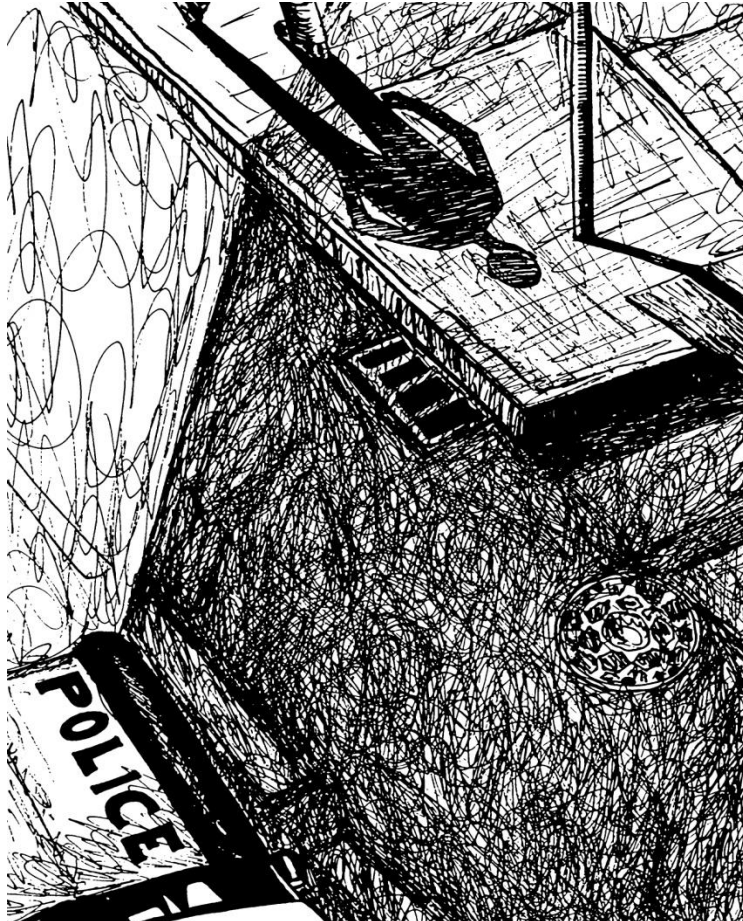


**ARRESTING JUSTICE (Third Edition):
JUVENILE ARRESTS IN CHICAGO, 2013 and 2014**



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In June 2011, we published *Arresting Justice: A Report about Juvenile Arrests in Chicago, 2009 & 2010* (<http://arrestjustice.wordpress.com/>) along with our partners at *First Defense Legal Aid*. Since then, we have continued to analyze and publish data about juvenile arrests in Chicago.

As you read through the report, please be aware of a few important things. Arrest statistics report the number of arrests that the police made in a given year. They do not describe the number of individuals arrested or the number of crimes committed. As Puzanchara and Adams point out:

“The number of arrests is not the same as the number of people arrested because an unknown number of individuals are arrested more than once during the year. Nor do arrest statistics represent the number of crimes that arrested individuals commit because a series of crimes that one person commits may culminate in a single arrest, and a single crime may result in the arrest of more than one person. This latter situation, where many arrests result from one crime, is relatively common in juvenile law-violating behavior because juveniles are more likely than adults to commit crimes in groups.”¹

Since 2007, there has been an over 50% decrease in the number of juveniles (17 & under) arrested by the Chicago police. In 2007, there were 35,899 juvenile arrests. In 2014, there were 17,783 juvenile arrests. Some of this decrease might be attributed to a multi-year downward trend in juvenile crime both locally and nationally. It may also be related to policy changes that have encouraged diversion from law enforcement and the juvenile justice system as a whole. Further research to understand the causes of the decrease in juvenile arrests is warranted. What has remained consistent across the years is the disproportionate targeting of Black children & youth by law enforcement. That must change.

¹ Puzanchara, Charles and Adams, Benjamin (2011, Dec). “Juvenile Arrests 2009”. U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. <http://www.ojjdp.gov/pubs/236477.pdf>

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SUMMARY

Total Number of Juvenile Arrests (17 & under) in 2013: **21,496**

Total Number of Juvenile Arrests (17 & under) in 2014: **17,783**

The number of juvenile arrests decreased by over 17 percent from 2013 to 2014. Since 2009 when we first began analyzing these numbers, juvenile arrests have decreased 43%.

While Blacks represent 37% of the 0-17 youth population, they accounted for over **79%** of juvenile arrests in Chicago in 2013 and 2014.

While Latin@s represent 40% of the 0-17 youth population, they accounted for over **18%** of juvenile arrests in 2013 & over **17%** in 2014.

Males were over **83%** of juvenile arrests in 2013 & 2014.

In 2013 & 2014, 15 to 17 year olds accounted for **over 80%** of juvenile arrests (they represent 16.6% of Chicago’s youth population).

Most juvenile arrests were for **misdemeanor offenses** in 2013 & 2014. The top three in 2014 were miscellaneous non-index offenses, drug abuse violations and simple battery.

Based on the data, in 2014, 48.3% of juvenile arrests were referred to court while 19.1% resulted in detention. 25.4% of juvenile arrests resulted in informal station adjustments and 3.85% in formal station adjustments.

In order to contextualize the numbers cited, the following table offers racial demographics for children and youth ages 0 to 17 in Chicago.

Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Youth 0-17 Chicago by Age (as of December, 2013)

Age	Total: City of Chicago		White		African American		American Indian		Asian		Some other race		Two or more races		Hispanic	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Under 5 yrs	185,031	30.1	79,624	43.1	59,447	32.1	343	0.2	8201	4.4	28,386	15.4	9006	4.9	70,602	38.2
5-9 yrs	164,006	26.7	62,478	38.1	58,382	35.6	389	0.2	6158	3.8	30,328	18.5	6218	3.8	69,538	42.4
10-14 yrs	163,917	26.6	58,809	35.9	65,607	40.0	406	0.2	5492	3.4	28,538	17.4	5048	3.1	66,760	40.7
15-17 yrs	102,297	16.6	34,566	33.7	43,962	43.0	361	0.4	3691	3.6	17,261	16.9	2456	2.4	39,440	38.6
Total (0-17 yrs)	615,251	100	235,477	38.3	227,398	37.0	1499	0.2	23,542	3.8	104,513	17.0	22,728	3.7	246,340	40.0

Source: 2013 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates: U.S. Census Bureau

Section 1 -- Total Juvenile Arrests 2013 & 2014

In the table below, the type of offense is provided for informational purposes, giving context to the number of total arrests. Data is not available for the numbers of youth with whom the police have contact but do not formally arrests. According to CPD, there were **17,783** juvenile arrests in 2014; down from **21,496** in 2013 (a decrease of over 17%). Since 2009 when we first began analyzing these numbers, juvenile arrests have decreased 43%.

Total Number of Arrests of Persons, 17 and Under (City of Chicago, 2013 & 2014)

OFFENSE TYPE	2013	2014	% Change
Felony	4736	4491	-5.1%
Misdemeanor	13,545	10,739	-20.7%
Other*	3215	2553	-20.6%
Total	21,496	17,783	-17.27%

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEARDW, 6/3/15)

* MCC Violations (Municipal Ordinance Arrests)

Juvenile Arrests by District² – Persons 17 and Under (City of Chicago, 2013 & 2014)

Nearly 70% of juvenile arrests happened in 10 out of the 22 districts. In order of most to least, these districts are 11, 8, 15, 4, 10, 5, 6, 3, 7, and 9.

District	2013	% Total 2013	2014	% Total 2014	%Change (2013-2014)
01	503	2.34	424	2.38	-15.70
02	1,094	5.09	894	5.03	-18.28
03	1,193	5.55	1,013	5.7	-15.09
04	1,445	6.72	1,334	7.5	-7.68
05	1,210	5.63	1,065	6	-11.98
06	1,431	6.66	1,026	5.77	-28.30
07	1,311	6.1	997	5.61	-23.95
08	1,882	8.75	1,598	8.99	-15.09
09	1,105	5.14	926	5.21	-16.2
10	1,505	7	1,093	6.15	-27.37
11	1,849	8.6	1,765	9.92	-4.54
12	695	3.23	515	2.9	-25.9
14	467	2.17	298	1.67	-36.19
15	1,455	6.77	1,348	7.58	-7.35
16	453	2.11	355	2	-21.63
17	515	2.39	460	2.59	-10.68
18	527	2.45	430	2.42	-18.41

² The 21st district merged with the 2nd in March 2012, the 23rd district merged with the 19th in 2013 and the 13th district with the 12th at the end of 2012.

District	2013	% Total 2013	2014	% Total 2014	%Change (2013-2014)
19	367	1.71	326	1.83	-11.17
20	279	1.3	198	1.11	-29.03
22	830	3.86	682	3.83	-17.83
24	461	2.14	325	1.83	-29.50
25	919	4.27	711	4	-22.63
TOTAL	21,496	100%	17,783	100%	-17.27

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

Section 2 – Demographic Information about Juvenile Arrests in Chicago

The following tables illustrate the demographic breakdown of juvenile arrests in Chicago. Below is information about juvenile arrests by race, gender and age. ***The typical juvenile arrested in Chicago is Black, male and between the ages of 15 to 17.*** In 2013 & 2014, Black children & youth comprised over 79% of juvenile arrests in Chicago. Black juvenile arrests outpace all other groups in each district except for the 17th and 25th districts. A closer look at rates of arrests, however, reveals that Black juveniles are disproportionately targeted in these districts too. For example, Black juveniles represent 3.8% of the youth population in the 17th district yet they comprise 27.8% of arrests in 2014. White Hispanic juveniles represent 57.7% of the youth population in the 17th district and comprised 56.5% of arrests in 2014. The same pattern holds in the 25th district where white Hispanic youth represent 76.5% of the youth population and 57% of juvenile arrests. In both districts, white Hispanic youth are arrested at or below their population. Black youth are arrested disproportionate to their population in both districts.

Arrests – Persons 17 and Under by Race (City of Chicago, 2013)

Black	White Hispanic	White	Black Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Unknown	Am Indian	TOTAL
17,001	3,609	678	136	51	14	1	2
79.12%	18.47%	3.16%	0.63%	0.24%			100%

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

Arrests – Persons 17 and Under by Race & District (City of Chicago, 2013)

District	Black	White Hispanic	White	Black Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Unknown	Indian	TOTAL
01	458	23	18	1	2	1	0	503
02	1,077	8	5	3	1	0	0	1094
03	1,190	1	2	0	0	0	0	1193
04	1,235	189	13	6	2	0	0	1445
05	1,198	7	1	0	4	0	0	1210
06	1,423	1	5	1	1	0	0	1431
07	1,298	5	6	1	1	0	0	1311
08	1,148	635	89	5	1	4	0	1882
09	543	488	64	8	2	0	0	1105
10	1015	477	7	5	1	0	0	1505
11	1799	34	6	6	4	0	0	1849
12	437	230	22	4	0	2	0	695
14	150	266	21	27	2	1	0	467
15	1,438	11	4	2	0	0	0	1455
16	73	173	191	10	4	2	0	453
17	143	291	61	12	7	1	0	515
18	473	25	22	0	6	0	1	527
19	229	82	44	5	5	2	0	367

District	Black	White Hispanic	White	Black Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Unknown	Indian	TOTAL
20	170	69	29	7	4	0	0	279
22	819	3	8	0	0	0	0	830
24	351	69	33	4	3	1	0	461
25	340	522	27	29	1	0	0	919
TOTAL	17,007	3,609	678	136	51	14	1	21,496

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

Arrests – Persons 17 and Under by Race (City of Chicago, 2014)

Black	White Hispanic	White	Black Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Unknown	Am Indian	TOTAL
14,093	2981	530	120	48	6	5	17,783
79.25%	16.76%	2.98%	0.67%				100%

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

Arrests – Persons 17 and Under by Race & District (City of Chicago, 2014)

District	Black	White Hispanic	White	Black Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Unknown	Indian	TOTAL
01	367	25	21	3	7	1	0	424
02	874	9	7	0	4	0	0	894
03	1,011	0	1	0	1	0	0	1,013
04	1,118	192	15	8	0	0	1	1,334
05	1,048	13	2	3	1	1	0	1,065
06	1,013	5	4	3	1	0	0	1,026
07	985	7	1	1	2	1	0	997
08	927	611	52	7	1	0	0	1,598
09	439	434	48	4	1	0	0	926
10	732	346	9	6	0	0	0	1,093
11	1,715	34	5	10	1	0	0	1,765
12	341	146	22	3	3	0	0	515
14	119	156	10	13	0	0	0	298
15	1,327	15	3	2	1	0	0	1,348
16	71	164	108	6	3	1	2	355
17	175	340	82	18	5	3	0	460
18	384	19	23	1	2	0	1	430
19	183	74	54	6	8	1	0	326
20	103	63	26	3	3	0	0	198
22	655	1	26	0	0	0	0	682
24	230	68	18	4	4	0	1	325
25	322	343	23	23	0	0	0	711
TOTAL	14,093	2,981	530	120	48	6	5	17,783

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

Juveniles who identify as male are disproportionately arrested in Chicago.

Arrest – Persons 17 and Under by Gender (City of Chicago, 2013 & 2014)

	2013		TOTAL	2014		TOTAL
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
	17,892	3,602	21,494	14,779	3,003	17,782 ³
Percentage	83.24%	16.76%	100%	83.11%	16.89%	100%

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

Arrest – Persons 17 and Under by Gender & District (City of Chicago, 2013 & 2014)

District	2013		TOTAL	2014		TOTAL
	Male	Female		Male	Female	
01	337	166	503	247	177	424
02	918	176	1094	717	177	894
03	1,005	188	1193	832	181	1013
04	1,182	263	1445	1,095	239	1334
05	866	344	1210	814	251	1065
06	1,102	329	1431	769	257	1026
07	1,131	180	1311	857	140	997
08	1584	298	1882	1387	211	1598
09	953	152	1105	830	96	926
10	1,356	149	1505	992	100	1092
11	1,620	229	1849	1,537	228	1765
12	612	82	694	442	73	515
14	428	38	466	261	37	298
15	1,335	120	1455	1,221	127	1,348
16	389	64	453	280	75	355
17	401	114	515	362	98	460
18	360	167	527	287	143	430
19	290	77	367	270	56	326
20	239	40	279	161	37	198
22	660	170	830	567	115	682
24	366	95	461	262	63	325
25	758	161	919	589	122	711
TOTAL	17,892	3,602	21,494	14,779	3,003	17,782

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

³ There were two arrests in 2013 and one arrest in 2014 that were classified as “UNKNOWN”

In 2013 & 2014, 15 to 17 year olds accounted for **over 80%** of juvenile arrests (they represent 16.6% of Chicago's youth population).

Arrests – Persons 17 and Under by Age (City of Chicago, 2013)

5-10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
35	107	449	1,098	2,530	4,805	6,148	6,324	21,496
		2.09%	5.11%	11.77%	22.35%	28.6%	29.42%	100%

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

Arrests – Persons 17 and Under by Age (City of Chicago, 2014)

5-10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	TOTAL
23	77	315	917	2,100	3,849	5,154	5,348	17,783
		3%	5%	11.81%	21.64%	29%	30%	100%

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

Section 3 – Juvenile Arrests & Offenses by District and by Volume

The following tables report the numbers of juvenile arrests by offense in each Chicago Police District in calendar years 2013 and 2014. Juveniles may be held in police custody while they are under investigation for criminal offenses. However, some juveniles are released without being charged: not all juvenile arrests result in court referral. Additionally, some juveniles may be arrested for multiple offenses during the same incident, so these data describe numbers of arrests, not numbers of individuals who were arrested or ultimately prosecuted. Most juveniles in Chicago are arrested for misdemeanor offenses. The top 3 in 2014 were miscellaneous non-index offenses, drug abuse violations and simple battery. **The 11th district is the only one where felony arrests outpace misdemeanor ones.**

Arrests – Misdemeanor and Felony Offenses for Persons 17 Years and Under by District (City of Chicago, 2013 & 2014)

District ⁴	2013		TOTAL	2014		TOTAL
	FELONY	MISDEMEANOR		FELONY	MISDEMEANOR	
01	71	395	466	70	326	396
02	238	711	949	224	579	803
03	232	720	952	237	620	857
04	275	1,005	1,280	241	915	1,156
05	249	767	1,016	264	605	869
06	345	848	1,193	281	612	893
07	310	797	1,107	317	520	837
08	268	1,379	1,647	280	1,084	1,364
09	206	710	916	246	572	818
10	322	878	1,200	248	607	855
11	829	701	1,530	837	633	1,470
12	148	475	623	143	316	459
14	83	290	373	52	201	253
15	292	833	1,125	295	771	1,066
16	76	342	418	65	262	327
17	70	385	455	85	339	424
18	111	381	492	99	307	406
19	75	256	331	74	220	294
20	43	212	255	30	151	181
22	238	524	762	179	439	618
24	57	337	394	58	203	261
25	198	599	797	166	457	623
TOTAL	4,736	12,545	17,281	4,491	10,739	15,230

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

⁴ Districts 13, 21, and 23 merged with other districts at various points in 2012 which accounts for some of the variation in numbers.

Juvenile Arrests & Offenses in Each Chicago Police District – Rank by Volume

Rank	Total Juvenile Arrests		Felony Arrests		Misdemeanor Arrests	
	District	No.	District	No.	District	No.
1	08 – Chicago Lawn	1882	11 – Harrison	829	08 – Chicago Lawn	1379
2	11 -- Harrison	1849	06 – Gresham	345	04 – South Chicago	1005
3	10 – Ogden	1505	10 – Ogden	322	10 – Ogden	878
4	15 – Austin	1455	07 – Englewood	310	06 – Gresham	848
5	04 – South Chicago	1445	15 – Austin	292	15 – Austin	833
6	06 – Gresham	1431	04 – South Chicago	275	07 – Englewood	797
7	07 – Englewood	1311	08 -- Chicago Lawn	268	05 – Pullman	767
8	05 – Pullman	1210	05 – Pullman	249	03 – Grand Crossing	720
9	03– Grand Crossing	1193	02 – Wentworth	238	02 – Wentworth	711
10	09 – Deering	1105	22 – Morgan Park	238	09 – Deering	710
11	2 – Wentworth	1094	03 – Grand Crossing	232	11 – Harrison	701
12	25 – Grand Central	919	09–Deering	206	25 – Grand Central	599
13	22 – Morgan Park	830	25 – Grand Central	198	22 – Morgan Park	524
14	12 – Monroe	695	12 – Monroe	148	12 – Monroe	475
15	18 – Near North	527	18 – Near North	111	01 – Central	395
16	17 – Albany Park	515	14 – Shakespeare	83	17 – Albany Park	385
17	01 -- Central	503	16 – Jefferson Park	76	18 – Near North	381
18	14 – Shakespeare	467	19 – Belmont	75	16 – Jefferson Park	342
19	24 – Rogers Park	461	01 – Central	71	24 – Rogers Park	337
20	16 – Jefferson Park	453	17 – Albany Park	70	14 – Shakespeare	290
21	19 – Belmont	367	24 – Rogers Park	57	19 – Belmont	256
22	20 – Foster	279	20 – Foster	43	20 – Foster	212

Source: *Chicago Police Department Research and Development Division, Research & Analysis Section* (June, 2015). This table does not include arrests for City of Chicago municipal ordinance violations, which are factored into the total number of arrests per district reported by the CPD.

Rank 2014	Total Juvenile Arrests		Felony Arrests		Misdemeanor Arrests	
	District	No.	District	No.	District	No.
1	11 – Harrison	1,765	11 – Harrison	837	08 – Chicago Lawn	1,084
2	08 – Chicago Lawn	1,598	07 – Englewood	317	04 – South Chicago	915
3	15 – Austin	1,348	15 – Austin	295	15 – Austin	771
4	04 – South Chicago	1,334	06 – Gresham	281	11 – Harrison	633
5	10 – Ogden	1,093	8 – Chicago Lawn	280	03 – Grand Crossing	620
6	05 – Pullman	1,065	05 – Pullman	264	06 – Gresham	612
7	06 – Gresham	1,026	10 – Ogden	248	10 – Ogden	607
8	03 – Grand Crossing	1,013	09 – Deering	246	05 – Pullman	605
9	07 – Englewood	997	04 – South Chicago	241	02 – Wentworth	579
10	09 – Deering	926	03 – Grand Crossing	237	09 – Deering	572
11	02 – Wentworth	894	02 – Wentworth	224	07 – Englewood	520
12	25 – Grand Central	711	22 – Morgan Park	179	25 – Grand Central	457
13	22 – Morgan Park	682	25 – Grand Central	166	22 – Morgan Park	439
14	12 – Monroe	515	12 – Monroe	143	17 – Albany Park	339
15	17 – Albany Park	460	18 – Near North	99	01 – Central	326
16	18 – Near North	430	17 – Albany Park	85	12 – Monroe	316
17	01 – Central	424	19 -- Belmont	74	18 – Near North	307
18	16 – Jefferson Park	355	01 – Central	70	16 – Jefferson Park	262
19	19 – Belmont	326	16 – Jefferson Park	65	19 – Belmont	220
20	24 – Rogers Park	325	24 – Rogers Park	58	24 – Rogers Park	203
21	14 – Shakespeare	298	14 – Shakespeare	52	14 – Shakespeare	201
22	20 – Foster	198	20 – Foster	30	20 – Foster	151

Source: *Chicago Police Department Research and Development Division, Research & Analysis Section* (June 2015). This table does not include arrests for City of Chicago municipal ordinance violations, which are factored into the total number of arrests per district reported by the CPD.

Chicago Juvenile Arrests by Charge Type (Top 10 Felony Offenses)

Offenses (Felony)	2013	Offenses (Felony)	2014
Drug Abuse Violations	1,263	Drug Abuse Violations	1,065
Robbery (Index)	1,091	Robbery (Index)	952
Burglary (Index)	590	Burglary (Index)	590
Aggravated Battery (Index)	444	Weapons	470
Weapons	392	Aggravated Battery (Index)	447
Motor Vehicle Theft (Index)	338	Motor Vehicle Theft (Index)	387
Larceny – Theft (Index)	260	Larceny – Theft (Index)	238
Vandalism	86	Vandalism	107
Miscellaneous Non-Index Offenses	71	Miscellaneous Non-Index Offenses	43
Aggravated Assault (Index)	53	Aggravated Assault (Index)	34
<u>Source:</u> CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)			

Chicago Juvenile Arrests by Charge Type (Top 10 Misdemeanor Offenses)

Offenses (Misdemeanors)	2013	2014
Miscellaneous Non-Index	2,740	2,111
Drug Abuse Violations	2,599	1,884
Simple Battery	2,224	1,836
Disorderly Conduct	2,114	1,720
Larceny-Theft (Index)	1,814	1,430
Vandalism	586	441
Simple Assault	459	381
Aggravated Assault (Index)	377	348
Gambling	339	182
Weapons	163	122
<u>Source:</u> CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)		

Section 4 - Formal/Informal Station Adjustments

As an alternative to referring the case to Juvenile Court, a youth officer may release a young person from custody with a station adjustment. There are two types of station adjustments: informal and formal. A youth officer may give an informal station adjustment if they decide there is probable cause to believe the juvenile committed an offense. A formal station adjustment is different in that a juvenile must also admit involvement in the alleged offense. The juvenile's admission can later be used as evidence against them if they violate the terms of the formal adjustment and their case is referred to court. Although they are not convictions, station adjustments usually appear in a juvenile's arrest history. All formal station adjustments must be recorded with the Illinois State Police. Informal station adjustments for felonies must also be recorded with the Illinois State Police, and informal station adjustments for misdemeanors may be recorded. Station adjustments can be expunged from a juvenile's record. There were **666** formal and **4,389** informal station adjustments reported by CPD in 2014. This is a decrease of 31.34% for **formal** and 35% for **informal stations** adjustments.

STATION ADJUSTMENTS (CITY OF CHICAGO, 2013 & 2014)

DISTRICT	2013			2014		TOTAL
	Formal Adjustments	Informal Adjustments	TOTAL	Formal Adjustments	Informal Adjustments	
01	12	140	152	22	104	126
02	12	435	447	4	276	280
03	16	187	203	16	145	161
04	25	228	253	22	260	282
05	32	191	223	35	193	228
06	21	200	221	25	129	154
07	10	384	394	3	213	216
08	33	768	801	5	670	675
09	16	425	441	3	328	331
10	20	540	560	5	402	407
11	15	331	346	11	369	380
12	17	236	253	3	168	171
14	75	149	224	32	84	116
15	132	441	573	114	347	461
16	64	152	216	61	73	134
17	114	162	276	66	111	177
18	11	126	137	10	87	97
19	54	138	192	47	97	144
20	41	62	103	38	40	78
22	16	160	176	22	87	109
24	75	122	197	31	59	90
25	159	203	362	91	147	238
TOTAL	970	5,780	6,750	666	4,389	5,055

SOURCE: Youth Investigation Section, Detective Division, provided to CPD Research & Development 6/15

Section 5 -- Other Dispositions

As illustrated in this report, in Chicago, thousands of juveniles are arrested every year by law enforcement. There are six possible decision points⁵ in the interaction between police and young people. Police have the power to decide the following:

1. Whether to conduct an investigatory stop involving a young person;
2. Whether to arrest a young person;
3. Whether to release a young person from police custody with a station adjustment;
4. Whether to refer a young person to Juvenile Court or to the Felony Review Division of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for prosecution;
5. Whether to release a young person from police custody with no charges; and
6. Whether to request that a young person be held in detention until his initial court appearance.

Each of these decision points involves the police officers' use of discretion. These points of contact determine whether or not a particular young person will ultimately be referred to court and held in detention.

For the first time, we are able to report details of dispositions beyond formal and informal station adjustments at the district level. This information allows us to better understand how children and youth who are arrested move through the juvenile justice system.

Based on the data, in 2014, 48.3% of juvenile arrests were referred to court while 19.1% resulted in detention. 25.4% of juvenile arrests resulted in informal station adjustments and 3.85% in formal station adjustments.

⁵ See the Appendix for a more detailed consideration of these 6 decision points regarding police interaction with young people.

2013

District	Detained ⁶	Non-Secured ⁷	Referred ⁸	Reprocessed ⁹	Released ¹⁰
1	47	14	259	0	0
2	129	40	408	6	0
3	264	43	573	2	3
4	195	62	840	2	1
5	176	46	682	2	1
6	274	75	738	2	2
7	233	50	526	1	0
8	145	31	808	0	0
9	138	23	433	0	0
10	171	42	579	2	0
11	331	62	770	0	0
12	59	20	299	3	2
14	46	1	164	0	0
15	206	5	546	3	1
16	24	2	182	0	1
17	56	1	163	0	1
18	43	12	293	0	0
19	32	5	114	0	0
20	43	6	112	0	0
22	124	27	456	0	2
24	67	3	167	0	1
25	139	6	342	0	3
TOTAL	2,942	576	9,454	23	18

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

⁶ Includes the detention center, home confinement, Suara Center, Adult processed on juvenile warrant or arrest.

⁷ Includes home confinement, Neon Center (girls), Suara Center (boys)

⁸ Referred to court

⁹ Reprocessed as an adult

¹⁰ Released without charging

2014

District	Detained ¹¹	Non-Secured ¹²	Referred ¹³	Reprocessed ¹⁴	Released ¹⁵
1	63	4	214	0	2
2	147	30	408	1	1
3	279	21	515	0	0
4	220	65	740	3	3
5	232	53	516	2	2
6	240	55	539	1	1
7	269	48	432	2	2
8	179	46	670	1	1
9	150	41	388	0	0
10	194	25	431	0	0
11	416	79	835	3	3
12	93	12	211	0	0
14	51	0	120	0	0
15	231	6	608	1	1
16	48	1	164	2	2
17	54	2	215	1	1
18	57	7	256	0	0
19	50	4	118	0	0
20	22	0	96	0	0
22	123	33	398	0	0
24	71	3	149	0	0
25	114	3	326	0	0
TOTAL	3,303	538	8,349	17	19

Source: CPD Research & Development Division, Research & Analysis Section (CLEAR DW, 6/3/15)

¹¹ Includes the detention center, home confinement, Suara Center, Adult processed on juvenile warrant or arrest.

¹² Includes home confinement, Neon Center (girls), Suara Center (boys)

¹³ Referred to court

¹⁴ Reprocessed as an adult

¹⁵ Released without charging

Appendix A. Juvenile Arrests by District – Persons 17 and Under (City of Chicago, 2009-2014)

District	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 ¹⁶	2014	% Change 2009-2014
01	676	685	636	599	503	424	-37.28%
02	873	731	841	973	1094	894	+2.4%
03	1,942	1,660	1,363	1,346	1193	1013	-47.84%
04	2,001	1,914	1,768	1,475	1445	1334	-33.33%
05	1,627	1,464	1,267	1,295	1210	1065	-34.54%
06	2,040	1,674	1,479	1,302	1431	1026	-49.70%
07	1,665	1,447	1,407	1,499	1311	997	-40.12%
08	2,565	2,247	2,025	2,051	1882	1598	-37.7%
09	1,671	1,334	1,418	1,259	1105	926	-44.58%
10	1,349	1,348	1,152	1,244	1505	1093	-18.98%
11	2,478	2,141	1,767	1,812	1849	1765	-28.77%
12	957	880	793	635	695	515	-46.18%
13	551	417	433	410			
14	815	588	491	559	467	298	-63.43%
15	2,021	1,975	1,661	1,478	1455	1348	-33.30%
16	685	494	385	365	453	355	-48.17%
17	1,031	959	867	625	515	460	-55.38%
18	662	770	1,260	890	527	430	-35.04%
19	317	318	280	401	367	326	+2.84
20	559	590	457	421	279	198	-64.58
21	443	472	499	60			
22	1,266	1,129	857	775	830	682	-46.13
23	248	212	168	24			
24	920	708	518	454	461	325	-64.67
25	1,862	1,406	1,319	925	919	711	-61.81
TOTAL	31,224	27,563	25,111	22,877	21,496	17,783	-43%
Source: Chicago Police Department's Research and Development Division, Research and Analysis Section (March 2011, May 2013, June 2015)							

¹⁶ The 21st district merged with the 2nd district and the 23rd district merged with the 19th district in March 2012. The 13th district merged with the 12th district at the end of 2012.

Appendix B. Racial/Ethnic Distribution of Youth 0-17 Chicago (as of December, 2013)

Race/ethnicity	0-17 years of Age	
	Number	Percent
<i>Total: City of Chicago</i>	615,251	100.0%
White	235,477	38.3%
African American	227,398	37.0%
American Indian	1,499	0.2%
Asian	23,542	3.8%
Hawaiian	94	0.1%
Some other race	127,241	20.6%
Hispanic	246,340	40.0%

Source: 2013 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates: U.S. Census Bureau