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**Characteristics of juvenile offenders in cases disposed by juvenile courts**

By type of offense, United States, 2008<sup>a</sup>

	All offenses (N=1,653,337)	Type of offense			
		Person (N=403,251)	Property (N=616,697)	Drug (N=179,537)	Public-order (N=453,852)
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<b>Sex</b>					
Male	72.8	70.5	72.0	82.5	72.1
Female	27.2	29.5	28.0	17.5	27.9
<b>Race</b>					
White	63.1	56.1	65.8	73.1	61.7
Black	34.1	41.4	31.0	24.3	35.6
Other <sup>b</sup>	2.8	2.4	3.2	2.6	2.7
<b>Age at referral to court</b>					
11 years and younger	3.3	4.7	3.5	0.6	2.7
12 years	4.1	5.7	4.3	1.5	3.3
13 years	8.7	11.0	9.1	4.8	7.6
14 years	15.0	16.8	15.6	10.9	14.1
15 years	21.7	21.7	21.9	20.4	22.0
16 years	25.5	22.8	25.3	30.5	26.1
17 years and older	21.9	17.2	20.3	31.4	24.1

Note: These data were collected and prepared by the National Center for Juvenile Justice (NCJJ) for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The data are gathered from courts with juvenile jurisdiction in participating States. Information reported is based on national estimates of delinquency cases disposed by juvenile courts in the United States during 2008 (N=1,653,300). The final sample included data reported by 2,284 jurisdictions in 41 States covering 82% of the Nation's youth population. These data were derived from a nonprobability sample of courts; therefore statistical confidence in the estimates cannot be determined. A case disposed refers to a definite action having been taken as the result of a referral to juvenile court, i.e., a plan of treatment was selected or initiated. These data files were developed by NCJJ and originally analyzed for the Juvenile Court Statistics series. For methodology, definitions of terms, and offenses within categories, see [Appendix 14](#).

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

<sup>b</sup>Includes persons having origin in any of the original peoples of North America, the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. Nearly all Hispanics were included in the "white" racial category.

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