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American Indian/Alaska Native Juvenile Justice Data Resources

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Policy Research Center developed resources over the past few years on American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) juvenile justice data, and this Research Policy Brief serves as a quick reference for these resources.

Research Policy Updates

The NCAI Policy Research Center developed Research Policy Updates on AI/AN juvenile justice data, and these resources are listed below:

- **[American Indian and Alaska Native Youth in the Juvenile Justice System: A Guide to the Data \(2020\)](#)**. This research policy update describes the methodology and findings of the 2018 GAO report [Native American Youth: Involvement in Justice Systems and Information on Grants to Help Address Juvenile Delinquency](#), identifies potential research questions and provides a data guide to sources of AI/AN juvenile justice data.
- **[American Indian and Alaska Native Youth in the Juvenile Justice System - Policies and Practices \(2021\)](#)**. This research report provides an update on a landscape analysis of state policies on arrest and confinement of AI/AN youth to determine if there were differences in states with over-, equal-, and under-representation of AI/AN youth in the justice system.

Guide to Juvenile Justice Data

The NCAI Policy Research Center also hosts a webpage that serves as a guide to primary sources of data on juvenile justice:

- **[Guide to Juvenile Justice Data Webpage](#)**. NCAI Policy Research Center, June 17, 2021.

The website includes a description of the challenges with compiling and comparing data on AI/AN youth in justice systems, and links to the following primary data resources:

Detention Statistics:

- The [Census of Juveniles in Residential Placement](#) and [Juvenile Residential Facility Census](#) are surveys that occur on alternating years to measure information on juveniles in detention facilities.
- The [Census of Tribal Justice Agencies in American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Jurisdictions](#) collects data on law enforcement agencies operating on tribal lands.
- The [Federal Bureau of Prisons](#) collects data on inmate populations.
- [Jails in Indian Country](#) is a data collection by the US Bureau of Justice Statistics on confinement facilities operated by Tribal Nations or the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Crime and Victim Statistics:

- [The Easy Access Datasets](#) are easy to use datasets created by different federal agencies. Downloadable spreadsheets, overviews, snapshots, and publications are available for juvenile justice population, arrests, court cases, and residential placements.
- The [Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reporting \(UCR\) System](#) collects data from federal, state/local, and tribal law enforcement agencies. This online data tool provides information on crime statistics taken during arrest or crime report.
- [The National Juvenile Court Data Archive](#) collects data on juvenile court statistics, court-generated research data, and multi-record administrative data from juvenile case files. Datasets can be made available by contacting the National Juvenile Court Data Archive.
- [The Statistical Briefing Book](#) provides a range of data on juvenile arrest, court, probation, and re-entry rates. Datasets can identify AI/AN specific information and include state or county comparisons. Additional data publications, snapshots, and interactive maps on juveniles can be searched by year and by step in the justice process.

Additional Resources

The NCAI Policy Research Center conducted a review of new data resources on AI/AN juvenile justice in the past two years, and selected resources are listed below in reverse chronological order:

- Hockenberry S. [Juveniles in Residential Placement, 2019](#). Juvenile Justice Statistics. National Report Series Bulletin. Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. April 2022.
- Hockenberry S. [Delinquency Cases in Juvenile Court, 2019](#). Juvenile Justice Statistics. National Report Series Bulletin. Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. February 2022.

- [National Juvenile Treatment Court Dashboard Now Available](#). Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice, May 24, 2022.
- Development Services Group, Inc. [Racial and Ethnic Disparity in Juvenile Justice Processing](#). Model Programs Guide. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, US Department of Justice. March 2022.
- [Trends and Characteristics of Delinquency Cases Handled in Juvenile Court, 2019](#). National Center for Juvenile Justice, August 2021.
- Rovner J. [Disparities in Tribal Youth Incarceration](#). The Sentencing Project, July 15, 2021.
- Hockenberry S, Puzanchara C. [Juvenile Court Statistics 2019](#). National Center for Juvenile Justice, June 2021.
- Puzanchara C. [Juvenile Arrests 2019](#). Juvenile Justice Statistics. National Report Series Bulletin. Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. May 2021.
- Adams B. [Advancing the Collection of Juvenile Justice Data](#). National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. February 22, 2021.
- Daniel R. [Since you asked: What data exists about Native American people in the criminal justice system?](#) Prison Policy Initiative, April 22, 2020.
- KIDS COUNT Data Center. [Youth residing in juvenile detention, correctional and/or residential facilities by race and Hispanic origin in the United States](#). Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2001-2019.
- [Trends and Characteristics of Youth in Residential Placement, 2019](#). National Center for Juvenile Justice, 2019.
- Pecos Melton A, Chino M, Martinez R, Duclos C. [Effective Methods to Access Exposure to Violence and Victimization Among American Indian and Alaska Native Youth: The Tribal Youth Victimization Study](#). December 2019.

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