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NUMBER OF JUVENILES IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT CONTINUES NEARLY TWO DECADE DECLINE IN 2016

WASHINGTON – More than 45,500 juvenile offenders were held in residential placement on any given day in 2016, continuing a nearly two-decade national decline in numbers of youth held in residential placement. Juvenile offenders were held in a total of 1,772 facilities across the U.S., with more held in local facilities than in state-operated facilities.

These findings were published today in a bulletin presenting data from the Juvenile Residential Facility Census, an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention biennial survey of every state's public and private facilities. The bulletin also reports that most responding facilities evaluated all youth for suicide risk, education needs, substance abuse and mental health needs.

Since 2000, this biennial bulletin has provided a range of data on juvenile residential facilities, including variations in facility operation, type, size, confinement features, screenings and services provided.

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