

CHINS Data Subcommittee – Compiled Summary of Data Received

<u>Source of Data</u>	<u>Total CHINS Applications</u>	<u>Total CHINS Petitions</u>						
Court – FY05¹	9,164 Male-4,565 Female-4,370	6,150 Male-3,065 Female-3,085						
Probation – CY05²		6,424 Male-51% Female-49%						
			<u>Total CHINS Cases – Unduplicated</u> (adjudicated CHINS where the disposition order gives custody to DSS, out of home placements)	Age 11 & below	12-13	14-15	16-17	18 & up
DSS – CY05³			3,603 Male-1,686 Female-1,917	188	809	1,788	749	68*
Court Clinics – CY05⁴			995** Male-483 Female-494	35	191	484	262	

* Categorized in DSS Family Net system as CHINS even for 1 day of CY05, even after 18 yrs. old.

** Court Clinics had 995 cases seen in CY05. Out of that number, 977 cases (between the ages of 6-21) had complete records.
There was missing data on the other cases.

DYS does not identify CHINS cases.

Probation⁵ – Suffolk Juvenile Court Probation Office – CY05	Total CHINS Applications	Total CHINS Petitions	DSS Custody (possible duplication)	Breakdown – CHINS CY05
	1,628	954	184	Truancy – 53%
	Male-848	Male-475	Male-93	Stubborn – 29%
	Female-780	Female-479	Female-91	School Offender – 12%
				Runaway – 6%

Probation⁶ – Sept. 05-Aug.06	Average Monthly Total CHINS Caseload	Juvenile County	Average Monthly Total Caseload
	6,764	Barnstable	279
		Dukes	14
		Berkshire	268
		Bristol	583
		Essex	885
		Franklin/Hampshire	270
		Hampden	1,186
		Middlesex	841
		Norfolk	312
		Plymouth	224
		Suffolk	1,065
		Worcester	777
		District Courts (Brookline & Gloucester)	60

¹ This data was compiled from the annual report generated from the Administrative Office of the Juvenile Court. Each division submits their data to the administrative office and it is then broken down by court site. To Clarify: a petition does not mean that adjudication always occurred as the case may resolve prior to adjudication. Submitted by: James Morton, Case Manger, Administrative Office of the Juvenile Courts.

² Received from Carmen Cicchetti , former Research Director of the Office of the Commissioner of Probation via e-mail to Senator Karen Spilka on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 3:46 PM.

³ DSS CHINS Cases in CY 2005, through DSS' FamilyNet system that still indicated an active CHINS in CY 2005. An ad hoc query was utilized to produce an extract that listed every child with an active home removal episode in CY 2005 for at least one day. The extract also indicated if a child was a CHINS case. The extract was pulled in early August 2006. Submitted by: Ruben Ferreira, Director, Office of Management, Planning and Analysis Department of Social Services.

⁴ From document titled Juvenile Court Clinic Database, Division of Forensic Mental Health, MA Department of Mental Health. A referral can be made for court clinic evaluation at any point after the Petition has been filed and the child afforded an attorney. However, while CHINS cases are the most common referral to juvenile court clinics statewide, not all CHINS cases are referred to the court clinic. When they are referred, they can be referred at any point from the filing of the Petition and the appointment of counsel through the dismissal of the case at its conclusion. The court clinic referral may be made by the court to gather information and recommendations on a wide and often complex variety of issues.

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⁵ Compiled from Steve Siciliano's own caseloads and statistics. Submitted by: Steve Siciliano is the Chief Probation Officer, for Suffolk Juvenile County. Received October 3, 2006 from Patricia Walsh, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Probation.

⁶ Research Department of the Office of the Commissioner of Probation monthly report of probation activity. This report is the summary of all data that was compiled from monthly forms sent in by all probation chiefs. Submitted by: Patricia Walsh, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Probation.