

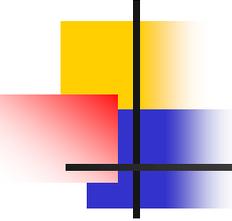
# Families With Service Needs In Connecticut

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An overview of the population

State of CT Judicial Branch,  
Court Support Services Division

August 29, 2006

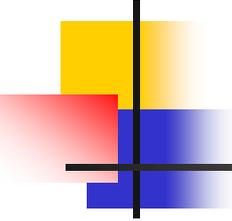


# “FWSN” Defined

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Family With Service Needs means a family that includes a child who:

- Has runaway
- Is beyond control
- Has engaged in indecent or immoral conduct
- Is a truant or habitual truant or defiant of school rules
- Is thirteen to fifteen years old and has engaged in sexual intercourse\*

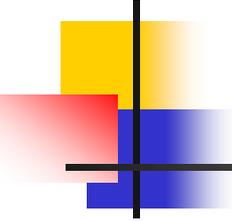


# FY 2005 Statewide Data

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15,156 referrals received by Superior Court Juvenile Matters

- 10,320 Delinquency
- 1206 Youth in Crisis
- 3631 FWSN referrals (24% of all referrals)
  - 8% decrease from 2003, 5% decrease from 2004
  - 1679 were girls (46% of FWSN's)
  - 1952 were boys (54% of FWSN's)

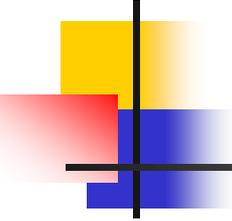


# Statewide Data

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Of the 3631 FWSN referred juveniles:

- 44% of girls and 54% of boys had a subsequent Delinquency referral
- 7% (245 kids) had a subsequent Violation of a Court Order
- 51% were assessed (1860)
  - 49 % of the girls
  - 53% of the boys



# Court Specifics, FY 2005

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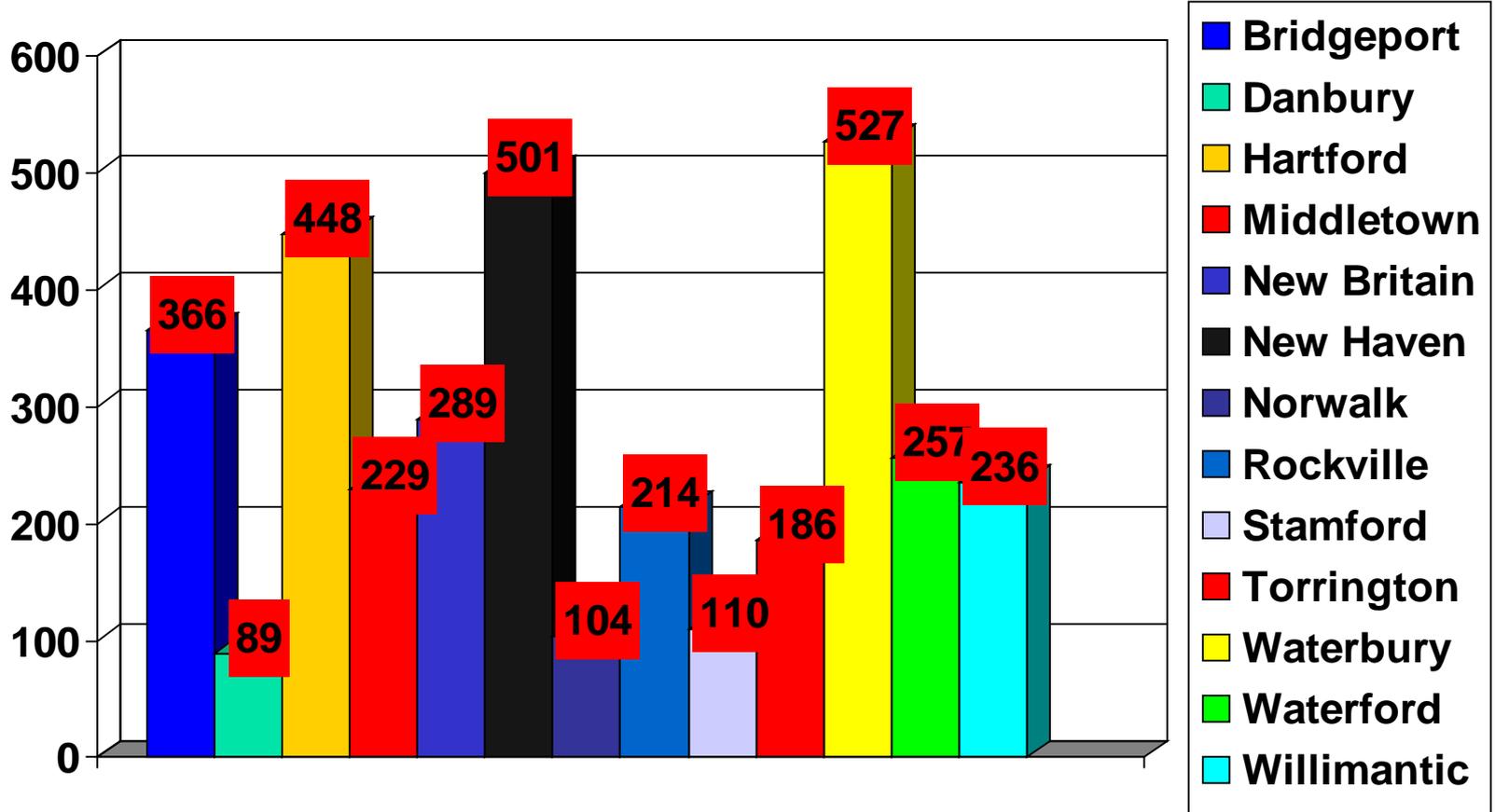
New Haven and Waterbury received the most FWSN referrals

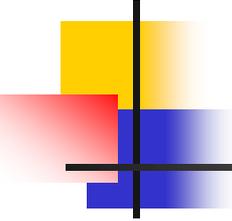
- New Haven had 501
- Waterbury had 527

Danbury and Norwalk received the least

- Danbury had 89
- Norwalk had 104

# FWSN Referrals by Court





# FWSN Referral Types

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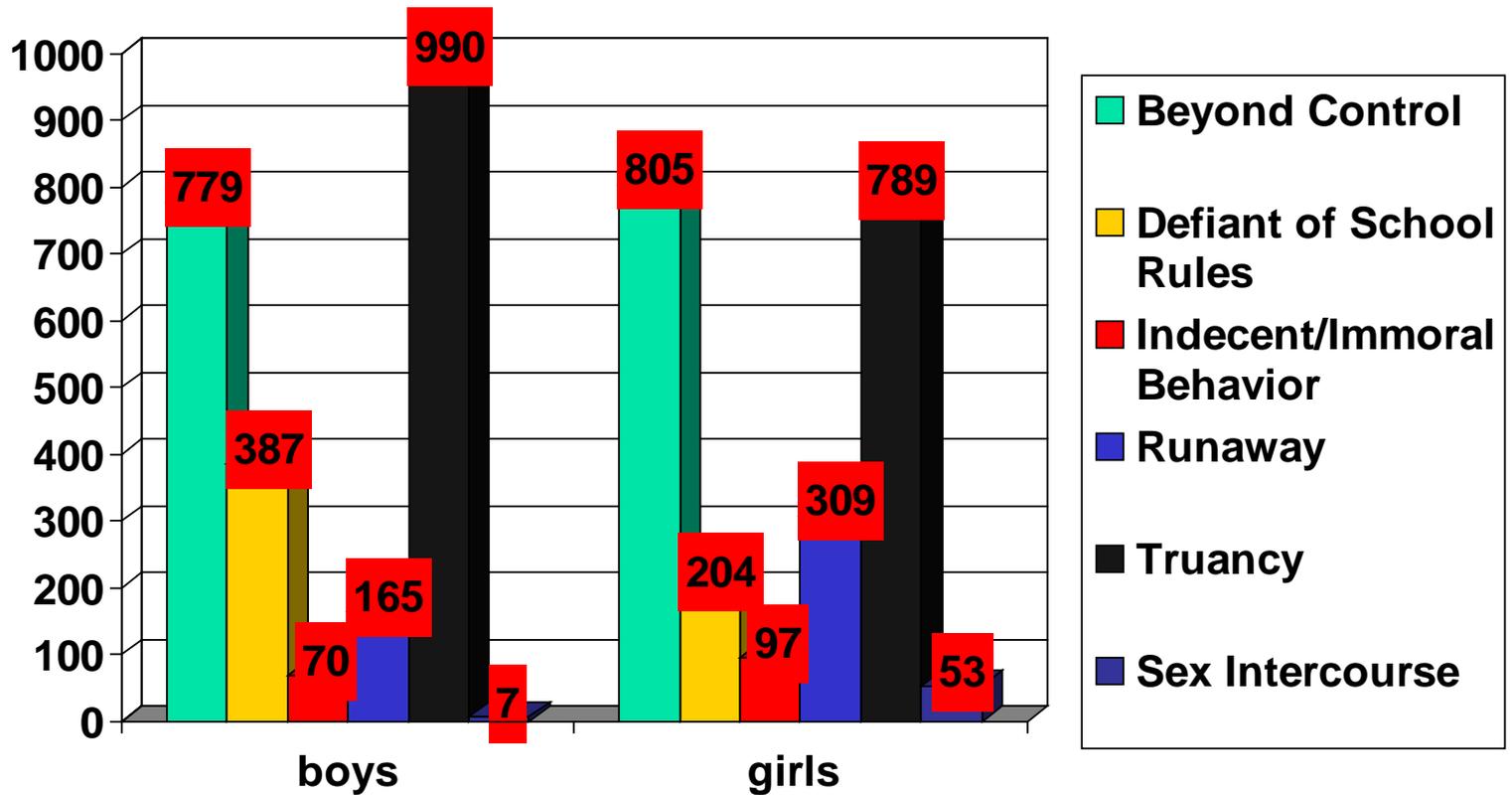
## Primary For Boys

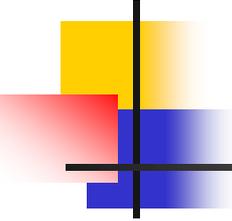
1. Truancy (51%)
2. Beyond Control (40%)
3. Defiant of School Rules (20%)
4. Runaway (8%)
5. Indecent/Immoral (4%)
6. Sex Intercourse (less than .04%)

## Primary for Girls

1. Beyond Control (47%)
2. Truancy (47%)
3. Runaway (18%)
4. Defiant of School Rules (12%)
5. Indecent/Immoral (6%)
6. Sex Intercourse (3%)

# FWSN Charges by Category



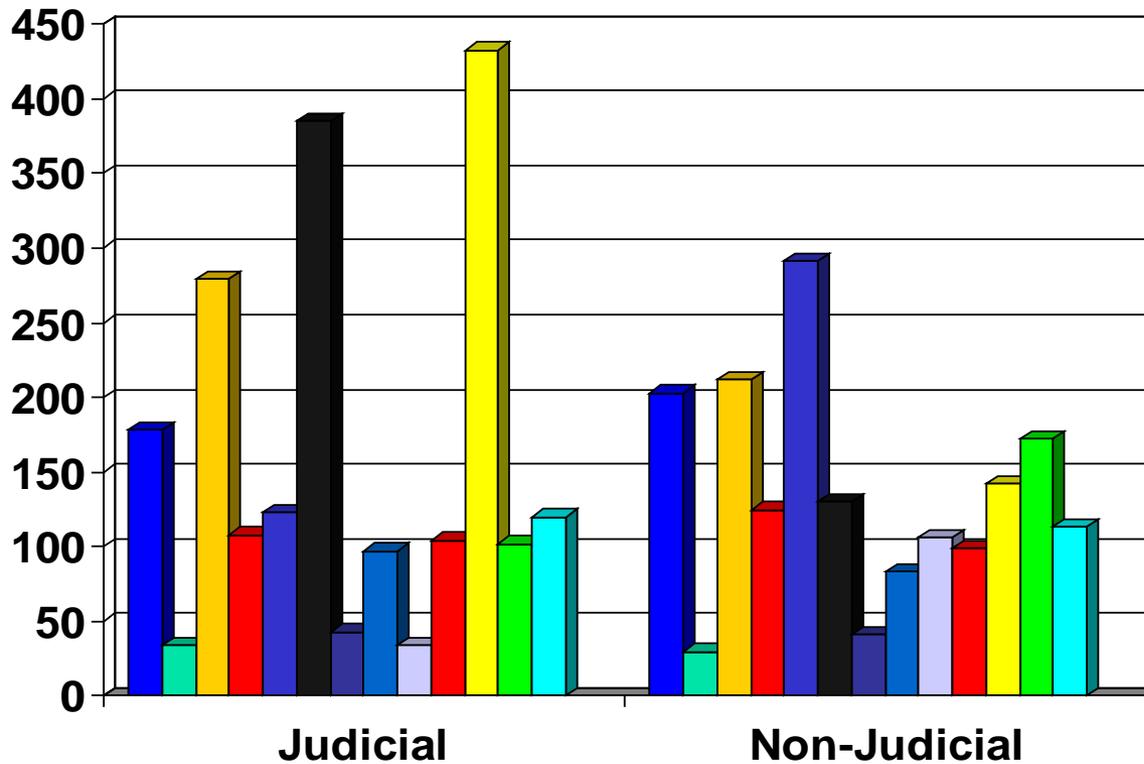


# FWSN Dispositions

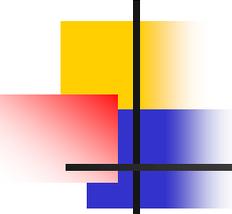
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- Of the FWSN cases disposed in FY 2005
  - 49 were on Non-Judicial FWSN Supervision
  - 784 were on Judicial FWSN Supervision
  - 499 juveniles had cases that were dismissed and referred to services

# Handling by Court



- Bridgeport
- Danbury
- Hartford
- Middletown
- New Britain
- New Haven
- Norwalk
- Rockville
- Stamford
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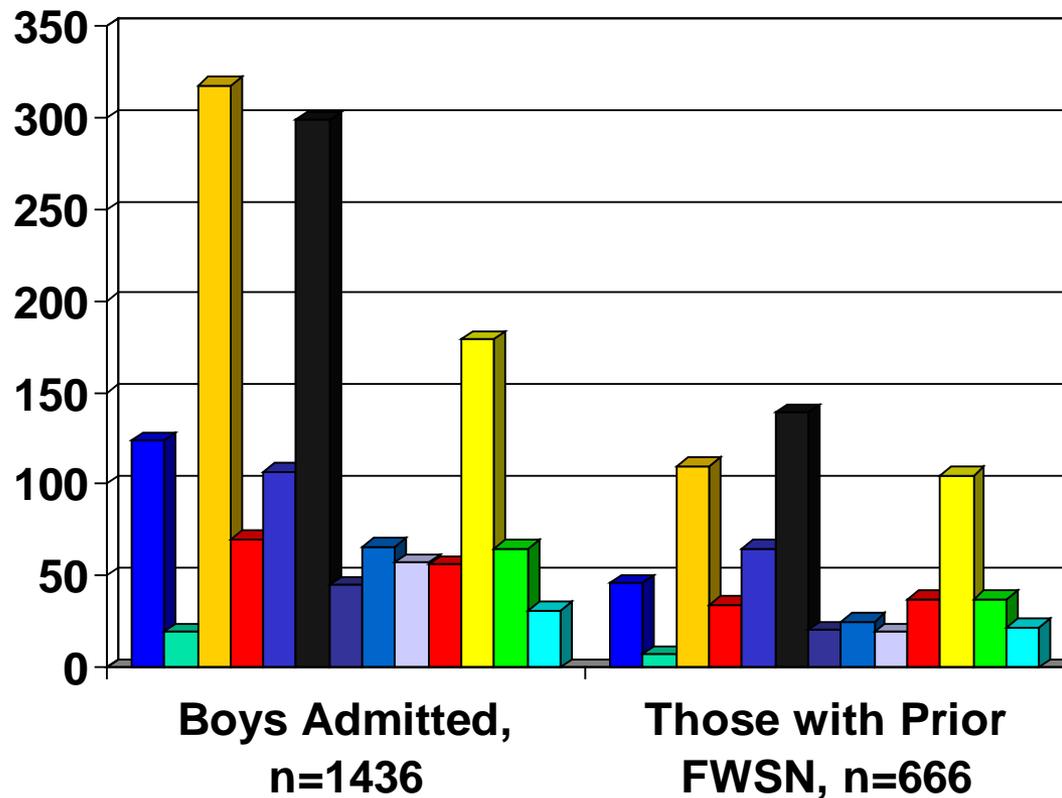
# Detention and FWSN Referred Juveniles

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1989 juveniles were admitted to Detention  
in 2005

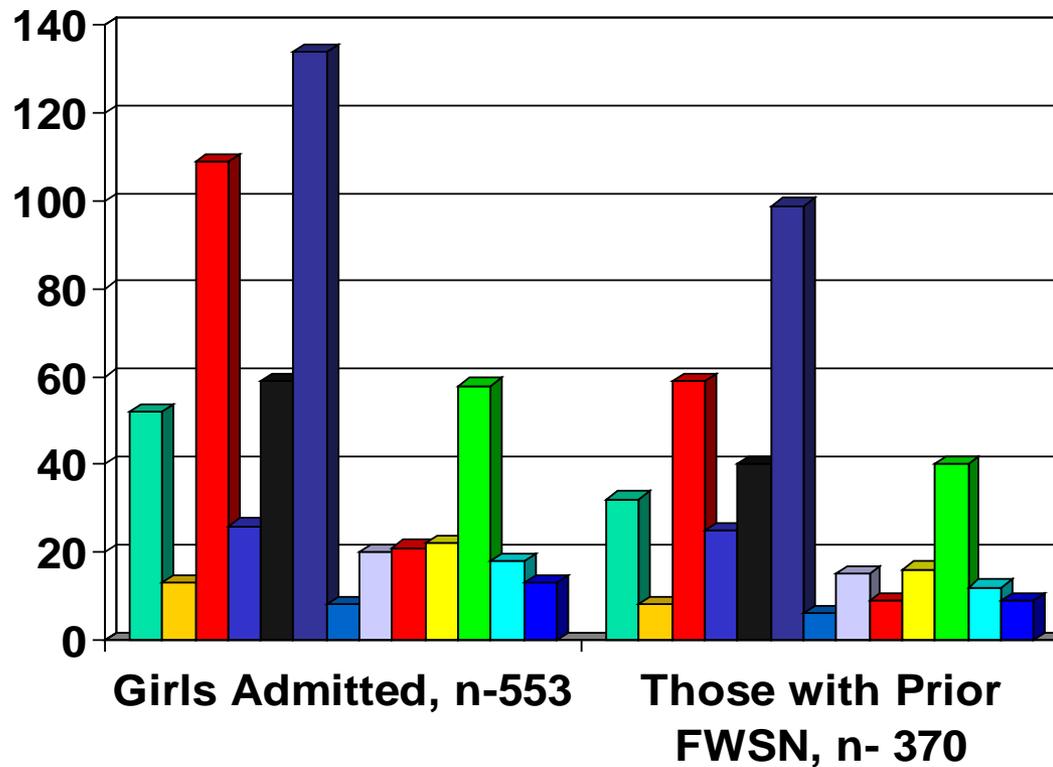
- 28% were girls
- 72% were boys
- 52% (1036) had a prior FWSN referral in their court history
  - 67% of girls who went to detention had a prior FWSN
  - 46% of boys who went to detention had a prior FWSN

# Boys in Detention, by Court

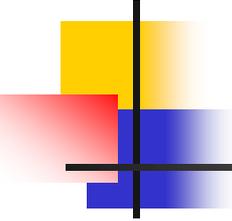


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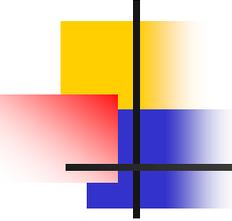


# Assessment Data

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The MAYSI screens juveniles for mental health symptoms. FWSN juveniles screened with MAYSI had these Flags:

■ Alcohol/Drug	83
■ Anger	514
■ Depression	372
■ Somatic	500
■ Suicide	185
■ Thought Disturbance	135



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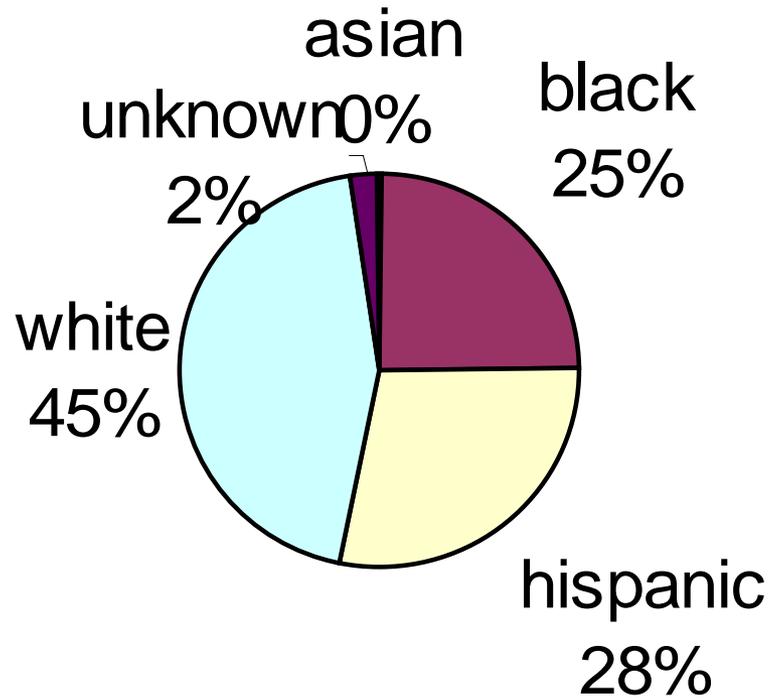
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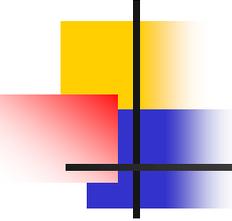
The Juvenile Assessment Generic (JAG) is the instrument used to determine risk, need, and protective factors for juveniles

1860 FWSN referred juveniles were assessed:

- 1038 boys
  - 215 African American, 218 Hispanic, 366 Caucasian
- 822 girls
  - 145 African American, 187 Hispanic, 279 Caucasian

# Race/Ethnicity of All Assessed FWSN Juveniles





# Risk Level by Gender

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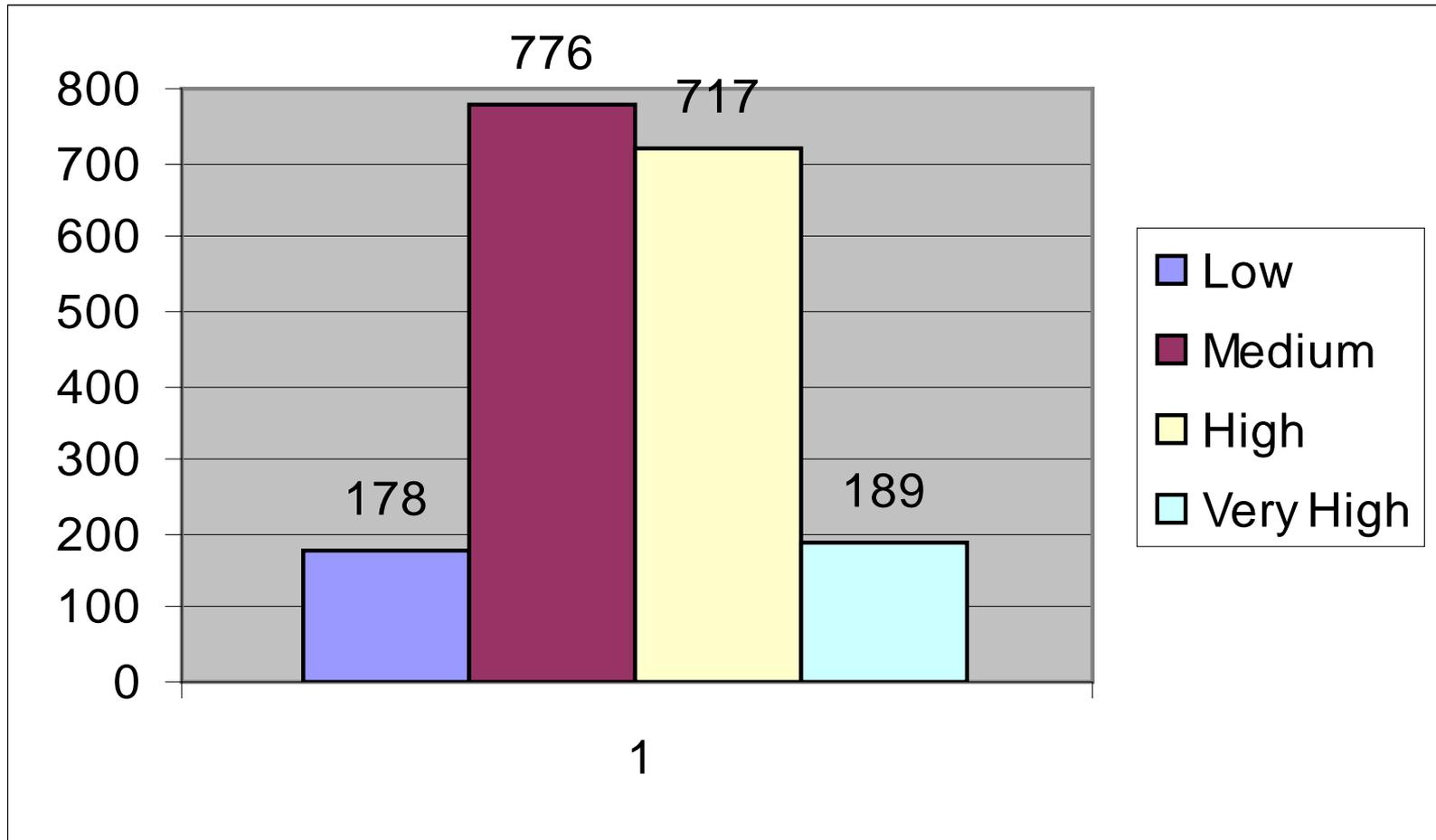
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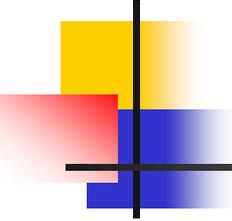
- Low 94 (9%)
- Medium 435 (42%)
- High 399 (38%)
- Very high 114 (11%)

## Girls

- Low 84 (10%)
- Medium 341 (42%)
- High 318 (39%)
- Very high 75 (9%)

# Assessed Risk Level (n= 1860)



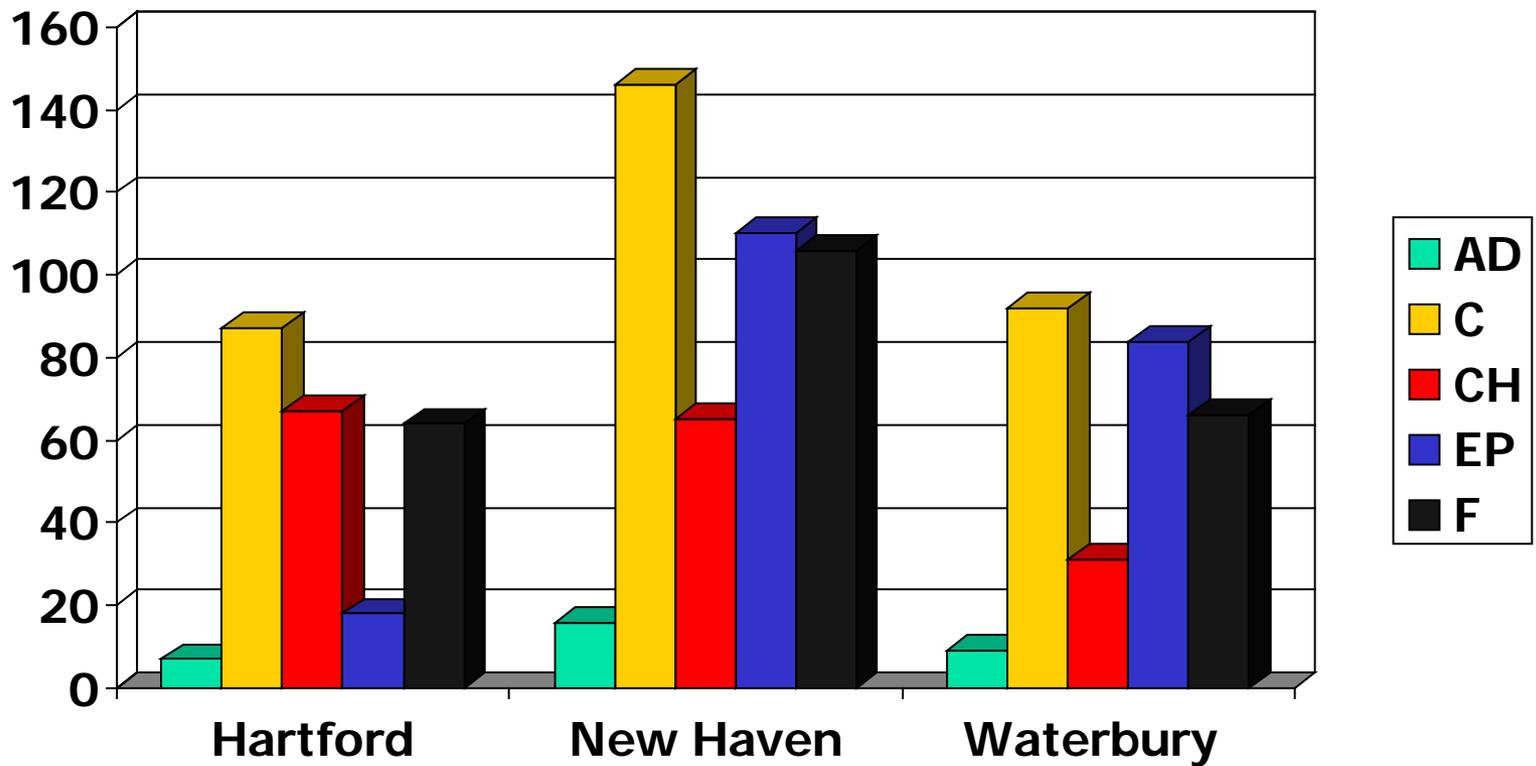


# The JAG

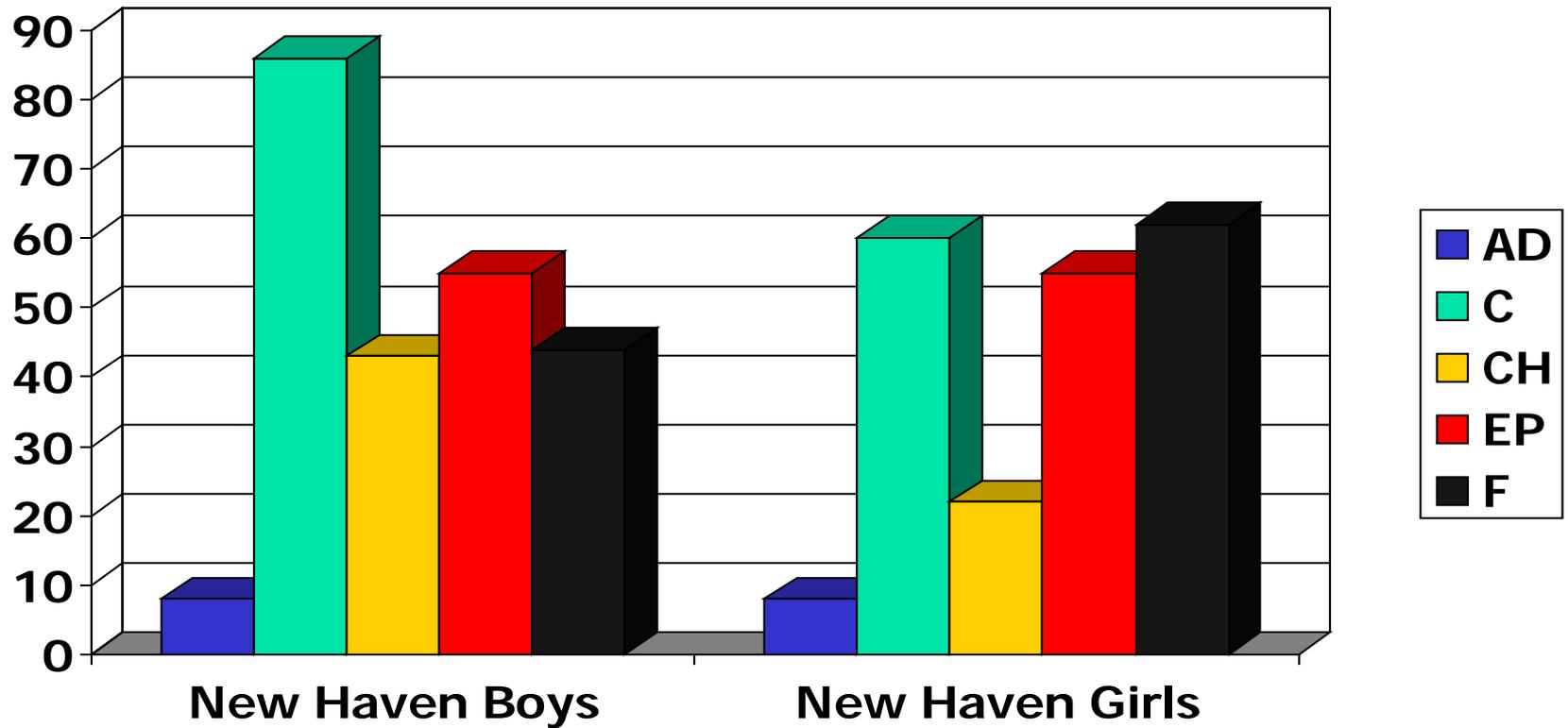
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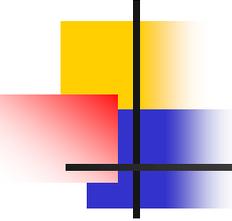
- 5 Domains
  - Alcohol and Drug
  - Companions
  - Criminal History
  - Emotional/Personal
  - Family

# Primary Risk Areas in 3 Courts



# Gender Differences





# Additional Information

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- Race/ethnicity breakdown in all categories
- Age breakdown in all categories
- Breakdown of risk, needs, and protective factors statewide
- Other information?