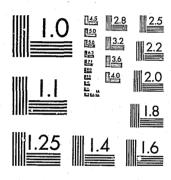
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Dear Reader:

The Division of Youth Services is pleased to present the 1981 report of Missouri Juvenile Court Statistics. This is the thirty-seventh annual Juvenile Court report and the fourth such report to be produced under the auspices of Division of Youth Services.

We hope the report will be useful to individuals and organizations with an interest in the juvenile justice system.

Many of the tables in this report are incomplete. We are continuing to try to reduce incompleteness in the tables. The three largest counties, as well as other populous counties, are included in several tables.

We would like to express our appreciation to the court personnel throughout the state for their voluntary cooperation in this project. In particular, we would like to thank court administrators and their staffs in supplying statistical summaries. Thanks are also due to the Research and Statistics Section of the Division of Planning and Budget for collecting and assembling the data and writing the report.

Questions about the report should be directed to the Division of Youth Services or the Section of Research and Statistics, Division of Planning and Budget, Department of Social Services.

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#### INTRODUCTION

This report is the thirty-seventh in a series of Juvenile Court Statistics Reports for the State of Missouri. The report is published under the auspices of the Division of Youth Services in accordance with Missouri Statute R. S. Mo. - Sec. 219.016.3. The first thirty-three reports were prepared by the Division of Family Services.

The information presented in this report was taken from data provided by the 43 juvenile courts of Missouri for Missouri counties. Until recently, no statutory requirements have existed mandating that Missouri juvenile courts report the number of cases referred. In 1982 the Missouri passed legislation requiring the juvenile courts to report statistics to the Division of Youth Services. However, the information for this book was collected before the legislation was passed. Because data collection was voluntary for the courts when the 1981 data was being submitted, the problem of incompletion exists with the 1981 information. A lack of information for the metropolitan areas, including Jackson County, the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis County, has been a particular problem in recent years. An effort has been made to include as many areas of the state as possible in this report.

Much of the information in this report was provided on a standard form titled "Missouri Statewide Juvenile Information System." The form provides detailed information about the reason for referral and the disposition of the child. Appendix A contains a copy of the form. The major advantage of using the form is in consistency and detail in reporting. Since some courts do not use the standard form, other methods of reporting are used.

The courts that do not use the standard form are encouraged to report summary information. If they produce an annual report, this is requested. If they can provide a summary of basic information, such as breakdowns of reasons for referral by sex, race, and age at the time of referral, this is used when possible. In some cases only the total number of referrals is provided. If a court is willing to provide any summary data, an effort is made to include that information to the greatest extent possible.

Before 1979, information was either received on the standard form or it was excluded from tables in the text of the report. Since then the tables have included information received in annual reports and statistical summaries as well as in the standard form. The advantage to using information in nonstandard form is that more areas in Missouri are represented in the tables. The major disadvantage of receiving information in nonstandard form is that reliability is reduced. Specifically, when information is received in the standard form, the criterion for including it in the report is the date of disposition. Information received in summaries and annual reports tends to be included on the basis of the year the referral is made to the court.

The information in all tables is incomplete. For example, outstate Missouri is more completely represented than the metropolitan areas of the state. Buchanan County provided an annual report. The City of St. Louis provided a detailed list of referrals by age, race, and sex. Boone, Callaway, McDonald, Newton, Ripley, and St. Louis Counties provided summaries. Clay and Jackson Counties provided a list of referrals. Counties that did not report were Benton, Carter, Dallas, Hickory, Howell, New Madrid, Oregon, Polk, Shannon and Webster. Thus, of 115 Missouri counties, 96 provided information in the standard form, 9 provided summary information and 10 provided no information. The exclusion of

populous counties from tables will be pointed out in footnotes.

It is important to remember that not all courts which use the standard form use it in the same manner. Some courts use the form for all referrals while others use it only for more serious offenses. Some courts omit major categories of referrals, such as child abuse and neglect or status offenses.

If more detailed information is desired about a county or circuit, requests should be directed to the specific court.

Many tables in this report are cross-tabulated by Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) and other counties (non-SMSA). In Missouri, the counties in the Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas are Andrew, Boone, Buchanan, Cass, Christian, Clay, Franklin, Greene, Jackson, Jefferson, Platte, Ray, St. Charles, St. Louis, and the City of St. Louis. SMSA counties and other counties do not fall into a simple metropolitan-outstate dichotomy. Still, most SMSA counties are in close proximity of Missouri's major cities. Boone and Greene Counties are notable exceptions. According to the 1980 U. S. Census, SMSA counties contained approximately 66 percent of the child population ages 0-16 in Missouri. In June 1981 Jasper and Newton Counties were included among the SMSA counties.\* For this report they are counted as non-SMSA counties.

SMSA and other counties are not equally well represented in this report. As already mentioned, Jackson County, St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis did not complete the standard form. Consequently, information about manner of

<sup>\*</sup> As announced in the <u>Missouri Population and Census</u> <u>Newsletter</u>, 4, September 1981, p.24.

handling, care pending disposition of a child, or the disposition of a child is absent for hem. Information is also very incomplete for Buchanan and Clay Counties. While there is no information for 10 other (non-SMSA) counties, rural counties are better represented. Ninety out of one hundred rural counties provided some information, usually through the standard form.

In accordance with Missouri Statute R.S. Mo-Sec. 211.031 (2)(e), in August 1980 the Juvenile Courts ceased to have jurisdiction over youths sixteen years of age for non-felonious traffic violations. Thus, many fewer traffic violations have been referred to the Juvenile Courts. This change is evident in tables including referrals for traffic violations. The change should be considered when evaluating tables that present historical information.

The table on page 5 shows the total number of reported juvenile court referrals from 1937, when statistics were first collected, to 1981. A review of the yearly changes reveals the 1970's to be the end of two decades of almost uninterrupted increases in reported cases. Between 1971 and 1981, declines occurred 3 times. In 1981 the removal of nonfelonious traffic referrals for 16 year olds resulted in a precipitous decline of 87.1 percent. (See table 2.2.) However, with the exception of child abuse and neglect referrals, all major categories of referrals experienced a deline in 1981.

Changes in the number and composition of reported referrals are presented in Figures 1.1 and 1.2. The first figure shows reported referrals from 1937 to 1981 and corresponds to the total shown in the previous table. The rather steady increases in the 1950's and 1960's are evident. Figure 1.2 shows the composition of reported referrals between 1970 and 1981. Over the 12 year period reported delinquency and

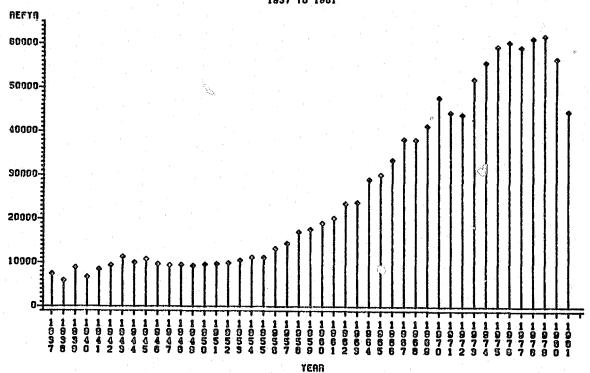
Missouri Juvenile Court Statistics 1937-1981

Year	Total Juvenile Court Cases	Delin- quency, Status & Traffic	Depend- ency & Neglect	Adoptions	Other Special Proceed- ings
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<sup>\*</sup> Figure not available.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Does not include Jackson County.

FIGURE 1.1 REPORTED REFERRALS TO MISSOURI JUVENILE COURTS

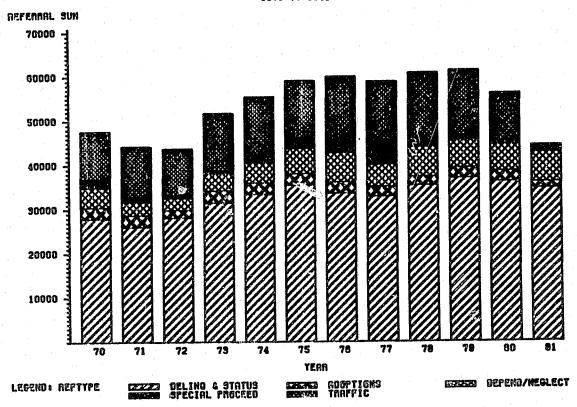


ADOPTIONS ARE NOT INCLUDED FOR 1940 IND DO NOT INCLUDE JACKSON COUNTY FOR 1971, 1972, AND 1978 SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS ARE INCLUDED FROM 1946 TO 1977

status referrals have ranged from a low of 26,131 referrals in 1971 to a high of 37,183 referrals in 1979. Also, the sharp decline in traffic referrals with the removal of non-felonious traffic referrals for 16 year olds in August 1980 is evident.

The remainder of the report is organized into two major sections—delinquency and status referrals, and child abuse and neglect referrals. The section concerning delinquency and status referrals is organized into a discussion of the

FIGURE 1.2 COMPOSITION OF REFERRALS TO MISSOURI JUVENILE COURTS
1970 TO 1991



demographic characteristics of children referred to the courts and a discussion of what occurs after the referral is made to the court (i.e., manner of handling, care pending disposition, and the disposition of the youth). Also included in the section in the appropriate tables is demographic information about youths referred for traffic violations and child abuse and neglect. The section titled Child Abuse and Neglect primarily treats what happens after a referral is made to the court. For a breakdown of major referrals types and dispositions by county, refer to Appendix B.

#### DELINQUENCY AND STATUS OFFENSES

Under Missouri law, a juvenile to the age of 17 years can be referred to juvenile court for offenses so seriously antisocial as to interfere with the rights of others or to menace the welfare of the youth himself or the community. The violations may be defined in the statutes of the state or in municipal ordinances. The definition of offense includes conduct which is a violation of law only when committed by a child and conduct which is in violation of law when committed by a person of any age. Also included are traffic violations over which the juvenile court has jurisdiction.

The reasons for referral are broadly divided between acts that are offenses only for people of a certain age, status offenses, and acts that are offenses for people of all ages, delinquency offenses. Status offenses include running away, truancy, violation of curfew, ungovernable or incorrigible behavior, and possessing or drinking liquor. Adult or delinquent offenses present a wider spectrum of violations. They include murder and non-negligent manslaughter, manslaughter by negligence, sex offenses, purse snatching, other robbery, assault, burglary, auto theft, larceny, possession of weapons, violation of drug laws, drunkenness, disorderly conduct and vandalism. Of the 34,866 delinquency and status referrals reported in 1981, 14,879 or 42.7 percent were status offenses. Delinquency referrals made up 57.3 percent of the total number of these referrals.

As the standard form used in this report does not identify an individual, there is no way to tabulate the number of youths referred to a court. The focus of analysis is not on the number of children referred to the court, but on the number of reported referrals. Some children are referred more than once during the year. A referral is made each time a juvenize is apprehended for a delinquent act. If the child

commits several delinquent acts at the same time, only one offense is recorded.

A categorical breakdown of types of offenses is presented in Table 2.1. It is used throughout this report as the basis for assigning offenses to referral categories.

Table 2.1 Categorical Breakdowns of Referrals

Misdemeanor Against Persons
Assault
Agravated assault
Crimes against persons - miscellaneous

Felony Against Persons

Homicide

Kidnapping
Statutory rape
Forcible rape
Sodomy
Child molestation
Robbery
Armed robbery
Assault
Aggravated assault
Assault and robbery
Crimes against persons - miscellaneous

Misdemeanor Against Property
Stealing under \$50
Shoplifting
Purse snatching
Auto tampering
Riding in stolen auto
Cashing stolen check
Buying and receiving stolen property
Vandalism
Crimes against property - miscellaneous
Possession of stolen property

Felony Against Property
Arson
Burglary & stealing
Burglary
Stealing over \$50
Purse snatching
Shoplifting
Auto tampering
Stolen vehicle
Vandalism

Driving, using, operating stolen vehicle
Riding in stolen auto
Leaving the scene of motor vehicle accident
Forgery or counterfeiting
Fraudulent use of credit device
Cashing stolen check
Possession of stolen property
Buying and receiving stolen property
Crimes against property - miscellaneous

Misdemeanor - Morals-Decency Crimes
Possession of drugs
Under the influence of drugs
Morals-decency crimes - miscellaneous

Felony - Morals-Decency Crimes Possession of drugs Selling drugs
Under the influence of drugs
Obscenity
Commercial sex offense
Morals-decency crimes - miscellaneous

Misdemeanor — Public Order Crimes
Drunkenness #
Resisting custody
Flourishing dangerous weapon
Public peace disturbance
Traffic violation
Driving while under the influence
Vagrancy
Public order crimes - miscellaneous

Felony - Public Order Crimes
Drunkenness
Interfering with a police officer
Resisting custody
Flourishing dangerous weapon
Carrying concealed weapon
Public peace disturbance
Traffic violation
Driving while under the influence
Vagrancy
Shooting into dwelling
Public order crimes - miscellaneous

Violation of Court Supervision

Status Offenses
Runaway
Incorrigible
Beyond parental control
Truancy
Curfew
Alcohol/liquor possession
Behavior injurious to self or others
Status offenses - other

Abuse and Neglect Abuse All other neglect

TABLE 2.2 Changes in Delinquency/Status and Traffic Referrals 1948-1981

Year	Delinquency/ Status Referrals	Change from Prior Year	Traffic Referrals	Change from Prior Year
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The breakdown between traffic and delinquency referrals was done applying linear interpolation to incomplete state results.

Delinquency and status referrals declined from 36,405 in 1980 to 34,866 in 1981, for a decrease of 4.2 percent. Traffic referrals declined from 11,483 to 1,477, a decrease of 87.1 percent. Of the 1,477 traffic referrals, 83 or 5.6 percent were disposed of officially, 561 or 38.0 percent were disposed of unofficially, and the remaining dispositions were not reported.

Table 2.3 Reason for Referral by Population Area

Reason for	To	tal	S	SMSA	Other		
Referral	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
STATE TOTAL	43,163	100.0	30,670	100.0	12,493	100.0	
Against Persons Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	2,588 823 589 1,176	6.0	1,984 354 486 1,144	6.5	604 469 103 32	4.8	
Against Property Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	12,600 3,774 2,778 6,048	29.2	8,974 1,795 1,257 5,922	29.3	3,626 1,979 1,521 126	29.0	
Morals- Decency Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	1,595 702 103 790	3.7	1,186 362 42 782	3.9	409 340 61 8	3.3	
Public Order Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	1,894 680 197 1,017	4.4	1,390 255 163 972	4.5	504 425 34 45	4.0	
Delinquency/ Miscellaneous	892	2.0	877	2.9	15	0.1	
Violation of Court Supervision	418	1.0	321	1.0	97	0.8	
Status Offenses	14,879	34.5	10,870	35.4	4,009	32.1	
Abuse/Neglect	6,820	15.8	4,061	13.2	2,759	22.1	
Traffic	1,477	3.4	1,007	3.3	470	3.8	

A good overview of Missouri Juvenile Court referrals in 1981 is contained in Table 2.3. It is the most inclusive table in the text of the report. Of the total number of referrals reported, 30,670 or 71.1 percent come from SMSA counties. Other counties provided 12,493 or 28.9 percent of the referrals. The distribution of the categories of offenses is quite similar for both SMSA and other counties. In both types of areas, status offenses and crimes against property, respectively, dominate the delinquency referrals. The most notable urban-rural difference is in child abuse/neglect referrals. These referrals constitute 13.2 percent of all referrals in SMSA counties and 22.1 percent of all referrals in other counties. A higher incidence of offenses against people in SMSA counties also distinguishes the two.

In Table 2.4 referrals are organized by sex. Approximately 83 percent of all reported referrals are included. For both males and females, crimes against property and status offenses dominate among delinquency and status referrals. But several differences overshadow this similarity. Males are somewhat more likely to be referred for crimes against property than they are for status offenses. Females are more than twice as likely to be referred for status offenses then they are for property offenses. Indeed, females are much more likely to be referred to the court for status offenses than for any other reason. While status offenses are prominent among reasons for referral for males, they do not dominate to the extent that they do for females.

Table 2.4 Reason for Referral by Sex\*

Reason for	State	Total	Ma	les	Females	
Referral	Number	Percess	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	35,695	100.0	24,820	100.0	10,875	100.0
Against Persons Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	2,135 822 589 724	6.0	1,725 613 506 606	7.0	410 209 83 118	3.8
Against Property Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	11,090 3,765 2,773 4,552	31.1	9,193 2,989 2,517 3,687	37.0	1,897 776 256 865	17.4
Morals-Decency Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	1,316 702 103 511	3.7	1,034 555 71 408	4.2	282 147 32 103	2.6
Public Order Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	1,690 679 197 814	4.7	1,366 534 167 665	5.5	324 145 30 149	3.0
Delinquency/ Miscellaneous	202	0.6	159	0.6	43	0.4
Status Offenses	12,981	36.3	7,893	31.8	5,088	46.8
Violation of Court Supervision	308	0.9	216	O 0.9	92	0.8
Abuse/Neglect	4,964	13.9	2,409	9.7	2,555	23.5
Traffic	1,009	2.8	825	3.3	184	1.7

<sup>\*</sup> Table includes 82.7 percent of reported status referrals. Clay and Jackson Counties are excluded.

Most interesting is the sex difference in child abuse and neglect referrals. These referrals constitute 23.5 percent of all females referrals, but only 9.7 percent of all male referrals. Child abuse/neglect cases differ from others in that the child is not a perpetrator, but the victim of an offense. The greater incidence of child abuse/neglect referrals for females suggests many questions. For example, is the actual incidence of abuse and neglect higher for females or is the reporting to the court merely higher? Also, does this sex difference apply to both abuse and neglect? Because of the questions suggested by females as either special victim or as receiving different treatment from referring agencies, this sex difference is most intriguing.

Table 2.5 Reason for Referral, by Rank and by Sex

Rank	Males		Females				
	Reason Referred	Percent	Reason Referred	Percent			
1	Status Offenses	31.8	Status Offenses	46.8			
2	Unspecified Against Property	14.9	Abuse/Neglect	23.5			
3	Misdemeanor Against Property	12.0	Unspecified Against Property	8.0			
4	Abuse/Neglect	9.7	Misdemeanor Against Property	7.1.			

Table 2.5 lists the four most frequent types of referrals for males and females. Status offenses, property offenses, and child abuse/neglect are listed for both sexes. Yet the percentages listed show the sex differences that have just been discussed. Status offenses are ranked first for boys as well as for girls because property offenses are not listed as a single category.

Note that in ranking referrals the subcategories for each offense type -- misdemeanor, felony and unspecified -- are listed instead of the more inclusive categories (e.g., crimes against property).

Table 2.6 Status Offenses by Population Area

Type of	State	Total	S	MSA	Other		
Offense	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
TOTAL	14,879	100.0	10,870	100.0	4,009	100.0	
Runaway	3,900	26.2	2,838	26.1	1,062	26.5	
Incorrigible	1,181	7.9	763	7.0	418	10.4	
Beyond Parental Control	1,326	8.9	991	9.1	335	8.4	
Truancy	2,127	14.3	1,229	11.3	898	22.4	
Curfew	3,742	25.2	3,529	32.5	213	5.3	
Alcohol Possession	1,454	9.8	835	7.7	619	15.4	
Behavior Injurious to Self							
and Others	890	6.0	634	5.8	256	6.4	
Other Status	259	1.7	51	0.5	208	5.2	

Tables 2.6 and 2.7 contain more detailed information about status offenses. Table 2.6 summarizes the number of referrals broken down by area, and includes the three largest counties. Referrals for alcohol possession provide one notable urban-rural difference. Alcohol possession constitutes 7.7 percent of the status offenses in SMSA counties and 15.4 percent in other counties. The most significant difference between SMSA and other counties is the proportion of curfew violations reported. Of all SMSA status offenses, 32.5 percent are curfew violations. The corresponding percentage for other counties is 5.3 percent. This difference is due to the high number of curfew violation reported by one large county -- St. Louis County. St. Louis

Table 2.7 Status Offenses by Sex\*

Type of	State	Total	Ma	les	Females		
Offense	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
TOTAL	12,664	100.0	7,681	100.0	4,983	100.0	
Runaway	3,229	25.5	1,366	17.8	1,863	37.4	
Incorrigible	1,095	8.7	696	9.0	399	8.0	
Beyond Parental Control	403	3.2	221	2.9	182	3.6	
Truancy	1,794	14.2	1,068	13.9	726	14.6	
Curfew	3,687	29.1	2,560	33.3	1,127	22.6	
Alcohol Possession	1,308	10.3	1,000	13.0	308	6.2	
Behavior Injurious to Self and Others	889	7.0	611	8.0	278	5.6	
Other Status	259	2.0	159	2.1	100	2.0	

<sup>\*</sup> Table includes 85.1 percent of reported status referrals. Jackson and Clay Counties are not included.

County's referrals account for 85.8 percent of the SMSA curfew referrals. Proportionately, other SMSA counties have many fewer curfew referrals. This is a striking example of the variation in local ordinances and practices with curfews.

In reviewing Table 2.7 the reader should keep in mind that for the counties for which we have data, status offenses make up 62.5 percent of female delinquency referrals. The comparable number for males is 36.6 percent. The specific reasons for referral also reveal sex differences. For females, running away comprises the greatest number of status offenses with 37.4 percent. Curfew violations and truancy are the second and third most frequent, with 22.6 percent and 14.6 percent, respectively. These three kinds of violations account for 74.6 percent of all female status referrals. For males, curfew violations are the

most frequent reason for a status referral, with 33.3 percent. Running away, truancy, and alcohol possession are the second, third and forth most likely reasons for males, accounting for 17.8, 13.9 and 13.0 percent respectively. For males, the three most frequently reported reasons for referral comprise 65.0 percent of all status referrals for males,

Table 2.8 crosstabulates reason for referral by race and sex. Among the largest three counties, only the City of St. Louis is represented in the table. Even with Jackson and St. Louis Counties omitted from the table, at least 86 percent of the non-white youths are from SMSA counties. Of the referrals for non-white youths, at least 90 percent are black. The table displays differences in the likelihood of whites and non-whites being referred to the court for different offenses.

Table 2.8 Reason for Referral by Race and by Sex\*

Reason for Referral	Total	Total Males	White	Non- White	Total Females	White	Non- White
STATE WIDE	21,783	14,849	11,731	3,118	6,934	5,656	1,278
Against Persons Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	819 588 62	611 505 46	466 156 30	145 349 16	208 83 16	154 33 8	54 50 8
Against Property Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	3,747 2,754 444	2,973 2,501 363	2,142 1,964 228	831 537 135	774 253 81	494 205 52	280 48 29
Morals Decency Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	699 103 28	552 71 23	494 60 16	58 11 7	147 32 5	129 29 5	18 3 0
Public Order Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	674 200 136	530 167 98	450 69 69	80 98 29	144 33 38	106 9 26	38 24 12
Violation of Court Supervision	209	144	106	38	65	46	19
Status Offenses	6,536	3,745	3,435	310	2,791	2,590	201
Abuse/ Neglect Traffic	4,124 660	1,986 534	1,538 508	448 26	2,138 126	1,650 120	488 6

<sup>\*</sup> Table includes 50.5 percent of reported referrals. Buchanan, Clay, Jackson, and St. Louis Counties are not included.

While it is sometimes difficult to compare the seriousness of offenses, some distinctions can be drawn. Offenses against people are usually regarded as among the most serious. Status referrals, in which the youth is sometimes regarded as harmful only to himself, can be placed at the other end of a continuum showing the seriousness of offenses. The two ends of the continuum present a good contrast in racial differences.

For white males, status referrals make up 3,435 cr 30,4 percent of all referrals to the Juvenile Court. Only offenses against property with 4,334 referrals or 33.9 percent exceed the number of status referrals for white males. Crimes against people constitute 652 or 5.8 percent of white male referrals. For non-white males, status offenses make up 310 or 10.0 percent of the referrals. Status offenses are the forth most likely reason for referral for non-white males, and they are greatly exceeded by property offenses, 1,503 or 48.2 percent, and crimes against people, 510 or 16.3 percent and child abuse/neglect referrals, 448 or 14.4 percent. At the end of the continuum showing the less severe offenses -- status referrals -- white males have a relatively high proportion of offenses and non-white males have relatively few. At the end showing the more severe offenses -- referrals against heople - white males have proportionately few referrals and non-white have proportionately many.

This contrast of status offenses and offenses against people also applies to females. For white females, status offenses make up 2,590 or 45.8 percent of all referrals and offenses against people constitute 195 or 3.4 percent. For non-white females, status offenses constitute 201 or 15.7 percent of all referrals and offenses against people constitute 112 or 8.8 percent.

Referrals for non-white youths, both male and females, are more likely to be serious than referrals for white youths. The question of whether non-whites engage in more serious violations or whether non-whites, as predominantly urban residents, are

referred for more serious offenses, is beyond the scope of this report.

Table 2.9 Reason for Referral by Age at Time of Referral\*

Reason Referrals	Total	Under 12 Years	12 Years	13 Years	14 Years	15 Years	16 Years	Over 16 Years
STATE TOTAL	21,304	3,937	870	1,451	2,630	4.001	5,015	3,400
Against Persons Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	1,449 723 656 70	18 99 8	49 17 6	82 44 11	111 61 15	156 124 15	156 167 14	151 144 1
Against Property Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	6,852 3,655 2,722 475	453 161 49	233 111 35	294 182 58	509 345 85	644 538 81	907 794 129	615 591 38
Morals-Decency Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	819 687 100 32	3 3 0	6 1 0	42 3 1	78 15 0	148 19 6	217 35 7	193 24 18
Public Order Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	1,021 658 195 168	46 6 4	26 2 4	36 7 10	62 25 21	101 35 53	182 62 66	205 58 10
Status Offenses	6,357	256	174	435	959	1,574	1,811	1,148
Violation of Court Supervision	103	0	1	4	12	31	30	25
Abuse/Neglect	4,042	2,821	194	206	250	242	198	131
Traffic	661	10	11	36	82	234	240	48

<sup>\*</sup> Table includes 49.4 percent of reported referrals. Jackson, St. Louis, Buchanan and Clay Counties are not included.

Tables 2.9 and 2.10 concern the frequency of types of referrals for age at time of referral. Only the City of St. Louis among the three biggest counties is included in the tables.

Table 2.10 Rank Order of Referrals by Age Group (excludes traffic)

Rank	Under 12 Years	12 Years	13 Years	14 Years	15 Years	Over 16 Years	16 Years
1	Abuse/ Neglect	Misde meanor Against Property	Status Offenses	Status Offenses	Status Offenses	Status Offenses	Status Offenses
2	Misde- meanor Against Property	Abuse/ Neglect	Misde- meanor Against Property	Misde- meanor Against Property	Misde- meanor Agains+ Property	Misde- meanor Against Property	Misde meanor Against Property
<b>3</b>	Status Offenses	Status Offenses	Abuse/ Neglect	Felony Against Property	Felony Against Property	Felony Against Property	Felony Against Property
4	Felony Against Property	Felony Against Property	Felony Against Property	Abuse/ Neglect	Abuse/ Neglect	Misde- meanor Morals- Decency	Misde- meanor Public Order

For those referrals for which we have information about age, the total number of referrals increases each year from 12 through 16 years. The largest yearly increase occurs between 13 years and 14 years, an increase of 81.2 percent. The smallest yearly increase occurs between 15 and 16 years, an increase of 25.5 percent.

The rank-ordering of offenses in Table 2.10 shows that three types of referrals dominate all age groups -- abuse and neglect, crimes against property (both misdemeanors and felonies) and status offenses. Among children under 12 abuse and neglect referrals account for 71.6 percent of all referrals. Predictably, abuse and neglect referrals are most prominent for youths under 12 years and become less so for older youths.

The discussion of delinquency referrals so far has concerned the distribution of referrals within population areas, sexes, races and ages. The discussion will now turn to what happens after the referral is made. Care pending disposition, manner of handling (i.e., official and unofficial handling) and the disposition of youth will be considered.

Table 2.11 Care Pending Disposition by Population Area for Delinquency Referrals\*

Gare Pending	Stat	e Total	sms	S A	Other	
Disposition	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	12,346	100.0	3,513	100.0	8,833	100.0
No Overnight Detention	10,092	81.8	2,869	81.7	7,223	81.8
Detention or Shelter Overnight or Longer in:						
Jail or Police Department	187	1.5	15	0.4	172	1.9
Detention Home or Shelter	1,953	15.8	609	17.3	1,344	15.2
Foster Family Other	51 63	0.4 0.5	1 <sup>3</sup>	0.1 0.5	48 46	0.5 0.5

<sup>\*</sup> Table includes 35.4 percent of reported delinquency and status referrals. Jackson County, St. Louis City, and St. Louis County, and Boone, Buchanan, and Clay Counties are not included

Information about what happens after a referral is made is meager. All of the information in Tables 2.11 to 2.16 is taken from the standard form. Jackson County, St. Louis County, and the City of St. Louis are excluded as well as Clay and Boone Counties. Therefore the tables at best represent outstate Missouri.

Table 2.11 shows care pending disposition for delinquency referrals. The type of care used by the courts for juveniles pending disposition depends upon the types of facilities available. Since few referrals for traffic violations are

detained overnight, they are excluded from data concerning type of care.

Of the delinquency referrals for which there is information, 2,254 or 18.3 percent resulted in the detention of the youth. Of those who were detained overnight, youths in rural areas were detained in a jail or police department more often than youths in urban counties. In SMSA counties detained youths were kept in jail or police department 15 or 2.3 percent of the time. In other counties detained youths were kept 172 or 10.7 percent of the time in jails or police departments. Conversely, in SMSA counties detained youths were placed in detention homes or shelters 94.6 percent of the time, while in other counties detained youths were so placed 83.4 percent of the time. While the superiority of resources in urban areas is evident, the gap is not great.

Juvenile court cases may be handled officially or unofficially, or in legal terms, with or without a petition. Those cases for which a petition is filed are placed on the court calendar for adjudication by the juvenile court judge. The unofficial cases are those that have no petition filed and are handled informally by the juvenile officer or some other official of the court. The manner in which referrals are handled varies considerable according to the policies of each court.

Table 2.12 Reason for Referral by Manner of Handling\*

Reason for	Tot	al	Off	icial	Unof:	ficial
Referral	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
STATE TOTAL	16,844	100.0	4,320	100.0	12,524	100.0
Against Persons Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	871 660 149 62	5.2	181 89 71 21	4.2	690 571 78 41	5.5
Against Property Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	5,051 2,634 2,088 329	30.0	1,379 320 958 101	31.9	3,672 2,314 1,130 228	29.3
Morals-Decency Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	673 586 87 0	4.0	115 92 23 0	2.7	558 494 64 0	4.4
Public Order Misdemeanor Felony Unspecified	694 544 53 97	4.1	86 40 25 21	2.0	608 504 28 76	4.9
Status Offenses	5,718	34.0	812	18.8	4,906	39.2
Violation of Court Supervision	105	0.6	48	1.1	57	0.5
Abuse/Neglect	3,088	18.3	1,616	37.4	1,472	11.7
Traffic	644	3.8	83	1.9	561	4.5

<sup>\*</sup> Table includes 39.0 percent of the reported referrals. Jackson County, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Buchanan and Clay Counties are not included.

Manner of handling is discussed in Tables 2.12 and 2.13. Of the referrals for which there is information, 4,320 or 25.6 percent were handled officially and 12,524 or 74.4 percent were handled unofficially. Table 2.13 reveals that abuse and neglect referrals, felonies against property, status offenses, and misdemeanors against property, respectively, rank highest in referrals handled officially. Among referrals handled unofficially,

status offenses, misdemeanors against property, abuse and neglect, and felonies against property, respectively, rank highest.

Because of their prevalence among all types of referrals, the same three reasons for referral dominate both officially and unofficially handled cases. Child abuse and neglect, which often involves very young chilren, makes up a far larger percentage of officially handled cases than any other reason for referral. Status offenses, which may be harmful only to the youth himself, dominate among the cases handled unofficially.

Table 2.13 Rank Order of Offense by Type of Handling

Reason Referred	Official Percent	Reason Referred	Unofficial Percent
Abuse/Neglect	37.4	Status Offenses	39.2
Felony Against Property	22.2	Misdemeanor Against Property	18.5
Status Offenses	18.8	Abuse/Neglect	11.7
Misdemeanor Against Property	7.4	Felony Against Property	9.0
	Abuse/Neglect Felony Against Property Status Offenses Misdemeanor	Reason Referred Percent  Abuse/Neglect 37.4  Felony Against Property 22.2  Status Offenses 18.8  Misdemeanor	Reason Referred Percent Reason Referred  Abuse/Neglect 37.4 Status Offenses  Felony Against Property 22.2 Misdemeanor Against Property  Status Offenses 18.8 Abuse/Neglect  Misdemeanor Felony Against

The next three tables deal with the disposition of youths who have been referred to court. The most striking thing in Tables 2.14 and 2.15 is the similarity in dispositions for SMSA and other counties. Table 2.15 ranks the same three dispositions as occurring most frequently in both types of counties. However, in SMSA counties "dismissed-not proved" occurrs almost as frequently as the forth most likely disposition, "other". In other counties "referred to other agency occurs almost as frequently as the forth most likely disposition, "held open".

Table 2.14 Disposition of Delinquency Referrals by Population Grouping\*

Disposition	State Number	Total Percent	SMSA Number Percent		Other Number Percen	
TOTAL	12,465	100.0	3,538	100.0	8,927	100.0
Certified	40	0.3	6	0.2	34	0.4
Dismissed- not Proven	916	7.3	249	7.0	667	7.5
Dismissed- Warned	4,722	37.9	1,373	38.8	3,349	37.5
Held Open	1,097	8.8	240	6.8	857	9.6
Official Supervision	1,295	10.4	305	8.6	990	11.1
Unofficial Supervision	1,613	12.9	447	12.6	1,166	13.1
Referred to Other Agency	983	7.9	212	6.0	771	8.6
Runaway Returned	782	6.3	270	7.6	512	5.7
Transfer of Custody	435	3.5	158	4.5	277	3.1
Other	582	4.7	278	7.9	304	3.4

Table includes 35.8 percent of reported delinquency and status referrals. Jackson County, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Boone, Buchanan and Clay Counties are not included.

Table 2.15 Disposition of Youth by Population Grouping for Delinquency Referrals

Rank	/ smsa		Ot1	ner
	Disposition	Percent	Disposition	Percent
1	Dismissed Warned	38.8	Dismissed Warned	37.5
2	Unofficial Supervision	12.6	Unofficial Supervision	13.1
3	Official Supervision	8.6	Official Supervision	11.1
4	Other	7.9	Held Open	9.6

Table 2.16 Reason for Referral by Type of Disposition\*

Disposition	Total	Misde- meanor Against Persons	Felony Against Persons	Misde- meanor Against Property	Felony Against Property	Misde- meanor Morals- Decency
TOTAL	16,118 100.0%	662 100.0%	149 100.0%	2,648 100.0%	2,091	587 100.0%
Certified	52 0.3%	0.0%	9 6.0%	3 0.1%	22 1.0%	0.2%
Dismissed Not Proved	1,376	68 10.3%	25 16.8%	275 10.4%	193 9.2%	44 7.5%
Dismissed Warned	5,279 32.8%	318 48.0%	18 12.1%	1,190 44.9%	345 16.5%	170 29.0%
Held Open	1 73 9 7 7 9 7 7 8	92 13.9%	10 6.7%	240 9.1%	139 6.6%	58 9.9%
Official Supervision	1,375 8.5%	41 6.2%	26 17.5%	225 8.5%	566 27.1%	62 10.5%
Unofficial Supervision	1,699 10.5%	66 10.0%	17 11.4%	416 15.7%	345 16.5%	147 25.0%
Referred to Other Agency	1,913 11.9%	23 3.5%	21 14.1%	117 4.4%	229 11.0%	47 8.0%
Runaway Returned	784 4.9%	0.6%	0.0%	8 0.3%	14 0.7%	0.0%
Transfer of Legal Custodÿ	1,297 8.1%	16 2.4%	16 10.7%	45 1.7%	149 7.1%	7 1.2%
Other Action	870 5.4%	34 5.1%	4.7%	129 4.9%	89 4.3%	51 8.7%

<sup>\*</sup> Table includes 37.3 percent of reported referrals. Jackson, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Boone, Buchanan and Clay Counties are not included.

Table 2.16 displays the reason for referral by the type of disposition. While 32.8 percent of all referrals were warned and dismissed, only 0.3 percent were certified to stand trial as adult. Predictably, there is variation of dispositions among reason for referral. For example, 57.9 percent of abuse and neglect referrals are either referred to another agency or involve

Table 2.16 Reason for Referral by Type of Disposition\*

Disposition	Felony Morals- Decency	meanor Public	Public	Viola- tion of Court Super- vision	Status Offenses	Abuse and Neglect	Traffic
TOTAL	87 100.0%	544 100.0%	53 100.0%	105 100.0%	5,539 100.0%	3,030 100.0%	623 100.0%
Certified	1 1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	8 1.3%
Dismissed Not Proved	9 10.4%	46 8.4%	3.8%	0.0%	254 4.6%	444 14.6%	16 2.6%
Dismissed Warned	29 33.3%	322 59.2%	12 22.6%	17 16.2%	2,301 41.5%	183 6.0%	374 60.0%
Held Open	13.8%				479 8.7%		
Official Supervision	11 12.6%	15 2.8%	14 26.4%	23 21.9%	312 5.6%	53 1.8%	27 4.3%
Unofficial Supervision	10 11.5%	54 9.9%	5 9.4%	6 5.7%	547 9.9%	29 1.0%	57 9.2%
Referred to Other Agency	5 5.8%	30 5.5%	6 11.3%	16 15.3%	489 8.8%	897 29.6%	33 5.3%
Runaway Returned	3 3.4%	0.4%	0.0%	1.9%	749 13.5%	0.1%	0.0%
Transfer of Legal Custody	3 3.4%	7 1.3%	6 11.3%	17 16.2%	169 3.1%	858 28.3%	ц 0.6%
Other Action	4 4.6%	15 2.8%	4 7.6%	14 13.3%	235 4.2%	255 8.4%	33 5.3%

a transfer of legal custody. Only 6.0 percent are warned and dismissed. By contrast, the most frequent disposition for delinquency misdemeanors is dismissed and warned. Official supervision is the most frequent disposition for felonies against property and people. Thus dispositions clearly reflect the type of referral.

#### CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Children are referred to the court for abuse or neglect when they are abandoned or abused, when they do not receive adequate care and support, or when they are subjected to conditions injurious to their morals. Abuse can be physical, sexual, or emotional. Neglect can be physical or emotional. After receiving abuse or neglect reports about children, the juvenile court either conducts a study of the situation or refers the case to a social agency for consideration.

The Division of Family Services maintains a statewide telephone reporting system for child abuse and neglect in Missouri.

Any person can report suspected child abuse and neglect; persons
in many occupations are required by law to report suspected child
abuse and neglect. During 1981, the statewide reporting line
received 32,559 reports over half of which were substantiated.

Only a small minority of these reports become referrals to the
court.

In delinquency cases, one child in a family is usually referred. In contrast, all of the children in a family are often referred in neglect, and to a lesser extent, in abuse cases. In describing abuse and neglect referrals, each child is considered a separate referral, although several children from the same family may be called to the attention of the court by a single complaint. As with delinquency, some children may be referred more than once for abuse or neglect during a year.

In 1981, Missouri courts reported 6,820 referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of these referrals, 4,061 or 59.5 percent were from SMSA counties and 2,759 or 40.5 percent were from other counties.

As shown in Table 3.1 referrals for neglect occur much more an than referrals for abuse. The breakdown of abuse and ne-

glect referrals for both SMSA and other counties is nearly identical.

Table 3.1 Abuse and Neglect Referrals by Population Area\*

Reason for	State	State Total		ISA	Other	
Referral	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	6,276	100.0	3,720	100.0	2,556	100.0
Abuse	1,744	27.8	1,036	27.8	708	27.7
Neglect	4,532	72.2	2,684	72.2	1,848	72.3

Table includes 92.0 percent of reported abuse and neglect referrals. Boone and Buchanan Counties are not included.

Whereas delinquency referrals usually come from law enforcement agencies, child abuse and neglect referrals come from diverse sources. In both SMSA and other counties, social agencies are the most frequent source of child abuse and neglect referrals. While law enforcement agencies are the only other major source of these referrals for SMSA counties, in the other counties parents and other relatives, as well as law enforcement agencies, are significant in bringing these cases to the court's attention. The greater participation of parents and other relatives in the rural areas is one of the greatest urban rural differences revealed in the data.

Table 3.2 shows the sources of child abuse and neglect referrals to the courts.

Table 3.2 Source of Abuse and Neglect Referrals\*

Source of	Tot	Total SMSA Other						
Referral	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
TOTAL	 3,063	100.0	533	100.0	2,530	100.0		
Social Agency	1,939	63.3	374	70.2	1,565	61.8		
Law Enforce- ment	418	13.6	77	14.4	341	13.5		
Parent, Relative	352	11.5	36	6.7	316	12.5		
Other Court	o <b>24</b>	0.8	4	0.8	20	0.8		
School	121	4.0	3	0.6	118	4.7		
Probation Official	13	<b>≈ 0.4</b>	0	0.0	13	0.5		
Other	196	6.4	39	7.3	157	6.2		

<sup>\*</sup> Table includes 44.9 percent of the abuse and neglect referrals. Jackson, St. Louis City, St. Louis County and Buchanan and Clay Counties are not included.

Some child abuse and neglect referrals are urgent enough to require care outside of the home prior to the time of court disposition. Care pending disposition is shown in Table 3.3. Statewide, 69.7 percent of the referrals received no overnight placement and 30.3 did receive overnight placement. The care received pending disposition is very similar for both SMSA and other counties.

Table 3.3 Care Pending Disposition by Population Area Abuse and Neglect\*

Care Pending	Total		sms	S A	Other	
Dispostion	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TOTAL	3,007	100.0	469	100.0	2,538	100.0
No Overnight Detention	2,095	69.7	322	68.7	1,773	69.9
Detention Overnight or Longer in:						
Jail or Police Department	4	0.1	1	0.2	3	0.1
Detention Home or Shelter	148	4.9	24	5.1	124	4.9
Foster Family	679	22.6	110	23.5	569	22.4
Other	81	2.7	12	2.5	69	2.7

<sup>\*</sup> Table includes 44.1 percent of the reported child abuse and neglect referrals. Jackson County, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Boone, Buchanan and Clay Counties are not included.

The type of disposition for abuse and neglect referrals is based on the court's decision, after a detailed study of what will best meet the needs of the child or children. Table 3.4 summarizes the dispositions of youths for child abuse and neglect referrals. "Referred to other agencies" and "transfer of legal custody" are the two most frequent dispositions for both SMSA and other counties. In SMSA counties, transfer of legal custody occurred with 66.5 percent of the reported referrals. In other counties, referred to others for service occureed in 32.2 percent of reported referrals and transfer of legal custody occureed with 21.2 percent of the referrals. Referrals to social agencies indicate the court has requested service be given to improve the conditions causing the situation. When legal custody is changed, it may be transferred to a public or private agency, an institution, or another individual. While some of these children may be

removed from their own homes, some remain in their homes under supervision. Many of the children removed from their homes are placed in foster homes.

Table 3.4 Type of Disposition by Population Area Abuse and Neglect\*

Disposition	Tot	al	sm	ISA	Oth	er
# Q	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
STATE TOTAL	3,030	100.0	477	100.0	2,553	100.0
Dismissed- Not Proven	444	14.7	18	3.8	426	16.7
Dismissed- Warned	183	6.0	6	1.2	177	6.9
Held Open	305	10.1	2	0.4	303	11.9
Official Supervision	53	1.7	1	0.2	52	2.0
Unofficial Supervision	29	1.0	9	1.9	20	0.8
Referred to Other Individual Agency, or						<b>V.0</b>
Service	897	29.6	75	15.7	822	32.2
Runaway Returned	2	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1
Transfer of Legal Custody	858	28.3	317	66.5	541	
Other Action	259	8.5	49	10.3	210	21.2 8.2

Table includes 44.4 percent of the report child abuse and neglect referrals. Jackson County, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Boone, Buchanan and Clay are not included.

#### APPENDIX A

### MISSOURI STATEWIDE JUVENILE INFORMATION SYSTEM

Please fill out one of these forms for each juvenile court referral other than adoptions. The form should be completed at the time of disposition and forwarded to Research and Statistics, Planning and Budget, Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 1527, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Should you have any questions regarding any aspect of the form, please call 314—751-3060.

County Circuit #
Youth's Name/or Code Sex: 1 Male 2 Female
Address 3 Spanish Surname 4 Other
CityStateZip
List reasons for referral in order of importance, see back of form for codes to use in this section)
Reason(s) for Referral Code (1) Referral Code 2) (2) (3) (3) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4) (4
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Referral Source: 1 Law Enforcement Agency 2 School 3 Social Agency 4 Probation Official 5 Parent or Relative 6 Other Court 7 Other (Specify)
Care Pending Disposition:  1 No Detention Overnight 2 Detention or Shelter Overnight or Longer 3 Jall or PD  Days in Detention or Shelter Prior to Disposition  (Specify)
Manner of Handling: 1 With Petition 2 Without Petition Hearing Official: 1) Judge 2 Commissioner 3 Hearing Officer 4 Not Applicable
isposition of Youth: 1 Certified 2 Dismissed: Not Proven of Not Involved 3 Dismissed: Warned, adjusted, counseled 4 Held Open w/o Further Action 5 Official Supervision 6 Unofficial Supervision by Juv. Officer 7 Referred to Another Agency, Individual or Service for Supervision Name of Agency.  9 Other (Specify) 10 Transfer of Legal Custody
SOCIAL HISTORY INFORMATION: (Optional)
Iving Arrangement of Child at Time of Referral in Own Home:  1. With Both Parents 2 With Mother and Stepfather 3 With Father and Stepmother 4 With Mother Only 5 With Father Only  Iving Arrangement of Child at Time of Referral in Another Setting:
1 Home of Relative 2 Foster Family Home 3 Institution 4 Independent Living Arrangement 5 Other (Specify)
1 Parents Married and Living Together 2 Both Parents Deceased 3 Divorced or Legally Separated 4 Parents Not Married and Living Together 5 Father Deceased 6 Father Deserted Family 7 Parents Not Married and Not Living Together 8 Mother Deceased 9 Mother Deserted Family 10 Other (Specify)
amily Income: 1) Under \$5,000 2) \$5,000 to \$10,000 3) \$10,000 to \$15,000 Public Assistance: 1 Receiving Public Assistance 2 Not Receiving Public Assistance 3 Unknown
Community of Residence: 1) Less than 2,500 2) 2,500 to 10,000 3) 10,000 to 25,000 4) 25,000 to 50,000 5) 50,000 to 100,000 6) 100,000 to 250,000 7) Over 250,000 8) Unknown
ast Grade in School Completed: 00 01 02 03 04 05 08 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 (15 Unknown)
ocational Training: 1 Youth Was Enrolled in Area Vocational or Technical Training School at Time of Referral 2 Youth Was Not Enrolled 3 Unknown
Employment at Time of Referral: 1 Unemployed 2 Employed Full Time and in School 3 Employed Part Time and in School 4 Employed Full Time and Out of School 5 Cincibyed Part Time and Out of School 6 Unemployed and Out of School 7 V Zown

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These codes are to be used in the Double Lined Section under identifying information titled "Reason(s) for Referral" and "Disposition of Offense by reason of Referral" on the front of this form. The appropriate code for the most important referral should be entered in the designated top Section of the first box and the appropriate disposition code for that referral should be entered in the designated bottom Section of the first box. Additional referral reasons may be designated, if applicable, in the subsequent boxes 2 and 3 in the order of their importance to the court.

Reaso	n(s) for	referral codes	
1. CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS		2. CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	3,
Homicide	11000	Arson	12000
Kidnapping	11100	Burglary and Stealing	12050
Statutory Rape	11200	Burglary	12100
Forceable Rape	11250	Stealing Under \$50-Misdemeanor	02150
Sodomy	11300	Stealing Over \$50-Felony	12150
Child Molestation	11350	Shoplifting-Misdemeanor	02200
Robbery	11400	Shoplifting-Felony	12200
Armed Robbery	11500	Purse Snatching-Misdemeanor	02250
Assault-Misdemeanor	01600	Purse Snatching-Felony	12250
Assault-Felony	11600	Auto Tampering-Misdemeanor	02300
Aggravated Assault-Misdemeanor	01700	Auto Tampering-Felony	12300
Aggravated Assault-Felony	11700	Stolen Auto/Vehicle	12350
Assault and Robbery	11800	Driving, Using, Operating Stolen Auto	12400
Crimes Against Persons-MiscMisd.	01900	Riding in Stolen Auto-Misdemeanor	02450
Crimes Against Persons-MiscFelony	11900	Riding in Stolen Auto-Felony	12450
Clines Against Fersons-MiscFelony	11300	Leaving Scene of Motor Vehicle Accident	12500
3. MORALS-DECENCY CRIMES		Forgery or Counterfeiting	12550
		Fraudulent Use of Credit Device	12600
Possession of Drugs-Misdemeanor	03000	Cashing Stolen Check-Misdemeanor	02650
Possession of Drugs-Felony	13000	Cashing Stolen Check-Felony	12650
Selling Drugs	13100		02700
Under the Influence of Drugs-Misd.	03200	Possession of Stolen Property-Misdemeanor	12700
Under the Influence of Drugs-Felony	13200	Possession of Stolen Property-Felony	
Obscenity	13300	Buying and Receiving Stolen Property-Misd.	02750
Commercial Sex Offense	13400	Buying and Receiving Stolen Property-Fel.	12750
Morals-Decency Crimes-MiscMisdemeanor	03900	Vandalism-Misdemeanor	02800
Morals-Decency Crimes-MiscFelony	13900	Vandalism-Felony	12800
		Crimes Against Property-MiscMisdemeanor	02900
4. PUBLIC ORDER CRIMES		Crimes Against Property-MiscFelony	12900
Drunkeness-Misdemeanor	04000		
Drunkeness-Felony	14000	5. VIOLATION OF COURT SUPERVISION	25000
Interfering With Police Officer	14050		
Resisting Custody-Misdemeanor	04100	6. STATUS OFFENSES	
Resisting Custody-Felony	14100	Runaway	36000
Flourishing Dangerous Weapon-Misd.	04150	Incorrigible	36100
Flourishing Dangerous Weapon-Felony	14150	Beyond Parental Control	36200
Carrying Concealed Weapon	14200	Truancy	36300
Public Peace Disturbance-Misdemeanor	04250	Curfew	36400
Public Peace Disturbance-Felony	14250	Alcohol/Liquor Possession	36500
Traffic Violation-Misdemeanor	04300	Behavior Injurious to Self or Others	36600
Traffic Violation-Felony	14300	Status Offenses-other	36900
Driving While Under the Influence-Misd.	04350		
Driving While Under the Influence-Felony	14350	7. ABUSE AND NEGLECT	
Vagrancy-Misdemeanor	04400	Abuse	41000
Vagrancy-Felony	14400	All Other Neglect	41000
Shooting into Dwelling	14500	VII Other Madient	42000
Public Order Crimes-MiscMisdemeanor	04900		
Public Order Crimes-MiscFelony	14900		
Conc Order Orintes Tallab. Trailing	14800		

Disposition of Offense by reason of Referral codes (Not applicable for Abuse and Neglect Cases)

1. Guilty

4. Nolle Pross.

2. Not Guilty

5 Certified to Criminal Court

3. Dismissed

6 Informal disposition - Intake

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, AND ABUSE/NELECT, BY COUNTY, 1981

		JUVENILE DELINQUENCY COURT DISPOSITIONS										
COUNTY	TOTAL RE- PORTED JUVE- NILE COURT CASES	TOTAL RE- PORTED DELIH- QUENCY REFER- RALS	CERTI- FIED	DIS- MISSED NOT PROVEN	DIS- MISSED WARNED	HELD OPEN	OFFI- CIAL SUPER- VISION	UNOF- FICIAL SUPER-	REFER- RED TO ANOTHER AGENCY, INDIVI- DUAL OR SERVICE	RUN- AWAY RE- TRUNED	TRANS- FER OF LEGAL CUSTODY	OTHER
STATE TOTAL	43,163	34,866										
ADAIR ANDREW ATCHISON AUDRAIN BARRY BARTON BATES BENTON BOLLINGER BOOKE	134 7 68 161 153 17 301 11 825	122 7 56 131 101 12 220 H/A 8 739	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 N/A N/A	3 0 1 6 4 0 16 N/A 0 N/A	44 1 2 52 33 1 132 N/A 1 N/A	21 0 18 34 11 0 0 N/A 3	2 4 6 15 10 12 N/A 0	18 4 14 28 17 0 30 N/A 1 N/A	13 0 11 2 2 0 11 N/A 0 N/A	16 0 4 1 7 0 8 N/A 2 N/A	20 00 61 5 15 15 17 17	3 0 2 2 2 6 0 6 N/A 1 N/A
BUCHANAN BUTLER CALDWELL CALLAWAY CAMDEN CAPE GIRARDEAU CARROLL CARTER CASS CEDAR	1,086 102 46 200 178 303 109 N/A 73	921 42 7 126 150 285 97 N/A 65	N/A 0 N/A 0 1 0 N/A 0 0	N/A 2 1 N/A 7 45 1 N/A 3 0	N/A 1 3 N/A 70 162 50 N/A 19	N/A 0 N/A 1 13 6 N/A 8	N/A 15 2 N/A 6 10 8 N/A 7	N/A 8 0 N/A 12 12 12 6 N/A 24 0	N/A 8 0 N/A 46 24 17 N/A 1 0	H/A 0 0 H/A 2 7 N/A 0 0	N/A 0 0 N/A 2 8 0 N/A 3 3	N/A 7 1 N/A 3 0 N/A 0
CHARITON CHRISTIAN CLARK CLAY CLINTON COLE COOPER CRAUFORD DADE DALLAS	142 118 179 1,411 88 430 126 112 4	114 85 138 1,135 63 349 95 80 2	0 0 1 N/A 0 0 3 0 0 N/A	9 3 11 N/A 1 55 13 3 0 N/A	47 33 50 N/A 6 118 35 36 0 N/A	8 3 4 N/A 25 10 2 4 0 N/A	8 6 7 N/A 3 73 5 27 0 N/A	1 24 23 N/A 5 5 1 0 N/A	11 2 26 N/A 8 34 13 6 0 N/A	7 3 11 N/A 3 38 6 3 0 N/A	12 9 1 N/A 0 4 0 0 2 N/A	11 2 10 N/A 12 12 13 0 0
DAVIESS DEKALB DENT DOUGLAS DUNKLIN FRANKLIN GASCONADE GENTRY GREENE GRUNDY	64 25 53 70 259 320 193 808 45	12 7 45 54 241 306 27 564	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 1 0 1 7 0 2 18	0 2 5 24 33 123 9 1 243	0 0 3 86 19 2 5 7	2 0 0 6 32 40 47 26 7	8 33 15 62 22 19 66 4	1 6 3 20 20 20 5 57 0	1 0 1 3 2 19 0 1 104 0	0 1 9 0 5 3 0 1 27 3	0 0 0 0 49 0 1 15
HARRISON HENRY HICKORY HOLT HOWARD HOWELL JACKSON JASPER	34 419 N/A 31 46 N/A 42 5,718 801	24 346 N/A 22 39 N/A 23 3,900 472	0 H/A 0 1 H/A 0 H/A	1 46 N/A 1 4 N/A 1 N/A 32	0 122 N/A 0 16 N/A 6 N/A 208	0 0 N/A 6 2 N/A 3 N/A 9	2 15 N/A 0 1 N/A 1 H/A 122	3 56 N/A 6 4 N/A 9 N/A 25	2 22 N/A 8 10 N/A 2 N/A 25	6 36 N/A 1 0 N/A 0 N/A 21	3 2 N/A 0 1 N/A N/A 5	7 47 N/A 0 0 N/A 0 N/A 14
JEFFERSON JOHNSON *NOX LACLEDE LACLEDE LAFAYETTE LAWRENCE LEWIS LINCOLM LINN LIVINGSTON	1,350 15 16 172 274 138 52 84 154 228	1,094 13 9 142 211 107 44 72 120 67	1 0 0 0 1 5 0 0	92 7 0 11 15 3 1 4	366 35 68 57 422 233 56 31	82 1 11 29 4 5 8 6 1	121 0 1 3 34 36 36 3 2 26 16	168 20 26 12 25 11 1	34 0 1 11 25 3 10 17	6 4 0 0 10 24 4 4 0 6	21 0 0 1 2 5 0 1 0 5	145 0 1 12 3 1 3 9

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, AND ABUSE/NELECT, BY COUNTY, 1981

				ABUSE	AND NEC	SLECT DISPOSI	TION			
COUNTY	TOTAL	DIS- MISSED NOT PROVEN	DIS- MISSED WARNED	HELD OPEN	OFFI- CIAL SUPER- VISION	UNOF- FICIAL SUPER- VISION	REFER- RED TO ANOTHER AGENCY INDIVI- DUAL OR SERVICE	TRANS- FER OF LEGAL CUSTODY	OTHER	TRAFFIC VIOLA- TIONS
STATE TOTAL	6,820	<del>,</del>				ي الم				1,477
ADAIR ANDREW ATCHISON AUDRAIN BARRY BARRTON BATES BENTON BOLLINGER BOOHE	11 0 9 25 39 5 76 N/A 2 65	0 0 1 9 9 2 10 N/A 0 N/A	2 0 0 1 7 0 6 N/A 0 N/A	1 0 0 12 0 0 H/A 0 N/A	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 N/A 0 N/A	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 N/A	1 0 8 9 5 0 27 N/A N/A	5 0 0 5 1 3 5 N N N N	2 0 0 0 5 0 8 A O N / A	1 0 3 5 13 0 5 N/A 21
BUCHANAN BUTLER CALDWELL CALLAWAY CAMDEN CAPE GIRARDEAU CARROLL CARTER CASS CEDAR	136 60 39 65 23 10 11 N/A 5	N/A 10 12 N/A 3 0 0 N/A 0 0	N/A 0 5 N/A 1 0 N/A	N/A 3 17 N/A 2 0 7 N/A 0 0	N/A 0 N/A N/A 0 0 0 0	0 N/A N/A 0 0 0 N/A 3	N/A 0 4 N/A 14 3 1 N/A 1	H/A 2 1 N/A 3 3 3 N/A 10	N/A 45 N/A 0 2 0 N/A 0	29 0 9 5 8 1 N/A 30
CHARITON CHRISTIAN CLARK CLAY CLINTON COLE COOPER CRAWFORD DADE DALLAS	27 29 37 199 20 25 31 H/A	3 N/A 0 11 5 1	1 1 N/A 0 9 0 9 0 N/A	2 0 9 N/A 1 1 4 1 N/A		0 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0 0 17 N/A 9 22 10 14 0 N/A	9 28 5 N/A 7 0 4 1 1 N/A	4 0 0 0 4 0 4 5 0 0 0 0	1 4 77 55 6 1 0 N/A
DAVIESS DEKALB DENT DOUGLAS DUNKLIN FRANKLIN GASCONADE GENTRY GREENE GRUNDY	52 16 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	7 0 0 N/A N/A 0 N/A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	A \ N 0 0		H/ H/	0 0	N/A 0 N/A 5 12	116 5	2	3
HARRISON HENRY HICKORY HOLT HOWARD HOWELL IROW JACKSON JASPER	6: N/	A N/A 4 0 3 1 A N/A 5 0 4 N/A	0 N/A 0 N/A N/A	N/A 0 N/A 1 N/A	N/ N/	0 0 0 0 A N// 0 0	40 N/A N/A N/A	9 N/A 0 1 N/A 6 8	5 N/A 0 0 N/A 1 1	11 N/A 5 4 N/A 4 384
JEFFERSON JOHNSON KNOX LACLEDE LAFAYETTE LAURENCE LEWIS LINCOLN LINN LIVINGSTON	22 2 5 2	4 14 7 1 1 2 4 6 1	1 0 3 4 5	) 1 2 3 0 0	) 2 0 9 3 0 0	0 0 0 2 0 0 0	0 1 0 1 2 3	1 2 4 1 1 7	) 1 2 2 9 1 0	) 1

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COUNTY		TOTAL RE- PORTED JUVE- NILE COURT CASES	TOTAL RE- PORTED DELIN- QUENCY REFER- RALS	CERTI- FIED	DIS- MISSED NOT PROVEN	DIS- MISSED WARNED	HELD OPEN	OFFI- CIAL SUPER- VISION	UNOF- FICIAL SUPER-	REFER- RED TO ANOTHER AGENCY, INDIVI- DUAL OR SERVICE	RUN- AWAY RE- TRUNED	TRANS- FER OF LEGAL CUSTODY	OTHER
MCDONALD MACON MADISON MARIES MARION MERCER MILLER MISSISSIPPI MONITEAU MONROE		37 69 155 563 563 227 175 66	33 62 98 26 465 1 197 139 64	N/A 0 0 0 2 0 1 0	N/A 3 11 0 12 0 7 13 6	N/A 19 34 7 105 99 59 36 6	N/A 7 11 0 96 0 5 39 2	N/A 21 15 1 57 0 3 4 1 5	N/A 4 0 17 128 0 22 18 8 21	N/A 6 15 1 43 0 40 3 3	N/A 1 2 0 17 0 11 3 7	N/A 1 1 0 2 1 8 0	N/A 0 9 0 3 0 1 0
MONTGOMERY MORGAH NEN MADRID NEWTON NODAWAY OREGON OSAGE OZARK PEMISCOT PERRY		129 54 N/A 102 102 N/A 35 174 184	116 46 N/A 92 84 N/A 7 24 170	0 0 N/A N/A 0 N/A 0 0	16 4 N/A N/A 1 N/A 0 1 7 25	15 22 N/A N/A N/A 14 12 136 55	23 3 N/A N/A 13 N/A 0 2 0	3 1 N/A N/A 9 N/A 1 1 8 15	29 6 N/A N/A 29 N/A 0 6 5	10 5 N/A N/A 11 N/A 0 1 2 5	0 5 N/A N/A 11 N/A 0 0	18 0 N/A N/A 1 N/A 1 0 6 5	2 N/A N/A 3 N/A 1 0 5
PETTIS PHELPS PIKE PLATTE POLK PULASKI PUTNAM RALLS RANDOLPH RAY		238 244 74 384 N/A 426 13 69 281 188	220 192 57 312 N/A 293 6 40 242 170	0 2 0 0 N/A 1 0 0	2 4 3 16 N/A 14 0 0 8 4	97 54 27 20 N/A 93 2 8 121 70	80 3 2 81 H/A 21 0 8 20	9 12 5 7 N/A 15 1 3 24 14	4 39 11 46 N/A 50 1 7 28	4 22 48 N/A 28 1 14 11 23	18 28 4 51 N/A 35 0 7 21	2 23 3 24 N/A 24 0 0 19 2	4 5 0 19 N/A 12 1 0 4
REYNOLDS RIPLEY ST. CHARLES ST. CLAIR ST. FRANCOI STE. GENEVI ST. LOUIS C ST. LOUIS C SALINE SCHUYLER SCOTLAND	S EVE ITY/	17 213 1,052 188 787 220 4,923 12,407 193 25	5 78 969 123 513 181 3,858 11,477 162 16 52	0 N/A 0 0 0 N/A N/A 0	1 N/A 106 28 70 25 N/A N/A 0	0 N/A 498 55 156 7/A N/A 143 6	1 N/A 21 0 30 3 N/A N/A 1 2	2 N/A 82 6 116 46 N/A N/A 0 2 3	N/A 87 11 31 8 N/A N/A 2 1	0 N/A 23 80 3 N/A N/A 2 0 5	0 N/A 8 8 29 N/A N/A 9 3	0 N/A 69 22 27 1 N/A N/A 0 1	0 N/A 71 5 14 10 N/A N/A 1
SCOTT SHANNON SHELBY STODDARD STONE SULLIVAN TAKEY TEXAS VERNON WARREN		172 N/A 38 190 440 96 190 44	145 H/A 31 147 30 28 64 156 24	0 N/A 0 2 0 0 1 0	19 N/A 0 6 2 0 1 6 3	81 N/A 13 10 8 14 19 54 0	16 N/A 58 4 1 3 0 5	0 N/A 1 21 4 2 8 10 6	6 N/A 6 29 8 0 22 46 0 31	11 N/A 2 10 2 8 4 27 0	11 N/A 0 7 1 25 8	1 N/A 0 4 0 0 1 1 14 8	0 N/A 4 0 1 1 0
WASHINGTON WAYNE WEBSTER WORTH WRIGHT		195 47 N/A 18 96	122 23 N/A 15 62	0 N/A 0 0	24 4 N/A 0 1	43 5 N/A 0 29	8 4 N/A 4 3	14 0 N/A 0 5	12 2 N/A 9 10	7 7 N/A 1 5	4 1 N/A 0 1	1 0 N/A 1 5	9 0 N/A 0 3

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COUNTY	TOTAL	DIS- MISSED NOT PROVEN	DIS- MISSED WARNED	HELD OPEN	OFFI- CIAL	UNOF- FICIAL	REFER- RED TO ANOTHER AGENCY	LEGAL	OTHER	TRAFFIC VIOLA- TIONS
ACDONALD  ACON ACISON ARIES AARION  MERCER MILLER MISSISSIPPI MONITEAU MONITEAU	3 3 56 16 83 2 16 23 6	N/A 0 35 0 1 0 1 2 0	N/A 0 0 0 1 0 6 1	N/A 0 8 0 25 1 0 4	A \ A	N/A 0 0 0 5 0 2 0	N/A 0 1 12 16 0 9 14 3	N/A 3 9 4 32 1 0 0 1 15	N/A 0 3 0 0 0 0	1 1 3 15 2 14 13 7 5
MONTGOMERY MORGAN NEW MADRID NEWTON NODAWAY OREGON OSAGE OZARK PENISCOT PERRY	8 7 N/A 5 10 N/A 1 10 N/A 41	1 N/A N/A 0 N/A 0 N/A 0	0 1 N/A N/A 2 'N/A 0 N/A	3 1 N/A N/A 1 N/A 0 N/A	0 N/A N/A 0 N/A 1 0 N/A	0 0 N/A 0 N/A 0 0 0 0 0	1 2 N/A N/A 7 N/A 0 0 N/A 27	3 0 N/A N/A 0 N/A 10 N/A 12	0 0 N/A N/A N/A 0 N/A 2	5 1 N/A 5 8 N/A 0 1 4 5
PETTIS PHELPS PHELPS PIKE POLK PULASKI PUTNAM RALLS RANDOLPH RAY	14 33 13 53 N/A 124 7 25 26 3	0 32 22 N/A 10 1	0 0 0 0 N/A 8 0 0	0 0 0 1 N/A 7 0 3 2	0 0 0 1 N/A 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 N/A 0 0	0 15 2 36 N/A 59 0 9	14 14 9 11 N/A 34 6 11 15	0 1 0 1 N/A 6 0 1	19 19 19 N/A 9 0 4 13
REYNOLDS RIPLEY ST. CHARLES ST. CLAIR ST. FRANCOIS STE. GENEVIEVE ST. LOUIS CITY ST. LOUIS CO. SALINE SCHUYLER SCOTLAND	10 130 24 62 257 626 1,047 626 23		0 N/A 27 8 1 0 0 11	. 0	0 N/A 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0	1 N/A 20 345 6 0 0 5 5	9 N/A 1 3 16 20 0 0 0 4 1	0 H/A 0 3 1 4 0 0 3 0 0	25 59 37 18 304 8 0
SCOTT SHANNON SHELBY STODDARD STONE SULLIVAN TANEY TEXAS VERNON WARREN	19 N/A 27 10 12 31 29	4 N/A 0 0 0 0 3 0	0 0 0 1 1	0 7 0 0 1		N/A 0 1 0 0 0 0 0	0 22 0	29 0 17 0	N/A 0 5 6 0 0 0 1	4
WASHINGTON WAYNE WEBSTER WORTH WRIGHT	72 18 N// 1	A N/A	N/ N/	L (	NZ	0 0 0 0 A N/A 0 0	5 N/A	10 N/A	N/A	6 N/A 3

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