

- Juvenile arrestees have a demographic profile that is strikingly different from that of other adolescents in the state.
  - While just over half of Tennessee's adolescents are male, three-fifths of all SANTA arrestees are.
  - While over 50% of Tennessee's population aged ten through eighteen is less than fifteen, only one-quarter of the juvenile SANTA arrestees are less than fifteen.
  - While about 21% of Tennessee's adolescent population is non-white, nearly 62% of the juvenile SANTA arrestees are non-white.
- The differences between juvenile arrestees and all Tennessee's adolescents are less pronounced than the differences between adult arrestees and Tennessee's adults. This suggests that arrest becomes a more selective filter for aberrancy at older ages.

#### Socio-Economic Characteristics

- Juvenile SANTA arrestees are likely to come from nontraditional families. Overall, only 16% live in families where both parents are present. Almost three-fifths live in a family where only the mother is present. Nearly one-quarter live with neither parent.
- A large proportion of juvenile arrestees (16%) are not currently attending school. Nearly half (46%) of the juvenile arrestees who are not attending school have dropped out. Another 29% have been expelled or suspended. Despite these relatively low rates of school attendance, only 12% of the juvenile SANTA sample are participating in legitimate full- or part-time work.
- In terms of sources of support, 60% of juvenile arrestees were students; 10% were unemployed; 3% were in the work force full-time and 9% part-time; 5% were collecting welfare/SSI benefits; and 7% had other legal sources of support. One percent were incarcerated; and 4% reported supporting themselves through illegal means.

#### Charge at Arrest

- Juvenile SANTA arrestees were more likely than all juvenile arrestees to have committed violent offenses, property offenses, and drug offenses.
- Violent offenses are higher in the non-urban site as are drug and youth offenses, while property and alcohol offenses are higher in Memphis.