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2015 Court Profile

Definitions:

- CSEC: Commercially Sexually Exploited Children. The sexual exploitation of children through commercial sexual activity (e.g. prostitution, stripping or pornography).
- Delinquency: Legal actions against children under age 18 who commit illegal acts.

This brief presents the 2015 information on the children being detained for their involvement in commercial sexual exploitation in *Clark County, Nevada*. The source of information is from the Specialty Juvenile Court, the Girls' Court Calendar, which weekly adjudicates all delinquency cases for sexually exploited children (CSEC).

Demographics:

The Girls' Court Calendar had 557 hearings in 2015 involving 194 youth.

Gender:

Female: 193 Male: 1
Ethnicity is presented below. The average age was 15.9 (one 11 year old, 8 were 13,

19 were 14, 30 were 15, 58 were 16, 73 were 17, and 4 were 18 year olds.

The 15 year old male was charged with trafficking. He tried to recruit a 12 year old schoolmate into prostitution via text messages.

Charges:

Newly charged in 2015: 107 (68%) were new to the calendar, 13 had charges in 2014 or earlier in addition to 2015 charges.

Continuing Minors: 73
73 of the minors were follow-ups, without new charges related to sexual exploitation in 2014. A number of girls do return to court for violations of

probation or amendments to placement orders.

Nearly all of the children received court advocacy from the Embracing Project (96.8%)

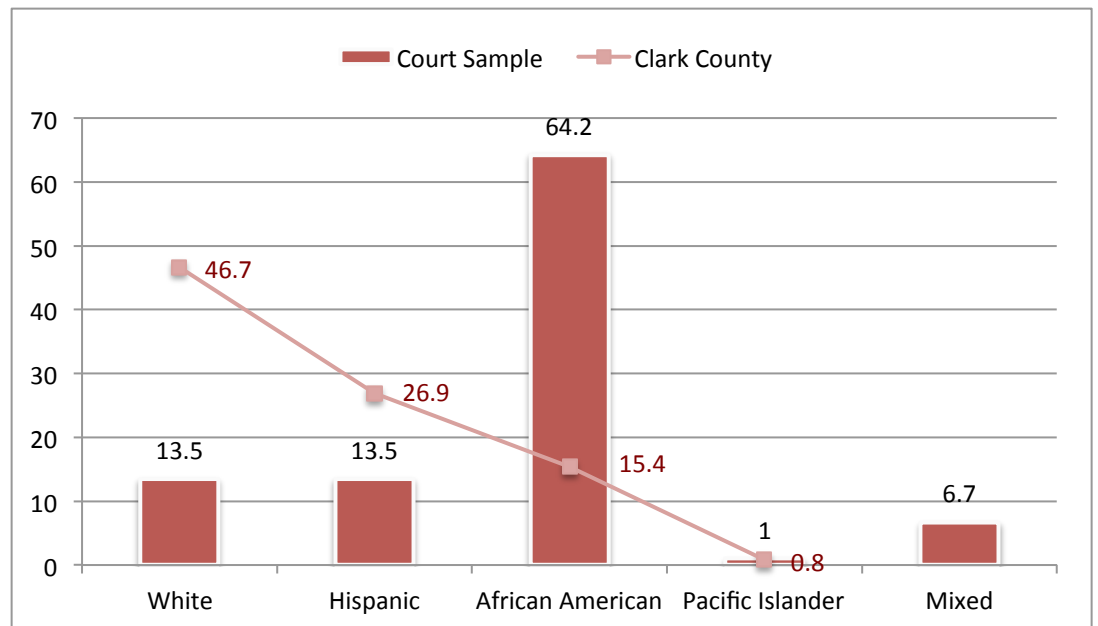
Jurisdictions:

There was a decrease in out of jurisdiction girls arrested in 2015. Just under a quarter (23%) were from outside of Nevada, down from 43% in 2014. 44 girls were from California. There were 4 girls from Texas, 2 each from Washington, Utah, Arizona, and Oklahoma. Girls were also from Connecticut, Georgia, Florida and Wisconsin.

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Note: Hispanic represents White Hispanic. 7 of the 123 African American were Hispanic as well. 2 of the 15 mixed race were Hispanic.