



**Putting the
Pieces
together:
A Juvenile
Justice
Perspective**

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Tarrant County Juvenile Services

Our Mission: To operate a justice organization that supports victim rights and community safety while fostering productive, responsible behavior for youth and families.

Our Vision: A safe and healthy quality of life for our communities.



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Our Core Values:

Application of Restorative Justice:

We provide fair and responsive treatment for victims of juvenile crime in a manner that affirms victims experience while addressing offender rehabilitation;



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Service to the Court: We serve the Court and execute its orders in a partnership involving the youth, family, probation officer, and community;

Partnerships: We partner with families, communities, and organizations to seek solutions to juvenile crime;



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Individual Strength-based Approach: We implement probation strategies which...

- support a youth's successful functioning in the community as well as personal accountability for injury caused;
- assist youth to recognize their value and identify personal strengths through interventions which build assets and increase capabilities; and
- help families support their children in overcoming barriers to growth and responsible behavior.



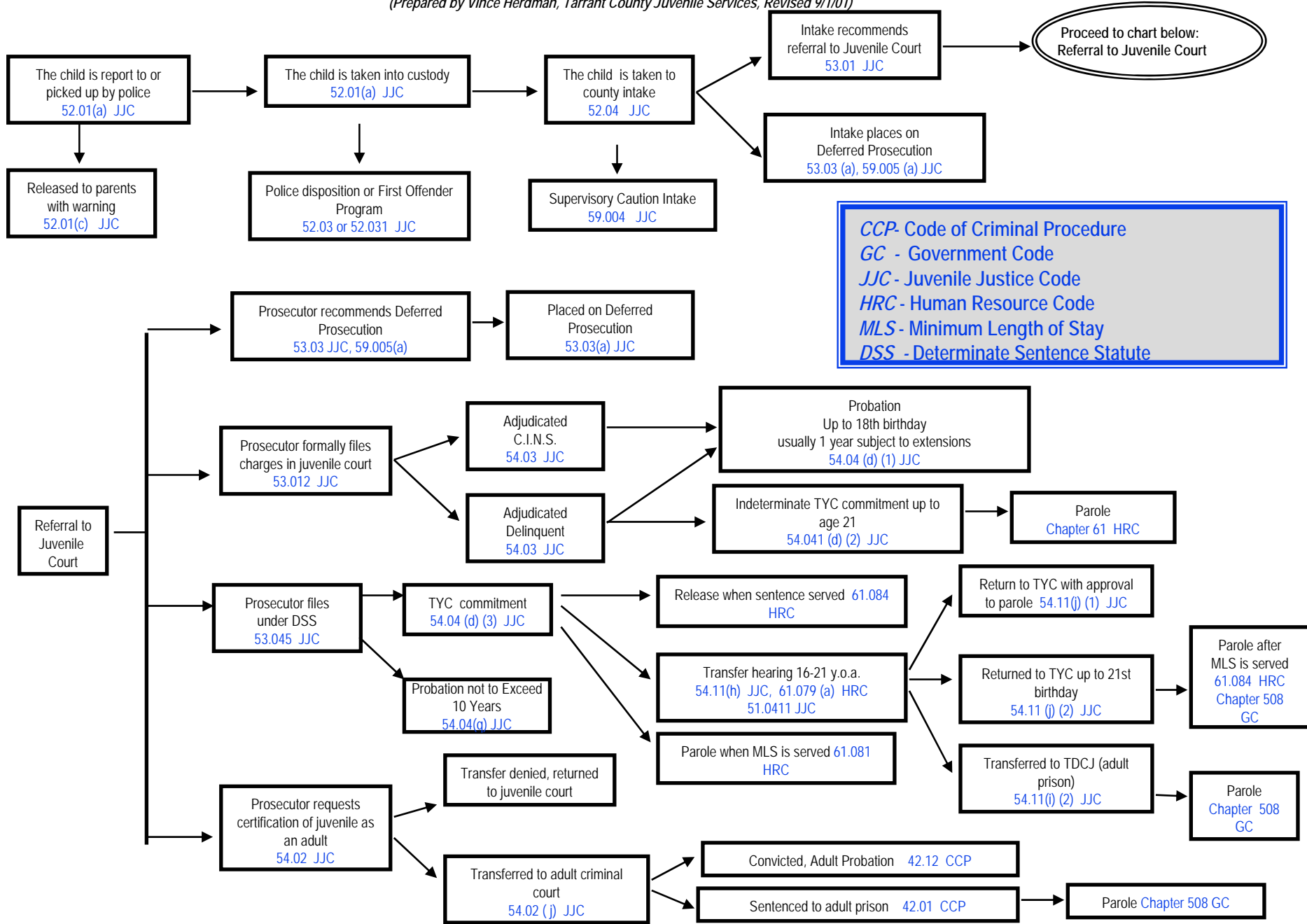
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Respect: We act with sensitivity to racial, ethnic, cultural, familial, and offense diversity; provide services in a professional manner; and demonstrate appreciation and respect for all employees, recognizing that our mission is more important than role distinctions; and


Excellence: We strive for excellence in service delivery by implementing evidence-based practices that are creative, flexible, innovative, technologically refined, and measured.

Diagram: The Present Juvenile Justice System

(Prepared by Vince Herdman, Tarrant County Juvenile Services, Revised 9/1/01)



CCP - Code of Criminal Procedure
GC - Government Code
JJC - Juvenile Justice Code
HRC - Human Resource Code
MLS - Minimum Length of Stay
DSS - Determinate Sentence Statute



Overview – Growth and System Penetration

Juvenile crime trends have stabilized in this decade.....


...due in part to the slow down in the growth of the youth population in the early 2000's ...

....but tougher policies have led to deeper penetration in the justice system for arrested youth.....

.....with minority youths disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice population.....


.....and with the fast growing Hispanic youth population projected to put additional demands on the Texas juvenile probation system

Ten Fastest Growing States in Percentage Terms in the United States, 2000-2005

State	2000 Population*	2005 Population*	Numerical Change 2000-2005	Percent Population Change 2000-2005
Nevada	1,998,257	2,414,807	416,550	20.8
Arizona	5,130,632	5,939,292	808,660	15.8
Florida	15,982,378	17,789,864	1,807,486	11.3
Georgia	8,186,453	9,072,576	886,123	10.8
Utah	2,233,169	2,469,585	236,416	10.6
Idaho	1,293,953	1,429,096	135,143	10.4
Texas 	20,851,820	22,859,968	2,008,148	9.6
Colorado	4,301,261	4,665,177	363,916	8.5
North Carolina	8,049,313	8,683,242	633,929	7.9
Delaware	783,600	843,524	59,924	7.6

* Population values are decennial census counts for April 1 for 2000 and estimates for July 1 for 2005.

Ten Fastest Growing Cities (in Percentage Terms) of 500,000+ in the United States, 2000-2005

Rank	City	Population Estimates			
		July 1, 2005	April 1, 2000 Estimates base	Change, 2000 to 2005	
				Number	Percent
1	Fort Worth , TX 	624,067	541,339	82,728	15.28
2	Las Vegas , NV	545,147	480,044	65,103	13.56
3	Phoenix , AZ	1,461,575	1,321,627	139,948	10.59
4	San Antonio , TX	1,256,509	1,151,447	105,062	9.12
5	Charlotte , NC	610,949	561,973	48,976	8.72
6	Jacksonville , FL	782,623	735,606	47,017	6.39
7	El Paso , TX	598,590	563,657	34,933	6.20
8	Tucson , AZ	515,526	487,337	28,189	5.78
9	Oklahoma City, OK	531,324	506,129	25,195	4.98
10	Austin , TX	690,252	659,829	30,423	4.61

Population Change by Components of Change in Selected Metropolitan Areas Compared to the State of Texas, 1990-2000 and 2000-2005

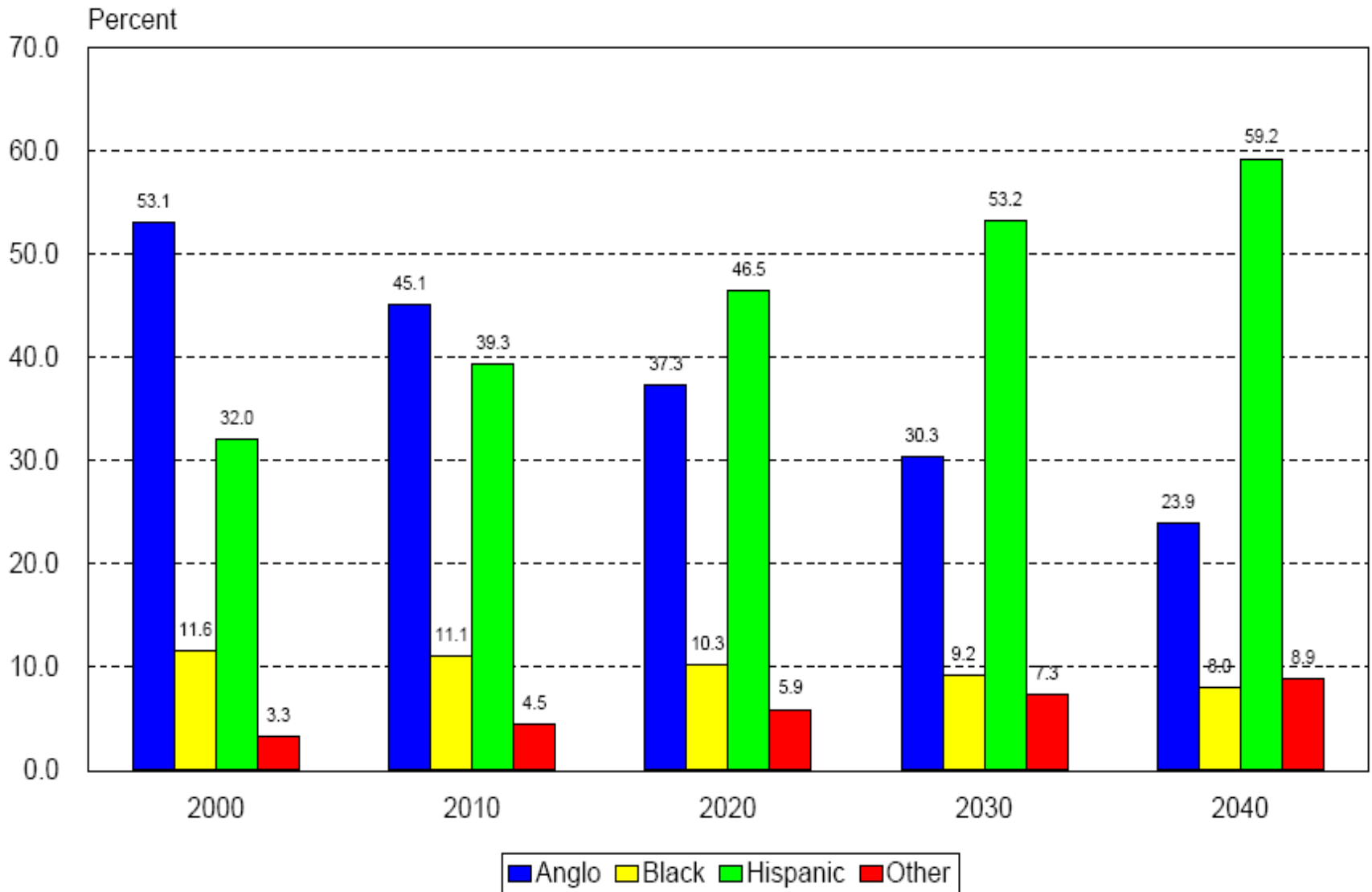
	State of Texas	San Antonio Metropolitan Area	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan Area	Houston-Sugarland-Baytown Metropolitan Area	Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Area
<u>1990-2000</u>					
Numerical Change	3,865,485	303,958	1,172,250	948,174	403,536
Natural Increase	1,922,044	150,894	505,595	500,630	112,314
Domestic Migration	1,166,570	111,518	472,931	210,530	260,833
<u> International Migration</u>	776,871	41,546	193,724	237,014	30,389
<u>2000-2005</u>					
Numerical Change	2,008,148	178,094	657,931	564,670	202,766
Natural Increase	1,155,182	87,022	333,544	297,973	82,522
Domestic Migration	189,805	64,009	92,152	56,257	73,040
<u> International Migration</u>	663,161	27,063	232,235	210,440	47,204

Population Change by Race/Ethnicity in Texas, 2000-2005

Race/ Ethnicity	2000 Census Population	2005 Estimated Population	Numerical Change 2000- 2005	Percent Change 2000- 2005	Percent of Population	
					2000	2005
Anglo	11,074,716	11,242,510	255,545	2.3	53.1	49.2
Black	2,421,653	2,569,946	191,502	8.1	11.6	11.2
Hispanic	6,669,666	8,029,844	1,360,178	20.4	32.0	35.1
Other	685,785	1,017,668	200,923	24.6	3.3	4.5
Total	20,851,820	22,859,968	2,008,148	9.6	100.0	100.0

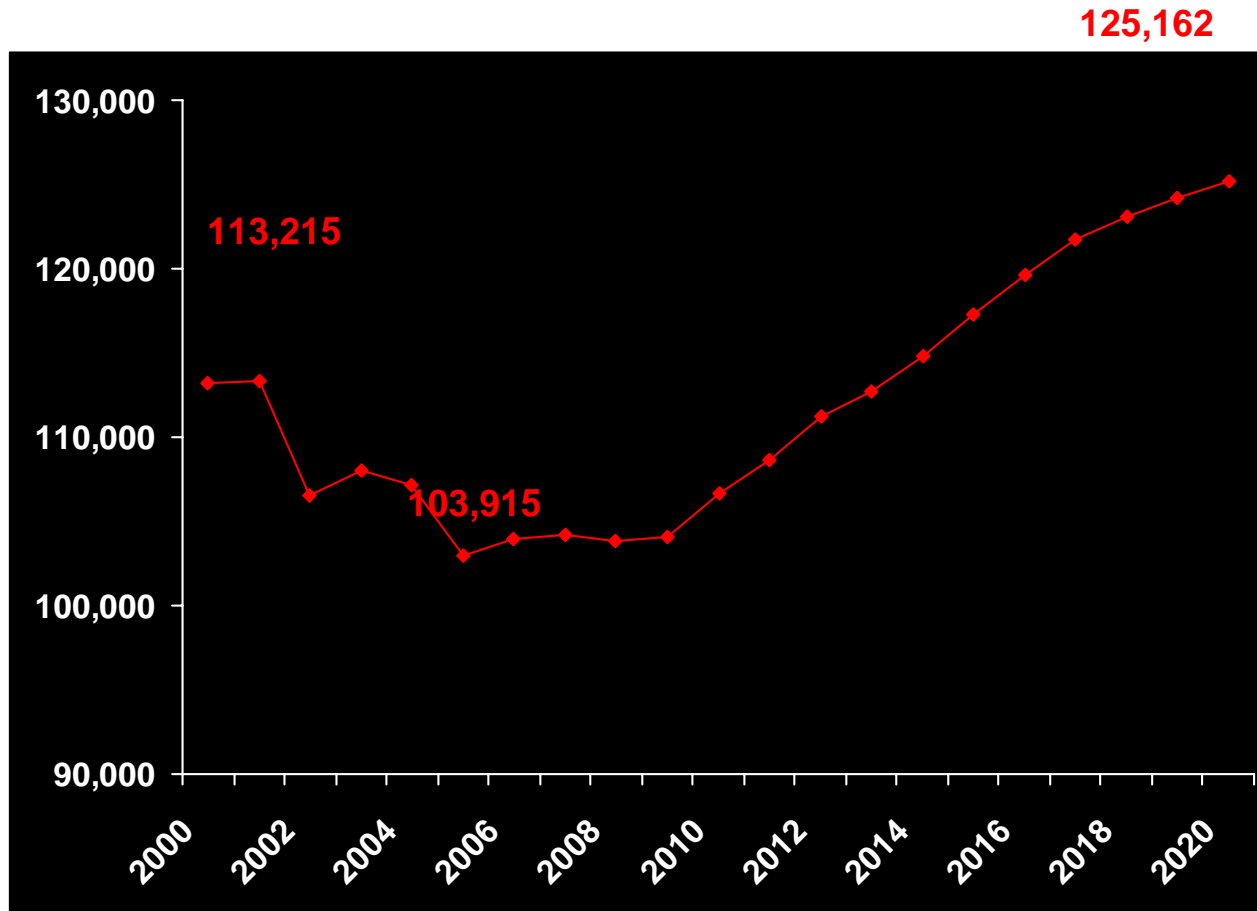
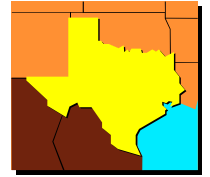
Source: Texas State Data Center, Institute for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research, University of Texas at San Antonio

Projected Proportion of Population by Race/Ethnicity in Texas, 2000-2040*



*Using U.S. Census count for 2000 and Texas State Data Center 1.0 population projection scenario (**Natural Increase**) for 2010-2040

Referrals to Texas Juvenile Probation System Projected to Grow and Be Majority Hispanic



**Percent Change
2000-2006**
-8.2%

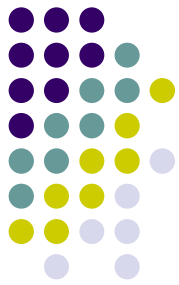
**Percent Change
2007-2020**
20.1%

Percent Hispanic

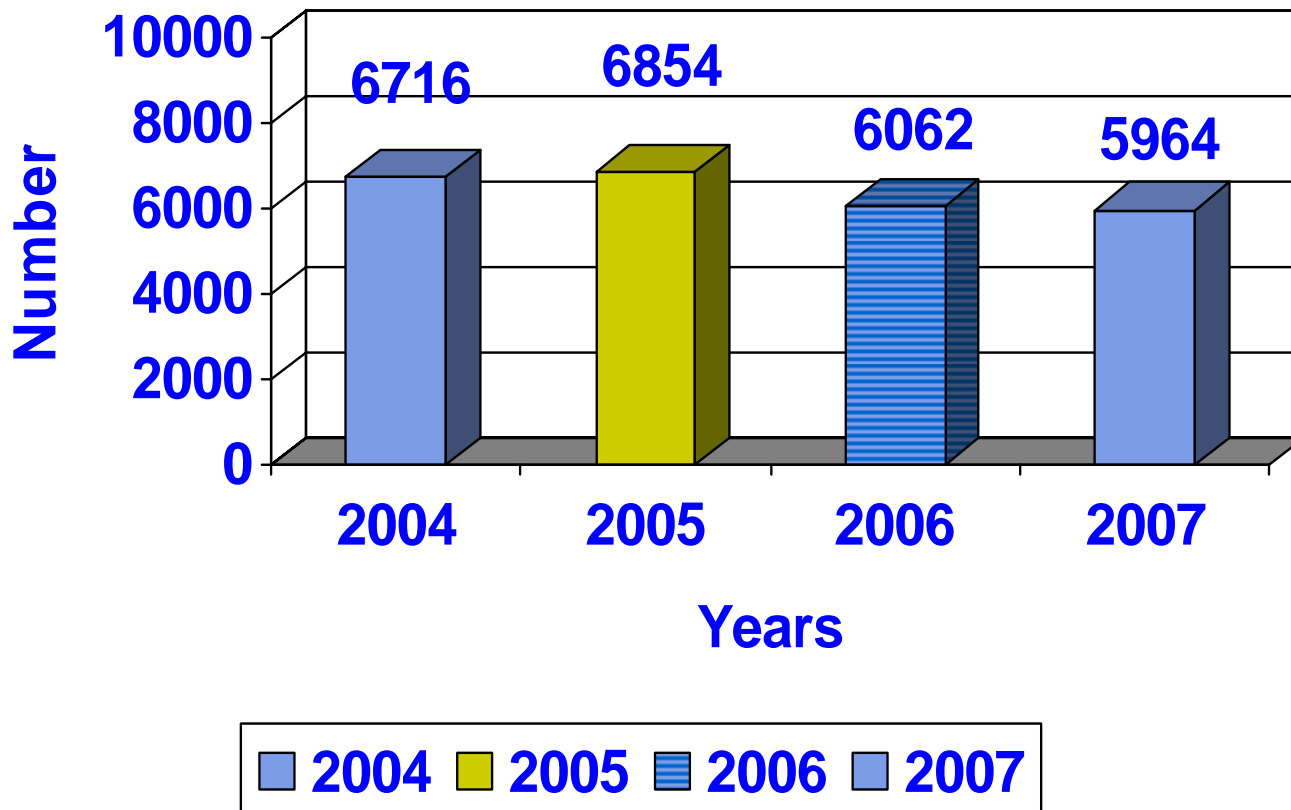
2000
41%

2020
54%

Tarrant County Juvenile Services CY 2004 – 2007



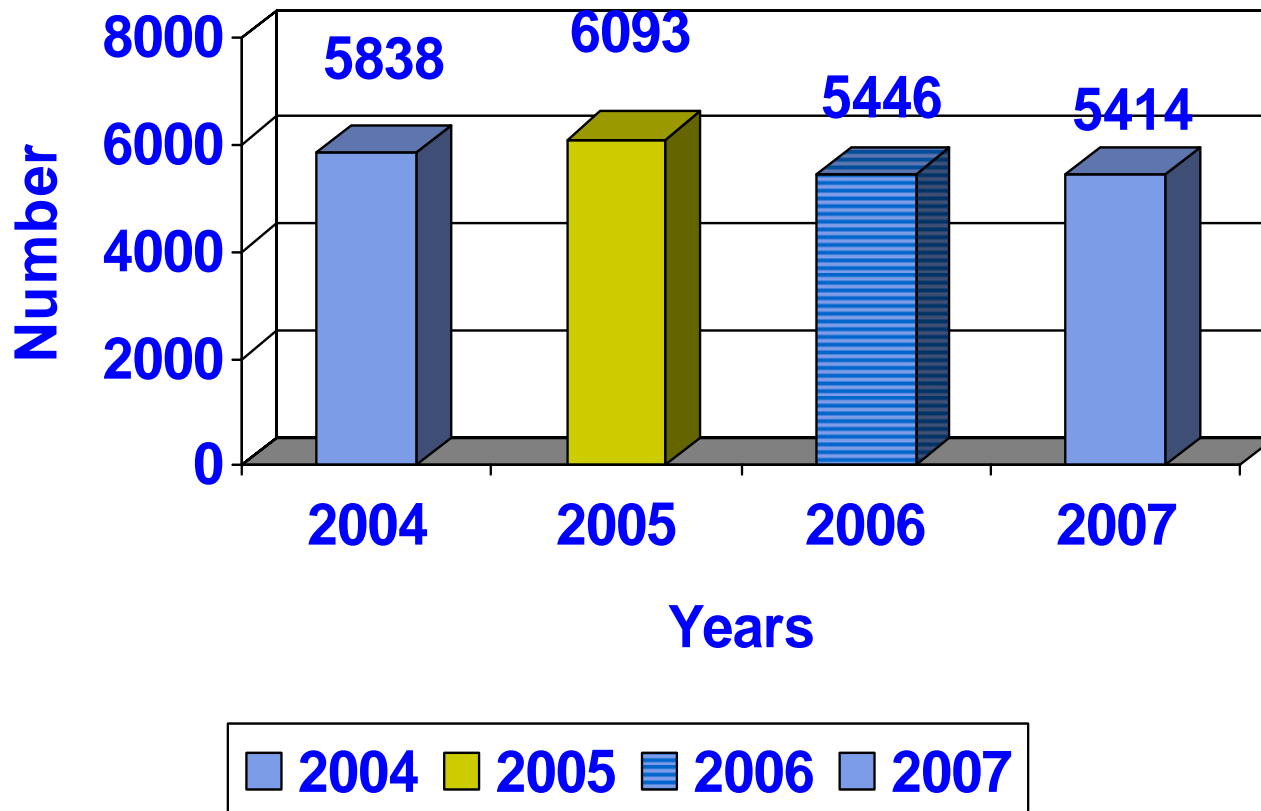
Total Referrals



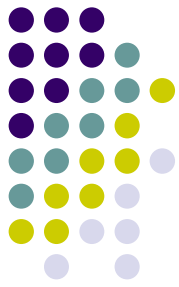
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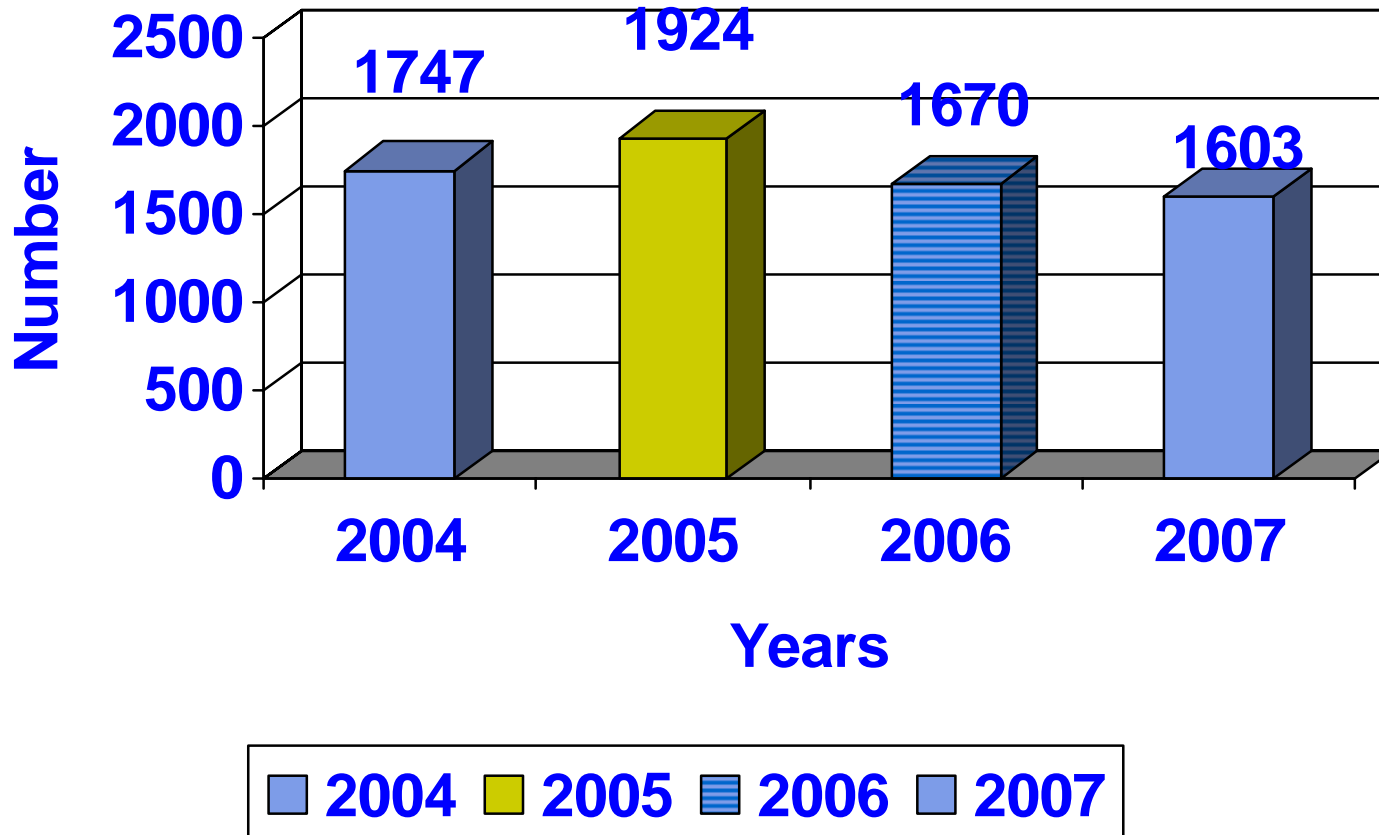
Total Delinquent Referrals



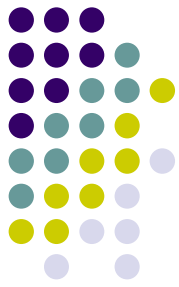
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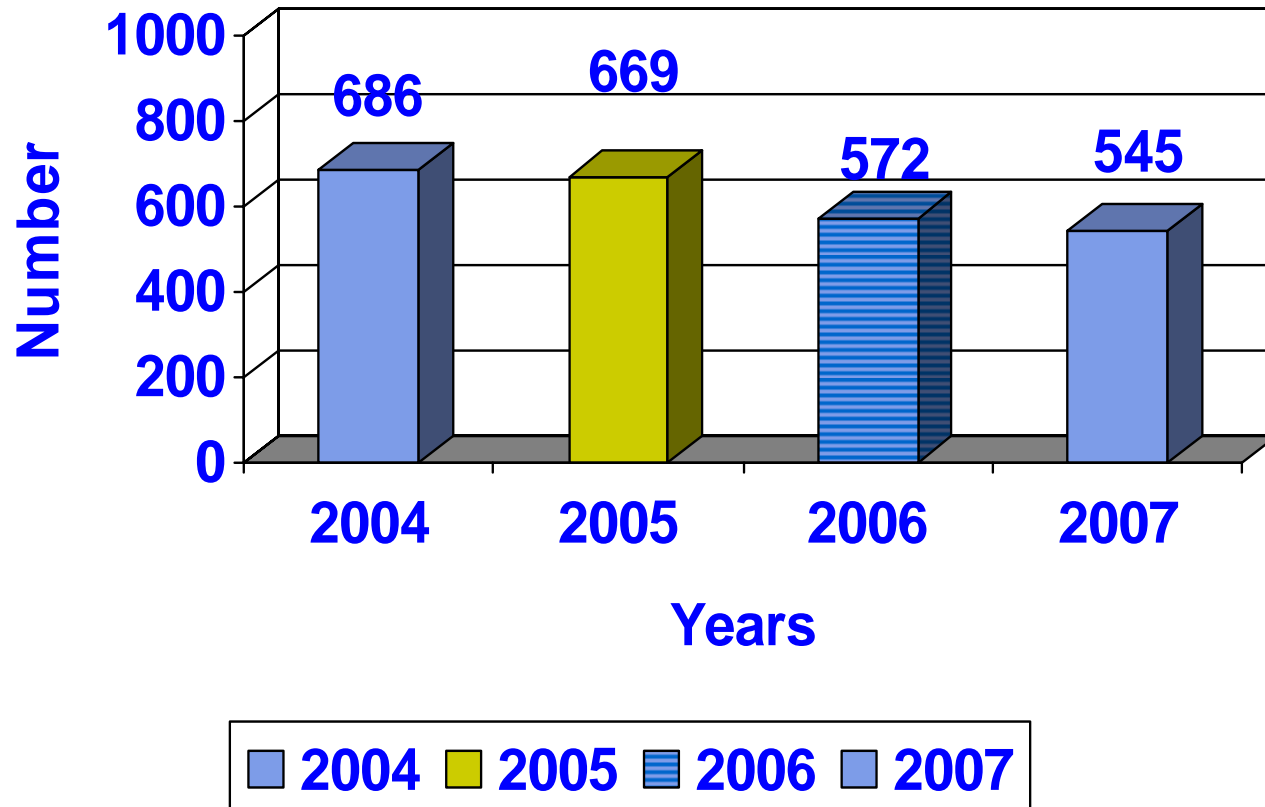
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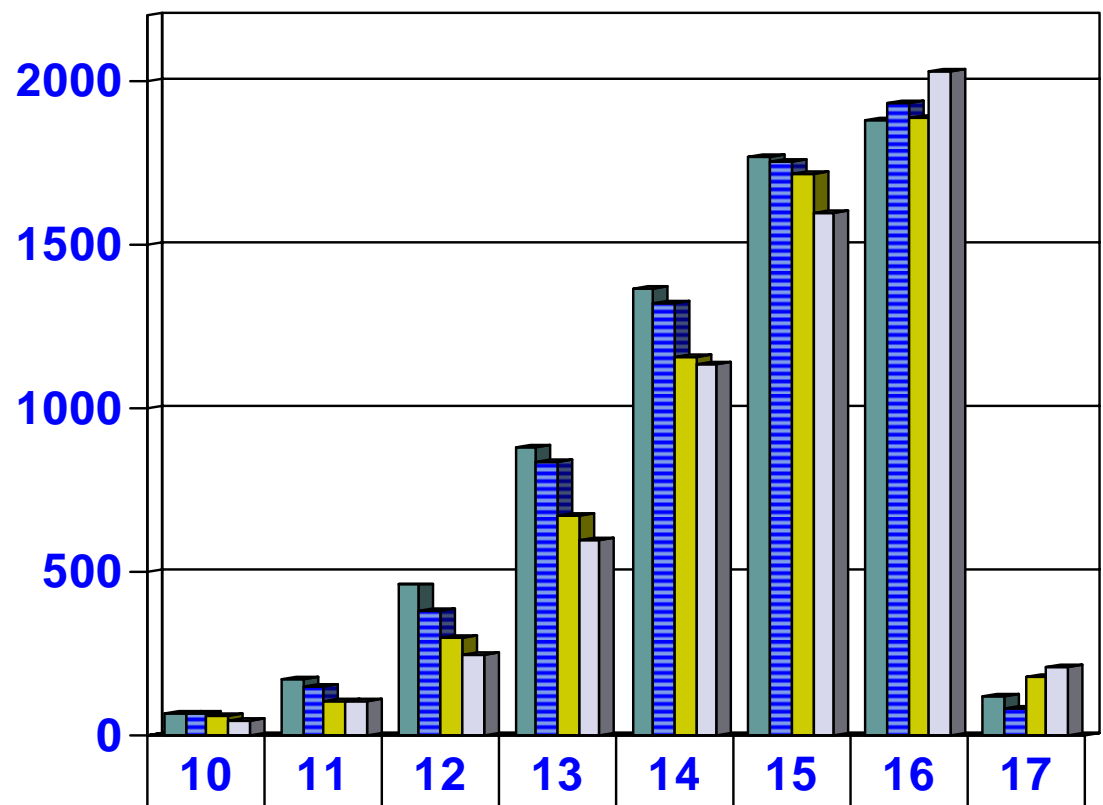
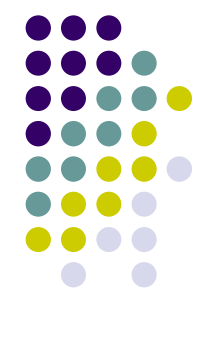


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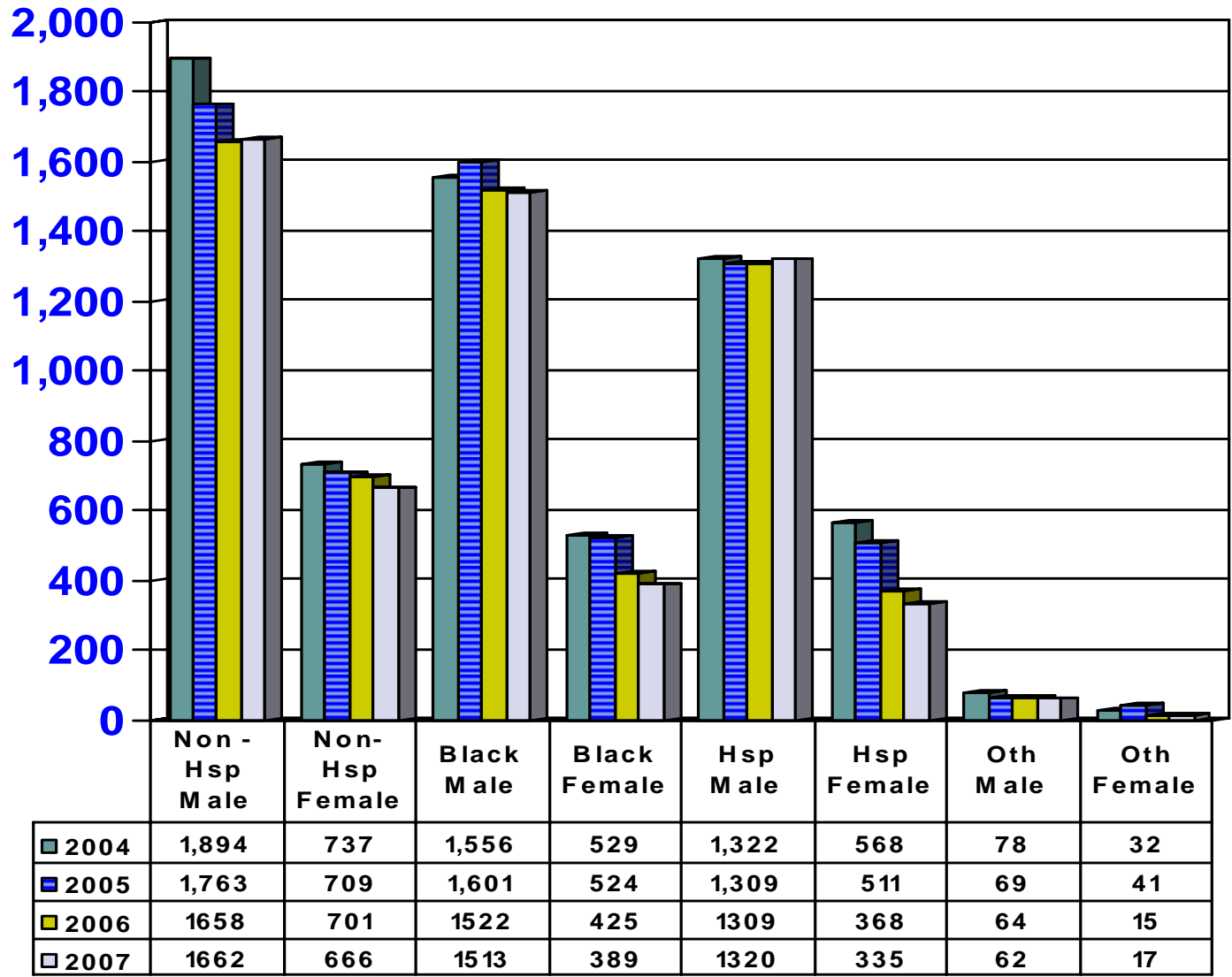
Total Violent Referrals





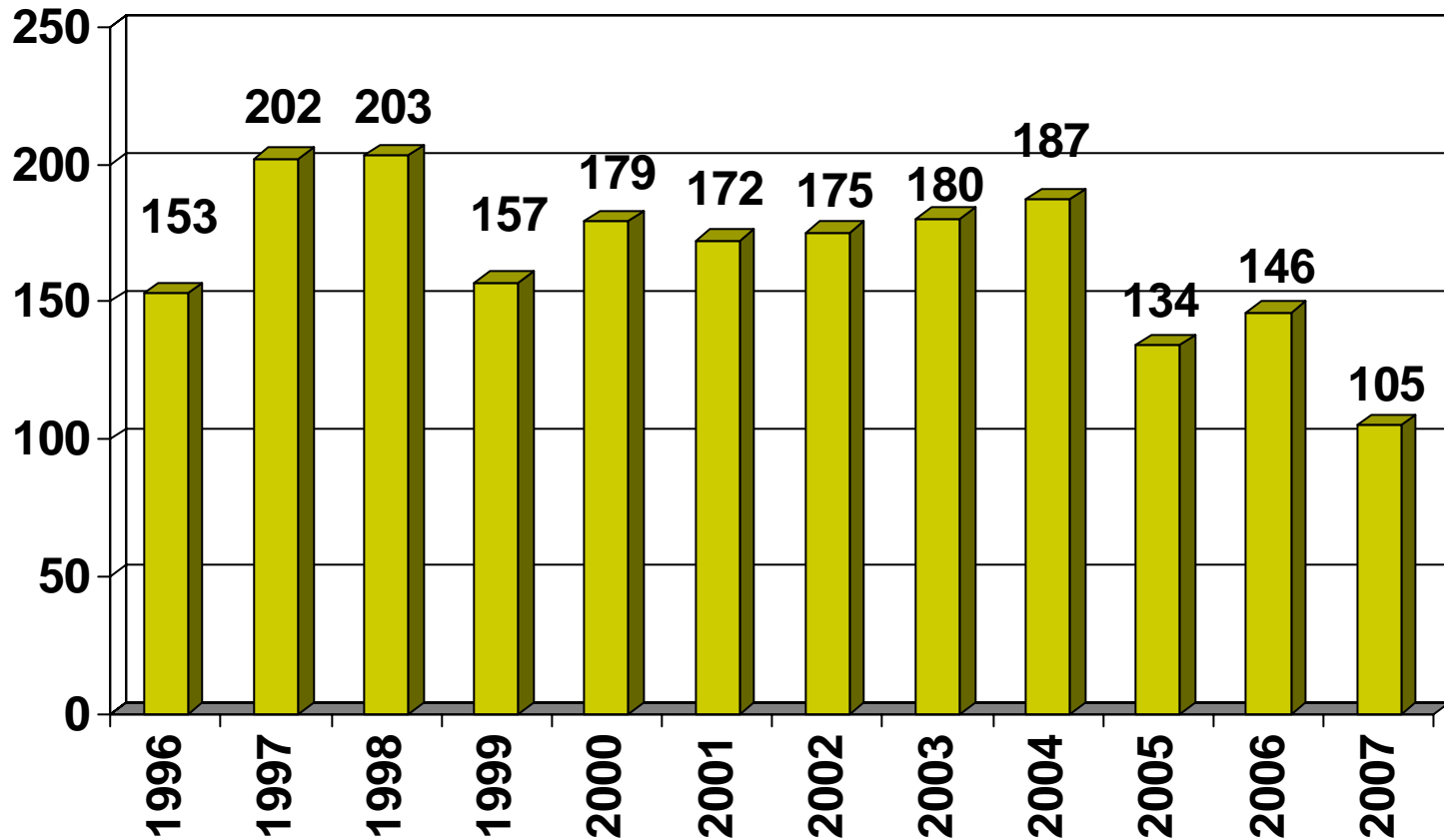
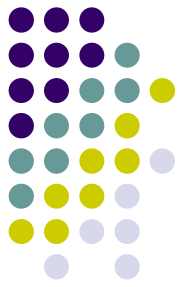
■ 2004	70	175	459	879	1367	1768	1877	121
▨ 2005	70	150	382	832	1321	1753	1934	85
■ 2006	57	102	299	670	1156	1715	1885	178
■ 2007	43	104	249	599	1135	1594	2031	209

**Age Information
CY 2004 - 2007**



CY 2004 - 2007 Ethnicity / Gender

Tarrant County Juvenile Services TYC Commitments: CY 1996-2007





Community Support Systems

FORMAL PARTNERSHIPS

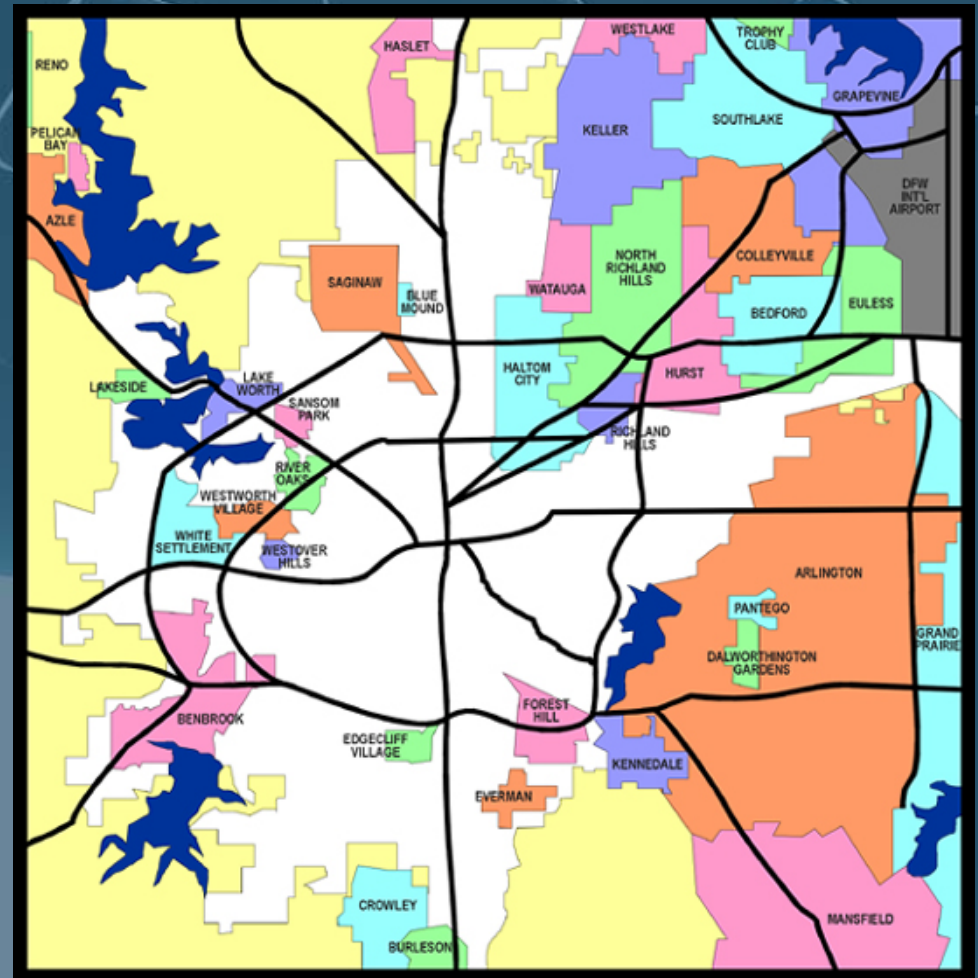
- Mental Health Connection
- County-wide Criminal Justice Community Plan
- Community Resource Coordination Group
- On-site offices for DPRS (CPS) & MHMR Liaisons
- Monthly meetings w/ Juvenile DA's Office

INFORMAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Regional Supervisors with offices located within the local community where they work with community partners, including schools, Law Enforcement, and service agencies
- JPO's identification of available community resources that result in more formal agreements department-wide

Community Supervision Regions in Tarrant County

- Northeast
- Southeast
- Southwest
- Northwest
- Central
- Regions are divided by major school districts and high school pyramids





Philosophical Basis for Departmental Services

- Community-based interventions
- Assessment of needs/risks to determine most appropriate interventions
- Evidence-based practices
- Interfaces with youth and families utilizing Motivational Interviewing
- Strength-based Case Planning
- Research and Program Evaluation



Tarrant County Juvenile Services Continuum of Services

← **Least Restrictive** ————— **Most Restrictive** →

Prevention

Choices (prevention program for elementary/middle school children)
First Offender Program

Immediate

Supervisory Caution
Victim Assistance
Victim-Offender Mediation
Breaking the Cycle of Violence
Neighborhood Conference Committee (NCC)
Juvenile Drug Court Program
Deferred Prosecution Probation
Brief Strategic Family Therapy
Strengthening Families
LINKS – (Substance Abuse Intervention)
Community Service Restitution (CSR)
Monetary Restitution
Community Based Detention (CBD)
Electronically Monitored Home Detention (EM/HD)
Detention Center

Assessment

Research

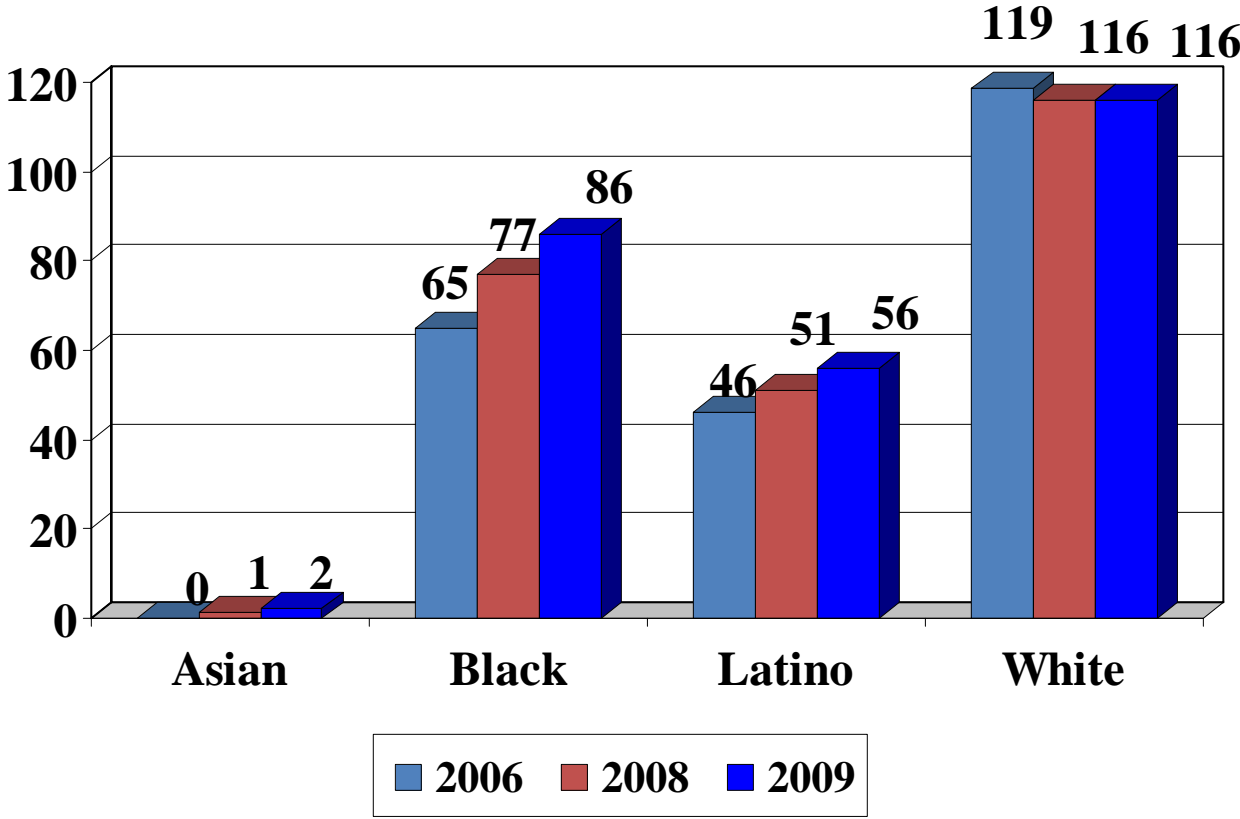
Intermediate

Court-Ordered Probation Supervision
Mentoring / Parental Support
Professional Contract Services/Community Resource Coordination Group (CRCG)
Contract Alternative Education
Mental Health Probation Caseload
Female Intervention Program - (probation only)
Family Preservation – (Functional Family Therapy / Parenting with Love and Limits)
Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP)
Electronic Monitoring
Joint Project / Family Partnership Program (mental health and probation)
Project ASPECT
Sex Offending Caseload (probation only)
Tarrant County Advocate Program (TCAP) – Intensive Intervention
Intensive Supervision Level of Probation (ISP)
Residential Placement
Family Support Program

Secure Care

Specialized Treatment for Offenders Program (STOP)
Commitment to Texas Youth Commission

Staff Ethnicity





THANK YOU!

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