

# Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the Juvenile Justice System

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# Relative Rate Index (RRI)

Data in this presentation are expressed using the Relative Rate Index (RRI).

- RRIs are the most effective way to compare rates across race and ethnicity.
- RRIs in this presentation enumerate the over- or under-representation of people of color compared to the representation of Whites.
- Two-step calculation:
  - Calculate rates for each race/ethnicity per 100,000 of that group in the general population (or among the youth in the previous stage of the justice system).
  - Divide the rates for other groups by the rate for Whites.

# Data Sources

Most recent data available from government sources.

US Department of Justice sources include:

- FBI's *Crime in the United States*
- National Corrections Reporting Program
- OJJDP's Data Analysis Tools
- OJJDP's *National DMC Databook*

US Census Bureau population data used for calculating rates and RRIs.

# Juvenile Arrests, 2006

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Native American</b>	<b>API</b>
<i>Total Arrests</i>	1,088,376	490,838	18,592	112,093
<b>National RRI</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Violent crime</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Property crime</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>
<b>Drug</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Public Order</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>

*Note: Racial categories include those of Hispanic descent. Native American=American Indian or Alaskan Native. API=Asian or Pacific Islander.*

*Source: FBI, Crime in the US, 20067*

# Youth Detained, 2006

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>AIAN</b>	<b>API</b>
<i>Total</i>	<i>8,167</i>	<i>11,089</i>	<i>5,993</i>	<i>513</i>	<i>367</i>
<b>National</b>	1.0	5.2	2.4	3.6	0.6
<b>Male</b>	1.0	5.8	2.7	3.4	0.7
<b>Female</b>	1.0	3.5	1.6	4.5	0.4

Source: OJJDP Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook, 2008.

# Detained Youth by Offense Type, 2006

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>AIAN</b>	<b>API</b>
<i>Total Detained</i>	8,167	11,089	5,993	513	367
<b>Total Detained</b>	1.0	5.2	2.4	3.6	0.6
<b>Violent</b>	1.0	6.9	2.7	3.3	0.8
<b>Property</b>	1.0	4.4	2.1	3.4	0.7
<b>Drug</b>	1.0	6.1	2.6	2.9	0.5
<b>Public Order</b>	1.0	6.4	2.8	3.1	0.6
<b>Tech Viols</b>	1.0	4.1	2.5	4.1	0.5
<b>Status</b>	1.0	2.8	0.7	7.1	0.4

Source: OJJDP Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook, 2008.

# Girls Detained by Offense Type, 2006

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>AIAN</b>	<b>API</b>
<b>Girls Detained</b>	1.0	3.5	1.6	4.5	0.4
<b>Violent</b>	1.0	5.7	1.9	4.3	0.4
<b>Property</b>	1.0	3.0	1.6	3.1	0.3
<b>Drug</b>	1.0	1.1	1.1	3.5	0.3
<b>Public Order</b>	1.0	3.7	1.8	4.9	0.2
<b>Tech Viols</b>	1.0	3.2	1.8	4.2	0.4
<b>Status</b>	1.0	2.4	0.5	9.4	0.5

Source: OJJDP Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook, 2008.

# Committed Youth, 2006

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>AIAN</b>	<b>API</b>
<i>Total</i>	<i>23,701</i>	<i>25,223</i>	<i>12,784</i>	<i>1,290</i>	<i>772</i>
<b>National</b>	1.0	4.1	1.8	3.2	0.5
<b>Male</b>	1.0	4.4	1.9	2.9	0.5
<b>Female</b>	1.0	2.8	1.1	4.7	0.3

Source: OJJDP Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook, 2008.



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<b>Violent</b>	1.0	4.9	1.9	2.9	0.5
<b>Property</b>	1.0	3.6	1.8	3.0	0.5
<b>Drug</b>	1.0	5.1	2.1	2.6	0.4
<b>Public Order</b>	1.0	3.8	1.9	3.0	0.6
<b>Tech Viols</b>	1.0	3.9	2.0	3.3	0.5
<b>Status</b>	1.0	2.5	0.5	5.4	0.2

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	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>AIAN</b>	<b>API</b>
<b>Total Committed</b>	1.0	2.8	1.1	4.7	0.3
<b>Violent</b>	1.0	4.2	1.3	5.4	0.3
<b>Property</b>	1.0	2.5	1.3	4.4	0.3
<b>Drug</b>	1.0	1.4	1.4	3.9	0.3
<b>Public Order</b>	1.0	3.0	1.2	3.9	0.3
<b>Tech Viols</b>	1.0	2.3	1.3	3.2	0.4
<b>Status</b>	1.0	2.1	0.4	5.8	0.2

Source: OJJDP Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook, 2008.

# Youth in Residential Placement, 2006

	White	African American	Hispanic	AIAN	API
<b>National</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>
California	1.0	7.8	2.4	2.5	0.7
Connecticut	1.0	11.0	6.0	6.1	0.0
Florida	1.0	3.4	0.5	0.7	0.2
Louisiana	1.0	4.0	0.6	1.6	0.4
Minnesota	1.0	9.0	1.8	13.8	1.8
New Hampshire	1.0	10.0	3.2	6.5	0.0
New York	1.0	6.4	2.5	1.4	0.3
Texas	1.0	4.3	1.7	0.7	0.1
Wisconsin	1.0	8.6	1.0	5.6	1.2
Wyoming	1.0	9.9	2.3	3.8	0.0

Note: Detained and committed.

Source: OJJDP Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook, 2008.

# Girls in Residential Placement, 2006

	White	African American	Hispanic	AIAN	API
<b>National</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
California	1.0	5.3	1.4	2.5	0.3
Connecticut	1.0	8.4	4.4	20.4	-
Florida	1.0	3.1	0.4	1.2	-
Louisiana	1.0	2.4	0.8	-	1.7
Minnesota	1.0	5.8	0.8	18.5	0.7
New Hampshire	1.0	19.8	9.1	-	-
New York	1.0	4.6	1.5	2.7	0.4
Texas	1.0	3.4	1.4	-	0.1
Wisconsin	1.0	4.3	0.7	9.5	1.5
Wyoming	1.0	10.4	2.0	7.9	-

Note: Detained and committed. "-" = Numbers too low to calculate rates.

Source: OJJDP Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook, 2008.

# Admissions of Youth <18 to Adult Prison, 2003

	<b>White</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>AIAN</b>	<b>API</b>
<i>Total</i>	972	2,046	469	36	29
<b>National</b>	1.0	7.4	1.6	2.5	0.4
<b>Male</b>	1.0	7.7	1.7	2.4	0.4
<b>Female</b>	1.0	4.8	0.6	3.5	0.2

Source: OJJDP Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook, 2008.

# Youth <18 Admissions to Adult Prison

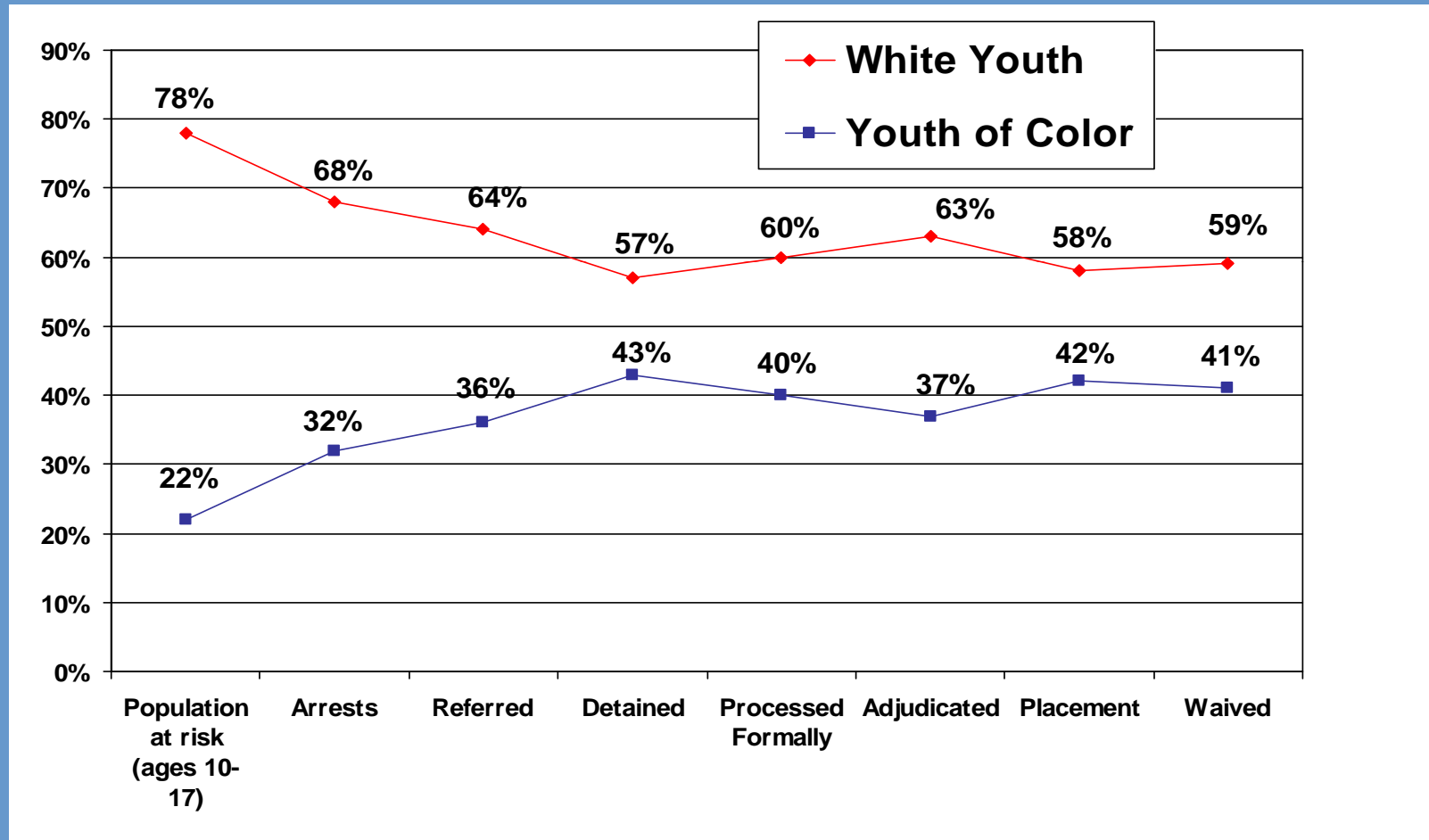
Selected states, 2003

	White	African American	Hispanic	Native American	API
<i>National Total Reported</i>	972	2,046	469	36	29
<b>National</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>
California	1.0	28.4	5.6	7.6	0.7
Florida	1.0	7.4	0.8	0.0	0.0
Minnesota	1.0	12.1	7.4	79.8	7.3
New Jersey	1.0	12.9	2.5	0.0	0.0
New York	1.0	11.1	4.2	0.0	0.4
Pennsylvania	1.0	19.1	8.1	0.0	0.0
Texas	1.0	7.2	2.1	0.0	0.0
Wisconsin	1.0	21.2	7.4	5.3	3.2

*NOTE: National totals are for 35 states only.*

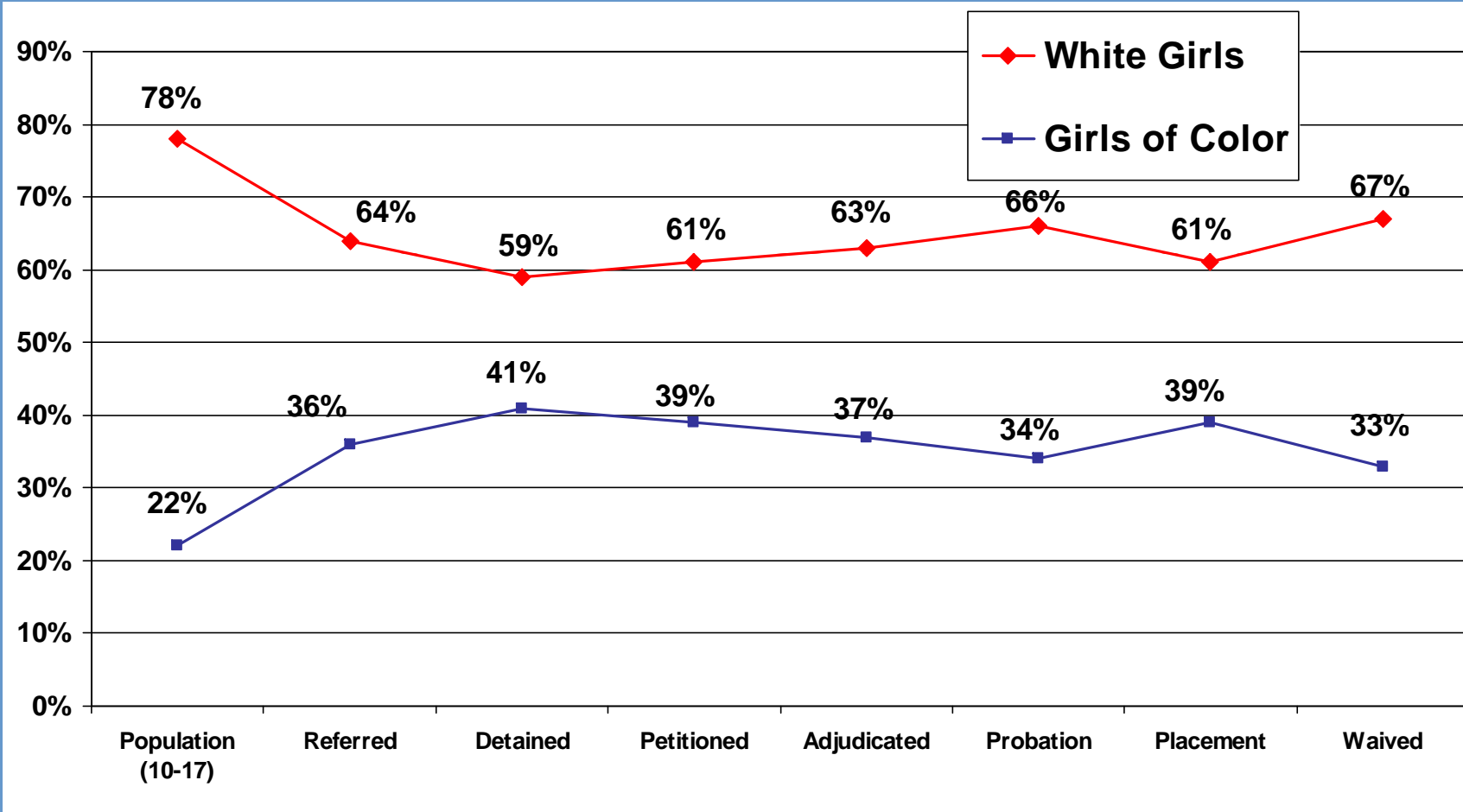
*Source: National Corrections Reporting Program, 2003*

# Proportions of Youth at Key System Stages, 2005



Source: OJJDP, National DMC Databook, 2008.

# Proportions of Girls at Key System Stages, 2005



Source: OJJDP, *Juvenile Court Statistics Databook*, 2008.



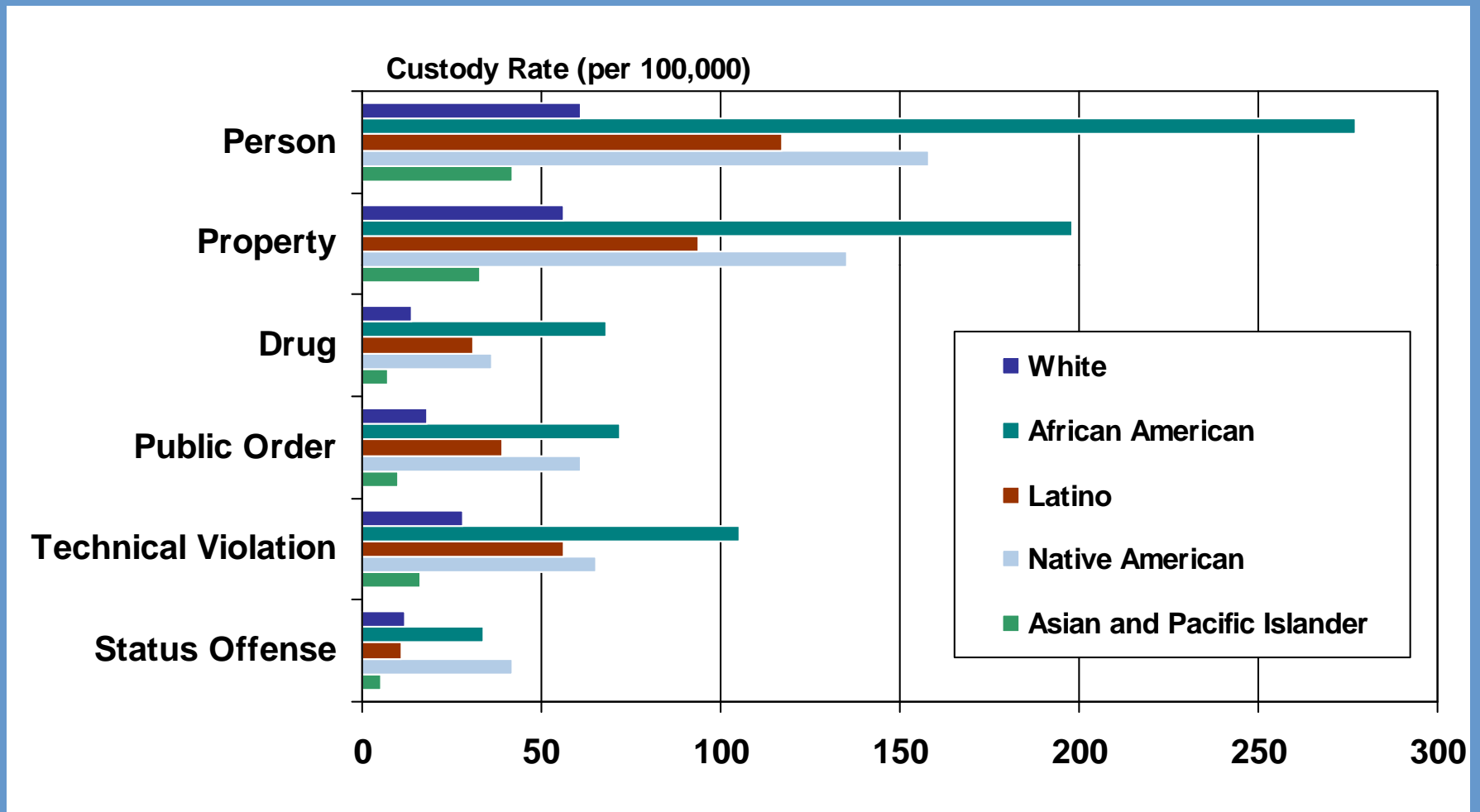
# RRIs at Key Stages as Function of Previous Stage, 2005

	Whites	African American	AIAN	API
Arrests per youth in population	1	2.1	1.1	0.3
Referrals per arrest	1	1.2	1.1	1.2
Diversions per referral	1	0.7	0.9	0.8
Detentions per referral	1	1.4	1.1	1.1
Formal petitions per referral	1	1.2	1	1.1
Adjudications per petition	1	0.9	1.1	1
Probation per adjudication	1	0.9	1	1.1
Placement per adjudication	1	1.2	1.2	1
Waiver per petition	1	1.1	1.9	0.6

Note: Rates are based on number of youth at previous level of the system.

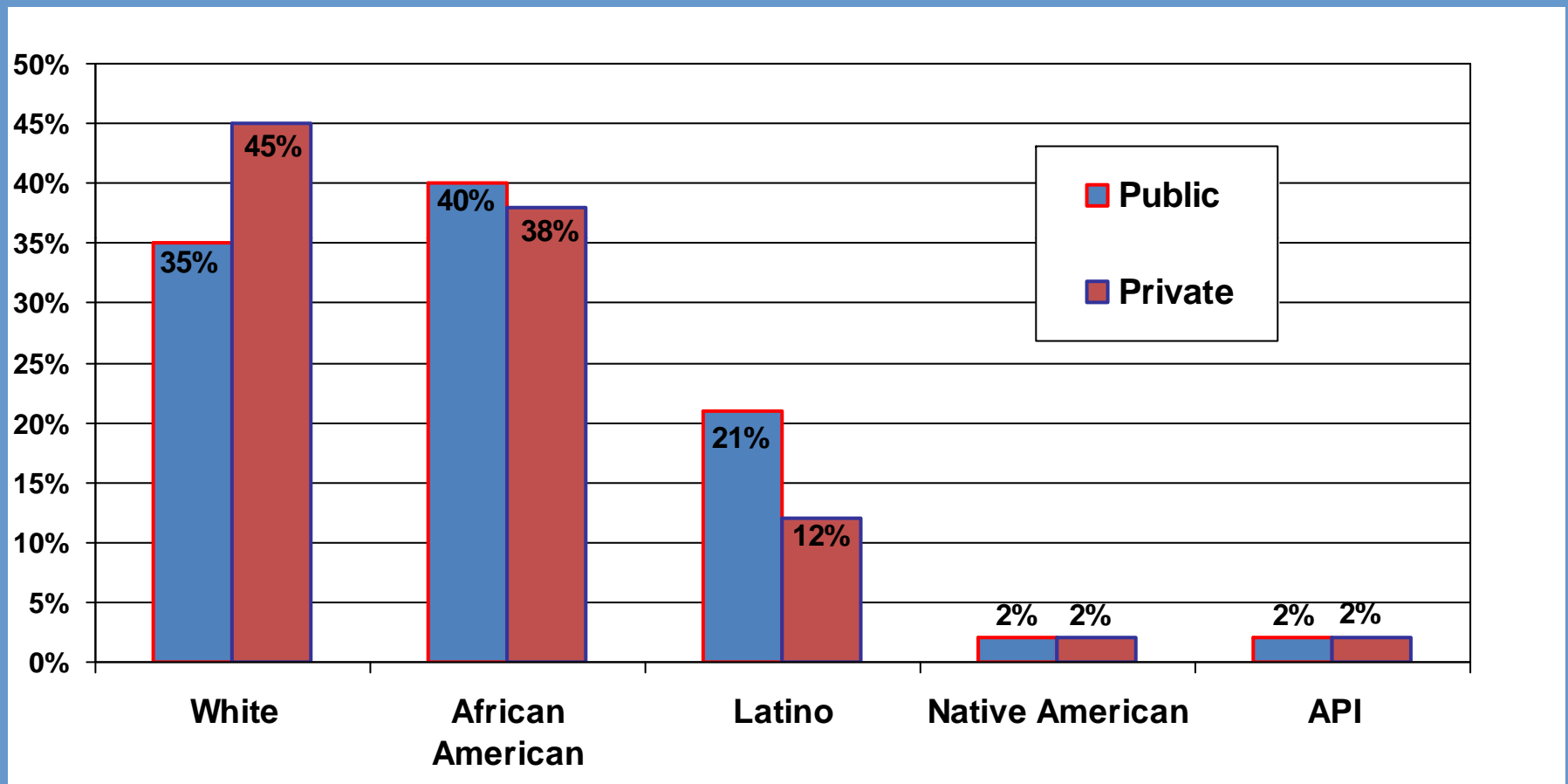
Source: OJJDP National DMC Databook, 2008.

# Rates of Juveniles to Residential Placement by Types of Offenses and Race/Ethnicity, 2003



Source: *Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement 1997, 1999, 2001, and 2003*, OJJDP (2005), and *Easy Access to Juvenile Populations*, OJJDP (2006).

# Racial Proportions of Juveniles in Public and Private Residential Placement, 1999

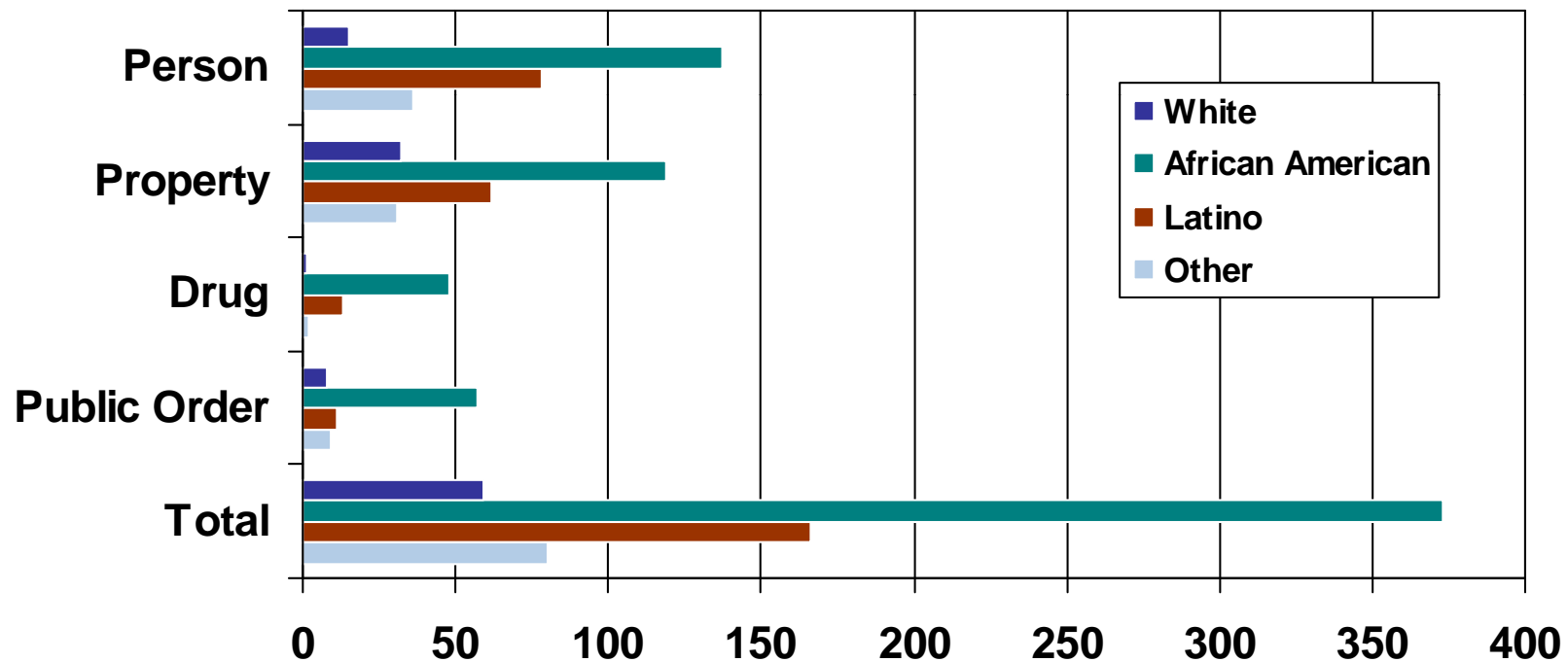


Source: Sickmund, M., "Juveniles in Corrections." OJJDP (2004).

# Rates of Admission of Juveniles to State Public Facilities, 1993

## Youth With No Prior Admissions

Rate (per 100,000)

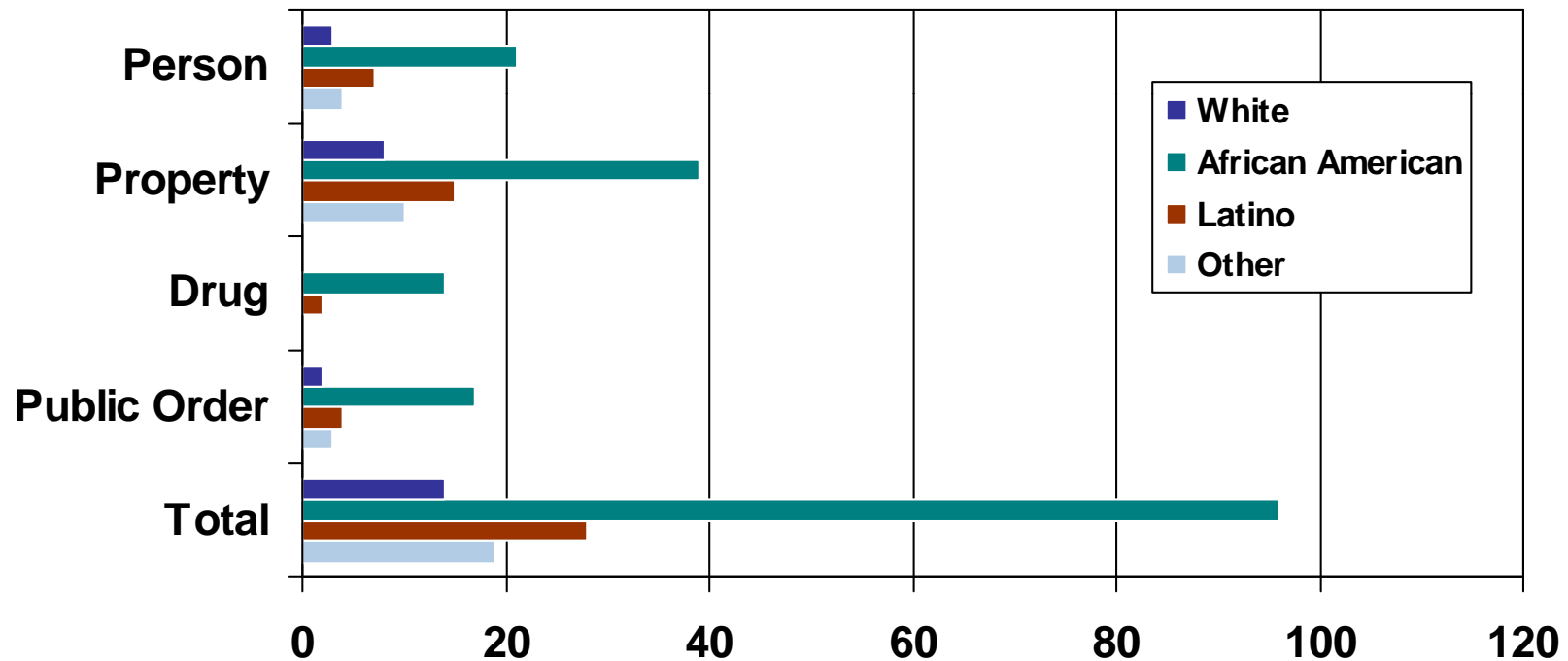


Source: *The Juveniles Taken Into Custody Research Program (1995)*. OJJDP.

Note: Data available for 35 states.

# Rates of Admission of Juveniles to State Public Facilities, 1993

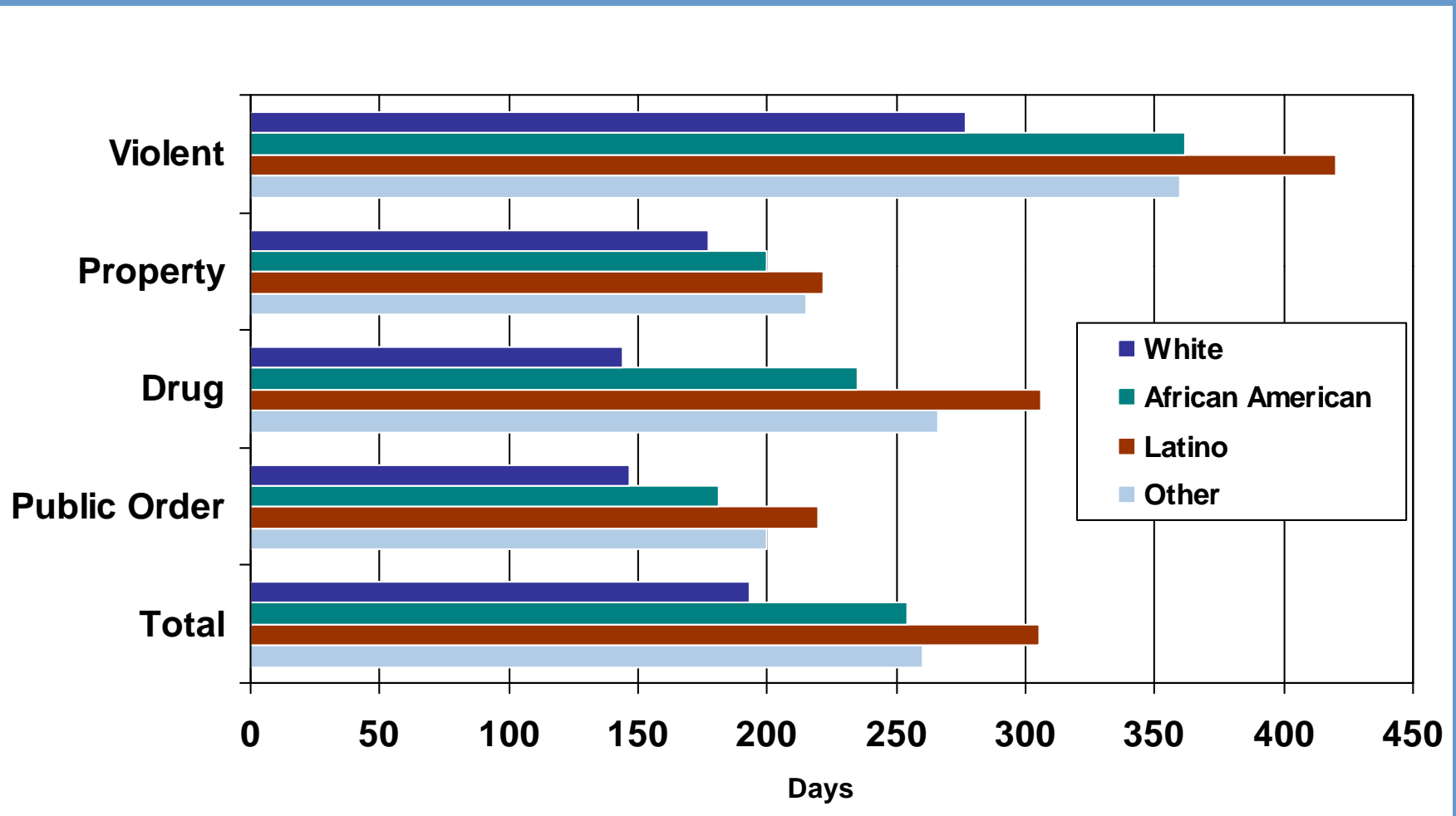
## Youth With One or Two Prior Admissions Rate (per 100,000)



Source: *The Juveniles Taken Into Custody Research Program (1995)*. OJJDP.

Note: Data available for 35 states.

# Youth Mean Lengths of Stay in State Public Facilities, 1993



Source: *The Juveniles Taken Into Custody Research Program (1995)*. OJJDP.

Note: Data available for 35 states.

# Summary

Youth of color are overrepresented in the US juvenile justice system.

- More likely to be arrested, detained, committed.
- More likely to receive harsher dispositions.
- Disparity is often worse for violent and drug offenses.
- Disparity worsens at deeper levels of system.

# Summary

Girls of color are overrepresented in the juvenile justice system.

- African American girls over 3X the rates of White girls in residential placement.
- Native American girls over 4X in residential placement.
- Hispanic girls are placed at higher rates than White girls, especially for detention.
- Only Asian Pacific Islanders are underrepresented.