Important Note

The purpose of the “Facts and Figures on Connecticut’s Juvenile Justice System” is to provide an overview of the juveniles moving through the juvenile justice system.

The tables and charts provide the most recent data available when information was compiled for this document.

Data are provided on: arrest, juvenile court referral, use of detention centers, juvenile court disposition and residential placements.
In Connecticut, a person’s age at the time of the incident, not at the time of the arrest, is used to determine court jurisdiction. As of July 1, 2012, persons arrested for incidents that occurred on or after their 18th birthday were referred to the Adult Criminal Court. Persons arrested for incidents that occurred prior to their 18th birthday were referred to the Juvenile Matters Court. Most of the time, but not always, the age at arrest and the age at the time of the incident are the same. The data provided in this chart are based on the age at the time of the arrest as the age at the time of the incident was not available.
Facts & Figures on Connecticut’s Juvenile Justice System

Arrests in Connecticut 2015
Most common charges for <18 year olds *
(the most serious charge for the arrest)

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<td>Disorderly Conduct</td>
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* The charges listed include those that account for 2% or more of the arrests for <18 year olds.


The charge types in the chart on the left are based on the national Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) System and do not directly align with specific statutes in the State of Connecticut. A summary of the UCR descriptions is provided below.

- **Simple Assault**: Assaults which are not of an aggravated type and do not result in serious injury.
- **Disorderly Conduct**: Behavior that disturbs the public peace, scandalizes the community or shocks the public sense of morality.
- **Larceny**: The unlawful taking, carrying, leading or riding away of property from another.
- **Drug Abuse Violations**: Violations of state and local laws relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs.
- **Vandalism**: Willful or malicious destruction, injury, disfigurement or defacement of property without the consent of the owner or person having custody or control.
- **Burglary**: The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.
- **Aggravated Assault**: Attack by one person upon another to inflict severe bodily harm often accompanied by the use of a weapon.
- **Robbery**: The taking or attempted taking of anything from the care, custody or control of a person(s) by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.
- **Weapons Charges**: Violations of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons.
- **Motor Vehicle Theft**: Theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.
Arrests in Connecticut: Trend Analysis

Number of Juvenile Arrests in Connecticut *
Source: Connecticut Department of Public Safety

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<td>9,439</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>8,168</td>
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2014 vs. 2013: 8.3% decrease

Number of Juvenile Arrests in the United States *
Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

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2014 vs. 2013: 8.1% decrease

875,262
2014 vs. 2013
8.1% decrease

* Juvenile arrests included all persons under the age of 18 at the time of arrest.
Referrals to Juvenile Court * – 2015 by Type of Referral

Juveniles who are charged with an offense that was committed before their 18th birthday are under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. However, there are some specific offenses that are excluded from juvenile court for 16 & 17 year olds. For more information see CGS 46b-120.

A juvenile who is charged with an offense that would not be considered a crime if he/she was an adult (e.g., truancy, beyond parental control, running away) receives a Family With Service Needs (FWSN) referral.

A juvenile who is charged with an offense that would be a crime regardless of his/her age receives a delinquency referral.

FWSN Cases 4,081 29%
Delinquency Cases 9,938 71%

Unique Juveniles Referred to Court in 2015
FWSN 3,524
Delinquency 6,633

* Individual juveniles may have multiple referrals to court.

Source: State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Case Management Information System (CMIS)
Facts & Figures on Connecticut’s Juvenile Justice System

Delinquency Referrals to Juvenile Court *
2015 by Most Serious Charge on the Referral

- **Infraction**: 188 referrals (188 referrals)
- **Violation**: 884 referrals (884 referrals)
- **Misdemeanor**: 6,649 referrals (6,649 referrals)
- **Non-SJO Felony**: 1,474 referrals (1,474 referrals)
- **SJO**: 743 referrals (743 referrals)

**FWSN**: 4,081 referrals (29% of the total)
**Delinquency**: 9,938 referrals (71% of the total)

**Serious Juvenile Offense (SJO)**: CT legislation defines about 50 specific offenses as Serious Juvenile Offenses (SJO). Commonly charged SJOs are risk of injury to a minor, possession of a weapon on school grounds, sale of a controlled substance, and the most serious incidents of assault, sexual assault and robbery.

**Non-SJO Felony**: Includes felonies that are not designated as SJO. Common charges for juveniles are burglary, carry/sell a dangerous weapon, larceny and criminal mischief.

**Misdemeanor**: Most common charges for juveniles include breach of peace, simple assault, shoplifting and disorderly conduct.

**Violation**: Typically a violation of probation or violation of a court order.

**Infraction**: Most common charges are simple trespass and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

* Individual juveniles may have multiple referrals to court.

Source: State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Case Management Information System (CMIS)
FWSN Referrals to Juvenile Court *
2015 By Type of FWSN Charge

Delinquency
9,938 referrals
71% of the total

FWSN
4,081 referrals
29% of the total

Runaway
274 referrals

Truancy
2,961 referrals

Beyond Control
556 referrals

Defiant of School Rules
172 referrals

Other
118 referrals

* Individual juveniles may have multiple referrals to court.

Source: State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Case Management Information System (CMIS)
### Delinquency FWSN Referrals By Gender

- Male, 71%
- Female, 29%

### Referrals to Juvenile Court 2015 By Gender, Age and Race/Ethnicity

#### Referrals By Age

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<td>&lt;12 years old</td>
<td>171, 2%</td>
<td>197, 5%</td>
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<td>12 years old</td>
<td>300, 3%</td>
<td>251, 6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>13 years old</td>
<td>744, 7%</td>
<td>401, 10%</td>
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<tr>
<td>14 years old</td>
<td>1,326, 13%</td>
<td>630, 15%</td>
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<td>15 years old</td>
<td>2,003, 20%</td>
<td>953, 23%</td>
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<td>16 years old</td>
<td>2,492, 25%</td>
<td>1,097, 27%</td>
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<td>17+ years old</td>
<td>2,902, 29%</td>
<td>552, 14%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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#### Referrals By Race/Ethnicity

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<td>Black (Non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>3,491, 35%</td>
<td>797, 20%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>2,660, 27%</td>
<td>1,334, 33%</td>
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<td>White (Non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>3,609, 36%</td>
<td>1,479, 36%</td>
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<td>Other (Non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>68, 1%</td>
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<td>110, 1%</td>
<td>437, 11%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>9,938, 100%</td>
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Source: State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Case Management Information System (CMIS)
Referrals to Juvenile Court – Trend Analysis

**2013–2015 Number of Delinquency Referrals to Court**

- 2013: 11,960
- 2014: 11,299
- 2015: 9,938

**2013–2015 Number of FWSN Referrals to Court**

- 2013: 3,698
- 2014: 3,861
- 2015: 4,081

**2013–2015 Referral Rates**

(Number of referrals per 1,000 juveniles <18 years old)

- **Delinquency Referral Rate**
  - 2013: 14.6
  - 2014: 14.1
  - 2015: 12.8

- **FWSN Referral Rate**
  - 2013: 4.5
  - 2014: 4.8
  - 2015: 5.3

Referrals to Juvenile Court
2015 Referral Rates by Juvenile Court District
(Delinquency and FWSN Referrals per 1,000 Juveniles 10–17 years old)

Click for larger map of juvenile court districts

Number of Referrals in 2015

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<td>Middletown Court</td>
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<td>Rockville Court</td>
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<td>Torrington Court</td>
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<td>Willimantic Court</td>
<td>709</td>
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<td>Danbury Court</td>
<td>681</td>
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<td>Stamford Court</td>
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Admissions to Detention at the Bridgeport and Hartford Detention Centers *

Trend Analysis

2014–2015 Detention Admissions

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<td>2,201</td>
<td>1,413</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>1,782</td>
<td>1,123</td>
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2014–2015 Average Stay

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<td>17.6</td>
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* Only individuals accused of delinquent acts can be admitted to a detention center.
### Admissions to Detention at the Bridgeport and Hartford Detention Centers* – 2015 By Gender and Race/Ethnicity

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<td>Unique Individuals</td>
<td>All Admissions</td>
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<td>Male</td>
<td>858</td>
<td>1,345</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>265</td>
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<td>Black (Non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>508</td>
<td>45%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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<td>White (Non-Hispanic)</td>
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Source: State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Case Management Information System (CMIS)
**Dispositions in Juvenile Court**

**2015 Dispositional Categories by Type of Referral**

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<tr>
<td>Not Accepted</td>
<td>284</td>
<td>893</td>
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<td>No Adjudication</td>
<td>5,115</td>
<td>816</td>
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<td>Adjudication, Discharge</td>
<td>749</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Supervision/ Probation</td>
<td>3,565</td>
<td>2,440</td>
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<td>Commitment to DCF</td>
<td>257</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Transfer to Adult Criminal Court</td>
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* Individual juveniles may have multiple cases disposed within the time period.

Source: State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Case Management Information System (CMIS)

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<th>Disposition</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Not Accepted</td>
<td>Includes cases where it was determined court intervention was not necessary/appropriate and was returned to the referring agency.</td>
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<td>No Adjudication</td>
<td>Includes cases disposed as dismissed, withdrawn, assessed and discharged, nolled, and not adjudicated.</td>
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<td>Adjudication, Discharge</td>
<td>Includes cases where the juvenile was adjudicated for the charge and then discharged.</td>
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<td>Includes cases where the juvenile was placed on non-judicial supervision, or adjudicated and placed on probation or supervision.</td>
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<td>Commitment to DCF</td>
<td>Includes cases where the juvenile was adjudicated and committed to the Department of Children and Families.</td>
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<td>Transfer to Adult Criminal Court</td>
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Delinquency Dispositions in Juvenile Court – 2015

Referral to Court
10,150 dispositions

Not Accepted
284
(2.8% of Total)

Handled Non-Judicially
3,540
(34.9% of Total)

Handled Judicially
6,326
(62.3% of Total)

Dismissed/Not Presented
523
(5.2% of Total)

Assessed & Discharged
810
(8.0% of Total)

Non-Judicial Supervision
2,207
(21.7% of Total)

No Adjudication
3,782
(37.2% of Total)

Delinquent
2,364
(23.3% of Total)

Committed to DCF
257
(2.5% of Total)

Transferred to Adult Court
180
(1.8% of Total)

Not Delinquent
11
(0.1% of Total)

Not Accepted
284
(2.8% of Total)

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3,540
(34.9% of Total)

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6,326
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257
(2.5% of Total)

Transferred to Adult Court
180
(1.8% of Total)

Not Delinquent
11
(0.1% of Total)

Nolle
3,644
(35.9% of Total)

Dismissed
127
(1.2% of Total)

Source: State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Case Management Information System (CMIS)
FWSN Dispositions in Juvenile Court – 2015

- **Referral to Court**
  - 4,160 dispositions

- **Handled Non-Judicially**
  - 3,118 dispositions (75.0% of Total)

- **Handled Judicially**
  - 149 dispositions (3.6% of Total)

- **Not Accepted**
  - 893 dispositions (21.4% of Total)

- **Dismiss/Withdraw/Nolle**
  - 137 dispositions (3.3% of Total)

- **Discharged**
  - 3 dispositions (0.1% of Total)

- **Supervision**
  - 1 supervision (0.0% of Total)

- **Committed to DCF**
  - 8 dispositions (0.2% of Total)

Source: State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Case Management Information System (CMIS)
Delinquency Dispositions in Juvenile Court
2015 Probation Dispositions by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Probation Dispositions by Gender
- Male, 80%
- Female, 20%

Probation Dispositions by Race/Ethnicity *
- Hispanic, 28%
- Black, 44%
- White, 27%

* This figure excludes 5 juveniles classified as “Asian/Pacific Islander or Alaskan Native/American Indian” and 9 juveniles with no race specified.

Source: State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Case Management Information System (CMIS)
Delinquency Dispositions in Juvenile Court
2015 DCF Commitment Dispositions by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

DCF Commitment Dispositions by Gender

- Male, 91%
- Female, 9%

DCF Commitment Dispositions by Race/Ethnicity *

- Black, 48%
- Hispanic, 25%
- White, 27%

* This figure excludes 5 juveniles classified as “Asian/Pacific Islander.”

Source: State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Case Management Information System (CMIS)
Total Admissions to the Connecticut Juvenile Training School (CJTS) Boys Only · Trend Analysis

Number of Admissions *

Source: CJTS

* Includes juveniles admitted from court or parole violation.

Source: Connecticut Juvenile Training School Advisory Board Report to the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, 2014–2016 Reports
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<td>Black (Non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>74</td>
<td>85</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td>15 years old</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>White (Non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>24</td>
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<td>58</td>
<td>Other (Non-Hispanic)</td>
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<td>18</td>
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<td>17 years old</td>
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<td>Total Number of Admissions **</td>
<td>176</td>
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* CJTS provides services to male juveniles who committed their offense prior to age 18.
** There were 176 admissions of 149 unique individuals.

Source: Connecticut Juvenile Training School Advisory Board, Report to the Commissioner of the Department of Children and Families, 2016 Report
### Admissions to Pueblo (CJTS) and Journey House (Natchaug)

#### Girls Only • 2015

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<th>Journey House (Natchaug) **</th>
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<td>15 years old</td>
<td>2 13%</td>
<td>1 6%</td>
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<td>16 years old</td>
<td>2 13%</td>
<td>4 23%</td>
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<tr>
<td>17 years old</td>
<td>6 40%</td>
<td>12 71%</td>
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<td>18 years old</td>
<td>4 27%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Admissions</td>
<td>15 100%</td>
<td>17 100%</td>
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* There were 15 admissions of 11 unique individuals.

** There were 17 admissions of 15 unique individuals.

Note: Pueblo opened in March 2014. Some girls could have been in both facilities in 2014.

Source: Department of Children and Families