# Criminal Justice Policy $\mathcal{E}$ Planning Division 

## Effects of Raising the Age in the Juvenile Justice System



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## Arrests by age - 2008 through 2014



- Statewide arrests (adult and juvenile) by age in 2008
- Source: Crime in Connecticut, annual reports by the CT State Police
- Most 15-year olds arrested in 2008 were born in 1993


## Arrests by age



- In 2009, arrests among youth under 18 were down significantly


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- In 2010, arrests kept declining particularly among 16-, 17- and 18-years olds.


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- By 2012, arrests among youth aged 18-, 19- and 20year old were down significantly


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- By 2014, the drop in arrests was edging towards older youth.


## Arrests by age

Change in statewide arrests by age 2008 to 2014


Percent change in statewide arrests by age 2008 to 2014


Arrests by age, 15-19 through 65+


We observed that arrests among younger, offender cohorts declined most. Older age cohorts, actually, grew.

| $15-19$ | $20-24$ | $25-29$ | $30-34$ | $35-39$ | $40-44$ | $45-49$ | $50-54$ | $55-59$ | $60-64$ | $60+$ |
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| $-54 \%$ | $-29 \%$ | $-11 \%$ | $5 \%$ | $-28 \%$ | $-35 \%$ | $-24 \%$ | $10 \%$ | $32 \%$ | $34 \%$ | $30 \%$ |

.. and then we observed a spread among those aged 35 to 50.

## Arrests by age, 15-19 through 65+



## CT DOC prisoners by age group



Change in size of prison population by age group, July 1

| AGE | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ | \% change <br> $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ to $\mathbf{2 0 1 5}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $<16$ | 25 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 8 | 11 | 17 | $-32 \%$ |
| $16-17$ | 307 | 207 | 152 | 136 | 92 | 61 | 65 | $-79 \%$ |
| $18-21$ | 2,067 | 1,952 | 1,732 | 1,510 | 1,391 | 1,167 | 1,011 | $-51 \%$ |
| $22-29$ | 5,498 | 5,413 | 5,120 | 4,802 | 4,894 | 4,740 | 4,573 | $-17 \%$ |
| $30-39$ | 5,446 | 5,235 | 4,937 | 4,750 | 4,927 | 4,981 | 4,929 | $-9 \%$ |
| $>40$ | 5,548 | 5,614 | 5,681 | 5,378 | 5,676 | 5,591 | 5,430 | $-2 \%$ |
| Total | 18,891 | 18,431 | 17,631 | 16,591 | 16,988 | 16,551 | 16,025 | $-15 \%$ |

CT DOC: Monthly pre-trial admissions and pre-trial population


Discounting seasonal variations, the pre-trial, prison population and the number of persons admitted to prison on a pre-trial basis has been declining steadily since 2008.

Of persons admitted to prison in pre-trial status each month only about $25 \%$ are new to the prison system.

New persons admitted to the CT DOC on pre-trial status


Percent change in the number of new persons admitted to DOC on pre-trial status, 2008 to 2014:

All persons: - 33\% (6,546 to 4,370)
Persons under 25: - 48\% ( 3,480 to 1,825 )
Persons 25 and older: -17\% ( 3,066 to 2,545)

New persons admitted to the CT DOC on pre-trial status by age at admit


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