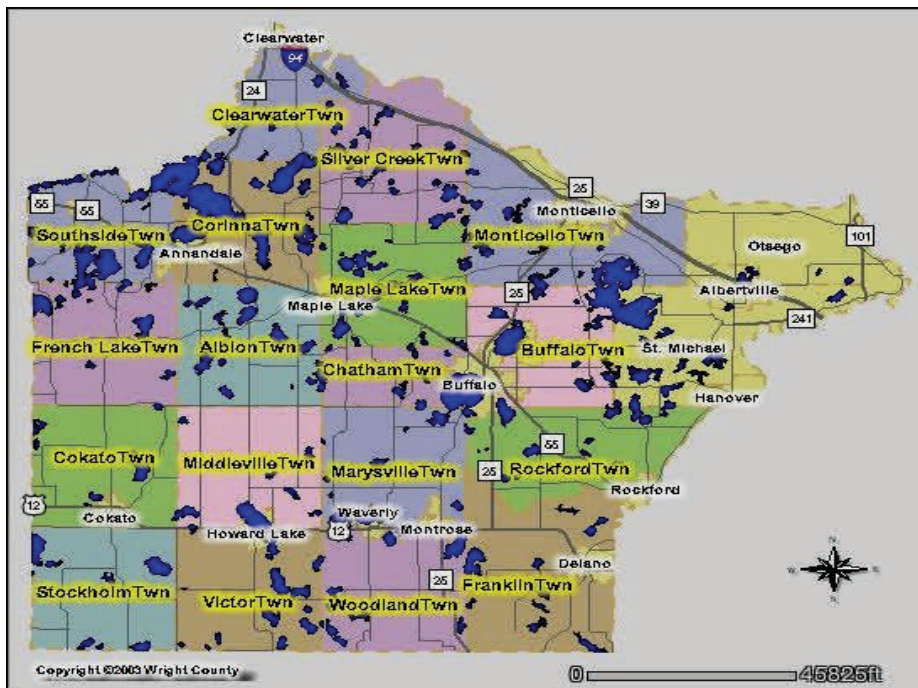
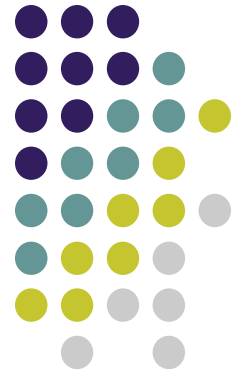


Wright County Court Services



2008 Annual Report

Michael J. MacMillan, Director

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WRIGHT COUNTY

Wright County covers more than 714 square miles and most of the area (75%) is classified as agricultural. The county government operates on a budget of \$89,233,440 (2008).

The Fundamental Mission of WCCS is to reduce the incidence and impact of crime in Wright County ...

- By promoting the public interest and safety through control of offenders' anti-social behavior and unlawful acts.
- By providing rehabilitation and integration services directed at offering offenders opportunities to become law abiding.
- By focusing on the issue of crime in the community, including both the amount of crime and its consequences for victims, offenders, and the entire community.
- By ensuring the delivery of a diverse range of services which contribute to the positive change of behavior leading to enriched productive living for individuals, families, and communities.

The mission statement reflects the following beliefs:

That society has a right to be protected from individuals who cause harm to others. When the public safety is not compromised, the interests of most offenders are best served through alternative, community-based sentences, and actually, the person should leave the criminal justice system in a positive manner, and as a more productive citizen than when she or he entered the criminal justice system.

Organizational Structure

The agency is divided into four units - three probation units providing supervision of, and programming for, a distinct group of offenders, and a clerical unit providing support to the other three units. Each unit has a supervisor who oversees the unit staff and reports directly to Mike MacMillan, Director of Wright County Court Services.

The Adult Unit - supervises adult offenders convicted of gross misdemeanor and misdemeanor-level offenses as well as felony-level DWIs, and felony-level charges that are reduced to gross misdemeanor or misdemeanors.

The Juvenile Unit - supervises juveniles, ages 10 to 21, who have been adjudicated delinquent or received a stay of adjudication for any offense.

The Program Unit - supervises low-risk adult and juvenile offenders and all levels of pre-trial conditional release defendants, as well as providing educational and community service programs.

The Clerical Unit - provides support services to all units and the Director.

Tenth Judicial District

Wright County is in the Tenth Judicial District, along with Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Sherburne, and Washington counties. There are forty-five judges in the district, making it the second largest in Minnesota. Wright County is the third largest bench in the district with the Honorable Judges Stephen M. Halsey, Jonathan N. Jasper, Kim R. Johnson (retired in 2008), Kathleen A. Mottl, Dale E. Mossey, Michelle A. Davis (appointed in November 2008), Geoffrey Tenney (appointed in November 2008), presiding.

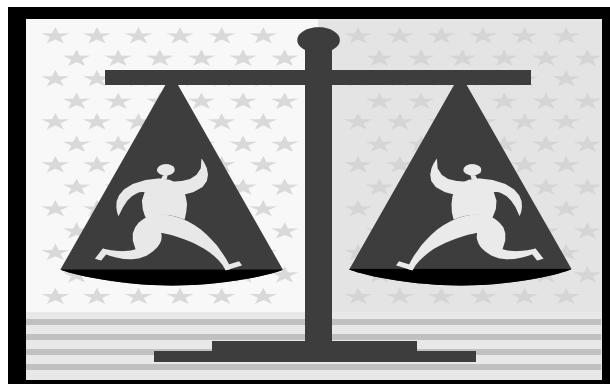
Currently, the Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial District is the Honorable Timothy R. Bloomquist. The Tenth Judicial District Administrator is Mike Moriarity, assisted by Deputy Administrator Nancy McCabe.

Court Services' Budget 2004-2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
REVENUE					
Budget	\$1,014,130.00	\$1,044,730.00	\$1,046,170.00	\$1,157,280.00	\$1,234,549.00
Actual	1,030,185.65	1,130,352.65	1,175,348.08	1,318,244.98	\$1,300,649.64
EXPENDITURES					
Budget	2,273,003.00	2,411,344.00	2,512,896.00	2,689,424.00	\$2,956,526.00
Actual	2,136,886.31	2,140,753.87	2,452,779.69	2,619,621.99	\$2,948,075.52
NET					
Budget	1,258,873.00	1,366,614.00	1,466,726.00	1,532,144.00	\$1,721,977.00
Actual	1,106,700.66	1,010,401.22	1,277,431.61	1,301,377.01	\$1,647,425.88
SAVINGS	\$ 152,172.34	\$ 356,212.78	\$ 189,294.39	\$ 230,766.99	\$ 74,551.12

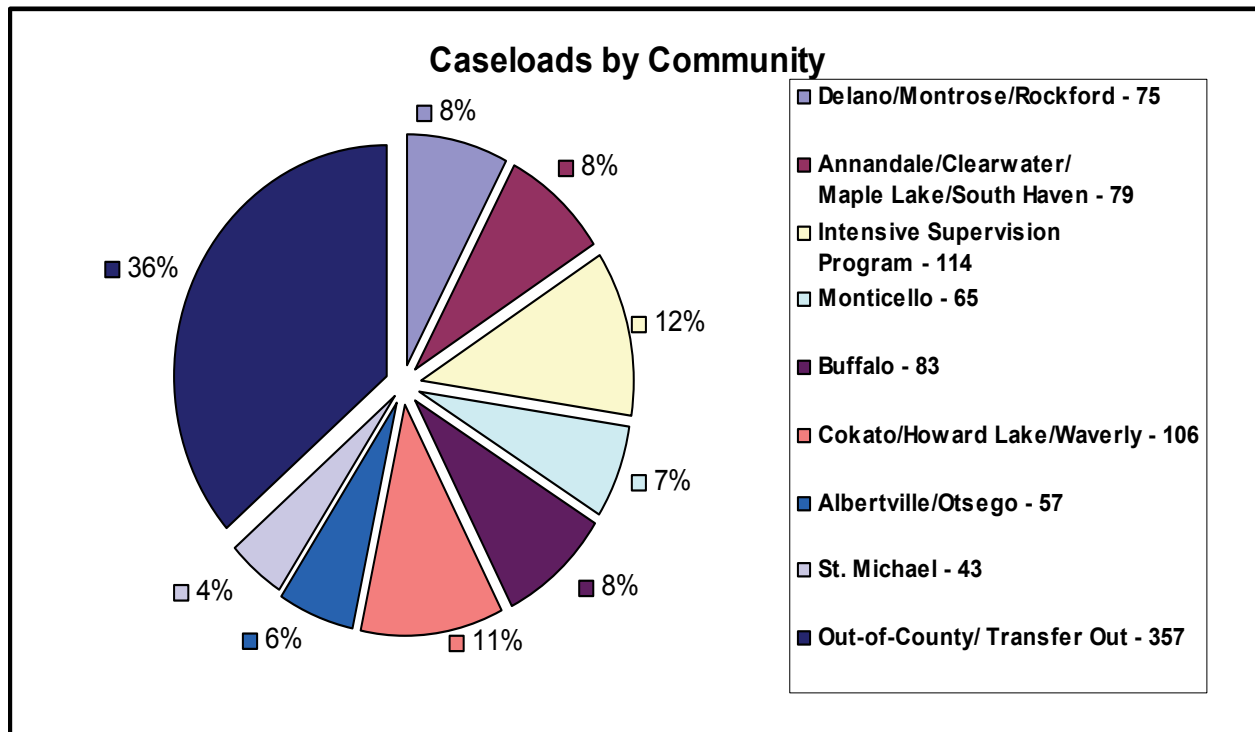
TOTAL 5-YEAR SAVINGS

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Adult Unit

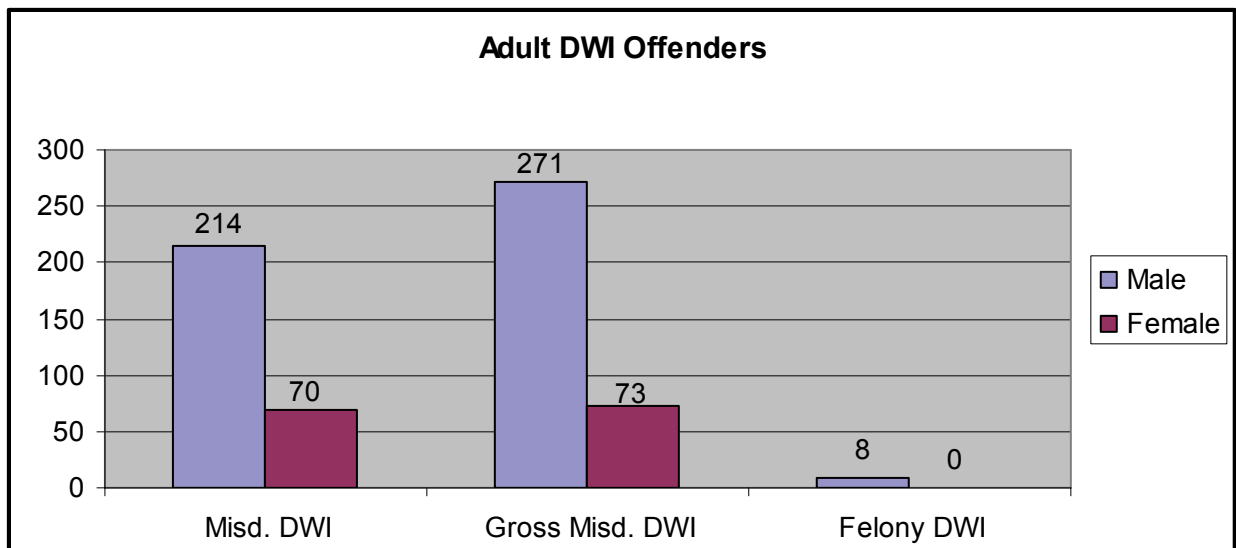
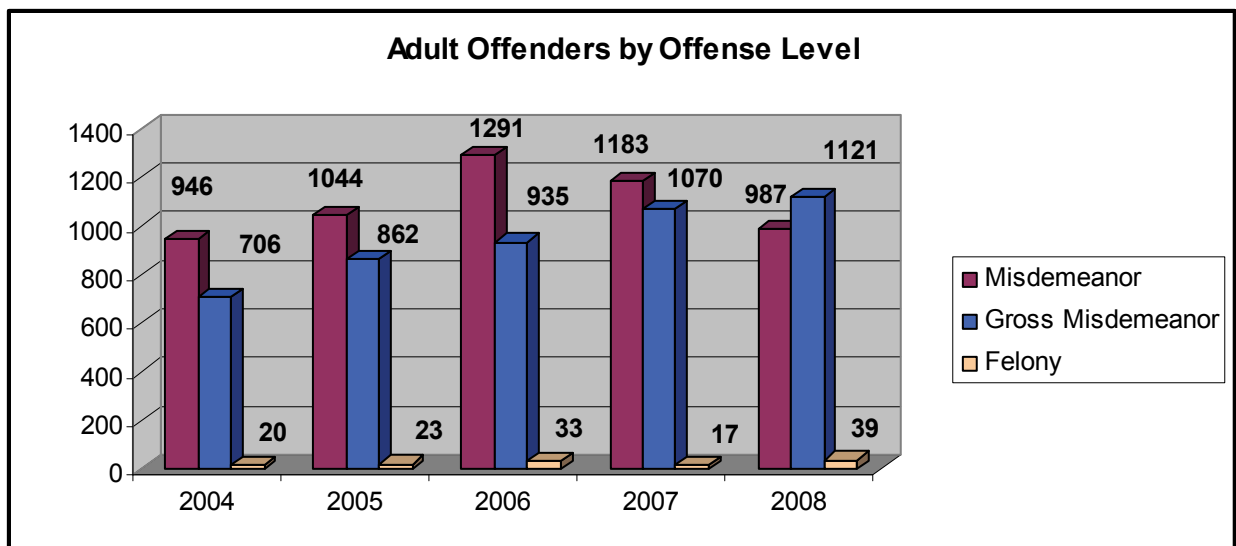
Staff	Area of Responsibility
Tom Feddema - Supervisor	St. Michael
Darnell Brethorst	Out-of-County, Out-of-State
Ben Ehlinger	Buffalo
Ryan Busch	Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)
Janet Gholson	Albertville, Hanover, and Otsego
Amy Hertzog	Delano, Montrose, Rockford, and ISP
Chris Jahnke	Monticello
Sherry Schliesing	Cokato, Howard Lake, and Waverly
Tammi Solarz	Annandale, Clearwater, Maple Lake & South Haven



Offender Information

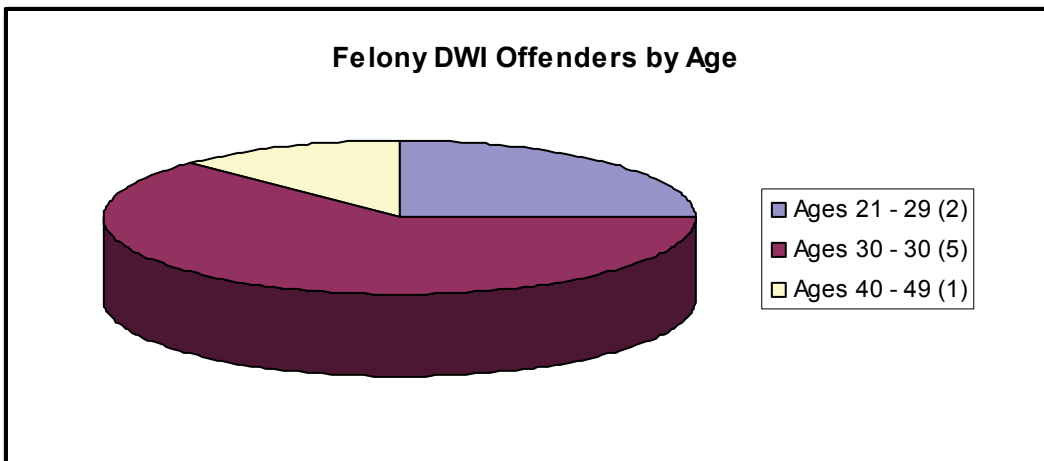
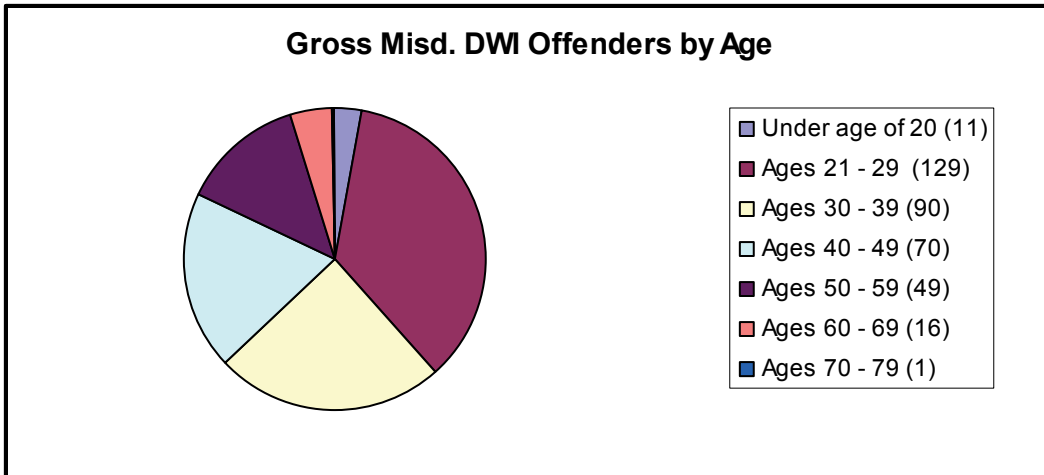
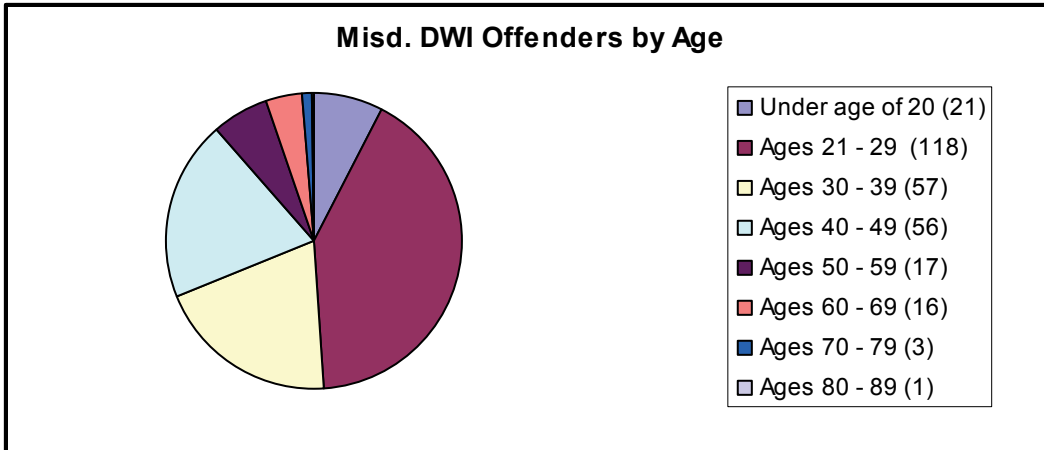
The Adult Unit provides supervision to adult offenders placed on probation for Misdemeanor and Gross Misdemeanor offenses, as well as all Felony DWI offenders.

- As of December 31, 2008, there were **2147 offenders** on adult probation.
- In 2008, **1143 new offenders** were placed on probation.
- An **average of 634** probationers were supervised per month.
- There were **1022 pre-sentence investigations** conducted by adult agents.
- A total of **541 probation violations** were filed.
- **66%** of the cases supervised were **DWI offenses**.
- There were **35 Felony DWI** offenders.
- **10.53%** of the cases were **Assault-related**.



DWI Offender Statistics for 2008

- 76% of the DWI offenders in Wright County are male.
- 39% of the DWI offenders in Wright County are between the ages of 21-29.
- 62% of the DWI offenders in Wright County are between the ages of 21-39.



Intensive Supervision Program (ISP)

2008 Program Evaluation Using The Recidivism Rate Tables

Cumulative Proportion Surviving at End of Period	Interval Start Time	Cumulative Proportion Re-offending by End of Period	Number of Persons in the Study for Number of Days in Column (1)	Aggregated Expected Failure Rate	Actual Number of Offenders Re-offending
(2)	(1)	(3)	(a)	(b)	(c)
n/a	n/a	n/a	168	<u>45.63</u>	<u>16</u>

Failures: Actual / Expected 16.0 vs. 46.00 = 35.0% **Reduction in recidivism = 65.0%**

Interpretation of the Statistical Model provided by University of Minnesota

- **46 ISP offenders** were statistically expected to fail the program.
- **16 offenders actually failed** the Wright County ISP program in 2008 = **35%** of expected.
- **65% of those expected to fail** the program in 2008, **did not**.

ISP Statistics

- A total of **103 ISP offenders** were supervised in 2008, of which **44 offenders** were monitored through the ISP **monthly group** supervision.
- There were **9 ISP program offenders successfully discharged** from probation in 2008.
- The ISP program **added 28 new qualifying cases** (minimum of 4 DWIs within a lifetime). Of the 28 new ISP offenders added, a total of **11 were felony cases** and **17 were gross misdemeanor cases**. Out of the 28 new ISP offenders, **3 resided out of Wright County** and probation supervision was being provided by the county of their residence.
- The ISP program submitted **28 probation violations**, administered **7 Apprehension and Detention Orders**, and submitted **1 technical violation** through the Wright County District Court.
- There were **6 active or past ISP offenders** who **received a new DWI conviction**.

Since the Inception of the ISP in 2001

- The ISP program has **supervised 168 offenders**.
- 112 offenders tested with an average of .17 blood alcohol level. A total of 52 offenders refused testing and 3 tested positive for methamphetamine or other controlled substances.
- Of the 167 offenders supervised on ISP, 14% were female (21) and 86% were male (146).

Quotes from ISP offenders after completing the ISP Nine-Month Extended Care Program at Professional Counseling Center: “The most beneficial part of the ISP program has been the random home visits and constant monitoring.” “The ISP program helped me stay sober by getting me involved with Alcoholics Anonymous.” “The benefits of the Nine-Month Extended Care Program included continued education and support.”

Program Unit

The Program Unit is responsible for implementation of all adult and juvenile programming, supervision of all low-risk adult and juvenile offenders, and the diversion program.

Staff	Area of Responsibility
Margaret Munson - Supervisor	Felony Conditional Release.
Karen Determan	Community Conferencing/Victim Offender Mediation, Teen Court, Felony Conditional Release, and Driver's License Reinstatement Program.
Todd Gau	Conditional Release Electronic Monitoring and Home Detention.
Melissa Holthaus Pat LaVine Justine Hancuch Tessa MacDonald	Adult and Juvenile Group/Administrative Probation, Community Service, Juvenile Diversions, Youth Shoplifting Class, Tobacco Education Class, Cognitive Reasoning, Adolescent Chemical Education, and Awareness Panel for Impaired Drivers.
Michelle Nelson Jake Bohnsack	Case Aide Adult and Juvenile Programs, Juvenile Work Crew, Bail Studies, and Records Management.

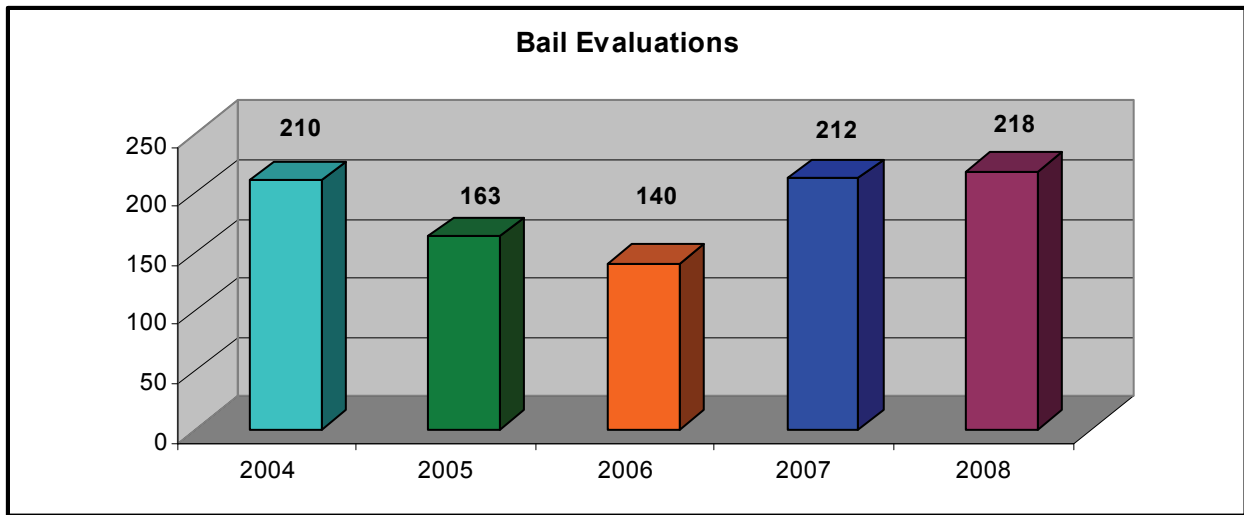
Court Services' Programs

- Awareness Panel for Impaired Drivers
- Juvenile Diversion
- Youth Shoplifting Class
- Pre-Trial Drug/Alcohol Testing
- DL Reinstatement Program
- Adolescent Chemical Education
- Community Conferencing
- Bail Evaluations
- Tobacco Education Class
- COG Program
- Electronic Home Monitoring
- Teen Court
- Juvenile Work Crew
- Victim Offender Mediation

Bail Evaluations

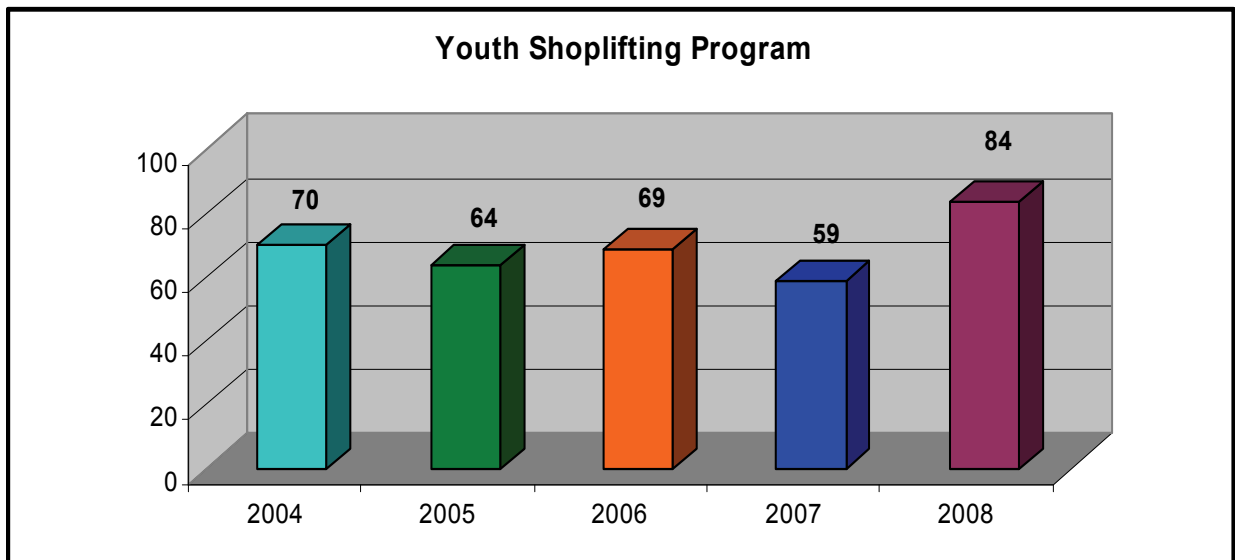
Bail evaluations are conducted on 5th Degree Domestic Assault, Violation of OFP, and controlled substance offenses.

- In 2008, Wright County Court Services completed 131 domestic-related and 87 drug-related evaluations.



Youth Shoplifting Program

The Youth Shoplifting Program is for juvenile offenders involved in theft from retail stores, referred through diversion programs or ordered through juvenile court.



Wright County Diversion Programs

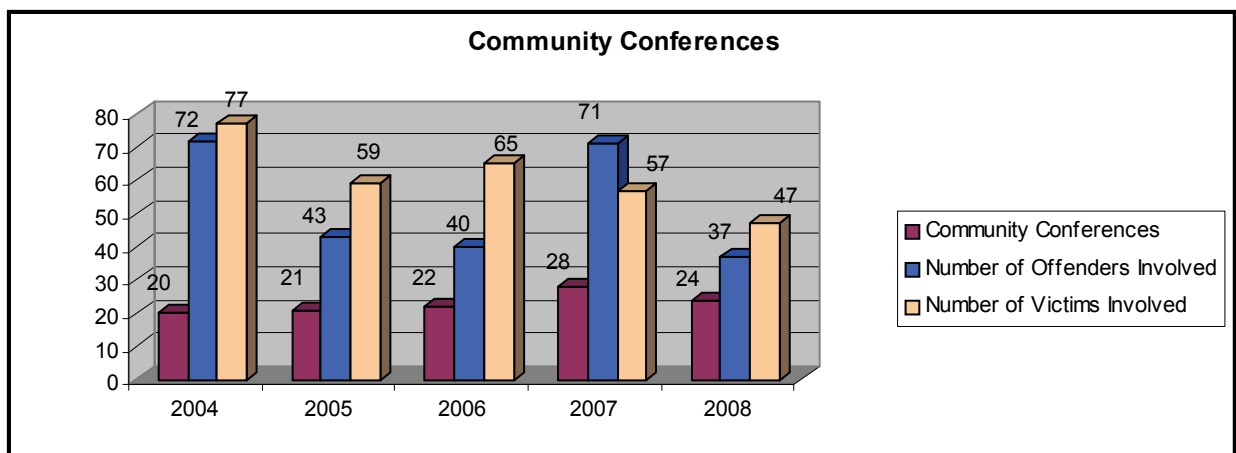
Diversion programs allow offenders the option to divert from Court, and upon successful completion of probation conditions, have their case dismissed. There are four diversion options:

- **Juvenile Diversion** is an alternative for first-time juvenile petty offenders to be held accountable without going through the court process.
 - There were **248 juvenile diversions** conducted in 2008.
- **Teen Court Juvenile Diversion** program is another diversion option for first-time juvenile petty offenders to have their cases heard before a jury of peers without going through the court process.
 - **69** Teen Court cases were heard.
 - **90** parents participated in the Teen Court hearings.
 - **80** Teen Court jurors participated in the program.
- **Civil Tobacco Ordinance** allows civil violations to be filed against juveniles who are found to possess tobacco products on school property.
 - **42** civil tobacco complaints were filed.
- **Adult Driver's License Reinstatement** program offers adult offenders, charged with certain traffic offenses, a chance to divert conviction if they become licensed drivers.
 - **76** adults participated in the Driver's License Reinstatement Program.

Restorative Justice Practices

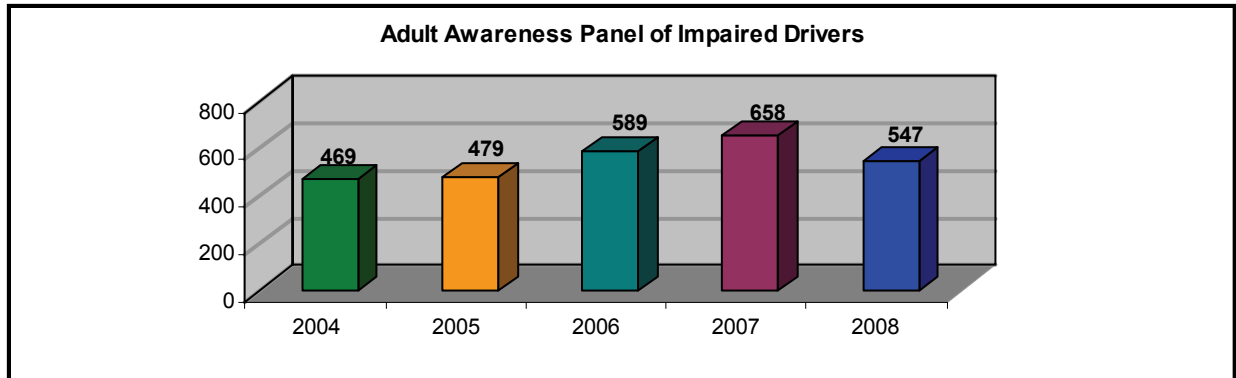
Restorative Justice practices are valuable components of corrections, and Wright County Court Services continues to employ a restorative justice agent. Restorative Justice practices in Wright County include:

- Community Conferencing.
- Victim Offender Mediation.
- Community Service Work programs, for both adults and juveniles.
- Teen Court Diversion program.
- Restitution determination and collection.
- Victim impact statements and advocacy.



Adult Awareness Panel for Impaired Drivers (APID)

The APID is an educational opportunity to address adult alcohol offenders by having speakers share how alcohol has affected their lives. In 2008, there were 12 APID sessions, with 547 offenders attending.



Adolescent Chemical Education Class

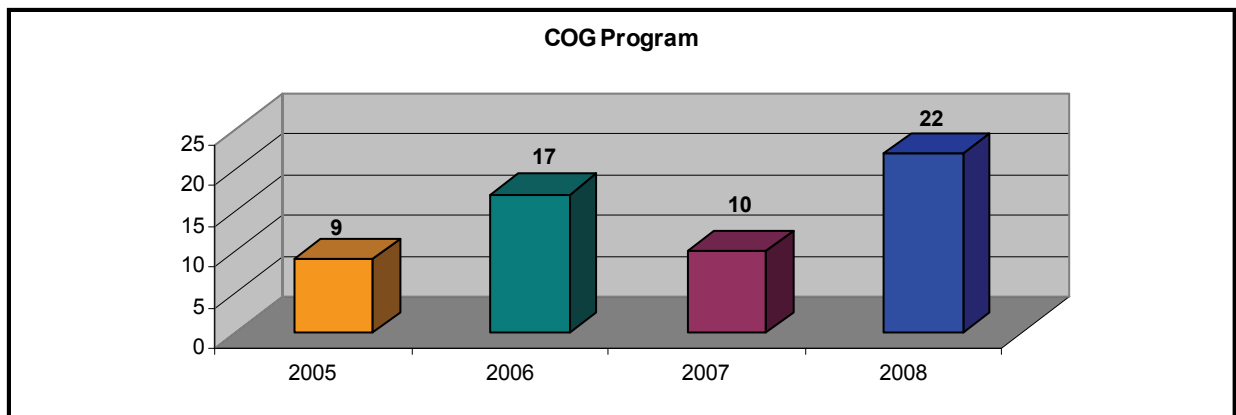
The newest program in Court Services offers early education and information for offenders and parents to help identify issues about alcohol and drugs and the available resources. In 2008, there were 6 sessions with 93 offenders completing the program.

Cognitive Reasoning (COG) Program

Wright County has implemented "Thinking For A Change" COG program, which is a 22-lesson curriculum that focuses on teaching individuals the skills necessary to make the right decisions in everyday situations. In 2008, there were 22 offenders attending COG.

Program Goals:

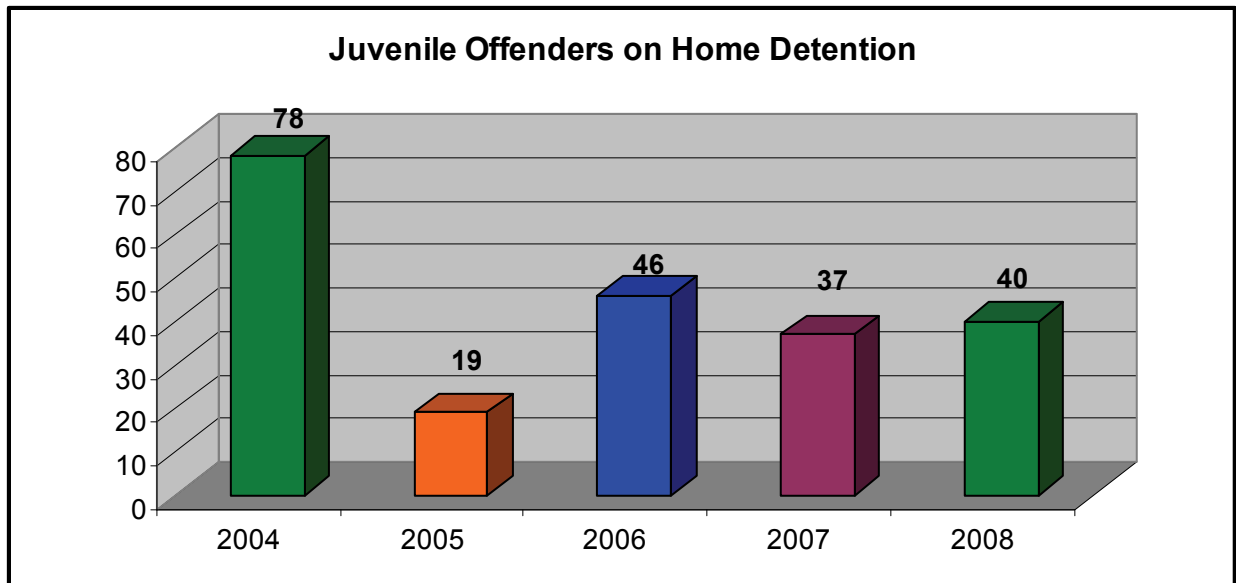
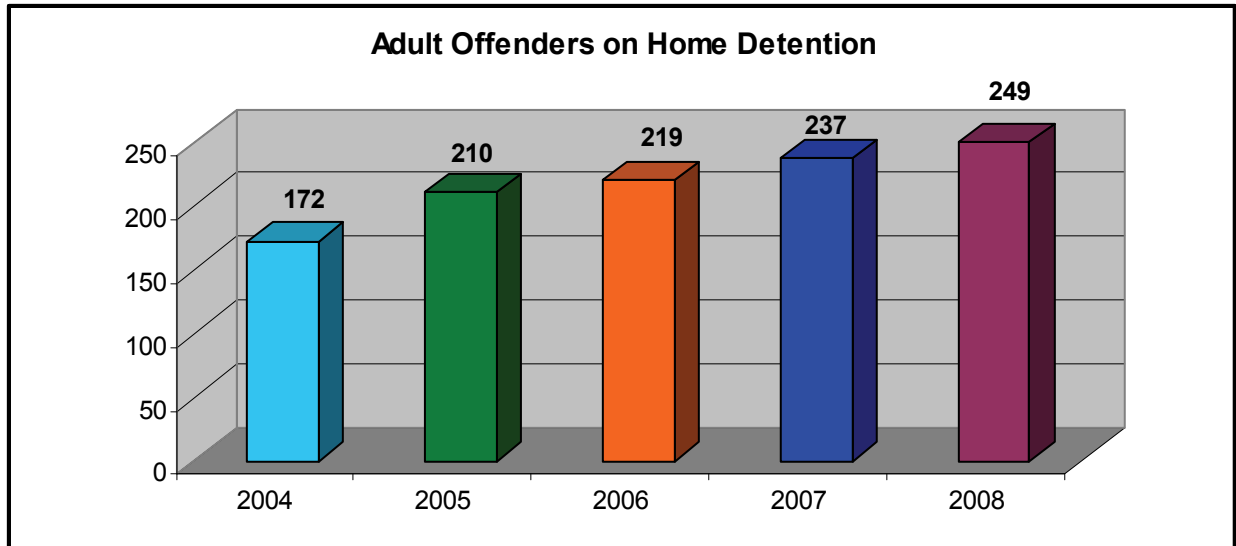
- Examine offenders' attitudes, beliefs, and thinking patterns.
- Recognize when there is a risk of thoughts and feelings leading them into trouble.
- Discuss ways to implement new thinking that reduces risk.
- Develop an awareness of alternative means of problem-solving that will allow better decision-making.
- Help offenders learn social skills that will maximize the positive response and minimize the negative response from other people.



Home Detention (HD)

Home detention is used in lieu of incarceration for those offenders with special circumstances, both juveniles and adults.

- **249 adult offenders** were placed on home detention in 2008.
- Adult offenders served **7,768 days** on home detention, for an average of 31.20 days.
- **40 juvenile offenders** were placed on home detention in 2008.
- Juvenile offenders served **817 days** on home detention, for an average of 20.43 days.



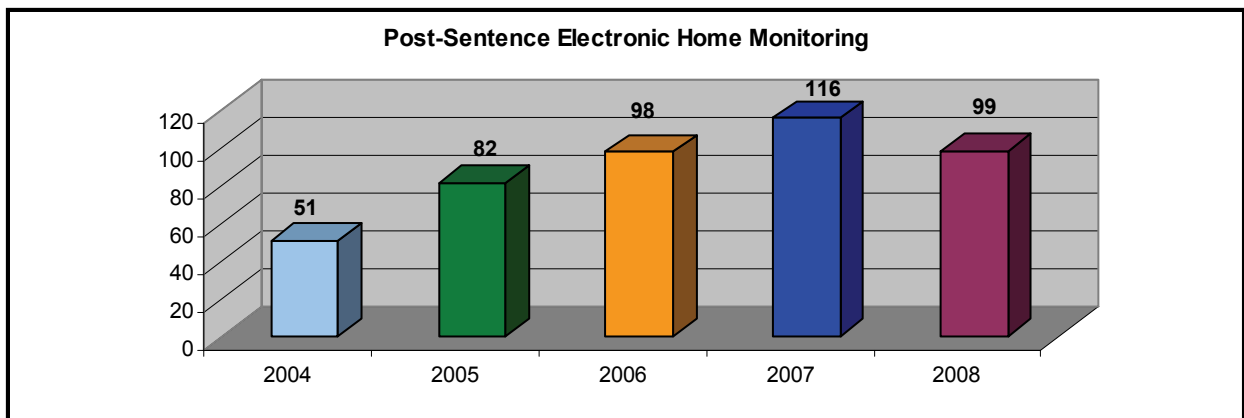
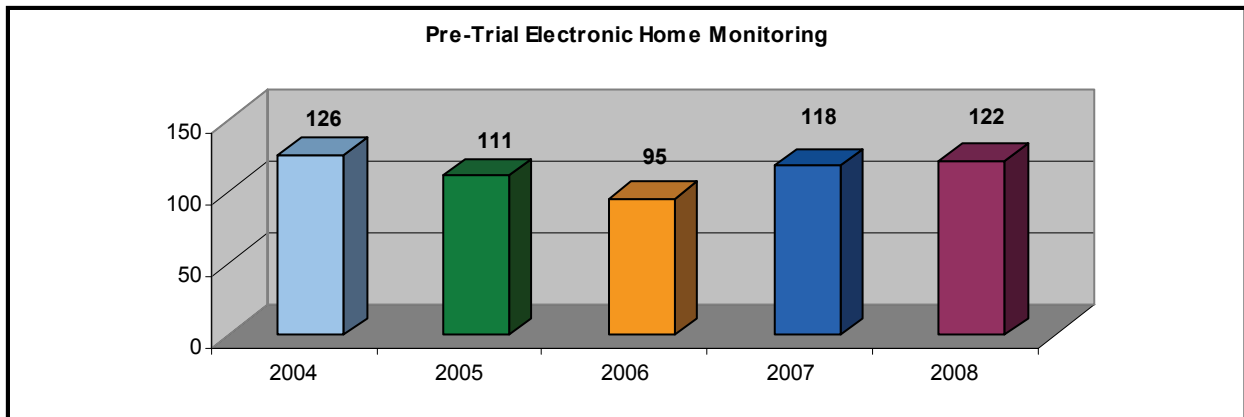
Potential savings to the County by using Home Detention options

- **\$504,920 savings for adults** who would have served time in Wright County jail, based on a rate of \$65 per day at 7,768 days.
- **\$162,583 savings for juveniles** who would have served time at Lino Lakes Juvenile Detention Center or other placement agencies, based on a rate of \$199 per day at 817 days.

Electronic Home Alcohol Monitoring (EHM)

Electronic home alcohol monitoring is used for pre-trial as conditions of release, and post-sentence as a condition of probation.

- There were **122 offenders** placed on **pre-trial EHM** in 2008.
- Offenders served **6,285 days on pre-trial EHM**, with an average of 51.5 days per offender.
- There were **99 offenders** placed on **post-sentence EHM** in 2008.
- Offenders served **2,485 days on post-sentence EHM**, with an average of 25 days per offender.



Pre-Trial, Conditional Release, Chemical Testing and DNA Testing

A color coded call-in program is used for chemical testing of pre-trial, conditional release and sentenced offenders who are required to submit to random drug testing. The Program Unit is also responsible for collection of DNA samples.

- 1543 urine samples were collected by agents in the Adult and Program Units.
- 191 DNA samples were collected.
- 124 portable breath tests were conducted on conditional release offenders.

Community Service Work (CSW)

Adult offenders may perform CSW at non-profit organizations throughout Wright County, as approved by Court Services, or through the State Sentence to Serve program. Juveniles may also perform community service at non-profit sites or through the juvenile work crew lead by a Court Services employee.

- Rate of reimbursement for CSW was \$8 per hour.
- Total hours worked in 2008 was valued at \$108,128.
- CSW may be ordered as a condition of probation or in lieu of fines.
- Adult offenders completed 6,982 hours of CSW in 2008.
- Juvenile offenders completed 6,534 hours of CSW in 2008, with 3,779 completed through the work crew and 2,755 completed at individual work sites in the community.

Juvenile Work Crew Statistics

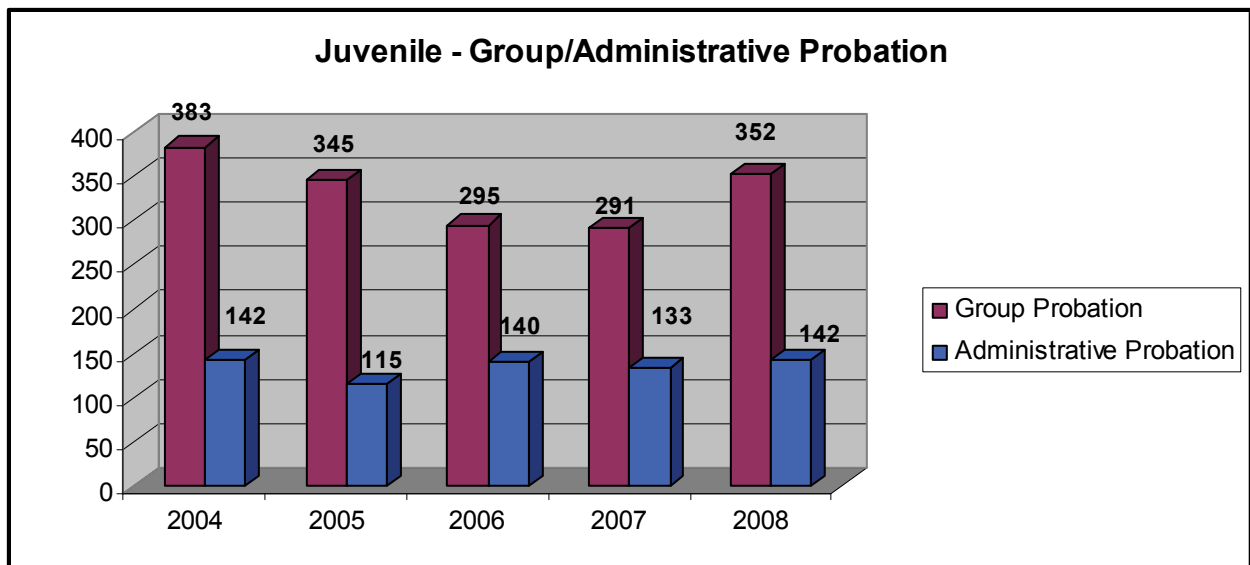
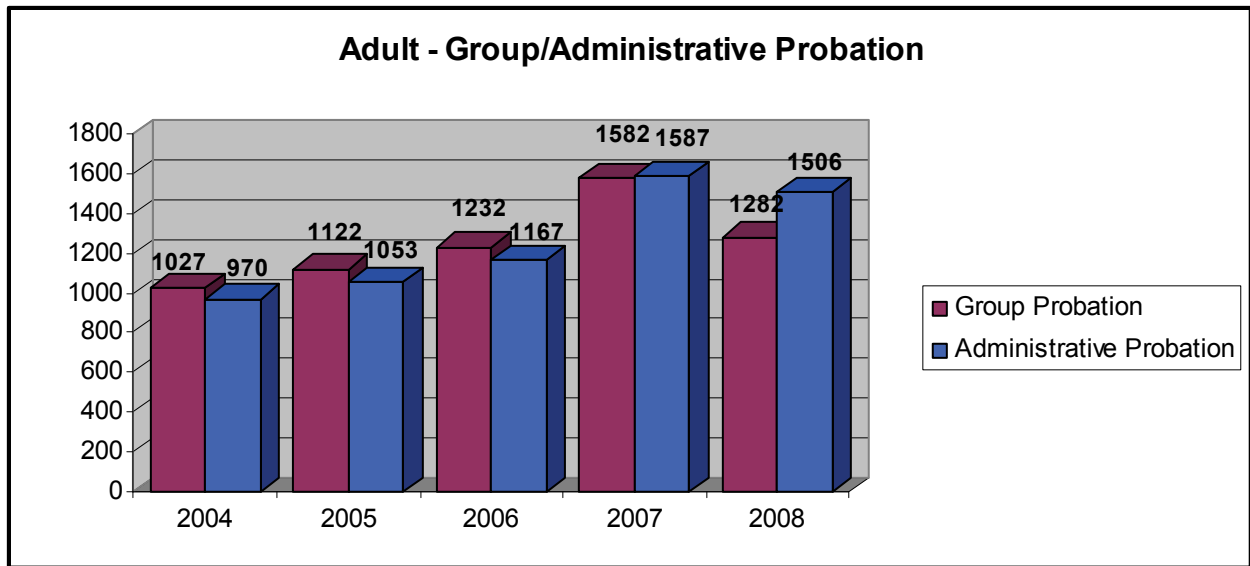
Community	# of Hours 2007	# of Hours 2008 *	Value @ \$8/hour (2008)	Sites
Annandale/Maple Lake	624	538	\$4,304	Friendship Ventures, Annandale Schools, Community Education, City of Maple Lake
Buffalo/Montrose	1,758	1462	\$11,696	Civic Center, Court Services, Fare Share, City of Buffalo, Crow River Clean-Up
Cokato	174	363	\$2,904	City of Cokato, Dassel-Cokato Schools
Delano/Rockford	201	38	\$304	Rockford Schools, City of Rockford, City of Delano
Howard Lake/Waverly/Winsted	277	188	\$1,504	HL-W/W High School, City of Howard Lake
Monticello	675	615	\$4,920	City of Monticello, Maria State Park, Community Center
St. Michael/Albertville	541	555	\$4,440	STMA High School, City of Albertville
Miscellaneous/Other		20	\$160	
Totals	4,250	3,779	\$30,232	

* To accommodate site schedules, the 2008 juvenile work crew schedule changed from 4-hour to 3-hour shifts.

Adult and Juvenile Group/Administration Probation

Offenders who are assessed as low-risk are supervised by the Program Unit agents through group and administrative probation.

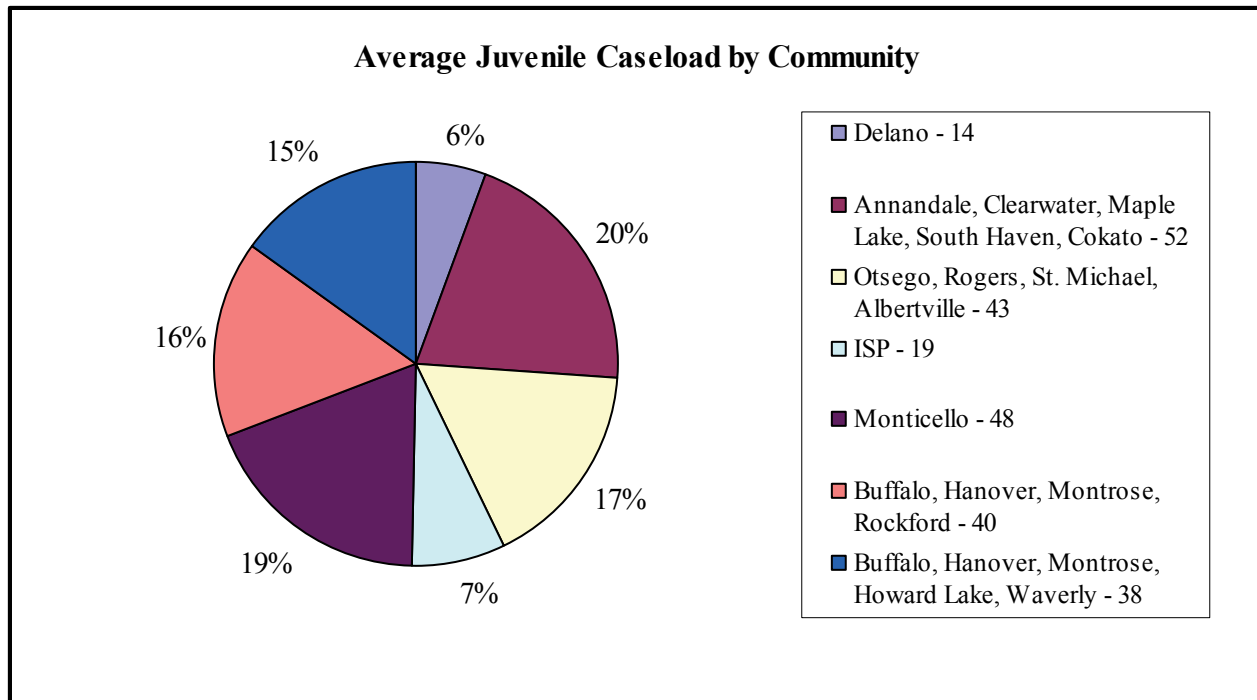
- 3 agents and 2 case aides supervise the group and administrative caseloads.
- **404 juvenile offenders** (494 juvenile cases) and **2,672 adult offenders** (2,788 adult cases) were supervised by the Program Unit in 2008.
- 660 probation violations were filed.
- 7 technical violations were filed.



Juvenile Unit

The Juvenile Unit provides supervision for juvenile offenders placed on probation for all levels of delinquent offenses.

Staff	Area of Responsibility
B. Abe Abrahamson - Supervisor	Delano
Joe Backes	Annandale, Clearwater, Maple Lake, South Haven, Cokato
Carter Diers	Albertville, Otsego, Rogers, St. Michael
Nathan Miller	Monticello
Brian Stoll	Buffalo, Hanover, Montrose, Rockford
Neal Huemoeller	Intensive Aftercare Program (IAP)
Janelle Webb	Buffalo, Hanover, Montrose, Howard Lake

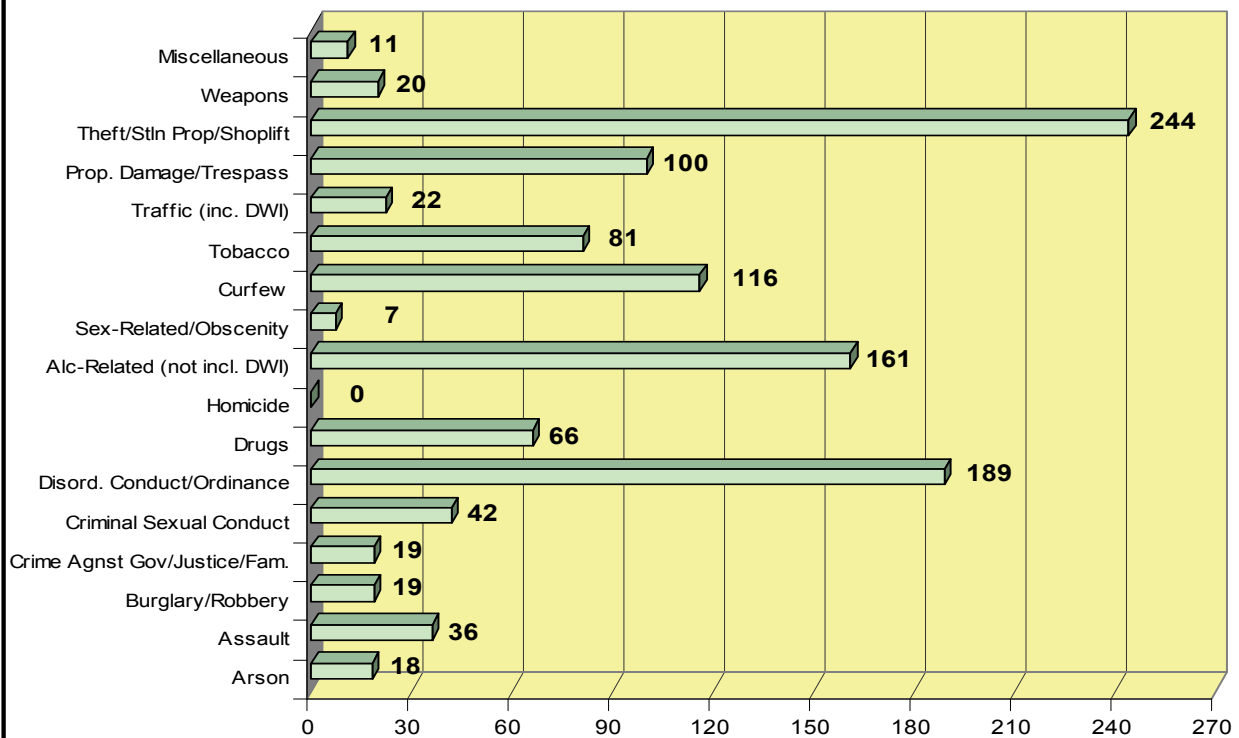


Offenses Committed in 2008 by Wright County Juveniles

- Includes all offenses (juvenile petty offenses and delinquencies).
- Miscellaneous offenses include: mistreating animals, runaway, truancy, gambling, forgery, kidnapping, fleeing police, and gang-related offenses.

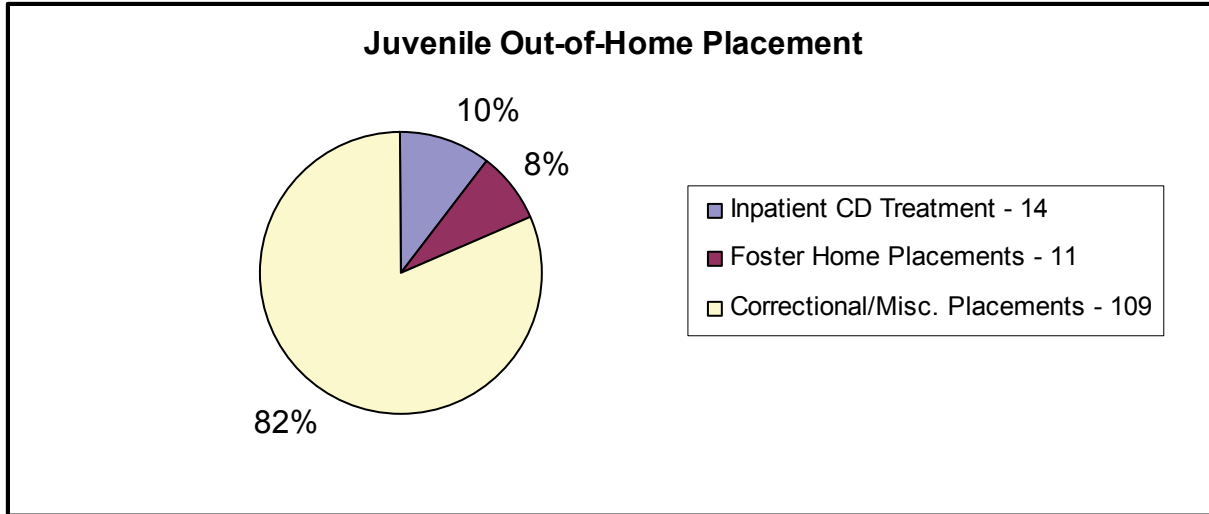
Offense	Male	Female	Total
Arson	16	2	18
Assault	27	9	36
Burglary/Robbery	19	0	19
Crimes Against Gov./Justice/Family	14	5	19
Criminal Sexual Conduct	41	1	42
Disorderly Conduct/Ordinance	145	44	189
Drugs	58	8	66
Homicide	0	0	0
Alcohol-Related (not incl. DWI)	94	67	161
Sex-Related/Obscenity	6	1	7
Curfew	83	33	116
Tobacco	57	24	81
Traffic (inc. DWI)	16	6	22
Property Damage/Trespassing	87	13	100
Theft/Stolen Property/Shoplifting	180	64	244
Weapons	17	3	20
Miscellaneous	10	1	11
TOTAL	870	281	1151

Juvenile Offenses Committed in 2008



Juvenile Out-of-Home Placement

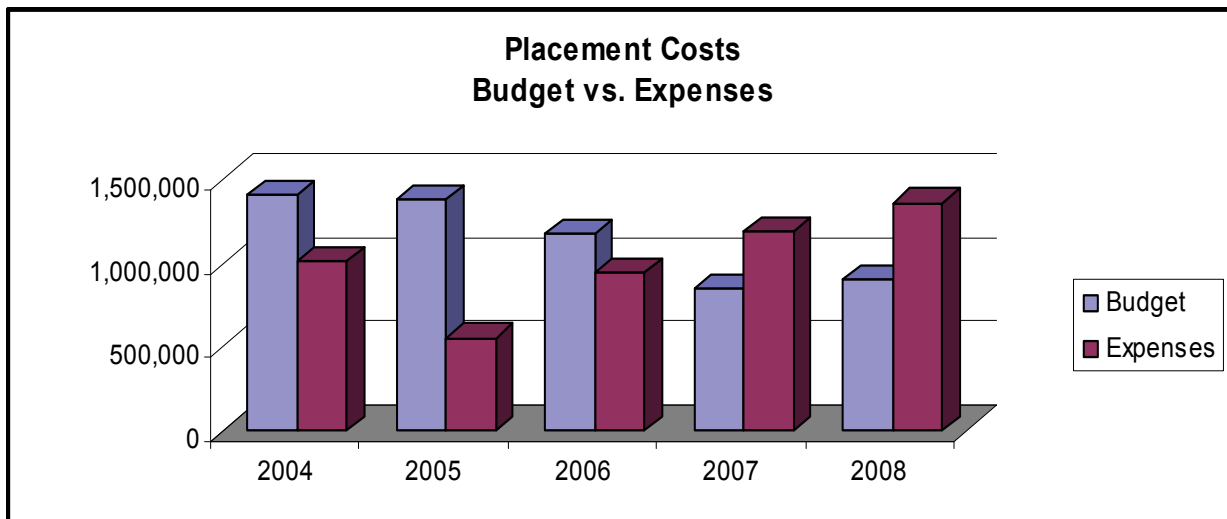
- **134 juveniles** were placed **out-of-home** in 2008.
- **82%** of all juvenile placements were in corrections programs.
- **18%** of the placements were in foster homes or chemical dependency treatment programs.



Placement Costs Budget vs. Expenses

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Budget	\$1,399,500	\$1,377,200	\$1,170,000	\$ 846,500	\$ 903,000
Expense	1,010,081	554,270	941,606	1,186,423	1,353,717

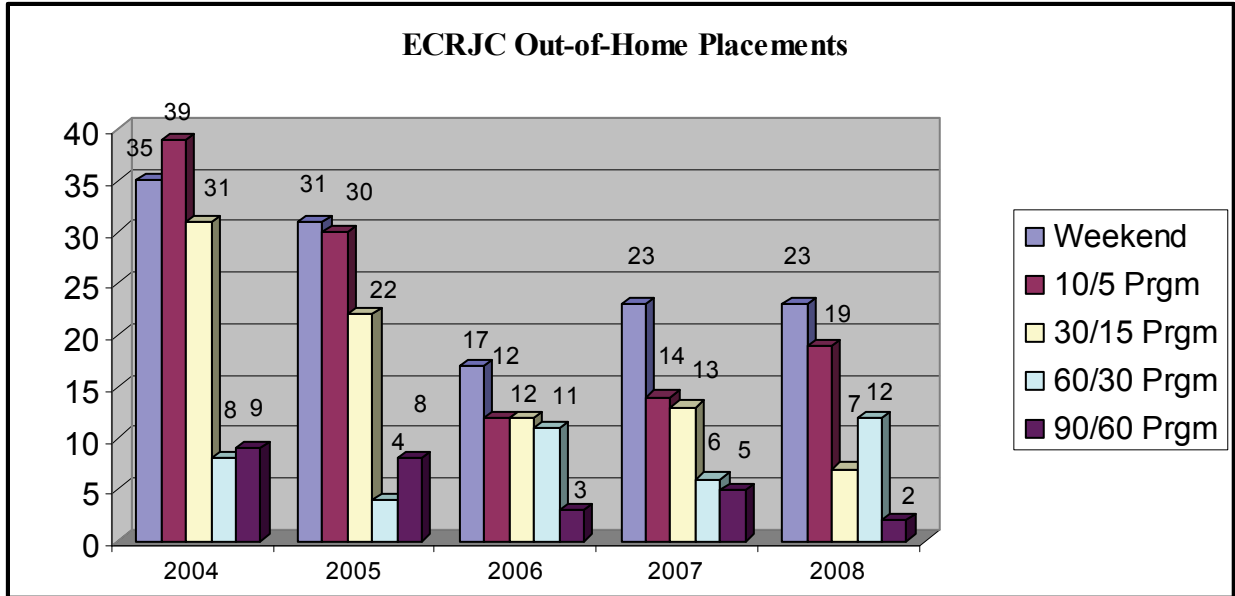
- Cost **savings of \$650,103** over the past 5 years.
- 2008 placement costs were elevated due to a higher number of juvenile sex offenders requiring out-of-home placement.



East Central Regional Juvenile Center (ECRJC)

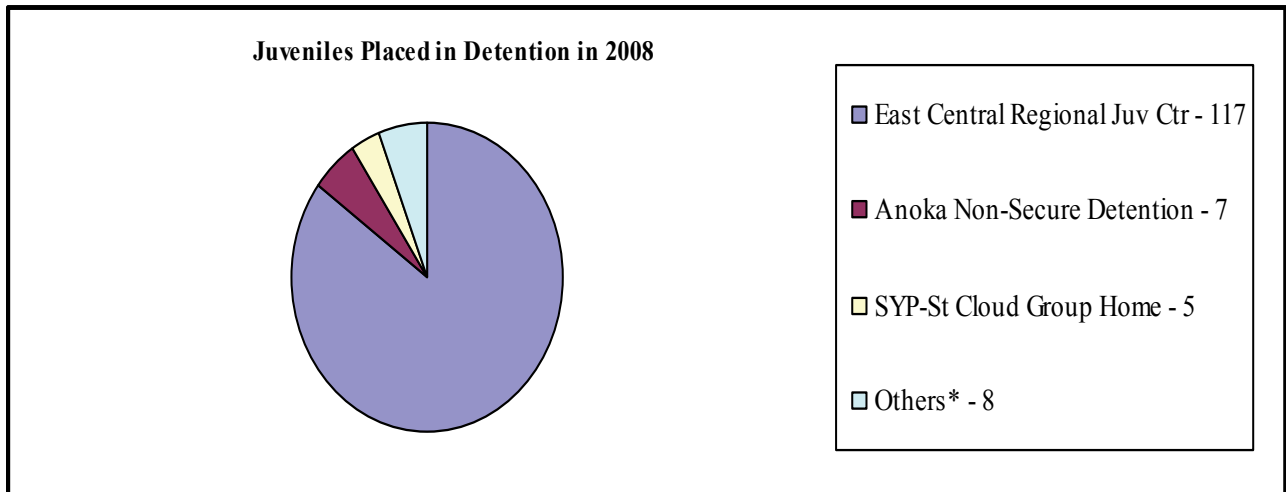
Wright County Court Services is part of a ten-county joint powers agreement with ECRJC and owns six beds at the facility. These beds are used for both detention and programming purposes.

- There were 134 placements in out-of-home facilities.
- Of those, 54% of the placements were at ECRJC.
- A majority of these juveniles participated in either the weekend or 10/5 program.
- ECRJC offers detention services, as well as cognitive behavioral programming.



Detention

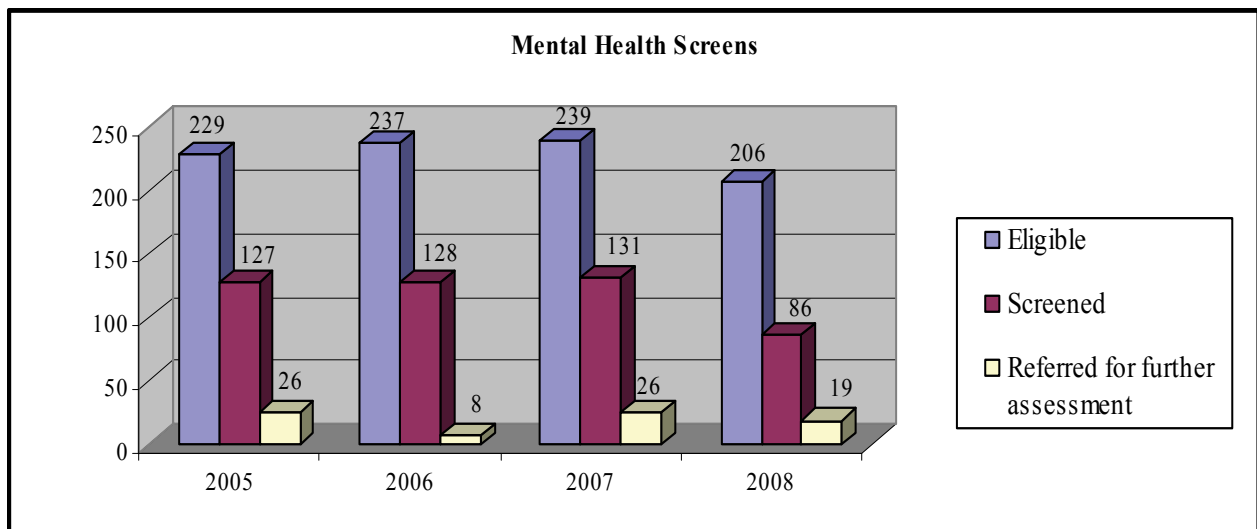
- Juveniles are placed in detention by either the Court or law enforcement.
- 117 juveniles were placed in detention at ECRJC, and 20 were placed in alternative facilities on detention status.



* Others include North Homes, Bar None, Hennepin Co. Juvenile Detention Center, MN River Valley, Northwest Juvenile Detention Center, Prairie Lakes, and Red Wing.

Mental Health Screening

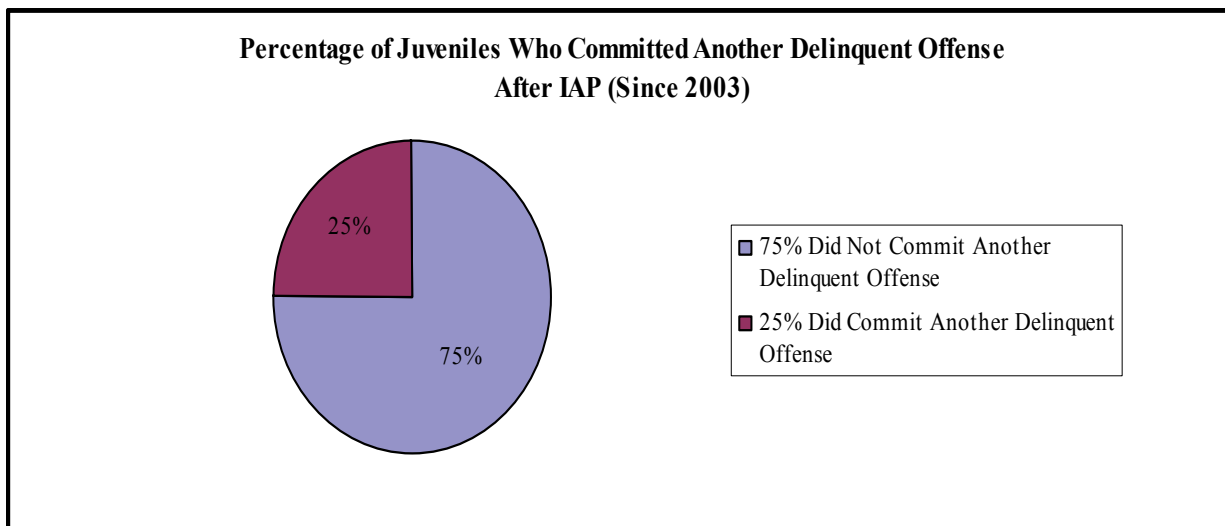
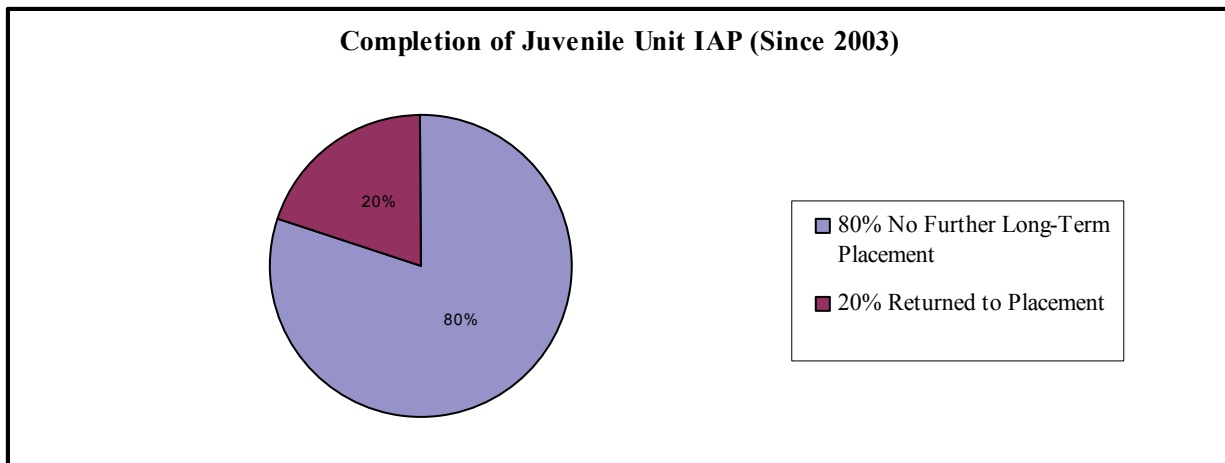
- Mental health screenings are mandated for all delinquent juveniles (unless under the care of a mental health practitioner or had a mental health assessment within the past six months).
- Juvenile Unit uses the MAYSI-2, an assessment tool approved by the Department of Human Services.
- 22% of juveniles screened in 2008 were referred for a further mental health assessment.
 - “Eligible” refers to all juveniles appearing in juvenile court for a delinquency or a third juvenile petty offense.
 - “Screened” refers to actual juveniles participating in the screening process.
 - “Referred for further assessment” refers to juveniles requiring further diagnostic assessment.



Juvenile Unit Intensive Aftercare Probation (IAP)

Started in 2001, the IAP Program was initiated to enhance a probationer's success transitioning from long-term programming to their home, schools, and community. Agent Huemoeller has a small caseload, by design, to provide enhanced supervision.

- The average caseload in 2008 was 16 juveniles, all classified as "high-risk" to re-offend.
- Through electronic home monitoring, random drug screens, non-traditional face-to-face contacts (nights and weekend visits), promotion of probationer's involvement in positive activities, and parental involvement, we have seen a reduction in this population requiring repeated long-term, out-of-home placements.
- Since 2001, Wright County Court Services has observed the following:
 - **80% successfully completed** IAP; no need for long-term, out-of-home placements.
 - **75% of the IAP juveniles did not commit** another Delinquent offense.
- In 2008, Agent Huemoeller:
 - Completed 8 violation reports.
 - Discharged 3 IAP juveniles successfully.



Clerical Unit

Staff	Title/Major Responsibility
Nancy Tallman - Supervisor	Administrative Secretary to Mike MacMillan
Carol Barnaal	Senior Clerk II, Program Unit Secretary/Program and Financial
Barb Peterson	Senior Clerk II, Adult Unit Secretary
Sandi Kile	Senior Clerk II, Program Unit Secretary/Program and Financial
Sara Peterson/Jessie Moe	Senior Clerk II, Juvenile Unit Secretary
Jessie Moe/Carol-Sandi	Senior Clerk II, Financial Secretary
Jean Tazelaar/Michelle Condon	Senior Clerk II, Juvenile Unit Secretary/Receptionist and Juvenile
Sarah Murphy	Senior Clerk II, Receptionist and Adult Unit Secretary/ Adult Secretary

The Clerical Unit provides clerical support to the Director and the three probation units. Clerical staff are also responsible for the administrative functions of the department and assistance of Units.

2008 Clerical Unit Highlights

- Entered 1918 new* probationers into the Court Services Tracking System (CSTS).
- Compiled and submitted eight quarterly reports and three annual reports in an effort to maintain/obtain state grant money for the department.
- Forty random moment checks were done in connection with the Wright County Local Collaborative which provided grant funds to the county and department.
- Wright County Court Services' CSTS Regional Discussion Group meetings started in 2007 for the 10th Judicial District and was expanded to include other interested counties in 2008.
- Facilitated the collection, recording, and distribution of \$493,936 in probation, program, and detention fees.
- Nine offenders' checks bounced in 2008. Five subsequently paid in full. Revenue recapture was filed on the four outstanding checks.
- Received eight expungement requests. Three cases were sealed/expunged, two were denied by judge, and six did not pertain to us.
- Investigated 12 bankruptcy cases regarding potential debt owed Court Services. Two owed money to Court Services. Our financial records were adjusted accordingly.

Clerical Unit Highlights - Continued

- Performed 287 Human Service record checks (foster home, day care, etc).
- Four new versions of CSTS were installed during the year (2.0.0.1; 2.0.2.1; 2.0.2.2; 2.0.3.0)
- The ICOTS system was implemented for interstate (state-to-state) transfer of cases.
- The unit became more familiar with and expanded the use of Ad Hoc reports in CSTS.
- We expanded the use of wireless, broadband cards, and Citrix within the department.
- The department acquired 10 new laptops and 2 all-in-one computers to replace outdated equipment, upgraded 7 phones, upgraded the fax machine, and purchased a Defibrillator for the fourth floor.
- Continued work on design of Electronic Home Monitoring Access database.
- Accomplished administrative changes for three terminating employees, three new hires, four shifts in employee offices/duties, and two shifts in office only. We also had three interns over the course of the year.
- Assisted Sherburne County with their CSTS program process and codes.
- Purchased a large shredder for use by our juvenile crew.
- Ordered and set up a new filing system in basement cage area.
- Filed 687 Revenue Recapture claims.

*New—means they were not on the system in 2007; some adult cases may have been on previously as a juvenile.



Changes in Probation Responsibilities From 1980 to Today

According to a report compiled by the Minnesota Department of Corrections, probation agency responsibilities have increased 71% from 1980 to today.

- As noted in the report, services and responsibilities provided by probation departments in **1980** amounted to **28**; in **1990** amounted to **51**; and currently, probation departments provide approximately **71** services to the community and Court.
- Many of the changes were mandated by legislative action.
- Probation responsibilities initially focused on supervision of offenders, such as: pre-sentence investigation reports, pre-dispositional reports, probation violations, restitution services, and Court appearances. Some of the more recent additions are listed below:
 - Mandated alcohol monitoring as conditions of release.
 - Mandated to complete chemical assessments to determine if alcohol was a contributing factor in the offense.
 - Mandated to complete a domestic abuse assessment on all domestic abuse cases.
 - Felony DWI offense - increased probation to six years.
 - Mandated sex offender registration.
 - Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction offender category added.
 - DNA testing on all Felons or certain cases that originated as a Felony and are then reduced to a lesser offense.
 - Collection of probation fees.
 - Provide cognitive skills groups.
 - Notify State DHS of convictions for a wide range of offenses by persons working in State DHS licensed facilities.
 - Formal risk/needs assessments.
 - Bail evaluations.

2008 Highlights

- All staff completed the LSI-R or YLS assessment tool training.
- Developed policy and procedures for implementation of LSI-R and YLS risk needs assessments for both juveniles and adults, to begin using in 2009.
- Continued community involvement by agents and other staff through coaching and mentoring of youth.
- Provided Restorative Justice services to communities and schools.
- Organized and promoted Safe Schools programs in every school district.
- Provided professional development through continued education and training.
- Staff were actively involved in a variety of corrections-related professional organizations.
- Provided education and informational services to the schools and communities.
- Coordinated a Sex Offender Task Force to investigate the number of juvenile sex offenders.
- Enhanced Thinking for a Change, Cognitive Behavioral Program.
- Established a committee to review procedures and technology to reduce paper.
- Assisted with management of Sherburne County Court Services while their Director position was vacant.

Statutory Authority

MS 244.19 Subd. 3. Powers and Duties. All county probation officers serving a district court shall act under the orders of the court in reference to any person committed to their care by court, and in the performance of their duties shall have the general powers of a peace officer; and it shall be their duty to make such investigations with regard to any person as may be required by the court before, during, or after the trial or hearing, and to furnish to the court such information and assistance as may be required; to take charge of any person before, during or after trial or hearing when so directed by the court, and to keep such records and make such reports to the court as the court may order.

All county probation officers serving a district court shall, in addition, provide probation and parole services to wards of the commissioner of corrections resident in the counties they serve, and shall act under the orders of said commissioner of corrections in reference to any ward committed to their care by the commissioner of corrections.

All probation officers serving a district court shall, under the direction of the authority having power to appoint them, initiate programs for the welfare of persons coming within the jurisdiction of the court to prevent delinquency and crime and to rehabilitate within the community persons who come within the jurisdiction of the court and are properly subject to efforts to accomplish prevention and rehabilitation.

They shall, under the direction of the court, cooperate with all law enforcement agencies, schools, child welfare agencies of a public or private character, and other groups concerned with the prevention of crime and delinquency and rehabilitation of persons convicted of crime and delinquency.