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**JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR AND STATUS OFFENSE ARRESTS, 1997-2002**  
 By Level of Offense, Offense, and Law Enforcement Disposition

Level of offense, offense, and law enforcement disposition	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002		Percent change	
						Number	Percent	1997- 2002	2001- 2002
Total									
Total.....	193,772	193,855	189,622	179,201	176,493	168,095	100.0	-13.3	-4.8
Level of offense and offense									
Misdemeanor offenses.....	154,137	154,048	146,883	139,669	136,480	132,475	78.8	-14.1	-2.9
Assault and battery.....	22,308	22,471	22,209	22,701	22,650	22,515	13.4	0.9	-0.6
Burglary <sup>1</sup> .....	-	-	-	-	394	413	0.2	-	4.8
Petty theft.....	39,405	36,927	32,934	30,080	28,214	26,617	15.8	-32.5	-5.7
Checks and access cards.....	162	139	125	103	154	129	0.1	-20.4	-16.2
Drug offenses.....	18,014	17,395	16,863	17,290	17,995	17,320	10.3	-3.9	-3.8
Drunk.....	5,038	5,517	5,498	4,917	4,355	4,036	2.4	-19.9	-7.3
Liquor laws.....	5,604	6,634	6,774	5,832	5,378	5,109	3.0	-8.8	-5.0
Disturbing the peace.....	9,401	10,256	10,423	10,966	11,394	11,874	7.1	26.3	4.2
Malicious mischief.....	14,097	13,969	13,835	12,748	11,112	10,236	6.1	-27.4	-7.9
Trespassing.....	5,368	4,852	4,258	4,195	4,117	3,592	2.1	-33.1	-12.8
Weapons.....	2,391	1,999	1,832	1,390	1,633	1,768	1.1	-26.1	8.3
Driving under the influence.....	1,609	1,683	1,674	1,457	1,560	1,482	0.9	-7.9	-5.0
Glue sniffing.....	171	96	152	147	103	80	0.0	-53.2	-22.3
All other.....	30,569	32,110	30,306	27,843	27,421	27,304	16.2	-10.7	-0.4
Status offenses <sup>2</sup> .....	39,635	39,807	42,739	39,532	40,013	35,620	21.2	-10.1	-11.0
Law enforcement disposition									
Handled within department.....	56,580	55,374	52,576	42,395	42,936	39,179	23.3	-30.8	-8.8
Turned over to other agency.....	2,006	2,699	2,183	1,795	1,988	2,646	1.6	31.9	33.1
Juvenile court/probation dept.....	135,186	135,782	134,863	135,011	131,569	126,270	75.1	-6.6	-4.0

Notes: Percentages may not add to subtotals because of rounding.

Dash indicates that data are not available.

<sup>1</sup> The misdemeanor burglary category is not available for years prior to 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Status offenses include truancy, incorrigibility, running away, and curfew violations. These offenses can only be committed or engaged in by a juvenile.