

Connecting With the Field

Fiscal Year 2020 Highlights

In fiscal year 2020, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) provided timely and reliable information to help juvenile justice practitioners prevent and respond to delinquency and child victimization. Connecting with the field ensures that vital information and resources reach the people who are working to make a difference in the lives of youth.

Select training and technical assistance and communications efforts are highlighted below. For more information, visit ojjdp.ojp.gov.



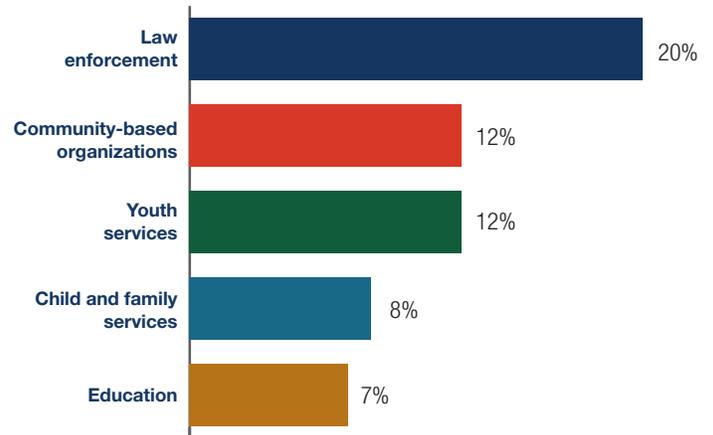
Training and Technical Assistance

In fiscal year 2020—

- OJJDP received 1,726 requests for training and technical assistance via TTA360, OJJDP’s user-friendly online request system. Each of the 50 states submitted requests, as did the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- The most requested training topics were mentoring (47 percent), child safety (40 percent), youth and family engagement (16 percent), and delinquency prevention (13 percent).¹
- OJJDP delivered 1,024 trainings, including 375 webinars. Approximately 21,570 professionals participated in the webinars, which were designed to keep researchers, practitioners, and policymakers up to date on trends in the field.

¹ Percentages exceed 100 percent because requesters could select more than one topic.

Top Five Requesting Entities

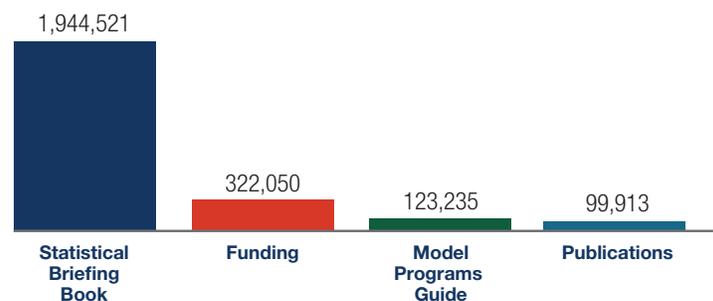


Digital Outreach

In fiscal year 2020—

- More than 26,770 juvenile justice and child protection professionals were subscribed to *OJJDP News @ a Glance*, the Office’s award-winning newsletter.
- OJJDP shared up-to-date information with its 7,405 Twitter and 5,887 Facebook followers.
- Approximately 28,300 subscribers received e-mails through OJJDP’s JUVJUST listserv with announcements of publication releases, research findings, funding opportunities, and upcoming events.

Topics of Interest to OJJDP’s Constituents, by Webpage Views



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Communications Releases

In fiscal year 2020, OJJDP—

- Released six issues of the *OJJDP News @ a Glance* newsletter, along with the following publications:
 - » *Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention 2019 Annual Report*
 - » *2019 Annual Report to Congress: Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act*
 - » *Juvenile Arrests, 2018* (Bulletin)
 - » *Juveniles in Residential Placement, 2017* (Bulletin)
 - » *Delinquency Cases in Juvenile Court, 2017* (Fact Sheet)
- Released 11 In Focus fact sheets:
 - » *Child Protection: Dependency Courts*
 - » *Child Protection: Law Enforcement*
 - » *Children's Advocacy Centers*
 - » *Drug Courts*
 - » *Eliminating Prison Rape Among Juveniles*
 - » *Emergency Planning for Juvenile Facilities*
 - » *Juvenile Reentry*
 - » *Mentoring Youth*
 - » *Supporting Youth and Families Impacted by Opioid Abuse*
 - » *Tribal Youth Initiatives*
 - » *Youth Gangs*
- Issued three data snapshots—visually compelling, one-page research highlights—on:
 - » Highlights From the 2018 Juvenile Residential Facility Census
 - » Dating Violence Reported by High School Students, 2017
 - » Arrests of Juveniles in 2018
- Posted the following blogs:
 - » You Are Not Alone: Supporting Youth and Families Impacted by Substance Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic
 - » Strengthening Connections: Mentoring Youth During a Pandemic
 - » Commemorating National Missing Children's Day
 - » Children's Advocacy Centers: At the Forefront of the Fight Against Child Abuse
 - » The Invisible Faces of Runaway and Homeless Youth

OJJDP Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Highlights from the 2018 Juvenile Residential Facility Census
 The latest data reveal changes in where youth are placed and the screenings provided

The proportion of facilities screening all youth for suicide risk increased substantially between 2008 and 2018

Since 2010, locally operated facilities have had more juvenile offenders than other-operated facilities

The majority of facilities reported screening all or some youth for service needs within one week of admission

The number of deaths in facilities has decreased since 2008, suicide was the most common cause in most years

Statistical Briefing Book [Download PDF](#)

Access more information on residential facilities and youth in placement

- » Review tribal-based residential facility characteristics
- » Analyze data with the Juvenile Residential Facility Census Dashboard

Note: This publication was prepared by Cherie Ruzarski and the Communications, Research, and Policy Division, under contract agreement OJJDP-18-01-0001, awarded to the National Institute of Justice with funding support from OJJDP, as of 2020.

Data source: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Juvenile Residential Facility Census, [https://www.ojjdp.gov/jrhc](#)

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2019 Annual Report

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

45 YEARS OF SERVICE

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Access more information about OJJDP programs for tribal youth at <https://ojjdp.gov/programs/tribal-youth-programs-and-services>.

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 NATIONAL REPORT SERIES BULLETIN

Casey R. Anderson • David E. Matthews, M.J. Director

Juvenile Arrests, 2018

June 2020

Highlights

- » In 2018, law enforcement agencies made an estimated 726,200 arrests of youth younger than 18—the lowest annual total in nearly four decades, but within one year of tripling again and rising.
- » After increasing between 2012 and 2017, the juvenile arrest rate for murder fell, almost through 2018, while the rates for robbery and aggravated assault reached a new low in 2018.
- » Juvenile arrest rates for property crimes have declined in recent years. By 2018, juvenile arrest rates for larceny-theft, burglary, and motor vehicles other than motor vehicles that increased annually since 2012.
- » The violent crime arrest rate for older juveniles (ages 15-17) fell lower than the rate for young adults (ages 18-24 and 21-26).
- » Male and female juvenile arrests have declined in the last 10 years; however, the relative decline has been greater for males than for females across most offenses. As a result, the number of juvenile arrests has grown since 2008.
- » Juvenile arrest rates involving violent crimes such as murder and robbery tend to be much higher for Black youth than for white youth. Overall, arrest rates for these offenses were higher for American Indian and male youth than for Black youth.

From the Field

Commentary by OJJDP's Training, Technical Assistance, and Research Center for Juvenile Justice, the National Center for Juvenile Justice, and the National Center for the Public Service of Investigation's Institute for Reporting Programs. Through juvenile arrest data on the decline for more than a decade, but within one year of tripling again and rising.

IN FOCUS

Casey R. Anderson, Administrator

Tribal Youth Initiatives

The Office participates in the Justice Department's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitations, which allow any of the 573 federally recognized tribes to submit a single application for most of the Department's tribal grant programs. OJJDP supports two purpose areas within the solicitation—the Tribal Youth Program and Tribal Juvenile Hearing to Wellness Courts. OJJDP also encourages tribes to apply for other funding opportunities to support their work in the area of child protection, delinquency prevention, and juvenile justice system enhancement. The Office recently participated in a series of workshops to provide rural and tribal communities with guidance to increase their access to federal grants.

To bolster the grantee's efforts, the Tribal Youth Resource Center and the Alaska Native Youth Training and Technical Assistance Project offer comprehensive, culturally relevant support to all tribes and to rural Alaska Native communities, respectively. The Office also funds research and convenes tribal consultants and youth survivors to help promote the success and well-being of tribal youth.

Programs

Tribal Youth Program

Grants awarded through this program help tribes improve their juvenile justice systems and support prevention, intervention, and treatment approaches that benefit youth. OJJDP designed the funding to be flexible to accommodate the unique needs of each tribe since tribal cultures, needs, and capacities vary.

Tribal Juvenile Hearing to Wellness Courts Program

These grants enhance the capacity of participating courts to develop or strengthen policies, procedures, and services that address substance abuse and substance use. Tribal juvenile hearing to wellness courts often combine judicial intervention with tribal values, such as spirituality and connection to the family and community, to treat youth.

For More Information

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