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UNEXCUSED EVENTS WITHIN TRUANCY COMPLAINTS FILED CY 2017-2021
DIVERSION OUTCOMES FOR TRUANCY COMPLAINTS CLOSED CY 2016-2021
-HENDERSON COUNTY-

September 27, 2022

Statistics Request Overall Description

On August 23, 2022, the Henderson County Attorney requested a report of truancy complaints filed, the number of unexcused absent and tardy events at complaint filing during calendar year (CY) 2017-2021; truancy complaints closed with successful and unsuccessful diversion outcomes, and the average length of those diversions during CY 2016-2021, in Henderson County.

Complaint information from the AOC CDWCMS, the case management and information system used by AOC Court Designated Workers (CDW), was queried twice for the requested data.
- The first query was for complaints filed between January 26, 2017, and December 31, 2021, including the number of truancy complaints and the number of Absence/Tardy events at the complaint filing date.
- The second query was for complaints closed between January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2021, including the diversion outcome (Successful Diversion/Unsuccessful Diversion).

Statistical Tables (22-CDW5004)

The statistical report consists of four pages:

The first page includes histogram graphs (Figure 1) representing the distribution of unexcused absences at complaint filing and (Figure 2) representing the distribution of unexcused tardies at complaint filing. Because the number of events at complaint filing began as input criteria on January 26, 2017, complaint filing years is filtered to 2017-2021 and exclude 2016, for this piece of the report. The second page includes a histogram graph (Figure 3) representing the distribution of combined events (unexcused absences and tardies) and a crosstab chart (Table 1) which displays Truancy Complaints filed in each Calendar Year cross-tabulated by the number of unexcused absence and tardy events at complaint filing. Measures included in the chart, for both absences and tardies, are: Average events per complaint; Standard Deviation per complaint; and the Minimum and Maximum number of events per complaint.

The third page includes a line graph (Figure 4) representing the number of Successful and Unsuccessful Diversions for Truancy Complaints closed in each Calendar Year 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, and a crosstab chart (Table 2) of Successful and Unsuccessful Diversion Outcomes with totals.

The fourth page includes a line graph (Figure 5) representing the average Diversion Length for Successful and Unsuccessful Diversions for Truancy complaints closed in each Calendar year 2016,

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2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, and a crosstab chart (Table 3) of Truancy complaints closed in each calendar year 2016 – 2021, cross tabulated by the number of Successful and Unsuccessful Diversion Outcomes. Measures included in the chart are: Median Length of Diversion; Minimum Length of Diversion; Maximum Length of Diversion; Average Length of Diversion; and Standard Deviation of Length of Diversion.

Statistical Analysis Considerations
➢ The statistical information presented is a snapshot in time as of the date of the query: September 6, 2022.
➢ Counts are of distinct complaints.
➢ A single juvenile may have multiple complaints, and a single complaint may contain one or more charges.
➢ Data provided for unexcused events within truancy complaints filed CY 2017 includes data beginning January 26, 2017. Prior to this date, unexcused absences and tardies were not entered in CDWCMS, the case management system used by court designated workers.

Data Element/Field/Variable Requested

Database	Data Element/Field/Variable	Description/Definition
AOC_CDWCMS	Complaint	A verified statement containing allegations against a youth. A complaint may have one or more charges, and a youth may have one or more complaints.
	Calendar Year (CY)	The calendar year in which the case was filed. The timeframe for this report is calendar years 2016 and 2021.
	UOR Code	Each UOR code corresponds to an offense. The complaints in this report include the UOR codes 0028020 and 0160560, which are truancy offenses.
	Truancy	In Kentucky, a youth is considered truant when they have been absent from school without valid excuse for three or more days, or tardy without valid excuse on three or more days. At six unexcused events, they are considered as habitually truant, which is grounds to file a complaint.
	Complaint Filing Date	The date the complaint was entered into CDWCMS. The chart and crosstab which focus on complaints filed include complaints filed from January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2021 (CY 17-21).
	Complaint Closed Date	The date the complaint close reason was entered into CDWCMS. The chart and crosstab which focus on successful and unsuccessful diversions include

		complaints closed from January 1, 2016, through December 30, 2021 (CY 16-21).
	Successful Diversion	Indicates that the youth signed a diversion agreement and completed the terms of the diversion, resulting in no further action with the complaint. At least one associated charge is closed as a successful diversion. No charges are open, and no charges are closed with formal court referrals.
	Unsuccessful Diversion	Indicates that the youth signed a diversion agreement and failed to the complete the terms of the diversion, resulting in additional action with the complaint. At least one associated charge is closed with a formal court referral. No charges are open.
	Complaint County	The county where the complaint was filed.
	Diversions	Counts of distinct Diversion Agreements. A single Diversion Agreement may apply to one or more charges from one or more CDW complaints. A CDW complaint is a verified statement which contains allegations against a youth. A youth my be the subject of one or more complaints and/or one or more Diversion Agreements.
	Average Measure	A number expressing the central or typical value in the dataset.
	Standard Deviation Measure	A number calculated to indicate the extent of margin of error for the group as-a-whole.
	Median Measure	The number at the midpoint of frequency distribution of values in the dataset.
	Minimum Measure	The lowest number in the dataset of values.
	Maximum Measure	The highest number in the dataset of values.

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