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NUMBER OF JUVENILES HELD IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT FACILITIES AT LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1997

WASHINGTON – Between 1997 and 2011, the number of youth held in residential placement facilities declined by 42 percent for juvenile offenders and 64 percent for status offenders to the lowest levels since the first census was conducted, according to a bulletin released today by the Justice Department.

The Office of Justice Programs' Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) bulletin, *Juveniles in Residential Placement, 2011*, presents a detailed picture of the youth held in custody across the nation, including such characteristics as age, race, gender, offenses and adjudication status. This census, conducted in October 2011, reports on 61,423 juvenile offenders held in 2,047 facilities.

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