Arrests of Juveniles in 2018 Reached the Lowest Level in Nearly 4 Decades

Estimates based on data from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program highlight trends in juvenile arrests.

The number of juvenile arrests fell continuously since 2006 and reached a historic low in 2018.

Following a 5% decline in the last year, the number of juvenile arrests for violent crime offenses reached a new low in 2018.

With few exceptions, juvenile arrests for Property Crime Index offenses declined annually since the mid-1990s.

The decline in arrests since 1996 was greater for juveniles than adults; as a result, juveniles accounted for 7% of arrests in 2018.

Males and white youth accounted for the majority of juvenile arrests in 2018.

Access more information on juvenile arrests in the “Law Enforcement & Juvenile Crime” section of the Statistical Briefing Book.

- Review FAQs about juvenile arrests
- Create custom annual and trend displays detailed by offense, age, and gender, or offense, race, and age in the “Customizable Arrest Tables” section

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