

STATISTICS ON THE YOUTH OF BROCKTON

▶ Plymouth County	- Approximately 128,000 youth (under 18)	- 26.8% of the population
▶ Brockton	- Approximately 22,500 youth (under 18)	- 27.8% of the population

Source- U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts; 2000

<p>12.9% of population receives special education; 16.5% statewide (Mass. Dept. of Education; 2005-06)</p> <p>27.4% of population speaks English as a second language; 14.3% statewide (Mass. Dept. of Education; 2005-06)</p> <p>13% of school age children are identified with emotional/ and or behavioral disorders</p>	<p>17.3% of the children under the age of 18 live below the poverty level (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000)</p> <p>12,820 children between the ages of 5 and 14 attend Brockton public schools</p> <p>Massachusetts will experience a 24% growth in the number of adolescents, age 12 to 17, from 1995 to 2005. There will be an even higher percentage in this population within the City of Brockton (EOHHS, 1998)</p>	<p>68.2% of students in 2004 were eligible for free or reduced lunch (Brockton Public Schools, 2004)</p> <p>Brockton scored 36 out of 100 for state results on the MCAS Test; ranking 257 out of 278 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000)</p> <p>Juvenile arraignments are almost 300 percent higher than the statewide, per capita average. (Trial Court, 2001)</p>
<p>➤ 210 students are on probation (2.25 per capita is three times the state rate of 0.75) (Trial Court, 2001)</p> <p>➤ 19.6% of Brockton high school students plan on attending a 4 year private college; 30.1% a 4 year public college; 27.3% a 2 year private or public college; 9.4% plan to work after high school; 1.7% joining the military and 10.4% unknown plans after high school (Mass Department of Education 2004-05)</p>	<p>➤ Attendance rates are 92.9% for Brockton, 94.4% for the State. (Mass. Department of Education 2004-2005)</p> <p>➤ Of the population over 25 years of age, 26% did not graduate from high school and only 12.9% have a bachelor's degree. (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000)</p>	

Brockton Juvenile Court Statistics (Kelley Research Associates)

● **783 juvenile cases** were disposed of between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003

● These 783 cases involved **593 different juveniles**

● **41%** (319) of the cases were violent crimes against a person

● **59%** (464) of the cases were property crimes or misdemeanor disorderly conduct crimes

● **10%** (77) of the cases were larceny offenses

● **9%** (73) of the cases were drug violations

Information/data from the MassCHIP Kids Count Profile from the Massachusetts Dept of Public Health:

Abuse/Neglect

Alleged:

Brockton area – 3,251; state – 102,777

Verified investigations:

Brockton area – 1,007; state – 29,555

Foster Care

Children ages 1-12:

Brockton area – 67.4%; state – 62.9%

Children ages 13-17

Brockton area – 30.6%; state – 32.3%

Total 51A Reports- 2,796

Average Cases open monthly- 55

Average Closed- 59

Screened in- 65%

Average Caseloads- 879

Total Consumers- 2,962

Ethnicity/Race Consumers-

Black- 20%

Latino- 7%

White- 55%

Cape Verdean- 7%

Other- 11%

Children in Placement-

Foster Care- 330

Residential- 94

FY 06 Total Expenditure Service Capacity

Nonplacement services- \$1,577,423

Residential Group Home/Shelter and

Foster Care/Therapeutic Care- - \$10,000,961

Day Care (app 200 children)-\$ 2,500,000

Dept. Foster Care- \$2,167,000

Total- \$16,245,384

Source- Department of Social Services: Brockton Area Office, 2006

Brockton Area Youth Placements

► **DYS Placements** = 170 youths

► **DYS Commitments**

2001= 79

2002= 91

2003= 61

2004= 73

Current Caseload (March 2006) = 136

26 Girls, 110 Boys

► **DSS**

- 1,544 total children in caseload

- 379 total children in placement

- 25% placement rate for children

Projects, Research and Program Results for Brockton

Child Witness to Violence Project – Kelley Research Associates – Weed and Seed 2003 Annual Report

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 75 firearms were taken into evidence between 10/1/02 and 9/30/03.• Domestic violence was reported in only 10 of the 241 firearm incidents. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 47 (19%) incidents involved a child as a victim or witness to the violence.• 166 (26%) violent incidents involved a child as a victim or a witness. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 (5%) of these children were injured as a result of the incident.• 87 (13%) of these children were injured as a result of the incident. |
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- Domestic violence was reported to be involved in **39% (250)** of the violent incidents between 10/1/02 and 9/30/03.

Pilot Project (May 2002) Overall Incident Summary

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 55 violent incidents involving a child.• The 21 violent incidents included in the Pilot Project involved 35 different children. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 70% (39) of the incidents involved either A&B, A&BDW, Sexual Assault, or ADW.• The children ranged in age from 9 to 17:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 21% (7) 9 - 11 years old- 43% (15) 12 - 14 years old- 36% (13) 15 - 17 years old | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9% (5) of the incidents involved guns, 29% (16) hands/fists, 25% (14) other objects, and 17% (9) Sexual Assault.• 54% (19) of the children were the direct victim of the crime.• 68% (13) of the 19 direct victims were injured. |
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Weed & Seed Truancy Ride-Along Program

2004 Semi-Annual Report - July 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Summary of Activity

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 10 Ride Alongs | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 115 Attempted Home Visits (average 12 visits per detail) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 104 Different Students<ul style="list-style-type: none">-94 students were visited once-9 students were visited twice-1 student was visited three times |
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School

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 43 (37%) students were from <u>Brockton High School</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 13 (11%) students were from <u>North Junior High School</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 10 (9%) students were from <u>South Junior High School</u> |
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- 6 (5%) students were from East Junior High School

- 6 (5%) students were from West Junior High School

Result of the Visit

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| ➤ 41 (35%) visits resulted in no one being home | ➤ 33 (29%) visits resulted in speaking to a parent only | ➤ 17 (15%) visits resulted in speaking to the student only |
| ➤ 10 (9%) visits resulted in speaking to another relative only | ➤ 5 (4%) visits resulted in speaking to a parent and the student | ➤ 5 (4%) visits resulted in speaking with a non-relative only |
| ➤ 2 (2%) visit resulted in speaking with the student and another relative | ➤ 2 (2%) Unknown - Not Answered on Form | |

Outcome of Visit

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| ➤ 41 (35%) students were not at home | ➤ 24 (21%) students were at school that day | ➤ 9 (8%) students was home suspended from school |
| ➤ 11 (10%) visits resulted in some "Other" outcome | ➤ 11 (10%) students was taken to school | ➤ 7 (6%) students were home sick from school |
| ➤ 12 (10%) Unknown – Not Answered on Form | ➤ 37 (32%) "other" schools (elementary and middle schools) | |

Diversion Program

January 2004-February 2005

- ▶ Total number of Diversions: **493**

- ▶ Breakdown by Jurisdiction

Brockton: 159	Hingham: 92
Plymouth 138	Wareham: 110

- ▶ Breakdown by Gender

Male: 311	Female: 182
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- ▶ Average length of Supervision: **90 Days**

- ▶ Average age: **15.5 years old**

Source- Plymouth County District Attorneys Office, February 2003

At- Risk Youth During Non School Hours

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 61% or (280,379) children under age 6 have both parents or their only parent in the workforce ➤ Due to inadequate funding Headstart can only serve 6 out of 10 eligible children nationwide (Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, 2006) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The gap between parents' work schedules and students' school schedules can amount to 20-25 hours per week ➤ Children spend 80% of their waking hours out of school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Children are most likely to be victims of a violent crime by a non-family member between 2pm and 6pm |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Violent juvenile crime triples between 3pm and 8pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ An estimated 35% of 12 year olds care for themselves during after school hours when their parents are working |
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Title V Data

<u>Indicator</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Data</u>
Drug Incident Data from Juvenile Disposition Report	Kelley Research Associates 2003	Drug Violations: 73 9% of Juvenile cases in 2003
Juvenile Alcohol- or Drug-Related Violations	Kelley Research Associates 2003	Liquor Law Violations: 25 3% of juvenile cases in 2003
Juvenile Arrests for Narcotics Annual Summary	Kelley Research Associates 2005	62 incidents involved an offender 17 years old or younger (14% of total incidents)
Gun Possession Cases	2004 Brockton District Court	Juvenile Firearm Cases/Charges; 10/12 Adult Firearm Cases/Charges:120/255
Adolescent Pregnancies	MassCares	2001: 170 births ; rate:51.45* Ply. County: 307 MA: NA 1990: 216 births ; rate: 67.82* Ply. County: 505 MA: NA *Per 1,000
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	Kelley Research Associates 2003 (case dispositions) 1999-2001 TCAP (arrests for person offenses: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated and simple assault)	41% (319) of juvenile cases disposed of in 2003 were violent crimes against a person Person offenses 1999: 71; 45% of total juvenile crimes 2000: 65; 55% 2001: 73; 47%

Juvenile Arrests for Serious Violent Crime	Kelley Research Associates 2003 1999-2001 TCAP (arrests)	30% (235) juvenile cases disposed of in 2003 involved ABDW, AB, and ABDV offenses Arrests for aggravated assault: 1999: 69; 43% of total juvenile arrests for person offenses 2000: 55; 46% 2001: 64; 41%																																																			
Clients in Alcohol or Other Drug Treatment Programs	MassCares	Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions: 2002: 3,066 Patients using a needle w/in 1 year of admis: 624 2001 : 3,134 w/ needle: 602 2000: 2,824 w/ needle: 582 1999: 2,713 w/ needle: 643																																																			
First Language Spoken at Home	Census 2000 Population 5 years and over: 87,671	English only: 62,739 Language other than English: 24,932 Spanish: 5,744 Other Indo-European: 16,642 Asian and Pacific Island: 1,957																																																			
Domestic Violence Arrests	Brockton PD	2002: 1,227 2003: 1,073 2004: 1,098 2005: ?																																																			
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Chronic Absenteeism (miss school on a regular basis)	DOE 2002-03	Average Number of Days Absent: Brockton: 12.7 State: 10.2																											
Truancy (# of cases in court)	TCAP Brockton PD 2002-2005	1999: 32; 12% 2000: 83; 24% 2001: 47; 14% 1997-2001 percent change: +262 <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>School year</td> <td>Calendar yr.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2002-03:</td> <td>49</td> <td>63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2003-04:</td> <td>50</td> <td>52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2004-05:</td> <td>56</td> <td>39</td> </tr> </table>		School year	Calendar yr.	2002-03:	49	63	2003-04:	50	52	2004-05:	56	39															
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Suspensions/Expulsions	DOE 2002-03	2002-2003: Out of school Suspension rate: Brockton: 15.7% State: 6.7% In-School Suspension rate: Brockton: 9.0% State: 4.6% Expulsions rate per 1000: Brockton: 0.6 State: 2.0																											
Retention rate (held back a grade level)	DOE 2004-2005	Brockton: 4.1 State: 2.6																											
# Of Students Enrolled in School System	DOE 2005 - 2006	Total Brockton enrollment: 15,896																											
Incidents of student behavior problems (acting out, making threats)	Brockton Public Schools	1,515 infractions 605 suspensions																											

Positive Places for Youth in Brockton

- Brockton High School has over 40 clubs and after school programs ranging from arts and athletics to government, outdoor, and ROTC. It is active in promoting internship programs which develop job skills, peer mediation, and tutoring programs.
- The Brockton After Dark Program had over 700 active participants in 2006. It provided a safe place for kids during the summer months.

Youth Responses to Fulfilling the 5 Promises in Brockton

Breakout session discussions at the Mayor's Youth Summit 2005-Information from the Evaluation Report prepared by Kelley Research Associates, May 31, 2005. (Reflects 84% (250) of the Summit's participants who responded to the evaluation form-not all participants answered every question.)

I have a safe place to go when I am not in school.

More than half, 62% (156), of the respondents strongly agreed with this statement, 20% (51) agreed, 10% (26) were neutral, 3% (7) disagreed, and 3% (7) strongly disagreed.

I have a caring adult in my life.

The vast majority, 85% (212), of the respondents strongly agreed with this statement, 8% (20) agreed, 3% (8) were neutral, 5 disagreed, and 1 strongly disagreed.

I have the skills I need to get a job or go to college.

More than half, 65% (163), of the respondents strongly agreed with this statement, 20% (51) agreed, 8% (20) were neutral, 4% (10) disagreed, and 1% (2) strongly disagreed.

I feel people care about my health.

More than half, (56%, n=141), of the respondents strongly agreed with this statement, 24% (60) agreed, 32% were neutral, 3% (7) disagreed, and 2% (5) strongly disagreed.

If I wanted, there are places for me to volunteer.

More than half, 51% (127), of the respondents strongly agreed with this statement, 20% (50) agreed, 17% (42) were neutral, 6% (16) disagreed, and 4% (11) strongly disagreed.