

3 Anti- and Prosocial Behaviors

The Anti- and Prosocial Behaviors section includes information collected using the Offense History Data (Appendix A), Social History Information (Appendix B), and Psychological Information (Appendix C) forms. The information includes a number of topics that may or may not be related to a juvenile's offense, including gang and delinquent peer associations, physical and verbal aggression, assaultive behavior, and fire setting. This information is collected using a combination of self-reporting and staff assessment during one-on-one interviews with the juveniles upon admission.

Peers and Delinquent Behavior

Juveniles' community and peer associations in early life can greatly influence their behavior. One study found that communities with weak structural organization can indirectly lead to delinquency through its association with inconsistent parenting behavior and delinquent peer influence (Chung & Steinberg, 2006), while another study found delinquent peers were a consistent risk factor for youth violence and aggression (Ferguson, Miguel, & Hartley, 2009). Many juveniles that have unstructured leisure time, limited positive interests, and lack of connection or accountability to the communities in which they live tend to associate with delinquent peers and engage in negative activities. On some occasions, association with delinquent peers can contribute to juveniles' participation in criminal, potentially violent activities, as well as gang involvement.

Gang Involvement

DJJ uses a multi-pronged approach to identifying and classifying a juvenile as being a member of a criminal street gang. After juveniles are suspected of possible gang activity, the case is sent to DJJ's Gang Management Team for a disposition on whether the juvenile is (i) a criminal street gang member, (ii) a possible gang member, or (iii) not a gang member. If the juvenile is determined to be a criminal street gang member, an alert is generated in DJJ's electronic data management system advising users of the juvenile's status. This validated information is then used to determine security level and housing.

There is a strong association between gang involvement and delinquency. A study reported by OJJDP (2004) of adolescent boys in Rochester, New York, attributed this link to two factors. First, gangs attract individuals who exhibit antisocial behavior and are more likely to perform delinquent acts; second, the gang facilitates its members' involvement in delinquent acts. The study found that boys had higher rates of violent offenses, drug sales, and illegal gun ownership during the years that they were involved with gangs compared to years before or after they were involved. The study also found that gang members were more likely to drop out of school, become parents in their teenage years, and have unstable employment (Thornberry, Krohn, & Lizotte, 2003). In addition to negatively influencing juveniles' participation in delinquent activity, gang involvement can exacerbate juveniles' risk factors that contribute to future criminality that extends into adulthood.

Antisocial Traits and Future Criminality

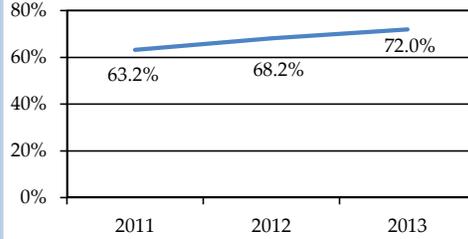
Andrews and Bonta (2003) refer to antisocial attitudes, antisocial associates, history of antisocial behavior, and antisocial personality as the "big four" risk factors in regards to future criminal behavior. Antisocial attitudes include a lack of concern for others, lack of accountability for one's own actions, and a lack of respect for authority figures or rules. Although numerous, antisocial behavior can include assaultive behaviors, cruelty toward animals, fire setting behaviors, and homicidal intent or urges. Juveniles who exhibit symptoms of the big four risk factors are at greater risk for future criminality, and are, therefore, specifically targeted for early intervention. Treatment and rehabilitation, consequently, is geared towards impacting the dynamic factors that can be changed via cognitive-behavioral and skills-based treatment programs.



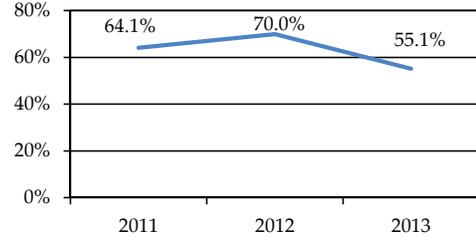
Employment & Leisure Activities

- » The percentage of juveniles with limited leisure activities increased from 63% in FY 2011 to 72% in FY 2013.
- » An average of 63% of juveniles reported limited organized activities since FY 2011.
- » The percentage of juveniles who reported no history of formal employment decreased from 59% in FY 2011 to 54% in FY 2013.
- » The percentage of juveniles who reported no personal interests decreased from 13% in FY 2011 to 8% in FY 2013.
- » A higher percentage of black juveniles reported limited leisure activities compared to white juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A lower percentage of 16-year-olds reported limited organized activities compared to older and younger juveniles.
- » A higher percentage of females reported limited organized activities compared to males.
- » A higher percentage of black juveniles reported no history of formal employment compared to white juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of black juveniles reported no personal interests compared to white juveniles and juveniles of other races.

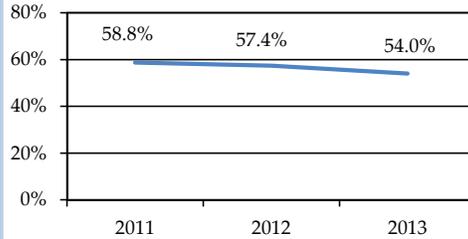
Limited Leisure Activities, FY 2011-2013



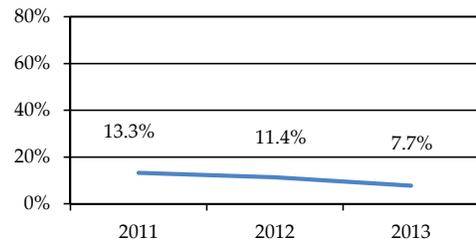
Limited Organized Activities, FY 2011-2013



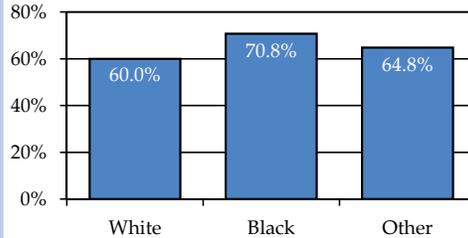
No History of Formal Employment, FY 2011-2013



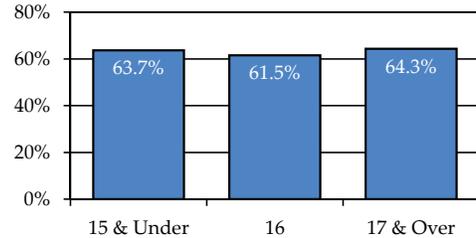
No Personal Interests, FY 2011-2013



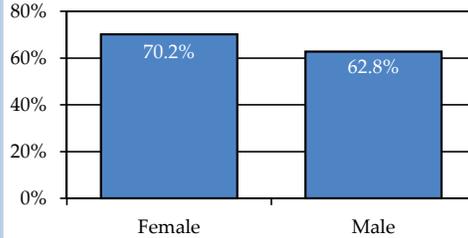
Limited Leisure Activities by Race, FY 2011-2013



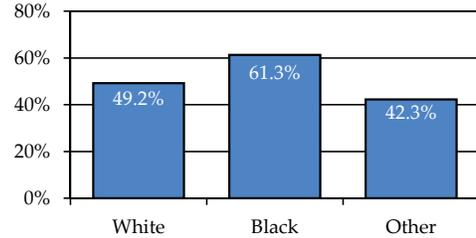
Limited Organized Activities by Age, FY 2011-2013



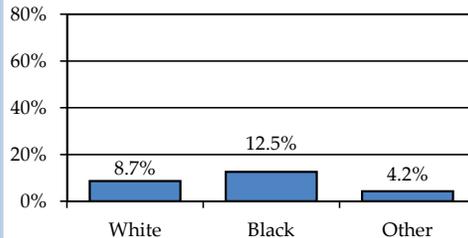
Limited Organized Activities by Sex, FY 2011-2013



No History of Formal Employment by Race, FY 2011-2013

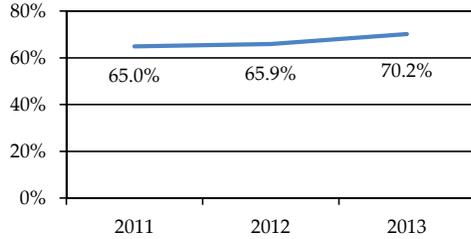


No Personal Interests by Race, FY 2011-2013

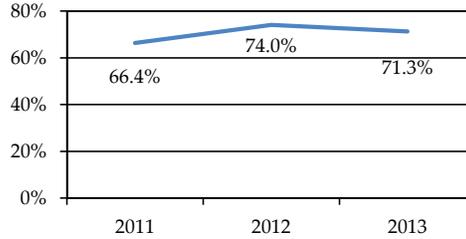


Attitudes

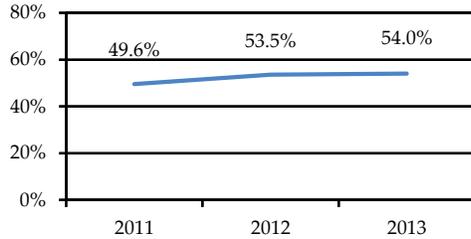
Antisocial/Pro-Criminal Attitudes, FY 2011-2013



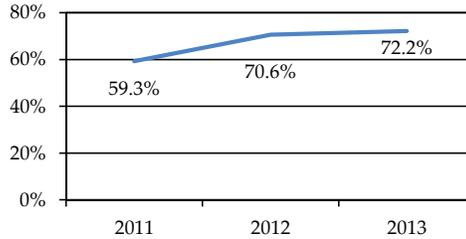
Defies Authority, FY 2011-2013



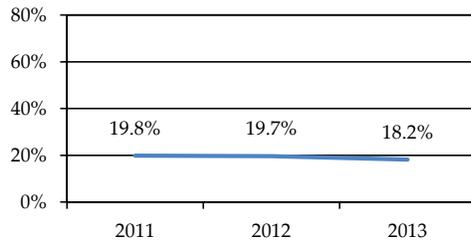
Callous/Little Concern for Others, FY 2011-2013



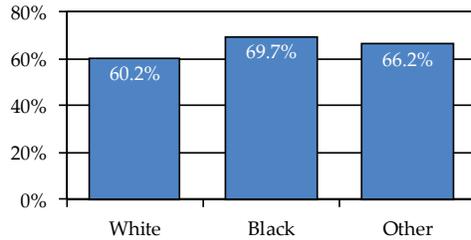
Engages in Denial, FY 2011-2013



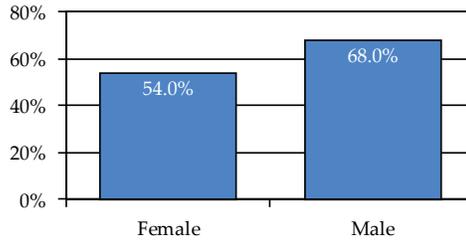
Inflated Self-Esteem, FY 2011-2013



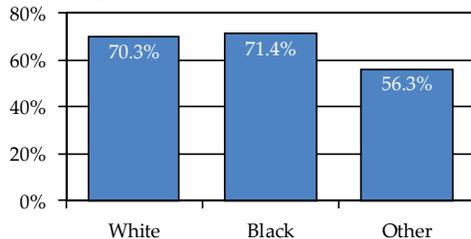
Antisocial/Pro-Criminal Attitudes by Race, FY 2011-2013



Antisocial/Pro-Criminal Attitudes by Sex, FY 2011-2013



Defies Authority by Race, FY 2011-2013



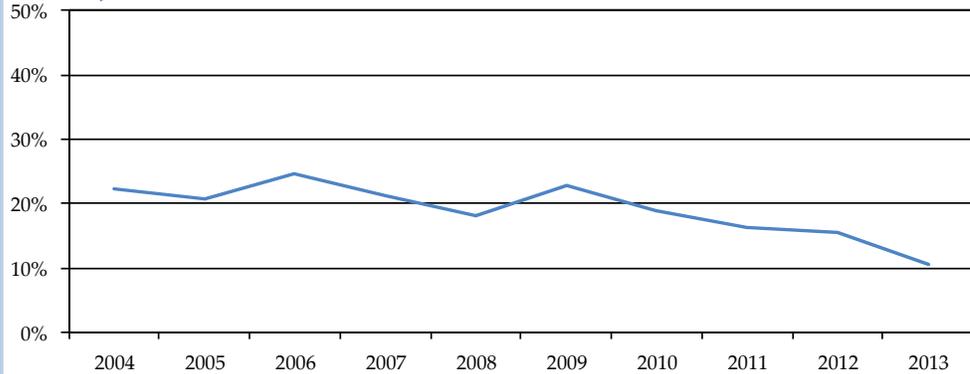
- » An average of 67% of juveniles had antisocial/pro-criminal attitudes since FY 2011.
- » An average of 71% of juveniles were indicated to have defied authority since FY 2011.
- » An average of 52% of juveniles were identified as being callous or showing little concern for others since FY 2011.
- » The percentage of juveniles who engaged in denial increased from 59% in FY 2001 to 72% in FY 2013.
- » An average of 19% of juveniles had inflated self-esteem since FY 2011.
- » A higher percentage of black juveniles had antisocial/pro-criminal attitudes compared to white juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of males had antisocial/pro-criminal attitudes compared to females.
- » A higher percentage of black juveniles were indicated to have defied authority compared to white juveniles and juveniles of other races.



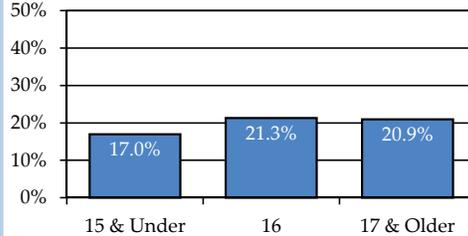
AWOL Behavior

- » The percentage of juveniles with a history of AWOL behavior decreased from 22% in FY 2004 to 11% in FY 2013.
- » A lower percentage of younger juveniles had a history of AWOL behavior compared to older juveniles.
- » A higher percentage of white juveniles had a history of AWOL behavior compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of females had a history of AWOL behavior compared to males.

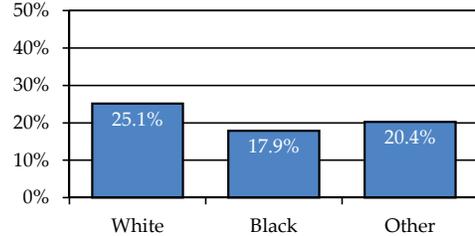
History of AWOL Behavior, FY 2004-2013



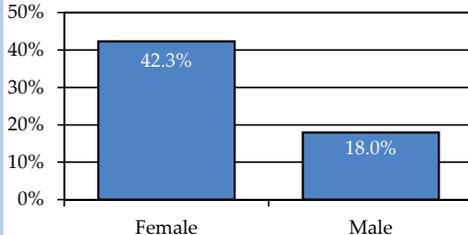
History of AWOL Behavior by Age, FY 2004-2013



History of AWOL Behavior by Race, FY 2004-2013

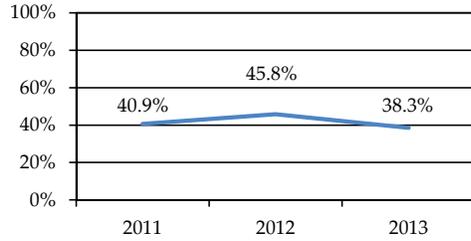


History of AWOL Behavior by Sex, FY 2004-2013

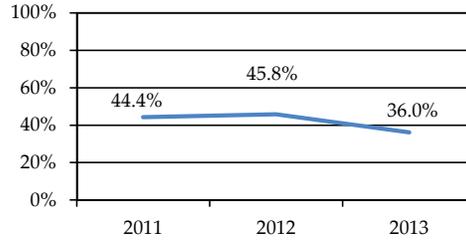


Delinquent Peer Associations

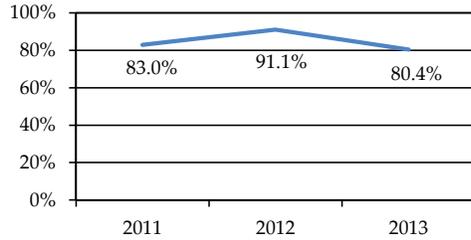
Few Positive Acquaintances, FY 2011-2013



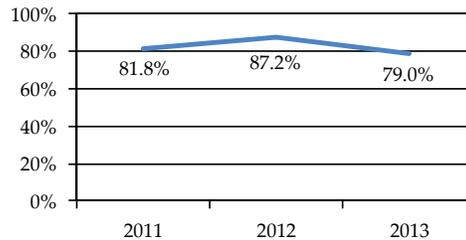
Few Positive Friends, FY 2011-2013



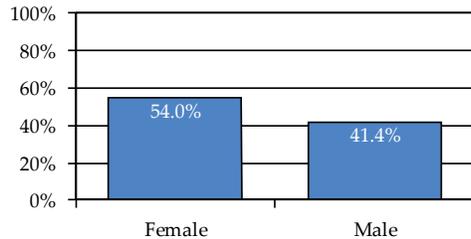
Delinquent Acquaintances, FY 2011-2013



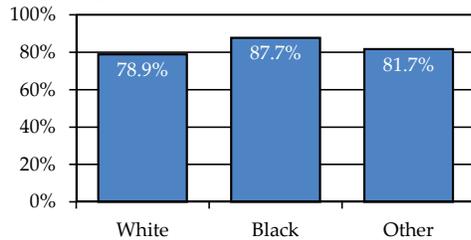
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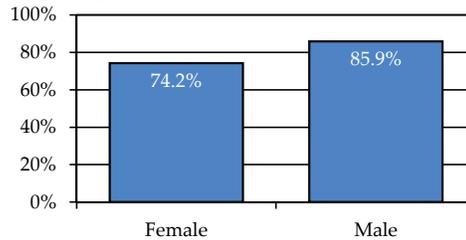
Few Positive Friends by Sex, FY 2011-2013



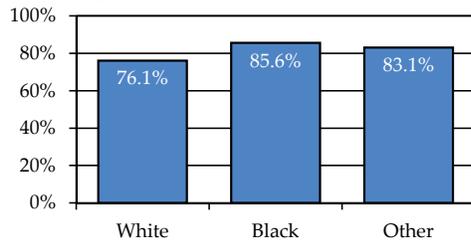
Delinquent Acquaintances by Race, FY 2011-2013



Delinquent Acquaintances by Sex, FY 2011-2013



Delinquent Friends by Race, FY 2011-2013



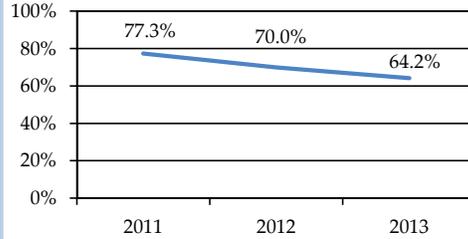
- » An average of 42% of juveniles had few positive acquaintances since FY 2011.
- » An average of 42% of juveniles had few positive friends since FY 2011.
- » An average of 85% of juveniles had delinquent acquaintances since FY 2011.
- » An average of 83% of juveniles had delinquent friends since FY 2011.
- » A higher percentage of females had few positive friends compared to males.
- » A higher percentage of black juveniles had delinquent acquaintances compared to white juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of males had delinquent acquaintances compared to females.
- » A lower percentage of white juveniles had delinquent friends compared to black juveniles and juvenile of other races.



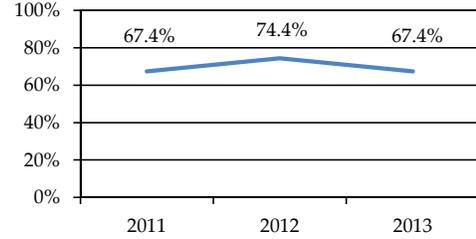
Physical or Verbal Aggression

- » The percentage of juveniles who exhibited physical aggression decreased from 77% in FY 2011 to 64% in FY 2013.
- » An average of 70% of juveniles exhibited verbal aggression since FY 2011.
- » A higher rate of black juveniles exhibited physical aggression compared to white juveniles or juveniles of other races.
- » A lower percentage of older juveniles exhibited verbal aggression compared to younger juveniles.

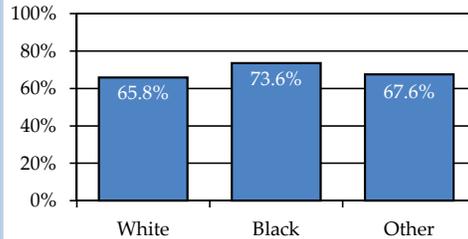
Physical Aggression, FY 2011-2013



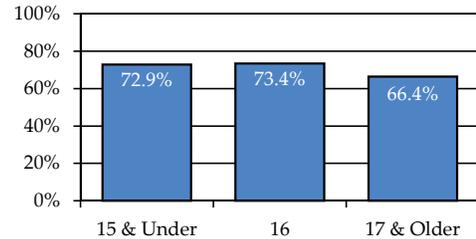
Verbal Aggression, FY 2011-2013



Physical Aggression by Race, FY 2011-2013

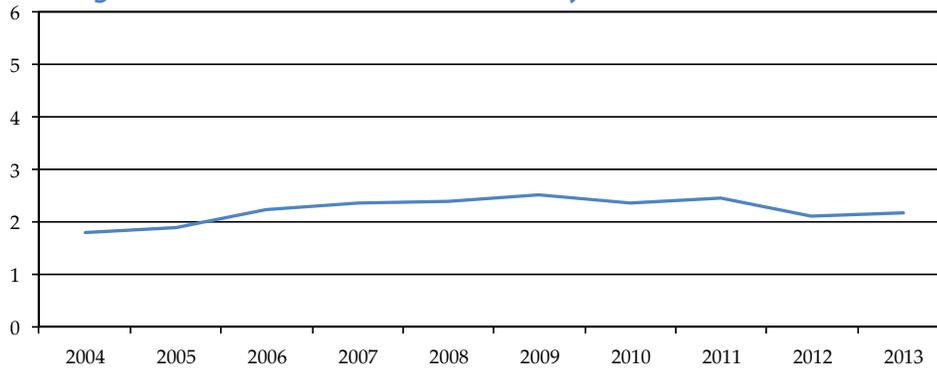


Verbal Aggression by Age, FY 2011-2013

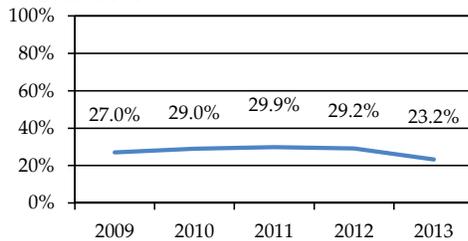


Assault Index

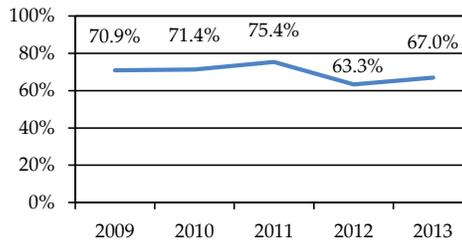
Average Index of Assaultiveness History, FY 2004-2013



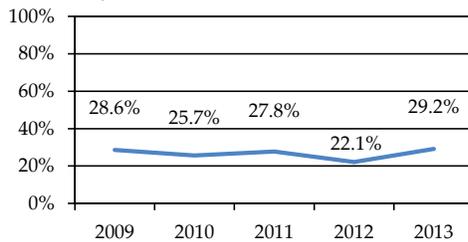
Assault on Authority Figure, FY 2009-2013



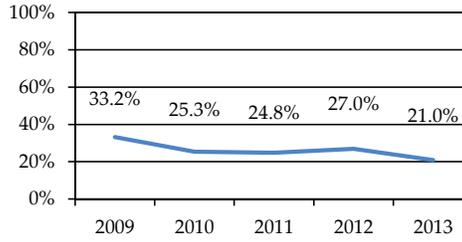
Assault on Peers, FY 2009-2013



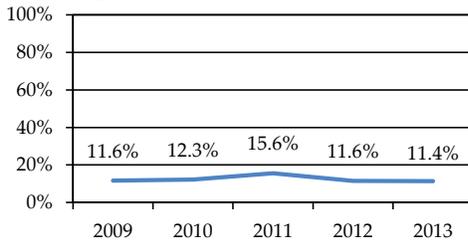
Assault Resulting in Injury Requiring Medical Attention, FY 2009-2013



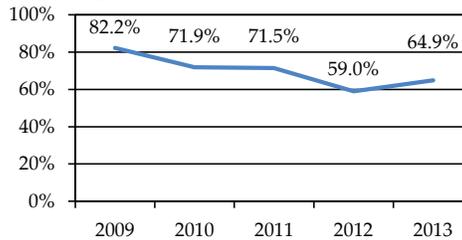
Assault Using a Weapon, FY 2009-2013



Assault While in Custody, FY 2009-2013



Unprovoked Assault on Others, FY 2009-2013



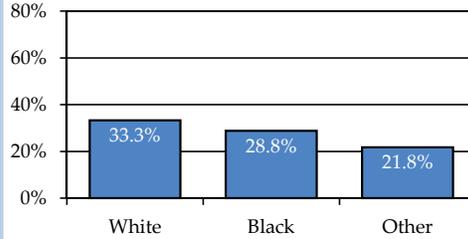
- » The index of assaultiveness history was created from the six questions on the Offense History Data form regarding assaultiveness history: assault on authority figures, assault on peers, assault resulting in injury requiring medical attention, assault using a weapon, assault while in custody, unprovoked assault on others. The more assault questions to which the juvenile responded “Yes,” the higher a juvenile’s score on the index. Six was the highest score possible.
- » The level of assaultiveness, as indicated by the index, increased from FY 2004 to FY 2013.
- » An average of 28% of juveniles had a history of assault on authority figures since FY 2009.
- » An average of 70% of juveniles had a history of assault on peers since FY 2009.
- » An average of 27% of juveniles had a history of assault resulting in injury requiring medical attention since FY 2009.
- » The percentage of juveniles with a history of assault using a weapon decreased from 33% in FY 2009 to 21% in FY 2013.
- » An average of 13% of juveniles had a history of assault while in custody since FY 2009.
- » The percentage of juveniles with a history of unprovoked assault on others decreased from 82% in FY 2009 to 65% in FY 2013.



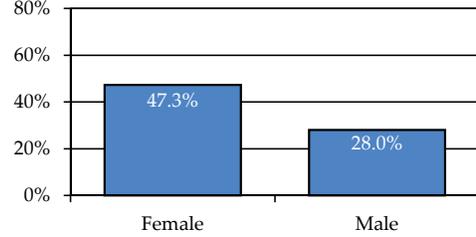
Type of Assault

- » A higher percentage of white juveniles had a history of assault on authority figures compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of females had a history of assault on authority figures compared to males.
- » A higher percentage of younger juveniles had a history of assault on peers.
- » A lower percentage of white juveniles had a history of assault on peers compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A lower percentage of females had a history of assault on peers compared to males.
- » A higher percentage of younger juveniles had a history of assaults resulting in injury requiring medical attention.
- » A higher percentage of juveniles of other races had a history of assaults resulting in injury requiring medical attention compared to white juveniles and black juveniles.

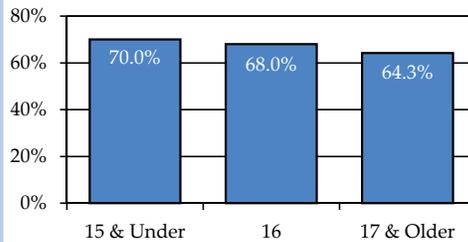
Assault on Authority Figure by Race, FY 2004-2013



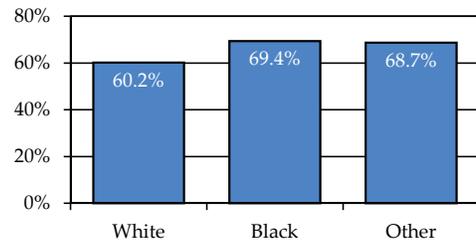
Assault on Authority Figure by Sex, FY 2004-2013



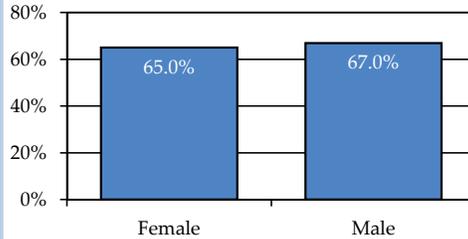
Assault on Peers by Age, FY 2004-2013



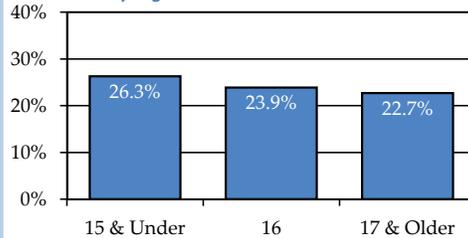
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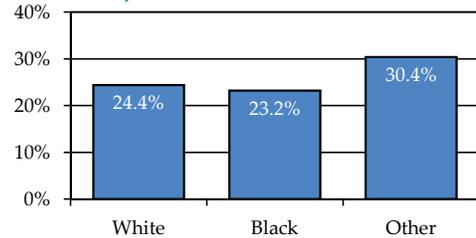
Assault on Peers by Sex, FY 2004-2013



Assault Resulting in Injury Requiring Medical Attention by Age, FY 2004-2013

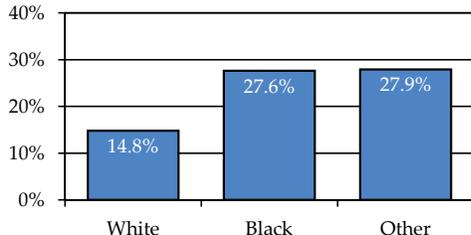


Assault Resulting in Injury Requiring Medical Attention by Race, FY 2004-2013

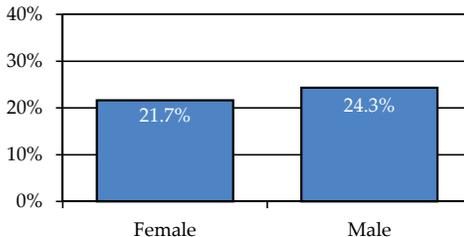


Type of Assault, cont.

Assault Using a Weapon by Race, FY 2004-2013



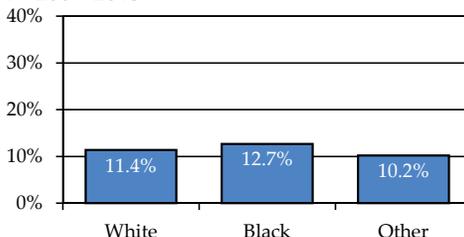
Assault Using a Weapon by Sex, FY 2004-2013



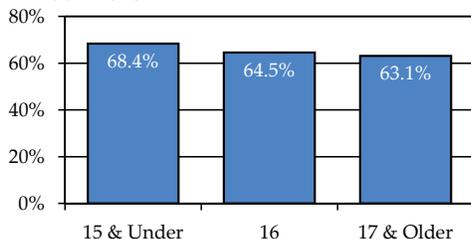
Assault While in Custody by Age, FY 2004-2013



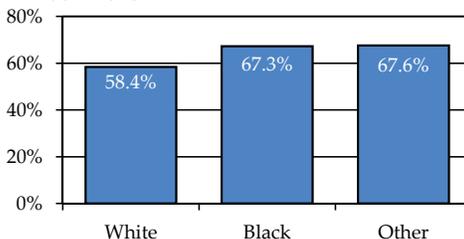
Assault While in Custody by Race, FY 2004-2013



Unprovoked Assault on Others by Age, FY 2004-2013



Unprovoked Assault on Others by Race, FY 2004-2013



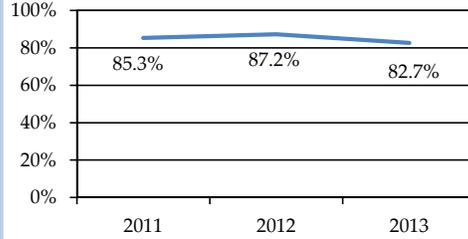
- » White juveniles had lower percentages of history of assault using a weapon compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A lower percentage of females had a history of assault using a weapon compared to males.
- » A lower percentage of younger juveniles had a history of assault while in custody.
- » A higher percentage of black juveniles had a history of assault while in custody compared to white juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of younger juveniles had a history of unprovoked assaults on others.
- » A lower percentage of white juveniles had a history of unprovoked assaults on others compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.



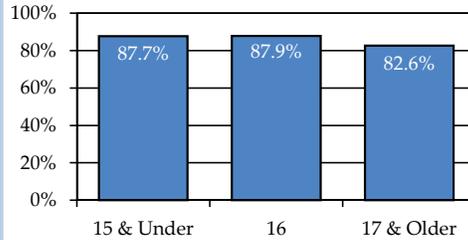
Physical Assault

- » An average of 85% of juveniles were perpetrators of physical assault since FY 2011.
- » A higher percentage of younger juveniles were perpetrators of physical assault compared to older juveniles.
- » A higher percentage black juveniles were perpetrators of physical assault compared to white juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of females were perpetrators of physical assault compared to males.

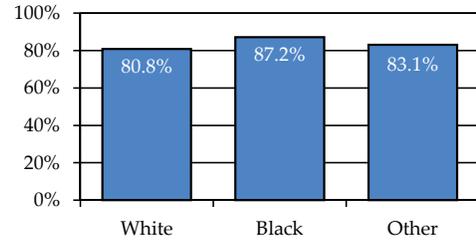
Perpetrator of Physical Assault, FY 2011-2013



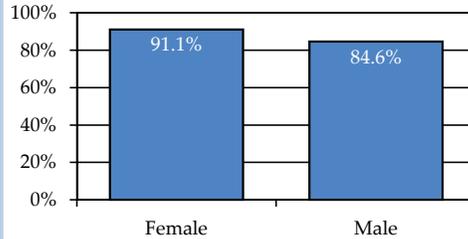
Perpetrator of Physical Assault by Age, FY 2011-2013



Perpetrator of Physical Assault by Race, FY 2011-2013

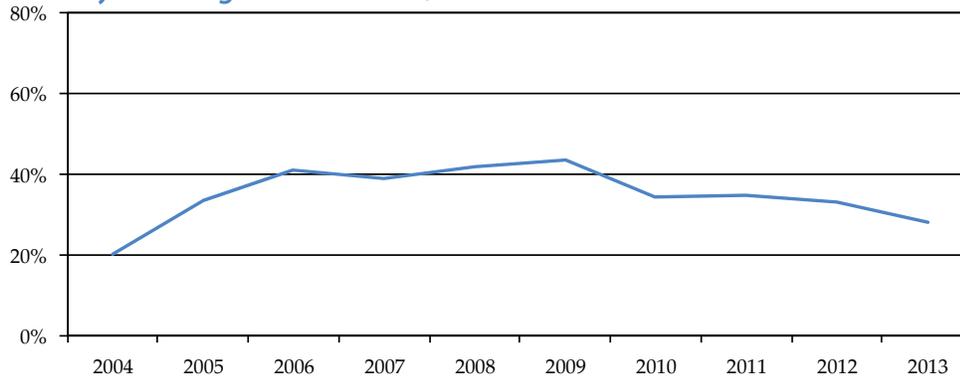


Perpetrator of Physical Assault by Sex, FY 2011-2013



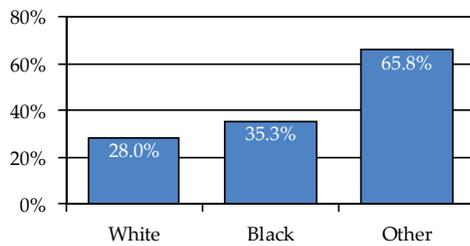
Gang Involvement

History of Gang Involvement, FY 2004-2013

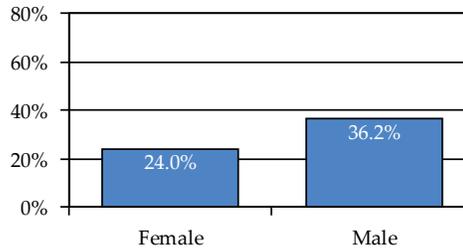


- » The percentage of juveniles with a history of gang involvement increased from FY 2004 to FY 2009, then decreased from FY 2009 to FY 2013.
- » A higher percentage of juveniles of other races had a history of gang involvement compared to white juveniles and black juveniles.
- » A higher percentage of males had a history of gang involvement compared to females.

History of Gang Involvement by Race, FY 2004-2013



History of Gang Involvement by Sex, FY 2004-2013



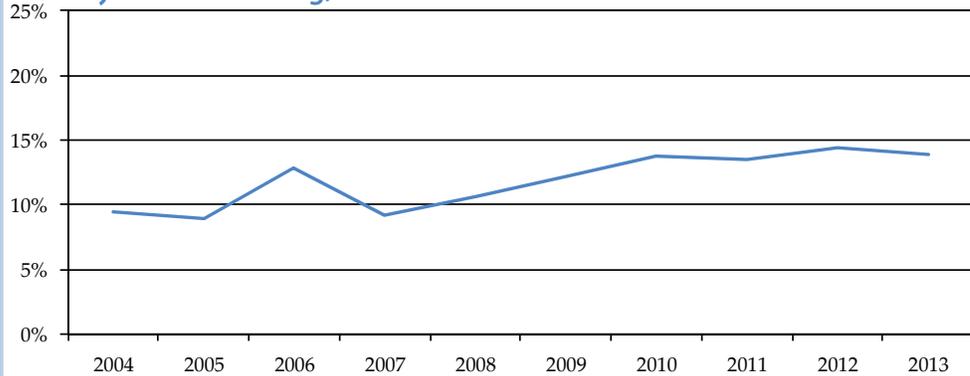
Information about gang involvement is collected on the Social History, Offense History Data, and Initial Custody Designation forms. For the purpose of this analysis, if information entered on any of these forms indicated a juvenile's gang involvement, he or she was considered to have a history of gang involvement.



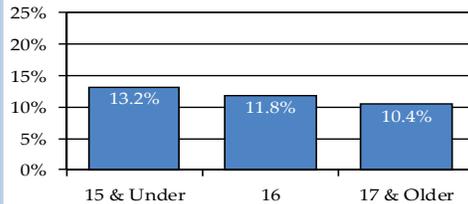
History of Fire Setting

- » The percentage of juveniles with a history of fire setting increased from 9% in FY 2004 to 14% in FY 2013.
- » A higher percentage of younger juveniles had a history of fire setting compared to older juveniles.
- » A higher percentage of white juveniles had a history of fire setting compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.
- » A higher percentage of males had a history of fire setting compared to females.

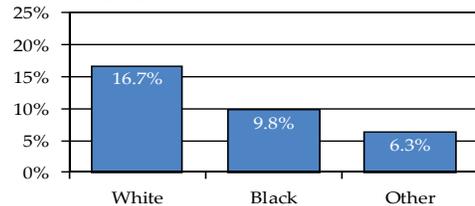
History of Fire Setting, FY 2004-2013



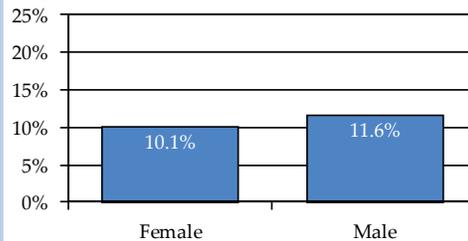
History of Fire Setting by Age, FY 2004-2013



History of Fire Setting by Race, FY 2004-2013



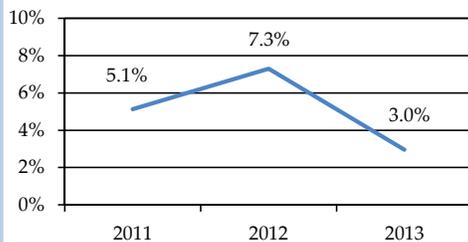
History of Fire Setting by Sex, FY 2004-2013



Homicidal Intent

- » An average of 5% of juveniles had documented homicidal ideation or intent since FY 2011.
- » White juveniles had higher rates of documented homicidal ideation or intent compared to black juveniles and juveniles of other races.

Documented Homicidal Urges or Intent, FY 2011-2013



Documented Homicidal Urges or Intent by Race, FY 2009-2013

