



Data Declaration

Police Disposition, Juvenile Offenders Taken into Custody, 2016

The FBI collects these data through the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

General comments

- The totals in this table represent the reported number of juvenile offenders (persons under age 18) taken into custody, aggregated by population group. In addition, this table provides the number of juveniles handled within five different disposition categories. The percent distribution within these categories for each population group is also included.
- These data represent the reported number of juvenile offenders taken into custody; however, some juveniles may be taken into custody more than once during a year. Therefore, the statistics in this table could, in some cases, represent multiple detentions of the same person.

Methodology

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting 12 months of arrest data for 2016 and providing juvenile disposition information.
- In constructing this table, the FBI accepted each individual state's age definition for juveniles.

Population estimation

For the 2016 population estimates used in this table, the FBI computed individual rates of growth from one year to the next for every city/town and county using 2010 decennial population counts and 2011 through 2015 population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Each agency's rates of growth were averaged; that average was then applied and added to its 2015 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2016 population estimate.