PENOBSCOT COUNTY

Justice Data

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Penobscot County Facts

- *Penobscot was incorporated in 1816 and the county seat is Bangor.*
- *It is one of Maine's largest counties, covering over 3,250 square miles.*
- *Bangor is home to many business and cultural centers. Orono, also in Penobscot County, is home to the main campus of the University of Maine.*
- *11% of Maine's population resides in Penobscot County.*
- *In 2007, the juvenile population of Penobscot County was estimated at 30,561[1].*

Population by Gender and Age, 2007[2]			
Gender/Age Group	Number	Percent of Total	
		Penobscot	Maine
Total	**147,971**	**100.0%**	**100.0%**
Male	72,620	49.1%	48.8%
Female	75,351	50.9%	51.2%
Under 14	24,819	16.8%	17.3%
15 to 24	23,245	15.7%	12.9%
25 to 34	17,984	12.2%	11.3%
35 to 44	20,866	14.1%	14.7%
45 to 54	23,513	15.9%	16.5%
55 to 64	17,677	11.9%	12.6%
65 to 74	10,633	7.2%	7.5%
75 to 84	6,666	4.5%	5.3%
85+	2,568	1.7%	1.9%
Median Age	-	**39**	**41**

[1] OJDDP Statistical Briefing Book

[2] Maine Department of Labor, 2007

Demographic Facts[3]

- Population growth in Penobscot County (2.6% increase from 2000 to 2008) has been below the statewide rate (3.3% increase from 2000 to 2008).
- The overall population is younger than the statewide average; however, the county has a smaller population under 18 than the statewide average.
    - Persons under 18 account for 20.5% of Penobscot County's population compared with the statewide average of 21.2%.
- Attainment of a high school diploma is higher than the statewide average, but college degree attainment is lower.
    - 85.7% of those ages 25+ in Penobscot County have graduated from high school compared with the statewide average of 85.4%.
    - 20.3% of those ages 25+ in Penobscot County have obtained a bachelor's degree or higher compared with the statewide average of 22.9%.
- Most income measures are lower and poverty is higher than average.
    - The median household income in Penobscot County is $41,348 compared with a statewide average of $45,832.
    - 13.5% of Penobscot County residents live below the poverty line compared with a statewide average of 12.2%.
- Population density: 33.7 people per square mile
- Largest cities (population): Bangor (31,853), Orono (9,704), Brewer (9,079)

[3] Ibid.

Adult Criminal Justice Highlights

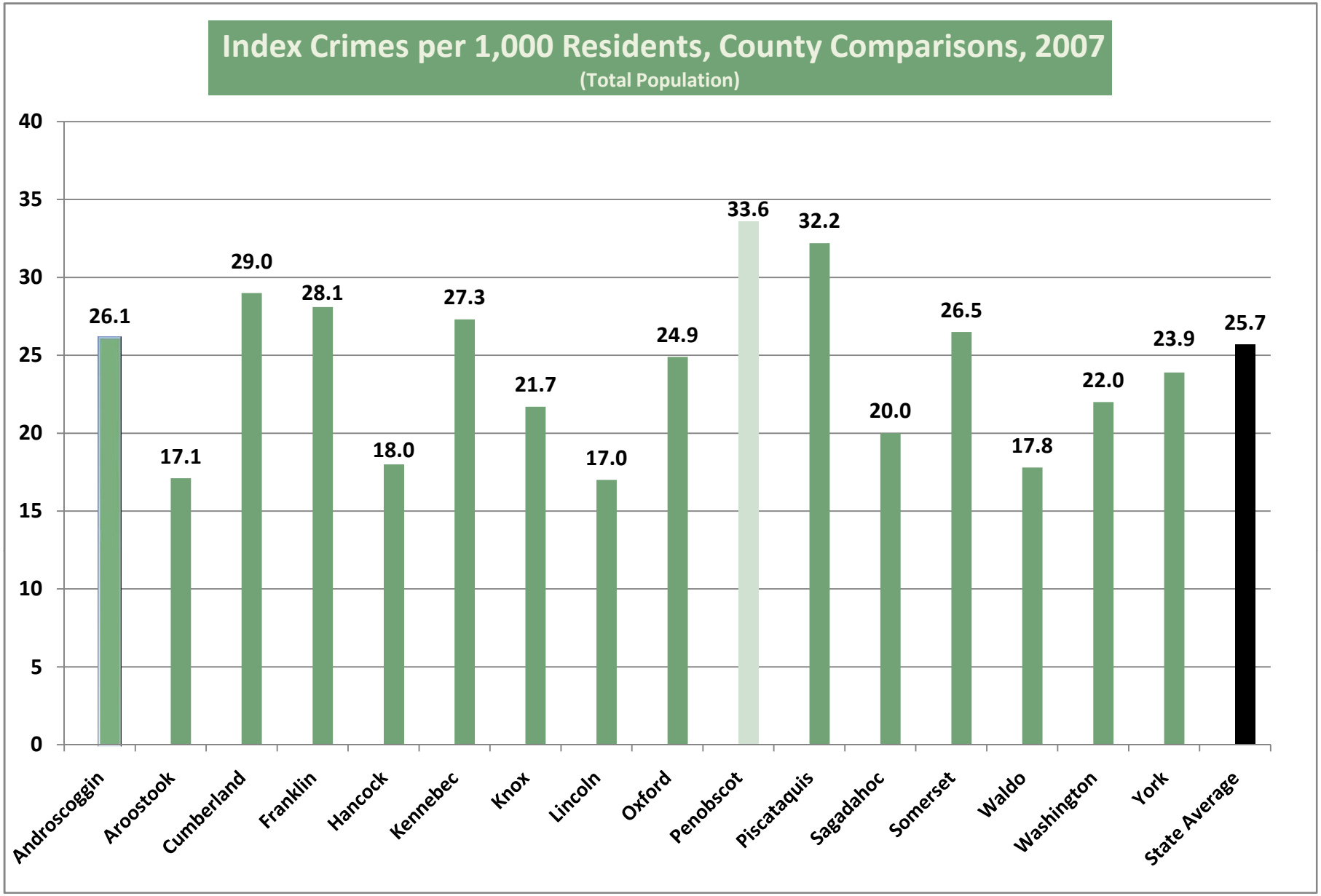
THE ADULT ARREST RATE AND INDEX CRIME RATE HAVE REMAINED RELATIVELY STEADY IN PENOBSCOT COUNTY OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS. NONETHELESS, THE COUNTY HAS THE HIGHEST INDEX CRIME RATE IN THE STATE.

- **The adult arrest rate has remained steady, increasing only 2.5% over the last 5 years and increasing 4.6% over the last 10 years. However, the female adult arrest rate has grown rapidly compared to the male arrest rate, increasing 34.8% over 5 years and increasing 16.2% over 10 years. Conversely, the male arrest rate registered slight overall declines over those same time periods.**
- **In 2007, Penobscot County had the highest index crime rate in the state at 33.6 per 1,000 residents. The statewide average is 25.7 per 1,000 residents.**
- **The index crime rate has remained relatively steady over the past few years, increasing 8.3% over the last 5 years and only increasing 2.1% over the last 10 years. The violent crime rate showed a fairly pronounced decline, decreasing 18.2% over the last 5 years and decreasing by 40% over the last 10 years.**

Juvenile Justice Highlights

JUVENILE ARRESTS HAVE DECLINED OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS IN PENOBSCOT COUNTY. HOWEVER, IN 2005, THE COUNTY REPORTED A RELATIVELY HIGH NUMBER OF FIRST TIME JUVENILE ADJUDICATIONS COMPARED TO THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE.

- **The juvenile arrest rate has declined by 12.1% over the last 5 years and declined by 45.8% over the last 10 years.**
- **In 2005, the rate of juveniles adjudicated for the first time was 9.8 per 1,000 residents. This is greater than the statewide average of 8.4 per 1,000 residents.**
- **In 2005, the juvenile recidivism rate was 28%. This is comparable to the statewide average of 27% in 2005.**


Index Crimes per 1,000 Residents, County Comparisons, 2007
(Total Population)
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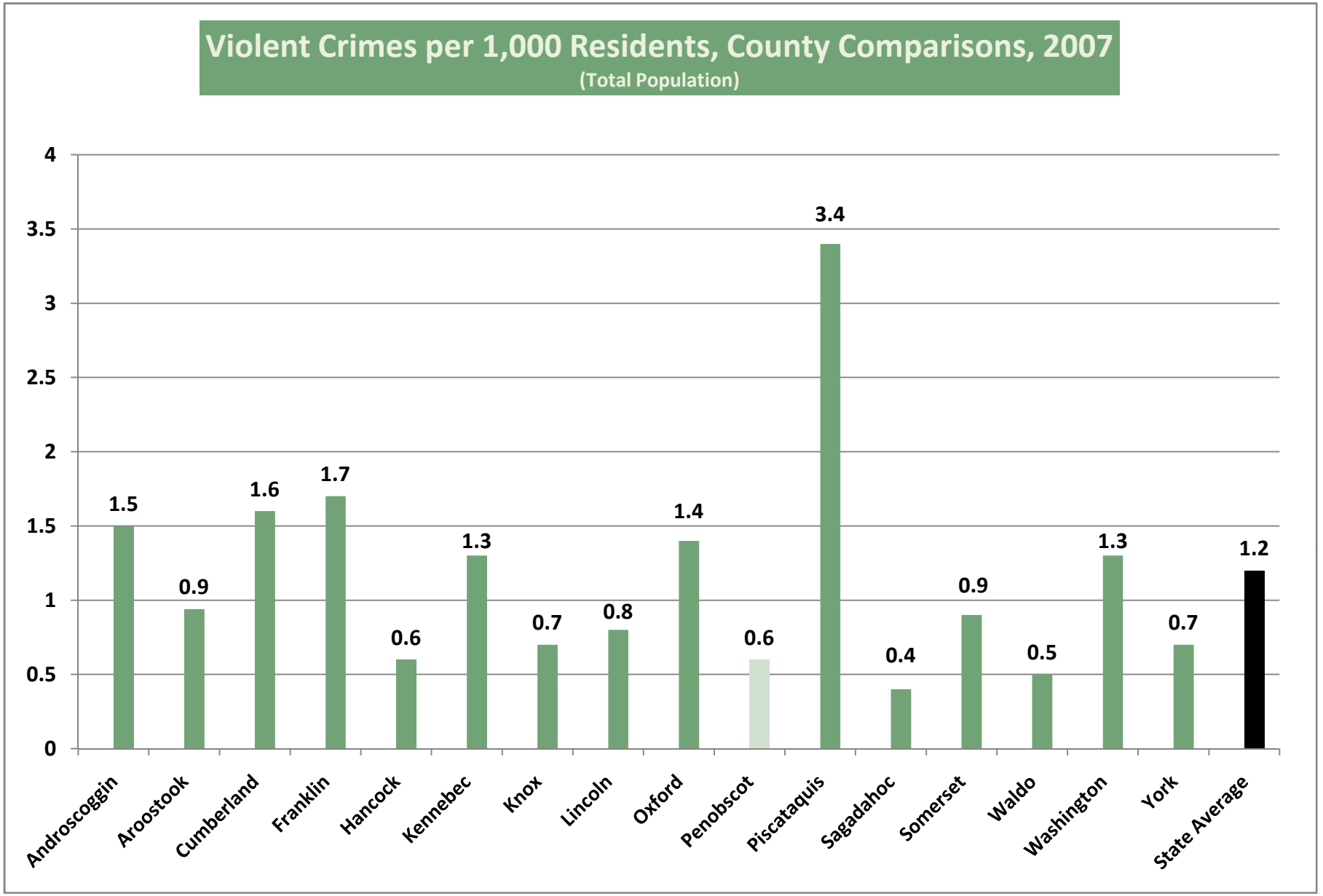
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(Total Population)
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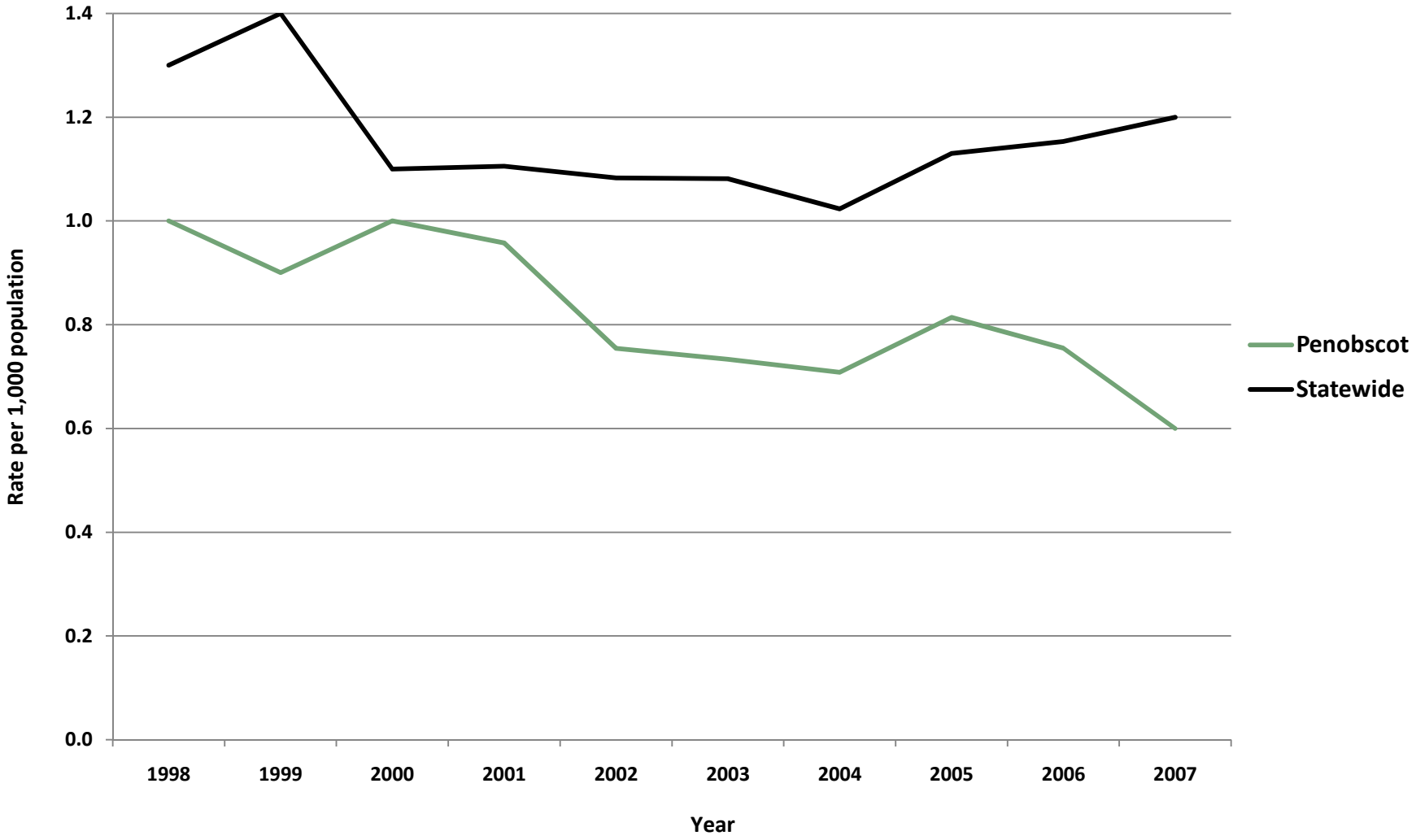
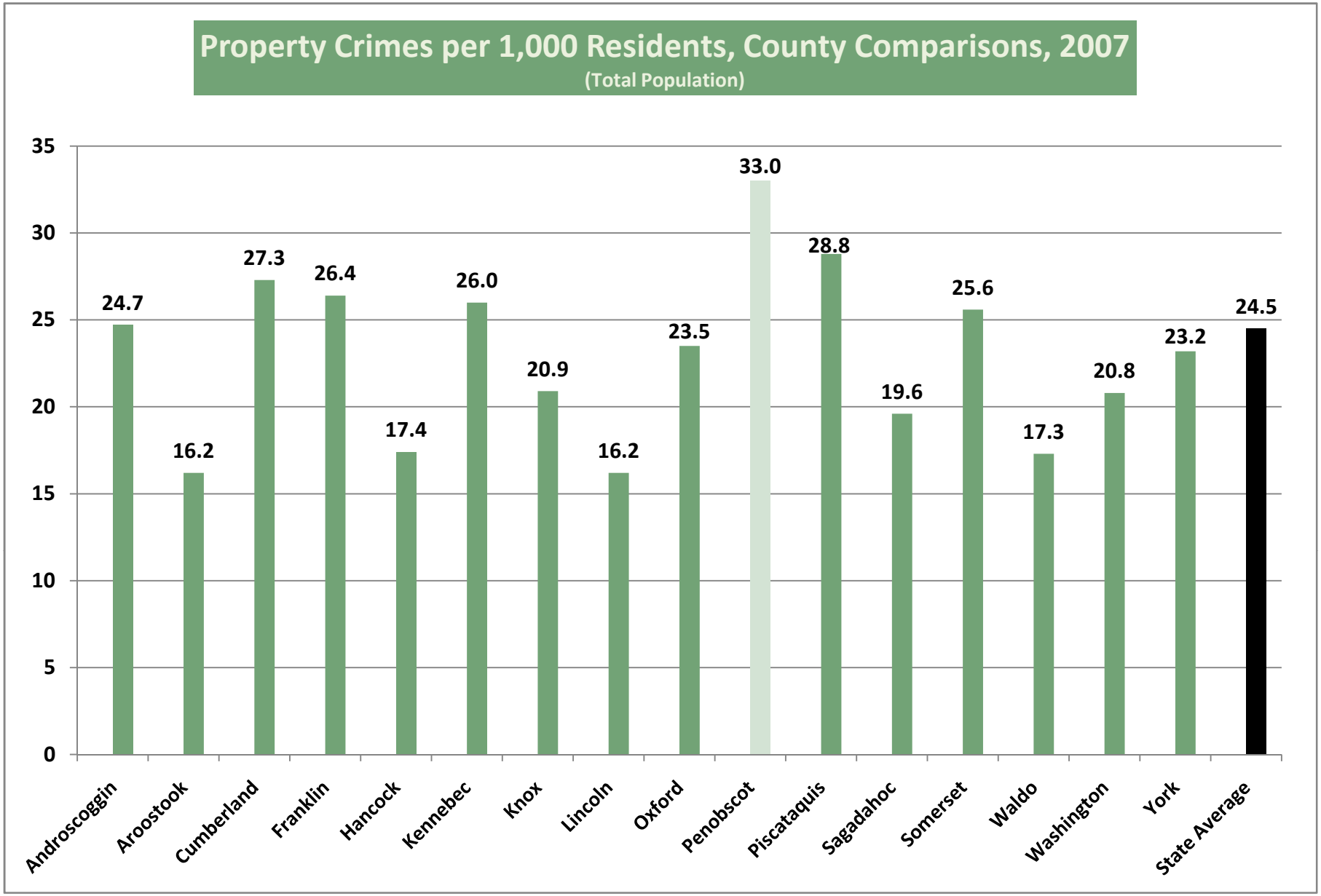
Penobscot - Violent Crimes per 1,000 Residents
(Total Population)




Property Crimes per 1,000 Residents, County Comparisons, 2007
(Total Population)
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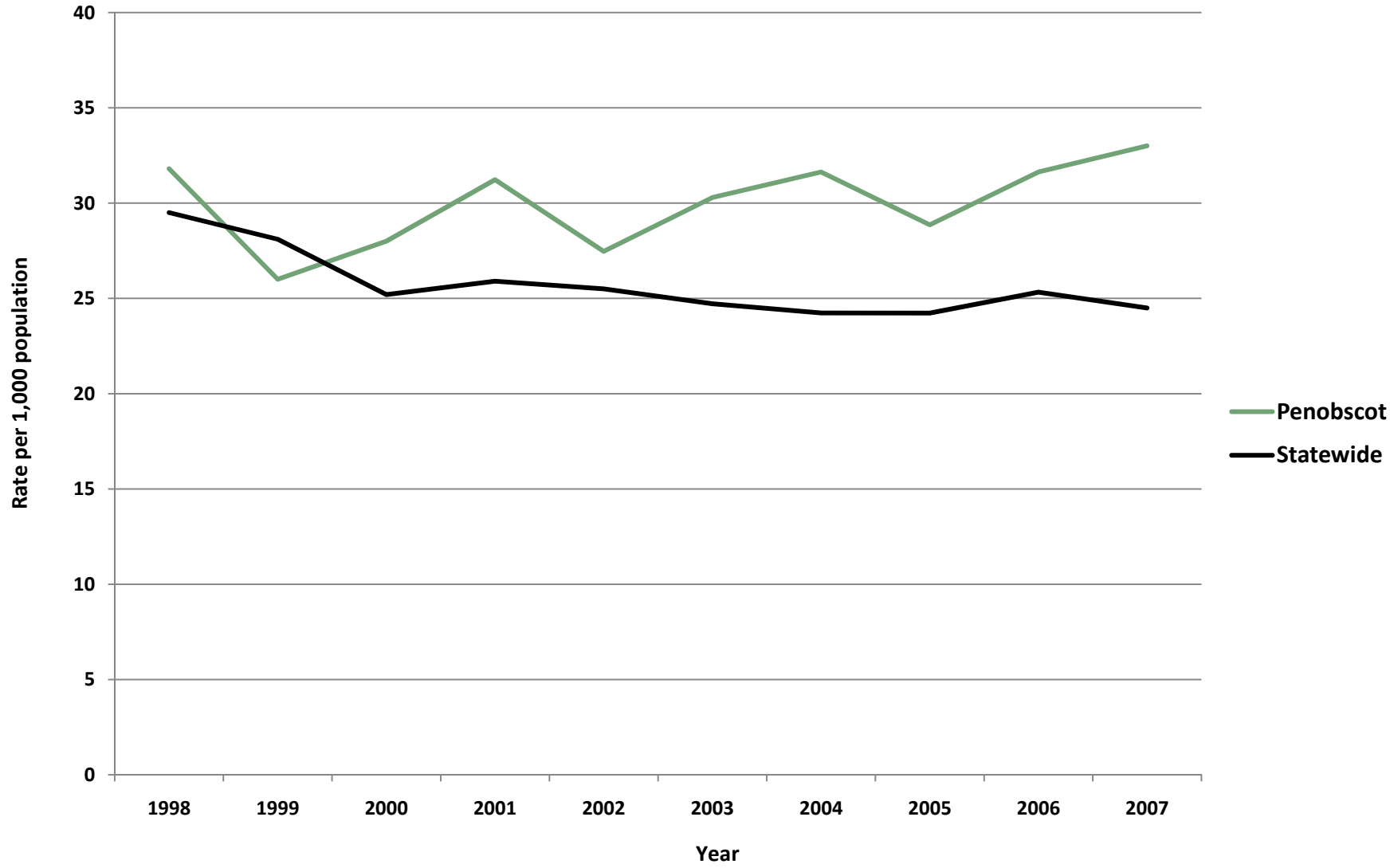

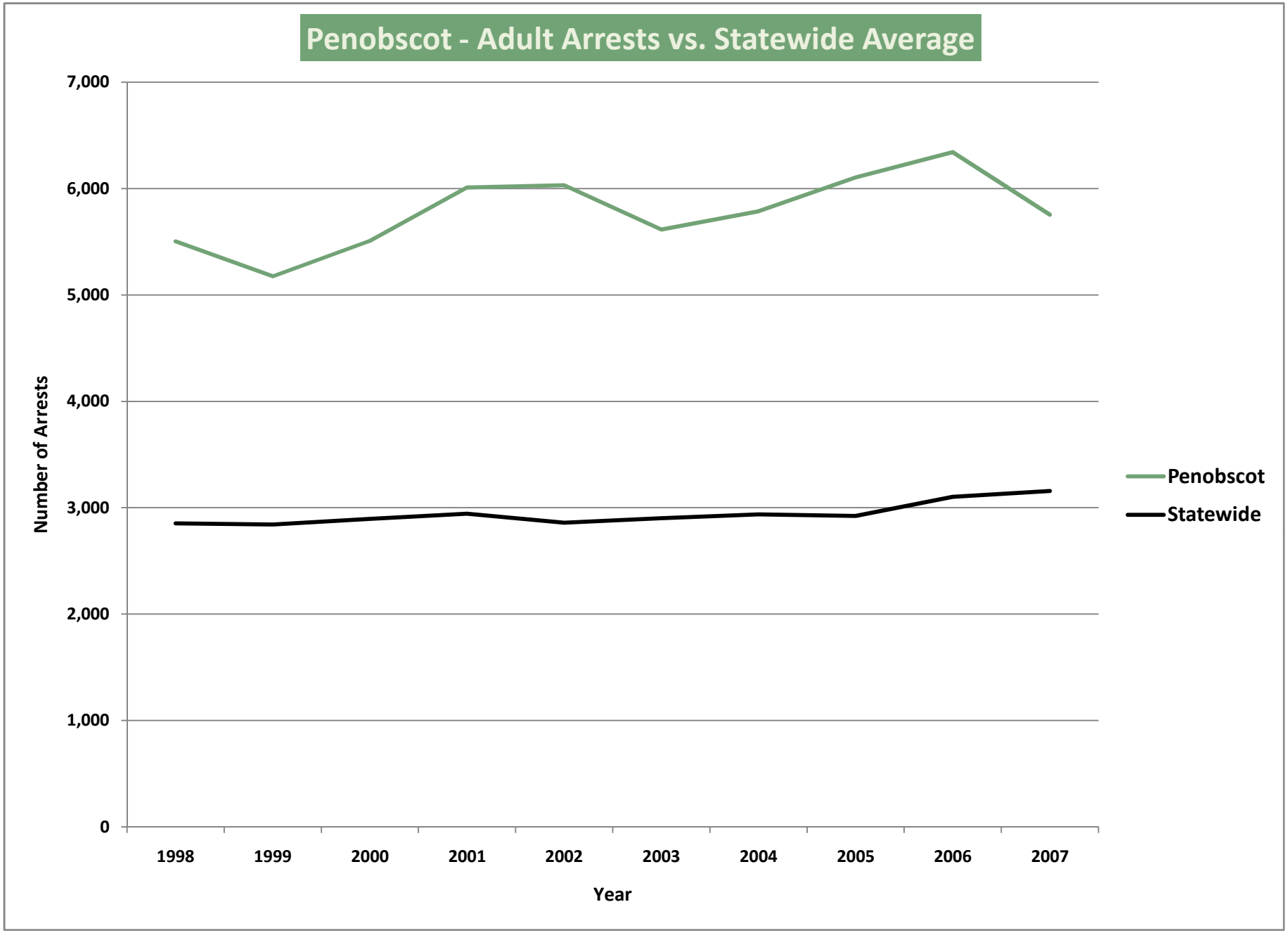
Penobscot - Adult Arrests vs. Statewide Average
7,000
6,000
5,000
4,000
3,000
2,000
1,000
0
Number of Arrests
1998
1999
2000
2001
2002
2003
2004
2005
2006
2007
Year
Penobscot
Statewide

Penobscot - Adult Crime Statistics (2007)			
	Overall	**Male**	**Female**
Adult Arrests 2007	5,755	4,252	1,503
5-Year % Change	2.5%	-3.1%	34.8%
10-Year % Change	4.6%	-1.6%	16.2%
Crime Rates (2007)			
Index Crimes 2007 (per 1,000 pop.)	33.6	**Crime Rates are calculated using both Adult & Juvenile Arrests**	
5-Year % Change	8.3%		
10-Year % Change	2.1%		
Violent crimes 2007 (per 1,000 pop.)	0.6		
5-Year % Change	-18.2%		
10-Year % Change	-40.0%		
Property crimes 2007 (per 1,000 pop.)	33.0		
5-Year % Change	9.0%		
10-Year % Change	3.8%		
Adult Arrests by Type (2007)			
	Adult Overall	**Adult Male**	**Adult Female**
Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	3	3	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	5	4	1
Robbery	17	16	1
Aggravated Assault	21	13	8
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	118	104	14
Larceny-Theft (except Auto Theft)	845	486	359
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	17	1
Other Assaults	706	553	153
Arson	2	2	0
Forgery & Counterfeiting	69	44	25
Fraud	135	89	46
Embezzlement	2	2	0
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	43	30	13
Vandalism	153	130	23
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	14	14	0
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	2	2	0
Sex Offenses	35	33	2
Drug Abuse Violations	673	507	166
Gambling	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	9	6	3
Driving Under the Influence	825	628	197
Liquor Laws	451	329	122
Drunkenness	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	185	140	45
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	1,424	1,100	324
Total	**5,755**	**4,252**	**1,503**

Penobscot- Juvenile Crime Statistics (2007)			
	Overall	**Male**	**Female**
Juvenile Arrests 2007	727	505	222
5-year % change Juvenile arrests	-12.1%	-6.7%	-22.4%
10-year % change Juvenile arrests	-45.8%	-47.9%	-40.5%
Juvenile Justice System Outcomes			
		Rate	**Number**
Referrals		35.06 per 1,000 population	506
Diversions		55.14 per 100 referrals	279
Adjudications		82.84 per 100 petitions	251
Juvenile Arrests by Type (2007)			
	Juvenile Overall	**Juvenile Male**	**Juvenile Female**
Murder & Non-negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	2	2	0
Aggravated Assault	1	0	1
Burglary, Breaking & Entering	30	29	1
Larceny-Theft (except Auto Theft)	221	118	103
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	4	0
Other Assaults	43	27	16
Arson	1	1	0
Forgery & Counterfeiting	1	1	0
Fraud	2	1	1
Embezzlement	0	0	0
Stolen Property: Buying, Receiving, Possessing	12	10	2
Vandalism	54	46	8
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	4	4	0
Prostitution & Commercialized Vice	0	0	0
Sex Offenses	1	1	0
Drug Abuse Violations	76	68	8
Gambling	0	0	0
Offenses Against Family & Children	0	0	0
Driving Under the Influence	7	7	0
Liquor Laws	83	56	27
Drunkenness	0	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	16	12	4
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	134	101	33
Curfew & Loitering	2	2	0
Runaways	33	15	18
Total	**727**	**505**	**222**

Referral: Number of juveniles referred to the juvenile justice system.

Diversion: Number of juveniles formally diverted by a juvenile community corrections officer (JCCO).

Adjudication: Number of juveniles found guilty by a court of law.

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