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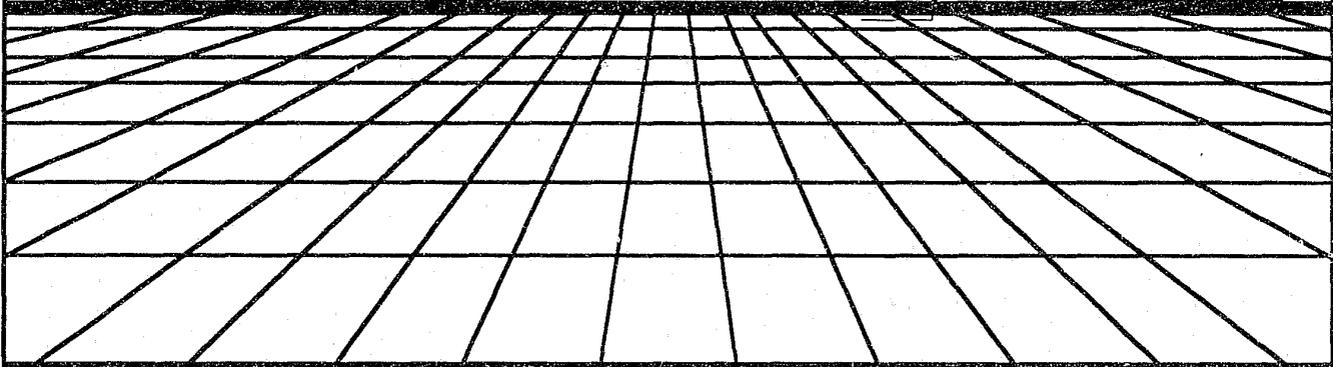
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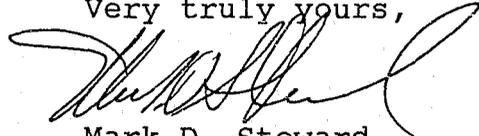
ACQUISITIONS

Dear Mr. Stangler:

The Division of Children and Youth Services is pleased to submit to you our Annual Statistical Report. Statistical information found in this report reviews fiscal year 1991 from July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992. This report provides pertinent statistics regarding the number and characteristics of the youth we serve.

In fiscal year 1992, the division received a 13 percent increase in total commitments. For the first time in recent agency history, the division received over 1000 youth in one fiscal year. To meet this need, the division has continued implementing a variety of community-based services such as proctor care, day treatment, and intensive supervision. Through the development of these programs, the division has provided cost effective services while attempting to meet the many needs of the children committed to our care.

We extend our appreciation to the Governor, the Missouri Legislature, the Department of Social Services, our Advisory Board, and the many volunteers and friends of the division. Through their support, we have been able to work toward enhancing and extending the division's treatment services while also making improvements to our facilities throughout the state.

Very truly yours,  
  
Mark D. Steward  
Director

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## **Fiscal Year 1992 Snapshot Data**

### **State-wide Commitments**

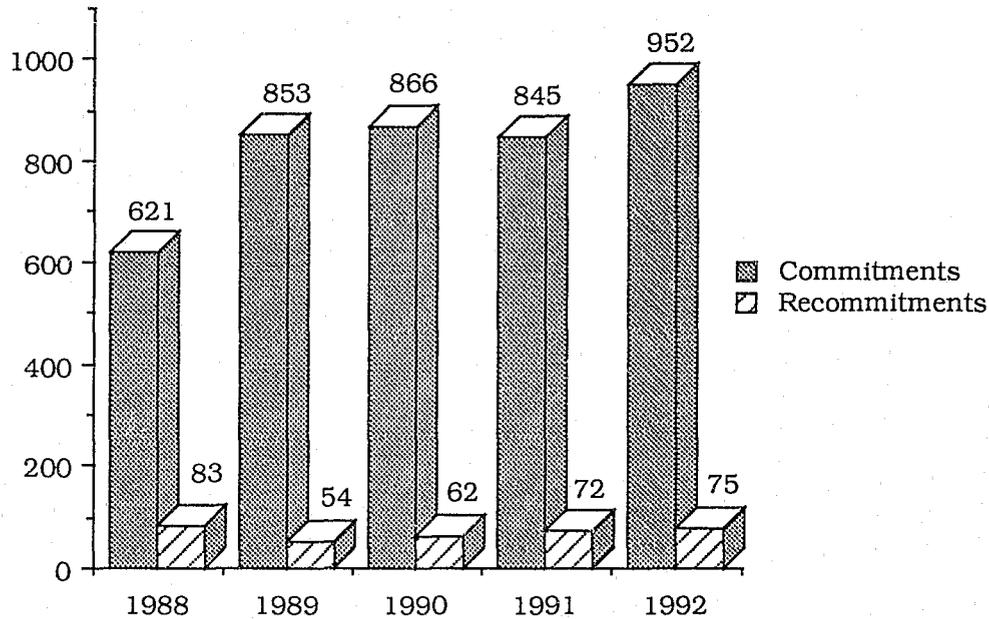
- Nearly nine out of ten youths committed were boys.
- Nearly two thirds of youths committed were white.
- Forty-four percent of those committed had a history of drug use.
- Approximately one out of five youths were committed for crimes against a person.
- The average youth committed was at nearly the ninth grade level.
- Eight percent of the youths were recommitted or revoked.
- Seventy youths were returned as parole violators.
- The average age of committed youths was 15.1 years.
- Nearly 80 percent of prior adjudications were for property offenses.
- Thirty-five percent were referred to a juvenile court before their 13th birthdays.

## Commitments and Recommitments

A total of 1,027 Missouri youths (886 males and 141 females) were committed to the Division of Youth Services (DYS) during fiscal year 1992. Of the 1,027, 93 percent were first-time commitments and seven percent were returned to DHS after a discharge.

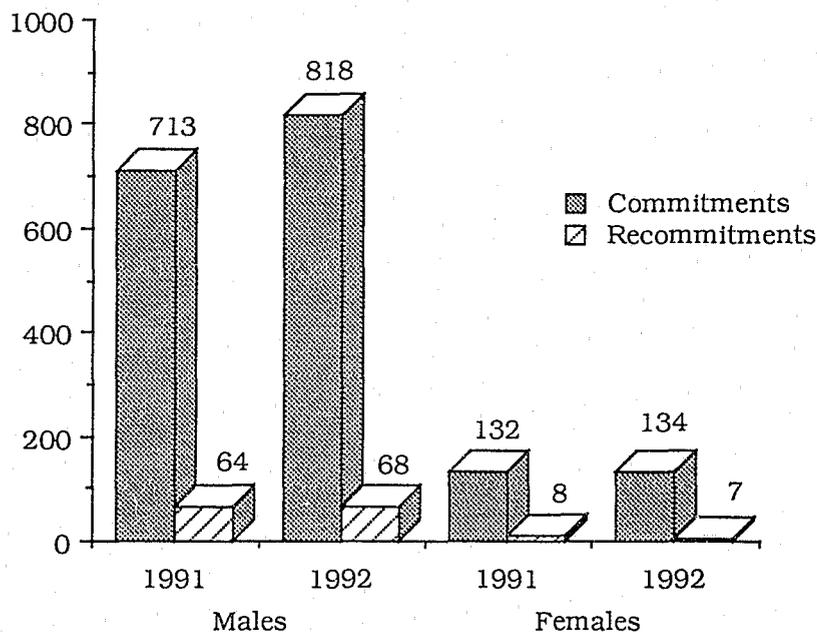
Commitments increased by nearly 12 percent over fiscal year 1991. This increase follows three years of very little change. The last large increase occurred between fiscal years 1988 and 1989, when commitments rose by 29 percent. Figure 1 shows commitments and recommitments for the past five years.

**Figure 1 Commitments and Recommitments: Fiscal Years 1988-1992**



The number of females committed was virtually unchanged from 1991. The percentage change for males only was 14 percent. Figure 2 shows commitments and recommitments by sex for 1991 and 1992.

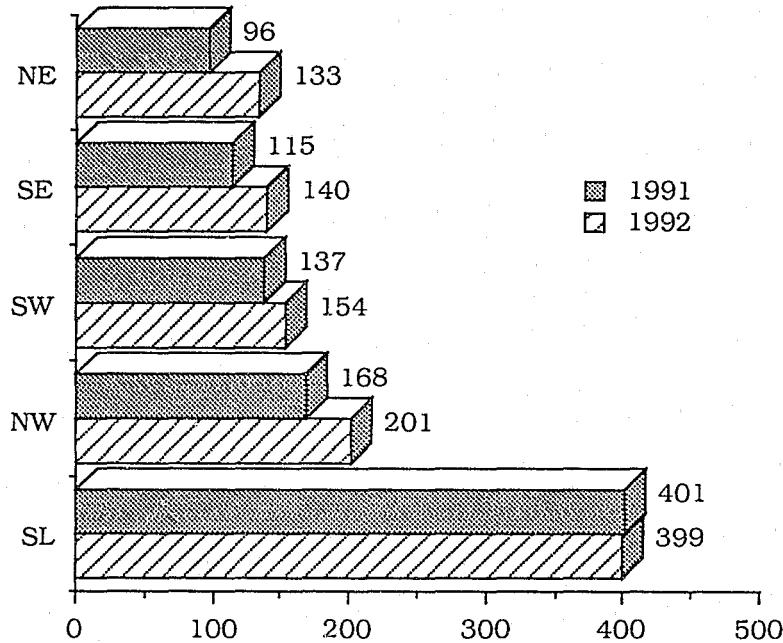
**Figure 2 Type of Commitment by Sex: 1991 and 1992**



## Commitments by Region

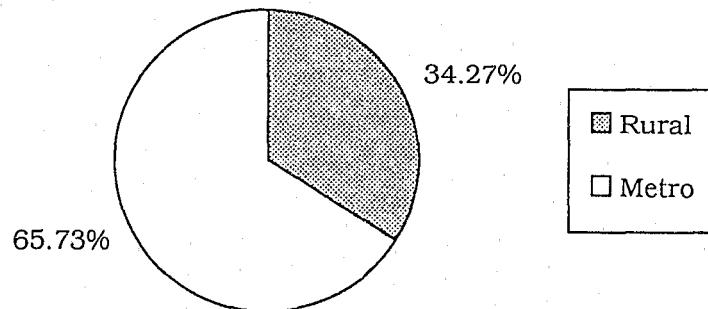
Fiscal year 1992 commitments increased over 1991 levels in every region except St. Louis. The Northeast region showed the largest increase at 39 percent. Commitments in the Southeast region increased by 22 percent and Northwest showed an increase of 20 percent. Commitments in the Southwest region were up 12 percent. Figure 3 shows commitments by region for 1991 and 1992. A detailed summary of commitments by circuit and county is shown in Appendix B.

**Figure 3 Commitments by Region: 1991 and 1992**



Nearly two-thirds of the students (65.73 percent) committed to DYS came from a metropolitan area of the state. Metropolitan areas include Boone, Clay, Jackson, Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties and St. Louis City. See Figure 4.

**Figure 4 Commitments by Residence: 1992**

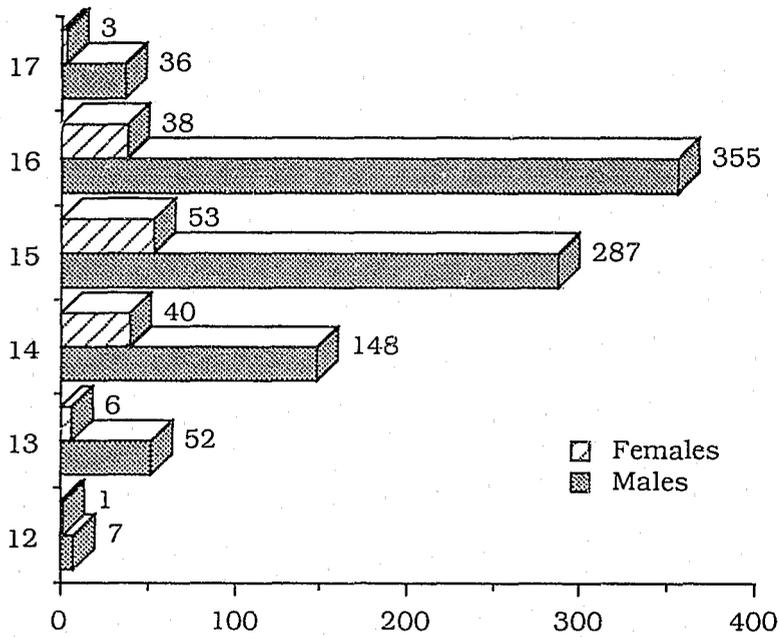


## Commitments by Age and Grade Level

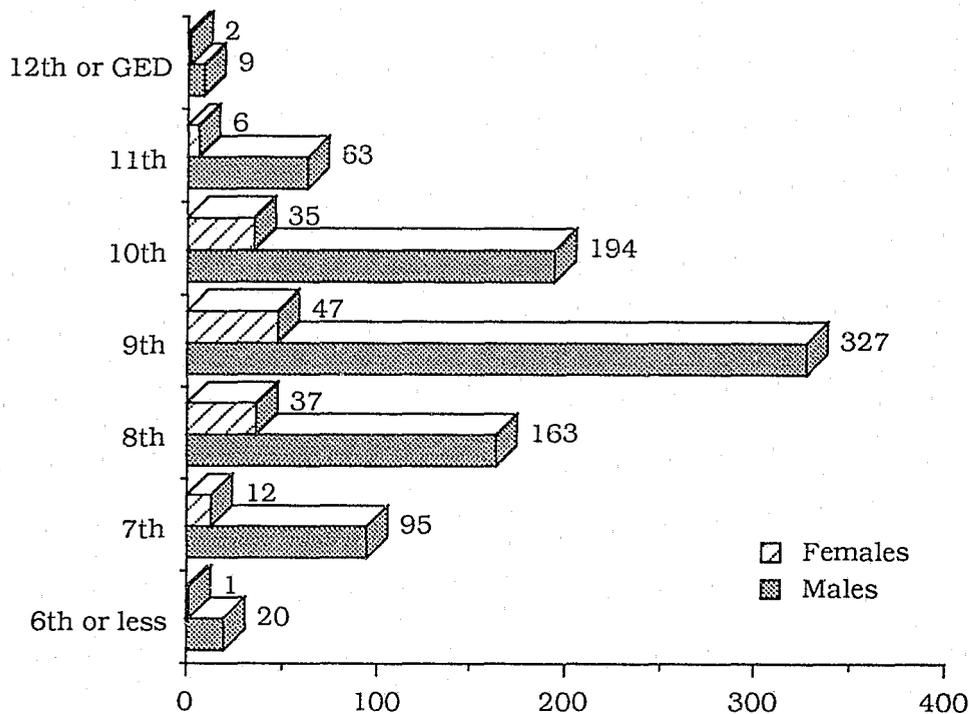
The majority of juveniles committed to DYS were 15 years of age and over. Fifteen and sixteen year old youths represented 71 percent of all commitments to the division.

Twenty-one youths had completed six or fewer years of school at the time they were committed. However, there were also 11 youths who had completed high school or received General Equivalency Diplomas.

**Figure 5 Age at Commitment by Sex**



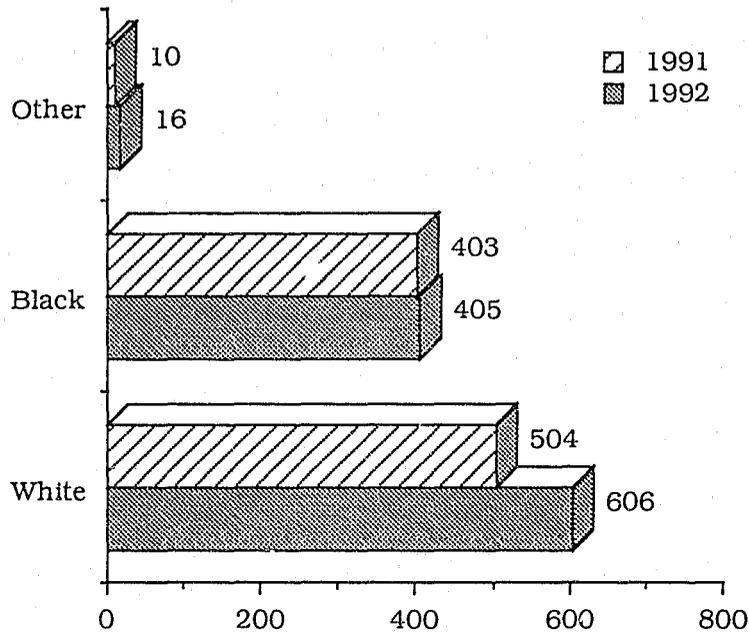
**Figure 6 Grades Completed at Time of Commitment**



## Commitments by Race

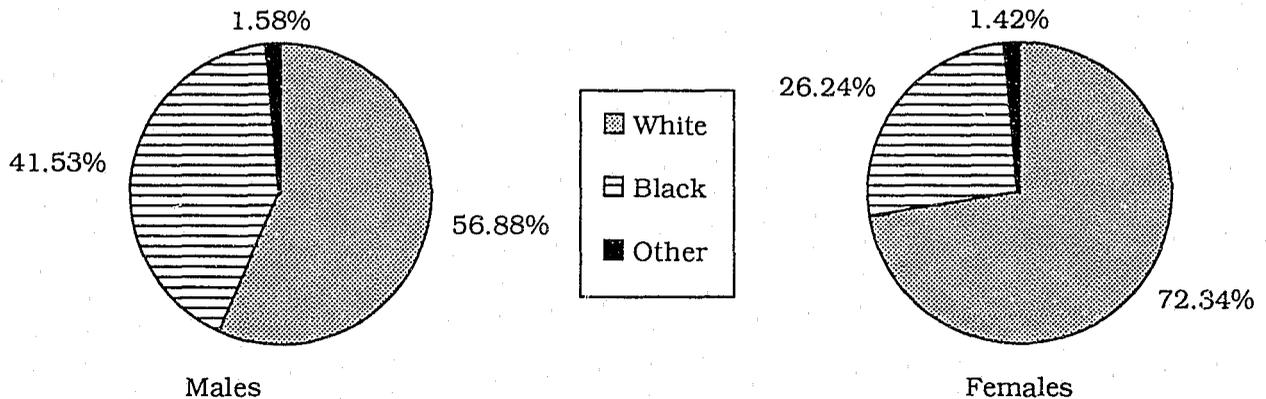
The number of black youths committed to DYS increased by only two cases over fiscal year 1991. Other minority commitments increased by six cases. White youths accounted for nearly the entire increase in commitments. The rate of increase for whites was 20 percent. The following graph illustrates the change.

**Figure 7 Commitments by Race: 1991 and 1992**



Slightly more than half of the boys committed were white, while nearly three-quarters of the girls committed were white. Blacks made up over 40 percent of boys committed, but only 26 percent of girls. Less than two percent of each sex were other minorities. Figure 8 details those percentages.

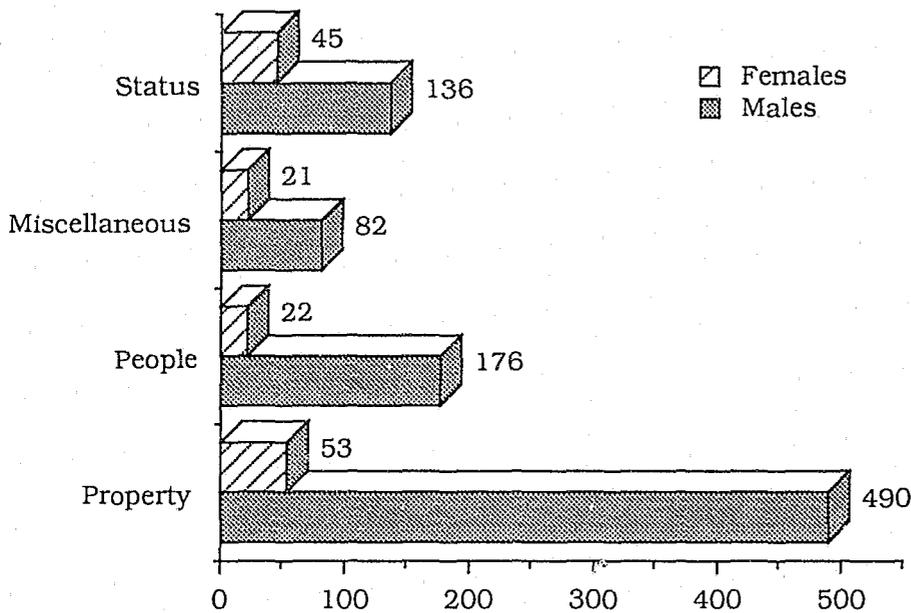
**Figure 8 Race by Sex**



## Commitments by Type of Offense

Juveniles were most likely to be committed to DYS for committing a property offense (53 percent of commitments). About 19 percent of commitments were for crimes against people. Another 18 percent were committed for status offenses and the remaining ten percent were for other categories of offenses. Females account for less than ten percent of property offense commitments, but account for nearly one-fourth of status offense commitments. Females are also over-represented in the miscellaneous category with 20 percent of those commitments. The miscellaneous category includes such offenses as escapes from custody and violations of probation. See Appendix A for a detailed summary of specific committing offenses.

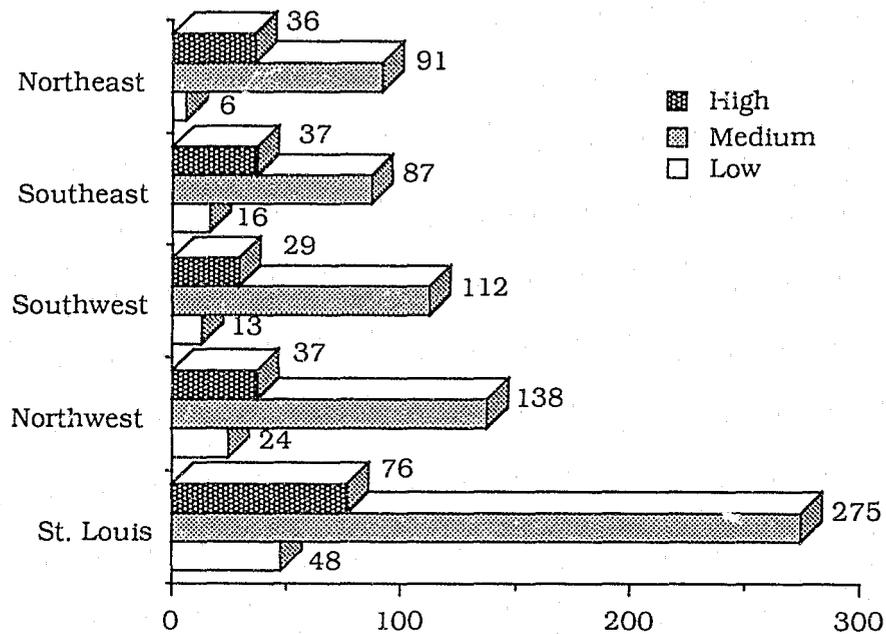
**Figure 9 Commitments by Type of Offense**



## Risk Assessment

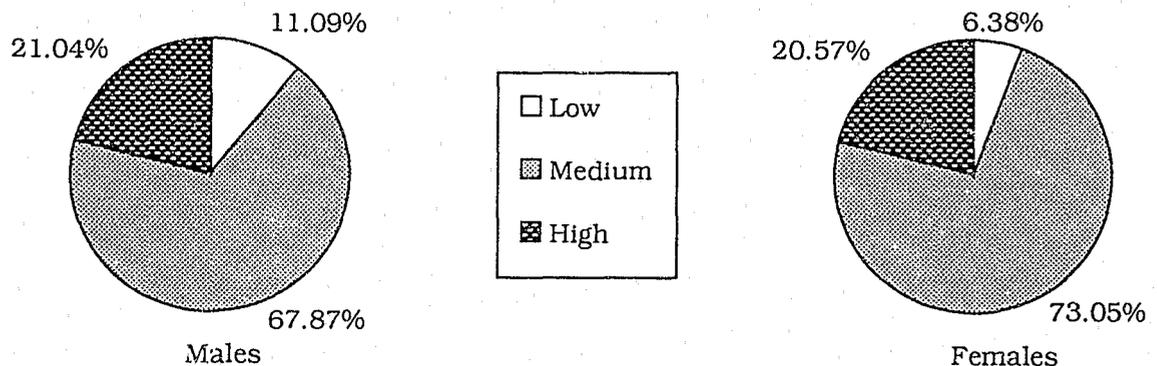
As commitments are received from the courts, risk of re-offending is assessed by scoring youths on parameters such as seriousness of offense, prior offenses and history of assaultive behavior. These risk scores are used to broadly classify juveniles for DYS placement. Each DYS region ranked over 60 percent of their commitments as a medium risk. Proportion of high risk commitments ranged from a high of 27 percent in the Northeast region and 26 percent in the Southeast to 19 percent in St. Louis, Southwest and Northwest regions. The Northeast region had only five percent of commitments rated as low risk, compared to the statewide average of ten percent. Figure 10 details risk scores by region.

**Figure 10 Commitments by Risk Category and Region**



Over two-thirds of males were classified as medium risk. Nearly three-fourths of females were considered medium risk. Approximately 21 percent of each sex were classified as high risk. Figure 11 compares risk scores by sex.

**Figure 11 Distribution of Risk Scores by Sex**



## Facility Length of Stay

DYS runs 20 residential facilities of three types: park camps, group homes and youth centers. A length of stay has been calculated for each student discharged from a facility. That is, length of stay is calculated only for the facility from which a youth was discharged. The average length of stay varies little by facility type. The average is 210 days for park camps, 206 days for youth centers and 198 days for group homes, not including Green Gables, a short term program. However, length of stay varies widely between individual facilities. Besides Green Gables, the shortest average length of stay occurred at Wilson Creek Group Home with an average just over four months. The longest average occurred at Group Home #1, with a length of stay just over eleven months. Figure 12 details the average length of stay in days for each facility.

**Figure 12 Average Length of Stay by Facility**

<b>Park Camps</b>		<b>Group Homes</b>	
Camp Avery	171	Group Home 1	337
Babler Lodge	164	Summit House	172
Delmina Woods	223	Wilson Creek	127
Spanish Lake	309	Lewis and Clark	246
Watkins Mill	224	Group Home 14	164
<b>Youth Centers</b>		Community Learning	293
NW Regional Center	224	NE Treatment Center	172
Special Treatment Unit	239	SEMO Treatment Center	207
Hogan Street	188	Green Gables	37
St. Louis Regional Center	215		
Sears Youth Center	213		
Waverly	144		

## Discharges from Custody

In fiscal year 1992, 88 percent of the 1,151 youths discharged received a satisfactory discharge. Figure 13 depicts fiscal year 1992 discharges from DYS custody.

Youths who successfully complete the aftercare program receive a satisfactory discharge. Marginal satisfactory discharges are given to youths who exhibited no major problems with DYS programs, yet less than adequately completed the aftercare program. Youths involved in a law violation resulting in criminal court action receive either an unsatisfactory discharge or are recommitted to DYS custody.

**Figure 13 Discharges from DYS Custody: Fiscal Year 1992**

<b>Satisfactory Discharges</b>		<b>Unsatisfactory Discharges</b>	
Satisfactory	549	Unsatisfactory	83
Federal Service	30	Recommitment	26
Marginal	161	Aftercare Runaway	21
From Institution	66	Dropped From Rolls	11
Over Eighteen	20		
Other	179		
Death	5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>

## Community Care Services

Community Care is a network of interacting programs and services that offers assistance and/or supervision to DYS youths. Direct placement into Community Care provides an alternative to residential care. Community Care services are also offered to youths after discharge from a residential facility. These services work to reduce or eliminate factors that might have contributed to past law or status offenses by the youth.

Nine hundred forty-seven clients received 1,378 services during fiscal year 1992. An individual may receive more than one type of service. As indicated by the following table, DYS Family Therapy was the service used most often. Intensive Case Supervision and Day Treatment services were used frequently as well. Figure 14 shows the various services provided and the numbers of clients receiving each type.

**Figure 14 Types of Community Care Services**

<b>Service Type</b>	<b>Clients</b>
Family Therapy-DYS	592
Intensive Case Supervision	244
Day Treatment	222
Individual Counseling	154
Foster Care	82
Proctor Care	17
Family Therapy-Purchased	14
Contractual Care	12
Education	9
Shelter-Emergency	7
Shelter-Temporary	7
Family Preservation	4
Group Counseling	4
Vocational Services	4
Independent Living	3
Mentor Services	2
Community Reparation	1
Total	1,378

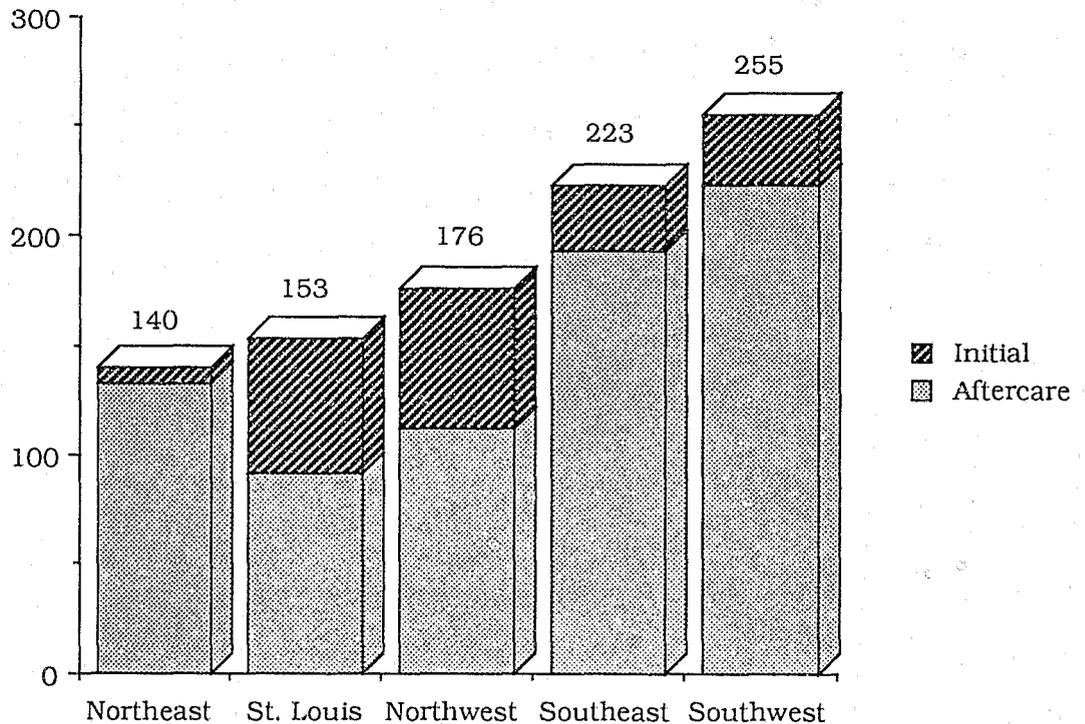
There is considerable variation by region of numbers of youth receiving more than one type of service. In the Southwest region, youth were likely to receive more than one service type, while very few of St. Louis region's clients did. Figure 15 compares numbers of clients with individual services provided in each region.

**Figure 15 Clients Vs. Services**

	<b>Clients</b>	<b>Services</b>
Northeast	140	182
St. Louis	153	174
Northwest	176	238
Southeast	223	352
Southwest	255	432
Total	947	1,378

Twenty-one percent (196) of the youths who received Community Care Services were directly placed into Community Care at the time of commitment. The other 79 percent (751) were aftercare placements. The St. Louis region served the highest proportion of initial placement Community Care clients at 41 percent. Thirty-six percent of the Northwest region's clients were initial placements. In Southeast and Southwest regions, 13 percent of clients were initial placements. In the Northeast region, only six percent were initial placement clients. Figure 16 shows total numbers of clients served in each region by placement type.

**Figure 16 Clients Served in Community Care by Region**





**APPENDICES**

### Appendix A : Reasons for Commitment

Offenses Against People							
Offense	Male	Female	Total	Offense	Male	Female	Total
Involuntary Manslaughter	1	0	1	Assault 3rd w/ Physical Injury	15	1	16
Rape	9	0	9	Assault 3rd Degree	56	12	68
Sexual Assault 1	1	0	1	Assault Felony Other	0	1	1
Sexual Assault 2	1	0	1	Sexual Abuse 1st Degree	12	1	13
Sodomy	9	0	9	Sexual Abuse 2nd Degree	1	0	1
Deviate Sexual Assault	1	0	1	Armed Criminal Action	2	0	2
Sexual Assault-Other	2	0	2	Carrying Concealed Weapon	5	0	5
Robbery 1st Degree	10	0	10	Weapon Felony Other	13	0	13
Robbery 2nd Degree	9	0	9	Peace Disturbance	1	0	1
Robbery-Felony-Other	1	0	1	Harrasment	1	0	1
Assault 1st Degree	12	3	15				
Assault 2nd Degree	14	4	18				
<b>Total Offenses Against People 198</b>							

Property Offenses							
Offense	Male	Female	Total	Offense	Male	Female	Total
Burglary 1st Degree	18	1	19	Shooting into Building	7	2	9
Burglary 2nd Degree	79	5	84	Unlawful Transfer Weapon	1	0	1
Possess Burglary Tools	1	0	1	Unlawful Transfer of Concealable Weapon	1	0	1
Stealing	58	8	66	Viol Cntrld. Substance	10	0	10
Stealing Motor Vehicle	26	3	29	Viol Cntrld. Substance Sell	48	1	49
Stealing Misdemeanor	70	8	78	Viol. Cntrld. Substance Possession	4	0	4
Arson 1st Degree	4	3	7	Viol. Cntrld. Substance Distribute	4	1	5
Arson 2nd Degree	4	1	5	Viol. Cntrld. Substance Unauthorized Sale	1	0	1
Burn or Explode	1	0	1	Dangerous Drugs Felony	1	2	3
Arson Felony Other	0	3	3	Dangerous Drugs Misdemeanor	1	0	1
Forgery	5	3	8	Supply Liquor to Minor/Intoxicated Person	1	0	1
Forgery Felony Other	2	0	2	Minor Possess Intoxicating Liquor	2	0	2
Tampering 1st Degree	69	7	76				
Tampering 2nd Degree	19	1	20				
Tampering 2nd Degree 2nd Offense	5	0	5				
Tampering 2nd Degree Property Damage	29	2	31				
Trespass 1st Degree	11	2	13				
Trespass 2nd Degree	2	0	2				
Receiving Stolen Property	6	0	6				
<b>Total Property Offenses 543</b>							

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### Appendix A : Reasons for Commitment

Miscellaneous Law Offenses							
Offense	Male	Female	Total	Offense	Male	Female	Total
Felonious Restraint	1	0	1	Escape Confinement	1	0	1
Sexual Misconduct	3	0	3	Impersonate Law Enforcement Officer	1	0	1
Indecent Exposure	2	0	2	Failure to Appear	1	1	2
Incest	1	0	1	Probation Violation	53	16	69
Making False Report	0	1	1	No Driver's License	3	0	3
Resisting Arrest	6	1	7	Violation of Probation	4	1	5
Interfere with Arrest	1	0	1	Vehicle Registration	2	0	2
Escape Confinement by Strike	0	1	1	Vehicle Law Felony	3	0	3
<b>Total Miscellaneous Law Offenses 103</b>							

Status/Administrative and Other Offenses							
Offense	Male	Female	Total	Offense	Male	Female	Total
Truant	17	4	21	Neglect/Improper Care	0	1	1
Disobedient Child	10	8	18	Violation of Probation	20	0	20
Absent From Home	59	26	85	Violation of Court Order	10	0	10
Behavior Injurious to Self or Others	1	3	4	Capias	1	0	1
Abuse Other Sexual	1	0	1	Motion to Modify	0	1	1
Relief of Custody	14	2	16	Curfew	3	0	3
<b>Total Status/Administrative and Other Offenses 181</b>							

## Appendix B : Commitments by Circuit and County

Circuit	County	Male	Female	Total
Circuit #1	Clark	0	1	1
	Schuyler	0	0	0
	Scotland	1	0	1
	Subtotal	1	1	2
Circuit #2	Adair	2	0	2
	Knox	0	0	0
	Lewis	1	0	1
	Subtotal	3	0	3
Circuit #3	Grundy	0	0	0
	Harrison	0	0	0
	Putnam	0	0	0
	Subtotal	0	0	0
Circuit #4	Atchison	0	0	0
	Gentry	0	0	0
	Holt	0	0	0
	Nodaway	0	0	0
	Worth	0	0	0
	Subtotal	0	0	0
Circuit #5	Andrew	0	0	0
	Buchanan	9	1	10
	Subtotal	9	1	10
Circuit #6	Platte	6	1	7
Circuit #7	Clay	37	8	45
Circuit #8	Carroll	3	0	3
	Ray	7	1	8
	Subtotal	10	1	11
Circuit #9	Chariton	0	0	0
	Linn	0	0	0
	Sullivan	0	0	0
	Subtotal	0	0	0
Circuit #10	Marion	7	1	8
	Monroe	1	0	1
	Ralls	2	0	2
	Subtotal	10	1	11
Circuit #11	St Charles	46	4	50
Circuit #12	Audrain	7	0	7
	Montgomery	1	0	1
	Warren	4	0	4
	Subtotal	12	0	12
Circuit #13	Boone	31	2	33
	Callaway	4	0	4
	Subtotal	35	2	37
Circuit #14	Howard	1	0	1
	Randolph	4	1	5
	Subtotal	5	1	6

Circuit	County	Male	Female	Total
Circuit #15	Lafayette	1	0	1
	Saline	5	1	6
	Subtotal	6	1	7
Circuit #16	Jackson	81	23	104
Circuit #17	Cass	4	1	5
	Johnson	3	0	3
	Subtotal	7	1	8
Circuit #18	Cooper	3	0	3
	Pettis	9	1	10
	Subtotal	12	1	13
Circuit #19	Cole	5	6	11
Circuit #20	Franklin	7	0	7
	Gasconade	0	0	0
	Subtotal	7	0	7
Circuit #21	St Louis County	100	6	106
Circuit #22	St Louis City	182	21	203
Circuit #23	Jefferson	34	6	40
Circuit #24	Madison	5	0	5
	St Francois	5	3	8
	Ste Genevieve	6	1	7
	Washington	5	0	5
	Subtotal	21	4	25
Circuit #25	Maries	1	0	1
	Phelps	5	0	5
	Pulaski	4	0	4
	Texas	2	0	2
	Subtotal	12	0	12
Circuit #26	Camden	1	0	1
	Laclede	3	2	5
	Miller	0	1	1
	Moniteau	1	0	1
	Subtotal	7	4	11
Circuit #27	Bates	2	1	3
	Henry	2	0	2
	St.Clair	2	0	2
	Subtotal	6	1	7
Circuit #28	Barton	0	0	0
	Cedar	0	0	0
	Dade	0	0	0
	Vernon	3	0	3
	Subtotal	3	0	3
Circuit #29	Jasper	12	7	19

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### Appendix B : Commitments by Circuit and County

Circuit	County	Male	Female	Total
Circuit #30	Benton	2	0	2
	Dallas	0	0	0
	Hickory	0	0	0
	Polk	1	0	1
	Webster	1	0	1
	Subtotal	4	0	4
Circuit #31	Greene	52	13	65
Circuit #32	Bollinger	0	0	0
	Cape Girardeau	17	1	18
	Perry	5	0	5
	Subtotal	22	1	23
Circuit #33	Mississippi	17	1	18
	Scott	9	3	12
	Subtotal	26	4	30
Circuit #34	New Madrid	2	0	2
	Pemiscot	8	2	10
	Subtotal	10	2	12
Circuit #35	Dunklin	11	3	14
	Stoddard	3	0	3
	Subtotal	14	3	17
Circuit #36	Butler	3	1	4
	Ripley	2	0	2
	Subtotal	5	1	6
Circuit #37	Carter	0	0	0
	Howell	2	1	3
	Oregon	0	0	0
	Shannon	0	0	0
	Subtotal	2	1	3
Circuit #38	Christian	4	0	4
	Taney	8	0	8
	Subtotal	12	0	12

Circuit	County	Male	Female	Total
Circuit #39	Barry	3	1	4
	Lawrence	5	0	5
	Stone	3	2	5
	Subtotal	11	3	14
Circuit #40	McDonald	5	1	6
	Newton	14	2	16
	Subtotal	19	3	22
Circuit #41	Macon	3	0	3
	Shelby	0	0	0
	Subtotal	3	0	3
Circuit #42	Crawford	6	0	6
	Dent	4	0	4
	Iron	2	0	2
	Reynolds	0	0	0
	Wayne	0	0	0
	Subtotal	12	0	12
Circuit #43	Caldwell	1	0	1
	Clinton	3	2	5
	Daviess	1	0	1
	De Kalb	0	0	0
	Livingston	1	1	2
	Subtotal	6	3	9
Circuit #44	Douglas	0	2	2
	Ozark	2	0	2
	Wright	4	0	4
	Subtotal	6	2	8
Circuit #45	Lincoln	7	3	10
	Pike	6	1	7
	Subtotal	13	4	17
Total		886	141	1027

**Appendix C : Facility Utilization Fiscal Year 1992**

Facility	Number of Beds	Youth Exiting Facility during FY92	Number of Youth in Facility on 6/30/92	Total Youth Served in Facility during FY92
Camp Avery	30	74	33	107
Babler Lodge	20	48	24	72
Delmina Woods	20	31	26	57
Spanish Lake	30	40	35	75
Watkins Mill	30	73	36	109
Group Home #1	10	16	13	29
Summit House	10	19	10	29
Wilson Creek	10	30	10	40
Lewis & Clark	10	19	7	26
Group Home #14	10	26	11	37
Community Learning Center	10	12	6	18
SE Community Treatment Center	20	26	11	37
NE Community Treatment Center	10	35	24	59
Green Gables	10	78	0	78
NW Regional Youth Center	30	51	36	87
Special Treatment Unit	18	24	15	39
Hogan Street	30	56	36	92
Fort Bellefontaine	40	81	40	121
Sears Youth Center	74	107	78	185
Waverly	30	44	42	86
<b>Total</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>1,383</b>