

Table 333. Delinquency Cases Disposed by Juvenile Courts by Reason for Referral: 1990 to 2004

[In thousands (1,336 represents 1,336,000), except rate. A delinquency offense is an act committed by a juvenile for which an adult could be prosecuted in a criminal court. Disposition of a case involves taking a definite action such as waiving the case to criminal court, dismissing the case, placing the youth on probation, placing the youth in a facility for delinquents, or such actions as fines, restitution, and community service. Data have been revised through 2004]

Reason for referral	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
All delinquency offenses . . .	1,336	1,784	1,825	1,847	1,773	1,690	1,665	1,650	1,645	1,643	1,661
Case rate ¹	52.1	62.2	62.7	62.6	59.4	55.9	54.2	53.1	52.5	52.2	52.6
Person offenses ²	255	394	395	407	396	385	377	388	388	396	401
Criminal homicide	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Forcible rape	4	6	5	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	4
Robbery	28	42	39	35	30	26	21	22	21	21	21
Aggravated assault	53	73	68	61	57	50	49	46	43	44	45
Property offenses ²	785	900	887	854	778	698	668	631	629	616	603
Burglary	146	147	150	146	133	113	108	103	103	101	96
Larceny-theft	344	424	416	399	351	316	309	289	288	281	278
Motor vehicle theft	71	54	53	52	45	38	37	37	37	37	34
Arson	7	11	10	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	9
Drug law violations	71	163	182	188	187	186	194	201	191	189	194
Public order offenses ²	224	329	363	399	412	421	426	430	437	443	463
Obstruction of justice	81	127	155	182	200	200	205	208	206	209	217
Disorderly conduct	55	90	89	91	87	93	96	100	110	112	122
Weapons offenses	31	47	45	45	43	40	38	37	35	38	41
Liquor law violations	17	16	18	19	23	24	28	27	28	28	29
Nonviolent sex offenses	11	9	11	11	11	12	13	14	14	14	14

¹ Number of cases disposed per 1,000 youth (ages 10 to 17) at risk of referral to juvenile court. ² Total include other offenses not shown.

Source: National Center for Juvenile Justice, Pittsburgh, PA, *Juvenile Court Statistics*, annual. See also <<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/index.html>>.