Trends and characteristics of youth in residential placement, 2017

The number of detained and committed youth in residential placement continues to decline.

Relative declines from 1999 to 2017 were greater for committed youth (65%) than for detained youth (45%).

In 2017, local facilities held the greatest proportion of detained youth and the smallest proportion of committed youth.

In 2017, males, youth over age 15, and white youth accounted for larger shares of the committed than the detained population.

In 2017, half of detained youth remained in placement 3 weeks after admission; half of committed youth remained after 16 weeks.

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

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