

Youthful Offenders vs Juveniles

Juvenile Justice & Rehabilitation Administration

WHO IS A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER IN WASHINGTON STATE?

- A youthful offender is an individual who was under the age of 18 when convicted and sentenced as an adult and currently under the age of 21.
- Youthful offenders are housed at a DSHS Juvenile Rehabilitation facility to ensure their education, medical, mental health, and developmental needs are addressed per RCW 72.01.410.
- The total population of JR youth was **525** on July 3, 2014.
 - **45** are youthful offenders (45 male, 2 female) which is 8% of the total JR population.
 - Of the 45 youth,
 - 35 are between the ages of 18-21
 - 10 are ages 16-18
 - **182** youth total in JR are between the ages of 18-21.
 - **45** are YOP
 - **146** are youth who were sentenced through juvenile courts
- The average age at time of commitment for youth sentenced as an adult is **16.8** while the average age of a juvenile offender is **16.1**.

WHO HAS A SENTENCE RELEASE BEFORE AND AFTER AGE 21?

- 17 youth will be under 21 when their sentence is completed. Their average sentence length is 687.6 days, or **1.9** years
- 15 youth release after age 21 but before age 25. Their average sentence length is 1901.9 days, or **5.2** years.

WHAT ARE THE MOST FREQUENT SERIOUS CRIMES OF COMMITMENT?

Sentenced as adults?

- Burglary or Robbery (57%)
- Murder charge (19%)
- Assault 1 or 2 (13%)
- Sex Offense (11%)

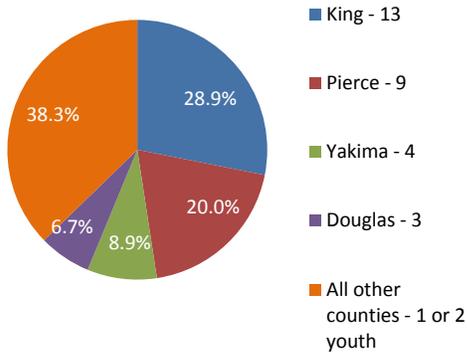
Sentenced as juveniles?

- Burglary or Robbery (33%)
- Assault 1 or 2 (22%)
- Sex Offense (12%)
- Motor Vehicle Theft (7%)

WHERE DO YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS COME FROM BY COUNTY?

King and Pierce counties had the most youth sentenced as adults (in order), followed by Yakima (4) and Douglas (3). Clark, Grant and Snohomish all had 2 youth, and the rest only had 1.

YOP County of Commitment



Juvenile Offenders County of Commitment

