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# **Juveniles Arrested as Adults Under SB440: Fiscal Year 2002 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Update**

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## Project Information

- ) This December 15, 2001 report is the first quarterly report for Fiscal Year 2002.
- ) Dispositional information is included in this report every six months (in the 2nd Quarter Update and The Final Report).
- ) This report was made possible with funding assistance from the Governor's Children and Youth Coordinating Council (CYCC) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).
- ) Purpose: collect, analyze, and disseminate accurate information concerning juveniles processed through the adult criminal justice system.
- ) Senate Bill (SB440), codified in O.C.G.A. Sec. 15-11-28 (b) (2) (A), gives the superior court exclusive jurisdiction over children ages 13-17 who are alleged to have committed one of the following offenses (commonly referred to as the "Seven Deadly Sins"):
  - Murder
  - Voluntary Manslaughter
  - Rape
  - Aggravated Sodomy
  - Aggravated Child Molestation
  - Aggravated Sexual Battery
  - Armed Robbery if committed with a firearm.
- ) Transfer to Juvenile Court: Prior to indictment, the district attorney may elect to send the case to juvenile court. If the case is transferred to juvenile court it is subject to the provisions of O.C.G.A. Sec. 15-11-37, the Designated Felony Act. After indictment, a case not involving an offense punishable by death or life imprisonment (voluntary manslaughter, aggravated sexual battery, and a first offense of aggravated child molestation), may be transferred to the juvenile court by the superior court after "investigation and for extraordinary cause."
- ) GIDC would like to thank John Speir, Ph.D., of Applied Research Services, Inc., for consultation and development of the database used on this project.
- ) GIDC would like to thank Dr. Margaret Robinson, of the University of Georgia School of Social Work, for her consultation on this project.
- ) GIDC would like to thank the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice for their continued assistance with the SB440 Project.

*Questions and comments regarding the SB440 Project should be directed to Debbie Phillips at 404-894-2595 or 800-676-4432.*

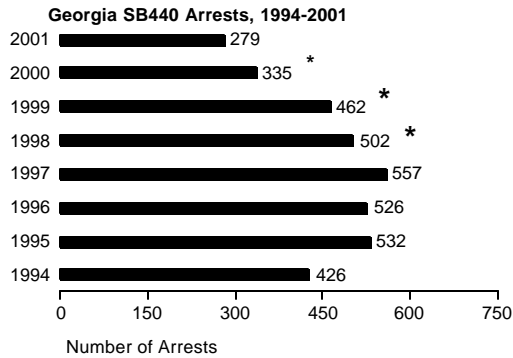
## Current Report Data

- ) This report includes information from May 1, 1994 through September 30, 2001.
- ) Between May 1, 1994 and September 30, 2001 approximately 3,650 juveniles have been arrested for an SB440 offense. This number reflects arrest information provided to GIDC by a variety of sources such as the Department of Juvenile Justice and public defenders. ***Please note that the total number of arrests for the years 1998 to 2001 are incomplete; the Department of Juvenile Justice has been unable to obtain arrest information from at least one correctional facility. If/when this information becomes available, it will be added to our database, and a note will be included in the following report.***

## Additional Information

- ) Some of the most recent reports, along with other SB440 information, are now available on GIDC's website at [www.gidc.com](http://www.gidc.com). Click on "Juvenile Related Information."

## Overview: Offense Trends, 1994-2001



The numbers above reflect the numbers of juveniles for whom complete arrest information is available.

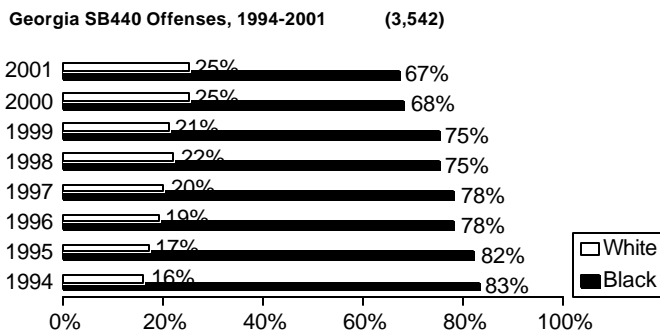
**\* Please note that the apparent decrease in total arrests per year is misleading because the Department of Juvenile Justice has been unable to obtain arrest information from at least one correctional facility during several reporting periods between 1998 and 2001. If and when this information becomes available, it will be added to our database, and a note will be included in the following report.**

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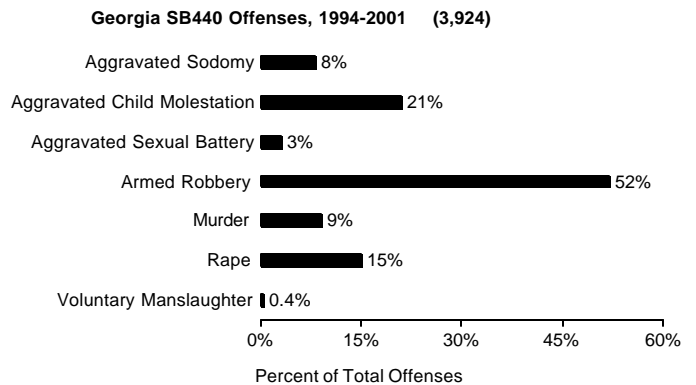
1994 data includes juveniles arrested between May 1 and December 31.

2001 data includes juveniles arrested between January 1 and September 30.

### Arrest Trends by Race, 1994- 2001



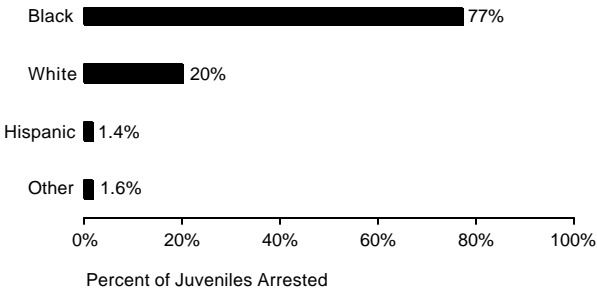
### Arrest Trends by Offense, 1994- 2001



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2. Some juveniles may be arrested with more than one offense so the percentages may exceed 100%
3. "Armed Robbery" is used for the offense of armed robbery committed with a firearm.
4. Please note that in several prior reports there was a noticeable difference in 1998 race data (White = 40% and Black = 57%). This was noted as most likely being the result of errors in the data obtained from DJJ. GIDC was able to obtain the correct data from DJJ, and the changes are reflected in this report.

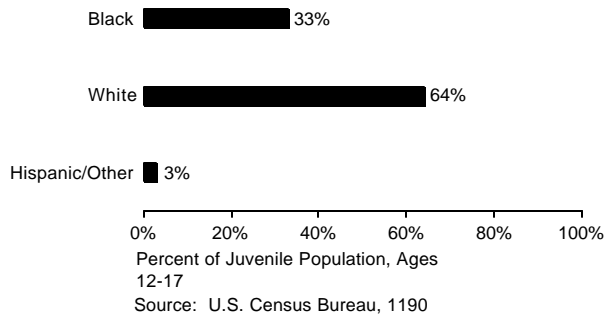
## Demographic Trends, 1994-2001

### Race Profile, 1994- 2001 (3,580 juveniles)

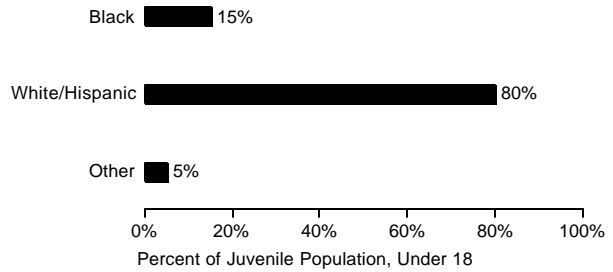


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### Racial Composition, Georgia Juveniles (Ages 12-17)



### Racial Composition, U.S. Juveniles (Under 18)

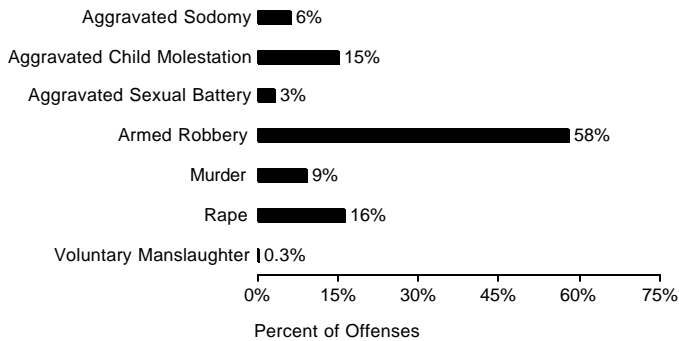


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990  
Note that this graph shows the racial composition of all juveniles under the age of 18, while the percentages in the Georgia graph refer to juveniles between the ages of 12 to 17.

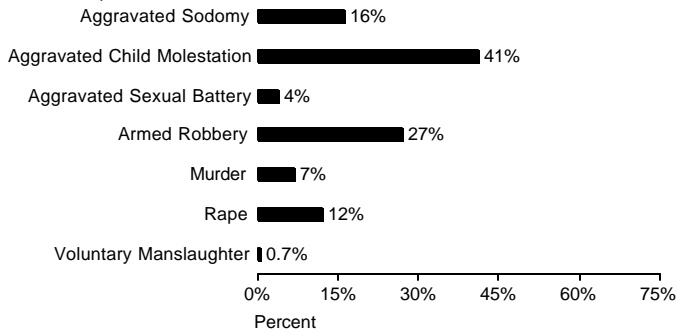
## Demographic Trends - Race Profile, 1994-2001

### Race by Offense

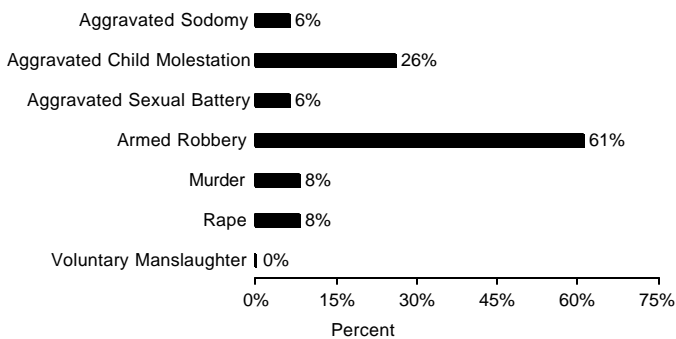
#### Black, 1994-2001 (2,727)



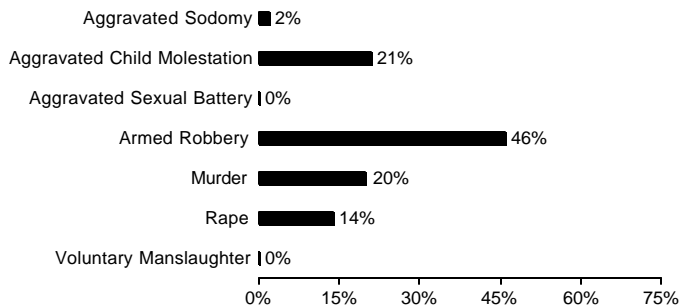
#### White, 1994-2001 (724)



#### Hispanic, 1994-2001 (51)



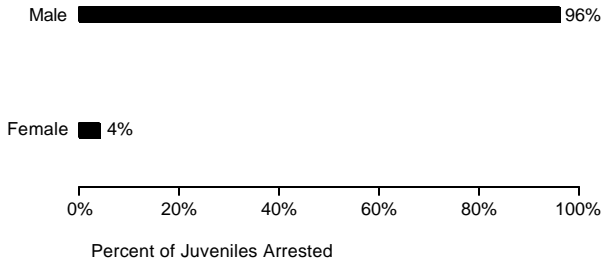
#### Other, 1994-2001 (57)



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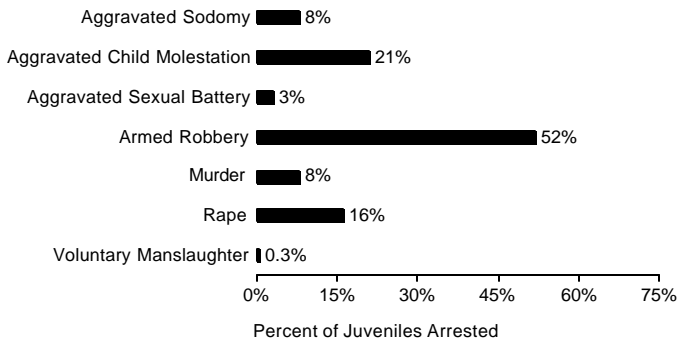
## Demographic Trends - Gender Profile, 1994- 2001

**Gender Profile, 1994- 2001 (3,645 juveniles)**

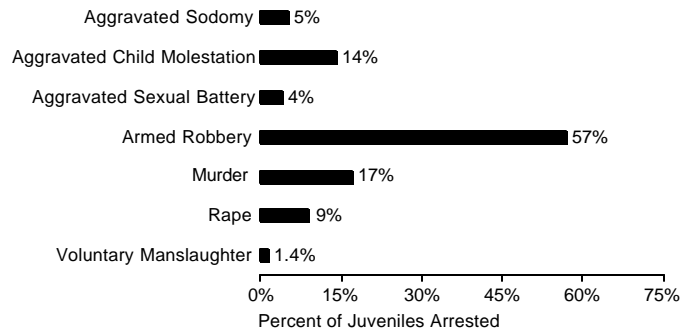


## Gender by Offense, 1994- 2001

**Males, 1994- 2001 (3,486)**



**Females, 1994-2001 (138)**



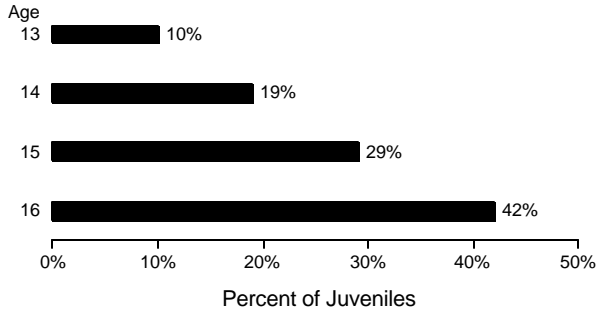
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3. While the definition of O.C.G.A. Section 16-6-1 does not provide for a female to be charged with the offense of rape, SB440 arrests reported to GIDC include 13 females charged with rape.

## Demographic Trends - Age Profile, 1994-2001

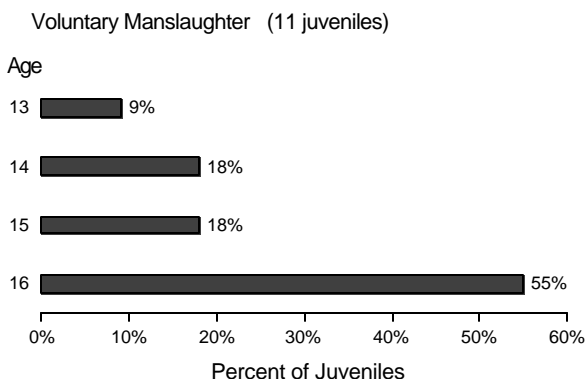
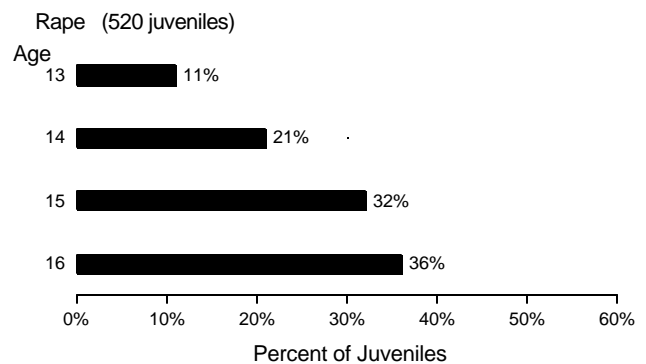
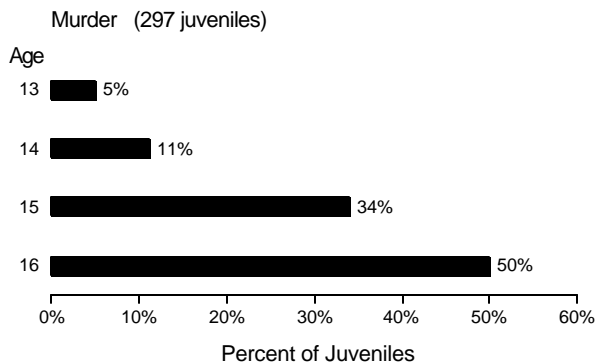
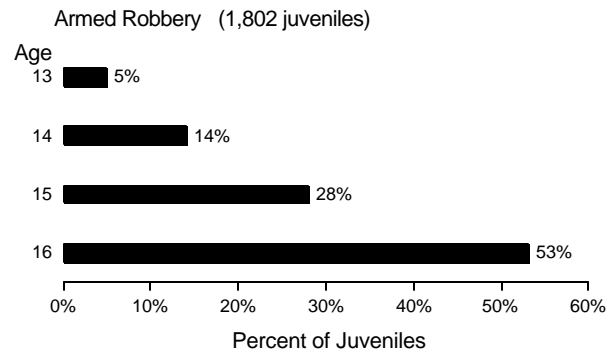
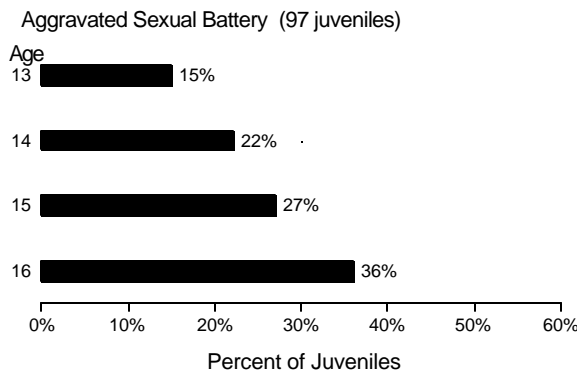
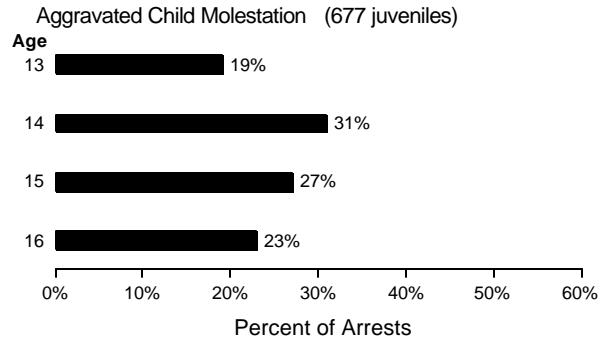
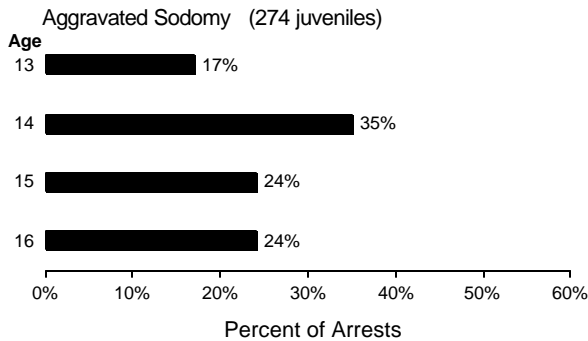
Age Profile, 1994 -2001 (3,431 juveniles)



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## Demographic Trends - Age Profile, 1994-2001

### Offense by Age



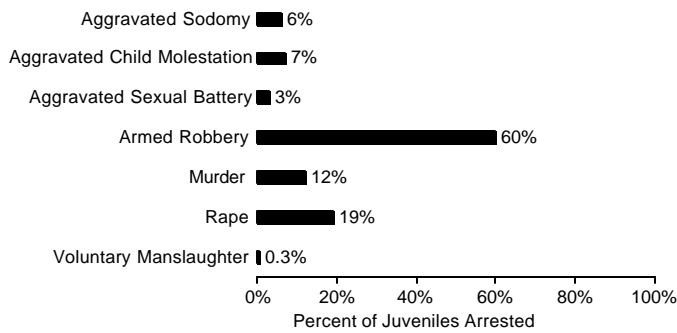
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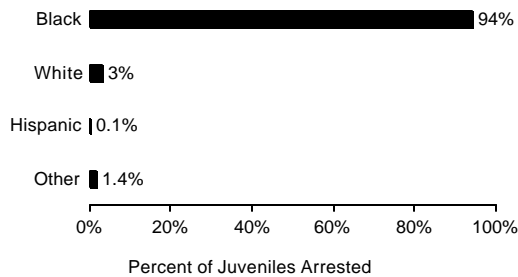
## County Summary: Arrests, 1994-2001

### Fulton County

#### Georgia SB440 Offenses, 1994- 2001 (761 arrests)

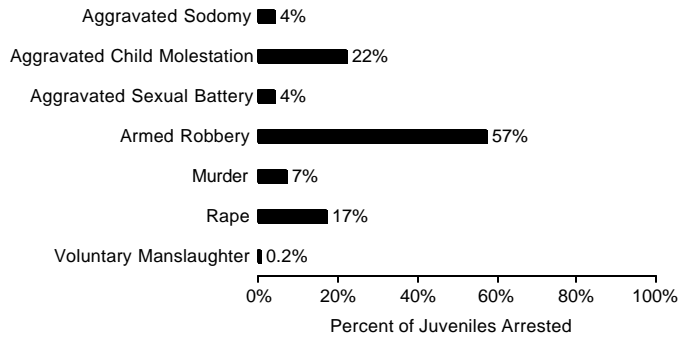


#### Race Profile, 1994-2001 (700 juveniles)

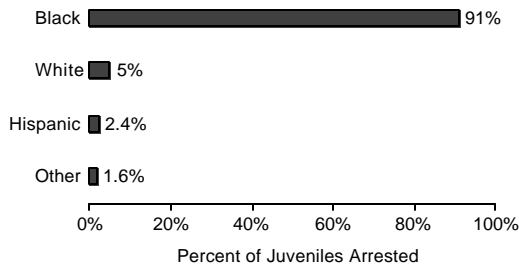


### DeKalb County

#### Georgia SB440 Offenses, 1994-2001 (548 arrests)



#### Race Profile, 1994-2001 (491 juveniles)



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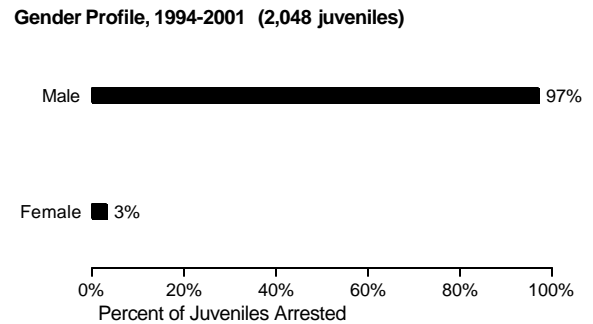
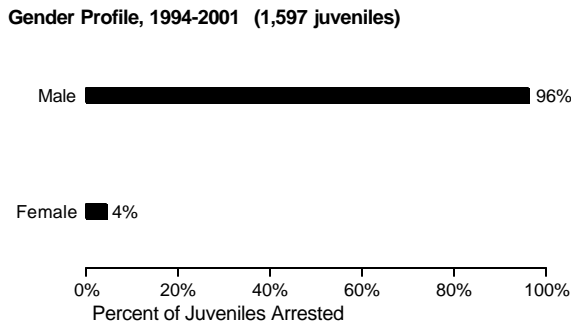
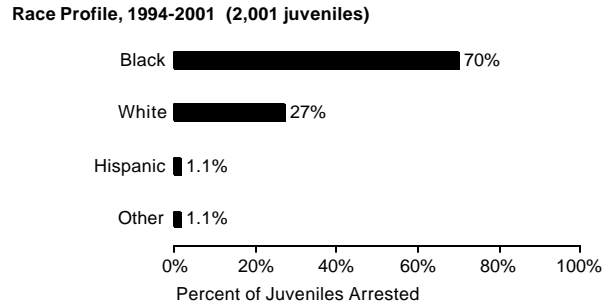
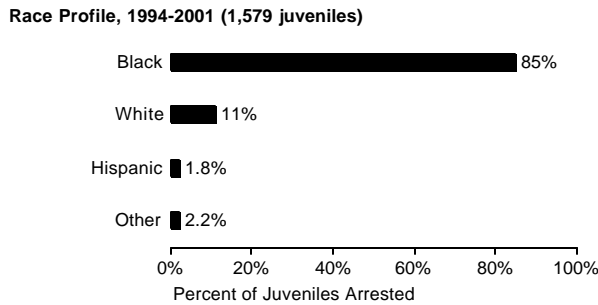
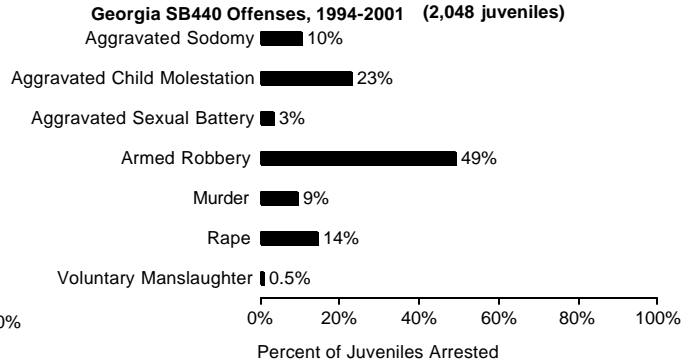
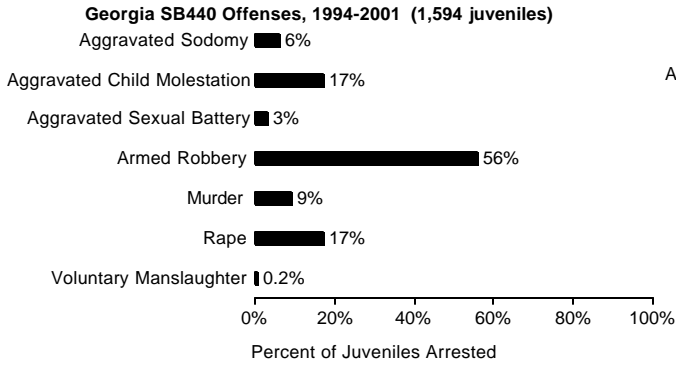
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# Metropolitan Atlanta - Statewide Summary: Arrests, 1994-2001

## Metro-Atlanta-Statewide Breakdown

### Metro-Atlanta Counties

### All Other Counties



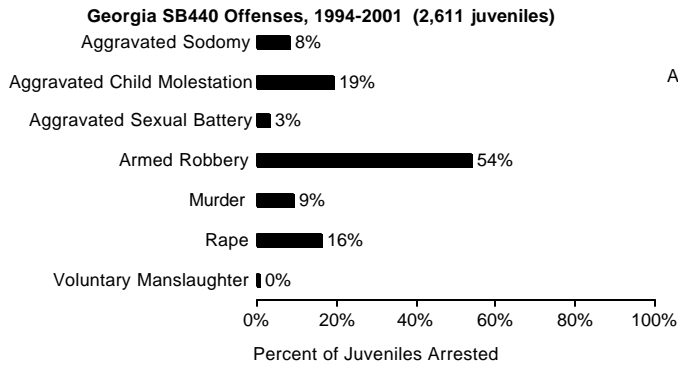
For this analysis, Metropolitan Atlanta refers to Clayton, Cobb, Fulton, DeKalb, and Gwinnett Counties

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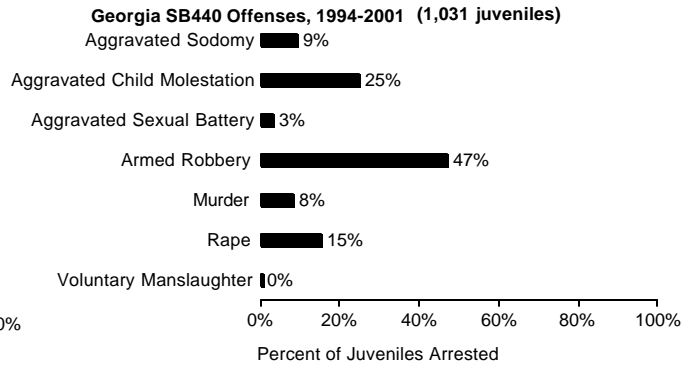
# Urban-Rural Summary, 1994-2001

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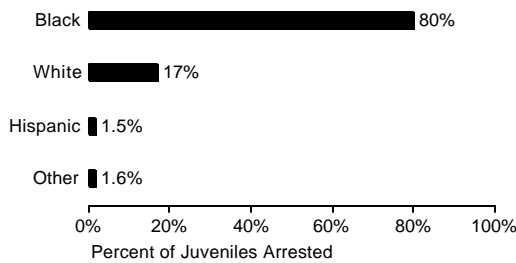
### Urban Counties



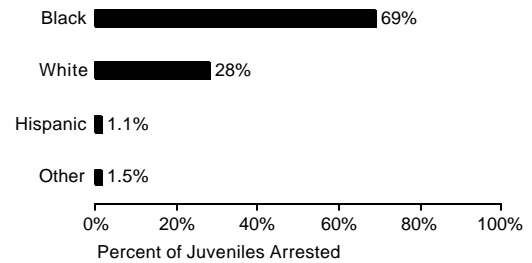
### Rural Counties



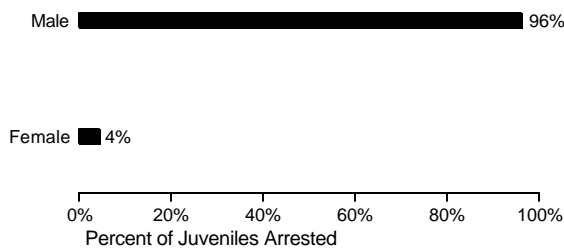
#### Race Profile, 1994-2001 (2,586 juveniles)



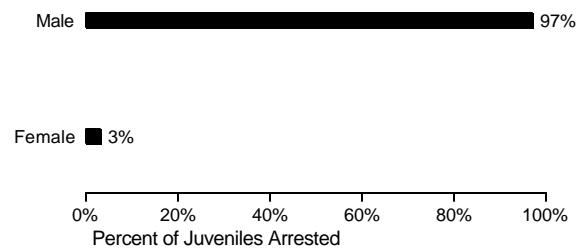
#### Race Profile, 1994-2001 (994 juveniles)



#### Gender Profile, 1994-2001 (2,618 juveniles)



#### Gender Profile, 1994-2001 (1,027 juveniles)



Urban is defined as any Georgia County within a U.S. Census Bureau Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA)

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