



JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Executive Monthly Activity Report – 2009

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2009 Year End Summary Brief

In 2009, the department received 19,839 referrals, averaging 1,653 referrals per month, which involved 12,767 youth. A decrease in referral activity was noted when compared to 2008 data (-5.0%). Decreases are not able for violations of probation offenses (-29.6%), unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (-16.4%), and misdemeanor C assault offenses (-14.6%). Larger decreases are seen for disorderly conduct (-91.1%), homicide (-40.7%), and auto theft (-33.3%). Although felony drug offenses decreased by 12%, misdemeanor AB drug offenses increased slightly by 2.8% with the largest percentage increase in misdemeanor C drug offenses (170.6%).

Felony referrals comprised 14.6% of the total referred. Felony crimes against property reduced by 110 offenses (-9.0%), while felony crimes against persons remained relatively the same. The sum total of homicides for 2009 is 16 compared to 27 in 2008. The profile of the homicide offender for this period is reflective of an African-American male between 16 and 17 years of age. Of the 16 homicide charges, there were 13 actual deaths.

Petitions filed decreased by 2,733 (-18.7%), from 14,608 in 2008 to 11,875 in 2009. There were also fewer filings on youth, decreasing by 2,968. Court activity in 2009 displays a decrease in petitions disposed when compared to 2008 (-13.0%). In 2008, 17,755 cases were disposed, while in 2009, it was 15,456. The department experienced a decrease (-35.2%) in youth assigned to TYC from 301 in 2008 down to 195 juveniles in 2009. Certifications for youth also decreased (-32.5%) from 83 certifications in 2008 to 56 in 2009. Total youth assigned probation decreased -25.7%, resulting in general caseloads of 35, down from 49 in 2008.

There was a decrease (-5.6%) in admits to the Juvenile Justice Center's detention facility from 3,880 in 2008 down to 3,661 in 2009. The Westside Command Station again closed in 2009 reflecting our continued decrease in detention admissions. The number of juveniles admitted to Harris County Juvenile post-adjudicated facilities decreased when comparing 2008 to 2009 (-34.6%). There were 1,045 fewer admissions to these county facilities. In 2009, private facility placements experienced a decrease of -8.1% over 2008 admits.

Harris County Juvenile Probation Department experienced many changes in 2009. First, the transformation of Delta Boot Camp to the Leadership Academy was reflective in the shift toward a cognitive model of juvenile rehabilitation. Also, our female youth population was moved from Burnett Bayland Home (BBH) to the Harris County Youth Village (CYV). Third, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) continues to be instrumental in the notable detention center population decreases. Lastly, additional pages were added to the executive report, thus providing more descriptive statistics about our juveniles and offense frequencies.

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2009 Referral Data

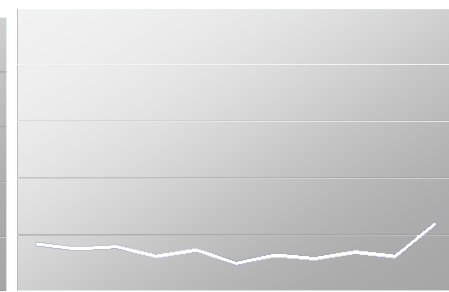
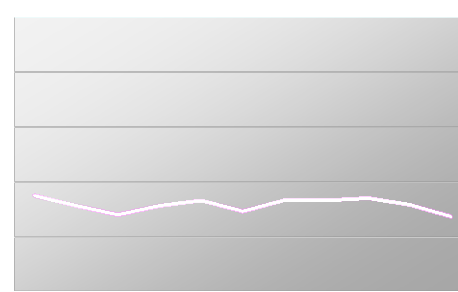
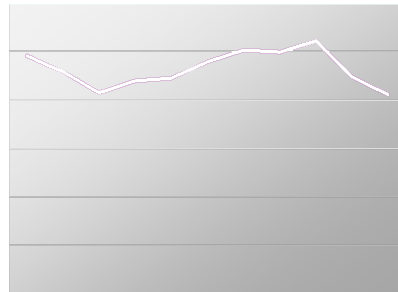
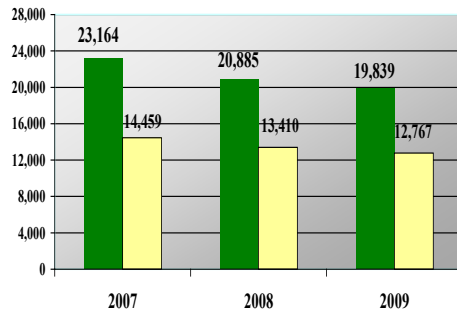
Charges Received	
January	1,454
February	1,847
March	2,102
April	1,895
May	1,989
June	1,622
July	1,265
August	1,146
September	1,402
October	1,719
November	1,574
December	1,824
TOTAL	19,839
AVERAGE	1,653
YOUTH	12,767

Harris County Census Data Comparisons

	Census Data*	Delinquent Conduct		Felony		Murder	
		Referrals	Rate/100,000	Referrals	Rate/100,000	Referrals	Rate/100,000
1998	384,745	9,459	2,459	3,375	877	16	4
1999	390,116	8,945	2,293	3,047	781	15	4
2000	421,768	8,758	2,076	2,950	699	17	4
2001	424,914	9,335	2,197	3,317	781	13	3
2002	429,127	9,551	2,226	3,567	831	16	4
2003	438,868	10,424	2,375	3,185	726	11	3
2004	444,722	11,184	2,515	3,703	833	14	3
2005	448,861	11,187	2,492	3,725	830	13	3
2006	451,874	11,790	2,609	3,850	852	16	4
2007	454,279	10,160	2,237	3,594	791	14	3
2008	453,639	9,332	2,057	3,107	685	27	6

*Census Data for youth aged 10 - 17

Charges Received as Compared to Youth Involved
January-December, 2007-2009



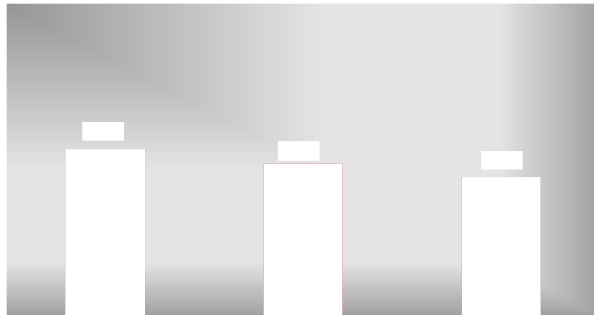


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Type of Charge Based on Crime Category

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	% TOTAL
Person (Felony)	73	64	59	87	82	45	85	49	84	53	70	43	794	4.0%
Person (Misdemeanor)	142	244	300	276	274	192	84	52	135	238	158	230	2325	11.7%
Property (Felony)*	112	96	78	107	115	92	88	76	69	108	75	95	1111	5.6%
Property (Misdemeanor)	138	182	228	199	185	182	183	171	157	190	185	206	2206	11.1%
Illegal Substance	185	229	214	222	227	98	76	86	134	178	199	184	2032	10.2%
All Others	353	424	511	407	441	336	207	234	341	380	357	387	4378	22.1%
CHINS	19	86	173	143	138	145	167	83	100	53	85	78	1270	6.4%
Violations of Probation	109	134	124	111	107	87	63	69	93	147	135	108	1287	6.5%
Administrative Offenses	323	388	415	343	420	445	312	326	289	372	310	493	4436	22.4%
TOTAL	1454	1847	2102	1895	1989	1622	1265	1146	1402	1719	1574	1824	19839	100.0%

Felony Crimes Against Property
January-December 2007- 2009*



*Arson, Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle

Felony Crimes Against Persons
January-December 2007- 2009*



*Murder, Robbery, Assault, and Sexual Assault

*Previous statistics calculations incorrectly included Burglary of Motor Vehicle as a Property (Felony) offense. This error was corrected and the current report includes updated statistics that categorize this offense as Property (Misdemeanor).



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Cases Assigned and Disposed January-December 2009

	313th		314th		315th		TOTALS	
	Assigned	Disposed	Assigned	Disposed	Assigned	Disposed	ASSIGNED	DISPOSED
Petitions*	3745	4798	4198	5607	3932	5051	11875	15456
Youth Involved	3047	3847	3368	4528	3317	4258	9732	12633

*Cases that are off the docket, withdrawn, under advisement, passed, or included with another referral have been deleted from these counts.

Petitions Filed and Representative Youth

	Petitions Filed	Youth
Jan-Dec 2009	11,875	9,732
2008	14,608	12,700
2007	15,706	13,827
2006	15,804	14,030



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Court Activity January-December, 2009

COURT DECISIONS	Black		Hispanic		White		Other		DECISION	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	YOUTH	TOTAL
Certification	0	35	0	14	0	7	0	0	56	78
Certification Denied	0	12	1	3	0	1	0	0	17	20
CPS Involvement	25	36	2	9	2	7	0	0	81	101
Deferred Prosecution	246	612	336	835	181	373	18	31	2632	2766
Early Termination of Probation	38	136	26	122	16	61	1	3	403	498
Non-Suit/Dismissed	378	1070	412	1154	312	620	21	36	4003	4308
Not Found CHINS or Delinquent	2	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	7	7
Passed	80	197	51	152	28	82	5	5	600	1185
Passed/Writ	45	161	35	133	18	38	0	2	432	685
Probation*	277	1136	291	1261	128	445	5	20	3563	6151
Probation - Determinate Sentencing**	3	23	1	21	0	5	0	1	54	56
Probation/Restitution*	15	166	23	214	7	58	0	6	489	592
TDC - Bound Over	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	3
TYC	6	93	3	73	1	16	1	2	195	264
TYC - Determinate Sentencing**	0	12	0	6	0	2	0	1	21	27
Other	113	433	119	391	93	228	6	14	1397	1711
TOTAL	1228	4127	1300	4389	786	1945	57	121	13953	18452

*Includes changes of custody

**Approximate numbers - using declared determinate sentencing (DDS) as court result

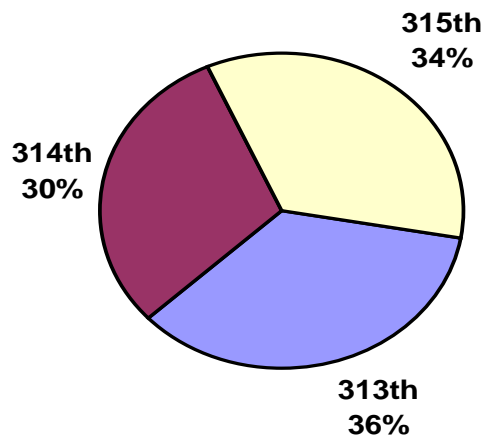


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TYC Dispositions by Court

Disposition Year	Disposition	313th		314th		315th		TOTAL	TOTAL
		Youth	Dispositions	Youth	Dispositions	Youth	Dispositions	Youth	Dispositions
Jan-Dec 2009	TYC	69	104	59	83	67	77	195	264
2008	TYC	86	118	89	103	126	151	301	372
2007	TYC	177	210	171	207	184	211	532	628
2006	TYC	211	245	195	235	163	188	569	668

TYC Commitments By Court (Youth) January-December 2009



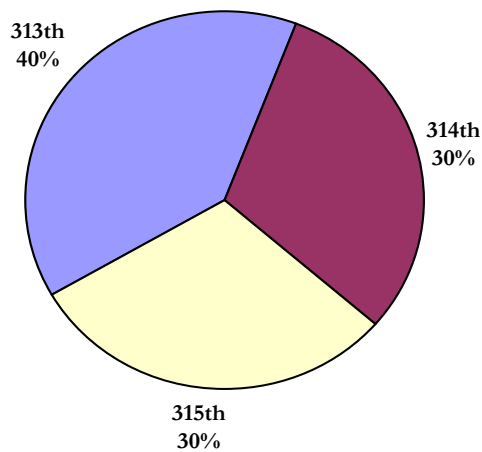


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Youth Certified

Disposition Year	Court			TOTAL
	313	314	315	
2009	22	17	17	56
2008	34	26	23	83
2007	40	26	15	81
2006	42	26	22	90
2005	28	10	18	56
2004	20	22	13	55
2003	16	15	18	49
2002	35	16	33	84
2001	16	4	18	38
2000	31	25	17	73
1999	18	20	26	64
1998	40	35	30	105

*Certifications By Court (Youth)
January-December 2009*





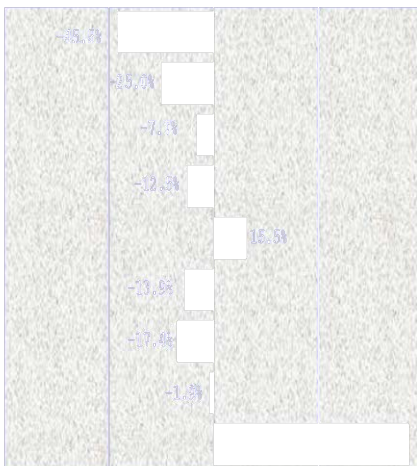
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Most Serious Charge Activity*

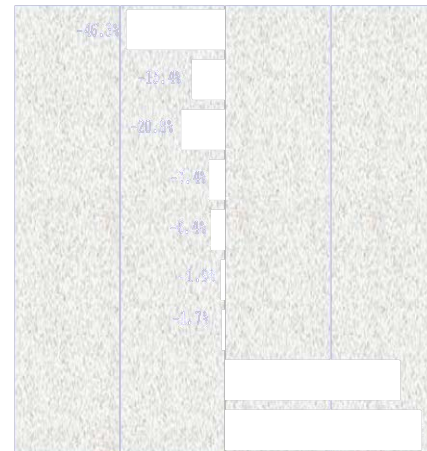
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Jan-Dec 2009
Homicide	16	15	17	13	16	11	14	13	16	14	27	16
Arson	23	43	42	42	57	26	54	57	57	29	53	56
Sexual Assault	95	109	94	102	124	130	144	190	186	121	119	114
Felony Assault	286	282	273	293	298	249	359	381	383	315	309	321
Robbery	275	242	284	244	294	257	303	324	355	374	350	343
Burglary	1058	879	895	948	1055	982	992	958	937	937	868	770
Felony Theft	90	63	63	74	77	77	91	67	110	106	84	110
Auto Theft	90	57	62	85	57	46	44	52	47	39	33	22
Felony Drugs	679	599	556	644	630	549	750	689	762	762	409	360
Serious Offense Totals	2612	2289	2286	2445	2608	2327	2751	2731	2853	2697	2252	2112
Total Referrals	27,046	24,641	23,521	21,931	20,496	22,804	25,676	23,480	24,877	23,164	20,885	19,839
Serious Offense Percent	10%	9%	10%	11%	13%	10%	11%	12%	11%	12%	11%	11%

*This chart contains selected offense categories which are summed and shown as a percentage of ALL ACTIVITY TOTALS

Five Year Offense Comparison Percentage Change, 2004-2008



Most Current Completed Year Comparison Percentage Change, 2007-2008





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The following table presents a comparison of *January-December 2008* referral activity as contrasted to *January-December 2009* referral activity. During this month, the data shows an overall 5% decrease in referral activity. There are continued increases found among the more serious offenses (4.5%). Felony Theft (31%), Misdemeanor A/B Theft (17%), Misdemeanor A/B Other (8.2%), Misdemeanor A/B Assaults (8.1%), and Arson (5.7%) all have notable increases. Large decreases are indicated for the following: Homicide (-40.7%), Auto Theft (-33.3%), Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (-16.4%), Burglary (-11.3%), Felony Drugs (-12%) and Violations of Probation (-29.6%).

There were 16 referrals for homicide during January-December 2009, compared to 27 for the same time period of 2008.*

Offense Charge per Referral

Offense	Black		Hispanic		White		Other		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	2008	2009	% Change
Homicide*	2	8	0	5	0	1	0	0	27	16	-40.7%
Arson	1	11	1	23	2	18	0	0	53	56	5.7%
Assault - Felony	58	113	17	83	13	35	0	2	309	321	3.9%
- MA/MB	185	411	150	228	71	149	7	5	1116	1206	8.1%
Sexual Assault	0	48	0	32	2	31	0	1	119	114	-4.2%
Robbery	16	198	12	87	5	23	1	1	350	343	-2.0%
Burglary	11	303	19	304	8	118	2	5	868	770	-11.3%
Theft - Felony	3	44	5	30	2	23	0	3	84	110	31.0%
-M A/MB	341	450	345	489	262	207	26	29	1836	2149	17.0%
Auto Theft	0	7	0	10	1	4	0	0	33	22	-33.3%
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle	6	67	2	59	2	16	0	1	183	153	-16.4%
Drugs - Felony	7	78	37	147	29	57	2	3	409	360	-12.0%
- MA/MB	39	339	94	719	81	328	5	12	1573	1617	2.8%
Alcohol MB	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	4	6	0.0%
Other - Felony	22	149	40	284	23	106	1	9	672	634	-5.7%
- MA/MB	307	928	263	974	83	343	2	18	2697	2918	8.2%
Sub-Total	998	3154	985	3477	586	1460	46	89	10333	10795	4.5%
Assault - MC	202	308	204	312	23	57	6	7	1311	1119	-14.6%
Theft - MC	10	13	16	10	5	3	0	0	60	57	-5.0%
Drugs - MC	2	8	10	18	3	5	0	0	17	46	170.6%
Alcohol MC	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	3	0.0%
Other - Misd C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0.0%
Disorderly Conduct	0	3	1	3	0	1	0	0	90	8	-91.1%
City Ordinance Violations	68	130	140	254	40	82	4	3	532	721	35.5%
Violations of Probation	85	476	97	459	31	133	0	6	1827	1287	-29.6%
Sub-Total	367	939	468	1057	103	281	10	16	3846	3241	-15.7%
Runaways - CHINS	143	147	275	140	207	160	13	10	1460	1095	-25.0%
Other CHINS	19	39	35	68	4	9	0	1	160	175	9.4%
TYC Runaways	7	40	6	26	3	15	0	0	89	97	9.0%
Administrative Actions *	321	1337	331	1432	209	760	8	38	4997	4436	-11.2%
Sub-Total	490	1563	647	1666	423	944	21	49	6706	5803	-13.5%
GRAND TOTAL	1855	5656	2100	6200	1112	2685	77	154	20885	19839	-5.0%

Administrative Actions may include offenses such as: motion to modify order, hold as material witness, request of change of custody, issuance of pick-up order, or motion for release and transfer.

*Of the 16 homicide offense referrals for 2009, there were 13 actual homicides.



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Top 10 Felony Offenses Jan-Dec 2009	Black		Hispanic		White		Other		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	2008	2009	% Change
Burglary of a Habitat (Felony 1)	11	231	14	212	6	85	1	3	481	563	17.0%
Aggravated Robbery (Felony 1)	7	117	4	53	2	16	1	0	202	200	-1.0%
Burglary of a Building (Jail Felony)	0	68	5	89	2	32	1	2	180	199	10.6%
Possession/Personal Use - Group 1, Less than 1 Gram (Jail Felony)	6	41	9	66	9	25	0	0	184	156	-15.2%
Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (Jail Felony)	6	67	2	59	2	16	0	1	183	153	-16.4%
Robbery (Felony 2)	9	78	8	34	3	7	0	1	140	140	0.0%
Aggravated Assault Uses Deadly Weapon (Felony 2)	19	50	3	39	3	19	0	1	134	134	0.0%
Assault, Bodily Injury Against Public Servant (Felony 3)	23	46	8	20	8	6	0	1	115	112	-2.6%
Aggravated Sexual Assault - Children Under 14 Years of Age (Felony 1)	0	43	0	30	2	27	0	1	112	103	-8.0%
Prohibited Weapons Switchblade/ Knuckle-Free Zone (Jail Felony)	6	8	7	51	3	13	0	0	80	88	10.0%
TOTAL	87	749	60	653	40	246	3	10	1811	1848	2.0%

Top 10 Misdemeanor Offenses Jan-Dec 2009	Black		Hispanic		White		Other		Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	2008	2009	% Change
Theft - \$50 - \$499.99 Value (Misd B)	308	375	318	332	250	163	26	28	1711	1800	5.2%
Assault with Bodily Injury (Misd A)	142	337	93	155	29	89	5	3	843	853	1.2%
Possession of Marijuana for Personal Use - Less than 2 oz (Misd B)	21	161	37	318	32	146	2	5	719	722	0.4%
Possession of Marijuana -Less than 2 oz in a Drug Free Zone (Misd A)	16	160	43	333	37	143	2	4	681	738	8.4%
Evading Arrest (Misd B)	21	167	33	162	5	49	0	2	427	439	2.8%
Disrupting a Meeting or Procession (Misd B)	107	132	68	198	14	16	1	1	461	537	16.5%
Criminal Trespass - General (Misd B)	31	185	39	130	14	45	0	2	484	446	-7.9%
Assault-Family Member (Misd A)	43	73	57	70	42	60	2	2	268	349	30.2%
Mischief - \$50-\$499.99 Property Damage (Misd B)	31	105	13	113	7	60	0	2	306	331	8.2%
Burglary of Motor Vehicle (Misd A)	1	49	10	129	3	33	0	0	201	225	11.9%
TOTAL	721	1744	711	1940	433	804	38	49	6101	6440	5.6%



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Field Services Activity

Type of Probation Service	December					
	2009		2008		2007	
	Youth	Caseload	Youth	Caseload	Youth	Caseload
AfterCare - CUPS 7	248	16	250	12	387	18
Special Programs Unit	131	9	288	19	262	17
Intensive Supervision - SOS	582	18	580	13	665	21
Community Supervision	2403	35	3408	49	3664	52
Adjudication	1631		2243		2525	
Deferred Prosecution - Petitioned	646		1165		1139	
Deferred Prosecution - Non-petitioned	126		n/a		n/a	
Total	3364		4526		4978	

Youth Admitted to Facilities*

Facilities	Jan-Dec	Year Ending		
	2009	2008	2007	2006
BBRC Assessment Center (BAU)	889	1426	1712	1789
Drug Unit (BDU)	87	82	96	100
General Admit (BGU)	17	39	55	79
Brief Structural Intervention (BIU)	153	187	380	252
Psychological Unit (BMU)	68	110	122	135
Sex Unit (BSU)	14	13	28	32
Transition Unit (BTU)	30	0	0	0
Burnett Bayland (BBH)	95	119	245	369
Leadership Academy (DBC/HLA)	312	561	608	577
Youth Village (CYV)	311	484	656	578
County Post-Adjudication Subtotal	1976	3021	3902	4065
Private Placement	582	633	517	528
All Post-Adjudication Subtotal	2558	3654	4419	4593
Detention Center* (DET)	3661	3880	4969	5358
Harris County Psychiatric (HCP)	137	n/a	n/a	n/a
Westside Command Station* (WCS)	110	682	0	257
TOTAL	6466	8898	9388	10208

*Youth admitted is a count of individual youth, not the number of admits each may have had at that particular facility. If a youth was admitted at two different facilities he was counted once at each facility.



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Average Daily Population - December

County Facilities (available beds)	2009				2008				2007			
	Black	Hispanic	White	Total	Black	Hispanic	White	Total	Black	Hispanic	White	Total
Burnett Bayland Reception Center (144)	34	61	30	126	39	38	28	104	52	53	27	132
Assessment Center (60)	14	29	14	58	17	18	10	45	22	25	11	58
Drug Unit (24)	4	19	7	30	2	10	12	25	3	12	7	23
General Admit (12)	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	7	2	2	1	6
Brief Structural Intervention (24)	5	3	2	10	3	3	1	7	9	8	5	22
Psychological Unit (12)	6	2	3	12	8	2	1	12	7	3	2	12
Sex Unit (12)	2	5	4	10	5	2	2	9	9	3	1	12
Transition Unit (12)	3	3	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burnett Bayland (60)	16	23	4	44	15	20	8	44	21	12	11	44
Leadership Academy (144)	40	47	9	96	52	51	10	113	63	63	15	143
Harris County Psychiatric Center (12)	8	4	6	18	9	8	5	22	9	6	6	21
Harris County Youth Village (170)	51	74	14	140	64	66	25	157	62	91	26	182
Detention Center (250)	74	48	23	146	94	75	29	199	125	73	41	240
Private Placement												
Texsun Management Group	6	6	3	15	8	10	4	23	12	4	7	23
Child Is Born Outreach	1	1	0	2	9	4	0	13	3	0	1	4
Center for Success & Independence	4	4	3	12	4	3	3	10	3	6	6	16
Daystar Residential, Inc.	0	0	0	0	13	4	6	22	3	2	1	5
Embracing Destiny Foundation	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Everyday Life	3	3	3	8	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Gulf Coast Trade Center	14	14	7	37	18	17	10	46	11	12	2	25
UTHC Psychiatric Treatment Center	5	4	3	12	4	2	2	7	1	2	2	5
Hector Garza Center	3	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Krause Center	10	3	2	15	5	7	7	18	6	6	3	16
Minola's Place	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	1	1	7
Rockdale Justice Center	7	2	2	12	6	3	0	9	3	4	2	9
Renewed Strength Residential	1	1	1	3	5	0	1	5	1	1	1	3
Shoreline Inc.	3	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shiloh Treatment Center	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	6	1	1	0	2
Texas Adolescent Center	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totally Fit Youth Center	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	4	1	1	6
Victoria County JJC	3	2	2	6	5	1	1	7	0	0	0	0
We Care Treatment Center	2	1	0	3	1	1	1	3	2	3	1	6

**Only placements with youth enrolled during the month are shown. *Prior to October 2009, Harris County Leadership Academy was Delta Boot Camp.
Totals are not exact due to other races that are not shown and due to rounding effects because average numbers are used.



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Murder Activity

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Jan-Dec 2009
Age											
10						1					
11											
12										1	2
13								1			
14	2	3	1	1	3	3	1		1	2	4
15	4	8	3	5	1		6	6	7	10	
16+	9	6	9	10	7	10	6	9	6	14	10
TOTAL	15	17	13	16	11	14	13	16	14	27	16
Race/Sex											
Black Female	2					2			1	1	2
Black Male	5	2	6	6	2	5	6	3	6	9	8
Hispanic Female		1		2	1				1	4	
Hispanic Male	7	11	5	6	6	4	7	8	1	9	5
Oriental Female											
Oriental Male	1	1			2						
White Female		1		1		1		2		1	
White Male		1	2	1		2		3	5	3	1
Other Female											
Other Male											
TOTAL	15	17	13	16	11	14	13	16	14	27	16
School District											
Aldine		4	1	1	1	1	2	4	1	2	1
Alief	3	1					3			1	1
Channelview			1			1					
Clear Creek											
Cypress							1	2		1	
Deer Park										1	
Galena Park					1						4
Goose Creek							1		1	1	
Houston	6	7	3	2	4	4	3	3	2	5	4
Huffman		1									
Humble											
Katy			1					1	1		1
Klein									1		
LaPorte											
North Forest	1		1	1							1
Pasadena				1							
Pearland											
Spring				2						1	3
Spring Branch	2				1	1					
H.C.Education Dept.				1							
College/University		1							1		1
Private/Parochial			1	3		3		2	4	1	
Juvenile Board Charter School		2	2	2			1			1	
Out of County	1		1	1	1	1		1	1	1	
Not Available	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	12	
TOTAL	15	17	13	13	11	14	13	16	14	27	16

*Of the 2009 homicide charges, there were 13 actual deaths. *Please note referrals are not unique to individuals.