

JUVENILE FAST FACTS

- Overall arrests of juveniles decreased from 10,779 in 1999 to 6,842 in 2008.¹

- Arrests of girls decreased 27.5% (from 2,843 in 1999 to 2,060 in 2008) while arrests of boys decreased 39.7% over the same period (from 7,936 in 1999 to 4,782 in 2008).²

- Arrests of minority youth increased 18.4% from 2006 – 2008, while the minority youth population increased by 11.9%.³

- Misdemeanor, non-violent offenses constituted the majority of offenses for which youth are adjudicated for the first time between 2006 and 2008. 80.1% were adjudicated for a misdemeanor and 51.1% were adjudicated for property offenses.¹

- The number of youth adjudicated for the first time decreased 18.2% (1,480 to 1,246) from 2006 – 2008.¹

- The one-year juvenile recidivism⁴ rate remained fairly stable from 21.1% of youth first adjudicated in 2006 to 21.8% in 2008, with a high point of in 2007 at 26.5%.¹

¹ [MDOC/Muskie School Annual Recidivism Report](#)

² MDPA, Crime in Maine, 2008

³ Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990 - 2009

⁴ Recidivism is defined as a re-adjudication (juvenile) or conviction (adult for an offense committed by a youth in Maine within three years of his adjudication