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NUMBER OF DELINQUENCY CASES IN U.S. DECLINES BY HALF BETWEEN 2005 AND 2016

WASHINGTON – Delinquency cases in the U.S. declined by nearly half over a 12-year period, according to new estimates published today by the Department of Justice’s Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

From 2005 to 2016, the number of delinquency cases involving juveniles declined 49 percent, with decreases experienced across all four offense categories: crimes against persons, crimes against property, drug offenses, and crimes against public order. The estimates are based on data from more than 2,500 courts with jurisdiction over 86 percent of the nation’s juvenile population in 2016.

The findings were published in a fact sheet produced by the National Center for Juvenile Justice using funds from OJJDP. The fact sheet provides national estimates of delinquency cases handled by juvenile courts in 2016 and analyzes caseload trends since 2005.

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