

DYD Diversion Highlights

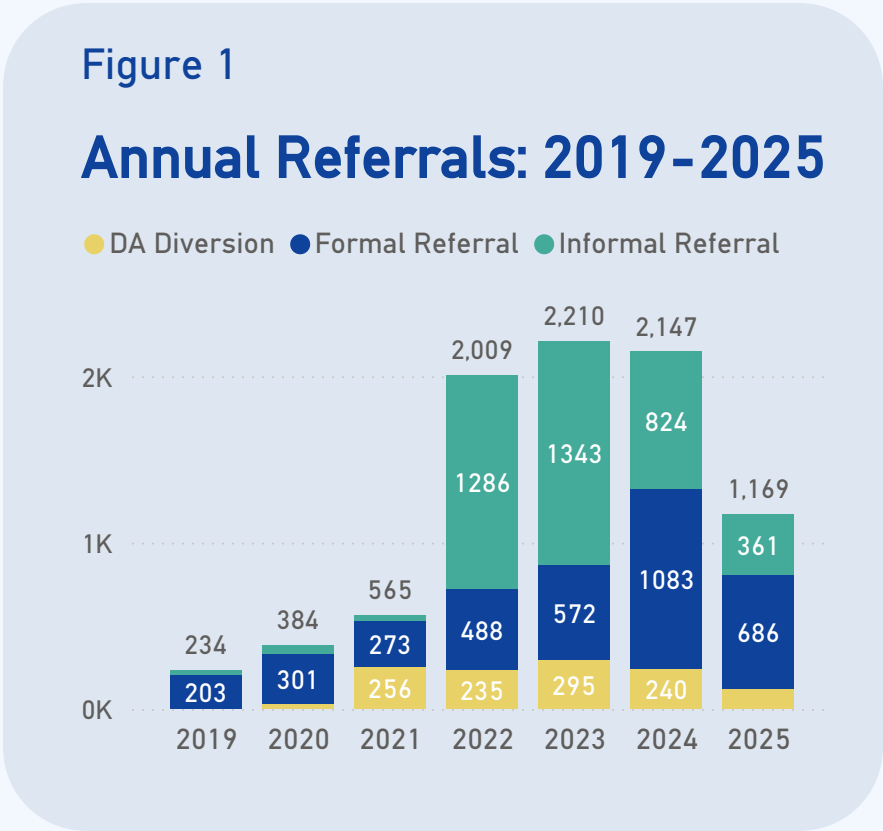
Los Angeles County’s Youth Diversion program helps youth thrive and reduces future involvement in the legal system, which benefits us all now and in the future.

Referrals Since 2019

Total Youth Referred
8,839

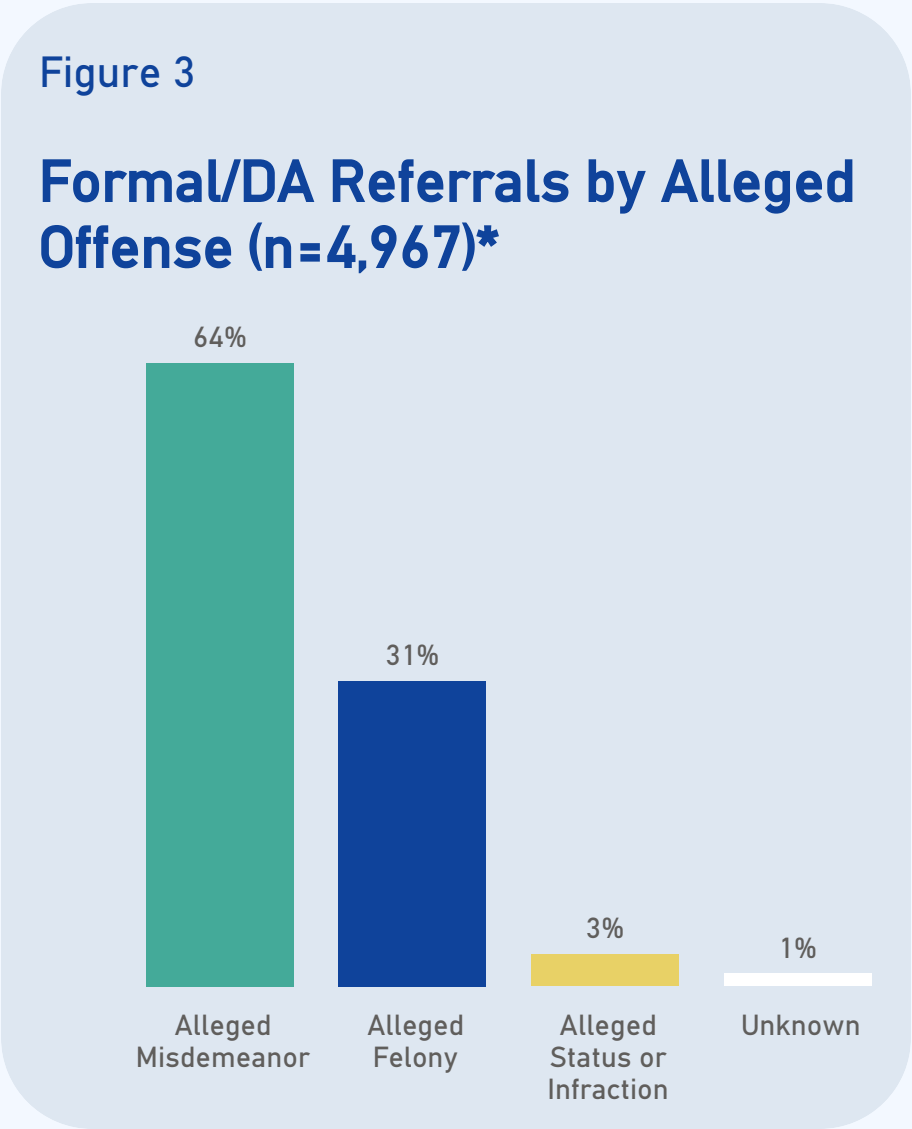
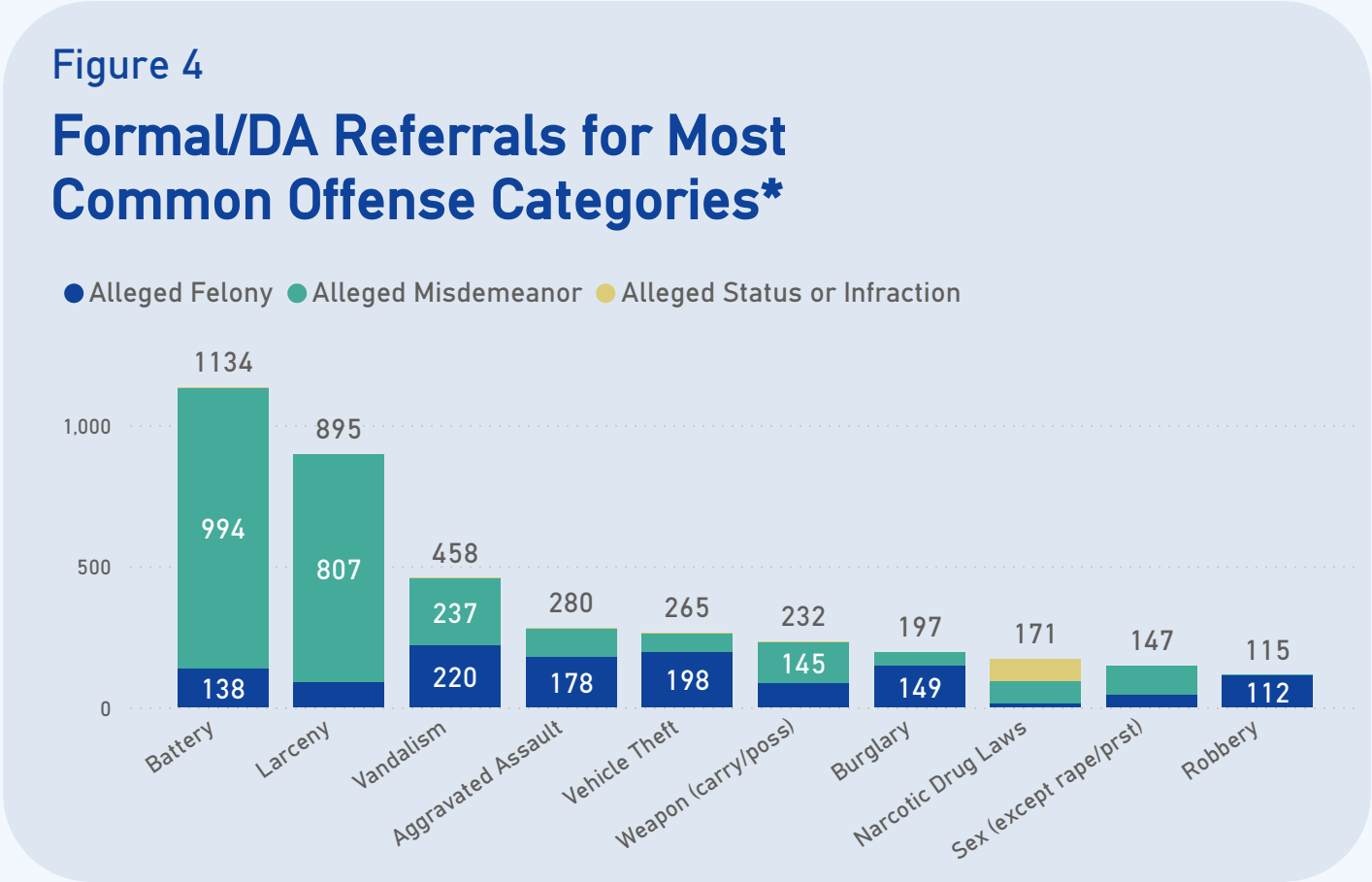
Total Youth Enrolled
3,660

Total Youth Completed
2,860



Diversion Incident Data

Most common alleged felony offense: **vandalism**.
Most common alleged misdemeanor: **battery**.

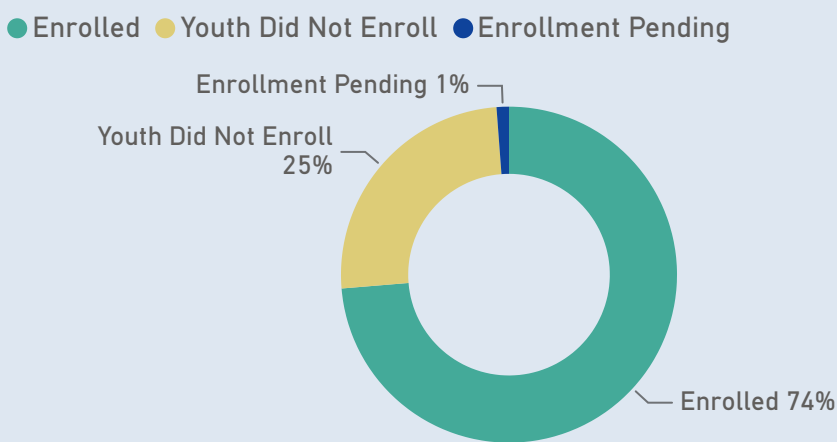


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Enrollment and Participation

Figure 5

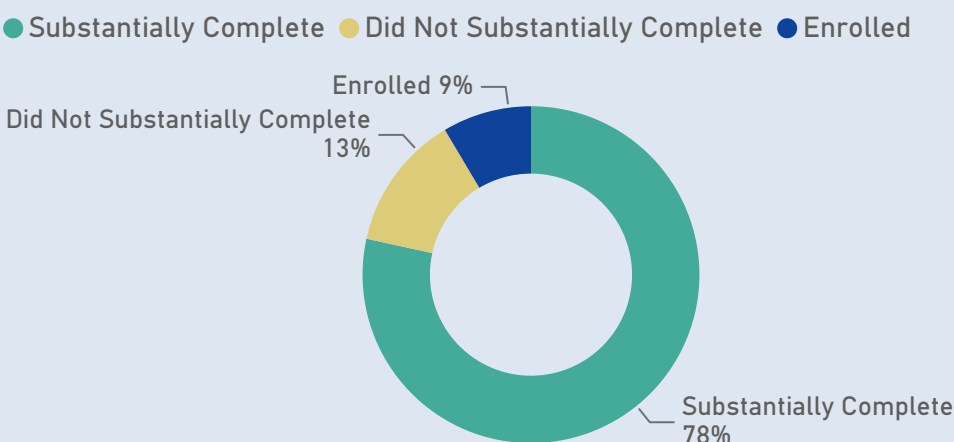
Formal/DA Referred Youth Enrollment Status (n=4,967)*



About 74% of youth who are diverted formally or by the DA choose to enroll in a diversion program.

Figure 6

Formal/DA Referred Youth Current Status (n=3,666)*



Whether a young person is referred for an alleged misdemeanor or felony does not significantly impact enrollment or completion.

Source: [DYD Diversion Outcome and Equity Report](#)

Protective Factors and Satisfaction

Figure 7

Average Participant Assessment Scores*

Participants who substantially complete diversion programming show meaningful improvement across all protective factors, rating themselves higher at exit than at entry on a scale of 1-7.

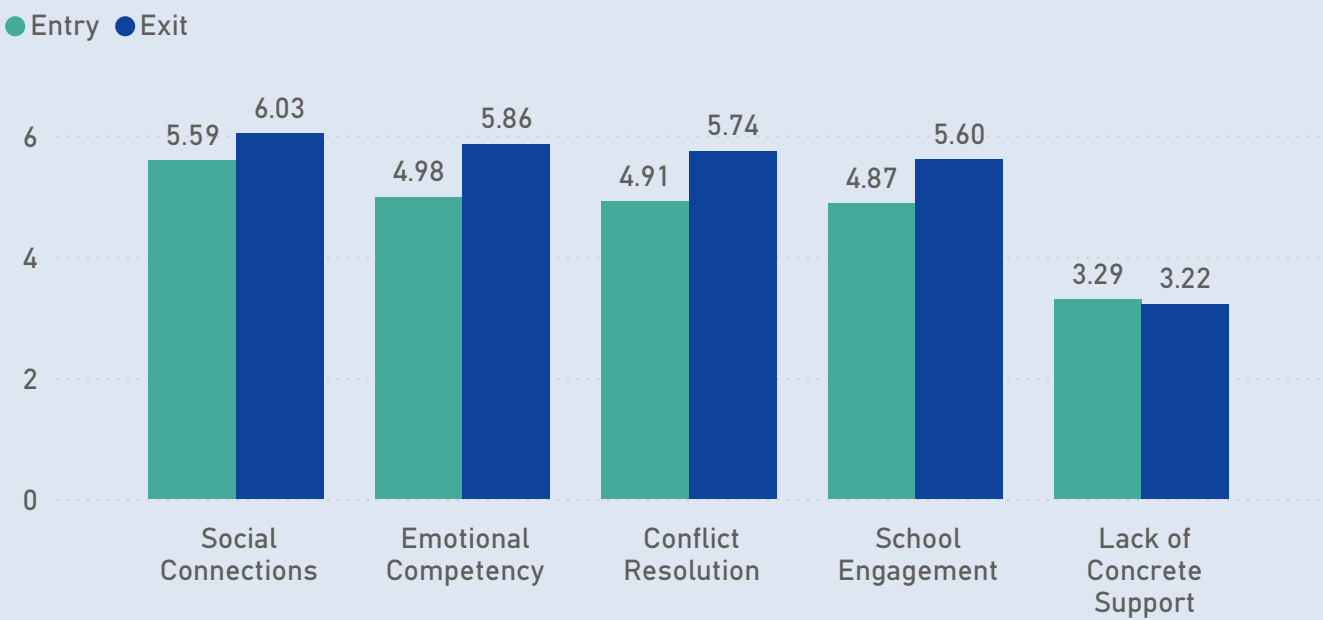


Figure 8

Average Satisfaction*

Participants who substantially complete diversion report high satisfaction with their experience in the program.



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Equity in Youth Diversion

Check out the [DYD Diversion Outcome and Equity Report](#) for a comprehensive evaluation of the DYD Youth Diversion program, including a detailed equity assessment.

Equitable Access

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.

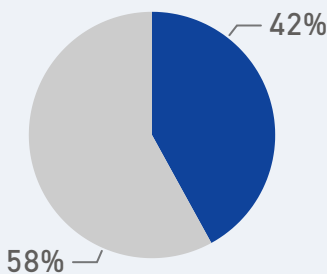
Law Enforcement Stops

Black youth are stopped by law enforcement at disproportionately high rates in LA County. About 7 out of every 100 youth are Black, but 28 out of every 100 stops involve Black youth.

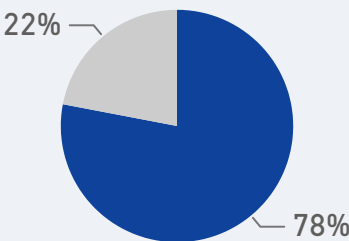
About 16 out of every 100 youth are White, but only 11 out of every 100 stops involve White youth.

Youth Stopped Most by Law Enforcement (April 2019–December 2022)

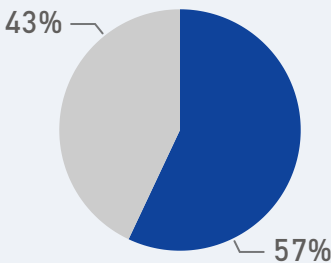
17 Years Old



Identify as Male



Hispanic or LatinX



Diversion Enrollment

Black youth enroll in diversion at lower rates than White youth. For every 100 White youth who enroll after a referral, only 93 Black youth do. Hispanic or LatinX youth enroll at rates equal to or higher than White youth. DYD is exploring strategies to help improve equitable enrollment.

Diversion Completion

About 82% of youth who enroll go on to complete diversion. Black and Hispanic or LatinX youth complete diversion at rates equal to or higher than White youth.