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PENNSYLVANIA Juvenile Court DISPOSITION

### Foreword

This report provides an overview of juvenile court dispositions in Pennsylvania during 2003 and preceding years, and summarizes juvenile court statistical data provided by county juvenile probation departments. Without the support of the courts and juvenile probation departments, this report would not be possible.

Although the report focuses primarily on delinquency dispositions, information has again been included on dependency cases that have been referred to juvenile probation departments. While county children and youth agencies handle the overwhelming majority of cases involving dependent children in the Commonwealth, some juvenile probation departments provide services to children who are alleged to be dependent on the basis of ungovernability or chronic truancy.

The information contained in this report is of value to all individuals, agencies and organizations having an interest in the Pennsylvania juvenile justice system. However, it is not intended to reflect the total workload of juvenile courts or juvenile probation departments.

It is with great pleasure that we dedicate this report to the judges, probation officers, victim advocates, district attorneys, service treatment providers, and other professionals who work on a daily basis in the Pennsylvania juvenile court system.

Respectfully submitted,

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### Preface

This report is a compilation of the data collected from the juvenile probation departments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A copy of the statistical card used to collect the information can be found in the appendix.

As in the past, to avoid confusion regarding the unit of count used in tabulating juvenile court statistics and to improve the understanding of how data can be interpreted please note:

- 1. The primary unit of count is the *disposition*. A *disposition* is defined as a referral disposed of by the juvenile probation department and/or the court. Within a single delinquency referral, a youth may be charged with a number of offenses that may result in multiple petitions. Any one youth may be involved in a number of dispositions within a calendar year. In addition, a youth may be referred on more than one occasion and receive only one disposition. Dependency dispositions include only those referrals to probation departments alleging dependency that are not accompanied by allegations of delinquency. Therefore, one is cautioned NOT to attempt to interpret dispositions as:
  - a) the number of youth who are processed by the court;
  - b) the number of offenses charged to juveniles.
- 2. There are times when you will see the word *case* used to describe the data. In this report, the word *case* is used interchangeably with the word *disposition*;
- 3. The *unit of count* refers to a case disposed of by a juvenile court and/or juvenile probation department. The term *disposed* means that a definite action/decision has been implemented or that a treatment plan has been decided upon or begun;
- 4. The statistical system is constructed to collect up to the seven (7) most serious offenses per delinquency disposition;
- 5. The Commission collects additional information on *placement reviews*, *disposition reviews*, and selected special conditions attached to a disposition. A *disposition review* is a hearing conducted before the court regarding a previous disposition which *did not* result in out-of-home placement. A *placement review* is a hearing conducted before the court regarding a previous disposition which did involve out-of-home placement. The outcome of reviews are reported only in the review section of this report and are NOT included in any of the other tables.
- 6. The data in the secure detention section of this report were collected in conjunction with the JCJC Standards Governing the Use of Secure Detention. This information should not be compared with detention data collected and reported prior to 1989.
- 7. The reader is cautioned that in the tables containing rows with percent of total, the row may not total 100 percent due to rounding.

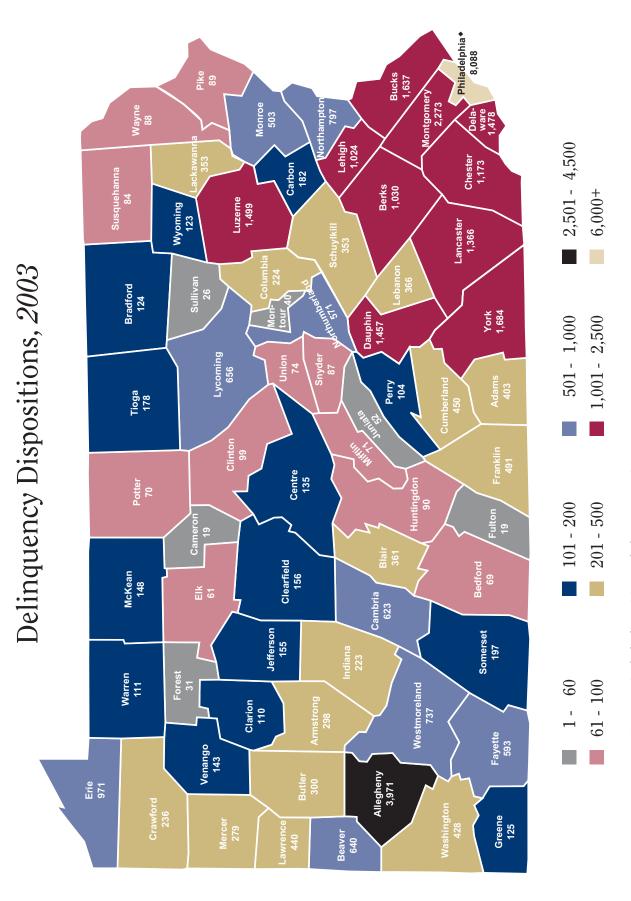
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Note: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

♦ Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

# Highlights of the 2003 Disposition Report

Note regarding Philadelphia dispositions: The 8,088 Philadelphia dispositions include 3,129 dispositions involving 1,082 probation cases and 2,047 placements that were reported as case reviews. After consulting with Philadelphia juvenile probation staff, it was determined that although certain of these cases were reviews of prior dispositions, the majority of these cases should have been reported as dispositions of new delinquency referrals. The case reviews reported by Philadelphia that resulted in probation or placement dispositions have therefore been included in all tables concerning dispositions of new referrals to more accurately reflect the court process. These adjustments should be taken into consideration throughout this report and when comparing this report to those of previous years.

- The 41,036 delinquency dispositions in Pennsylvania in 2003 represented a 4.3 % increase from 2002. (See page 3)
- Probation continued to be the most frequently utilized disposition (21.6%) followed in descending order by Consent Decree (14.5%), Placement (13.9%), Informal Adjustment (12.6%), Complaint Withdrawn (9.5%), Dismissed/Not Substantiated (5.6%), Warned/Counseled/Case Closed (5.0%), and Fines/Costs (4.5%). (See page 4)
- Public defenders provided legal representation in 18,796 (64.6%) of the 29,102 delinquency proceedings in 2003. Court appointed attorneys provided legal representation in 4,282 (14.7%) of the delinquency proceedings, while private attorneys provided legal representation in 3,726 (12.8%). In 2003, legal representation was waived in 7.9% (2,298) of the delinquency proceedings. (See pages 13 and 14)
- Delinquency placements to private institutions comprised 33.3% (1,898) of the 5,701 delinquency placements in 2003 involving new referrals. Delinquency placements to public institutions (DPW YDC open and secure and DPW YFC) comprised 10% (570). Placements to group homes were 15.6% and placements to foster care comprised 2.5%. (See pages 23 and 25)
- Juvenile delinquency dispositions in Pennsylvania continued to primarily involve males. In 2003, males accounted for 78.7% of all juvenile delinquency dispositions, 83.1% of probation dispositions, 88.5% of dispositions involving placement, and 96.4% of transfers to criminal court. (See page 39)
- The majority of juvenile court dispositions in 2003 continued to involve White youth (51.3%), followed by Black youth (35.1%), Hispanic youth (6.2%), and Asian youth (.6%). (See page 45)

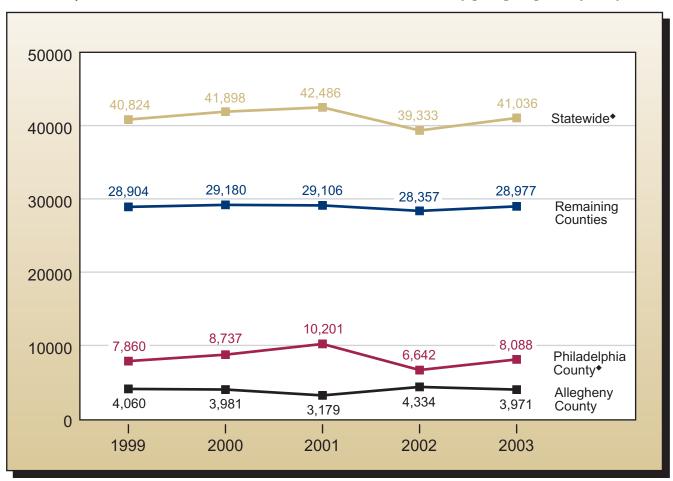
### Delinquency Dispositions, 1999 - 2003

The accompanying graph displays the number of dispositions for delinquency referrals from 1999 to 2003. Disposition and Placement reviews and dependency referrals are not included in the graph or data tables.

There was a 4.3% increase in delinquency dispositions from 2002 to 2003. Dispositions involving new referrals in Philadelphia County increased by 21.8% and Allegheny County dispositions decreased by 8.4%.

#### **DELINQUENCY DISPOSITIONS**

\*Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.



## Frequency of Statewide Delinquency Dispositions, 2003\*

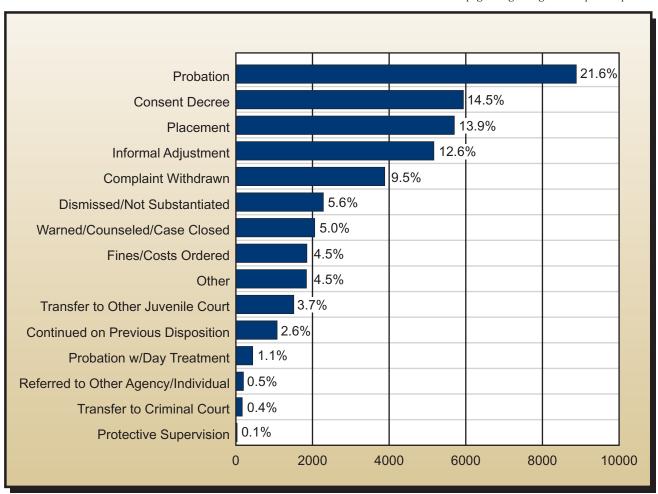
There were 41,036 delinquency-related dispositions in Pennsylvania during 2003.

Probation was the most frequently utilized disposition (8,883, 21.6%) followed in descending order by Consent Decree (5,937, 14.5%), Placement (5,701, 13.9%), Informal Adjustment (5,167, 12.6%), Complaint Withdrawn (3,885, 9.5%), Dismissed, Not Substantiated (2,283, 5.6%), Warned, Counseled, Case Closed (2,058, 5.0%), Fines/Costs (1,853, 4.5%). All remaining dispositions totaled 12.8%. Probation with Day Treatment is listed as a separate disposition rather than being included in Probation.

PERCENT OF TOTAL DISPOSITIONS

NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.



## Delinquency Dispositions, 1999 - 2003

The information in this section includes those cases referred to juvenile probation with alleged delinquent offenses. Disposition and Placement reviews, and dispositions involving children alleged to be dependent, are not included.

COUNTY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	% CHANGE 02-03
Adams	353	446	451	452	403	-10.8%
Allegheny	4,060	3,981	3,179	4,334	3,971	-8.4%
Armstrong	344	294	296	234	298	27.4%
Beaver	661	607	610	626	640	2.2%
Bedford	82	50	54	62	69	11.3%
Berks	995	1,095	997	1,047	1,030	-1.6%
Blair	446	477	430	418	361	-13.6%
Bradford	164	111	127	134	124	-7.5%
Bucks	1,585	1,658	1,778	1,259	1,637	30.0%
Butler	364	347	361	302	300	-0.7%
Cambria	547	640	554	570	623	9.3%
Cameron	24	22	31	20	19	-5.0%
Carbon	255	173	196	163	182	11.7%
Centre	172	190	166	154	135	-12.3%
Chester	706	912	977	1,002	1,173	17.1%
Clarion	68	94	82	132	110	-16.7%
Clearfield	324	328	248	213	156	-26.8%
Clinton	86	114	73	79	99	25.3%
Columbia	228	188	213	153	224	46.4%
Crawford	395	270	332	293	236	-19.5%
Cumberland	614	568	531	441	450	2.0%
Dauphin	1,423	1,577	1,507	1,350	1,457	7.9%
Delaware	1,573	1,524	1,460	1,381	1,478	7.0%
Elk	67	72	66	45	61	35.6%
Erie	1,297	1,158	1,019	1,033	971	-6.0%
Fayette	432	526	605	749	593	-20.8%
Forest	20	29	28	12	31	158.3%
Franklin	335	505	527	453	491	8.4%
Fulton	26	26	33	25	19	-24.0%
Greene	49	52	68	37	125	237.8%
Huntingdon	87	96	85	95	90	-5.3%
Indiana	216	244	264	243	223	-8.2%
Jefferson	153	147	140	210	155	-26.2%
Juniata	24	62	67	61	52	-14.8%

# Delinquency Dispositions, 1999 - 2003

COUNTY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	% CHANGE 02-03
Lackawanna	360	501	471	416	353	-15.1%
Lancaster	1,640	1,553	1,530	1,445	1,366	-5.5%
Lawrence	263	193	261	447	440	-1.6%
Lebanon	386	366	578	450	366	-18.7%
Lehigh	871	1,104	1,046	1,123	1,024	-8.8%
Luzerne	1,396	999	1,017	1,484	1,499	1.0%
Lycoming	579	638	517	583	656	12.5%
McKean	121	109	111	102	148	45.1%
Mercer	282	271	334	305	279	-8.5%
Mifflin	63	30	62	86	71	-17.4%
Monroe	398	383	360	426	503	18.1%
Montgomery	2,029	1,995	2,450	2,076	2,273	9.5%
Montour	69	52	62	51	40	-21.6%
Northampton	755	725	819	744	797	7.1%
Northumberland	665	674	621	589	571	-3.1%
Perry	118	105	77	106	104	-1.9%
Philadelphia*	7,860	8,737	10,201	6,642	8,088	21.8%
Pike	80	114	118	108	89	-17.6%
Potter	26	52	77	85	70	-17.6%
Schuylkill	389	376	396	366	353	-3.6%
Snyder	115	110	129	87	87	0.0%
Somerset	245	172	196	152	197	29.6%
Sullivan	7	17	7	19	26	36.8%
Susquehanna	118	102	126	109	84	-22.9%
Tioga	147	132	216	141	178	26.2%
Union	66	55	57	54	74	37.0%
Venango	125	97	119	149	143	-4.0%
Warren	133	141	105	103	111	7.8%
Washington	402	455	376	336	428	27.4%
Wayne	55	63	92	81	88	8.6%
Westmoreland	871	861	653	845	737	-12.8%
Wyoming	121	154	134	120	123	2.5%
York	1,894	1,979	1,613	1,721	1,684	-2.1%
TOTAL*	40,824	41,898	42,486	39,333	41,036	4.3%

NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

\*Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

# Delinquency Dispositions as a Percent of Juvenile Population, 2003

COUNTY	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	% OF STATEWIDE DISPOSITIONS	AGE 10-17 POPULATION	JUVENILE Population Rank	DISPOSITION RANK PER 100,000	DISPOSITIONS AS A % OF JUV. POP.
Adams	403	1.0%	11,316	31	14	3.6%
Allegheny	3,971	9.7%	131,691	2	22	3.0%
Armstrong	298	0.7%	7,592	38	9	3.9%
Beaver	640	1.6%	19,244	21	18	3.3%
Bedford	69	0.2%	5,458	44	65	1.3%
Berks	1,030	2.5%	44,617	8	40	2.3%
Blair	361	0.9%	13,836	26	30	2.6%
Bradford	124	0.3%	7,565	39	58	1.6%
Bucks	1,637	4.0%	70,379	4	39	2.3%
Butler	300	0.7%	20,046	19	62	1.5%
Cambria	623	1.5%	15,274	23	8	4.1%
Cameron	19	0.0%	675	66	27	2.8%
Carbon	182	0.4%	6,118	43	24	3.0%
Centre	135	0.3%	11,985	30	67	1.1%
Chester	1,173	2.9%	54,034	7	44	2.2%
Clarion	110	0.3%	4,282	56	33	2.6%
Clearfield	156	0.4%	8,923	36	56	1.7%
Clinton	99	0.2%	3,845	59	32	2.6%
Columbia	224	0.5%	6,582	41	16	3.4%
Crawford	236	0.6%	10,641	32	42	2.2%
Cumberland	450	1.1%	22,485	17	50	2.0%
Dauphin	1,457	3.6%	28,188	15	3	5.2%
Delaware	1,478	3.6%	65,979	5	41	2.2%
Elk	61	0.1%	3,993	58	61	1.5%
Erie	971	2.4%	32,512	12	23	3.0%
Fayette	593	1.4%	15,623	22	11	3.8%
Forest	31	0.1%	540	67	1	5.7%
Franklin	491	1.2%	14,168	25	15	3.5%
Fulton	19	0.0%	1,648	64	66	1.2%
Greene	125	0.3%	4,320	55	26	2.9%
Huntingdon	90	0.2%	4,708	53	53	1.9%
Indiana	223	0.5%	9,170	35	35	2.4%
Jefferson	155	0.4%	5,061	49	20	3.1%
Juniata	52	0.1%	2,531	61	47	2.1%

# Delinquency Dispositions as a Percent of Juvenile Population, 2003

COUNTY	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	% OF STATEWIDE DISPOSITIONS	AGE 10-17 POPULATION	JUVENILE Population Rank	DISPOSITION RANK PER 100,000	DISPOSITIONS AS A % OF JUV. POP.
Lackawanna	353	0.9%	22,559	16	60	1.6%
Lancaster	1,366	3.3%	57,580	6	37	2.4%
Lawrence	440	1.1%	10,308	33	7	4.3%
Lebanon	366	0.9%	13,191	29	28	2.8%
Lehigh	1,024	2.5%	35,243	11	25	2.9%
Luzerne	1,499	3.7%	32,380	13	5	4.6%
Lycoming	656	1.6%	13,458	28	4	4.9%
McKean	148	0.4%	4,908	51	21	3.0%
Mercer	279	0.7%	13,526	27	46	2.1%
Mifflin	71	0.2%	5,289	45	64	1.3%
Monroe	503	1.2%	19,583	20	34	2.6%
Montgomery	2,273	5.5%	83,121	3	29	2.7%
Montour	40	0.1%	2,037	63	52	2.0%
Northampton	797	1.9%	30,609	14	31	2.6%
Northumberland	571	1.4%	10,015	34	2	5.7%
Perry	104	0.3%	5,117	48	48	2.0%
Philadelphia*	8,088	19.7%	178,945	1	6	4.5%
Pike	89	0.2%	6,363	42	63	1.4%
Potter	70	0.2%	2,213	62	19	3.2%
Schuylkill	353	0.9%	14,863	24	36	2.4%
Snyder	87	0.2%	4,399	54	51	2.0%
Somerset	197	0.5%	8,439	37	38	2.3%
Sullivan	26	0.1%	764	65	17	3.4%
Susquehanna	84	0.2%	5,284	46	59	1.6%
Tioga	178	0.4%	4,901	52	12	3.6%
Union	74	0.2%	4,051	57	55	1.8%
Venango	143	0.3%	6,641	40	45	2.2%
Warren	111	0.3%	5,044	50	43	2.2%
Washington	428	1.0%	21,150	18	49	2.0%
Wayne	88	0.2%	5,275	47	57	1.7%
Westmoreland	737	1.8%	38,929	10	54	1.9%
Wyoming	123	0.3%	3,399	60	13	3.6%
York	1,684	4.1%	44,097	9	10	3.8%
TOTAL*	41,036	100.0%	1,378,710			3.0%

NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

# Delinquency Dispositions by Type, 2003

COUNTY	TOTAL Dispos.	TRANSFER TO CRIMINAL COURT	TRANSFER TO OTHER COURT	COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN	WARNED, CASE CLOSED	INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT	FINES/COSTS ORDERED	DISMISSED, NOT SUBSTANTIATED
Adams	403	1	9	32	26	113	18	12
Allegheny	3,971	1	18	743	278	613	1	494
Armstrong	298	1	9	19	16	72	47	3
Beaver	640	1	5	30	19	271	1	43
Bedford	69	2	0	2	0	12	1	1
Berks	1,030	1	51	28	6	141	17	31
Blair	361	0	9	58	0	61	40	24
Bradford	124	3	3	6	0	1	0	4
Bucks	1,637	1	66	157	46	337	3	17
Butler	300	1	28	14	3	6	2	5
Cambria	623	10	36	24	0	0	49	182
Cameron	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Carbon	182	0	13	4	0	32	3	1
Centre	135	0	8	8	0	0	7	3
Chester	1,173	1	42	1	11	533	0	56
Clarion	110	0	11	7	9	10	15	5
Clearfield	156	1	15	2	0	37	2	4
Clinton	99	0	4	3	23	4	8	4
Columbia	224	2	21	17	19	75	12	2
Crawford	236	1	32	14	6	24	0	3
Cumberland	450	1	54	17	59	108	2	3
Dauphin	1,457	29	51	37	180	77	83	85
Delaware	1,478	1	140	73	44	0	0	13
Elk	61	1	1	4	1	7	5	1
Erie	971	3	26	67	70	207	0	14
Fayette	593	0	4	2	273	39	0	8
Forest	31	1	6	1	4	3	0	0
Franklin	491	4	3	38	3	48	36	2
Fulton	19	1	5	0	0	0	0	1
Greene	125	0	3	3	3	4	2	0
Huntingdon	90	0	2	4	7	0	0	7
Indiana	223	3	16	13	29	11	42	2
Jefferson	155	3	17	13	0	3	1	0
Juniata	52	2	4	3	3	1	0	2
Lackawanna	353	2	37	4	2	1	0	12

NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

# Delinquency Dispositions by Type, 2003

COUNTY	PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	REFERRAL TO AGENCY/ INDIVIDUAL	CONSENT DECREE*	PROBATION	PROBATION W/DAY TREATMENT	CONTINUED PREVIOUS DISPOSITION	OTHER DISPOSITIONS	PLACEMENT
Adams	0	2	65	70	0	2	31	22
Allegheny	0	0	762	438	207	47	33	336
Armstrong	0	30	42	31	0	4	9	15
Beaver	0	0	136	90	0	6	14	24
Bedford	0	0	35	14	0	0	0	2
Berks	0	9	227	276	4	53	20	166
Blair	0	6	114	21	2	14	0	12
Bradford	0	0	49	36	0	3	14	5
Bucks	8	13	164	425	15	0	36	349
Butler	0	2	77	134	2	3	3	20
Cambria	5	1	92	164	0	12	23	25
Cameron	0	1	9	6	0	0	0	2
Carbon	0	0	64	26	1	0	20	18
Centre	0	0	53	39	1	0	3	13
Chester	0	0	89	358	9	0	0	73
Clarion	0	0	12	24	0	2	9	6
Clearfield	0	6	24	46	0	1	9	9
Clinton	0	2	3	30	1	1	2	14
Columbia	0	0	3	40	3	2	14	14
Crawford	0	1	28	103	0	0	2	22
Cumberland	0	3	125	35	0	12	11	20
Dauphin	0	9	295	280	36	63	51	181
Delaware	0	0	213	802	0	1	0	191
Elk	0	0	26	10	0	0	1	4
Erie	0	0	186	157	39	31	10	161
Fayette	0	0	71	43	10	111	10	22
Forest	0	0	12	3	0	0	1	0
Franklin	1	4	183	84	0	15	5	65
Fulton	0	0	5	5	0	1	0	1
Greene	0	1	33	28	0	1	37	10
Huntingdon	0	0	45	12	0	0	1	12
Indiana	0	14	38	41	1	1	4	8
Jefferson	0	0	51	44	1	7	0	15
Juniata	0	0	10	15	0	0	3	9
Lackawanna	0	5	29	201	0	0	4	56

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# Delinquency Dispositions by Type, 2003

COUNTY	TOTAL Dispos.	TRANSFER TO CRIMINAL COURT	TRANSFER TO OTHER COURT	COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN	WARNED, CASE CLOSED	INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT	FINES/COSTS ORDERED	DISMISSED, NOT SUBSTANTIATED
Lancaster	1,366	3	59	109	135	318	3	24
Lawrence	440	0	20	130	9	98	17	2
Lebanon	366	6	18	2	1	26	8	9
Lehigh	1,024	3	53	40	82	136	22	12
Luzerne	1,499	0	25	19	299	109	0	35
Lycoming	656	5	34	19	5	152	33	11
McKean	148	0	13	1	7	4	1	6
Mercer	279	1	7	19	41	29	3	12
Mifflin	71	3	4	0	0	0	4	2
Monroe	503	1	14	42	0	73	4	17
Montgomery	2,273	6	111	44	7	290	730	23
Montour	40	1	8	2	0	9	0	3
Northampton	797	8	48	45	32	196	16	11
Northumberland	571	7	42	6	15	170	67	5
Perry	104	0	7	0	0	39	1	3
Philadelphia*	8,088	19	64	1,782	3	0	0	965
Pike	89	0	5	6	0	1	10	1
Potter	70	3	5	4	0	0	1	0
Schuylkill	353	1	12	14	18	82	62	13
Snyder	87	0	21	10	0	0	13	0
Somerset	197	1	7	34	43	6	1	4
Sullivan	26	0	6	0	0	0	0	3
Susquehanna	84	8	4	2	0	13	4	0
Tioga	178	1	8	18	0	27	4	1
Union	74	2	14	3	2	3	13	0
Venango	143	0	9	29	6	26	0	2
Warren	111	0	9	2	1	18	2	3
Washington	428	0	10	15	22	60	0	12
Wayne	88	0	16	0	0	5	0	2
Westmoreland	737	3	37	26	67	45	18	29
Wyoming	123	0	29	0	0	25	4	4
York	1,684	7	44	14	123	355	415	25
TOTAL*	41,036	167	1,512	3,885	2,058	5,167	1,853	2,283
% of Total	100.0%	0.4%	3.7%	9.5%	5.0%	12.6%	4.5%	5.6%

NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

# Delinquency Dispositions by Type, 2003

COUNTY	PROTECTIVE SUPERVISION	REFERRAL TO AGENCY/ INDIVIDUAL	CONSENT DECREE*	PROBATION	PROBATION W/DAY TREATMENT	CONTINUED PREVIOUS DISPOSITION	OTHER DISPOSITIONS	PLACEMENT
Lancaster	0	1	0	468	6	4	92	144
Lawrence	0	0	81	64	0	2	4	13
Lebanon	0	2	123	93	0	8	30	40
Lehigh	0	1	104	336	0	58	9	168
Luzerne	0	1	25	112	3	11	530	330
Lycoming	0	8	123	134	2	0	69	61
McKean	0	0	18	95	0	0	0	3
Mercer	0	14	15	62	1	3	15	57
Mifflin	0	0	6	42	0	0	2	8
Monroe	0	0	31	174	21	0	21	105
Montgomery	6	3	136	437	0	12	259	209
Montour	0	0	1	10	0	0	1	5
Northampton	0	7	72	257	0	34	10	61
Northumberland	0	0	77	79	6	51	32	14
Perry	0	0	12	27	0	2	0	13
Philadelphia*	0	1	1,064	1,499	21	314	158	2,198
Pike	0	0	18	31	6	0	0	11
Potter	0	0	21	31	0	0	3	2
Schuylkill	0	0	15	59	1	6	29	41
Snyder	0	1	11	17	0	0	9	5
Somerset	0	3	38	51	0	0	6	3
Sullivan	0	0	5	10	0	2	0	0
Susquehanna	0	0	12	27	0	3	6	5
Tioga	0	0	46	43	0	1	18	11
Union	0	0	17	12	0	0	1	7
Venango	0	0	9	38	0	2	15	7
Warren	0	0	25	31	0	1	8	11
Washington	0	2	55	128	0	1	68	55
Wayne	0	0	17	32	0	0	1	15
Westmoreland	13	36	189	129	36	26	19	64
Wyoming	0	1	5	48	0	0	5	2
York	0	8	196	176	5	143	42	131
TOTAL*	33	198	5,937	8,883	440	1,077	1,842	5,701
% of Total	0.1%	0.5%	14.5%	21.6%	1.1%	2.6%	4.5%	13.9%

<sup>\*</sup>The following counties had a total of 312 cases where the disposition was reported as either deferred adjudication or deferred placement with no reported adjudication of delinquency at the time of disposition. These dispositions have been included with the disposition of Consent Decree. (Adams - 1, Blair - 10, Bradford - 2, Butler - 2, Cambria - 1, Chester - 14, Clearfield - 1, Erie - 10, Lackawanna - 5, Lebanon - 81, Lycoming - 28, Washington - 1, Westmoreland - 1, Wyoming - 3, York - 152).

\*Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

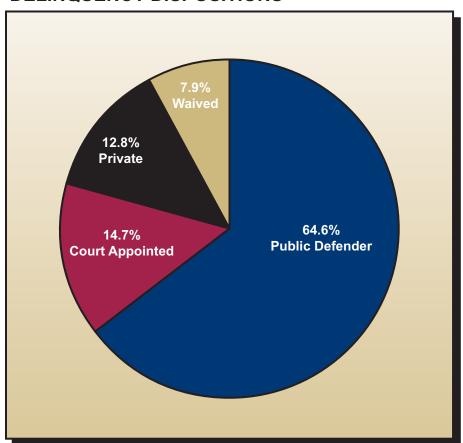
# Type of Attorney Representation in Delinquency Proceedings, 2003\*

This chart presents a summary of the data included in the table found on page 14. The Court Appointed column of the table includes those cases where counsel, other than the public defender, was appointed by the court. Attorney representation at the court hearing may be waived. These cases are reflected in the table as well as in the chart below.

The data on attorney representation include only the 29,102 dispositions made as a result of a hearing before a master or a judge. Informally handled cases, reviews, and dependency cases are not included.

Legal representation in delinquency proceedings, during 2003, was most often provided by public defenders who were involved in 64.6% of the delinquency dispositions involving hearings. Court appointed attorneys provided legal representation in 14.7% of delinquency dispositions involving hearings, followed by private attorneys at 12.8%. Legal representation was waived in 7.9% of delinquency dispositions involving hearings.

# ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION: DELINQUENCY DISPOSITIONS



<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

# Type of Attorney Representation in Delinquency Proceedings, 2003

TYPE OF DISPOSITION	NUMBER OF PROCEEDINGS	PUBLIC DEFENDER	%	COURT APPOINTED	%	PRIVATE	%	WAIVED	%
Transfer to Criminal Court	167	102	61.1%	37	22.2%	26	15.6%	2	1.2%
Transfer to Other Juvenile Court	1,326	917	69.2%	174	13.1%	139	10.5%	96	7.2%
Complaint Withdrawn	2,495	1,635	65.5%	502	20.1%	241	9.7%	117	4.7%
Warned, Case Closed	632	427	67.6%	58	9.2%	64	10.1%	83	13.1%
Informal Adjustment	825	760	92.1%	13	1.6%	42	5.1%	10	1.2%
Fines/Costs Ordered	332	216	65.1%	42	12.7%	42	12.7%	32	9.6%
Dismissed, Not Substantiated	2,221	1,277	57.5%	360	16.2%	271	12.2%	313	14.1%
Referred to Agency/Individual	85	44	51.8%	9	10.6%	17	20.0%	15	17.6%
Consent Decree	4,696	2,824	60.1%	660	14.1%	582	12.4%	630	13.4%
Probation	8,756	5,621	64.2%	1,265	14.5%	1,331	15.2%	539	6.2%
Continued Previous Dispo.	677	478	70.6%	102	15.1%	51	7.5%	46	6.8%
Other Disposition	736	547	74.3%	65	8.8%	48	6.5%	76	10.3%
Placement	5,682	3,676	64.7%	899	15.8%	809	14.2%	298	5.2%
Protective Supervision	32	23	71.9%	1	3.1%	7	21.9%	1	3.1%
Probation w/Day Treatment	440	249	56.6%	95	21.6%	56	12.7%	40	9.1%
TOTAL*	29,102	18,796	64.6%	4,282	14.7%	3,726	12.8%	2,298	7.9%

NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

# Delinquency Dispositions by Source of Referral, 2003

	TOTAL	POL	ICE	DISTRICT	JUSTICE		JUVENILE URT	PROB	ATION		PORTED/ HER
COUNTY	DISPOS.	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Adams	403	204	50.6	177	43.9	17	4.2	0	0.0	5	1.2
Allegheny	3,971	3,025	76.2	410	10.3	101	2.5	1	0.0	434	10.9
Armstrong	298	156	52.4	120	40.3	21	7.1	1	0.3	0	0.0
Beaver	640	381	59.5	147	23.0	23	3.6	45	7.0	44	6.9
Bedford	69	67	97.1	0	0.0	1	1.5	1	1.5	0	0.0
Berks	1,030	891	86.5	22	2.1	55	5.3	44	4.3	18	1.8
Blair	361	247	68.4	76	21.1	12	3.3	1	0.3	25	6.9
Bradford	124	119	96.0	0	0.0	3	2.4	0	0.0	2	1.6
Bucks	1,637	1,173	71.7	109	6.7	64	3.9	288	17.6	3	0.2
Butler	300	294	98.0	5	1.7	1	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cambria	623	493	79.1	115	18.5	8	1.3	0	0.0	7	1.1
Cameron	19	19	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Carbon	182	150	82.4	10	5.5	15	8.2	0	0.0	7	3.9
Centre	135	131	97.0	2	1.5	1	0.7	0	0.0	1	0.7
Chester	1,173	978	83.4	185	15.8	9	0.8	1	0.1	0	0.0
Clarion	110	78	70.9	23	20.9	7	6.4	1	0.9	1	0.9
Clearfield	156	106	68.0	44	28.2	5	3.2	1	0.6	0	0.0
Clinton	99	67	67.7	9	9.1	8	8.1	2	2.0	13	13.1
Columbia	224	144	64.3	70	31.3	9	4.0	1	0.5	0	0.0
Crawford	236	219	92.8	8	3.4	5	2.1	0	0.0	4	1.7
Cumberland	450	388	86.2	42	9.3	13	2.9	1	0.2	6	1.3
Dauphin	1,457	1,128	77.4	232	15.9	37	2.5	60	4.1	0	0.0
Delaware	1,478	1,458	98.7	0	0.0	20	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Elk	61	51	83.6	9	14.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	1.6
Erie	971	848	87.3	97	10.0	17	1.8	7	0.7	2	0.2
Fayette	593	277	46.7	212	35.8	16	2.7	85	14.3	3	0.5
Forest	31	25	80.7	5	16.1	1	3.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Franklin	491	379	77.2	88	17.9	19	3.9	2	0.4	3	0.6
Fulton	19	18	94.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.3
Greene	125	87	69.6	15	12.0	4	3.2	2	1.6	17	13.6
Huntingdon	90	87	96.7	0	0.0	3	3.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Indiana	223	122	54.7	87	39.0	14	6.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Jefferson	155	101	65.2	31	20.0	8	5.2	15	9.7	0	0.0
Juniata	52	40	76.9	4	7.7	8	15.4	0	0.0	0	0.0

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# Delinquency Dispositions by Source of Referral, 2003

	TOTAL	POL	ICE	DISTRICT	JUSTICE		IUVENILE URT	PROBA	ATION	NOT REPORTED/ OTHER	
COUNTY	DISPOS.	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Lackawanna	353	339	96.0	0	0.0	12	3.4	2	0.6	0	0.0
Lancaster	1,366	1,023	74.9	310	22.7	22	1.6	7	0.5	4	0.3
Lawrence	440	324	73.6	114	25.9	2	0.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lebanon	366	351	95.9	2	0.6	10	2.7	3	8.0	0	0.0
Lehigh	1,024	921	89.9	17	1.7	36	3.5	41	4.0	9	0.9
Luzerne	1,499	629	42.0	802	53.5	31	2.1	13	0.9	24	1.6
Lycoming	656	410	62.5	228	34.8	15	2.3	0	0.0	3	0.5
McKean	148	139	93.9	0	0.0	7	4.7	0	0.0	2	1.4
Mercer	279	213	76.3	48	17.2	9	3.2	9	3.2	0	0.0
Mifflin	71	66	93.0	0	0.0	4	5.6	1	1.4	0	0.0
Monroe	503	369	73.4	94	18.7	39	7.8	0	0.0	1	0.2
Montgomery	2,273	1,179	51.9	867	38.1	91	4.0	123	5.4	13	0.6
Montour	40	30	75.0	2	5.0	5	12.5	3	7.5	0	0.0
Northampton	797	705	88.5	21	2.6	69	8.7	2	0.3	0	0.0
Northumberland	571	348	61.0	179	31.4	14	2.5	19	3.3	11	1.9
Perry	104	98	94.2	0	0.0	5	4.8	1	1.0	0	0.0
Philadelphia*	8,088	7,783	96.2	0	0.0	305	3.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pike	89	78	87.6	0	0.0	11	12.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Potter	70	55	78.6	9	12.9	5	7.1	0	0.0	1	1.4
Schuylkill	353	267	75.6	63	17.9	21	6.0	2	0.6	0	0.0
Snyder	87	47	54.0	33	37.9	3	3.5	1	1.2	3	3.5
Somerset	197	129	65.5	60	30.5	6	3.1	2	1.0	0	0.0
Sullivan	26	21	80.8	0	0.0	5	19.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Susquehanna	84	68	81.0	8	9.5	6	7.1	0	0.0	2	2.4
Tioga	178	129	72.5	45	25.3	3	1.7	0	0.0	1	0.6
Union	74	54	73.0	11	14.9	7	9.5	1	1.4	1	1.4
Venango	143	115	80.4	20	14	6	4.2	0	0.0	2	1.4
Warren	111	80	72.1	22	19.8	8	7.2	1	0.9	0	0.0
Washington	428	341	79.7	0	0.0	8	1.9	24	5.6	55	12.9
Wayne	88	81	92.1	0	0.0	6	6.8	0	0.0	1	1.1
Westmoreland	737	515	69.9	145	19.7	18	2.4	36	4.9	23	3.1
Wyoming	123	82	66.7	32	26.0	5	4.1	0	0.0	4	3.3
York	1,684	924	54.9	702	41.7	56	3.3	1	0.1	1	0.1
TOTAL*	41,036	31,864	77.7	6,188	15.1	1,375	3.4	851	2.1	758	1.9

NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

\*Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

# Time Lapse from Referral to Disposition for Delinquency Cases, 2003

Time lapse information is calculated from the date of referral to the date of disposition. Disposition reviews, placement reviews, and dependency cases are not included. Dispositions are grouped into one of two categories: formal or informal. A disposition is counted in the formal category if a date was located in the Date of Hearing field on the statistical card (an example of the card is included in the appendix) indicating that a hearing before a judge or master was conducted.

	TOTAL	FORMAL D	ISPOSITIONS	INFORMAL D	ISPOSITIONS
COUNTY	DISPOSITIONS	TOTAL	MEDIAN IN DAYS	TOTAL	MEDIAN IN DAYS
Adams	403	167	70.0	236	35.0
Allegheny	3,971	2,915	74.0	1,056	113.0
Armstrong	298	101	104.0	197	29.0
Beaver	640	175	59.0	465	41.0
Bedford	69	65	79.0	4	56.5
Berks	1,030	829	117.5	201	51.0
Blair	361	296	79.5	65	44.0
Bradford	124	78	73.0	46	45.0
Bucks	1,637	1,637	56.0	0	0.0
Butler	300	257	58.0	43	45.0
Cambria	623	512	35.0	111	113.5
Cameron	19	17	43.5	2	36.0
Carbon	182	56	95.0	126	85.0
Centre	135	135	71.0	0	0.0
Chester	1,173	640	121.0	533	175.0
Clarion	110	74	81.5	36	54.0
Clearfield	156	97	70.0	59	104.0
Clinton	99	70	49.0	29	20.0
Columbia	224	73	5,654.0	151	45.5
Crawford	236	171	68.5	65	56.5
Cumberland	450	111	60.0	339	29.0
Dauphin	1,457	1,091	77.0	366	91.0
Delaware	1,478	1,405	105.0	73	129.0
Elk	61	46	72.5	15	27.0
Erie	971	654	111.5	317	70.0
Fayette	593	88	72.0	505	22.0
Forest	31	26	60.5	5	143.0
Franklin	491	167	81.0	324	48.0
Fulton	19	16	97.0	3	13.0
Greene	125	45	105.5	80	87.5
Huntingdon	90	79	98.0	11	56.0
Indiana	223	71	73.0	152	37.0
Jefferson	155	90	38.0	65	29.0
Juniata	52	43	46.0	9	26.0

# Time Lapse from Referral to Disposition for Delinquency Cases, 2003

	TOTAL	FORMAL DI	SPOSITIONS	INFORMAL D	ISPOSITIONS
COUNTY	DISPOSITIONS	TOTAL	MEDIAN IN DAYS	TOTAL	MEDIAN IN DAYS
Lackawanna	353	352	55.0	1	43.0
Lancaster	1,366	742	77.0	624	49.0
Lawrence	440	119	78.0	321	134.0
Lebanon	366	265	68.0	101	120.0
Lehigh	1,024	955	45.0	69	57.0
Luzerne	1,499	600 54.0		899	65.0
Lycoming	656	630 43.0		26	47.0
McKean	148	136	76.0	12	21.5
Mercer	279	176	94.0	103	52.5
Mifflin	71	71	52.0	0	0.0
Monroe	503	410	130.0	93	48.0
Montgomery	2,273	1,002	79.5	1,271	20.0
Montour	40	28	46.0	12	24.0
Northampton	797	418	90.0	379	43.0
Northumberland	571	151	86.0	420	55.0
Perry	104	69	53.0	35	18.0
Philadelphia*	8,088	8,001	80.0	87	3.0
Pike	89	85	77.0	4	40.0
Potter	70	68	63.5	2	24.0
Schuylkill	353	154	122.0	199	19.0
Snyder	87	39	52.0	48	24.0
Somerset	197	140	98.0	57	93.0
Sullivan	26	25	57.0	1	15.0
Susquehanna	84	59	49.0	25	30.0
Tioga	178	125	48.0	53	38.5
Union	74	59	62.0	15	33.5
Venango	143	74	133.0	69	117.0
Warren	111	63	50.0	48	18.0
Washington	428	357	59.0	71	22.0
Wayne	88	83	113.0	5	100.0
Westmoreland	737	641	85.5	96	20.0
Wyoming	123	104	69.0	19	19.0
York	1,684	604	88.0	1,080	28.0
TOTAL*	41,036	29,102	79.0	11,934	48.0

NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

# Median Time Lapse for Formal Cases by Type of Disposition, 2003

Date of Referral to Date of Disposition

Type of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Mediar Days
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<b>Біорозіцогіз</b>	Бауз
Protective Supervision	32	40.5
Transfer to Criminal Court		
Referred to Agency/Individual		
Informal Adjustment		
Placement		
Probation w/Day Treatment		
Transfer to Other Court		
Complaint Withdrawn	2,495	68.0
Warned, Case Closed		
Fines/Costs	332	73.0
Consent Decree		
Continued Previous Disposition	677	82.5
Dismissed, Not Substantiated		
Probation	8,756	89.0
Other Dispositions		
Total*	29,102	79.0

\*Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

# Median Time Lapse for Informal Cases by Type of Disposition, 2003

Date of Referral to Date of Disposition

Type of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Media Days
Protective Supervision	1	1.0
Fines/Costs		
Referred to Agency/Individual		
Continued Previous Disposition		
Transfer to Other Court		
Informal Adjustment	4,342	47.0
Placement		
Consent Decree		
Probation	127	52.0
Warned, Case Closed		
Complaint Withdrawn		
Other Dispositions	1,106	69.0
Dismissed, Not Substantiated		
Total*	11 03/	<b>19 0</b>

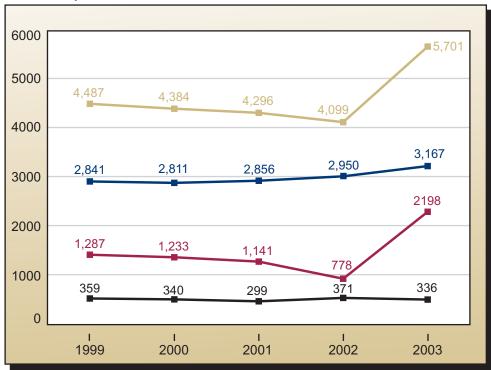
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NOTE:

Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

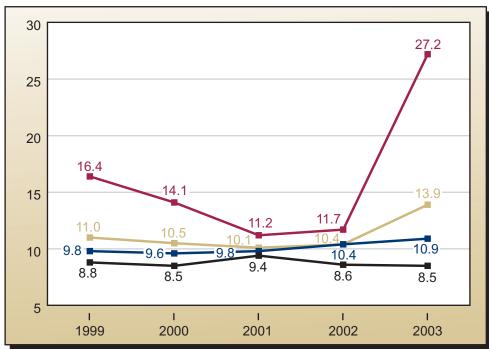
### Delinquency Placements, 1999 - 2003

#### **DELINQUENCY PLACEMENTS**





#### PLACEMENTS AS A PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS



# Delinquency Placements, 1999 - 2003

COUNTY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	PERCENT CHANGE 02-03	PLACEMENTS AS A % OF DISPOSITIONS
Adams	22	43	26	32	22	-31.3%	5.5%
Allegheny	359	340	299	371	336	-9.4%	8.5%
Armstrong	7	16	6	5	15	200.0%	5.0%
Beaver	34	48	46	44	24	-45.5%	3.8%
Bedford	8	11	4	4	2	-50.0%	2.9%
Berks	178	167	173	183	166	-9.3%	16.1%
Blair	11	18	12	8	12	50.0%	3.3%
Bradford	9	7	12	3	5	66.7%	4.0%
Bucks	272	287	258	166	349	110.2%	21.3%
Butler	24	25	30	19	20	5.3%	6.7%
Cambria	35	29	27	31	25	-19.4%	4.0%
Cameron	4	4	3	4	2	-50.0%	10.5%
Carbon	18	11	12	16	18	12.5%	9.9%
Centre	18	14	13	10	13	30.0%	9.6%
Chester	102	79	92	71	73	2.8%	6.2%
Clarion	0	0	3	7	6	-14.3%	5.5%
Clearfield	17	11	8	7	9	28.6%	5.8%
Clinton	10	9	11	11	14	27.3%	14.1%
Columbia	14	23	11	11	14	27.3%	6.3%
Crawford	24	11	23	21	22	4.8%	9.3%
Cumberland	7	22	18	23	20	-13.0%	4.4%
Dauphin	192	172	167	165	181	9.7%	12.4%
Delaware	155	141	188	173	191	10.4%	12.9%
Elk	3	6	8	4	4	0.0%	6.6%
Erie	183	184	180	148	161	8.8%	16.6%
Fayette	19	15	23	28	22	-21.4%	3.7%
Forest	2	2	0	1	0	*	0.0%
Franklin	40	42	38	36	65	80.6%	13.2%
Fulton	1	1	4	2	1	-50.0%	5.3%
Greene	3	1	3	0	10	*	8.0%
Huntingdon	4	2	11	6	12	100.0%	13.3%
Indiana	6	10	13	6	8	33.3%	3.6%
Jefferson	14	9	10	10	15	50.0%	9.7%
Juniata	3	6	3	6	9	50.0%	17.3%

# Delinquency Placements, 1999 - 2003

COUNTY	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	PERCENT CHANGE 02-03	PLACEMENTS AS A % OF DISPOSITIONS
Lackawanna	66	81	72	73	56	-23.3%	15.9%
Lancaster	162	163	159	149	144	-3.4%	10.5%
Lawrence	21	15	9	8	13	62.5%	3.0%
Lebanon	23	26	40	44	40	-9.1%	10.9%
Lehigh	136	134	147	158	168	6.3%	16.4%
Luzerne	192	152	135	313	330	5.4%	22.0%
Lycoming	52	75	63	77	61	-20.8%	9.3%
McKean	6	5	11	8	3	-62.5%	2.0%
Mercer	49	31	62	55	57	3.6%	20.4%
Mifflin	5	2	7	8	8	0.0%	11.3%
Monroe	56	69	69	86	105	22.1%	20.9%
Montgomery	144	133	197	230	209	-9.1%	9.2%
Montour	3	6	14	5	5	0.0%	12.5%
Northampton	26	47	38	56	61	8.9%	7.7%
Northumberland	27	27	19	25	14	-44.0%	2.5%
Perry	11	8	8	1	13	1200.0%	12.5%
Philadelphia*	1,287	1,233	1,141	778	2,198	182.5%	27.2%
Pike	14	18	20	17	11	-35.3%	12.4%
Potter	0	1	2	0	2	*	2.9%
Schuylkill	45	34	38	48	41	-14.6%	11.6%
Snyder	3	6	5	8	5	-37.5%	5.7%
Somerset	6	3	1	4	3	-25.0%	1.5%
Sullivan	1	1	2	3	0	*	0.0%
Susquehanna	12	8	5	3	5	66.7%	6.0%
Tioga	7	5	30	10	11	10.0%	6.2%
Union	3	6	7	6	7	16.7%	9.5%
Venango	21	22	8	8	7	-12.5%	4.9%
Warren	10	9	8	10	11	10.0%	9.9%
Washington	25	33	34	37	55	48.6%	12.9%
Wayne	12	8	25	12	15	25.0%	17.0%
Westmoreland	110	98	65	82	64	-22.0%	8.7%
Wyoming	9	5	3	2	2	0.0%	1.6%
York	145	154	117	143	131	-8.4%	7.8%
TOTAL*	4,487	4,384	4,296	4,099	5,701	39.1%	13.9%

<sup>\*</sup>Not mathematically a percent change.

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions. NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

# Delinquency Placements by Type, 2003

COUNTY	TOTAL PLACEMENTS	PRIVATE Institution	DPW OPEN YDC	GROUP HOME	FOSTER CARE	SECURITY	DRUG & Alcohol	WILDERNESS BASED <sup>†</sup>	BOOT CAMP	INDEP. Living	OTHER Type
Adams	22	5	0	0	0	0	2	6	8	0	1
Allegheny	336	101	27	77	0	15	38	16	38	3	21
Armstrong	15	0	0	3	1	2	4	1	2	0	2
Beaver	24	9	0	5	3	2	2	1	1	0	1
Bedford	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berks	166	71	5	4	2	10	19	37	9	2	7
Blair	12	1	1	2	0	3	2	2	0	0	1
Bradford	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
Bucks	349	38	0	69	77	6	56	18	27	0	58
Butler	20	6	0	8	0	0	2	0	4	0	0
Cambria	25	4	0	7	0	0	1	9	4	0	0
Cameron	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Carbon	18	1	0	2	0	6	1	4	4	0	0
Centre	13	4	0	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	0
Chester	73	25	1	18	0	7	5	10	7	0	0
Clarion	6	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Clearfield	9	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	4
Clinton	14	6	0	1	1	0	3	0	3	0	0
Columbia	14	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	7	0	1
Crawford	22	12	0	6	0	0	1	0	2	1	0
Cumberland	20	9	0	1	0	0	3	1	4	1	1
Dauphin	181	40	3	29	1	18	29	17	27	13	4
Delaware	191	61	3	23	0	28	18	13	42	0	3
Elk	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Erie	161	31	0	52	1	14	22	10	31	0	0
Fayette	22	6	2	5	0	0	3	0	3	0	3
Forest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	65	36	0	3	6	5	4	4	4	0	3
Fulton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Greene	10	2	0	4	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
Huntingdon	12	3	0	4	0	2	1	2	0	0	0
Indiana	8	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	0
Jefferson	15	0	0	4	0	3	3	0	4	1	0
Juniata	9	0	0	5	0	0	2	1	1	0	0

<sup>†</sup> Department of Public Welfare Youth Forestry Camps are included in the Wilderness-Based category for this table.

# Delinquency Placements by Type, 2003

COUNTY	TOTAL PLACEMENTS	PRIVATE Institution	DPW OPEN YDC	GROUP HOME	FOSTER CARE	SECURITY	DRUG & Alcohol	WILDERNESS Based†	BOOT CAMP	INDEP. LIVING	OTHER Type
Lackawanna	56	12	0	14	0	10	9	7	3	0	1
Lancaster	144	31	12	26	0	26	16	14	14	1	4
Lawrence	13	6	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Lebanon	40	10	0	1	0	4	3	7	15	0	0
Lehigh	168	18	6	4	0	29	8	17	81	1	4
Luzerne	330	18	0	13	0	19	18	229	32	1	0
Lycoming	61	15	1	1	10	0	2	19	13	0	0
McKean	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mercer	57	12	0	19	1	7	5	5	8	0	0
Mifflin	8	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
Monroe	105	34	0	0	0	20	4	15	31	0	1
Montgomery	209	76	7	85	1	3	14	11	11	0	1
Montour	5	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Northampton	61	2	2	43	0	9	2	3	0	0	0
Northumberland	14	3	0	0	2	2	0	5	1	0	1
Perry	13	6	0	1	0	0	4	0	2	0	0
Philadelphia*	2,198	1,072	68	279	12	132	139	121	291	23	61
Pike	11	5	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	0
Potter	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	41	8	4	2	0	7	7	3	6	1	3
Snyder	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0
Somerset	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Sullivan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	5	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tioga	11	4	0	1	0	1	3	0	2	0	0
Union	7	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	0
Venango	7	2	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Warren	11	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	4	0	0
Washington	55	17	3	9	0	4	6	2	10	0	4
Wayne	15	6	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	0	1
Westmoreland	64	12	0	8	5	7	24	8	0	0	0
Wyoming	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
York	131	36	1	30	4	13	16	12	16	1	2
TOTAL*	5,701	1,898	148	889	140	431	506	642	803	49	195
% of Total	100.0%	33.3%	2.6%	15.6%	2.5%	7.6%	8.9%	11.3%	14.1%	0.9%	3.4%

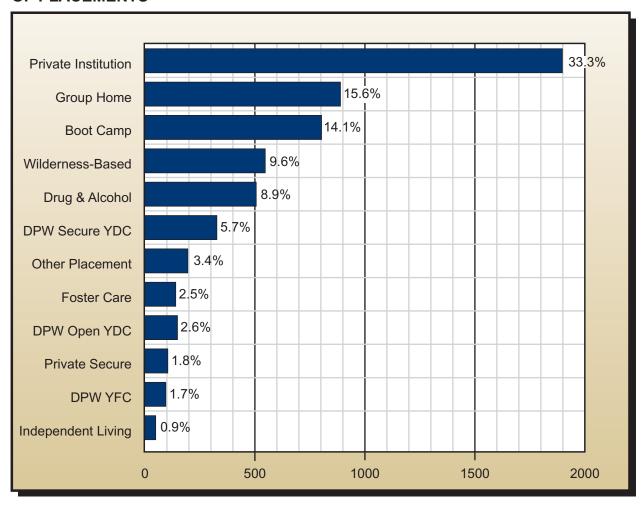
NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

\*Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

### Delinquency Placements by Type, 2003\*

Placements to private institutions continued to be the most common type of delinquency placement in 2003, comprising 33.3% of all placements, followed by group homes (15.6%), boot camps (14.1%), wilderness-based placements (9.6%), and drug and alcohol placements (8.9%).

## PLACEMENT TYPE AS A PERCENT OF PLACEMENTS



NOTE: Does not include disposition and placement reviews.

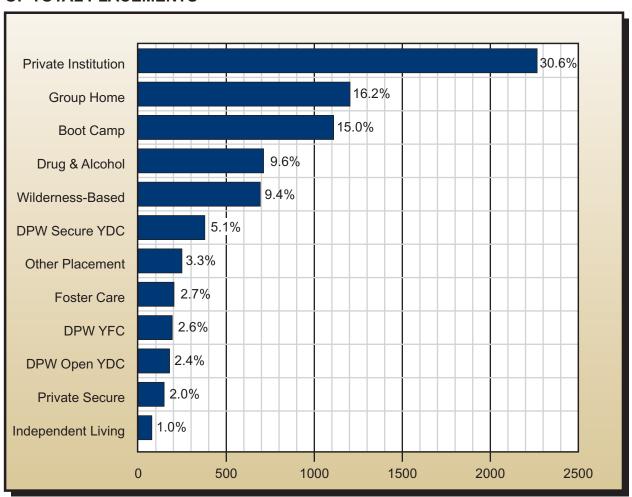
<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

### Total Delinquency Placements by Type, 2003\*

This chart depicts the type of placement as a percent of total delinquency placements, including those resulting from disposition reviews. In general, these data correspond to the types of placement utilized in the disposition of new cases (see page 25).

The reader is directed to pages 65 and 66 for a breakdown, by county, of the type of service ordered by courts following disposition reviews. To calculate the total delinquency placements for an individual county, or statewide, in 2003, combine the information found on pages 23 and 24 with those found on pages 65 and 66.

## PLACEMENT TYPE AS A PERCENT OF TOTAL PLACEMENTS



<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

### Alleged Offenses by Type, 2003

Beginning with the 1997 juvenile court dispositions, the seven most serious charges per disposition were collected. This is an increase from four charges per disposition in previous years. For this reason, the reader is cautioned not to compare the 2003 charge information shown on pages 27, 28, 31 and 32 to reports prior to 1997.

Property offenses represented 31.8% of all alleged offenses in 2003. Offenses against persons comprised 24.8% of all alleged offenses, while drug offenses accounted for 13.1%. Other offenses accounted for 30.3% of all alleged offenses.

COUNTY	PERSON	PROPERTY	DRUG	OTHER	TOTAL
Adams	134	381	111	349	975
Allegheny	3,066	3,690	1,469	3,097	11,322
Armstrong	134	261	52	395	842
Beaver	365	373	149	537	1,424
Bedford	52	121	15	40	228
Berks	492	713	275	519	1,999
Blair	313	399	100	324	1,136
Bradford	80	137	39	83	339
Bucks	1,292	2,042	843	2,328	6,505
Butler	129	276	140	338	883
Cambria	584	442	145	580	1,751
Cameron	4	19	5	5	33
Carbon	102	321	78	138	639
Centre	95	279	69	189	632
Chester	838	1,491	774	1,505	4,608
Clarion	43	291	35	99	468
Clearfield	72	164	29	144	409
Clinton	31	115	47	79	272
Columbia	99	227	76	172	574
Crawford	197	250	70	179	696
Cumberland	303	653	164	369	1,489
Dauphin	894	945	626	1,344	3,809
Delaware	2,562	2,198	1,068	1,399	7,227
Elk	16	61	32	50	159
Erie	649	1,230	235	578	2,692
Fayette	197	393	73	705	1,368
Forest	12	73	11	6	102
Franklin	214	366	142	383	1,105
Fulton	23	33	5	17	78
Greene	44	251	30	143	468
Huntingdon	78	91	30	46	245
Indiana	49	320	40	208	617
Jefferson	54	159	40	132	385
Juniata	12	123	12	94	241

# Alleged Offenses by Type, 2003

COUNTY	PERSON	PROPERTY	DRUG	OTHER	TOTAL
Lackawanna	287	246	109	225	867
Lancaster	591	1,241	407	1,187	3,426
Lawrence	328	452	61	384	1,225
Lebanon	259	302	141	355	1,057
Lehigh	870	1,254	462	1,160	3,746
Luzerne	582	706	338	1,858	3,484
Lycoming	436	870	197	800	2,303
McKean	100	206	55	81	442
Mercer	201	240	74	209	724
Mifflin	22	174	25	24	245
Monroe	397	528	153	316	1,394
Montgomery	1,267	1,763	1,032	2,377	6,439
Montour	23	26	22	34	105
Northampton	448	700	300	818	2,266
Northumberland	309	521	141	734	1,705
Perry	97	126	45	22	290
Philadelphia*	11,142	9,147	5,348	8,760	34,397
Pike	22	141	48	43	254
Potter	48	107	25	53	233
Schuylkill	195	334	121	299	949
Snyder	23	104	31	87	245
Somerset	129	289	48	249	715
Sullivan	7	62	7	16	92
Susquehanna	27	124	33	65	249
Tioga	73	246	75	154	548
Union	68	240	24	78	410
Venango	89	131	42	112	374
Warren	41	102	52	85	280
Washington	299	365	134	225	1,023
Wayne	46	150	41	46	283
Westmoreland	479	756	256	847	2,338
Wyoming	49	94	32	98	273
York	571	1,448	430	1,636	4,085
TOTAL*	32,754	42,083	17,338	40,011	132,186
% of Total	24.8%	31.8%	13.1%	30.3%	100.0%

NOTE: Includes all offenses and counts reported on each case.

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

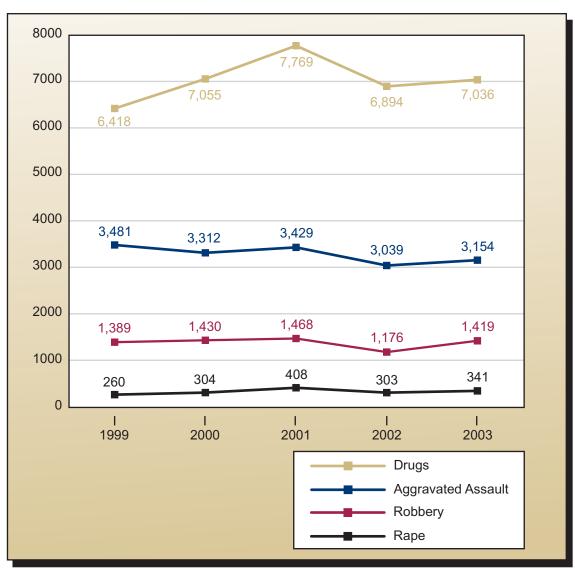
### Selected Alleged Charges, 1999-2003\*

The line chart below shows a selection of alleged charges. A disposition with an alleged drug charge and none of the other listed alleged charges (rape, robbery, aggravated assault) was counted in the drug category. A disposition with an alleged aggravated assault charge, and no alleged rape or robbery charges was counted in the aggravated assault category. A disposition with an alleged robbery charge and no alleged rape charge was counted in the robbery category. Any disposition with an alleged rape charge was counted in the rape category. For the reasons explained on page 27, the reader is again cautioned not to compare these figures to those in reports prior to 1997.

Of particular interest, is that there were 1,419 alleged robbery charges in 2003, representing a 20.7% increase from 2002. Noteworthy as well, were the 341 alleged rape charges in 2003, representing a 12.5% increase from 2002.

#### **SELECTED ALLEGED CHARGES**

\*Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.



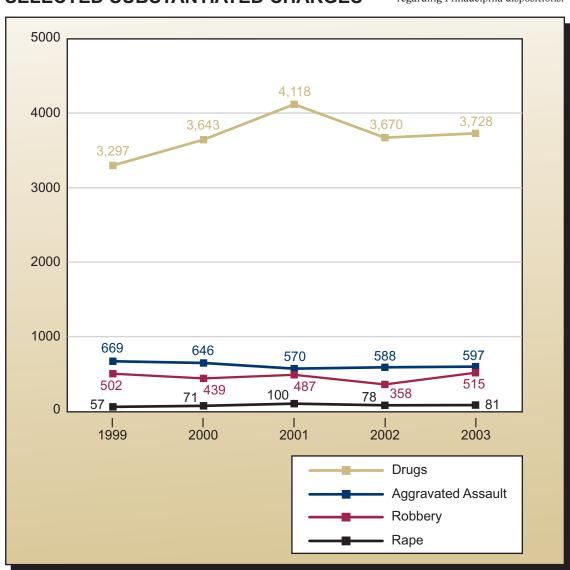
### Selected Substantiated Charges, 1999-2003\*

The line chart below shows a selection of substantiated charges. A disposition with a substantiated drug charge and none of the other listed substantiated charges (rape, robbery, aggravated assault) was counted in the drug category. A disposition with a substantiated aggravated assault charge, and no substantiated rape or robbery charges was counted in the aggravated assault category. A disposition with a substantiated robbery charge and no substantiated rape charge was counted in the robbery category. Any disposition with a substantiated rape charge was counted in the rape category. For the reasons explained on page 27, the reader is again cautioned not to compare these figures to those in reports prior to 1997.

There were 515 substantiated robbery charges in 2003, representing a 43.9% increase from 2002. There were 81 substantiated rape charges in 2003, representing a 3.8% increase from 2002.

#### SELECTED SUBSTANTIATED CHARGES

\*Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.



## Substantiated Offenses by Type, 2003

Substantiated property offenses represented 36.3% of all substantiated offenses in 2003, followed by substantiated person offenses (22.8%), and substantiated drug offenses (14.5%). All other substantiated offenses accounted for 26.4% of the total substantiated offenses.

COUNTY	PERSON	PROPERTY	DRUG	OTHER	TOTAL
Adams	11	65	21	12	109
Allegheny	1,204	1,707	786	1,380	5,077
Armstrong	23	54	2	18	97
Beaver	45	58	20	29	152
Bedford	9	13	3	3	28
Berks	290	473	190	354	1,307
Blair	27	76	20	25	148
Bradford	16	29	12	16	73
Bucks	682	1,628	398	1,678	4,386
Butler	49	94	63	93	299
Cambria	165	163	59	217	604
Cameron	0	5	3	5	13
Carbon	24	33	7	13	77
Centre	55	105	53	70	283
Chester	216	558	199	270	1,243
Clarion	17	81	18	9	125
Clearfield	28	81	23	57	189
Clinton	12	52	18	37	119
Columbia	19	53	33	14	119
Crawford	54	111	35	77	277
Cumberland	51	158	17	26	252
Dauphin	432	491	368	664	1,955
Delaware	733	596	312	277	1,918
Elk	6	29	5	17	57
Erie	403	886	152	308	1,749
Fayette	61	112	10	64	247
Forest	8	38	6	5	57
Franklin	70	76	29	48	223
Fulton	5	9	0	5	19
Greene	9	93	4	23	129
Huntingdon	29	31	0	5	65
Indiana	12	122	9	18	161
Jefferson	15	85	13	34	147
Juniata	3	30	11	12	56

# Substantiated Offenses by Type, 2003

COUNTY	PERSON	PROPERTY	DRUG	OTHER	TOTAL
Lackawanna	206	184	96	149	635
Lancaster	391	838	252	545	2,026
Lawrence	59	82	5	40	186
Lebanon	145	175	80	210	610
Lehigh	307	401	190	549	1,447
Luzerne	318	419	194	576	1,507
Lycoming	189	474	112	176	951
McKean	72	146	49	60	327
Mercer	63	72	33	52	220
Mifflin	11	80	15	6	112
Monroe	101	161	54	111	427
Montgomery	404	574	248	319	1,545
Montour	10	11	6	6	33
Northampton	177	276	136	234	823
Northumberland	85	195	51	96	427
Perry	42	63	15	12	132
Philadelphia*	1,829	1,840	1,463	1,489	6,621
Pike	7	45	19	12	83
Potter	27	45	14	40	126
Schuylkill	74	142	47	83	346
Snyder	13	38	12	6	69
Somerset	80	180	17	118	395
Sullivan	2	12	2	6	22
Susquehanna	7	20	5	10	42
Tioga	42	172	49	58	321
Union	21	65	20	22	128
Venango	26	53	8	22	109
Warren	30	57	26	33	146
Washington	143	114	64	93	414
Wayne	19	69	21	28	137
Westmoreland	148	300	55	277	780
Wyoming	22	39	17	22	100
York	220	519	162	336	1,237
TOTAL*	10,073	16,056	6,436	11,679	44,244
% of Total	22.8%	36.3%	14.5%	26.4%	100.0%

NOTE: Includes all offenses and counts reported on each case.

\*Please refer to the note on page 2 regarding Philadelphia dispositions.

### Secure Detention

The Juvenile Court Judges' Commission's "Standards Governing the Use of Secure Detention Under the Juvenile Act" were developed to guide decision making regarding juvenile detention usage in Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system. Compliance with these standards is required for counties participating in the Commission's Grant-in-Aid Program, with the exception of Philadelphia.

Detention information appearing in this Disposition Report was extracted from the secure detention database at the Center for Juvenile Justice Training and Research. In accordance with the Standards Governing Secure Detention, all counties, except Philadelphia, report their secure detention use to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission. This is accomplished statewide through the detention centers. Each month, all juvenile detention centers, with the exception of the Youth Study Center in Philadelphia, report their detention admissions along with the Statement of Facts and Reasons that must accompany every probation-authorized admission to secure detention. Philadelphia County is not included in this reporting system.

When interpreting the data contained in these tables, the reader should note the following:

- 1. The unit of count is the admission of a juvenile to a secure detention center;
- 2. A juvenile who is admitted to a secure detention center and subsequently transferred to another secure detention center without release is counted as two admissions.

#### Codes Related to Standards Governing the Use of Secure Detention Under The Juvenile Act

Circumstances under which secure detention may be authorized on the basis of an alleged
offense or on the basis of an alleged offense and the child's current status with the court
or prior record.

- 200 Codes Circumstances under which secure detention may be authorized on the basis of a child's status as an absconder or fugitive; on the basis of a child's record of failing to appear at previous juvenile proceedings; or because of extraordinary circumstances which require secure detention to prevent a child from absconding.
- 300 Codes Circumstances under which secure detention may be authorized on the written request of the child or child's attorney.
- 400 Codes Circumstances under which secure detention may be ordered pending disposition, subsequent to a finding that a child committed a delinquent act or is a delinquent child.
- 500 Codes Circumstances under which secure detention may be ordered following disposition pending transfer to placement.
- 600 Codes Circumstances under which secure detention may be authorized on the basis of the child's status, pending or subsequent to a disposition review proceeding.
- Code 701 Circumstances under which secure detention may be authorized on the basis of extraordinary and exceptional circumstances.