

Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development Diversion Quarterly Dashboard January 2025

Section 1. Overview of all Referrals Received by DYD Providers

4969

Youth referred to DYD Diversion Providers

1055

Youth have enrolled in formal and DA diversion programming

1844

Youth have substantially completed formal and DA diversion programming

As of December 2024, the organizations across DYD's 4 cohorts received 4,969 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 135 youth referred through the District Attorney's Restorative Enhanced Diversion for Youth (REDY) program which extends eligibility for diversion services. DYD has also received 2,561 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=3350)

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

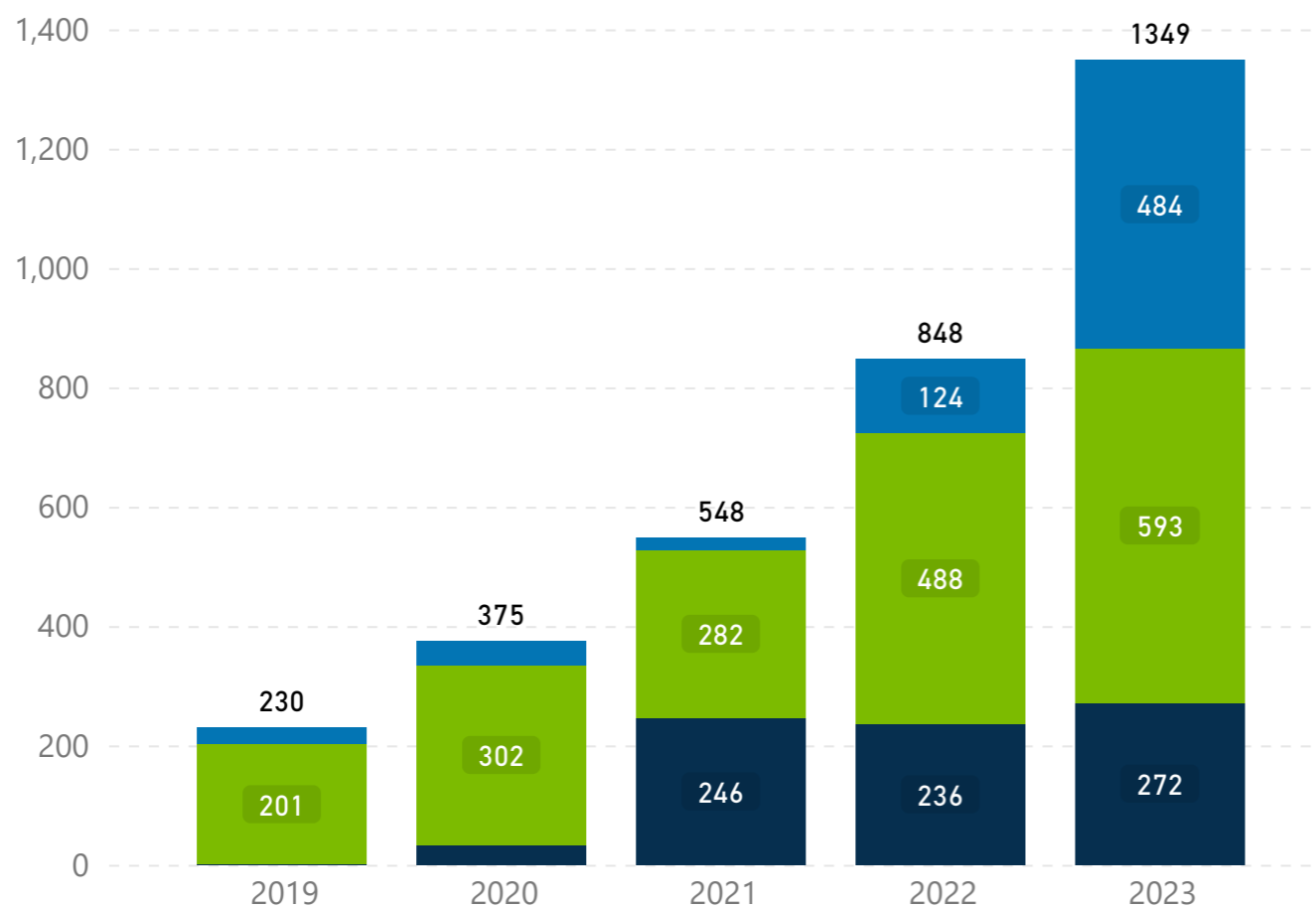
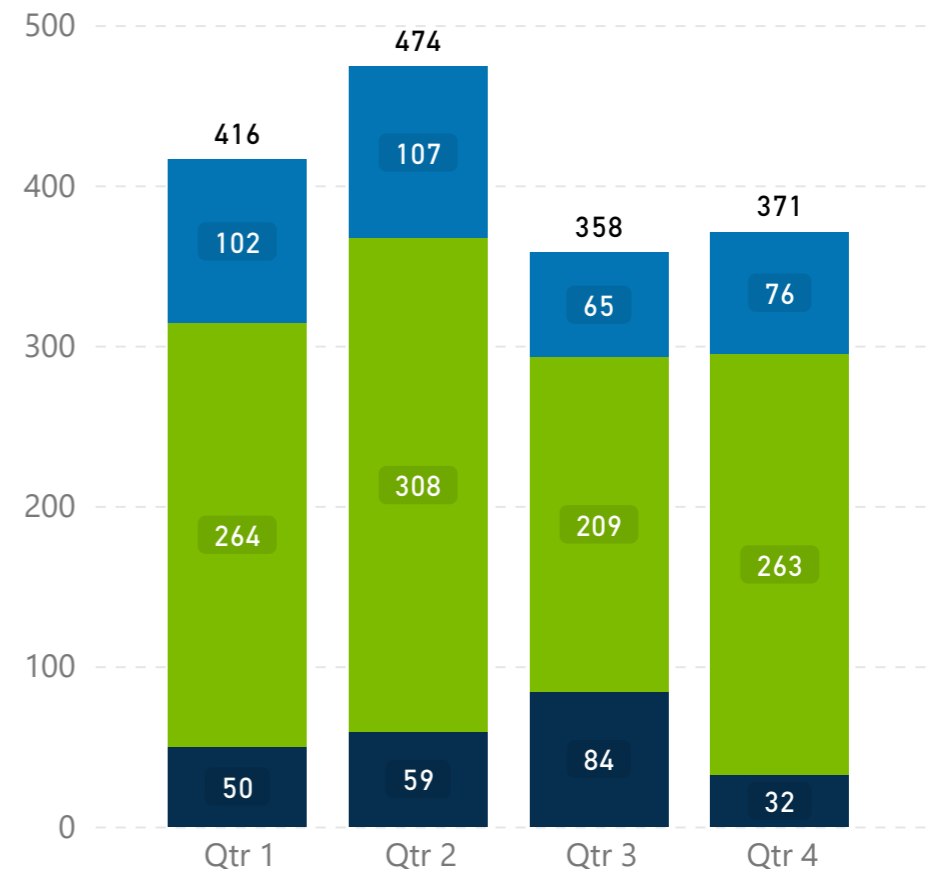


Figure 2. Youth Referred to DYD Diversion Providers in 2024 by Quarter (n=1619)

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

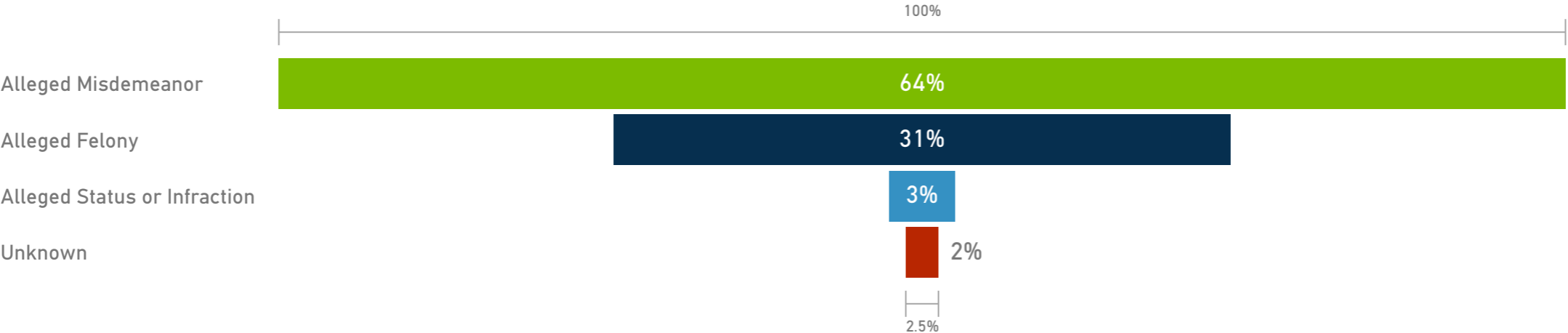
DYD works to reduce the disproportionate arrest of Black youth and advance equitable access to community alternatives to justice system involvement by ensuring that youth are not disproportionately excluded from diversion referral, enrollment, or completion by race, age, or gender.

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 Data

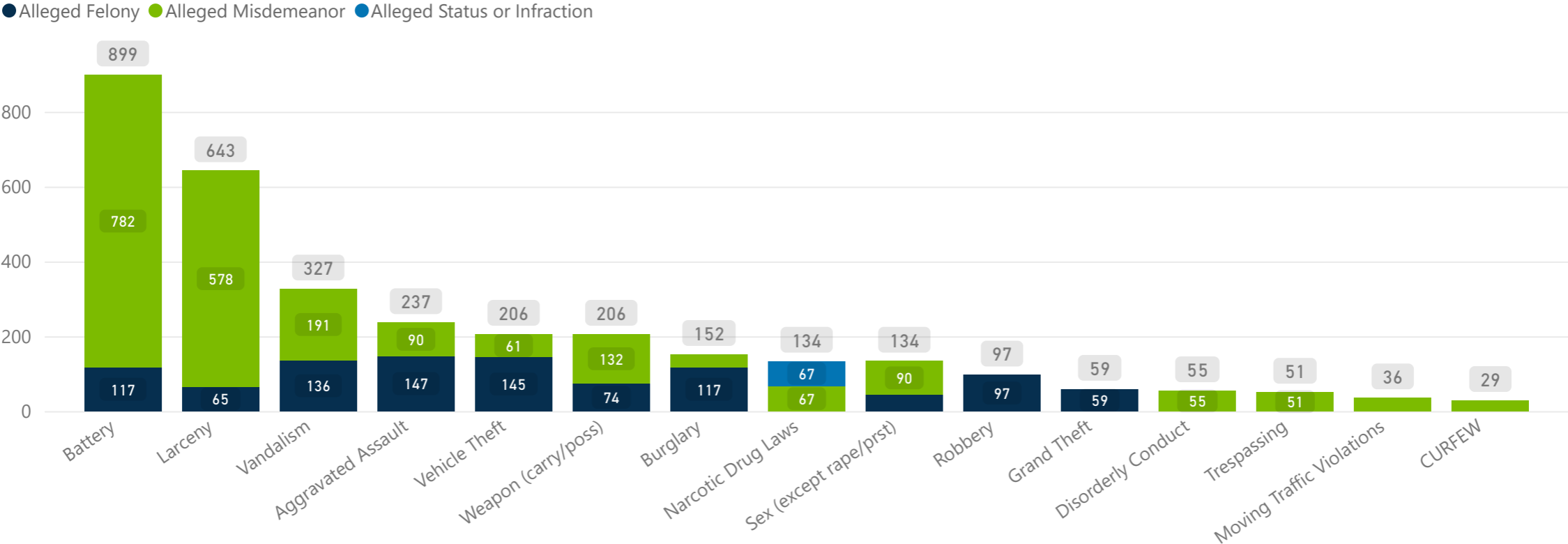
Of youth formally referred to diversion so far, on average 31% have been referred for alleged felonies and 64% have been referred for alleged misdemeanors (Figure 3). DYD's Outcomes & Equity Assessment found that diversion is most beneficial to young people with alleged felony charges. Although the percentage 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, December 2024 (n=3923)



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, December 2024



Section 5. Enrollment and Connections to Services Over Time

Overall, 23% of formally and DA diverted youth decide not to participate in diversion services (Figure 5), and 85% of youth who enrolled and are currently inactive have completed their diversion programming (Figure 6).

Figure 5. Formal/DA Referrals Enrollment Status (n=3923), December 2024

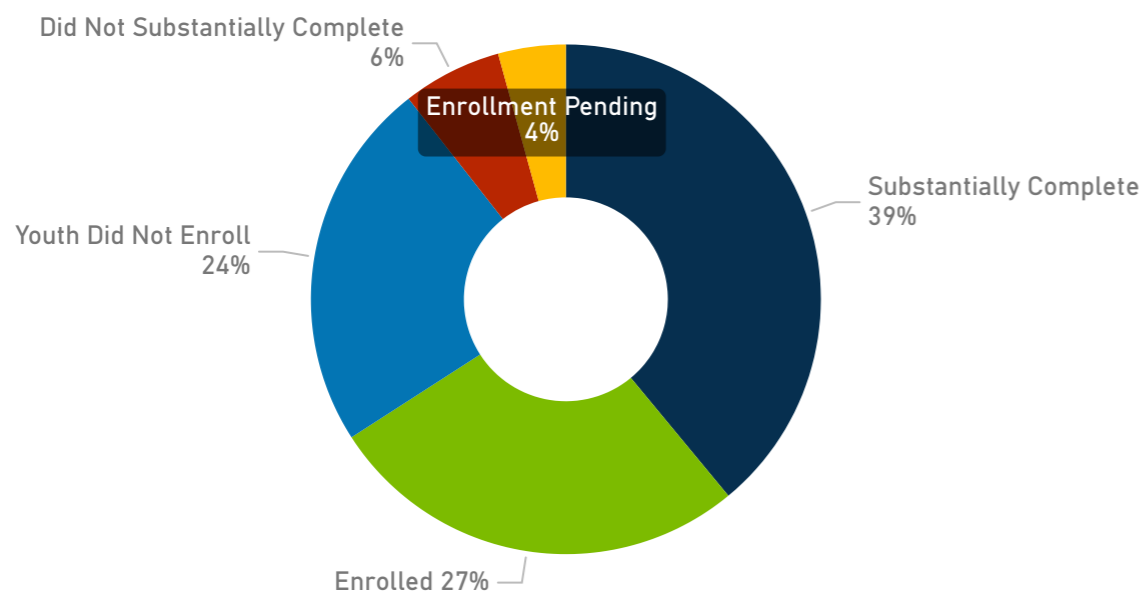
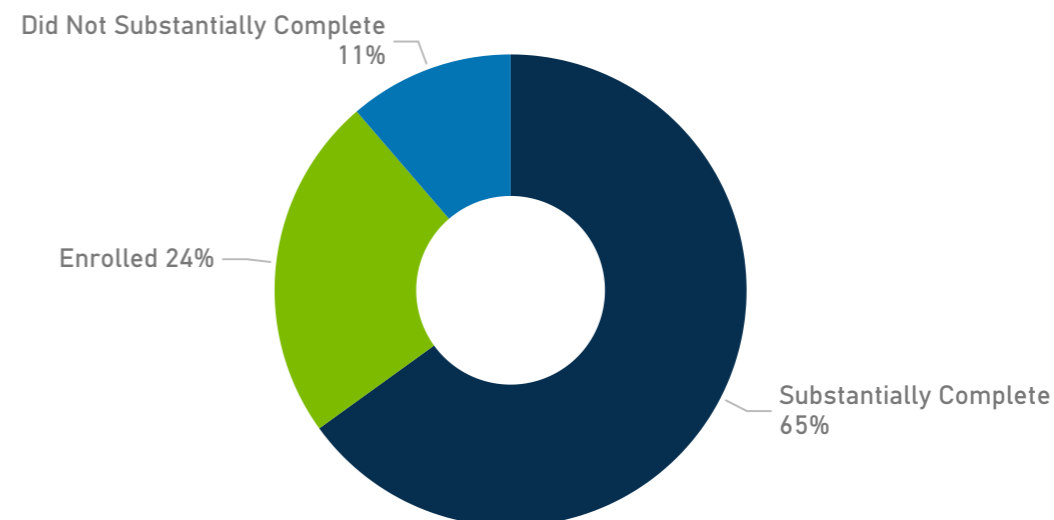


Figure 6. Formal/DA Enrolled Youth Current Status (n=2838), December 2024



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 6. 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, December 2024

