Research Policy Brief
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:

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.

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**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:


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.


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