

Table 5.63

Juvenile court case outcomes

By characteristics of juvenile offenders and type of offense, United States, 1994

	Delinquency cases		Petitioned cases		Cases adjudicated delinquent				Nonadjudicated cases ^a			
	Detained prior to juvenile court disposition	Petitioned	Adjudicated delinquent	Transferred/waived to adult court	Placed out of home	Placed on probation	Dismissed	Other ^b	Placed out of home	Placed on probation	Dismissed	Other ^b
Total	20.7%	55.0%	57.9%	1.4%	28.5%	53.5%	3.5%	14.5%	1.1%	26.1%	53.3%	19.4%
Sex												
Male	22.0	57.5	59.0	1.7	29.6	52.6	3.5	14.2	1.2	25.8	53.9	19.1
Female	15.7	45.5	52.5	B	22.8	57.9	3.3	16.0	1.0	27.3	51.3	20.5
Race												
White	16.9	51.9	59.6	1.2	25.4	54.9	2.7	17.0	0.9	28.4	50.7	19.9
Black	28.0	61.3	54.2	1.9	33.9	51.8	5.1	9.2	1.6	21.9	57.9	18.6
Other ^c	21.9	54.0	65.3	B	32.6	45.9	B	20.1	B	21.9	60.2	17.3
Age at referral to court												
13 years and younger	14.6	43.6	55.4	B	24.1	59.5	2.7	13.6	0.7	29.6	51.3	18.4
14 years	21.2	54.0	61.1	B	29.7	55.1	2.8	12.5	1.1	27.8	52.6	18.6
15 years	23.5	57.5	61.1	0.6	31.6	52.3	3.2	12.9	1.4	25.8	54.0	18.8
16 years	23.4	58.6	59.1	1.9	30.0	51.9	3.5	14.6	1.4	24.8	53.6	20.3
17 years and older	20.7	62.8	51.9	4.2	25.3	49.8	5.2	19.6	1.2	21.3	56.0	21.5
Offense												
Person	24.3	58.6	54.3	2.7	31.2	53.7	3.8	11.3	1.1	25.8	57.0	16.2
Property	16.7	51.8	58.3	1.1	25.4	55.5	3.2	15.9	0.9	28.0	49.7	21.5
Drug	27.8	61.0	59.6	1.8	28.5	52.2	5.1	14.2	1.9	26.0	53.7	18.5
Public-order	24.3	57.2	60.2	0.6	33.3	49.0	2.9	14.7	1.7	21.4	59.4	17.5

Note: See Note, table 5.61. Care should be exercised when interpreting age, sex, or race differences because reported statistics do not control for variations in the seriousness of the offense or the prior criminal history of the juvenile. For methodology, definitions of terms, and offenses within categories, see Appendix 15.

^cIncludes persons having origin in any of the original peoples of North America, the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. Nearly all Hispanics were included in the "white" racial category.

^aIncludes petitioned cases that were not adjudicated delinquent and nonpetitioned cases.

^bIncludes dispositions such as fines, restitution, community service, and referrals outside the court for services with minimal or no further court involvement anticipated.

Source: Jeffrey A. Butts et al., "Juvenile Court Statistics 1994," Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 1996. (Machine-readable data file.) Table constructed by SOURCEBOOK staff.