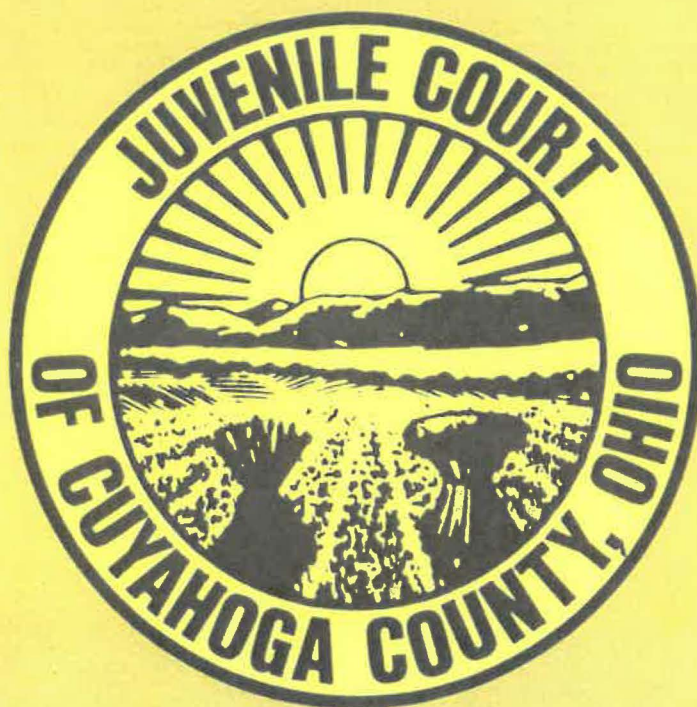


# ANNUAL REPORT

# 1997



## Judges

Hon. Betty Willis Ruben, Administrative Judge

Hon. Robert A. Ferreri

Hon. Peter M. Sikora

Hon. Patrick F. Corrigan

Hon. John W. Gallagher

Hon. William F. Chinnock



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# 1. Mission Statement

The Mission of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas – Juvenile Division reflects its philosophy and mandates, broadly defines its services, the clients served and the outcomes expected and established standards for moving the Court towards its vision of the future.

**THE MISSION OF THE  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS –  
JUVENILE DIVISION IS:**

To administer justice, rehabilitate juveniles, support and strengthen families, and promote public safety.



## 2. Open Letter

TO: The Citizens of Cuyahoga County

The Honorable Jane Campbell, Timothy Hagan, and Timothy McCormack  
Commissioners of Cuyahoga County

The Honorable Geno Natalucci-Persichetti  
Director, Ohio Department of Youth Services

Our Juvenile Court was founded in 1902 as an experiment – part social service agency and part judicial tribunal. In the succeeding years the Court has grown from one Judge and a handful of employees to six Judges and more than 600 employees. But the growth has been accompanied by little thought and less direction. As a result, several of our systems are archaic, inefficient and most of all, ineffective.

The number of cases accepted by the Court continues to increase. In just the last five years, Delinquency and Unruly cases increased by thirty-two percent (32%), Neglect cases accepted by the Court increased by a dramatic sixty-six percent (66%), Abuse cases grew over twenty-four percent (24%) and Applications for Custody of children jumped two hundred and thirty-eight percent (238%), while Adult Support/Custody cases rose almost two hundred eighty percent (280%). However, the allocated resources did not keep pace.

The Court's original mission was to rehabilitate offenders, in a system tailored made to meet their youthful needs, before they became adult criminals. However, an ever-increasing wave of juvenile violence has led to erosion of public confidence in the ability of the court to carry out this mission. An indication of this attitude is the lowering of the age limit by the Ohio legislature in 1996 for juvenile transfer to the adult criminal court from fifteen to fourteen years of age. **By 1997 the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court itself was placed on trial.** Bedford police Detective Chris Valley, in a letter to the Plain Dealer, expressed the community frustration with Court policy when he questioned the wisdom of diverting misdemeanor cases by sending warning letters to parents of the accused. In 1997, 3,260 warning letters were mailed to parents.

It was apparent that many of the juveniles continued to commit delinquent acts after their initial involvement with the Court. Yet no recidivism rates were calculated nor were any studies undertaken to ascertain what rehabilitative programs were successful or how many adjudicated youth graduated to the criminal courts. With no solid research base to determine the selection of programs, costly programs were given only a perfunctory evaluation.

**Funding for costly programs, such as the Boot Camp, was renewed despite mounting national evidence of their ineffectiveness.**

The management of cases fared no better. The road, which complaints travel from filing to disposition, is needlessly crooked and can accumulate an excessive number of stops thereby providing opportunities for misplacement or loss of files. The length of time required to process and dispose of the average case is compounded. Due process is denied and justice is delayed at great expense to the parties and the public.

Stung by a series of incidents of physical abuse of youth held in an overcrowded Detention Center, the inability of the Court system to admit, arraign, and release youth according to statutory guidelines, and by the frequency of escapes, the Court commissioned an evaluation of the facility. The study found it to be "one of the most adult-oriented, bleak, depressing, unsafe, and psychologically harmful facilities." Public suggestions were made that, since the Judges were not experts in managing a detention facility, it ought to be transferred to the jurisdiction of the County Sheriff. As a result, the County Commissioners appointed Thomas J. Hayes to provide immediate crisis relief. Mr. Hayes discharged this responsibility with dispatch and distinction.

Statutes regulating the removal of children, believed to be abused or neglected, from parents were violated. Children were taken from homes without legal authority and the parents were at the mercy of those practices.

Our response to all the documented deficiencies and the criticism they provoked must neither be timid nor short-sighted. What is past cannot be allowed to become prologue. Bold, decisive, but thoughtful, remedial action is demanded.

We must consolidate the present fragmented, duplicative and cumbersome clerical operations, and centralize the 60 employees who process files into one Clerk's Office capable of efficiently accepting and processing case documentation in a timely fashion. We must evaluate the success rate of programs to which our juveniles are referred at an annual cost to taxpayers of approximately 6 million dollars. We must discontinue the discredited practice of mailing warning letters to parents of the perpetrators of minor crimes and instead encourage communities to develop and enforce appropriate sanctions. We must develop a formula, based on criteria used by the Ohio Department of Youth Services, to redistribute some of the Ohio Reclaim funds to local entities for this purpose. The Court must establish a rapport with the community by locating Probation Officers in neighborhood centers. There they can interact with parents and introduce them to already existing family programs. To maximize the benefit to our youth, Probation Officers must develop a relationship with the police officers in the geographical area to which they are assigned. And, finally, we will need to begin the process of constructing a modern, thoughtfully designed Detention Center, which can provide the population with individual short-term care and treatment.

I want to thank my colleagues for the opportunity to refocus the direction of the Court. But no reform efforts can be successful without the participation and support of the employees in the organization. My greatest reward has been the enthusiasm and dedication with which our employees have responded to the challenges I have placed before them. A majority of them have served the children and families of this community for many years. When asked to make the system work better, they have performed unselfishly and with joie de vivre. I am grateful to all of them.

In compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 2151.18, I submit the 1997 Annual Report of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division which displays the number and kinds of cases before it, their dispositions, and other data pertaining to the work of the Court.

Respectfully,



Betty Willis Ruben  
Administrative Judge  
Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division  
Cuyahoga County





## 3. Update of Events

### **ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE**

On December 5, 1997 Judge Betty Willis Ruben was unanimously elected the Administrative Judge for 1998. She has served as Juvenile Court Judge for 17 years and this is her first time as Administrative Judge. It is also her last year as Judge.

### **NEW JUDGE**

In January 1997, Judge William F. Chinnock was appointed Juvenile Court Judge by Governor George W. Voinovich. Judge Chinnock filled the seat of Judge Kenneth Rocco who was elected to the Court of Appeals.

### **DELINQUENCY PREVENTION PLAN**

In 1997, the County Commissioners, Juvenile Court Judges, other County agencies, and community stakeholders convened to develop the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention System Comprehensive Strategy. This group will generate a plan of action for preventing delinquency and improving the lives of children in Cuyahoga County.

### **COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

On January 5, 1998, John K. Zachariah was named the Juvenile Court Administrator. Mr. Zachariah was previously the Chief Probation Officer, Director of Administrative Services, and Deputy Court Administrator for Juvenile Court.

### **DEPUTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

On January 5, 1998, Michel Telep was appointed the Deputy Court Administrator to oversee the Court Services functions of the Court. Mr. Telep previously served as Judge Ruben's Bailiff.

### **"COMMUNITY COURT"**

On January 5, 1998, the Court promised to end the practice of sending warning letters as a substitute for Court action. In place of the warning letters, the Court has initiated a Community Diversion Program featuring Volunteer Magistrates to hear complaints and mete punishment in the communities where the offense occurs.

### **DETENTION CENTER**

1997 was a year of many difficulties for the Detention Center. An evaluation of the facility showed it as "one of the most adult-oriented, bleak, depressing, unsafe, and psychologically harmful facilities." As a result, the County Commissioners assigned Mr. Tom Hayes to provide immediate crisis relief. Physical improvements were made to improve the dilapidated and overcrowded facility. By the end of the year, the average daily population had shrunk to its lowest point since 1993.

### **COURT NETWORK**

In 1997, the Court began the process for developing a new legal case management and detention tracking system in conjunction with the building of a network environment at the Court and the satellite offices. By summer of 1998, a network will be in place and Court staff will slowly be migrated onto it.

### **GRIFFITH STUDY**

In a concern for the salary scale at Juvenile Court, the County Commissioners agreed to hire David M. Griffith & Associates to evaluate every position at Juvenile Court and compare it to existing positions in the County. As a result, the Court adopted a new salary scale consistent with the rest of the County.

### **LEGISLATION**

House Bill 1 signed in 1997 amended Ohio's system for the release of youth in the Ohio Department of Youth Services prior to their original release date. HB1 created a release authority to release youth before their original sentence had been served. HB1 also required each court to complete a comprehensive Dispositional Investigative Report to be completed on every youth sent to DYS.

Senate Bill 35 signed in 1997 revised Ohio's driver's license laws to allow youth at 15 and a half to obtain a temporary instruction permit. In some cases, a driving curfew is in effect.

House Bill 342 signed and went into effect in 1997 required mandatory fingerprinting and DNA evidence to be collected for the purposes of creating a statewide identification database.

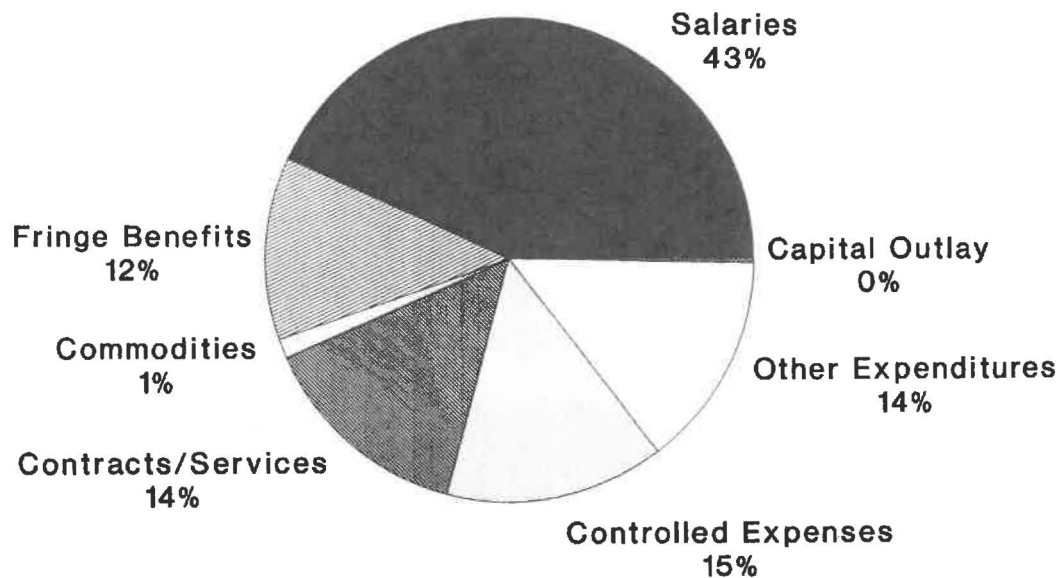


# 4. Fiscal

## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Category	Administration	Court Services	Court Services IV-D	Detention Services	Probation	TOTAL
Salaries	\$2,084,243	\$3,545,480	\$715,492	\$4,152,632	\$3,588,223	\$14,086,070
Fringe Benefits	614,965	964,837	192,451	1,189,589	1,036,964	3,998,806
Commodities	56,357	383	2,661	363,644	3,462	426,507
Contract/Services	312,217	1,582,977	3,193	337,071	2,402,191	4,637,649
Controlled Expenses	3,805,373		356,557	596,592		4,758,522
Other Expenditures	775,796	124,950	165,782	300,978	3,296,423	4,663,929
Capital Outlays	35,126	7,700	23,084	27,177	8,403	101,490
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$7,684,077</b>	<b>\$6,226,327</b>	<b>\$1,459,220</b>	<b>\$6,967,683</b>	<b>\$10,335,666</b>	<b>\$32,672,973</b>

## JUVENILE COURT 1997 General Fund Expenditures



Percents are rounded





## 5. Statistics

1997 showed an 8% increase from 1996 in **total** complaints at Juvenile Court. Although official delinquency and unruly complaints decreased 14%, **resolved at intake** delinquency and unruly complaints increased 19%. The total number of delinquency and unruly complaints has increased by 32% in the last five years. Delinquency and unruly complaints made up 38% of the Court's new filings; dependency, neglect, and abuse complaints made up 9%; traffic complaints made up 35%.

Complaints of **violent** offenses increased 8% from 1996 to 1997, while **property** complaints dropped 3% and drugs dropped 14%.

In 1997, 58% of the delinquency and unruly complaints were filed on blacks compared to 55% in 1996 – an increase of 3%. In 1997, 38% of the delinquency and unruly complaints were filed on whites compared to 36% in 1996 – an increase of 2%. The percentage of Hispanic youth decreased from 9% in 1996 to 4% in 1997.

In 1997, there was a dramatic shift in the demographics of the offenders. Cleveland City accounted for a 6% decrease in delinquency and unruly complaints filed at Juvenile Court as compared to 1996. Cuyahoga County suburbs showed a 12% increase in delinquency and unruly complaints. This pattern is also evidenced by the source of complaint. Suburban Police Department referrals to Juvenile Court increased 20% from 1996 and Cleveland Police Department referrals decreased 16%. Still, Cleveland City accounts for 56% and Cuyahoga suburbs account for 42% of delinquency and unruly complaints.

There were also dramatic changes in the population at the Juvenile Detention Center. Although there were essentially the same number of youth admitted to the Detention Center from 1996 to 1997, the average daily population dropped from 158.6 in 1996 to 140.8 in 1997 (the lowest since 1993). The average length of stay also dropped significantly from 18.0 in 1996 to 15.9 in 1997. These differences were affected by a change in the detention admission and population management strategies.

**TABLE I**  
**CASES REFERRED IN 1997 COMPARED WITH 1996**

JUVENILE CASES	1997			1996		
	Accepted Officially	Resolved At Intake	TOTAL	Accepted Officially	Resolved At Intake	TOTAL
<b>Delinquency</b>						
Males:	6,626	3,831	10,457	7,679	3,127	10,806
Females:	1,538	1,250	2,788	1,585	974	2,559
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,164</b>	<b>5,081</b>	<b>13,245</b>	<b>9,264</b>	<b>4,101</b>	<b>13,365</b>
<b>Unruly</b>						
Males:	307	2,168	2,475	468	1,888	2,356
Females:	341	1,639	1,980	512	1,462	1,974
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>3,350</b>	<b>4,330</b>
<b>Delinquency &amp; Unruly Combined</b>						
Males:	6,933	5,999	12,932	8,147	5,015	13,162
Females:	1,879	2,889	4,768	2,097	2,436	4,533
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>8,812</b>	<b>8,888</b>	<b>17,700</b>	<b>10,244</b>	<b>7,451</b>	<b>17,695</b>
<b>Dependency/Neglect/Abuse Custody Cases</b>						
Neglect:	3,036	11	3,047	3,327	4	3,331
Dependency:	513	0	513	642	0	642
Abuse:	675	1	676	522	0	522
<b>Total CDCDFS Custody Cases</b>	<b>4,224</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4,236</b>	<b>4,491</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4,495</b>
<b>Other Juvenile Cases</b>						
Application for Custody:	1,142	5	1,147	990	2	992
Traffic:	16,040	31	16,071	13,039	18	13,057
Other*:	2,012	325	2,337	2,033	367	2,400
<b>TOTAL JUVENILE CASES</b>	<b>32,230</b>	<b>9,261</b>	<b>41,491</b>	<b>30,797</b>	<b>7,842</b>	<b>38,639</b>
<b>ADULT CASES</b>						
Parent/Child Relationship:	2,833	4	2,837	2,675	0	2,675
Support/Custody:	1,823	0	1,823	1,534	0	1,534
Contributing Del/Unr:	13	16	29	8	7	15
Other Adult**:	134	21	155	125	16	141
<b>TOTAL ADULT CASES</b>	<b>4,803</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4,844</b>	<b>4,342</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4,365</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>37,033</b>	<b>9,302</b>	<b>46,335</b>	<b>35,139</b>	<b>7,865</b>	<b>43,004</b>

In addition to the above new complaints: 370 probation violations, 515 motions for permanent custody, 405 motions to modify or change custody or support, 24 motions to review support/custody, and 2,359 reviews of court orders were conducted in 1997.

\* Other Juvenile Cases include: certifications, consent for return, consent to marry, applications to photograph, petition for forfeiture, review of placement plan, permanent surrender, voluntary agreement, application for visitation, habeas corpus, and waiver of parental notification.

\*\* Other Adult Cases include: contempt of court, endangering children, interference with custody, and providing alcohol to minors.

**TABLE II**

**DISPOSITIONAL ORDERS MADE IN OFFICIAL DELINQUENCY AND UNRULY CASES – 1997**

DISPOSITIONS	DELINQUENCY			UNRULY			TOTALS		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Probation	1,752	522	2,274	119	93	212	1,871	615	2,486
Continued on Probation	124	27	151	3	4	7	127	31	158
Committed - ODYS	427	36	463	0	0	0	427	36	463
Committed - YDC	120	49	169	12	13	25	132	62	194
Aftercare - ODYS & YDC	34	6	40	2	0	2	36	6	42
Return to ODYS	55	6	61	0	0	0	55	6	61
Return to YDC	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	0	8
Boot Camp Project	106	0	106	0	0	0	106	0	106
Reclaim Ohio Programs*	177	43	220	1	1	2	178	44	222
Private Placement	49	18	67	1	1	2	50	19	69
Return to Private Placement	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	2	3
Supervision - CCDCFS	18	8	26	1	2	3	19	10	29
Parental Supervision	706	238	944	29	17	46	735	255	990
Bound Over to Adult Court-Mandatory	55	2	57	0	0	0	55	2	57
Bound Over to Adult Court-Discretionary	20	0	20	0	0	0	20	0	20
Bound Over to Adult Court-Pre-1996 case	2	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
Transferred to Other Juvenile Courts	79	18	97	1	0	1	80	18	98
Dismissed	571	141	712	60	88	148	631	229	860
Nollied	363	63	426	20	49	69	383	112	495
Withdrawn	24	9	33	9	15	24	33	24	57
Orders Made in Other Case(s)	2,088	289	2,377	109	68	177	2,197	357	2,554
Other Dispositions Made	168	39	207	1	5	6	169	44	213
<b>TOTAL DISPOSITIONS</b>	<b>6,947</b>	<b>1,515</b>	<b>8,462</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>7,315</b>	<b>1,872</b>	<b>9,187</b>

\*Reclaim Ohio Programs include: Community Corrections, Wrap Parmadale, Wrap Berea, Female Offenders, Sister to Sister, and Catholic Social Services Counseling.

**TABLE III**

**SOURCE OF COMPLAINTS BY INTAKE ACTION - 1997**

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT	OFFICIAL			RESOLVED AT INTAKE			TOTALS		
	Delinquent	Unruly	Total	Delinquent	Unruly	Total	Delinquent	Unruly	Total
Cleveland Police Department	3,713	0	3,713	875	12	887	4,588	12	4,600
Suburban Police Department	2,966	4	2,970	2,878	694	3,572	5,844	698	6,542
Other Police Agency	202	0	202	199	24	223	401	24	425
Store Security	250	0	250	528	0	528	778	0	778
Cleveland Board of Education	292	16	308	201	480	681	493	496	989
Suburban Boards of Education	40	14	54	32	247	279	72	261	333
Youth Development Center (YDC)	26	0	26	0	0	0	26	0	26
Detention Center	6	1	7	1	0	1	7	1	8
Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS)	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	3
Parents	224	244	468	26	1,994	2,020	250	2,238	2,488
Citizens	157	2	159	133	2	135	290	4	294
Dept. of Children & Family Services	6	102	108	0	24	24	6	126	132
Other Juvenile Courts	127	1	128	143	6	149	270	7	277
Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Sources	152	264	416	65	324	389	217	588	805
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>8,164</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>8,812</b>	<b>5,081</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>8,888</b>	<b>13,245</b>	<b>4,445</b>	<b>17,700</b>

Probation Officer = 243 official delinquent filings (P.V.s) and 42 unruly filings.

**TABLE IV**  
**ALL CASES FILED BY AREA OF RESIDENCE - 1997 COMPARED WITH 1996**

<b>City of Cleveland</b>										
<b>Statistical Planning Area</b>	<b>Violent Offenses</b>	<b>Property Offenses</b>	<b>Drug Offenses</b>	<b>Public Order Offenses</b>	<b>1997 Total Delinquency</b>	<b>1996 Total Delinquency</b>	<b>1997 Total Unruly</b>	<b>1996 Total Unruly</b>	<b>1997 Grand Total</b>	<b>1996 Grand Total</b>
Archwood-Denison	51	42	15	16	124	118	44	55	168	173
Buckeye-Shaker	65	49	57	29	200	204	45	52	245	256
Central	136	192	109	63	500	756	139	213	639	969
Clark-Fulton	113	130	37	30	310	320	147	126	457	446
Corlett	63	97	45	25	230	301	74	67	304	368
Cudell	51	61	22	20	154	193	60	70	214	263
Detroit-Shoreway	91	129	51	32	303	404	170	155	473	559
Downtown	19	21	20	13	73	62	17	7	90	69
Edgewater	66	111	57	37	271	213	75	58	346	271
Euclid-Green	28	22	15	12	77	100	24	37	101	137
Fairfax	74	95	46	23	238	219	48	58	286	277
Forest Hills	98	88	81	33	300	331	88	79	388	410
Glenville	158	184	117	72	531	532	164	150	695	682
Hough	98	125	96	55	374	507	145	117	519	624
Industrial Valley	23	28	7	5	63	57	35	34	98	91
Jefferson	32	51	2	17	102	123	56	63	158	186
Kamms Corner	10	27	7	18	62	59	26	25	88	84
Kinsman	58	66	44	27	195	198	54	40	249	238
Lee-Miles	39	58	33	9	139	150	44	49	183	199
Mt. Pleasant	129	122	114	67	432	421	119	100	551	521
North Broadway	46	95	21	16	178	163	60	41	238	204
North Collinwood	43	35	36	17	131	152	49	46	180	198
Ohio City	57	56	33	19	165	190	61	56	226	246
Old Brooklyn	55	74	7	18	154	118	57	60	211	178
Payne-Kirtland Park	47	53	11	27	138	155	118	94	256	249
Puritas-Longmead	57	58	24	12	151	194	41	56	192	250
Riverside	33	28	16	5	82	95	20	21	102	116
South Broadway	80	145	25	24	274	249	96	81	370	330
South Collinwood	54	68	44	29	195	178	62	69	257	247
St. Clair-Superior	76	98	77	56	307	290	85	77	392	367
Tremont	23	56	12	25	116	158	49	43	165	201
Union-Miles Park	125	130	75	43	373	357	94	95	467	452
University	13	12	9	9	43	51	16	24	59	75
West Boulevard	63	63	34	30	190	210	90	74	280	284
Woodland Hills	84	65	45	22	216	250	43	71	259	321
<b>CLEVELAND TOTALS</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>2,734</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>7,391</b>	<b>8,078</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>9,906</b>	<b>10,541</b>

<b>Suburbs</b>										
	<b>Violent Offenses</b>	<b>Property Offenses</b>	<b>Drug Offenses</b>	<b>Public Order Offenses</b>	<b>1997 Total Delinquency</b>	<b>1996 Total Delinquency</b>	<b>1997 Total Unruly</b>	<b>1996 Total Unruly</b>	<b>1997 Grand Total</b>	<b>1996 Grand Total</b>
Bay Village	19	50	7	41	117	53	35	21	152	74
Beachwood	3	6	2	1	12	21	3	1	15	22
Bedford	42	32	11	32	117	81	52	31	169	112
Bedford Heights	38	81	12	38	169	54	44	22	213	76
Bentleyville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berea	38	39	8	7	92	84	22	13	114	97
Bratenahl	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Brecksville	8	17	3	11	39	21	11	5	50	26
Broadview Heights	16	26	4	6	52	61	9	25	61	86
Brooklyn	17	15	2	6	40	61	32	12	72	73
Brooklyn Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brookpark	41	35	7	8	91	148	34	29	125	177

**TABLE IV**  
**ALL CASES FILED BY AREA OF RESIDENCE - 1997 COMPARED WITH 1996**

<b>Suburbs, continued</b>	<b>Violent Offenses</b>	<b>Property Offenses</b>	<b>Drug Offenses</b>	<b>Public Order Offenses</b>	<b>1997 Total Delinquency</b>	<b>1996 Total Delinquency</b>	<b>1997 Total Unruly</b>	<b>1996 Total Unruly</b>	<b>1997 Grand Total</b>	<b>1996 Grand Total</b>
Chagrin Falls	1	4	3	16	24	27	3	4	27	31
Chagrin Falls Township	0	5	2	5	12	4	0	0	12	4
Cleveland Heights	119	208	37	92	456	412	205	176	661	588
Cuyahoga Heights	1	1	0	0	2	9	1	4	3	13
East Cleveland	121	191	106	78	496	417	207	264	703	681
Euclid	89	169	34	60	352	418	140	125	492	543
Fairview Park	17	40	10	22	89	103	23	32	112	135
Garfield Heights	67	80	20	42	209	147	75	67	284	214
Gates Mills	1	1	1	2	5	3	1	1	6	4
Glenwillow	1	1	0	0	2	5	2	1	4	6
Highland Heights	3	5	0	2	10	6	6	5	16	11
Highland Hills	7	3	0	3	13	27	0	0	13	27
Hunting Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independence	4	5	1	1	11	12	4	5	15	17
Lakewood	140	623	41	208	1,012	683	287	258	1,299	941
Linndale	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Lyndhurst	9	22	4	6	41	62	13	27	54	89
Maple Heights	67	90	6	77	240	140	51	53	291	193
Mayfield	1	3	0	5	9	5	1	1	10	6
Mayfield Heights	6	10	0	10	26	38	2	16	28	54
Middleburg Heights	11	18	3	4	36	46	11	18	47	64
Moreland Hills	0	0	2	7	9	4	0	1	9	5
Newburgh Heights	5	3	3	1	12	23	7	5	19	28
North Olmsted	45	60	8	43	156	130	82	55	238	185
North Randall	1	6	0	0	7	7	4	1	11	8
North Royalton	10	25	4	10	49	86	9	25	58	111
Oakwood	22	15	2	17	56	21	17	7	73	28
Olmsted Falls	14	29	5	8	56	31	7	27	63	58
Olmsted Township	3	6	7	8	24	45	2	4	26	49
Orange	4	2	1	1	8	15	3	1	11	16
Parma	90	166	24	42	322	253	105	94	427	347
Parma Heights	17	21	4	13	55	67	19	23	74	90
Pepper Pike	1	3	0	2	6	9	2	1	8	10
Richmond Heights	20	26	12	6	64	36	32	12	96	48
Riveredge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rocky River	6	48	4	16	74	67	26	25	100	92
Seven Hills	3	5	1	4	13	13	5	4	18	17
Shaker Heights	72	62	17	45	196	215	29	24	225	239
Solon	8	31	14	14	67	60	21	14	88	74
South Euclid	26	46	4	18	94	123	40	46	134	169
Strongsville	22	52	14	9	97	120	41	27	138	147
University Heights	5	10	7	13	35	25	13	26	48	51
Valley View	1	0	0	1	2	5	0	1	2	6
Walton Hills	5	13	1	10	29	33	13	16	42	49
Warrensville Heights	49	103	9	35	196	203	74	94	270	297
Westlake	11	31	20	43	105	83	49	46	154	129
Woodmere	2	1	0	0	3	5	0	0	3	5
<b>SUBURBAN TOTALS</b>	<b>1,329</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>5,509</b>	<b>4,828</b>	<b>1,875</b>	<b>1,795</b>	<b>7,384</b>	<b>6,623</b>
Out of County	70	146	32	88	336	433	62	66	398	499
Statistical Planning Area Unknown	3	2	2	2	9	26	3	6	12	32
<b>CLEVELAND TOTALS</b>	<b>2,258</b>	<b>2,734</b>	<b>1,444</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>7,391</b>	<b>8,078</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>2,463</b>	<b>9,906</b>	<b>10,541</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>3,660</b>	<b>5,426</b>	<b>1,965</b>	<b>2,194</b>	<b>13,245</b>	<b>13,365</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>17,700</b>	<b>17,695</b>

**TABLE V**  
**DELINQUENCY AND UNRULY COMPLAINT TYPES BY INTAKE ACTION**

TYPES OF COMPLAINTS	OFFICIAL			RESOLVED AT INTAKE			1997 TOTAL CASES			1996 TOTAL CASES		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>DELINQUENCY</b>												
<b>VIOLENT</b>												
Assault	1,589	700	2,289	228	122	350	1,817	822	2,639	1,639	729	2,368
Harassment	22	6	28	8	2	10	30	8	38	27	11	38
Homicide	13	0	13	0	0	0	13	0	13	20	2	22
Menacing	76	20	96	79	37	116	155	57	212	155	43	198
Robbery	516	57	573	7	1	8	523	58	581	516	60	576
Sex Offense	141	8	149	25	3	28	166	11	177	178	11	189
<b>PROPERTY</b>												
Arson	67	16	83	11	1	12	78	17	95	82	18	100
Burglary	616	63	679	19	8	27	635	71	706	576	68	644
Receiving Stolen Property	715	126	841	59	3	62	774	129	903	1,133	129	1,262
Theft	629	298	927	668	523	1,191	1,297	821	2,118	1,552	711	2,263
Trespassing	72	3	75	535	95	630	607	98	705	524	100	624
Vandalism	293	46	339	494	66	560	787	112	899	594	84	678
<b>DRUG</b>												
Drug Violation	1,319	72	1,391	515	59	574	1,834	131	1,965	2,162	129	2,291
<b>PUBLIC ORDER</b>												
Disorderly Conduct	86	16	102	438	152	590	524	168	692	420	137	557
Liquor Violation	7	0	7	425	104	529	432	104	536	358	94	452
Weapons	172	36	208	76	21	97	248	57	305	283	81	364
Other Delinquency	293	71	364	244	53	297	537	124	661	587	152	739
<b>TOTAL DELINQUENCY</b>	<b>6,626</b>	<b>1,538</b>	<b>8,164</b>	<b>3,831</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>5,081</b>	<b>10,457</b>	<b>2,788</b>	<b>13,245</b>	<b>10,806</b>	<b>2,559</b>	<b>13,365</b>
<b>UNRULY</b>												
Incorrigibility	270	317	587	1,228	1,116	2,344	1,498	1,433	2,931	1,447	1,425	2,872
Truancy	37	24	61	506	359	865	543	383	926	564	455	1,019
Curfew	0	0	0	434	164	598	434	164	598	345	94	439
<b>TOTAL UNRULY</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>2,475</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>2,356</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>4,330</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL DELINQUENCY &amp; UNRULY</b>	<b>6,933</b>	<b>1,879</b>	<b>8,812</b>	<b>5,999</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>8,888</b>	<b>12,932</b>	<b>4,768</b>	<b>17,700</b>	<b>13,162</b>	<b>4,533</b>	<b>17,695</b>



**TABLE VI**  
**AGES OF DELINQUENT AND UNRULY CHILDREN - 1997**

AGES	DELINQUENCY			UNRULY			GRAND TOTAL		
	Official	Resolved At Intake	Total	Official	Resolved At Intake	Total	Official	Resolved At Intake	Total
Eight and Under	2	45	47	0	10	10	2	55	57
Nine	8	46	54	1	20	21	9	66	75
Ten	34	84	118	0	41	41	34	125	159
Eleven	91	131	222	9	104	113	100	235	335
Twelve	299	270	569	28	232	260	327	502	829
Thirteen	716	493	1,209	65	427	492	781	920	1,701
Fourteen	1,170	706	1,876	124	672	796	1,294	1,378	2,672
Fifteen	1,768	908	2,676	149	845	994	1,917	1,753	3,670
Sixteen	2,001	1,140	3,141	168	851	1,019	2,169	1,991	4,160
Seventeen	2,075	1,258	3,333	104	605	709	2,179	1,863	4,042
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>8,164</b>	<b>5,081</b>	<b>13,245</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>4,455</b>	<b>8,812</b>	<b>8,888</b>	<b>17,700</b>

**TABLE VII**  
**POPULATION IN DETENTION SERVICES - 1997**

	DETENTION CENTER			HOME DETENTION			SHELTER CARE			TOTAL DETENTION SERVICES		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under Care - 1/1/97	141	13	154	113	23	136	41	14	55	295	50	345
Admitted During 1997	2,735	694	3,429	1,219	358	1,577	427	145	572	4,381	1,197	5,578
Released During 1997	2,791	702	3,493	1,184	341	1,525	406	148	554	4,381	1,191	5,572
Under Care - 12/31/97	85	5	90	148	40	188	62	11	73	295	56	351
Total Under Care - 1997	2,876	707	3,583	1,332	381	1,713	468	159	627	4,676	1,247	5,923
Average Daily Population	122.1	18.7	140.8	85.2	25.6	110.8	36.5	10.4	46.9	243.8	54.7	298.5
Average Length of Stay	17.1	11.1	15.9	13.3	14.2	13.5	31.5	24.8	29.9	17.4	13.7	16.6



# 6. Personnel

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