

## PAROLE & PROBATION

### *Juvenile Parolees*

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority defines parole as: "Discretionary early release of an inmate sentenced to a correctional facility with an indeterminate sentence before serving the maximum time of their sentence under the supervision of a parole officer. Early release is at the discretion of parole authorities, most commonly a Parole Review Board or a Prisoner Review Board. Both mandatory supervised release (MSR) and parole are commonly referred to as parole."

The following is a snapshot of the Illinois juvenile parolee population on June 30, 2009. Over 2,000 youth were on parole. Juvenile parole is administered through the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC).

	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Total</b>
Totals	182 (8.9%)	1,857 (91%)	2,039
Interstate	14	99	113 (5.5%)
District 1	55	766	821 (40.3%)
Felons			54 (2.6%)

44.7% resided in District 1 (Cook, Lake, Will counties). 197 juveniles were on electronic monitoring. 116 had warrants in issued status (AWOL) and 186 had warrants in served status (in detention/jail). 44.5% of parolees live with their mother or adoptive mother. In fiscal year 2008, the juvenile recidivism rate was 50.2%. This is down from a peak of 75.6% in FY04 (Source: Collaborative on Reentry, Juvenile Reentry Workgroup Briefing, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, 7/7/09).

### Number of Juvenile Parolees by Age (6/30/09 snapshot)

As of June 30 2009, the average age of youth on parole<sup>1</sup> was 17.5 years. 83.5% of parolees were over 17 years old.

Age	Number
14	11
15	65
16	187
17	364
18	386
19	342
20	226
21	9
22	1

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In 2008, there were 9,575 youth on probation<sup>2</sup> in Illinois; this represents a rate of 776 per 100,000 individuals. There were 2,287 youth on information supervision<sup>3</sup> (source: the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts).

In Cook County, the racial breakdown of youth sentenced to probation was 77% African American, 16% Hispanic, 6% Caucasian, and 1% other (source: Juvenile Justice in Cook County: Report of the Cook County Juvenile Court, Juvenile Justice Division, 2009).

Minors on Probation in Cook County in 8 Communities (By Gender, 2009)

	Male	Female	Total
Austin	116	2	118
Englewood	219	7	226
Humboldt Park	139	5	144
Little Village, North Lawndale, Pilsen			208
Rogers Park	51	10	61
So. Shore/So. Chicago	137	17	154
8 Communities Total			850
Source: Cook County Juvenile Court – Juvenile Probation Department – prepared on 8/12/10 by Dr. Lewis			



<sup>2</sup> ICJIA defines probation as: “The conditional freedom granted by a judicial officer to an alleged or adjudicated delinquent offender, as long as the person meets certain conditions. The period of probation may not exceed five years or extend beyond the offender’s 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, whichever is less.”

<sup>3</sup> ICJIA defines supervision as: “The guidance, treatment, or regulation of a youth by a probation agent on behalf of the court. Supervision may be imposed upon a youth adjudicated delinquent or upon certain non-delinquent youths such as Minors Requiring Authoritative Intervention.”