



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PROBATION
2014-2015 BIENNIAL REPORT



STATE OF
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JUDICIAL BRANCH

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LB 29-2252 Biennial Report

12) Transmit a report during each even-numbered year to the Supreme Court on the operation of the office for the preceding two calendar years which shall include a historical analysis of probation officer workload, including participation in non-probation-based programs and services. The report shall be transmitted by the Supreme Court to the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature. The report submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature shall be submitted electronically.

Probation Vision

Be a nationally recognized leader in the field of justice committed to excellence and safe communities.

Mission Statement

We, the leaders in community corrections, juvenile and restorative justice, are unified in our dedication to delivering a system of seamless services which are founded on evidence-based practices and valued by Nebraska’s communities, victims, offenders and courts. We create constructive change through rehabilitation, collaboration, and partnership in order to enhance safe communities.

Administrative Message

Probation in Nebraska represents the focused, accountable management of juveniles and adults who are permitted by the courts to reside in the community while abiding by the court's dispositional or sentencing order. Accountability management requires disclosure as to how probationers are supervised, in particular how that supervision contributes to individual rehabilitation and improved community safety.

Since 2005, the Nebraska Probation System has worked to adopt and implement new proven practices of investigation and supervision. Using the evidence-based model of good probation practice as a guide, probation officers appropriately assess a juvenile's or adult's risk to recidivate, their motivation to change the behavior that resulted in their involvement with the justice system in the first place, and what level of oversight is required by the officer to assure they are following the court's order. This accurate assessment followed by purposeful intervention by the probation officer and a swift response to any violation of the court's order improves the likelihood of successful completion of probation and consequently improves community safety.

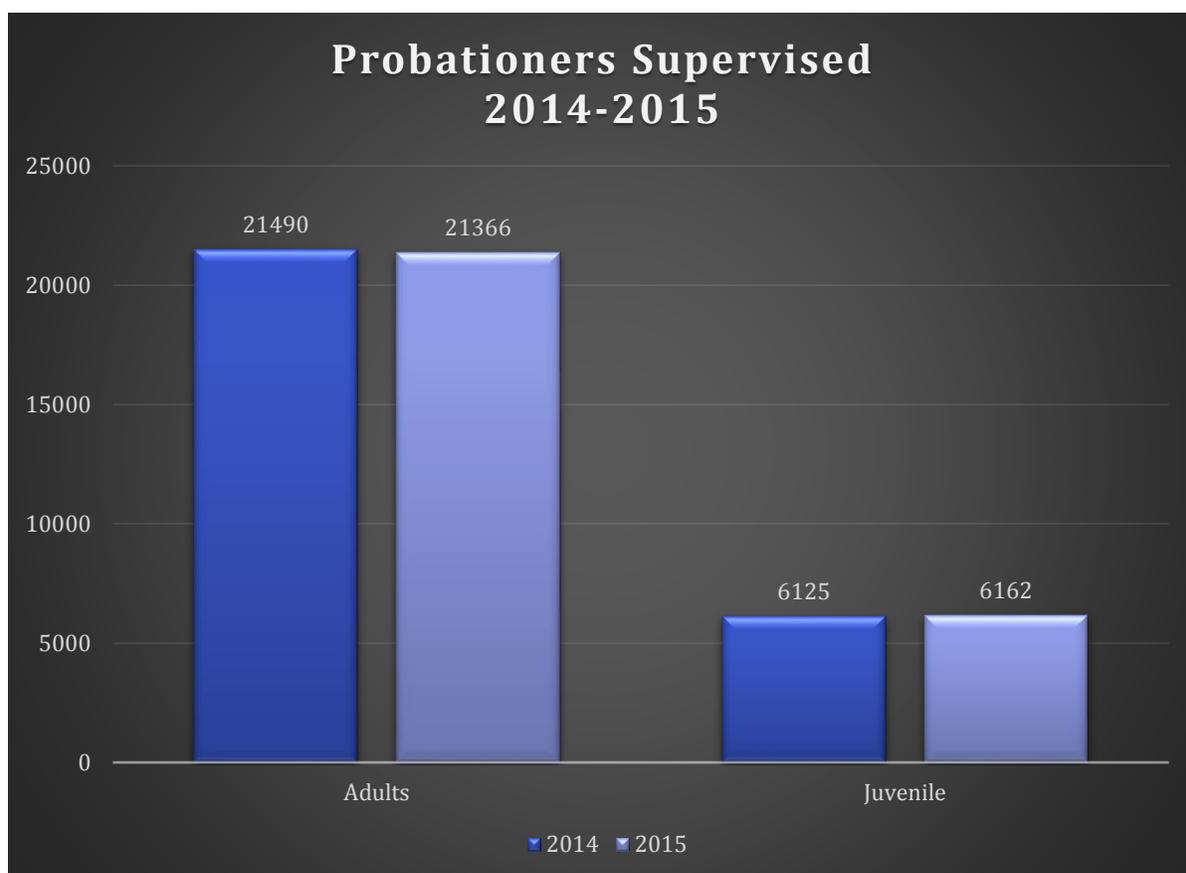
This biennial report focuses on the state of Probation during the years 2014 and 2015. It is intended to provide meaningful information about the Nebraska Probation System during those years by offering an overview of probation officer workload, investigations, sentencings, juvenile intakes, community service, restitution and fees collected. The photo on the cover of this publication was taken October 14, 2015 when 63 new Nebraska State Probation Officers were officially sworn in by Michael G. Heavican, Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Probation officers make lasting changes in each local community by assisting both juveniles and adults to become productive members of society. A special acknowledgement to the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation, and to the Chief Probation Officers and their staffs for their continuous support of our probation officers and their outstanding contribution to the field of Probation.



Probationers Supervised

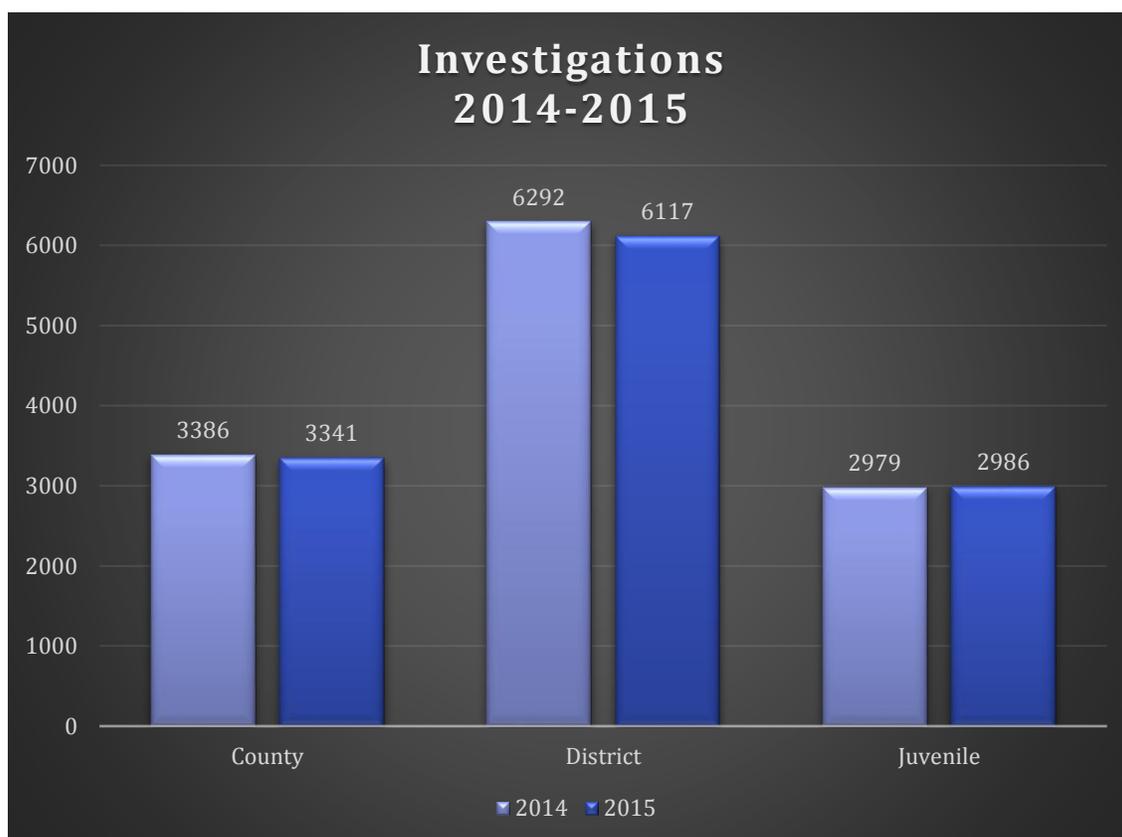
There are probation officers supervising probationers in 12 judicial districts, serving all 93 counties in Nebraska.



- In 2014, a total of 21,490 adults were supervised on probation compared to 21,366 in 2015, a decrease of 124 probationers supervised.
- In 2014, a total of 6,125 juveniles were supervised on probation compared to 6,162 in 2015, an increase of 37 juveniles supervised.

Adult and Juvenile Investigations

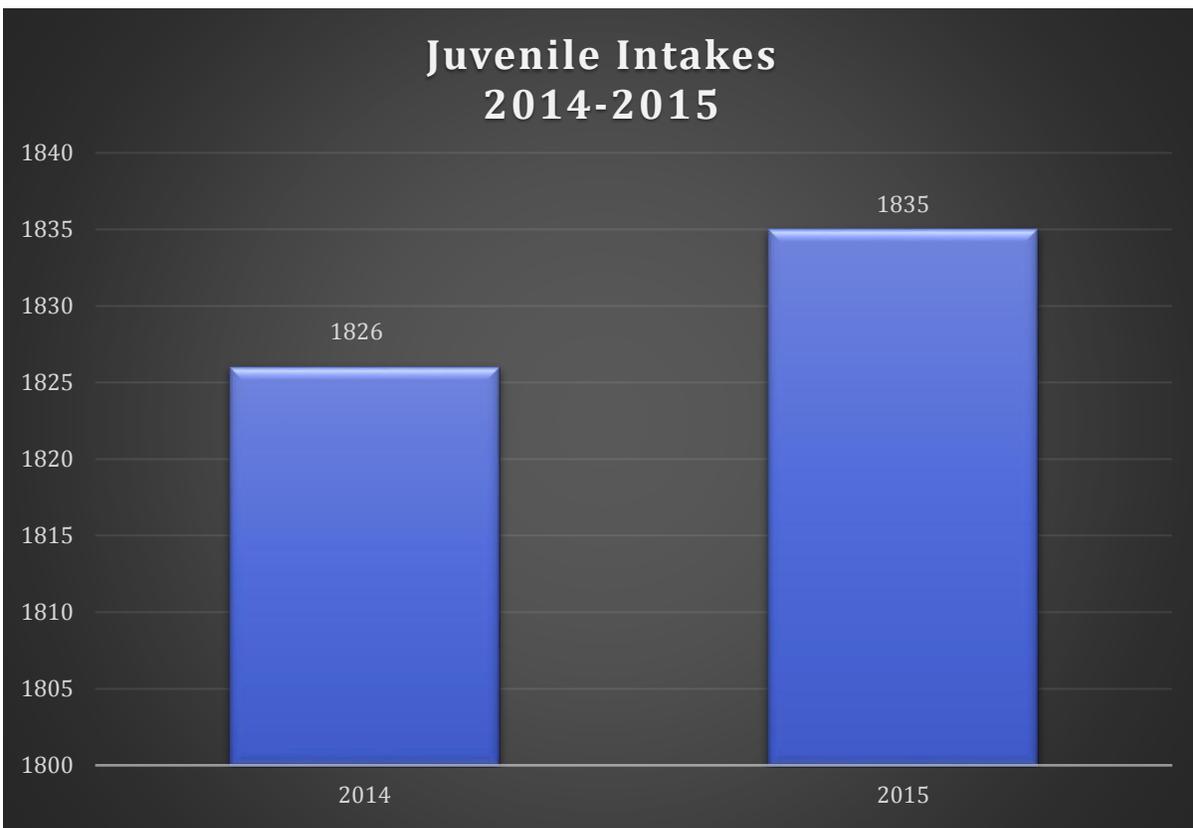
The purpose of an investigation is to provide the court with timely, relevant, and accurate information about an adult or juvenile prior to the sentencing or disposition of a case.



- In 2014, a total of 9,678 adult investigations were completed, compared to 9,458 in 2015.
- Juvenile investigations for 2014 totaled 2,979 compared to 2,986 investigations completed in 2015.

Juvenile Intake Interviews

A peace officer may retain temporary custody of a juvenile taken into temporary custody, pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 43-248 and 43-250. It is the responsibility of law enforcement to deliver youth to probation intake. Probation intake administers a standardized juvenile detention screening instrument to guide the intake decision. Additionally, legal warrants for juveniles pass through Probation's intake process.



- In 2014 there were 1,826 juvenile intake interviews completed, compared to 1,835 completed in 2015.

Probation Enrollment and Programming Fees

Nebraska State Statute 29-2262.06 outlines the collection of enrollment and programming fees for adult probationers. Adult probationers placed on either probation or intensive supervision probation and participants in non-probation-based programs or services shall pay a one-time administrative enrollment fee of thirty dollars. The fee shall be paid in a lump sum upon the beginning of probation supervision or participation in a non-probation-based program or service.

Adult probationers placed on probation shall pay a monthly probation programming fee of twenty-five dollars, not later than the tenth day of each month, for the duration of probation. Adult probationers placed on intensive supervision probation and participants in non-probation-based programs or services shall pay a monthly probation programming fee of thirty-five dollars, not later than the tenth day of each month, for the duration of probation or participation in a non-probation-based program or service.

Fees Collected		
2014	<u>County Court</u>	<u>District Court</u>
Enrollment Fees	\$ 213,453	\$ 63,003
Program Fees	\$1,035,910	\$812,149
2015	<u>County Court</u>	<u>District Court</u>
Enrollment Fees	\$ 199,420	\$ 62,880
Program Fees	\$1,010,740	\$845,926
<i>Source of Fees Collected information is from JUSTICE</i>		

Restitution and Community Service

Nebraska State Statute 29-2280 outlines the ordering of restitution. A sentencing court may order the probationer to make restitution for the actual physical injury or property damage or loss sustained by the victim as a direct result of the offense for which the probationer has been convicted.

The court may, as a condition of a sentence of probation, require the probationer to perform community service as outlined in sections 29-2277 to 29-2279 under the direction of his or her probation officer. The court shall establish the terms and conditions of community service including, but not limited to, a reasonable time limit for completion.

Restitution and Community Service

2014 Hours of Community Service	=	99,896
2015 Hours of Community Service	=	151,523
2014 Dollars of Restitution Collected	=	\$2,565,939
2015 Dollars of Restitution Collected	=	\$2,332,552



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