The Decline in Arrests of Juveniles Continued Through 2019

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

After falling 67% since 2006, the number of juvenile arrests reached a new low in 2019.

The number of juvenile arrests for violent crime offenses were cut in half between 2006 and 2019.

By 2019, arrest rates for violent crimes fell substantially from the 1994 peak for every age group younger than 45.

Youth under age 15 and females each accounted for about a third of juvenile arrests in 2019.

Juvenile arrests for Property Crime Index offenses fell 73% between 2008 and 2019.

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

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