

# Juvenile Recidivism Report

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## **Juvenile Recidivism - Complaints June 2007**

The following report contains district-level numbers for the percent of juveniles in Iowa's Juvenile Court System and the number who re-offended (subsequent complaint/s). These numbers represent the data available in the ICIS system for initial complaints in 2004, and subsequent complaints in 2004, 2005, and 2006. The report also includes recidivism numbers for those counties that had more than 180 initial complaints during 2004.

The report was generated using the following criteria:

1. All juveniles who had an initial juvenile delinquency complaint in that county between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004 were counted.
2. A count of any subsequent additional complaints for the target group, where those additional complaints occurred between January 1, 2004 and December 31, 2006.
3. Case role from the system was JVIN (juvenile involved).
4. All cases consisted of delinquency allegations. No adult court criminal violations were included.
  - Some youth may have had initial complaints in multiple counties during this time period.
  - Most, but not all, subsequent complaints can be "matched" to the initial complaint and will be included.
  - In some cases the subsequent complaint may have occurred out-of-state and therefore cannot be tracked.
  - Subsequent complaints are often sent from the originating county to the home county of the youth, so when the initial complaint occurs in the home-county, most subsequent complaints will be "matched" to the initial complaint. When the initial complaint occurs outside the home-county, some, but not all, subsequent complaints will still be "matched" to the initial complaint.

These numbers include all initial delinquency complaints and all subsequent delinquency complaints. The numbers include every complaint, even if the complaint was later deemed to be unfounded. Other reports may use different rates and criteria to define recidivism.

**DELINQUENCY RECIDIVISM**  
 January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2006  
 Cases Initiated in 2004

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>Juveniles New to the System in 2004</b>	<b># Of Complaints Generated</b>	<b>Juveniles with No Subsequent Complaints</b>	<b>Juveniles with 1 Subsequent Complaint</b>	<b>Juveniles with 2 Subsequent Complaints</b>	<b>Juveniles with 3+ Subsequent Complaints</b>	<b>% Of Chronic Reoffenders (3+ Complaints)</b>	<b>% Of All Reoffenders</b>	<b>% Of Those who Did NOT Reoffend</b>
District 1	1,551	2,616	1,069	240	103	136	9%	31%	69%
District 2	1,987	3,078	1,378	357	129	120	6%	30%	69%
District 3	2,049	3,421	1,381	349	144	171	8%	32%	67%
District 4	946	1,439	652	179	66	49	5%	31%	69%
District 5	2,925	4,897	1,875	561	256	227	8%	36%	64%
District 6	1,638	2,733	1,088	295	130	125	8%	34%	66%
District 7	1,748	3,448	1,062	310	155	218	12%	39%	61%
District 8	1,234	2,095	816	210	86	115	9%	33%	66%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,078</b>	<b>23,727</b>	<b>9,321</b>	<b>2,501</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>66%</b>

**DELINQUENCY RECIDIVISM**  
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<b>Top 16 County Totals</b>	<b>Juveniles New to the System in 2004</b>	<b># Of Complaints Generated</b>	<b>Juveniles with No Subsequent Complaints</b>	<b>Juveniles with 1 Subsequent Complaint</b>	<b>Juveniles with 2 Subsequent Complaints</b>	<b>Juveniles with 3+ Subsequent Complaints</b>	<b>% Of Chronic Reoffenders (3+ Complaints)</b>	<b>% Of All Reoffenders</b>	<b>% Of Those who Did NOT Reoffend</b>
WEBSTER	197	306	130	38	20	9	5 %	34 %	66 %
WAPELLO	210	407	124	39	19	28	13 %	41 %	59 %
MUSCATINE	216	384	126	44	23	21	10 %	41 %	58 %
CLINTON	234	427	154	38	17	25	11 %	34 %	66 %
DALLAS	238	367	162	39	23	12	5 %	31 %	68 %
MARSHALL	250	432	154	48	28	19	8 %	38 %	62 %
CERRO GORDO	251	456	162	43	18	28	11 %	35 %	65 %
STORY	257	370	185	49	10	13	5 %	28 %	72 %
JOHNSON	460	730	327	68	32	33	7 %	29 %	71 %
BLACK HAWK	508	881	339	87	31	51	10 %	33 %	67 %
DUBUQUE	515	978	328	83	43	61	12 %	36 %	64 %
POTTAWATTAMIE	516	791	356	100	31	29	6 %	31 %	69 %
LINN	804	1,422	500	163	71	70	9 %	38 %	62 %
WOODBURY	938	1,722	586	166	81	102	11 %	37 %	62 %
SCOTT	1,170	2,423	696	208	106	160	14 %	41 %	59 %
POLK	1,702	3,015	1,046	342	149	164	10 %	38 %	61 %
<b>Top 16 Totals</b>	<b>8,466</b>	<b>15,111</b>	<b>5,375</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>63%</b>