

REFERRAL REASONS BY RACE AND SEX 2000

Please refer to the tables on pages 29 – 31 for data regarding referral reasons by race and gender. Since these data are spread between 83 potential referral reasons, most of the percentages presented in this discussion will be small. ***It is important to note that many juvenile courts do not hear traffic cases. In these jurisdictions, traffic cases go to the court with jurisdiction for hearing adult traffic violations. It is also important to note that the category of “Unknown” includes not reported.***

The 2000 data showed the most commonly reported delinquent referral reasons to be traffic offenses, theft of property, assault, and disorderly conduct. The most often reported status offense referral reasons were truancy, in-state runaway and unruly behavior, while referral reasons surrounding issues of custody and dependency/neglect remained the most prevalent within the non-offense category. These data were consistent with those of 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

When looking at race and gender, the top four specific referral reasons for white males reported in 2000 were Traffic Offenses (16%), Theft of Property (7%), “Other” (6%), and Truancy (6%). The most often reported specific referral reasons associated with African American males were Theft of Property (9%), Disorderly Conduct (8%), Traffic (7%), and Truancy (7%).

The 2000 data revealed the most often cited specific referral reasons for white females were Traffic Offenses (13%), Truancy (10%), Other (7%), and In-State Runaway (6%). Regarding African American females, the most often cited specific referral reasons in 2000 were Dependency/Neglect (10%), Disorderly Conduct (9.9%), Truancy (9.7%), and In-State Runaway (7%).