The Number of Juveniles in Residential Placement Continued to Decline in 2013

Challenges remain to reduce racial and ethnic disparities and confinement of youth who commit less serious offenses.

Minority youth accounted for 68% of youth in residential placement in 2013.

Despite declines, the placement rate for minority youth was 2.7 times that of white youth in 2013.

Less than 40% of juveniles in placement in 2013 were held for a person offense.

Juvenile placement rates declined in every state from 2006 to 2013; 9 states cut their rates by half or more.

Note: Total includes detained youth, committed youth, and a small number of youth in placement as part of a diversion agreement.

Note: Other race includes American Indian/Alaskan Natives, Asian/Pacific Islanders, and youth of unknown race.

Access more information on juveniles in placement:
- Review FAQs about juveniles in corrections
- Analyze data with Easy Access to the Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement
- View the glossary of terms, methods, and data collection questionnaires