



Other Vulnerable Children and Youths

Children who are born poor, at low birthweight and without health coverage, and those who start school not ready to learn, fall behind and drop out, and may be abused or neglected and grow up in foster care are more likely to end up in the juvenile justice system. Other youths escape “the system” but cannot find work and struggle day to day. They all face multiple risks that jeopardize their futures. Lacking a caring adult in their lives and crucial emotional support, these vulnerable youths are the ones most likely to get pulled into the cradle to prison pipeline. Searching for acceptance without positive role models or mentors, they often turn to gangs or the street corner, trapped in a trajectory that leads to marginalized lives, imprisonment and often premature death.

- A child is abused or neglected every 41 seconds; 71 percent of them are victims of neglect. Infants are the most likely to suffer from maltreatment. Almost 40 percent of child victims receive no post-investigation services and many more receive far less than they need.
- 1,200 children enter foster care each day remaining there on average more than two years. Thirty-one percent of the children in foster care are Black, double the percent of all children who are Black.
- After a 25 percent decrease in the number of homeless children and teens in public school in the 2006–2007 school year, the number increased 17 percent in 2007.
- The unemployment rate for teens 16–19 in 2008 was more than three times the national unemployment rate, and almost two times the national rate for 20–24-year-olds. The rate increased in 2009 by about one-third for teens to 24.3 percent and more than 40 percent for those ages 20–24 to 14.7 percent.
- Black children are seven times as likely as White children to have a parent in prison.
- At ages 10–17, a Black youth is five times as likely as a White youth to be arrested for a violent crime.
- Nationally, Black youths are more than four times as likely as White youths to be detained in a juvenile correctional facility. About two-thirds are detained for a non-violent offense.
- While White, Black and Hispanic teens are about equally likely to use drugs, Blacks are twice as likely as Whites to be arrested for drug offenses and more than five times as likely to be in secure residential placement for these offenses.

Who Are the Children Who Are Abused and Neglected?

- Infants are the most likely to be victims of abuse and neglect. Nearly one-third of all victims are younger than age four.
- 71.3 percent are victims of neglect; 2.1 percent of medical neglect; 16.1 percent of physical abuse; 9.2 percent of sexual abuse; 6.8 percent of psychological abuse, and 9.3 percent are victims of other or unknown types of maltreatment.
- Nearly half of all abused and neglected children are White; one-sixth are African American; and one-fifth are Hispanic.
- Boys and girls are almost equally likely to be victims of abuse or neglect, with girls just slightly more likely.
- Close to 40 percent of child victims receive no services after the investigation.
- Three-quarters of child victims have no history of prior victimization.
- More than half of the child victims are reported to child protection agencies by teachers, police officers and other professionals.
- Approximately one in five child victims in 2008 was maltreated by someone other than his/her parents. More than half of the known non-parental perpetrators were either another male relative or a male partner of the parent.

Sources: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, *Child Maltreatment: 2008* (April 2009). Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

A child is abused or neglected every 41 seconds; seven out of ten are victims of neglect.
Children under the age of four are the most likely victims of maltreatment.

Child Maltreatment, 2008

	Victims of maltreatment		Type of maltreatment** (percent distribution)					
			Neglect	Medical neglect	Physical abuse	Sexual abuse	Psychological maltreatment	Other, unknown, or missing
	Number	Rate*						
Alabama	9,217	8.2	39.8%	—	42.8%	25.0%	0.4%	—
Alaska	4,522	25.1	73.4	2.5%	12.3	3.7	18.3	—
Arizona	3,516	2.1	67.2	—	27.4	8.4	0.8	—
Arkansas	9,289	13.2	57.7	8.0	16.8	24.6	1.0	0.1%
California	84,848	9.1	74.2	—	11.1	7.3	16.0	0.1
Colorado	11,247	9.3	71.2	1.7	14.6	9.2	3.5	4.9
Connecticut	9,641	11.9	78.4	3.8	6.4	4.5	24.2	—
Delaware	2,278	11.0	42.1	1.1	18.0	8.8	26.0	9.1
District of Columbia	2,645	23.6	69.8	6.2	12.1	4.3	1.8	27.8
Florida	51,271	12.8	49.4	1.9	9.7	4.6	1.1	51.9
Georgia	26,330	10.3	71.4	4.8	11.7	4.4	16.7	0.2
Hawaii	1,902	6.7	14.8	1.6	11.9	6.0	1.1	91.5
Idaho	1,836	4.4	73.7	0.9	19.1	4.6	0.1	6.5
Illinois	29,788	9.4	68.3	2.2	19.8	15.9	0.1	—
Indiana	21,846	13.8	79.0	2.2	12.2	17.5	0.0	—
Iowa	11,200	15.7	79.1	1.0	13.7	4.8	0.7	5.4
Kansas	1,685	2.4	22.2	2.0	19.5	31.8	10.1	22.2
Kentucky	18,252	18.1	87.9	—	10.3	4.1	0.4	—
Louisiana	10,173	9.2	77.5	—	26.4	7.3	0.7	0.4
Maine	4,033	14.7	68.9	—	16.6	8.3	30.2	—
Maryland	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r	n/r
Massachusetts	41,596	29.1	92.4	—	12.6	2.3	0.1	0.0
Michigan	29,643	12.4	82.3	2.8	19.6	4.1	10.5	18.7
Minnesota	5,824	4.6	71.7	1.1	17.7	16.1	0.9	—
Mississippi	7,976	10.4	59.4	3.8	18.2	14.0	10.1	0.4
Missouri	5,528	3.9	52.6	—	29.1	27.6	4.9	1.3
Montana	1,625	7.4	70.3	1.4	12.9	6.2	22.8	0.2
Nebraska	4,668	10.4	85.0	—	11.4	8.5	1.6	—
Nevada	4,877	7.3	80.0	2.1	19.2	4.9	11.2	—
New Hampshire	1,129	3.8	76.4	3.7	13.8	12.5	1.1	—
New Jersey	9,089	4.4	72.3	2.3	19.4	9.3	0.2	—
New Mexico	5,656	11.3	76.8	2.8	14.3	3.9	14.7	0.0
New York	84,089	19.1	91.8	5.1	10.1	3.3	0.6	25.8
North Carolina	24,618	11.0	79.0	1.9	9.4	8.0	0.4	1.4
North Dakota	1,285	9.0	91.7	—	15.2	7.7	32.3	—
Ohio	36,106	13.2	46.1	0.9	31.6	17.5	5.4	—
Oklahoma	11,169	12.3	83.4	2.9	16.9	6.3	15.6	—
Oregon	11,042	12.7	36.9	1.7	9.2	9.8	1.8	56.9
Pennsylvania	4,055	1.5	3.9	3.1	31.5	61.7	1.1	—
Rhode Island	3,082	13.5	87.4	1.5	9.9	5.2	0.1	1.1
South Carolina	12,549	11.8	71.2	3.6	31.9	5.4	1.0	0.3
South Dakota	1,394	7.0	87.3	—	10.3	5.2	1.9	—
Tennessee	11,586	7.8	49.2	2.6	23.8	31.2	1.0	—
Texas	70,976	10.6	77.7	3.1	20.7	9.3	0.9	—
Utah	13,179	15.5	20.1	0.3	12.9	17.1	39.2	20.6
Vermont	677	5.3	4.1	2.7	46.1	48.4	1.2	—
Virginia	5,912	3.2	59.5	2.8	27.6	16.4	1.1	0.1
Washington	6,738	4.4	77.7	—	20.7	7.3	0.0	—
West Virginia	6,077	15.7	54.8	1.4	24.2	5.3	20.7	10.3
Wisconsin	5,787	4.4	49.0	2.0	19.3	28.4	0.6	4.7
Wyoming	729	5.7	74.1	1.6	6.3	10.6	8.9	2.7
United States	744,180	10.3	71.3	2.1	16.1	9.2	6.8	9.3

* May add to more than 100 percent in a state because some children experience more than one type of maltreatment.

** Number of victims per 1,000 children.

Note: Because of differences in definitions of child abuse and neglect, comparisons of data between states should not be made.

— category not reported by state.

n/r — no data reported by state.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau, *Child Maltreatment 2008* (April 2010), Tables 3–4 and 3–10. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

About 37 percent of the children abused or neglected in 2008 received no services following the investigation of their maltreatment.

National Estimates of Children Served Following an Investigation of Child Abuse or Neglect

Year	All child victims	Served		Served in home		Removed to foster care		Not served	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
2002	910,000	535,000	58.8%	363,000	39.9%	172,000	18.9%	375,000	41.2%
2003	905,000	525,000	58.0	358,000	39.6	167,000	18.5	380,000	42.0
2004	892,000	528,000	59.2	359,000	40.2	170,000	19.0	364,000	40.8
2005	900,000	542,000	60.2	346,000	38.4	196,000	21.8	358,000	39.8
2006	905,000	533,000	58.9	338,000	37.4	195,000	21.5	372,000	41.1
2007	794,000	497,000	62.6	333,000	41.9	164,000	20.7	297,000	37.4
2008	772,000	489,000	63.3	327,000	42.4	161,000	20.9	283,000	36.7

Source: U.S. Congress, Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service, "The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA): Background, Programs, and Funding" (November 4, 2009), Table D-1; and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, Children's Bureau, *Child Maltreatment 2008* (April 2010), pp. xiii-xiv. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.



Black children account for only 15 percent of the child population but 31 percent of children in foster care. About two-thirds of the children who leave foster care exit to a family member; fewer than 20 percent are adopted.

Who's in Foster Care

Number of Children in Foster Care: 463,000

	Percent in foster care 2008	Percent in U.S. child population 2008
Race and ethnicity		
White, non-Hispanic	40%	56%
Black	31	15
Latino	20	22
American Indian, Alaska Native	2	1
Asian	1	4
Other and unknown	7	3
Age		
Under age 1	6	
1-5 years	29	
6-10 years	20	
11-15 years	25	
16-18 years	20	
19 + years	2	
Type of placement		
Non-relative foster home	47	
Relative foster home	24	
Institution	10	
Group home	6	
Pre-adoptive home	4	
Trial home visit	5	
Runaway	2	
Supervised independent living	1	
Exit from foster care during year		
Reunification	52	
Living with relative	8	
Adoption	19	
Emancipation	10	
Guardianship	7	
Transfer to another agency	2	
Runaway	2	

Note: Race/ethnicity, age, and placement are estimates of children in foster care on September 30, 2008; exit data reflect outcomes for children exiting foster care during FY 2008.

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau, "The AFCARS Report: Preliminary FY 2008 Estimates as of October," at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcars/tar/report16.pdf>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

The number of children in foster care has declined each year since 2005. More than half of the children in foster care live in just nine states.*

Children in Foster Care, 2004–2008

Number in foster care on September 30 of each year

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Alabama	5,934	6,913	7,157	7,263	7,031
Alaska	1,825	1,660	1,919	2,107	2,168
Arizona	9,194	9,685	9,767	9,569	10,425
Arkansas	3,124	3,238	3,434	3,616	3,522
California*	82,641	80,247	76,405	73,998	67,323
Colorado	8,196	8,213	8,139	7,777	7,921
Connecticut	6,459	6,249	6,359	5,764	5,378
Delaware	849	962	1,074	1,157	938
District of Columbia	2,641	2,519	2,378	2,197	2,217
Florida*	28,864	29,312	29,229	26,788	22,187
Georgia	14,216	13,965	13,175	12,197	9,984
Hawaii	2,939	2,743	2,357	1,940	1,591
Idaho	1,565	1,818	1,850	1,870	1,723
Illinois*	19,931	19,419	18,815	17,873	17,859
Indiana*	9,778	11,243	11,401	11,372	12,386
Iowa	5,384	6,794	9,040	8,240	6,893
Kansas	6,060	5,833	6,237	6,631	6,306
Kentucky	6,998	7,220	7,606	7,017	7,288
Louisiana	4,397	4,833	5,213	5,333	5,065
Maine	2,589	2,339	2,076	1,970	1,875
Maryland	11,111	10,867	9,051	8,505	7,749
Massachusetts	12,562	12,197	11,499	10,497	10,427
Michigan*	21,173	20,498	20,142	20,830	20,228
Minnesota	6,540	6,989	6,827	6,711	6,020
Mississippi	2,989	3,269	3,126	3,328	3,292
Missouri	11,778	11,433	10,181	9,813	9,606
Montana	2,030	2,222	1,909	1,737	1,600
Nebraska	6,292	6,231	6,187	5,875	5,591
Nevada	4,037	4,656	5,068	5,070	5,018
New Hampshire	1,236	1,178	1,146	1,084	1,026
New Jersey	12,282	11,205	10,740	9,056	8,831
New Mexico	2,157	2,316	2,357	2,423	2,221
New York*	33,445	30,458	29,973	30,072	29,493
North Carolina	10,077	10,698	11,115	10,827	9,841
North Dakota	1,314	1,370	1,331	1,263	1,240
Ohio*	18,004	17,446	16,631	17,016	16,859
Oklahoma	11,821	11,334	11,736	11,785	10,595
Oregon	10,048	11,020	10,661	9,562	8,988
Pennsylvania*	21,944	21,691	21,135	20,858	19,407
Rhode Island	2,414	2,509	2,998	2,768	2,407
South Carolina	4,635	4,757	4,920	5,147	4,999
South Dakota	1,582	1,704	1,648	1,566	1,482
Tennessee	9,590	9,017	8,618	7,751	7,219
Texas*	24,529	28,883	30,848	30,137	28,148
Utah	2,108	2,285	2,427	2,739	2,602
Vermont	1,432	1,436	1,379	1,309	1,200
Virginia	6,869	7,022	7,672	7,465	6,743
Washington	9,368	10,068	10,457	11,107	11,133
West Virginia	3,990	4,629	4,018	4,432	4,412
Wisconsin	7,812	8,076	7,459	7,541	7,403
Wyoming	1,184	1,244	1,304	1,231	1,154
United States	499,937	503,913	498,194	484,184	457,014

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau, "Foster Care FY 2002 – FY 2008: Entries, Exits, and Numbers of Children in Care on the Last Day of Each Federal Fiscal Year," at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcars/statistics/entryexit2008.htm. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

One-third of the children in foster care are five or younger; one-third are 14 or older.
 Children who enter care at younger ages stay longer.

Children in Foster Care, by Age, 2007

	Number of children in foster care	Percent distribution by age						
		Under 1	1-2	3-5	6-9	10-13	14-17	18-20
Alabama	7,263	5.9%	11.1%	13.3%	15.6%	16.4%	28.6%	9.1%
Alaska	2,191	4.6	14.6	17.7	22.9	17.5	19.4	3.3
Arizona	9,569	7.3	16.4	15.9	17.1	14.2	24.3	4.8
Arkansas	3,616	6.5	14.8	18.0	16.8	16.8	26.9	0.3
California	76,129	5.6	11.8	13.1	15.2	17.8	32.4	4.1
Colorado	7,777	5.6	10.7	10.9	12.5	13.6	35.6	10.9
Connecticut	5,784	4.9	11.6	11.7	14.0	17.2	40.0	0.6
Delaware	1,157	5.4	11.1	12.7	13.7	16.8	37.1	3.2
Dist. of Columbia	2,197	2.4	7.1	9.1	11.3	16.2	31.5	22.3
Florida	26,363	8.0	17.7	18.2	18.3	15.4	22.2	0.2
Georgia	12,236	6.7	15.3	16.2	18.2	15.9	27.6	0.1
Hawaii	1,940	5.9	13.6	16.3	17.3	19.5	27.0	0.5
Idaho	1,870	7.0	17.0	18.7	19.8	15.7	21.9	0.0
Illinois	17,875	4.4	12.6	15.7	15.7	14.0	20.9	14.9
Indiana	11,372	6.3	14.5	17.2	18.0	16.3	24.2	3.2
Iowa	8,240	4.7	12.9	14.1	14.1	14.2	38.5	1.5
Kansas	6,631	5.6	13.0	14.8	16.2	16.5	33.0	0.9
Kentucky	7,555	6.0	11.5	12.0	13.3	14.5	37.2	5.4
Louisiana	5,333	6.7	15.7	18.3	16.7	16.1	26.5	0.0
Maine	1,970	5.7	13.9	14.4	14.8	16.2	34.6	0.3
Maryland	9,973	3.3	9.4	11.0	13.3	16.4	30.9	15.4
Massachusetts	10,497	5.3	10.1	11.6	13.2	17.3	42.4	0.1
Michigan	20,830	5.5	12.6	14.3	15.4	15.1	31.3	5.8
Minnesota	6,756	5.8	10.8	12.6	11.6	15.2	43.1	0.8
Mississippi	3,328	6.6	12.4	16.5	18.9	16.0	24.9	4.6
Missouri	9,846	5.6	12.2	13.8	16.0	15.5	28.6	8.2
Montana	1,737	5.6	15.5	18.5	18.9	16.5	23.8	1.2
Nebraska	5,875	4.0	11.4	13.5	15.3	14.1	35.7	6.1
Nevada	5,067	9.1	19.0	19.6	19.3	15.5	17.2	0.3
New Hampshire	1,084	3.3	11.9	11.5	15.3	16.9	34.4	6.4
New Jersey	9,011	8.8	17.2	15.4	16.0	16.4	25.8	0.5
New Mexico	2,423	5.7	17.1	19.3	22.0	16.3	19.6	0.1
New York	30,072	3.8	10.1	12.7	15.0	15.3	31.1	11.8
North Carolina	10,827	6.4	15.1	15.9	17.8	15.8	26.5	2.4
North Dakota	1,263	6.0	9.2	12.5	16.1	15.3	39.0	2.0
Ohio	17,016	7.3	12.7	13.4	13.7	14.6	32.2	5.1
Oklahoma	11,783	7.7	17.5	22.4	20.6	14.6	17.0	0.2
Oregon	9,562	6.0	15.6	18.1	19.2	16.5	20.4	4.1
Pennsylvania	20,858	5.3	11.5	13.0	13.5	15.2	35.2	6.2
Rhode Island	2,722	5.6	10.5	10.1	12.9	14.6	36.0	10.1
South Carolina	5,127	6.5	14.0	15.2	16.2	16.3	31.7	0.0
South Dakota	1,566	5.9	15.8	17.6	20.2	17.4	22.3	0.8
Tennessee	7,751	4.9	10.9	11.5	13.1	13.3	43.4	2.9
Texas	30,137	7.6	17.0	18.8	19.6	16.3	20.7	0.0
Utah	2,739	6.3	10.4	11.7	12.6	15.7	37.4	6.0
Vermont	1,309	3.9	7.9	9.7	11.2	14.5	48.3	4.5
Virginia	7,480	3.5	9.2	11.9	14.5	16.4	42.6	1.9
Washington	11,107	8.1	18.6	18.7	18.7	15.6	19.3	0.9
West Virginia	4,410	5.5	12.5	13.3	14.4	14.3	35.7	4.2
Wisconsin	7,446	5.5	12.5	15.1	15.4	16.0	33.2	2.2
Wyoming	1,231	2.8	9.8	13.9	13.6	14.5	41.5	3.2
United States	487,901	5.9	13.2	14.8	16.0	16.0	29.6	4.4

Source: U.S. Congress, House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, 2008 Green Book, Tables 11-67 and 11-68, at <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/media/pdf/111/s11cw.pdf>.

Children in foster care are disproportionately Black. Black children account for half or more of the children in foster care in Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey and the District of Columbia.

Children in Foster Care, by Race/Ethnicity, 2007

	Number of children in foster care	Percent distribution by race/ ethnicity							
		White	Black	Hispanic	American Indian, Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander	Two or more races	Unknown
Alabama	7,263	49.7%	44.9%	3.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	1.8%	0.2%
Alaska	2,191	26.1	5.5	4.3	53.8	0.5	1.3	7.9	0.4
Arizona	9,569	42.0	8.3	40.0	2.9	0.1	0.2	4.3	2.2
Arkansas	3,616	57.0	29.3	5.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	7.9	0.2
California	76,129	21.8	24.0	47.0	0.8	1.6	0.3	4.2	0.3
Colorado	7,777	45.4	12.8	36.6	0.9	0.3	0.3	3.6	0.1
Connecticut	5,784	31.9	29.3	32.0	0.1	0.3	0.0	5.5	0.9
Delaware	1,157	31.8	57.2	9.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.0
Dist. of Columbia	2,197	0.6	89.3	4.6	0.0	0.1	0.0	4.9	0.1
Florida	26,363	46.7	38.7	11.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	2.6	0.3
Georgia	12,236	42.7	47.5	5.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	3.5	0.3
Hawaii	1,940	11.3	0.8	4.2	0.2	9.6	21.2	47.8	3.5
Idaho	1,870	71.8	1.2	16.2	5.6	0.4	0.1	4.6	0.1
Illinois	17,875	30.7	60.9	6.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1	1.8
Indiana	11,372	57.1	29.4	7.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	5.8	0.2
Iowa	8,240	67.8	14.5	6.5	1.9	0.6	0.3	1.7	6.0
Kansas	6,631	66.7	19.6	8.0	0.7	0.4	0.0	3.4	1.0
Kentucky	7,555	71.1	18.1	3.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	5.1	2.0
Louisiana	5,333	47.3	48.7	1.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.2	1.1
Maine	1,970	84.9	2.3	3.3	1.1	0.5	0.0	5.2	2.8
Maryland	9,973	22.3	73.1	2.2	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	1.7
Massachusetts	10,497	48.3	16.0	26.0	0.1	1.5	0.1	4.1	3.8
Michigan	20,830	42.0	47.5	4.7	1.0	0.2	0.1	4.2	0.2
Minnesota	6,756	45.4	21.6	8.2	12.6	1.6	0.0	8.2	2.1
Mississippi	3,328	44.1	51.2	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.3	0.4
Missouri	9,846	64.6	30.3	2.9	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.6
Montana	1,737	52.4	0.7	5.6	33.8	0.1	0.1	4.8	2.5
Nebraska	5,875	60.2	16.5	9.8	8.9	0.4	0.0	1.1	3.2
Nevada	5,067	44.6	23.8	22.8	0.6	0.9	0.6	6.7	0.1
New Hampshire	1,084	80.0	4.1	6.2	0.1	0.6	0.1	3.2	5.8
New Jersey	9,011	25.7	50.5	7.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	1.7	14.4
New Mexico	2,423	26.2	3.7	57.7	8.0	0.1	0.0	3.5	0.3
New York	30,072	17.7	46.2	20.8	0.2	0.4	0.0	2.3	12.5
North Carolina	10,827	45.6	39.9	7.9	1.4	0.1	0.3	4.1	0.6
North Dakota	1,263	56.7	2.4	6.4	25.3	1.3	0.0	7.8	0.1
Ohio	17,016	52.8	39.4	3.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	2.5	1.3
Oklahoma	11,783	38.2	16.3	14.7	8.9	0.1	0.0	21.8	0.0
Oregon	9,562	58.5	2.2	9.9	3.8	0.3	0.2	14.2	10.9
Pennsylvania	20,858	39.7	46.0	8.7	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.5	4.5
Rhode Island	2,722	47.6	19.3	23.2	1.1	1.8	0.1	5.1	1.9
South Carolina	5,127	44.6	45.2	3.9	0.1	0.1	0.0	5.6	0.5
South Dakota	1,566	30.1	3.3	6.4	52.7	0.1	0.0	7.3	0.0
Tennessee	7,751	61.4	29.3	4.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	2.8	2.0
Texas	30,137	30.5	23.5	40.6	0.1	0.3	0.0	3.6	1.4
Utah	2,739	62.9	4.1	24.0	4.3	0.5	0.6	3.0	0.6
Vermont	1,309	94.0	3.2	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.8
Virginia	7,480	44.6	41.0	7.1	0.1	0.4	0.0	6.0	0.8
Washington	11,107	53.2	9.9	15.7	8.2	1.0	0.4	9.8	0.8
West Virginia	4,410	85.9	5.6	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	6.5	0.1
Wisconsin	7,446	43.7	37.0	8.3	3.8	1.0	0.1	4.8	0.8
Wyoming	1,231	76.7	3.0	12.2	1.5	0.2	0.1	1.1	5.2
United States	487,901	39.9	31.1	19.7	1.9	0.6	0.2	4.3	2.3

Source: U.S. Congress, House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, *2008 Green Book*, Tables 11-67 and 11-69, at <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/media/pdf/111/s11cw.pdf>.

In 24 states, the percent of Black children in foster care is more than twice their proportion in the population.

Overrepresentation of Black Children in Foster Care, 2007

	Number of children		Black children as a percent of		Ratio of Black children in foster care to Black children in population
	Total	Black	All children	Children in foster care	
Alabama	1,123,537	352,883	31.4%	44.9%	1.4
Alaska	182,218	8,988	4.9	5.5	1.1
Arizona	1,669,866	82,696	5.0	8.3	1.7
Arkansas	700,537	140,404	20.0	29.3	1.5
California	9,383,924	668,590	7.1	24.0	3.4
Colorado	1,192,679	61,918	5.2	12.8	2.5
Connecticut	820,216	106,234	13.0	29.3	2.3
Delaware	205,646	51,990	25.3	57.2	2.3
District of Columbia	113,720	77,115	67.8	89.3	1.3
Florida	4,043,560	886,196	21.9	38.7	1.8
Georgia	2,531,609	856,439	33.8	47.5	1.4
Hawaii	285,694	12,031	4.2	0.8	0.2
Idaho	407,712	6,113	1.5	1.2	0.8
Illinois	3,199,159	578,267	18.1	60.9	3.4
Indiana	1,586,518	180,221	11.4	29.4	2.6
Iowa	711,403	28,230	4.0	14.5	3.6
Kansas	696,082	52,772	7.6	19.6	2.6
Kentucky	1,003,973	96,275	9.6	18.1	1.9
Louisiana	1,079,560	416,919	38.6	48.7	1.3
Maine	279,467	5,291	1.9	2.3	1.2
Maryland	1,358,797	451,852	33.3	73.1	2.2
Massachusetts	1,432,856	133,766	9.3	16.0	1.7
Michigan	2,446,856	432,482	17.7	47.5	2.7
Minnesota	1,260,282	82,703	6.6	21.6	3.3
Mississippi	768,704	341,707	44.5	51.2	1.2
Missouri	1,424,830	206,848	14.5	30.3	2.1
Montana	219,498	2,739	1.2	0.7	0.6
Nebraska	446,145	26,758	6.0	16.5	2.8
Nevada	660,002	61,512	9.3	23.8	2.6
New Hampshire	298,186	6,001	2.0	4.1	2.1
New Jersey	2,063,789	355,726	17.2	50.5	2.9
New Mexico	500,276	18,484	3.7	3.7	1.0
New York	4,413,414	911,221	20.6	46.2	2.2
North Carolina	2,217,680	557,028	25.1	39.9	1.6
North Dakota	142,809	2,313	1.6	2.4	1.5
Ohio	2,751,874	414,512	15.1	39.4	2.6
Oklahoma	899,507	88,989	9.9	16.3	1.6
Oregon	862,908	23,376	2.7	2.2	0.8
Pennsylvania	2,786,719	400,765	14.4	46.0	3.2
Rhode Island	233,115	20,578	8.8	19.3	2.2
South Carolina	1,059,917	361,268	34.1	45.2	1.3
South Dakota	196,890	3,506	1.8	3.3	1.8
Tennessee	1,471,486	313,935	21.3	29.3	1.4
Texas	6,623,366	852,068	12.9	23.5	1.8
Utah	816,822	13,327	1.6	4.1	2.6
Vermont	131,353	1,929	1.5	3.2	2.1
Virginia	1,826,179	420,902	23.0	41.0	1.8
Washington	1,536,368	69,765	4.5	9.9	2.2
West Virginia	387,381	18,343	4.7	5.6	1.2
Wisconsin	1,321,279	116,891	8.8	37.0	4.2
Wyoming	125,365	2,544	2.0	3.0	1.5
United States	73,901,733	11,383,410	15.4	31.1	2.0

Sources: U.S. Congress, House of Representatives, Committee on Ways and Means, *2008 Green Book*, Tables 11–67 and 11–69, at <http://waysandmeans.house.gov/media/pdf/111/s11cw.pdf>; and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, "State by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin," at <http://www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/files/SC-EST2007-alldata6.csv>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

The number of children adopted from foster care doubled between 1995 and 2000.

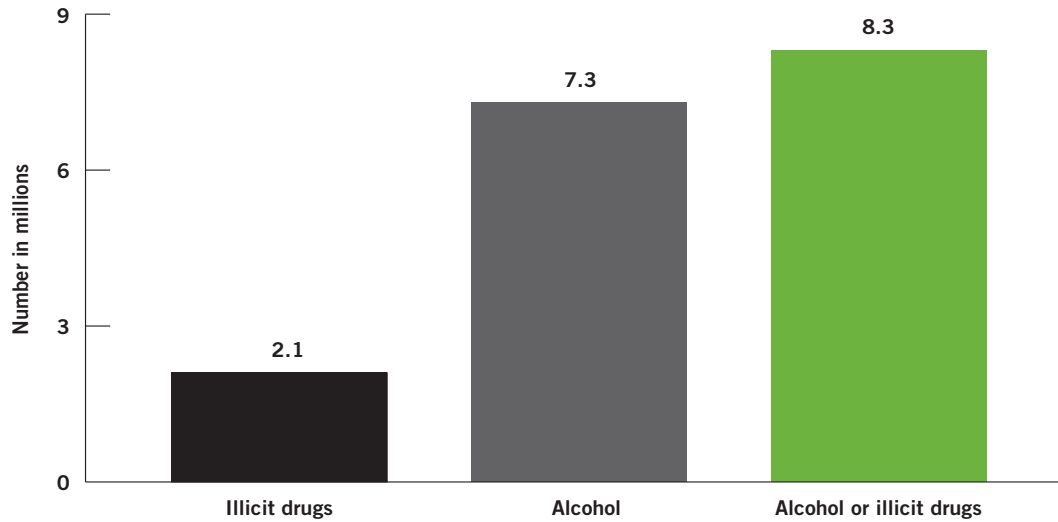
Adoptions from Foster Care, Selected Years, FY 1995–FY 2006

	FY1995	FY 2000	FY 2005	FY 2006
Alabama	128	202	324	387
Alaska	103	202	204	212
Arizona	215	853	1,012	1,400
Arkansas	84	325	316	395
California	3,094	8,818	7,490	7,364
Colorado	338	711	954	956
Connecticut	198	499	740	649
Delaware	38	103	78	94
District of Columbia	86	319	310	179
Florida	904	1,629	3,019	3,046
Georgia	383	1,091	1,127	1,250
Hawaii	42	280	452	397
Idaho	46	140	149	177
Illinois	1,759	5,664	1,837	1,740
Indiana	520	1,160	1,010	1,183
Iowa	227	729	947	984
Kansas	333	468	649	524
Kentucky	197	398	876	759
Louisiana	292	476	469	466
Maine	85	379	316	331
Maryland	324	552	620	364
Massachusetts	1,073	861	832	874
Michigan	1,717	2,804	2,883	2,591
Minnesota	232	614	732	664
Mississippi	109	288	242	248
Missouri	538	1,265	1,309	1,253
Montana	104	238	244	272
Nebraska	208	293	352	534
Nevada	155	231	412	444
New Hampshire	51	97	124	135
New Jersey	616	832	1,377	1,325
New Mexico	141	347	289	338
New York	4,579	4,234	3,407	2,810
North Carolina	289	1,337	1,203	1,234
North Dakota	42	108	152	150
Ohio	1,202	2,044	2,044	1,803
Oklahoma	226	1,096	1,013	1,141
Oregon	427	831	1,030	1,095
Pennsylvania	1,018	1,712	2,065	1,926
Rhode Island	216	260	217	258
South Carolina	231	378	382	425
South Dakota	42	94	113	150
Tennessee	458	431	1,114	994
Texas	804	2,045	3,181	3,409
Utah	283	303	346	503
Vermont	62	117	166	164
Virginia	320	448	510	551
Washington	645	1,141	1,305	1,196
West Virginia	139	352	368	419
Wisconsin	360	736	906	885
Wyoming	10	61	61	57
United States	25,693	50,596	51,278	50,705

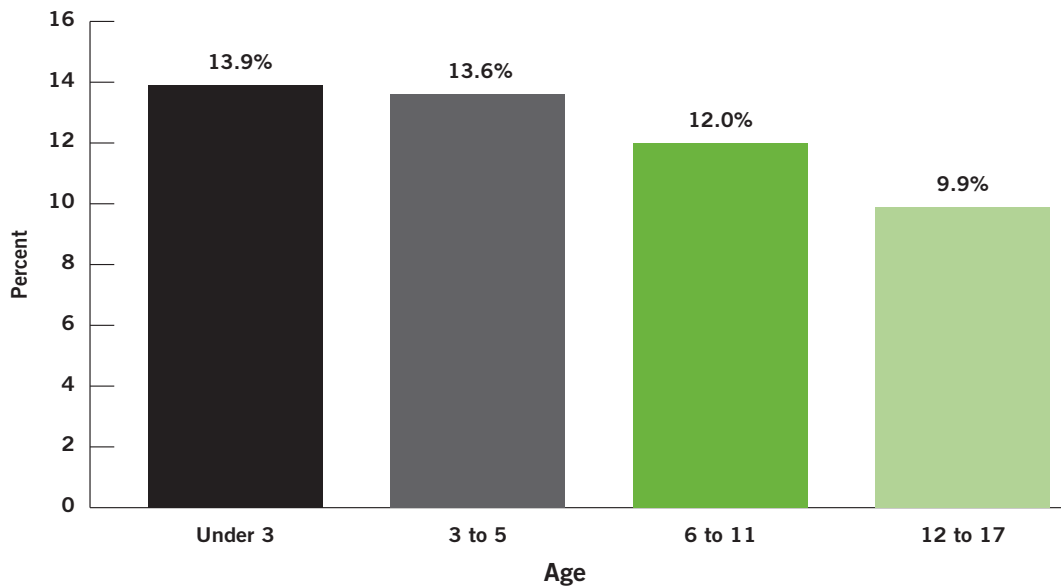
Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, "Adoptions of Children with Public Welfare Agency Involvement by State FY 1995 – FY 2006," at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/stats_research/afcars/adoptchild06.pdf>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

More than one in eight preschool children live with a parent who abuses alcohol or other drugs or is dependent on them.

Children Living with Parents Who Have Substance Abuse or Dependence



Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Children Living with Substance-Dependent or Substance-Abusing Parents: 2002 to 2007, *The NSDUH Report* (April 16, 2009), Figure 1.



Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Children Living with Substance-Dependent or Substance-Abusing Parents: 2002 to 2007, *The NSDUH Report* (April 16, 2009), Figure 2.

More than 1.7 million children have a parent in prison. About 45 percent of these children are Black.

Parents Who Are Incarcerated and Their Children

More than 800,000 parents of minor children are in prison. About eight percent are mothers.

	Total, all races	White, non- Hispanic	Black, non- Hispanic	Hispanic
Fathers	744,200	223,700	319,400	160,100
Mothers	65,600	31,700	18,300	11,100
Total	809,800	255,400	337,700	171,200

Black children are seven times as likely as White children to have a parent in prison.

	Number with a parent in prison	Percent with a parent in prison
White, non-Hispanic children	484,100	0.9%
Black, non-Hispanic children	767,400	6.7
Hispanic children	362,800	2.4
Total, all children	1,706,600	2.3

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Parents in Prison and Their Minor Children* (August 2008), Table 2 and Appendix Table 2. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund



After a 25 percent decrease in the number of homeless children and youths in public schools between the 2005 and 2006 school years, the number increased 17 percent in 2007.

Homeless Children and Youths Enrolled in Public Schools

	2005–2006	2006–2007	2007–2008
Alabama	12,891	10,907	11,687
Alaska	3,217	3,216	2,963
Arizona	19,123	19,628	21,380
Arkansas	10,934	7,080	5,917
California	169,722	178,014	224,249
Colorado	12,689	11,978	12,302
Connecticut	2,031	1,980	2,017
Delaware	1,565	1,842	1,982
District of Columbia	n/a	824	1,005
Florida	28,934	30,554	33,993
Georgia	33,870	14,017	15,700
Hawaii	908	1,132	925
Idaho	1,849	1,875	2,125
Illinois	17,769	19,821	26,238
Indiana	7,547	8,249	8,480
Iowa	5,819	2,886	5,918
Kansas	3,064	3,569	4,890
Kentucky	17,058	18,337	17,735
Louisiana	118,351	34,102	29,234
Maine	1,220	1,055	1,379
Maryland	7,430	8,456	8,813
Massachusetts	10,153	11,863	12,449
Michigan	13,234	24,066	18,435
Minnesota	7,297	6,008	8,163
Mississippi	6,555	12,856	9,926
Missouri	17,677	13,620	11,977
Montana	1,952	2,202	887
Nebraska	2,602	1,633	1,530
Nevada	6,052	5,374	6,647
New Hampshire	1,013	1,983	2,087
New Jersey	4,383	4,279	6,033
New Mexico	5,173	4,383	6,152
New York	26,213	44,018	71,218
North Carolina	10,786	12,659	16,937
North Dakota	685	1,209	686
Ohio	11,977	13,578	14,483
Oklahoma	3,452	8,284	9,179
Oregon	13,159	15,517	15,839
Pennsylvania	25,000	12,935	11,756
Rhode Island	462	667	746
South Carolina	6,538	6,033	7,413
South Dakota	896	1,038	1,430
Tennessee	9,619	6,567	8,031
Texas	195,521	33,896	53,242
Utah	10,087	9,991	11,270
Vermont	681	764	789
Virginia	10,564	9,898	11,776
Washington	13,942	16,853	18,670
West Virginia	2,779	2,984	2,909
Wisconsin	6,987	8,103	9,331
Wyoming	678	675	732
United States	902,108	673,458	789,655

Sources: National Center on Family Homelessness, *America's Youngest Outcasts* (2009); and National Center for Homeless Education, *Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program*, Analysis of Data (April 2009). Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

For further information and state-by-state data on child homelessness, see The National Center on Family Homelessness, *America's Youngest Outcasts: State Report Card on Child Homelessness*, at www.HomelessChildrenAmerica.org.

Young people face multiple risk factors that can lead them off course from a path toward successful adulthood to prison or death.

Youths at Risk

	Dropouts ¹		Averaged Freshman Completion Rate ²	Youth Unemployment Rate ³	Juvenile Arrests ⁴	Juveniles in Residential Placement	
	Number (2008)	Percent (2008)	(2006-07)	(2009)	(2008)	(2006)	(2007)
Alabama	20,702	7.7%	67.1%	27.9%	12,832	1,752	1,650
Alaska	4,201	9.6	69.1	14.7	3,951	363	321
Arizona	31,658	8.9	69.6	31.1	53,826	1,737	1,485
Arkansas	14,610	8.6	74.4	29.6	13,209	813	810
California	140,940	6.2	70.7	32.8	227,754	15,240	14,034
Colorado	20,376	7.7	76.6	24.7	43,398	2,034	1,752
Connecticut	10,104	5.0	81.8	18.8	19,458	498	426
Delaware	3,501	6.9	71.9	25.0	7,199	303	369
District of Columbia	2,596	6.9	54.9	49.1	524	339	288
Florida	64,834	6.9	65.0	24.0	118,296	7,302	5,733
Georgia	49,270	8.5	64.1	29.0	38,807	2,631	2,736
Hawaii	5,256	7.8	75.4	23.2	12,029	123	129
Idaho	5,767	6.1	80.4	20.2	14,863	522	528
Illinois	43,617	5.6	79.5	25.8	33,161	2,631	2,565
Indiana	29,902	8.0	73.9	21.3	38,675	2,616	2,727
Iowa	6,108	3.5	86.5	16.4	20,893	1,062	954
Kansas	7,829	4.8	78.9	18.8	11,183	1,053	1,146
Kentucky	15,975	6.8	76.4	24.0	3,671	1,242	1,116
Louisiana	27,381	10.2	61.3	19.6	19,068	1,200	1,350
Maine	4,461	6.4	78.5	25.7	6,990	210	204
Maryland	19,909	5.9	80.0	22.5	47,175	1,104	930
Massachusetts	17,170	4.5	80.8	16.2	17,974	1,164	969
Michigan	36,558	5.9	77.0	26.5	36,027	2,760	2,748
Minnesota	8,352	2.8	86.5	21.1	45,954	1,623	1,317
Mississippi	14,322	7.5	63.6	30.3	10,347	444	450
Missouri	21,987	6.5	81.9	23.0	45,321	1,293	1,227
Montana	5,166	9.1	81.5	18.7	7,251	243	210
Nebraska	4,721	4.5	86.3	9.9	15,375	735	708
Nevada	13,226	9.8	52.0	31.5	24,656	885	996
New Hampshire	2,598	3.4	81.7	18.5	6,906	189	156
New Jersey	18,352	3.9	84.4	21.6	51,527	1,704	1,677
New Mexico	11,294	9.5	59.1	20.0	9,587	471	378
New York	61,605	5.3	68.8	26.7	40,142	4,197	3,612
North Carolina	41,259	7.8	68.6	25.7	40,840	1,029	1,035
North Dakota	2,684	6.9	83.1	12.3	6,719	240	213
Ohio	32,245	4.9	78.7	21.5	38,975	4,149	4,332
Oklahoma	17,926	8.1	77.8	18.9	21,697	924	864
Oregon	12,673	6.4	73.8	31.2	28,909	1,254	1,299
Pennsylvania	37,289	5.0	83.0	20.6	102,605	4,323	4,554
Rhode Island	3,648	5.7	78.4	30.8	5,576	348	312
South Carolina	18,299	6.7	58.9	30.3	18,306	1,320	1,200
South Dakota	2,758	5.5	82.5	10.0	5,793	597	456
Tennessee	22,942	6.7	72.6	28.5	35,507	1,419	1,263
Texas	105,380	7.3	71.9	20.8	171,536	8,247	7,035
Utah	12,189	7.0	76.6	16.3	24,576	864	867
Vermont	1,368	3.6	88.6	15.8	1,403	54	45
Virginia	19,352	4.4	75.5	22.9	40,940	2,310	2,124
Washington	24,986	6.9	74.8	30.5	30,669	1,455	1,527
West Virginia	8,235	8.4	78.2	22.8	2,317	579	570
Wisconsin	12,225	3.8	88.5	18.7	100,121	1,347	1,422
Wyoming	2,004	6.2	75.8	16.8	6,861	315	249
United States	1,121,810	6.3	73.9	24.3	1,741,379	92,854	86,814

¹ Youths ages 16–19 not enrolled who have not graduated from high school or received an alternate credential.

² Percent of ninth graders graduating within four years with a regular diploma.

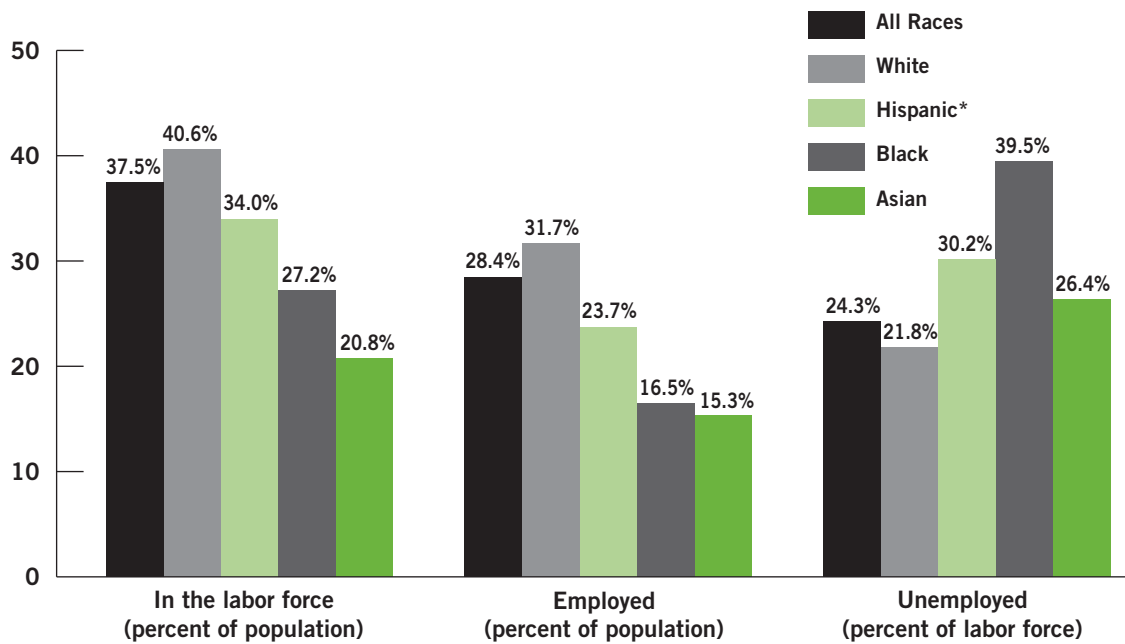
³ Youths ages 16–19.

⁴ Data reporting incomplete for District of Columbia, Florida, Illinois, New York and Minnesota.

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In 2009, four out of ten Black teens and three out of ten Hispanic teens were unemployed.

Youth Employment and Unemployment, 2009 Teens Ages 16–19



*Persons of Hispanic origin can be of any race.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Household Data: Annual Averages, at <http://stats.bls.gov/cps/home.htm>, Tables 3 and 4.

Unemployment Rates, 2009

	Total, all ages	Ages 16–19	Ages 20–24
Total			
All races	9.3%	24.3%	14.7%
White	8.5	21.8	13.0
Black	14.8	39.5	24.9
Asian	7.3	26.4	11.8
Hispanic	12.1	30.2	16.2
Males			
All races	10.3	27.8	17.0
White	9.4	25.2	15.3
Black	17.5	46.0	27.7
Asian	7.9	26.8	12.3
Hispanic	12.5	30.2	16.2
Females			
All races	8.1	20.7	12.3
White	7.3	18.4	10.4
Black	12.4	33.4	22.2
Asian	6.6	25.8	11.3
Hispanic	11.5	25.8	15.7

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Almost 15 percent of young adults ages 20–24 were unemployed in 2009, an increase of 44 percent from 2008.

Employment and Unemployment Among Teens and Young Adults, 2008 and 2009

	Labor Force Participation Rate ¹				Unemployment Rate ²			
	Ages 16–19		Ages 20–24		Ages 16–19		Ages 20–24	
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009
Alabama	36.4%	38.0%	70.7%	72.6%	20.1%	27.9%	11.5%	20.2%
Alaska	46.6	42.8	74.1	75.2	17.3	14.7	9.8	11.2
Arizona	39.0	33.0	74.3	73.5	20.0	31.1	11.9	15.6
Arkansas	35.7	36.7	77.4	80.1	18.8	29.6	9.7	10.2
California	34.1	31.1	71.7	70.1	24.3	32.8	12.3	16.9
Colorado	44.8	43.5	79.8	77.9	21.1	24.7	7.9	11.0
Connecticut	45.7	40.6	77.1	74.9	17.2	18.8	10.9	13.3
Delaware	41.8	39.0	76.7	74.7	16.3	25.0	7.8	12.3
District of Columbia	26.2	25.8	75.2	70.7	33.6	49.1	9.6	16.9
Florida	34.5	33.0	74.6	72.7	15.6	24.0	11.6	16.1
Georgia	32.7	30.1	71.4	66.2	22.7	29.0	11.5	16.6
Hawaii	40.7	34.1	73.7	70.7	17.4	23.2	9.3	12.3
Idaho	48.1	43.9	82.4	80.3	17.0	20.2	11.0	18.3
Illinois	43.8	37.1	74.6	71.5	21.3	25.8	11.6	16.3
Indiana	39.2	33.0	74.4	72.6	17.1	21.3	11.7	19.9
Iowa	62.7	58.1	86.3	82.7	12.0	16.4	5.9	10.7
Kansas	53.7	50.0	82.3	80.7	11.9	18.8	8.5	10.4
Kentucky	41.8	42.5	71.2	76.9	19.0	24.0	11.0	17.7
Louisiana	32.1	32.9	73.1	69.2	16.3	19.6	11.7	15.5
Maine	52.1	51.5	78.5	76.6	14.1	25.7	11.0	15.0
Maryland	39.0	38.3	71.6	72.2	15.7	22.5	8.4	12.4
Massachusetts	43.5	38.3	72.1	73.0	14.9	16.2	7.9	13.5
Michigan	42.5	40.4	74.7	73.5	22.9	26.5	13.1	16.7
Minnesota	54.2	53.6	84.5	81.5	13.7	21.1	9.4	12.6
Mississippi	32.9	26.8	68.4	65.9	20.3	30.3	12.0	15.2
Missouri	50.4	50.2	83.4	75.8	16.5	23.0	10.5	16.0
Montana	45.2	42.2	79.6	75.6	13.3	18.7	9.8	11.9
Nebraska	54.9	55.2	83.4	81.7	8.3	9.9	6.1	7.7
Nevada	44.3	36.0	82.8	76.7	18.1	31.5	8.8	15.6
New Hampshire	52.2	46.0	78.9	74.4	13.5	18.5	5.9	9.4
New Jersey	34.1	29.7	72.4	72.7	16.0	21.6	8.8	12.7
New Mexico	41.3	31.7	64.8	65.5	17.5	20.0	6.7	11.8
New York	32.0	29.7	64.9	67.4	18.5	26.7	10.9	14.8
North Carolina	38.3	36.0	73.7	74.5	24.0	25.7	9.6	18.3
North Dakota	58.1	51.5	83.6	82.5	6.5	12.3	6.3	6.5
Ohio	47.2	47.6	78.0	77.3	21.1	21.5	11.4	16.0
Oklahoma	42.2	38.8	77.4	74.8	11.6	18.9	5.0	9.1
Oregon	37.7	41.2	77.5	76.5	17.0	31.2	9.9	16.8
Pennsylvania	47.2	44.4	75.7	74.3	20.4	20.6	9.6	12.1
Rhode Island	49.2	47.8	75.0	76.9	21.1	30.8	12.8	15.2
South Carolina	34.0	34.0	73.0	73.6	15.9	30.3	11.8	16.9
South Dakota	56.1	55.3	81.2	75.0	10.7	10.0	5.6	9.3
Tennessee	39.4	36.0	73.5	70.7	25.9	28.5	10.8	18.7
Texas	36.9	35.6	72.5	69.3	16.7	20.8	9.1	12.0
Utah	54.0	50.7	80.3	77.4	11.1	16.3	5.8	13.3
Vermont	51.6	45.9	77.0	79.7	13.8	15.8	9.5	12.2
Virginia	41.9	35.9	78.0	77.8	16.4	22.9	7.8	10.2
Washington	44.2	43.0	78.3	76.7	25.7	30.5	7.8	13.7
West Virginia	38.0	33.9	75.2	72.0	18.0	22.8	7.6	14.7
Wisconsin	54.9	54.5	82.6	82.1	13.4	18.7	7.2	12.7
Wyoming	57.3	52.7	77.5	81.1	8.9	16.8	4.8	10.8
United States	40.2	37.5	74.4	72.9	18.7	24.3	10.2	14.7

¹ Percent of the age group that is employed.

² Percent of the labor force in the age group that is unemployed, that is looking for a job.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population by sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and detailed age, 2008 annual averages, preliminary, at <http://stats.bls.gov/lau/ptable14full2008.pdf>; and U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population by sex, race, Hispanic or Latino ethnicity, and detailed age, 2009 annual averages, preliminary, at <http://stats.bls.gov/lau/ptable14full2009.pdf>.

The percent of teens without jobs in July 2009 was higher than at any time in the past five decades.

Youth Unemployment and Joblessness, 1959–2009

	Total Unemployment Rates ¹			Youth Jobless Rate for July ²
	All Ages	Ages 16–19	Ages 20–24	Ages 16–19
1959	5.5%	14.6%	8.5%	49.2%
1960	5.5	14.7	8.7	47.4
1961	6.7	16.8	10.4	49.5
1962	5.5	14.7	9.0	48.0
1963	5.7	17.2	8.8	51.9
1964	5.2	16.2	8.3	50.8
1965	4.5	14.8	6.7	47.9
1966	3.8	12.8	5.3	44.0
1967	3.8	12.9	5.7	44.1
1968	3.6	12.7	5.8	44.7
1969	3.5	12.2	5.7	43.4
1970	4.9	15.3	8.2	45.5
1971	5.9	16.9	10.0	46.4
1972	5.6	16.2	9.3	44.8
1973	4.9	14.5	7.8	42.7
1974	5.6	16.0	9.1	43.0
1975	8.5	19.9	13.6	45.4
1976	7.7	19.0	12.0	43.4
1977	7.1	17.8	11.0	42.4
1978	6.1	16.4	9.6	39.9
1979	5.8	16.1	9.1	40.1
1980	7.1	17.8	11.5	42.2
1981	7.6	19.6	12.3	44.3
1982	9.7	23.2	14.9	47.9
1983	9.6	22.4	14.5	46.5
1984	7.5	18.9	11.5	43.3
1985	7.2	18.6	11.1	43.4
1986	7.0	18.3	10.7	43.3
1987	6.2	16.9	9.7	42.7
1988	5.5	15.3	8.7	40.4
1989	5.3	15.0	8.6	40.4
1990	5.5	15.5	8.8	43.6
1991	6.7	18.6	10.8	47.7
1992	7.4	20.0	11.3	48.0
1993	6.8	19.0	10.5	46.7
1994	6.1	17.6	9.7	46.0
1995	5.6	17.3	9.1	45.2
1996	5.4	16.7	9.3	46.0
1997	4.9	16.0	8.5	47.0
1998	4.5	14.6	7.9	45.3
1999	4.2	13.9	7.5	45.5
2000	4.0	13.1	7.1	46.5
2001	4.7	14.7	8.3	48.5
2002	5.8	16.5	9.7	52.3
2003	6.0	17.5	10.0	56.3
2004	5.5	17.0	9.4	56.1
2005	5.1	16.6	8.8	55.7
2006	4.6	15.4	8.2	55.1
2007	4.6	15.7	8.2	57.7
2008	5.8	18.7	10.2	60.8
2009	9.3	24.3	14.7	65.0

¹Percent of the labor force unemployed

²Percent of the youth population ages 16–19 without a job

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.



In seven states, Black juveniles are about ten times as likely as White juveniles to be in secure residential placement.

Juveniles in Residential Placement, by Race, 2006

	Percent of total				Rate per 100,000 juveniles			
	Total, all races	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Total, all races	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic
Alabama	1,752	39.6%	58.0%	1.5%	342	213	610	195
Alaska	363	37.2	10.7	2.5	430	257	902	178
Arizona	1,737	36.3	11.9	43.9	246	183	658	282
Arkansas	813	46.9	47.2	4.8	261	172	595	196
California	15,240	16.2	27.7	51.3	351	163	1,268	396
Colorado	2,034	47.5	16.1	34.2	397	284	1,234	544
Connecticut	498	22.9	44.0	28.9	170	56	618	337
Delaware	303	19.8	72.3	6.9	327	103	893	285
District of Columbia	339	3.5	91.2	3.5	671	197	789	274
Florida	7,302	39.1	52.1	7.8	397	288	972	140
Georgia	2,631	23.8	71.3	4.8	276	124	544	173
Hawaii	123	4.9	2.4	12.2	92	18	65	108
Idaho	522	80.5	1.1	13.2	297	286	382	305
Illinois	2,631	32.4	47.1	17.3	206	114	500	196
Indiana	2,616	62.0	30.5	5.5	364	278	945	356
Iowa	1,062	69.5	18.6	5.9	323	253	1,525	361
Kansas	1,053	48.1	29.1	18.8	335	208	1,230	553
Kentucky	1,242	64.7	31.2	1.7	273	204	865	203
Louisiana	1,200	26.0	72.5	0.8	279	129	521	71
Maine	210	91.4	4.3	0.0	152	146	447	0
Maryland	1,104	23.1	71.2	4.3	174	74	364	116
Massachusetts	1,164	36.3	28.6	27.1	198	95	706	474
Michigan	2,760	43.8	47.1	4.0	268	162	654	214
Minnesota	1,623	44.2	33.1	4.6	280	151	1,364	274
Mississippi	444	24.3	75.7	0.0	128	61	213	0
Missouri	1,293	46.6	48.5	3.0	227	134	701	199
Montana	243	66.7	3.7	4.9	235	184	1,038	333
Nebraska	735	51.8	25.3	15.1	368	236	1,471	565
Nevada	885	39.7	28.5	26.4	317	247	902	261
New Hampshire	189	77.8	11.1	7.9	148	123	1,233	399
New Jersey	1,704	15.7	65.7	17.1	176	46	705	176
New Mexico	471	13.4	6.4	72.0	204	83	550	285
New York	4,197	24.2	51.8	20.9	270	118	754	290
North Carolina	1,029	31.8	58.9	6.4	144	74	315	121
North Dakota	240	58.8	1.3	2.5	355	240	318	387
Ohio	4,149	46.5	49.0	2.3	322	188	989	252
Oklahoma	924	43.2	34.4	8.1	232	149	756	207
Oregon	1,254	68.2	9.8	14.1	319	281	1,104	316
Pennsylvania	4,323	32.8	53.9	10.3	321	136	1,229	560
Rhode Island	348	37.9	35.3	17.2	308	160	1,501	327
South Carolina	1,320	29.8	68.9	1.1	317	161	605	100
South Dakota	597	44.2	7.5	5.0	672	371	3,049	1,139
Tennessee	1,419	46.9	49.5	2.3	216	140	483	147
Texas	8,247	24.0	33.4	42.3	335	196	843	335
Utah	864	60.1	10.1	24.7	267	197	1,981	513
Vermont	54	83.3	5.6	11.1	81	71	381	613
Virginia	2,310	28.7	63.2	6.6	283	127	741	275
Washington	1,455	58.4	17.5	15.3	206	164	698	252
West Virginia	579	81.3	16.1	1.0	320	277	1,205	283
Wisconsin	1,347	45.2	44.8	3.3	251	141	1,206	135
Wyoming	315	63.8	9.5	15.2	559	416	4,138	945
United States	92,854	35.0	40.2	20.5	295	170	767	326

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and National Center for Juvenile Justice, Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement Databook, at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/cjrp/>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.

**Black children and teens 10–17 are more likely to be arrested than any other race.
Asians are the least likely to be arrested.**

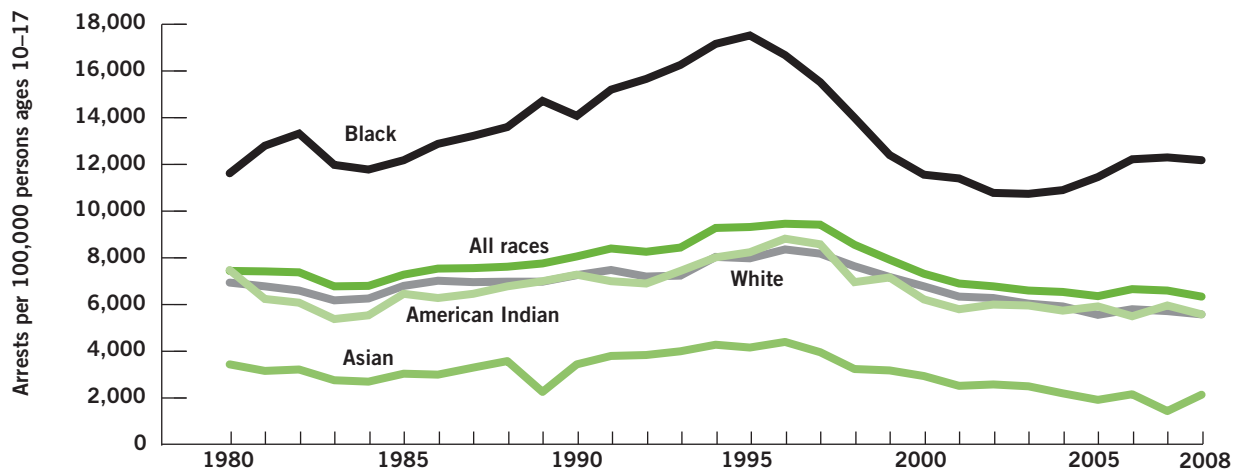
Juvenile Arrest Rates, by Race, 1980–2008

Arrests per 100,000 persons ages 10–17

	All Races	White	Black	American Indian	Asian
1980	7,414.3	6,905.8	11,599.9	7,456.2	3,417.0
1981	7,384.8	6,751.3	12,765.7	6,216.9	3,138.1
1982	7,345.0	6,583.5	13,299.5	6,055.2	3,191.4
1983	6,750.8	6,159.4	11,953.3	5,356.3	2,743.4
1984	6,765.8	6,235.4	11,760.0	5,520.3	2,676.1
1985	7,245.2	6,781.4	12,154.8	6,435.0	3,022.3
1986	7,505.0	6,985.7	12,845.1	6,252.0	2,965.2
1987	7,527.5	6,928.6	13,189.8	6,434.3	3,269.3
1988	7,599.9	6,946.5	13,574.9	6,751.1	3,549.4
1989	7,730.9	6,962.0	14,698.0	6,965.1	2,234.1
1990	8,031.3	7,225.8	14,062.5	7,254.6	3,417.5
1991	8,376.6	7,448.3	15,177.1	6,969.2	3,784.4
1992	8,230.0	7,173.9	15,638.6	6,878.4	3,804.9
1993	8,422.8	7,213.4	16,231.8	7,413.3	3,965.4
1994	9,252.8	8,022.2	17,131.7	8,000.1	4,261.3
1995	9,286.2	7,958.4	17,495.8	8,218.2	4,136.9
1996	9,443.4	8,331.2	16,647.0	8,791.4	4,382.7
1997	9,404.2	8,156.0	15,504.8	8,547.8	3,926.3
1998	8,528.1	7,621.3	13,966.0	6,928.3	3,213.7
1999	7,888.2	7,145.1	12,371.0	7,129.9	3,155.1
2000	7,288.6	6,753.4	11,525.3	6,193.7	2,921.5
2001	6,882.9	6,312.4	11,379.8	5,781.9	2,491.3
2002	6,751.7	6,259.2	10,752.3	5,978.0	2,562.6
2003	6,565.9	6,018.1	10,709.5	5,934.1	2,467.2
2004	6,512.8	5,890.8	10,874.3	5,711.5	2,179.1
2005	6,342.5	5,535.0	11,443.9	5,885.8	1,903.9
2006	6,630.6	5,783.1	12,190.1	5,480.2	2,143.2
2007	6,567.8	5,698.2	12,282.3	5,940.2	1,412.8
2008	6,317.7	5,549.9	12,160.7	5,562.0	2,120.2

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Juvenile Arrest Rates by Offense, Sex, and Race (1980–2008), at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/crime/excel/jar_2008.xls>.

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Juvenile arrest rates for violent crime peaked in 1994 and increased slightly in 2005 and 2006.

Juvenile Arrest Rates for Violent Crime,* by Race, 1980–2008

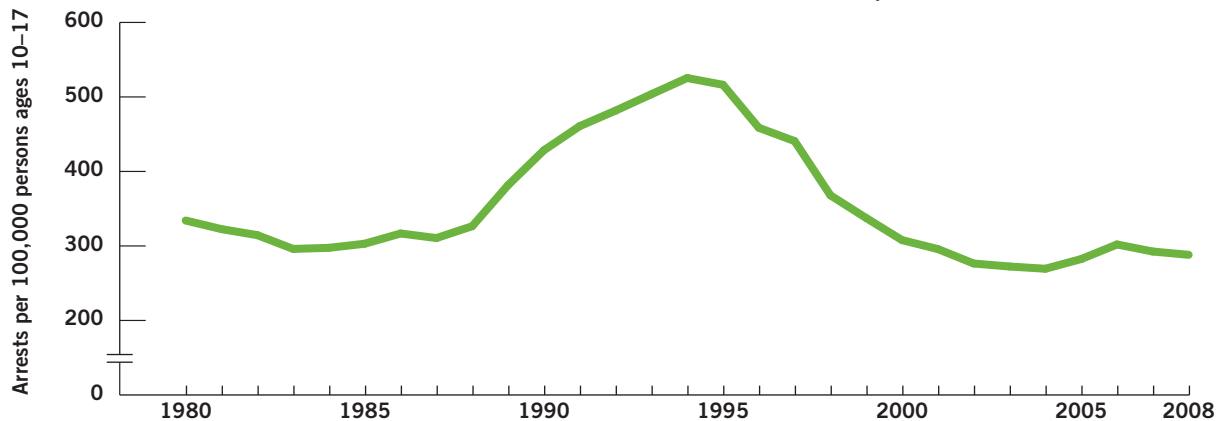
Arrests per 100,000 persons ages 10–17

	All Races	White	Black	American Indian	Asian
1980	334.1	189.4	1,190.4	211.8	134.0
1981	322.6	178.9	1,193.1	169.1	106.7
1982	314.5	174.6	1,146.7	200.5	118.0
1983	296.0	162.0	1,102.7	161.1	98.2
1984	297.5	163.2	1,110.4	153.9	90.2
1985	303.0	172.3	1,096.3	183.3	86.5
1986	316.7	178.8	1,150.0	175.7	86.8
1987	310.6	172.6	1,142.4	181.8	91.9
1988	326.5	184.7	1,160.6	205.3	113.7
1989	381.6	218.2	1,360.9	204.1	109.1
1990	428.4	253.5	1,433.8	217.4	133.9
1991	460.8	282.9	1,503.8	225.6	157.0
1992	481.6	291.8	1,579.4	243.9	157.9
1993	503.6	298.6	1,664.0	274.9	172.0
1994	525.4	315.1	1,697.4	315.6	193.1
1995	516.3	308.2	1,668.2	312.3	189.3
1996	458.6	292.4	1,398.9	282.9	201.1
1997	440.7	271.2	1,138.0	249.2	152.2
1998	367.9	255.3	983.9	247.2	132.3
1999	337.4	241.5	856.3	235.4	127.3
2000	307.8	219.7	818.6	198.5	116.3
2001	295.8	211.4	787.7	185.2	99.5
2002	276.4	196.1	735.6	201.2	96.1
2003	272.4	186.4	751.9	173.4	87.8
2004	269.4	182.4	746.0	174.2	77.9
2005	282.4	176.4	850.8	181.5	71.0
2006	302.0	184.6	935.0	174.2	78.8
2007	292.5	180.3	902.7	182.8	56.8
2008	288.1	177.6	926.2	153.0	70.7

* Includes murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Juvenile Arrest Rates by Offense, Sex, and Race (1980–2008), at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/ojstatbb/crime/excel/jar_2008.xls>.

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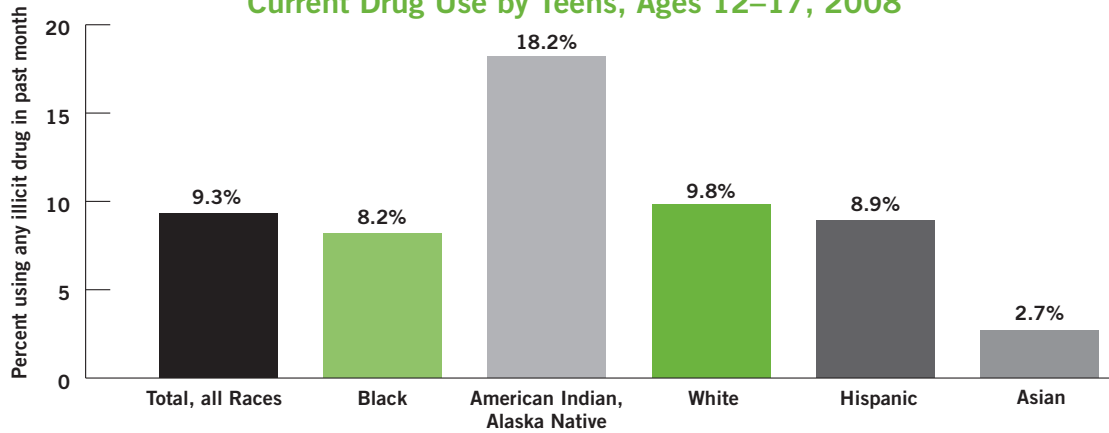
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White, Black and Hispanic teens are equally likely to use drugs. Black teens are almost twice as likely as White teens to be arrested for drug offenses and more than five times as likely to be incarcerated for drug offenses.

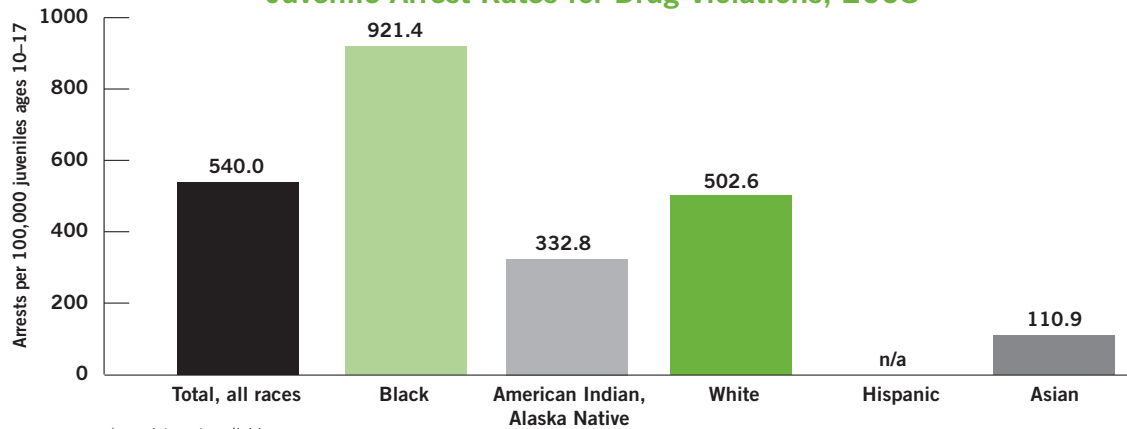
Drug Use and Drug-Related Arrests and Incarceration Among Teens

Current Drug Use by Teens, Ages 12–17, 2008



Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies, 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Table 1.20B, at <<http://oas.samhsa.gov/NSDUH/2k8NSDUH/tabs/Sect1peTabs1to46.htm#Tab1.20B>>.

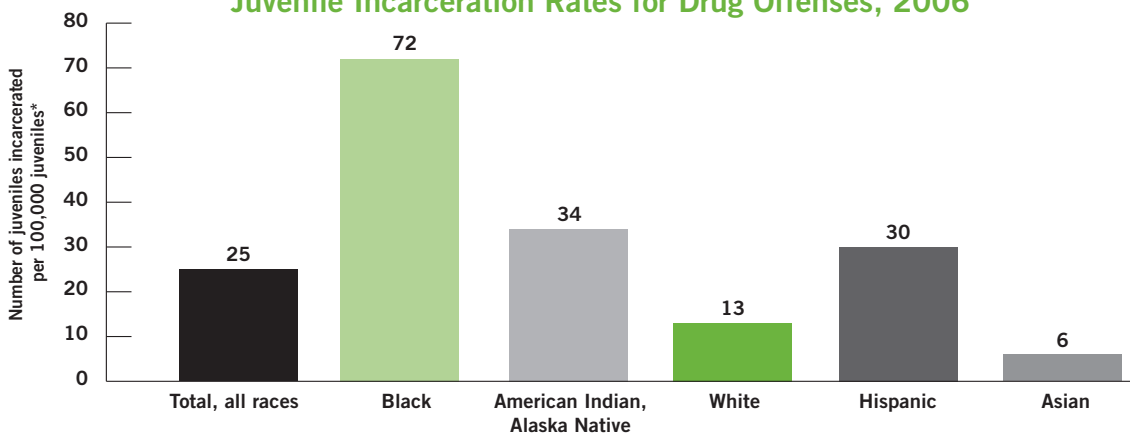
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Juvenile Incarceration Rates for Drug Offenses, 2006



*Ages 10 through upper age of juvenile court jurisdiction, which varies by state.

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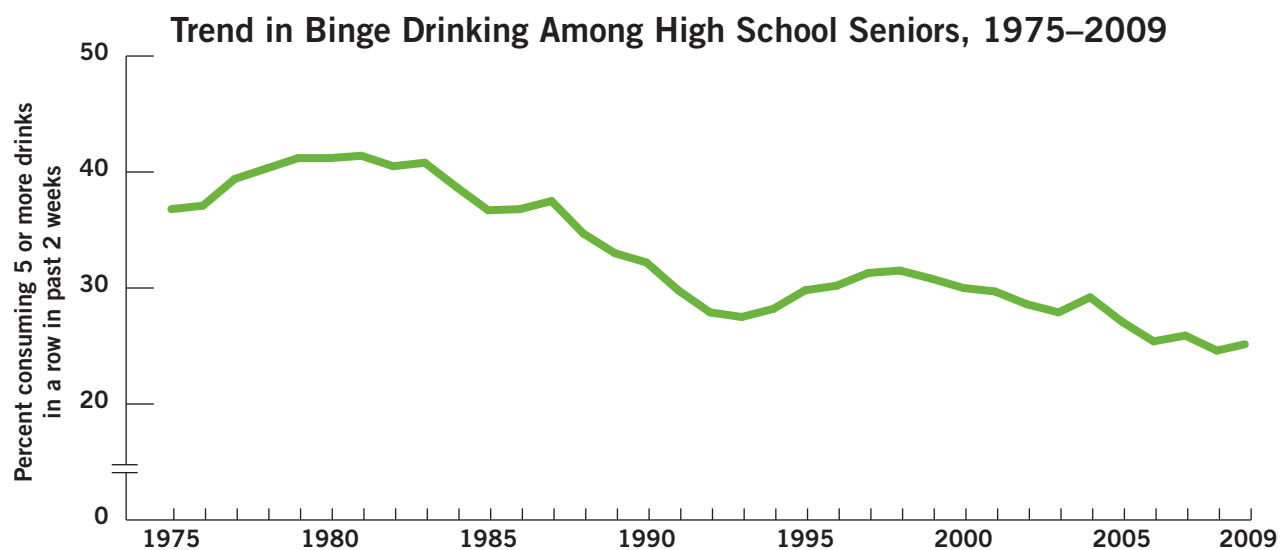
Illicit Drug, Alcohol, and Cigarette Use by Teens Ages 12–17, 2000–2008

Percent Using in the Past Month

	2000	2004	2008
Illicit drugs			
Total	8.7%	10.6%	9.3%
White, non-Hispanic	10.1	11.1	9.8
Black, non-Hispanic	8.4	9.3	8.2
American Indian, Alaska Native	—	26.0	18.2
Asian	5.8	6.0	2.7
Hispanic	9.5	10.2	8.9
Alcohol			
Total	16.4	17.6	14.6
White, non-Hispanic	18.4	19.9	16.3
Black, non-Hispanic	8.8	9.8	10.1
American Indian, Alaska Native	19.0	18.5	17.2
Asian	7.1	9.4	5.7
Hispanic	16.8	18.0	14.8
Cigarettes			
Total	13.4	11.9	9.1
White, non-Hispanic	16.0	14.4	10.6
Black, non-Hispanic	6.1	6.0	5.0
American Indian, Alaska Native	27.5	17.9	18.9
Asian	8.4	5.4	3.8
Hispanic	10.2	9.1	7.9

— Sample too small to calculate a reliable rate.

Sources: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2000 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, Tables F15, F36, and F44, at <http://oas.samhsa.gov/NHSDA/2kNHSDA/appendixf1.htm> and <http://oas.samhsa.gov/NHSDA/2kNHSDA/appendixf2.htm>; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Tables 1.29B, 2.32B, and 2.48B, at <http://oas.samhsa.gov/NSDUH/2k4nsduh/2k4tabs/Sect1peTabs1to66.htm> and <http://oas.samhsa.gov/NSDUH/2k4nsduh/2k4tabs/Sect2peTabs1to57.htm>; and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Tables 1.20B, 2.23B, and 2.38B, at <http://oas.samhsa.gov/NSDUH/2k8NSDUH/tabs/LOTsect2pe.htm> and <http://oas.samhsa.gov/NSDUH/2k8NSDUH/tabs/Sect1peTabs1to46.htm>.



Source: L.D. Johnston, P.M. O'Malley, J.G. Bachman & J.E. Schulenberg, "Teen marijuana use tilts up, while some drugs decline in use" (University of Michigan, December 14, 2009), Table 18, at <http://monitoringthefuture.org/data/09data.html>.

State Overview of Other Vulnerable Children and Youth Data

States	States where Black children are overrepresented in foster care by a ratio of 2:1 or greater (H-9)	More than half of the children in foster care live in nine states (H-6)	States where there has been an increase of more than 100 juveniles in residential placement (H-19)	States with more than 24.3% of teens 16-19 unemployed (H-16)	States with more than 14.7% of young adults 20-24 unemployed (H-16)
Alabama				X	X
Alaska					
Arizona				X	X
Arkansas				X	
California	X	X		X	X
Colorado	X			X	
Connecticut	X				
Delaware	X			X	
District of Columbia				X	X
Florida		X			X
Georgia			X	X	X
Hawaii					
Idaho					X
Illinois	X	X		X	X
Indiana	X	X	X		X
Iowa	X				
Kansas	X				
Kentucky					X
Louisiana			X		X
Maine				X	X
Maryland	X				
Massachusetts					
Michigan	X	X		X	X
Minnesota	X				
Mississippi				X	X
Missouri	X				X
Montana					
Nebraska	X				
Nevada	X		X	X	X
New Hampshire	X				
New Jersey	X				
New Mexico					
New York	X	X		X	X
North Carolina				X	X
North Dakota					
Ohio	X	X	X		X
Oklahoma					
Oregon				X	X
Pennsylvania	X	X	X		
Rhode Island	X			X	X
South Carolina				X	X
South Dakota					
Tennessee				X	X
Texas		X			
Utah	X				
Vermont	X				
Virginia					
Washington	X			X	
West Virginia					
Wisconsin	X				
Wyoming					