Trends and Characteristics of Delinquency Cases Handled in Juvenile Court, 2019

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

Delinquency caseloads in 2019 for property, drug, and public order offenses were at their lowest level since 2005.

The likelihood of detention increased for property cases between 2005 and 2019 but declined for drug cases.

Across offenses, the likelihood of adjudication was less in 2019 than in 2005.

In 2019, probation was the most common sanction for adjudicated delinquency cases.

Compared with 2005, the 2019 delinquency caseload included a smaller proportion of white youth.

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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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