



# Juvenile Justice Information System

## Data & Evaluation Reports Total Referrals Charts and Trends (2006)

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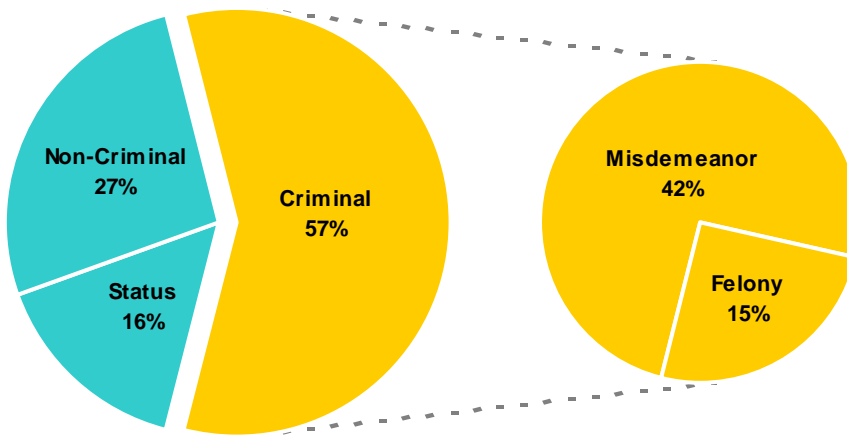




# Total Referrals in 2006

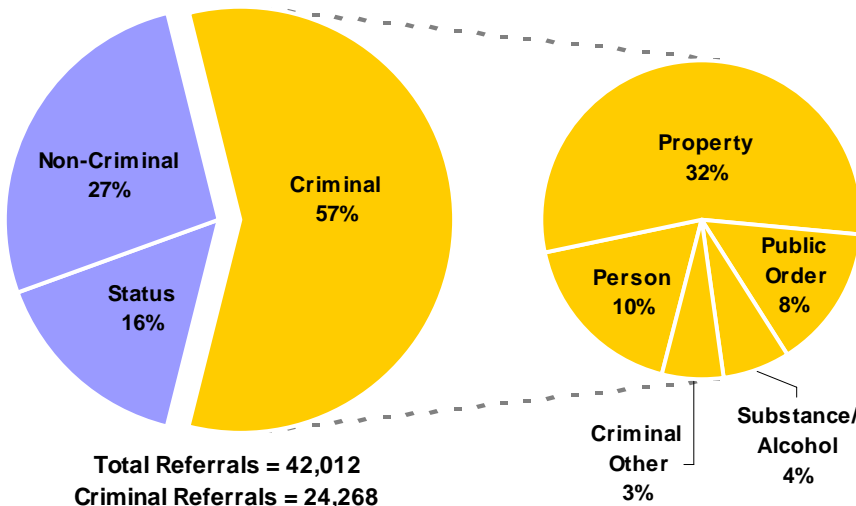
Total referrals constitute the sum of all referrals received by county juvenile departments throughout Oregon during 2006. Total referrals include multiple referrals of a single youth within the reporting year (i.e., the youth may have several reports by the police). All criminal (felony and misdemeanor), non-criminal, and status offense referrals are included. Dependency referrals where the referred youth was an alleged victim of abuse or neglect are excluded. Where there were multiple allegations on a single referral, the referral was classified by the most serious allegation.

## Total Referrals – Breakout by Offense Category



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Total Criminal Referrals = 24,268

## Total Referrals – Breakout by Crime Category



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### TERMINOLOGY

#### **Allegation**

Legal reason or reasons for the referral to a juvenile department.

#### **Criminal Offense**

Conduct for which a sentence of imprisonment is authorized. (ORS 161.515)

#### **Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS)**

A statewide electronic case management system used by all Oregon county juvenile departments and the Oregon Youth Authority (OYA). JJIS is maintained by the OYA.

#### **Non-Criminal Offense**

Generally, an offense punishable by a fine but not by imprisonment; includes some status offenses, such as minor in possession of alcohol and curfew violations. (ORS 153.008)

#### **Offense**

Conduct for which a sentence of imprisonment or a fine is authorized; includes both crimes and violations. (ORS 161.505)

#### **Referral**

Any allegation or group of allegations received by a juvenile department at any one time, documented by a police report or other formal means of referral.

#### **Status Offense**

Generally, conduct illegal for juveniles but not for adults. In JJIS, only status offenses not meeting the definition of a non-criminal offense are reported as status offenses. Referrals for runaways constitute the largest share of status offenses in JJIS.

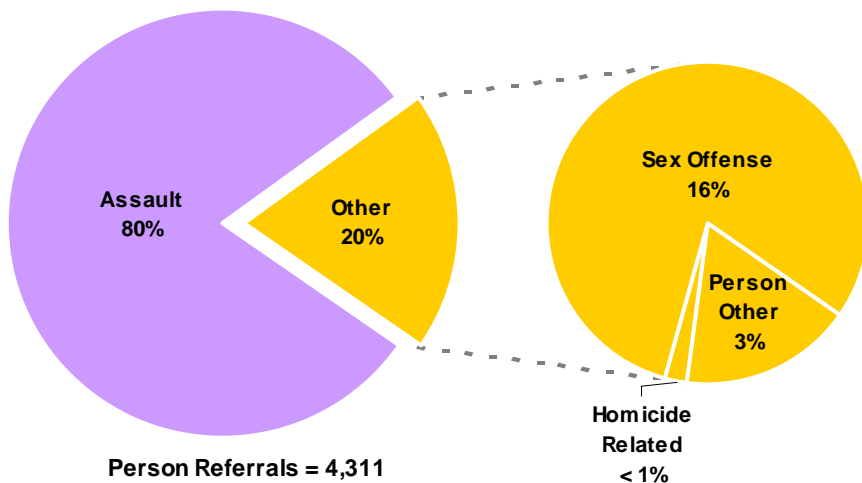
#### **A Note about Sources**

Referral data and youth characteristics came from JJIS database extracts provided by OYA.

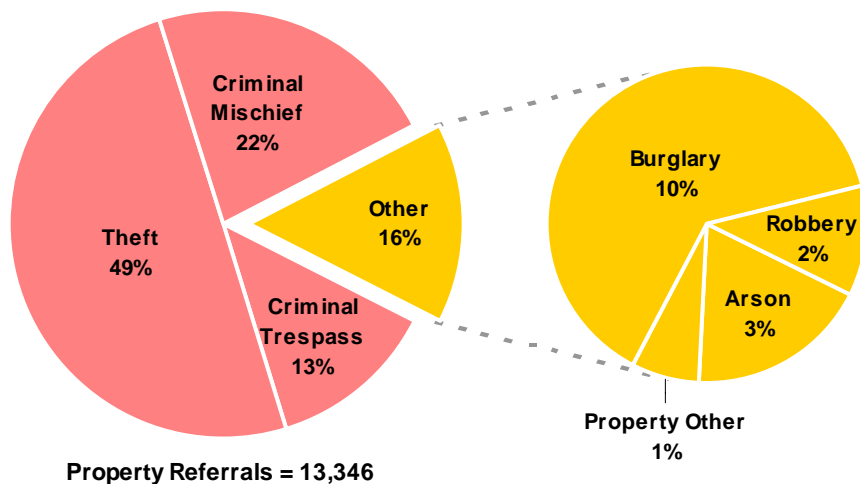
Youth population estimates were derived from data retrieved online from the U.S. Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>) and Easy Access to Juvenile Populations hosted by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/>). These estimates tend to lag the referral data but represent the most current information available at the time of publication.



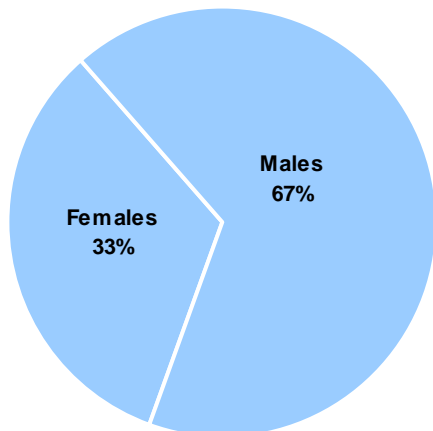
**Total Person Referrals – Breakout by Crime Type**



**Total Property Referrals – Breakout by Crime Type**



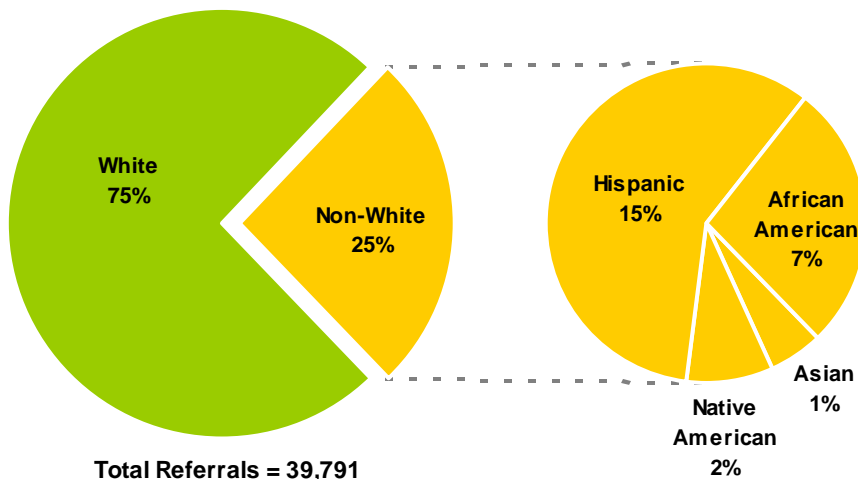
**Total Referrals – Breakout by Sex**



**Total Referrals = 41,970**

In 2006, there were 42 referrals where the youths' sex was not documented in JJIS. Those referrals are not included in the chart above.

**Total Referrals – Breakout by Race/Ethnicity**



**Total Referrals = 39,791**

In 2006, five percent (2,221) of the referrals recorded in JJIS listed the youth's race/ethnicity as unknown/other. To make the percentages more comparable with race/ethnicity estimates of Oregon youth, the unknown/other category is not included in this chart.

**Sex Composition of Oregon Youth Population**

Sex	Count	Percentage
Male	191,421	49%
Female	202,096	51%
All Youth	393,517	100%

Note: Table reflects estimated Oregon youth population aged 10-17 as of July 1, 2006. Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2007, May 17). Annual State Population Estimates by Demographic Characteristics with 6 Race Groups: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006 [SC-EST2006-ALLDATA6]. Retrieved August 2, 2007, from <http://www.census.gov/popest/datasets.html>

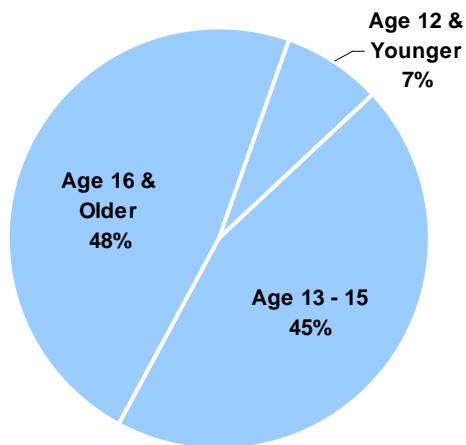
**Race/Ethnicity Composition of Oregon Youth Population**

Race/Ethnicity	Count	Percentage
African American	11,235	3%
Asian	15,094	4%
Hispanic	52,166	13%
Native American	6,922	2%
White	307,925	78%
All Youth	393,342	100%

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**Total Referrals – Breakout by Age Group at Referral**



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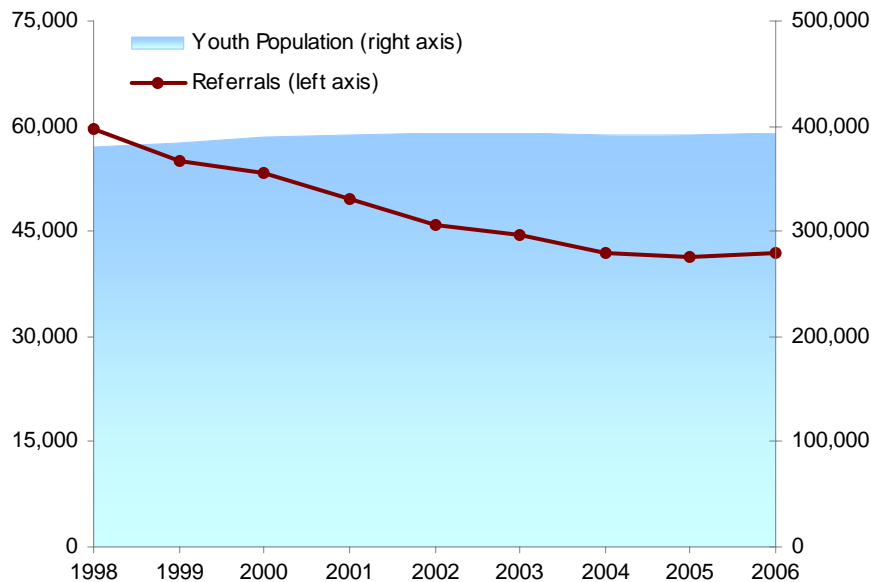
**Age Group Composition of Oregon Youth Population**

Age Group	Count	Percentage
10–12 Years	141,428	36%
13–15 Years	148,621	38%
16–17 Years	103,468	26%
All Youth	393,517	100%

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**Referral Trends 1998–2006**

**Total Referral Counts vs. Youth Population**



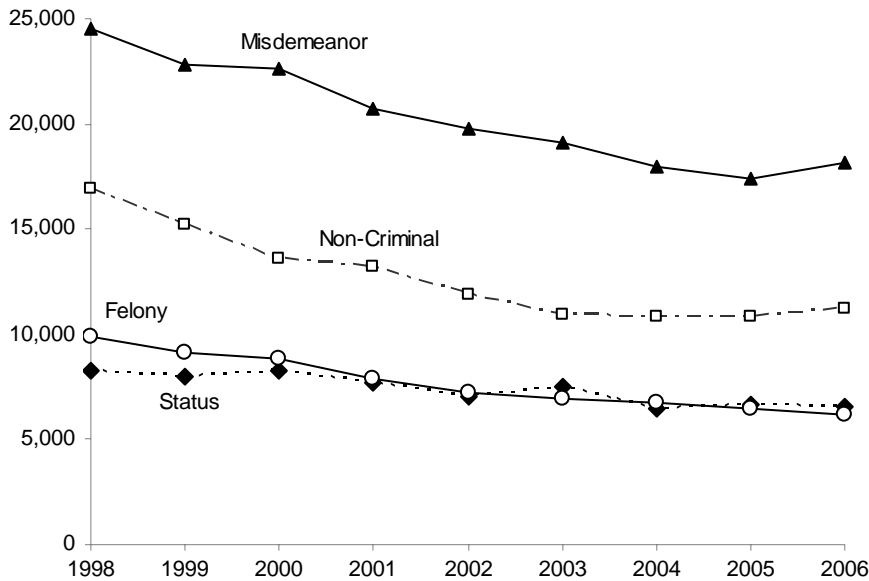
**Total Referral Counts and Oregon Youth Population by Year**

Year	Referrals	Youth Population
1998	59,652	380,736
1999	55,152	383,249
2000	53,324	390,621
2001	49,507	392,267
2002	45,920	394,475
2003	44,489	393,435
2004	42,011	390,876
2005	41,423	391,071
2006	42,012	393,517

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**Referral Counts by Offense Category**



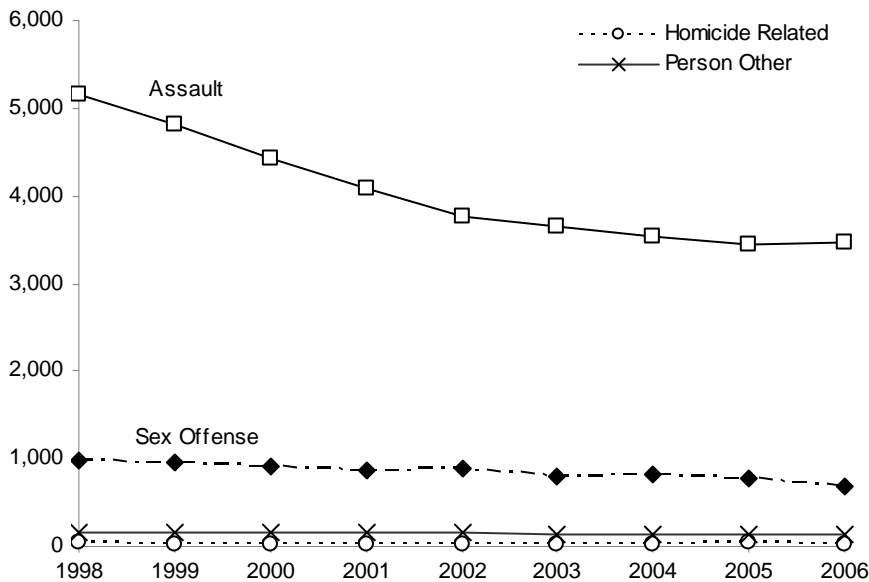
**Referral Counts by Offense Category**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Status	8,302	8,031	8,287	7,671	7,054
Non-Criminal	16,934	15,210	13,633	13,215	11,858
Misdemeanor	24,542	22,773	22,603	20,730	19,804
Felony	9,873	9,138	8,801	7,891	7,203

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Status	7,472	6,421	6,698	6,513
Non-Criminal	10,901	10,867	10,880	11,231
Misdemeanor	19,141	17,973	17,415	18,110
Felony	6,975	6,750	6,430	6,158

**Person Crime Referral Counts by Type**



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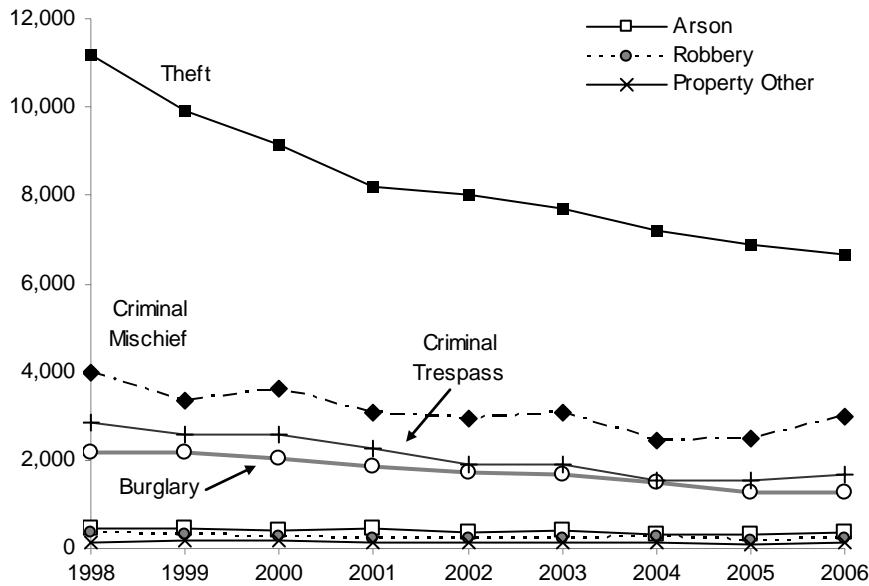
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Assault	5,156	4,811	4,423	4,079	3,758
Person Other	157	152	164	165	155
Homicide Rel.	40	25	23	15	28
Sex Offense	984	967	917	878	901

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Assault	3,651	3,541	3,435	3,461
Person Other	131	143	145	146
Homicide Rel.	32	31	44	19
Sex Offense	800	829	781	685



**Property Crime Referral Counts by Type**



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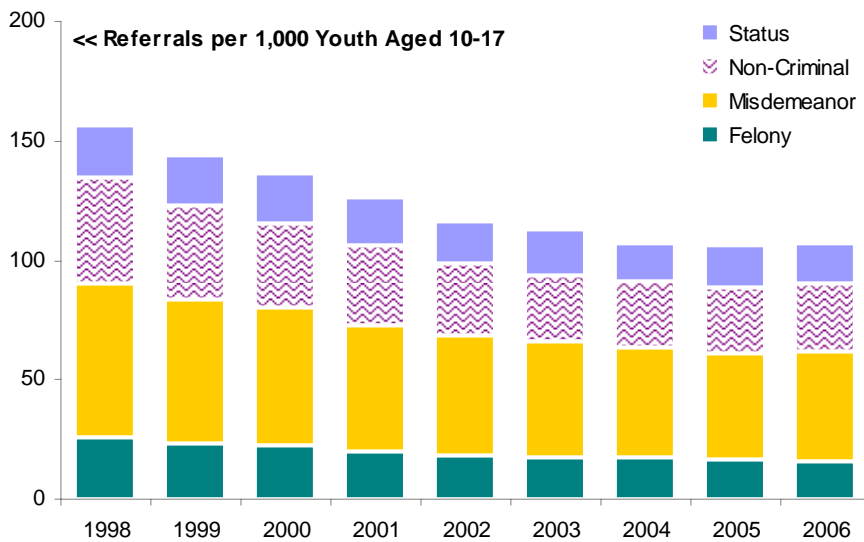
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Arson	459	437	421	457	352
Burglary	2,162	2,168	2,026	1,867	1,709
C. Mischief	3,966	3,359	3,629	3,099	2,955
C. Trespass	2,870	2,599	2,582	2,256	1,908
Robbery	352	304	292	234	219
Theft	11,195	9,897	9,150	8,194	8,009
Prop. Other	142	162	160	147	141

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Arson	399	332	314	366
Burglary	1,676	1,491	1,279	1,273
C. Mischief	3,058	2,456	2,506	2,973
C. Trespass	1,901	1,554	1,553	1,698
Robbery	232	258	198	229
Theft	7,720	7,220	6,883	6,670
Prop. Other	138	116	98	137

Note: Methodology changed in 2003 to provide additional reporting categories for some property crimes. Pre-2003 data presented here are based on the new categories, so totals do not match published JJIS referral reports for 1998-2002.

**Referral Rates**

**Referral Rate Trend by Offense Category (1998–2006)**



**Youth Referral Rates by Offense Category**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Status	22	21	21	20	18
Non-Criminal	44	40	35	34	30
Misdemeanor	64	59	58	53	50
Felony	26	24	23	20	18
All Offenses	157	144	137	126	116

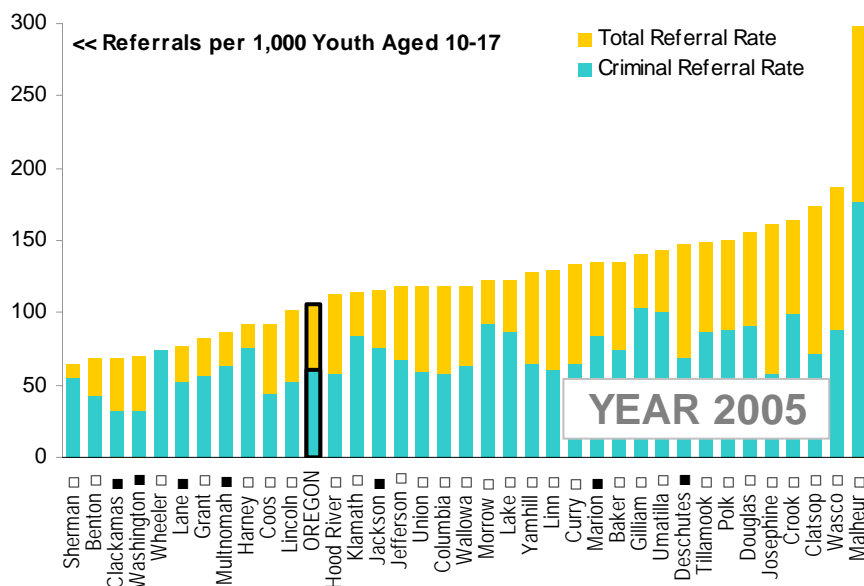
	2003	2004	2005	2006
Status	19	16	17	17
Non-Criminal	28	28	28	29
Misdemeanor	49	46	45	46
Felony	18	17	16	16
All Offenses	113	107	106	107

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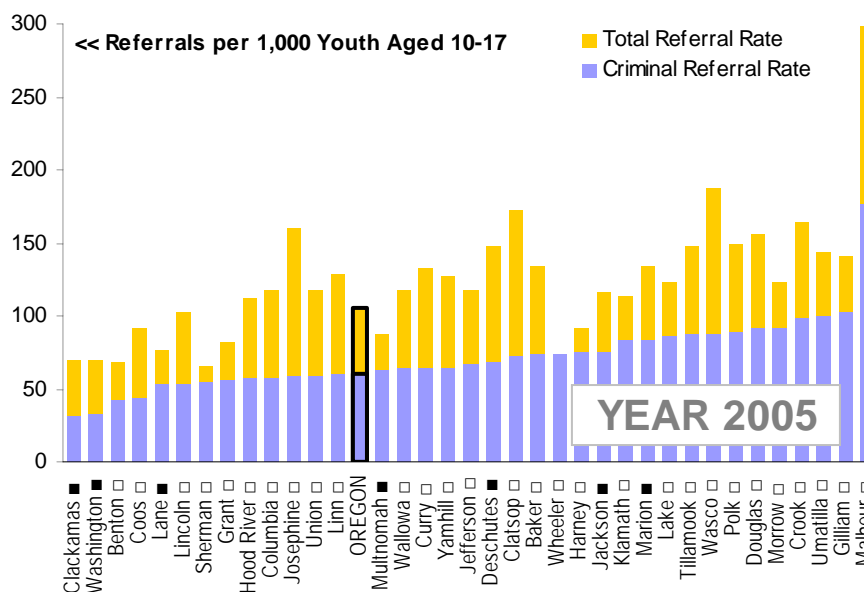


**Referral Rates in 2005 by County (arranged by Total Referral Rate)**



In the graph above, counties with at least 15,000 youth aged 10–17 are marked with a solid square. Counties with fewer youth are marked with a hollow square.

**Referral Rates in 2005 by County (arranged by Criminal Referral Rate)**



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**Referral Breakout by County  
Year 2005**

County	Youth Population Aged 10-17	Referrals		Referral Rate (Referrals per 1,000 Youth)	
		Total	Criminal	Total	Criminal
Baker	1,772	239	131	135	74
Benton	7,161	491	307	69	43
Clackamas	43,158	2,994	1,380	69	32
Clatsop	3,881	671	280	173	72
Columbia	5,882	695	337	118	57
Coos	6,422	593	279	92	43
Crook	2,586	424	255	164	99
Curry	2,059	275	133	134	65
Deschutes	15,174	2,238	1,046	147	69
Douglas	11,170	1,738	1,018	156	91
Gilliam	185	26	19	141	103
Grant	842	69	47	82	56
Harney	891	82	67	92	75
HoodRiver	2,567	289	147	113	57
Jackson	21,198	2,459	1,601	116	76
Jefferson	2,607	307	174	118	67
Josephine	8,735	1,402	509	161	58
Klamath	7,705	876	642	114	83
Lake	837	103	72	123	86
Lane	33,452	2,563	1,766	77	53
Lincoln	4,540	464	240	102	53
Linn	12,322	1,587	743	129	60
Malheur	3,779	1,129	668	299	177
Marion	35,846	4,827	2,988	135	83
Morrow	1,555	191	143	123	92
Multnomah	64,808	5,655	4,105	87	63
Polk	7,670	1,148	678	150	88
Sherman	199	13	11	65	55
Tillamook	2,579	382	225	148	87
Umatilla	8,912	1,280	893	144	100
Union	2,621	309	156	118	60
Wallowa	735	87	47	118	64
Wasco	2,638	494	231	187	88
Washington	56,147	3,961	1,812	71	32
Wheeler	134	10	10	75	75
Yamhill	10,573	1,350	684	128	65
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>393,342</b>	<b>41,423</b>	<b>23,845</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>61</b>

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