Characteristics of delinquency cases handled in juvenile court in 2016

OJJDP’s National Juvenile Court Data Archive documents the workloads of the nation’s juvenile courts

More than one-third of delinquency cases in 2016 involved simple assault or larceny-theft offenses

In 2016, 70% of all delinquency cases resulted in informal sanctions or were dismissed

Overall, 27% of all delinquency cases involved detention in 2016 but the likelihood of detention varied by offense

Youth ages 15 and older accounted for more than 70% of the delinquency caseload in 2016

Statistical Briefing Book ojjdp.gov/ojstatbb

Access more information on juvenile court cases

- Review delinquency and status offense case FAQs
- Analyze data with Easy Access to Juvenile Court Statistics
- Read the Juvenile Court Statistics 2016 report

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