



# Juvenile Justice Information System

## Disposition Reports Dispositions of Youth, Referrals, and Referrals by Offense Category and by Demographics (2002)

JJIS Steering Committee  
JJIS Data & Evaluation Sub-Committee

*JJIS – A Shared Information System*

Oregon Youth Authority  
Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association





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## JJIS Steering Committee (2004)

The JJIS Steering Committee provides oversight to the JJIS project. It meets monthly to review the project and ensure that it is on task to accomplish the vision and goals of JJIS. The Steering Committee prioritizes the development of software features, makes policy decisions, and allocates resources to the project.

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-- serving as a standing subcommittee of the JJIS Steering Committee to:

- guide the development of routine publications/statistics; specific research initiatives; design, reporting, and analysis of JJIS data in order to provide quality program and system evaluations and forecasting for system resources and prevention and intervention strategies; and
- function as an analytical Users Group that assesses development, implementation, and interpretation of reports for consistency, accuracy, and appropriateness in the areas of program evaluation, forecasting, policy analysis, impact analysis, and trend analysis.

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## Introduction

In 1995 the Oregon Legislature became increasingly concerned about public safety, and the increase in the frequency and severity of juvenile crime. In response to these concerns, the Legislature created the Oregon Youth Authority as a separate state agency and acted to strengthen the juvenile justice system through the passage of Senate Bill 1. This bill required an unprecedented level of cooperation among agencies involved in the juvenile justice process.

The Legislature envisioned the juvenile justice system as a partnership among local, county, and state agencies with much of the custodial and rehabilitation effort occurring at the local and county level. The successful operation of an effective, coordinated, and integrated juvenile justice system required an infrastructure of comprehensive and timely information shared among these agencies.

This “information infrastructure” did not exist at the time the legislation was passed. It was difficult, if not impossible, for any agency to determine a youth’s history with another jurisdiction within the state. Spurred by these legislative requirements the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) and the Oregon Juvenile Department Directors’ Association (OJDDA) formed a partnership to address the information system needs of the juvenile justice community in Oregon. The partnership created a steering committee to oversee the planning, development, and implementation of a statewide Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS).

The JJIS Steering Committee’s vision is that JJIS will promote public safety and youth accountability, and offer opportunities for rehabilitation to youth, by:

- Providing a comprehensive view of information about juvenile offenders across Oregon’s state and county juvenile justice agencies;
  - Providing comprehensive support for managing individual juvenile offender cases and tracking juveniles through the juvenile justice process;
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## Dispositions

This document contains four sets of statewide and county specific reports describing dispositions. The first two describe dispositions assigned during the reporting year and the characteristics of the juveniles receiving the dispositions. The other two describe categories of offenses that were assigned dispositions during the reporting year, descriptions of the dispositions that were assigned for each offense category, and the characteristics of the juveniles that committed these offenses. Sub-totals and grand-totals are provided for each category. Each statistic is broken down by the youth's sex, age at the time of disposition, and race. The four sets of reports are:

<b>Dispositions of Youth</b>	<p>The number of youth that received a disposition by the juvenile justice system during the reporting year.</p> <p>Youth on the Disposition of Youth report are reported in most intense disposition category imposed for that youth during the year. The youth is counted only once on the Disposition of Youth report, regardless of the number of dispositions a youth is assigned during the year. If there was more than one disposition with the same intensity, the disposition with the most recent date was selected.</p>
<b>Dispositions of Referrals</b>	<p>The number of referrals that received a disposition by the juvenile justice system during the reporting year.</p> <p>Referrals on the Disposition of Referrals report are reported in the most intense disposition category imposed for that referral during the year. If there was more than one disposition on the same referral with the same intensity, the disposition with the most recent date was selected.</p>
<b>Disposition of Referrals by Offense Category</b>	<p>The number of referrals that received a disposition by the juvenile justice system during the reporting year by offense category. The report includes felony, misdemeanor, non-criminal violation and dependency status offense referrals that received dispositions in the year.</p> <p>The offense category is the most serious offense associated with the most intense disposition on the referral, categorized according to Oregon Revised Statute (ORS), Criminal Code of Oregon, as defined by the Oregon Legislature. Severity is determined by each offense's category, type and class. (See Appendix A.)</p> <p>Dispositions are reported in the most intense disposition on the referral. (See Appendix B). If there was more than one disposition on the same referral with the same intensity, the disposition with the most recent date was selected.</p>
<b>Disposition of Referrals by Demographics</b>	<p>For each offense category, the number of referrals that received dispositions during the year by sex, age at disposition, and race/ethnicity demographics. Each referral is counted only once. Since youth are counted for each referral that received a disposition during the year, an unduplicated count of youth is provided at the end of the report. This report is the demographic complement to the Disposition of Offenses Report.</p>

For all reports, dispositions are grouped into categories consistent with national reporting categories as follows. Categories are listed from least to most intense level of juvenile justice intervention.

Dismissed, Not Petitioned or Not Adjudicated	Referred to Another Agency
	Review & Close
	Warning
	Divert & Close
	Intake Office Contact & Close
	Rejected by DA
Dismissed, Plea Bargain, Alternative Process	
Authorized Diversion Programs or Other Informal Disposition	Diversion Supervision
	Diversion – Youth Court
	Informal Sanction(s)/ Supervision
	Formal Accountability Agreement
Adjudicated Delinquent	Formal Sanction
	Probation
	Commit/Custody to Other Agency (Non-Youth Authority)
	Probation and Commit/Custody to Other Agency (Non-Youth Authority)
	Probation and Youth Authority Commitment for Community Placement
Youth Authority Commitment for Youth Correctional Facility Placement	
Adult Court	Adult Court

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Offense Group	Total	Dismissed, Not Petitioned or Not Adjudicated							Authorized Diversion or Other Informal Dispositions				Adjudicated Delinquent					Adult Court	
		Referred to Another Agency	Review & Close	Warning	Divert & Close	Intake Office Contact & close	Rejected by DA	Dismiss, Plea Barg., Alt. Process	Diversion	Diversion - Youth Court	Informal Sanction(s)/Supervision	FAA	Formal Sanction	Probation	Commit/Other Agency(non-OYA)	Prob. Commit Oth. Agency (Non-OYA)	Prob. OYA Commit/Placement	OYA YCF Commit	Adult Court
<b>JJIS</b> Disposition Report - 2002 Disposition of Referrals by Offense Category																			
<b><u>Non-Criminal</u></b>																			
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>%</b>		<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Non-Criminal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Referral Disposition for Sherman</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>%</b>		<b>0.0%</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Unduplicated Count of Youth</b>	<b>14</b>																		



Offense Group	Total	Sex			Age @ Disposition			Race/Ethnicity					
		Females	Males	Unknown	12 and Younger	13 - 15	16 and Older	African American	Asian	Hispanic	Native American	Other/Unknown	White
<b>JJIS</b> Disposition Report - 2002 Disposition of Referrals by Demographics													
<b><u>Non-Criminal</u></b>													
<b>Local Ordinance</b>													
Local Ordinance	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>%</b>		<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total Non-Criminal</b>													
	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Total Referral Dispositions for Sherman</b>													
	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>%</b>		<b>27.8%</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>83.3</b>
<b>Unduplicated Count of Youth</b>													
	<b>14</b>												

## Appendix A — JIS Severity Scores

*(adopted, Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association, May 18, 2000)*

Crime Category	Class & Type	Severity Score
Person	Murder*	19
Person	A Felony	18
Person	B Felony	17
Person	C Felony	16
Person	U Felony	15
Property Other Criminal (Behavioral)	A Felony	14
Property Other Criminal (Behavioral)	B Felony	13
Property Other Criminal (Behavioral)	C Felony	12
Property Other Criminal (Behavioral)	U Felony	11
Person	A Misdemeanor	10
Person	B Misdemeanor	9
Person	C Misdemeanor	8
Person	U Misdemeanor	7
Property Other Criminal (currently named Behavioral)	A Misdemeanor	6
Property Other Criminal (currently named Behavioral)	B Misdemeanor	5
Property Other Criminal (currently named Behavioral)	C Misdemeanor	4
Property Other Criminal (currently named Behavioral)	U Misdemeanor	3
Non Criminal	Violation	2
	Status Offense	1

\* Aggravated Murder, Murder, Murder by Abuse, Murder in the Course of a Crime, Murder Intentional, Criminal Homicide, and Treason have the Type of Murder (instead of Felony), in order to obtain the highest severity score.

\*\* Inchoates:

Attempts and Solicitations = 1 Class lower  
Conspiracies = Same Class and Type

## Appendix B — Notes About the Information

*Rounding:* Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

*Statewide Youth and Referral Counts:* The statewide youth and referral counts may be less than the sum of the county counts because some youth may have received a disposition in more than one county during the year. On the county level reports, the youth and referral is counted on each appropriate county’s report. However, at the statewide level the youth and referral is counted only once.

*County:* The county reported is the county responsible for assigning the youth’s disposition. If the county was recorded on the disposition it was selected as the responsible county. If there was no county identified on the disposition, the original referral county was reported as the disposition county.

*Race and Ethnicity:* The JJIS Steering Committee defined Race reporting categories based on best practices and available data. Race is recorded by the juvenile department based on police reports or the youths’ self-reporting. However, if the youth’s stated “ethnicity” is Hispanic the youth is categorized as Hispanic.

*Disposition Categories:* These reports categorize dispositions according to a standard developed by the JJIS Data and Evaluation Committee, and modeled after national reporting standards. Detailed dispositions have been grouped into the disposition reporting categories.

For all reports, dispositions are grouped into categories consistent with national reporting categories as follows. Categories are listed from least to most intense level of juvenile justice intervention.

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	Rejected by DA
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	Diversion Supervision
	Diversion – Youth Court
	Informal Sanction(s)/ Supervision
Adjudicated Delinquent	Formal Accountability Agreement
	Formal Sanction
	Probation
	Commit/Custody to Other Agency (Non-Youth Authority)
	Probation and Commit/Custody to Other Agency (Non-Youth Authority)
	Probation and Youth Authority Commitment for Community Placement
Adult Court	Youth Authority Commitment for Youth Correctional Facility Placement
	Adult Court

*Dispositions Included on the Report:*

- Dispositions that were assigned in the year. (Note: The referrals on which these dispositions have been imposed may have been received prior to the reporting year.)

- Dispositions for referrals that contain allegations of criminal offenses; violations; and dependency status offenses of runaway, beyond parental control, and behavior to endanger self or others. Dispositions for referrals for all other dependency matters and local ordinances are excluded from these reports, except as noted below.
- Disposition and Offense Categories: Dispositions are reported in the most intense disposition on the referral. The offense category is the most serious offense associated with the most intense disposition on the referral. Referral offenses may change between referral and disposition. If a referral contained a qualifying allegation that was dismissed and a local ordinance that was assigned a more intense disposition, the report will display local ordinance as the most serious offense. However, as noted above, if a referral contained only a local ordinance, it is excluded from this report. See Examples:

Example 1 - Referral with One Offense

Referral Allegation	Most Serious Referral Allegation	Disposition	Most Intense Disposition	Most Serious Disposed Allegation
Burglary 1 - (Property)	Burglary 1-(Property)	Probation	Probation	Burglary 1 - (Property)

Example 2 - Referral with Two Offenses

Referral Allegations	Most Serious Referral Allegation	Disposition	Most Intense Disposition	Most Serious Disposed Allegation
Burglary 1 - (Property)		Probation	Probation	Burglary 1 - (Property)
Assault 1 – (Person)	Assault 1 – (Person)	Dismissed		

Example 3 - Referral with Two Offenses and a Local Ordinance Violation

Referral Allegations	Most Serious Referral Allegation	Disposition	Most Intense Disposition	Most Serious Disposed Allegation
Assault 4 - (Person)	Assault 4 (Person)	Dismissed		
Runaway – (Dependency Status )		Referred to Another Agency		
Nuisance Violation (Local Ordinance)		Formal Accountability Agreement	Formal Accountability Agreement	Nuisance Violation (Local Ordinance)

*Cautions:* Disposition data is challenging to present for the following reasons.

- A youth may receive more than one disposition for the same referral. Different allegations on the same referral occasionally receive different dispositions.
- A referral may be disposed of with a less intense disposition because another related referral is disposed of with a more intense disposition.
- A disposition may change over time. A disposition may be replaced with a more intense disposition following non-compliance with the initial disposition (i.e. probation violation).
- A youth may receive more intensive dispositions if he/she is a repeat offender.

These reports examine the interrelationship between different referrals, types of offenses and judicial and juvenile department dispositions. Future reports will examine the difference between how offenses are categorized at the point of referral and how offenses are categorized at the point of disposition.