Exploring Florida's Juvenile Justice System

In the last 5 years, Florida's youth population has increased by about 51,500 youth.

Statewide Youth Population

% of Statewide Youth Population (2017-2018)

- Black: 23%
- White: 17%
- Hispanic: 22%

Statewide Juvenile Arrests (2016-2018)

Arrests have decreased for all gender and racial/ethnic groups over the last five years. Decrease may be due to the implementation of civil citations as an alternative to arrests throughout the state.

% of Statewide Youth Male Prosecutions (2017-2018)

- Black: 27%
- White: 28%
- Hispanic: 12%

The greater the penalty, the greater the percentage of black male youth prosecuted even though they represent the least populated gender and racial/ethnic group of youth in Florida.

Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice