

Missouri Division of Youth Services Demographic Overview

- 1,200 youth committed and over 2,800 served yearly
 - ❑ 86% Male; 14% Female
 - ❑ 85% between 14 - 16 years of age, 8% - 13 and younger
 - ❑ 37% minority youth (compared to 17.8% youth ages 10 - 17 in Missouri)
 - ❑ 66% from metro areas

- Committing offenses:
 - ❑ 53% felonies (66% with felony history)
 - ❑ 37% misdemeanors
 - ❑ 10% juvenile offenses

- Educational Disability, Mental Health Conditions, Prior System Involvement
 - ❑ 34% educational disability
 - ❑ 46% prior mental health; 38% with an active diagnosis
 - ❑ 54% involved in prior substance abuse involvement
 - ❑ 20% with prior placement in alternative services (e.g. foster care, residential care) with Department of Social Services Children's Division, Missouri's Child Welfare agency.