



Arrowhead Regional Corrections

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# Probation Population: 05-07

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# Executive Summary

- At the end of 2007 over 4 million adults in the United States were currently being supervised on probation. (PEW, Urahn et al 2009) A recent report showed Minnesota to have the 4<sup>th</sup> largest probation population in the United States. (PEW, Urahn et al 2009)
- Arrowhead Regional Corrections is a community corrections organization that serves an average up to 6,000 clients a year (CSTS database Dec 2009).
- The three year study period for this report shows the typical juvenile probation client to be male, Caucasian, between 16 and 18yrs old, on probation 6 to 9 months and placed on supervision for an offense categorized as “offense against public order” (further offense descriptions available in detail of the report).
- The typical adult client on probation between 2005 and 2007 was male, Caucasian, on probation for a DWI/ alcohol related charge (up to 50% of the population) and supervised for one to two years.
- The goal of this report is to create an overview of the probation population in ARC. Future analysis will be needed to examine outcomes and performance measures.

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# Introduction and Background

- In recent history, ARC has not completed a comprehensive evaluation for the probation population.
- This report works to answer the questions, “Who is on our probation caseload?” and “What are we doing as an organization to meet the individual risk, needs and responsivity of this population?”
- The clients included in this report were placed on probation between Jan 1st, 2005 and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. When two or more intakes occurred within the same year of the study period, the earliest and most severe offense were chosen.

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# Sources of Information

- Data was collected using a variety of correctional databases. CSTS, JAIMS, BCA, CISR, and S3 were used to collect information.
- Demographics, risk scores, supervision location, criminal history and when applicable, placements are analyzed.
- Recidivism will be included in part II of this report. Again, the question of “Who are we placing on probation?” is the main objective of this report.
- Juvenile and Adult probationers in the five counties ARC serves is included in this report.
- **Probation population** is defined as: traditional supervised clients. This excludes pre-trial, supervised release, and diversion service case types.

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# Definitions / Acronyms

- ARC – Arrowhead Regional Corrections
- BCA- Bureau of Criminal Apprehension
- CSC-Criminal Sexual Conduct
- CSTS – Court Services Tracking System
- S3- Minnesota Statewide Supervision System
- NERCC- North East Regional Corrections Center
- F – Felony
- GM – Gross Misdemeanor
- M – Misdemeanor
- VOP – Violation of Probation
- LSI-R – Level of Service Inventory-Revised (Adult Risk Assessment)
- YLS/CMI – Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (Juvenile Risk Assessment)
- VIP-Victim Impact Panel

# Probation Intake Cohort Years

## Adults and Juveniles

	Number	Percent
2007	4,561	32%
2006	5060	36%
2005	4537	32%
Total	14,158	100%

Data was collected in CSTS Database 9/12/2009

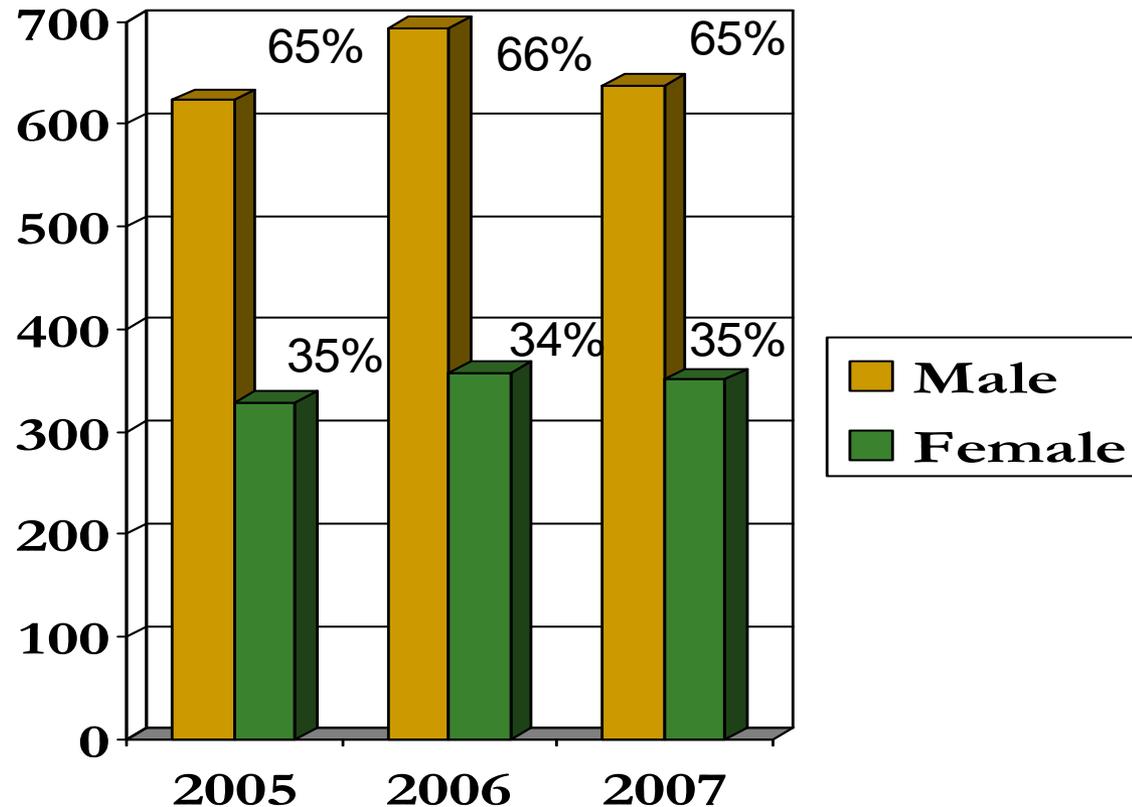
# Juvenile Probation Population: Gender

## 2005-2007

“Most cases, 74% in 2005 involved Males”

Puzzanchera et al. (2008), Juvenile Delinquency Probation Caseload

- 2005: Probation
  - Males: 623
  - Females: 329
- 2006: Probation
  - Males: 694
  - Females: 359
- 2007: Probation
  - Males: 638
  - Females: 351
- **Slightly over 1/3 of juvenile population all three years has been female.**



# Adult Probation Population: Gender

## ■ 2005: Probation

□ Males: 2774

□ Females: 835

## ■ 2006: Probation

□ Males: 3040

□ Females: 967

## ■ 2007: Probation

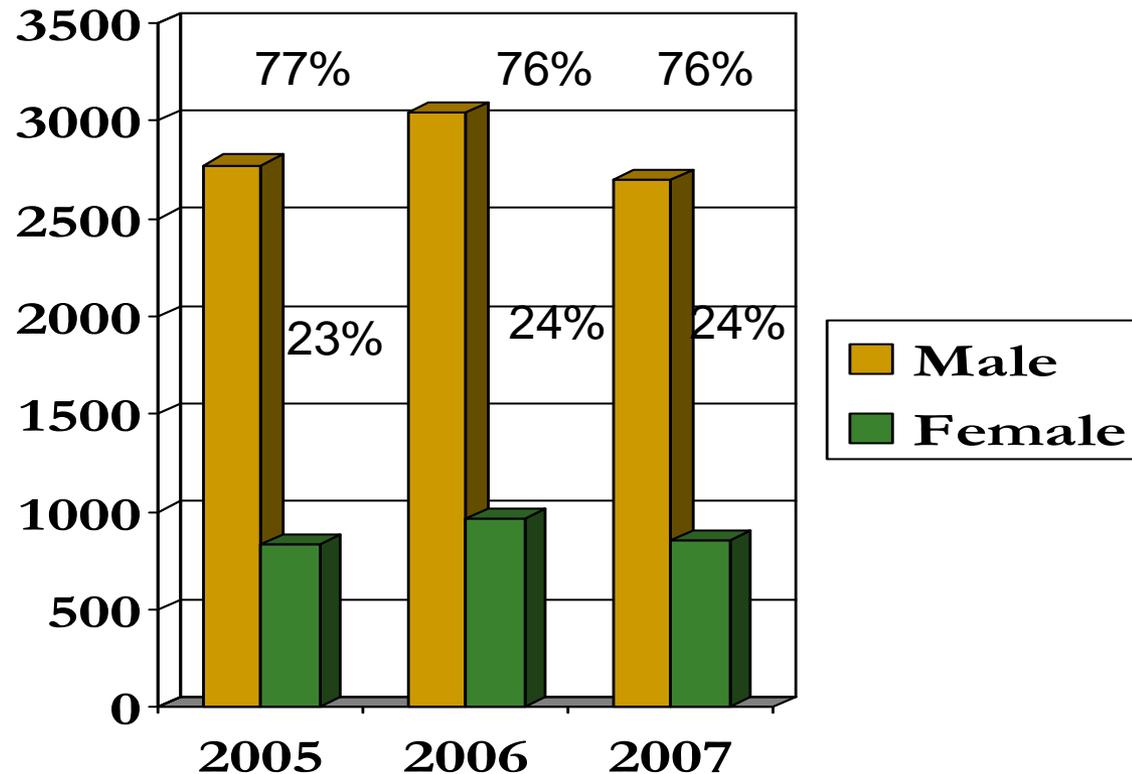
□ Males: 2696

□ Females: 852

- **Almost a “quarter” of the adult population all three years has been female.**

## 2005-2007

“1 in 26” adults in MN were Under correctional control at the end of 2007 (PEW Center of the U.S. 2009)



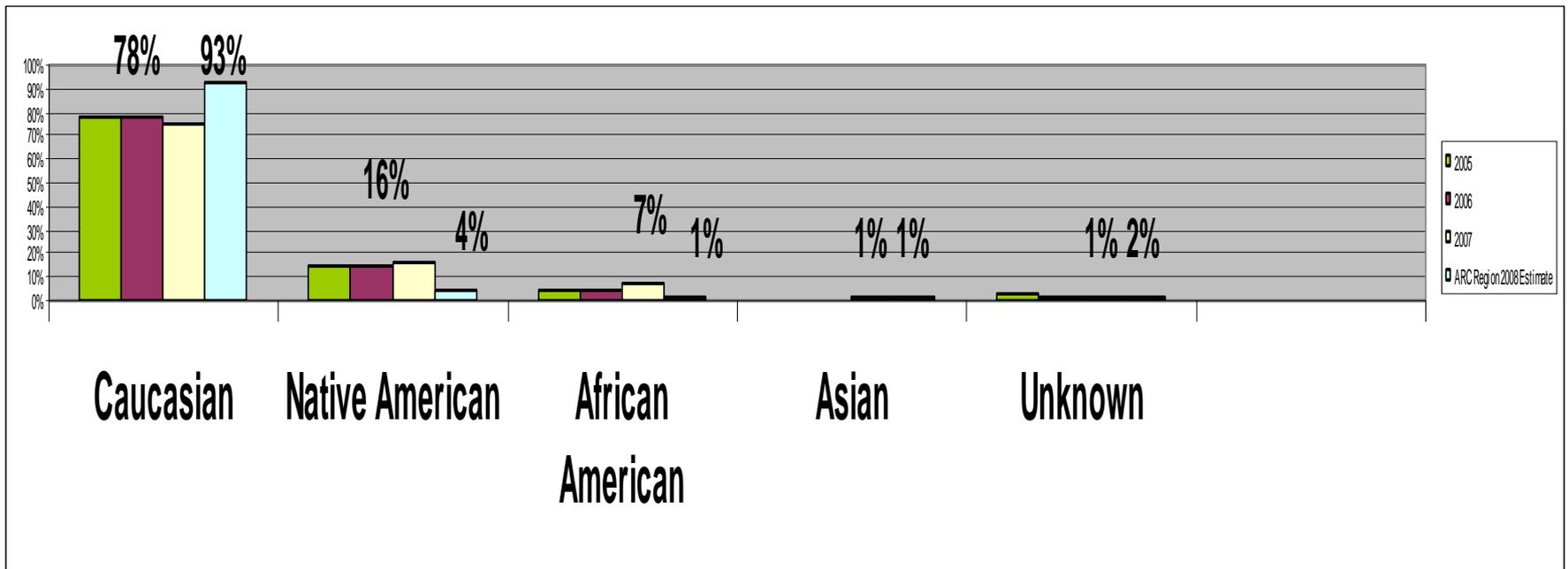
MN ranked the 4<sup>th</sup> largest probation population in the nation (PEW 2009)

# Juvenile Probation Population: Race 2005-2007

“67% of cases placed on probation involved white juveniles in 2005”

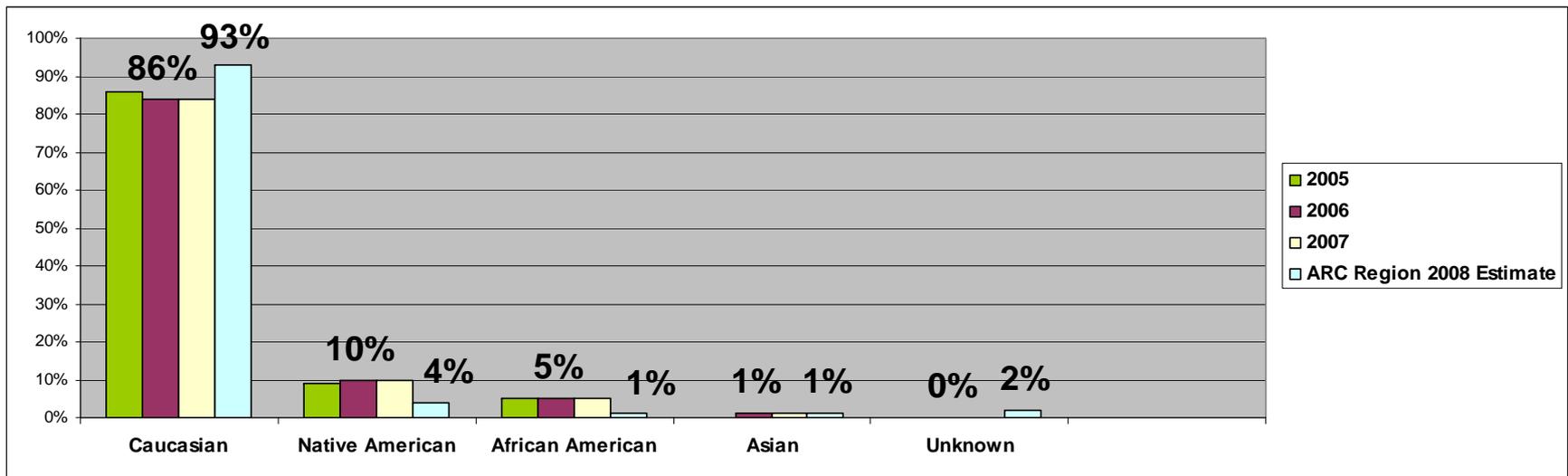
Juvenile Delinquency Probation Caseload 2005

- **Overall: Slightly over 2/3 of the juvenile probation population is Caucasian.**
- Gradual increase in Native American and African American probation population.



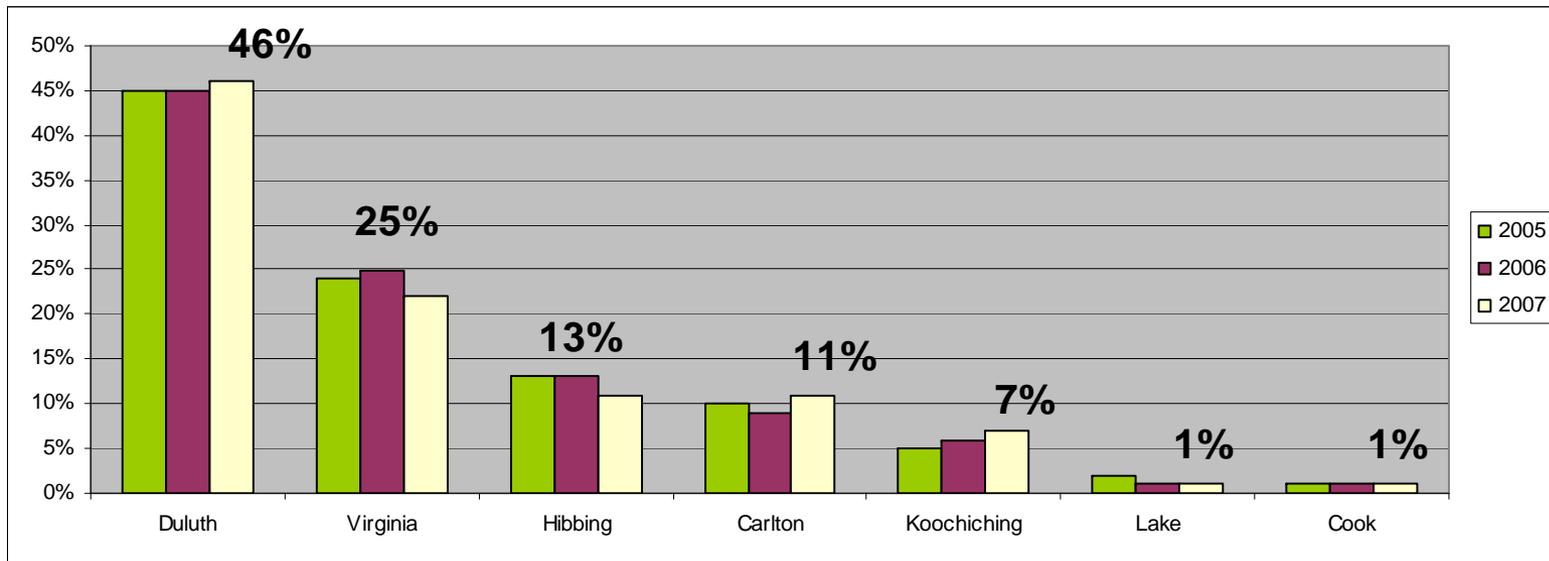
# Adult Probation Population: Race

- The majority of the clients placed on probation were Caucasian: (86%-84%)
- Racial disparities appear for Native American and African American probation populations. i.e. Native Americans represent 10% of probation clients; and only 4% of ARC Region Population.



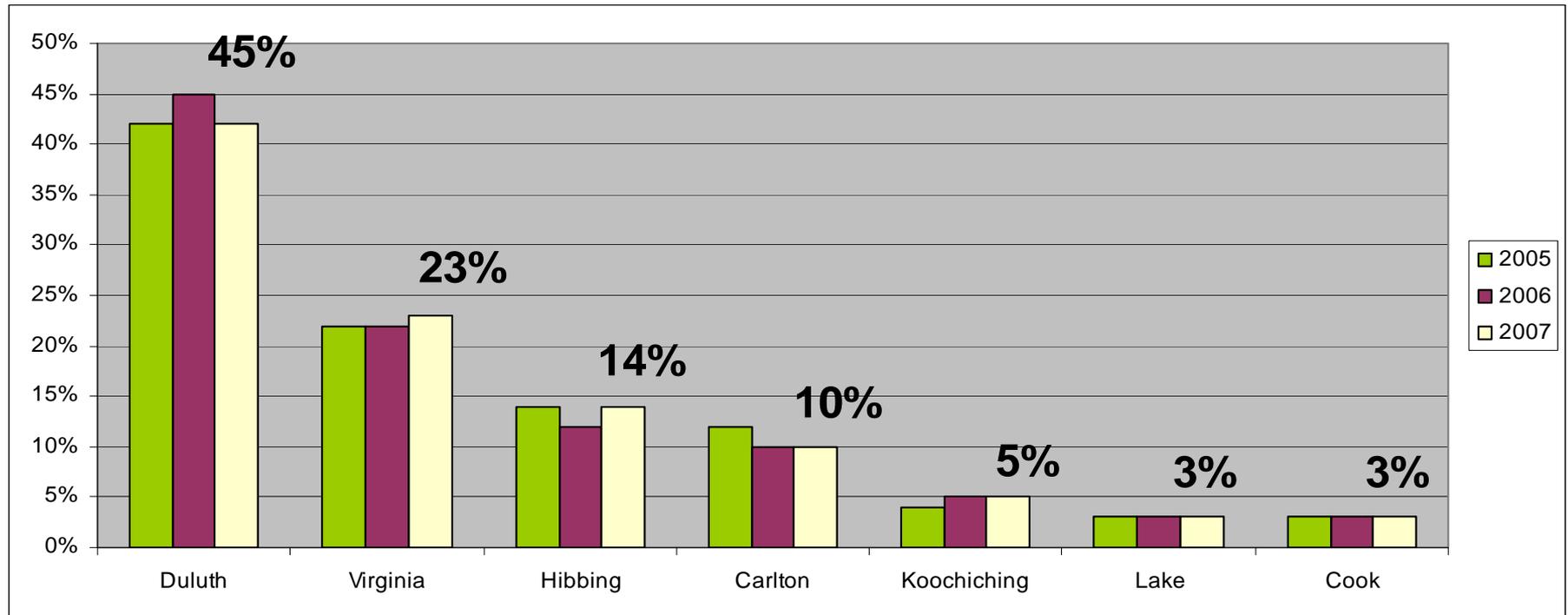
# Sentencing Location: Juveniles

- Almost half of clients placed on probation were sentenced in Duluth.
- Roughly one quarter were sentenced in Virginia. Hibbing was third highest with 13% to 11%, Carlton 9%-11% and Koochiching 5%-7%.
- Lake and Cook had 2% to 1% of juveniles sentenced between 2005 and 2007.
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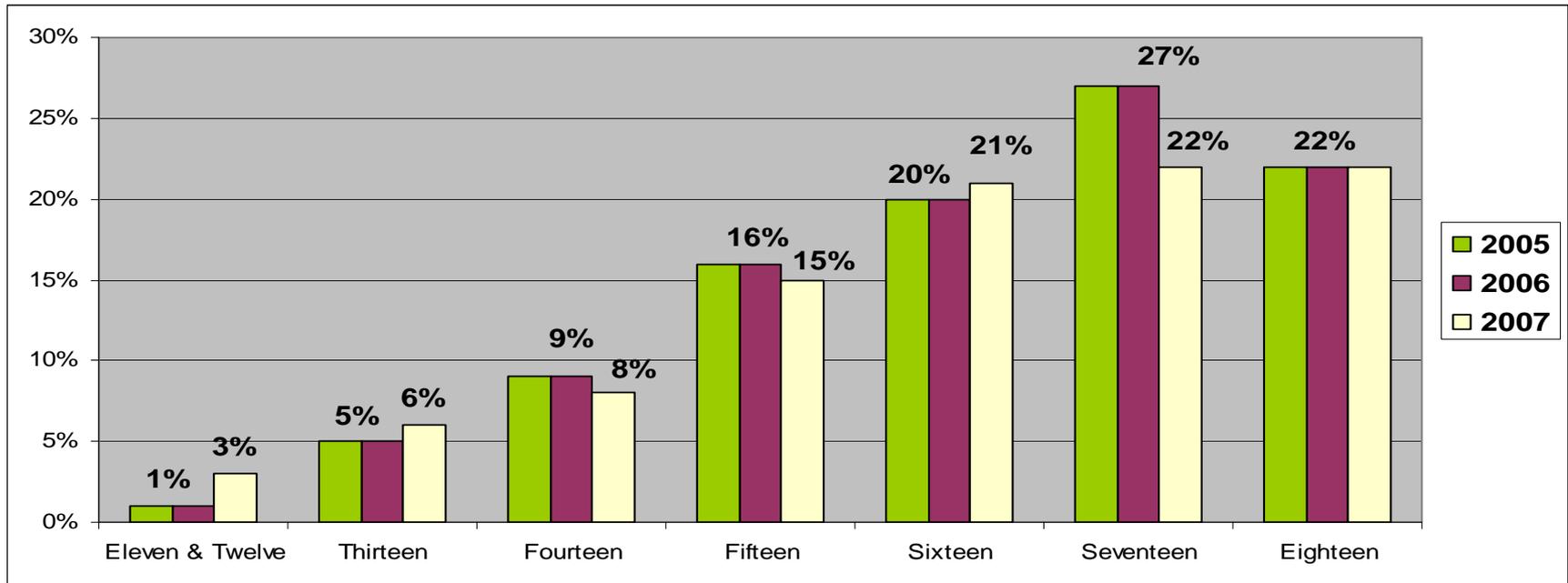
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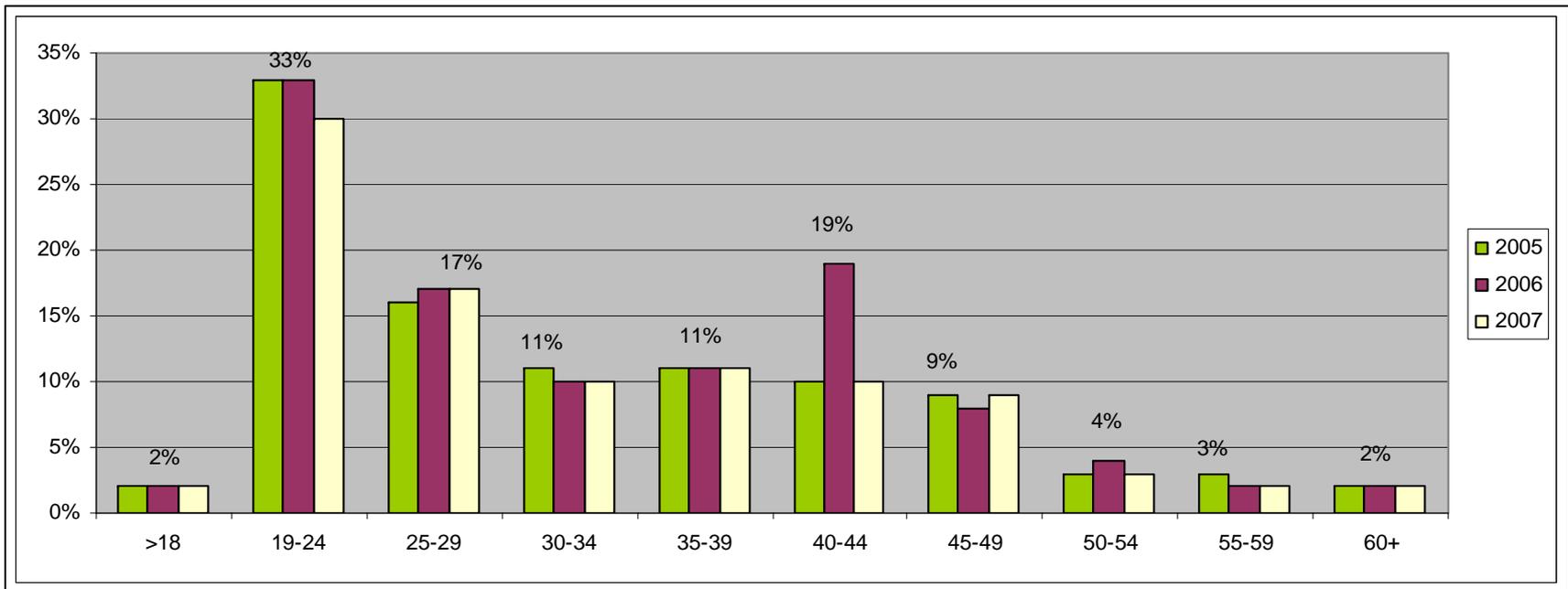
“Juveniles ages 14-16 accounted for 64% of the probation caseload in 2005”  
Juvenile Delinquency Probation Caseload 2005

- 69% of clients were between the ages of 16 and 18 at the time of sentencing for all three years.



# Age at Sentencing: Adult

- 50% of clients on probation were under 30 years of age. The largest group represented all three years was 19-24 yr olds



# Offense Categories

“Property offenses made up the greatest proportion of the probation caseload”

Juvenile Delinquency Probation Caseload 2005 OJJDP

## ■ Person Offenses

Assault, CSC, Robbery, Kidnapping, Domestic Violence, Weapons, Crimes against Family

## ■ Property Offenses

Burglary, Theft, Vehicle Theft, Theft Related, Arson, Receiving Stolen Property, Property/Trespassing, Forgery

## ■ Offense against public order

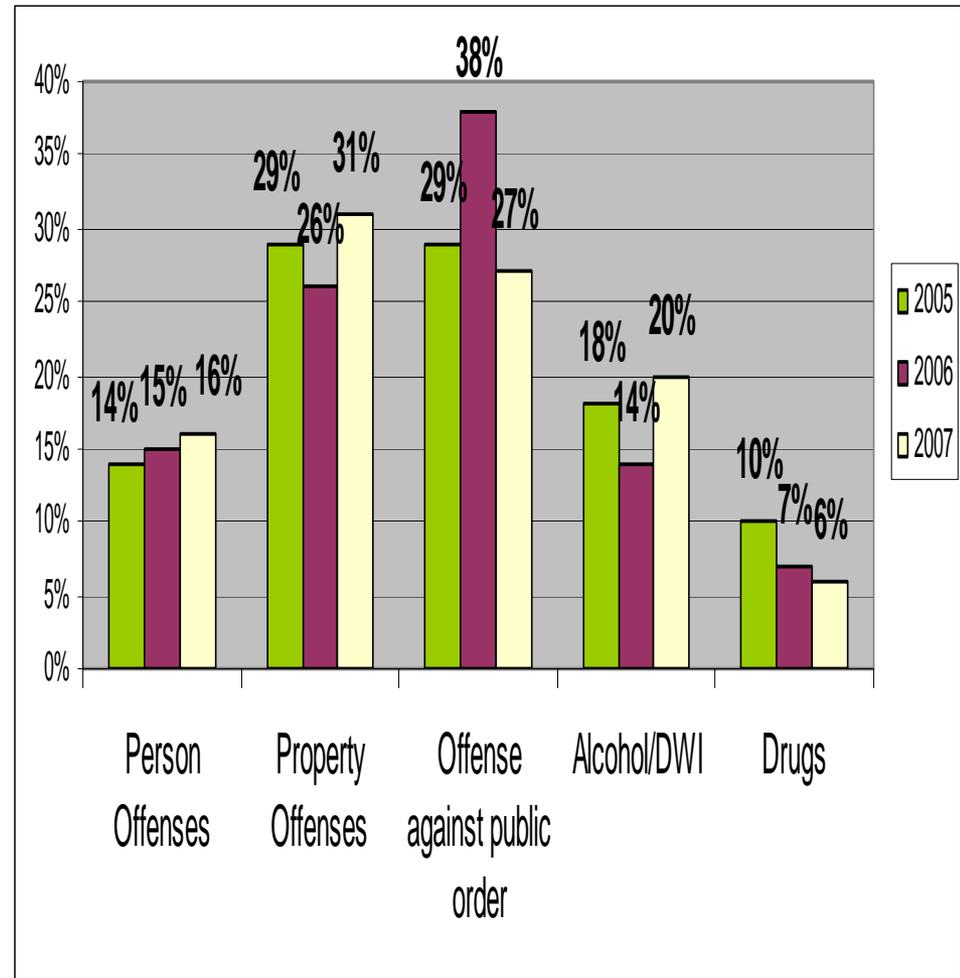
Govt/Public; Obstructing Legal Process, Disorderly Conduct, Traffic, escape, admin/justice, terroristic threats, disturbing the peace, conservation crimes, status offenses (curfew, runaway, tobacco, truancy) and petty offender.

## ■ Alcohol/DWI

## ■ Drugs

Definition for Offenses: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention under the U.S. Department of Justice.

[www.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/njcda/](http://www.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/njcda/)



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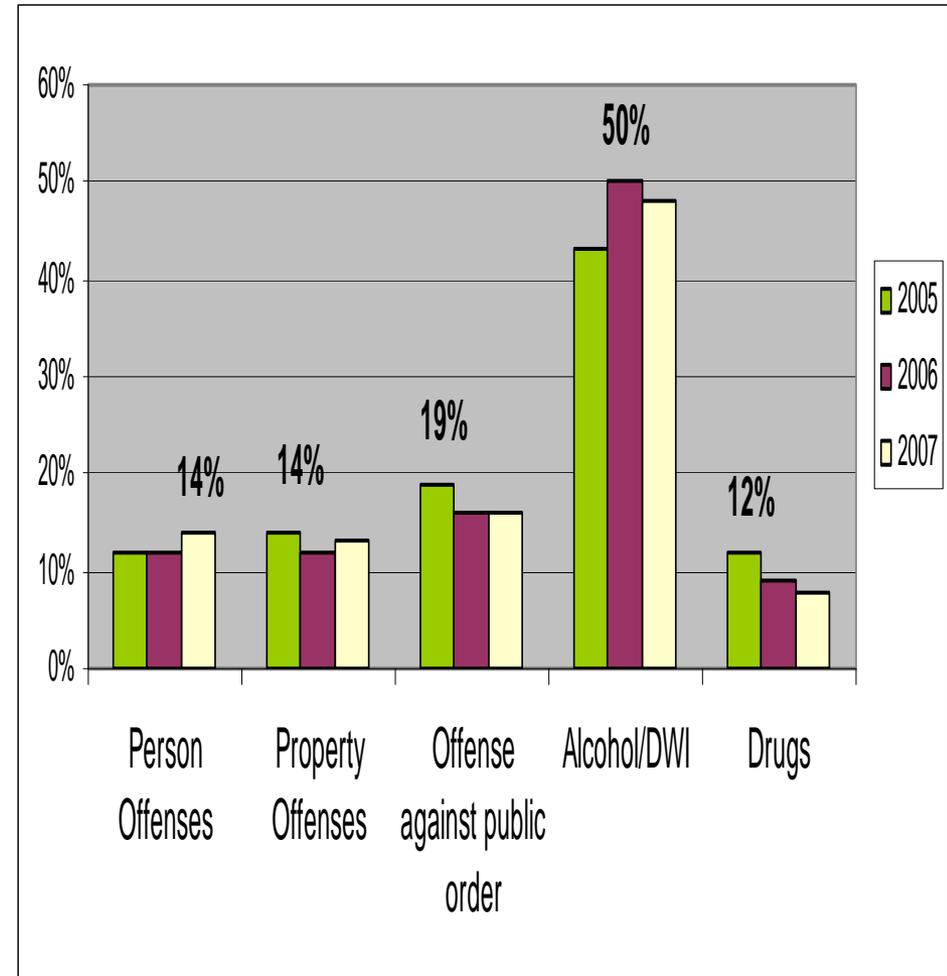
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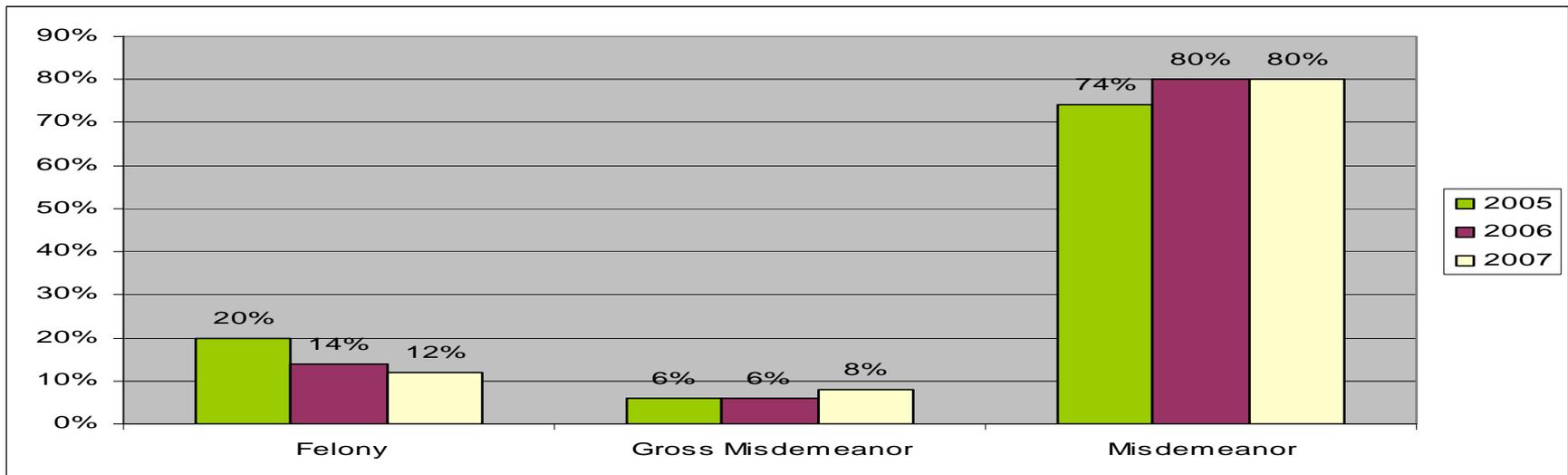
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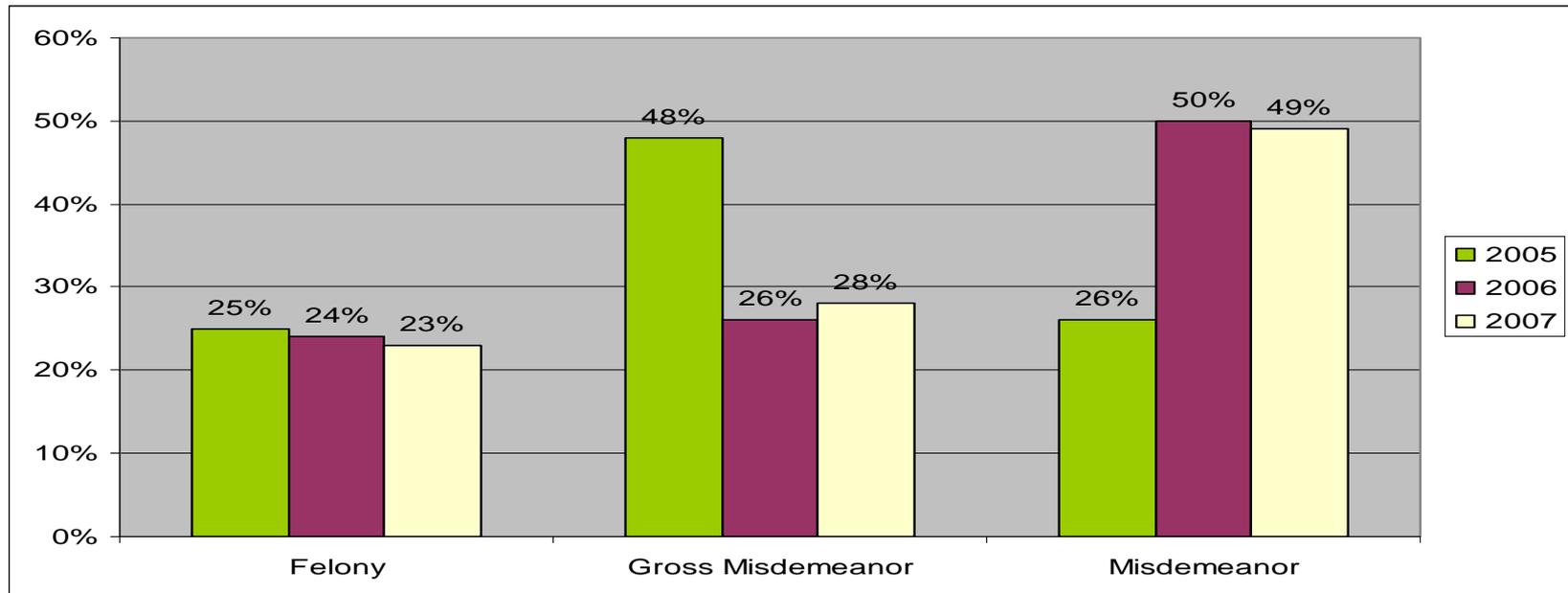
# Offense Levels: Juveniles

- 74 to 80% of juveniles are placed on probation for misdemeanor offenses.
- 20 to 12% were felony level offenses. Gross Misdemeanor offenses were 6 to 8% of client offenses between Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 and Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2007.
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# Offense Levels: Adult

- Placement on probation for misdemeanor's offenses almost doubled between 2005 and 2006.
- Felony charges remain steady all three years roughly at one quarter of cases.
- Again, the first placement on probation per year was counted.



Statewide adult offense levels in 2007, rated roughly a third of all offenses as misdemeanors  
(2007 Probation Survey MN DOC April, 2008)

# Conditions of Probation: Juvenile

- Conditions of probation are ordered at time of sentencing or anytime throughout a probation period.
- Seven types of conditions are tracked in CSTS database: Incarceration, Residential Placement, Non-Residential Placement, Financials, Educational, Assessments and General.
- All three years showed **Financial Conditions** the largest condition group for probationers. This group includes restitution and fines.

Individual Conditions: Top five		
2007	2006	2005
Work Crew	Work Crew	Work Crew
Apology Letter	Apology Letter	Apology Letter
Restitution	Restitution	Restitution
Chemical Assessment	Alcohol Drug Prevention	Community Service
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# Conditions of Probation: Adult

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Individual Conditions: Top five		
2007	2006	2005
Fines	Fines	Fines
Chemical Assessment	Chemical Assessment	Chemical Assessment
Restrictive	Restrictive	Restrictive
Jail	Victim Impact Panel	Jail
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# Probation History

“What percentage of juvenile clients were on probation the previous year?”

\*Over a third of clients have been on probation in the previous year

“Research indicates that close to 15% of Adolescent Chronic Offenders make up 75% of violent offenses”

OJJDP; Serious Habitual Offender/Drug-involved Program

Percent of Client placed on probation the year previous	
2005	36% on 2004 Probation
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2007	12% on 2006 Probation

# YLS: Risk Assessment: Juveniles

- The YLS is a juvenile risk assessment tool used to identify risk (re-offending), desired level of supervision while on probation and domains to use in case planning.
- Policy suggests a YLS be completed for all individuals with person crimes, felony and gross misdemeanor charges. Evaluations are valid for 6 months.
- Of those juvenile offenders with a current YLS in the ARC region, the majority were moderate risk of re-offending. Only 2-3% rated high risk for re-offense.

YLS Scale	
# 0-8	Low
# 9-22	Moderate
# 23-34	High
# 35-42	Very High

YLS Results			
	2005	2006	2007
Low Risk	25%	20%	21%
Moderate Risk	53%	51%	50%
High Risk	20%	26%	26%
Very High Risk	2%	3%	3%

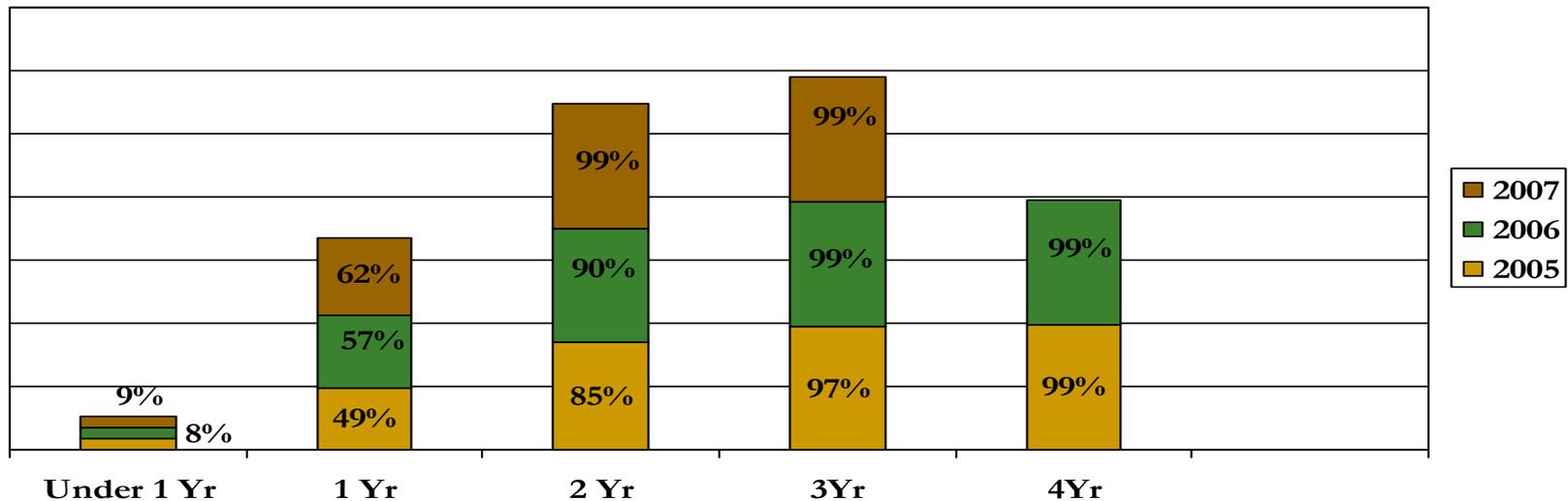
# LSI-R Risk Scores

The completed LSI-R scores for all three years showed clients rated as “Low Risk” to re-offend between 47% and 44% of the probation population. “High Risk” to re-offend was 5% to 8%.

LSI-R Risk Levels 2005,2006 & 2007 Probation			
Score Range	Descriptor	# of LSI Low/High	% of Scores
0-23	Low	412/504	44%-47%
24-33	Medium/Low	297/412	31%-36%
34-40	Medium High	165/181	15%-17%
41+	High	51/72	5%-8%

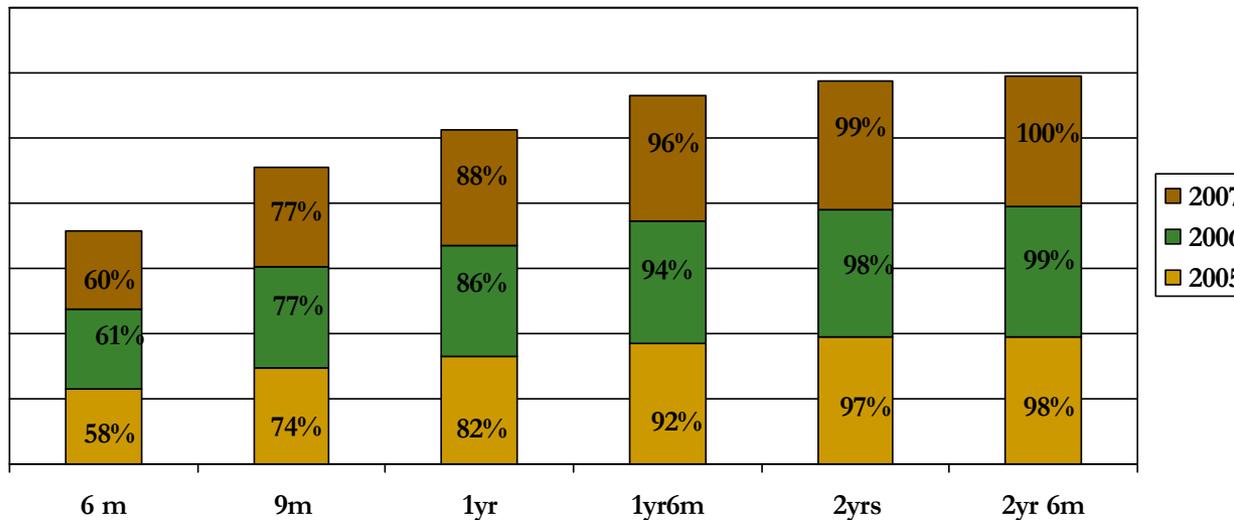
# Length of Probation: Adult

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85% to 99% closed on probation in two years
- At the time of this report, all participants surveyed had the opportunity for a minimum placement of one year 8 months.



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# Recommendations

## Part II of this report to include....

- Describe demographics, case management and programming for other case types of probation clients: supervised release, diversion, pretrial services, and specialty courts.
- Overall goal of ARC is to reduce crime (recidivism). Also invest in other key performance measures to include employment, substance abuse and payment of victim restitution rates.
- Examine the rate clients are discharged from probation successfully and explore as an organization how we define success.