

Juvenile Court Statistics 2013

The Nation's juvenile courts play a critical role in the response to juvenile crime and the problems of offenders, victims, and the community. To ensure informed decisionmaking and policy development, it is important that the court understand the changing nature of the offenders who come before it as well as the nature, availability, and effects of the resources that are required to help these youth.

Juvenile Court Statistics 2013 presents data on delinquency and status offense cases handled by courts with juvenile jurisdiction in 2013. National estimates are presented on nearly 1.1 million delinquency cases and more than 100,000 status offense cases handled in 2013. The report describes delinquency case trends since 1985 and status offense case trends since 1995. Data include the volume and rate of cases, demographic characteristics of the juveniles involved (age, gender, and race), and offenses charged. Case processing is traced as it flows through the courts and is examined at each decision point (i.e., detention, intake decision, adjudication decision, and judicial disposition) for various demographic groups and offenses.

This report, the latest in an 87-year-old series, provides a detailed portrait of the juvenile court in 2013 and offers a reference guide to policymakers, practitioners, researchers, and others concerned with the court's critical contributions to securing the future of our youth.



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