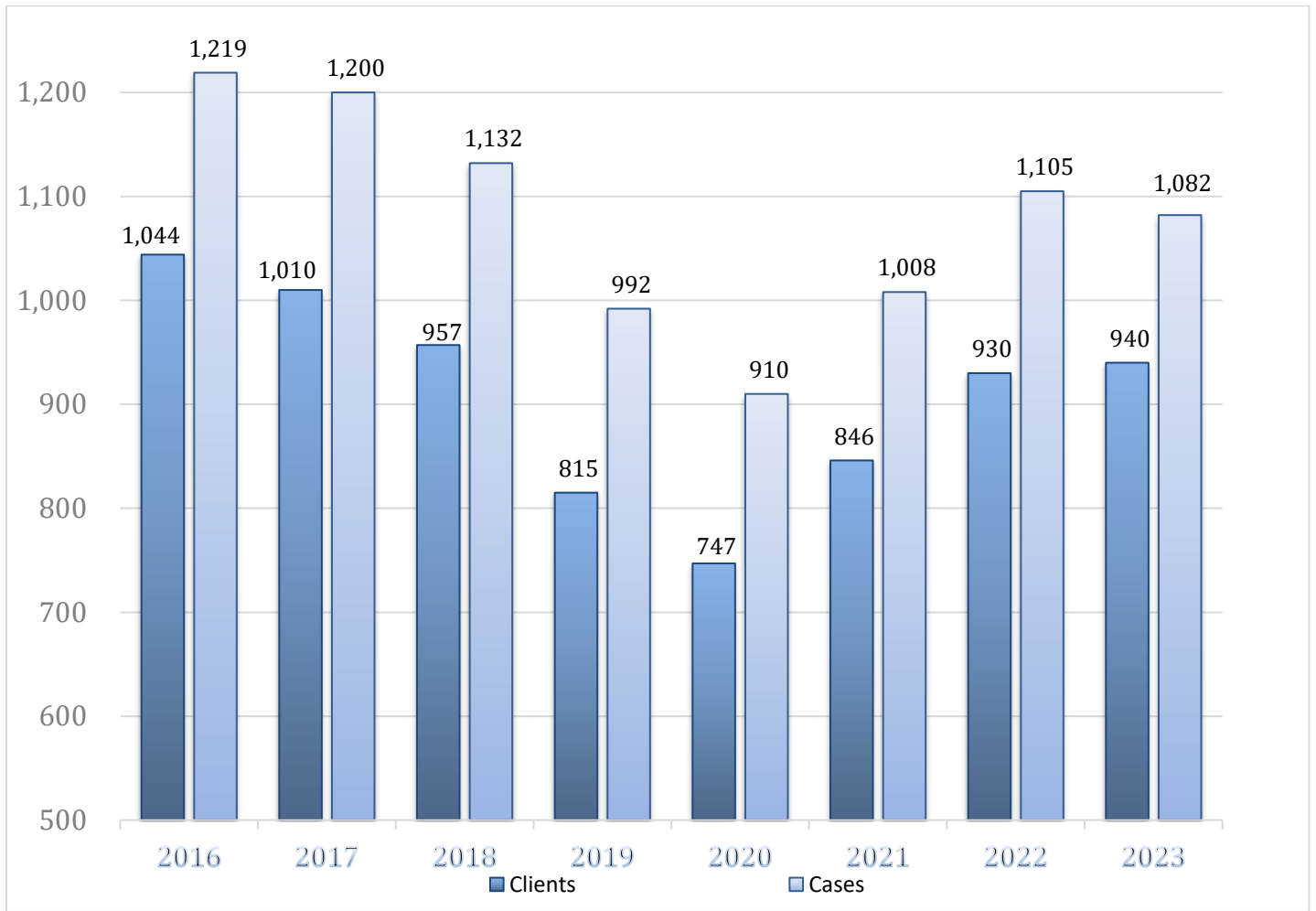


Brown County Probation Comprehensive Plan 2023



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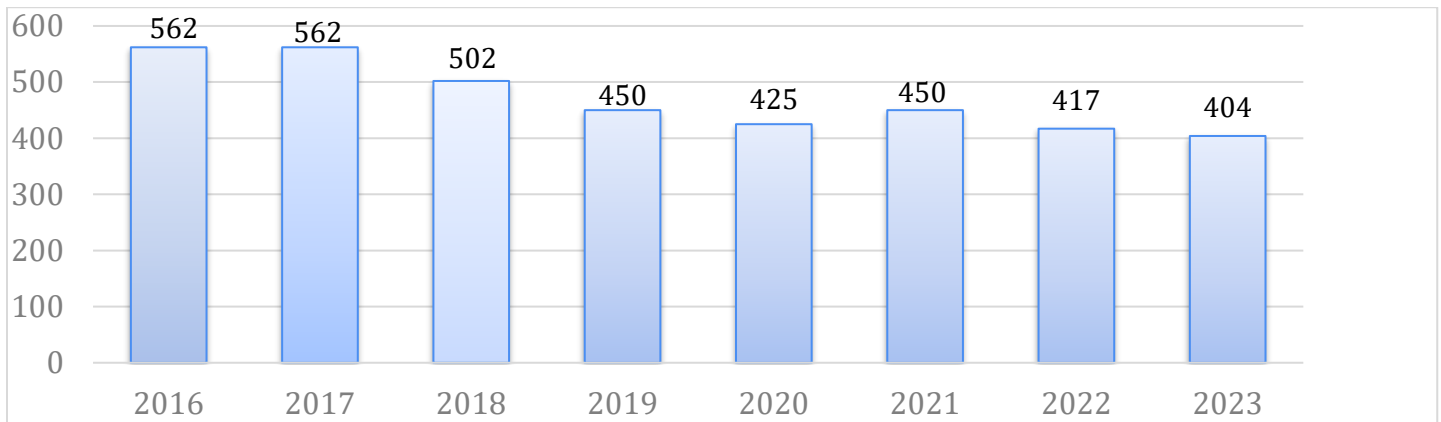
Adult Clients and Cases



This chart reflects all adults referred to Brown County Probation including supervised and administrative supervision, Sentence to Service referrals, including referrals from DOC and surrounding areas, pretrial supervision on clients/cases on-hand at the start of January 1 and new clients added through December 31 of each respective year. The decrease in numbers in 2019 is reflective of a change in practice as we no longer opened pending cases in our database until a Court action was ordered. This resulted in approximately 100 Court referrals remaining in our local pend status database and omitted from our statistics.

Pretrial Supervision

Individuals on Pretrial Supervision

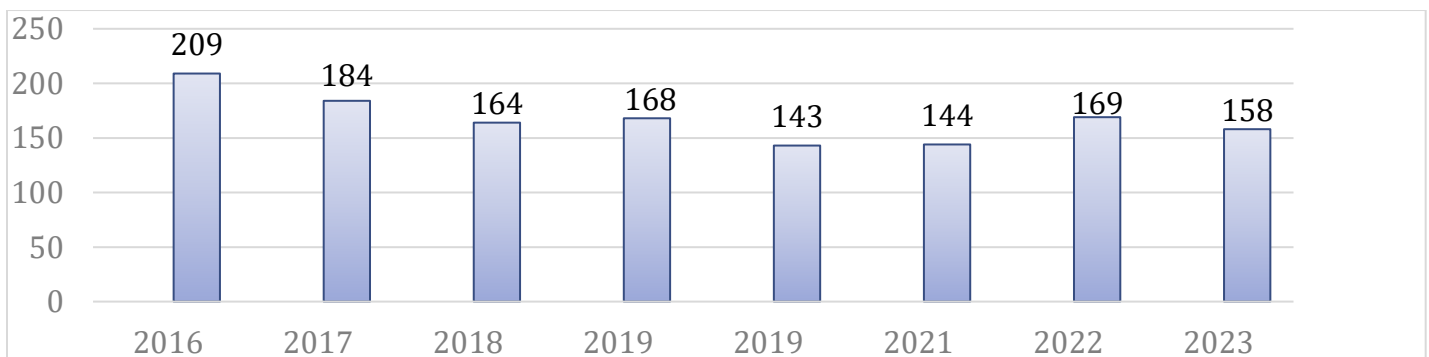


Our pretrial specific probation agent specializes in supervising pretrial clients awaiting trial or sentencing. The pretrial agent is responsible for assuring the pretrial client abides by their court ordered release conditions and attending all court appearances. The pretrial agent remains current on correctional trends, effective practices, and engages in professional development opportunities specific to pretrial. If the pretrial agent is unavailable, all agents in the office are also trained to conduct bail investigations on individuals arrested and detained for committing an offense as outlined in Minnesota State Statute 629.74. The pretrial agent is focused on maximizing release, court appearance, and public safety.

Administrative Supervision (Adult)

In 2011, the Brown County Probation Department began monitoring referrals placed on administrative supervision previously monitored by Court Administration. The goal is to monitor compliance of specific conditions as ordered by the Court for offenses ranging from traffic to felony level crimes but are not ordered to supervised probation. Most cases are open for 6 months to two years. The supervising agent will complete referrals for services including Sentence to Service, chemical health assessments, or required education programs. The supervising agent notifies the Court if conditions are met or not; and closes the file at expiration.

Adults in Administrative Supervision



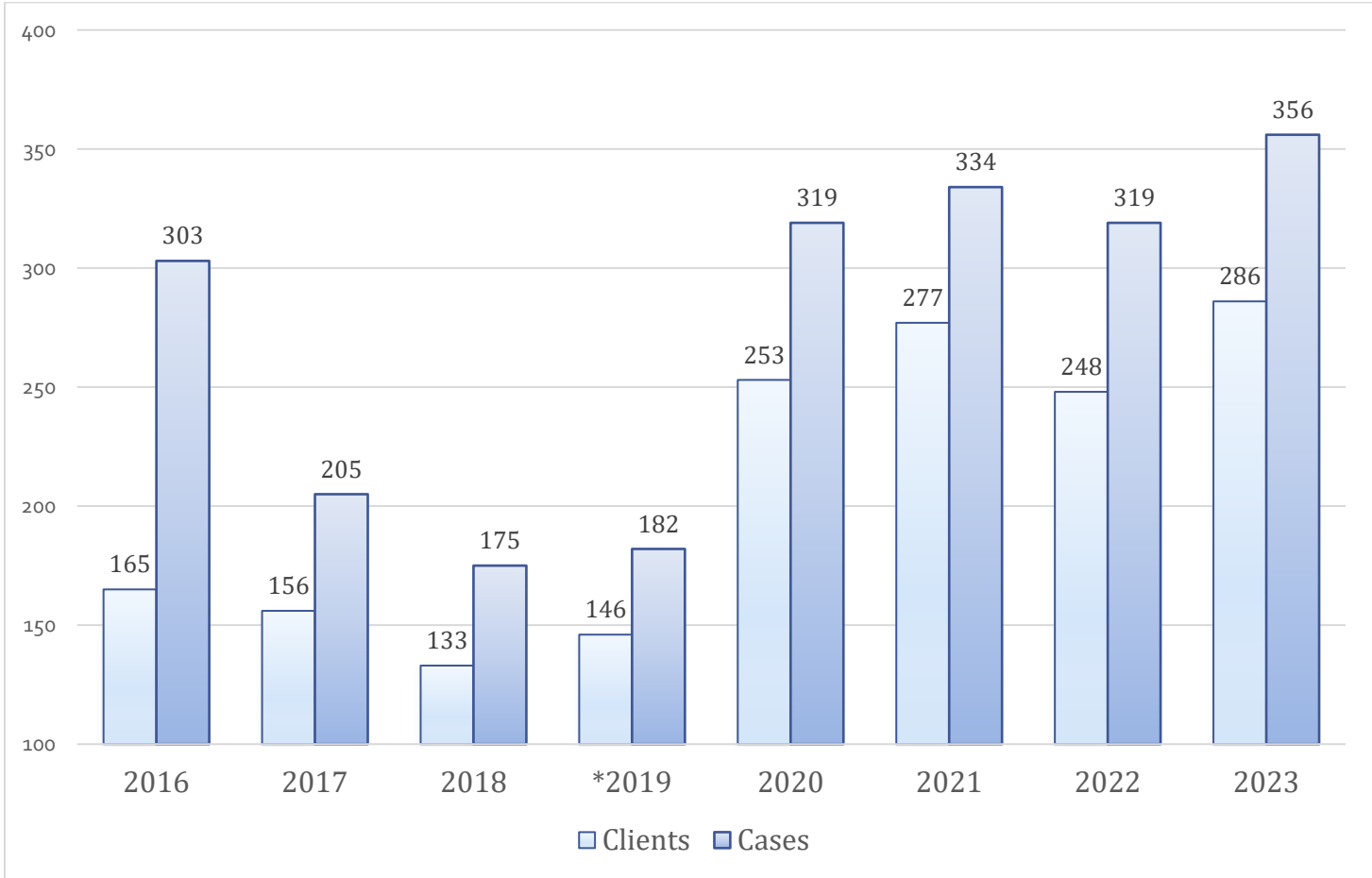
Treatment Court (Adult)

The Brown, Nicollet, and Watonwan Adult Treatment Court started in 2008. Treatment Court is based on a collaborative team approach with professionals across the criminal justice system. The Treatment Court team consists of the Judge, law enforcement, prosecuting and defense attorneys, mental health providers, chemical dependency counselors, and probation. Treatment Court is administered by the 5th Judicial District accepting referrals from the District Court Judge for both felony and gross misdemeanor probationers needing this higher degree of accountability and services. Brown County Probation has one agent assigned to the Treatment Court team supervising the gross misdemeanor referrals.

The typical length of the BNW program is 18-24 months. There are five phases of the program, with each phase having requirements and expectations the participants must meet. Throughout Treatment Court, participants are monitored by frequent drug tests, home visits by probation, compliance checks by law enforcement, and weekly Court hearings. Participants are required to attain stable sober housing and maintain employment while in the program. They are given resources such as chemical dependency treatment, mental health counseling, sober support groups, cognitive skills training, and parenting classes. Participants have a graduation ceremony to mark their successful completion of the program.

Since 2008, Brown County has had 89 Treatment Court graduates. There were seven people that graduated in 2023.

Juvenile Clients and Cases

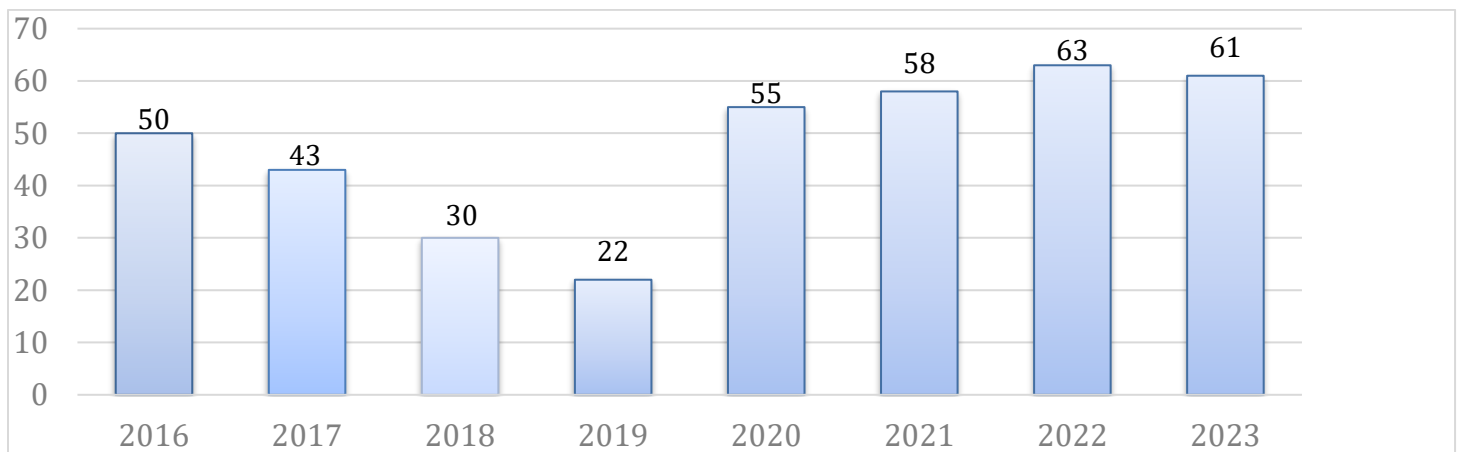


This illustrates all juvenile referrals, i.e., pretrial, pre-truancy, truancy, diversion, work service, and probation with some juveniles having multiple cases.

Juvenile Diversion

Brown County Probation provides eligible juvenile clients with an alternative to adjudication that emphasizes restorative justice, a reduction in costs and caseload burdens on juvenile courts and the juvenile justice system and minimizes recidivism. The Brown County Attorney normally refers juveniles with a first-time, low-level crime, to the probation department for consideration into the diversion program. If the juvenile and parent voluntarily agree to the program, they sign a waiver of their rights to remain silent and the juvenile completes a written admission about the offense. Throughout diversion, juveniles are provided an opportunity to take full responsibility for their actions and be held accountable through various conditions specific to the offense, e.g. community work service, restitution, and online education courses. After all program requirements are met, the juvenile is discharged from diversion with no court record of the offense. Failure to cooperate or complete the program requirements will result in a petition being filed with juvenile court.

Juveniles Participating in Juvenile Diversion



Juvenile Intensive Supervision Program

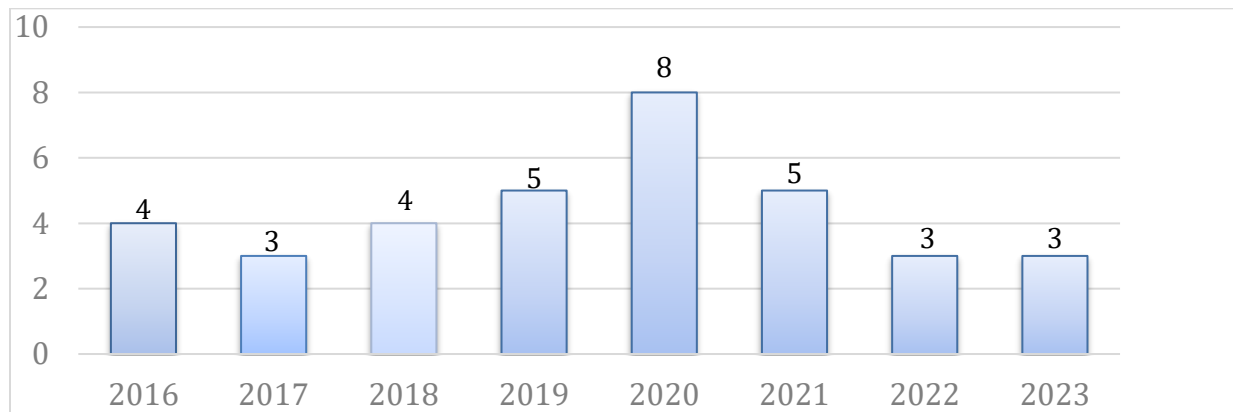
Since its inception in 1999, the Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) has been a dispositional alternative designed for high-risk juvenile clients needing a high level of structure and supervision. ISP provides three main components: intensive supervision, structure, and accountability. ISP is a unique supervision program as compared to traditional probation supervision as it allows for smaller caseloads enabling the intensive supervision agent to emphasize more on the juvenile's education, job skill building, involvement with community activities, family involvement, chemical and mental health issues, and social skills development.

Juveniles are typically Court ordered into ISP when they are determined to be high risk, repeat offender, at risk of being placed outside of the home, returning from an out-of-home placement, and/or need intensive supervision. The program includes frequent contact with the juvenile in their home, school, employment, and/or treatment. To assure program compliance, juveniles are subject to random unannounced home visits any time of day or night.

Juvenile ISP Specialty Court

The Juvenile ISP Specialty Court program is designed for high risk, high need juveniles with a delinquency or truancy level status who are at risk of removal from home and/or returning from an out of home placement. This is a blended court approach using both the treatment and court standards as well as best practices in working with high risk/need juveniles. A team of professionals meet monthly to review the progress of each case. Judicial oversight consists of monthly court appearances by the juvenile and parent/guardian.

Juvenile Probationers Participating in ISP/Specialty Court



Pre-Truancy Diversion

Students ages 12-17 may be referred to our pre-truancy program by Brown County schools when the student has been absent from school without lawful excuse for three school days or for one or more class periods on three school days during the year; or has at least nine excused absences within a semester or trimester without school verified medical documentation or exempt from attendance. A pre-truancy referral is sent to the Brown County Probation Department's truancy team and if the student meets program criteria, an attendance intervention meeting is scheduled with the family and truancy team to discuss the potential legal, educational, and social consequences of truancy. Barriers to attendance are identified and goals to overcome the barriers are set.

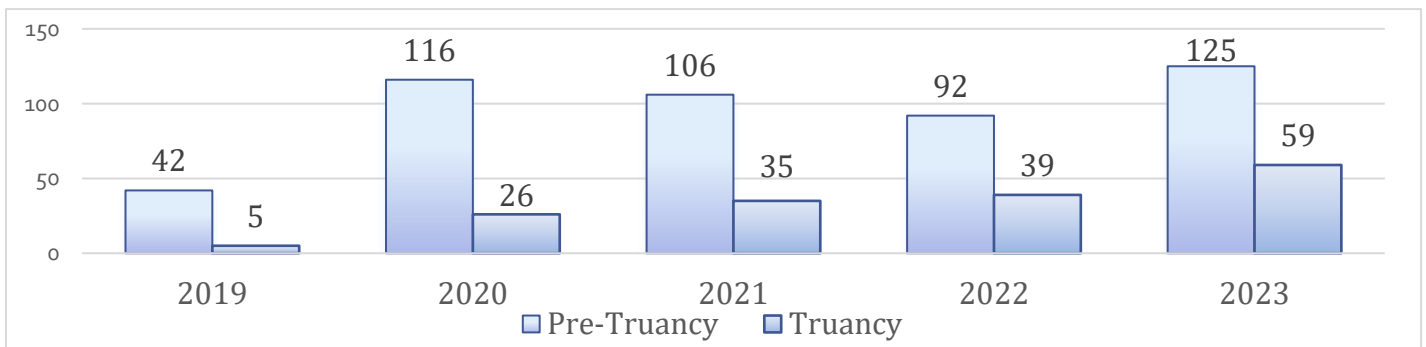
Participation in the pre-truancy diversion program is voluntary, but strongly encouraged to deter further risk to the student's academic success. Throughout the program a continuum of incentive based, e.g., verbal praise, privileges, letters, etc., or sanction-based interventions, e.g., loss of driving privileges, removal of electronics, curfew, etc. may be utilized to promote progress and/or motivate the student until attendance barriers are effectively addressed. To be successfully discharged from the diversion program a student needs to maintain a steady progress of attendance and follow all conditions of a Pre-

Truancy Diversion Agreement. Termination from the program would occur if the student accumulated 10 unexcused absences throughout the school year or has otherwise violated a condition of the diversion agreement.

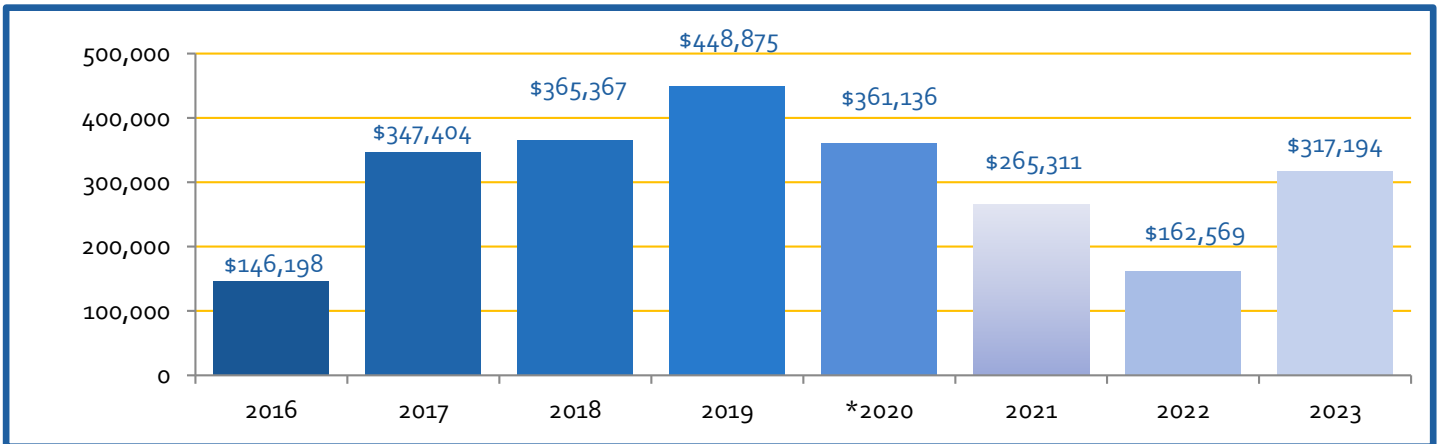
Truancy Program

When a child has seven or more unexcused absences, the school or truancy officer may file a request with the county attorney to facilitate a CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection or Services) petition due to habitual truancy. When a CHIPS Petition is filed with the juvenile court, an Admit/Deny Hearing is set. If the student admits to being a habitual truant, the court will adjudicate the child to need protection or services until age 19. Once the court has such jurisdiction it can mandate the parent and child to engage in a multitude of services with Brown County, e.g., probation supervision, periodic review hearings, fine, community work service, loss of driver's license, out of home placement, removal of electronic devices, chemical or mental health evaluations, etc. If a student is placed in an out of home placement, they will participate in intensive supervision specialty court upon returning to the community. This specialty court includes frequent judicial oversight and a multi-disciplinary team approach to eliminate barriers of attendance for students. If the petition is denied, the court will conduct a pre-trial hearing and the trial will occur within 60 days whereby the Brown County Attorney's office must prove by clear and convincing evidence the child needs protection or services as a habitual truant.

Juveniles Participating in Pre-Truancy and Truancy Programs



Juvenile Out of Home Placement Costs



This amount does not include revenue from parents, insurance, Medical Assistance, etc.

*Truancy costs included from 2020 to 2023

Placement Programs in 2023

Placements	Total Days	Number of Juveniles
Hunter's Place	126	1 (truancy)
MN Correction Facility-Red Wing, Sex Offender Treatment	33	1
Prairie Lakes Girls Group Home	366	2 (truancy)
Prairie Lakes Boys Group Home	251	2 (truancy)
Village Ranch	244	1
Woodland Center	2	1 (truancy)

A significant part of a juvenile agent's duties is identifying the needs of our juveniles and matching appropriate resources. The use of our department's ability to restructure probation conditions, pre-screening team, and Intensive Supervision/Specialty Court all assist in reducing placement costs and provide appropriate services.

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## Detention Costs

