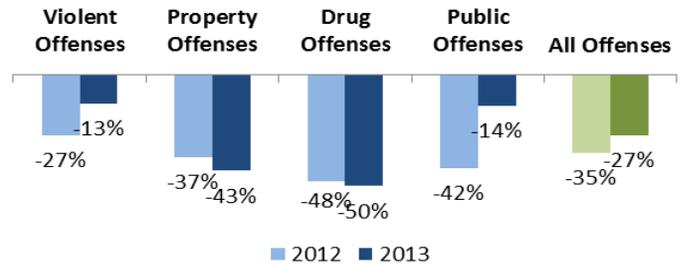




Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services
2013 MID-YEAR PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE
 July 2013

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) is committed to promoting public safety through the effective rehabilitation of the youth in its care. Through effective engagement, proper supervision and appropriate treatment, DYRS has a direct role in guiding court-involved youth toward better decision-making. The data for the first six months of calendar year 2013 show continued public safety gains for DYRS youth.

% Change in Arrests of DYRS Youth, by Offense Type
 January - June of 2011, 2012 and 2013



ARREST RATES ARE DOWN

The strong public safety gains between 2011 and 2012 have been sustained through the first six months of 2013. Fewer DYRS youth are being re-arrested and as a result DYRS youth represent a smaller portion of overall arrests in the District. Comparing January through June of 2011 and 2013, the overall re-arrest rate for DYRS youth is down by 26%. This is true across all major offense categories:

- Violent offenses (-37%)
 - Robberies (-49%)
- Drug offenses (-74%)
- Property Offenses (-64%)
- Public Offenses (-50%)

Even accounting for the decrease in the number of youth under DYRS supervision during this period, the trends in all of these arrest types outpace the population declines.

Public Safety Statistical Comparison
 January - June 2011, 2012, and 2013

	2011	2012	2013	% Change (2011 vs 2013)
Arrests Statistics				
DYRS youth arrests	260	170	124	-52%
% of DYRS young people re-arrested	22%	17%	17%	-26%
DYRS portion of city-wide arrests, under age 21*	8.7%	6.0%	4.7%	-46%

Arrest data drawn from the city-wide JUSTIS database.
 *City-wide statistics for all arrests of individuals age 20 and younger do not include status offenses and inter-state compacts in this analysis.

A PLAN FOR SUSTAINING THE POSITIVE TRENDS

To help reduce the likelihood that young people will re-offend, DYRS combines careful monitoring and supervision, comprehensive rehabilitative services, and continuous improvement of its public safety strategies. The District of Columbia is at the forefront of a national trend in positive, community-based services and placements for youth committed to a juvenile justice agency. Placing court-involved youth in the community with structured and comprehensive services and supports is a recognized method of keeping youth from re-offending, while increasing youth engagement in education and work.