



Juvenile Delinquency in Spain

Prior considerations

- *The data on juvenile delinquency in Spain presented here come from the Ministry of the Interior, who, in turn, obtained them from the Spanish National Police, the Guardia Civil and the Basque autonomous police.*
- *The definition of "juvenile" used here is any child between 14 and 20 years, both ages included.*

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1. General data¹

1.1. Incidence

The total number of juvenile arrests between 2002 and 2006:

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
69,409	65,738	66,480	63,880	45,550

The percentage of juvenile arrests as a proportion of the total number of arrests:

- in 2002, el 19.51 %;
- in 2003, el 18.44 %;
- in 2004, el 16.82 %;
- in 2005, el 16.33 %;
- in 2006, el 17.49 %.

1.2. Prevalence

Prevalence per 1,000 juveniles:

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
20.44	19.48	20.02	19.80	13.77

1.3. By age

Juvenile arrests by age group:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
14 and 15 years	9,314	8,600	8,244	7,668	6,835
16 and 17 years	16,385	14,802	14,879	14,009	12,281
18 to 20 years	43,710	42,336	43,357	42,203	26,434

Age-group breakdown of prevalence per 1,000 juveniles:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
14 and 15 years	10,58	9,80	9,43	8,80	7,66
16 and 17 years	17,52	16,04	16,36	15,58	13,30
18 to 20 years	27,66	26,72	28,21	28,99	17,70

2. Typology by age group

2.1. Juvenile arrests for robbery with violence and intimidation

The number of arrests for this felony went down in all age groups

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
14 and 15 years	1,821	1,496	1,545	1,427	1,373	-24.60%
16 and 17 years	2,523	2,267	2,231	2,029	1,987	-21.24%
18 to 20 years	3,105	2,659	2,687	2,684	2,841	-8.50%
Total juveniles	7,582	6,524	6,550	6,185	6,201	-18.21%

¹ The Ministry of the Interior's 2006 data on arrests do not include persons arrested under the provisions of the Immigration Act. This explains the drop in the total number of juvenile arrests. The evolution of the total number of juvenile arrests has not been calculated because the data are not comparable by year.



The percentage of juvenile arrests as a part of the total number of arrests for robbery with violence and intimidation:

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
41.08	40.20	41.27	39.17	37.21	-9.42%

Prevalence per 1,000 juveniles:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
14 and 15 years	2.07	1.71	1.77	1.64	1.54	-25.60%
16 and 17 years	2.70	2.47	2.45	2.26	2.15	-20.37%
18 to 20 years	1.96	1.68	1.75	1.84	1.90	-3.06%
Total juveniles	2.23	1.93	1.97	1.92	1.87	-16.14%

2.2. Juvenile arrests for murder and voluntary manslaughter

The number of arrests for this felony went up in all age groups:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
14 and 15 years	18	15	16	18	18	0%
16 and 17 years	44	56	55	82	54	22.73%
18 to 20 years	154	150	164	137	169	9.74%
Total juveniles	216	221	235	237	241	11.57%

The percentage of juvenile arrests as a part of the total number of arrests for murder and voluntary manslaughter:

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
13.68	13.86	15.43	16.42	16.45	20.25%

Age-group breakdown of prevalence per 1,000 juveniles:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
14 and 15 years	0.0204	0.0172	0.0183	0.0207	0.0202	-0.98%
16 and 17 years	0.0471	0.0610	0.0605	0.0912	0.0584	23.99%
18 to 20 years	0.0974	0.0947	0.1067	0.0941	0.1131	16.12%
Total juveniles	0.0636	0.0655	0.0708	0.0735	0.0728	14.47%

2.3. Juvenile arrests for injuries

The number of arrests for this felony went up in all age groups:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
14 and 15 years	262	302	380	361	343	30.92%
16 and 17 years	650	670	767	797	832	28%
18 to 20 years	1,355	1,333	1,667	1,840	1,778	31.22%
Total juveniles	2,290	2,328	2,836	3,009	2,953	28.95%

The percentage of juvenile arrests as a part of the total number of arrests for injuries:

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
23.45	23.46	21.54	21.28	20.70	-11.73%

Age-group breakdown of prevalence per 1,000 juveniles::

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
14 and 15 years	0.297	0.346	0.435	0.414	0.385	29.63%
16 and 17 years	0.695	0.730	0.844	0.886	0.901	29.64%
18 to 20 years	0.857	0.841	1.085	1.260	1.190	38.86%
Total juveniles	0.674	0.690	0.854	0.933	0.892	32.34%

2.4. Juvenile arrests for felonies against sexual freedom and integrity

The number of arrests for this felony went up in all age groups:

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
14 and 15 years	95	117	162	159	156	64.21%
16 and 17 years	131	137	188	187	195	48.85%
18 to 20 years	286	302	351	411	362	26.57%
Total juveniles	512	556	701	757	713	39.26%

The percentage of juvenile arrests as a part of the total number of arrests for felonies against sexual freedom and integrity:

2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
11.97	12.31	13.27	13.43	13.77	15.04%

Age-group breakdown of prevalence per 1,000 juveniles::

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	Variance 02-06
14 and 15 years	0.108	0.134	0.185	0.182	0.175	62.04%
16 and 17 years	0.140	0.149	0.207	0.208	0.211	50.71%
18 to 20 years	0.181	0.191	0.228	0.282	0.242	33.70%
Total juveniles	0.151	0.165	0.211	0.235	0.215	42.38%