Effects of Raising the Age in the Juvenile Justice System

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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
• In 2009, arrests among youth under 18 were down significantly
In 2010, arrests kept declining particularly among 16-, 17- and 18-years olds.

Raise the age: 16 year olds January 1, 2010
Arrests by age

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

Raise the age: 17-year olds July 1, 2012
Arrests by age
• By 2014, the drop in arrests was edging towards older youth.
We observed that arrests among younger, offender cohorts declined most. Older age cohorts, actually, grew.

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<th>Age Group</th>
<th>2008</th>
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<td>15-19</td>
<td>29464</td>
<td>28610</td>
<td>12674</td>
<td>13619</td>
<td>20324</td>
<td>8256</td>
<td>6432</td>
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.. and then we observed a spread among those aged 35 to 50.
Arrests by age, 15-19 through 65+

Statewide arrests by age cohort 2008-2014

2010 Census data
CT DOC prisoners by age group

Change in the size of the prisoner population by age group, July 1

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<th>2009</th>
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<td>&lt;16</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>16-17</td>
<td>307</td>
<td>207</td>
<td>152</td>
<td>136</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>61</td>
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<td>18-21</td>
<td>2067</td>
<td>1952</td>
<td>1732</td>
<td>1510</td>
<td>1391</td>
<td>1167</td>
<td>-44%</td>
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<td>22-29</td>
<td>5498</td>
<td>5413</td>
<td>5120</td>
<td>4802</td>
<td>4894</td>
<td>4740</td>
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<td>30-39</td>
<td>5446</td>
<td>5235</td>
<td>4937</td>
<td>4750</td>
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<td>&gt;40</td>
<td>5548</td>
<td>5614</td>
<td>5681</td>
<td>5378</td>
<td>5676</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>18891</td>
<td>18431</td>
<td>17631</td>
<td>16591</td>
<td>16988</td>
<td>16551</td>
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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