

Division of Youth Services

QUARTERLY STATISTICAL

REPORT

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Arkansas Division of Youth Services FY 2018 1st Quarter Statistical Report

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DYS FY 2018 First Quarter Statistics Summary

Total Commitments for First Quarter FY 2016–2018

2018 = 115 2017 = 111 2016 = 121

Commitments by Offense (Figure 1)

Felony = 69% Misdemeanor = 28%

First Commitments vs. Recommits (Figure 2)

First Commits = 82 Recommits = 33

Violent vs. Non-Violent Offenses (Figure 3)

Violent offenses = 16% Non-violent offenses = 84%

Commitments by Age, Gender, Race (Figure 4, 5, 6)

Total commitments, gender: 91% male, 9% female AR youth population, gender: 51% male, 49% female Total commitments, race: 48% African American, 44% white, 8% 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 16–17 years

Commitments by County (Figure 7)

Top committing counties this quarter

- 1) Pulaski, Saline (11)
- 2) Jefferson (9)
- 3) Sebastian (7)

Commitments by District (Figure 8)

Top committing districts this quarter
1) 13th (12)
2) 6th, 11th-West, 22nd (11)

Quarterly Commitments by District-3-year Comparison (Figure 9)

Largest Reduction in commitments

- 1) 13th (-6) Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, and Union counties
- 2) 12th, 10th (-5) Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew, and Sebastian counties

Largest Increase in commitments

1) 16th (+6)

2) 4^{th} , 6^{th} (+4)

Youth Served by Community Based Providers (CBP) Services (Figure 11)

Top Districts with youth and families served

- 1) 2nd (244)
- 2) $5^{th}(194)$
- 3) 4th (191)

DYS Programs Map (Appendix I)

DYS Residential Treatment Facilities (AJATC + 6) = 7 Community-based service providers = 13 Specialized Residential Programs = 10

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 = 6

Arkansas Division of Youth Services Core Beliefs and Mission July 2017

- 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.

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Figure 1: Commitments by Offense





WHAT ARE **Recommits**?

Recommit(ment)s represent youth who have been previously committed to DYS and received a new order of commitment this quarter; in short, this is not their first time in DYS custody.

Figure 3: Violent vs. Non-Violent Offenses



Figure 4: Commitments by Age, Gender, and Race

Age (yrs.)	African- American		White		Other		TOTAL
	male	female	male	female	male	female	
11							
12			1				1
13	2		2				4
14	5		5				10
15	13	1	11		3		28
16	10	5	12	2		1	30
17	17		17	1	4		39
18					1		1
19	2						2
TOTAL	49	6	48	3	8	1	115









Figure 6: Commitments by Race

Statewide, African-American youth make up **19 percent** of the adolescent population, while **white** youth account for **77 percent**.

Data Source: https://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezapop/asp/comparison_display.asp

Figure 7: Commitments by Race by County

	Committing County	African- American	White	Other	TOTAL
	Arkansas	1			1
	Ashley		1		1
	Baxter		1		1
	Benton		4		4
	Boone				
	Bradley				
*	Calhoun				
NOTE	Carroll		1		1
Zeros have	Chicot	1			1
been omitted	Clark		1		1
from this chart	Clay				
for visual	Cleburne				
clarity	Cleveland				
*	Columbia	4			4
	Conway				
	Craighead	1		1	2
	Crawford		1		1
	Crittenden	3	1		4
	Dallas	1			1
	Desha	1			1
	Drew		4		4
	Faulkner		1		1
	Franklin				
	Fulton				
	Garland	2	1		3
	Grant		4		4
	Greene				
	Hempstead	1		1	2
	Hot Spring	1	1		2
	Howard	1			1
	Independence	-	1		1
	Izard				
	Jackson	1			1
	Jefferson	7	2		9
	Johnson	-	_		-
	Lafayette				
	Lawrence		2		2
	Lee		2		-
	Lincoln	2			2
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Figure 7: Commitments by Race by County (continued)

Committing County	African- American	White	Other	TOTAL
Little River		1		1
Logan		1		1
Lonoke				
Madison				
Marion				
Miller	3	1	1	5
Mississippi	1			1
Monroe				
Montgomery		1		1
Nevada				
Newton				
Ouachita	1			1
Perry				
Phillips				
Pike			1	1
Poinsett				
Polk		1		1
Роре		1		1
Prairie				
Pulaski	8	2	1	11
Randolph		1		1
Saint Francis	1			1
Saline	4	7		11
Scott				
Sebastian	3	2	2	7
Sevier			1	1
Sharp				
Stone				
Union	5	1		6
Van Buren		1		1
Washington		4	1	5
White	2	1		3
Woodruff				
Yell				
TOTAL	55	51	9	115



Figure 8: Commitments by District

Figure 9: Quarterly Commitments by District—3-year Comparison











Commitments for Q1 of this fiscal year (**115**) are up from last year (**111**) and down from FY 2016 (**121**).



Data Source: Rite Track, DYS Information Management System

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Map of AR DYS Treatment Centers, Specialized Residential Programs, and Community-Based Providers

Appendix I



Map of AR Juvenile Detention Centers

Appendix II



Map of AR Judicial Districts and List of Juvenile Judges

