

Table 5.61

Characteristics of juvenile offenders in cases disposed by juvenile courtsBy type of offense, United States, 2000^a

	All offenses (N=1,657,533)	Type of offense			
		Person (N=378,604)	Property (N=678,683)	Drug (N=198,526)	Public-order (N=401,720)
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Sex					
Male	75.4	72.5	75.4	83.2	74.1
Female	24.6	27.5	24.6	16.8	25.9
Race					
White	68.6	61.9	69.7	75.4	69.6
Black	28.1	35.1	26.3	22.2	27.3
Other ^b	3.3	3.0	4.0	2.4	3.1
Age at referral to court					
11 years and younger	5.0	7.3	6.3	0.5	2.8
12 years	5.3	7.3	6.0	1.7	4.1
13 years	10.0	12.5	10.9	5.2	8.8
14 years	16.1	17.5	16.8	12.1	15.7
15 years	21.1	20.2	20.8	21.4	22.3
16 years	23.0	19.9	22.0	30.0	24.2
17 years and older	19.4	15.3	17.2	29.0	22.0

Note: These data were collected 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 2000 (N=1,657,533). The final sample included data reported by 1,991 jurisdictions in 35 States covering 71% 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](#).

^aPercents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

^bIncludes 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: A. Stahl, T. Finnegan, and W. Kang, "Easy Access to Juvenile Court Statistics: 1985-2000" [Online]. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 2002. Available: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/ezajcs/> [Apr. 15, 2003]. Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.