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NEW OJJDP/NIJ REPORT SHOWS JUVENILE ARRESTS GENERALLY DECLINING

WASHINGTON – The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the National Institute of Justice today released *Juvenile Arrests, 2018*, which documents recent trends by analyzing arrest data reported by local law enforcement agencies to the FBI’s Uniform Crime Report. Overall, juvenile arrests have been declining for more than a decade, but patterns vary by demographic group and offense.

In 2018, U.S. law enforcement agencies made an estimated 728,280 arrests of people younger than 18. This was the lowest number since at least 1980—and 73 percent below its 1996 peak of 2.7 million. Relative declines in arrests have been greater for boys than for girls across many offenses. The female share of juvenile arrests has grown from 18 percent in 1980 to 30 percent in 2018.

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