Characteristics of delinquency cases handled in juvenile court in 2017

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

In 2017, 26% of delinquency cases involved predisposition detention, but the likelihood varied by offense.

Delinquency caseloads in 2017 for all offense categories were at or near their lowest level since at least 2005.

Property offense cases accounted for the greatest proportion (32%) of the delinquency caseload in 2017.

Across offenses, cases were less likely to result in a delinquency adjudication in 2017 than in 2005.

Regardless of offense in 2017, probation was the most common sanction for adjudicated delinquency cases.

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 latest Juvenile Court Statistics report

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