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Type of offense in cases disposed by juvenile courts

By characteristics of juvenile offenders, United States, 2008<sup>a</sup>

Type of offense	All offenses	Sex		Race			Age at referral to court							
		Male	Female	White	Black	Other <sup>b</sup>	11 years and younger	12 years	13 years	14 years	15 years	16 years	17 years and older	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Person	24.4	23.6	26.4	21.7	29.7	21.1	35.0	34.4	31.0	27.4	24.4	21.8	19.3	
Property	37.3	36.9	38.4	38.9	33.9	42.3	40.0	39.4	39.0	38.8	37.7	37.1	34.7	
Drug	10.9	12.3	7.0	12.6	7.7	10.3	2.1	4.0	6.0	7.9	10.2	13.0	15.6	
Public-order	27.5	27.2	28.2	26.8	28.7	26.3	22.9	22.2	24.1	25.9	27.8	28.1	30.4	

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.

Source: M. Sickmund, A. Sladky, and W. Kang, "Easy Access to Juvenile Court Statistics: 1985-2008" [Online]. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 2011. Available: <http://www.ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb/ezajcs/> [June 29, 2011]. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.