Trends in the Juvenile Legal System 1998 to 2020-Q1

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What we collect, analyze and report







Data Collection/Extraction

- Data Sharing
- Assistance to other agencies
- Assistance to/collaboration with universities
- Technical assistance

Research & Analysis

- Ad hoc analysis
- Scheduled analysis
- Statewide committees
- Program Evaluation
- Consulting and Advising

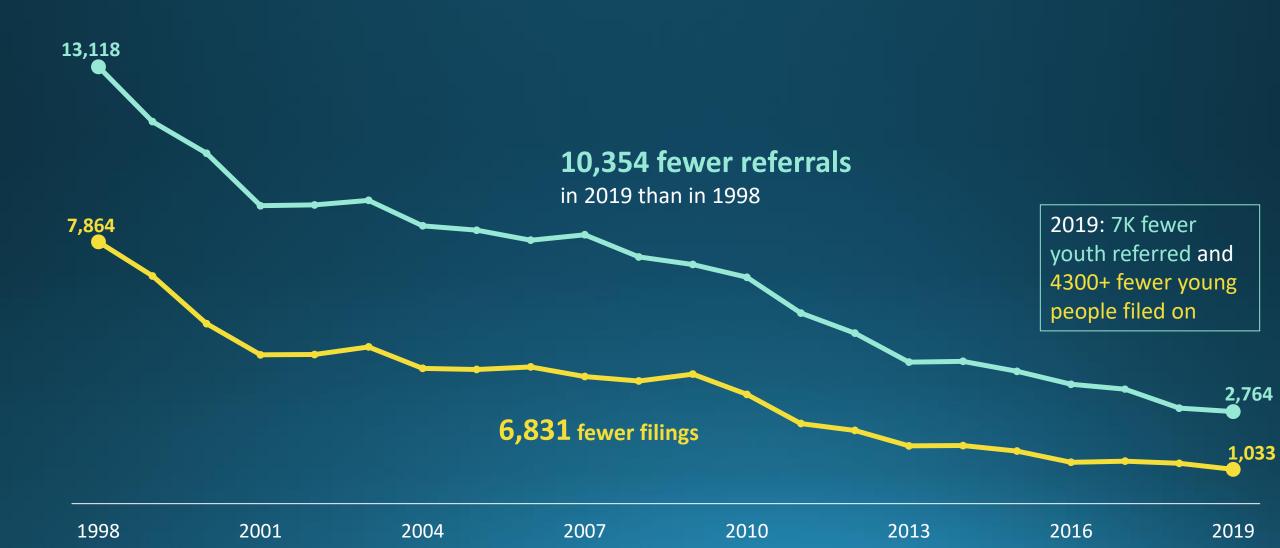
Reporting

- System-wide reporting
- ZYD measures and analysis
- Dashboards

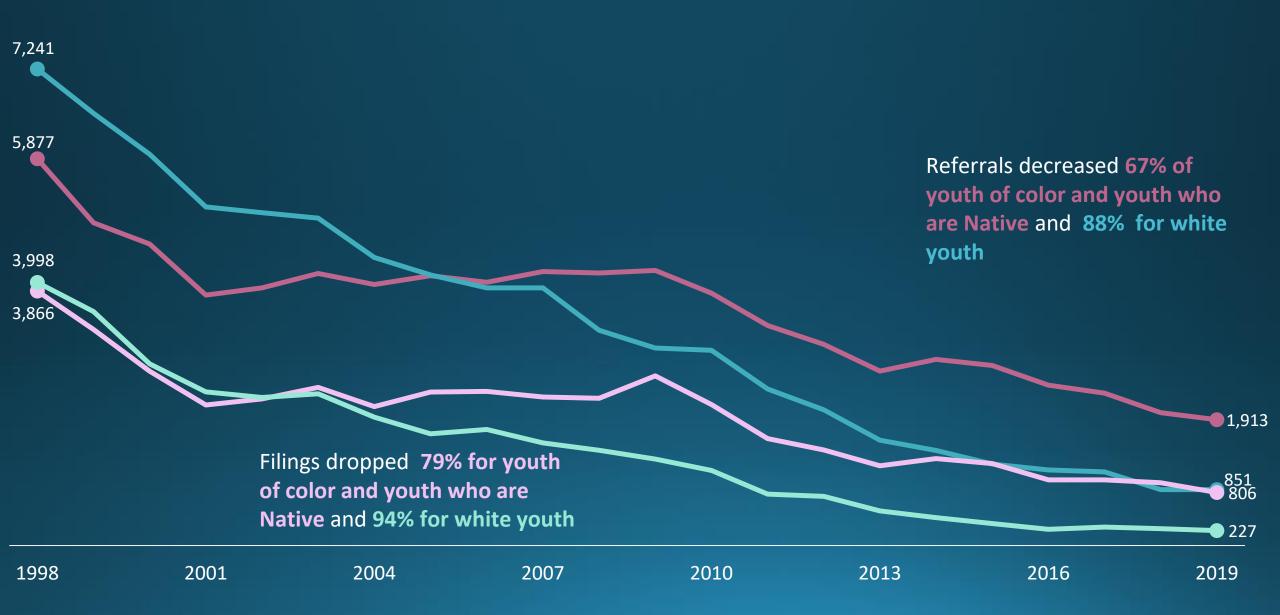
Referrals from Law Enforcement to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office & Filings by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office 1998 - 2019

1998 to 2019: **Referrals** fell 79% and **filings** dropped 87%

In Q1 of 2020, referrals increased, while filings remained flat



1998 to 2019: Referrals and filings decreased for all youth, but not equally.



1998 to 2020 Q1: Even as referrals and filings fell across races, and total numbers are down significantly, disparity increased.

55%

51% 49%

45%

% all filings – young people of color and Native

> % all referrals – young people of color and Native

78%

72%

28%

22%

% all referrals – young people who are white

% all filings – young people who are white

1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020-Q1

Secure Detention Average Daily Population

1998 - 2020

1998 to 2020-Q1: The average daily number of youth in detention each day dropped 82%

There were 155 fewer young people securely detained each day, on average, in the first quarter of 2020, compared to 1998

2018

▶33.2

2020-Q1

1998

2000

2002

2004

2006

2008

2010

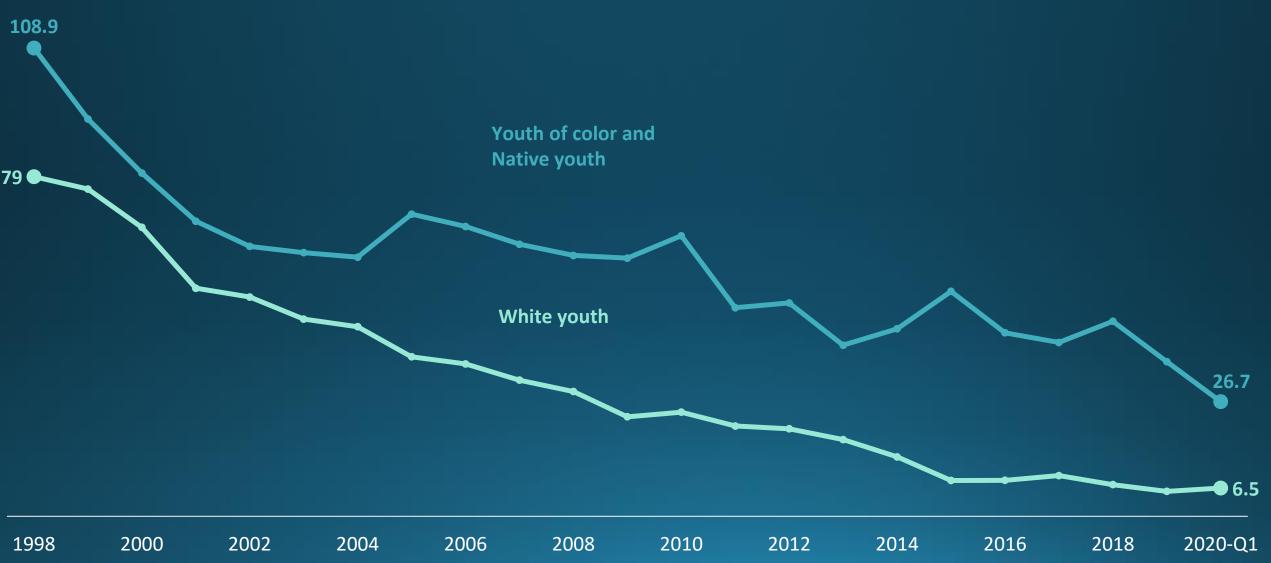
2012

2014

2016

187.9

1998 to 2020-Q1: The average number of young people in secure detention each day fell across races



1998 to 2020-Q1: Although the number of young people in detention has fallen across races, disparity has increased.

The percent of youth that are in detention each day that are **white** decreased while the percent of youth that are of color or Native increased.



20%

2020-Q1

58% 🦲

42% 💿

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Resources



Prosecuting Attorney's Office-Juvenile Division

https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/ prosecutor/youth-programs.aspx



DAJD Juvenile Division & Juvenile Court

https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/jails/ juvenile-detention.aspx

https://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/sup erior-court/juvenile.aspx



Zero Youth Detention

Data Dashboard

https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/zeroyouth-detention/dashboard.aspx

Implementation Dashboard

https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/health/zeroyouth-detention/implementation.aspx

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