

JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAI)

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OUR VISION:

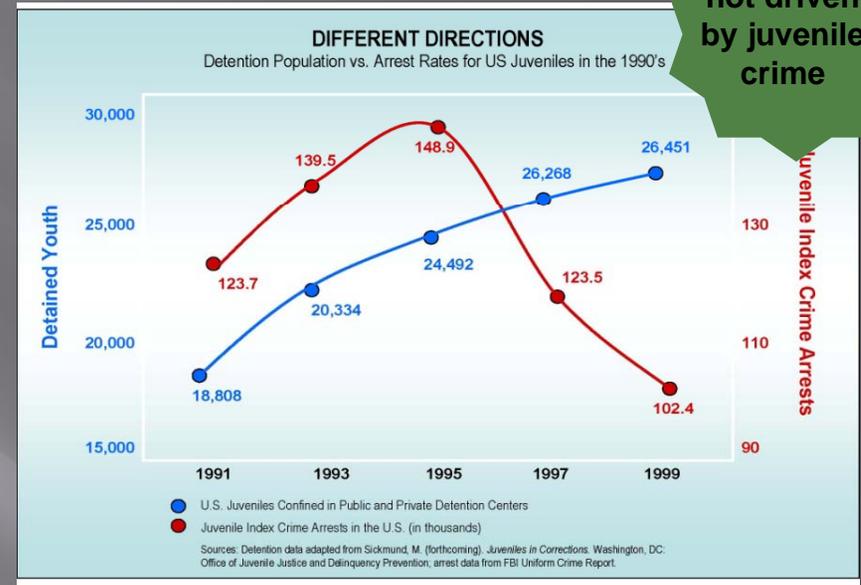
Youth involved in the juvenile justice system will have opportunities to develop into healthy, productive adults . . .

Thousands of youth are inappropriately or unnecessarily detained each year

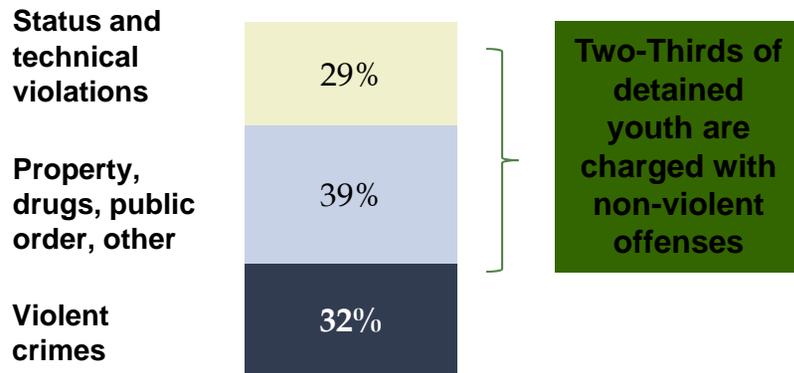
WHY REFORM JUVENILE DETENTION

- ▶ Detention decisions do not reflect juveniles' risks to their community or the severity of their offense
- ▶ Detained youth are more likely to be formally prosecuted, adjudicated and committed
- ▶ Detained youth have increased rates of school drop-out, suicide and unemployment
- ▶ Detention is very expensive

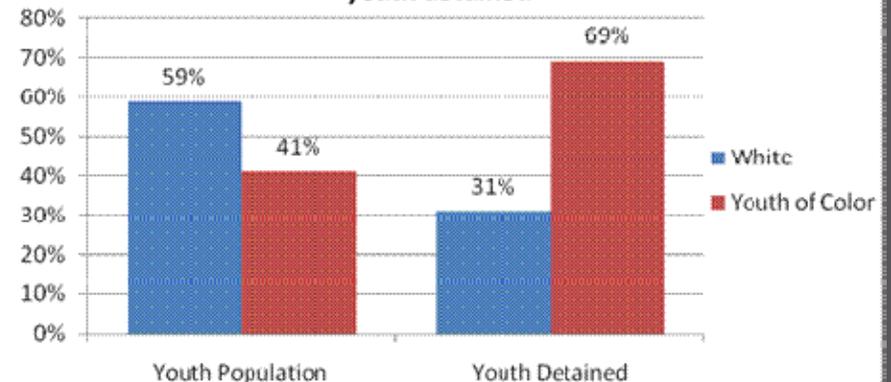
Detention not driven by juvenile crime



One Day Counts In Detention Facilities by Offense Category, 2001



Youth of Color: 41 percent of U.S. youth population; 69 percent of the youth detained



Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

Purpose:

To demonstrate that jurisdictions can establish more effective and efficient systems to accomplish the purposes of juvenile detention.

Objectives:

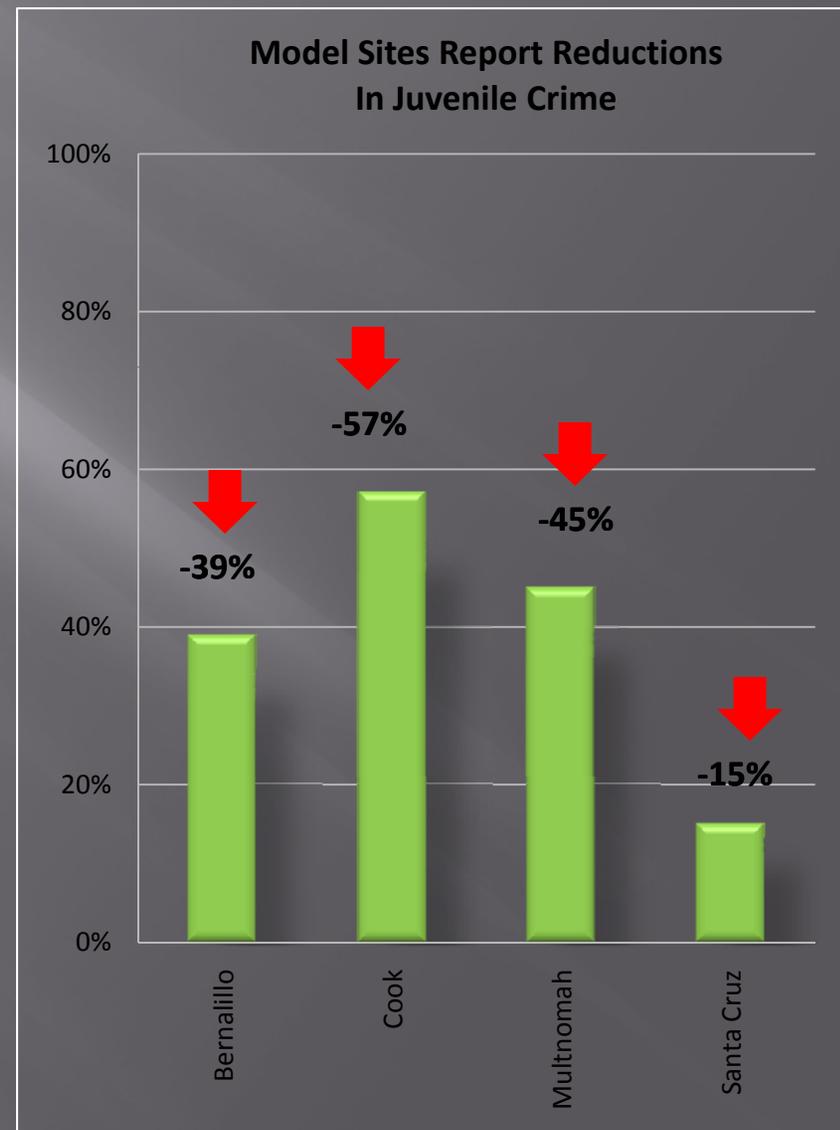
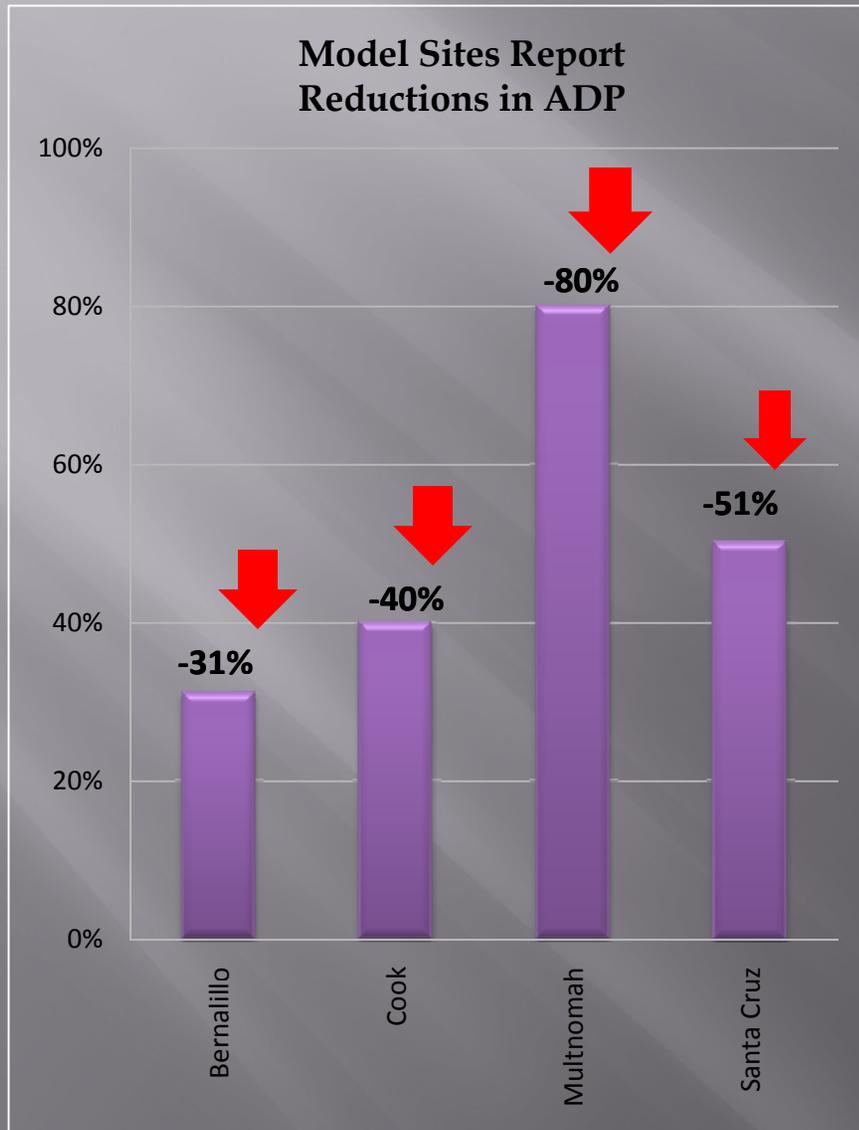
- 1) Eliminate inappropriate or unnecessary use of secure detention
- 2) Minimize failures to appear and incidence of delinquent behavior
- 3) Reduce racial disparities
- 4) Improve conditions in secure detention facilities.
- 5) Redirect public finances to successful reform strategies

Core JDAI Strategies

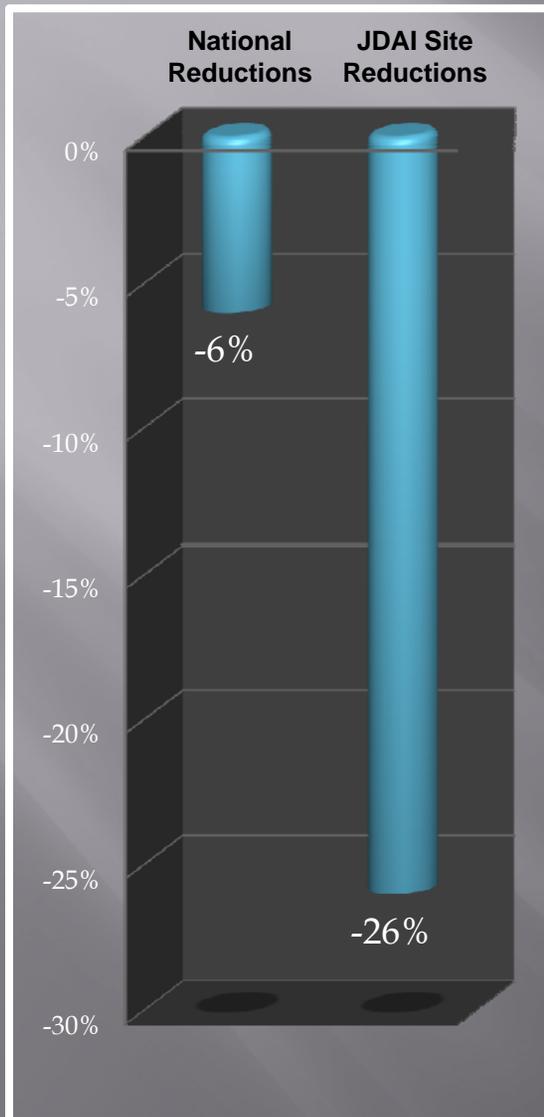
- ✓ Collaboration
- ✓ Reliance on Data
- ✓ Objective Admissions Screening
- ✓ Alternatives to Secure Detention
- ✓ Expedited Case Processing
- ✓ Strategies for “Special” Detention Cases
- ✓ Strategies to Reduce Racial Disparities
- ✓ Rigorous Facility Inspections

JDAI Model Sites Have Safely Reduced Detention

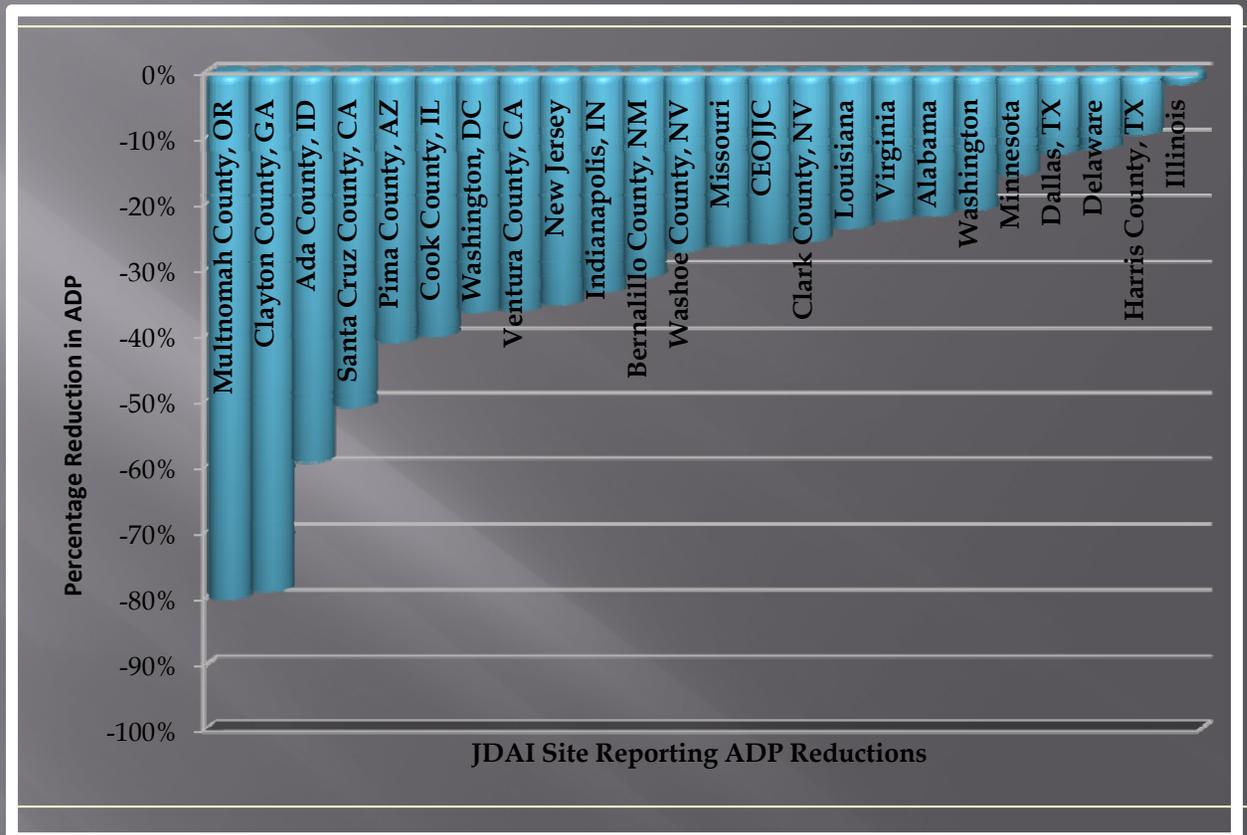
Model sites report reductions in average daily population (ADP), while also reporting reductions in juvenile crime



Detention Reduction in JDAI Sites is 4x Greater than National Reduction



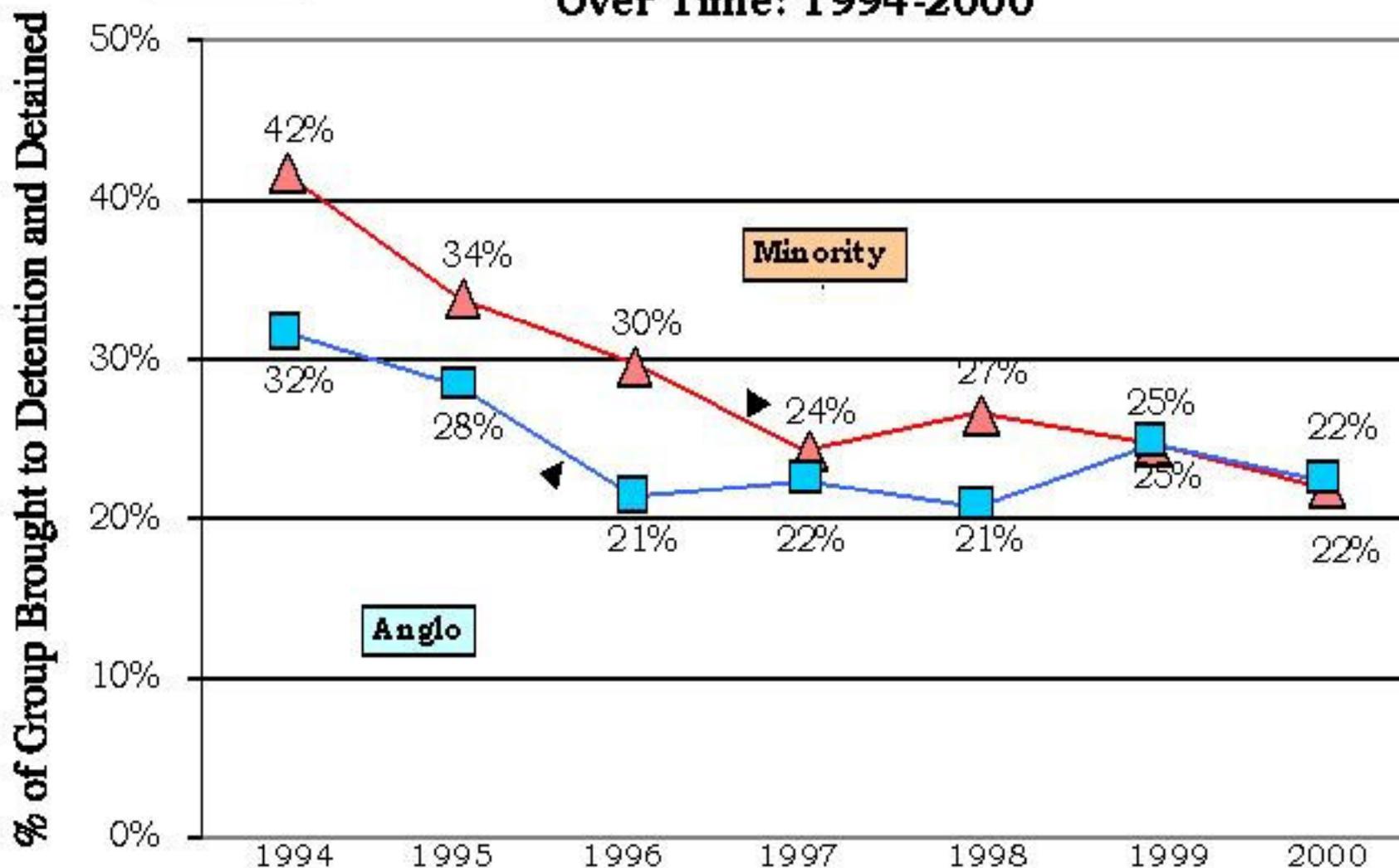
JDAI Sites Report Significant Reductions in ADP



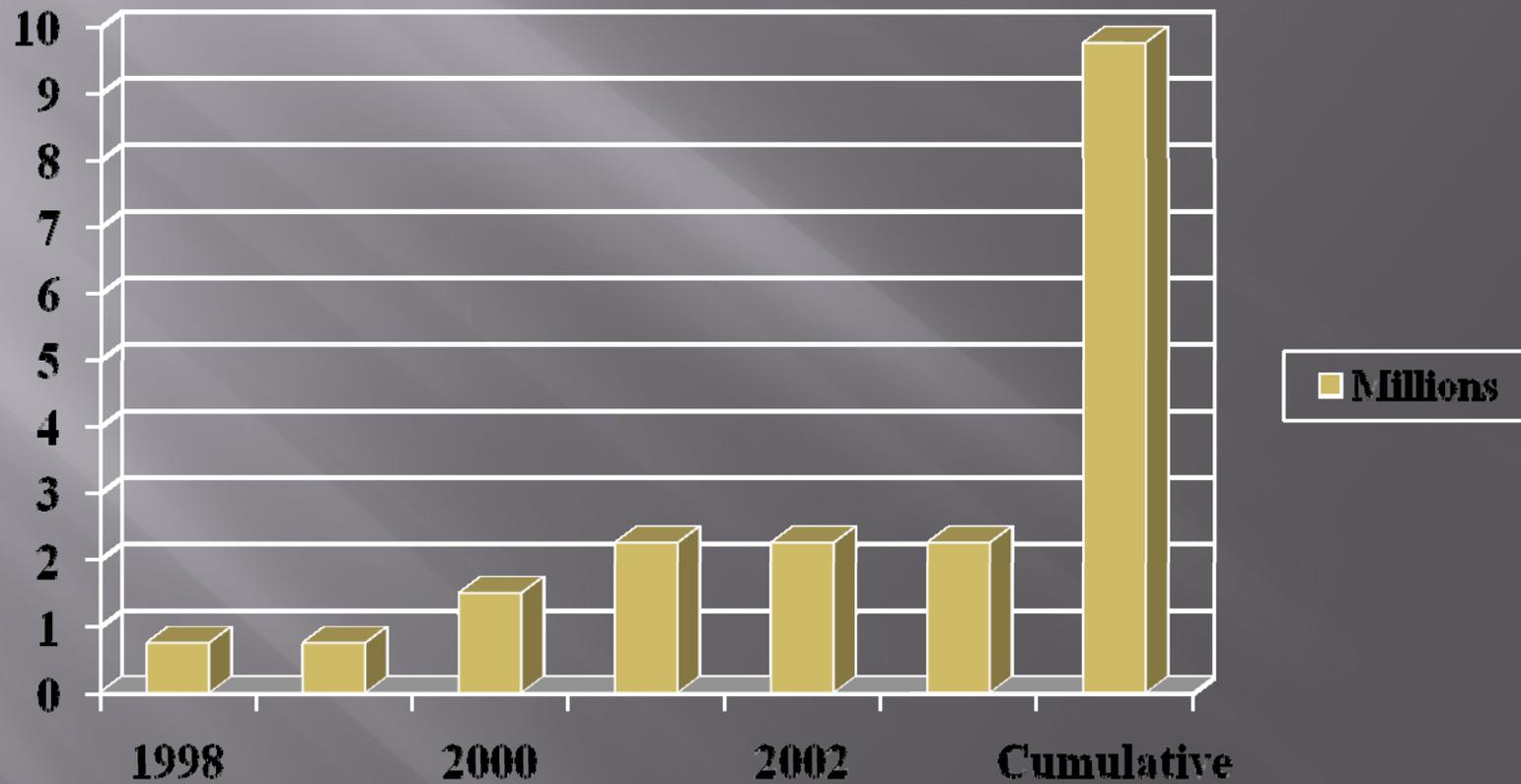
- 24 of 29 JDAI grantees reported reductions in their ADP in detention
- Across all sites reporting , there were 1,462 fewer youth, which represents a 26% reduction on average
- 52% of all sites reporting reduced ADP by 25% or greater



**Figure 6 - DCJ Detain Rate by Anglo/Minority
Over Time: 1994-2000**

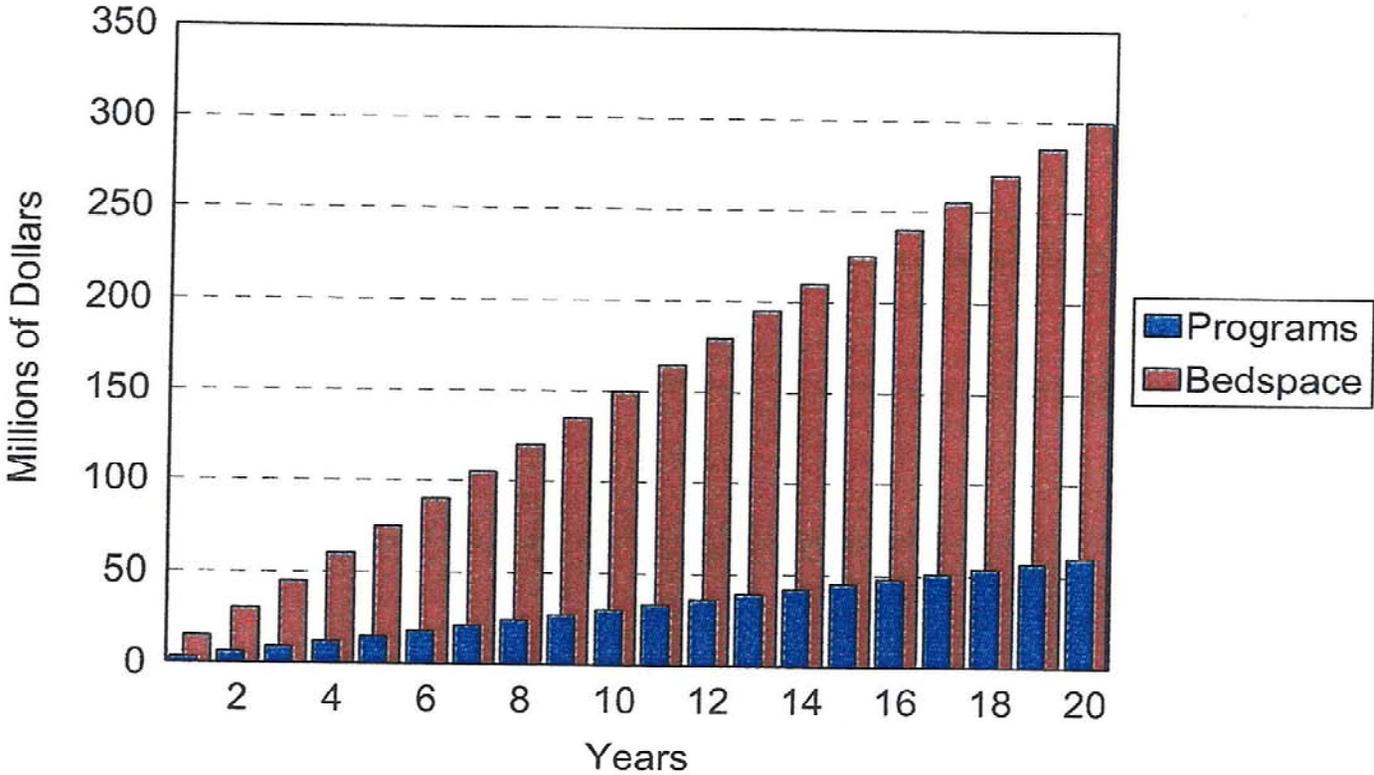


Multnomah County Resource Redeployment

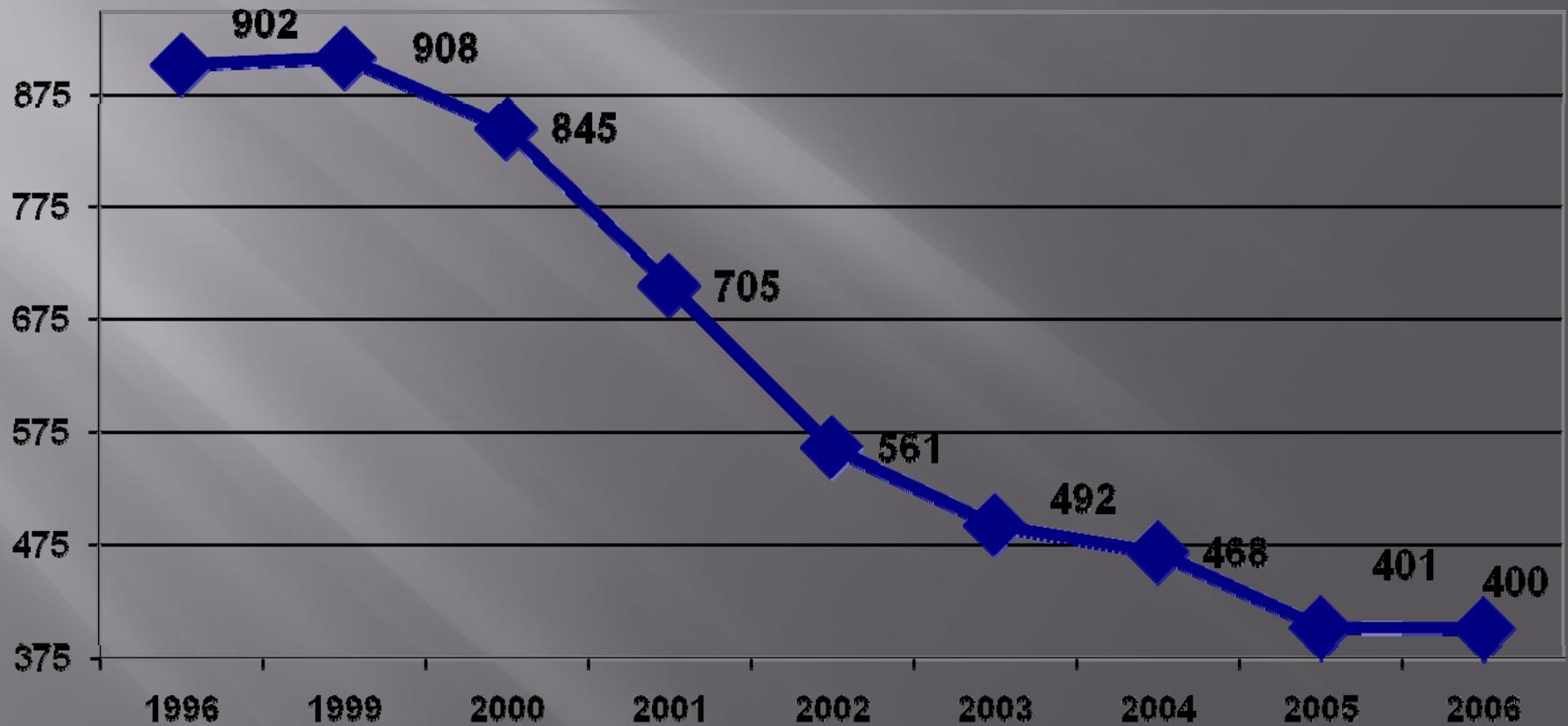


Projected Cost Analysis

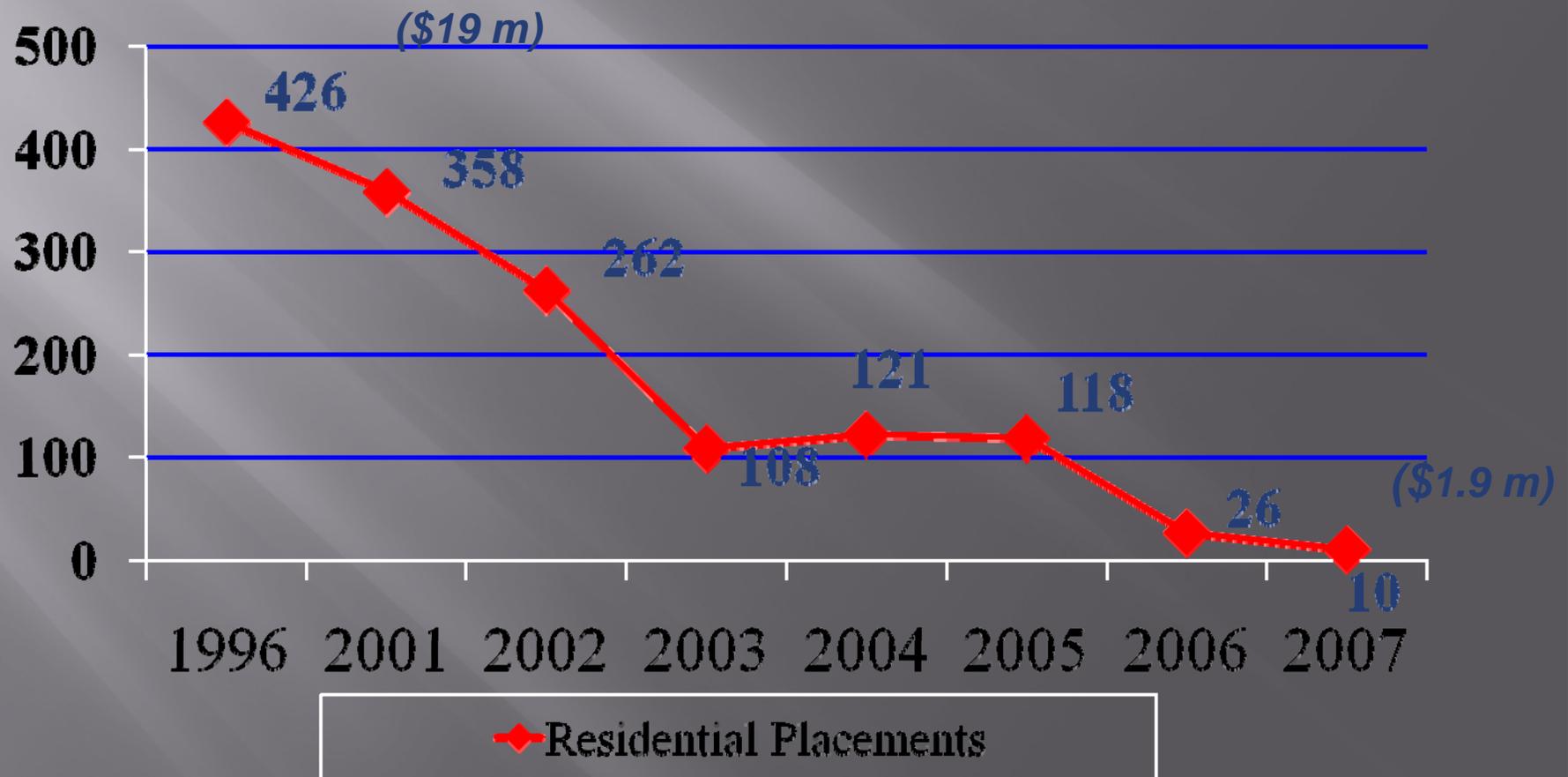
Cook County, Illinois



Cook County Commitments to Illinois Dept. of Juvenile Justice

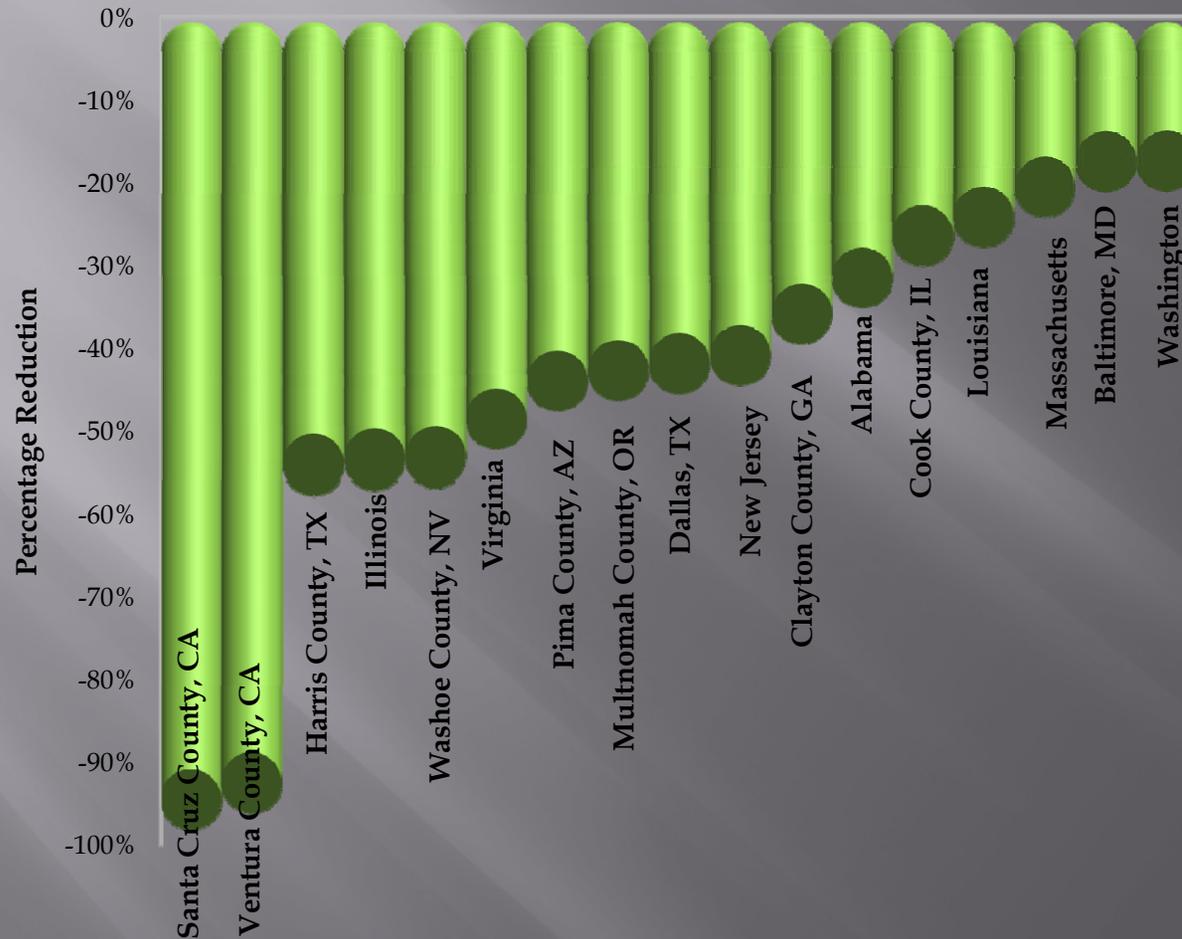


Cook County Juvenile Probation Department Average Monthly Residential Placements 1996 - 2007



JDAI Sites Have Drastically Reduced Out-of-Home Placements at Case Disposition

JDAI Grantees Reporting Reductions in State Commitments of Youth



- 17 of 28 grantees reported reductions in the number of youth committed to state corrections.

- Across all sites reporting, the number of commitments to state corrections decreased by 1,939 youth. This represents a 23% reduction on average.

- 45% of all sites reported reduced commitments to state corrections by 25% or more.

