

# An Analysis of Juvenile Delinquent Cases

CALIFORNIA  
JUVENILE AUTHORITY



AN ANALYSIS OF COUNTY REFERRAL CASES  
1974 CALENDAR YEAR

During 1974 a total of 318 clinic diagnoses were made by the Youth Authority at the request of county authorities. Of these, 152 (48 percent) were processed at Northern Reception Center and Clinic. This compares to 186 total cases (65 percent NRCC) in 1973 and 196 total cases (87 percent NRCC) in 1972.

Contracts for Youth Authority clinic diagnosis were held by 41 counties in fiscal year 1974-75, by 39 in 1973-74, and by 36 in 1972-73.

Table 1 gives the basic characteristics of the cases actually diagnosed according to sex and the clinic at which the diagnosis was made.

Age ranged from 10 to 18 years, the median age for males being 16.6 and for females 15.6.

As in previous years, Caucasians accounted for more than half of all referrals (54 percent).

About half of the county referrals came from southern counties (52 percent), the largest number having come from Los Angeles County (133).

Assault and burglary constituted the largest offense categories for males.

The mean length of stay for males was 5.7 weeks compared to 6.0 weeks in 1973. There was also a decrease for females from 6.7 weeks in 1973 to 5.9 weeks in 1974.

Table 2 shows the clinic recommendation by sex and clinic. Almost equal percentages of cases were recommended for probation with placement in their own homes and for commitment to the Youth Authority, 31 percent and 30 percent respectively. In the preceding year 45 percent had been

recommended for probation with placement at home and only 23 percent had recommended for commitment to Youth Authority.

The recommendation of "probation with special conditions or Youth Authority commitment" was made for about the same percentage of wards in the last three years: 4 percent in 1972 and 6 percent in both 1973 and 1974. The clearcut recommendation of "Youth Authority" rose from 22 percent in 1971 to 30 percent in 1974.

Tables 3 and 4 show the clinic recommendation by the Youth Authority status for males and females separately. Nineteen males (11 percent) and 3 females (14 percent) for whom probation had been recommended ultimately were committed to the Youth Authority, generally within six months. At the same time, 36 males (43 percent) and 4 females (31 percent) for whom Youth Authority commitment had been recommended were not so committed.

Tables 5 and 6 show the clinic recommendations and the basic characteristics for males and females separately.

TABLE 1

CHARACTERISTICS OF COUNTY REFERRAL CASES  
1974 CALENDAR YEAR

By Clinic of Release

CHARACTERISTICS	TOTAL WARDS		MALES				FEMALES	
			TOTAL		North	South	North	South
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
Total wards.....	318	100.0	284	100.0	128	156	24	10
<u>Age</u>								
10-13 years.....	12	3.8	11	3.9	6	5	1	-
14 years.....	29	9.1	18	6.3	11	7	8	3
15 years.....	63	19.8	55	19.4	26	29	7	1
16 years.....	103	32.4	94	33.1	38	56	7	2
17 years.....	79	24.8	76	26.8	37	39	1	2
18 years.....	32	10.1	30	10.6	10	20	-	2
Median age.....	16.5		16.6		16.6	16.7	15.4	16.5
<u>Ethnic group</u>								
White.....	171	53.8	145	51.1	94	51	22	4
Mexican-American.....	46	14.5	43	15.1	17	26	-	3
Negro.....	92	28.9	88	31.0	12	76	1	3
Other.....	9	2.8	8	2.8	5	3	1	-
<u>Area and County</u>								
Southern California Area.	165	51.9	155	54.6	-	155	-	10
Los Angeles.....	133	41.8	126	44.4	-	126	-	7
Kern.....	1	0.3	1	0.4	-	1	-	-
Orange.....	5	1.6	5	1.8	-	5	-	-
San Diego.....	3	0.9	3	1.1	-	3	-	-
San Luis Obispo.....	4	1.3	3	1.1	-	3	-	1
Santa Barbara.....	4	1.3	4	1.4	-	4	-	-
Ventura.....	15	4.7	13	4.6	-	13	-	2
San Francisco Bay Area...	53	16.7	46	16.2	46	-	7	-
Contra Costa.....	10	3.1	9	3.2	9	-	1	-
Marin.....	3	0.9	3	1.1	3	-	-	-
Napa.....	2	0.6	2	0.7	2	-	-	-
San Mateo.....	2	0.6	2	0.7	2	-	-	-
Santa Clara.....	14	4.4	12	4.2	12	-	2	-
Solano.....	5	1.6	5	1.8	5	-	-	-
Sonoma.....	17	5.4	13	4.6	13	-	4	-
Sacramento Valley Area...	28	8.8	25	8.8	25	-	3	-
Glenn.....	3	0.9	2	0.7	2	-	1	-
Sacramento.....	4	1.3	3	1.1	3	-	1	-
Tehama.....	8	2.5	7	2.5	7	-	1	-
Yolo.....	9	2.8	9	3.2	9	-	-	-
Yuba.....	4	1.3	4	1.4	4	-	-	-

TABLE 1 (Continued)

CHARACTERISTICS OF COUNTY REFERRAL CASES  
1974 CALENDAR YEAR

By Clinic of Release

CHARACTERISTICS	TOTAL WARDS		MALES				FEMALES	
			TOTAL		North	South	North	South
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
Total wards.....	318	100.0	284	100.0	128	156	24	10
<u>Area and County (cont'd)</u>								
San Joaquin Valley Area...	45	14.2	37	13.0	37	-	8	-
Kings.....	5	1.6	3	1.1	3	-	2	-
Merced.....	7	2.2	5	1.8	5	-	2	-
San Joaquin.....	2	0.6	1	0.4	1	-	1	-
Stanislaus.....	8	2.5	8	2.8	8	-	-	-
Tulare.....	23	7.2	20	7.0	20	-	3	-
Other counties.....	27	8.6	21	7.4	20	1	6	-
Del Norte.....	2	0.6	2	0.7	2	-	-	-
Humboldt.....	7	2.2	4	1.4	4	-	3	-
Amador.....	1	0.3	1	0.4	1	-	-	-
Calaveras.....	1	0.3	1	0.4	1	-	-	-
El Dorado.....	2	0.6	2	0.7	2	-	-	-
Lassen.....	1	0.3	1	0.4	1	-	-	-
Inyo.....	1	0.3	1	0.4	-	1	-	-
Monterey.....	5	1.6	3	1.1	3	-	2	2
Santa Cruz.....	2	0.6	2	0.7	2	-	-	-
Tuolumne.....	5	1.6	4	1.4	4	-	1	-
<u>Offense</u>								
Homicide.....	18	5.7	18	6.3	-	18	-	-
Robbery.....	33	10.4	30	10.6	16	14	1	2
Assault.....	63	19.8	54	19.0	17	37	5	4
Burglary.....	45	14.2	43	15.1	19	24	1	1
Theft.....	12	3.8	9	3.2	6	3	1	2
Auto theft.....	22	6.9	22	7.8	11	11	-	-
Forgery.....	1	0.3	1	0.4	1	-	-	-
Sex offenses.....	22	6.9	22	7.8	6	16	-	-
Narcotics & Drugs.....	8	2.5	7	2.5	4	3	1	-
Weapons.....	5	1.6	5	1.8	-	5	-	-
Escape C.C. or J.H.....	32	10.1	27	9.5	22	5	5	-
Incorrigible & runaway....	19	6.0	13	4.6	9	4	5	1
Foster home failure.....	10	3.1	6	2.1	4	2	4	-
Other offenses.....	28	8.8	27	9.5	13	14	1	-
<u>Mean length of stay in clinic</u>								
In days.....	39.8		39.6		41.5	38.0	40.3	41.0
In weeks.....	5.7		5.7		5.9	5.4	5.8	5.9

Note: Percents may not add because of independent rounding.

TABLE 2

CLINIC RECOMMENDATION  
1974 CALENDAR YEAR

By Clinic of Release

CLINIC RECOMMENDATION	TOTAL WARDS		MALES				FEMALES	
			TOTAL		North	South	North	South
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
Total wards.....	318	100.0	284	100.0	128	156	24	10
Probation								
Own home.....	99	31.1	92	32.4	62	30	7	-
Out of home.....	77	24.2	63	22.2	20	43	12	2
County camp.....	13	4.1	13	4.6	9	4	-	-
Probation with special cond. or Youth Authority.	19	6.0	19	6.7	14	5	-	-
Youth Authority only.....	96	30.2	83	29.2	19	64	5	8
Department of Health.....	13	4.1	13	4.6	3	10	-	-
Other.....	1	0.3	1	0.4	1	-	-	-

Note: Percents may not add because of independent rounding.

TABLE 3

CLINIC RECOMMENDATION BY YOUTH AUTHORITY STATUS (MALES ONLY)  
1974 CLAENDAR YEAR

CLINIC RECOMMENDATION	YOUTH AUTHORITY STATUS											
	TOTAL		Total		COMMITTED TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY						OTHER THAN YOUTH AUTHORITY	
					Within 3 months		4 to 6 months		After 6 months			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total males.....	284	100.0	75	26.4	55	19.4	6	2.1	14	4.9	209	73.6
Probation.....	168	100.0	19	11.3	8	4.8	2	1.2	9	5.3	149	88.7
Own home.....	92	100.0	9	9.8	3	3.3	2	2.2	4	4.3	83	90.2
Out of home.....	63	100.0	9	14.3	5	7.9	-	-	4	6.4	54	85.7
County camp.....	13	100.0	1	7.7	-	-	-	-	1	7.7	12	92.3
Probation with special cond. or Youth Authority..	19	100.0	7	36.8	3	15.8	2	10.5	2	10.5	12	63.2
Youth Authority only.....	83	100.0	47	56.6	42	50.6	2	2.4	3	3.6	36	43.4
Department of Health.....	13	100.0	2	15.4	2	15.4	-	-	-	-	11	84.6
Other.....	1	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	100.0

Note: Percents may not add because of independent rounding.

TABLE 4

CLINIC RECOMMENDATION BY YOUTH AUTHORITY STATUS (FEMALES ONLY)  
1974 CALENDAR YEAR

CLINIC RECOMMENDATION	YOUTH AUTHORITY STATUS											
	TOTAL		COMMITTED TO THE YOUTH AUTHORITY								OTHER THAN YOUTH AUTHORITY*	
			Total		Within 3 months		4 to 6 months		After 6 months			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total females.....	34	100.0	12	35.3	10	29.4	1	2.9	1	2.9	22	64.7
Probation.....	21	100.0	3	14.3	2	9.5	1	4.8	-	-	18	85.7
Own home.....	7	100.0	2	28.6	1	14.3	1	14.3	-	-	5	71.4
Out of home.....	14	100.0	1	7.1	1	7.1	-	-	-	-	13	92.9
Youth Authority only.....	13	100.0	9	69.2	8	61.5	-	-	1	7.7	4	30.8

\*Includes 1 female recommended to county facility.

Note: Percents may not add because of independent rounding.

TABLE 5

## CHARACTERISTICS BY CLINIC RECOMMENDATION

## MALES ONLY

CHARACTERISTICS	Total Males		PROBATION						Probation w/spec/cond. or Youth Authority and Youth Authority only		Department of Health and Other	
			Own home		Out of home		County camp					
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total males.....	284	100.0	92	32.4	63	22.2	13	4.6	102	35.9	14	4.9
<u>Age</u>												
10-13.....	11	100.0	3	27.3	4	36.3	-	-	2	18.2	2	18.2
14.....	18	100.0	6	33.3	5	27.8	1	5.6	6	33.3	-	-
15.....	55	100.0	16	29.1	17	20.9	3	5.5	17	30.9	2	3.6
16.....	94	100.0	27	28.7	17	18.1	33	3.2	39	41.5	8	8.5
17.....	76	100.0	28	36.8	15	19.7	5	6.6	28	36.8	-	-
18.....	30	100.0	12	40.0	5	16.7	1	3.3	10	33.3	2	6.7
<u>County and Area</u>												
Southern California Area	155	100.0	30	19.4	43	27.7	4	2.6	68	43.9	10	6.4
Los Angeles.....	126	100.0	22	17.5	35	27.8	3	2.4	58	46.0	8	6.3
Ventura.....	13	100.0	2	15.4	2	15.4	1	7.7	6	46.1	2	15.4
5 other counties.....	16	100.0	6	37.5	6	37.5	-	-	4	25.0	-	-
San Francisco Bay Area..	46	100.0	21	45.6	8	17.4	4	8.7	13	28.3	-	-
Contra Costa.....	9	100.0	2	22.2	1	11.1	3	33.3	3	33.3	-	-
Santa Clara.....	12	100.0	5	41.7	3	25.0	1	8.3	3	25.0	-	-
Sonoma.....	13	100.0	7	58.3	2	15.4	-	-	4	30.8	-	-
4 other counties.....	12	100.0	7	58.3	2	16.7	-	-	3	25.0	-	-
5 Sacramento Valley Cos.	25	100.0	13	52.0	5	20.0	-	-	7	28.0	-	-
5 San Joaquin Valley Cos	37	100.0	18	48.7	3	8.1	4	10.8	10	27.0	2	5.4
10 other counties.....	21	100.0	10	47.6	4	19.0	1	4.8	4	19.0	2	9.5
<u>Race</u>												
White.....	145	100.0	55	37.9	35	24.1	7	4.8	43	29.7	5	3.5
Mexican-American.....	43	100.0	18	41.9	8	18.6	1	2.3	13	30.2	3	7.0
Negro.....	88	100.0	17	19.3	19	21.6	5	5.7	41	46.4	6	6.8
Other.....	8	100.0	2	25.0	1	12.5	-	-	5	62.5	-	-

Note: Percents may not add because of independent rounding.

TABLE 6

## CHARACTERISTICS BY CLINIC RECOMMENDATION

## FEMALES ONLY

CHARACTERISTICS	Total Females		PROBATION				Probation w/spec/cond. or Youth Authority and Youth Authority only	
			Own home		Out of home*			
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total females.....	34	100.0	7	20.6	14	41.2	13	38.2
<u>Age</u>								
13.....	1	100.0	-	-	1	100.0	-	-
14.....	11	100.0	3	27.3	3	27.3	5	45.4
15.....	8	100.0	2	25.0	3	37.5	3	37.5
16.....	9	100.0	1	11.1	6	66.7	2	22.2
17.....	3	100.0	1	33.3	-	-	2	66.7
18.....	2	100.0	-	-	1	50.0	1	50.0
<u>County and Area</u>								
Southern California Area...	10	100.0	-	-	2	20.0	8	80.0
San Francisco Bay Area.....	7	100.0	3	42.8	3	42.8	1	14.3
San Joaquin Valley Cos.....	8	100.0	3	37.5	4	50.0	1	12.5
Other counties.....	9	100.0	1	11.1	5	55.6	3	33.3
<u>Race</u>								
White.....	26	100.0	7	26.9	12	46.2	7	26.9
Mexican-American.....	3	100.0	-	-	1	33.3	2	66.7
Negro.....	4	100.0	-	-	-	-	4	100.0
Other.....	1	100.0	-	-	1	100.0	-	-

\*Includes 1 female recommended to county facility.

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