

Table 328. Delinquency Cases Disposed by Juvenile Courts by Reason for Referral: 1990 to 2005

[In thousands (1,346 represents 1,346,000), 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]

Reason for referral	1990	1995	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All delinquency offenses . . .	1,346	1,807	1,870	1,799	1,720	1,702	1,688	1,676	1,674	1,688	1,682
Case rate ¹	52.5	63.0	63.4	60.3	56.9	55.4	54.3	53.4	53.1	53.5	53.2
Person offenses ²	257	398	413	404	396	391	402	401	408	416	428
Criminal homicide	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1
Forcible rape	4	6	5	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	4
Robbery	28	42	36	30	26	22	22	21	22	21	26
Aggravated assault	52	73	61	57	51	51	48	46	47	47	49
Property offenses ²	786	906	861	786	709	678	641	637	624	616	591
Burglary	145	148	147	135	117	111	107	106	104	99	96
Larceny-theft	349	432	406	360	326	314	293	292	284	283	262
Motor vehicle theft	71	54	52	45	39	37	38	38	38	35	33
Arson	7	11	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	8
Drug law violations	71	162	189	188	188	196	203	192	191	196	194
Public order offenses ²	232	341	408	420	426	438	442	445	452	462	470
Obstruction of justice	89	137	192	212	209	215	217	214	217	216	225
Disorderly conduct	56	91	92	89	96	100	104	114	116	125	128
Weapons offenses	31	47	45	43	40	37	37	35	37	41	44
Liquor law violations	17	18	16	19	20	25	25	26	26	26	25
Nonviolent sex offenses	11	10	12	12	13	14	15	15	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.ojdp.ncjrs.org/ojstatbb/index.html>>.