

fact sheet



Public safety

We know that when young people are sent to the adult criminal justice system, they are more likely to reoffend and to escalate into violent behavior.

The state's criminal justice czar has attributed a drop in crime in Connecticut in part to the Raise the Age reform.

“(Undersecretary for Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Mike) Lawlor also said the lower crime numbers could be the result of several recent reforms the state has made, including raising the age at which teens are prosecuted as adults and a state law that allows police to take guns away from people who pose a danger to themselves or others.” *

Older teens handled as juveniles in Connecticut had lower recidivism than younger teens in the system.

Probation Completion Without Rearrest, 2010-2013 by age

Year	Age group	% completed probation without rearrest
2010	15 yrs and younger	66%
	16 yrs and older	76%
	All	68%
2011	15 yrs and younger	80%
	16 yrs and older	82%
	All	80%
2012	15 yrs and younger	81%
	16 yrs and older	83%
	All	82%
2013	15 yrs and younger	80%
	16 yrs and older	84%
	All	82%

Rearrest from start of probation 2010-2013, by age at 6 and 12 months

Year	Age group	% rearrested, 6 months	% rearrested, 12 months
2010	15 yrs and younger	32%	48%
	16 yrs and older	26%	40%
	All	31%	47%
2011	15 yrs and younger	29%	46%
	16 yrs and older	27%	43%
	All	28%	45%
2012	15 yrs and younger	27%	47%
	16 yrs and older	27%	41%
	All	27%	45%
2013	15 yrs and younger	31%	46%
	16 yrs and older	26%	42%
	All	28%	44%
2014	15 yrs and younger	35%	47%
	16 yrs and older	32%	40%
	All	34%	44%

* *Connecticut Post*, “State's arrests, murders decline in 2013,” March 9, 2014