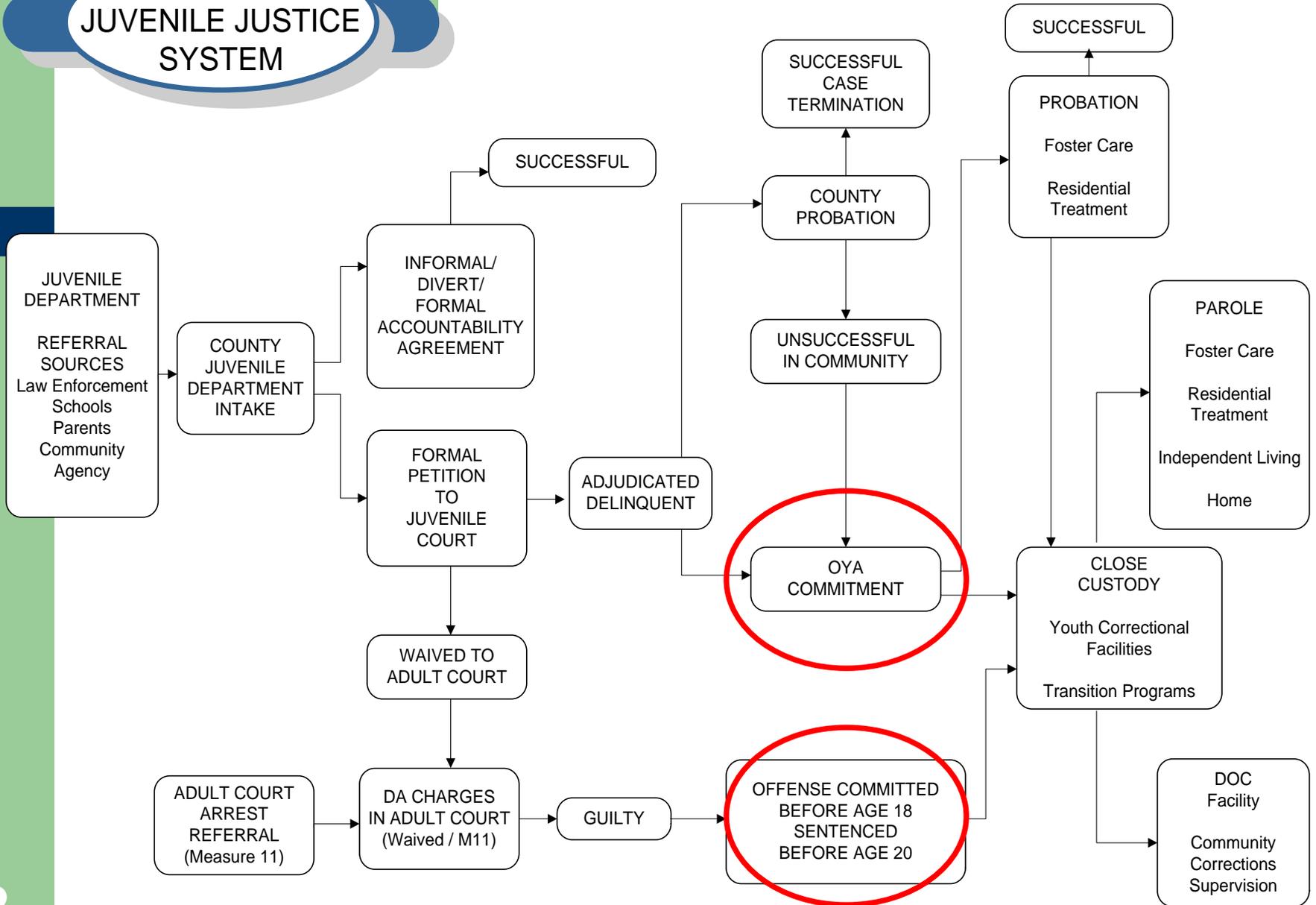




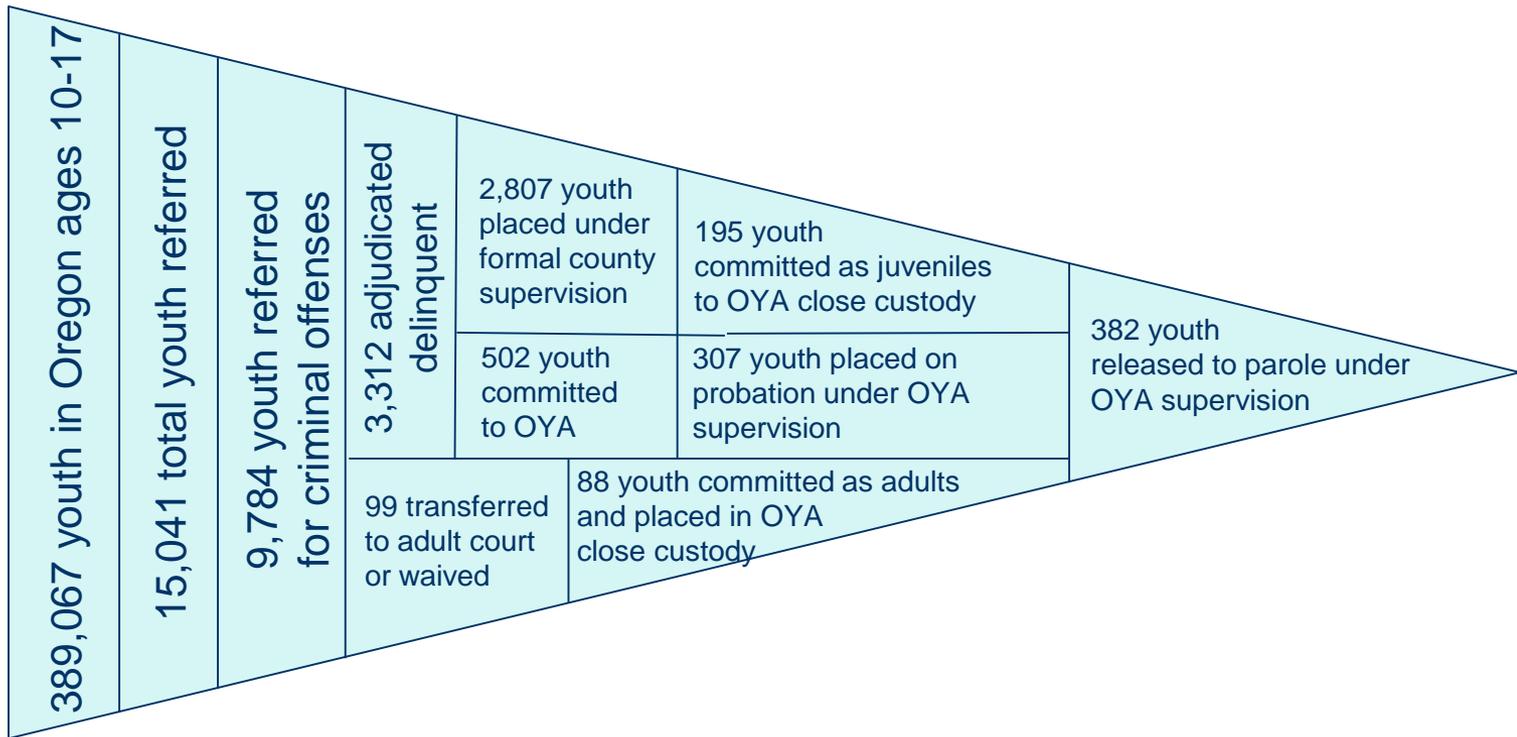
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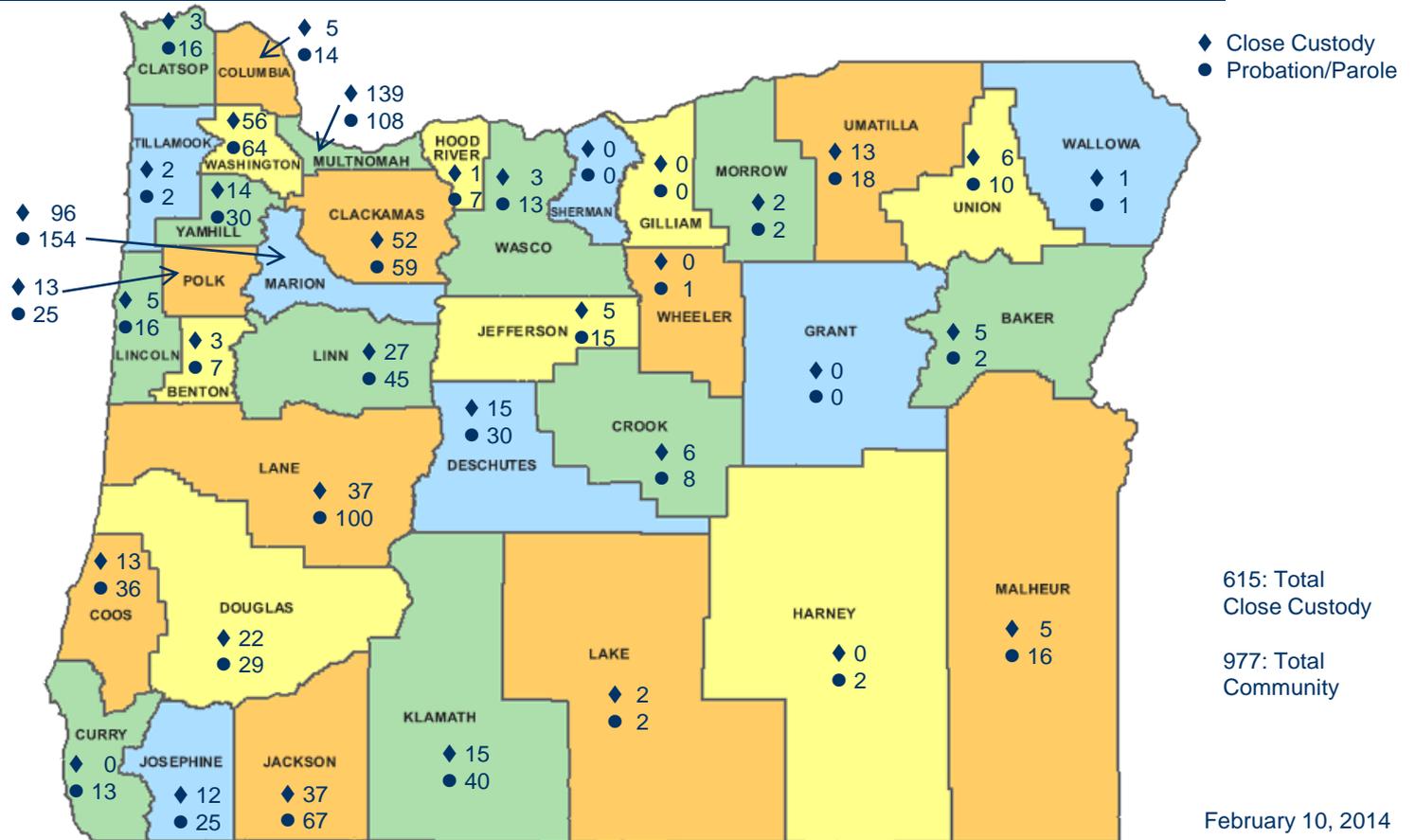


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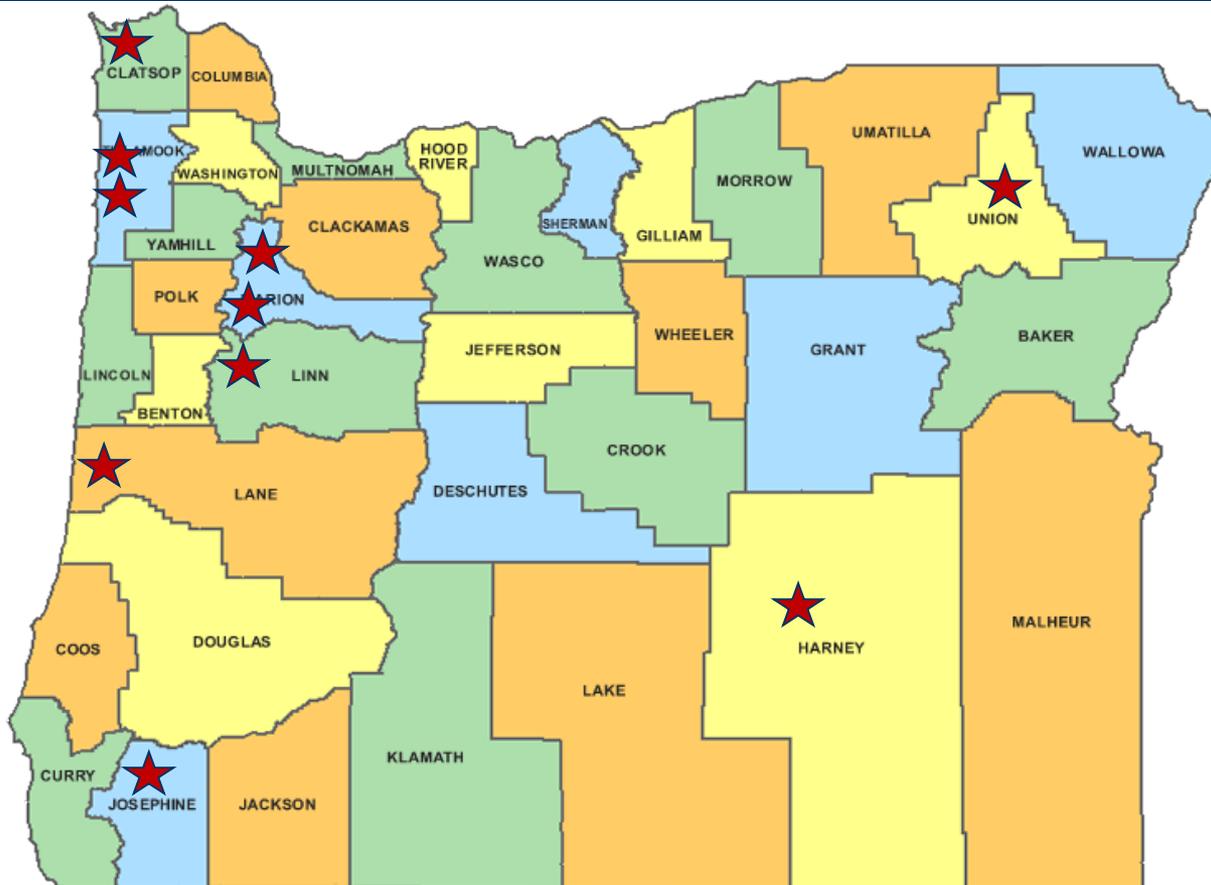


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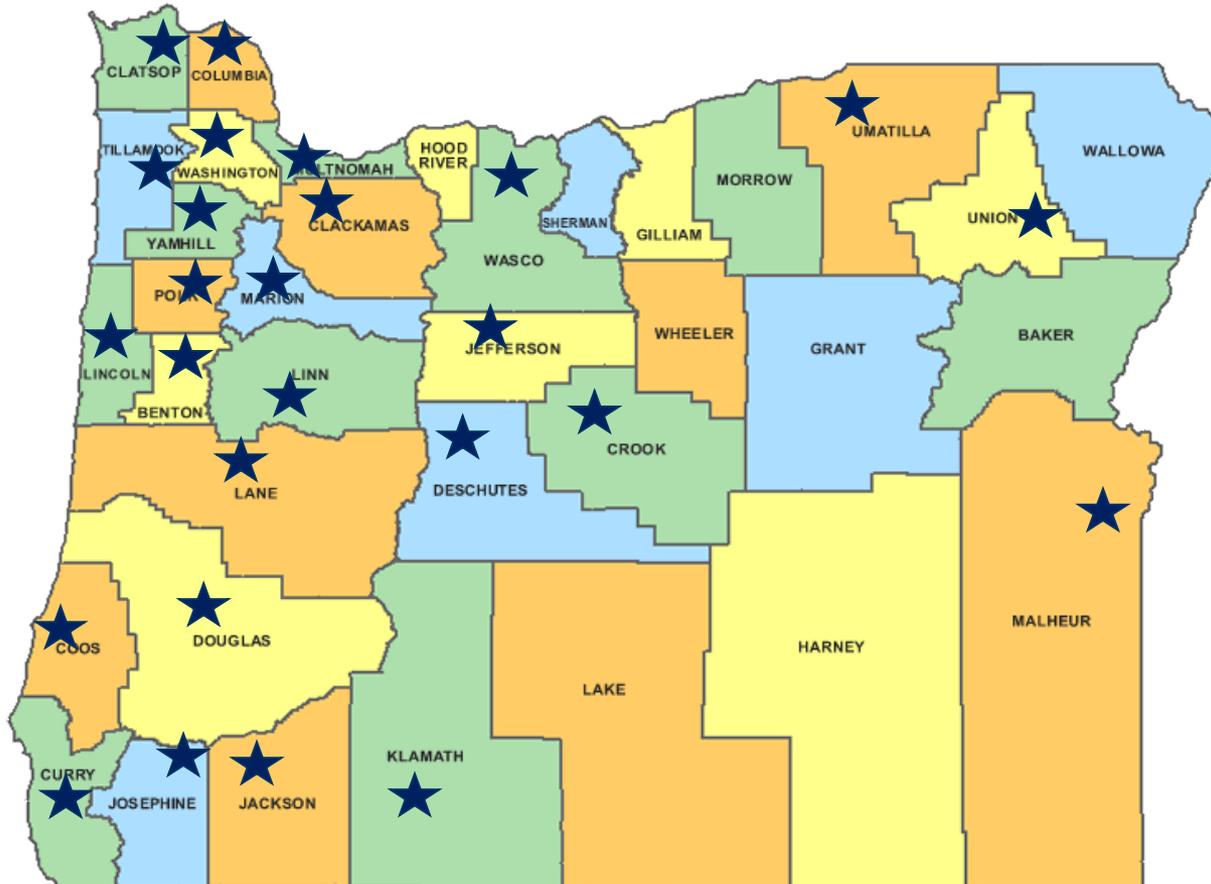
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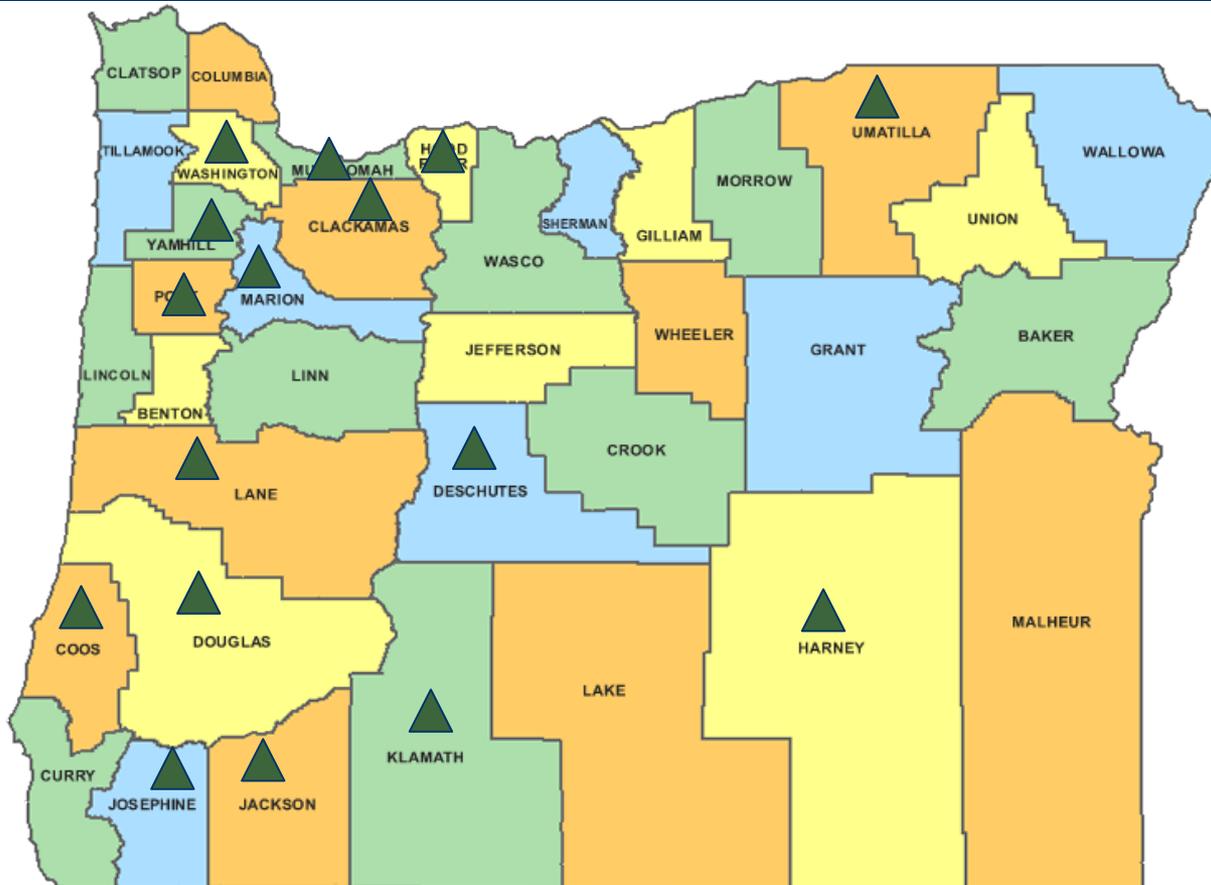
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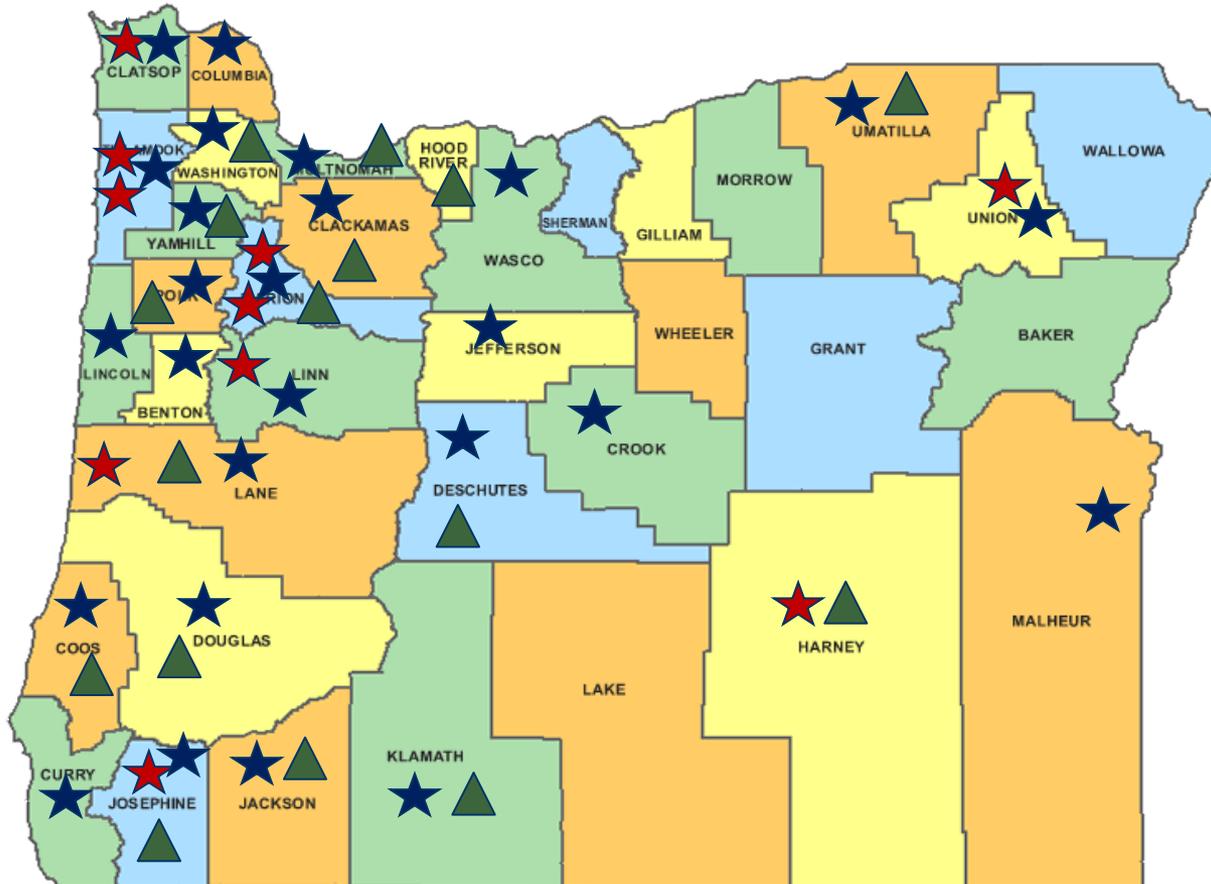
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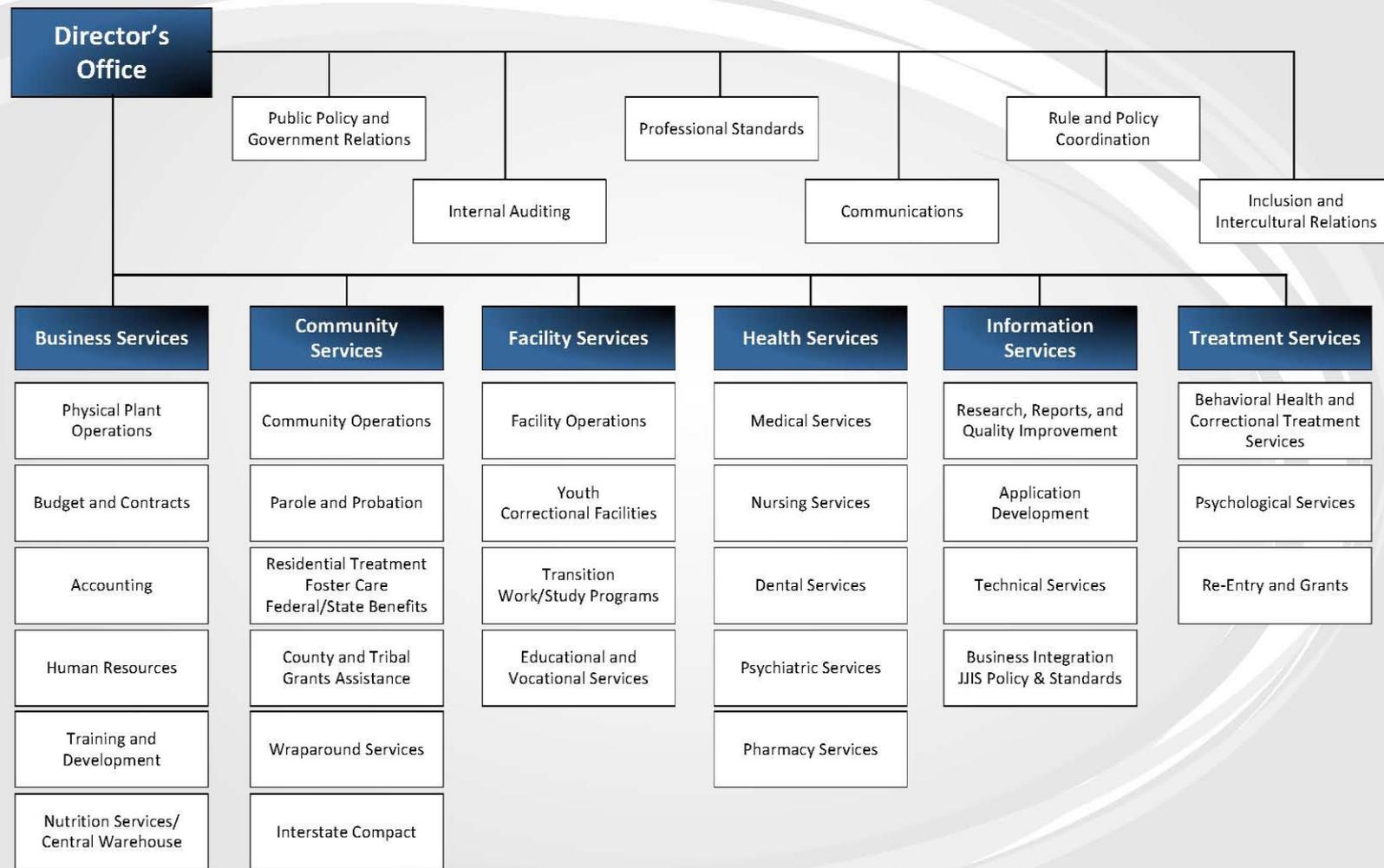


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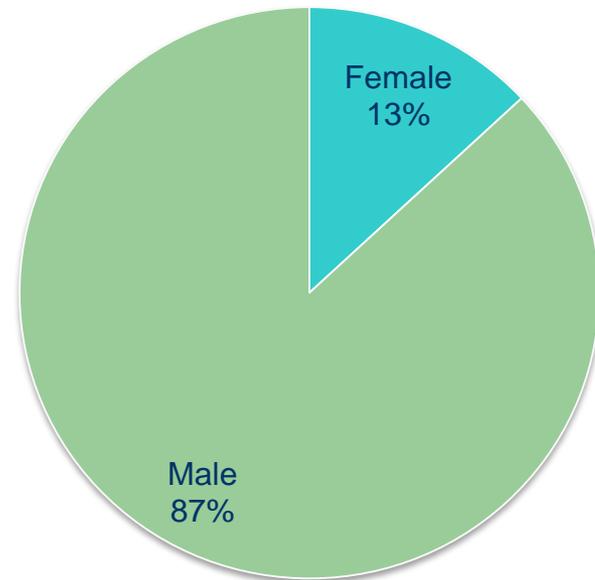
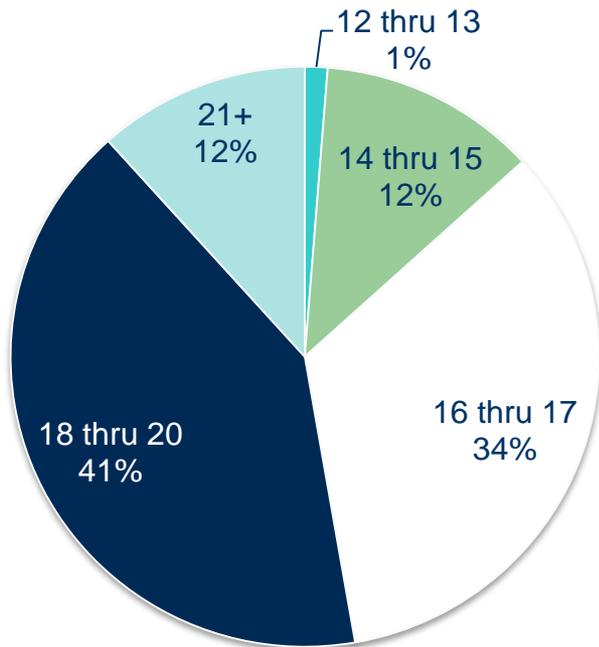
Oregon Youth Authority - Operational Structure



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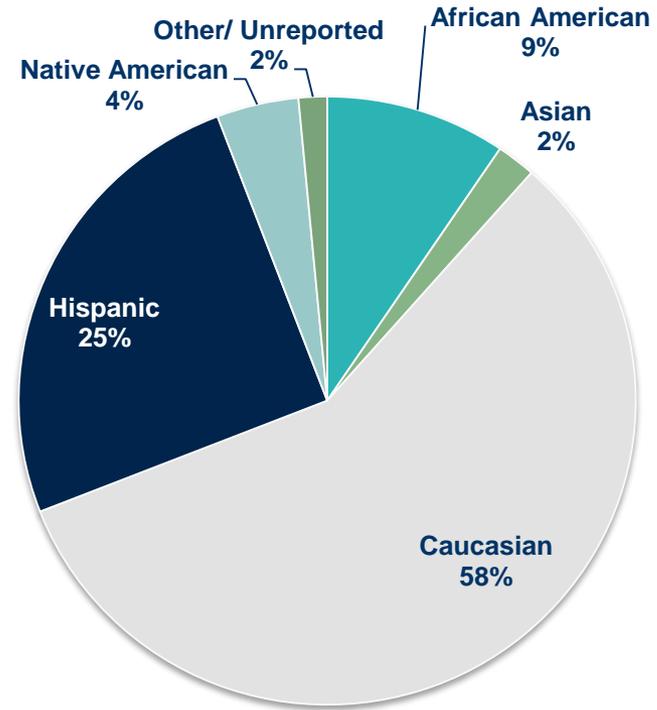
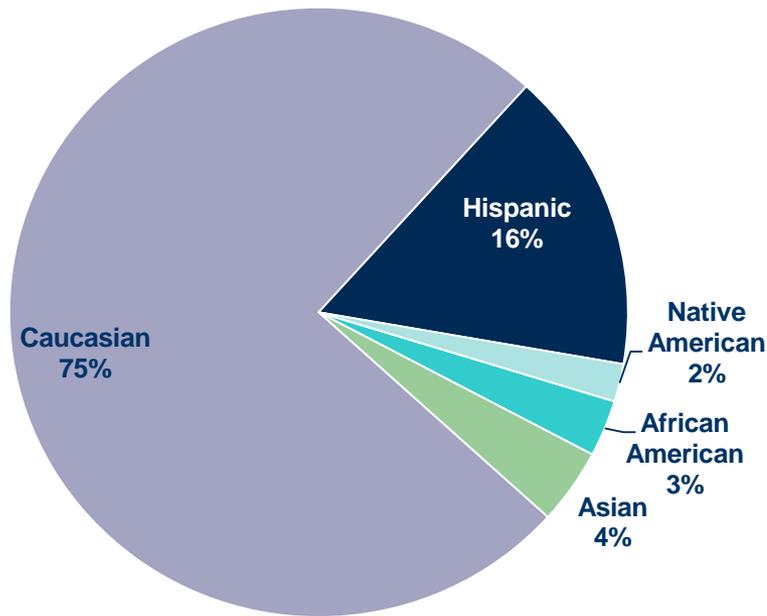
- The state's most delinquent youth offenders
- Ages 12 – 24
- Crimes committed prior to 18th birthday
- Crimes include murder, rape, arson, robbery, other violent crimes, and substance abuse
- OYA maintains legal and physical custody of youth offenders adjudicated to OYA by juvenile courts
- OYA has physical custody of youth offenders committed to DOC by adult courts and placed with OYA due to their age

Youth offender profile: age and gender

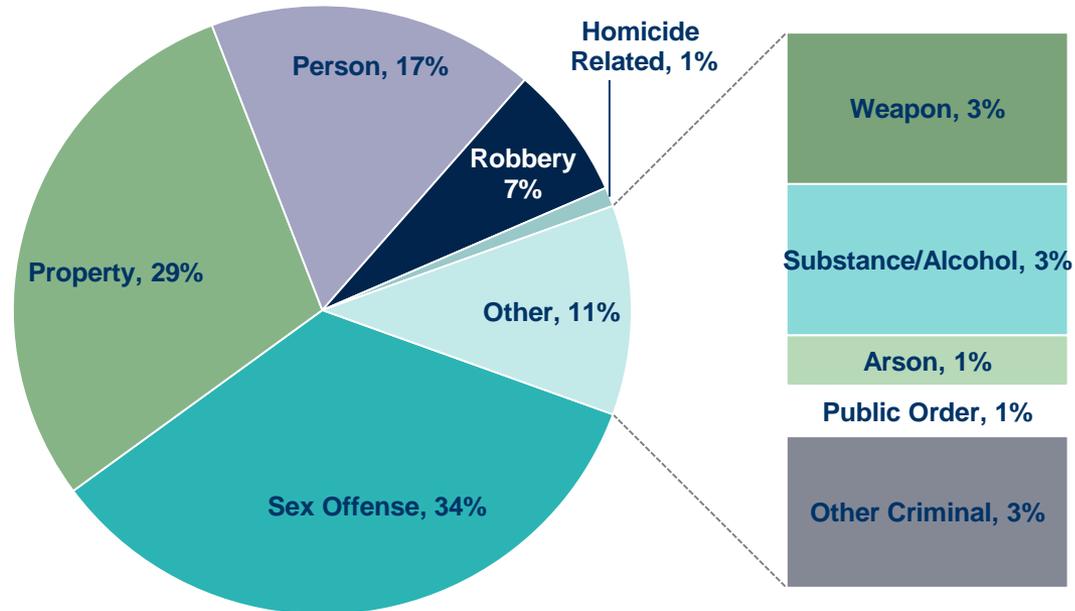


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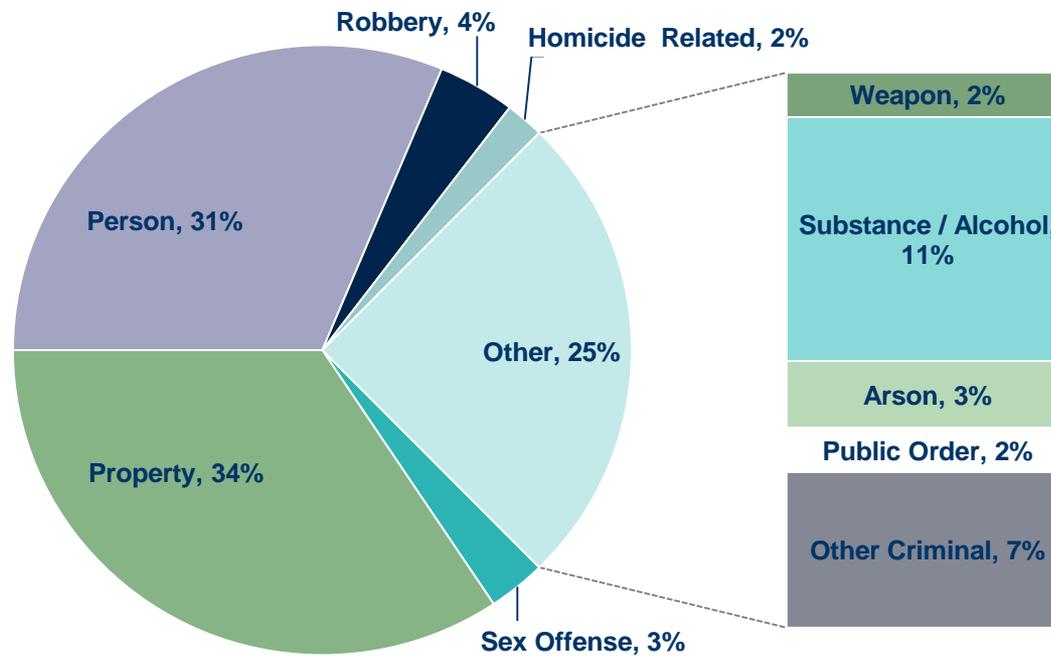
Oregon Population Ages 10 – 17



Youth offender profile: criminal activity, males



Youth offender profile: criminal activity, females



Youth offender profile: social characteristics

PERCENT MALES	CATEGORY	PERCENT FEMALES
69	Abused Alcohol or Drugs	81
58	Parents Abused Alcohol or Drugs	72
40	Diagnosed Mental Health Disorder Other than Conduct Disorder	65
48	Diagnosed Conduct Disorder	40
14	Sexually Abused	37
29	Special Education	35
6	Past Suicidal Behavior	21
14	Youth is a Parent	10

Myths and facts about youth offenders

Perception

- Once an offender, always an offender
- Sex offenders should be locked up a long time, because they will reoffend
- Spending money on treatment wastes resources
- It's a waste of money to educate youth offenders

Reality

- Overall, more than 70% of offenders do not reoffend
- Just 4% of youth sex offenders commit another sex offense
- The return on investment ranges from 7:1 to 25:1
- The more education, the lower the recidivism rate

Oregon Youth Authority mission, vision and values

The **mission** of the Oregon Youth Authority is to protect the public and reduce crime by holding youth offenders accountable and providing opportunities for reformation in safe environments.

The **vision** of the Oregon Youth Authority is that youth who leave OYA go on to lead productive, crime-free lives.

The **values** that guide the agency's decisions, actions and priorities are:

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Accountability
- Respect



Building better lives

Key indicators of success

- Treatment progress
- Educational achievement
- Job-readiness



Building better lives: treatment

- Accountability
- Empathy
- Mental health treatment
- Drug and alcohol treatment
- Offense-specific treatment
- Violent offender treatment
- Restitution and community service
- Gang intervention
- Functional life skills
- Transition services

Treatment is a good investment

Returns on each \$1 investment in youth

- \$25 for life-skills training
(University of Pennsylvania, 2008)
- \$14 for functional family therapy
(University of Pennsylvania, 2008)
- \$11 for alcohol and drug treatment
(NIH, 2004)
- \$ 8 for crime-specific interventions
(Wilder Foundation, 2007)
- \$ 7 for multi-systemic behavioral therapy
(Kleitz, Borduin and Schaeffer, 2010)

Building better lives: education

- Youth in OYA close custody are required to work toward a high school diploma or GED certificate
- Youth in close custody attend 220 days of school each year
- During 2013:
 - 123 youth in close custody received high school diplomas
 - 120 received vocational certificates
 - 44 received GED certificates
 - 4 earned two-year college degrees
 - 1 earned four-year undergraduate degrees

Education is a good investment

Recidivism rates relative to education

The more education youth offenders receive, the less likely they will be to commit another crime

- 28% -- average recidivism rate
- 25% -- two-year college degree
- 13% -- four-year undergraduate degree
- 0% -- graduate degree

(Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 2002)

Building better lives: job skills

OYA offers a range of vocational education opportunities that offer certificates of completion:

- Barbering
- Carpentry
- Culinary arts
- Plumbing
- Veterinary care
- Wastewater treatment
- Welding
- Woodworking

Vocational education is a good investment

Youth with job skills contribute to society

Youth with jobs:

- Are able to pay taxes
- Need fewer social services
- Are less likely to commit future crimes

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