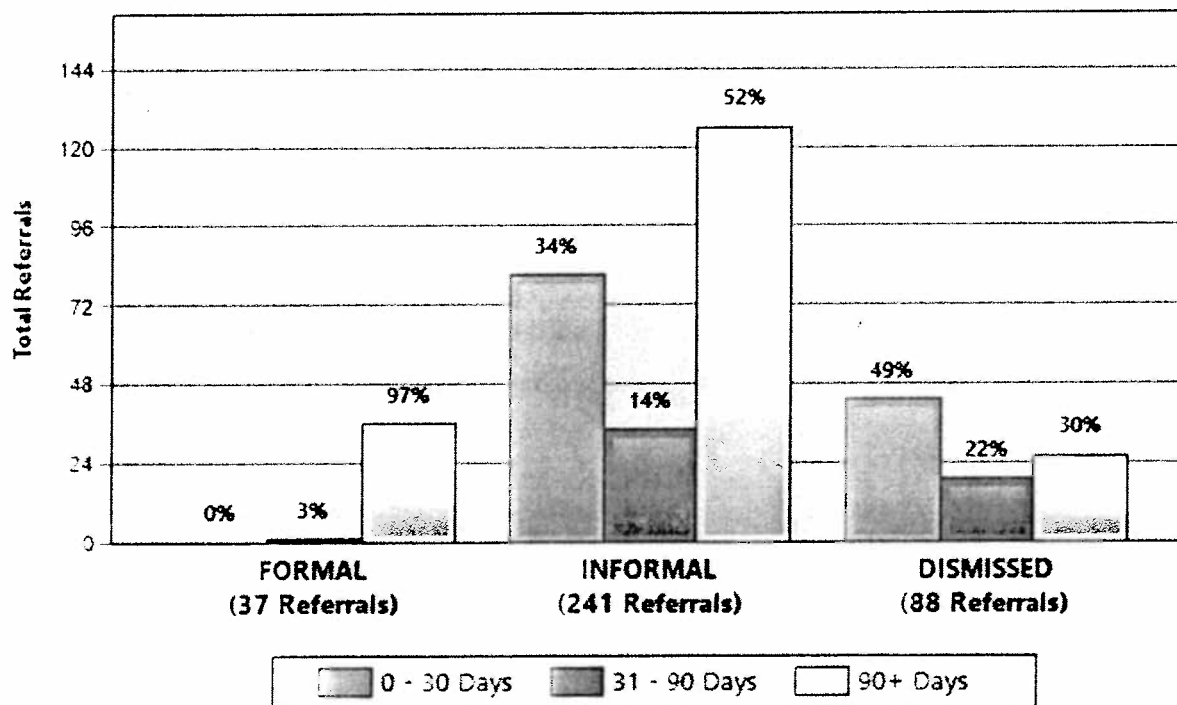
AVERAGE LENGTH OF DISPOSITION

Length of Disposition	Number of Referrals	
0-30 days:	124	(33.9%)
31-90 days:	54	(14.8%)
90+ days:	188	(51.4%)

Every referral has a disposition, which is the equivalent to an adult sentence handed down by a Judge.

* Includes all dispositions except *Pending* because those referrals don't yet have a disposition end date.

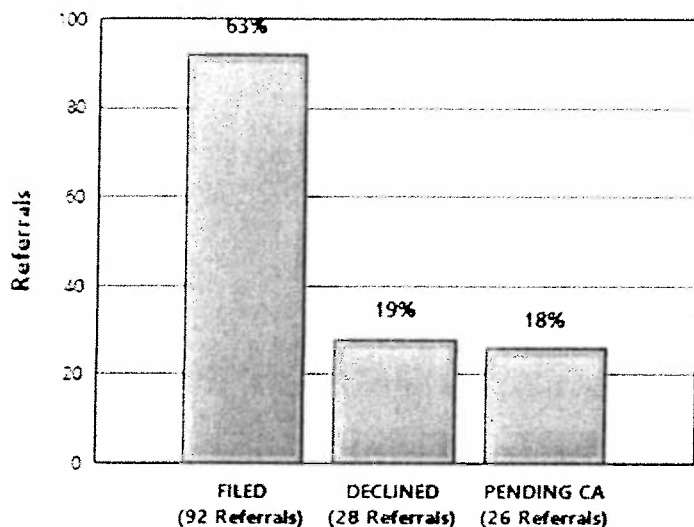
AVERAGE LENGTH OF DISPOSITION - BY TYPE



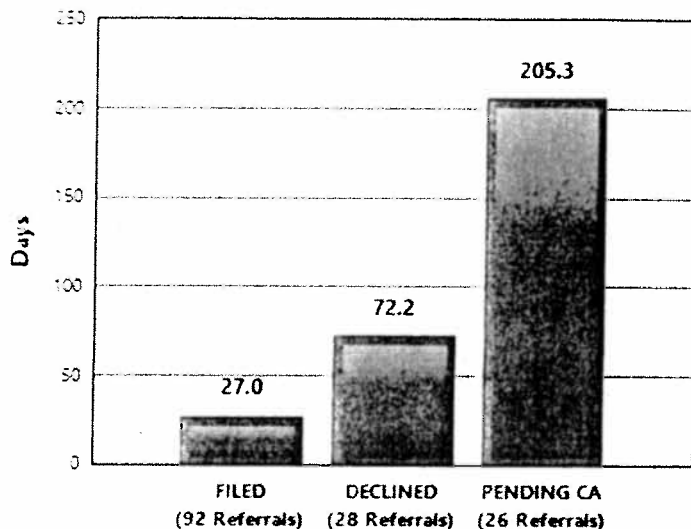
REFERRALS TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

Referrals made to the County Attorney: 146

Manner Handled:



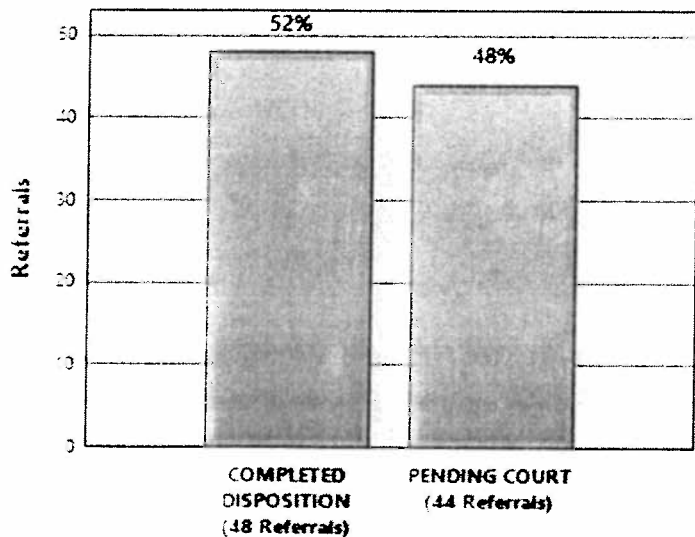
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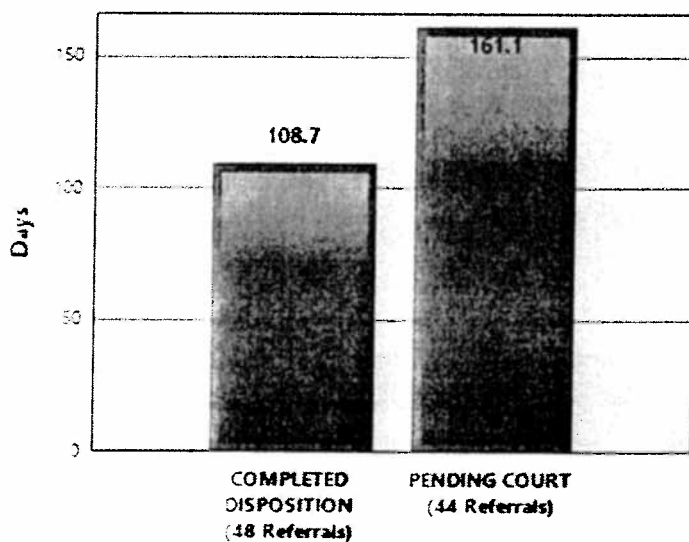
FORMAL REFERRALS TO THE COURT

Petitions filed with Youth Court: 92

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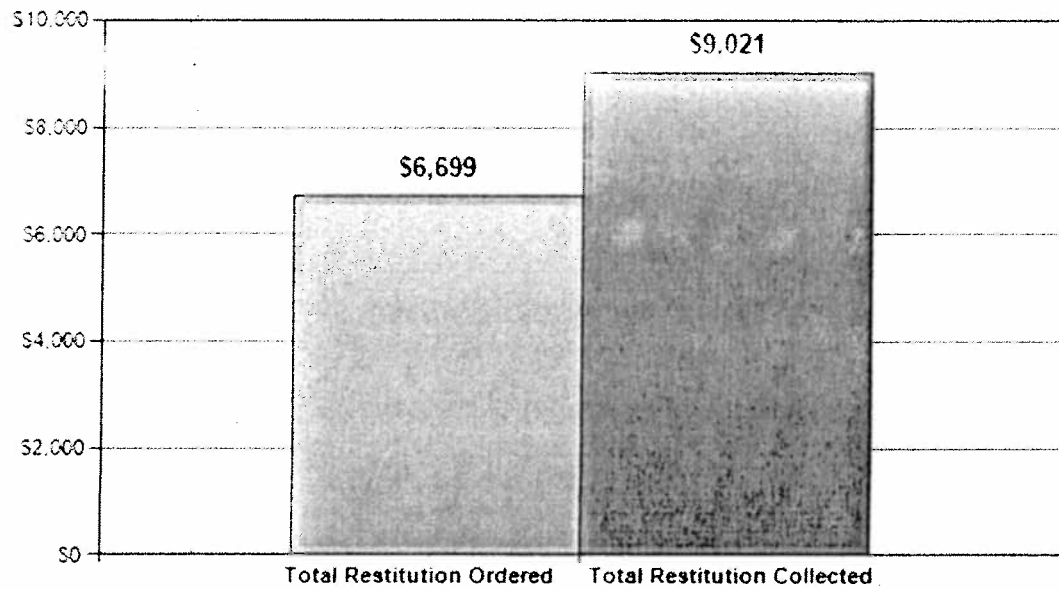


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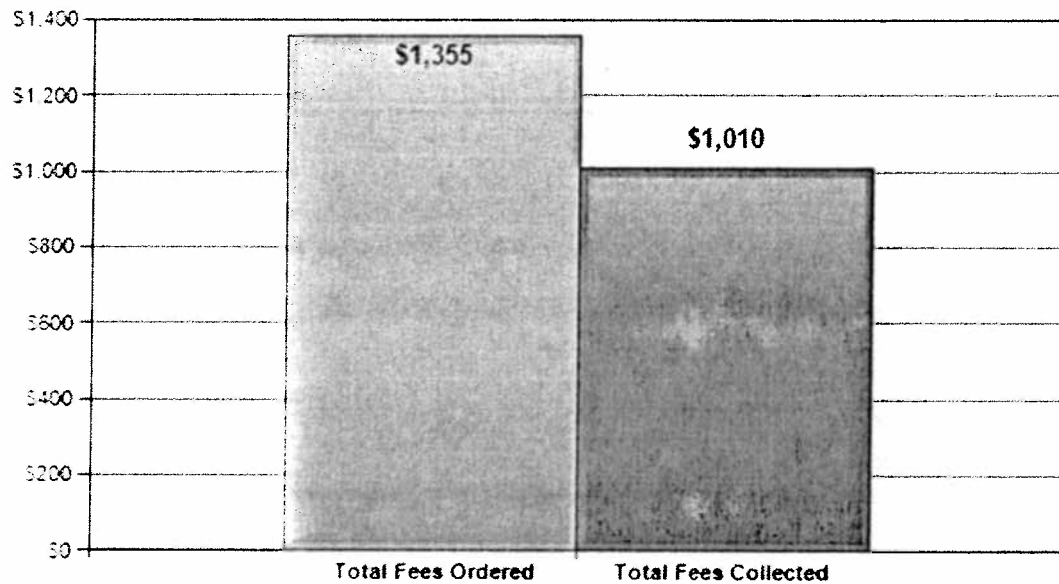
RESTITUTION

Number of Youth Ordered to Pay Restitution: 20



FEES

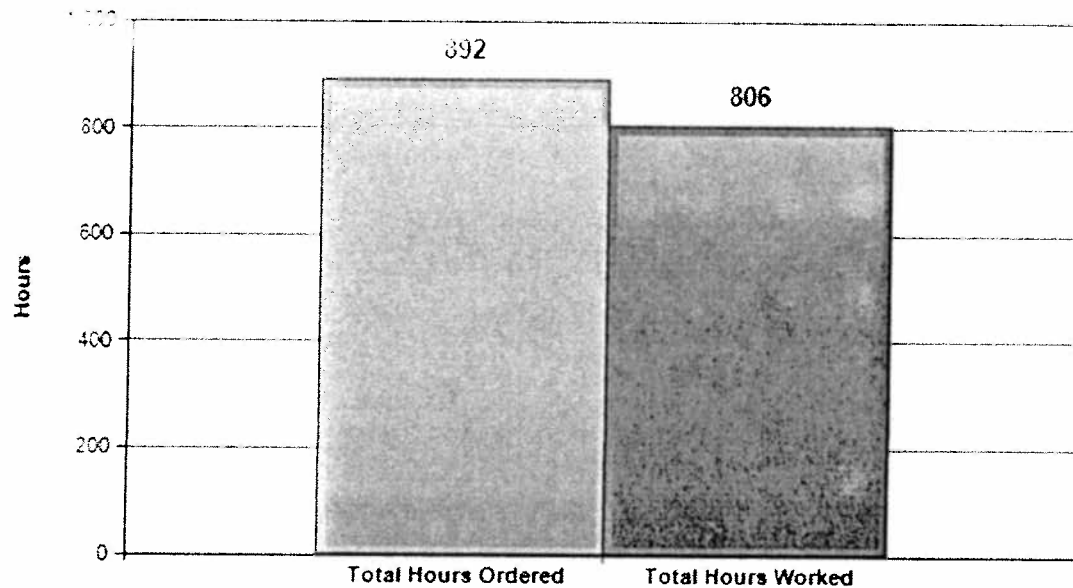
Number of Youth Ordered to Pay Fees: 13



Fees used to offset cost of drug testing, workers' compensation, and other services.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Number of Youth Ordered to Complete Community Service: 39



COMMUNITY SERVICE SWEAT EQUITY HOURS

Many youth are unable to contribute towards their restitution obligation because they have no family support, are not old enough to get a job, or lack the necessary social skills to get and keep a job. The Community Service Sweat Equity program is offered to youth as an opportunity, by utilizing community service, to earn restitution money to repay their victims.

Total Number of Youth that Worked Sweat Equity Hours:	7
Total Sweat Equity Hours Worked:	212.70
Total Money Earned to Pay to Victims:	\$1,839.86

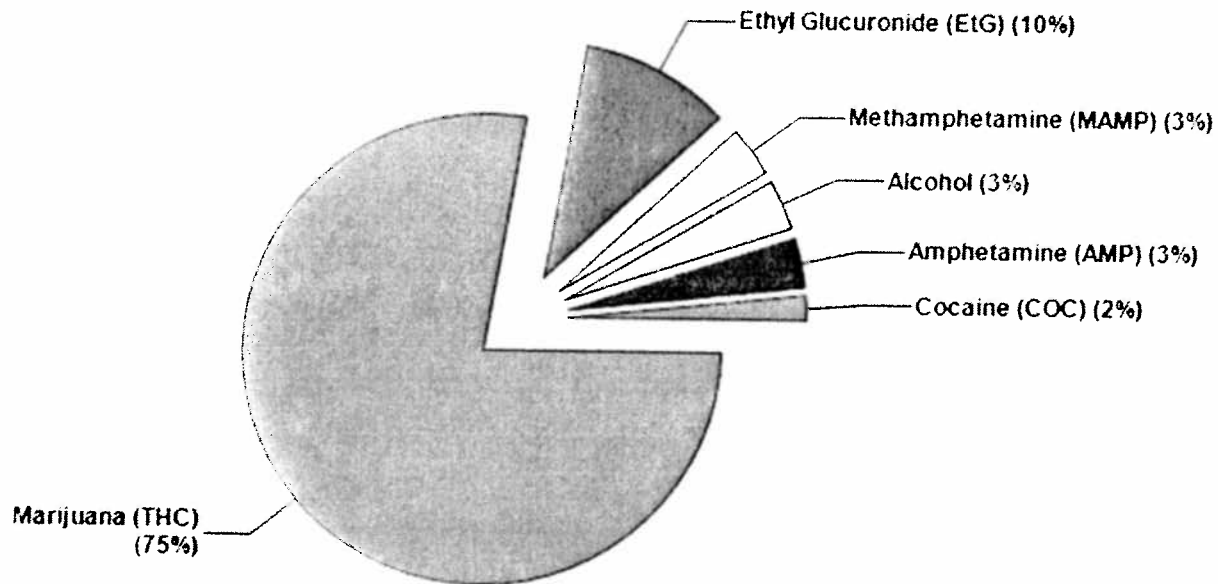
RESISTANCE TO DRUGS

Offenders ordered to submit to drug testing are tested randomly, unless there is suspicion to believe the youth has recently been using. Youth going through drug court may be required to test more often as required by the judge.

Total Number of Youth Drug Tested:	38
Total Number of Tests Administered:	224
Total Number of Youth Testing Positive:	25

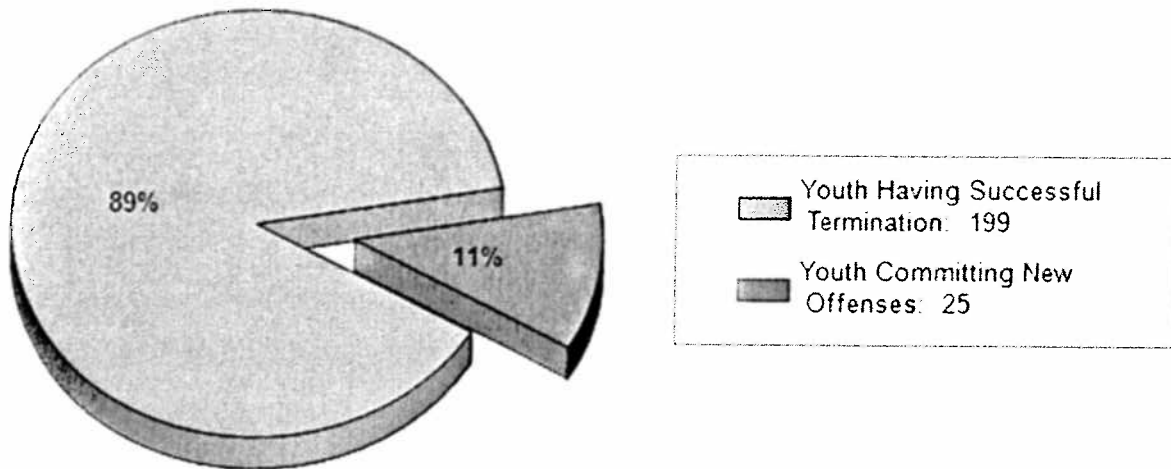
* A single youth may have tested positive multiple times

TOP DRUGS USED



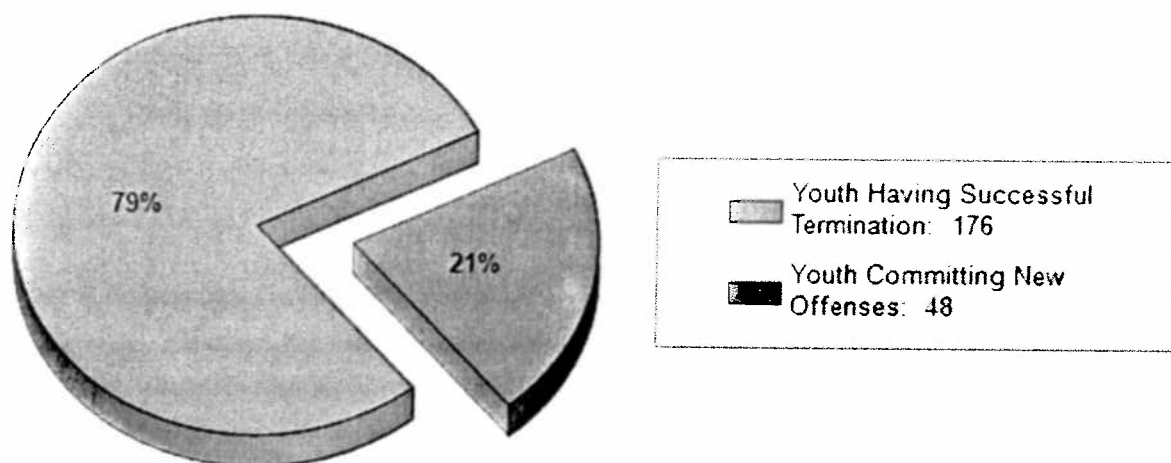
RECIDIVISM WHILE UNDER SUPERVISION (UNDUPLICATED YOUTH NEW TO THE SYSTEM)

Recidivism on unduplicated youth that had their initial Intake in 2019 and committed a new offense prior to the disposition end date.



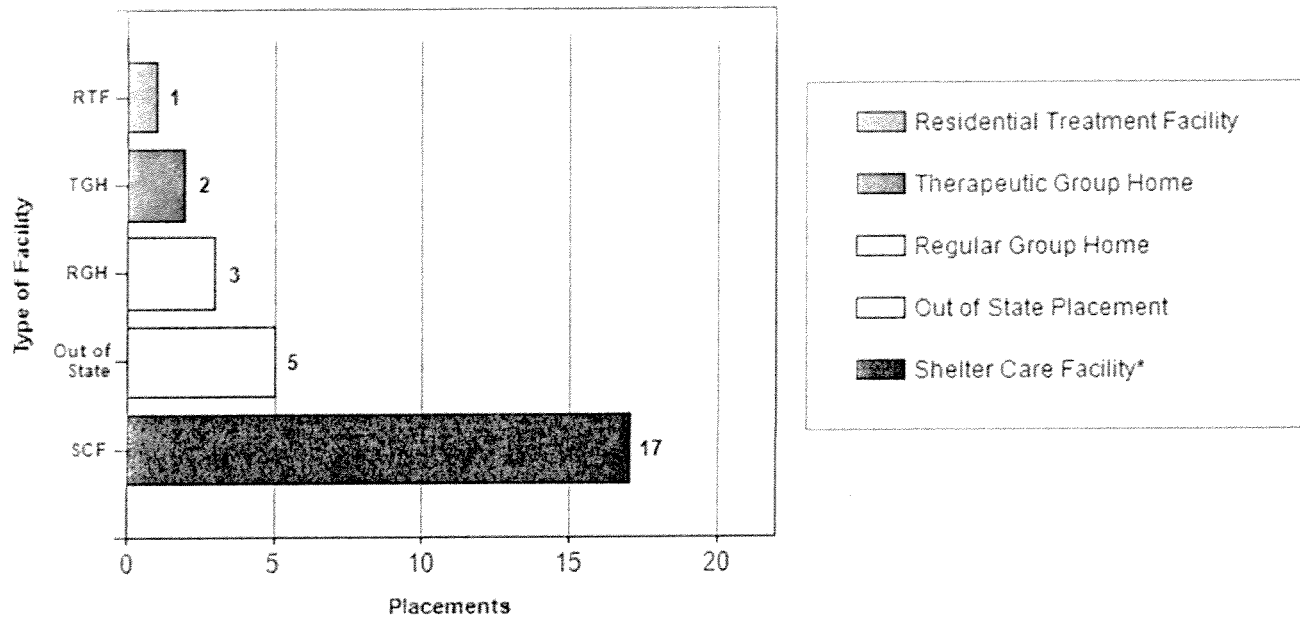
RECIDIVISM WITHIN 1 YR AFTER CASE COMPLETION (UNDUPLICATED YOUTH NEW TO THE SYSTEM)

Recidivism on unduplicated youth that had their initial Intake in 2019 and committed a new offense within 1 year of the original disposition end date.



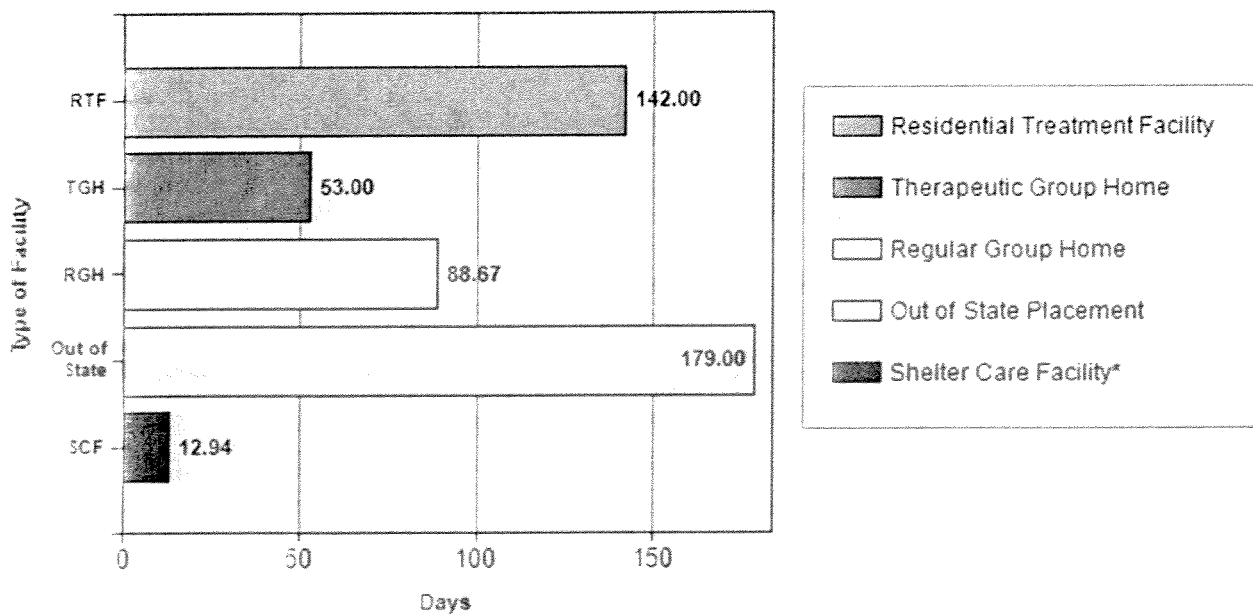
OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS

Out of 436 referrals to Youth Court, 23 youth were placed in out-of-home placements for this reporting year. Please note that a single youth may be placed multiple times and other agencies may have been responsible for the placement during this reporting period.



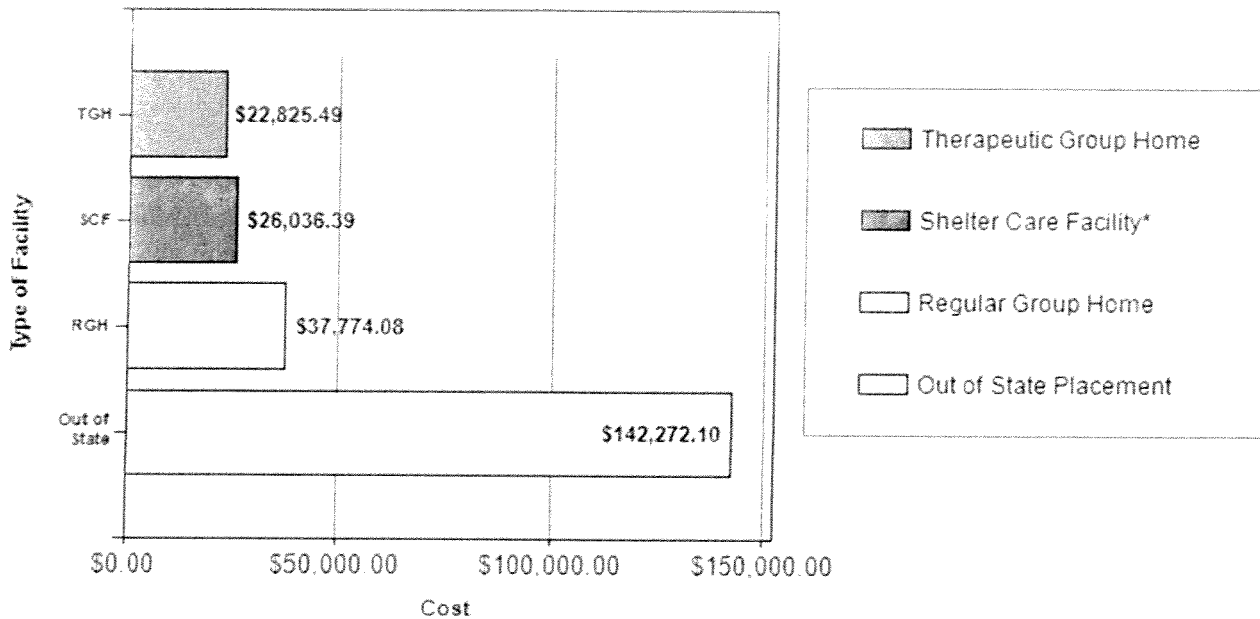
* Shelter care, the most common placement, is a very short-term placement used when Youth Court is assessing the youth and family's situation.

OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS - AVG LENGTH OF STAY



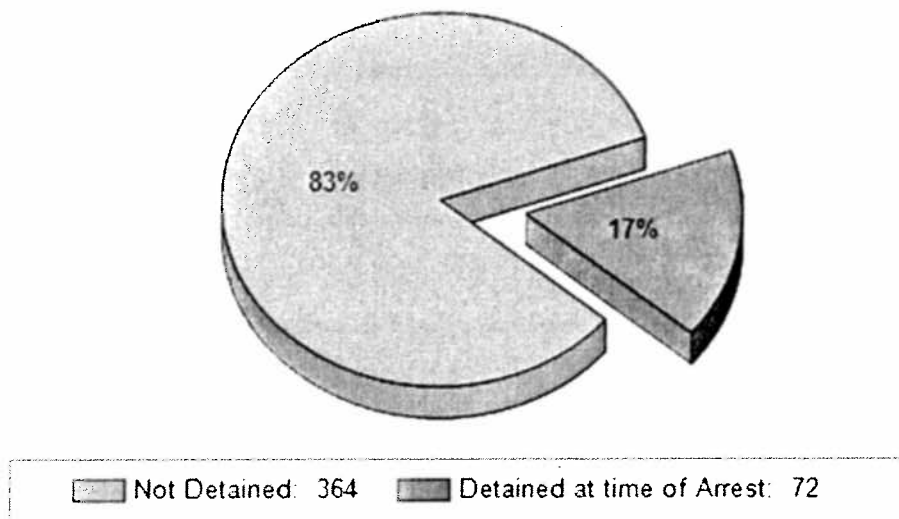
OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS - COST

These are the general fund costs incurred by the Youth Courts of Montana and do not include additional funding sources and cost-shares that may have been made by collaborating agencies (Medicaid, DPHHS, CMHB).



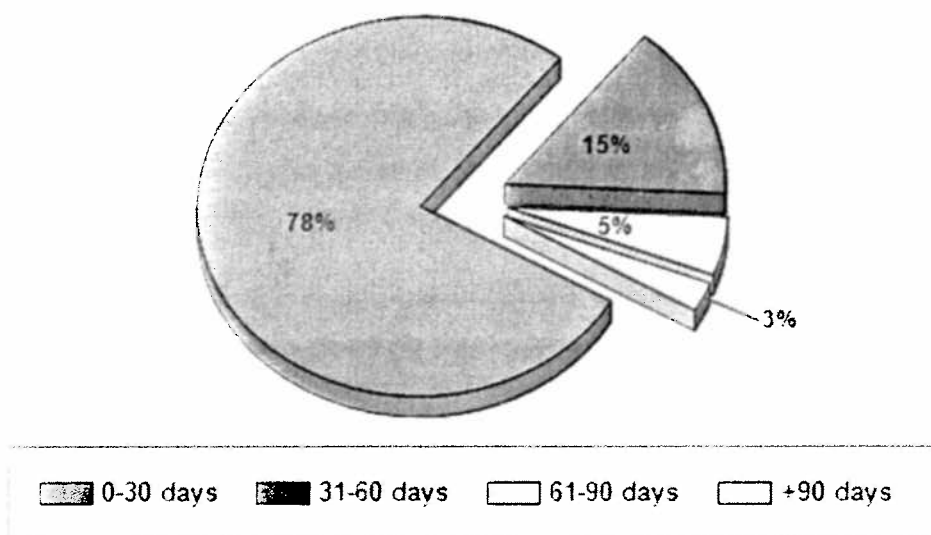
DETENTION

Youth detention facilities, which are physically restricting youth facilities designed to prevent a youth from departing at will are mostly funded and operated by counties. Local law enforcement officers make the decision to detain at the time of arrest.



DETENTION LENGTH OF STAY

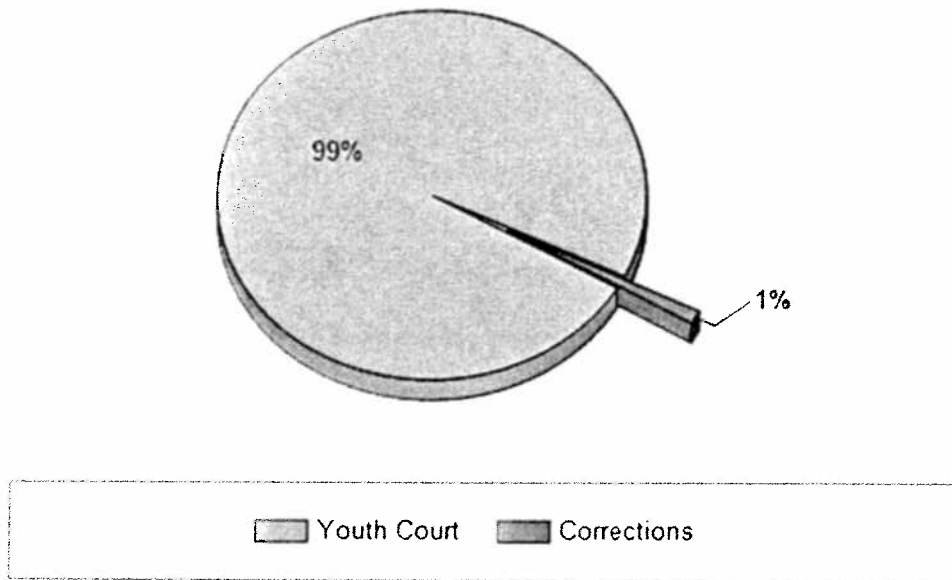
When a youth is taken into custody, a hearing to determine probable cause must be held within 24 hours, excluding weekends and legal holidays. A hearing is not required if the youth is released prior to the time of the required hearing. If the court determines that continued custody of the youth is necessary and the criteria outlined in the Montana Youth Court Act is met, the youth may be placed in a secure detention facility pending an initial appearance before a youth court judge and placement may continue through time of disposition. (A youth may be placed in detention more than once.)



DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS COMMITMENTS

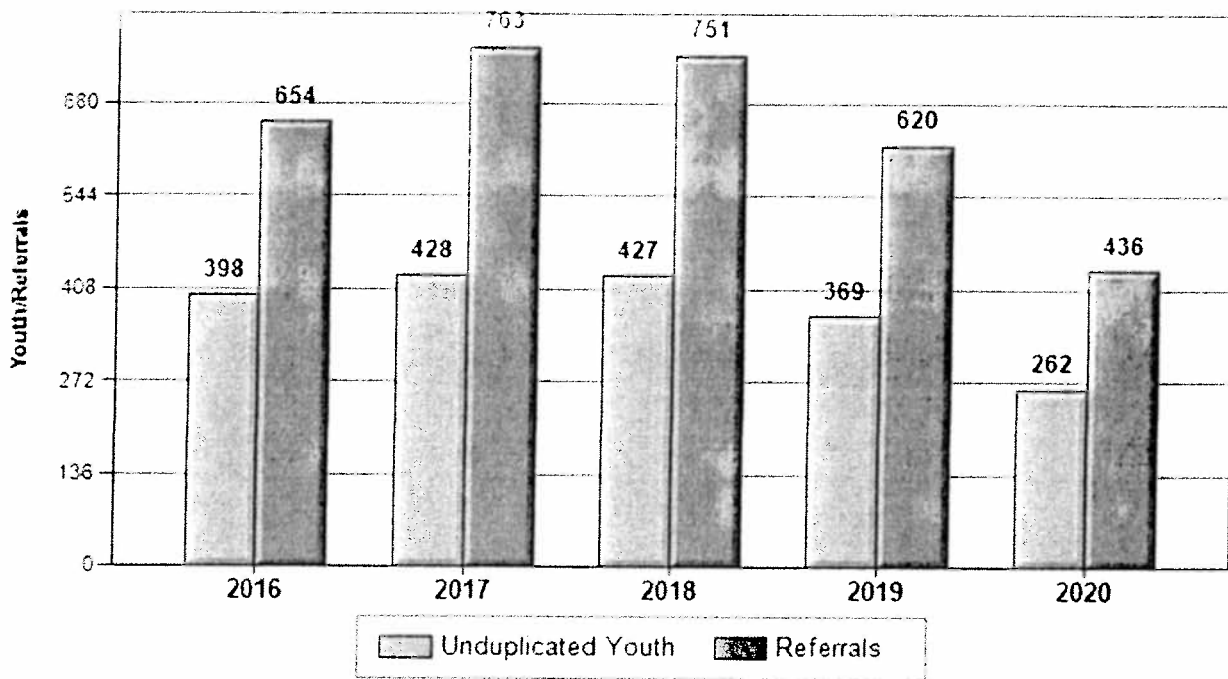
Only a Youth Court judge may sentence a youth to the Department of Corrections. Statewide, approximately 1% of all youth referred to juvenile probation are sentenced to the Department of Corrections.

Of the 262 youth referred to Youth Court, 3 were committed to the Department of Corrections for placement in a youth correctional facility.



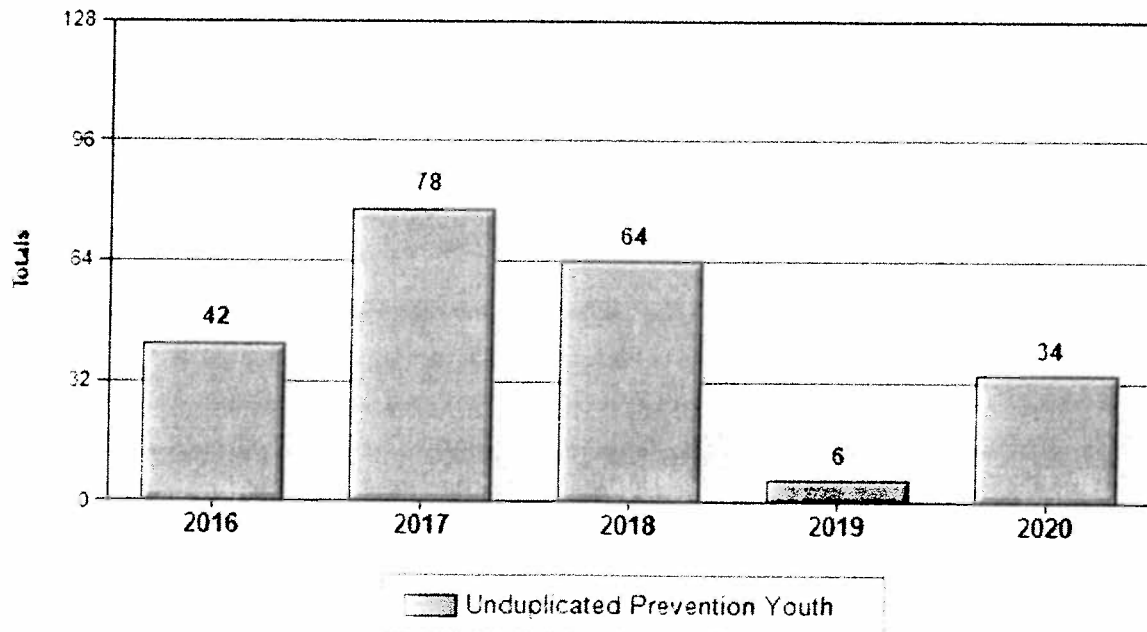
5 YEAR TRENDS

UNDULICATED YOUTH AND REFERRALS

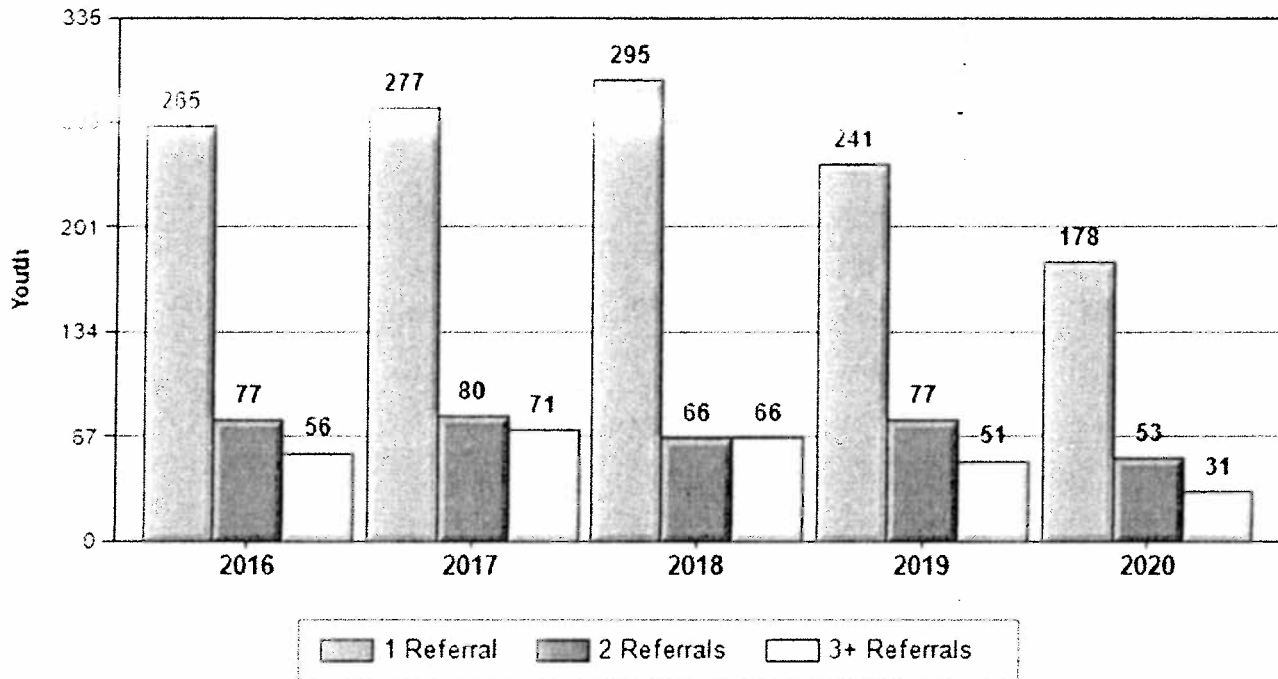


UNDULICATED PREVENTION YOUTH

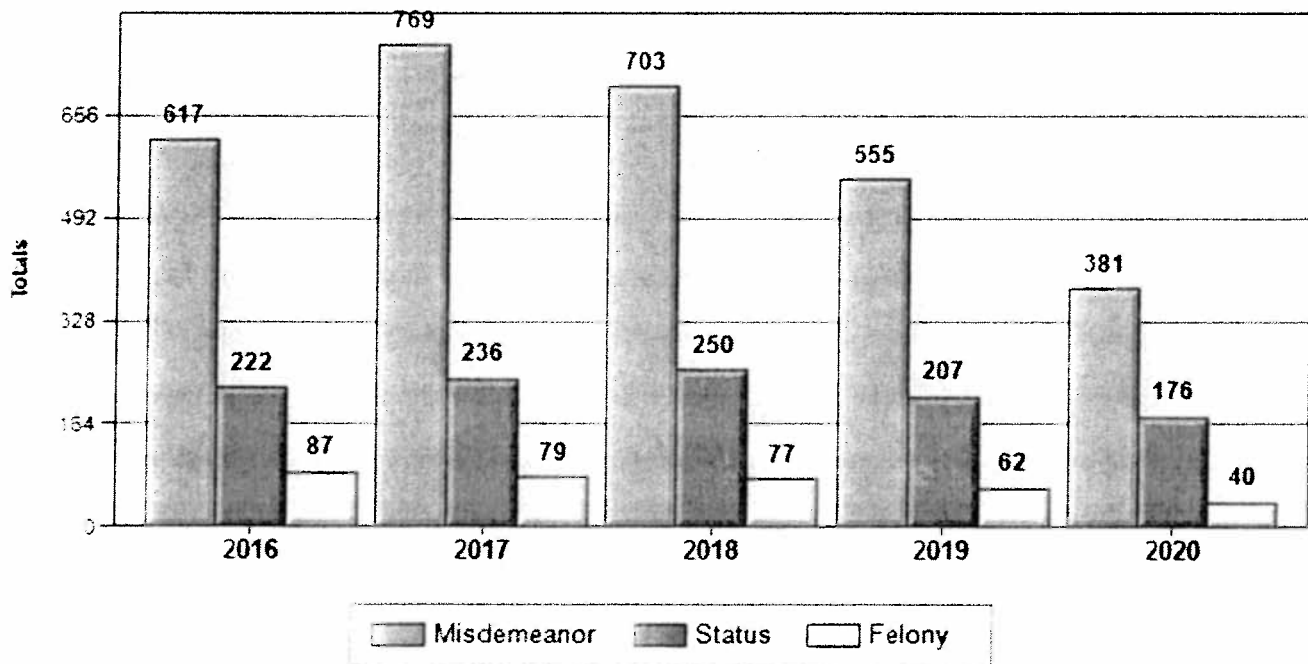
Through the State of Montana *Juvenile Delinquency Intervention Program (JDIP)*, judicial districts are provided the opportunity to develop prevention programs in which both youth referred to youth court services, as well as at-risk youth who have not come into contact with probation, can access services that promote positive growth and development. This graph identifies those prevention youth



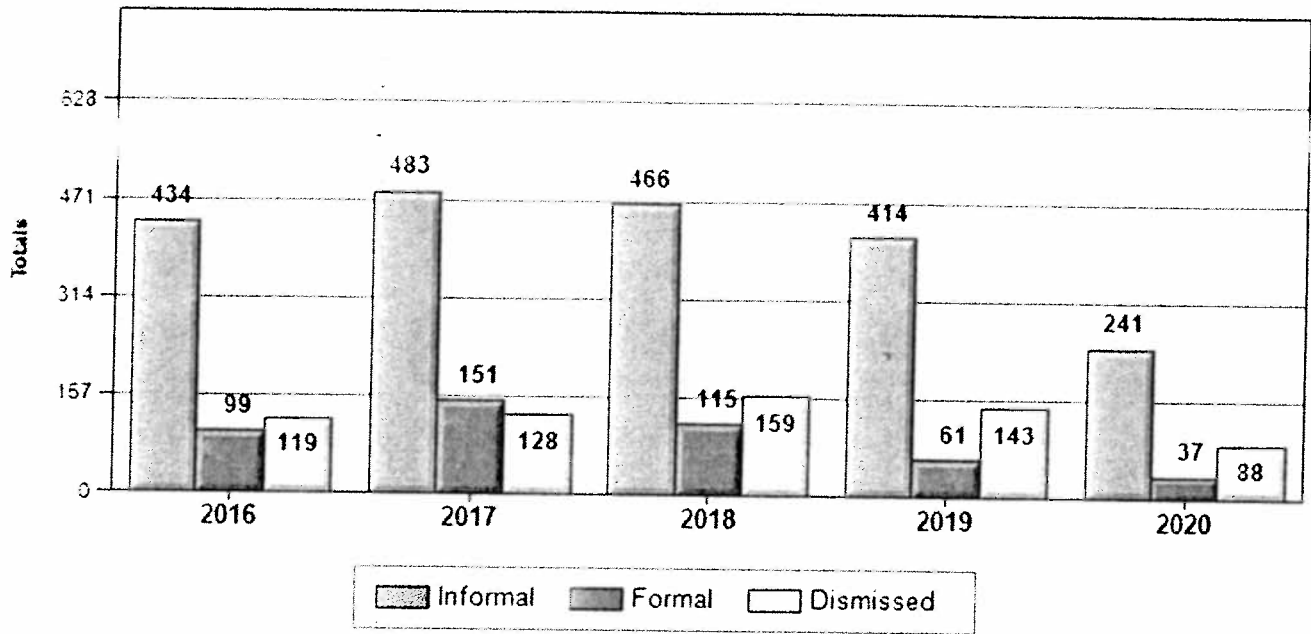
NUMBER OF REFERRALS PER YOUTH



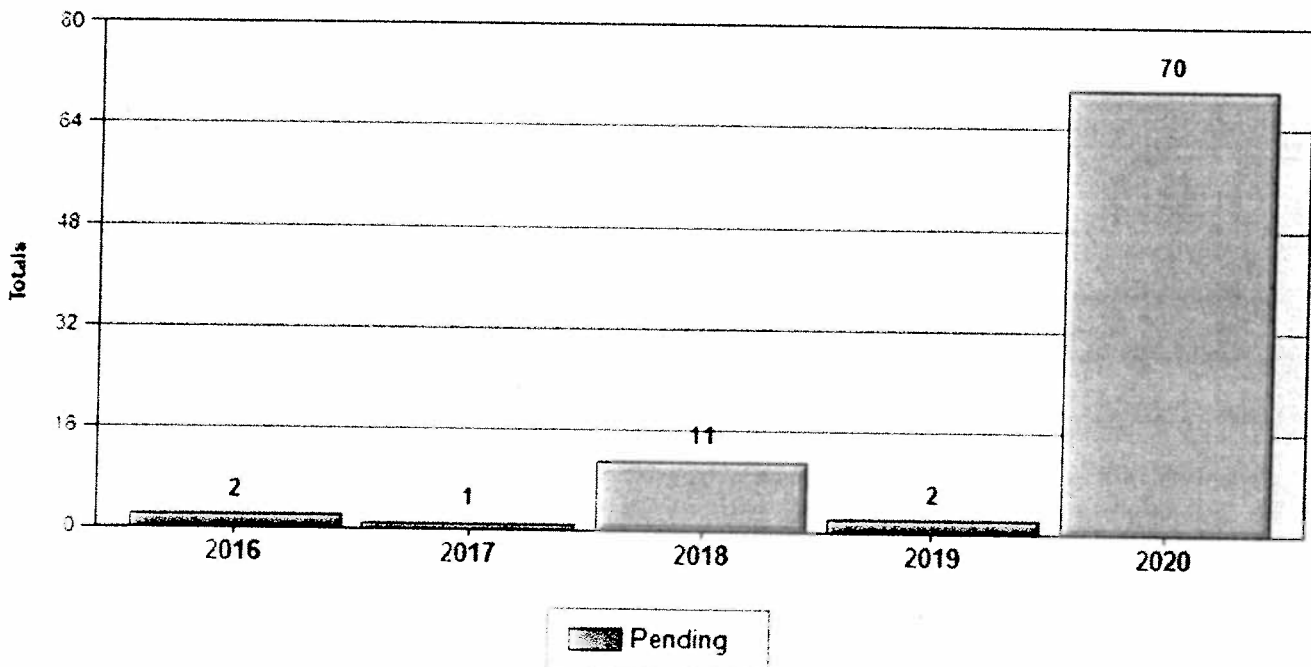
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