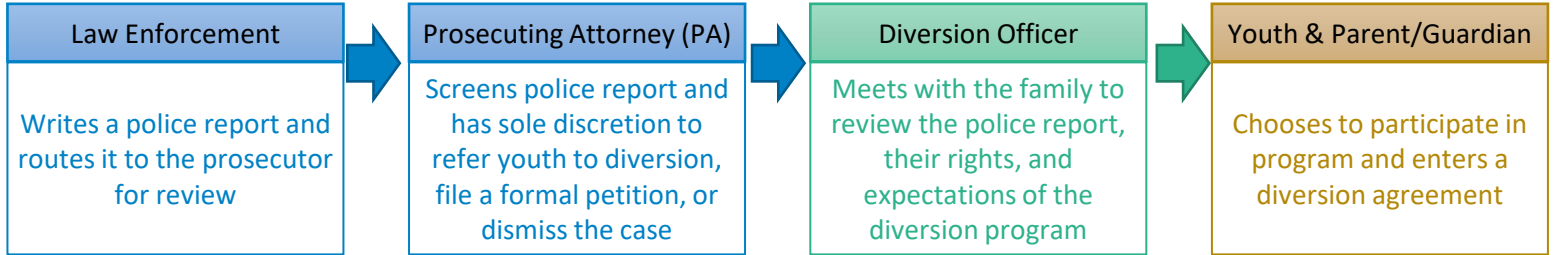




Diversion Program January – December 2023

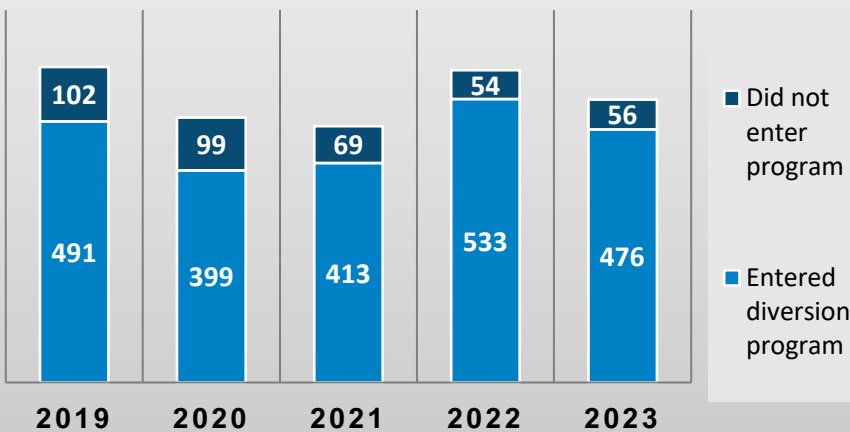
Program Participation

Diversion is a voluntary program in which the Prosecuting Attorney may refer a youth for low to mid-level offenses as an alternative to formally processing the youth through juvenile court.



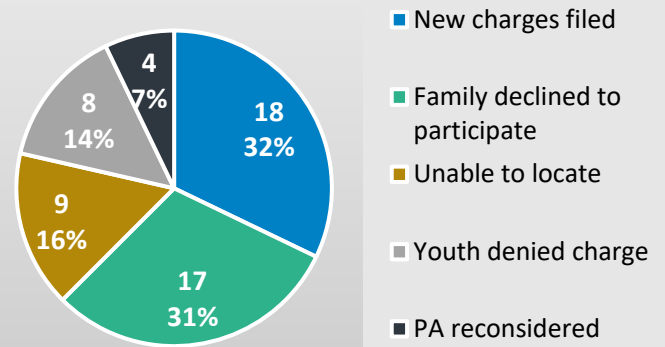
| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Total diversion referrals | 593 | 498 | 482 | 587 | 532 |
| Program participation: % entered diversion program | 82.8% | 80.1% | 85.7% | 90.8% | 89.5% |
| Average time from referral to participation | 26 days | 29 days | 31 days | 30 days | 31 days |

Referrals Made to the Diversion Program



Reason for Not Participating in Diversion

(n = 56 youth in 2023)



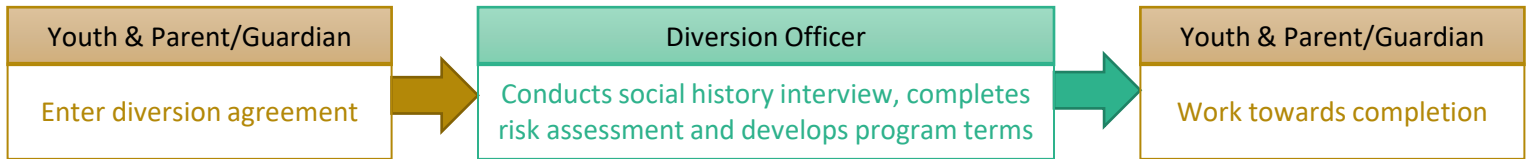
From 2019-2023

Repeat Diversion

- 2,295 unique youth participated in Ada County’s diversion program
- 23 (1%) of these youth were recommended for the program a second time - only 1 recidivated after the second term

2/3s of the 56 youth who did not participate in diversion have since been petitioned and/or placed on probation

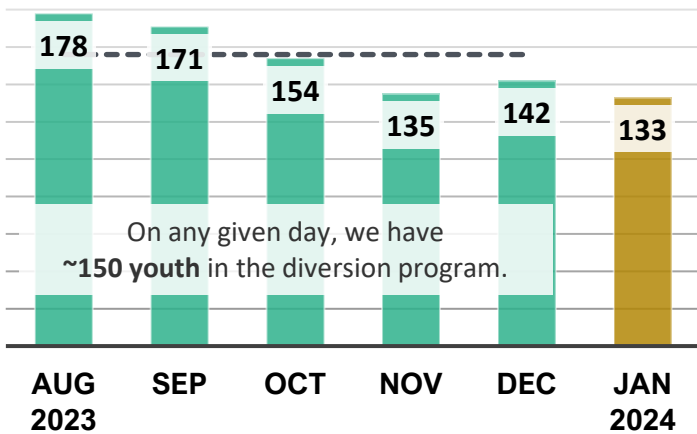
1/3 had no additional court involvement for their charges because the prosecutor declined to file a petition or the court dismissed the case



Terms are collaboratively developed with the youth and family and may include reparation, victim-offender mediation, letters of apology, competency development/skill building assignments, therapeutic programs, and/or additional assessments and classes.

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Number of diversion agreements¹ | 477 | 412 | 371 | 534 | 524 |
| # successful | 402 | 363 | 336 | 476 | 419 |
| # unsuccessful | 75 | 49 | 35 | 55 | 37 |
| # still open | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 68 |
| Time from agreement to closure | | | | | |
| - average | 107 days | 122 days | 135 days | 131 days | 92 days |
| - median | 99 days | 105 days | 107 days | 104 days | 91 days |

Average Daily Count²



Counsel and Release

While most youth require 100 days or more to complete their program, a small group are “counseled and released” with no additional requirements.

| Year | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|---------|------|------|------|
| # youth | 13 | 17 | 13 |

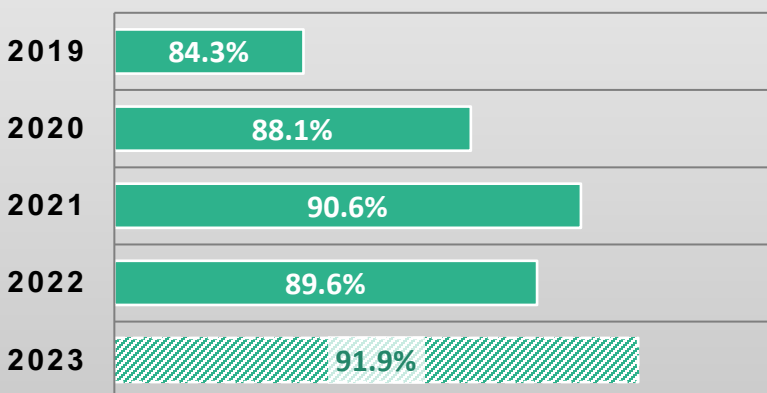
¹Based on the date the diversion agreement was entered – numbers will not match referrals on page 1.

²Calculated as the average # youth per day in the diversion program from 79 daily snapshots

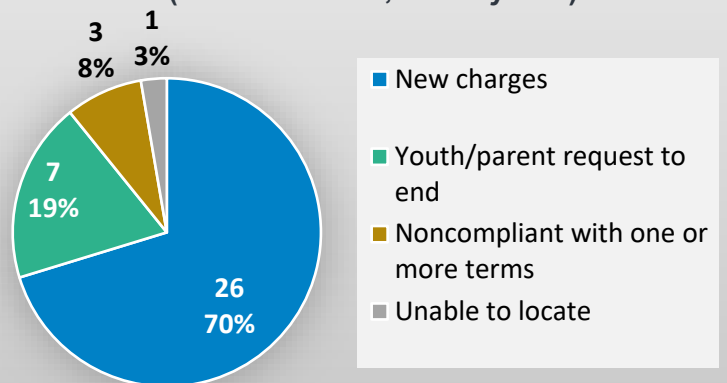
Program Success

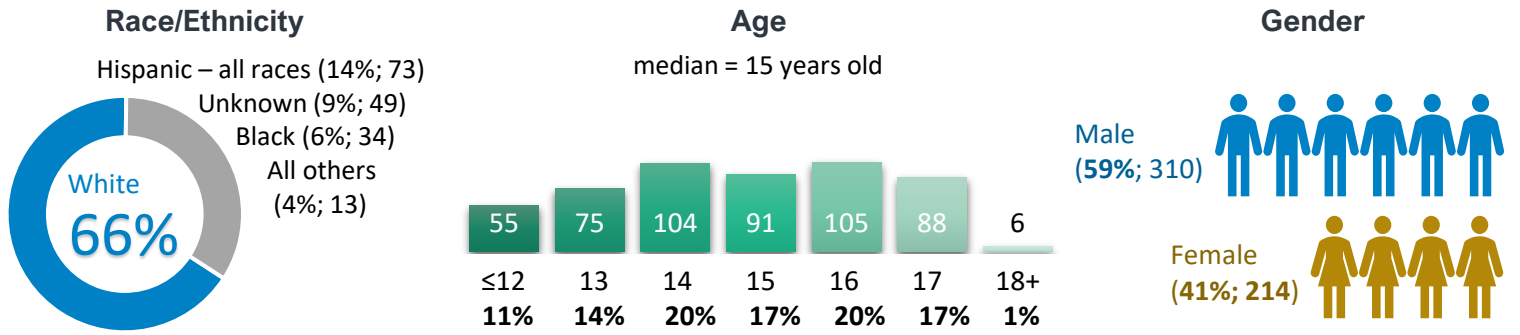
Success = youth completes all terms, pays all fees and fines, and does not re-offend during the program

Success of Closed Cases

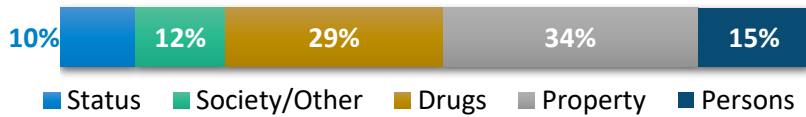


Reason for Unsuccessful Closure (Jan – Dec 2023; n = 37 youth)



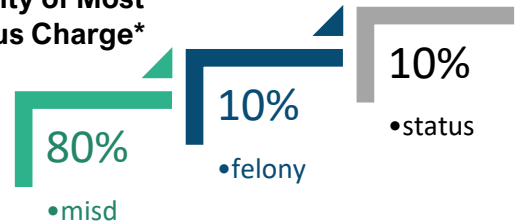


Category of Most Serious Charge*



*Charges current as of date queried (January 11, 2024)

Severity of Most Serious Charge*

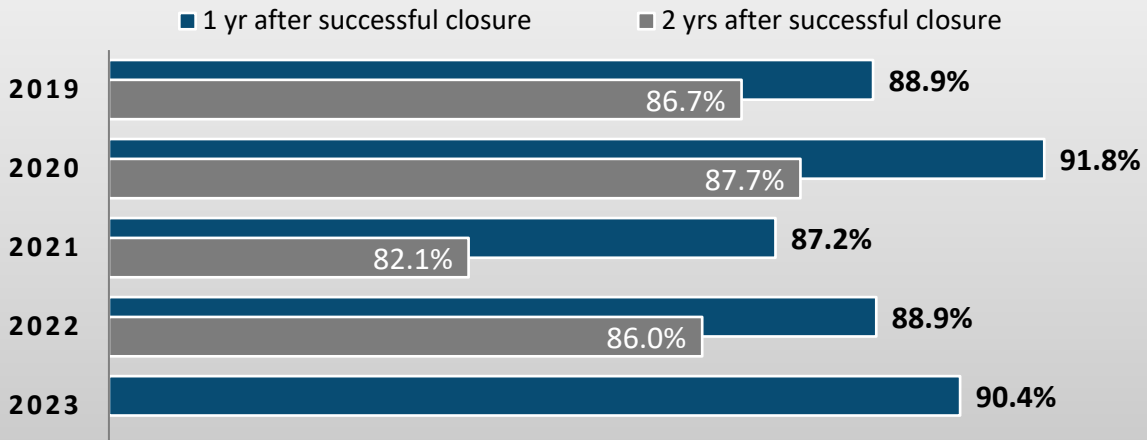


| Most Serious Charge Top 10 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 5-yr Total | |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------------|-----|
| | | | | | | # | % |
| Drug possession | 102 | 80 | 97 | 134 | 130 | 543 | 23% |
| Theft | 73 | 86 | 54 | 76 | 79 | 368 | 16% |
| Assault or battery | 29 | 8 | 24 | 59 | 65 | 185 | 8% |
| Property damage (vandalism, malicious injury) | 27 | 35 | 17 | 55 | 47 | 181 | 8% |
| Runaway (also aiding and abetting) | 24 | 25 | 42 | 32 | 34 | 157 | 7% |
| Fighting, disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace | 35 | 30 | 15 | 26 | 29 | 135 | 6% |
| Burglary | 23 | 25 | 12 | 21 | 29 | 110 | 5% |
| Beyond control | 18 | 17 | 24 | 18 | 18 | 95 | 4% |
| Drug paraphernalia | 37 | 7 | 15 | 26 | 6 | 91 | 4% |
| Frequenting | 18 | 34 | 16 | 10 | 8 | 86 | 4% |
| All other (many crime types) | 91 | 65 | 55 | 77 | 79 | 367 | 16% |

We use Idaho’s statewide definition of recidivism for youth who successfully complete Ada County’s diversion program, which defines recidivism as being adjudicated or convicted on a new felony or misdemeanor.

To evaluate additional involvement in the criminal justice system, we count any new or pending adjudication or conviction after the date of successful diversion closure. Juvenile adjudications were identified by a new probation/IA term in IJOS and for youth older than 18, adult convictions by a new case in iCourts not including infractions or misdemeanor traffic offenses. Date of the associated offense (not the filing, adjudication or conviction date) is used to calculate time to re-offend.

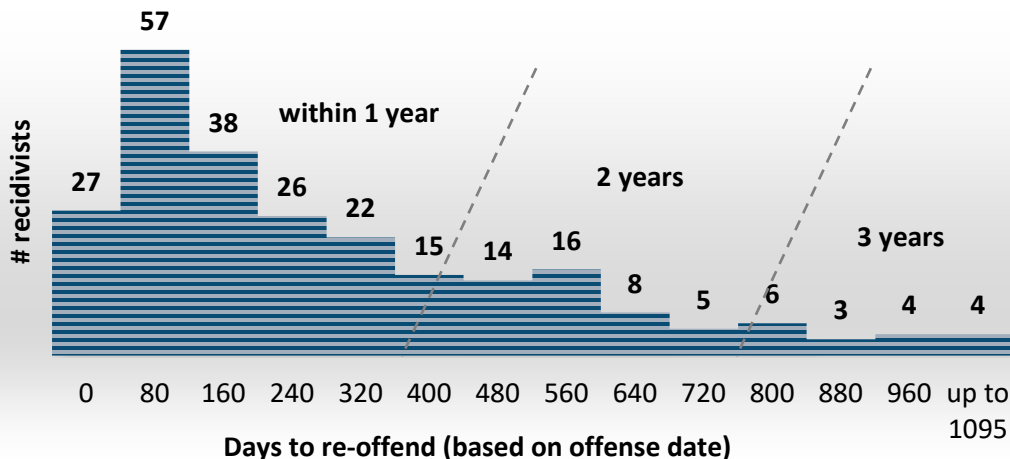
Youth with no further criminal justice system involvement after successful diversion closure



| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| # successful diversion program closures* | 270 | 389 | 290 | 443 | 311 |
| # recidivists in 1 yr | 30† | 32† | 37† | 49† | 30 |
| # additional recidivists in 2 yrs | 6† | 16† | 15† | 13 | 1 |
| # additional recidivists in 3 yrs | 6† | 9 | 1 | na | na |

| Recidivism Rate | |
|--|-------|
| Includes years with complete counts only | |
| 148/1,392 | 10.6% |
| 136/949 | 14.3% |
| 42/270 | 15.6% |

Days to re-offend (245 recidivists)



Recidivating Offenses

| Juvenile system (83% misdemeanor) | | |
|-----------------------------------|----|-----|
| By Category | # | % |
| Drug | 74 | 36% |
| Property | 54 | 26% |
| Persons | 45 | 22% |
| Other/Society | 31 | 15% |
| Adult system | | |
| By Category | # | % |
| Drug/DUI | 25 | 61% |
| Property | 9 | 22% |
| Persons | 4 | 10% |
| Other/Society | 3 | 7% |

† Counts complete. All others are in progress and will likely increase with time.

* Based on diversion end date so numbers will not match # of successful closures on page 2

which are based on start date. For youth who went through diversion twice, only their second closure is included in recidivism counts.