



Oversight Overview: Juvenile Justice Reform

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Connecticut

- [Families with Service Needs Advisory Board report](#)
- [Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee](#)
- [Juvenile Justice Equity Dashboard](#)
- [Juvenile justice reform in Connecticut: How collaboration and commitment have improved public safety and outcomes for youth](#) (Justice Policy Institute, 2022)
- [Issue brief: Why status offense laws in Connecticut have changed](#) (Tow Youth Justice Institute, 2019)
- [Connecticut: Improving Outcomes for Youth](#) (CSG Justice Center)
- **Laws:**
 - [Public Act No. 05-250](#), prevented detention for status offenses
 - [Public Act No. 07-4](#), Raise the Age Act
 - [Public Act No. 15-225](#), eliminated chronic absenteeism as a status offense
 - [Public Act No. 15-2](#), eliminated mandatory minimums for low-level drug offenses
 - [Public Act No. 16-83](#), banned the checkbox that refers to criminal history on employment applications
 - [Public Act No. 18-4](#), provided free feminine hygiene projects to female inmates; established privacy-related parameters for male staff regarding female inspections; strengthened visitation policies for all prisoners with children under age 18
 - [Public Act No. 19-142](#), prohibited discrimination in employment, housing, public education, insurance, and government programs and services based on criminal history

New Jersey

- [Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative \(JDAI\)](#)
- [Balanced and Restorative Justice Model](#)
- [Juvenile Justice Commission](#)
- [New Jersey laws could pave way for more reforms](#) (Juvenile Justice Information Exchange, 8/27/2015)
- [Data snapshot of youth incarceration in New Jersey](#) (Urban Institute, June 2017)
- [New Jersey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative \(JDAI\) 2021 Annual Data Report](#) (Juvenile Justice Commission, Office of the Attorney General)
- **Laws:**
 - [S2003](#), raised “minimum age at which a child may be prosecuted as an adult from 14 to 15” and other juvenile justice reforms
 - [S48](#), eliminated fines for juvenile offenders and other reforms
 - [S3319](#), eliminated certain juvenile justice monetary penalties

Kansas

- [Annual Report Dashboards](#)
- [Kansas’ 2016 juvenile justice reform](#) (Pew Charitable Trusts, 6/19/2017)
- [Juvenile justice reforms: Evaluating the effects of Senate Bill 367](#) (Kansas Legislative Division of Post Audit, January 2020)
- [Briefing book 2021: Juvenile services](#) (Kansas Legislative Research Department)
- [Kansas juvenile justice reform effort left major flaws in system, officials say](#) (Kansas Reflector, 1/19/2023)
- [Kansas juvenile justice reform handbook](#) (Kansans United for Youth Justice, 2017)
- **Laws:**
 - [SB367](#), established case limits, graduated responses, and other reforms
 - [HB2021](#), created and amended laws regarding assessment of and provision of services to children in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems

Other Sources

- [State juvenile justice reforms can boost opportunity, particularly for communities of color](#) (Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 7/27/2021)
- [Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice](#)
- [NCSL Juvenile Justice Bills Tracking Database](#)