



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

# Division of Juvenile Services

Juvenile Justice Public Safety Oversight Council

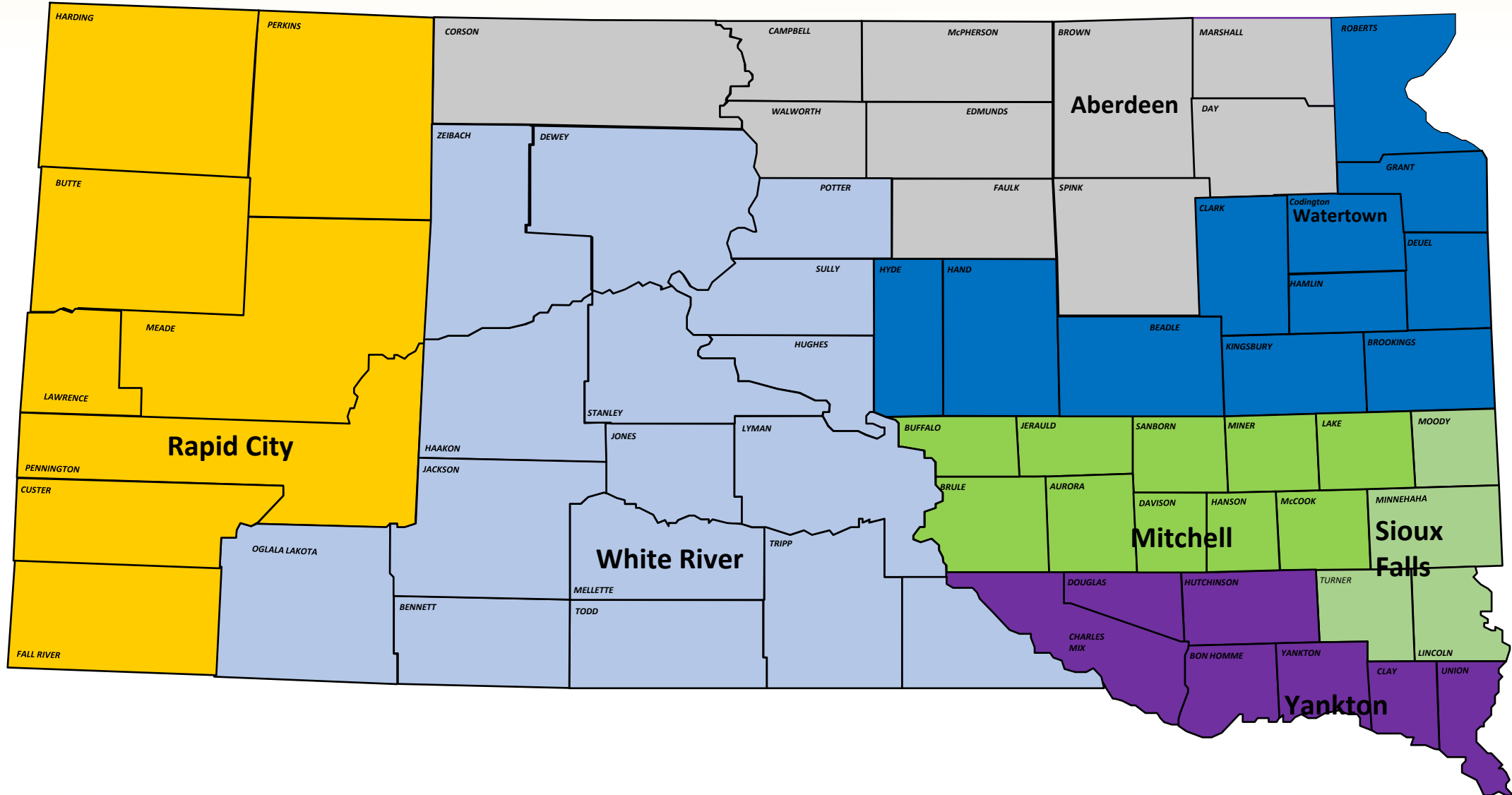
Department of Corrections Update

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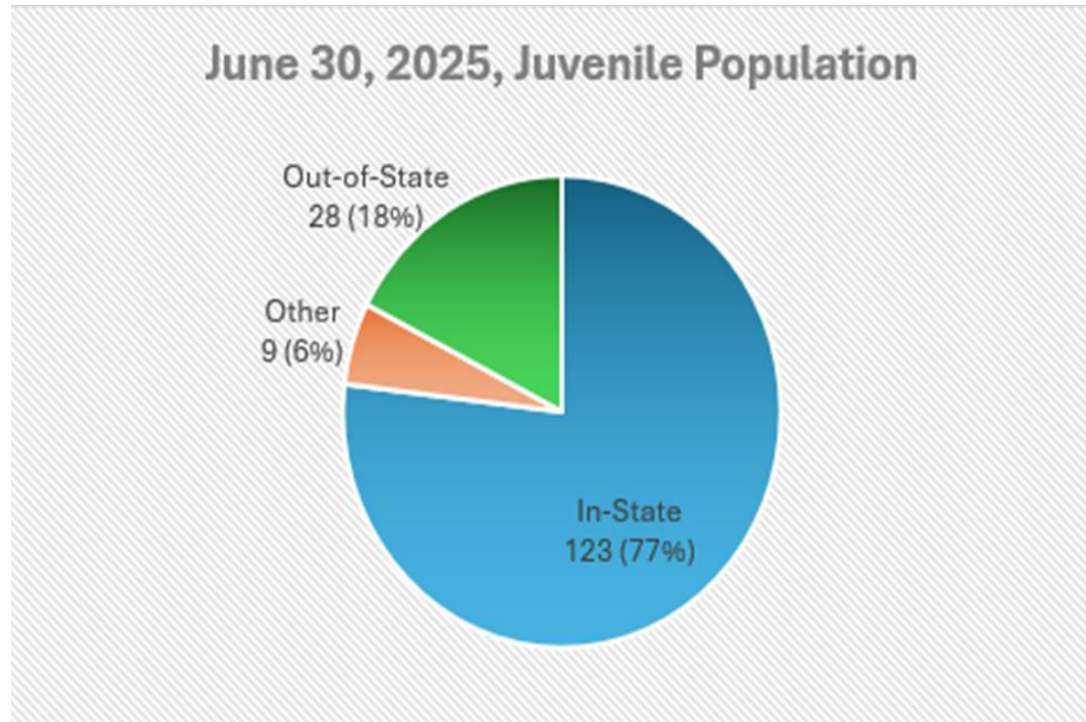


# CORRECTIONS

## Juvenile Field Offices



## Juvenile Population Breakdown



- **Juvenile Corrections Agents**
  - Provide Intake, Assessment
  - Placement/Community-Based programming, Case Management & Aftercare Services
- **Juvenile Placements**
  - Group Care facilities
  - Residential Treatment facilities
  - Detention/Jail
  - Independent Living
  - Foster Care-Very Limited



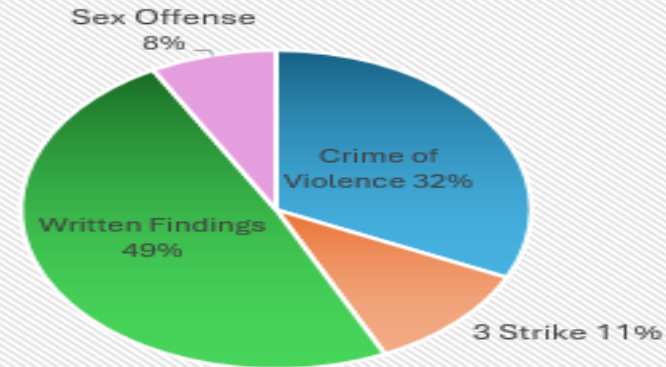
## Juvenile Commitments

Prior to system reform **70%** of all DOC commitments were for STATUS offenses & MISDEMEANORS. Only 1 of the top ten committing offenses was a felony- 3<sup>rd</sup> degree Burglary.

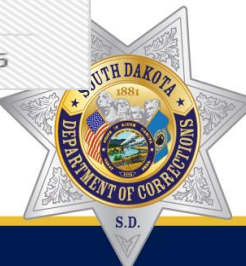
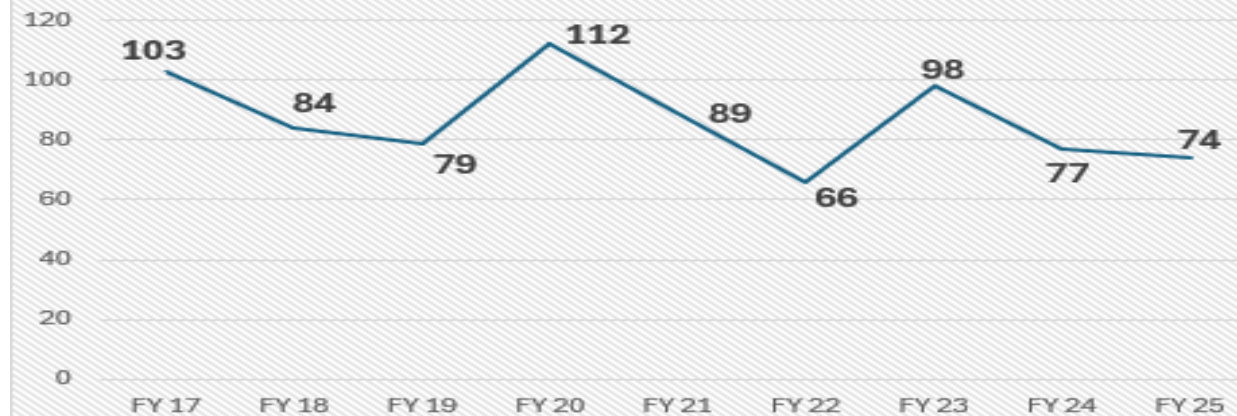
Today, 1/3 of youth are committed for a crime of violence, however most youth are committed using written findings.

Top four offenses in FY25: Simple Assault, Aggravated Assault, Grand Theft, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle

FY25 Committing Offense Category



New Commitments





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# Improving Outcomes for our Youth & Families

- **DOC Strategic Planning** focuses on increasing interventions/access to parenting programs, services for youth in the community.
  - **Thinking for Change groups** in-person Sioux Falls & Rapid City field offices, tele-health for all youth (64% of all JCA staff are trained facilitators). Completion rates were 69% in first year.
  - **Strengthening Families**-second year of funding through DOC Title II formula grant program. LSS providing this in Sioux Falls and now Rapid City to any family.
  - **EPICS/CAREY Guides**-JCA staff have increased utilization of these tools to support positive behavior change-detailed overview in 2024 Statistical Report.
  - **Dialectical Behavior Therapy**-JCA staff trained in DBT skills, integrated into current practice to assist youth with emotional regulation and better decision making.



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## Partnership with DLR-WIOA funds

- **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act**

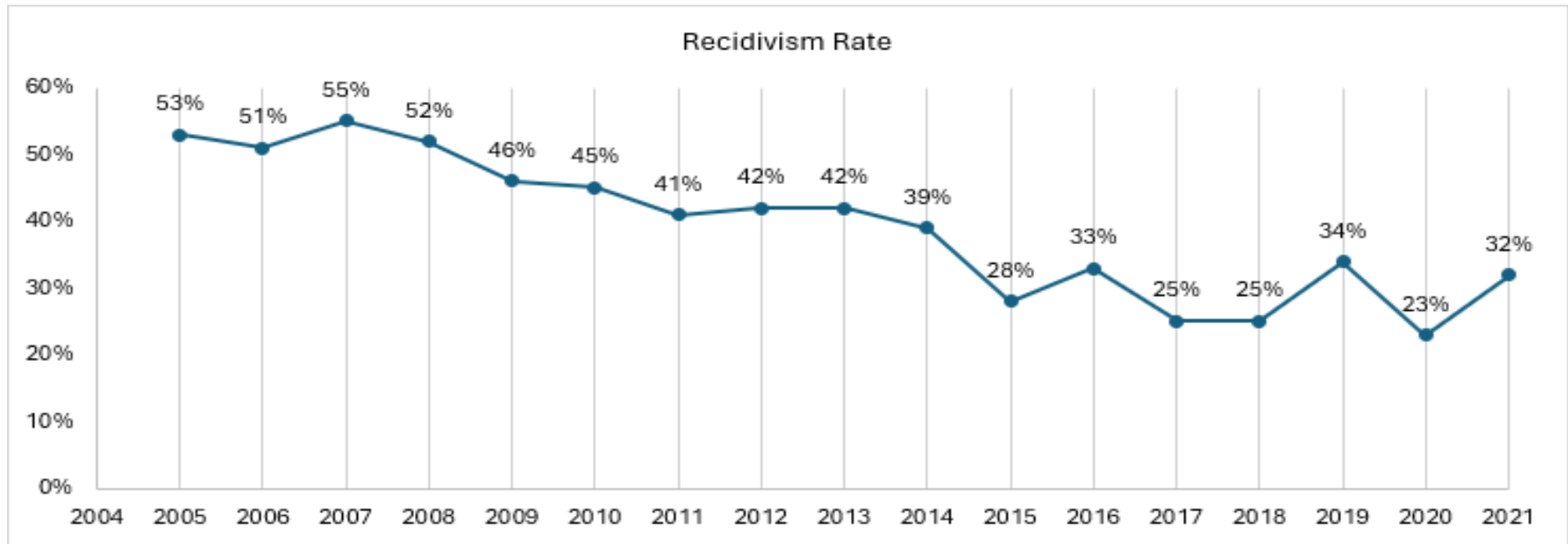
- Focused on out of school youth. GED support, post-secondary education funding.

### Eligible Youth

- 18-24 years-old- asked to reconsider given new compulsory school age is 17 years.
- Adolescents that are out-of-school and or not affiliated with a high school or registered for post-secondary classes.
  - a. This program can assist individuals in career exploration, work-based learning, and financial support.
  - b. DLR can provide tuition assistance for the following DLR approved post-secondary programs. ([https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/training\\_opportunities/approved\\_programs.aspx#list](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/approved_programs.aspx#list))
  - c. Provides the individual with work-based learning which allows for participants to gain skills and work references. During this time an individual will work with a participating business and DLR will pay that individuals wages.
  - d. Individuals can also enter a job where DLR will reimburse up to 50% of the employee's wage. Training, wages, and benefits are provided by the employer.



## Recidivism Rate-3 Year Measure





## Juvenile Diversion Payments

- DOC provides a fiscal incentive of up to \$750 for each juvenile that successfully completes a diversion program.
- \$4.2M paid to counties since the inception of the program in FY16= nearly 15,000 young people successfully diverted.
- FY25 data currently being submitted by counties. Will include details in FY 25 JJPSIA annual report.



## Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974

1-15-27 Participation in  
formula grants program  
of JJDPA

DOC ensures the state  
follows the  
requirements of the  
Formula Grant Program  
authorized by JJDPA

\$818,000 local sub-  
grants awarded in latest  
grant cycle

