

First-Time Juvenile Offenders: Cases Filed FY 10 to FY 12

County and District court filings from FY 2010 to FY 2012 for first-time juvenile offenders were extracted from Judicial Branch's ICON system. For this study, traffic cases were excluded except for DUI (C.R.S. 42-4-1301), Careless Driving (C.R.S. 42-4-1402), and Accidents Resulting in Death (C.R.S. 42-4-1601). First-time offenders are those having only one case within the study period and none prior to it. Perfect identification of first-time offenders is not possible for the following reasons:

- Name and birthdate were used to search for prior cases. If a letter in a name or birthdate digit is different for an offender in any of his/her cases, prior cases will be missed.
- Denver County cases were not available therefore prior cases in this court are missed.

Table 1 contains the count of offenders by filing jurisdiction. Table 2 shows whether or not the most serious filing charge is listed in the Victim's Rights Act (VRA) (C.R.S. 24-4.1-302). Note that a case may contain charges other than the most serious that are VRA statutes.

The most serious filing charge is defined as the charge with the highest law classification. Cases may have more than one charge with the same law classification. In that circumstance the first charge listed is used. Note that initial filing charges in a case may later be amended or dismissed.

Table 1. Jurisdiction for first-time juvenile offender cases filed FY 10 to FY 12.

Jurisdiction	%	N
County	48%	7,307
District	52%	7,858
Total	100%	15,165

Data source: Records were extracted from Judicial Branch's Integrated Colorado Online Network (ICON) information management system via the Colorado Justice Analytics Support System (CJASS) and analyzed by DCJ/ORS. **Excludes Denver County court records.**

Table 2. Most serious filing charge is Victim's Rights Act (VRA) statute in first-time juvenile offender cases filed FY 10 to FY 12.

Most Serious Filing Charge is VRA	%	N
No	73%	11,011
Yes	27%	4,154
Total	100%	15,165

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Table 3 shows the law classification for the most serious filing charge in each case and whether the most serious charge is subject to the VRA. Law classifications starting with T are traffic, UC are unclassified, and law classification of M is unclassified misdemeanor.

Table 3. Law classification of most serious filing charge for first-time juvenile offenders in cases filed FY 10 to FY 12.

Class	Non-VRA		VRA		Total	
	N	%	N	%	%	N
F1	0%		<1%	2	<1%	2
F2	<1%	2	1%	32	<1%	34
F3	4%	493	8%	321	5%	814
F4	8%	922	14%	593	10%	1,515
F5	5%	539	8%	335	6%	874
F6	4%	395	1%	30	3%	425
M	5%	523	0%		3%	523
M1	3%	366	26%	1,096	10%	1,462
M2	14%	1,503	1%	22	10%	1,525
M3	9%	996	1%	27	7%	1,023
PO1	1%	164	0%		1%	164
PO2	21%	2,319	0%		15%	2,319
T1	0%		9%	364	2%	364
T2	<1%	1	32%	1,331	9%	1,332
TIA	<1%	5	0%		<1%	5
UC	25%	2,784	0%		18%	2,784
Total	100%	11,011	100%	4,154	100%	15,165

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