



A Peek at 2014* Juvenile Offense Data and the Impact of COG Heat Wave

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Protective factors

...**in the family**, including having parents who demonstrate love and caring for their children, who are involved in their children's activities, and who monitor and supervise their children's behaviors. **Adult supervision** of and involvement in youth peer group activities, to provide added protection against developing delinquent behavior.

Other family-oriented protective factors include family stability and adequate financial resources.

Positive personal attributes such as social and conflict resolution skills (including the ability to solve problems without resorting to violence). **Youth participation** in, and acceptance by, prosocial peer groups. Peer influence is particularly important during adolescence.

Schools that positively shape behavior of young children and teenagers begins with teachers who care about students and demonstrate concern for their students' social and academic growth. Youth that attend school daily, on time, and are prepared for school, succeed in school, and are committed to the value of education, are less likely to become delinquents.

Communities that provide opportunities begins with exhibiting a high level of organization and cooperation, with neighbors working together to meet common objectives, channeling/engaging youth behavior toward constructive outcomes. For example, communities with afterschool recreational and tutoring activities and youth social clubs help to protect youth from the temptations and risks that exist in society.

“...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/# of youth, Alachua County Only	Change in Offenses from Previous Year
2000	2373 cases	n/a
2008	1823 /1,239	-208
2009	1562 /1,046	-261
2010	1382 / 979	-180
2011	<p>1311 cases /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</p>	- 71
2012	1208 cases /792 youth	-103
<p><i>2013*</i> <i>Jan 1-Aug 18</i></p>	<p><i>~690 cases / 475 youth</i> <i>363 youth were charged with only one offense, (76%)</i> <i>99 youth committed 2-4 offenses, (21%)</i> <i>13 youth committed 5 or more offenses</i> <i>(3%....92 offenses)</i></p>	
<p><i>2014*</i> <i>Jan 1-Aug 16</i></p>	<p><i>733 cases/518 youth</i> <i>399 youth charged with only 1 offense, (77%)</i> <i>105 youth committed 2-4 offenses, (20%)</i> <i>14 youth committed 5 or more offenses</i> <i>(2%...88 offenses)</i></p>	

Month Juvenile Offense occurred

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Jan	88	82	115	104	121	133	141	153
Feb	113	81	91	101	118	140	169	206
Mar	101	116	89	116	153	164	192	218
Apr	100	111	113	120	135	154	150	156
May	130	94	119	125	135	131	148	165
Jun	88	65	106	85	106	142	155	160
Jul	96	106**	82	105	125	130	139	166
Aug	17*	50*	85	86	85	92	136	153
Sep	*	*	121	137	109	141	161	201
Oct	*	*	95	120	107	134	152	217
Nov	*	*	106	102	98	99	153	121
Dec	*	*	86	110	90	102	127	115
Total	733*	705*	1,208	1,311	1,382	1,562	1,824	2,0315

2014* Types of crimes by Juveniles, by Charge

	Frequency	Percent
Affray	26	3.5%
Agg batt	7	1%
Alcohol	7	1%
Assault/ Agg ass	23	3%
Battery	106	14.5
Burg/att burg	47	6.4
combination	31	4%
crim mischief	19	2.6
disorderly conduct	30	4%
disr school Function	10	1.4
dom battery	65	9%
False ID	15	2%
G theft	49	6.7
Loiter	13	2%
Mari/Drug	75	10.25
Other	10	1.4
Petit theft	93	12.7
Robbery	14	2%
ROWV	36	5%
RWOV	13	2%
Sex/Lewd	7	.1%
Trespass	18	2.5
weapon/gun	14	2%

COED BASKETBALL

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Come join our coed athletics program. Build character through fairness and respect for all players, regardless of skill.

2014 Dates: June 16 – August 8

Ages: 13 – 18 (18 if still in school. Age as of December 31, 2014.)

Play Times by Age: 13–15 Tues. & Thurs., 2–9 pm, 16–18 Mon. & Wed., 2–9 pm

Last game starts at 8 pm. Friday–Sunday are reserved for make-up games. No games July 4, and July 21 – 25.

There will be a single-elimination tournament at the end of the season.

Location: Martin Luther King Jr. Multipurpose Center, 1028 NE 14th Street

Teens must participate in two life skill classes a week.

- Life skill classes are mandatory in order to play. A list of life skill classes will be handed out at the start of HeatWave. Classes will consist of inspirational speakers, hands-on activities and light refreshments

TEEN LOUNGES

- Need a safe place to hang out with your friends, play video games, ping-pong and bumper pool? New this year! Open Gym, Movie Nights, Video Tournaments and More! Show us what it means when Character Counts through trustworthiness and caring while having a good time.

2014 Dates & Times: June 16 – August 15, Mon. – Thurs.: 6 – 9 pm; Fri.: 2 – 9 pm, Open Gym on Fridays from 2– 6 pm.

Ages: 13 – 18 (18 if still in school. Age as of 12/31/2014.)

- Wristband required for entry into the center. Register on location at the center. Closed for the July 4 holiday.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Multipurpose Center, 1028 NE 14th Street
Transportation from other recreation centers will be provided.
- **Porters Community Center**, 512 SW 2nd Terrace
Pick-up: 5:30 pm; Drop-off: 9:15 pm
- **Eastside Community Center**, 2841 E University Avenue
Pick-up: 5:45 pm, Drop-off: 9:00 pm

Transportation will be arranged for **Northwood Villas Community Center**. Pick-up and Drop-off times will be posted at the center, located at 2509 NW 57th Place.

POOL PARTIES

Come join one of our pool parties this summer and celebrate good character, citizenship and responsibility while having a good time! Swim, dance, listen to music and enjoy a little food, hot off the grill! Operation Respect Yourself is a partnership between the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department and the Gainesville Police Department. **Ages: 13 – 18.** (No registration required.)

2014 Dates & Time:

Location:

June 5, 3 – 7 pm

Andrew R. Mickle, Sr. Pool, 1717 SE 15th Street

July 18, 11:30 am – 4 pm

Dwight H. Hunter (Northeast) Pool, 1100 NE 14th Street

August 16, 11:30 am – 4 pm

H. Spurgeon Cherry (Westside) Pool, 1001 NW 31st Drive

HW Participants:

- 126 13-15 year olds in Basketball
 - 32 13-15 year olds in Teen Lounge

 - 57 16-18 year olds in Basketball
 - 8 16-18 year olds in Teen Lounge
- Total: 223 youth**

Age	2014		2013	
6-9	4	.5%	9	1.7%
10	8	1%	11	1.6%
11	15	2%	9	1.3%
12	30	4%	63	9%
13	69	9%	64	9%
14	112	14%	98	14%
15	120	16%	135	19.5%
16	212	29%	156	22.6%
17	163	22%	145	21%
Total	733		690	

86% of ALL juvenile offenses in **2013** involved a youth between the ages of 13-18.

90% of ALL juvenile offenses in **2014** involved a youth between the ages of 13-18.

Gender of Juvenile: 2013*

Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Female	208	29.5%
Male	496	70.5%

Gender of Juvenile: 2014*

Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Female	194	26.5%
Male	539	73.5%

Race of juvenile

	Of the 733 Cases:	Frequency (#)	Percent (%)
	Black/Other	598	81.6
	White	135	18.4

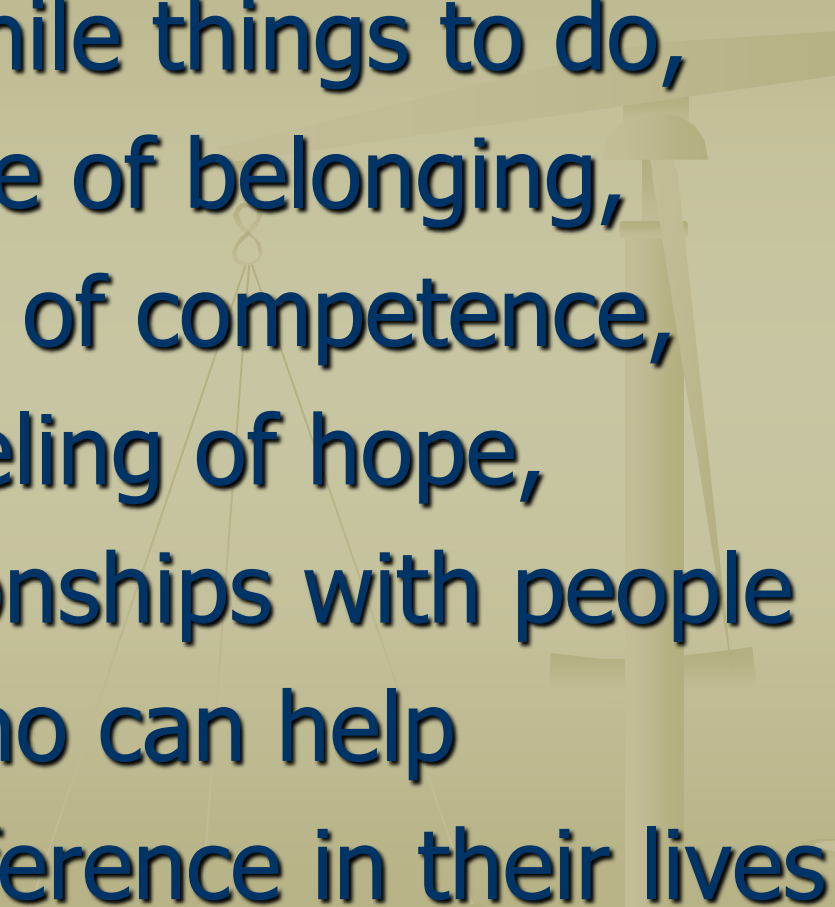
2014* Juvenile offenses	ALL Juv Cases (n=733)	Offenses committed by youth Registered in Heat Wave
January	86	2
Feb	104	9
March	93	8
April	95	5
May	121	9
June	87	1
July	92	4
August	16*	1
Total to date	694 95%	39 5%

6 HW youth charged with a crime
during summer date range

Responding agency: GPD (5), ACSO (1)

1 Female*, 5 males

6 cases involved: loitering, burglary US*,
marijuana, Resisting (2), petit theft



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



Questions? Comments?