



School-Related Referrals Fiscal Year 2004-05

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This following report is an updated analysis of school referrals based on information from the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). Figures in this analysis may differ slightly from those presented in previous preliminary analyses.

Executive Summary

All figures are for fiscal year 2004-05:

- 19% or 28,008 of the referrals received by the Department were school related.
- 25% of youth referred to the Department had at least one school-related referral.
- Hillsborough County generated the highest actual number of school-related referrals (2,346).
- Putnam County had the highest school referral rate² with 56 per 1,000 students.
- Black males and females are more likely to receive a school-related referral than their non-black counterparts.
- The most serious offense for 63% of school-related referrals was a misdemeanor.
- Females were more likely to have been referred for a misdemeanor than males.

School Referral Rates Relative to Student Populations (FY2004-05)					
Small School Districts ¹		Medium School Districts ²		Large School Districts ³	
Referral Rate		Referral Rate		Referral Rate	
Low - Average ⁴	High ⁵	Low - Average ⁴	High ⁵	Low - Average ⁴	High ⁵
Baker	Bradford	Charlotte	Alachua	Brevard	Duval
Calhoun	Columbia	Clay	Bay	Broward	Hillsborough
Citrus	Flagler	Collier	Escambia	Dade	Pinellas
Desoto	Gadsden	Hernando	Lake	Lee	Polk
Dixie	Gilchrist	Okaloosa	Leon	Orange	Volusia
Franklin	Glades	Osceola	Manatee	Palm Beach	
Hardee	Gulf	Santa Rosa	Marion	Pasco	
Holmes	Hamilton	Sarasota	Martin	Seminole	
Indian River	Hendry		St Johns		
Lafayette	Highlands		St Lucie		
Levy	Jackson				
Liberty	Jefferson				
Nassau	Madison				
Union	Monroe				
Walton	Okeechobee				
Washington	Putnam				
	Sumter				
	Suwannee				
	Taylor				
	Wakulla				

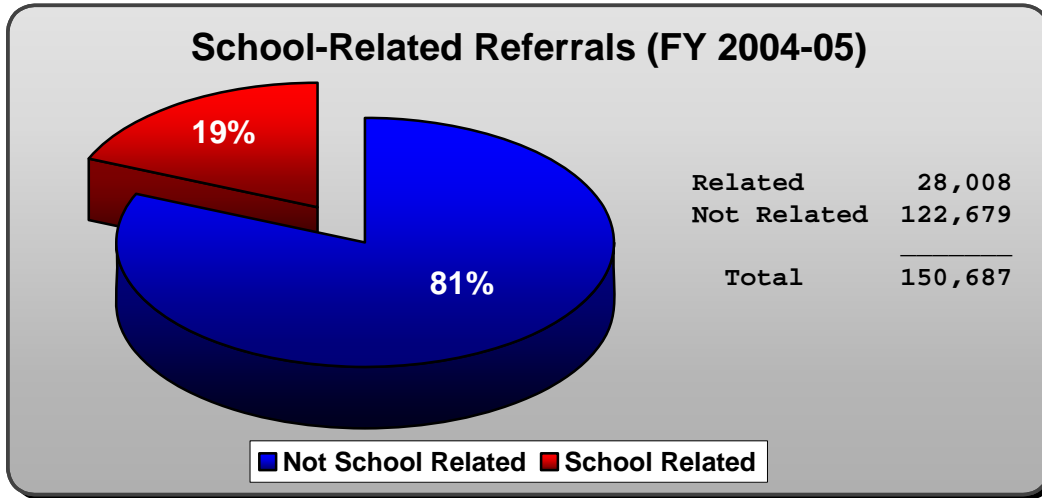
¹ School districts with 10,000 or less middle & high school students
² School districts with 10,001 - 29,999 middle & high school students
³ School districts with 30,000 or more middle & high school students
⁴ School districts whose referral rate was less than 20 students per 1,000
⁵ School districts whose referral rate was 20 or more students per 1,000

Data Sources

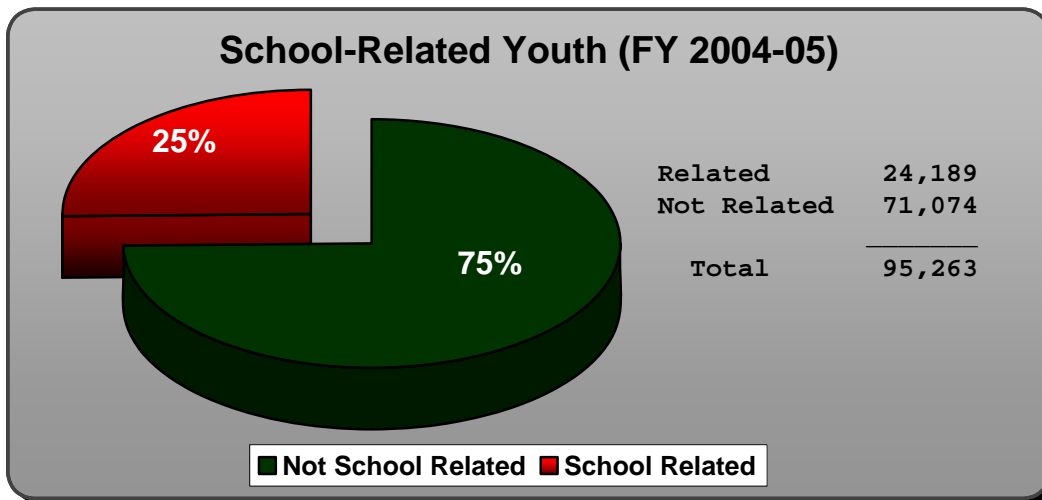
The primary source of information for this analysis was the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). Specifically, the February 2006 offense and placement extracts of JJIS data were used to generate the following figures¹. A referral is classified as ‘school related’ if the offense occurred on school grounds, at a school bus stop or on a bus transporting youth between school and their designated bus stop.

School-Related Referrals and Youth

During fiscal year 2004-05, there were 150,687 referrals received by the Department at delinquency Intake. Of this, 28,008 or 19% of all delinquency referrals were school related.



During fiscal year 2004-05, a total of 95,263 individual youth were referred to the Department of Juvenile justice. Of this, 24,189 or 25% of all youth referred to the Department had at least 1 school-related referral.



¹ All methods employed to analyze data from the aforementioned data sets is consistent with standards agreed upon at the Department’s annual ‘Common Definitions’ meeting. Currently, there is a “marker” in JJIS that indicates whether an offense is school related. Historically, field staff did not use this marker reliably when offenses at Intake were registered in JJIS. However, the JJIS Phase I Intake module (implemented in November 2003) requires staff to indicate whether an offense was school-related.

School-Related Referrals by County

Hillsborough and Dade counties reported the highest actual number of referrals (n), 2,346 and 2,175 respectively. The following table presents the number of school-related referrals by county and the overall proportion of referrals that these represented during FY 2004-05.

School Related Referrals by County (Fiscal Year 2004-05)									
Circuit	School Related ¹	Not School Related ²	Total ³	% School Related	Circuit	School Related ¹	Not School Related ²	Total ³	% School Related
Alachua	578	1,858	2,436	24%	Lake	628	1,681	2,309	27%
Baker	52	218	270	19%	Lee	454	3,568	4,022	11%
Bay	329	1,167	1,496	22%	Leon	447	1,658	2,105	21%
Bradford	56	188	244	23%	Levy	42	248	290	14%
Brevard	639	3,496	4,135	15%	Liberty	6	30	36	17%
Broward	1,836	11,188	13,024	14%	Madison	85	135	220	39%
Calhoun	13	84	97	13%	Manatee	521	2,633	3,154	17%
Charlotte	180	758	938	19%	Marion	660	2,134	2,794	24%
Citrus	158	572	730	22%	Martin	245	684	929	26%
Clay	213	1,182	1,395	15%	Monroe	136	351	487	28%
Collier	367	1,431	1,798	20%	Nassau	88	338	426	21%
Columbia	155	456	611	25%	Okaloosa	202	1,301	1,503	13%
Dade	2,175	9,991	12,166	18%	Okeechobee	101	288	389	26%
Desoto	39	234	273	14%	Orange	1,875	9,339	11,214	17%
Dixie	13	62	75	17%	Osceola	450	2,206	2,656	17%
Duval	1,673	5,945	7,618	22%	Palm Beach	965	7,409	8,374	12%
Escambia	704	2,792	3,496	20%	Pasco	403	2,446	2,849	14%
Flagler	206	457	663	31%	Pinellas	2,104	7,620	9,724	22%
Franklin	11	72	83	13%	Polk	1,637	4,981	6,618	25%
Gadsden	154	411	565	27%	Putnam	346	884	1,230	28%
Gilchrist	43	108	151	28%	St Johns	279	856	1,135	25%
Glades	22	49	71	31%	St Lucie	497	1,806	2,303	22%
Gulf	31	78	109	28%	Santa Rosa	179	787	966	19%
Hamilton	30	93	123	24%	Sarasota	341	1,930	2,271	15%
Hardee	20	234	254	8%	Seminole	399	3,229	3,628	11%
Hendry	106	340	446	24%	Sumter	86	279	365	24%
Hernando	185	866	1,051	18%	Suwannee	121	302	423	29%
Highlands	231	618	849	27%	Taylor	35	214	249	14%
Hillsborough	2,346	10,582	12,928	18%	Union	18	60	78	23%
Holmes	27	72	99	27%	Volusia	1,513	4,623	6,136	25%
Indian River	158	615	773	20%	Wakulla	58	192	250	23%
Jackson	94	184	278	34%	Walton	46	251	297	15%
Jefferson	17	55	72	24%	Washington	39	87	126	31%
Lafayette	3	11	14	21%	Out of State	138	1,662	1,800	8%
Total	28,008	122,679	150,687	19%					

¹ Number of referrals received by the Department that were marked "school-related" at Intake.

² Number of referrals received by the Department that were NOT marked "school-related" at Intake.

³ Total numbers of referrals received by the Department during fiscal year 2004-05.

School Referral Rates by County

During FY 2005-05, an average of 19 students per 1,000 were referred to the Department. Putnam County had the highest rate of student referral (56 per 1,000 students) and Lafayette County had the lowest (5 per 1,000 students). The following table presents school referral rates by county for FY 2004-05.

School Referral Rates by County (Referrals)									
County	Student Population ¹	School Referrals	% of all Youth Referred	Rate ²	County	Student Population ¹	School Referrals	% of all Youth Referred	Rate ²
Alachua	17,398	578	3.32%	33	Lake	20,685	628	3.04%	30
Baker	2,666	52	1.95%	20	Lee	39,851	454	1.14%	11
Bay	14,830	329	2.22%	22	Leon	16,576	447	2.70%	27
Bradford	2,147	56	2.61%	26	Levy	3,484	42	1.21%	12
Brevard	42,185	639	1.51%	15	Liberty	670	6	0.90%	9
Broward	149,622	1,836	1.23%	12	Madison	1,555	85	5.47%	55
Calhoun	1,330	13	0.98%	10	Manatee	21,829	521	2.39%	24
Charlotte	10,814	180	1.66%	17	Marion	22,934	660	2.88%	29
Citrus	9,272	158	1.70%	17	Martin	10,273	245	2.38%	24
Clay	18,801	213	1.13%	11	Monroe	5,324	136	2.55%	26
Collier	23,366	367	1.57%	16	Nassau	6,319	88	1.39%	14
Columbia	5,542	155	2.80%	28	Okaloosa	18,120	202	1.11%	11
Dade	200,829	2,175	1.08%	11	Okeechobee	3,815	101	2.65%	26
Desoto	2,671	39	1.46%	15	Orange	95,342	1,875	1.97%	20
Dixie	1,237	13	1.05%	11	Osceola	27,806	450	1.62%	16
Duval	71,643	1,673	2.34%	23	Palm Beach	98,464	965	0.98%	10
Escambia	24,477	704	2.88%	29	Pasco	34,461	403	1.17%	12
Flagler	5,001	206	4.12%	41	Pinellas	64,609	2,104	3.26%	33
Franklin	779	11	1.41%	14	Polk	46,548	1,637	3.52%	35
Gadsden	3,115	154	4.94%	49	Putnam	6,186	346	5.59%	56
Gilchrist	1,561	43	2.75%	28	St Johns	13,780	279	2.02%	20
Glades	689	22	3.19%	32	St Lucie	20,098	497	2.47%	25
Gulf	1,390	31	2.23%	22	Santa Rosa	15,002	179	1.19%	12
Hamilton	1,187	30	2.53%	25	Sarasota	22,046	341	1.55%	15
Hardee	2,781	20	0.72%	7	Seminole	39,260	399	1.02%	10
Hendry	4,348	106	2.44%	24	Sumter	4,045	86	2.13%	21
Hernando	12,250	185	1.51%	15	Suwannee	3,445	121	3.51%	35
Highlands	7,122	231	3.24%	32	Taylor	1,715	35	2.04%	20
Hillsborough	101,535	2,346	2.31%	23	Union	1,159	18	1.55%	16
Holmes	1,994	27	1.35%	14	Volusia	37,903	1,513	3.99%	40
Indian River	9,870	158	1.60%	16	Wakulla	2,617	58	2.22%	22
Jackson	3,844	94	2.45%	24	Walton	3,898	46	1.18%	12
Jefferson	762	17	2.23%	22	Washington	2,013	39	1.94%	19
Lafayette	586	3	0.51%	5	Out of State	n/a	138	n/a	n/a
						1,469,476	28,008	1.91%	19

¹ Population of middle and high school students during 2004-05 school year. Source: Florida Department of Education, 2004-05 SESIR Data.

² Number of school related referrals per 1,000 students

School Referrals & Youth Demographics

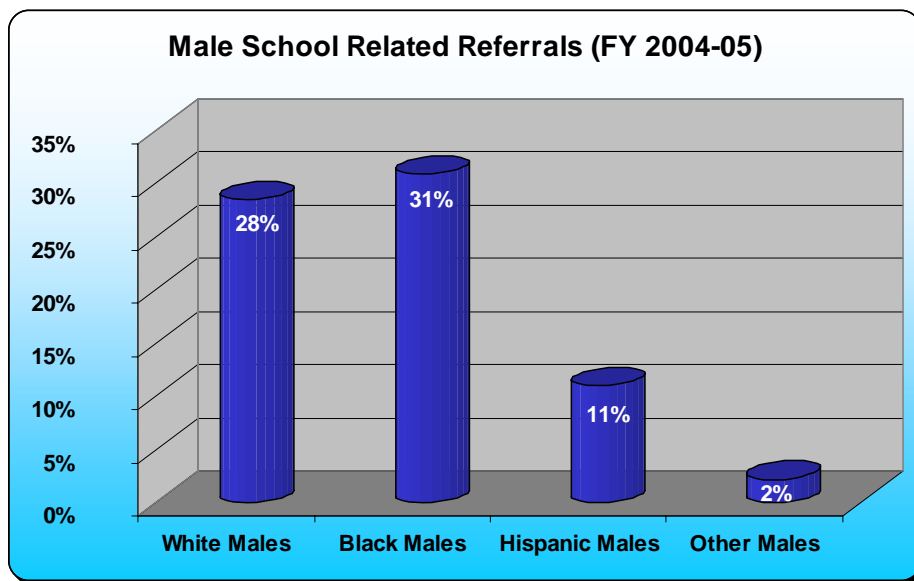
Of the 28,008 school-related referrals received at Intake during fiscal year 2004-05, 9,105 or 33% were for black males and 7,826 or 28% were for white males. Black females accounted for 3,922 or 14% and white females accounted for 2,579 or 9% of all school related referrals.

Intake Referral Demographics (Fiscal Year 2004-05)				
Demographic Group	Intake Referrals	% of Total Intake Referrals	School-Related Intake Referrals	% of Total School-Related Intake Referrals
White Males	46,205	31%	7,826	28%
White Females	18,807	13%	2,579	9%
Black Males	46,481	31%	9,105	33%
Black Females	16,500	11%	3,922	14%
Hispanic Males	14,713	10%	3,025	11%
Hispanic Females	3,950	3%	780	3%
Other Males	3,068	2%	614	2%
Other Females	963	1%	157	1%
Total	150,687	100%	28,008	100%

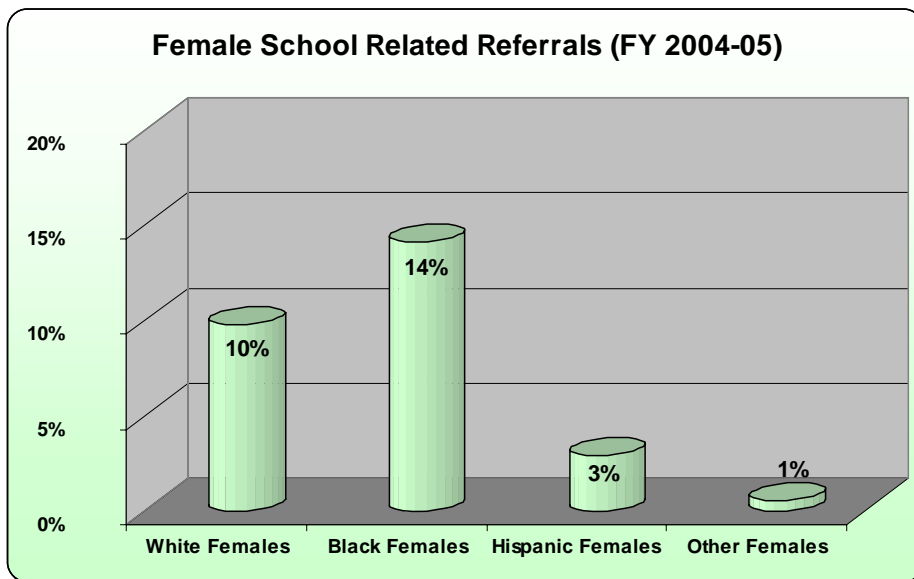
Non-white youth appear to be slightly less likely to receive a school-related referral than their non-white counterparts. White males represented 31% of all youth referred to the Department, however only 28% of white youth had at least 1 school related referral. Black males accounted for 31% of all youth referred, however 33% of all black males had at least 1 school related referral.

Intake Youth Demographics (Fiscal Year 2004-05)				
Demographic Group	Intake Youth	% of Total Intake Youth	School-Related Youth	% of Total School-Related Youth
White Males	29,729	31%	6,878	28%
White Females	13,812	14%	2,361	10%
Black Males	25,428	27%	7,480	31%
Black Females	11,137	12%	3,414	14%
Hispanic Males	9,607	10%	2,674	11%
Hispanic Females	3,026	3%	703	3%
Other Males	1,839	2%	541	2%
Other Females	685	1%	138	1%
Total	95,263	100%	24,189	100%

Black males accounted for 31% of all youth with at least one school-related referral. White males were the next highest group with 28%.

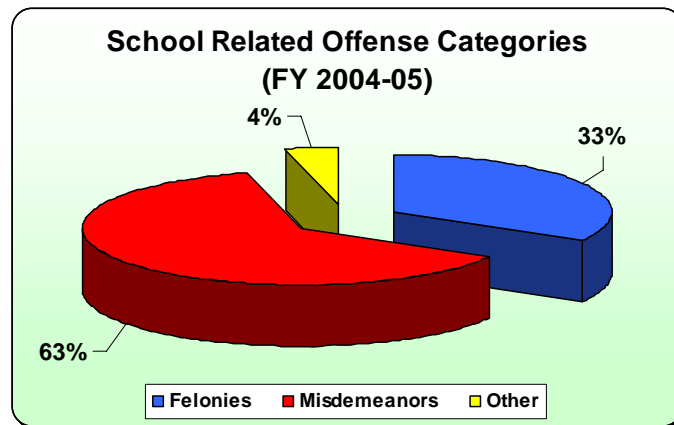


Black females accounted for 14% of all youth with at least one school related referral. White females accounted for the next highest group with 10%.



School Related Offenses

During FY 2004-05, 60% of the referrals received by the Department were for misdemeanors and 22% were for felonies. During the same period, 63% of school related referrals were for misdemeanors and 33% were for felonies.

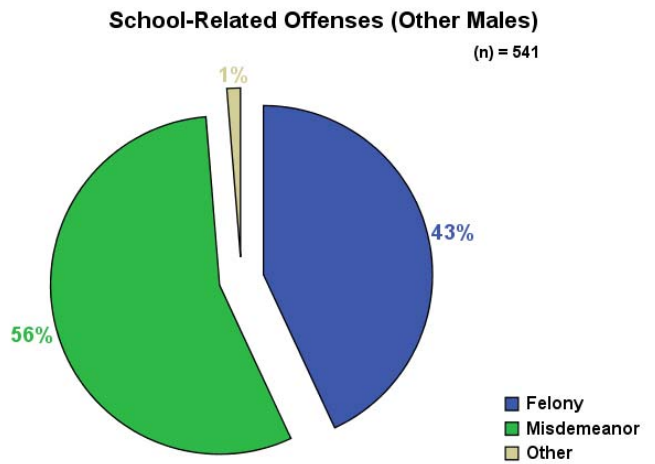
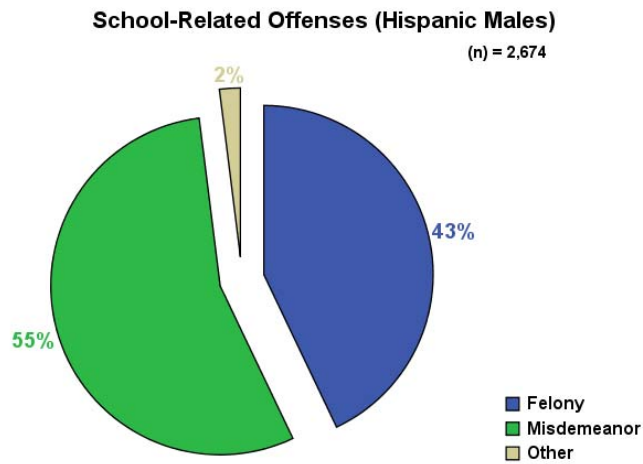
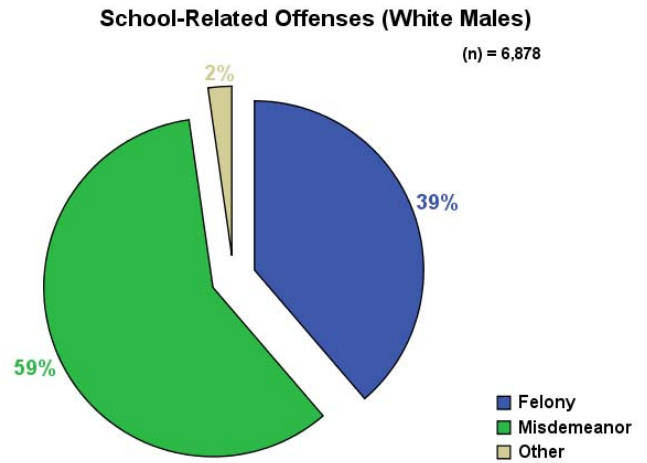
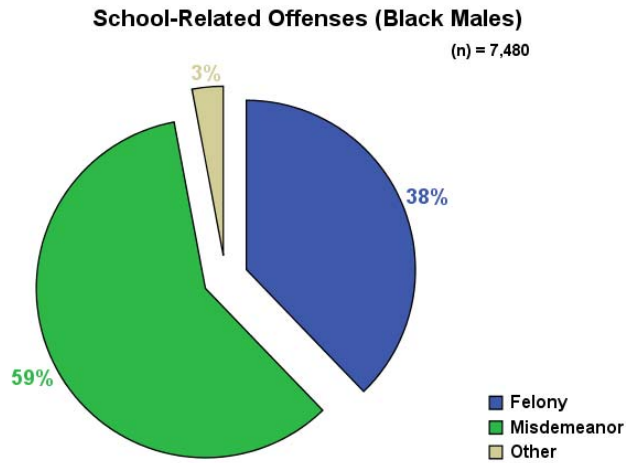


School Related Offenses (Fiscal Year 2004-05)		
Offense Category	School Related Offenses ¹	% of Total
Sexual Battery	14	0%
Kidnapping	30	0%
Other Fel Sex Offenses	325	1%
Armed Robbery	17	0%
Agg Assault and-or Battery	2994	11%
Other Robbery	156	1%
Obstruct Justice with violence	120	0%
Arson	82	0%
Weapon or Firearm Offenses	2723	10%
Burglary	1101	4%
Auto Theft	67	0%
Grand Larceny(excluding auto theft)	275	1%
Fel Drug Laws	1026	4%
Forgery-Counterfeiting	51	0%
Fel Vandalism	132	0%
Stolen Property	22	0%
Escape	15	0%
Obstruct Justice w-o violence	135	0%
Fel Other	69	0%
Assault and or Battery (not aggravated)	5492	20%
Misd Sex Offenses	69	0%
Petit Larceny	912	3%
Misd Weapon-Firearm Offense	100	0%
Misd Obstruction of Justice	965	3%
Misd Viol Drug Laws	2662	10%
Vandalism	490	2%
Trespassing	1786	6%
Disorderly Conduct	4779	17%
Misd Alcohol Offenses	159	1%
Loitering and Prowling	11	0%
Violation of Hunt,Fish,Boat Laws	1	0%
Misd Other	103	0%
Viol Cnty or Mun Ord	6	0%
Violation of Aftercare-Furlough	7	0%
Violation of Community Control	1112	4%
Total	28,008	100%

- The majority of school-related offenses were for misdemeanor assault/battery (20%) or Disorderly Conduct (17%).
- Misdemeanor and felony weapon offenses accounted for 10% and drug related offenses accounted for 14% of school related referrals.
- The most common felony was aggravated assault/battery.

Offense Categories by Gender, Race & Ethnicity (Males)

A Misdemeanor was the most serious school-related charge for 59% of black and white youth.



Offense Categories by Gender, Race & Ethnicity (Females)

Females were more likely than males to receive a school referral where a misdemeanor was the most serious offense.

