

Youthful Offenders: Their Impact on Florida's Department of Corrections

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The increase in violent crimes by youthful offenders is reflected in the number of violent youthful offenders in Florida's prisons and under the supervision of Probation and Parole. This is a study of youthful offenders under supervision in Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties, and admitted to prison between 1982 and 1992. It provides insight into the ages, the offenses committed, and the rate of recidivism of these offenders. Additionally, it compares local and state statistics pertaining to probation population and prison admissions during the same time frame, based on data retrieved from the Justice Data Center (JDC). This study reveals an increase in the number of violent youthful offenders, and the number of juveniles in the prison system and under supervision. These factors indicate a need for further investigation and research into courses of action that can be taken by Florida's Department of Corrections in order to reverse this trend.