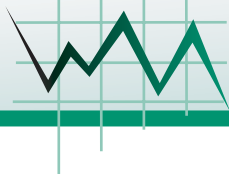




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Juvenile Offenders in Residential Placement: 1997–1999

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There were 108,931 juvenile offenders in residential placement on October 27, 1999

In October 1999, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) conducted the second wave of data collection for the Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement (CJRP). Placement facilities that hold or can hold accused or adjudicated juvenile offenders (delinquents or status offenders) were asked to provide information on all juvenile offenders in residence on the last Wednesday of October. Responses to the CJRP identified 134,011 persons assigned beds on that date in 3,712 public, private, and tribal facilities. Individual-level data were collected on residents who were less than 21 years old; assigned a bed in a residential facility at the end of the day on October 27, 1999; charged with an offense or court adjudicated for an offense; and placed at the facility because of the offense.

There were 108,931 juvenile offenders who met these CJRP inclusion criteria. These offenders were held in 1,136 public, 1,794 private, and 9 tribal facilities.

Private facilities experienced greater growth in their population of juvenile offenders than did public facilities

Facility operation	Juvenile offenders in residential placement		Percent change 1997–99
	1997	1999	
All facilities	105,790	108,931	3
Public	76,335	77,158	1
Private	29,455	31,599	7
Tribal*	–	174	–

* Tribal facilities were not included in the CJRP in 1997.

More than one-third of juvenile offenders in residential placement were held for person offenses

Most serious offense	Juvenile offenders in residential placement		Percent change 1997–99
	Number	Percent	
Total juvenile offenders	108,931	100	3
Delinquency	104,237	96	5
Person	38,005	35	7
Criminal homicide	1,514	1	–21
Sexual assault	7,511	7	34
Robbery	8,212	8	–13
Aggravated assault	9,984	9	5
Simple assault	7,448	7	12
Other person	3,336	3	50
Property	31,817	29	–1
Burglary	12,222	11	–3
Theft	6,944	6	–5
Auto theft	6,225	6	–5
Arson	1,126	1	23
Other property	5,300	5	13
Drug	9,882	9	6
Drug trafficking	3,106	3	2
Other drug	6,776	6	9
Public order	10,487	10	8
Weapons	4,023	4	–4
Other public order	6,464	6	17
Technical violation*	14,046	13	12
Violent Crime Index*	27,221	25	3
Property Crime Index*	26,517	24	–3
Status offense	4,694	4	–32

* Technical violations include violations of probation, parole, and valid court orders. Violent Crime Index offenses include criminal homicide, sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault. Property Crime Index offenses include burglary, theft, auto theft, and arson.

Nationwide, 371 juvenile offenders were held in juvenile facilities per 100,000 juveniles in the population

State*	Number	Rate	State*	Number	Rate
U.S. total	108,931	371	Upper age 17 (continued)		
Upper age 17			Oklahoma	1,123	273
Alabama	1,589	333	Oregon	1,549	404
Alaska	382	419	Pennsylvania	3,819	285
Arizona	1,901	334	Rhode Island	310	284
Arkansas	705	234	South Dakota	603	632
California	19,072	514	Tennessee	1,534	256
Colorado	1,979	407	Utah	985	320
Delaware	347	431	Vermont	67	96
Dist. of Columbia	259	704	Virginia	3,085	415
Florida	6,813	427	Washington	2,094	307
Hawaii	118	96	West Virginia	388	202
Idaho	360	220	Wyoming	310	488
Indiana	2,650	384	Upper age 16		
Iowa	1,017	296	Georgia	3,729	475
Kansas	1,254	383	Illinois	3,885	322
Kentucky	1,188	270	Louisiana	2,745	580
Maine	242	167	Massachusetts	1,188	206
Maryland	1,579	269	Michigan	4,324	417
Minnesota	1,760	290	Missouri	1,161	205
Mississippi	784	229	New Hampshire	216	167
Montana	246	220	South Carolina	1,650	441
Nebraska	720	342	Texas	7,954	370
Nevada	789	378	Wisconsin	1,924	338
New Jersey	2,386	273	Upper age 15		
New Mexico	855	378	Connecticut	1,466	513
North Dakota	235	297	New York	4,813	334
Ohio	4,531	345	North Carolina	1,429	221

Note: The rate is the number of juvenile offenders in residential placement per 100,000 juveniles ages 10 through the upper age of original juvenile court jurisdiction in each State. The U.S. total includes 2,645 juvenile offenders in private facilities for whom the State of offense was not reported and 174 juvenile offenders in tribal facilities.

* State where the offense occurred.

The population of juvenile offenders in placement rose in some States and fell in others

The population of juvenile offenders in residential placement increased in 32 States between 1997 and 1999. The increases ranged from 1 to 33%, and in half of these States, the increase was 10% or greater. In the remaining 18 States and the District of Columbia, the decrease in the proportion of juvenile offenders in residential placement ranged from 1 to 38%. In half of these States, the declines were 6% or more.

The demographic profile of juvenile offenders in residential placement changed little from 1997 to 1999

Demographic characteristic	Juvenile offenders in residential placement (%)	
	1997	1999
Female	14	13
Minority	63	62
Black	40	39
Younger than 15	17	22

For further information

This Fact Sheet is based on the author's analysis of the *Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement 1997 & 1999* (machine-readable data files). For more census information, visit the *OJJDP Statistical Briefing Book* (ojjdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/index.html) and click on "Juveniles in corrections" or "Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement."

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