



# JACKSON COUNTY

*Community Justice*



## **Jackson County Community Justice Juvenile Division**

**Recidivism  
Ten Year Data Trend Reports**



## A NOTE ABOUT DATA

Information on Jackson County juvenile offenders was collected, entered and maintained in the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). JJIS is a state-wide electronic case management system used by all counties in the state of Oregon and maintained by the Oregon Youth Authority.

Recidivism is defined as any new criminal referral within a 12 month period.

### **Items to consider when reviewing data:**

Small changes in raw numbers between years may create large percentages. For example, a change from 6 to 2 creates a change of 67%. Review both the raw numbers and percentages to determine the significance of these changes.

Reported juvenile crime data has benefits and limitations.

### **Benefits include:**

Determine juvenile recidivism trends over years

Describes breakdown of number of referrals to department, gender, race and percentage of race within Jackson County compared to actual referrals to department.

Compares county to statewide data.

### **Limitations include:**

of the context of "victimization data" can be very misleading. For example, a reduction in recidivism is interpreted to mean "less juvenile crime" committed in the community and increases in these data are interpreted as a bad thing because they represent "more juvenile crime." These interpretations may be correct, however, there is no way to definitively confirm these assumptions without a victimization rate for the community. Without that rate, we do not know the extent to which reported crime reflects absolute crimes committed in the community.

Recidivism data alone is a weak representation of the impact of the juvenile justice system for several reasons including:

1) It is influenced by local practices and programming, 2) It is influenced by the number of law enforcement officials, and 3) the majority of juvenile offenders each year are first time offenders.

### **SUMMARY**

**JACKSON COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE - JUVENILE SERVICES**

**RECIDIVISM**

		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Number of Youth		1422	1327	1187	1310	1209	1201	1164	1014	920	812
No subsequent Referral		934/65.7%	918/69.2%	809/68.2%	873/66.6%	813/67.2%	846/70.4%	812/69.8%	685/67.6%	671/72.9%	588/72.4%
Subsequent Referral		488/ <b>34.3%</b>	409/ <b>30.8%</b>	378/ <b>31.8%</b>	437/ <b>33.4%</b>	397/ <b>32.8%</b>	355/ <b>29.6%</b>	353/ <b>30.2%</b>	329/ <b>32.4%</b>	249/ <b>27.1%</b>	224/ <b>27.6%</b>
1 to 2 Referrals		365/25.7%	320/24.1%	318/26.8%	348/26.6%	308/25.5%	294/24.5%	291/25%	272/26.8%	195/21.2%	178/21.9%
3 or More Referrals		123/8.6%	89/6.7%	60/5.1%	89/6.8%	89/7.4%	61/5.1%	61/5.2%	57/5.6%	54/5.9%	46/5.7%
Statewide Average		<b>32%</b>	<b>31.30%</b>	<b>31.50%</b>	<b>31.00%</b>	<b>29.90%</b>	<b>29.20%</b>	<b>28.80%</b>	<b>28.10%</b>	<b>28.50%</b>	<b>27.10%</b>
<b>By Gender</b>	Male	39%	32.50%	35.90%	35%	35.50%	31.20%	33.90%	36.30%	29.20%	31.30%
	Female	24.30%	27.20%	23.50%	30.30%	27.50%	26%	23%	23.40%	22.80%	20.70%
<b>By Race</b>	African American	34.20%	41.20%	48.10%	48.60%	30.20%	19.40%	35.50%	39.50%	28.30%	46.20%
	Asian	18.20%	0%	16.70%	50%	20%	30%	44.40%	25%	22.20%	36.40%
	Caucasian	35.30%	31%	31.70%	33%	32.50%	29.40%	28.70%	31.20%	25.90%	27.40%
	Hispanic	33.80%	33.30%	36%	36.40%	37.80%	34.60%	35.60%	36.20%	30.80%	23.30%
	Native American	52.20%	35.30%	50%	44.40%	50%	31.60%	50%	38.90%	37.50%	39.10%
	Other/Unknown	12.30%	16.70%	19.40%	16.30%	16.20%	11.10%	12%	22.20%	16.70%	26.70%

**Race by Number of Criminal Referrals (Jackson County percentage next to race category)**

African American (0.7%)	32/2.2%	38/2.8%	29/2.2%	38/3.1%	43/3.4%	33/2.7%	29/2.4%	37/3.7%	48/4.8%	38/4.2%
Asian (1.3%)	10/0.7%	8/0.6%	6/0.5%	10/0.8%	14/1.1%	9/0.7%	10/0.8%	11/1.1%	17/1.7%	13/1.4%
Caucasian (94.3%)	1121/76.8%	1082/79.3%	1066/80.4%	990/80.9%	972/77.6%	906/74.7%	896/74%	744/73.4%	702/70.6%	620/69.1%
Hispanic (9.4%)	145/9.9%	155/11.4%	137/10.3%	131/10.7%	169/13.5%	210/17.3%	228/18.8%	197/19.4%	197/19.8%	178/19.8%
Native American (1.2%)	21/1.4%	25/1.8%	18/1.4%	10/0.8%	20/1.6%	23/1.9%	17/1.4%	13/1.3%	23/2.3%	27/3%
Other/Unknown (2.5%)	131/9.0%	57/4.2%	70/5.3%	45/3.7%	35/2.8%	32/2.6%	30/2.5%	11/1.1%	7/0.7%	21/2.3%

