

EXTRAJUDICIAL MEASURES & SANCTIONS

WHAT ARE THEY?

MEASURES & SANCTIONS:

- A less formal way of dealing with young offenders.
- Used with non-violent offenders aged 12-17
- Avoid courts and formal charges
- Reduce the burden on the legal system

MEASURES (EJM)



- Usually issued by a police officer
- Can take the form of a warning, a police caution, or a referral
- Referrals can be to an agency, community program, etc.

SANCTIONS (EJS)



- More formal than an EJM
- Can be issued by a police officer or judge
- Youth must accept responsibility for the offending behaviour (not a guilty plea)

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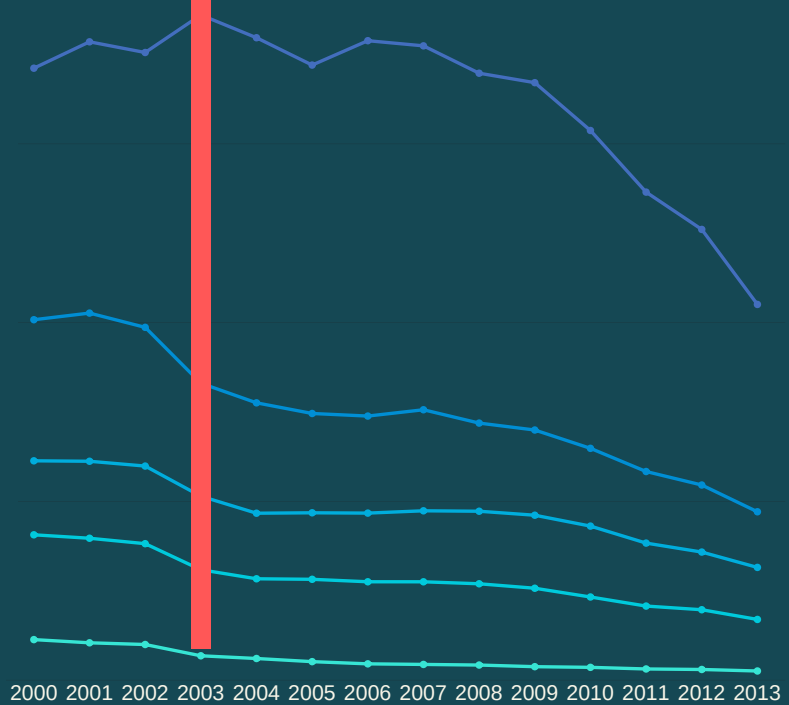
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WITH THE YOUTH
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
ACT (YCJA)

DO THEY WORK? YES.

- Formal charges against youth have decreased since EJMs and EJSs were introduced.
- Youth incarceration rates dropped by almost **50%** between 2003 and 2009 and continue to decline.
- Police-reported youth crime has been **falling steadily since 2006**.



LEARN MORE

Learn more from our fact sheets:

<https://www.johnhoward.ab.ca/resources/fact-sheets/>

Statistics Canada data:

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2018001/article/54972-eng.htm>

<https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/85-002-x/2016001/article/14309-eng.htm>

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