Juvenile Arrests in Wisconsin

The number of arrests of people age 17 and under has dropped sharply in Wisconsin in recent years. The decrease reflects a drop in crime committed by juveniles, as well as changes in law enforcement practices.

### Juvenile arrests in WI have continued to decline over last four years

Arrests of people age 17 and younger in Wisconsin.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Number of Arrests</th>
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<td>2011</td>
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About 44,000 arrests in 2015, down 36% from 2011.

### The decline has occurred in both urban counties...

Change in juvenile arrests by county, 2011 to 2015.

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<th>County</th>
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<td>Brown</td>
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<td>Dane</td>
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### Juvenile arrest rates have declined for all races

Change in Wisconsin arrest rates of people age 17 and younger by race, 2011 to 2015.

- Asian: -58%
- Native American: -46%
- Black: -38%
- White: -32%

### There is a great deal of variation among counties in arrest rates, even between adjacent counties

Juvenile arrest rates in 2015 per 1,000 juveniles age 10 to 17.

- Milwaukee: 150 arrests per 1,000
- Brown: 200 arrests per 1,000
- Dane: 250 arrests per 1,000
- Ashland: 100 arrests per 1,000
- Sawyer: 120 arrests per 1,000
- Kewaunee: 140 arrests per 1,000
- Calumet County: 21 arrests per 1,000
- Wood County: 112 arrests per 1,000
- La Crosse County: 162 arrests per 1,000
- Vernon County: 13 arrests per 1,000
- Wood County: 112 arrests per 1,000
- Manitowoc County: 150 arrests per 1,000

### The vast majority of juvenile arrests are for non-violent crimes

Juvenile arrests in Wisconsin in 2015, by type of crime. Violent crimes include aggravated assault, robbery, forcible rape, and murder.

- Share of arrests of juveniles that were for violent crimes: 2.6%
- Share of arrests of juveniles that were for other crimes: 97.4%

### Nearly half of juvenile arrests are for youth age 15 and younger

Arrests of people age 17 and younger in Wisconsin in 2015, by age.

- Age 15 and younger: 48%
- Age 16 and 17: 52%
Arrest rates in Wisconsin counties, for juveniles age 17 and under
Per 1,000 juveniles age 10 to 17

Source: Wisconsin Department of Justice, from Uniform Crime Reporting. For purposes of the UCR, 17 year olds are considered juveniles so as to be consistent with practices in other states, even though in Wisconsin 17 years olds are treated as adults in the criminal justice system. Arrest figures may change slightly over time as law enforcement agencies correct or update their figures. Menominee County rates are based on arrests made by the Menominee Tribal Police Department.