

Juvenile Justice Indicator Definitions

Juvenile Arrests/ Criminal Activity-Juvenile arrests reported to DCJS by police agencies through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. For UCR reporting purposes, an agency reports a juvenile arrest when a police officer has probable cause to believe that a juvenile aged 7-15 has committed a UCR offense and is either: taken into custody or issued an appearance ticket. Note: The NYPD does not currently report through the UCR; NYC counts represent only juveniles who are formally arrested.

Detention- Juveniles temporarily confined in a secure or non-secure juvenile facility either after an arrest or during probation intake or petition process. New York City detention data is submitted by the NYC Administration for Children's Services. Rest of the state data is submitted by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

Probation Intake-The process where probation departments meet with the juveniles after an arrest to assess the case and determine if an adjustment will be made or if a petition will be filed. Cases can be referred for petition any time during the adjustment process if adjustment attempts are unsuccessful. Probation intake data is submitted by county probation departments to DCJS.

Adjustment- Cases resolved without a formal petition being filed. Adjustments may include conditions that a juvenile must follow. Probation departments submit data to DCJS on the number of intake cases closed as adjusted. An adjustment rate is calculated by dividing the number of probation intake cases closed as adjusted by the total number of juvenile delinquent intake cases closed.

Petitions- Cases assigned a date in Family Court for a fact-finding hearing. There are two types of petitions that can be filed: Juvenile Delinquency (JD) petitions are filed against juveniles ages 7-15 charged with committing an act that would be considered a crime if committed by an adult; and Designated Felony (DF) petitions are filed against juveniles aged 13, 14 or 15 charged with certain serious violent crimes. Only initial petitions are shown. The Office of Court Administration (OCA) Unified Case Management System (UCMS) is the source for petitions data.

Sentences to Probation- The number of initial JD and DF petitions disposed where the juvenile was placed on probation by the Court. Youth sentenced to probation remain in the community under conditions specified by such court and are supervised by a probation officer. OCA's UCMS is the source of probation sentence data.

Sentences to Placement- The number of initial JD and DF petitions disposed where the juvenile was placed by the Court into residential placement. A juvenile can be placed with the County Department of Social Services (DSS), OCFS, or an OCFS-contracted voluntary agency (OCFS/Voluntary). OCA's UCMS is the source of placement data.

OCFS Admissions- OCFS Admissions refers to the number of youth admitted to OCFS custody during the reporting period. Admissions may be the result of initial petition disposition, a supplemental petition disposition, or a return to custody for a juvenile released to aftercare.

Placement Rates- Proportion of total number of initial JD and DF petitions disposed that were sentenced to placement.

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