


Teen Crime Trends: Understanding Why

Juvenile crime rates have dropped in the past 20 years and new research is showing why. 

The greatest reduction involves kids who commit crimes together, according to [research from the OJJDP](#). The study cites some reasons that could apply across the country:

- More participation in religious and volunteer groups
- A reduction in the use of guns
- The drug market shifted from selling crack cocaine to selling marijuana

Which kids are more likely to offend? Those exposed to violence, childhood abuse and neglect, according to this research. Crime is also more likely to happen in small, geographical areas such as individual street blocks.

For the detailed report, click [here](#).