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# Females in the Juvenile Delinquency System in the State of Iowa 2007

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# Child Maltreatment 2006

	Male	Female
National		
Number	427,027	455,510
Rate per 1,000	11.4	12.7
Percent	48.2	51.5

	Male	Female
Iowa		
Number	7,280	7,307
Rate per 1,000	20.0 <sup>1</sup>	21.1 <sup>1</sup>
Percent	49.9	50.1

<sup>1</sup> Iowa has the 5<sup>th</sup> highest rate in the nation

Source: US Department of Health and Human Services, *Child Maltreatment 2006*  
Maltreatment includes physical, sexual, and psychological abuse or neglect

# Juvenile Justice System Flow - 2007

## Females

345,841 (48.7%)

7,356 (31.9%)

8,785 (31.4%)

3,937 (37.6%)

872 (20.2%)

1,333 (21.6%)

285 (27.4%)

459 (19.5%)

300 (21.1%)

136 (17.8%)

Population (2006)

Arrests

Complaints

Informal Adjustments

Detention

Petitions Filed

Consent Decrees

Adjudications

Formal Probation

Waived to Adult Court

## Males

364,353 (51.3%)

15,707 (68.1%)

19,162 (68.6%)

6,526 (62.4%)

3,441 (79.8%)

4,835 (78.4%)

754 (72.6%)

1,899 (80.5%)

1,120 (78.9%)

630 (82.2%)

Age 0-17/Calendar Year 2007

Data Source: Iowa Justice Data Warehouse/Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

# Juvenile Arrests

## FEMALES - 2007

	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%Chg 2005</u>
Shoplifting	1,375	18.7	0.7
Liquor Law Violations	1,009	13.7	18.1
Disorderly Conduct	939	12.8	28.3
Simple Assault	822	11.2	4.1
All Other Offenses*	550	7.5	-10.6
All Other Larceny	508	6.9	19.2
Runaway	348	4.7	27.5
Curfew	339	4.6	35.6
Drug Violations	272	3.7	-26.7
Vandalism	208	2.8	-15.8

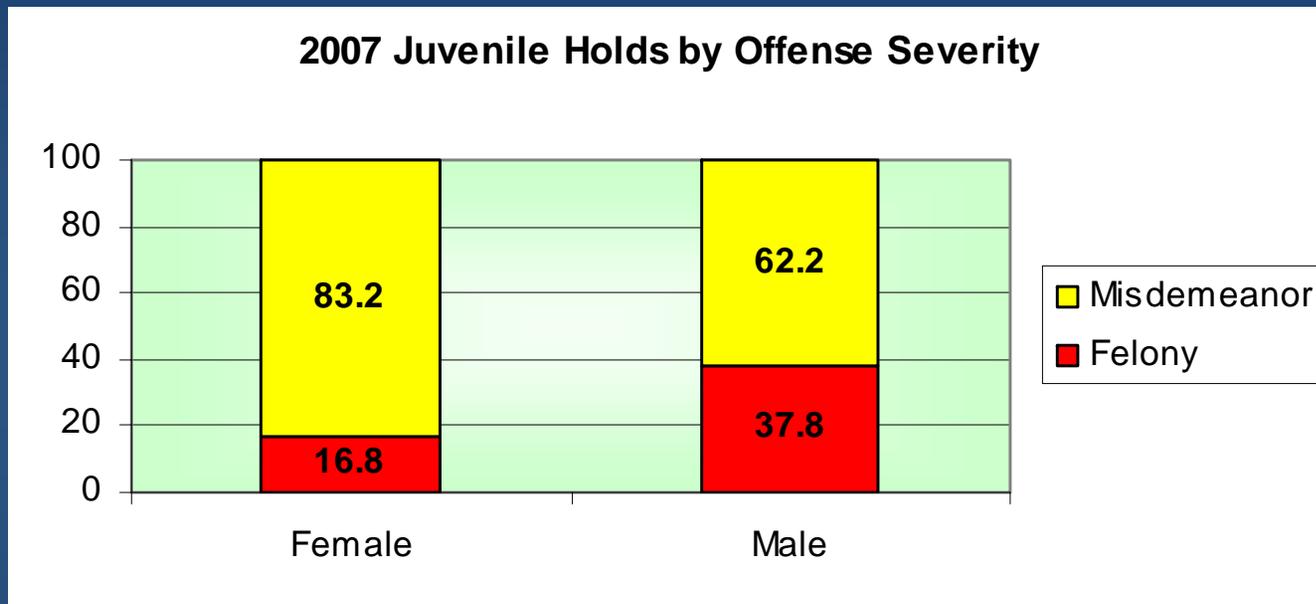
## MALES - 2007

	<u>N</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>% Chg 2005</u>
Simple Assault	1,801	11.5	4.8
Disorderly Conduct	1,702	10.8	28.0
Vandalism	1,658	10.5	15.9
All Other Offenses	1,474	9.4	-0.2
Liquor Law Violations	1,286	8.2	5.5
Shoplifting	1,137	7.2	-5.4
Drug Violations	1,096	7.0	-13.0
All Other Larceny	915	5.8	6.9
Burglary	822	5.2	8.2
Curfew	661	4.2	25.7

Data source: Iowa Department of Public Safety

\*All Other Offenses includes mostly; Possession of Burglary Tools, Cigarette Law Violations, Cruelty to Animals, Failure to Appear, Harassment, Harboring, Hit and Run, Leaving the Scene, Indecent Exposure, Obstruction, Obscene Phone Call, Probation Violation, Scalping, Unlawful Assembly

# Juvenile Detention Holds



Female – Felony = 145 / Misdemeanor = 719

Male – Felony = 1,290 / Misdemeanor = 2,124

# Female Detention Holds

	<u>2003</u>		<u>2007</u>	
<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>67.3%</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>64.2%</b>
<b>African American</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
<b>Native American</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
<b>Asian</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Iowa Justice Data Warehouse-Calendar Year Data

# Females in the Juvenile Justice System - 2007

<u>Caucasian</u>		<u>Minority</u>
301,567 (87.2%)	Population (2006)	44,274 (12.8%)
5,591 (76.0%)	Arrests	1,765 (24.0%)
6,458 (73.5%)	Complaints	2,327 (26.5%)
3,125 (79.4%)	Informal Adjustments	812 (20.6%)
560 (64.2%)	Detention	312 (35.8%)
900 (67.5%)	Petitions Filed	433 (32.5%)
217 (76.1%)	Consent Decrees	68 (23.9%)
320 (69.7%)	Adjudications	139 (30.3%)
214 (71.3%)	Formal Probation	86 (28.7%)
106 (77.9%)	Waived to Adult Court	30 (22.1%)

Age 0-17/Calendar Year 2007

Source: Iowa Justice Data Warehouse/Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention

# Juvenile Justice Decision Points

FEMALES	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	5-Year Change
Arrest	6,678	6,751	6,822	6,878	7,364	10.3%
Complaint	8,604	8,551	8,549	8,896	8,785	2.1%
Petition	1,337	1,343	1,334	1,259	1,333	- 0.3%
Detention	1,061	1,049	1,082	987	872	-17.8%

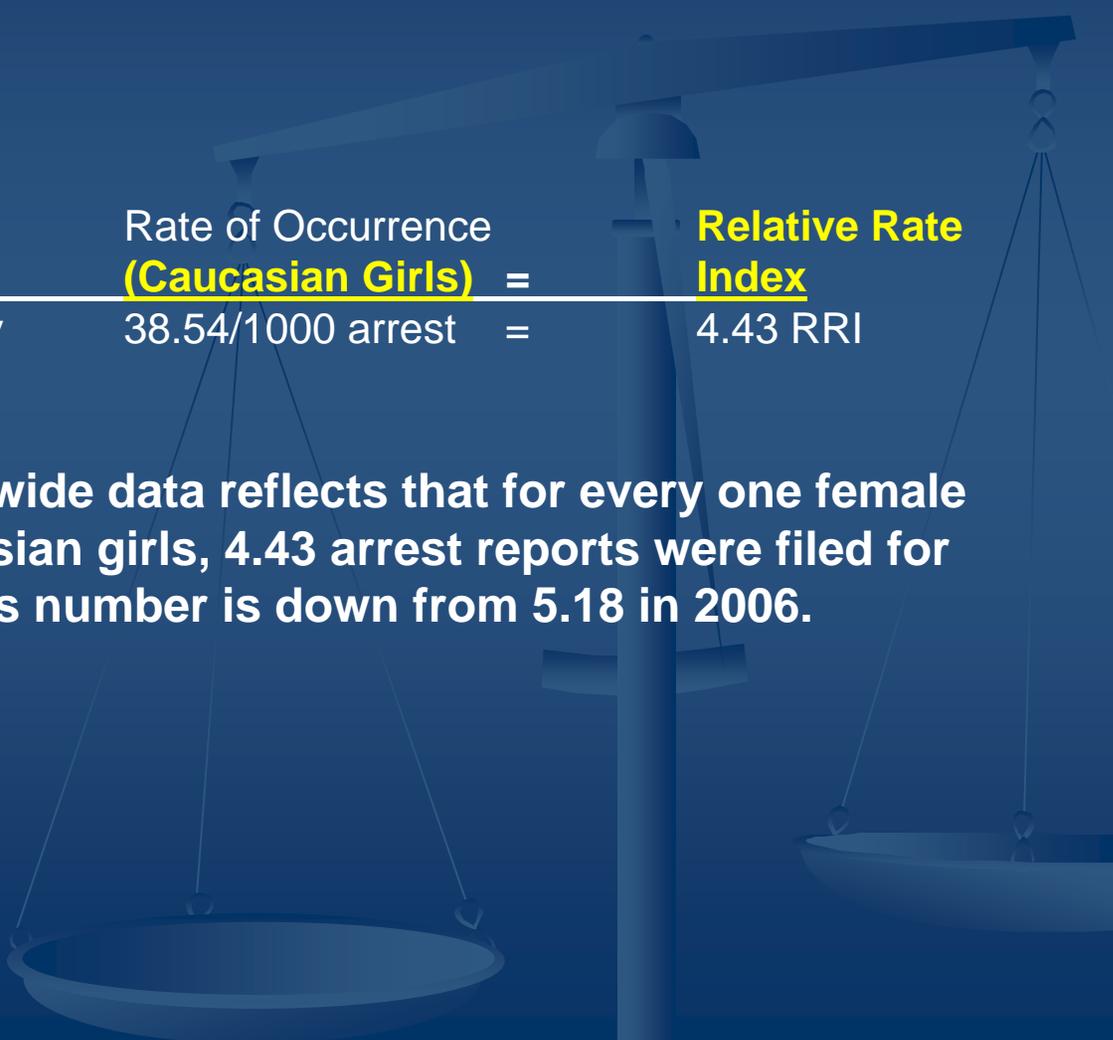
Female - Caucasians	2003	2007	5-Year Change
Arrest	5,497	5,597	1.8%
Complaint	6,912	6,458	- 6.6%
Petition	974	900	- 7.6%
Detention	714	560	-21.6%

Female - Minorities	2003	2007	5-Year Change
Arrest	1,181	1,767	49.6%
Complaint	1,692	2,327	37.5%
Petition	363	433	19.3%
Detention	347	312	-10.1%

Source: Iowa Justice Data Warehouse-Calendar Year Data

# Disproportionate Minority Contact

## RELATIVE RATE INDEX


$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Rate of Occurrence} \\ \text{(Afr American Girls)} \\ 170.84/1000 \text{ arrests} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{divided} \\ \text{by} \\ \text{divided by} \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \text{Rate of Occurrence} \\ \text{(Caucasian Girls)} \\ 38.54/1000 \text{ arrest} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Relative Rate} \\ \text{Index} \\ 4.43 \text{ RRI} \end{array}$$

The RRI from the 2007 statewide data reflects that for every one female arrest report filed for Caucasian girls, 4.43 arrest reports were filed for African American girls. This number is down from 5.18 in 2006.

# Disproportionate Minority Contact

Relative Rate Index Compared with White Juveniles				
State: <b>State of Iowa - Female</b>	Reporting Period: <b>January - December 2007</b>			
	African-American	Hispanic	American Indian or Alaska Native	All Minorities
Juvenile Arrests	4.43	---	2.84	1.98
Refer to Juvenile Court	5.45	1.13	3.14	2.89
Cases Diverted	0.63	0.94	0.71	0.71
Cases Involving Secure Detention	1.55	1.50	2.92	1.55
Cases Petitioned	1.54	1.02	0.77	1.34
Cases Resulting in Probation Placement	1.02	0.40	0.98	0.91
Cases Transferred to Adult Court	4.43	---	2.84	0.60

Source: Iowa Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning

# Delinquent Females

## Original Complaints

Number of Complaints January 1, 2006 –  
June 30, 2006 = **5,047**

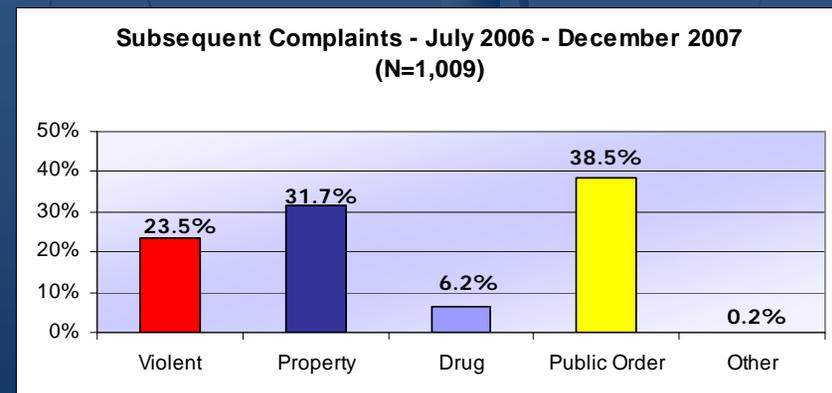
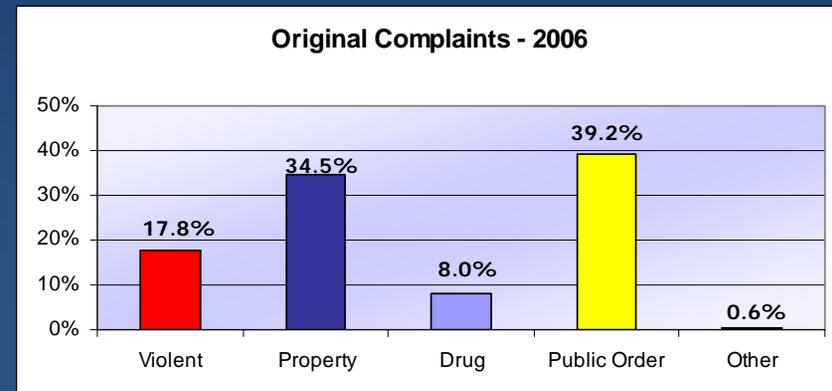
Number of Females with Complaints = **3,500**

*Violent crimes represented  
17.8% of all original  
complaints for girls in this  
study. Of those girls  
recidivating, violent crimes  
constituted 23.5% of their  
subsequent complaints.*

## Recidivism

Number of Subsequent Complaints July 1,  
2006 – December 31, 2007 = **2,202**

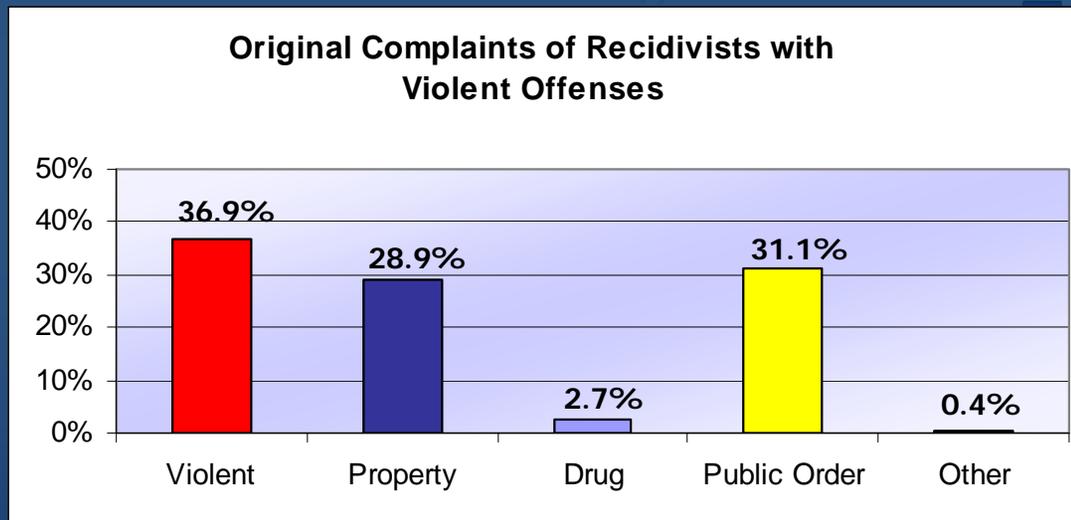
Number of Female Recidivists = **1,009 (28.8%)**



## FEMALE RECIDIVISTS – ORIGINAL OFFENSES OF VIOLENT OFFENDERS

There were 295 female recidivists with 517 violent complaints during the period of July 1, 2006 and December 31, 2007.

The following includes the *original* 554 complaints for these 295 females during the period of January through June 2006.



# Recidivism - Offenses

Top Ten Original Complaints (N=5,047)	N	%
Theft 5th (Shoplifting)	1,005	19.9
Possession of Alcohol	780	15.5
Simple Assault	448	8.9
Disorderly Conduct	434	8.6
Interference	191	3.8
Possession Controlled Substance	173	3.4
Assault No Injury	167	3.3
Criminal Mischief 5 (Damage to Property<\$200)	160	3.2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	120	2.4
Theft 4th	115	2.3

Top Ten Subsequent Complaints (N=2,202)	N	%
Theft 5th (Shoplifting)	366	16.6
Disorderly Conduct	243	11.0
Simple Assault	208	9.4
Possession of Alcohol (1st Offense)	142	6.4
Assault No Injury	118	5.4
Interference	103	4.7
Criminal Mischief 5 (Damage to Property<\$200)	81	3.7
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	55	2.5
Consumption/Intoxication	54	2.5
Possession of Alcohol (2nd Offense)	48	2.2

# Comparison of Original Population with Recidivists

	Original Population		Recidivists	
	(N=3,500)		(N=1,009)	
	N	%	N	%
<b>Race</b>				
Caucasian	2,657	75.9	688	68.2
African American	542	15.5	232	23.0
Other Minority	301	8.6	89	8.8
<b>Offense Type</b>				
Violent	897	17.8	517	23.5
Property	1,741	34.5	697	31.7
Drug	404	8.0	137	6.2
Public Order	1,977	39.2	847	38.5
Other	28	0.6	4	0.2

No Local or Traffic Charges Included / Source: Iowa Justice Data Warehouse

# Comparison of Original Population with Recidivists

	Original Population		Recidivists	
	(N=3,500)		(N=1,009)	
	N	%	N	%
<b>Top 5 Offenses</b>				
Theft	1,005	19.9	366	16.6
Alcohol-1st Offense	780	15.5	142	6.4
Simple Assault	448	8.9	208	9.4
Disorderly Conduct	434	8.6	243	11.0
Interference	191	3.8	103	4.7
<b>Level of Charges</b>				
Felony	204	4.0	112	5.1
Misdemeanor	4,046	80.2	1,902	86.4
Scheduled/Other	797	15.8	188	8.5

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