

Below are just a few of the interesting facts you can learn from the DJJDP web site at <http://www.ncdjdp.org/index.html>

North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Did U know

- The total number of complaints received on juveniles in the State of North Carolina decreased 7.7% between 2008 and 2009?
- That 41% of all juvenile complaints received in 2009 were for “school-based” offenses? (or 4 out of every 10)
- The majority (64%) of juvenile offenses committed in 2009 was for non-serious offenses, class 1-3 Misdemeanors? Offenses in this class include, but are not limited to, simple assault, simple affray, larceny (items worth less than \$1,000), shoplifting, disorderly conduct, etc.
- YDC commitments have dropped by 73% since 1998?
- On any given day in 2009, there were 429 juveniles committed to a YDC and they stayed for an average of more than a year?
- For every 1,000 juveniles between the ages of 6 to 15, there were 29 delinquent complaints received by DJJDP in 2009 which was the lowest rate in 10 years?
- Most juvenile delinquent offenses occur around 3 pm during the weekdays?
- Over half of juveniles who went to court in 2009 (58%) had one or more prior referrals to juvenile court intake?
- 60% of dispositions in court were for juveniles with serious problems in school during the prior 12 months?
- 34% of dispositions in court were for juveniles with parents that were either unwilling or unable to supervise the juvenile?
- 13% of dispositions in court were for juveniles who self-reported gang involvement, association, or membership?
- DJJDP had a decrease of 22% in YDC commitments from 2008 to 2009? (n=469 in 2008 and n=365 in 2009)
- Between 2008 and 2009 a 26% drop in A-E felonies occurred? In 2008 there were 1,037 A-E complaints received, in 2009 the total dropped to 766.

- On average there are approximately 5,000 distinct juveniles admitted to detention in any given calendar year?

- The top 3 delinquent offenses in 2009 of which complaints were received were for (1) simple assault, (2) misdemeanor larceny and 3) simple affray?
- Most Juvenile Crimes occur around 3 pm?

- North Carolina is a member state of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles? As a member in this compact, North Carolina agrees to: Provide cooperative supervision of juveniles who are under the supervision of the court of another state when the juvenile moves to North Carolina. Assist in the return of juveniles who are runaways, escapees, or absconders from North Carolina and other member states, providing airport surveillance and transportation when needed.

- The Department partners with Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils in each county to galvanize community leaders, locally and statewide, to reduce and prevent juvenile crime.

Additional and more current information can be found in the Department's 2011 **Annual Report**, available at http://www.ncdjjdp.org/resources/pdf_documents/annual_report_2010.pdf.