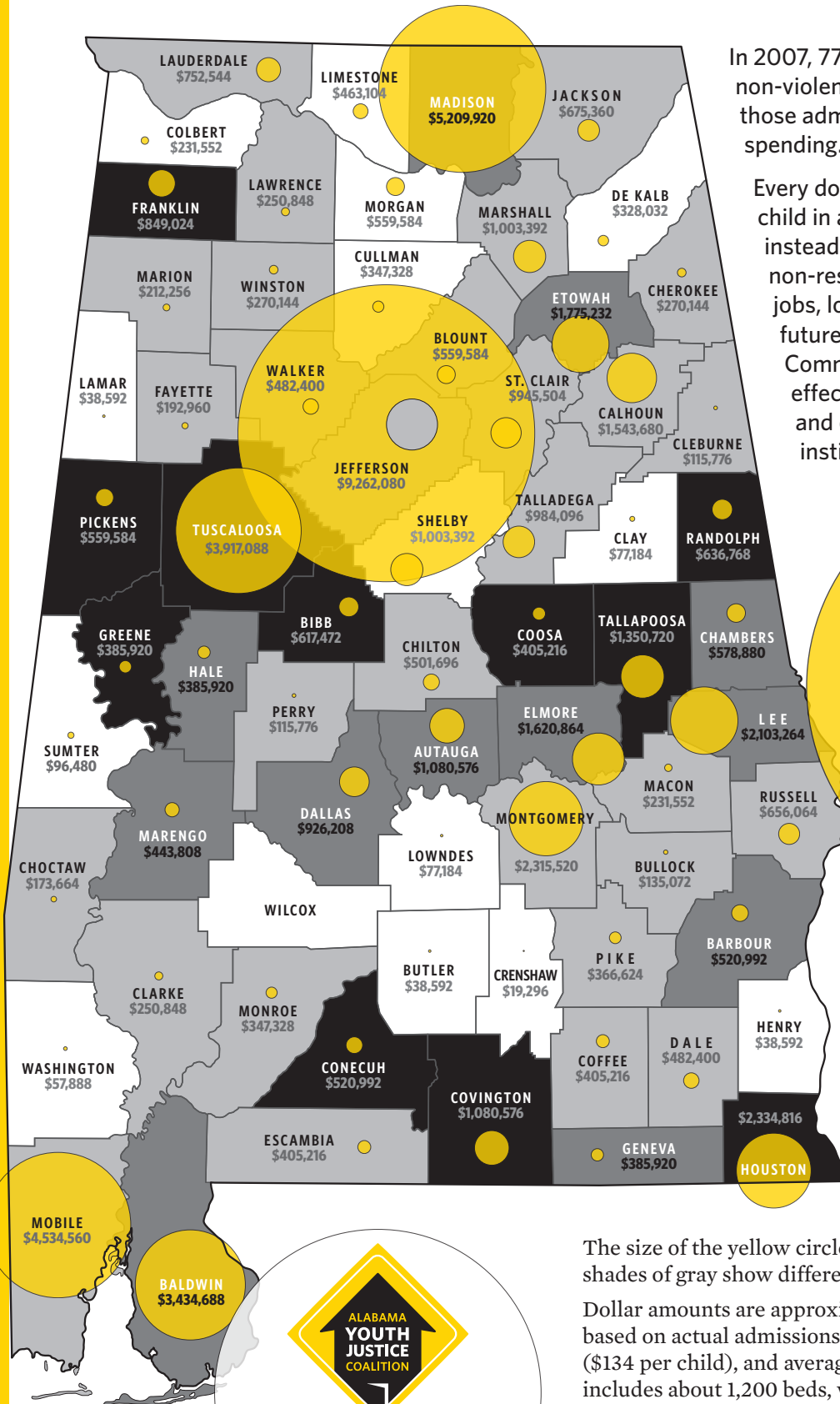


2007 State Spending on Children in DYS Custody



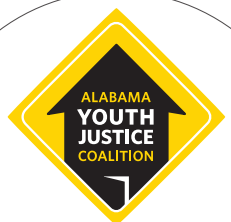
In 2007, 77% of admissions to DYS were for non-violent misbehavior. This map translates those admissions into approximate state spending.

Every dollar spent to incarcerate a low-risk child in a state facility is a dollar that could instead be invested in community-based, non-residential sanctions that create local jobs, local opportunities, and healthy futures in the child's home county. Community-based sanctions are more effective at reducing juvenile crime and cost much less than correctional institutions.

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For more information, visit the Alabama Youth Justice Coalition on the web at www.njjn.org/AL.html.

The size of the yellow circle corresponds to **absolute spending**; shades of gray show differences in **commitment rates**.

Dollar amounts are approximations of **absolute spending** based on actual admissions in FY 2007, average per diem costs (\$134 per child), and average length of stay (144 days). DYS includes about 1,200 beds, which vary in cost from \$80 - \$170 per day.

Commitment rates are calculated based on actual admissions and overall juvenile population data.