The number of youth in residential placement facilities fell below 25,000 in 2021.

Detention rates decreased the most for Asian (71%) and Hispanic (69%) youth between 2010 and 2021.

Commitment rates decreased by at least 69% for youth of all race/ethnicity groups between 2010 and 2021.

Relative declines from 1999 to 2021 were greater for committed youth (83%) than detained youth (62%).

Among detained youth, youth of color had been in placement longer than white youth.

Among committed youth, Asian youth had been in placement longer than youth from all other race/ethnicity groups.

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The COVID-19 pandemic, which began March 2020, had significant effects on all stages of the juvenile justice system, including juvenile residential facilities, and may have impacted multiple aspects of the 2021 Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement data, such as reporting and the number of youth in residential placement.