Caseloads for all delinquency offense categories in 2020 were at their lowest level since 2005.

Compared with 2005, the 2020 delinquency caseload included a smaller proportion of white youth.

Across offenses, the likelihood of adjudication was less in 2020 than in 2005.

In 2020, two-thirds of adjudicated delinquency cases received a disposition of probation.

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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It is important to note that 2020 was the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which may have impacted policies, procedures, and data collection activities regarding referrals to and processing of youth by juvenile courts. Additionally, stay-at-home orders and school closures likely impacted the volume and type of law-violating behavior by youth referred to juvenile court in 2020.