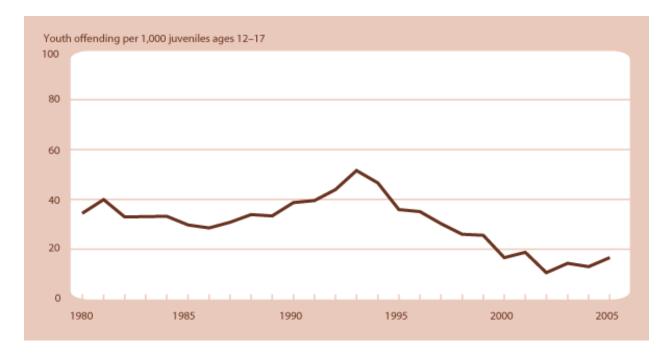
Rate of serious crimes by youth perpetrators ages 12–17, 1980–2005



NOTE: The offending rate is the ratio of the number or crimes [aggravated assault, rape, and robbery, i.e., stealing by force or threat of violence] reported to the National Crime Victimization Survey that involved at least one offender perceived by the victim to be 12-17 years of age, plus the number of homicides reported to the police that involved at least one juvenile offender, to the number of juveniles in the population. Because of changes made in the victimization survey, data prior to 1992 are adjusted to make them comparable with data collected under the redesigned methodology. The 2005 data were collected during the calendar year and include some incidents that occurred during the previous year. Data for previous years are of victimizations experienced in the calendar year. This was done because the full data for 2005 were not yet available. Analyses comparing these data show only a small difference between the two methods.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, <u>National Crime Victimization Survey</u>. Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reporting Program, Supplementary Homicide Reports. Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System.

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