

LEGISLATIVE

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2011 and Partial 2012* Juvenile Offense Data

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“...particularly when confronted with stressful or emotional decisions, teenagers are more likely to act impulsively, on instinct, without fully understanding or analyzing the consequences of their actions.”

- Dr. David Fassler, a psychiatry professor at the University of Vermont College of Medicine

Experts say that even at ages 16 and 17, when compared to adults, juveniles on average are more:

- **impulsive.**
- **aggressive.**
- **emotionally volatile.**
- **likely to take risks.**
- **reactive to stress.**
- **vulnerable to peer pressure.**
- **prone to focus on and overestimate short-term payoffs and underplay longer-term consequences of what they do.**
- **likely to overlook alternative courses of action.**

Research doesn't absolve teens but offers some explanation for their behavior.

Year	# of Offenses/number of youth, Alachua County Only	Change in Offenses from Previous Year
2000	2373	n/a
2008	1823 / 1,239	-208
2009	1562 / 1,046	-261
2010	1382 / 979	-180
2011	1311 / 836 youth 616 youth were charged with only one offense, (74%) 194 youth committed 2-4 offenses, (23%) 26 youth committed 5 or more offenses (3%) 171 offenses	- 71
2012 * * Jan 1-Aug 25	734 / 519 youth <i>395 youth were charged with only one offense, (76%) 114 youth committed 2-4 offenses, (22%) 10 youth committed 5 or more offenses (2%) 77 offenses</i>	TBD: Expected Decrease

Month Juvenile Offense occurred

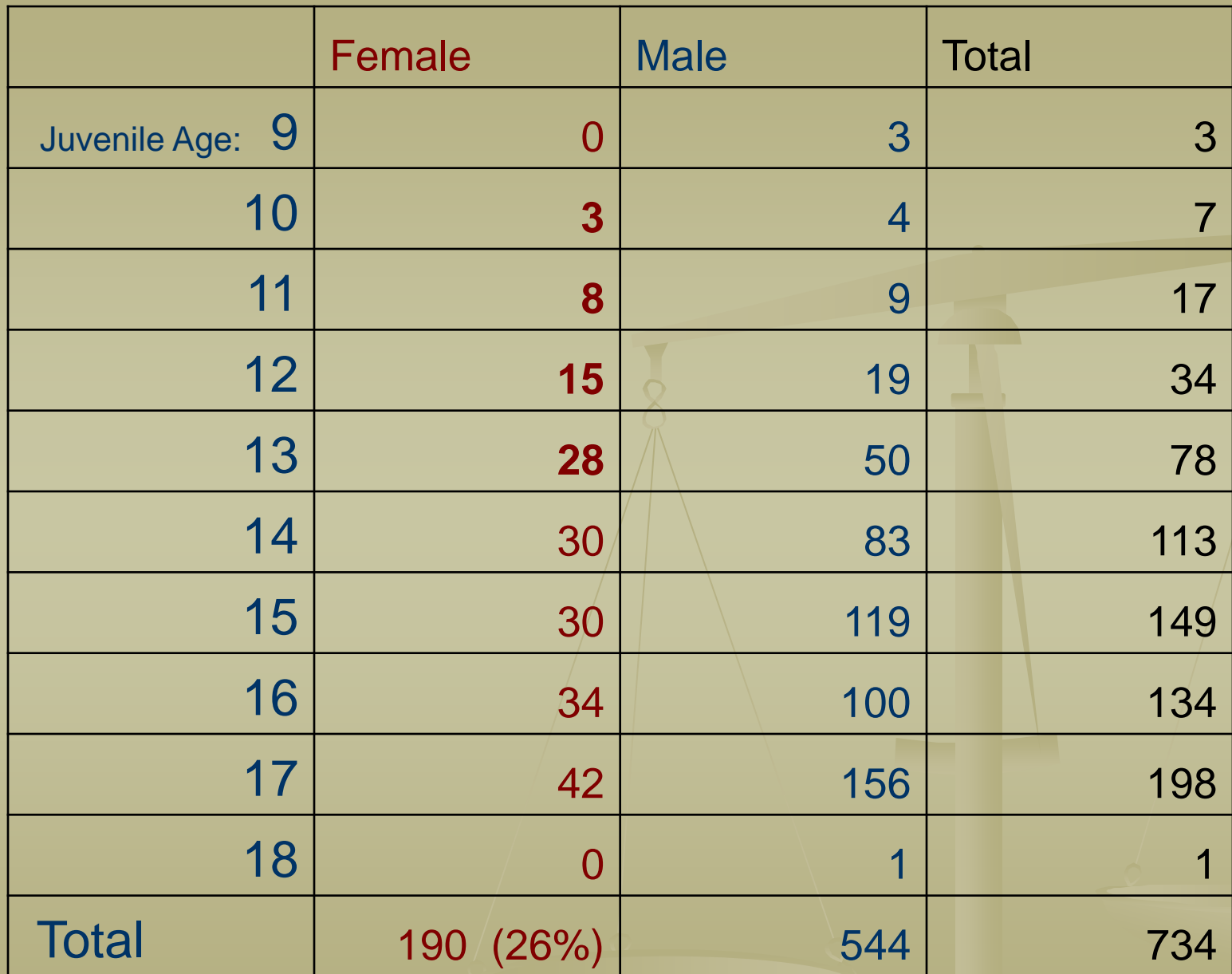
	2012*	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Jan	112	104	121	133	141	153
Feb	86	101	118	140	169	206
Mar	84	116	153	164	192	218
Apr	112	120	135	154	150	156
May	117	125	135	131	148	165
Jun	104	85	106	142	155	160
Jul	74	105	125	130	139	166
Aug	45*(68)	86	85	92	136	153
Sep	*	137	109	141	161	201
Oct	*	120	107	134	152	217
Nov	*	102	98	99	153	121
Dec	*	110	90	102	127	115
Total	734*	1,311	1,382	1,562	1,824	2,031

Gender of Juvenile: 2000-2012*

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
M	1,709	1646	1723	1585	1617	1541	1716	1469	1293	1,101	947	964	544
	72%	73%	75%	74%	74%	72%	72%	72%	71%	70%	68.5%	73.5%	74%
F	664	604	585	553	563	609	661	562	530	461	435	347	190
	28%	27%	25%	26%	26%	28%	28%	28%	29%	30%	31.5%	26.5%	26%

Age of Juvenile:	GPD
9	2
10	4
11	13
12	16
13	41
14	67
15	68
16	82
17	102
Total	395

91.5 % (672) of ALL juvenile offenses in 2012* involved a youth between the ages of 13-18.



	Female	Male	Total
Juvenile Age: 9	0	3	3
10	3	4	7
11	8	9	17
12	15	19	34
13	28	50	78
14	30	83	113
15	30	119	149
16	34	100	134
17	42	156	198
18	0	1	1
Total	190 (26%)	544	734

		Mid-6am	6am-9am	9am-3pm*	3-6pm	6-9pm	9p-Mid	unk/not recorded	Total
Juv AGE:	9	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	3
	10	0	0	2	3	1	0	1	7
	11	0	0	8	5	2	2	0	17
	12	0	2	11	11	4	3	3	34
	13	13	5	24	18	7	4	7	78
	14	13	3	44	23	12	5	13	113
	15	6	11	40	24	28	12	28	149
	16	12	13	34	25	20	10	20	134
	17	46	4	42	34	26	20	26	198
	18	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total		90	38	207	143 (19%)	101	56	99	734

2012* Juvenile offenses # of 13-18 registered for HW (n=324)	ALL Juv Cases (n=734)	Offenses during HW Rec Date range (n=173)	22 Offenses committed by youth Registered in Heat Wave (N=18, 5*)	Offenses DID NOT occur in HW Rec Range dates (n=545, 74%)
Mid -6 am	90	44	1	45
6:01-9 am	38	3	3	3
9:01-3 pm (6 hour period)	207 28%	32	7	169
3:01-6pm	143 19.5%	25 14%	5	115
6:01-9pm	101	29	3	71
9:01pm-Mid	56	17	1	38
Unk/not recorded	99	23	2	75

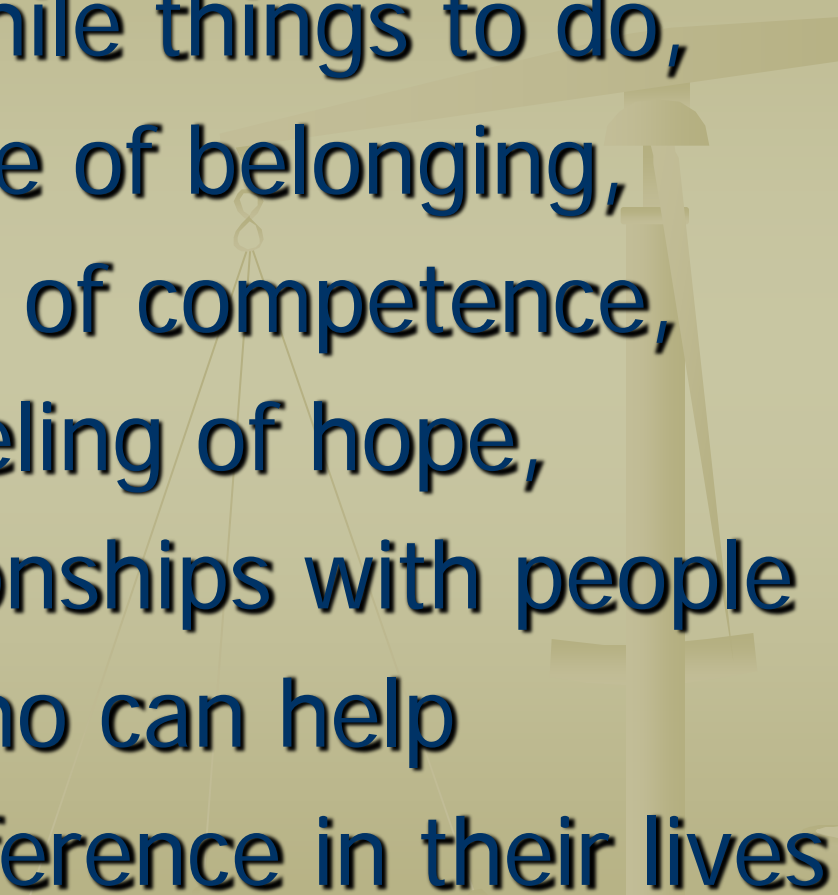
LE Response

GPD Response only	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012*
Number of cases	980	863	717	731	395*
Percentage of all crimes reported for CY	54%	55%	52%	56%	54%*

HW youth who were charged with a crime during summer date range

Four 15 year old males, 5 GPD cases

- FB 7/25 7:45p 32615 stole pr of socks from Macys
- MH 7/24 5:15p 32609 smoking M on public bench
- TS 8/2 606p 32609 HW fight
- TW 7/8 unk 32609 2 cts. stolen scooter



All young people need
safe places to go,
worthwhile things to do,
a sense of belonging,
a sense of competence,
a feeling of hope,
and relationships with people
who can help
make a difference in their lives