



Data Declaration

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Police Disposition, Juvenile Offenders Taken into Custody, 2018

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 six 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.
- Due to a system upgrade, juvenile disposition data from the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is now included in this table. For this reason, the data is not comparable to previous years' data. For the purposes of this table, NIBRS data has been added to the category "Handled within department and released" and to the NIBRS category "Referred to other authorities not specified."

Methodology

- The data used in creating this table were from all law enforcement agencies submitting 12 months of arrest data for 2018 and providing juvenile disposition information.
- In constructing this table, the FBI accepted each individual state's age definition for juveniles.

Population estimation

For the 2018 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 2017 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 2017 Census population estimate to derive the agency's 2018 population estimate.