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**Comparisons of Statistical Data for 2002 and 2003**

**Limitations of the 2003 Data**

The following pages (4 and 5) include comparisons of 2002 and 2003 juvenile court statistical data for each of the 98 Tennessee juvenile courts. Although the national and state trends for juvenile court referrals for the last four or five years have steadily decreased it is strongly suspected and, in some cases, known that some of Tennessee's juvenile courts severely under-reported their 2003 referrals to the TCJFCJ in 2003.

The juvenile court that most notably under-reported in 2003 is the Nashville/Davidson County Juvenile Court that instituted new software in February 2003. The court did report in January and February 2003, but thereafter the statistical reporting was sporadic and TCJFCJ worked closely with the court to secure additional 2003 data by August 8, 2004. This data was combined with the January and February data for the 2003 totals. However, Davidson County has reported 4,504 fewer children referred in 2003 as compared to 2002. Because Davidson County normally accounts for 15% of the total number of children referred to the courts in the state, the state totals, therefore, are rather lower than 2002.

Additional courts that appear to have under-reported include Anderson, Bledsoe, Bradley, DeKalb, Knox, Robertson, Scott and Tipton. Although some other courts appear to have under reported, the total number of children reported by the other 89 courts collectively show an increase in the number of children referred in 2003 as compared to 2002.

A concentrated effort was made to increase reporting and increase the accuracy and the amount of data received by TCJFCJ for 2003. This helped counties to identify monthly data that was not received by TCJFCJ and aided other counties in identifying and resolving software or reporting abnormalities. Three (3) counties found problems in software that was sending inaccurate data. These counties were Anderson, Hamilton and Williamson. All three counties fixed the problems and resubmitted data for the year 2003, although Anderson County's 2003 numbers are considerably less than 2002.

Courts may vary in the completeness of their data. When reviewing the data you may find some questionable information, for example, on page 58 under "Status Offenses" it is reported that 8 referrals resulted in an outcome of "Transfer to Adult Court." One should assume that this information is either an error in keying or that it should have been keyed as "Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court," meaning that the individual had already been transferred to adult court on another charge. However, TCJFCJ and the courts are constantly striving to ensure that the data reported is accurate.

It should be noted that the following counties significantly improved reporting to TCJFCJ: Campbell, Gibson, Hancock, Lake, Maury, Monroe, Rutherford, Sullivan Division I and Wayne.

Some courts do not report any dependency and neglect cases. Steps are under way to improve this situation. It is, also, important to note that many juvenile courts do not hear traffic cases. In these jurisdictions, traffic cases go to the court exercising jurisdiction over adult traffic violations. Since some courts' statistics include traffic cases and some do not, one must be cautious in

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comparing courts with each other. Additionally, although juvenile courts handle adult cases such as contributing to the dependency or delinquency of a minor, these cases are not reported to TCJFCJ.

Any discrepancies between the TCJFCJ and Shelby County annual reports are due to the differences in the way the data is counted. Shelby County counts all cases referred to the court within the year whereas TCJFCJ counts only cases that have been disposed (closed) within the reporting year. Some of TCJFCJ information is compiled based on the total number of individual children. In other words, a child is counted only once for age, race and gender graphs and charts as one example.

In previous years, 25% of the delinquent referrals involved females. However, the 2003 data shows that 31% of the total delinquent referrals involved females. The number of status offense referrals continued to vary much less with respect to gender (8,137 status offenses involved females whereas 11,100 status offenses involved males). Age statistics for 2003 showed that 15 years old through 18 years old for both genders constituted 56.5% of the juvenile court population (17 through 18 accounted for 31.1%).

Regarding race, little difference was seen between previous years' data and those of 2003. In 2003, African American and other non-white children were reported as representing 32.5 of the juvenile court population. Conversely, white children were reported as making up 62.2% of the juvenile court population. For 5.3% of the children the race and/or gender of the child were not reported to Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (TCJFCJ).

Law enforcement continued to be the most often cited referral source for juveniles to the courts (46.1%), while parents continued to represent the second most often cited referral source (11.6%). With regard to the most frequently reported reason for referral, law enforcement personnel appeared more likely to refer juveniles for "Traffic" complaints, while parents made referrals most often for "Custody", then "Unruly Behavior" and "Child Support". The 2003 data shows court staff (9.9%) as the third most often reported source, while schools (8.4%) and Department of Children Services (8.3%) were fourth and fifth.

When looking at the six most frequently reported referral reasons associated with each referral source, the tables on pages 41-43 reveal that, in 2003, law enforcement personnel continued to appear more likely to refer children for "Traffic" complaints (22.3% of law enforcement referrals and 10.3% of total referrals), while "Custody" (16.8% of parent referrals and 1.9% of total referrals) was the most often cited reason for referral by parents. With regard to schools, "Truancy" was the most cited referral reason (64.3% of school referrals and 5.4% of total referrals), while victims continued to refer more often for "Theft of Property" (36% of victim referrals and .95 of total referrals).

The 2003 data was analyzed to determine the number of children transferred to adult court for the alleged commitment of delinquent offenses. The data showed that, of the 201 children transferred to adult court in 2003, 91.5 were males, with 59.7 of the children being African American males. The court with the largest number of children transferred was the Shelby County Juvenile Court, which accounted for 47.8% of the statewide transfers.



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If you have questions about the data please call TCJFCJ and/or the court about which you are inquiring.

Also, please check our web site ([www.state.tn.us/tcjcj/](http://www.state.tn.us/tcjcj/)) for the 2003 Year End detailed statistics for each court and the 2003 Annual Statistical Report.

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**Number of Children, Cases and Referral Reasons by Court  
Based on Number of Reported Cases Compared to  
January 1 – December 31, 2002 and January 1 - December 31, 2003**

<b>Name of Court</b>	<b>Children 2002</b>	<b>Children 2003</b>	<b>Number of Cases 2002</b>	<b>Number of Cases 2003</b>	<b>Referral Reasons 2002</b>	<b>Referral Reasons 2003</b>
Anderson	900	744	1,240	940	1,302	966
Bedford	363	346	440	404	671	668
Benton	257	242	299	292	364	345
Bledsoe	211	109	277	128	369	139
Blount	1,378	1,492	1,827	2,250	1,846	3,795
Bradley	915	783	1,683	1,362	2,118	1,709
City of Bristol	736	632	1,044	863	1,260	1,067
Campbell	340	427	341	429	341	429
Cannon	160	169	270	268	272	268
Carroll	219	232	253	259	374	353
Carter	455	502	788	838	790	841
Cheatham	631	628	753	784	824	842
Chester	292	267	348	344	373	383
Claiborne	347	368	739	738	781	774
Clay	131	96	263	178	345	252
Cocke	1,030	843	1,862	1,631	2,001	1,722
Coffee	501	449	628	542	728	645
Crockett	107	111	133	166	183	253
Cumberland	550	573	623	650	633	683
Davidson	12,036	7,532	19,319	15,723	22,460	19,992
Decatur	97	101	105	111	116	136
Dekalb	190	87	264	113	278	141
Dickson	772	688	1,114	923	1,268	1,077
Dyer	417	408	674	696	766	884
Fayette	213	203	254	210	267	217
Fentress	142	144	171	183	185	204
Franklin	335	269	413	319	496	351
Gibson	539	1,270	765	1,940	855	2,070
Giles	418	419	591	667	811	918
Grainger	451	508	453	510	527	561
Greene	771	759	1,168	1,256	1,271	1,371
Grundy	316	332	837	952	881	1,047
Hamblen	828	743	1,493	1,321	1,711	1,497
Hamilton	4,068	4,069	5,962	5,937	6,610	6,590
Hancock	29	87	38	138	38	138
Hardeman	365	436	450	520	731	803
Hardin	196	230	253	297	280	318
Hawkins	1,021	1,080	1,562	1,694	1,699	1,853
Haywood	859	993	1,517	2,163	2,057	2,302
Henderson	546	559	761	856	998	1,094
Henry	222	186	286	239	346	286
Hickman	291	301	347	374	399	413
Houston	132	93	249	169	263	173
Humphreys	340	359	702	758	773	812
Jackson	148	143	283	303	330	371
Jefferson	807	701	1,556	1,184	1,660	1,254
Johnson	349	417	388	463	388	463
Johnson City	1,226	1,450	1,692	2,262	2,175	2,632
Knox	4,269	3,382	5,447	4,197	6,857	5,291
Lake	71	92	91	133	108	159

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Lauderdale	984	927	1,641	1,579	1,798	1,731
Lawrence	615	540	777	658	797	688
Lewis	164	133	174	159	228	246
Lincoln	306	285	447	415	541	496
Loudon	609	585	810	736	911	821
Macon	397	351	544	504	604	580
Madison	831	759	1,022	955	1,266	1,289
Marion	529	513	584	525	647	569
Marshall	575	538	768	684	951	860
Maury	866	1,099	1,164	1,640	1,319	1,947
McMinn	398	469	527	597	715	743
McNairy	371	391	378	394	397	420
Meigs	116	128	120	129	124	132
Monroe	489	627	731	800	794	847
Montgomery	1,804	1,835	2,102	2,139	2,765	2,784
Moore	48	65	54	73	55	78
Morgan	224	233	292	349	303	362
Obion	343	561	448	725	631	923
Overton	98	118	98	118	107	122
Perry	181	140	280	205	345	245
Pickett	58	61	79	85	84	88
Polk	51	49	55	50	65	57
Putnam	829	841	1,240	1,409	1,475	1,627
Rhea	319	215	408	245	457	272
Roane	143	111	187	152	218	176
Robertson	1,338	1,016	3,223	1,808	3,599	2,033
Rutherford	797	1,165	995	1,487	1,411	2,139
Scott	346	250	346	250	378	277
Sequatchie	109	96	121	140	157	180
Sevier	1,854	1,858	3,360	3,680	5,045	4,598
Shelby	14,573	14,760	20,729	20,490	24,617	24,156
Smith	71	77	77	110	81	142
Stewart	139	136	187	160	245	200
Sullivan Div. 1	478	900	650	1,342	685	1,443
Sullivan Div. 2	910	1,059	1,148	1,679	1,272	1,882
Sumner	2,288	2,234	4,494	4,117	5,288	4,821
Tipton	366	198	433	225	551	301
Trousdale	159	166	213	210	283	262
Unicoi	144	165	198	212	200	219
Union	352	297	355	328	392	359
Van Buren	61	76	64	80	82	89
Warren	718	755	1,091	1,029	1,528	1,417
Washington	927	909	1,304	1,501	1,351	1,622
Wayne	246	414	307	521	368	605
Weakley	270	221	327	257	381	317
White	175	173	204	199	245	253
Williamson	2,149	1,925	3,457	3,398	4,127	4,578
Wilson	831	901	1,323	1,400	1,455	1,545
<b>Totals</b>	<b>82,636</b>	<b>78,379</b>	<b>122,872</b>	<b>119,480</b>	<b>144,517</b>	<b>143,093</b>

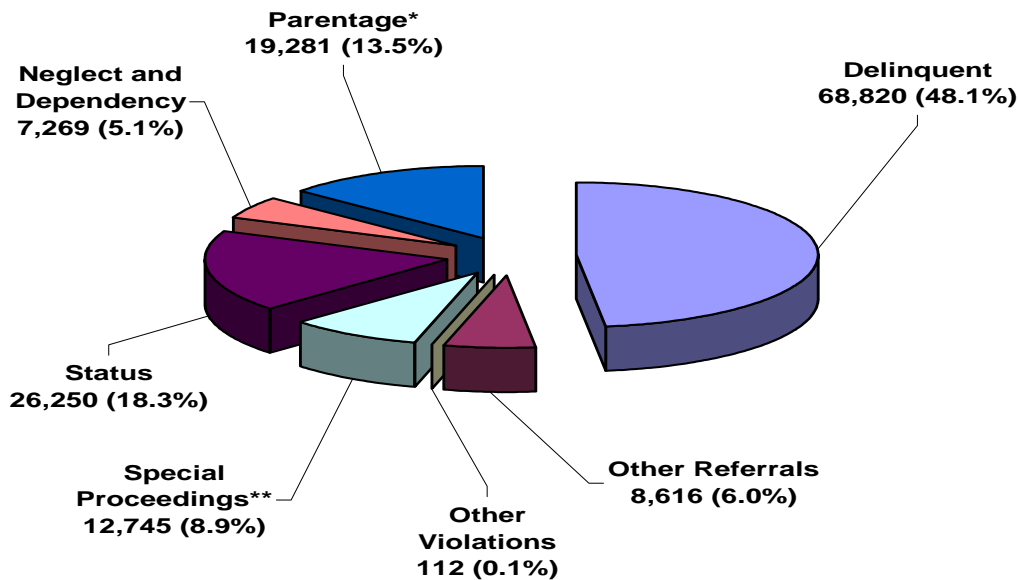
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**2003 Executive Summary**

With all of Tennessee's 98 juvenile courts participating, information regarding **78,379** children, **119,480** cases, and **143,093** referral reasons was reported to TCJFCJ for the period between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003. The number of children, cases and referral reasons each decreased from calendar year 2002 because of the courts that under-reported (see pages 1-5).

**Number of Referrals to  
Tennessee Juvenile Courts in 2003  
(Total Number of Referrals is 143,093)**

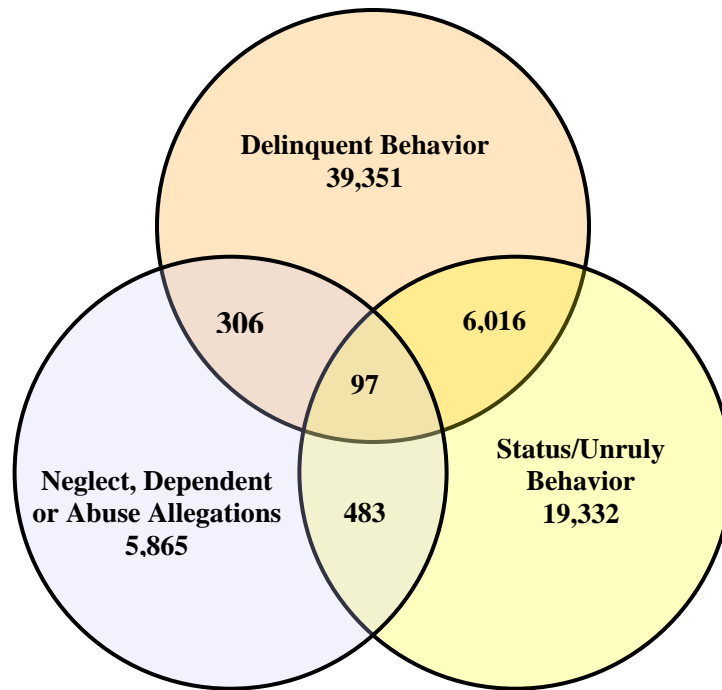


\*Parentage includes: Custody, Visitation, Paternity/Legitimation and Child Support  
\*\*Special Proceedings include: Judicial Review, Administrative Review, Foster Care Review, Request for Medical Treatment and Consent to Marry

During 2003, almost half (48.1%) of the referral reasons in Tennessee's juvenile courts were for alleged delinquent offenses. Status/Unruly offenses represented 18.3% of referral reasons. A status offense is an offense committed by a child that if committed by an adult, would not be considered an offense or unlawful act. An example of this is smoking when one is not legally an adult.

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**Number of Children Referred to Tennessee Juvenile Courts in 2003**  
For the purposes of this chart a child is counted only once in a category even if that child had more than one referral in that category.



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

Each child may be counted in more than one category.

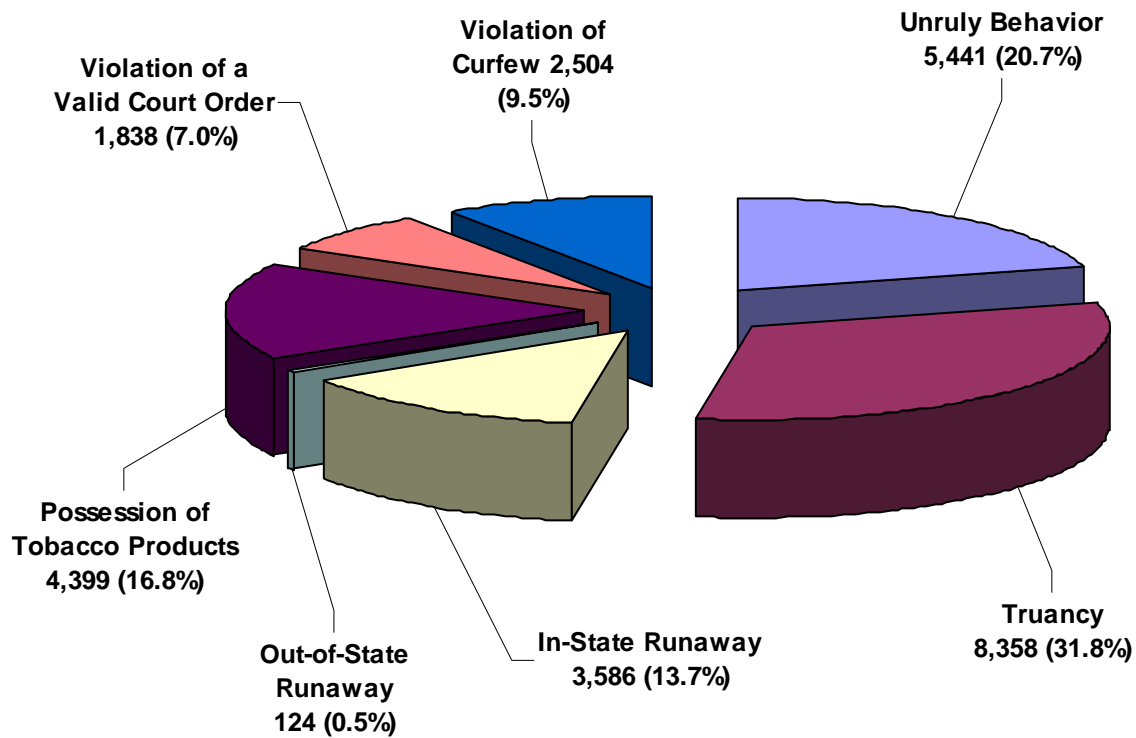
Total number of individual children for ALL referrals disposed by juvenile courts during 2003 equals 78,379.

Children can have referrals in multiple categories. To illustrate this, the above drawing shows that in the year 2003 there were 39,351 individual children referred to juvenile courts in Tennessee for delinquent referrals, 19,332 for status/unruly behavior, and 5,865 for neglect, dependent or abuse referral. Of these children there were 6,016 that had a delinquent and a status/unruly referral. There were 306 children that were referred for delinquent behavior and a neglect, dependent or abuse allegation. There were 483 children referred that had both a status/unruly referral and a neglect, dependent or abuse allegation. Also, there were 97 children that had a delinquent referral and a status/unruly referral and a neglect, dependent or abuse allegation during the year 2003.

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Truancy remained the most often-reported referral reason within the status offense category for 2003, and unruly behavior became the second most reported status offense. Referral reasons surrounding issues of child support and custody are the most prevalent within the non-offense category.

**Number of Referrals for Status/Unruly Offenses in 2003  
(Total Number of Status/Unruly Referrals = 26,250)**



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**Juvenile Justice System in Tennessee**

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

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

**Jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court**

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

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

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

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

### **Juvenile Court Professional Staff**

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

### **Juvenile Court Judge**

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

### **Juvenile Court Referee**

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

### **Youth Services Officer and Probation Officer**

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

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

### **Juvenile Court Clerk**

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



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**Juvenile Court Process**

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

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

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

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

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**Juvenile Court Data Collection Process  
for the 2003 Annual Report**

As required by Tennessee Code Annotated § 37-1-506, 2003 data were sent to TCJFCJ by each court with juvenile jurisdiction. All ninety-eight (98) courts sent data to TCJFCJ electronically either on diskettes or as attachments to electronic mail. These courts either used a data entry software program provided by TCJFCJ or other software that their individual court had obtained. All data were cleaned, edited and analyzed to produce the 2003 Annual Report, as well as year-end and ad hoc statistical reports.

In 2003, **all of Tennessee's juvenile courts once again reported data** to TCJFCJ. Every Tennessee juvenile court has reported data to TCJFCJ for the past ten (10) years, thereby distinguishing Tennessee as having one of the relatively few juvenile court statewide databases in the country with every court reporting. All automated court systems were required to utilize data edits developed by TCJFCJ staff. These required data edits did not allow many incomplete or incorrectly coded records to be copied to diskette for inclusion in the TCJFCJ database.

**Unit of Count**

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

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

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

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

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

**Definition of Year**

TCJFCJ uses the calendar year for all statistical reports.

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

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**Number of Individual Children Referred  
to Juvenile Courts in 2003**

During the reporting period between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003, information regarding 78,379 children was reported by the juvenile courts to TCJFCJ. This number represents a statewide decrease of five and two-tenths of a percent (5.2%) or 4,257 children compared to calendar year 2002. However, Davidson County reported 4,504 fewer children in 2003 (please see chart on page 4).

The juvenile courts reporting the largest number of children referred and whose cases were Disposed were Shelby County/Memphis, Davidson County/Nashville, Hamilton County/Chattanooga and Knox County/Knoxville. Once again, Shelby County reported the largest number of children with 14,760, and Polk County, reporting 49 children, was the county with the smallest number of children who were referred to a juvenile court.

Please refer to the chart on pages 14-16 for a county by county listing of the numbers of children, cases, and referrals.

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

***NOTE: It is also important to be aware that the TCJFCJ data is based on the date of disposition. This is the date that the case is disposed by the juvenile court. All data in this report is based upon cases disposed by the juvenile court and then reported to TCJFCJ during the calendar year 2003.***

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<b>Name of Court</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Referral Reasons</b>
Anderson	744	940	966
Bedford	346	404	668
Benton	242	292	345
Bledsoe	109	128	139
Blount	1,492	2,250	3,795
Bradley	783	1,362	1,709
City of Bristol	632	863	1,067
Campbell	427	429	429
Cannon	169	268	268
Carroll	232	259	353
Carter	502	838	841
Cheatham	628	784	842
Chester	267	344	383
Claiborne	368	738	774
Clay	96	178	252
Cocke	843	1,631	1,722
Coffee	449	542	645
Crockett	111	166	253
Cumberland	573	650	683
Davidson	7,532	15,723	19,992
Decatur	101	111	136
Dekalb	87	113	141
Dickson	688	923	1,077
Dyer	408	696	884
Fayette	203	210	217
Fentress	144	183	204
Franklin	269	319	351
Gibson	1,270	1,940	2,070
Giles	419	667	918
Grainger	508	510	561
Greene	759	1,256	1,371
Grundy	332	952	1,047
Hamblen	743	1,321	1,497
Hamilton	4,069	5,937	6,590
Hancock	87	138	138
Hardeman	436	520	803
Hardin	230	297	318
Hawkins	1,080	1,694	1,853
Haywood	993	2,163	2,302
Henderson	559	856	1,094
Henry	186	239	286
Hickman	301	374	413
Houston	93	169	173
Humphreys	359	758	812
Jackson	143	303	371

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<b>Name of Court</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Referral Reasons</b>
Jefferson	701	1,184	1,254
Johnson	417	463	463
Johnson City	1,450	2,262	2,632
Knox	3,382	4,197	5,291
Lake	92	133	159
Lauderdale	927	1,579	1,731
Lawrence	540	658	688
Lewis	133	159	246
Lincoln	285	415	496
Loudon	585	736	821
Macon	351	504	580
Madison	759	955	1,289
Marion	513	525	569
Marshall	538	684	860
Maury	1,099	1,640	1,947
McMinn	469	597	743
McNairy	391	394	420
Meigs	128	129	132
Monroe	627	800	847
Montgomery	1,835	2,139	2,784
Moore	65	73	78
Morgan	233	349	362
Obion	561	725	923
Overton	118	118	122
Perry	140	205	245
Pickett	61	85	88
Polk	49	50	57
Putnam	841	1,409	1,627
Rhea	215	245	272
Roane	111	152	176
Robertson	1,016	1,808	2,033
Rutherford	1,165	1,487	2,139
Scott	250	250	277
Sequatchie	96	140	180
Sevier	1,858	3,535	4,598
Shelby	14,760	20,490	24,156
Smith	77	110	142
Stewart	136	160	200
Sullivan Div. 1	900	1,342	1,443
Sullivan Div. 2	1,059	1,679	1,882
Sumner	2,234	4,117	4,821
Tipton	198	225	301
Trousdale	166	210	262

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<b>Name of Court</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Cases</b>	<b>Referral Reasons</b>
Unicoi	165	212	219
Union	297	328	359
Van Buren	76	80	89
Warren	755	1,029	1,417
Washington	909	1,501	1,622
Wayne	414	521	605
Weakley	221	257	317
White	173	199	253
Williamson	1,925	3,398	4,578
Wilson	901	1,400	1,545
<b>Totals</b>	<b>78,379</b>	<b>119,480</b>	<b>143,093</b>

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**Sex, Race and Age Information  
Based on Number of Individual Children in 2003**

**Sex and Race**

The tables on pages 20-22 present the number of children by sex and race as well as sex and race by county for calendar year 2003. White males, totaling 29,971 and representing 38.2% of the overall juvenile court population outnumbered their female counterparts, who totaled 18,772 and represented 24% of the juvenile court population. African American males, totaling 14,338 and representing 18.3% of the juvenile court population, outnumbered their female counterparts, who totaled 9,793 and represented 12.5% of the juvenile court population. These percentage data are consistent with those of years 1995 through 2002.

Regarding race, non-white (African American, Native American, Asian, and mixed race) children were reported as representing 32.5% of the juvenile court population. Conversely, white children were reported as making up 62.2% of the juvenile court population. The remaining 5.5% were either unknown or not reported. Those counties reporting the highest percentages of non-white children within their juvenile court population were as follows:

Haywood	-- 82.2%
Shelby	-- 79.3%
Madison	-- 67.1%
Lauderdale	-- 57.1%
Davidson	-- 51.6%

The tables on page 23 show sex and race by the three (3) categories of delinquent, status/unruly and neglect/dependent.

Within the delinquent category white males total 17,607 and represent 44.7% of the juvenile court population outnumbering their female counterparts who total 7,844 and represent 19.9% of the juvenile population with delinquent referrals. African American males total 8,367 and represent 21.2% of the juvenile population with delinquent referrals and outnumber their female counterparts who total 4,037 and represent 10.2% of the juvenile population with delinquent referrals.

Within the status/unruly category white males total 7,429 and represent 38.4% of the juvenile court population with status/unruly referrals and outnumber their female counterparts who total 5,415 and represent 28% of the juvenile population with status/unruly referrals. African American males total 3,309 and represent 17.1% of the juvenile population with status/unruly referrals and outnumber their female counterparts who total 2,443 and represent 12.6% of the juvenile population with status/unruly referrals.

Within the neglected/dependent category white males total 1,565 and represent 26.7% of the juvenile court population with neglected/dependent referrals and were outnumbered by their female counterparts who total 1,642 and represent 28% of the juvenile population with neglected/dependent referrals. African American males total 1,068 and represent 18.2% of the juvenile population with neglected/dependent referrals and are almost even to their female counterparts who total 1,110 and represent 18.9% of the juvenile population.

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

Tennessee is divided into eight (8) major regions and four (4) metropolitan areas. These areas are depicted on page 24 and the table on page 25 presents the number of juveniles referred to juvenile courts by region and metropolitan area. When looking at sex and race regionally white males are referred most in the East region with 5,620 which represents 56.6% of the region's juvenile court population. White females are also referred most in the East region with 3,558 which represents 35.9% of this region's juvenile court population. African American males are referred most in the Shelby Metro area with 6,762 and represents 45.8% of this region's juvenile court population. African American females are also referred most in the Shelby/Memphis area with 4,841 which represents 32.8% of this region's juvenile court population.

When looking at age, the 2003 data indicated that the largest number of children fall within the 17 through 18 years of age category (see chart on page 26). Prior to the 1994, 1995, and 1996 data, African American females historically were represented more in the birth to 10 years of age category. In 1994, 1995, and 1996, African American females were most represented in the 15 through 16 age group. In the years 1997 through 2002 and again in 2003, the largest category for African American females is found in the birth to 10 years age category.

The tables on page 27 show age by sex and race with the three (3) categories of delinquent, status/unruly and neglect/dependent.

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

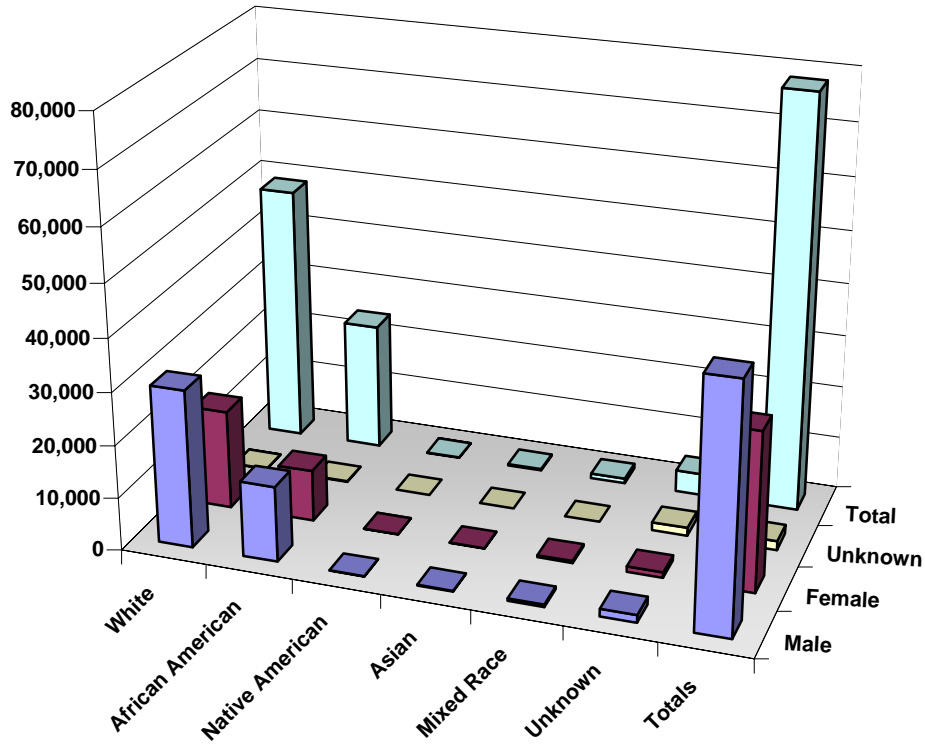
Looking at status/unruly category white males are found most often in the age group 17 through 18. For African American males and their counterparts African American females are found most often in the age group 15 through 16 also, however, there is a sharp rise in ages 13 through 14 category.

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



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**Race by Sex and Hispanic Origin by Sex  
Based on Number of Individual Children Disposed  
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	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Mixed Race	Unknown	Totals
Male	29,971	14,338	40	161	492	1,495	46,497
Female	18,772	9,793	21	100	411	1,068	30,165
Unknown	35	112	0	2	6	1,562	1,717
Total	48,778	24,243	61	263	909	4,125	78,379

**Hispanic Origin**

	Male	Female	Unknown Gender	Total
Hispanic	1,215	557	3	1,775

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WM = White Male	WF = White Female	WU = White Unknown Sex
AAM = African American Male	AAF = African American Female	AAU = African American Unknown Sex
NAM = Native American Male	NAF = Native American Female	NAU = Native American Unknown Sex
AM = Asian Male	AF = Asian Female	AU = Asian Unknown Sex
MRM = Mixed Race Male	MRF = Mixed Race Female	MRU = Mixed Race Unknown Sex
UM = Unknown Race Male	UF = Unknown Race Female	UU = Unknown Race Unknown Sex

	WM	AAM	NAM	AM	MRM	UM	WF	AAF	NAF	AF	MRF	UF	WU	AAU	NAU	AU	MRU	UU	TOTALS
Anderson	464	70	0	2	6	2	183	12	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	744
Bedford	194	34	0	0	5	0	91	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	346
Benton	134	9	0	0	0	0	95	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	242
Bledsoe	62	2	0	0	2	0	39	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	109
Blount	813	55	0	0	18	9	511	41	0	0	20	9	0	0	0	0	0	16	1,492
Bradley	431	32	0	0	5	19	267	17	0	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	783
Bristol	371	9	0	0	0	0	239	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	632
Campbell	252	4	0	0	0	0	167	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	427
Cannon	106	0	0	1	4	0	53	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	169
Carroll	136	16	0	3	2	0	59	6	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	232
Carter	270	9	0	0	0	7	206	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	502
Cheatham	387	13	0	0	2	1	221	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	628
Chester	84	43	0	0	3	1	82	41	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	267
Claiborne	244	1	0	0	3	0	115	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	368
Clay	53	0	0	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	96
Cocke	398	15	1	0	5	11	386	9	0	0	5	10	0	0	0	0	1	2	843
Coffee	273	11	0	1	0	0	145	9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	449
Crockett	51	19	0	0	1	8	21	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	111
Cumberland	326	2	0	0	0	26	176	1	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	14	573
Davidson	1,244	2,201	2	40	91	500	916	1,448	3	22	81	330	0	9	0	0	0	645	7,532
Decatur	57	3	0	0	1	0	38	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101
DeKalb	46	1	1	0	0	0	36	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	87
Dickson	343	42	0	1	5	36	214	13	0	0	4	15	2	2	0	0	0	11	688
Dyer	165	90	0	0	0	4	101	46	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	408
Fayette	44	75	0	0	0	0	32	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	203
Fentress	100	3	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	144
Franklin	157	12	0	0	3	1	72	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	269
Gibson	281	232	0	1	14	86	196	198	0	0	13	82	9	96	0	0	3	59	1,270
Giles	188	60	1	0	1	1	120	28	2	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	419
Grainger	296	2	0	0	0	0	204	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	508
Greene	457	10	0	3	1	2	274	6	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	759
Grundy	170	1	0	1	2	0	143	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	332
Hamblen	391	34	1	2	4	10	273	19	0	0	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	743
Hamilton	1,131	1,160	3	3	14	79	737	839	0	2	17	66	1	0	0	0	0	17	4,069
Hancock	44	0	0	0	1	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	87
Hardeman	100	122	0	2	2	20	46	53	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	82	436
Hardin	129	8	0	0	0	2	88	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	230
Hawkins	633	6	0	0	3	2	422	7	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1,080
Haywood	65	423	0	0	4	2	62	387	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	47	993
Henderson	281	32	0	0	14	0	168	31	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	559
Henry	97	25	0	0	0	1	51	7	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	186

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	WM	AAM	NAM	AM	MRM	UM	WF	AAF	NAF	AF	MRF	UF	WU	AAU	NAU	AU	MRU	UU	TOTALS	
Hickman	166	6	0	0	0	0	113	6	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	301
Houston	43	5	0	0	8	0	28	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	93
Humphreys	181	10	0	0	1	1	115	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	359
Jackson	101	0	1	0	0	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	143
Jefferson	358	20	0	0	0	48	206	6	0	1	1	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	701
Johnson	283	5	4	0	0	0	114	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	417
Johnson City	700	42	1	2	21	10	496	46	2	0	16	9	2	0	0	0	0	1	102	1,450
Knox	1,430	338	3	6	26	149	985	256	4	4	13	119	5	1	0	0	0	0	43	3,382
Lake	41	11	0	0	1	5	27	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
Lauderdale	225	276	4	0	7	1	167	232	0	0	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	927
Lawrence	270	13	0	0	0	43	155	4	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	540
Lewis	93	7	0	0	0	0	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	133
Lincoln	157	33	0	0	1	0	76	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	285
Loudon	369	3	0	0	0	0	209	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	585
Macon	210	0	1	0	1	0	135	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	351
Madison	167	324	0	0	5	0	83	179	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	759
Marion	256	27	0	0	1	0	203	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	513
Marshall	275	38	0	0	6	1	176	30	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	538
Maury	475	162	0	0	6	33	315	82	0	0	3	15	1	4	0	0	0	0	3	1,099
McMinn	266	35	0	5	1	0	145	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	469
McNairy	199	55	0	0	0	0	113	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	391
Meigs	66	0	0	0	3	2	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128
Monroe	330	15	2	0	5	1	244	12	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	627
Montgomery	701	336	3	19	81	19	401	179	3	9	54	9	0	0	0	0	2	0	19	1,835
Moore	33	1	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	65
Morgan	143	1	0	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	233
Obion	241	84	0	0	10	0	146	58	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	561
Overton	62	2	0	0	1	1	49	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
Perry	95	4	0	0	3	1	27	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	140
Pickett	43	0	0	0	4	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
Polk	37	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
Putnam	455	17	0	1	4	34	278	4	0	0	4	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	841
Rhea	115	10	0	0	1	1	80	4	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	215
Roane	82	2	0	0	0	0	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111
Robertson	533	93	1	0	4	35	259	54	0	0	3	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1,016
Rutherford	591	124	0	13	3	4	318	58	0	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	1,165
Scott	171	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	250
Sequatchie	52	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	96
Sevier	1,036	9	1	1	4	20	736	8	0	0	13	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	1,858
Shelby	1,736	6,762	4	49	0	178	1,047	4,841	5	39	0	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,760
Smith	47	1	0	0	1	2	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	77

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**Total Number of Children by Race, Sex and Court  
Based on Number of Individual Children  
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WM = White Male  
AAM = African American Male  
NAM = Native American Male  
AM = Asian Male  
MRM = Mixed Race Male  
UM = Unknown Race Male

WF = White Female  
AAF = African American Female  
NAF = Native American Female  
AF = Asian Female  
MRF = Mixed Race Female  
UF = Unknown Race Female

WU = White Unknown Sex  
AAU = African American Unknown Sex  
NAU = Native American Unknown Sex  
AU = Asian Unknown Sex  
MRU = Mixed Race Unknown Sex  
UU = Unknown Race Unknown Sex

	WM	AAM	NAM	AM	MRM	UM	WF	AAF	NAF	AF	MRF	UF	WU	AAU	NAU	AU	MRU	UU	TOTALS
Stewart	85	3	1	0	1	1	43	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136
Sullivan Div. 1	512	4	0	0	0	0	382	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	900
Sullivan Div. 2	567	48	1	0	12	0	379	38	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,059
Sumner	1,100	179	2	1	12	40	720	114	0	3	13	31	2	0	0	0	0	0	2,234
Tipton	101	27	0	0	1	3	44	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	198
Trousdale	81	13	0	0	1	0	62	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	166
Unicoi	82	9	0	0	0	4	57	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165
Union	188	1	1	0	2	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	297
Van Buren	49	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76
Warren	432	21	0	1	9	0	276	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	755
Washington	501	10	0	0	6	1	334	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	909
Wayne	238	19	0	0	0	0	150	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	414
Weakley	123	22	0	0	4	2	58	9	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	221
White	113	4	0	0	2	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	173
Williamson	1,034	135	1	2	11	25	567	85	0	3	9	31	7	0	0	0	1	14	1,925
Wilson	463	86	0	1	6	0	296	42	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	901
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29,971</b>	<b>14,338</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>18,772</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,562</b>	<b>78,379</b>

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**Children \* Referred to Juvenile Courts  
With Delinquent Referrals in Tennessee for 2003**

	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Mixed Race	Unknown Race	Total
Male	17,607	8,367	22	110	209	510	26,825
Female	7,844	4,037	4	31	107	188	12,211
Unknown Sex	8	37	0	0	0	270	315
<b>Totals</b>	<b>25,459</b>	<b>12,441</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>39,351</b>

**Children \* Referred to Juvenile Courts  
With Status/Unruly Referrals in Tennessee for 2003**

	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Mixed Race	Unknown Race	Total
Male	7,429	3,309	11	39	85	227	11,100
Female	5,415	2,443	8	31	74	166	8,137
Unknown Sex	0	1	0	0	0	94	95
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,844</b>	<b>5,753</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>19,332</b>

**Children \* Referred to Juvenile Courts  
With Dependent, Neglect, and Abuse Allegations in Tennessee for 2003**

	White	African American	Native American	Asian	Mixed Race	Unknown Race	Total
Male	1,565	1,068	3	13	60	124	2,833
Female	1,642	1,110	1	12	64	125	2,954
Unknown Sex	3	4	0	0	0	71	78
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,210</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>5,865</b>

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Davidson/Nashville**

**Shelby/Memphis**

**Hamilton/Chattanooga**

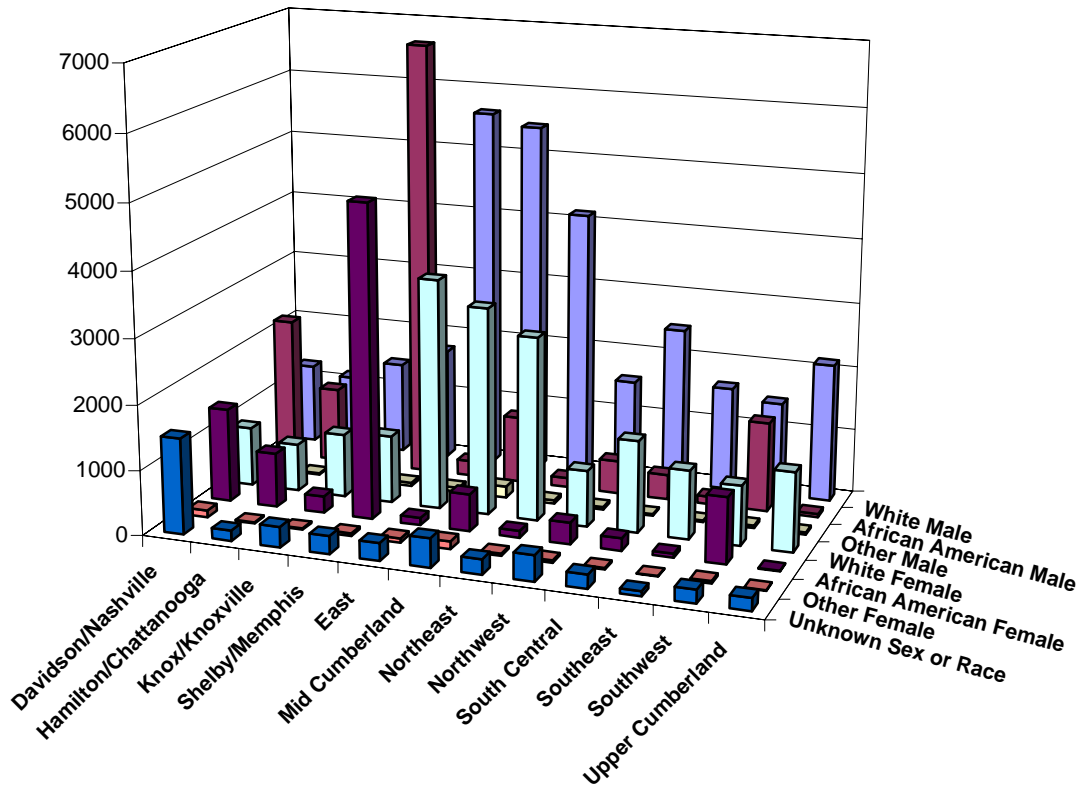
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**Number of Individual Children Referred to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee – 2003  
Sex and Race by Regions and Metropolitan Regions  
Based on Number of Individual Children**

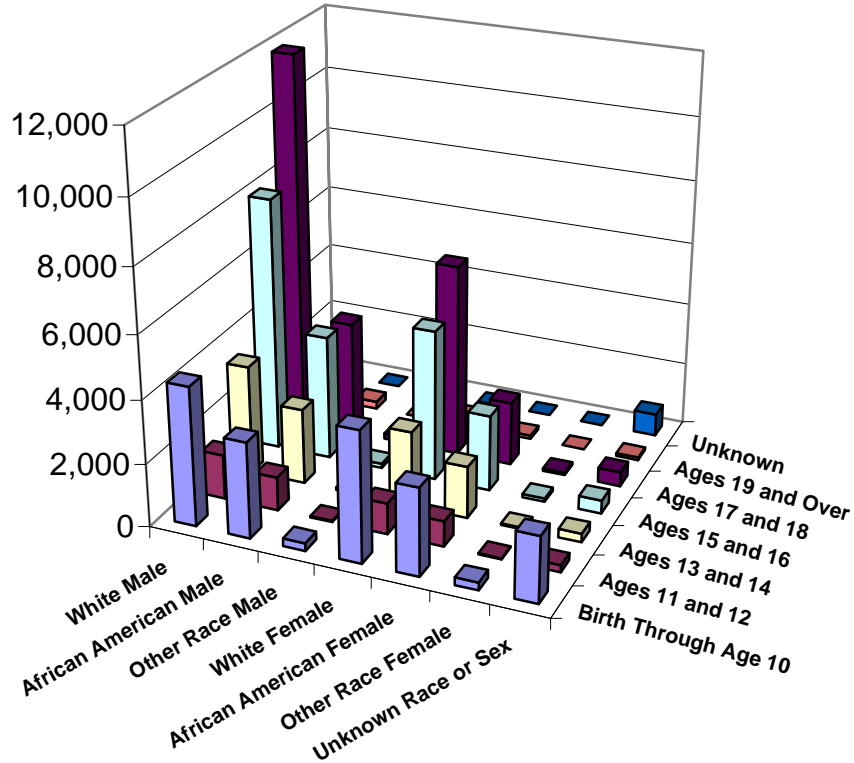


Region	African			African			Unknown Sex or Race	TOTAL
	White Male	American Male	Other Male	White Female	American Female	Other Female		
Davidson/Nashville	1,244	2,201	133	916	1,448	106	1,484	7,532
Hamilton/Chattanooga	1,131	1,160	20	737	839	19	163	4,069
Knox/Knoxville	1,430	338	35	985	256	21	317	3,382
Shelby/Memphis	1,736	6,762	53	1,047	4,841	44	277	14,760
East	5,620	235	60	3,558	112	65	273	9,923
Mid Cumberland	5,457	1,036	178	3,201	574	120	444	11,010
Northeast	4,137	147	51	2,831	108	36	233	7,543
Northwest	1,552	513	40	868	333	37	397	3,740
South Central	2,457	388	24	1,423	194	27	216	4,729
Southeast	1,612	119	24	1,060	62	9	77	2,963
Southwest	1,452	1,388	43	923	1,015	38	205	5,064
Upper Cumberland	2,143	51	32	1,223	11	10	194	3,664
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29,971</b>	<b>14,338</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>18,772</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>4,280</b>	<b>78,379</b>

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**Age Group of Children Based on Number of Individual Children  
from last Date of Referral for January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003**



**Individual Children Referred to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2003**

	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Birth Through Age 10	4,414	3,040	251	4,138	2,768	246	2,087	16,944
Ages 11 and 12	1,411	1,063	39	988	809	36	230	4,576
Ages 13 and 14	3,445	2,400	78	2,385	1,645	54	272	10,279
Ages 15 and 16	8,049	3,954	138	4,794	2,424	107	423	19,889
Ages 17 and 18	11,904	3,639	178	6,115	2,028	82	463	24,409
Ages 19 and Over	748	242	9	352	119	7	93	1,570
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	712	712
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29,971</b>	<b>14,338</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>18,772</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>4,280</b>	<b>78,379</b>



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**Children \* Referred to Juvenile Courts  
With Delinquent Referrals in Tennessee for 2003**

	African American			African American			Unknown	Totals
	White Male	American Male	Other Male	White Female	American Female	Other Female		
Birth Through Age 10	357	432	28	187	260	14	191	1,469
Ages 11 thru 12	489	504	19	159	266	4	57	1,498
Ages 13 thru 14	1,832	1,582	51	862	864	22	85	5,298
Ages 15 thru 16	5,242	2,873	96	2,399	1,388	46	196	12,240
Ages 17 thru 18	9,495	2,860	142	4,203	1,220	49	301	18,270
Ages 19 and Over	241	135	6	91	52	3	47	575
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>17,656</b>	<b>8,386</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>7,901</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>39,351</b>

**Children \* Referred to Juvenile Courts  
With Status/Unruly Referrals in Tennessee for 2003**

	African American			African American			Unknown	Totals
	White Male	American Male	Other Male	White Female	American Female	Other Female		
Birth Through Age 10	358	210	11	360	147	7	50	1,143
Ages 11 thru 12	327	158	5	263	118	4	27	902
Ages 13 thru 14	1,053	575	30	944	471	21	66	3,160
Ages 15 thru 16	2,747	1,238	44	1,965	961	57	151	7,163
Ages 17 thru 18	2,900	1,113	52	1,868	747	27	136	6,843
Ages 19 and Over	65	18	0	25	3	0	10	121
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,450</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>5,425</b>	<b>2,447</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>19,332</b>

**Children \* Referred to Juvenile Courts  
With Neglect/Dependent and Abuse Allegations in Tennessee for 2003**

	African American			African American			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	American Male	Other Male	White Female	American Female	Other Female		
Birth Through Age 10	1,018	686	62	1,008	678	62	229	3,743
Ages 11 thru 12	158	113	6	169	123	6	25	600
Ages 13 thru 14	147	98	9	161	99	3	20	537
Ages 15 thru 16	140	110	3	187	132	5	21	598
Ages 17 thru 18	90	58	1	117	69	2	10	347
Ages 19 and Over	12	4	0	10	7	0	7	40
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>5,865</b>

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**Living Arrangement of the Child  
At The Time of Referral to Juvenile Court in 2003**

Consistent with the data gathered in previous years, the chart on page 29 shows the largest numbers (28,179 or 36.0%) of the children within the general juvenile court population were reported to be "living with their mothers only" at the time of referral to juvenile court. The second and third most reported living arrangements for the general juvenile court population were "living with both natural parents" (17.4%) and "unknown" (17.4%) with the "living with relatives" at (10.0%).

When examining the 2003 juvenile court population by race and gender categories, different living arrangement patterns can be seen (see chart on page 29). White female data continued to mirror the general juvenile court population figures. This data revealed a higher percentage of "living with mothers only" (33.6%) over "living with both natural parents" (20.7%), "unknown" (13.7%) or "living with relatives" (9.7%).

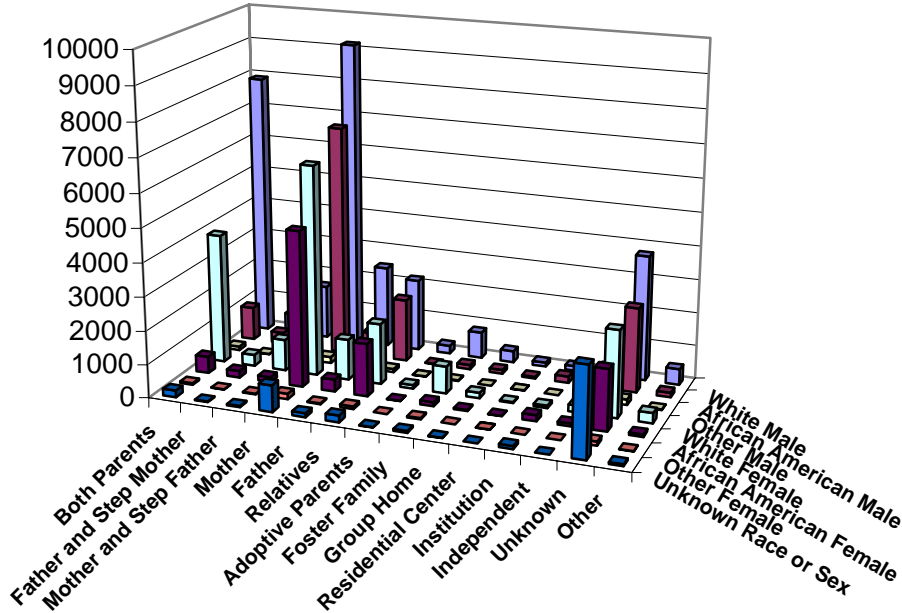
Data regarding African American females continued to be reflective of a different living arrangement. Nearly Forty-eight percent (47.6%) of African American females were reported to be "living with mothers only," followed by "unknown" (18.6%). "living with relatives" (16.1%) and "living with both natural parents" (5.1%).

Once again, the 2003 data reflected a change from the historical trend of white males living more often with both natural parents. As in 1995 through 2002 the 2003 data showed that the largest category for white males was "living with mother only" with (30.6%). "living with both natural parents" continued to be the second most reported living arrangement for white males (26.4%), followed by "unknown" (12.5%).

Data associated with African American males revealed that nearly half (48.1%) of African American males were reported as "living with mother only" at the time of referral. (17.6%) "unknown" did not report the living arrangement, followed by (13.1%) "living with relatives".

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**Living Arrangement of Child at Time of Referral  
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Based on Number of Individual Children**



**Individual Children Referred to  
Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2003**

	African			African			Unknown Sex or Race	Totals
	White Male	American Male	Other Male	White Female	American Female	Other Female		
Both Biological Parents	7,900	1,010	108	3,894	499	48	202	13,661
Father and Stepmother	581	332	9	336	203	7	20	1,488
Mother and Stepfather	1,610	247	34	937	149	22	34	3,033
Mother	9,166	6,901	191	6,299	4,664	163	795	28,179
Father	2,446	713	37	1,211	365	22	124	4,918
Relatives	2,171	1,879	91	1,820	1,572	82	203	7,818
Adoptive Parents	241	19	4	108	15	3	12	402
Foster Family	796	133	21	811	117	37	52	1,967
Group Home	342	119	3	162	35	5	11	677
Residential	124	49	3	32	11	3	6	228
In a Institution	134	198	3	76	179	4	90	684
Independent	229	77	0	205	90	2	5	608
Unknown	3,754	2,527	169	2,576	1,819	124	2,673	13,642
Other	477	134	20	305	75	10	53	1,074
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29,971</b>	<b>14,338</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>18,772</b>	<b>9,793</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>4,280</b>	<b>78,379</b>

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**School Status of Individual Children at the Time of  
Referral to Juvenile Court in 2003**

The chart on page 31 shows that, in 2003, a majority (63%) of the children were reported as being formally enrolled (either full or part-time) in regular school at the time of referral to juvenile court, while 12% were reported as being out or not formally enrolled in regular school. This "out of regular school" category also included those children who had been expelled. Additionally, 4% of the general juvenile court population was reported as being enrolled in a special education curriculum at the time of referral.

It should be noted that for 30,507 (39%) children no information was reported for school enrollment.

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

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**Educational Information about Individual Children  
Based on Number of Individual Children  
January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003**

The following school statistics pertain to the 78,379 children whose cases were processed.

**School Enrollment of Child**

2,922	4% Too Young for School
1,427	2% Finished Preschool
806	1% Finished Kindergarten
781	1% Finished First Grade
848	1% Finished Second Grade
906	1% Finished Third Grade
1,134	1% Finished Fourth Grade
1,741	2% Finished Fifth Grade
3,020	4% Finished Sixth Grade
4,106	5% Finished Seventh Grade
6,846	9% Finished Eighth Grade
7,067	9% Finished Ninth Grade
7,094	9% Finished Tenth Grade
5,279	7% Finished Eleventh Grade
950	1% Finished Twelfth Grade
65	0% Last Enrolled in Non-Graded Special Education
447	1% GED
257	0% Graduated
844	1% Have Never been in School
30,507	39% Unknown
1,332	2% Other

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**78,379 100% Total**

**Is Child Enrolled In School**

49,636	63% Enrolled in School
9,203	12% Not Enrolled in School
19,540	25% Unknown

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**78,379 100% Total**

**Special Education Status**

2,907	4% Enrolled in Special Education
45,088	58% Not Enrolled in Special Education
30,384	39% Unknown

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**78,379 100% Total**

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**Referral Information by Race, Sex,  
and Class of Referral/Offense  
2003**

During the reporting period between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003, information regarding 143,093 referral reasons disposed of by Tennessee juvenile courts was reported to the Tennessee Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Nearly half (48%) of the 2003 referral reasons disposed of by juvenile courts fell into the category of alleged delinquent offenses. Status offenses represented 18.3% of referral reasons, while non-offense referral reasons comprised an additional 33.6% of the total 2003 juvenile court referral reasons.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The chart on page 34 indicates that the first, second, and third most often reported classes of referral reasons for males are the same for both White and African American races. Among white males, the two most commonly reported classes of referral/offense were "Illegal Conduct" and "Status Offenses". Thirty-seven (37.0%) percent of white male referral reasons were for "Illegal Conduct" and 17.6% were for "Status Offenses". "Offenses Against Property" represented the third most reported class of referral/offense for white male referrals at 12% followed by "Special Proceedings" at 8.8%.

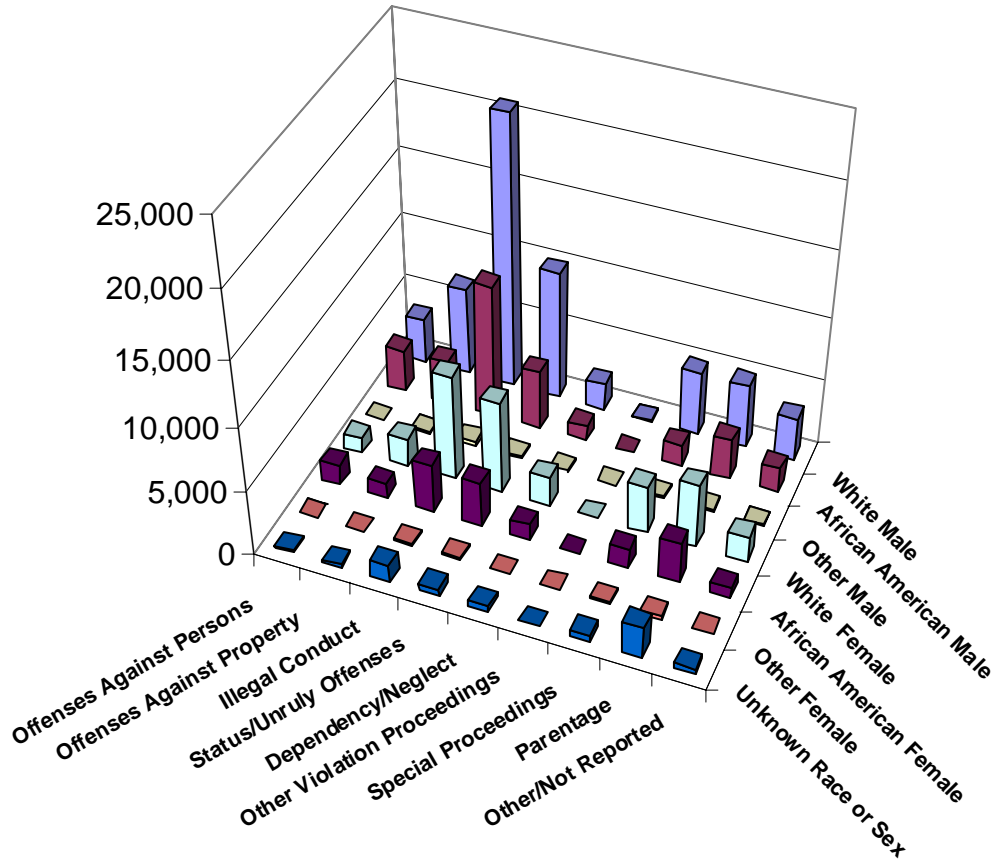
Thirty-five percent (35%) of African American male referral reasons were for "Illegal Conduct". The second and third most reported class of referral/offense for African American males were "Status Offenses" (15.3%) and "Offenses Against Property" (11.5%).

The chart on 34 indicates that the first, second and third most often reported classes of referral/offenses for females are the same. The first and second most reported class of referral/offense for white females were for "Illegal Conduct" at 25.9% and "Status Offenses" at 22.7%. The third most reported referral/offense for white females was "Parentage" at 15.6%.

The most often reported class for African American females in 2003 was "Illegal Conduct" at 22.7%. The second and third most reported referral/offense for African American females were "Status Offenses" at 21% and "Parentage" at 19.1%.

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Referrals to Juvenile Court in Tennessee for 2003  
by Class of Referral/Offense, Sex and Race  
Based on Number of Referrals



	African			African			Unknown	Total
	White Male	American Male	Other Male	White Female	American Female	Other Female	Race or Sex	
Offenses Against Persons	3,497	3,310	96	1,168	1,568	38	171	9,848
Offenses Against Property	6,798	3,413	148	2,138	1,144	53	180	13,874
Illegal Conduct	21,007	10,312	405	8,210	3,748	140	1,276	45,098
Status/Unruly Offenses	10,033	4,551	201	7,186	3,462	195	622	26,250
Dependency/Neglect	2,078	1,160	93	2,239	1,200	106	393	7,269
Other Violation Proceedings	66	5	0	35	3	1	2	112
Special Proceedings	5,030	1,728	148	3,726	1,445	165	503	12,745
Parentage	5,021	3,215	265	4,946	3,148	281	2,405	19,281
Other/Not Reported	3,338	1,959	95	1,990	800	72	362	8,616
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56,868</b>	<b>29,653</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>31,638</b>	<b>16,518</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>5,914</b>	<b>143,093</b>



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**Referral Reasons by  
Race and Sex in 2003**

Please refer to the tables on pages 36–38 regarding referral reasons by race and gender. Since these data are spread between 83 potential referral reasons, most of the percentages presented in this discussion will be small. ***It is important to note that many juvenile courts do not hear traffic cases. In these jurisdictions, traffic cases go to the court with jurisdiction for hearing adult traffic violations. It is also important to note that the category of “Unknown” includes not reported.***

The 2003 data showed the most commonly reported delinquent referral reasons to be traffic offenses, theft of property, assault, and disorderly conduct. The most often reported status offense referral reasons were truancy, unruly behavior, possession of tobacco products and followed closely by in-state runaway. Referral reasons surrounding issues of custody and child support are the most prevalent within the non-offense category.

When looking by race and gender, the top four specific referral reasons for white males reported in 2003 were “Traffic Offenses” (15% of white males -- 6% of the total referrals), “Other” (5.9% of white males -- 2.3% of total referrals), “Judicial Review” (5.8% of white males -- 2.3% of total referrals), and “Theft of Property” (5.4% of white males -- 2.1% of total referrals).

The most often reported specific referral reasons associated with African American males were “Disorderly Conduct” (7.8% of African American males -- 1.6% of total referrals), “Assault” (7.3% of African American males -- 1.5% of total referrals), “Other” (6.6% of African American males -- 1.4% of total referrals), and “Theft of Property” (6.3% of African American males -- 1.3% of total referrals).

The most often cited specific referral reasons for white females were “Traffic Offenses” (12.6% of white females -- 2.8% of total referrals), “Truancy” (8.2% of white females -- 1.8% of total referrals), “Custody” (7.8 of white females -- 1.7 of total referrals) and “Judicial Review” (7% of white females -- 1.5% of total referrals).

Regarding African American females, the most often cited specific referral reasons in 2003 were “Disorderly Conduct” (10.1% of African American females -- 1.2% of total referrals), “Child Support” (9.3% of African American females -- 1.1% of total referrals), “Assault” (8% of African American females -- 0.9% of total referrals) and “Dependency/Neglect” (8% of African American females -- 0.8% of total referrals).

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**2003 Referral Reasons by Race and Sex  
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<u>Offenses Against Persons</u>	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male	
Criminal Homicide	12	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
First Degree Murder	9	3	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	24
Second Degree Murder	4	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	10
Aggravated Rape	7	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Rape of a Child	143	10	122	0	2	0	0	0	2	279
Aggravated Vehicular Homicide	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Especially Aggravated Robbery	9	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Especially Aggravated Kidnapping	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	1	9
Aggravated Robbery	31	4	212	2	8	0	0	0	2	259
Aggravated Kidnapping	8	0	9	0	2	0	0	0	0	19
Aggravated Child Abuse/Neglect	7	1	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	15
Aggravated Sexual Battery	88	3	61	0	7	0	0	0	10	169
Rape	35	1	24	0	2	0	0	0	0	62
Voluntary Manslaughter	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Vehicular Homicide	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sexual Abuse of a Child	20	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Other Sexual Offense	107	9	83	2	17	0	0	0	5	223
Aggravated Assault	405	95	398	21	179	8	22	0	0	1,128
Robbery	27	4	81	1	5	0	2	0	0	120
Criminally Negligent Homicide	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Attempt a Crime Against a Person	18	4	30	9	0	0	2	0	0	63
Assault	2,321	969	2,156	53	1,325	29	120	0	0	6,973
Reckless Endangerment	234	39	94	6	12	0	4	0	0	389
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,497</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>171</b>			<b>9,848</b>

<u>Offenses Against Property</u>	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male	
Aggravated Arson	7	6	11	0	4	0	0	0	0	28
Arson	99	11	17	1	3	0	6	0	0	137
Aggravated Burglary	411	48	432	19	20	1	17	0	0	948
Theft of Property	3,049	1,551	1,867	81	919	47	94	0	0	7,608
Vandalism	1,995	286	602	22	131	4	40	0	0	3,080
Forgery	48	56	26	2	10	0	0	0	0	142
Worthless Checks	15	17	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	37
Illegal Poss./Fraud. Use of Credit/Debit Cards	40	18	10	0	10	0	2	0	0	80
Burglary	947	77	357	20	16	0	11	0	0	1,428
Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	161	65	79	3	28	1	10	0	0	347
Cruelty to Animals	26	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,798</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>3,413</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>180</b>			<b>13,874</b>

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	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female		
<b>Illegal Conduct</b>								
Sale of Controlled Substances	119	257	5	24	15	0	6	426
Other Drug Offenses	1,066	147	9	281	19	2	28	1,552
Possession of Controlled Substances	2,042	1,242	23	579	126	1	91	4,104
Criminal Attempt	31	76	0	7	6	0	8	128
Weapons on School Property	126	133	4	20	71	2	10	366
Unlawful Carrying/Possession Weapon	229	344	10	15	49	0	16	663
Evading Arrest	362	456	14	45	32	0	14	923
Escape	125	126	6	15	31	2	8	313
Driving Under Influence(DUI)	220	18	3	55	3	1	14	314
Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	1,942	144	18	732	36	4	65	2,941
Resisting, Stop, Frisk, Halt, Arrest or Search	216	297	10	91	95	2	16	727
Aggravated Criminal Trespass	32	29	0	4	4	0	1	70
Harassment	116	37	6	81	36	0	1	277
Failure to Appear	79	87	6	50	32	0	10	264
Filing a False Police Report	69	32	1	45	15	2	1	165
Criminal Impersonation	97	74	6	64	51	3	16	311
Disorderly Conduct	1,178	2,327	45	544	1,668	24	98	5,884
Criminal Trespass	497	701	14	135	130	2	33	1,512
Public Intoxication	316	170	1	94	40	1	21	643
Gambling	2	71	0	0	1	0	0	74
Traffic	8,587	1,452	129	4,000	499	49	401	15,117
Local Ordinances	147	54	2	56	7	0	8	274
Violation of Wildlife Regulations	103	3	0	9	0	0	1	116
Contempt of Court	497	365	29	332	358	18	293	1,892
Violation of Probation	2,682	1,554	61	910	398	23	112	5,740
Violation of Aftercare	127	116	3	22	26	4	4	302
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21,007</b>	<b>10,312</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>8,210</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1,276</b>	<b>45,098</b>

	African American		Other Race	African American		Other Race	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	Male	Male	White Female	Female	Female		
<b>Status Offenses</b>								
Unruly Behavior	1,886	1,002	48	1,522	799	46	138	5,441
Truancy	2,830	1,435	68	2,605	1,117	57	246	8,358
In-State Runaway	834	750	5	1,015	885	35	62	3,586
Out-of-State Runaway	34	14	0	46	23	2	5	124
Possession of Tobacco Products	2,745	403	28	1,054	85	12	72	4,399
Violation of a Valid Court Order	739	273	27	450	268	32	49	1,838
Violation of Curfew	965	674	25	494	285	11	50	2,504
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,033</b>	<b>4,551</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>7,186</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>26,250</b>

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	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		Totals
	White Male	Male	White Male	Female	White Female	Female	White Female	Female	Sex		
<b>Dependency/Neglect</b>											
Sexually Abused Child	24	0	0	52	5	0	0	0	0	0	81
Physically Abused Child	30	6	2	23	3	2	2	11	11	77	
Dependency/Neglect	1,818	1,110	80	1,985	1,148	96	350	6,587	6,587		
Termination of Parental Rights	206	44	11	179	44	8	32	524	524		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>7,269</b>	<b>7,269</b>		

	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		Totals
	White Male	Male	White Male	Female	White Female	Female	White Female	Female	Sex		
<b>Other Violation Proceedings</b>											
Violation of Pretrial Diversion	43	4	0	18	3	0	2	70	70		
Violation of Informal Adjustment	23	1	0	17	0	1	0	42	42		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>112</b>		

	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		Totals
	White Male	Male	White Male	Female	White Female	Female	White Female	Female	Sex		
<b>Parentage</b>											
Custody	2,320	1,226	113	2,467	1,068	125	308	7,627	7,627		
Visitation	349	262	25	388	273	24	70	1,391	1,391		
Paternity/Legitimation	444	262	33	427	271	24	521	1,982	1,982		
Child Support	1,908	1,465	94	1,664	1,536	108	1,506	8,281	8,281		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>4,946</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>19,281</b>	<b>19,281</b>		

	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		Totals
	White Male	Male	White Male	Female	White Female	Female	White Female	Female	Sex		
<b>Special Proceedings</b>											
Judicial Review	3,308	382	56	2,119	204	41	251	6,361	6,361		
Administrative Review	494	712	6	428	728	7	64	2,439	2,439		
Foster Care Review	1,213	634	86	1,144	513	117	187	3,894	3,894		
Request for Medical Treatment	11	0	0	4	0	0	0	15	15		
Consent to Marry	4	0	0	31	0	0	1	36	36		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>3,726</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>12,745</b>	<b>12,745</b>		

	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		Totals
	White Male	Male	White Male	Female	White Female	Female	White Female	Female	Sex		
<b>Other</b>											
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,338</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>8,616</b>	<b>8,616</b>		

<b>Totals</b>	<b>56,868</b>	<b>29,653</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>31,638</b>	<b>16,518</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>5,914</b>	<b>143,093</b>	<b>143,093</b>		
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**The Referral Sources of Referrals  
to the Juvenile Court in 2003**

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

The table on page 40 lists each referral source and its corresponding percentage of referrals. As can be seen by this table, in 2003, "law enforcement" remained the most often cited referral source for juveniles to the courts (46.1%), while "parents" continued to represent the second most often cited referral source (11.6%). The 2003 data shows "court staff" (9.9%) as the third most often reported source, while "school" (8.4%) was the fourth and "Department of Children Services" (8.3%) was the fifth.

When looking at the six most frequently reported referral reasons associated with each referral source, the tables on pages 41-43 reveal that, in 2003, "law enforcement" personnel continued to appear more likely to refer juveniles for traffic complaints (22.3% of law enforcement referrals and 10.3% of total referrals), while "custody" was the most often cited reason for referral by parents (10.8% of parent referrals and 1.9% of total referrals). With regard to schools, "truancy" remained the most cited referral reason (64.3% of school referrals and 5.4% of total referrals) with "tobacco products" (17.4% of school referrals and 1.5% of total referrals) being the second most referral reason by schools. Victims continue to refer more often for theft of property (34% of victim referrals and 0.9% of total referrals).

The tables on pages 45-46 show sex and race by the three (3) categories of delinquent, status/unruly and neglect dependent.

Within the delinquent category law enforcement personnel are more likely to refer juveniles (77.9% of the total delinquent referrals). Of "law enforcement" referrals 35.6% of these referrals were for white males, 12.4% were for white females, 20% were for African American males, and 7.3% were for African American females when compared to the total delinquent referrals.

Within the status/unruly category law enforcement personnel referred 40.9%. Of the law enforcement referrals 16.3% were white males, 7.9% were white females, 9.5% were African American males, and 5.9% were African American females when compared to the total status/unruly category. Schools were second with 34.3% of referrals within the category status/unruly. Of the school referrals 13.8% were white males, 10.1% were white females, 5.1% were African American males and 3.9% were African American females when compared to the total status/unruly category.

Within the neglected and dependent category the Department of Children's Services referred 42.7%. Of the referrals from the Department of Children Services 14.5% were white males, 16.1% were white females, 3.5% were African American males, and 3.7% were African American females when compared to the total neglected and dependent referrals. It must be noted that due to the method of filing neglected and dependent petitions this data is under-reported to the TCJFCJ.

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**Referral Source  
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Law Enforcement	65,940	46.1%
Parents	16,552	11.6%
Relatives	4,247	3.0%
Self	393	0.3%
School	12,020	8.4%
Community Services Agency	66	0.0%
Department of Children's Services	11,836	8.3%
Other State Departments	4,195	2.9%
District Attorney	2,309	1.6%
Court Staff	14,114	9.9%
Social Agency	1,563	1.1%
Other Court	477	0.3%
Victim	3,767	2.6%
Child and Parent	312	0.2%
Hospital	67	0.0%
Unknown	291	0.2%
Other	4,944	3.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,093</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**2003 Six Most Frequent Referral Reasons by Source  
Based On Number of Referrals Disposed**

**Referral Source and Referral Reasons**

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	White Female	White Male	White Female	African American Male	African American Female	Other Race Male	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	
	<b>Law Enforcement</b>									
1. Traffic	8,342	3,883	1,436	124	487	46		388	14,706	
2. Theft of Property	2,300	890	1,675	66	763	28		81	5,803	
3. Disorderly Conduct	1,041	1,618	2,267	36	24			88	5,532	
4. Assault	1,350	547	1,748	28	1,140	15		81	4,909	
5. Possession of Controlled Substances	1,855	510	1,209	22	121	1		86	3,804	
6. Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	1,880	705	134	17	32	4		61	2,833	

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	White Female	White Male	White Female	African American Male	African American Female	Other Race Male	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	
	<b>Parents</b>									
1. Custody	856	864	486	34	386	41		112	2,779	
2. Unruly Behavior	860	832	302	18	206	24		34	2,276	
3. Child Support	343	323	237	9	295	21		546	1,774	
4. Dependency/Neglect	300	306	513	10	544	11		38	1,722	
5. Other	390	327	340	9	263	12		74	1,415	
6. Administrative Review	104	112	550	1	558	1		5	1,331	

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	White Female	White Male	White Female	African American Male	African American Female	Other Race Male	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	
	<b>Relatives</b>									
1. Custody	906	983	311	48	247	41		101	2,637	
2. Dependency/Neglect	255	258	100	20	90	19		15	757	
3. Other	86	55	26	4	33	7		19	230	
4. Unruly Behavior	44	70	17	3	21	0		0	155	
5. In-State Runaway	16	46	18	0	14	1		4	99	
6. Child Support	22	34	13	1	6	2		2	80	

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	White Female	White Male	White Female	African American Male	African American Female	Other Race Male	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	
	<b>Self</b>									
1. Other	122	45	9	1	0	0		7	184	
2. Child Support	43	36	3	1	5	0		1	89	
3. Custody	13	18	5	0	4	0		0	40	
4. Violation of Probation	9	3	5	0	2	0		1	20	
5. Visitation	6	5	0	0	0	0		0	11	
6. Dependency/Neglect	3	6	0	0	0	0		0	9	

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	White Female	White Male	White Female	African American Male	African American Female	Other Race Male	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	
	<b>School</b>									
1. Truancy	2,562	2,400	1,335	65	1,074	52		235	7,723	
2. Possession of Tobacco Products	1,314	529	141	18	41	4		42	2,089	
3. Dependency/Neglect	84	94	81	2	90	5		18	374	
4. Unruly Behavior	200	62	33	5	21	1		6	328	
5. Other	138	111	29	1	15	0		3	297	
6. Violation of a Valid Court Order	84	52	25	1	12	2		10	186	

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**Referral Source and Referral Reasons**

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	
<b>Community Services Agencies</b>										
1. Violation of Probation	11	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
2. Judicial Review	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	11
3. Dependency/Neglect	2	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	8
4. Assault	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
5. Custody	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	6
6. Administrative Review	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	
<b>Department of Children's Services</b>										
1. Dependency/Neglect	889	225	41	980	244	46	238			2,663
2. Foster Care Review	795	146	38	719	91	59	58			1,906
3. Other	590	146	11	444	120	12	43			1,366
4. Judicial Review	685	67	13	505	37	15	35			1,357
5. Violation of Probation	594	151	12	138	26	2	9			932
6. Custody	246	151	20	250	90	21	37			815

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	
<b>Other State Department</b>										
1. Child Support	511	874	29	468	935	41	240			3,098
2. Contempt of Court	79	56	6	48	67	4	124			384
3. Judicial Review	34	44	6	20	37	1	88			230
4. Paternity/Legitimation	40	46	3	38	53	1	17			198
5. Violation of Probation	121	7	3	53	1	0	0			185
6. Other	15	2	0	2	2	0	1			22

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	
<b>District Attorney</b>										
1. Child Support	557	179	30	449	140	37	280			1,672
2. Paternity/Legitimation	100	34	17	115	40	10	100			416
3. Other	33	18	4	18	2	0	20			95
4. Contempt of Court	13	2	4	20	0	1	0			40
5. Judicial Review	5	4	0	6	5	0	0			20
6. Dependency/Neglect	4	0	0	5	0	1	0			10

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex			Totals
	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	
<b>Court Staff</b>										
1. Violation of Probation	1,386	1,234	42	508	303	20	87			3,580
2. Judicial Review	1,740	172	30	1,101	95	22	73			3,233
3. Foster Care Review	361	483	47	368	420	57	126			1,862
4. Other	358	474	17	227	89	13	37			1,215
5. Violation of a Valid Court Order	391	184	22	288	162	22	33			1,102
6. Administrative Review	249	62	2	178	68	2	55			616



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	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American	Race	Female	American	Race	Race or	
<b>Social Agency</b>							Sex	
1. Dependency/Neglect	55	75	1	65	94	4	7	301
2. Child Support	176	39	1	64	5	1	3	289
3. Other	99	9	4	55	16	1	2	186
4. Violation of Probation	101	10	0	46	0	0	4	161
5. Administrative Review	5	71	0	5	66	0	0	147
6. Foster Care Review	47	0	0	40	0	1	1	89

	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American	Race	Female	American	Race	Race or	
<b>Other Court</b>							Sex	
1. Theft of Property	34	12	0	16	5	0	3	70
2. Other	20	9	1	15	1	1	4	51
3. Traffic	24	3	0	12	0	0	3	42
4. Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	19	3	1	9	2	0	0	34
5. Violation of Probation	13	5	2	11	0	0	1	32
6. Assault	14	7	0	2	2	0	0	25

	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American	Race	Female	American	Race	Race or	
<b>Victim</b>							Sex	
1. Theft of Property	528	125	14	550	116	14	10	1,357
2. Assault	524	198	7	245	109	8	16	1,107
3. Vandalism	227	31	2	65	20	0	10	355
4. Criminal Trespass	96	18	6	31	6	0	4	161
5. Harassment	64	17	3	45	12	0	0	141
6. Aggravated Assault	62	25	4	12	10	0	9	122

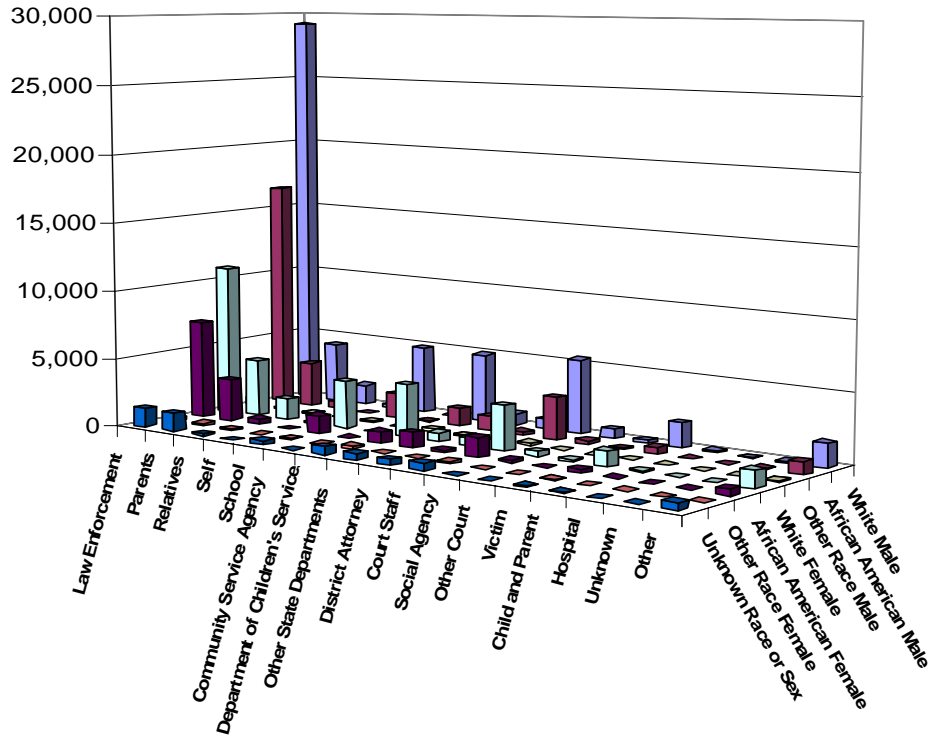
	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American	Race	Female	American	Race	Race or	
<b>Child and Parent</b>							Sex	
1. Assault	34	5	2	21	5	0	0	67
2. Other	28	9	0	17	3	0	0	57
3. Custody	18	0	0	28	7	0	2	55
4. Paternity/Legitimation	6	0	0	12	0	0	7	25
5. Child Support	7	0	0	8	0	0	8	23
6. Traffic	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American	Race	Female	American	Race	Race or	
<b>Hospital</b>							Sex	
1. Paternity/Legitimation	10	1	0	20	0	3	0	34
2. Request for Medical Treatment	9	0	0	4	0	0	0	13
3. Dependency/Neglect	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	5
4. Assault	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3
5. Child Support	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
6. Unruly Behavior	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2

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**Source of Referral for all Referrals  
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**Referrals for All Children  
Referred to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2003**

All Referrals	African		Other		African		Other	Unknown	Totals
	White Male	American Male	Race Male	White Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex		
Law Enforcement	29,188	16,613	547	10,918	7,112	195	1,367	65,940	
Parents	4,359	3,260	135	4,190	3,082	165	1,361	16,552	
Relatives	1,460	510	79	1,548	429	73	148	4,247	
Self	218	28	2	120	11	0	14	393	
School	4,959	1,765	103	3,487	1,306	68	332	12,020	
Community Services Agency	39	8	0	17	0	1	1	66	
Department of Children's Services	4,935	1,285	173	3,842	812	188	601	11,836	
Other State Departments	840	1,040	49	642	1,099	49	476	4,195	
District Attorney	746	240	55	627	188	49	404	2,309	
Court Staff	5,434	3,104	187	3,289	1,422	166	512	14,114	
Social Agency	687	266	7	364	198	11	30	1,563	
Other Court	226	68	9	128	27	1	18	477	
Victim	1,788	482	40	1,072	296	24	65	3,767	
Child and Parent	144	21	3	103	24	0	17	312	
Hospital	26	1	0	30	6	3	1	67	
Unknown	93	71	3	53	36	0	35	291	
Other	1,726	891	59	1,209	470	58	531	4,944	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56,868</b>	<b>29,653</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>31,639</b>	<b>16,518</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>5,913</b>	<b>143,093</b>	

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**Delinquent Referrals to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2003  
Based on Number of Referrals**

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	
Law Enforcement	25,954	14,600	498	9,016	5,351	152	1,169	56,740
Parents	639	339	26	366	302	16	150	1,838
Relatives	82	15	2	42	7	1	2	151
Self	22	11	0	5	2	0	5	45
School	637	151	15	247	58	6	16	1,130
Community Services Agency	21	3	0	3	0	0	0	27
Department of Children's Services	975	396	23	226	89	13	30	1,752
Other State Departments	250	72	13	117	71	8	131	662
District Attorney	39	4	4	29	1	1	1	79
Court Staff	2,029	1,533	63	792	408	29	128	4,982
Social Agency	178	31	1	63	4	1	6	284
Other Court	181	56	7	74	20	0	10	348
Victim	1,713	467	38	1,027	288	24	62	3,619
Child and Parent	73	12	3	28	12	0	0	128
Hospital	4	0	0	0	5	0	1	10
Unknown	29	12	0	4	6	0	3	54
Other	500	184	7	230	73	6	24	1,024
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33,326</b>	<b>17,886</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>12,269</b>	<b>6,697</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>72,873</b>

**Status/Unruly Referrals to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2003**

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	
Law Enforcement	4,980	2,898	99	2,422	1,795	54	272	12,520
Parents	1,334	435	24	1,379	325	43	52	3,592
Relatives	73	38	3	127	36	1	4	282
Self	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
School	4,226	1,575	90	3,081	1,186	62	297	10,517
Community Services Agency	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
Department of Children's Services	430	125	4	219	94	15	14	901
Other State Departments	6	3	0	7	0	0	0	16
District Attorney	4	1	0	2	0	0	0	7
Court Staff	749	406	30	540	299	35	78	2,137
Social Agency	59	14	0	32	5	3	3	116
Other Court	26	6	0	28	1	0	1	62
Victim	58	18	2	41	6	3	0	128
Child and Parent	11	0	0	3	2	0	0	16
Hospital	3	0	0	0	3	0	1	7
Unknown	14	10	0	6	4	0	1	35
Other	126	40	0	63	35	4	4	272
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,109</b>	<b>5,570</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>7,952</b>	<b>3,791</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>30,622</b>

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**Dependent, Neglect, and Abuse Allegations  
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	African White Male	Other American Male	Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Law Enforcement	56	33	2	37	14	2	6	150
Parents	388	515	10	392	546	12	44	1,907
Relatives	282	101	21	293	91	20	15	823
Self	4	0	0	6	0	0	0	10
School	110	123	2	115	129	6	19	504
Community Services Agency	2	1	0	5	0	1	0	9
Department of Children's Services	1,125	268	55	1,250	290	56	272	3,316
Other State Departments	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
District Attorney	5	0	0	6	0	1	0	12
Court Staff	96	47	5	112	38	5	15	318
Social Agency	62	81	1	77	100	4	9	334
Other Court	5	1	0	6	1	0	0	13
Victim	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	6
Child and Parent	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Hospital	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	5
Unknown	3	4	0	8	5	0	4	24
Other	102	41	1	126	31	8	16	325
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>7,761</b>

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**Manner of Handling the Referral  
2003**

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

The table on page 48 shows that petitions or motions were filed in 60.6% of the 2003 referrals. This figure is reflective of the number of petitions or motions that resulted in judicial action of some kind. Petitions that were filed but ended in an informal adjustment are explained later in this report.

Citation/Tickets, which may be used by law enforcement in lieu of a petition, were issued in 11.3% of the referrals, while judicial, administrative and foster care reviews accounted for 7.4% of reported referrals.

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**Intake Actions  
Based on Number of Referrals**

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	Number	Percent
Petition Filed	86,662	60.6%
Motion Filed	4,280	3.0%
Citation Processed	16,233	11.3%
Paternity Processed	59	0.0%
Judicial Review	6,533	4.6%
Administrative Review	665	0.5%
Foster Care Review	3,284	2.3%
Unknown	8,186	5.7%
Does Not Apply	17,139	12.0%
Other	52	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>143,093</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Figures based on number of reported referral reasons disposed.

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**Detention Information  
Based on Number of Reported Cases  
2003**

After receiving an offense-related referral, one of the immediate decisions the court must make is whether or not to detain the child. When the court believes that a child, referred for offense-related reasons, is in need of protection or may be a threat to the community, the court may elect to detain the child. The 2003 data revealed that in 69.95% of reported cases, children were not considered for detention. In 12.67% of reported cases, however, children were considered for and detained in a juvenile detention facility. Remember that the definition of case (from page 13) is “all referral reasons/charges reported to the court (via complaint, petition, motion, etc.) on a given day for a given child.” Please refer to the table below and the chart on page 50 for more information.

Not Considered for Detention*	83,575	69.95%
Non Secure Placement	3,600	3.01%
Juvenile Detention	15,143	12.67%
Jail Complete Separation	182	0.15%
Jail Partial Separation	5	0.00%
Jail No Separation	20	0.02%
Psychiatric Hospital	87	0.07%
Unknown	15,265	12.78%
Other	1,603	1.34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,480</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

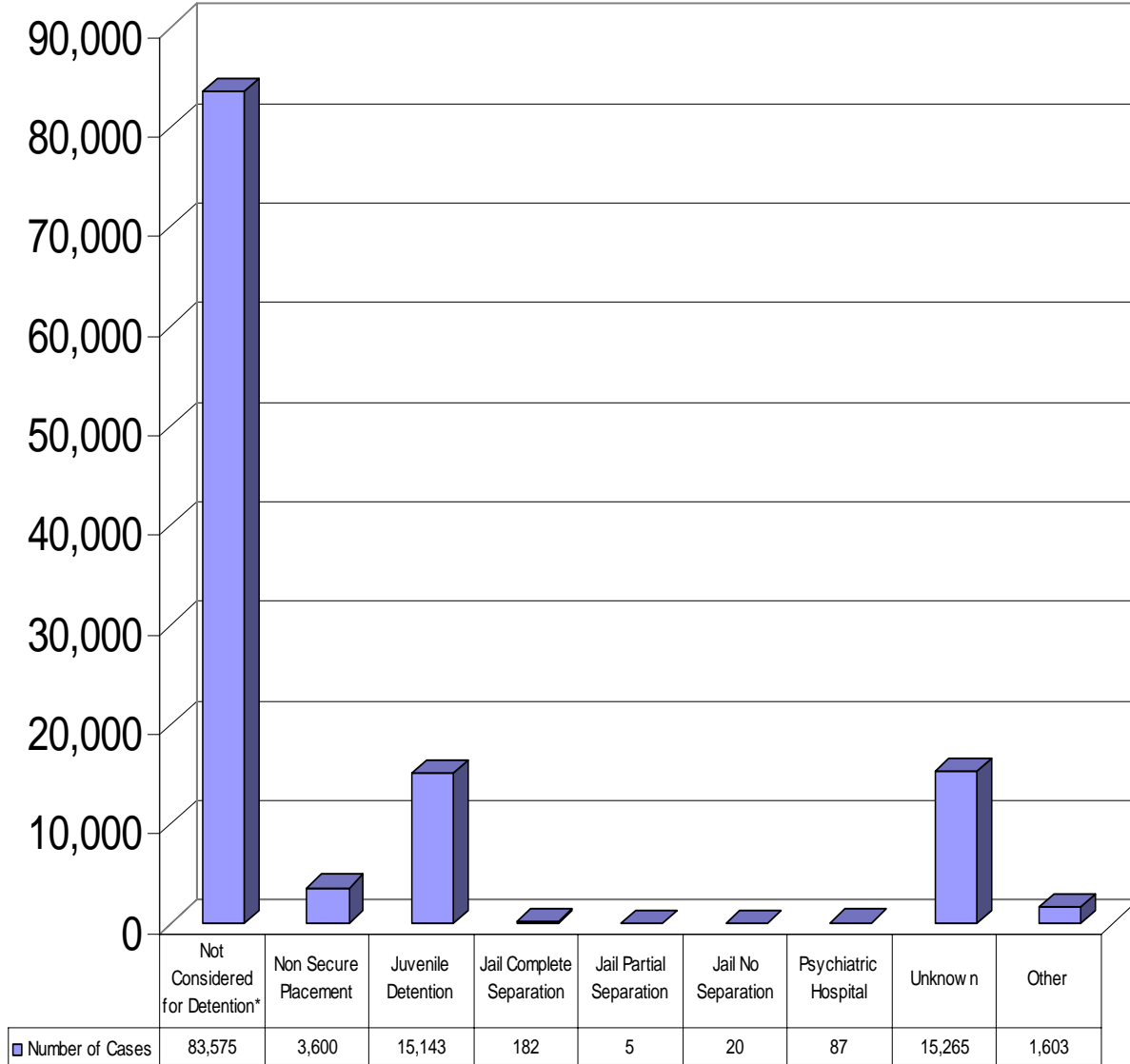
Non-secure placements provide children with shelter and supervision in a setting that enables them to continue as many normal activities as possible. Temporary Holding Resources (THRs), emergency foster homes, and shelters constitute most of the non-secure placements used by juvenile courts. The 2003 data showed 3,600 or 3.01% of the juvenile court cases resulted in placement in one of these non-secure settings.

Conversely, the 2003 data revealed 182 or 0.15% of cases resulted in children being placed in adult jails completely separated by sight and sound from all adult prisoners, and 25 or 0.02% were placed in adult jails with partial or no separation.

If a child's behavior and mental health status so warrant he/she may be placed in a secure psychiatric hospital setting. The 2003 data indicated children were placed in a psychiatric hospital in lieu of juvenile detention in 87 or 0.07% of cases.

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**Juvenile Court Adjudicatory & Dispositional Procedures  
2003**

As mentioned before, after a referral is made to the juvenile court, decisions are made regarding how the court will proceed. If the decision is made to handle the referral informally, two options are open to the court; pretrial diversion and informal adjustment. These two procedures are quite similar in that they are both a voluntary agreement between the court officer, the child and the parents that address the problem but avoid a formal court hearing and an official finding of guilt. The difference between pretrial diversion and informal adjustment is seen in the extent to which the judge or referee is involved. Pretrial diversion requires judicial approval of the voluntary agreement. Informal adjustment is subject to judicial approval but does not require it prior to initiation. The table on page 52 reveals that informal adjustment was the result in 7% of the referrals to juvenile court. Pretrial diversions were the method of handling 12% of the referrals.

When the court believes that it is in the best interest of the child and/or the community, a formal adjudicatory proceeding or hearing is held regarding the child's referral to juvenile court. The adjudicatory hearing is a formal proceeding in which the judge or referee determines whether the motion made on behalf of the child, or the complaint made against the child is substantiated. If substantiation of the motion/complaint occurs, a dispositional hearing must be held either immediately or at a later date. The table on 52 indicates that 54.7% of the referrals to juvenile court resulted in a formal adjudicatory proceeding. The table on 52 further shows that of the formally adjudicated proceedings, 70% of the motions/complaints against children were substantiated, while 23% of motion/complaints were formally dismissed and 7% were retired.

The table on page 54 shows how the delinquent referrals were handled. This table shows that 43.2% of the referrals were substantiated delinquent, 18.7% were either dismissed or retired, 8.8% of the referrals were informally adjusted or 7.5% were pretrial diversion.

The next table on page 54 shows the status referrals and how they were handled. Of this category it is seen that 40.1% were substantiated status offender, 18.7% were either dismissed or retired, 10.4% were informally adjusted and 3.5% were pretrial diverted.

The table on page 55 shows the dependent and neglected referrals and how they were handled. In this category that 44.2% of the referrals are substantiated dependent and neglected and 11.8% are either dismissed or retired. There are 15.2% of these referrals dealt with as special proceedings that are reviews conducted by the court.

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**Dispositional Procedures  
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Of the 119,480 cases disposed, the procedure used to dispose or adjust each of the 143,093 referral reasons were:

78,213	54.7%	Formally Adjudicated
9,945	7.0%	Informally Adjusted
276	0.2%	Charges Cleared by/or Transfer to Adult Court
54,659	38.2%	Otherwise Handled
<b>143,093</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

Of the 78,213 referral reasons that were disposed by formal adjudicatory proceedings were:

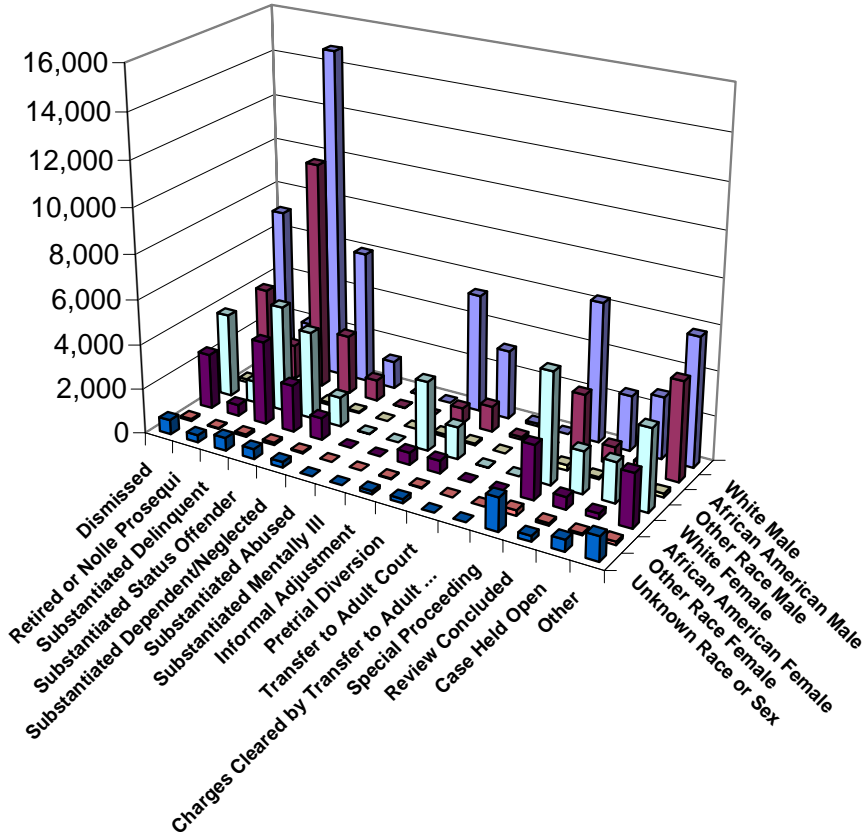
17,996	23.0%	Dismissed
5,470	7.0%	Retired
34,466	44.1%	Substantiated Delinquent
15,353	19.6%	Substantiated Status Offender
4,869	6.2%	Substantiated Dependency/Neglect
56	0.1%	Substantiated Abused
3	0.0%	Substantiated Mentally Ill
<b>78,213</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

Of the 54,659 referral reasons that were otherwise handled were:

6,556	12.0%	Pretrial Diversion
18,378	33.6%	Special Proceeding
6,148	11.2%	Review Concluded
5,943	10.9%	Case Held Open
17,634	32.3%	Other
<b>54,659</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

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**Adjudicatory Procedures  
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	White Male	African American Male	Other Race Male	White Female	African American Female	Other Race Female	Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
Dismissed	7,023	3,856	139	3,760	2,484	87	647	17,996
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	2,027	1,563	65	969	495	32	319	5,470
Substantiated Delinquent	14,789	10,198	287	4,770	3,733	115	574	34,466
Substantiated Status Offender	5,965	2,664	116	3,941	2,110	107	450	15,353
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	1,244	943	59	1,324	980	66	253	4,869
Substantiated Abused	23	11	3	12	1	2	4	56
Substantiated Mentally Ill	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Informal Adjustment	5,297	707	110	3,101	540	46	144	9,945
Pretrial Diversion	3,103	1,148	74	1,436	574	31	190	6,556
Transfer to Adult Court	117	120	6	13	2	0	0	258
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	9	5	0	3	1	0	0	18
Special Proceeding	6,256	2,764	247	4,965	2,415	250	1,481	18,378
Review Concluded	2,468	798	91	1,889	551	100	251	6,148
Case Held Open	2,777	443	86	1,807	245	70	515	5,943
Other	5,768	4,433	168	3,648	2,387	145	1,085	17,634
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56,868</b>	<b>29,653</b>	<b>1,451</b>	<b>31,639</b>	<b>16,518</b>	<b>1,051</b>	<b>5,913</b>	<b>143,093</b>

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**Delinquent Referrals to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2003**

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male		
Dismissed	4,651	2,157	74	1,789	836	33	194	9,734
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	1,722	1,405	58	712	427	23	237	4,584
Substantiated Delinquent	13,443	9,798	273	3,916	3,493	92	494	31,509
Substantiated Status Offender	2,121	430	25	954	209	8	124	3,871
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	38	10	5	31	1	1	4	90
Substantiated Abused	9	1	0	3	0	0	1	14
Substantiated Mentally Ill	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Informal Adjustment	3,491	442	77	1,883	402	27	126	6,448
Pretrial Diversion	2,749	974	66	1,094	432	25	93	5,433
Transfer to Adult Court	105	106	5	7	2	0	0	225
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	7	4	0	2	0	0	0	13
Special Proceeding	907	262	15	401	183	9	150	1,927
Review Concluded	173	27	1	54	9	2	7	273
Case Held Open	1,149	184	27	476	59	10	77	1,982
Other	2,760	2,086	74	947	644	27	231	6,769
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33,326</b>	<b>17,886</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>12,269</b>	<b>6,697</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>72,873</b>

**Status/Unruly Referrals to Juvenile Courts in Tennessee for 2003**

	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male		
Dismissed	1,415	1,012	29	1,051	893	28	89	4,517
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	428	339	22	274	86	9	55	1,213
Substantiated Delinquent	1,928	756	37	794	213	19	75	3,822
Substantiated Status Offender	4,325	2,350	94	3,181	1,952	103	352	12,357
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	64	52	2	97	61	1	15	292
Substantiated Abused	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	7
Substantiated Mentally Ill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informal Adjustment	1,591	274	28	1,097	144	18	22	3,174
Pretrial Diversion	512	106	11	360	62	7	21	1,079
Transfer to Adult Court	8	4	0	1	0	0	0	13
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Proceeding	324	65	3	242	59	12	22	727
Review Concluded	88	20	3	66	16	2	6	201
Case Held Open	392	42	10	329	33	8	17	831
Other	1,034	545	13	460	272	12	53	2,389
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	African American			Other Race			Unknown Race or Sex	Totals
	White Male	White Female	Other Male	White Male	White Female	Other Male	Other Female	
Dismissed	217	175	10	231	207	12	35	887
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	8	5	2	5	3	2	0	25
Substantiated Delinquent	27	18	1	32	16	1	16	111
Substantiated Status Offender	18	27	0	21	23	0	3	92
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	805	765	36	833	801	47	143	3,430
Substantiated Abused	10	5	3	7	0	0	3	28
Substantiated Mentally Ill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Informal Adjustment	29	1	0	27	1	0	0	58
Pretrial Diversion	10	7	0	8	6	0	46	77
Transfer to Adult Court	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Proceeding	397	117	20	434	98	18	99	1,183
Review Concluded	146	12	11	204	5	9	12	399
Case Held Open	187	16	6	198	16	13	30	466
Other	388	68	8	440	72	13	13	1,002
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>2,441</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>7,761</b>

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**Dispositional Procedure Information  
by Race, Gender and Class of Referral/Offense  
Based on Number of Referrals  
2003**

In looking at classes of referrals/offenses across the general juvenile court population, the 2003 data reflected in the table on pages 57-59 continued to indicate that referrals for delinquent, status, and dependency/neglect reasons were more likely to be formally adjudicated than informally adjusted (68.8% of delinquent referral reasons handled by formal adjudication, 72.9% of status offense reasons handled by formal adjudication and 60% of dependency and neglect allegations handled by formal adjudication).

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

<b>Offenses Against Persons</b>	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		<b>Totals</b>
	White Male	Male	Male	Female	Female	Female	Female	Sex			
Dismissed	632	498	14	195	219	4	30			1,592	
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	193	217	15	89	121	3	40			678	
Substantiated Delinquent	1,546	1,934	35	458	993	21	63			5,050	
Substantiated Status Offender	19	3	0	9	1	0	1			33	
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	8	7	2	3	0	1	2			23	
Substantiated Abused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	
Substantiated Mentally III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	
Informal Adjustment	231	43	1	129	36	1	4			445	
Pretrial Diversion	347	259	13	152	138	4	16			929	
Transfer to Adult Court	40	51	3	0	2	0	0			96	
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	2	0	0	1	0	0	0			3	
Special Proceeding	107	17	1	30	4	0	0			159	
Review Concluded	22	8	0	4	1	1	1			37	
Case Held Open	194	48	9	68	5	2	8			334	
Other	156	225	3	30	48	1	6			469	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,497</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1,168</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>171</b>			<b>9,848</b>	

<b>Offenses Against Property</b>	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		<b>Totals</b>
	White Male	Male	Male	Female	Female	Female	Female	Sex			
Dismissed	789	465	13	262	137	6	19			1,691	
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	313	194	15	53	64	0	31			670	
Substantiated Delinquent	3,631	2,165	67	976	689	22	82			7,632	
Substantiated Status Offender	34	1	0	17	3	1	2			58	
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	9	0	0	2	0	0	0			11	
Substantiated Abused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	
Substantiated Mentally III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	
Informal Adjustment	532	100	20	317	113	9	18			1,109	
Pretrial Diversion	813	210	22	316	78	14	14			1,467	
Transfer to Adult Court	39	27	1	1	0	0	0			68	
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	2	0	0	0	0	0	0			2	
Special Proceeding	107	20	1	43	7	0	3			181	
Review Concluded	16	3	0	0	1	0	2			22	
Case Held Open	180	24	4	46	7	0	5			266	
Other	333	204	5	105	45	1	4			697	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,798</b>	<b>3,413</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>180</b>			<b>13,874</b>	

<b>Illegal Conduct</b>	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		<b>Totals</b>
	White Male	Male	Male	Female	Female	Female	Female	Sex			
Dismissed	2,989	1,145	43	1,271	458	17	135			6,058	
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	1,099	883	19	525	221	19	149			2,915	
Substantiated Delinquent	7,837	5,499	157	2,367	1,780	48	330			18,018	
Substantiated Status Offender	1,571	310	20	713	164	0	101			2,879	
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	8	2	3	14	1	0	2			30	
Substantiated Abused	9	1	0	3	0	0	0			13	
Substantiated Mentally III	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	
Informal Adjustment	2,670	287	56	1,407	247	17	102			4,786	
Pretrial Diversion	1,427	475	23	550	204	5	58			2,742	
Transfer to Adult Court	24	24	0	6	0	0	0			54	
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	3	4	0	1	0	0	0			8	
Special Proceeding	666	214	13	316	169	9	138			1,525	
Review Concluded	110	14	1	37	5	0	4			171	
Case Held Open	714	100	13	332	45	6	63			1,273	
Other	1,879	1,354	57	668	454	19	194			4,625	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21,007</b>	<b>10,312</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>8,210</b>	<b>3,748</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1,276</b>			<b>45,098</b>	

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<b>Status Offenses</b>	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		<b>Totals</b>
	<b>White Male</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>White Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Sex</b>		
Dismissed	1,200	870	23	962	850	23	76				<b>4,004</b>
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	296	204	11	225	61	6	42				<b>845</b>
Substantiated Delinquent	938	283	12	486	99	12	41				<b>1,871</b>
Substantiated Status Offender	4,218	2,318	94	3,121	1,928	103	340				<b>12,122</b>
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	59	50	2	93	58	1	15				<b>278</b>
Substantiated Abused	0	5	0	0	0	1	1				<b>7</b>
Substantiated Mentally Ill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>
Informal Adjustment	1,542	261	28	1,066	138	18	16				<b>3,069</b>
Pretrial Diversion	315	77	7	281	44	5	18				<b>747</b>
Transfer to Adult Court	6	1	0	1	0	0	0				<b>8</b>
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>
Special Proceeding	307	63	3	236	57	11	19				<b>696</b>
Review Concluded	72	13	3	57	13	1	6				<b>165</b>
Case Held Open	340	36	9	295	31	5	17				<b>733</b>
Other	740	370	9	363	183	9	31				<b>1,705</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10,033</b>	<b>4,551</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>7,186</b>	<b>3,462</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>622</b>				<b>26,250</b>

<b>Neglect and Abuse</b>	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		<b>Totals</b>
	<b>White Male</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>White Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Sex</b>		
Dismissed	195	149	10	201	185	11	34				<b>785</b>
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	6	5	2	5	3	2	0				<b>23</b>
Substantiated Delinquent	22	15	1	31	13	1	16				<b>99</b>
Substantiated Status Offender	5	6	0	13	6	0	3				<b>33</b>
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	792	764	36	821	799	45	140				<b>3,397</b>
Substantiated Abused	10	5	3	7	0	0	3				<b>28</b>
Substantiated Mentally Ill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>
Informal Adjustment	26	1	0	27	1	0	0				<b>55</b>
Pretrial Diversion	10	7	0	8	6	0	46				<b>77</b>
Transfer to Adult Court	2	0	0	1	0	0	0				<b>3</b>
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>
Special Proceeding	375	116	20	401	97	17	97				<b>1,123</b>
Review Concluded	117	11	8	153	4	5	12				<b>310</b>
Case Held Open	172	15	6	184	15	13	29				<b>434</b>
Other	346	66	7	387	71	12	13				<b>902</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>393</b>				<b>7,269</b>

<b>Other Violation Proceedings</b>	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		<b>Totals</b>
	<b>White Male</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>White Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Sex</b>		
Dismissed	8	0	0	8	1	0	0				<b>17</b>
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	5	1	0	3	0	0	0				<b>9</b>
Substantiated Delinquent	28	3	0	14	0	1	0				<b>46</b>
Substantiated Status Offender	1	0	0	1	0	0	1				<b>3</b>
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>1</b>
Substantiated Abused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>
Substantiated Mentally Ill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>
Informal Adjustment	6	0	0	1	0	0	0				<b>7</b>
Pretrial Diversion	2	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>2</b>
Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>
Special Proceeding	7	1	0	1	2	0	1				<b>12</b>
Review Concluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				<b>0</b>
Case Held Open	6	0	0	1	0	0	0				<b>7</b>
Other	2	0	0	6	0	0	0				<b>8</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>112</b>



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<b>Special Proceeding</b>	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		<b>Totals</b>
	White Male	White Female	White Male	White Female	African American Male	African American Female	Other Race Male	Other Race Female	Unknown Sex		
Dismissed	337	185	4	177	210	1	18				932
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	21	7	0	19	4	0	11				62
Substantiated Delinquent	44	16	2	33	1	2	0				98
Substantiated Status Offender	23	3	1	17	3	2	1				50
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	63	12	1	80	12	5	6				179
Substantiated Abused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Substantiated Mentally III	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Informal Adjustment	48	4	2	26	1	0	0				81
Pretrial Diversion	9	0	0	1	2	0	1				13
Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Special Proceeding	1,411	176	27	1,103	147	31	154				3,049
Review Concluded	1,876	701	71	1,393	506	88	188				4,823
Case Held Open	901	133	33	611	60	24	109				1,871
Other	297	491	7	263	499	12	15				1,584
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>3,726</b>	<b>1,445</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>503</b>				<b>12,745</b>

<b>Parentage</b>	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		<b>Totals</b>
	White Male	White Female	White Male	White Female	African American Male	African American Female	Other Race Male	Other Race Female	Unknown Sex		
Dismissed	579	444	31	506	381	18	300				2,259
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	32	18	2	28	15	1	38				134
Substantiated Delinquent	289	164	3	244	121	5	22				848
Substantiated Status Offender	47	8	0	22	1	0	0				78
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	244	74	9	258	68	8	73				734
Substantiated Abused	4	0	0	2	1	1	0				8
Substantiated Mentally III	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Informal Adjustment	96	2	2	67	1	1	3				172
Pretrial Diversion	57	97	2	81	89	2	28				356
Transfer to Adult Court	1	0	0	2	0	0	0				3
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	1	1	0	0	1	0	0				3
Special Proceeding	2,196	1,645	142	2,124	1,667	150	871				8,795
Review Concluded	57	14	4	76	8	4	24				187
Case Held Open	184	74	10	214	80	17	277				856
Other	1,233	674	60	1,322	715	74	769				4,847
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>3,215</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>4,946</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>2,405</b>				<b>19,281</b>

<b>Other Referrals Not Determined</b>	African American		Other Race		African American		Other Race		Unknown Race or Sex		<b>Totals</b>
	White Male	White Female	White Male	White Female	African American Male	African American Female	Other Race Male	Other Race Female	Unknown Sex		
Dismissed	294	100	1	178	43	7	35				658
Retired or <i>Nolle Prosequi</i>	62	34	1	22	6	1	8				134
Substantiated Delinquent	454	119	10	161	37	3	20				804
Substantiated Status Offender	47	15	1	28	4	1	1				97
Substantiated Dependent/Neglected	60	34	6	53	42	6	15				216
Substantiated Abused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Substantiated Mentally III	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Informal Adjustment	146	9	1	61	3	0	1				221
Pretrial Diversion	123	23	7	46	13	1	9				222
Transfer to Adult Court	5	17	2	1	0	0	0				25
Charges Cleared by Transfer to Adult Court	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Special Proceeding	1,080	512	40	711	265	32	199				2,839
Review Concluded	198	34	4	169	13	1	14				433
Case Held Open	86	13	2	56	2	3	7				169
Other	782	1,049	20	504	372	17	53				2,797
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,338</b>	<b>1,959</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>1,990</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>362</b>				<b>8,616</b>

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**Number of Individual Children Transferred to Adult Court  
by Court, Race and Sex  
Based on Number of Children  
2003**

The 2003 data were analyzed to determine the number of children transferred to adult court for the alleged delinquent offenses. The data reported in the table on page 61 shows that 201 children were transferred to adult court in 2003. 92% of males were the overwhelming majority of transferred children. When looking at race, 59.7% of the children transferred were African American males, while their white male counterparts represented 29.9% of the overall transfers. African American females represented 3.0% and white females represented 4.5% of all transfers.

The court reporting the largest number of children transferred was Shelby County Juvenile Court, which accounted for 47.8% of the statewide transfers. The court with the next highest number of transfers to adult court was Hamilton County Juvenile Court (6.0%). Forty-three (43) courts reported at least one transfer.

Please note that Davidson County is not included in the list. The chart on page 61 was calculated from the "Outcomes/Disposition" reported by the courts. As has been noted earlier Davidson County did not accurately report the 2003 data.

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Total Number of Individual Children  
Transferred to Adult Court by Race and Sex  
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Name of Court	White	African	Other	White	African	Other	Unknown	Totals
	Male	American Male	Race Male	Female	American Female	Race Female	Race or Sex	
Anderson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bedford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bradley	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cannon	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Carter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cheatham	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Chester	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Coffee	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Crockett	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Dyer	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Giles	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Grainger	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Grundy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hamilton	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	12
Hardeman	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hawkins	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Haywood	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Henderson	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hickman	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Jackson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jefferson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Knox	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Lincoln	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Macon	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Madison	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Marion	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Marshall	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Maury	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
McMinn	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	4
Meigs	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Monroe	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Montgomery	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
Rutherford	1	5	0	1	0	0	0	7
Sevier	4	0	0	5	0	1	0	10
Shelby	3	87	0	0	5	0	1	96
Stewart	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sullivan Div. 1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sullivan Div. 2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
Sumner	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Warren	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Washington	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Weakley	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wilson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>201</b>

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**Individual Dispositional Actions  
by Race and Sex for 2003**

This report looks at individual dispositional actions taken by the juvenile courts in 2003. As the data are spread between sixty-four (64) potential dispositional actions, most of the percentages presented will be small.

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

With respect to the 2003 reporting of individual dispositional actions, the table on pages 63-64 reveals that the most often reported specific dispositional choice was "Other". **Because of the un-interpretable nature of this dispositional choice, "Other" will not be included in the most often cited dispositional actions presented in the remainder of this discussion.**

When looking at race and gender, the top three dispositional actions reported were "Court Costs" with 10.2% of the total dispositional actions (56% white males, 26.3% white females, 9.2% African American males, and 5% African American females based on the total "Court Costs" dispositional action). The second highest dispositional action is "Case Dismissed" with 7.1% of the total dispositional actions (38.3% white males, 22.3% white females, 21% African American males, and 14.5% African American females based on the total "Case Dismissed" dispositional action). Also, "Warned/Counseled" disposition action is 7.1% of the total dispositional actions (31.8% white males, 18.8% white females, 27.8% African American males and 18.9% African American females based on the total "warned/counseled" dispositional action).

The most often reported dispositional actions associated with white males were court costs at 13%, public service at 6.8%, case dismissed at 6.2% and fine at 5.4% based on total dispositional actions.

The most often reported dispositional actions associated with white females were court costs at 11.4%, case dismissed at 6.8%, warned/counseled at 5.7% and held open for review at 5.7% based on total dispositional actions.

The most often reported dispositional actions associated with African American males were warned/counseled at 11.1%, case dismissed at 8.4%, public service at 5.8% and court costs at 5.2% based on total dispositional actions.

The most often reported dispositional actions associated with African American females were warned/counseled at 13.6%, case dismissed at 10.5%, relative placement at 6.4% and court costs at 5.1% based on total dispositional actions.

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<b>General Action Codes</b>	<b>African American</b>			<b>Other Race</b>			<b>Unknown Race or Sex</b>			<b>Totals</b>
	<b>White Male</b>	<b>American Male</b>	<b>Race Male</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>African American Female</b>	<b>Other Race Female</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>American Female</b>	<b>Race Female</b>	
Case Dismissed	6,158	3,383	106	3,587	2,333	71			439	16,077
Case Retired	1,896	1,282	51	980	455	24			317	5,005
Warned/Counseled	5,105	4,465	91	3,014	3,027	71			269	16,042
Held Open for Review	4,653	1,487	111	3,028	976	100			595	10,950
Probation to Court	4,455	1,413	90	2,210	646	51			84	8,949
Probation to Parents	402	126	12	222	96	4			10	872
Referred for Supervision	1,627	585	30	1,032	542	21			36	3,873
Mental Health Counseling	983	421	12	515	203	10			22	2,166
Alcohol and Drug Counseling	1,722	524	35	585	148	4			69	3,087
Alternative School	286	314	6	79	24	1			51	761
Private Agency	72	24	0	35	3	0			8	142
Defensive Driving School	2,911	120	33	1,620	65	13			68	4,830
Alcohol Safety School	431	84	4	157	10	0			7	693
Court Education-Based Program	1,018	168	42	556	108	12			36	1,940
Driver's License Held Informally	1,445	470	22	437	66	4			32	2,476
Voluntary MHDD Placement	1	2	0	0	0	0			1	4
Private Mental Health Placement	27	4	0	7	2	1			1	42
Private Mental Retardation Placement	0	0	0	3	1	2			0	6
City/County Placement	153	1,034	10	35	187	0			11	1,430
Relative Placement	659	1,345	20	660	1,430	24			84	4,222
Fine	5,354	373	57	2,239	146	15			134	8,318
Public Service	6,769	2,343	117	2,730	812	46			241	13,058
Restitution	1,790	604	40	495	134	11			36	3,110
Runaway Returned	51	18	0	74	16	2			2	163
No Contact Order	2,070	1,031	70	1,138	426	28			133	4,896
Injunction	329	218	2	214	165	5			13	946
House Arrest	891	587	26	390	51	20			20	1,985
Court Curfew	589	137	11	251	26	5			4	1,023
Dismissed from Informal Adjustment	187	14	3	99	16	0			8	327
Dismissed from Pretrial Diversion	424	39	5	218	24	1			12	723
Released from Probation	751	317	14	328	141	5			15	1,571
<b>Totals</b>	<b>53,209</b>	<b>22,932</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>26,938</b>	<b>12,279</b>	<b>551</b>			<b>2,758</b>	<b>119,687</b>

<b>Formal Action Codes</b>	<b>African American</b>			<b>Other Race</b>			<b>Unknown Race or Sex</b>			<b>Totals</b>
	<b>White Male</b>	<b>American Male</b>	<b>Race Male</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>African American Female</b>	<b>Other Race Female</b>	<b>White Female</b>	<b>American Female</b>	<b>Race Female</b>	
Transferred to Adult Court	75	153	4	9	7	1			1	250
MHDD Involuntary Commitment	8	4	0	1	0	0			0	13
DCS Commitment - Determinate	80	56	1	17	20	0			15	189
DCS Commitment	1,969	952	62	962	489	39			118	4,591
DCS Commitment - Suspended	683	389	27	168	68	6			8	1,349
DCS Intensive Probation	174	20	5	29	5	1			0	234
Other Intensive Probation	617	208	22	172	30	0			5	1,054
DCS Probation	1,852	405	18	479	105	8			17	2,884
Placed Under Valid Court Order	2,495	354	67	1,331	180	40			47	4,514
DCS Supervision	271	31	4	191	24	3			14	538
Transferred to Other Juvenile Court	578	108	3	321	48	5			14	1,077
Parental Rights Terminated	126	35	12	152	37	2			19	383
Parental Rights Not Terminated	10	0	0	1	0	0			1	12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8,938</b>	<b>2,715</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>3,833</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>105</b>			<b>259</b>	<b>17,088</b>

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Outcome/Dispositional Data January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003**

<b>Special Proceedings</b>	African	Other		African	Other	Unknown	<b>Totals</b>	
	White male	American Male	Race Male	White Female	American Female	Race Female		Race or Sex
Order of Reference to DCS	204	15	5	206	16	4	7	457
Court Costs	12,845	2,111	232	6,042	1,137	138	441	22,946
Foster Care Terminated	177	70	14	194	68	26	21	570
Foster Care Continued	1,387	696	91	1,244	550	111	271	4,350
Custody Changed	2,191	909	104	2,052	603	96	224	6,179
Custody Unchanged	849	204	20	771	162	27	60	2,093
Visitation Changed	712	387	20	801	421	22	91	2,454
Visitation Unchanged	60	15	2	52	14	2	16	161
Parentage Voluntary Acknowledgment	29	8	2	38	7	2	8	94
Parentage Determined	233	106	11	169	110	12	109	750
Parentage Not Determined	10	1	0	6	1	0	3	21
Child Support Granted	1,060	473	47	832	475	42	306	3,235
Child Support Amended	465	110	14	380	111	13	59	1,152
Child Support Denied	20	1	0	18	1	0	5	45
Child Support Terminated	27	16	2	44	19	1	8	117
Medical Treatment Granted	67	30	1	35	13	4	70	220
Medical Treatment Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consent to Marry Granted	4	0	0	25	0	0	1	30
Consent to Marry Denied	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20,341</b>	<b>5,152</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>12,912</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>44,878</b>
<b>All Other Outcome Actions</b>	16,626	9,511	429	9,370	5,247	359	2,690	44,232
<b>Totals</b>	<b>99,114</b>	<b>40,310</b>	<b>2,239</b>	<b>53,053</b>	<b>22,247</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>7,407</b>	<b>225,885</b>

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**Juvenile Court Referrals Disposed by  
January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003  
Based on Number of Referrals**

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

The 2003 data, as reflected in the table below, shows that 76.2% of referral reasons were disposed by judicial staff: 50.6% by judges and 25.6% by referees. Youth Services/Probation Officers were reported as disposing of 18.7% of referral reasons, while 5.1% of referral reasons were reported as being disposed by Other/Not Reported.

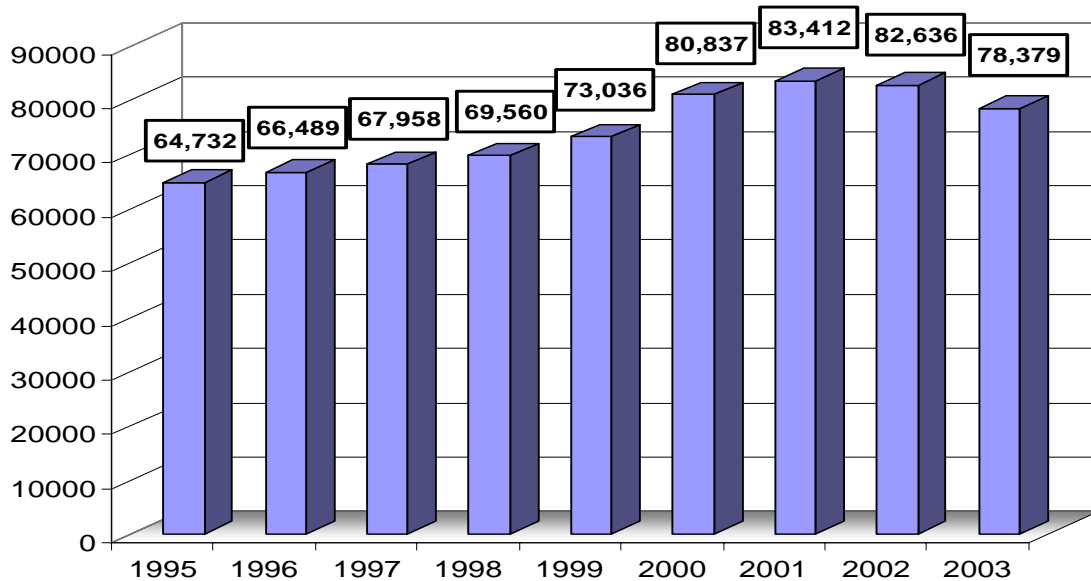
Judge	72,404	50.6%
Referee	36,664	25.6%
YSO	26,798	18.7%
Other	7,227	5.1%
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<b>Totals</b>	<b>143,093</b>	<b>100%</b>

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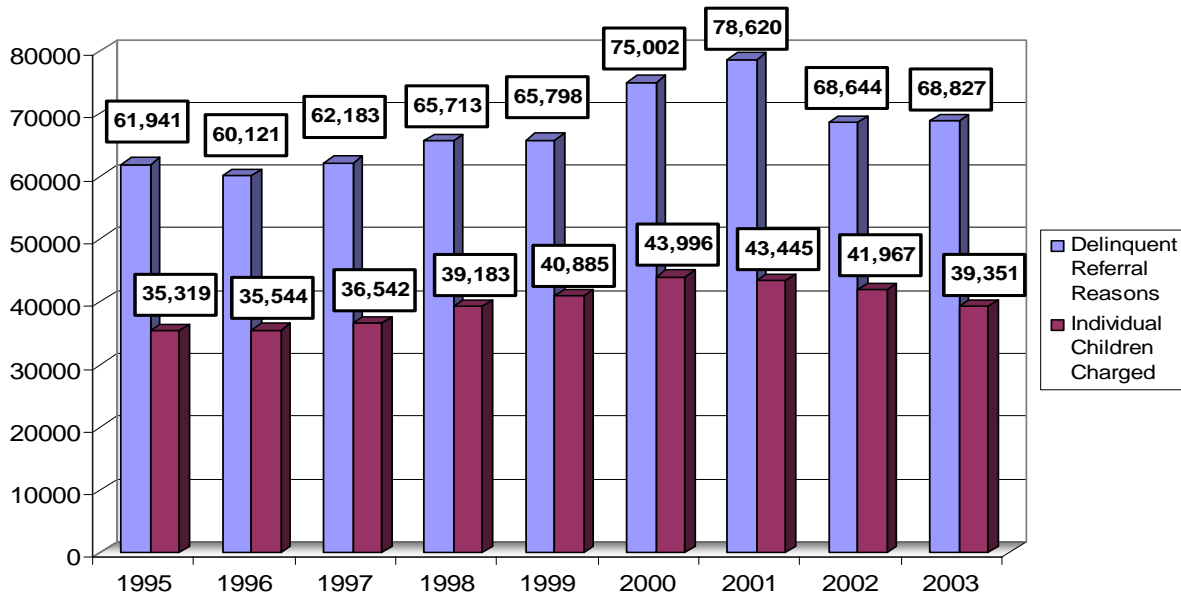
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**Total Individual Children  
Referred to Tennessee Juvenile Courts 1995-2003**



**Delinquent Referral Reasons and Individual Children Charged  
1995-2003**



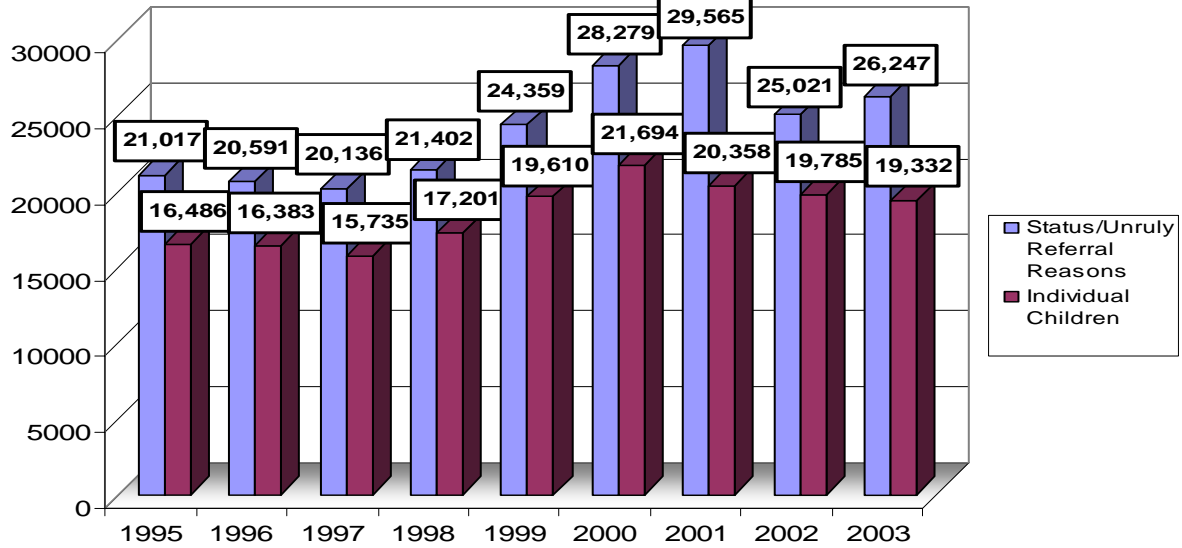


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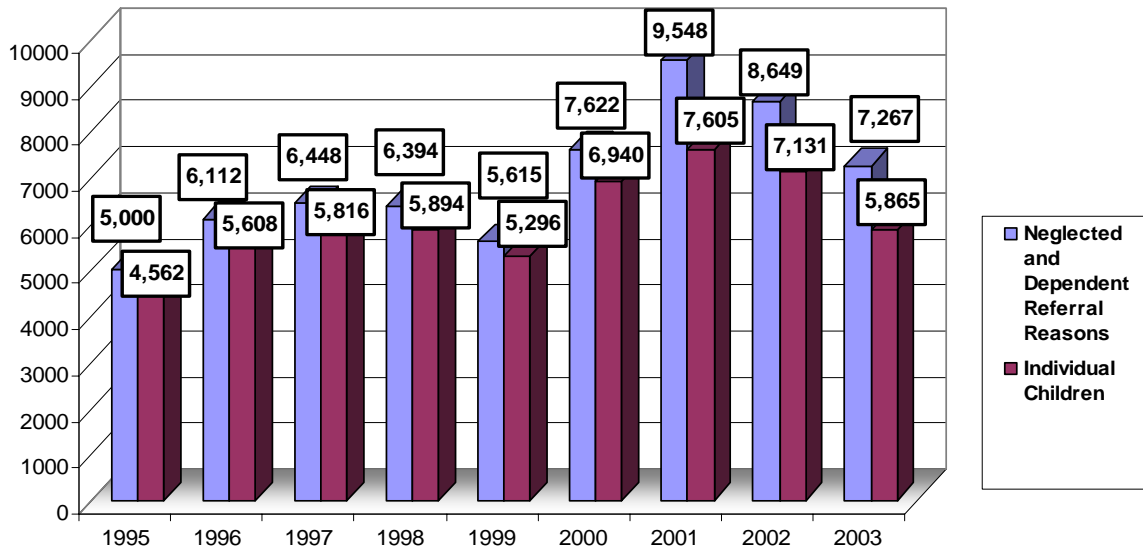
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**Status/Unruly Referral Reasons and Individual Children Charged  
1995-2003**



**Neglected, Dependent and Abused  
Referral Reasons and Individual Children Referred  
1995-2003**



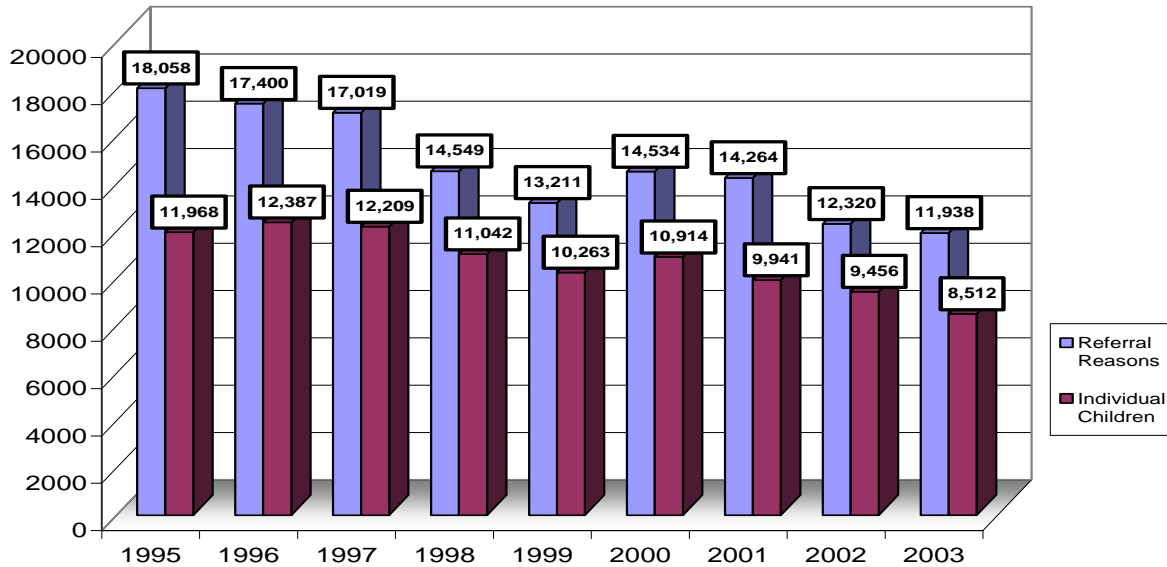
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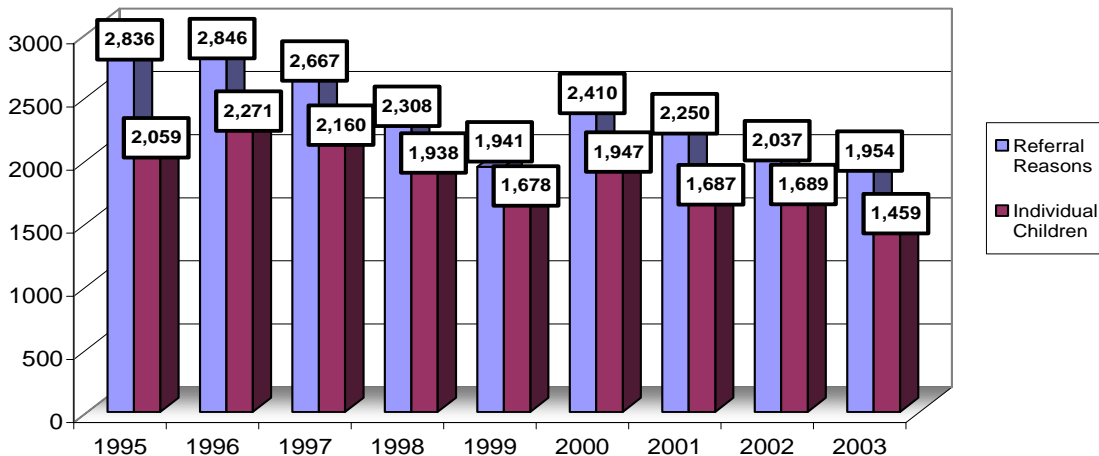
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**Tennessee Juvenile Court Crime Index Referrals 1995-2003 for  
(Homicide\*, Robbery\*, Aggravated Assault, Rape\*, Larceny\*, Burglary\*)**



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

**Tennessee Juvenile Court Violent Crime Index Referrals 1995-2003 for  
(Homicide\*, Robbery\*, Aggravated Assault, Rape\*)**

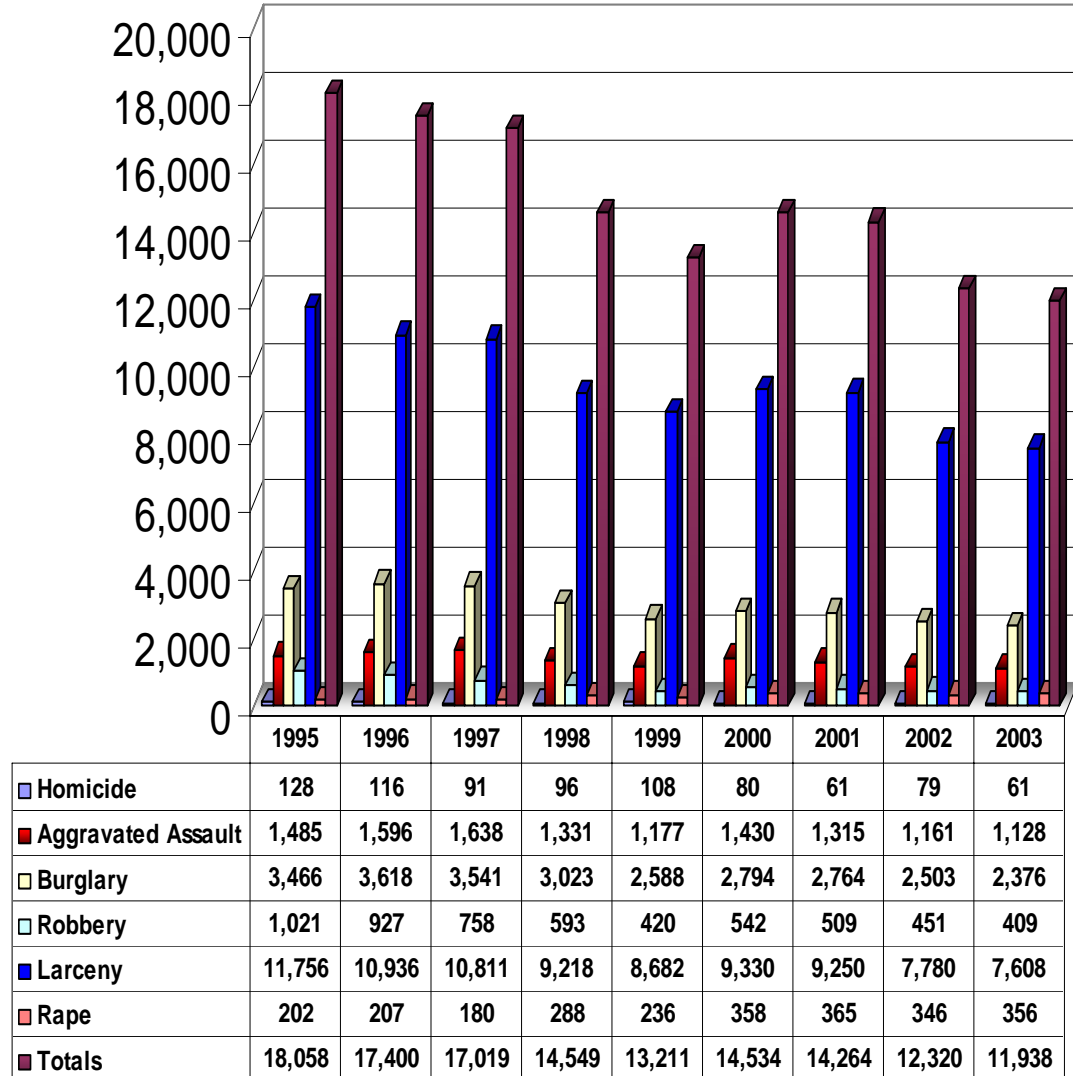


\*Homicide includes: Criminal Homicide, First Degree Murder, Second Degree Murder, Aggravated Vehicular Homicide and Vehicular Homicide  
 \*Robbery includes: Especially Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Robbery and Robbery  
 \*Rape includes: Aggravated Rape, Rape of a Child and Rape

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**Tennessee Juvenile Court Referrals 1995-2003 for  
Homicide\*, Aggravated Assault, Burglary\*, Robbery\*, Larceny\* and Rape\***



- \*Homicide includes: Criminal homicide, First Degree Murder, Second Degree Murder, Aggravated Vehicular Homicide and Vehicular Homicide
- \*Burglary includes: Aggravated Burglary and Burglary
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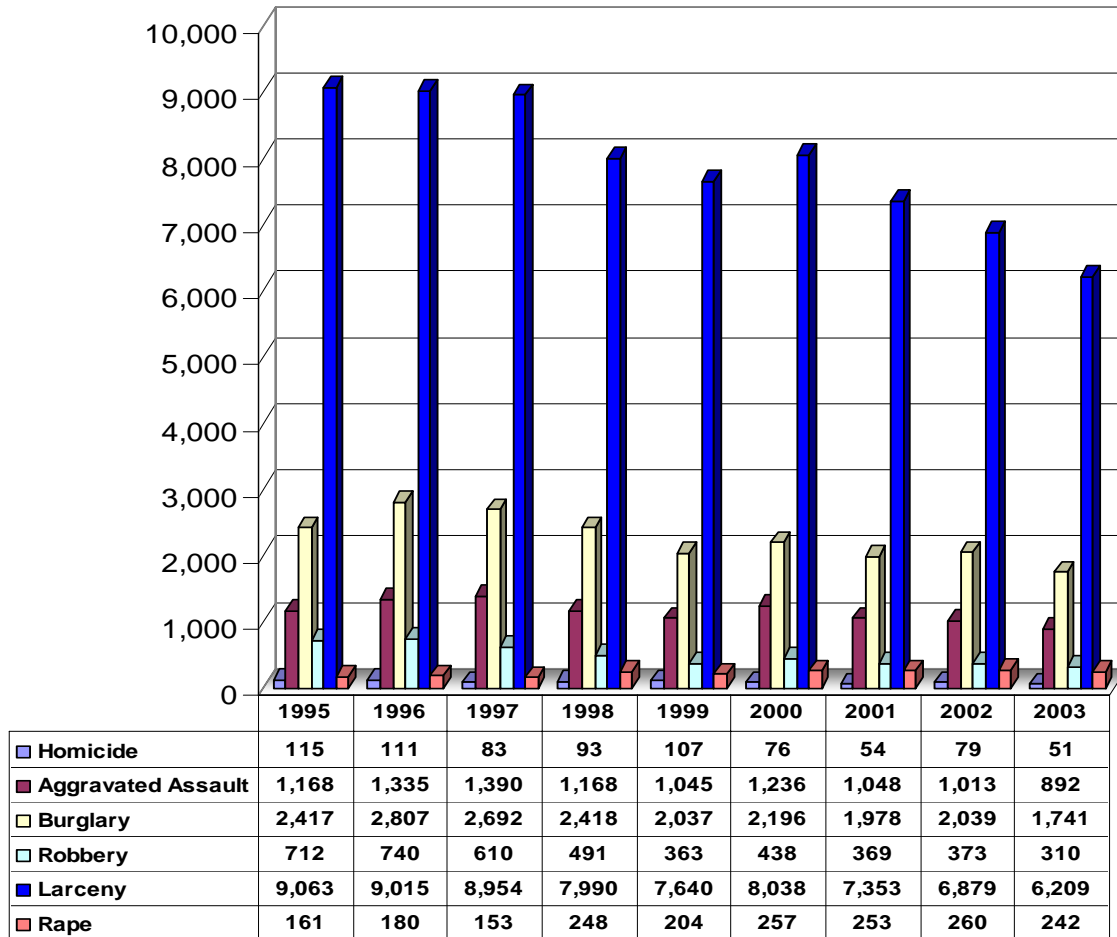
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**Tennessee Juvenile Court Referrals 1995-2003 for  
Homicide\*, Aggravated Assault, Burglary\*, Robbery\*, Larceny\* and Rape\***

Number of Children may be counted in more than one category



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

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\*Robbery includes: Especially Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Robbery and Robbery

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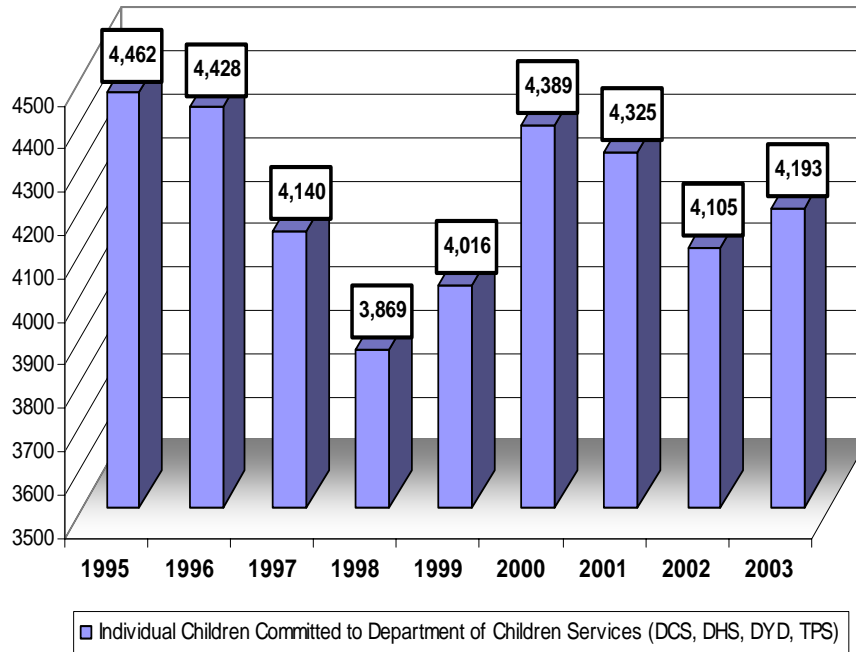
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**Note: Totals have been omitted intentionally. Since children can occur in multiple offense categories, they are counted only once per that category in this chart. Including totals here would show falsely inflated numbers as children could be counted more than once. On page 67 each juvenile is counted only once per the calendar year.**

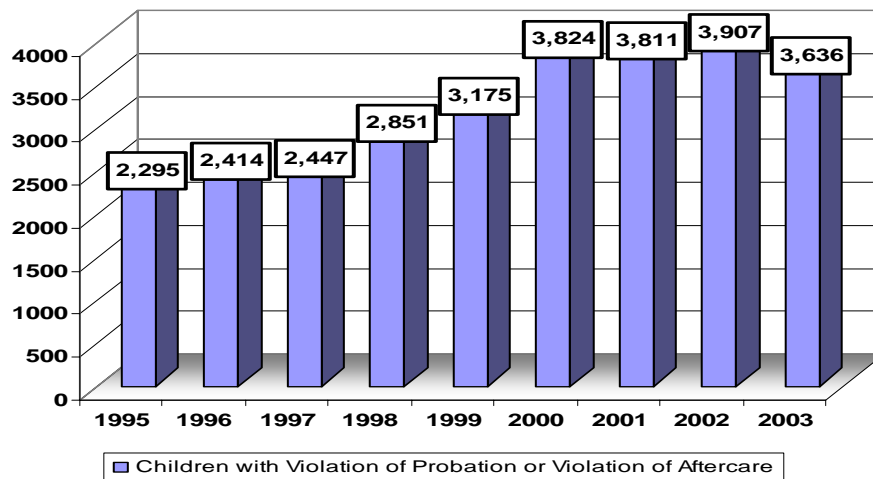
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**Commitments to the Department of Children Services (DCS, DHS, DYD)  
Individual Juveniles Committed for Secure or Non-Secure Placement  
For Delinquent, Status or Neglect and Dependent  
1995-2003**



**Individual Juveniles Referred to Juvenile Courts for  
Violation of Probation or Violation of Aftercare  
1995-2003**



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

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

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