

Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development Diversion Quarterly Dashboard June 30, 2024

Section 1. Overview of all Referrals Received by DYD Providers

3813

Youth referred to DYD Diversion Providers

2260

Youth have enrolled in formal and DA diversion programming

1523

Youth have substantially completed formal and DA diversion programming

As of July 1, 2024, the organizations across DYD's 2 cohorts received 3,813 total youth referrals from referring partners countywide, including the District Attorney's office and 82 out of 86 law enforcement agency sites (Figures 1 & 2). There have been 102 youth have been referred through the District Attorney's Restorative Enhanced Diversion for Youth (REDY) program which extends eligibility for diversion services. DYD has also received 2,628 informal referrals to services from the Probation Citation Diversion Program (CDP). These CDP referrals are high-volume, retroactive referrals for dismissed citations and have been omitted from Figures 1 & 2 below because they do not reflect an active diversion partnership.

Figure 1. Youth Referred to DYD Diversion Providers by Complete Year (n=2656)

Referral Type ● DA Diversion Program ● Formal Diversion ● Informal Referral to Services

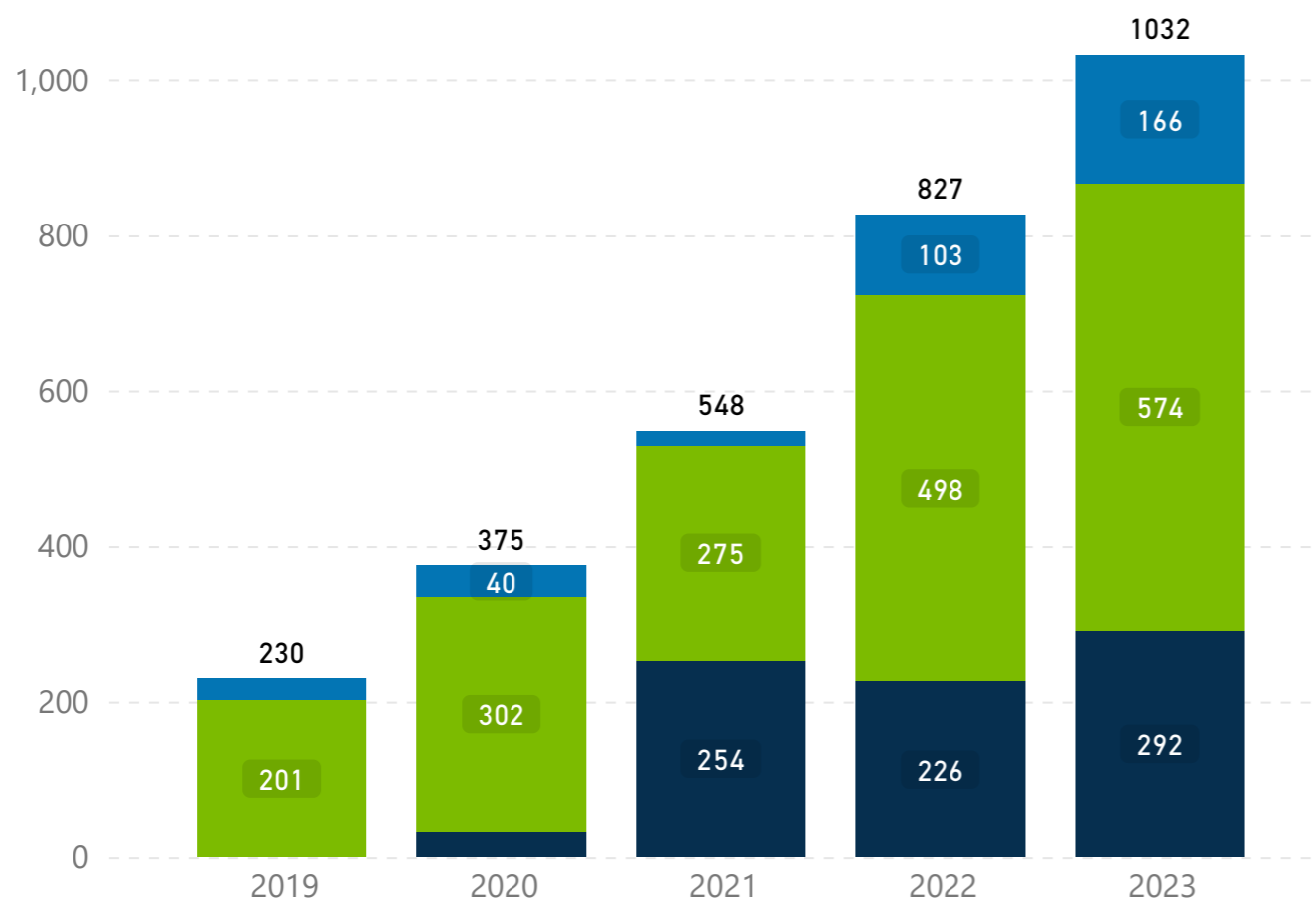
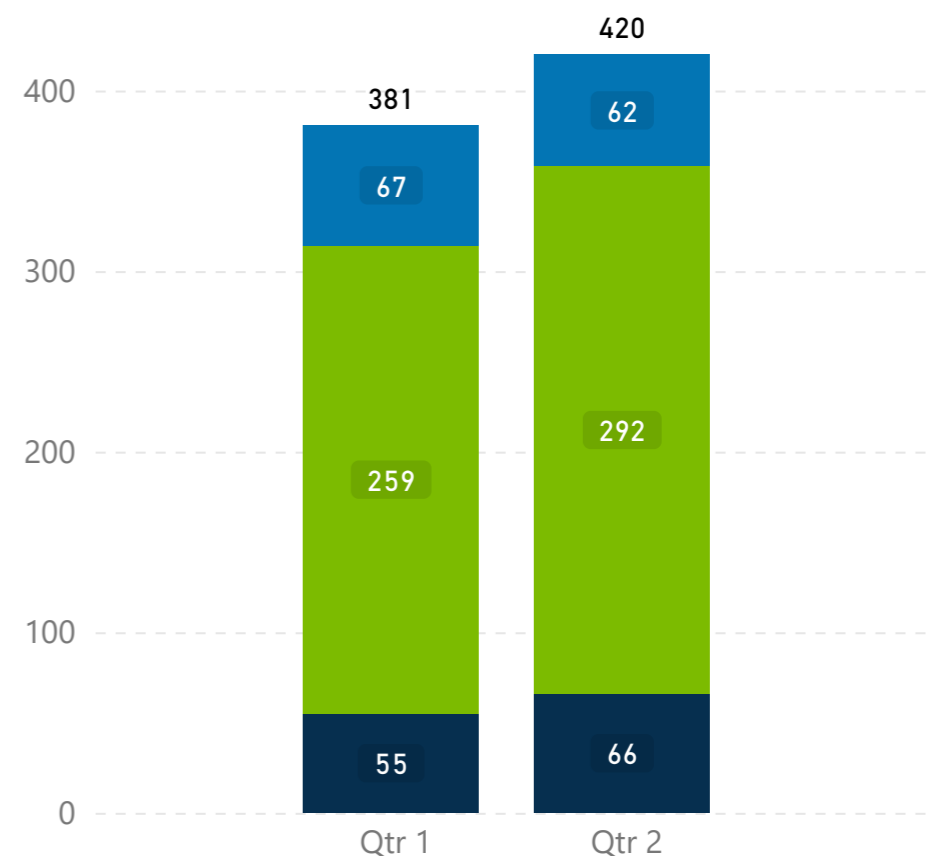


Figure 2. Youth Referred to DYD Diversion Providers in 2024 by Quarter (n=672)

Type ● DA Diversion ● Formal Diversion ● Informal Services



Section 2. Dual-System Spotlight

DYD providers usually collect foster system involvement information after enrollment. DYD is working with DCFS, OCP, and other partners to find solutions to access barriers that may be reducing referral and enrollment for youth involved in the child welfare system. More details on diversion statistics for youth involved in the child welfare system can be found [here](#).

Compared to all other diverted youth, Black girls are **4x** more likely to be flagged for foster system involvement.¹

¹ This figure aligns with the findings in the Children's Data Network report, which highlights the disproportionate burden of dual-system involvement on female and Black youth in Los Angeles. Mccroskey, Jacquelyn, et al. "Crossover Youth: Los Angeles County Probation Youth With Previous Referrals to Child Protective Services." *Children's Data Network*, Children's Data Network, www.datanetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/CrossoverYouth.pdf

Section 3. Demographic Information

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Median Age of Diverted Youth

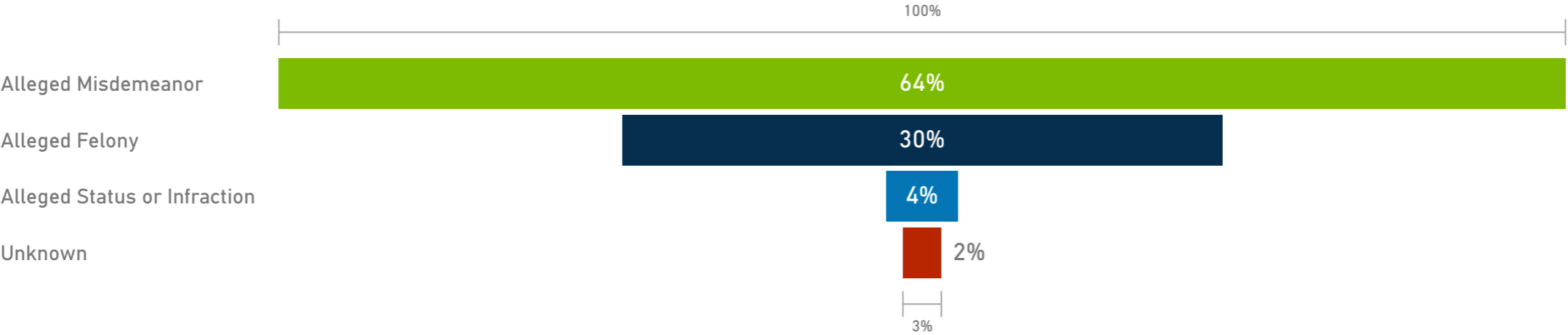
DYD works to reduce the disproportionate arrest of Black youth and advance equitable access to community alternatives to justice system involvement by ensuring that youth are not disproportionately excluded from diversion referral, enrollment, or completion by race, age, or gender.

DYD continues to track these demographic data. To find a detailed equity assessment for our diversion program, please reference the [final report](#) of our 2-year evaluation.

Section 4. Incident and Enrollment Data

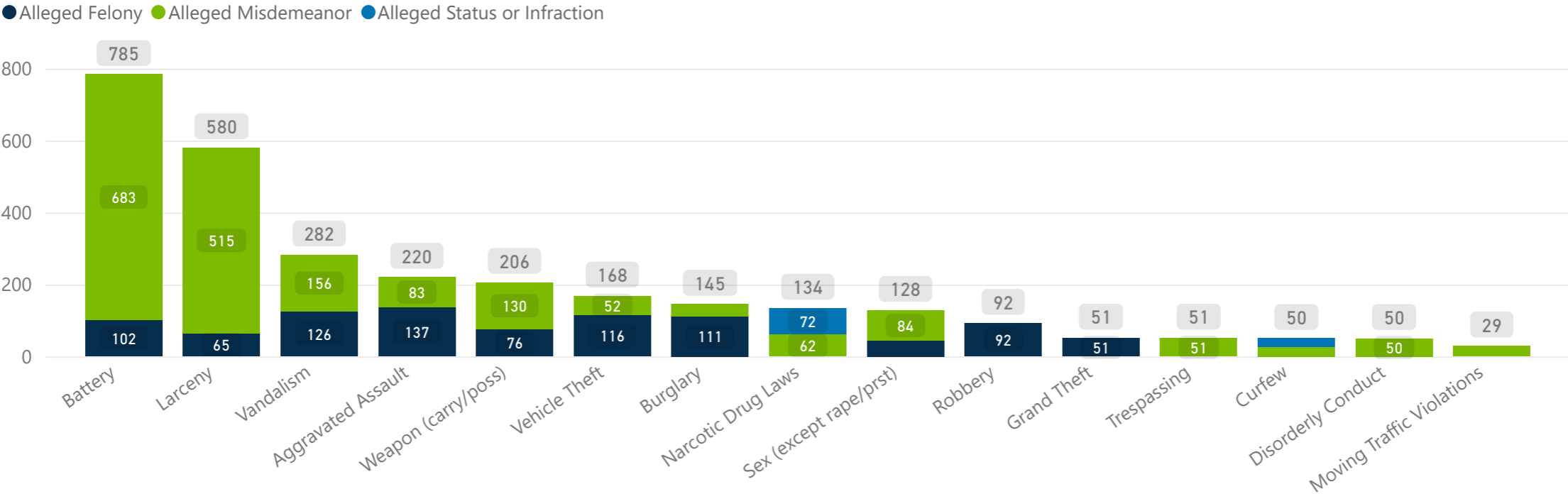
Of youth formally referred to diversion so far, on average 30% have been referred for alleged felonies and 64% have been referred for alleged misdemeanors (Figure 3). DYD's Outcomes & Equity Assessment found that diversion is most beneficial to young people with alleged felony charges. Although the percentage of referrals for alleged felonies is promising. DYD is continuing to explore solutions to improve access for youth with more serious alleged offenses.

Figure 3. Formal/DA Referrals by Level Alleged Offense, June 2024 (n=3328)



The most commonly referred alleged felony offense is aggravated assault and the most commonly referred alleged misdemeanor offense is battery (Figure 4). DYD staff is working with law enforcement agencies to better understand barriers to diverting higher-level eligible offenses.

Figure 4. Formal/DA Referrals by Alleged Offense Level for Categories with >20 Referrals, June 2024



Section 4. Enrollment and Connections to Services Over Time

Overall, 22% of formally and DA diverted youth decide not to participate in diversion services (Figure 5), and 83% of youth who enrolled and are currently inactive have completed their diversion programming (Figure 6).

Figure 5. Formal/DA Referrals Enrollment Status (n=3328), June 2024

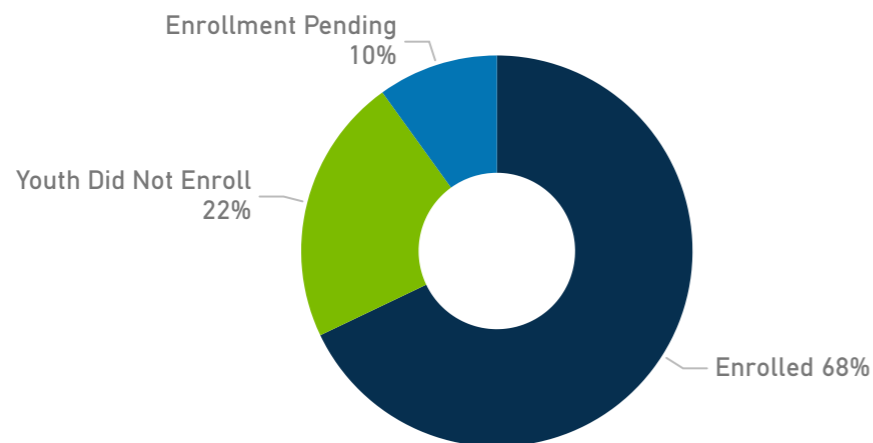
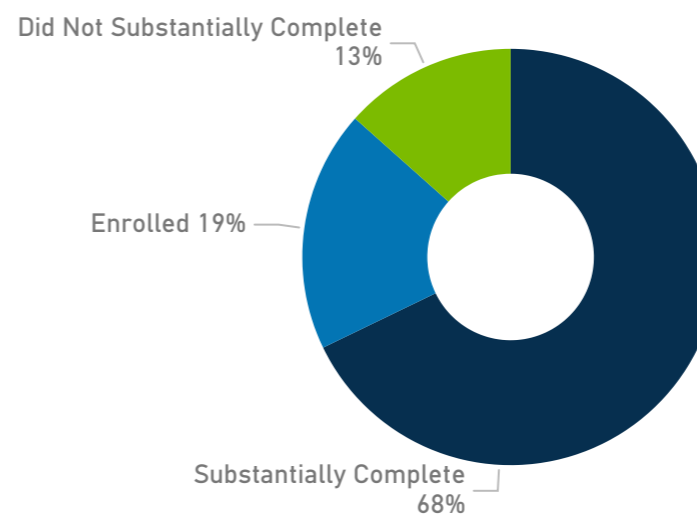


Figure 6. Formal/DA Enrolled Youth Current Status (n=2266), June 2024



Whether a young person was formally referred for an alleged misdemeanor or felony does not significantly impact their enrollment or completion status (Figure 6). While low rates of non-completion are promising, DYD staff is working to understand and address barriers to enrollment for young people and their families.

Section 5. Protective Factors and Program Satisfaction

On average, participants who have substantially completed their diversion programming report positive growth between entry and exit in all tested protective factors and high program satisfaction (Figure 7). There were no significant differences between protective factors at entry for youth who did or did not substantially complete their diversion programming.

Figure 7. Average Protective Factor Scores at Intake and Exit Assessment, June 2024



Section 6. Diversion Success Story – September 2024

Before CJ started the diversion program, he was isolating himself and getting into trouble at school. When CJ was first introduced to the youth diversion program at the Asian Youth Center earlier this year, he was shy and hesitant to join because he didn't know what to expect. After building rapport with his case manager, CJ started becoming comfortable and more receptive to services. CJ's case manager and parent noted that he was becoming more extroverted, calm, and able to have more communication with adults.

He began receiving tutoring and finished the school year with a 2.8 G.P.A. CJ has also begun exploring other activities at the Asian Youth Center, such as self-defense classes, the Visual Arts program, drug prevention workshop, and the Friday night club.

CJ shared that he is glad to have been given the opportunity to join the youth diversion program because it has helped him build more positive relationships and become more self-aware. He will graduate from the youth diversion program in September, but he plans to stay connected to programs at the Asian Youth Center to help prepare him for college and the workforce.

