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Arkansas Division of Youth Services Core Beliefs and Mission

1. Youth are best served in **least-restrictive settings located close to home**, when appropriate, evidence-based rehabilitative service are available and removing youth from the home should be the option of last resort.
2. Families, schools, law enforcement and courts need a **wide array of service options**, including graduated sanctions outside the courtroom.
3. **Decision-making should be data-driven**, and programs and services should be supported by data demonstrating their effectiveness in improving outcomes for youth and families.
4. Effective community based services can **reduce the use of confinement and commitment to DYS** and result in significant fiscal savings in state revenue.
5. Treatment and placement decisions should be **individualized, based on comprehensive, standardized assessment, and actively involve youth and families** in the planning processes.
6. All youth in DYS custody should be provided **effective education and vocational training** opportunities.
7. **Limited length of stay recommendations** should recognize that effectiveness of treatment provided in institutional settings is diminished after six months, notwithstanding correctional and public safety goals.
8. **Collaboration with local school districts** is critical to successful prevention, aftercare and re-entry for DYS youth.
9. **Funding allocation across residential and community-based services** must be rebalanced.
10. All children and youth in the state should have **equal opportunities for services and success**, without regard to gender, race or ethnicity, disability, geographic location, or income level.

DYS Mission

The Arkansas Division of Youth Services works with judges, providers, schools, and other stakeholders to provide a continuum of individualized rehabilitative services and sanctions for at-risk and adjudicated youth and their families. Services will provide alternatives to confinement or commitment to DYS and/or support transition of youth back into their homes, schools and communities. Treatment plans for both youth and families will rely on results of individualized risk and needs assessment, and promote positive growth, educational and vocational development, self-sufficiency, and accountability.

Arkansas DYS FY 2018 Programmatic Highlights

Juvenile Justice System Reform Initiatives

DYS Contract with Center for Children's Law and Policy to complete a residential service system review, including analysis of DYS youth population, current secure facilities and recommendations for DYS Residential Service system master plan (rightsizing)

Max federal/matching funding

Youth Justice Reform Board and Supreme Court Commission on Children, Youth challenged by Governor to create legislative proposals for 2019 General Assembly, addressing juvenile courts, community based services and DYS reforms, including collaborative data/reporting

AOC and DYS commitment to using validated risk and needs assessment for all youth and families, expanding use of SAVRY pre-adjudication risk assessment in up to eighteen counties.

DYS Youth and Family Case Management

Pew Charitable Trust and Criminal Justice Institute consultation: research-based, evidence driven policies, practices (e.g. intake, assessment, treatment plans, placements, LOS, discharges)

Addition of Family Advocate position, focus on family engagement while youth in residential care

Weekly senior staff (war room) meetings re; commitments, discharges, backlogs, challenging cases.

Reduction in Juvenile Detention Center placement backlogs– youth awaiting placements, assessment

DYS Residential Services and Secure Facilities

Contracted for full-time mental health therapist and substance abuse treatment at each site

Contract with Virtual Arkansas, ADE-backed online education curriculum, ensuring standardized curriculum, individualized instruction and course credits transfers back to home schools

Transitioned to Correct Care Services, Inc for onsite medical services and centralized assessment

Enhanced physical plant needs assessments, ongoing maintenance monitoring and reporting

Began process of developing RFP for facility management for up to six DYS secure residential facilities, including outcomes, treatment models, standards, performance indicators

Enhanced Staff Training for all facility staff, Handle with Care, Team Building, Adolescent Behaviors

Updating Policy Manuals and Handbooks for facility staff, youth, and families

Leveraging use of non-secure residential placements to increase federal SSBG funds. Increase by \$1,683,140 in FY19 over FY18

DYS Community Based Youth Service

One-year Bridge contracts for community based services to allow for strengthening services, updating funding allocation formulas, maximizing state and federal funding, etc.

Focus on DYS and provider working groups to build consensus around outcomes, treatment models, evidenced based programs/services and court-provider collaboration models, MOUs

Provided Juvenile Justice Innovation Grants to each Judicial District; identified/approved by local Juvenile Judges and designed to demonstrate reductions in commitments or recidivism.

Ensuring that Juvenile Judges have significant input in prioritizing DYS funding in their districts.

Juvenile Justice System Trending:

Number of Statewide commitments to DYS is at historic low (402)

Judicial Districts with greatest commitment reductions are using SAVRY as risk assessment tool

Judicial Districts utilizing pre-adjudication SAVRY risk assessments continue to increase. (18)

DYS Commitments based on probation violations trending down

Low risk/low supervision commitments continue to go down, medium-high risk commitments up

Commitments by race showing a slow but promising decline in % of African American males (2015-2018 57% in 2015 to 45% in 2018) (closer to % of overall youth in Arkansas)

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DYS FY 2018 Statistics Summary

Total DYS Commitments FY 2015-2018 (Figure 1)

2018 = 402 2017 = 433 2016 = 467 2015 = 526

DYS Commitments by Offense (Figure 2)

	Felony	Misdemeanor	Aftercare Violation	Probation Revocation
2018	55%	30%	2%	13%
2017	56%	30%	3%	11%
2016	51%	34%	3%	9%
2015	43%	30%	2%	25%

DYS First Commitments vs. Recommits (Figure 3)

	First Time Commits	Recommits
2018	73%	27%
2017	76%	24%
2016	66%	34%
2015	81%	19%

Violent vs. Non-Violent Offenses (Figure 4)

	Violent offenses	Non-violent offenses
2018	14%	86%
2017	15%	85%
2016	9%	91%
2015	10%	90%

DYS Commitments by Age, Gender, Race (Figure 5, 6, 7)

Total FY18 commitments, gender: 84% male, 16% female
 AR youth population, gender: 51% male, 49% female
 Total FY18 commitments, race: 46% African American, 45% white, 9% other
 AR youth population, race: 20% African American, 77% white, 3% other
 Ages of committed youth: 12–19 years
 Over half of total commitments were between 15–17 years

DYS Commitments by County (Figure 8)

Top Committing counties (# of commitments)

2018	1) Pulaski (34)	2017	1) Pulaski (40)
	2) Jefferson, Saline (27)		2) Jefferson (38)
	3) Union, Sebastian (19)		3) Saline (24)
	4) Columbia (16)		4) Union (24)
	5) White (15)		5) Hempstead (18)

Commitments by Judicial District (Figure 9) (Appendix III)

Top committing districts (# of commitments) with associated counties

2018	1. 13 th —Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, and Union (53)	2017	1. 13 th —Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, and Union (60)
	2. 2 nd —Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Greene, Mississippi, and Poinsett (35)		2. 2 nd —Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Greene, Mississippi, and Poinsett (40)
	3. 6 th —Perry and Pulaski (34)		3. 6 th —Perry and Pulaski (40)
	4. 11 th W—Jefferson and Lincoln (30)		4. 11 th W—Jefferson and Lincoln (40)
	5. 22 nd —Saline (27)		5. 10 th —Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, and Drew (33)

Commitments by Judicial District by Year (Figure 10)

Largest Reduction in Commitments

- 1) 10th—Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, and Drew (-16)
- 2) 8th N—Hempstead and Nevada counties; 11th W—Jefferson and Lincoln (-10)
- 3) 13th—Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, and Union (-7)

Largest Increase in Commitments

- 1) 3rd—Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp and Madison; 4th—Perry and Pulaski; 9th W—Howard, Little River, Pike, and Sevier; 17th—Prairie and White (+6)
- 2) 12th—Sebastian (-7)
- 3) 19th W—Benton; 16th—Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, and Stone; 14th—Baxter, Boone, Marion, and Newton (+4)
- 4) 22nd—Saline (+3)
- 5) 9th E—Clark (+2)

Youth Served by Community-Based Provider (CBP) Services by Judicial District (Figure 12)

Top Districts with youth and families served

- 1) 2nd (438) Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Greene, Mississippi, and Poinsett counties
- 2) 4th (387) Madison and Washington counties
- 3) 11th W (385) Jefferson, and Lincoln counties
- 4) 6th (353) Perry and Pulaski counties
- 5) 5th (334) Franklin, Johnson and Pope counties

DYS Contracted Programs Map (Appendix I)

DYS Residential Treatment Facilities (AJATC + 7) = 8

DYS Community-based service providers = 13

Specialized Residential Programs = 7

Juvenile Detention Center Map (Appendix II)

Total number of county-operated detention centers = 14

DYS-JDC Intergovernmental Agreements = 6

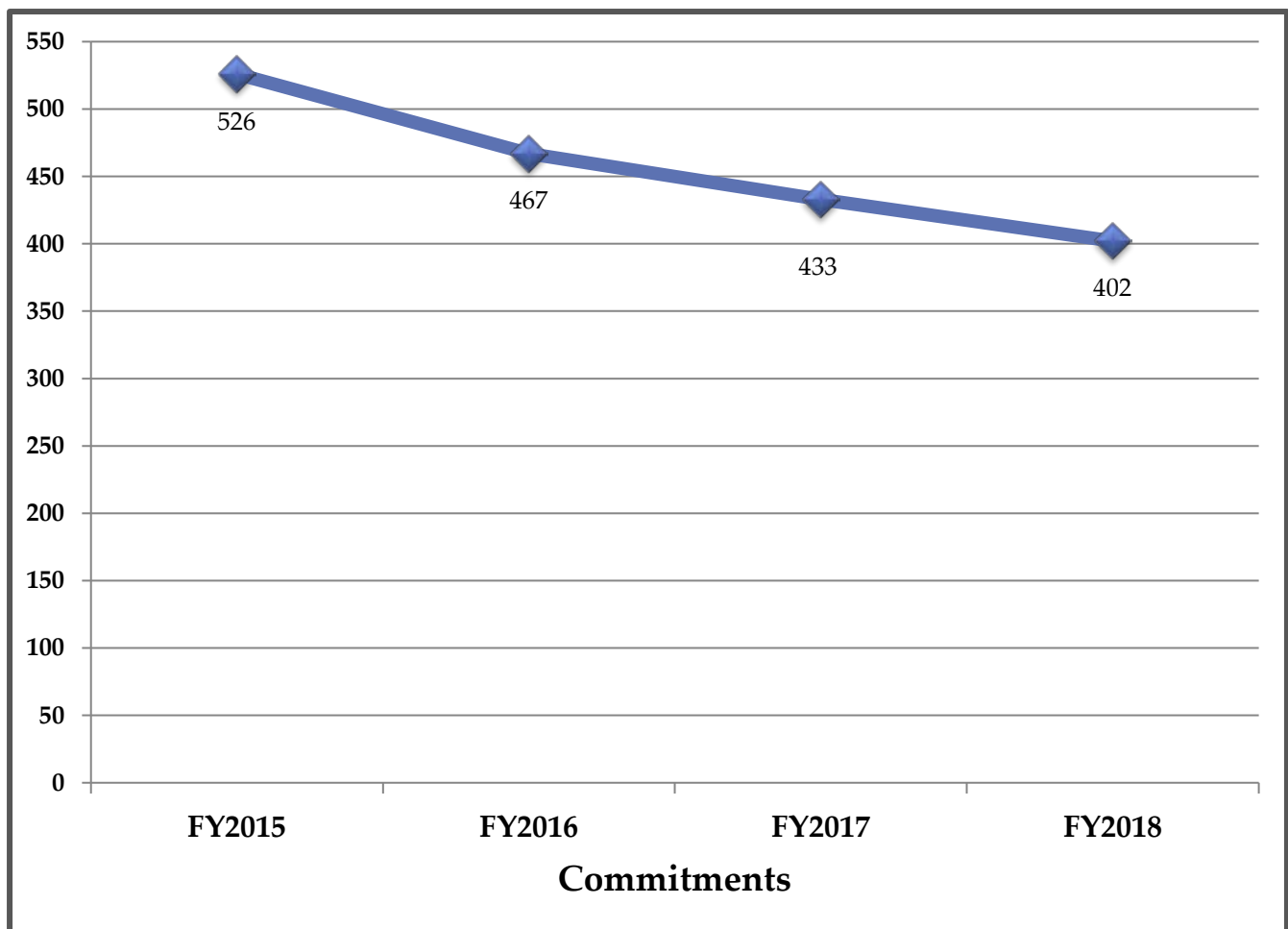
Judicial Districts Map (Appendix III)

Number of counties in Arkansas = 75

Number of circuit court districts in Arkansas = 28

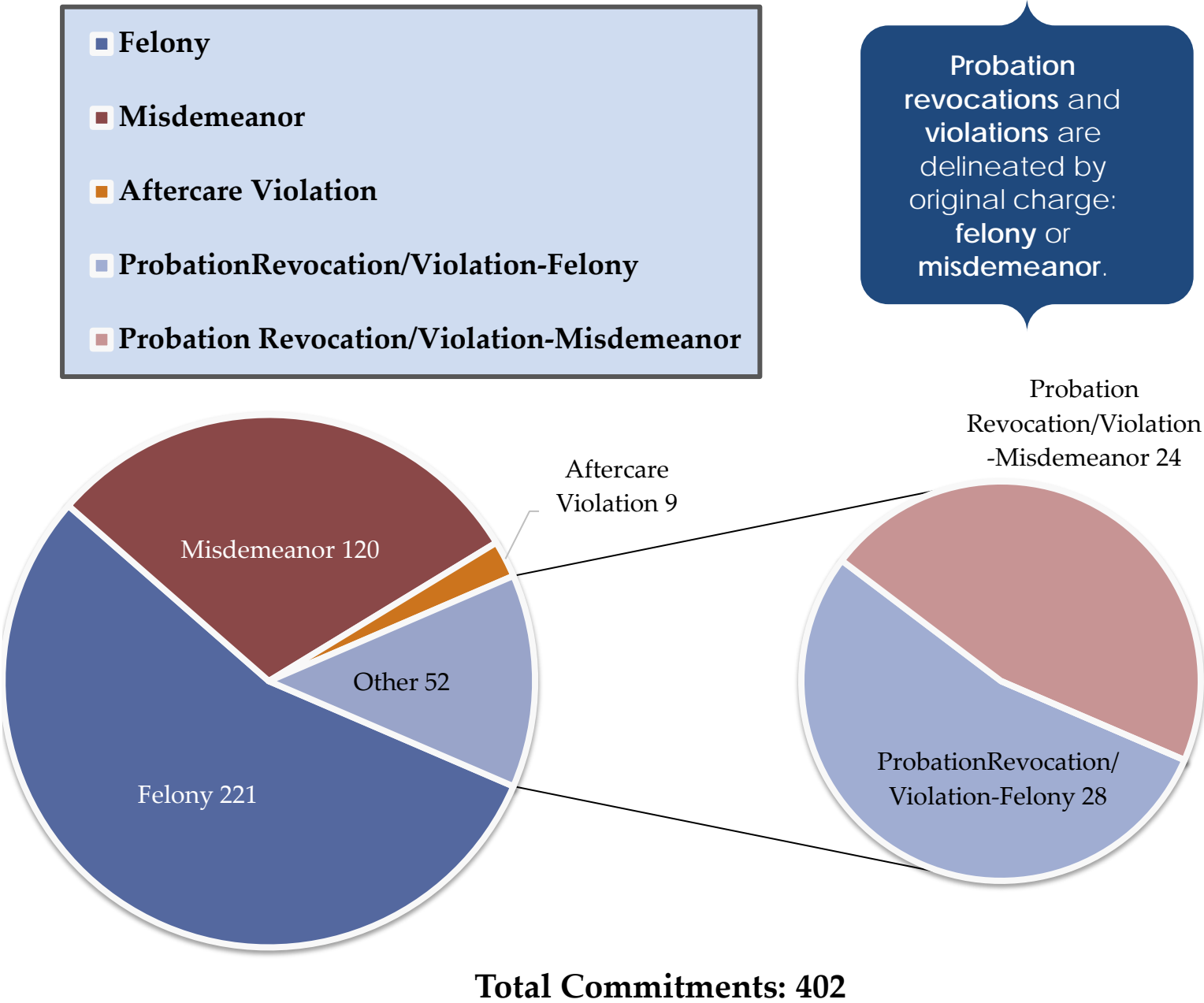
Number of Arkansas judges who adjudicate juveniles = 45

Figure 1: Total DYS Commitments for FY2018 Annual Comparison



Commitments for FY 2018 (**402**) are down from 2017 (**433**) and FY 2016 (**467**).

Figure 2: FY2018 DYS Commitments by Offense



See FY2018 Summary Section for comparison with previous years.

Figure 3: FY2018 DYS First Commitments vs. Recommits

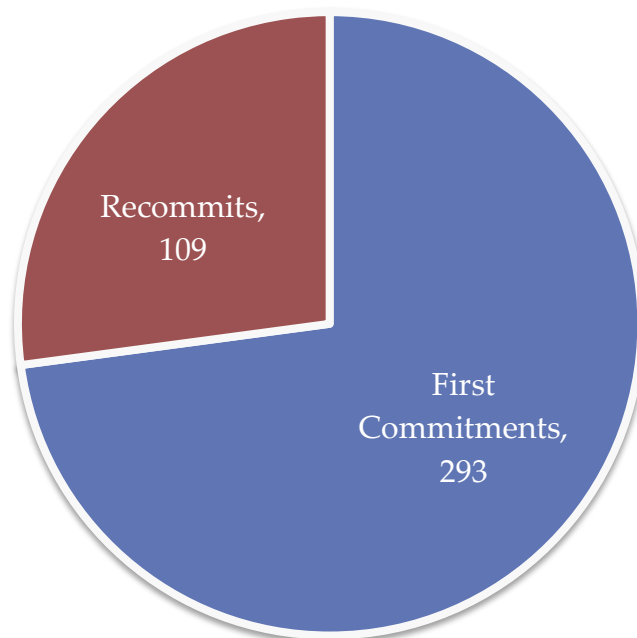
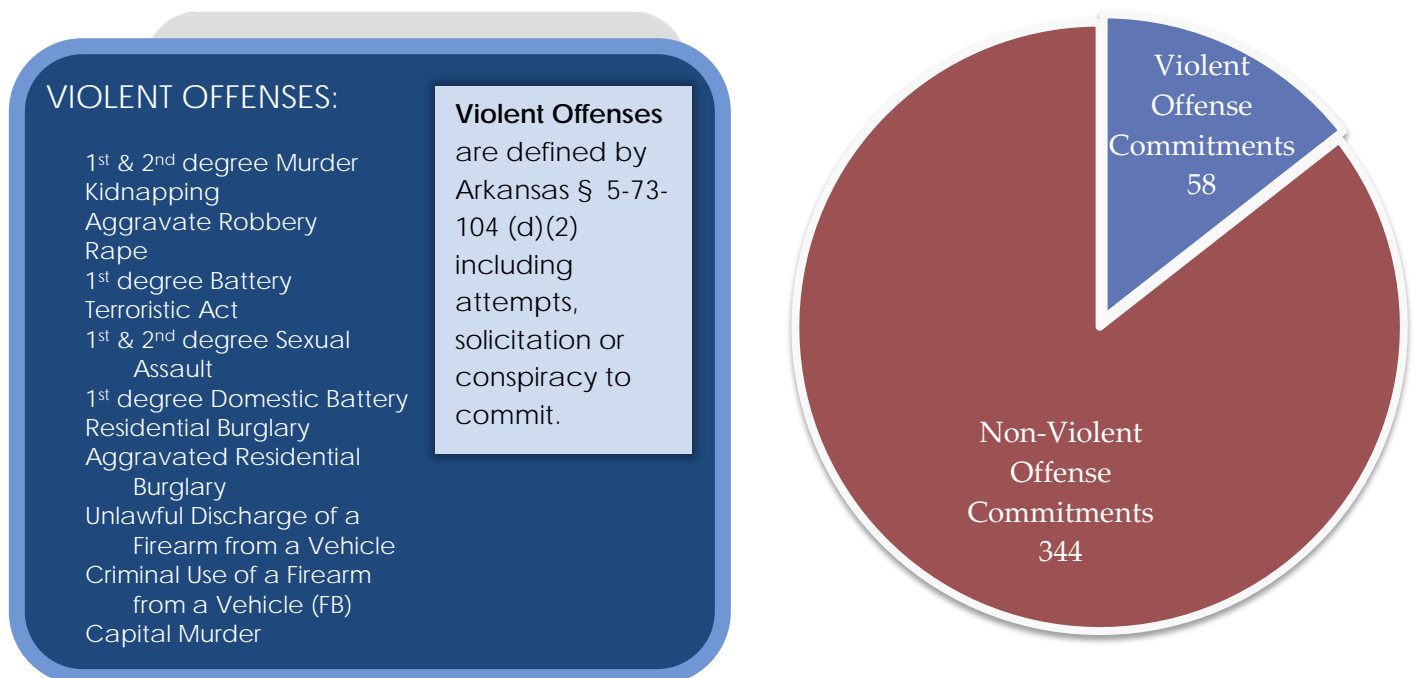
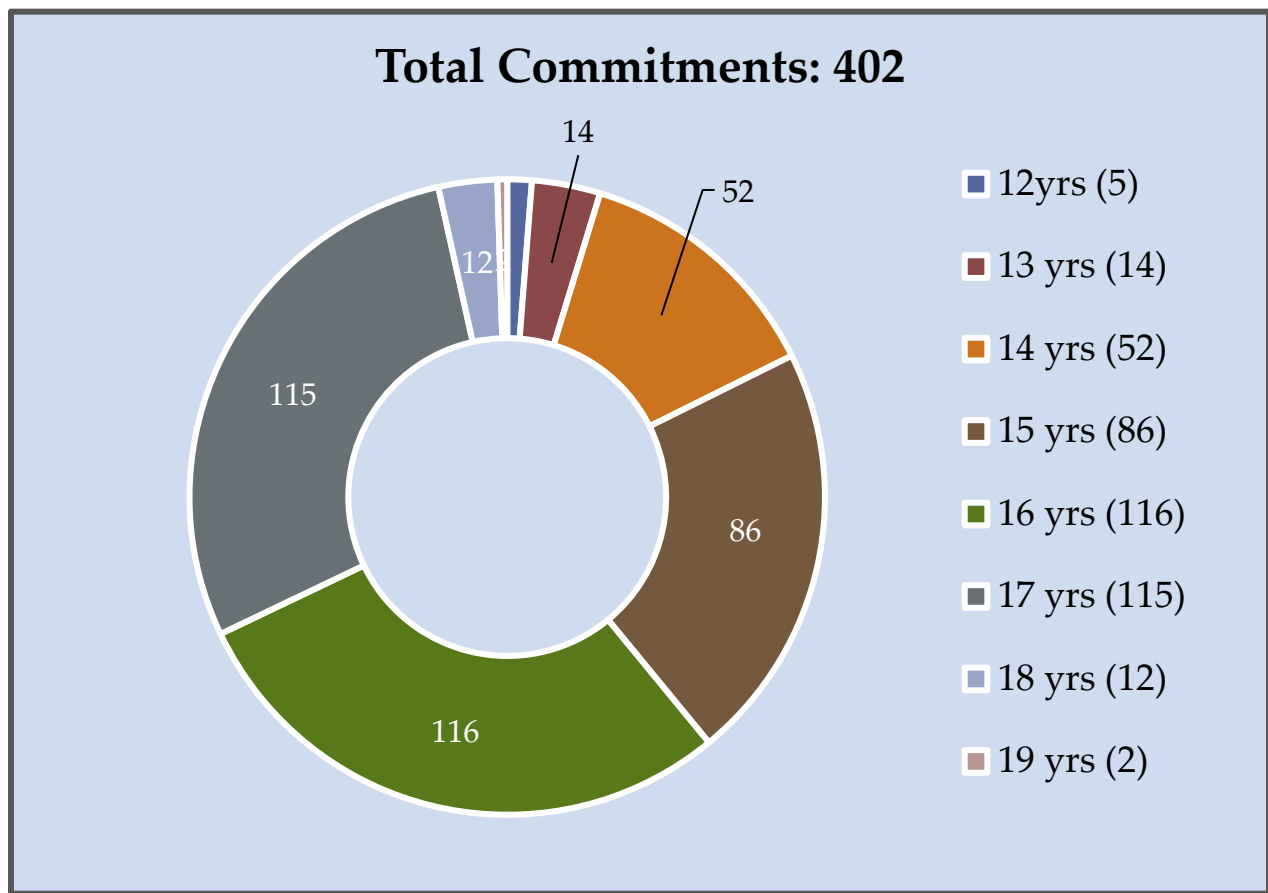


Figure 4: Violent Offenses vs. Non-Violent Offenses

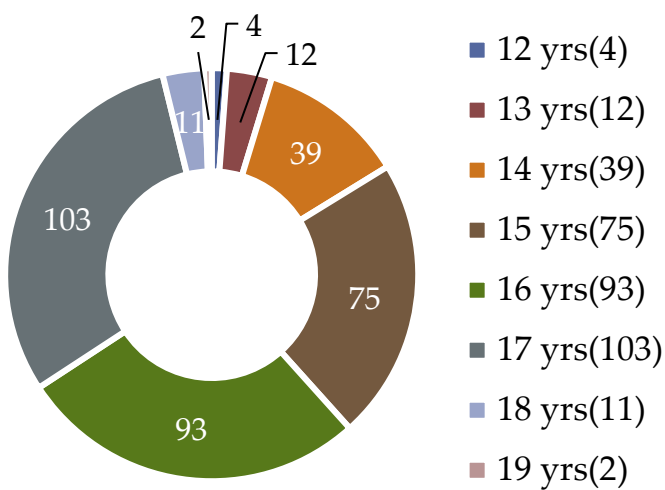


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Figure 5: FY2018 DYS Commitments by Age & Gender



Male Commitments: 369



Female Commitments: 64

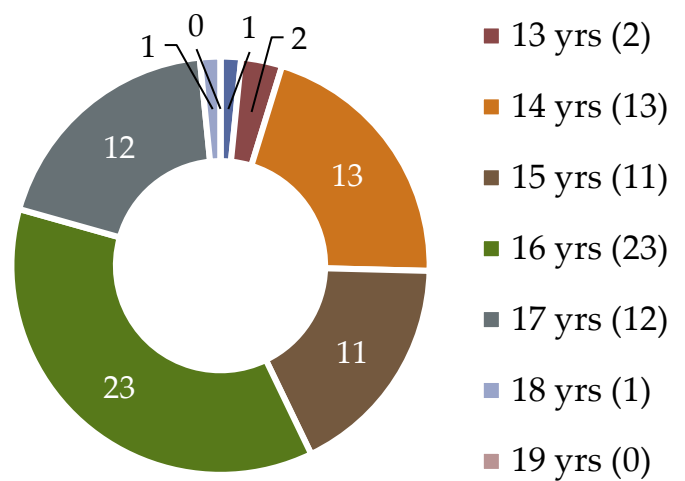
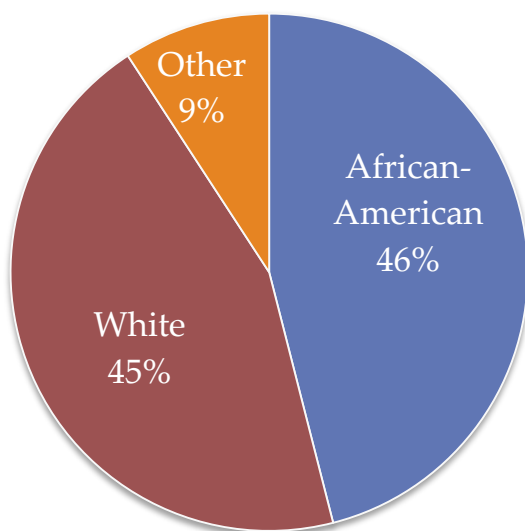


Figure 6: FY2018 DYS Commitments by Age, Gender, and Race

Age (yrs)	African-American		White		Other		TOTAL
	male	female	male	female	male	female	
10							0
11							0
12	2	1	1		1		5
13	4	1	8	1			14
14	19	6	16	6	4	1	52
15	33	8	33	3	9		86
16	46	11	43	8	4	4	116
17	48	2	46	8	9	2	115
18	2		7		2	1	12
19	2						2
20							0
TOTAL	156	29	154	26	29	8	402

Figure 7: FY2018 DYS Commitments by Race



Statewide, **African-American** youth make up **20 percent** of the adolescent population, while **white** youth account for **77 percent**.

Figure 8: FY2018 DYS Commitments by Race by County

Committing County	African-American	White	Other	TOTAL
Arkansas	1		1	2
Ashley		2	1	3
Baxter		1		1
Benton		6	2	8
Boone		3		3
Bradley	1			1
Calhoun	1			1
Carroll		1		1
Chicot	4			4
Clark	1	3		4
Clay		3		3
Cleburne		7		7
Cleveland		1		1
Columbia	14	1	1	16
Conway		2		2
Craighead	4	4	5	13
Crawford	1	7		8
Crittenden	9	2		11
Cross	2			2
Dallas	2			2
Desha	2	1		3
Drew	1	5		6
Faulkner	3	5	1	9
Franklin	1	1		2
Fulton				
Garland	2	5		7
Grant		9	1	10
Greene		1		1
Hempstead	6	4	1	11
Hot Spring	3	5		8
Howard	4			4

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NOTE

Zeros have been omitted from this chart for visual clarity

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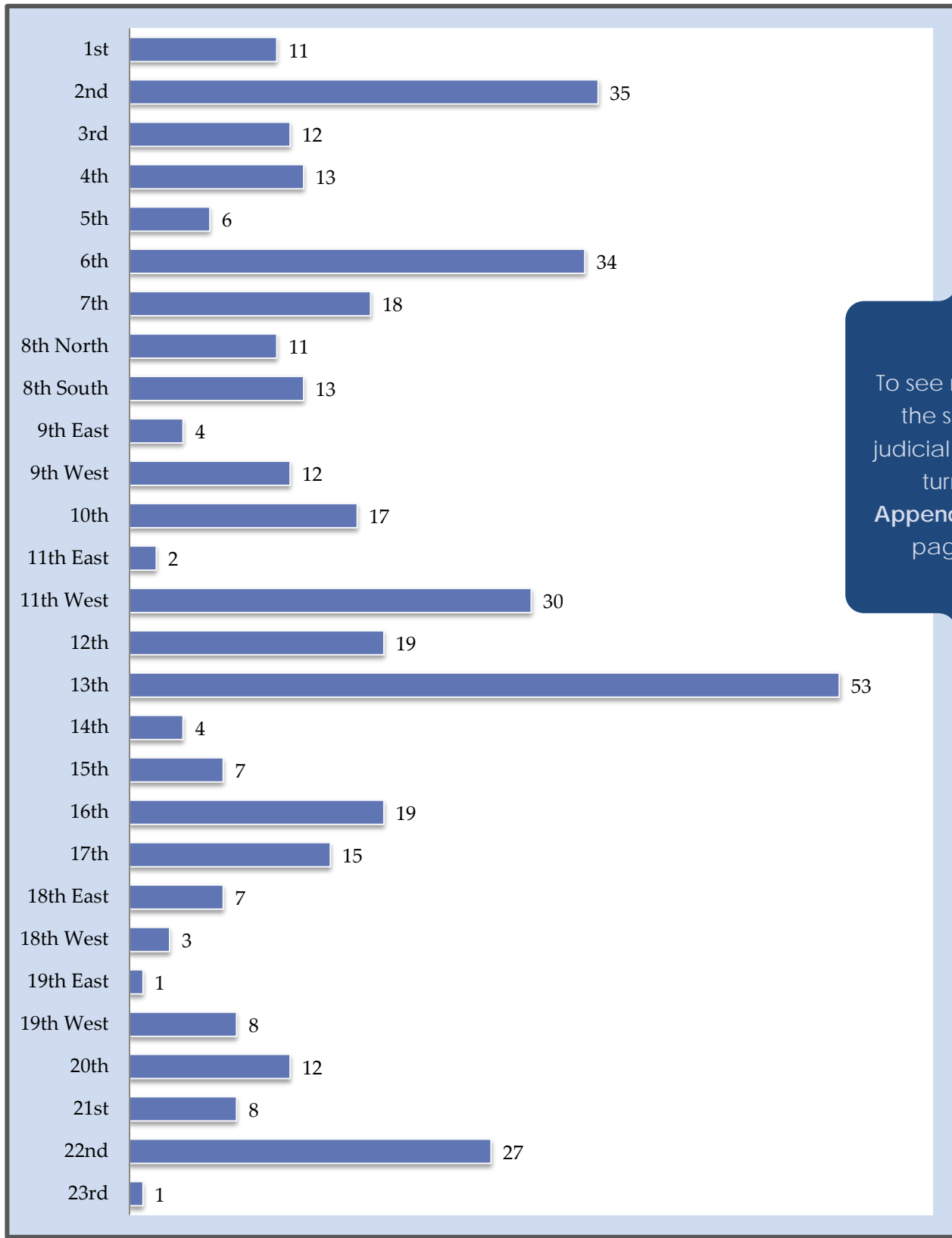
See FY2018 Summary Section for comparison with previous years.

Figure 8: FY2018 DYS Commitments by Race by County (cont.)

Committing County	African-American	White	Other	TOTAL
Independence	3	8	1	12
Izard				
Jackson	2			2
Jefferson	20	5	2	27
Johnson		2		2
Lafayette				
Lawrence		2		2
Lee	1			1
Lincoln	2	1		3
Little River	1	2		3
Logan		3		3
Lonoke		1		1
Miller	7	4	2	13
Mississippi	4			4
Monroe				
Montgomery		2		2
Nevada				
Ouachita	11	2	1	14
Phillips	4	1		5
Pike		1	1	2
Poinsett	1	2		3
Polk		1		1
Pope		2		2
Pulaski	29	4	1	34
Randolph		4		4
Saint Francis	2	1		3
Saline	6	16	5	27
Scott		1		1
Searcy				
Sebastian	7	7	5	19
Sevier		1	2	3
Sharp		4		4
Stone				
Union	15	3	1	19
Van Buren		3		3
Washington	2	8	3	13
White	6	9		15
Woodruff				
Yell		1		1
TOTAL	185	180	37	402

See FY2018 Summary Section for comparison with previous years.

Figure 9: FY2018 DYS Commitments by District



To see **maps** of the state's judicial districts, turn to **Appendix III** on page 20

Figure 10: DYS Commitments by District by Year

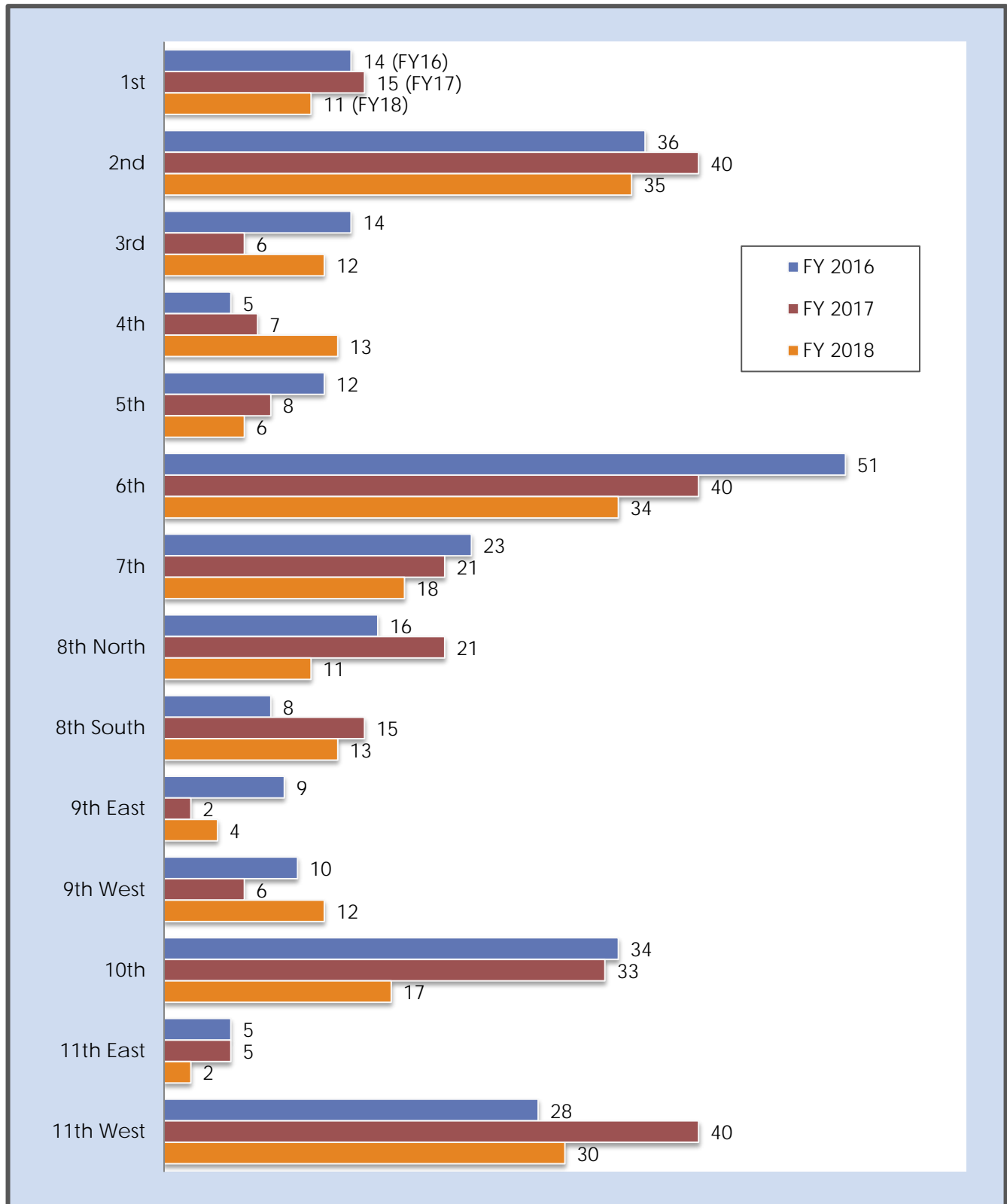


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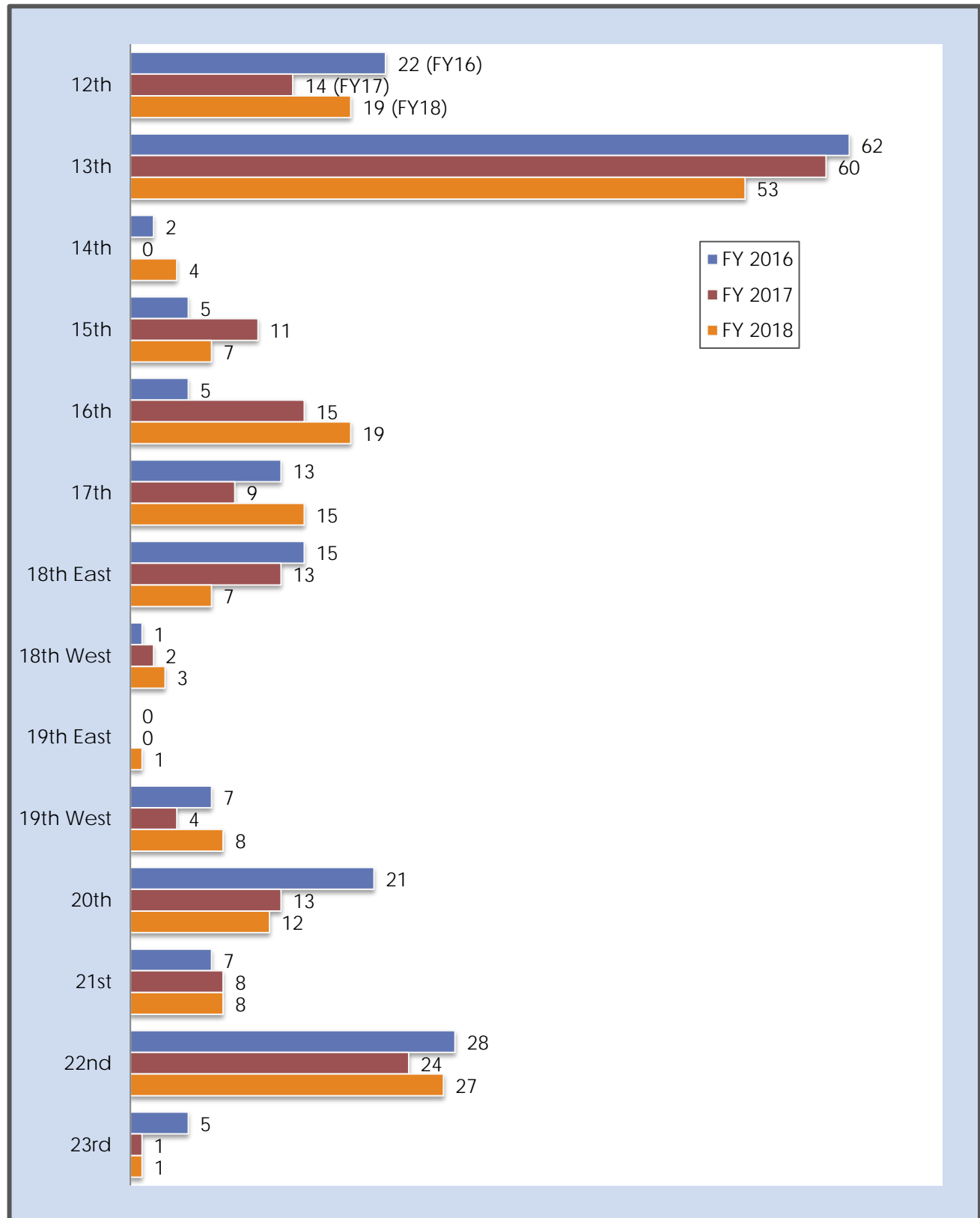
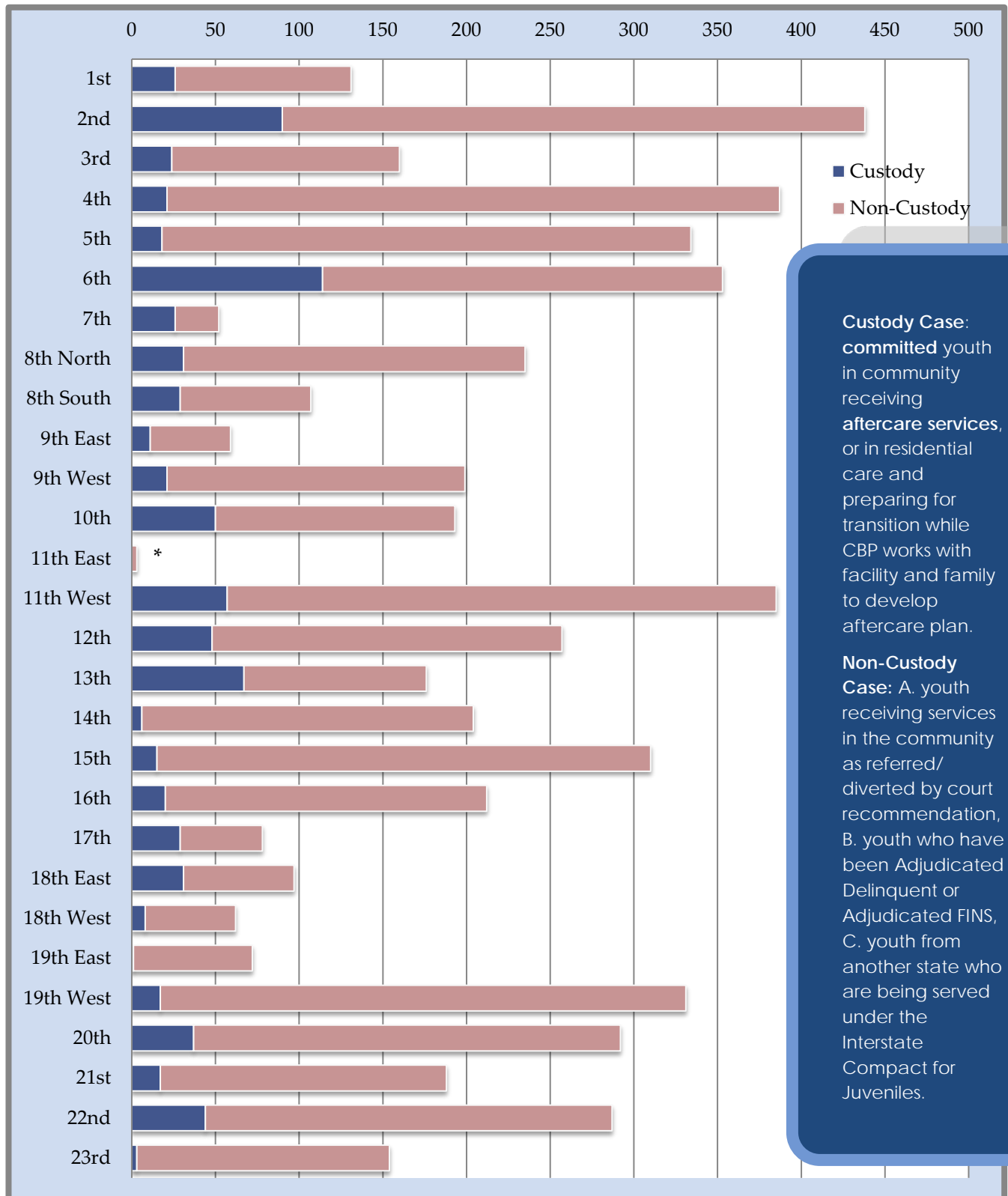


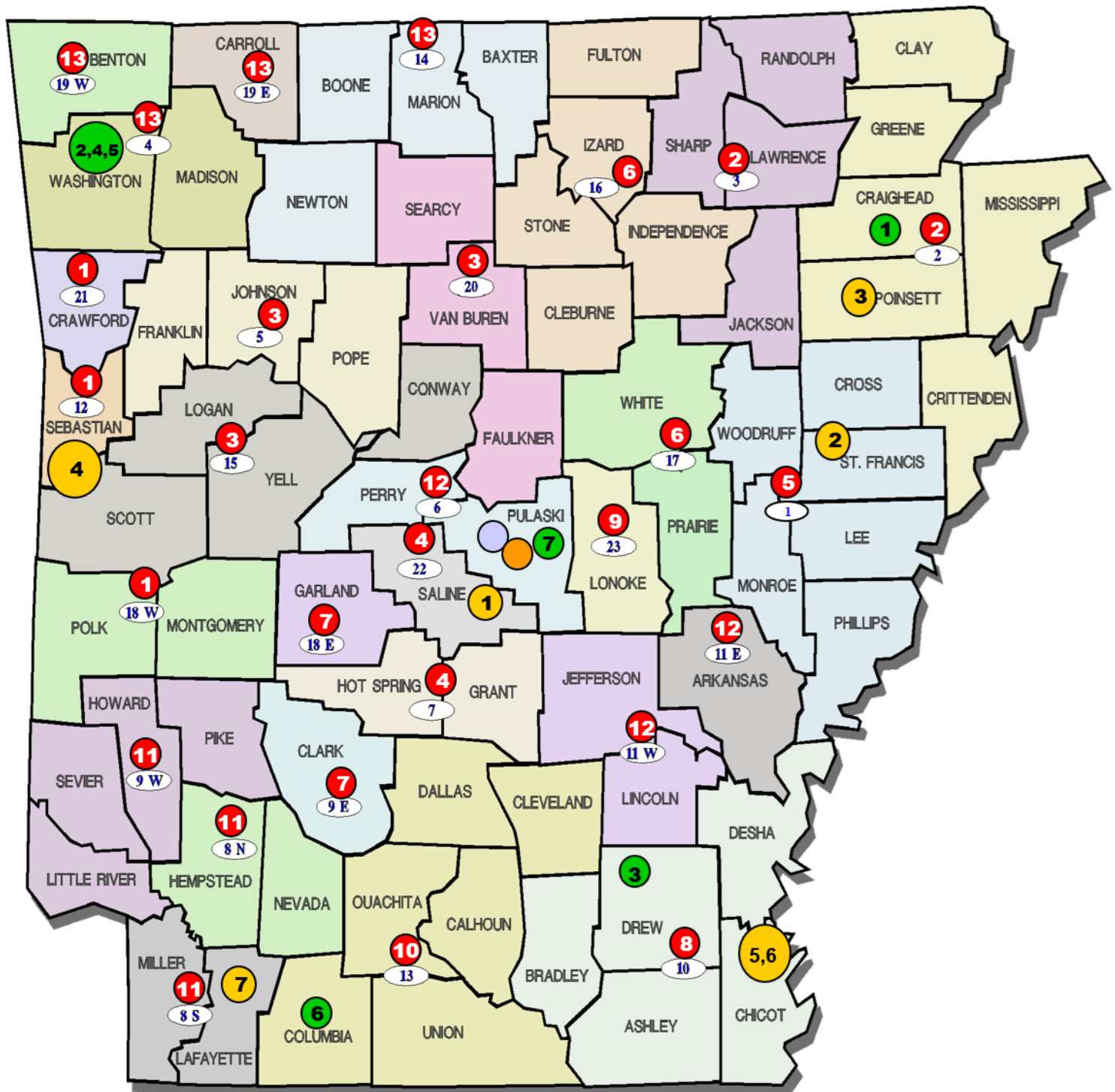
Figure 11: Youth Served by DYS Community-Based Provider (CBP) Services by Judicial District



* note: most of the services provided in District 11-E were group-based and are not represented in this chart.

Map of AR DYS Secure Treatment Centers, Specialized Residential Programs, and Community-Based Providers (map)






Appendix I



Appendix I map source: DYS, as of 7/30/2018

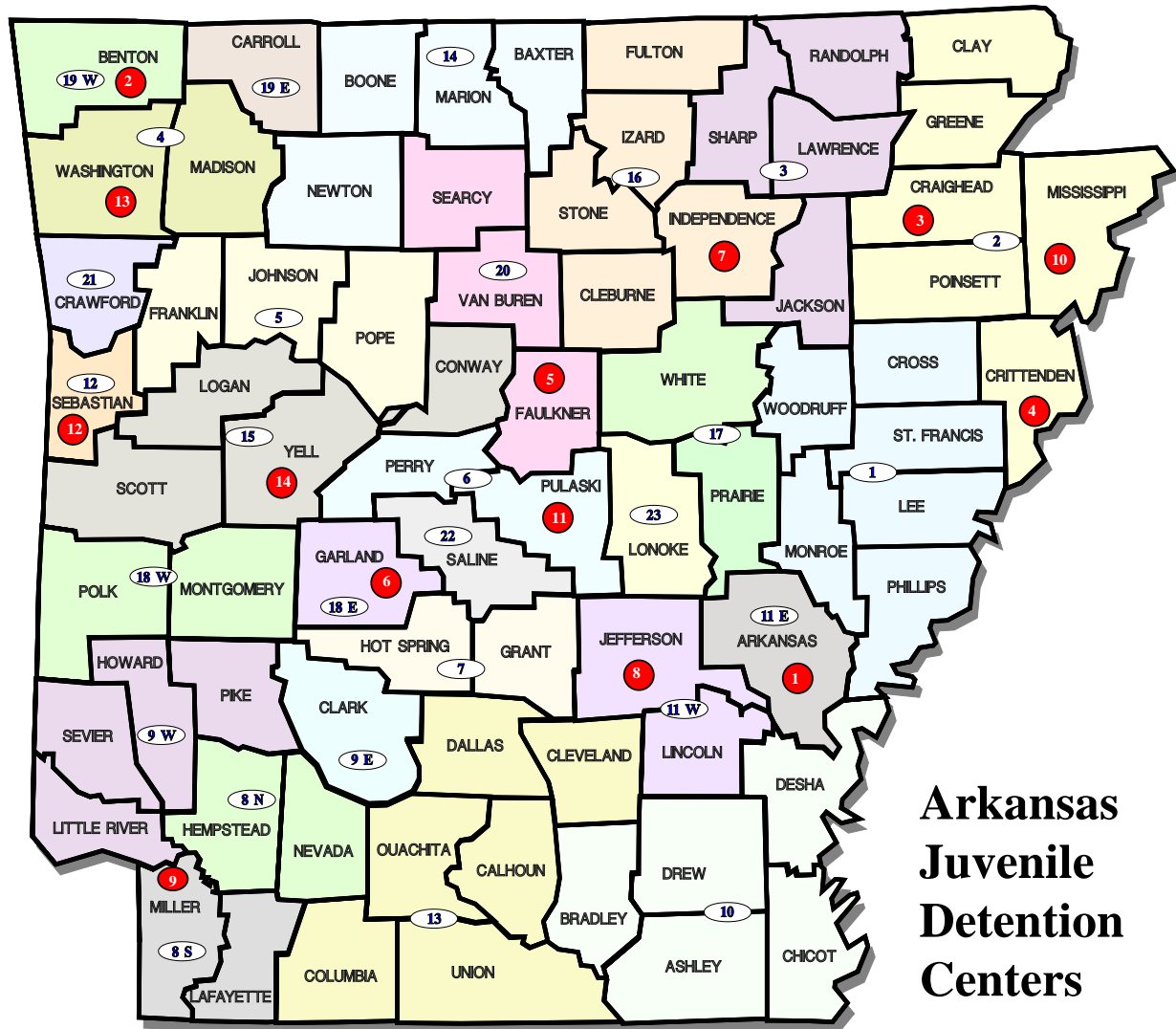
Map of AR DYS Secure Treatment Centers, Specialized Residential Programs, and Community-Based Providers (key)

Appendix I (cont.)

	Regional Treatment Centers and Correctional Facility	Location	Residential Beds (Max)
1	Arkansas Juvenile Assessment & Treatment Center	Alexander	120
2	Colt Juvenile Treatment Center	Colt	28
3	Harrisburg Juvenile Treatment Center	Harrisburg	32
4	Mansfield Juvenile Treatment Center	Mansfield	16/G & 24/B
5	Dermott Juvenile Correctional Facility	Dermott	40
6	Dermott Juvenile Treatment Center	Dermott	32
7	Lewisville Juvenile Treatment Center	Lewisville	32
		Total Beds	324
	Community Based Youth Service Providers	Location	Judicial Districts
1	Comprehensive Juvenile Services	Ft. Smith	12, 18W, 21
2	Consolidated Youth Services	Jonesboro	2, 3
3	Community Services, Inc.	Morrilton	5, 15, 20
4	Counseling Clinic, Inc.	Benton	7, 22
5	East Arkansas Youth Services	Marion	1
6	Health Resources of Arkansas, Inc.	Batesville	16, 17
7	Ouachita Children's Center	Hot Springs	9E, 18E
8	Phoenix Youth & Family Services	Crossett	10
9	Professional Counseling Associates	Lonoke	23
10 & 11	SW AR Counseling & Mental Health Center	Texarkana	13, 8N, 8S, 9W
12	United Family Services	Pine Bluff/Little Rock	6, 11E, 11W
13	Youth Bridge, Inc.	Fayetteville	4, 14, 19E, 19W
	Specialized Residential Programs	Location	Service Type
1	Consolidated Youth Services ASAP	Jonesboro	Sex Offender Tx
2	Piney Ridge Psychiatric Center	Fayetteville	Sex Offender Tx
3	Vera Lloyd Therapeutic Group Home	Monticello	Therapeutic GH
4	Youth Bridge Therapeutic Group Home (Male)	Fayetteville	Therapeutic GH
5	Youth Bridge Substance Abuse Treatment	Fayetteville	Substance Abuse
6	South Arkansas Youth Services	Magnolia	Therapeutic GH
7	Arkansas State Hospital	Little Rock	Mental Health
	UAMS Assessment Team	Little Rock	Statewide Assessments
	UAMS Adolescent Sexual Adjustment Program	Little Rock	Outpatient Assessment/Treatment

Map of AR County-Operated Juvenile Detention Centers

Appendix II



Arkansas Juvenile Detention Centers

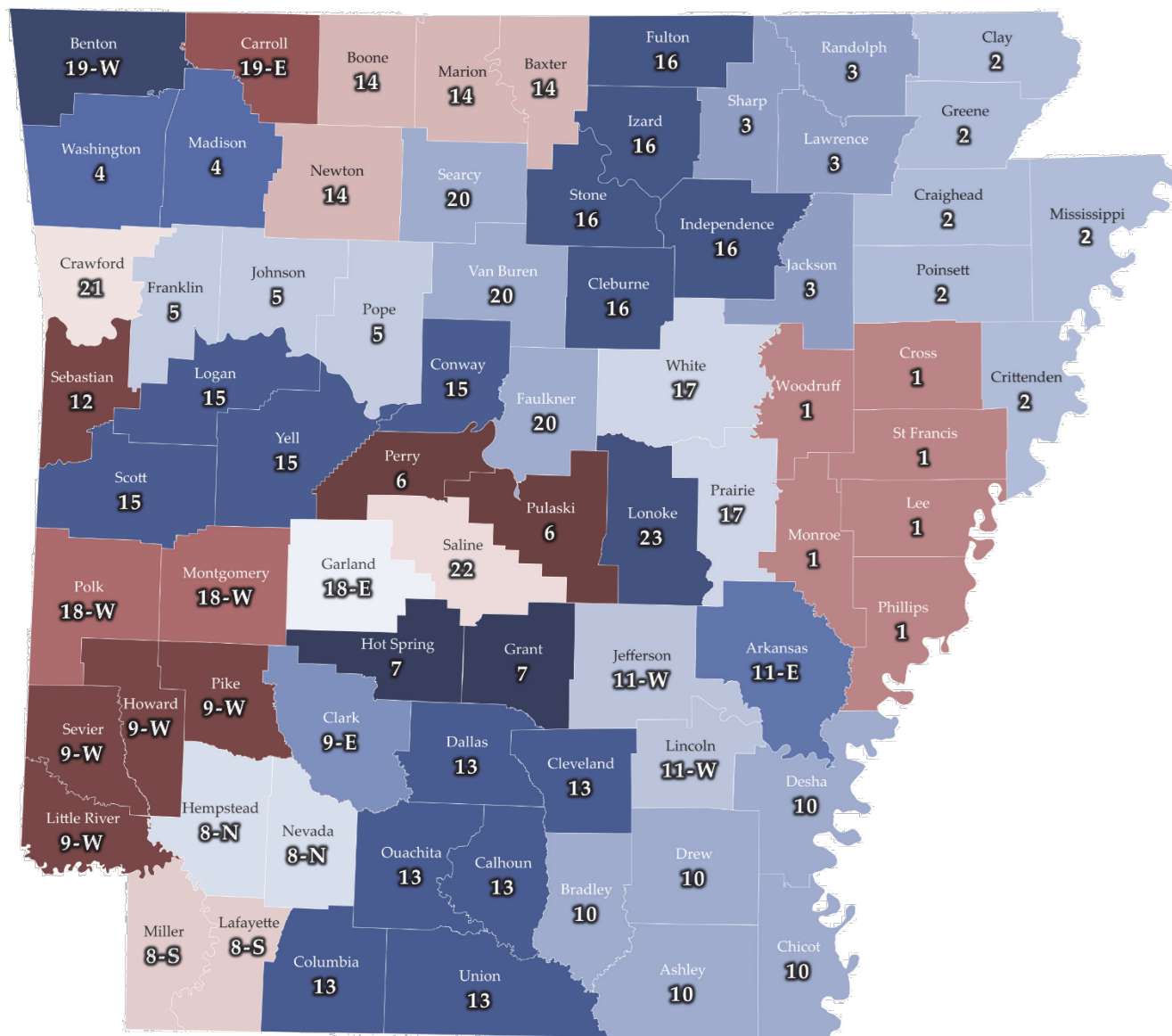
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| 2. Benton County JDC, Bentonville | 9. *Miller County JDC, Texarkana |
| 3. Craighead County JDC, Jonesboro | 10. Mississippi County JDC, Luxora |
| 4. Crittenden County JDC, West Memphis | 11. Pulaski County JDC, Little Rock |
| 5. Faulkner County JDC, Conway | 12. Sebastian County JDC, Fort Smith |
| 6. *Garland County JDC, Hot Springs | 13. Washington County JDC, Fayetteville |
| 7. Independence County JDC, Batesville (White River JDC) | 14. *Yell County JDC, Danville |

* Indicates Division of Youth Services (DYS) six (6) Intergovernmental Agreement counties.

Appendix II map source: DYS, as of 7/30/2018

Map of AR Circuit Districts and List of Judges Who Adjudicate Youth

Appendix III



Appendix III map source: DYS, as of 7/30/2018

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Arkansas Judicial Districts	Juvenile Judges
1 First Judicial Circuit	Hon. Ann Hudson
2 Second Judicial Circuit	Hon. Richard Lusby Hon. Cindy Thyer Hon. Ralph Wilson, Jr. Hon. Barbara Halsey
3 Third Judicial Circuit	Hon. Kevin King
4 Fourth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Stacey Zimmerman
5 Fifth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Ken Coker, Jr.
6 Sixth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Wiley Branton Hon. Joyce Warren Hon. Patricia James
7 Seventh Judicial Circuit	Hon. Chris Williams Hon. Eddy Easley
8-N Eighth Judicial Circuit North	Hon. William Randal Wright Hon. Duncan Culpepper
8-S Eighth Judicial Circuit South	Hon. Carlton D. Jones Hon. Brent Haltom Hon. Kirk Johnson
9-E Ninth Judicial Circuit East	Hon. Gregory Vardaman
9-W Ninth Judicial Circuit West	Hon. Tom Cooper Hon. Charles Yeargan
10 Tenth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Teresa French
11-E Eleventh Judicial Circuit East	Hon. David Henry
11-W Eleventh Judicial Circuit West	Hon. Earnest E. Brown, Jr.
12 Twelfth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Annie Hendricks Hon. Shannon L. Blatt Hon. Leigh Zuerker
13 Thirteenth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Edwin Keaton Hon. David W. Talley, Jr.
14 Fourteenth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Deanna 'Suzie' Layton
15 Fifteenth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Terry Sullivan
16 Sixteenth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Lee Harrod
17 Seventeenth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Robert Edwards Hon. Craig Hannah
18-E Eighteenth Judicial Circuit East	Hon. Wade Naramore
18-W Eighteenth Judicial Circuit West	Hon. Jerry Ryan
19-E Nineteenth Judicial Circuit East	Hon. Scott Jackson
19-W Nineteenth Judicial Circuit West	Hon. Thomas Smith
20 Twentieth Judicial Circuit	Hon. Chris Carnahan Hon. Troy Braswell Hon. David Clark
21 Twenty-First Judicial Circuit	Hon. Mike Medlock
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