

# Court Involved Juveniles: Trends and Issues

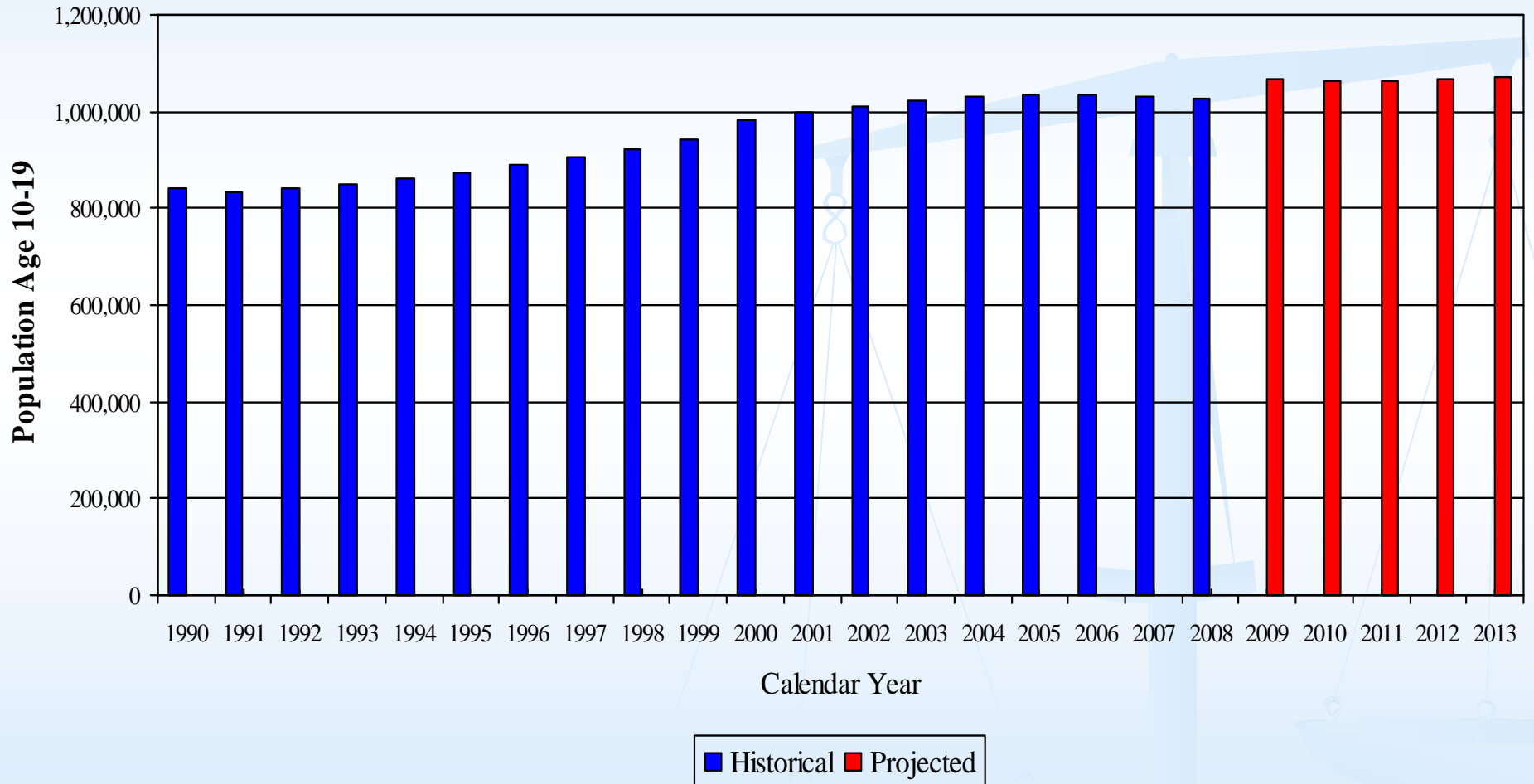
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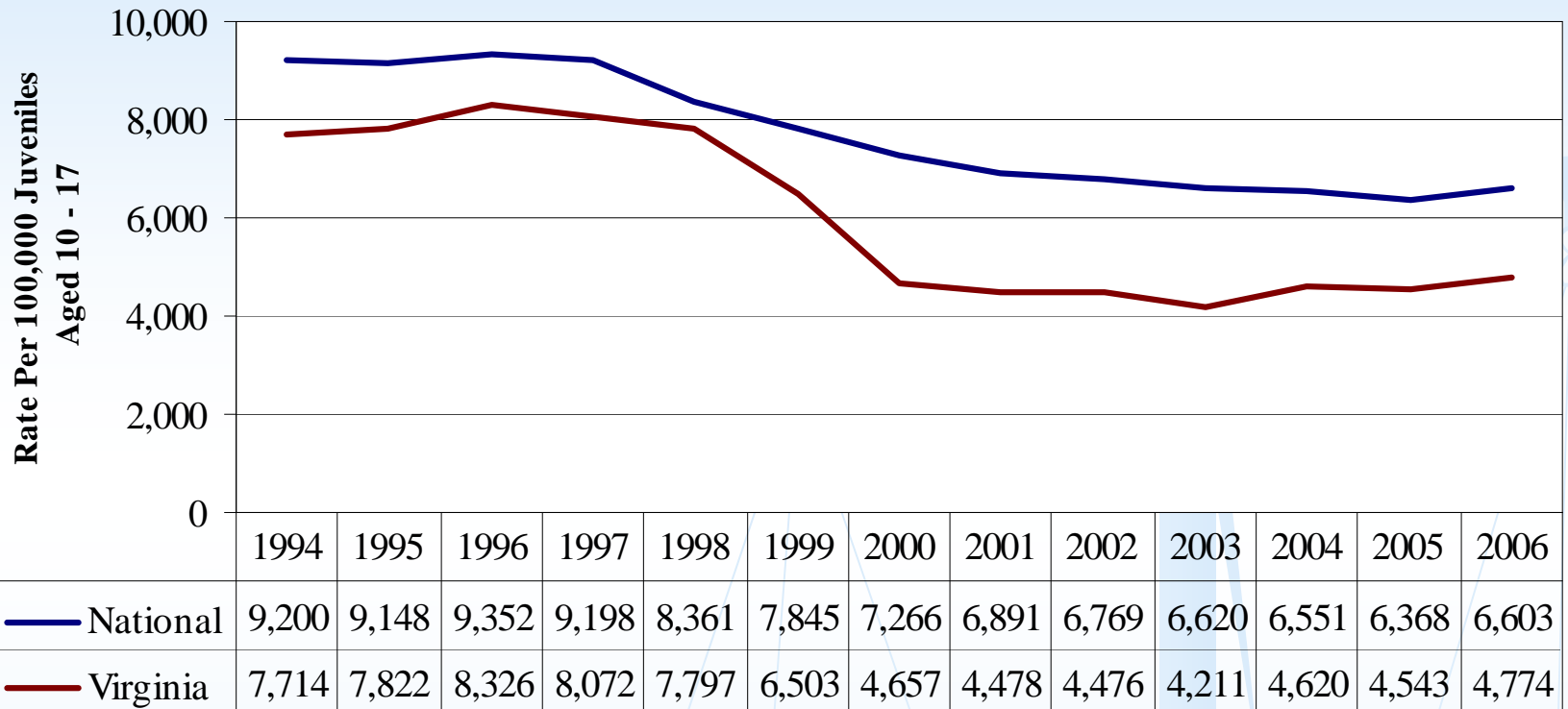
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# Virginia's Population: Age 10-19 Years Historical and Projected



# National v. Virginia Trends

## Total Juvenile Arrest Rate

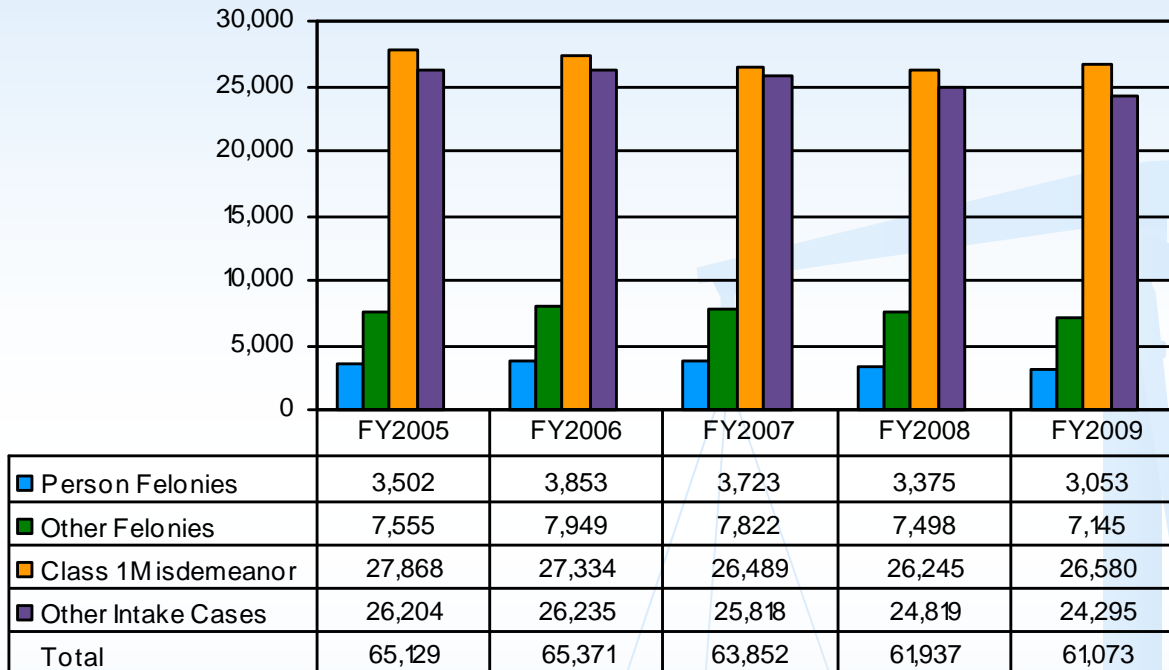


- Between 1994 and 2005, the total arrest rate of juveniles in Virginia, while following the same general trend, is **lower** than that of the national rate.
- The juvenile arrest rate for all offenses in Virginia and nationally reached its highest level in 1996 (since 1980), and then declined through 2005.
- From **1998 to 2000**, while both the Virginia and national rates declined (40.3% and 13.1%, respectively), Virginia's rate declined at a much more rapid pace.
  - Much of this decline appears to be a result of a decline in the Property Crime Index arrest rate.

# Juvenile Intake Cases\*

## FY2005 – FY2009

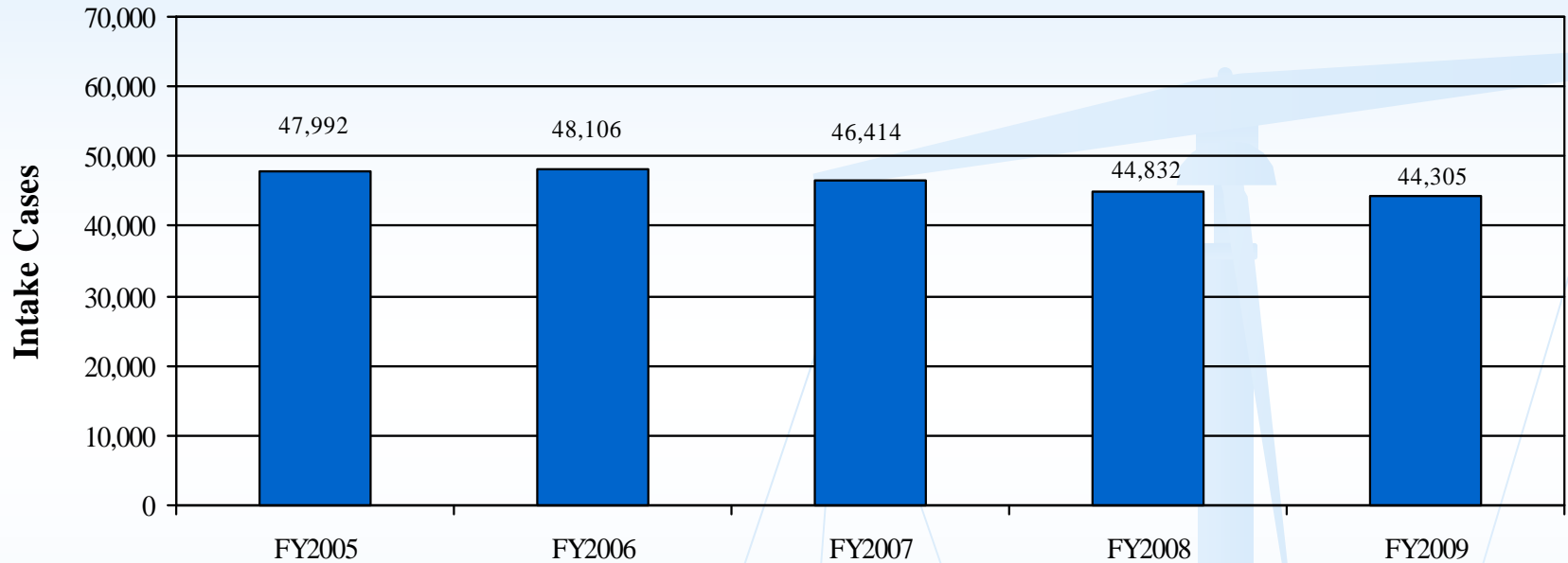
### (Most Serious Offense at Intake)



- There was a 6.2% decrease in total intake cases between FY2005 and FY2009.
- Between FY2008 and FY2009:
  - Felony and class 1 misdemeanor intake cases decreased by 0.9%.
  - Felony intake cases decreased by 6.2%.
    - Person felonies decreased by 9.5%, and other felonies decreased by 4.7%.
  - Class 1 misdemeanor intake cases increased by 1.3%.

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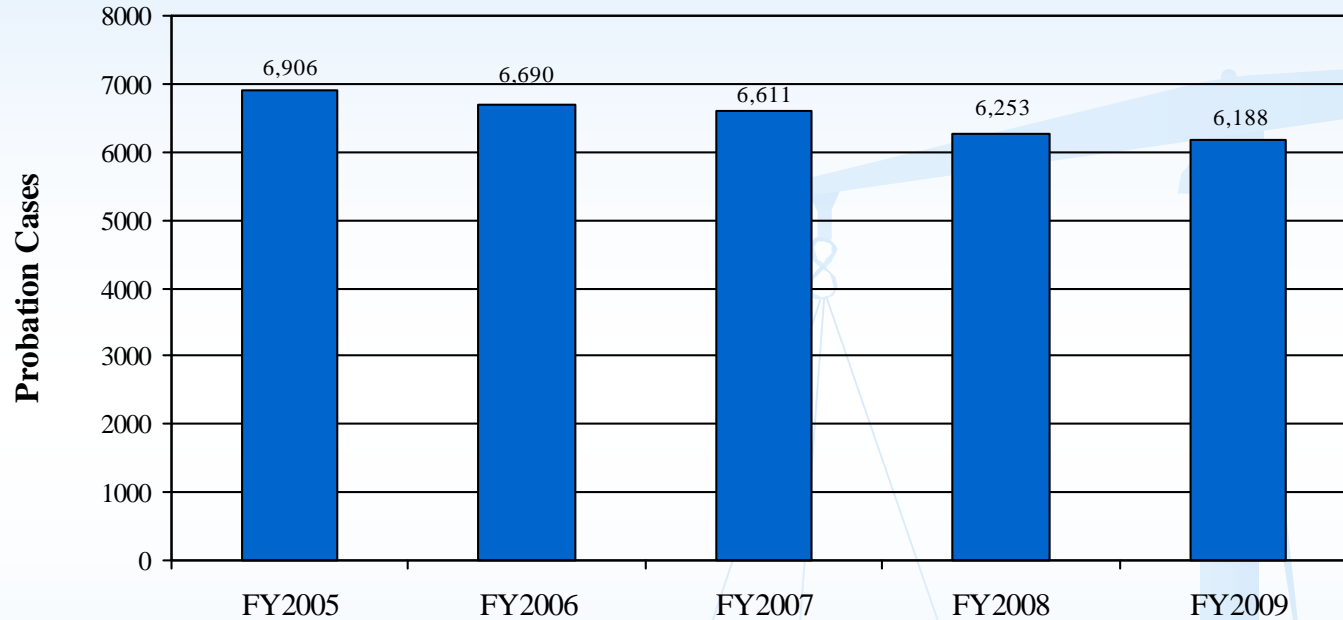
# Intake Cases: Detention Eligible FY2005 – FY2009



- Detention eligible intake cases include felonies, class 1 misdemeanors, violations of court orders, and violations of probation and parole.
- There was a 7.7% decrease in detention eligible intake cases from FY2005 to FY2009.

# New Probation Cases\*

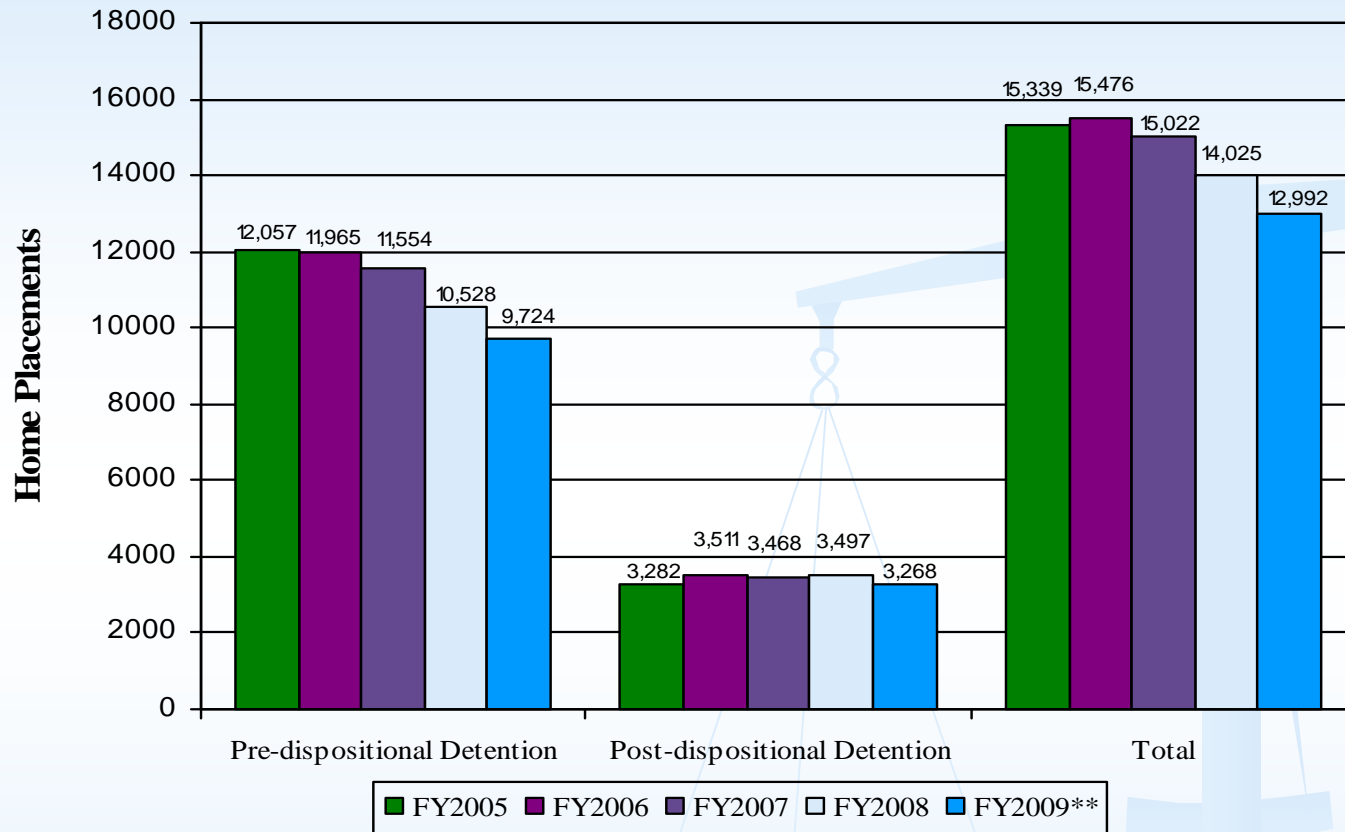
## FY2005 – FY2009



- Overall, there was a 10.4% decline in the years presented.
- Between FY2007 and FY2009, there was 6.4% decrease.

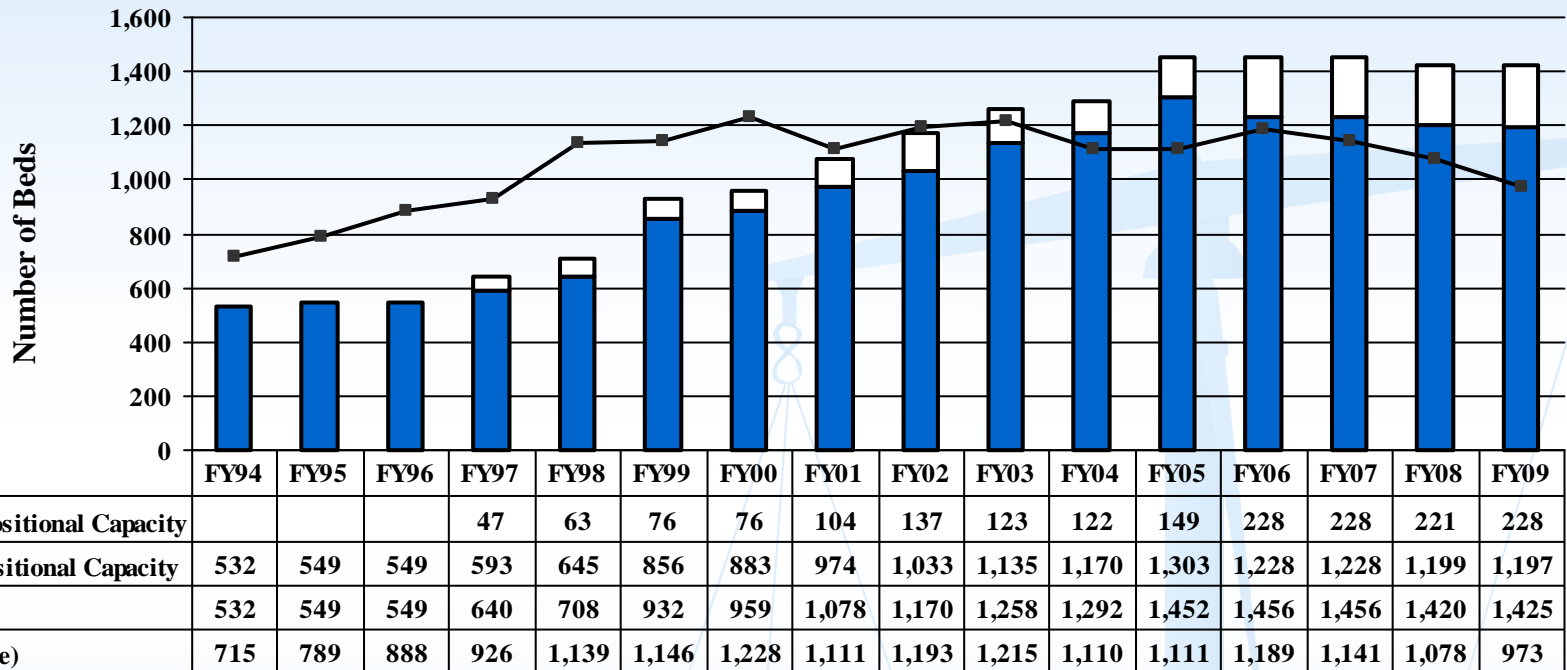
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# Juvenile Detention Home Placements\* FY2005 – FY2009



\* Juveniles with multiple pre-d and post-d placements are counted at the first placement. For example, if a juvenile is placed in pre-d twice, only one placement is included in the count.

# Detention Home Capacity and ADP FY1994 – FY2009



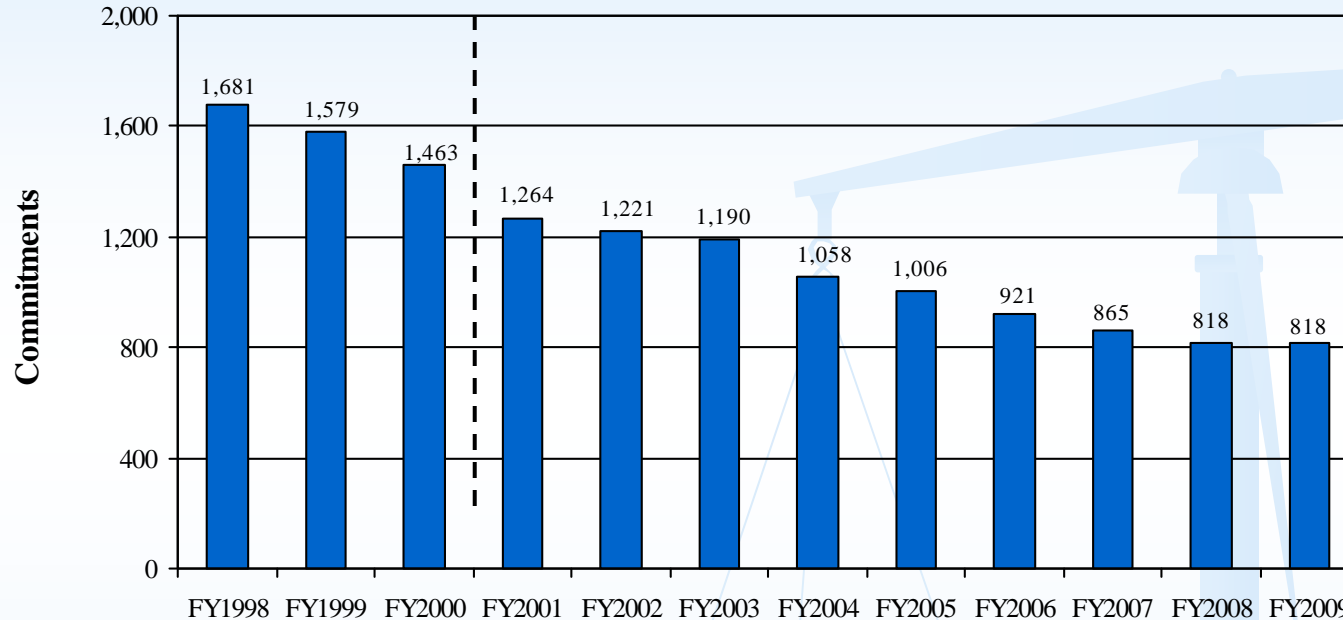
## Capacity Expansion between FY2002 and FY2009

There were no expansions during FY2007 or FY2008.

FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006
Highlands 20 to 30 Piedmont** 20 W.W.Moore 30 to 60 Roanoke 48 to 81	Blue Ridge** 40 Chesterfield 33 to 90 Prince William 40 to 72	Shenandoah Valley 32 to 55	Virginia Beach** 90 Newport News 40 to 110	Highlands 31 to 35

\*\* Denotes a new facility

# State Responsible Juvenile Offender Commitments\* FY1998 – FY2009

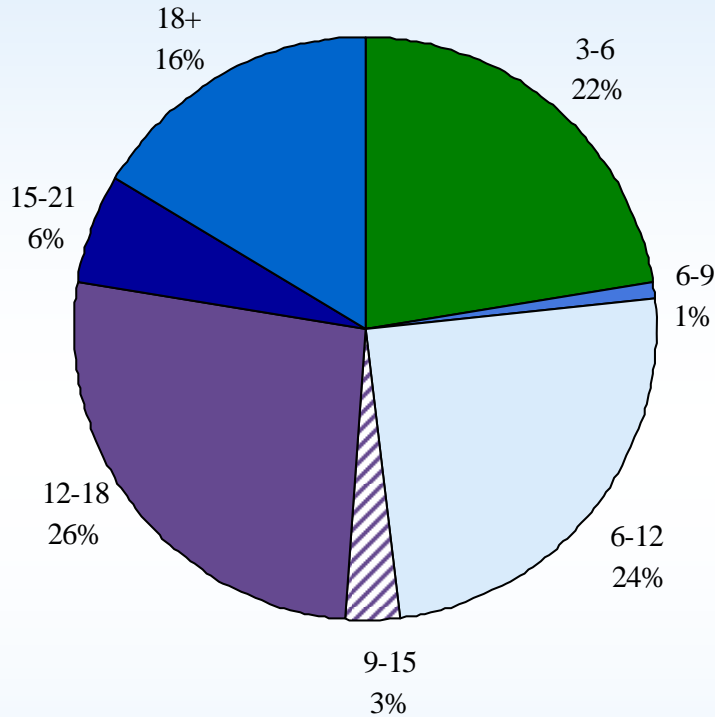


- Commitments have continued to decline since FY1998. Commitments have decreased by 51.3% since FY1998.
- In July 2000, the eligibility criteria for commitment to DJJ changed from *two* class 1 misdemeanors to *four* class 1 misdemeanors (guilty adjudications).

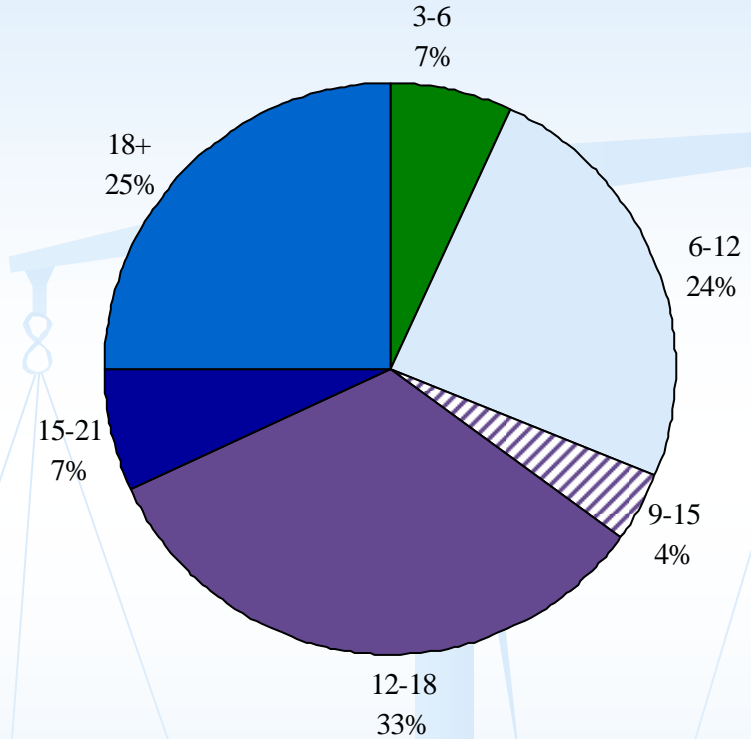
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# Indeterminate Commitments by LOS Category\* (Months)

FY2000



FY2009

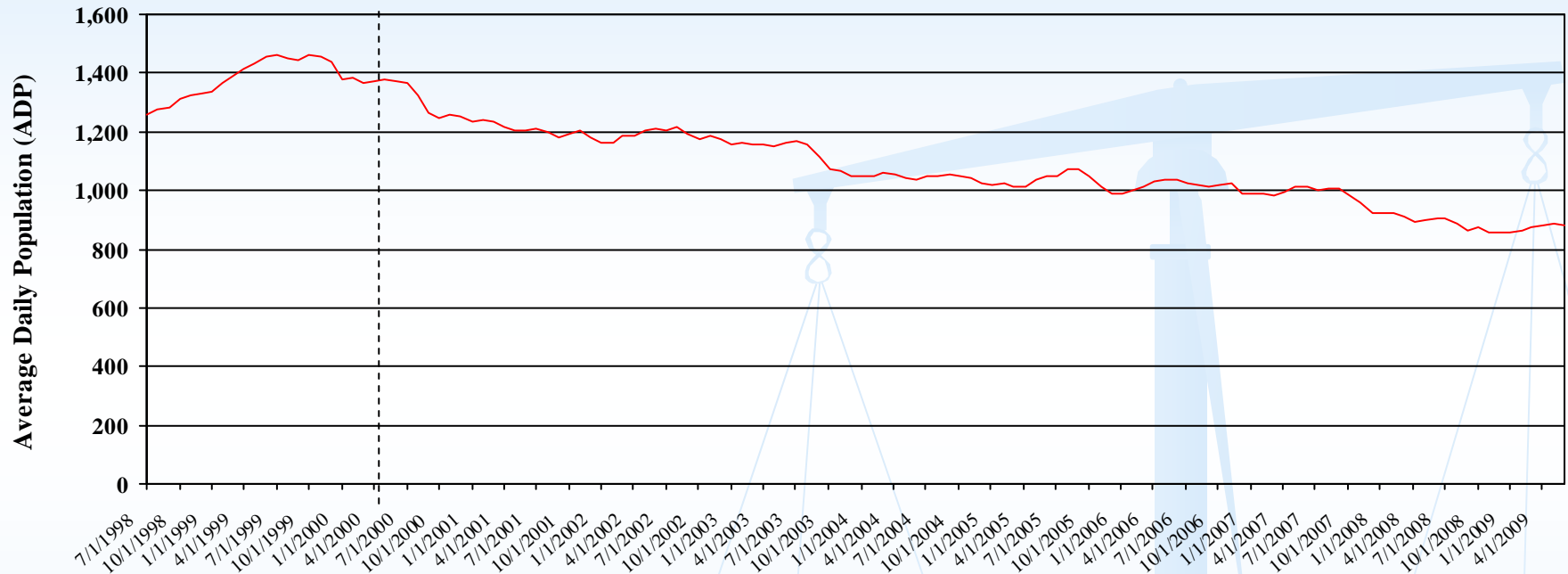


- In July 2000, the eligibility criteria for commitment to DJJ changed from *two* class 1 misdemeanors to *four* class 1 misdemeanors (guilty adjudications).
- The percentage of juveniles with a minimum LOS of 18 months increased from 16% in FY2000 to 25% in FY2009.
- The percentage of juveniles with a LOS of 3-6 months decreased from 22% in FY2000 to 7% in FY2009.

\* Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

# State Responsible Juvenile Population FY1999 – FY2009

In July 2000, the eligibility criteria for commitment to DJJ changed from *two* Class 1 misdemeanors to *four* Class 1 misdemeanors (guilty adjudications) without a felony.



- The average daily population (ADP) for state responsible juvenile offenders peaked in October 1999, with an ADP of 1,462.
- The monthly ADP has declined steadily since October 1999. During FY2008 the ADP fell below 900 for the first time.
- The ADP for FY2009 was 874 juveniles; the June ADP in 2009 was 882.

# The Current Population Profile of JCCs

A snapshot of the population on July 1, 2009:

- 872 total juveniles
  - 295 (33%) juveniles had a circuit court commitment.
    - 84 juveniles had a blended sentence.
  - 309 (35%) were 18 years old or older.
  - 497 (57%) require mental health treatment.
  - 570 (65%) were committed for felonies against persons (up from 45% on July 1, 2003).

# In recent years the characteristics of juveniles committed to DJJ has changed.

- Determinate and blended commitments, as a percent of total commitments, have increased since FY2000.
- Determinate sentences appear to have stabilized at longer sentences (about 40 months on average).
- Longer indeterminate lengths of stay have increased dramatically since 1996.
- Average Daily Population (ADP) declined steadily between October 1999 and January 2009, with a slight increase since January 2009.
  - Longer lengths of stay appear to be offset by declining admissions. These factors contributed to the drop in ADP.
  - During FY2008, the ADP fell below 900 for the first time.
  - The ADP for FY2009 was 874 juveniles.

# JCC Sex Offender Recidivism

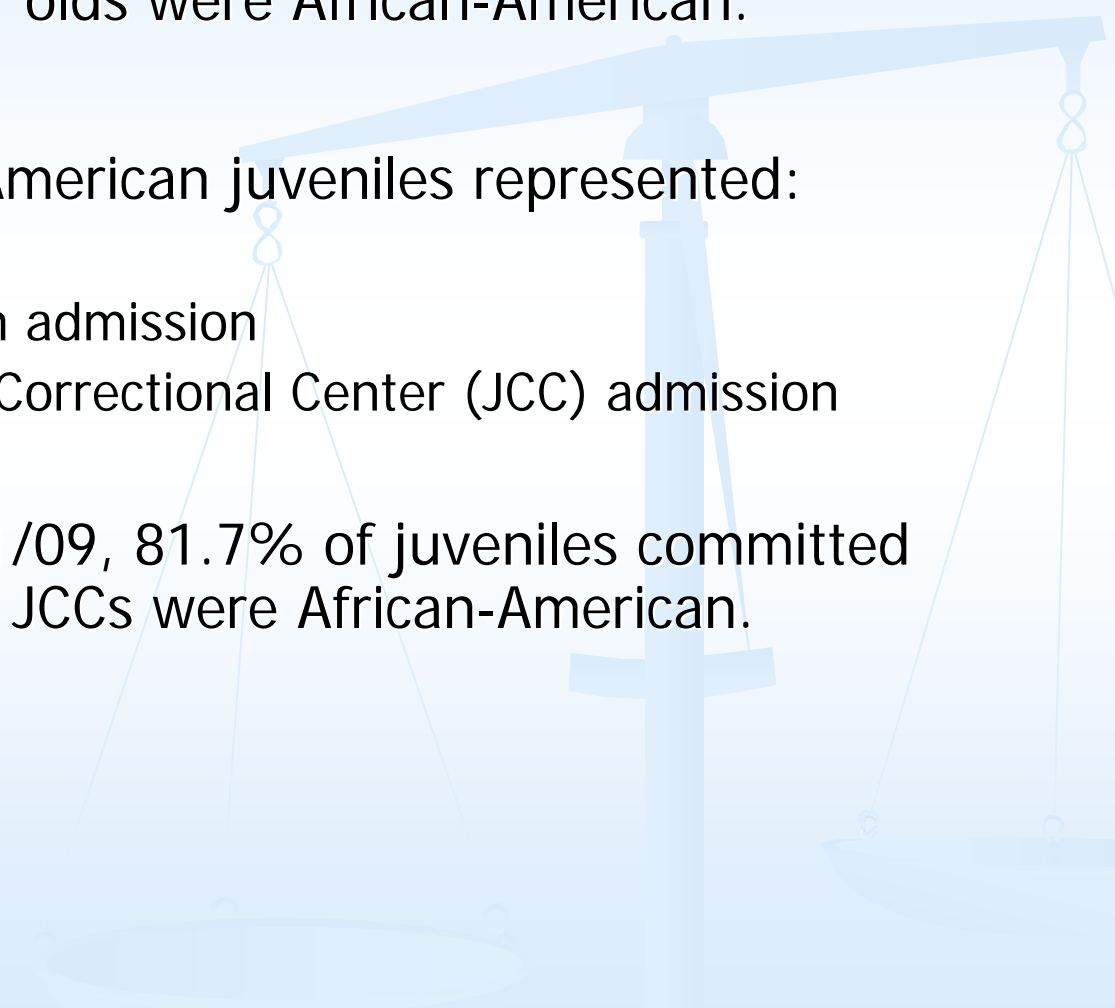
- 513 sex offenders were released from Juvenile Correctional Centers from FY2002 through FY2006 and tracked through FY2007.
- Total of 13 released were arrested and convicted of a new sex offense.

# JCC Sex Offenders Recidivism (cont.)

<u>Release Year</u>	<u># Released</u>	<u># New Sex Offenses through FY2006</u>
2002	115	3
2003	92	1
2004	98	6
2005	101	2
2006	<u>107</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals	513	13

# Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC)

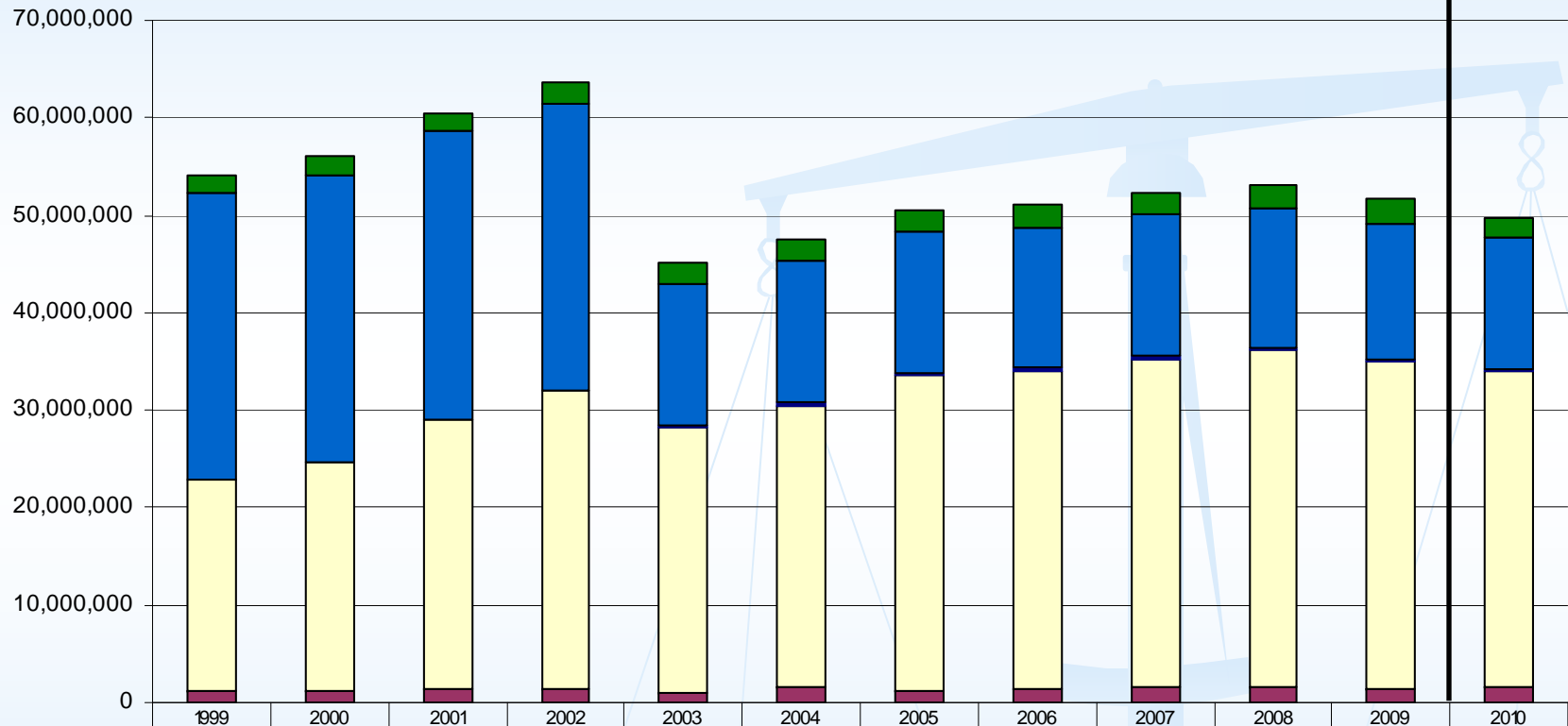
- According to the July 1, 2008 VA Census Estimate, 22.8% of 10-17 year olds were African-American.
- In FY2009, African-American juveniles represented:
  - 44.2% at intake
  - 53.8% at detention admission
  - 66.7% at Juvenile Correctional Center (JCC) admission
- In a snapshot on 7/1/09, 81.7% of juveniles committed from Circuit Court in JCCs were African-American.



# Aid to Localities\*

## Expenditures 1999-2009

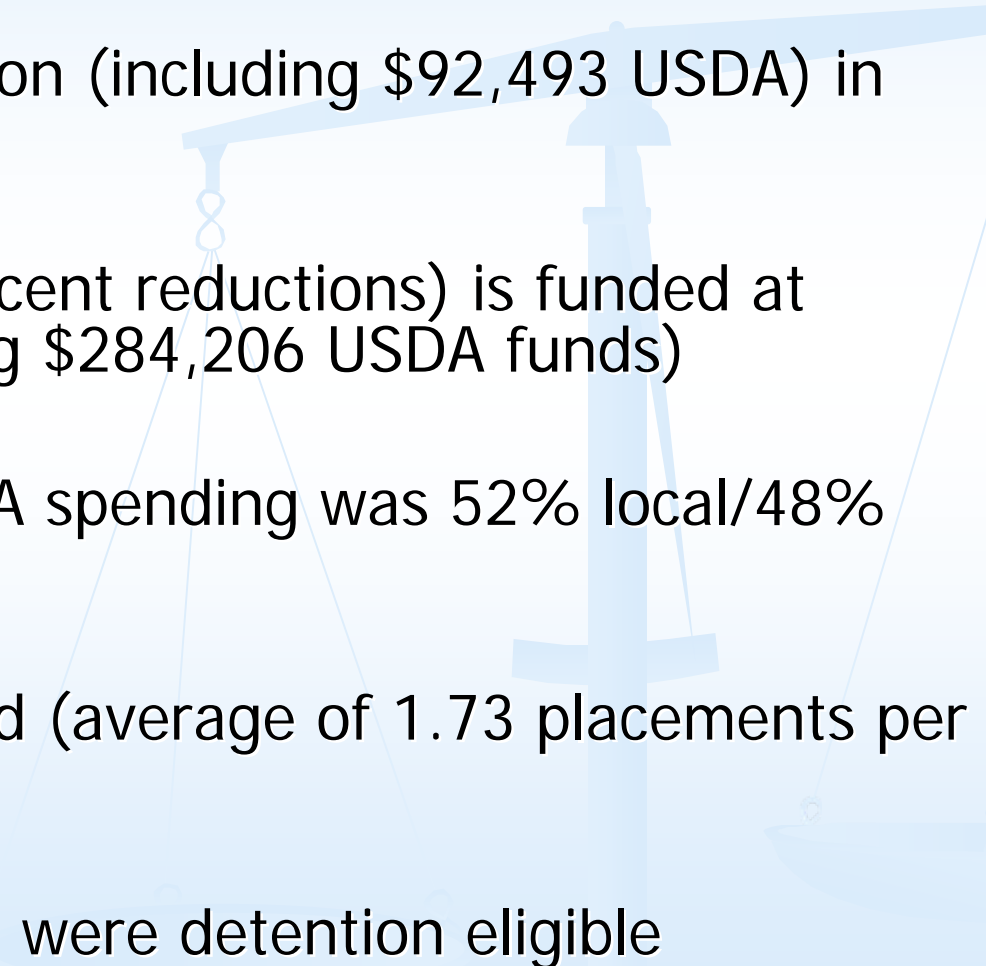
### Appropriation FY2010 (Includes Reductions)



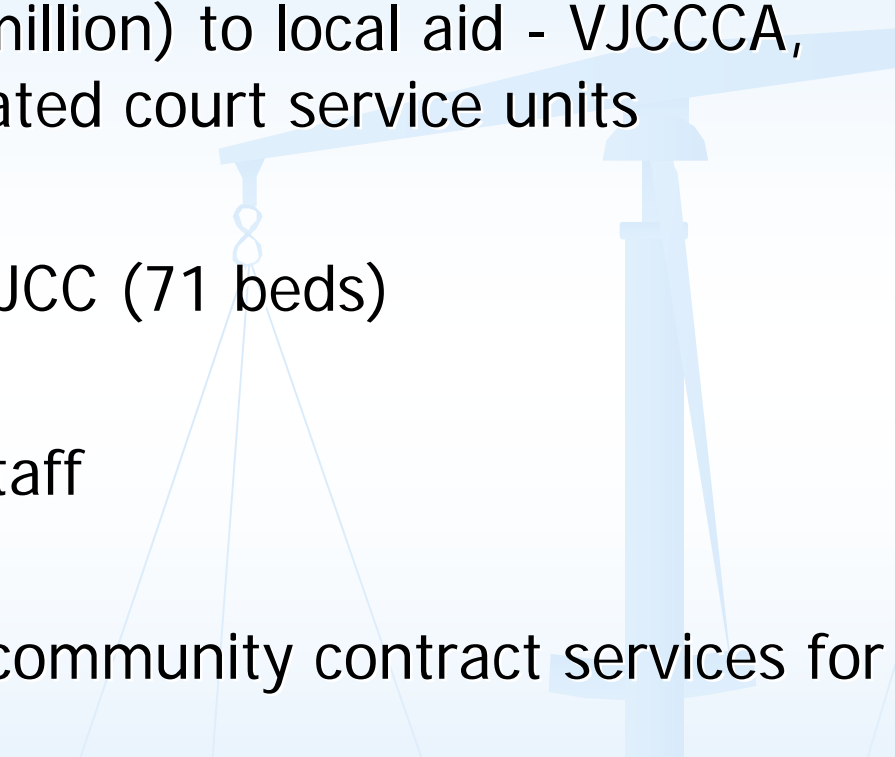
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Local CSU	1,888,479	1,987,849	1,845,553	2,094,085	2,125,668	2,155,272	2,215,219	2,303,084	2,368,986	2,404,893	2,446,064	2,002,378
VJCCCA Operations	29,373,461	29,516,576	29,513,050	29,475,942	14,506,010	14,499,233	14,478,898	14,478,899	14,506,010	14,143,360	13,915,104	13,436,192
VJCCCA Non-General Funds / USDA	0	0	0	0	192,492	316,104	253,162	252,423	247,114	242,401	218,760	284,206
Detention Operations	21,660,475	23,304,933	27,716,975	30,523,902	27,334,756	28,965,107	32,344,641	32,600,261	33,750,716	34,710,020	33,577,798	32,461,424
Detention Nongeneral Funds / USDA	1,172,680	1,280,724	1,414,018	1,446,365	894,931	1,546,661	1,253,942	1,455,759	1,516,383	1,529,724	1,489,632	1,524,873
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,095,095</b>	<b>56,090,082</b>	<b>60,489,596</b>	<b>63,540,294</b>	<b>45,053,857</b>	<b>47,482,377</b>	<b>50,545,862</b>	<b>51,090,426</b>	<b>52,389,209</b>	<b>53,030,398</b>	<b>51,647,358</b>	<b>49,709,073</b>

\* Operation expenditures include equipment and other start-up costs. Construction expenditures are not included.

# VJCCCA

- FY2002 funding was \$29.5 million
  - Reduced to \$14.6 million (including \$92,493 USDA) in FY2003
  - Currently (following recent reductions) is funded at \$13.7 million (including \$284,206 USDA funds)
  - Last year, total VJCCCA spending was 52% local/48% state
  - 12,692 juveniles placed (average of 1.73 placements per juvenile)
  - 80.4% of those placed were detention eligible
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# DJJ Budget Reductions with Local Impacts – September 2009

- 5% reduction (\$2.5 million) to local aid - VJCCCA, detention, local operated court service units
  - Close Natural Bridge JCC (71 beds)
  - Eliminate 23.5 CSU staff
  - Reduce \$536,000 in community contract services for aftercare cases
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# Issues

- Strong likelihood for additional reductions in next biennium (slow growth in revenues, plus end of stimulus funding)
- Reduced staff and resources in CSUs - impacts both caseloads and services
- Increases in family stability related petitions
- Reductions in other agencies with impacts on juveniles (e.g. - \$12.2 million reduction in state aid for CSBs)
- Revenue shortfalls and reductions in services at local level
- Don't yet know what base level of resources will be for purpose of revamping overall system planning
- ***How can state and local agencies with child-serving missions/functions maximize use of shrinking resources??***