First the raw example, however, several adjustments to from 52,000 to 71,700 (see table 1). For this in custody for delinquency offenses in the U.S. Bureau of the Census, the daily according to data collected for OJJDP by OJJDP’s Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement 1997 data file. Adjustments were made to 1993 and 1995 committed populations to compensate for undercounts of juveniles in place 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) data for 1993 and 1995 do not disaggregate committed and detainer 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.