



# The Miami-Dade County, Florida Juvenile Justice Model

Innovative Community-Based Strategies that Work  
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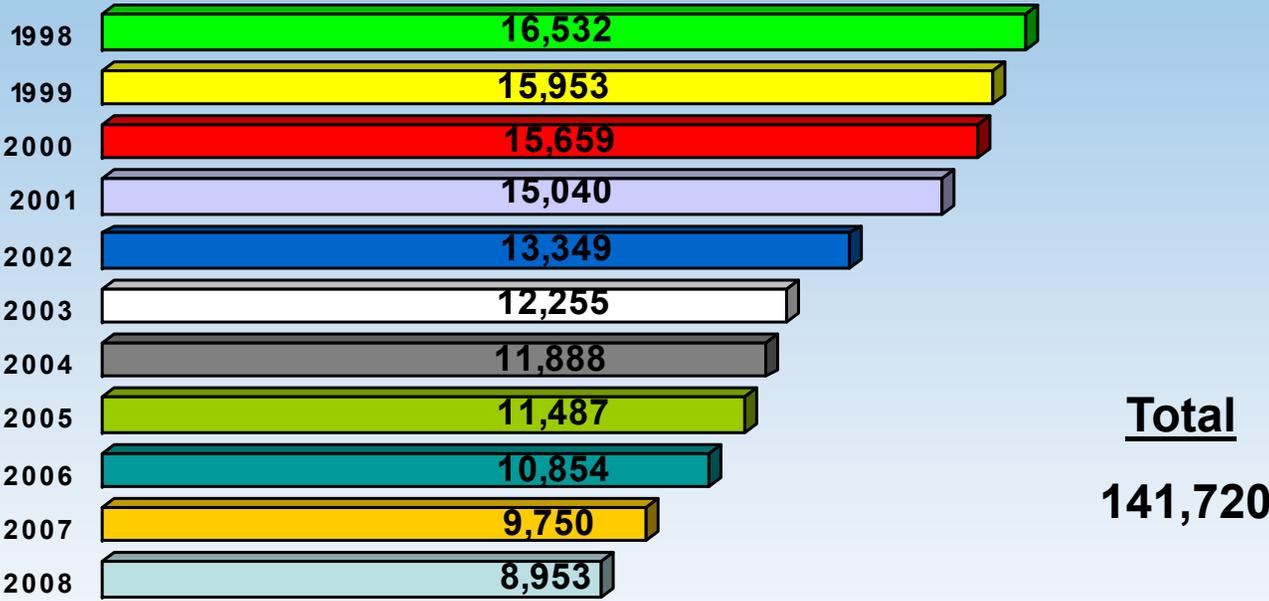
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## Overview of Accomplishments (1998-2008)

- Reduced juvenile arrests by 46%  
(from 16,532 in 1998 to 8,953 in 2008)
- Reduced the number of re-offenders by 80%  
1998- 67% of arrested juveniles were repeat offenders  
2008- 27% of arrested juveniles were repeat offenders
- Reduced juvenile detention population from 300 a day to approximately 100 per day
- Generate a \$33 million dollar gross systemic savings each year, and a \$20.2 million dollar net savings each year



**Total Arrests  
1998 - 2008**



Data Source: Miami-Dade Juvenile Services Department/Data Warehouse

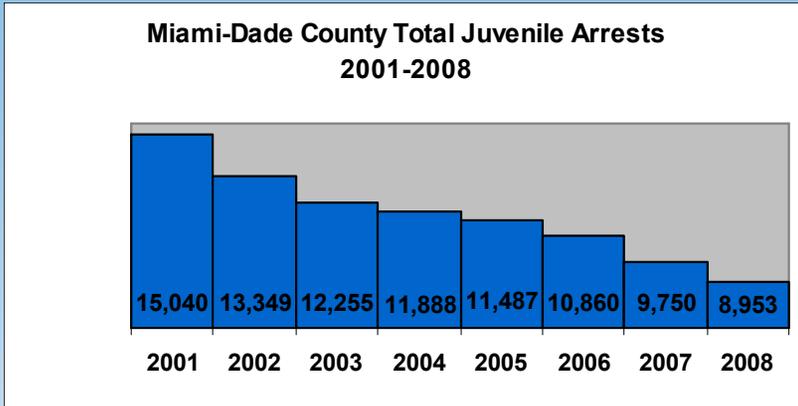
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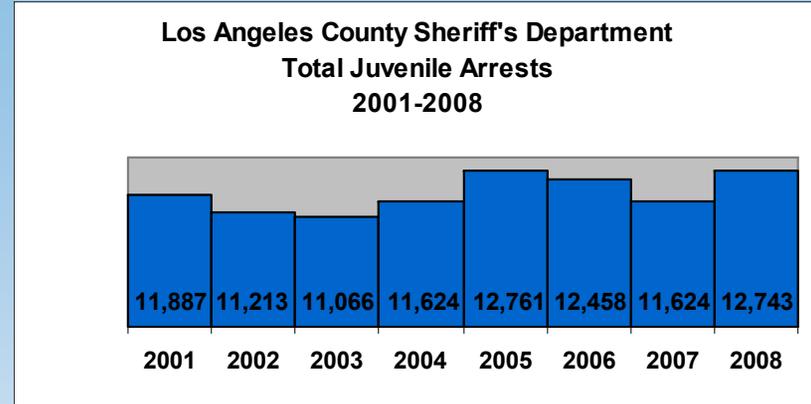
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# National Juvenile Arrests

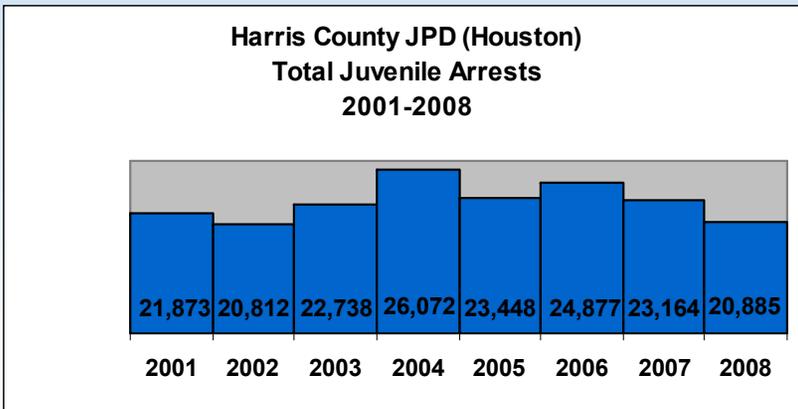
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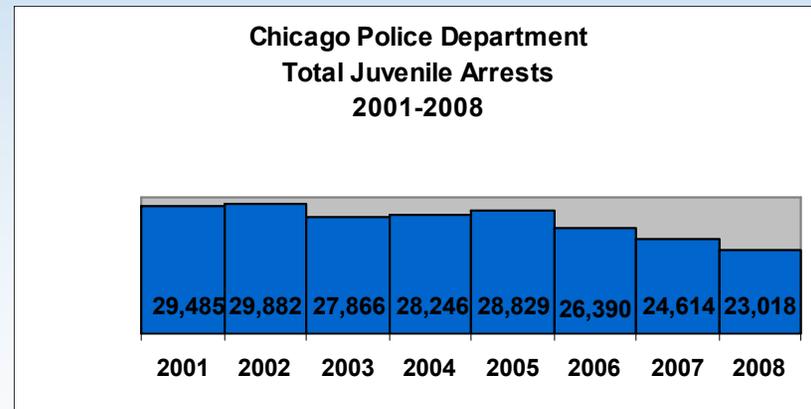
2001-2008 -40%



2001-2008 +7%



2001-2008 -5%



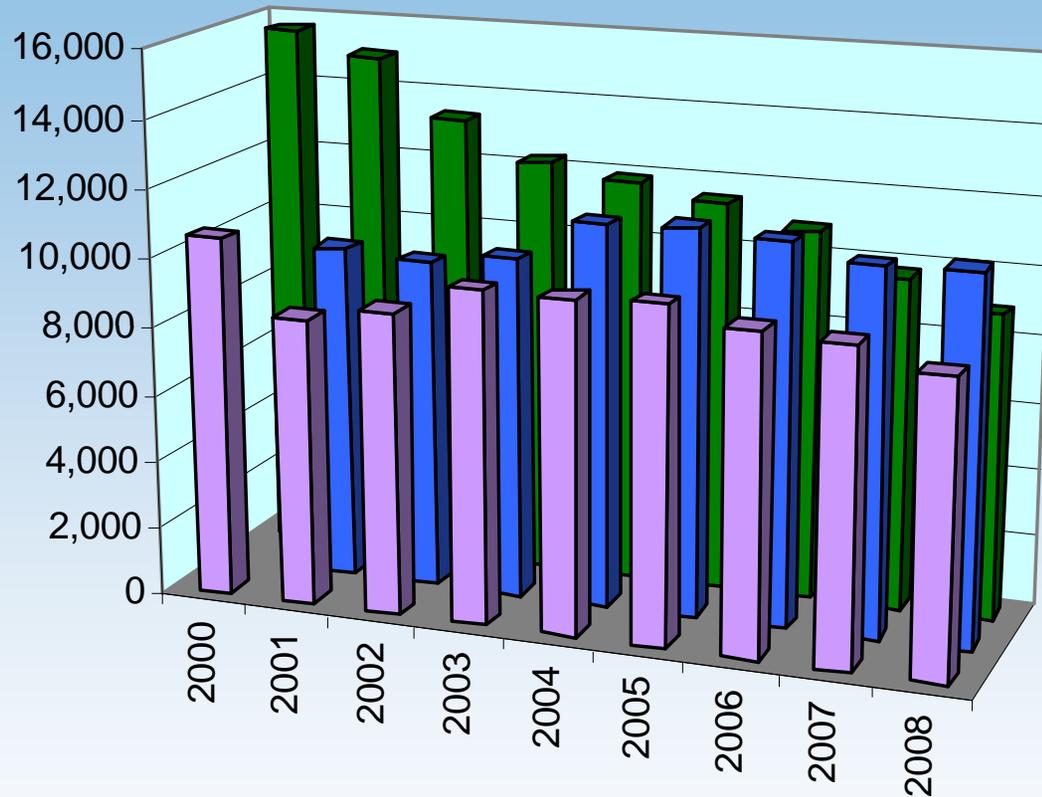
2001-2008 -22%



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# In-State Juvenile Arrests

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- While Statewide Arrests decreased 3% between SFY 02-06, Miami-Dade County arrests decreased almost 23% during the same time period.

- Miami-Dade County population increased 6.6% from 2000-2006 while juvenile arrests decreased 18.6% in the same period.

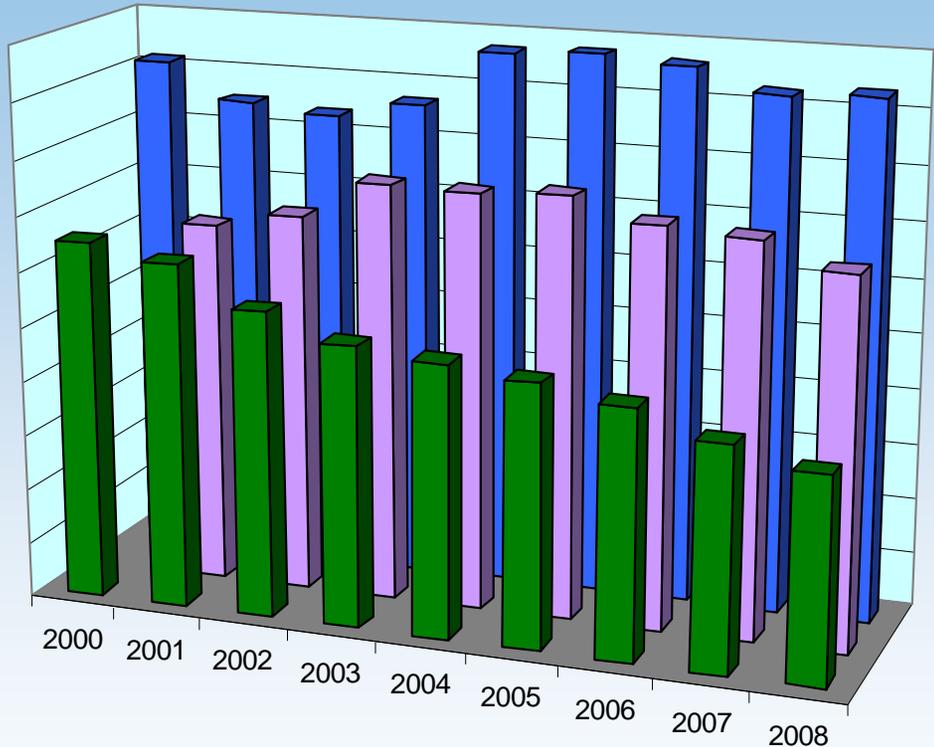
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# In-State Juvenile Arrests- Adjusted for Population

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## Population

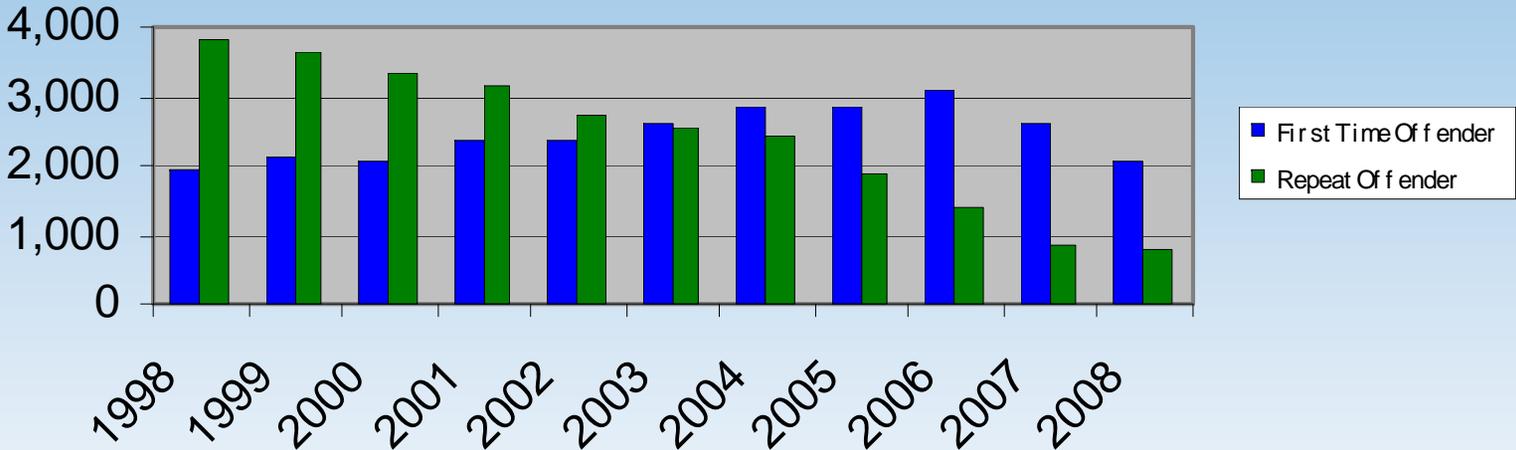
2006 Census Estimate  
Orlando- 1,287,545  
Hillsborough- 1,157,738  
Miami-Dade- 2,402,208

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# Offender Type 1998-2008



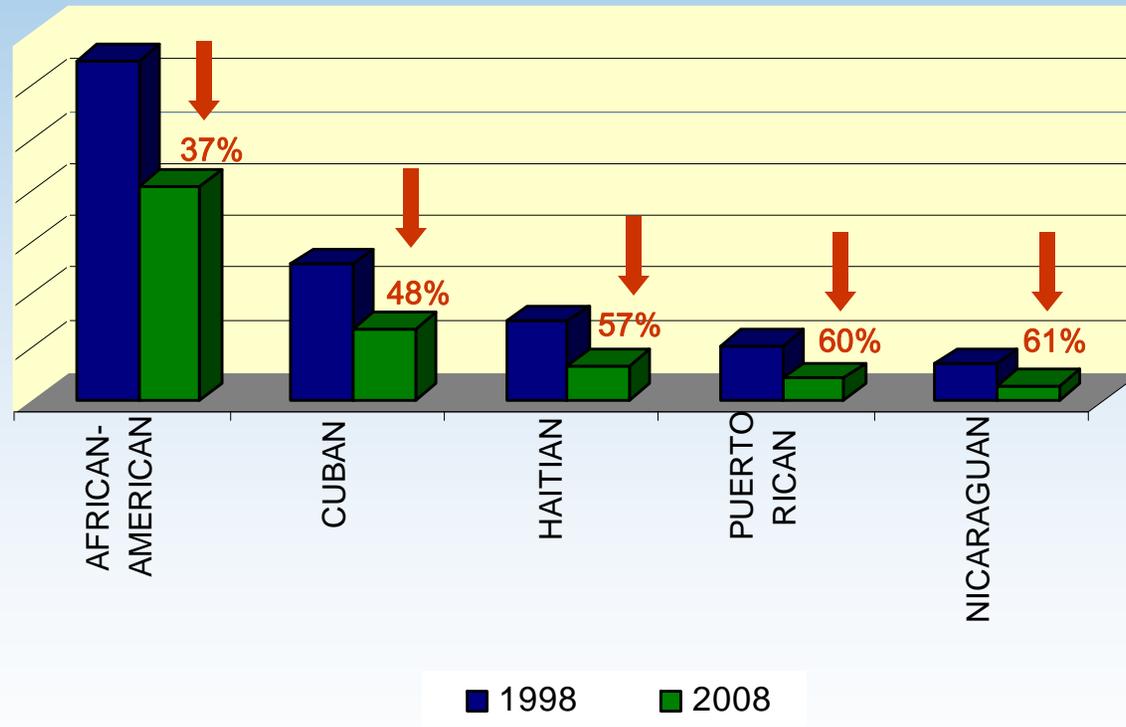
## Repeat Offenders ↓ 80% from 1998-2008

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## Juvenile Arrest Reduction Top 5 Ethnicities 1998, 2008



# Young Offenders Process

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The process is customized for children 12 and under-

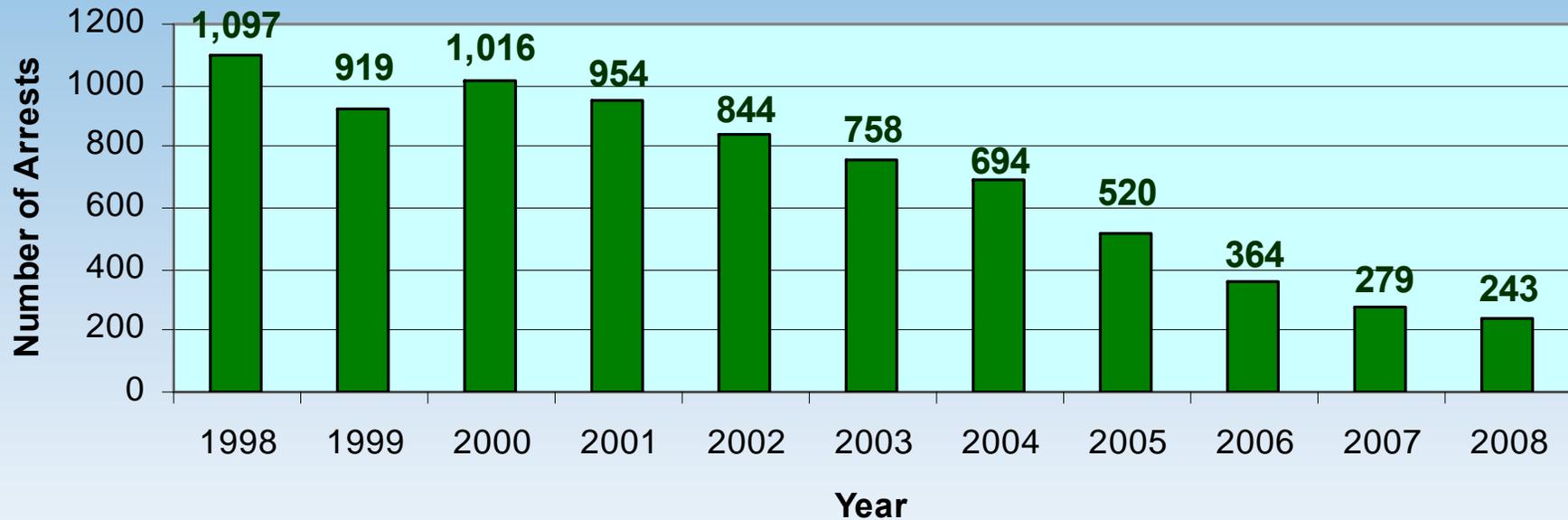
- Implemented **Special Protocols** for children 12 and under
  - Work with police to prevent arrests by offering services instead of arrests.
- Provide **Age Appropriate**, Gender-Specific, Evidence Based **Assessments** for children 12 and under to identify their specific needs and risks.
- Work with the child, parent(s), and/or family to address the child's individual needs.

## Prevent Arrests for Children



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Total Arrests- Children 12 and Under

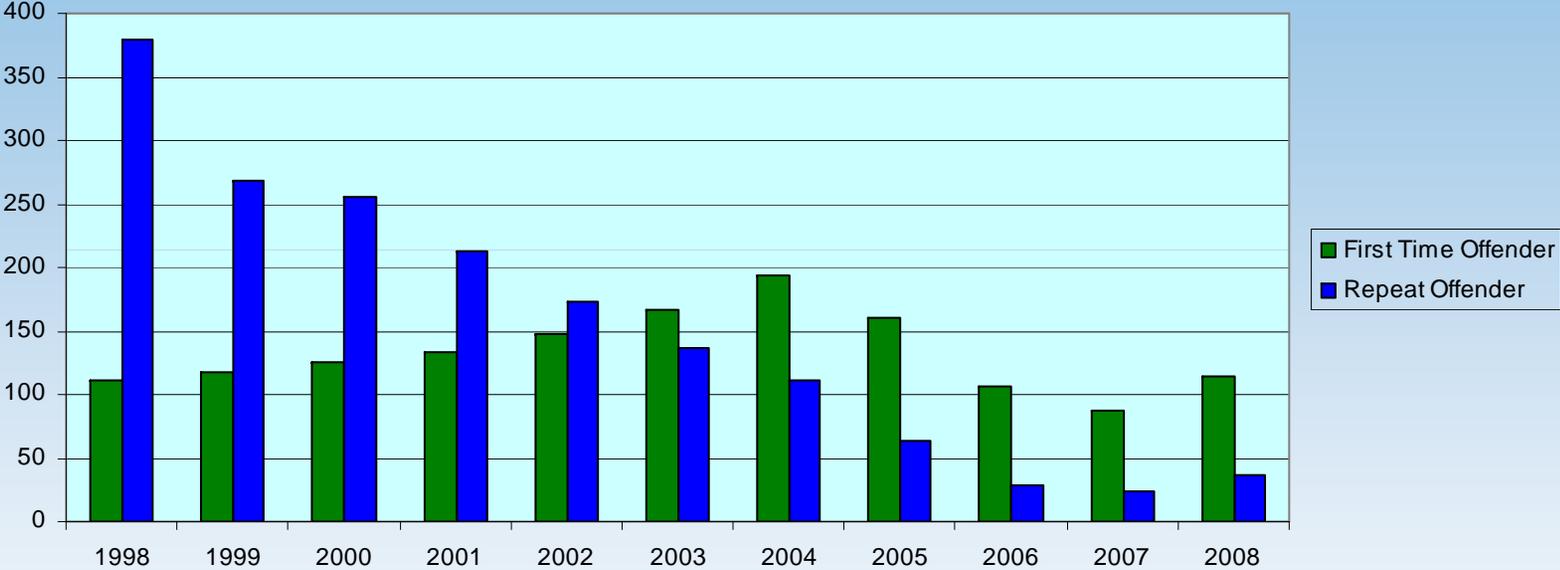


- 78% reduction in arrests between 1998-2008
- 82% reduction in individual children arrested



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## Offender Type (of total Juveniles)- Children 12 and under



### Repeat Offenders

- Juveniles 12 and Under- ↓91% from 1998-2008



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# Benefits of Civil Citation

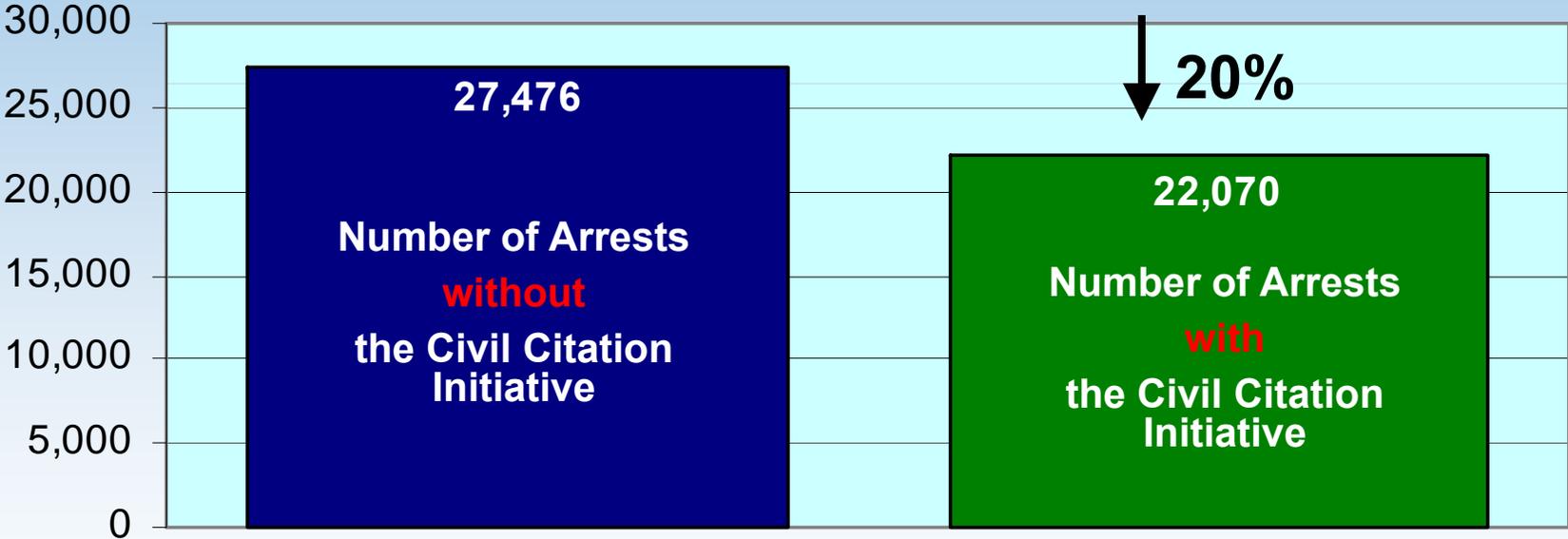
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- **Represents a true systemic prevention model-** Allows troubled youth to attain complete and targeted treatment services outside of the systems that currently exist and without the shame of a criminal record.
- **Protects personal information-** Prevents entry of personal information into criminal databases which may be released even if the record is sealed or expunged.
- **Addresses disproportionate minority contact-** Over 95% of participants are minorities.
- **Reduces Arrests-** 3% Recidivism (April 2007 – July 2008)
- **Cost Savings-**
  - Intake and Screening process time reduced by over 60%.
  - Paperwork significantly reduced, resulting in savings of time and money.
  - Court fees are eliminated because no court appearance is required.



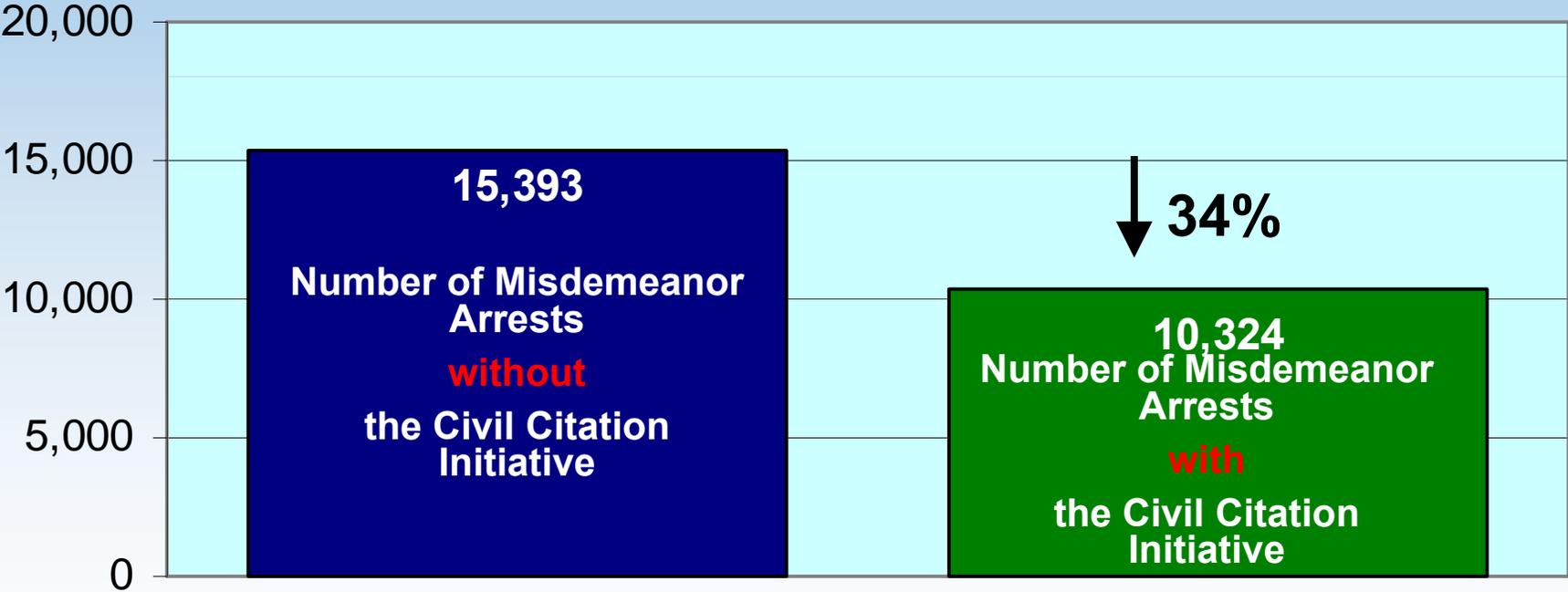
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**Total Juvenile Arrests  
(April 2007-August 2009)**



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### Total Juvenile Misdemeanors (April 2007-September 2009)



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**JSD's Financial Impact to the Juvenile Justice Community**

	Miami-Dade County	Municipalities within Miami-Dade	State of Florida	Total
<b>Total Gross Savings</b>	\$6,683,046	\$2,274,539	\$24,122,212	\$33,079,797
<b>Total Offsetting Costs</b>	\$9,720,678	-	\$3,063,431	\$12,784,109
<b>Total Annual Net Savings</b>	(\$3,037,632)	\$2,274,539	\$21,058,781	\$20,295,688

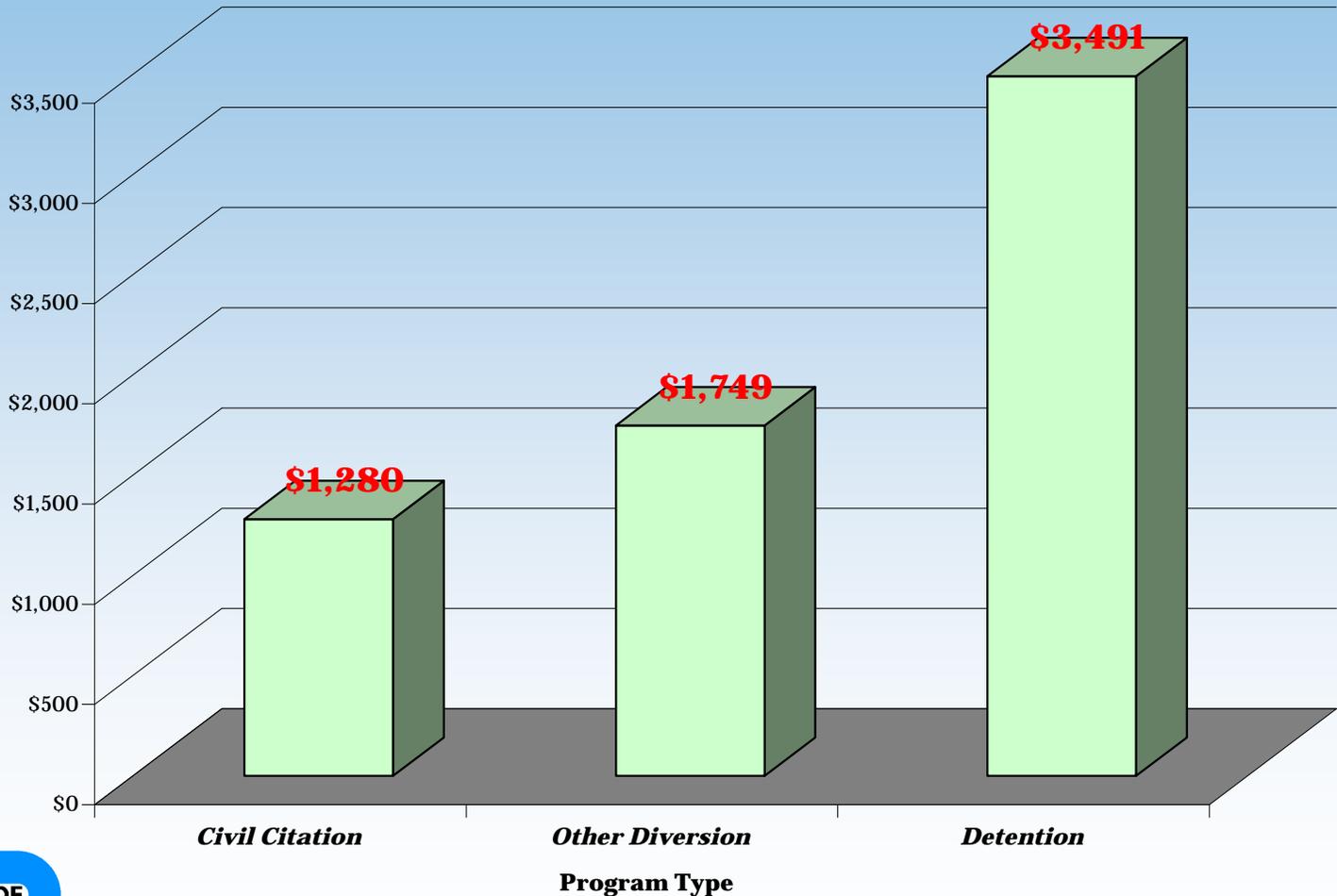


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## Pre-Dispositional Cost per Juvenile by Program Type

*\*Includes Juvenile Services Department processing cost and detention billings only; excludes youth who are ineligible for diversion programs but are not detained*



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ahead than any we leave  
behind. -C.S. Lewis**