The number of cases judicially waived in 2021 was 57% less than the number in 2005.

In 2021, males, youth age 17 and older, and Black youth accounted for the largest proportions of youth judicially waived.

The likelihood of waiver for person offense cases increased 63% each for males and 16-year-olds, and 107% for Black youth between 2005 and 2021.

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It should be noted that the COVID-19 pandemic, which began in March 2020, had an impact on the policies, procedures, and data collection activities regarding referrals to and the processing of youth by juvenile courts. This impact likely continued into 2021. However, it is not possible to determine the true impact of COVID-19 on the processing of delinquency cases handled by juvenile courts from data submitted to the National Juvenile Court Data Archive.

Detail may not total 100% because of rounding.