

Polk County Select Juvenile Justice System Planning Data

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POLK COUNTY – SELECT JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM PLANNING DATA

This report provides key juvenile justice system planning data. Some of these data elements are similar to those provided in [Iowa's 2015 Juvenile Justice System Planning Data Report](#) and the [Recommendations and Action Plan for Reducing Disproportionate Minority Contacts](#). The data and related descriptions are provided to assist state and local officials with policy and practice decisions. Included in the report are population, school enrollment, law enforcement data, Juvenile Court Services (JCS) complaints and allegations data, detention hold information, and DMC matrices.

1. Population Data

Below are population data from the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), included to provide an overall perspective of the youth population in Polk County. The NCHS population data are for a juvenile population (age 10 through 17) in Polk County for calendar years 2011 through 2014. For analysis purposes, while data for Hispanic youth are often categorized as an ethnicity, they are organized in this report by race unless otherwise denoted. Also included are school enrollment data for the Des Moines Community School District, grades six through twelve, provided by the Iowa Department of Education.

Juvenile Population Data

Juvenile Population of Des Moines Ages 10-17 By Race and Gender

| Polk County Population | 2011 | | 2012 | | 2013 | | 2014 | | 2011 – 2014 % Change | |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M |
| White | 16,887 | 18,149 | 16,951 | 18,222 | 17,181 | 18,307 | 17,514 | 18,407 | 3.7% | 1.4% |
| African-American | 2,286 | 2,366 | 2,322 | 2,363 | 2,446 | 2,449 | 2,599 | 2,535 | 13.7% | 7.1% |
| Hispanic | 2,546 | 2,686 | 2,642 | 2,805 | 2,742 | 2,919 | 2,886 | 3,038 | 13.4% | 13.1% |
| Asian | 1,064 | 1,008 | 1,129 | 1,089 | 1,150 | 1,183 | 1,221 | 1,270 | 14.8% | 26.0% |
| Native American | 77 | 65 | 79 | 65 | 79 | 64 | 74 | 66 | -3.9% | 1.5% |
| Total | 22,860 | 24,274 | 23,123 | 24,544 | 23,598 | 24,922 | 24,294 | 25,316 | 6.3% | 4.3% |

Source: National Center for Health Statistics (2015)

Remarks for Juvenile Population:

- The overall juvenile population in Polk County has increased by an average of 5% for male and female youth over the report period.
- Asian youth had the highest increase among male and female youth at 26% and 14.8%, respectively.
- Hispanic youth comprised nearly 11.5% of the population during the report period.

**Des Moines Community School District Enrollment by Race
Grades 6-12**

| Des Moines Totals | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2013-2015 % Change |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| White | 7,132 | 6,903 | -3.2% |
| African-American | 2,826 | 2,889 | 2.2% |
| Hispanic | 3,446 | 3,621 | 5.1% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 1,204 | 1,276 | 6.0% |
| Native American | 81 | 66 | -18.5% |
| Multi-Racial | 992 | 971 | -2.1% |
| Total | 15,681 | 15,726 | 0.3% |

Source: Iowa Department of Education

Remarks for School Enrollment:

- Minority enrollment numbers for African-American, Hispanic and Asian/Pacific Islander youth increased approximately 4% across the report years, while white enrollment numbers decreased 3.2%.

2. School Discipline Data

A variety of research connects youth involvement in the school discipline process with involvement in the juvenile justice system. It is noteworthy that a number of state and local juvenile justice system planning efforts in Iowa utilize school discipline data. Provided below are **Des Moines Community School District removal data** (in-and-out-of-school suspensions) from the Iowa Department of Education. These are incident, not youth based data.

**In-School and Out-of-School Suspensions by Race
Grades 6-12**

| Des Moines Suspensions | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2011-2015 % Change |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| White | 3,211 | 2,518 | 1,856 | 1,676 | 1,226 | -61.8% |
| African-American | 3,122 | 2,635 | 1,891 | 1,781 | 1,259 | -59.7% |
| Hispanic | 1,788 | 1,497 | 1,423 | 1,115 | 623 | -65.2% |
| Other Youth of Color | 1,162 | 836 | 645 | 534 | 390 | -66.4% |
| Total | 9,283 | 7,486 | 5,819 | 5,109 | 3,504 | -62.3% |

Source: Iowa Department of Education

(*) denotes numbers too small for meaningful analysis, but are included in the overall total

Note: "Other Youth of Color" includes Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American and Other/Multi-Racial

Remarks for Suspensions:

- There are noteworthy reductions for all suspensions averaging 63% during the report years.
- African-American youth comprised on average 34% of the total suspensions.

**Reasons for In-School and Out-of-School Suspensions
Grades 6-12**

| Des Moines Reasons | 2010-11 | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2011-2015 % Change |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Disruptive Behavior | 3,969 | 3,426 | 2,075 | 1,777 | 1,440 | -63.7% |
| Physical Fighting Without Injury | 1,071 | 976 | 727 | 677 | 543 | -49.3% |
| Other Violent Behavior Without Injury | 244 | 305 | 209 | 209 | 225 | -7.8% |
| Property Related | 130 | 151 | 135 | 141 | 139 | 6.9% |
| Attendance Policy Violation | 1,366 | 785 | 1,440 | 1,034 | 116 | -91.5% |
| Total | 6,780 | 5,643 | 4,586 | 3,838 | 2,463 | -63.7% |

Source: Iowa Department of Education

Remarks for Suspension Reasons:

- Property related suspensions increased 6.9% during the report years.
- Attendance policy violations decreased 91.5% from 2011 to 2015, which was the largest decrease for overall suspensions.
- Removals for disruptive behavior decreased 63.7% from 2011 to 2015, yet comprised over 53% of all suspensions.
- Overall suspensions have decreased nearly 64% from 2011 to 2015.

**Top 5 Reasons for In-School and Out-of-School Suspensions by Race
Grades 6-12**

| Des Moines Top 5 Reasons | | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2011-2015 % Change |
|---------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| White | Disruptive Behavior | 1,349 | 1,141 | 696 | 648 | 560 | -58.5% |
| | Physical Fighting Without Injury | 348 | 320 | 240 | 194 | 129 | -62.9% |
| | Other Violent Behavior Without Injury | 90 | 96 | 54 | 78 | 68 | -24.4% |
| | Property Related | 50 | 60 | 46 | 31 | 53 | 6.0% |
| | Attendance Policy Violation | 471 | 234 | 369 | 277 | 51 | -89.2% |
| | Total | 2,308 | 1,851 | 1,405 | 1,228 | 861 | -62.7% |
| African-American | Disruptive Behavior | 1,432 | 1,288 | 774 | 682 | 495 | -65.4% |
| | Physical Fighting Without Injury | 391 | 371 | 291 | 253 | 245 | -37.3% |
| | Other Violent Behavior Without Injury | 94 | 125 | 90 | 84 | 110 | 17.0% |
| | Property Related | 42 | 59 | 40 | 68 | 49 | 16.7% |
| | Attendance Policy Violation | 434 | 220 | 320 | 246 | 24 | -94.5% |
| | Total | 2,393 | 2,063 | 1,515 | 1,333 | 923 | -61.4% |
| Hispanic | Disruptive Behavior | 657 | 607 | 370 | 285 | 223 | -66.1% |
| | Physical Fighting Without Injury | 194 | 185 | 133 | 156 | 118 | -39.2% |
| | Attendance Policy Violation | 312 | 231 | 603 | 390 | 25 | -92.0% |
| | Other Violent Behavior Without Injury | 36 | 55 | 41 | 26 | 23 | -36.1% |
| | Property Related | 23 | 22 | 30 | 31 | 16 | -30.4% |
| | Total | 1,222 | 1,100 | 1,177 | 888 | 405 | -66.9% |
| Other Youth of Color | Disruptive Behavior | 526 | 385 | 235 | 158 | 157 | -70.2% |
| | Physical Fighting Without Injury | 129 | 92 | 52 | 73 | 50 | -61.2% |
| | Property Related | 12 | * | 12 | * | 18 | 50.0% |
| | Other Violent Behavior Without Injury | 20 | 24 | 20 | 16 | 14 | -30.0% |
| | Attendance Policy Violation | 148 | 87 | 140 | 114 | 11 | -92.6% |
| | Total | 849 | 620 | 488 | 388 | 262 | -69.1% |

Source: Iowa Department of Education

(*) denotes numbers too small for meaningful analysis, but are included in the overall total

Note: "Other Youth of Color" includes Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American and Other/Multi-Racial

Remarks for Top 5 Suspensions:

- African-American youth comprised 37.3% of the removals for disruptive behavior from 2011 to 2014, yet comprised almost 54% of said removals in 2015.
- Removals for other violent behavior without injury decreased for all youth except African-American in which they increased 17% during the report period.
- Property related removals increased for all races except Hispanic youth.

3. Law Enforcement Data

The following figures present data from the Des Moines Police Department, a select metropolitan agency representing Polk County. The data regard the arrest of juveniles from 2011 to 2015. The data presented are aggregate total juvenile arrests. Some of the law enforcement agencies contacted for information for this report noted that data regarding complaints referred to juvenile court services (JCS) are comparable to juvenile arrests. They note that youth taken into custody for arrest are typically referred to JCS. Polk County JCS complaint data is provided later in this report.

Note: Data is broken down by White, African-American, Hispanic (where applicable) and “Other Youth of Color,” which includes Asian, Native American and Other race categories.

Des Moines Juvenile Arrests by Race

| Des Moines | 2011 | % | 2012 | % | 2013 | % | 2014 | % | 2015 | % | 2011-2015 % Change |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| White | 1,308 | 51% | 1,020 | 47% | 1,014 | 47% | 933 | 44% | 763 | 44% | -41.7% |
| African-American | 911 | 36% | 905 | 42% | 865 | 40% | 898 | 42% | 713 | 41% | -21.7% |
| Hispanic | 286 | 11% | 223 | 10% | 247 | 11% | 243 | 12% | 218 | 13% | -23.8% |
| Other Youth of Color | 38 | 1% | 32 | 1% | 35 | 2% | 39 | 2% | 38 | 2% | 0.0% |
| Total | 2,543 | -- | 2,180 | -- | 2,161 | -- | 2,113 | -- | 1,732 | -- | -31.9% |

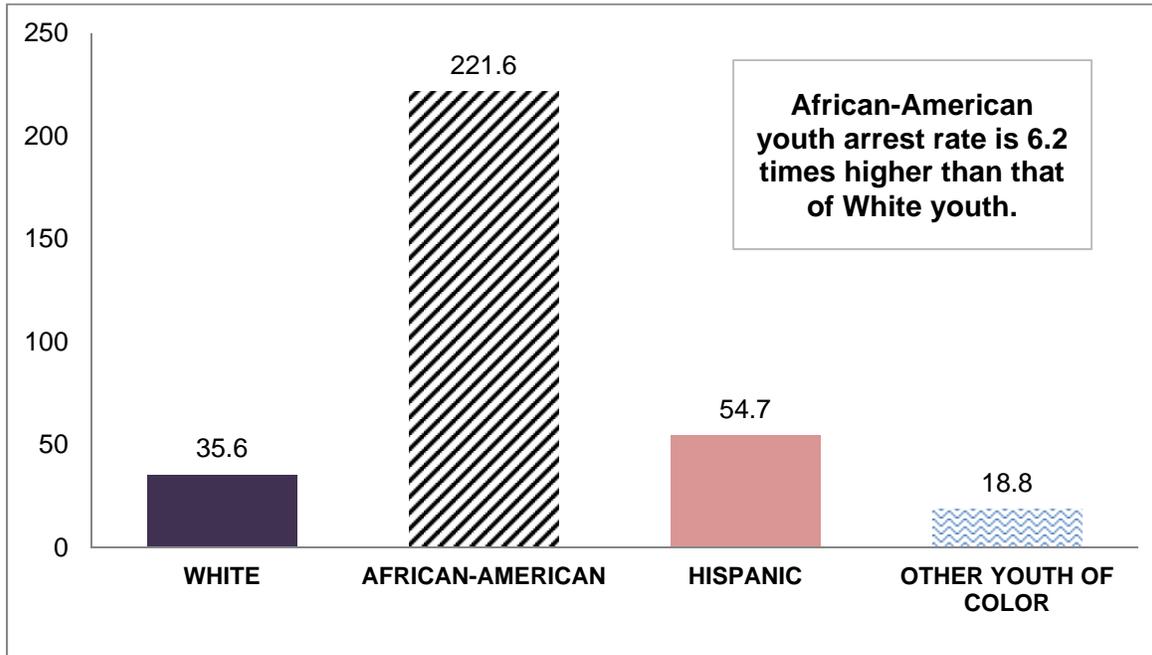
Source: Des Moines Police Department

Note: “Other Youth of Color” includes Asian, Native American and Other

Remarks for Juvenile Arrests by Race:

- Overall arrests in Des Moines declined nearly 32% during the report period.
- African-American youth arrests decreased 21.7%, while their White counterparts decreased almost 42% in overall arrests.

**Des Moines Juvenile Arrest Rate per 1,000 Youth
2011-2015**



Source: Des Moines Police Department

Note: "Other Youth of Color" includes Asian, Native American and Other

4. Juvenile Complaint Data

Complaints are law violations that law enforcement refers to JCS. A single complaint may include multiple allegations. The figure immediately below provides data regarding complaints for calendar years 2011-2015. The remaining figures in the complaint section contain data on allegations.

Complaints

| Complaints | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2011-2015 % Change |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| White | 1,495 | 1,444 | 1,210 | 1,170 | 954 | -36.2% |
| African-American | 944 | 905 | 842 | 892 | 678 | -28.2% |
| Hispanic | 274 | 266 | 268 | 273 | 180 | -34.3% |
| Asian | 60 | 49 | 41 | 49 | 40 | -33.3% |
| Native American | * | 15 | * | * | * | NA |
| Multi-Racial | 139 | 143 | 185 | 160 | 103 | -25.9% |
| Total | 2,920 | 2,822 | 2,555 | 2,551 | 1,962 | -32.8% |

Source: Justice Data Warehouse

(*) denotes numbers too small for meaningful analysis, but are included in the overall total

Remarks for Complaints:

- African-American youth averaged nearly one-third of the complaints from 2011 to 2015.
- Overall complaints declined by over 32% during the report period.

Top 5 Allegations – JCS

White

| | | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2011-2015 % Change |
|--------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| 714.2(5) | Theft 5 th Degree | 346 | 291 | 239 | 200 | 198 | -42.8% |
| 123.47(3)(c) | JCS - Possess/Purchase Alcohol by Person Under 18 | 141 | 234 | 187 | 178 | ^ | NA |
| 124.401(5) | Possession of a Controlled Substance | 148 | 143 | 120 | 146 | 105 | -29.1% |
| 708.2(6) | Assault | 150 | 134 | 95 | 127 | 111 | -26.0% |
| 124.414 | Possession of Drug Paraphernalia | 113 | 137 | 127 | 112 | 123 | 8.8% |

Source: Justice Data Warehouse

(^) 123.47(3)(c) was repealed in April 2015

Remarks for Top 5 Allegations-White:

- The only increase for White youth allegations was for possession of drug paraphernalia.

African-American

| | | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2011-2015 % Change |
|----------|---|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| 714.2(5) | Theft 5 th Degree | 195 | 172 | 175 | 235 | 113 | -42.1% |
| 723.4(1) | Disorderly Conduct - Fighting or Violent Behavior | 101 | 150 | 102 | 79 | 51 | -49.5% |
| 708.2(6) | Assault | 103 | 111 | 87 | 77 | 85 | -17.5% |
| 716.8(1) | Trespass | 74 | 76 | 84 | 61 | 56 | -24.3% |
| 708.2(2) | Assault Causing Bodily Injury or Mental Illness | 73 | 70 | 53 | 50 | 63 | -13.7% |

Source: Justice Data Warehouse

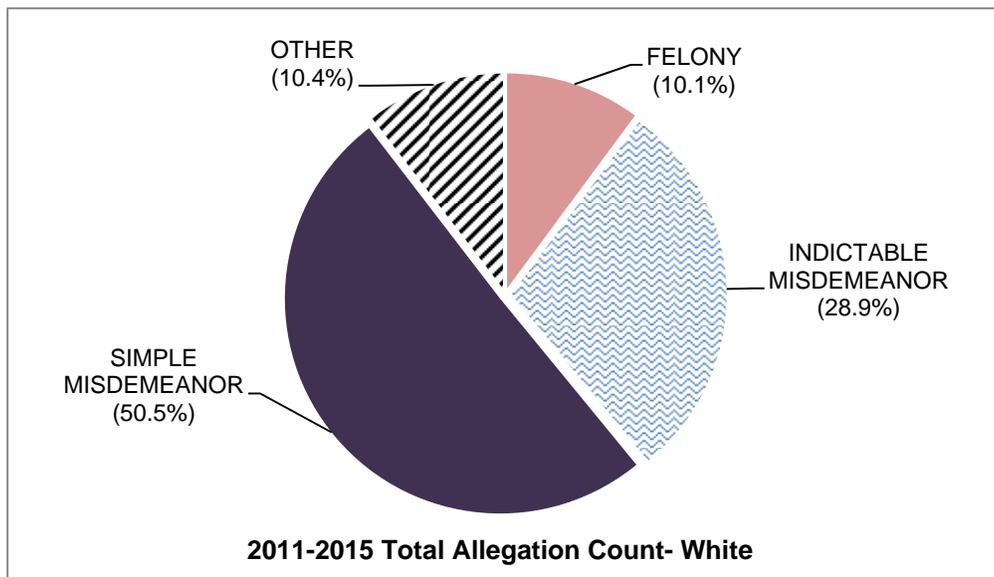
Remarks for Top 5 Allegations-African-American:

- Both African-American and White youth had theft-5th and assault as top five allegations.
- Disorderly conduct allegations for African-Americans decreased 49.5% during the report period.
- Assault charges comprised approximately 31% of the overall reductions.
- All of the top 5 offenses are misdemeanors for both White and African-American youth.
- Offenses for theft-5th decreased roughly 42% for African-American and White youth.

Charges by Race and Offense Level

White

| | 2011 | % | 2012 | % | 2013 | % | 2014 | % | 2015 | % | 2011-2015 % Change |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------------|
| Felony | 190 | 9.6% | 169 | 8.9% | 133 | 8.6% | 172 | 11.2% | 176 | 13.4% | -7.4% |
| Indictable Misdemeanor | 599 | 30.2% | 515 | 27.1% | 423 | 27.4% | 479 | 31.1% | 380 | 28.9% | -36.6% |
| Simple Misdemeanor | 1,040 | 52.4% | 977 | 51.4% | 794 | 51.4% | 705 | 45.8% | 668 | 50.9% | -35.8% |
| Other | 155 | 7.8% | 241 | 12.7% | 195 | 12.6% | 184 | 11.9% | 89 | 6.8% | -42.6% |
| Total | 1,984 | -- | 1,902 | -- | 1,545 | -- | 1,540 | -- | 1,313 | -- | -33.8% |



Source: Justice Data Warehouse

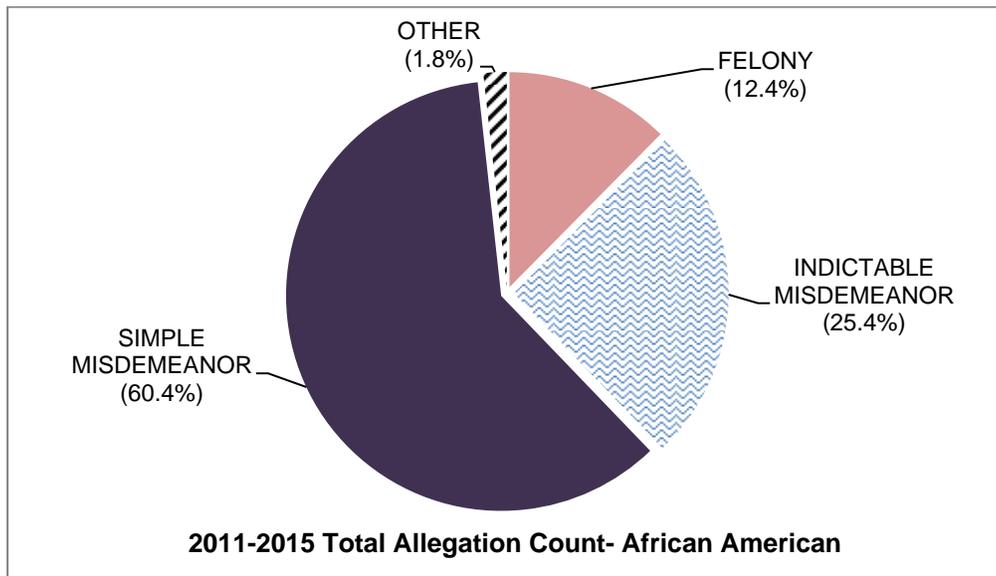
Remarks for Offense Level-White:

- Simple misdemeanor offenses decreased 35.8% over the report years, yet comprised roughly 51% of the overall charges in 2015.
- More than 79% of the total charges were misdemeanors.

Charges by Race and Offense Level (Cont.)

African-American

| | 2011 | % | 2012 | % | 2013 | % | 2014 | % | 2015 | % | 2011-2015 % Change |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Felony | 147 | 12.3% | 118 | 9.5% | 120 | 11.2% | 172 | 14.6% | 132 | 15.0% | -10.2% |
| Indictable Misdemeanor | 290 | 24.3% | 309 | 24.9% | 259 | 24.3% | 279 | 23.7% | 275 | 31.3% | -5.2% |
| Simple Misdemeanor | 735 | 61.7% | 782 | 63.1% | 678 | 63.5% | 705 | 59.8% | 458 | 52.1% | -37.7% |
| Other | 19 | 1.6% | 31 | 2.5% | * | -- | 23 | 2.0% | 14 | 1.6% | -26.3% |
| Total | 1,191 | -- | 1,240 | -- | 1,067 | -- | 1,179 | -- | 879 | -- | -26.2% |



Source: Justice Data Warehouse

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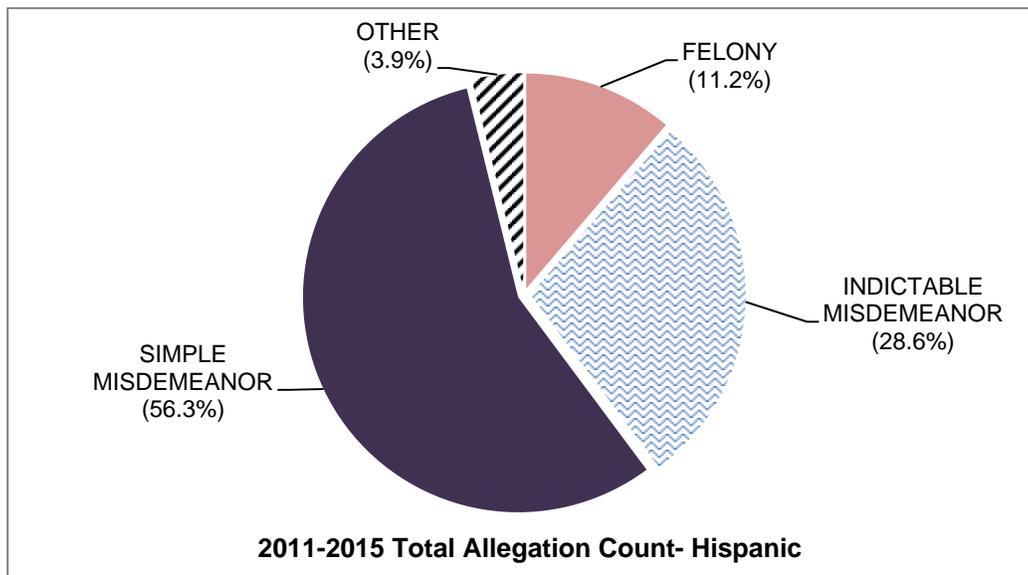
Remarks for Offense Level-African-American:

- More than 85% of the offenses during the report period are misdemeanors.
- 60.4% of charges for African-American youth are simple misdemeanors, while 50.5% for White youth are for such offenses.
- Felony charges for African-American and White youth decreased approximately 10% during the report years.
- Simple misdemeanor charges have declined by more than 37% during the report period.

Charges by Race and Offense Level (Cont.)

Hispanic

| | 2011 | % | 2012 | % | 2013 | % | 2014 | % | 2015 | % | 2011-2015 % Change |
|-------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Felony | 40 | 11.1% | 33 | 9.0% | 53 | 15.1% | 45 | 12.9% | 16 | 6.7% | -60.0% |
| Indictable Misdemeanor | 96 | 26.7% | 107 | 29.3% | 107 | 30.5% | 95 | 27.2% | 70 | 29.4% | -27.1% |
| Simple Misdemeanor | 211 | 58.6% | 212 | 58.1% | 181 | 51.6% | 188 | 53.9% | 145 | 60.9% | -31.3% |
| Other | 13 | 3.6% | 13 | 3.6% | * | -- | 21 | 6.0% | * | -- | NA |
| Total | 360 | -- | 365 | -- | 351 | -- | 349 | -- | 238 | -- | -33.9% |



Source: Justice Data Warehouse

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Remarks for Offense Level-Hispanic:

- Nearly 85% of the offenses during the report period are misdemeanors.
- 56.3% of allegations referred for Hispanic youth are simple misdemeanors, and comprised almost 61% of all allegations in 2015.
- Felony charges for Hispanic youth decreased 60% during the report years.
- Simple misdemeanor allegations have declined by more than 31% during the report period.

5. Juvenile Detention Data

Youth who commit *any delinquent act* can be held in juvenile detention facilities. There are 10 such facilities in Iowa. The data provided below are for all detention holds for youth from Polk County, regardless of the facility. Juvenile detention facilities are locked residential settings where youth under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court are held while awaiting a court hearing or disposition. Holds are typically pre-dispositional in nature; however, the juvenile court can also dispose delinquent youth who violate their probation to juvenile detention facilities for 48 hours.

Detention Holds

| Holds | 2011 | % | 2012 | % | 2013 | % | 2014 | % | 2015 | % | 2011-2015 % Change |
|------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| White | 237 | 42.6% | 321 | 40.4% | 250 | 36.8% | 190 | 29.0% | 190 | 32.7% | -19.8% |
| African-American | 197 | 35.4% | 303 | 38.2% | 264 | 38.9% | 286 | 43.7% | 289 | 49.7% | 46.7% |
| Hispanic | 65 | 11.7% | 92 | 11.6% | 85 | 12.5% | 97 | 14.8% | 51 | 8.8% | -21.5% |
| Multi-Racial | 57 | 10.3% | 78 | 9.8% | 80 | 11.8% | 82 | 12.5% | 51 | 8.8% | -10.5% |
| Total | 556 | -- | 794 | -- | 679 | -- | 655 | -- | 581 | -- | 4.5% |

Source: Justice Data Warehouse

Note: Excludes Holds for Adult Court Waivers and Out-of-State and Federal Holds

Remarks for Detention Holds:

- Overall detention holds increased by 4.5% from 2011 to 2015.
- Detention holds for Hispanic and Multi-Racial youth decreased 21.5% and 10.5%, respectively.
- African-American youth comprised the largest percentage, nearly 50% of the overall detention holds in 2015. In 2011, African-American holds were 35.4% of the over holds.
- Detention holds for African-American youth increased almost 47% during the report years.

Detention Holds – Average Daily Population

| Average Daily Population | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| White | 8.9 | 11.5 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 8.2 |
| African-American | 9.6 | 12.2 | 11.6 | 12.4 | 13.7 |
| Total-All Youth | 23.0 | 30.3 | 27.0 | 25.7 | 26.1 |

Source: Justice Data Warehouse

Note: Excludes Holds for Adult Court Waivers and Out-of-State and Federal Holds
Hispanic and Other/Multi-Racial are excluded due to low numbers, but are included in the overall total

Detention Holds – Average Length of Stay (in Days)

| Average Length of Stay | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| White | 13.7 | 13.1 | 11.8 | 13.9 | 15.7 |
| African-American | 17.9 | 14.7 | 16.0 | 15.8 | 17.3 |
| Hispanic | 14.9 | 13.0 | 17.1 | 12.5 | 14.7 |
| Multi-Racial | 11.6 | 15.7 | 15.1 | 12.4 | 15.9 |
| Average-All Youth | 14.5 | 14.1 | 15.0 | 13.6 | 15.9 |

Source: Justice Data Warehouse

Note: Excludes Holds for Adult Court Waivers and Out-of-State and Federal Holds

Remarks for Average Daily Population and Average Length of Stay:

- The average daily population (ADP) for African-American youth increased from 9.6 to 13.7 youth, while the ADP for White youth decreased from 8.9 to 8.2 youth.
- African-American youth averaged the longest length of stay in 2015 at 17.3 days.
- The average length of stay increased from 14.5 days to 15.9 days during the report period.

Detention Holds by Offense Level

| Holds by Race and Offense Level | | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2011-2015 % Change |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Felony | White | 95 | 111 | 73 | 56 | 58 | -38.9% |
| | African-American | 79 | 99 | 86 | 84 | 112 | 41.8% |
| | Hispanic | 20 | 23 | 22 | 27 | 16 | -20.0% |
| | Multi-Racial | 28 | 35 | 28 | 24 | 19 | -32.1% |
| | Total | 222 | 268 | 209 | 191 | 205 | -7.7% |
| Indictable Misdemeanor | White | 96 | 139 | 89 | 79 | 78 | -18.8% |
| | African-American | 74 | 101 | 87 | 108 | 106 | 43.2% |
| | Hispanic | 32 | 53 | 39 | 42 | 21 | -34.4% |
| | Multi-Racial | 21 | 26 | 32 | 28 | 19 | -9.5% |
| | Total | 223 | 319 | 247 | 257 | 224 | 0.4% |
| Simple Misdemeanor | White | 41 | 68 | 77 | 52 | 52 | 26.8% |
| | African-American | 41 | 99 | 85 | 94 | 70 | 70.7% |
| | Hispanic | 13 | 16 | 23 | 28 | 14 | 7.7% |
| | Multi-Racial | * | 17 | 20 | 29 | 13 | NA |
| | Total | 103 | 200 | 205 | 203 | 149 | 44.7% |

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|--|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | Total-All Youth | 556 | 794 | 679 | 655 | 581 | 4.5% |
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Source: Justice Data Warehouse

“Other” offenses are excluded due to low numbers, but are included in the overall total

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Note: Excludes Holds for Adult Court Waivers and Out-of-State and Federal Holds

Remarks for Holds by Offense Level:

- Indictable Misdemeanors comprised approximately 39% of detention holds during the report period.
- Misdemeanors, both indictable and simple, comprised an average of 65% of all detention holds.
- Felony holds for African-American youth increased nearly 42%, while the same holds for White youth decreased almost 39%.
- Simple misdemeanor detention holds increased for all races.

Detention Holds by Reason

| Holds by Race and Hold Reason | | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2011-2015 % Change |
|---|------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| New Offense | White | 81 | 102 | 58 | 42 | 46 | -43.2% |
| | African-American | 53 | 76 | 41 | 62 | 51 | -3.8% |
| | Hispanic | 21 | 26 | 20 | 18 | * | NA |
| | Multi-Racial | 22 | 22 | 19 | 23 | 12 | -45.5% |
| | Total | 177 | 226 | 138 | 145 | 116 | -34.5% |
| New Offense - While On Probation | White | 27 | 31 | 36 | 39 | 30 | 11.1% |
| | African-American | 34 | 43 | 70 | 73 | 77 | 126.5% |
| | Hispanic | * | * | * | 19 | * | NA |
| | Multi-Racial | * | * | 15 | 25 | 12 | NA |
| | Total | 79 | 87 | 127 | 156 | 126 | 59.5% |
| Other | White | 62 | 84 | 70 | 12 | * | NA |
| | African-American | 59 | 91 | 64 | 24 | 12 | -79.7% |
| | Hispanic | 20 | 40 | 18 | * | * | NA |
| | Multi-Racial | 15 | 22 | 21 | * | * | NA |
| | Total | 156 | 237 | 173 | 47 | 24 | -84.6% |
| Technical Violation | White | 67 | 104 | 86 | 97 | 104 | 55.2% |
| | African-American | 51 | 93 | 89 | 127 | 149 | 192.2% |
| | Hispanic | 15 | 20 | 41 | 52 | 35 | 133.3% |
| | Multi-Racial | 11 | 27 | 25 | 31 | 27 | 145.5% |
| | Total | 144 | 244 | 241 | 307 | 315 | 118.8% |

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|--|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| | Total-All Youth | 556 | 794 | 679 | 655 | 581 | 4.5% |
|--|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|

Source: Justice Data Warehouse

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Note: Excludes Holds for Adult Court Waivers and Out-of-State and Federal Holds

Remarks for Holds by Reason:

- Holds for new offenses and “other” decreased 34.5% and 84.6%, respectively.
- Holds for new offenses while on probation and technical violations averaged an increase of 89% during the report years.
- Holds for African-American and White youth for technical violations increased 192.2% and 55.2%, respectively.
- African-American youth holds for new offenses while on probation increased 126.5% from 2011 to 2015.
- Overall, detention holds for all reasons increased by 4.5% during the report period.

6. DMC Matrices—2015

The Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) matrices are the tool selected by the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention for states to identify if minority overrepresentation exists. Overrepresentation is calculated through utilization of a Relative Rate Index (RRI). The RRI method involves comparing the relative volume (rate) of activity for each major stage of the juvenile justice system for minority youth with the volume of that activity for White (majority) youth. The RRI provides a single index number that indicates the extent to which the volume of that form of contact or activity differs for minority youth and White youth. **In its base form, the RRI is simply the rate of activity involving minority youth divided by the rate of activity involving majority youth.**

An example is provided regarding Polk County's 2015 juvenile detention RRI's. *A relative rate index of 2.2 is obtained for juvenile detention holds of African-American youth.* Thus, African-American's juvenile detention rate is 2.2 times higher than White youth.

| RRI Formula | Rate of Occurrence for African-American Youth | divided by | Rate of Occurrence for White Youth | Relative Rate Index |
|-------------|---|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Example | 43.3/1,000 detention holds | divided by | 20.1/1,000 detention holds | 2.2 RRI |

A summary page of the 2015 DMC matrices is provided. The complete set of state and local DMC matrices are available on CJJP's Equal Justice for Juvenile (EJJ) website—
<https://humanrights.iowa.gov/cjjp/disproportionate-minority-contact/data>.

| AREA REPORTED | Data Entry Section | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|---|--------------------|-------|--|----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| | State: Iowa County: Polk | | Reporting Period : January 2015 December 2015 | | | | | | |
| | Total Youth | White | Black or African-American | Hispanic or Latino | Asian | Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders | American Indian or Alaska Native | Other/ Mixed | All Minorities |
| 1. Population at risk (age 10 through 17) | 49,610 | 35,921 | 5,134 | 5,924 | 2,491 | 0 | 140 | 0 | 13,689 |
| 2. Juvenile Arrests | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 3. Refer to Juvenile Court | 1,933 | 939 | 668 | 175 | 40 | 0 | 7 | 104 | 994 |
| 4. Cases Diverted | 1,444 | 711 | 458 | 154 | 34 | 0 | 2 | 85 | 733 |
| 5. Cases Involving Secure Detention | 578 | 189 | 289 | 50 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 41 | 389 |
| 6. Cases Petitioned (Charge Filed) | 447 | 166 | 210 | 32 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 33 | 281 |
| 7. Cases Resulting in Delinquent Findings | 112 | 40 | 49 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 72 |
| 8. Cases resulting in Probation Placement | 125 | 31 | 62 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 94 |
| 9. Cases Resulting in Confinement in Secure Juvenile Correctional Facilities | 48 | 19 | 22 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 29 |
| 10. Cases Transferred to Adult Court | 25 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 14 |
| Meets 1% rule for group to be assessed? | | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | |

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5. DATA SOURCES & NOTES

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|--|-----|------|--|-----|------|
| Item 1 Population: NCJRS Census Update | CY: | 2014 | Item 2 Arrests: # of Juvenile Arrests - UCR | CY: | n/a |
| Item 3 Referral: # of JCS Complaints/Referrals - JDW | CY: | 2015 | Item 4 Diversions: # of Diversions - JDW | CY: | 2015 |
| Item 5 Detention: # of Juvenile Detention Holds - CJJP | CY: | 2015 | Item 6 Petitioned: # of Petitions Filed - JDW | CY: | 2015 |
| Item 7 Delinquent: # of Orders for Adjudication - JDW | CY: | 2015 | Item 8 Probations: # of Orders for Probation - JDW | CY: | 2015 |
| Item 9 Confinement: # of Placements to State Training School - STS | CY: | 2015 | Item 10 Transferred: # of Orders for Waiver to Adult Court - JDW | CY: | 2015 |

Source: Justice Data Warehouse

DMC Matrices—2015 Summary Page

| Relative Rate Index Compared with : White | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------|--|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| | White | Black or African-American | Hispanic or Latino | Asian | Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders | American Indian or Alaska Native | Other/Mixed | All Minorities |
| 2. Juvenile Arrests | -- | -- | -- | -- | * | * | * | -- |
| 3. Refer to Juvenile Court | -- | -- | -- | -- | * | * | * | -- |
| 4. Cases Diverted | 1.00 | 0.91 | 1.16 | 1.12 | * | * | * | 0.97 |
| 5. Cases Involving Secure Detention | 1.00 | 2.15 | 1.42 | ** | * | * | * | 1.94 |
| 6. Cases Petitioned | 1.00 | 1.78 | 1.03 | ** | * | * | * | 1.60 |
| 7. Cases Resulting in Delinquent Findings | 1.00 | 0.97 | 1.04 | ** | * | * | * | 1.06 |
| 8. Cases resulting in Probation Placement | 1.00 | 1.63 | ** | ** | * | * | * | 1.68 |
| 9. Cases Resulting in Confinement in Secure Juvenile Correctional Facilities | 1.00 | 0.95 | ** | ** | * | * | * | 0.85 |
| 10. Cases Transferred to Adult Court | 1.00 | 0.72 | ** | ** | * | * | * | 0.75 |
| Group meets 1% threshold? | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | No | |

Key:

Statistically significant results:

Bold font

Results that are not statistically significant

Regular font

Group is less than 1% of the youth population

*

Insufficient number of cases for analysis

**

Missing data for some element of calculation

| What Would it Take? | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------|--|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| Assuming all else remained constant, what changes in volume for minority youth required to achieve statistical parity with | | | | | | | | White |
| Note: results are only displayed if the corresponding RRI value is statistically significant | White | Black or African-American | Hispanic or Latino | Asian | Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders | American Indian or Alaska Native | Other/Mixed | All Minorities |
| 2. Juvenile Arrests | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Refer to Juvenile Court | | | | | | | | |
| 4. Cases Diverted | | 48 | | | | | | |
| 5. Cases Involving Secure Detention | | -154 | -15 | | | | | -189 |
| 6. Cases Petitioned | | -92 | | | | | | -105 |
| 7. Cases Resulting in Delinquent Findings | | | | | | | | |
| 8. Cases resulting in Probation | | -24 | | | | | | -38 |
| 9. Cases Resulting in Confinement in Secure Juvenile Correctional Facilities | | | | | | | | |
| 10. Cases Transferred to Adult Court | | | | | | | | |
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