

# YOUTH IN CUSTODY OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, BY TYPE OF CUSTODY

**DEFINITION:** Number and percentage of children in custody or under the supervision of the Office of Juvenile Justice, by type of custody.

## SIGNIFICANCE

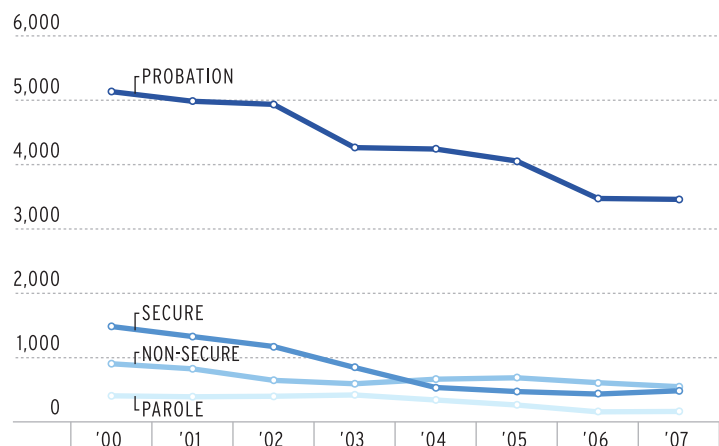
One aim of Louisiana's juvenile justice reform efforts is to reduce the state's reliance on incarceration as a means of dealing with juvenile offenders. The number of youth who are under the supervision of the Office of Juvenile Justice has fallen since 2000 in every category of supervision, including probation, parole, non-secure, and secure custody. Between 2000 and 2007, the number of children in secure custody in Louisiana decreased by 67%, falling from 1,485 to 486 youth. The number of youth in non-secure custody fell by 39% during the same time period, falling from 906 youth to 550 youth. The number of youth on probation fell by a third, from 5,134 youth to 3,460 youth. The number of youth on parole also declined by 60%, dropping from 408 to 165 youth.<sup>1</sup>

As the total number of youth in the juvenile justice system has declined, the percentage of youth in the system who are on probation has increased. In 2000, 65% of all youth under OJJ supervision were on probation, but in 2007, the same was true of 74% of youth under OJJ supervision. While the percentage of youth under OJJ supervision who are on parole or in non-secure custody did not experience significant change between 2000 and 2007, the percentage of youth in the system who were in secure custody fell from 19% in 2000 to just 10% in 2007.<sup>2</sup>

## RACIAL DISPARITY

Black youth are more likely than white youth to enter the juvenile justice system in Louisiana. In 2007, there were 12 black youth under OJJ supervision for every 1,000 black youth ages 10-20 in Louisiana and 4 white youth under OJJ supervision for every 1,000 white youth ages 10-20. Once in the system, black youth are more likely than their white peers to be placed in secure custody—12% of all black youth under OJJ supervision or in OJJ custody in 2007 were placed in secure custody, while the same was true for 6% of white youth under OJJ supervision or in OJJ custody. Non-secure custody followed a similar pattern—13% of black youth under OJJ supervision or in OJJ custody in 2007 were in non-secure custody, compared to 9% of white youth.

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By contrast, 81% of white youth under OJJ supervision or in custody were on probation, compared to 71% of black youth.<sup>3</sup>

## DATA SOURCE

Louisiana Office of Juvenile Justice, by special request

## DATA NOTES

Data reflect the population count for September 1, 2007, and thus do not represent the total number of children under OJJ supervision in 2007. Additionally, data presented here do not include juveniles who are transferred to the adult criminal justice system.

## RATE CALCULATION

100 \* (number of youth in secure custody ÷ total number of youth in custody or under the supervision of the Office of Juvenile Justice)

100 \* (number of youth in non-secure custody ÷ total number of youth in custody or under the supervision of the Office of Juvenile Justice)

100 \* (number of youth on parole ÷ total number of youth in custody or under the supervision of the Office of Juvenile Justice)

100 \* (number of youth on probation ÷ total number of youth in custody or under the supervision of the Office of Juvenile Justice)

<sup>1</sup> Agenda for Children's analysis of data provided by the Office of Juvenile Justice.

<sup>2</sup> *ibid.*

<sup>3</sup> *ibid.*

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2007	SECURE CUSTODY		NONSECURE CUSTODY		PAROLE		PROBATION		TOTAL
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%*	
<b>LOUISIANA</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3,460</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>4,661</b>
Acadia	<5	LNE	6	9.1	<5	LNE	55	83.3	66
Allen	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	64	92.8	69
Ascension	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	28	90.3	31
Assumption	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	18	72	25
Avoyelles	<5	LNE	14	17.5	<5	LNE	60	75	80
Beauregard	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	35	89.7	39
Bienville	0	0	<5	LNE	0	0	<5	LNE	6
Bossier	9	9.9	14	15.4	0	0	68	74.7	91
Caddo	32	16.3	73	37.2	15	7.7	76	38.8	196
Calcasieu	10	17.9	10	17.9	7	12.5	29	51.8	56
Caldwell	0	0	<5	LNE	0	0	14	93.3	15
Cameron	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	100	16
Catahoula	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	0	0	<5	LNE	8
Claiborne	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	0	0	<5	LNE	7
Concordia	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	0	0	9	69.2	13
De Soto	9	10.3	7	8.0	<5	LNE	70	80.5	87
East Baton Rouge	57	37.5	73	48.0	9	5.9	13	8.6	152
East Carroll	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	27	79.4	34
East Feliciana	0	0	<5	LNE	0	0	11	84.6	13
Evangeline	14	21.5	<5	LNE	0	0	50	76.9	65
Franklin	7	15.2	<5	LNE	5	10.9	30	65.2	46
Grant	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	0	0	10	66.7	15
Iberia	18	6.0	37	12.3	6	2.0	240	79.7	301
Iberville	7	11.1	6	9.5	<5	LNE	48	76.2	63
Jackson	0	0	<5	LNE	0	0	8	88.9	9
Jefferson	51	30.9	16	9.7	13	7.9	85	51.5	165
Jefferson Davis	0	0	<5	LNE	0	0	16	80	20
La Salle	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	0	0	8	66.7	12
Lafayette	25	10.8	19	8.2	7	3.0	181	78.0	232
Lafourche	13	11.3	12	10.4	<5	LNE	88	76.5	115
Lincoln	<5	LNE	14	13.3	0	0	88	83.8	105
Livingston	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	73	92.4	79
Madison	6	11.5	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	40	76.9	52
Morehouse	6	7.6	14	17.7	0	0	59	74.7	79
Natchitoches	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	73	92.4	79
Orleans	31	17.3	<5	LNE	24	13.4	121	67.6	179
Ouachita	16	6.3	21	8.3	0	0	215	85.3	252
Plaquemines	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	0	0	7	63.6	11
Pointe Coupee	5	19.2	0	0	<5	LNE	19	73.1	26
Rapides	6	12	22	44	9	18	13	26	50
Red River	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	0	0	11	84.6	13
Richland	6	15	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	31	77.5	40
Sabine	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	0	0	40	88.9	45
St. Bernard	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	0	0	0	0	<5
St. Charles	6	8.5	<5	LNE	0	0	64	90.1	71
St. Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	LNE	<5
St. James	<5	LNE	0	0	<5	LNE	5	62.5	<5
St. John the Baptist	0	0	<5	LNE	0	0	5	71.4	7
St. Landry	17	11.6	13	8.8	<5	LNE	115	78.2	147
St. Martin	8	4.6	24	13.7	0	0	143	81.7	175
St. Mary	12	10.9	22	20	<5	LNE	74	67.3	110
St. Tammany	19	7.4	5	2.0	<5	LNE	228	89.1	256
Tangipahoa	7	6.9	5	5.0	<5	LNE	87	86.1	101
Tensas	0	0	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	17	85	20
Terrebonne	16	18.2	11	12.5	0	0	61	69.3	88
Union	0	0	<5	LNE	0	0	39	90.7	43
Vermilion	6	5.3	14	12.3	<5	LNE	93	81.6	114
Vernon	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	26	89.7	29
Washington	10	7.8	5	3.9	6	4.7	107	83.6	128
Webster	<5	LNE	16	23.5	0	0	48	70.6	68
West Baton Rouge	<5	LNE	5	11.4	<5	LNE	32	72.7	44
West Carroll	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	19	82.6	23
West Feliciana	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	7	58.3	12
Winn	0	0	<5	LNE	<5	LNE	29	85.3	34

LNE [low number of events] is used because data is not reported when the number of youth in a particular category is greater than zero but less than five.