



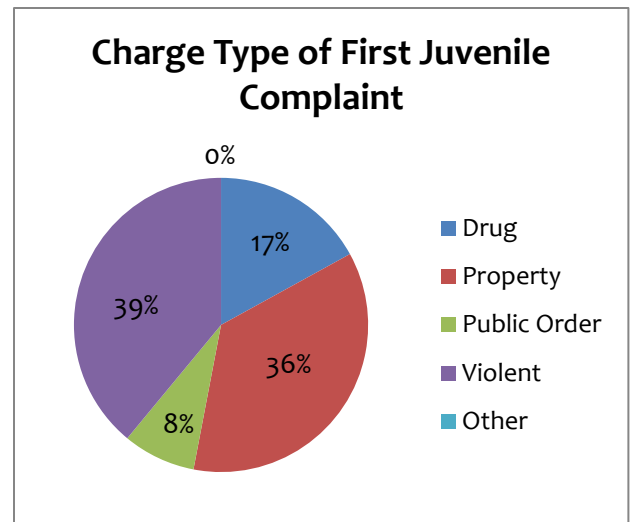
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## Profile of Serious, Violent, and Chronic Female Juvenile Offenders ~ Calendar Year 2015

There were 36 girls identified as eligible candidates for the State Training School in 2015 per Iowa Code Section 232.52, subsection 2, paragraph “e”. The eligibility criteria was used to identify girls in the “deep end” of the juvenile justice system who have a combination of high risk, high need, aggressive behavior, with prior placements, and a risk to public safety due to their serious, violent, and chronic offenses. All data contained herein relates to this cohort of young women.

The racial makeup of this cohort is 56% white and 44% minority. The minority population is overrepresented as the minority population of juveniles in the general population of Iowa is approximately 18%. It is also noteworthy that as the number of complaints per girl increased, disproportionality increased as well. At ten complaints, 20% of the group (n=10) was white and 80% was minority.

The majority of these girls entered the juvenile justice system after committing a violent crime. A total of 338 juvenile complaints have been received for them as of the end of 2016. A single complaint can include multiple charges. The median number of complaints per girl is seven. This ranged from a low of one to a high of 60. This chart reflects the highest (i.e. most serious) class charge type associated with each complaint.



Simple misdemeanors were the largest single charge class category found among the highest or most serious charge class associated with each of the 338 complaints. Also, four of the 338 complaints fell into the other or unknown charge class categories and are not represented in the chart below.

