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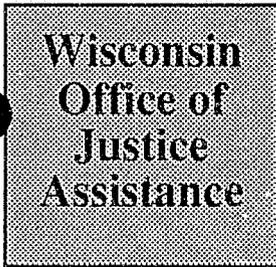
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Arrests of Juveniles in Wisconsin 1983 - 1992

INTRODUCTION

This publication summarizes data on juvenile arrests in Wisconsin over the past ten years.

During the past ten years there has been an average of 93,980 juvenile arrests each year in Wisconsin. In 1992, juvenile arrests accounted for over 29 percent of all arrests made in the state.

The information presented in this publication has been summarized from Crime and Arrests in Wisconsin, published annually by the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance.

This flyer also contains three tables for reference purposes. The first contains ten year trends in juvenile arrest data for the entire State, the second ten year arrest trends for Milwaukee County, and the last one shows five years of basic juvenile arrest data for seven other Wisconsin counties.

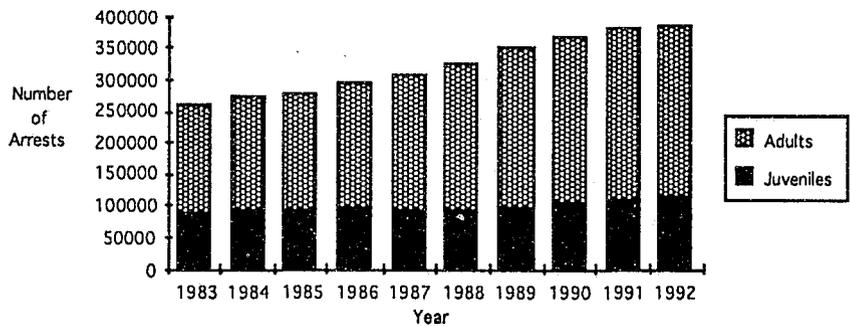
It should be noted that the arrest figures presented are estimates based on approximately 99 percent of the actual number of reported arrests.

GENERAL ARREST TRENDS

Total Arrests

Graph 1 shows the total number of juvenile arrests in Wisconsin over the past ten years. Adult arrests are included for comparison. While the number of adult arrests has risen in each of the last ten years except 1992, the number of juvenile arrests has increased only since 1987. The total number of juvenile arrests increased by 34.8 percent from 83,403 in 1983 to 112,432 during 1992. In contrast, adult arrests rose 54.9 percent from 177,409 in 1983 to 274,742 in 1992.

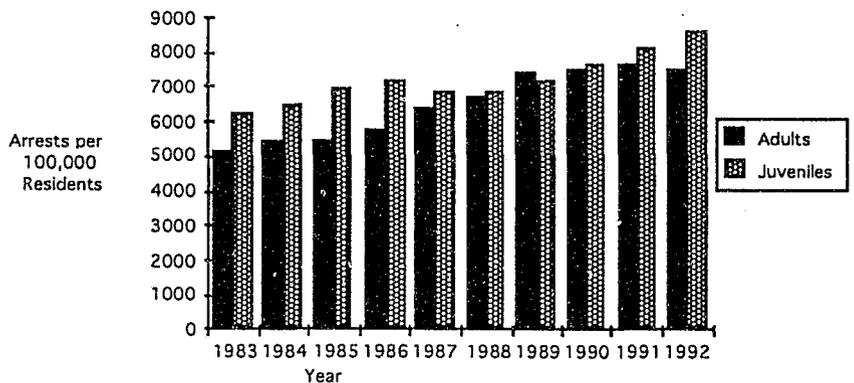
Graph 1: Total Wisconsin Arrests by Year



Arrest Rates

Graph 2 shows the arrest rates for juveniles and adults in Wisconsin during the decade. The arrest rate is the number of arrests per 100,000 residents. Arrest rates are used to control the effect of varying populations from year to year, allowing the comparison of arrests on an equalized population basis. The juvenile arrest rate increased from 1983 through 1986, declined in 1987, and increased through 1992. The adult arrest rate, however, after continually increasing through 1991, declined in 1992. Only in 1989 did it surpass the juvenile arrest rate.

Graph 2: Juvenile and Adult Arrest Rates by Year



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INDEX CRIME ARREST TRENDS

Index Offense Arrests

Graph 3 shows the number of arrests for Index Offenses. Again, adult figures are shown for comparison. Index Offenses are considered to be an "index" of crime, that is, representative of the overall crime picture. Index Offenses are divided into two categories, violent Index Offenses and property Index Offenses. Violent Index Offenses are murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault. Property Index Offenses are burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

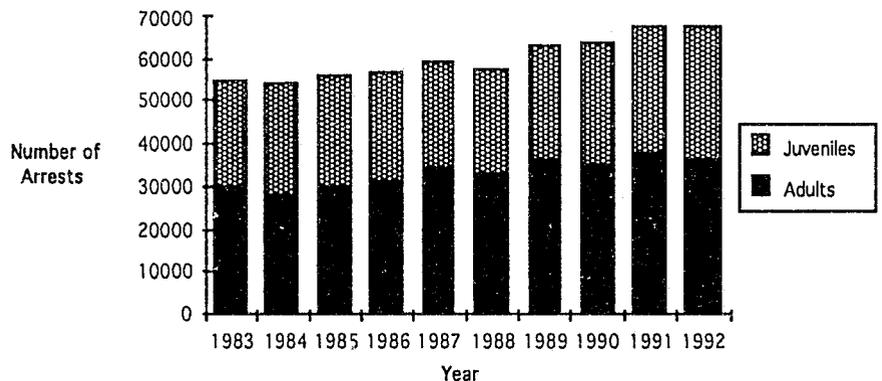
Both juvenile and adult arrests for Index Offenses increased during the ten year period. While juvenile Index Offense arrests increased by over 25 percent from 25,499 in 1983 to 31,716 during 1992, adult Index Offense arrests increased by over 22 percent from 29,020 during 1983 to 35,592 in 1992.

Tables 1 and 2 in this flyer consist of two reference tables containing data on the number of juvenile arrests and arrest rates in Wisconsin and Milwaukee County respectively. Milwaukee County data are presented separately due to the high population density in the county and also because arrest rates in Milwaukee County differ considerably from the rest of the state. However, note that the arrest figures from Milwaukee County are also included in Table 1 which shows statewide data.

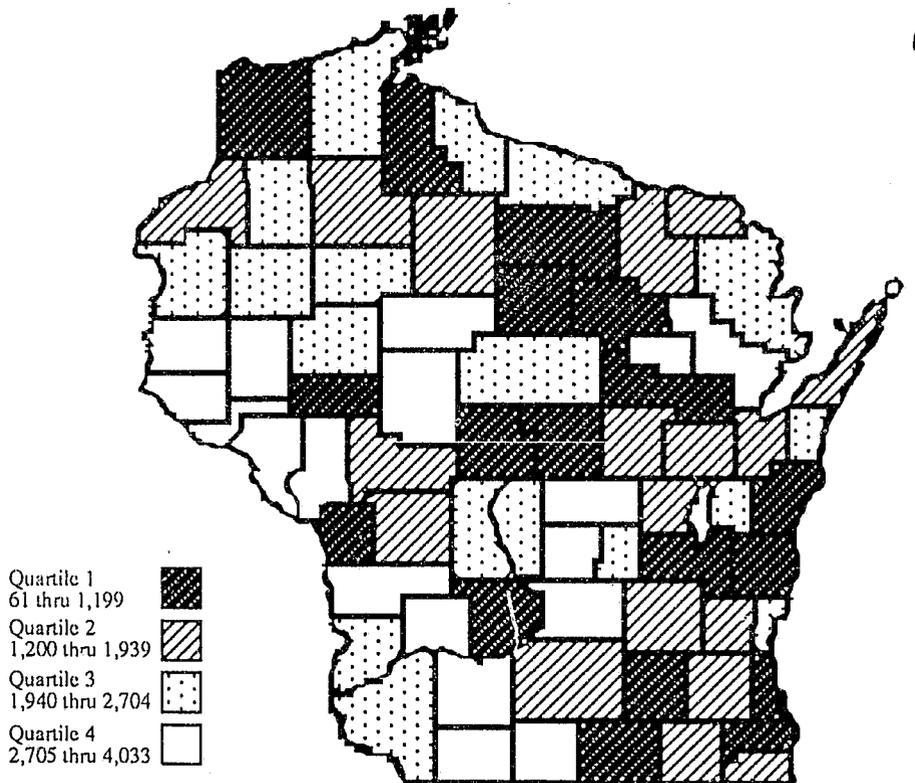
Geographic Distribution of Index Offense Arrest Rates

The map of Wisconsin at right categorizes counties according to their 1992 juvenile arrest rates for Index Offenses. In general, higher arrest rates were in urban counties, although some rural counties had fairly high rates. This characteristic of arrest rates, rates rising with increasing populations, is similar to patterns found in various reported offenses such as aggravated assault and robbery.

Graph 3: Wisconsin Arrests for Index Offenses



1992 Juvenile Arrest Rates for Index Offenses In Wisconsin Counties



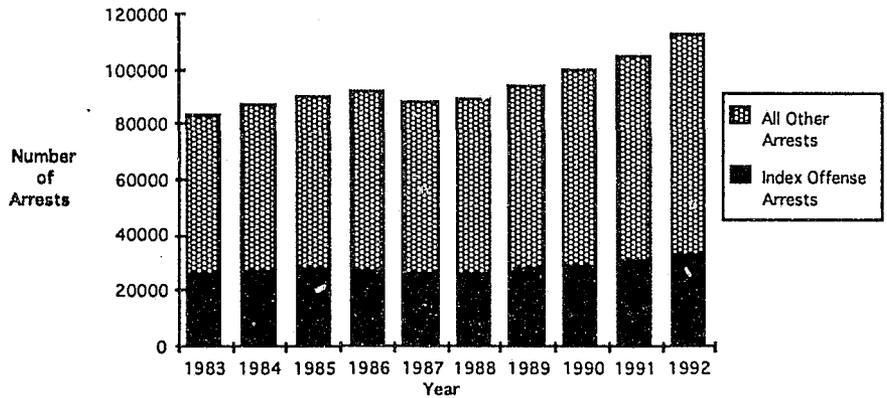
Number of Juvenile Index Offense Arrests per 100,000 Juveniles

Statewide Juvenile Index Offense Arrest Rate: 2,424 per 100,000

Index Crime Arrests Versus All Other Arrests

Graph 4 shows the total number of juvenile arrests in Wisconsin for Index Offenses and for all other offenses during the past ten years. In 1992, Index Offense arrests accounted for approximately 28 percent of all juvenile arrests. As previously indicated, the total number of juvenile arrests for Index Offenses has increased about 25 percent since 1983. However, juvenile arrests for all other offenses increased by about 39 percent during the same period.

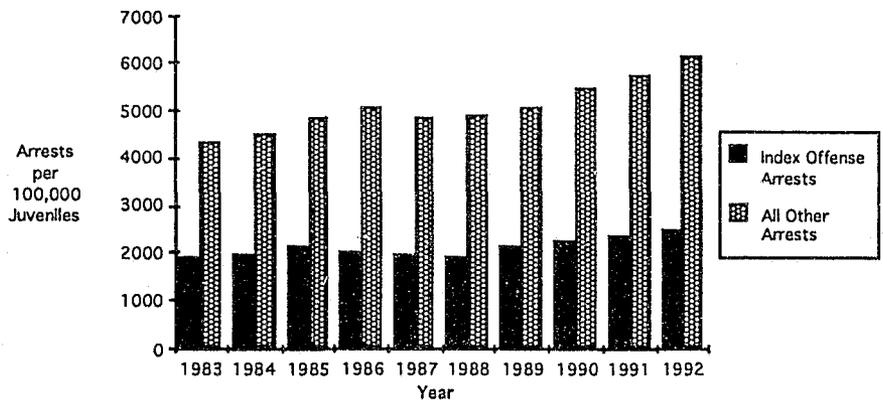
Graph 4: Wisconsin Juvenile Arrests by Offense



Index Crime Arrest Rates Versus All Other Arrest Rates

Graph 5 shows the juvenile arrest rates in Wisconsin for Index Offenses and for all other offenses during the past ten years. Graphs 6 and 7 illustrate how Milwaukee County differs from the rest of the state.

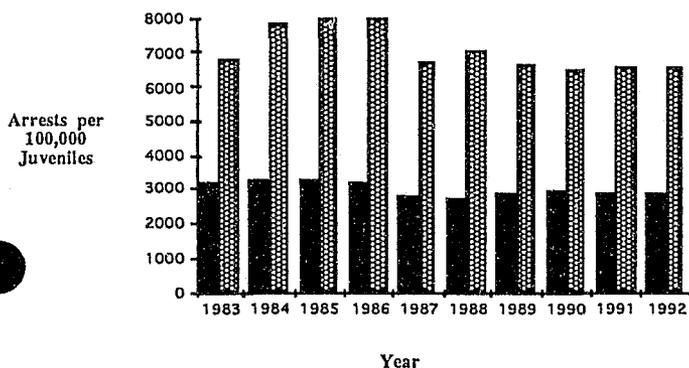
Graph 5: Juvenile Arrest Rates by Offense Type Wisconsin



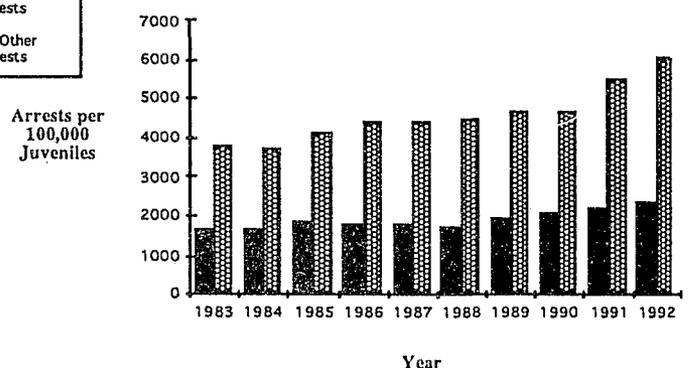
For the entire state, juvenile arrest rates for Index Offenses have increased by nearly 27 percent from 1,914 arrests per 100,000 juveniles in 1983 to 2,424 in 1992. The arrest rate for all other offenses increased about 42 percent during the same period, from 4,345 arrests per 100,000 juveniles in 1983 to 6,168 in 1992.

The arrest rates in Milwaukee County, while much higher than the arrest rates for the entire State, (note the different scale on the graphs) had a different pattern in the decade. Index Offense arrest rates in Milwaukee County decreased almost eleven percent from 3,194 arrests per 100,000 juveniles in 1983 to 2,844 in 1992. While the Property crime arrest rate declined by 15 percent, the Violent crime arrest rate increased by 24 percent. Also, arrest rates for all other offenses decreased 4 percent from 6,776 arrests per 100,000 juveniles in 1983 to 6,519 in 1992. In the rest of the State, arrests for Index Offenses increased by 44 percent and arrests for all other offenses increased 60 percent.

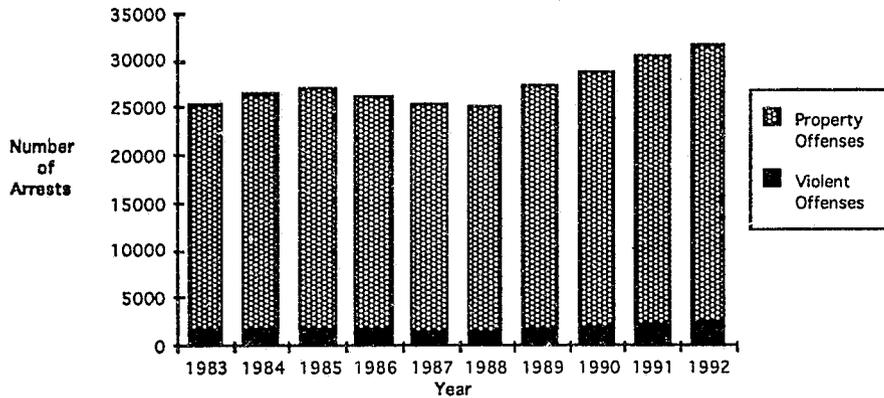
Graph 6: Juvenile Arrest Rates by Offense Type Milwaukee County



Graph 7: Juvenile Arrest Rates by Offense Type Balance of the State



Graph 8: Wisconsin Juvenile Arrests by Offense Type



Violent and Property Arrests

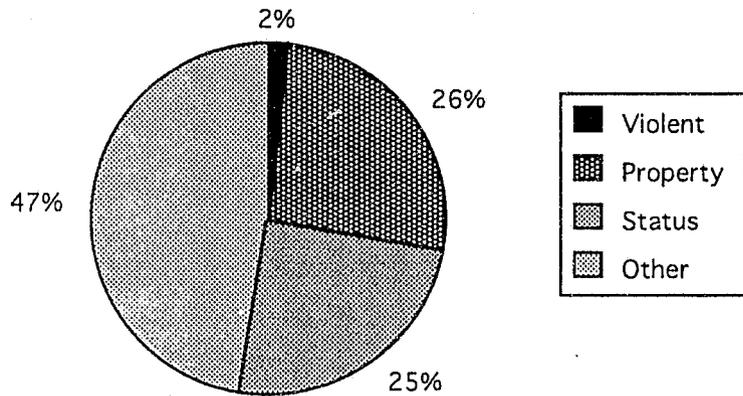
Graph 8 shows the number of juvenile arrests in the state for violent Index Offenses (murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and for property Index Offenses (burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson). While the number of juvenile arrests for violent offenses increased 51.4 percent from 1,472 in 1983 to 2,228 during 1992, the number of arrests for property offenses increased 22.7 percent from 24,027 during 1983 to 29,488 in 1992.

DISTRIBUTION OF ARRESTS

Distribution of 1992 Arrests

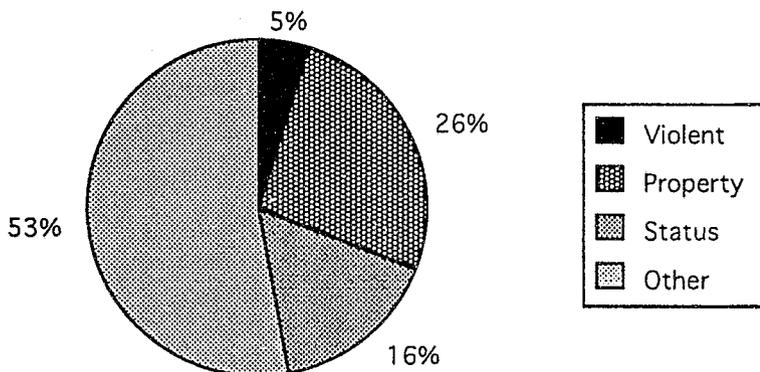
Graph 9 shows the distribution of arrests for Wisconsin juveniles in 1992 for four types of offenses: Violent Index Offenses; Property Index Offenses; status; that is, liquor law violations, curfew violations, and runaways; and all other offenses (negligent manslaughter and all Part II crimes except status). Two percent of arrests were for violent offenses. To better understand the distribution of arrests, two additional pie charts have been created, one showing the distribution of arrests for Milwaukee County and one showing the distribution for the rest of the state.

Graph 9: Distribution of 1992 Wisconsin Juvenile Arrests



While a greater proportion of juvenile arrests in Milwaukee County were for violent offenses, Milwaukee County had fewer arrests for status violations but more arrests for "all other" offenses.

Graph 10: Distribution of Juvenile Arrests: Milwaukee County - 1992



Graph 11: Distribution of Juvenile Arrests: Balance of the State - 1992

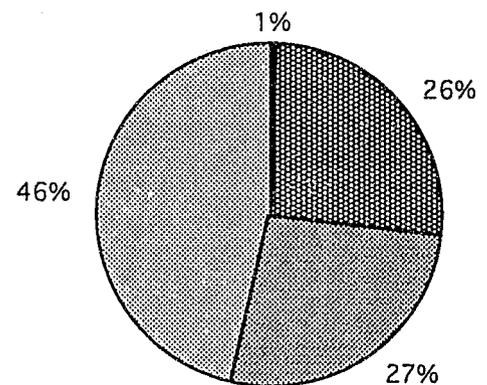


Table 1: State of Wisconsin Juvenile Arrests and Arrest Rates 1983 - 1992

JUVENILE ARRESTS	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
	No.	Rate																		
Murder	14	1.1	21	1.5	20	1.5	21	1.6	30	2.3	14	1.1	44	3.3	68	5.2	66	5.1	94	7.2
Forcible Rape	62	4.7	93	6.8	135	10.4	106	8.1	127	9.8	121	9.3	137	10.4	133	10.2	167	12.9	126	9.6
Robbery	774	58.1	715	52.6	667	51.6	538	41.5	401	31.0	407	31.3	434	33.0	622	47.7	883	68.1	889	67.9
Agg. Assault	622	46.7	603	44.4	671	51.9	754	58.3	747	57.7	609	46.8	816	62.1	866	66.4	887	68.4	1119	85.5
TOTAL-VIOLENT OFFENSES	1472	110.5	1432	105.4	1493	115.6	1419	109.7	1305	100.8	1151	88.5	1431	108.9	1689	129.6	2003	154.6	2228	170.3
Burglary	4381	329	3976	293	4251	329	3775	292	3683	284	3435	264	3362	255	3304	254	3584	276	3769	288
Theft	17949	1347	19109	1407	19413	1503	19104	1477	18235	1408	17996	1382	19256	1465	20303	1558	21162	1633	22014	1682
MV Theft	1455	109	1659	122	1650	128	1827	141	1947	150	2182	167	3078	234	3076	236	3338	258	3354	256
Arson	242	18	271	20	279	22	282	22	242	18	301	23	295	22	308	24	313	24	351	27
TOTAL-PROPERTY OFFENSES	24027	1803	25015	1841	25931	1981	24988	1932	24107	1862	23914	1836	25991	1977	26991	2071	28397	2191	29488	2254
Status Arrests	25319	1900	26315	1937	27605	2137	29337	2268	28083	2169	27501	2111	27547	2095	29258	2245	28469	2197	27677	211
Other Arrests*	32585	2445	34588	2546	34987	2709	36188	2798	34608	2673	36392	2794	38547	2936	41689	3199	45922	3543	53039	4053
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	83403	6258	87350	6430	89687	6945	91940	7109	88103	6803	88959	6830	93516	7118	99627	7645	104791	8086	112432	8592
Adult Arrests for Violent Offenses	3652	106.0	3958	115.8	3953	113.3	4767	136.3	5487	156.8	5163	147.0	6137	172.9	5903	164.5	5837	161.0	5892	161.0
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS	177409	5149	186860	5470	190864	5472	201603	5766	221788	6337	235995	6717	261655	7371	267987	7468	277558	7658	274,742	7507
JUVENILE POP.	1,332,723		1,358,519		1,291,322		1,293,307		1,294,987		1,302,385		1,313,748		1,303,149		1,295,962		1,308,492	
ADULT POP.	3,445,178		3,415,864		3,487,699		3,495,815		3,499,805		3,513,117		3,549,406		3,588,620		3,624,545		3,659,732	

*Included in this category are negligent manslaughter (a Part I offense) and all Part II offenses excluding status offenses.

Table 2: Milwaukee County Juvenile Arrests and Arrest Rates 1983 - 1992

JUVENILE ARRESTS	1983		1984		1985		1986		1987		1988		1989		1990		1991		1992	
	No.	Rate																		
Murder	6	2.4	9	3.5	11	4.7	18	7.6	26	11.1	9	3.8	36	15.3	60	24.4	60	24.3	82	33.1
Forcible Rape	19	7.6	23	9.3	62	26.2	40	17.0	93	39.6	73	31.2	63	26.8	57	23.1	84	34.0	52	21.0
Robbery	579	231.1	508	206.0	518	219.1	413	175.4	293	124.9	250	106.8	263	112.0	474	192.4	684	276.9	639	257.8
Agg. Assault	250	99.8	244	99.0	257	108.7	284	120.6	312	133.0	263	112.4	301	128.2	261	105.9	234	94.7	275	111.0
TOTAL-VIOLENT OFFENSES	854	340.8	784	318.0	848	358.7	755	320.7	724	308.6	595	254.2	663	282.4	852	345.8	1062	430.0	1048	422.8
Burglary	1354	540	1165	472	1159	490	978	415	840	358	705	301	701	298	560	227	564	228	524	211
Theft	5232	2088	5357	2172	5082	2150	5019	2132	4196	1788	4058	1734	3863	1646	4166	1691	4137	1675	3902	1574
MV Theft	518	207	685	278	528	223	650	276	709	302	964	412	1397	595	1519	617	1201	486	1501	606
Arson	44	18	84	34	63	27	66	28	54	23	61	26	57	24	63	26	70	28	73	29
TOTAL-PROPERTY OFFENSES	7148	2853	7291	2957	6832	2890	6713	2851	5799	2472	5788	2474	6018	2564	6308	2560	5972	2418	6000	2421
Status Arrests	6794	2712	7410	3005	7019	2969	6911	2935	5640	2404	5838	2490	5154	2195	5532	2245	5720	2316	3764	1519
Other Arrests*	10182	4064	11957	4849	11726	4960	11891	5050	10123	4315	10606	4523	10352	4409	10383	4215	10453	4232	12385	4997
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	24978	9970	27443	11130	26426	11178	26270	11157	22286	9500	22827	9734	22187	9451	23075	9366	23207	9396	23197	9359
Adult Arrests for Violent Offenses	1802	257.9	1741	253.2	1704	242.3	2291	327.1	2581	369.9	3179	456.4	2659	380.8	2351	329.7	2331	326.0	2434	339.3
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS	57603	8245	64624	9399	61337	8722	62226	8884	77791	11147	81952	11765	87126	12476	79483	11147	78457	10974	80937	11283
JUVENILE POP.	250,527		246,577		236,419		235,455		234,590		234,489		234,750		246,360		247,021		247,849	
ADULT POP.	698,620		687,545		703,270		700,415		697,842		696,619		698,317		713,023		714,930		717,330	

*Included in this category are negligent manslaughter (a Part I offense) and Part II offenses excluding status offenses.

Arrest Information For Select Counties

Table 3 presents juvenile arrest data for other selected counties in Wisconsin from 1988 through 1992. Shown are the number of arrests for Index Offenses, other criminal offenses, and status offenses. Only Kenosha County showed a decrease in total juvenile arrests during the five

years. However, total arrests in all the other counties in Table 3 increased. In addition, all counties shown in the table showed an increase in the number of juvenile arrests for Index Offenses. These increases in Index Offense arrests ranged from a low of 1.1 percent in Kenosha County to a high of 39.6 percent in Dane County.

Table 3: Juvenile Arrests in Select Counties: 1988 - 1992

County	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	% Change 1988-1992
Brown County						
Index	1,262	1,229	1,176	1,414	1,369	+ 8.5%
Other Criminal Status	1,026	886	964	1,472	1,791	+ 74.6%
Total Arrests	1,917	1,149	1,490	1,557	1,575	- 7.4%
	4,205	3,264	3,630	4,443	4,735	+ 12.6%
Dane County						
Index	1,658	1,804	2,030	2,215	2,314	+ 39.6%
Other Criminal Status	1,240	1,338	1,661	1,936	2,867	+ 131.2%
Total Arrests	1,027	966	1,470	1,491	1,900	+ 85.0%
	3,925	4,108	5,161	5,642	7,081	+ 80.4%
Kenosha County						
Index	732	823	917	825	740	+ 1.1%
Other Criminal Status	1,742	1,484	2,305	1,743	1,404	- 19.4%
Total Arrests	789	823	427	703	767	- 2.8%
	3,263	3,130	3,649	3,271	2,911	- 10.8%
Outagamie County						
Index	918	851	945	952	945	+ 2.9%
Other Criminal Status	893	809	865	1,039	1,419	+ 58.9%
Total Arrests	1,036	936	898	896	951	- 8.2%
	2,847	2,596	2,708	2,887	3,315	+ 16.4%
Racine County						
Index	1,201	1,427	1,489	1,753	1,520	+ 26.6%
Other Criminal Status	1,905	2,158	2,568	2,723	2,542	+ 33.4%
Total Arrests	601	636	579	706	848	+ 41.1%
	3,707	4,221	4,636	5,182	4,910	+ 32.4%
Rock County						
Index	1,158	1,065	1,149	1,303	1,543	+ 33.2%
Other Criminal Status	1,738	2,113	2,402	2,905	3,306	+ 90.2%
Total Arrests	731	884	1,005	1,169	1,319	+ 76.3%
	3,627	4,062	4,556	5,377	6,168	+ 70.0%
Waukesha County						
Index	1,373	1,239	1,515	1,579	1,740	+ 26.7%
Other Criminal Status	2,174	2,284	2,336	2,554	2,635	+ 21.2%
Total Arrests	2,556	2,846	3,174	2,901	2,965	+ 16.0%
	6,103	6,369	7,025	7,034	7,340	+ 20.3%

SUMMARY

- While relatively stable from 1983 through 1988, the number of juvenile arrests has increased in each of the last four years.
- The juvenile arrest rate has increased steadily except for a decrease in 1987.
- During the ten year period, the number of juvenile arrests for Index Offenses increased by twenty-five percent.
- The Index Offense arrest rate for Wisconsin juveniles increased by twenty-seven percent from 1983 to 1992.
- While Milwaukee County experienced decreases in both total Index Offense arrests and arrest rates during the decade, the arrest rates were much higher in Milwaukee County than in the rest of the state.
- Ninety-one percent of the juvenile arrests for Index Offenses made in Wisconsin during 1992 were for property crimes.
- While arrests for property offenses increased by twenty-three percent during the ten year period, the number of juvenile arrests made for violent offenses increased by fifty-one percent.
- Milwaukee County had a higher proportion of juvenile arrests for violent offenses than did the rest of Wisconsin.

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