

- Juvenile arrests have decreased 64% over the last 10 years, from 12,741 in 1997 to 7,767 in 2006¹

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- While arrests are down, the one-year Juvenile recidivism rate (as measured by re-adjudication in the juvenile court system) has increased from 17% in 2003 to 24% in 2005²

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- Girls made up 29% of all first adjudications in 2005, an 11% increase over 2004³

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- In 2005, more than half (53%) of first time adjudications of Maine's youth were for property offenses⁴

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- First adjudications for youth committing drug and alcohol offenses continue to rise. In 2000, 9% of first adjudications were for alcohol/drug offenses, compared to 22% in 2005⁵
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¹MDPS, Crime in Maine, 2006

²MDOC/MJPC, Annual Recidivism Report

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

⁵Ibid.