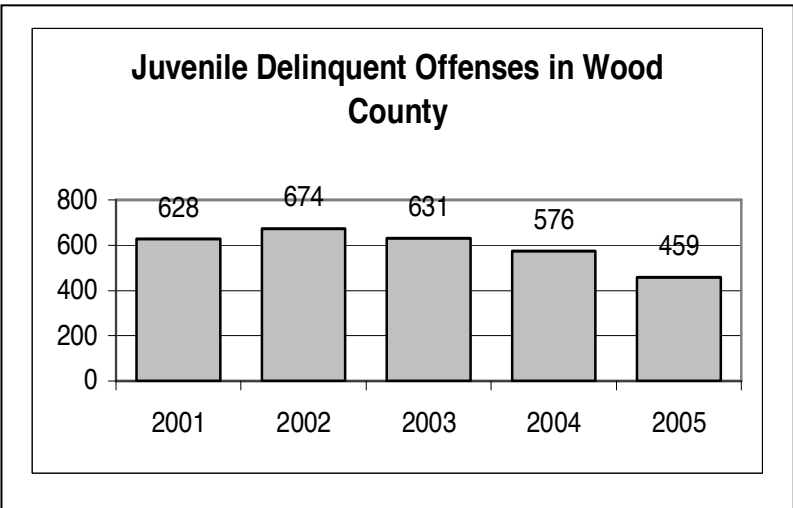


**Delinquent
Offenses
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Key Facts

- When criminal activity patterns develop in our youth, they tend to continue into adulthood.
- A delinquent offense is an act committed by a juvenile age 10 or older who violates any state or federal criminal law, except for traffic, boating, snowmobile and ATV violations, civil law or ordinance violations.
- Referrals to Wood County Department of Social Services come from local law enforcement, schools, other social services agencies, and parents.

Why is this Information Important?

Criminal activity is a significant concern to any community. When youth commit crimes the concern becomes even greater. Quality of life for our youth and the community in which they live will increase if criminal activity patterns can be prevented or stopped early on in a child's life.

By being proactive in addressing issues such as truancy, curfew violations, underage drinking, illegal drug use and other criminal behavior early in our youth's decision-making development, we will have a preventative impact on future criminal behavior.

Delinquent Offenses

A delinquent offense is an act committed by a juvenile age 10 or older who violates any state or federal criminal law. Delinquent offenses often include theft, burglary, battery, arson, forgery, and carrying a concealed weapon.

Local law enforcement officials, school personnel, social services agencies, as well as parents contribute to this preventative impact each time a referral is made to Wood County Department of Social Services.

Source: Wood County Department of Social Services