Homicide

Q: How many murders are committed by juvenile offenders in the United States?

A: Known juvenile offenders were involved in about 650 murders in the U.S. in 2014, representing about 7% of all known murder offenders.

- Between 1994 and 2003, the estimated number of murders involving a juvenile offender fell 65%, to its lowest level since at least 1980. However, between 2003 and 2006, the estimated number of juvenile murder offenders increased 32%, then fell 39% through 2014.

- In the 1980s, 25% of the murders involving a juvenile offender also involved an adult offender. This proportion grew to 31% in the 1990s and averaged 41% during the last 10 years.
