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**JUVENILE ARRESTS FOR VIOLENT CRIME DOWN TEN PERCENT FROM 2008,  
REACHING LOWEST LEVEL IN 20 YEARS**

*Justice Department bulletin examines the latest juvenile arrest data*

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs released *Juvenile Arrests 2009*, a bulletin analyzing data from the FBI’s annual *Crime in the United States* report to characterize the extent and nature of juvenile crime.

According to the 2009 data, U.S. law enforcement agencies made an estimated 1.9 million arrests of persons younger than 18 years old, nine percent fewer than in 2008. Between 2008 and 2009, there were declines in nearly every offense category. The number of juvenile arrests for Violent Crime Index offenses—murder, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault—decreased ten percent from 2008, reaching its lowest level since the early 1990s.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention developed this bulletin in partnership with the National Center for Juvenile Justice and the FBI’s Criminal Justice Information Services Division and with the support of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

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