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**Juvenile court case outcomes**

By characteristics of juvenile offenders and type of offense, United States, 2008

	Delinquency cases		Petitioned (formal) cases		Cases adjudicated delinquent			Nonadjudicated cases <sup>a</sup>		
	Detained prior to juvenile court disposition	Petitioned <sup>b</sup>	Adjudicated delinquent	Trans-waived to adult court	Placed out of home	Placed on probation	Other <sup>c</sup>	Placed on probation	Dismissed	Other <sup>c</sup>
Total	21.0%	55.9%	61.0%	1.0%	28.0%	57.3%	14.8%	21.4%	49.3%	28.5%
<b>Sex</b>										
Male	23.1	59.1	62.2	1.1	29.9	56.3	13.8	20.8	50.9	27.2
Female	15.5	47.3	57.0	B	21.0	60.7	18.3	22.8	45.5	31.5
<b>Race</b>										
White	18.6	53.2	63.2	0.9	25.9	59.6	14.5	24.1	45.7	29.5
Black	25.4	60.7	57.0	1.1	31.6	52.9	15.6	16.3	56.1	26.6
Other <sup>d</sup>	22.4	59.8	65.4	B	28.6	60.5	10.9	22.6	48.4	27.9
<b>Age at referral to court</b>										
11 years and younger	8.1	36.0	51.9	B	14.4	67.5	18.1	19.1	47.6	33.2
12 years	13.8	45.0	58.2	B	20.8	65.1	14.1	22.9	45.3	31.8
13 years	18.0	50.3	61.6	B	24.0	62.7	13.3	23.4	46.0	30.5
14 years	21.2	54.6	63.3	B	27.0	59.6	13.4	23.0	47.5	29.4
15 years	22.6	57.4	63.8	B	29.4	57.3	13.3	22.1	49.1	28.5
16 years	22.8	57.6	63.0	1.0	29.1	55.7	15.1	22.5	49.3	27.4
17 years and older	21.8	60.6	55.7	2.4	29.2	53.6	17.2	17.8	53.2	26.8
<b>Type of offense</b>										
Person	27.3	59.0	58.5	1.9	31.2	59.0	9.7	18.1	55.5	24.8
Property	16.6	52.8	60.8	0.8	26.5	60.0	13.5	24.2	44.8	30.5
Drug	18.2	57.7	62.8	1.0	23.3	62.6	14.1	24.2	44.5	30.4
Public-order	22.6	56.6	62.8	0.3	28.9	50.2	20.9	19.4	52.0	28.3

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>Includes petitioned cases that were not adjudicated delinquent and nonpetitioned cases.

<sup>b</sup>Formally referred to juvenile court.

<sup>c</sup>Includes dispositions such as fines, restitution, community service, and referrals outside the court for services with minimal or no further court involvement anticipated.

<sup>d</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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