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Juvenile court case outcomes

By type of offense and race of juvenile offender, United States, 2008

Type of offense and race of offender	Delinquency cases		Petitioned (formal) cases		Cases adjudicated delinquent			Nonadjudicated cases ^a		
	Detained prior to juvenile court disposition	Petitioned ^b	Adjudicated delinquent	Trans-waived to adult court	Placed out of home	Placed on probation	Other ^c	Placed on probation	Dismissed	Other ^c
Person										
White	24.8%	55.2%	60.8%	1.6%	29.1%	61.6%	9.3%	21.1%	52.0%	25.5%
Black	30.5	64.1	55.4	2.1	33.9	55.6	10.5	13.7	60.5	23.7
Property										
White	14.8	50.7	63.2	0.8	24.6	61.8	13.5	26.7	41.2	31.4
Black	20.5	57.2	56.1	B	30.2	56.1	13.7	18.6	52.4	28.4
Drug										
White	14.3	53.8	64.3	B	18.8	66.0	15.1	26.4	40.2	32.7
Black	29.9	69.5	59.0	B	34.6	53.7	11.7	17.2	58.5	23.0
Public-order										
White	21.1	54.8	64.8	B	28.5	52.1	19.4	21.6	49.8	28.3
Black	24.8	59.0	59.2	B	29.6	46.2	24.2	15.8	55.6	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](#).

^aIncludes petitioned cases that were not adjudicated delinquent and nonpetitioned cases.

^bFormally referred to juvenile court.

^cIncludes dispositions such as fines, restitution, community service, and referrals outside the court for services with minimal or no further court involvement anticipated.

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.