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 recidivism\(^4\) 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%.\(^1\)

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\(^1\) 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