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# CRIME IN CALIFORNIA, 2006

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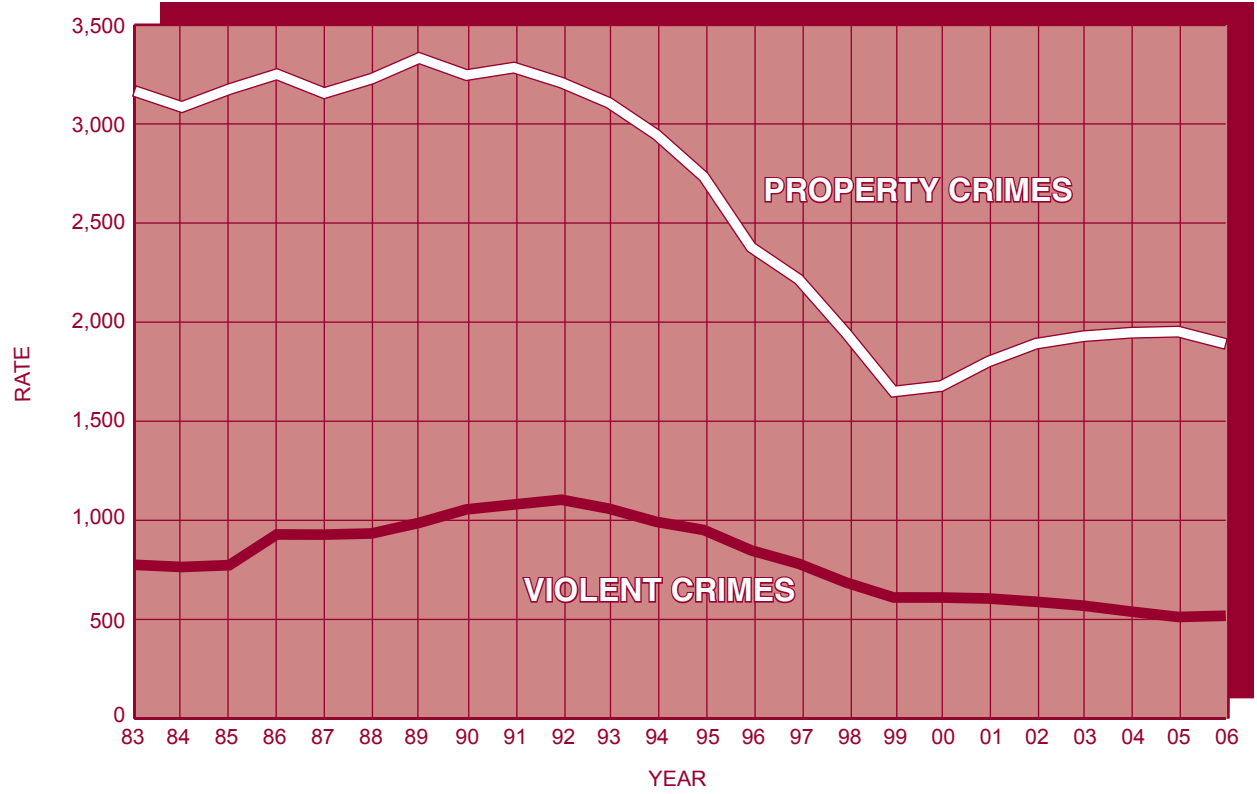
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## CRIME IN CALIFORNIA, 1983–2006

By Category

Rate per 100,000 Population



**From 2005 to 2006:**

- ❑ The **violent crime rate** increased 1.2 percent.
- ❑ The **property crime rate** decreased 3.2 percent.

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Violent crime rates for 1992 and 2006 are also compared since 1992 marked a high point for the period shown. Property crime rates for 1989 and 2006 are compared

since 1989 marked a peak for the period shown. (Note that larceny-theft over \$400 was added to the property crime category in 2003 to give a more representative depiction of crime in California and to correlate more closely to national data presentation. These data are only available since 1983, hence the period presented in this report.)

The more extensive reports, *Crime in California, 2006* and *Juvenile Justice in California, 2006*, will be published later this year.

# CRIMES

## CRIMES, 1989, 1992, and 2001-2006 Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Violent crimes					Property crimes				Larceny-theft			Arson
	Total	Homicide	Forcible rape	Robbery	Aggravated assault	Total	Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Larceny-theft over \$400	Total	Over \$400	\$400 and under	
Number													
2006.....	194,128	2,483	9,213	70,961	111,471	707,607	246,449	242,692	218,466	666,869	218,466	448,403	12,687
2005 <sup>a</sup> .....	189,593	2,503	9,345	63,424	114,321	722,333	249,563	256,998	215,772	688,820	215,772	473,048	12,272
2004.....	197,432	2,394	9,598	61,573	123,867	712,193	244,914	251,747	215,532	726,614	215,532	511,082	12,660
2003.....	204,591	2,402	9,918	63,597	128,674	693,137	240,705	240,798	211,634	727,527	211,634	515,893	13,677
2002.....	207,988	2,392	10,176	64,805	130,615	667,592	237,445	221,780	208,367	712,419	208,367	504,052	14,007
2001.....	210,510	2,201	9,882	63,299	135,128	626,033	229,922	201,074	195,037	689,491	195,037	494,454	15,060
1992.....	345,508	3,920	12,751	130,867	197,970	1,004,190	427,305	320,019	256,866	968,052	256,866	711,186	21,979
1989.....	284,015	3,159	11,956	96,424	172,476	958,765	410,148	298,392	250,225	972,093	250,225	721,868	19,102
Percent change in number													
2005 to 2006.....	2.4	-0.8	-1.4	11.9	-2.5	-2.0	-1.2	-5.6	1.2	-3.2	1.2	-5.2	3.4
2004 to 2005.....	-4.0	4.6	-2.6	3.0	-7.7	1.4	1.9	2.1	0.1	-5.2	0.1	-7.4	-3.1
2003 to 2004.....	-3.5	-0.3	-3.2	-3.2	-3.7	2.7	1.7	4.5	1.8	-0.1	1.8	-0.9	-7.4
2002 to 2003.....	-1.6	0.4	-2.5	-1.9	-1.5	3.8	1.4	8.6	1.6	2.1	1.6	2.3	-2.4
2001 to 2002.....	-1.2	8.7	3.0	2.4	-3.3	6.6	3.3	10.3	6.8	3.3	6.8	1.9	-7.0
2001 to 2006.....	-7.8	12.8	-6.8	12.1	-17.5	13.0	7.2	20.7	12.0	-3.3	12.0	-9.3	-15.8
1992 to 2006.....	-43.8	-36.7	-27.7	-45.8	-43.7	-29.5	-42.3	-24.2	-14.9	-31.1	-14.9	-36.9	-42.3
1989 to 2006.....	-31.6	-21.4	-22.9	-26.4	-35.4	-26.2	-39.9	-18.7	-12.7	-31.4	-12.7	-37.9	-33.6
Rate per 100,000 population <sup>1</sup>													
2006.....	518.4	6.6	24.6	189.5	297.7	1,889.8	658.2	648.1	583.4	1,781.0	583.4	1,197.5	33.9
2005.....	512.3	6.8	25.3	171.4	308.9	1,952.0	674.4	694.5	583.1	1,861.4	583.1	1,278.3	33.2
2004.....	539.6	6.5	26.2	168.3	338.5	1,946.4	669.3	688.0	589.0	1,985.8	589.0	1,396.7	34.6
2003.....	569.4	6.7	27.6	177.0	358.1	1,928.9	669.9	670.1	589.0	2,024.6	589.0	1,435.7	38.1
2002.....	589.2	6.8	28.8	183.6	370.0	1,891.1	672.6	628.3	590.3	2,018.1	590.3	1,427.9	39.7
2001.....	605.6	6.3	28.4	182.1	388.8	1,801.1	661.5	578.5	561.1	1,983.7	561.1	1,422.6	43.3
1992 <sup>b</sup> .....	1,103.9	12.5	40.7	418.1	632.5	3,208.3	1,365.2	1,022.4	820.7	3,092.8	820.7	2,272.2	70.2
1989 <sup>c</sup> .....	987.2	11.0	41.6	335.1	599.5	3,332.4	1,425.6	1,037.1	869.7	3,378.7	869.7	2,509.0	66.4
Percent change in rate													
2005 to 2006.....	1.2	-2.9	-2.8	10.6	-3.6	-3.2	-2.4	-6.7	0.1	-4.3	0.1	-6.3	2.1
2004 to 2005.....	-5.1	4.6	-3.4	1.8	-8.7	0.3	0.8	0.9	-1.0	-6.3	-1.0	-8.5	-4.0
2003 to 2004.....	-5.2	-3.0	-5.1	-4.9	-5.5	0.9	-0.1	2.7	0.0	-1.9	0.0	-2.7	-9.2
2002 to 2003.....	-3.4	-1.5	-4.2	-3.6	-3.2	2.0	-0.4	6.7	-0.2	0.3	-0.2	0.5	-4.0
2001 to 2002.....	-2.7	7.9	1.4	0.8	-4.8	5.0	1.7	8.6	5.2	1.7	5.2	0.4	-8.3
2001 to 2006.....	-14.4	4.8	-13.4	4.1	-23.4	4.9	-0.5	12.0	4.0	-10.2	4.0	-15.8	-21.7
1992 to 2006.....	-53.0	-47.2	-39.6	-54.7	-52.9	-41.1	-51.8	-36.6	-28.9	-42.4	-28.9	-47.3	-51.7
1989 to 2006.....	-47.5	-40.0	-40.9	-43.4	-50.3	-43.3	-53.8	-37.5	-32.9	-47.3	-32.9	-52.3	-48.9

Source: Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program.

Note: Rates calculated from the total population may not add to subtotals because of rounding.

<sup>a</sup> Prior to 2005, the Los Angeles Police Department had included child abuse and domestic violence simple assaults in their aggravated assault statistics. This change may have contributed to the large decrease in aggravated assaults from 2004 to 2005.

<sup>b</sup> 1992 marked the peak year for the violent crime rate for the period shown on the trend chart (1983-2006).

<sup>c</sup> 1989 marked the peak year for the property crime rate for the period shown on the trend chart (1983-2006).

<sup>1</sup> Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

### From 2005 to 2006:

- ◆ The violent crime rate increased 1.2 percent. The violent crime rate has decreased 53.0 percent since its peak in 1992.
- ◆ The property crime rate decreased 3.2 percent. The property crime rate has decreased 43.3 percent since its peak in 1989.

# ARRESTS

**ARRESTS, 1989, 1992, and 2001-2006**  
Number, Rate per 100,000 Population, and Percent Change

Year(s)	Total			Law violations									Status offenses <sup>1</sup>
	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total			Felony			Misdemeanor			Juvenile
				Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	
Number													
2006.....	1,539,364	1,306,515	232,849	1,502,868	1,306,515	196,353	534,460	469,271	65,189	968,408	837,244	131,164	36,496
2005.....	1,508,210	1,289,431	218,779	1,477,212	1,289,431	187,781	538,166	477,005	61,161	939,046	812,426	126,620	30,998
2004.....	1,499,083	1,280,937	218,146	1,468,343	1,280,937	187,406	522,781	462,910	59,871	945,562	818,027	127,535	30,740
2003.....	1,471,083	1,247,763	223,320	1,438,863	1,247,763	191,100	507,081	446,203	60,878	931,782	801,560	130,222	32,220
2002.....	1,426,233	1,196,599	229,634	1,390,613	1,196,599	194,014	487,364	425,825	61,539	903,249	770,774	132,475	35,620
2001.....	1,420,680	1,180,194	240,486	1,380,667	1,180,194	200,473	472,677	408,684	63,993	907,990	771,510	136,480	40,013
1992.....	1,718,254	1,471,058	247,196	1,695,153	1,471,058	224,095	564,416	470,932	93,484	1,130,737	1,000,126	130,611	23,101
1989.....	1,969,168	1,730,927	238,241	1,946,265	1,730,927	215,338	590,285	501,259	89,026	1,355,980	1,229,668	126,312	22,903
Percent change in number													
2005 to 2006.....	2.1	1.3	6.4	1.7	1.3	4.6	-0.7	-1.6	6.6	3.1	3.1	3.6	17.7
2004 to 2005.....	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.6	0.7	0.2	2.9	3.0	2.2	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	0.8
2003 to 2004.....	1.9	2.7	-2.3	2.0	2.7	-1.9	3.1	3.7	-1.7	1.5	2.1	-2.1	-4.6
2002 to 2003.....	3.1	4.3	-2.7	3.5	4.3	-1.5	4.0	4.8	-1.1	3.2	4.0	-1.7	-9.5
2001 to 2002.....	0.4	1.4	-4.5	0.7	1.4	-3.2	3.1	4.2	-3.8	-0.5	-0.1	-2.9	-11.0
2001 to 2006.....	8.4	10.7	-3.2	8.9	10.7	-2.1	13.1	14.8	1.9	6.7	8.5	-3.9	-8.8
1992 to 2006.....	-10.4	-11.2	-5.8	-11.3	-11.2	-12.4	-5.3	-0.4	-30.3	-14.4	-16.3	0.4	58.0
1989 to 2006.....	-21.8	-24.5	-2.3	-22.8	-24.5	-8.8	-9.5	-6.4	-26.8	-28.6	-31.9	3.8	59.4
Rate per 100,000 total population <sup>2</sup>													
2006.....	4,111.1	3,489.2	621.9	4,013.6	3,489.2	524.4	1,427.3	1,253.2	174.1	2,586.3	2,236.0	350.3	97.5
2005.....	4,075.7	3,484.5	591.2	3,992.0	3,484.5	507.5	1,454.3	1,289.0	165.3	2,537.6	2,195.5	342.2	83.8
2004.....	4,096.9	3,500.7	596.2	4,012.9	3,500.7	512.2	1,428.7	1,265.1	163.6	2,584.2	2,235.6	348.5	84.0
2003.....	4,093.8	3,472.4	621.5	4,004.2	3,472.4	531.8	1,411.1	1,241.7	169.4	2,593.0	2,230.6	362.4	89.7
2002.....	4,040.2	3,389.7	650.5	3,939.3	3,389.7	549.6	1,380.6	1,206.3	174.3	2,558.7	2,183.4	375.3	100.9
2001.....	4,087.3	3,395.5	691.9	3,972.2	3,395.5	576.8	1,359.9	1,175.8	184.1	2,612.3	2,219.7	392.7	115.1
1992.....	5,489.6	4,699.9	789.8	5,415.8	4,699.9	716.0	1,803.2	1,504.6	298.7	3,612.6	3,195.3	417.3	73.8
1989 <sup>a</sup> .....	6,844.2	6,016.2	828.1	6,764.6	6,016.2	748.4	2,051.7	1,742.2	309.4	4,713.0	4,274.0	439.0	79.6
Rate per 100,000 population at risk <sup>2,3</sup>													
2006.....	5,265.1	5,282.9	5,167.7	5,140.3	5,282.9	4,357.8	1,828.0	1,897.5	1,446.8	3,312.3	3,385.4	2,911.0	810.0
2005.....	5,235.1	5,302.8	4,868.9	5,127.5	5,302.8	4,179.0	1,868.0	1,961.7	1,361.1	3,259.5	3,341.1	2,817.9	689.9
2004.....	5,286.4	5,358.1	4,901.5	5,178.0	5,358.1	4,210.8	1,843.6	1,936.3	1,345.2	3,334.5	3,421.8	2,865.5	690.7
2003.....	5,288.7	5,356.2	4,940.9	5,172.9	5,356.2	4,228.0	1,823.0	1,915.4	1,346.9	3,349.9	3,440.8	2,881.1	712.9
2002.....	5,223.8	5,219.1	5,248.7	5,093.4	5,219.1	4,434.6	1,785.1	1,857.3	1,406.6	3,308.3	3,361.8	3,028.0	814.2
2001.....	5,311.9	5,232.3	5,740.3	5,162.3	5,232.3	4,785.2	1,767.3	1,811.9	1,527.5	3,395.0	3,420.5	3,257.7	955.1
1992.....	7,166.7	7,119.9	7,458.1	7,070.3	7,119.9	6,761.1	2,354.1	2,279.3	2,820.5	4,716.2	4,840.6	3,940.6	697.0
1989 <sup>a</sup> .....	8,742.4	8,898.6	7,753.7	8,640.7	8,898.6	7,008.3	2,620.6	2,576.9	2,897.4	6,020.1	6,321.6	4,110.9	745.4
Percent change in rate per 100,000 population at risk													
2005 to 2006.....	0.6	-0.4	6.1	0.2	-0.4	4.3	-2.1	-3.3	6.3	1.6	1.3	3.3	17.4
2004 to 2005.....	-1.0	-1.0	-0.7	-1.0	-1.0	-0.8	1.3	1.3	1.2	-2.2	-2.4	-1.7	-0.1
2003 to 2004.....	0.0	0.0	-0.8	0.1	0.0	-0.4	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6	-0.5	-3.1
2002 to 2003.....	1.2	2.6	-5.9	1.6	2.6	-4.7	2.1	3.1	-4.2	1.3	2.3	-4.9	-12.4
2001 to 2002.....	-1.7	-0.3	-8.6	-1.3	-0.3	-7.3	1.0	2.5	-7.9	-2.6	-1.7	-7.1	-14.8
2001 to 2006.....	-0.9	1.0	-10.0	-0.4	1.0	-8.9	3.4	4.7	-5.3	-2.4	-1.0	-10.6	-15.2
1992 to 2006.....	-26.5	-25.8	-30.7	-27.3	-25.8	-35.5	-22.3	-16.8	-48.7	-29.8	-30.1	-26.1	16.2
1989 to 2006.....	-39.8	-40.6	-33.4	-40.5	-40.6	-37.8	-30.2	-26.4	-50.1	-45.0	-46.4	-29.2	8.7

Source: Monthly Arrest and Citation Register (MACR) System.

Note: Rates calculated from the total or at-risk populations may not add to subtotals or total because of rounding.

<sup>a</sup> 1989 marked the peak year for the total arrest rate for the period 1983-2006.

<sup>1</sup> Status offenses include truancy, incorrigibility, running away, and curfew violations. These offenses can only be committed or engaged in by a juvenile.

<sup>2</sup> Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

<sup>3</sup> These rates are based on the population at risk for each year. The categories are total (10-69 years of age), adult (18-69 years of age), and juvenile (10-17 years of age).

## From 2005 to 2006:

- ◆ Total arrests increased 0.6 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk. Total arrests have decreased 39.8 percent in rate since 1989.
- ◆ Felony arrests decreased 2.1 percent in rate per 100,000 population at risk. Felony arrests have decreased 30.2 percent in rate since 1989.
- ◆ Misdemeanor arrests increased 1.6 percent in rate. Misdemeanor arrests have decreased 45.0 percent in rate since 1989.

# ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS

## ADULT FELONY ARREST DISPOSITIONS, 2001-2006

By Type of Disposition and Sentence

Type of disposition and sentence	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total.....	271,992	100.0	287,499	100.0	316,377	100.0	345,415	100.0	319,587	100.0	319,818	100.0
Law enforcement releases.....	11,248	4.1	11,195	3.9	10,352	3.3	10,721	3.1	10,114	3.2	9,107	2.8
Total complaints denied.....	39,414	14.5	39,833	13.9	42,922	13.6	43,179	12.5	39,034	12.2	42,506	13.3
Single complaints.....	37,027	13.6	37,855	13.2	40,593	12.8	41,508	12.0	37,312	11.7	40,784	12.8
Combined cases.....	182	0.1	194	0.1	265	0.1	262	0.1	314	0.1	322	0.1
Petitions to revoke probation....	2,205	0.8	1,784	0.6	2,064	0.7	1,409	0.4	1,408	0.4	1,400	0.4
Complaints filed.....	221,330	81.4	236,471	82.3	263,103	83.2	291,515	84.4	270,439	84.6	268,205	83.9
Court dispositions.....	221,330	81.4	236,471	82.3	263,103	83.2	291,515	84.4	270,439	84.6	268,205	83.9
Dismissed.....	34,129	12.5	35,445	12.3	39,711	12.6	42,279	12.2	38,026	11.9	40,857	12.8
Diversions dismissed.....	2,799	1.0	4,809	1.7	5,141	1.6	5,111	1.5	5,031	1.6	4,974	1.6
Acquitted.....	775	0.3	766	0.3	923	0.3	760	0.2	581	0.2	625	0.2
Convicted.....	183,627	67.5	195,451	68.0	217,328	68.7	243,365	70.5	226,801	71.0	221,749	69.3
Sentence.....	183,627	67.5	195,451	68.0	217,328	68.7	243,365	70.5	226,801	71.0	221,749	69.3
Death.....	25	0.0	17	0.0	22	0.0	12	0.0	22	0.0	17	0.0
Prison.....	33,020	12.1	32,412	11.3	37,097	11.7	43,743	12.7	42,405	13.3	39,730	12.4
California Rehabilitation Center (Civil Addict).....	313	0.1	267	0.1	242	0.1	207	0.1	227	0.1	190	0.1
Youth Authority.....	4	0.0	7	0.0	4	0.0	2	0.0	7	0.0	6	0.0
Probation.....	21,503	7.9	31,499	11.0	33,471	10.6	35,579	10.3	34,128	10.7	33,636	10.5
Probation with jail.....	119,752	44.0	120,800	42.0	132,531	41.9	145,669	42.2	132,781	41.5	129,700	40.6
Jail.....	6,506	2.4	7,133	2.5	8,207	2.6	9,069	2.6	8,842	2.8	8,964	2.8
Fine.....	1,626	0.6	1,815	0.6	2,065	0.7	2,426	0.7	2,401	0.8	2,892	0.9
Other <sup>1</sup> .....	878	0.3	1,501	0.5	3,689	1.2	6,658	1.9	5,988	1.9	6,614	2.1

Source: Offender-Based Transaction Statistics (OBTS) System.

Note: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

<sup>1</sup>The "other" category includes no sentence given, sentence suspended, and sentence stayed.

### As a percentage of reported adult felony arrest dispositions:

- ◆ Law enforcement releases decreased from 3.2 percent in 2005 to 2.8 percent in 2006.
- ◆ Total complaints denied increased from 12.2 percent in 2005 to 13.3 percent in 2006.
- ◆ Dismissals and acquittals increased from 13.7 percent in 2005 to 14.6 percent in 2006.
- ◆ Convictions decreased from 71.0 percent in 2005 to 69.3 percent in 2006.

# JUVENILE JUSTICE

## JUVENILE JUSTICE, 2002-2006<sup>a</sup>

Referrals to Probation by Probation Disposition, Court Disposition, and Wardship Placement

Probation dispositions, court dispositions, and wardship placements	2002		2003		2004		2005		2006	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Referrals to probation.....	129,069		154,954		169,681		194,670		207,298	
Probation dispositions.....	129,069	100.0	154,954	100.0	169,681	100.0	194,670	100.0	207,298	100.0
Closed.....	51,666	40.0	52,236	33.7	60,942	35.9	68,411	35.1	72,961	35.2
Transferred <sup>1</sup> .....	1,812	1.4	1,343	0.9	1,907	1.1	2,071	1.1	2,170	1.0
Traffic court.....	13	0.0	1,255	0.8	6,941	4.1	10,415	5.4	9,771	4.7
Direct file - adult court.....	8	0.0	410	0.3	283	0.2	343	0.2	654	0.3
Informal probation.....	5,768	4.5	5,490	3.5	5,444	3.2	5,428	2.8	6,792	3.3
Diversion.....	4,651	3.6	6,293	4.1	7,881	4.6	9,083	4.7	10,856	5.2
Petitions filed.....	65,151	50.5	87,927	56.7	86,283	50.9	98,919	50.8	104,094	50.2
Juvenile court dispositions.....	65,151	50.5	87,927	56.7	86,283	50.9	98,919	50.8	104,094	50.2
Dismissed.....	8,029	6.2	15,440	10.0	17,409	10.3	18,978	9.7	20,994	10.1
Transferred <sup>1</sup> .....	1,671	1.3	2,019	1.3	2,724	1.6	3,387	1.7	3,513	1.7
Remanded to adult court.....	386	0.3	404	0.3	252	0.1	318	0.2	275	0.1
Informal probation.....	2,499	1.9	4,922	3.2	4,842	2.9	5,487	2.8	5,756	2.8
Non-ward probation.....	2,430	1.9	2,889	1.9	3,255	1.9	4,327	2.2	4,744	2.3
Diversion.....	1,510	1.2	1,821	1.2	168	0.1	239	0.1	673	0.3
Deferred entry of judgment.....	140	0.1	1,027	0.7	2,504	1.5	3,359	1.7	3,681	1.8
Wardship probation/YA.....	48,486	37.6	59,405	38.3	55,129	32.5	62,824	32.3	64,458	31.1
Wardship placements.....	48,486	37.6	59,405	38.3	55,129	32.5	62,824	32.3	64,458	31.1
Own/relative's home.....	26,773	20.7	34,299	22.1	34,613	20.4	36,859	18.9	37,389	18.0
Non-secure county facility..	3,975	3.1	3,541	2.3	1,966	1.2	2,383	1.2	2,261	1.1
Secure county facility.....	13,325	10.3	15,512	10.0	13,223	7.8	16,538	8.5	17,354	8.4
Other public facility.....	144	0.1	230	0.1	195	0.1	213	0.1	444	0.2
Other private facility.....	3,295	2.6	4,107	2.7	3,807	2.2	5,465	2.8	5,455	2.6
Other.....	131	0.1	707	0.5	666	0.4	730	0.4	934	0.5
Youth Authority.....	843	0.7	1,009	0.7	659	0.4	636	0.3	621	0.3

Source: Juvenile Court and Probation Statistical System (JCPSS).

Note: Percentages may not add to subtotals or 100.0 because of rounding.

<sup>a</sup> Data were reported by 47 counties in 2002, 50 counties in 2003, 52 counties in 2004, 55 counties in 2005, and 56 counties in 2006.

<sup>1</sup> The "transferred" category includes transferred and deported.

### As a percentage of reported referrals to probation:

- ◆ Petitions filed in juvenile court decreased from 50.5 percent in 2002 to 50.2 percent in 2006.
- ◆ Juveniles made a ward of the court decreased from 37.6 percent in 2002 to 31.1 percent in 2006.
- ◆ Juveniles committed to the youth authority decreased from 0.7 percent in 2002 to 0.3 percent in 2006.