

Table 1: Juvenile Offenders in Residential Placement, 1993–97**One-Day Count of Juvenile Offenders in Custody
(delinquency offenses only)**

Population	1993	1995	1997
Total population of juveniles committed to residential placement	52,000	59,500	71,700
Private-facility-adjusted population*	55,200	61,600	71,700
Age-adjusted population†	37,700	43,500	52,500
Person offenders	14,800	18,300	19,800
Property offenders	16,600	17,800	21,300
Drug offenders	4,300	4,600	5,500
Public order offenders	1,900	2,800	5,900

* Adjustments were made to 1993 and 1995 committed populations to compensate for undercounts of juveniles in placement in private facilities in those years. This was done by applying the ratio of delinquent youth in private facilities to delinquent youth in public facilities in 1997 to the reported population of youth in public facilities in 1993 and 1995, respectively, to obtain an estimate of the number of delinquent youth in private facilities for those years. These estimates were added to the reported number of delinquent youth in public facilities for 1993 and 1995, respectively, to obtain private-facility-adjusted commitment populations for each year.

† The Children in Custody (CIC) census for 1993 and 1995 does not disaggregate committed and detained delinquent populations by age. To obtain this information for youth ages 10–17, offense-specific adjustments were made based on the proportion of 10- to 17-year-olds in the overall detained and committed populations in 1997, which is provided by OJJDP's Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement 1997. The assumption is that the proportion of 10- to 17-year-olds in the detained and committed populations in 1993 and 1995 was the same as that actually observed in 1997. This assumption is supported by the age distribution of the overall custody population during 1993–97, which remained quite stable. (CIC data provide the age distribution for the overall juvenile custody population but do not distinguish between offenders and nonoffenders or between delinquent and status offenders. The universe for this study is delinquent offenders only.) The 10- to 17-year-old portion of the overall custody population was remarkably stable during 1993–97: 87.4 percent in 1993, 87.8 percent in 1995, and 87.5 percent in 1997. These age-adjusted custody populations also exclude youth in facilities for technical violations.

Note: Detail may not add to totals due to rounding. These counts include committed youth only; detained youth are excluded.

Source: NCJJ analysis of OJJDP's Children in Custody census 1993 and 1995 data files and OJJDP's Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement 1997 data file.