



Plano Police Department
Juvenile Curfew Ordinance
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Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

Local Government Code Requirements - § 370.002

Every 3 Years:

- Review the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance.
- Public hearing on the need to continue the ordinance.
- Abolish, continue, or modify the ordinance.



Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

Terminology

- Minor:
 - as defined in the City of Plano curfew ordinance, is any person under seventeen years of age.
- Juvenile offense:
 - determined by state law;
 - means any conduct that violates a penal law of this state or a political subdivision;
 - includes status offenses such as runaway and truancy;
 - state law defines a juvenile as a person age ten, but under seventeen years of age.



Juvenile Curfew Ordinance

Overview

- Person younger than 17
- Public place or premises of establishment
- Sunday - Thursday, 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Saturday - Sunday, 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Minor and Parent Culpability
- Up to a \$500 fine
- Decrease in crimes involving minors since its adoption



Juvenile Curfew Ordinance Defenses

- Accompanied by parent or guardian
- Errand for parent
- Traveling interstate
- Employment activities
- Emergencies
- Sidewalk in front of house
- Supervised school, religious, or recreational activity
- Exercising 1st Amendment rights
- Married



Juvenile Curfew Ordinance Population

2018-19 to 2021-22 School Year

- Elementary School (PISD & FISD) enrollment decreased by 2,783 students
- Middle School (PISD & FISD Fowler) enrollment decreased by 560 students
- High School (9th & 10th Grades) enrollment increased by 356 students
- Juvenile estimated population in Plano decreased 4% from 62,943 in 2016 to 60,397 in 2019 *

* Based on data from the City Planning Department. 2020 and 2021 population data is not yet available.

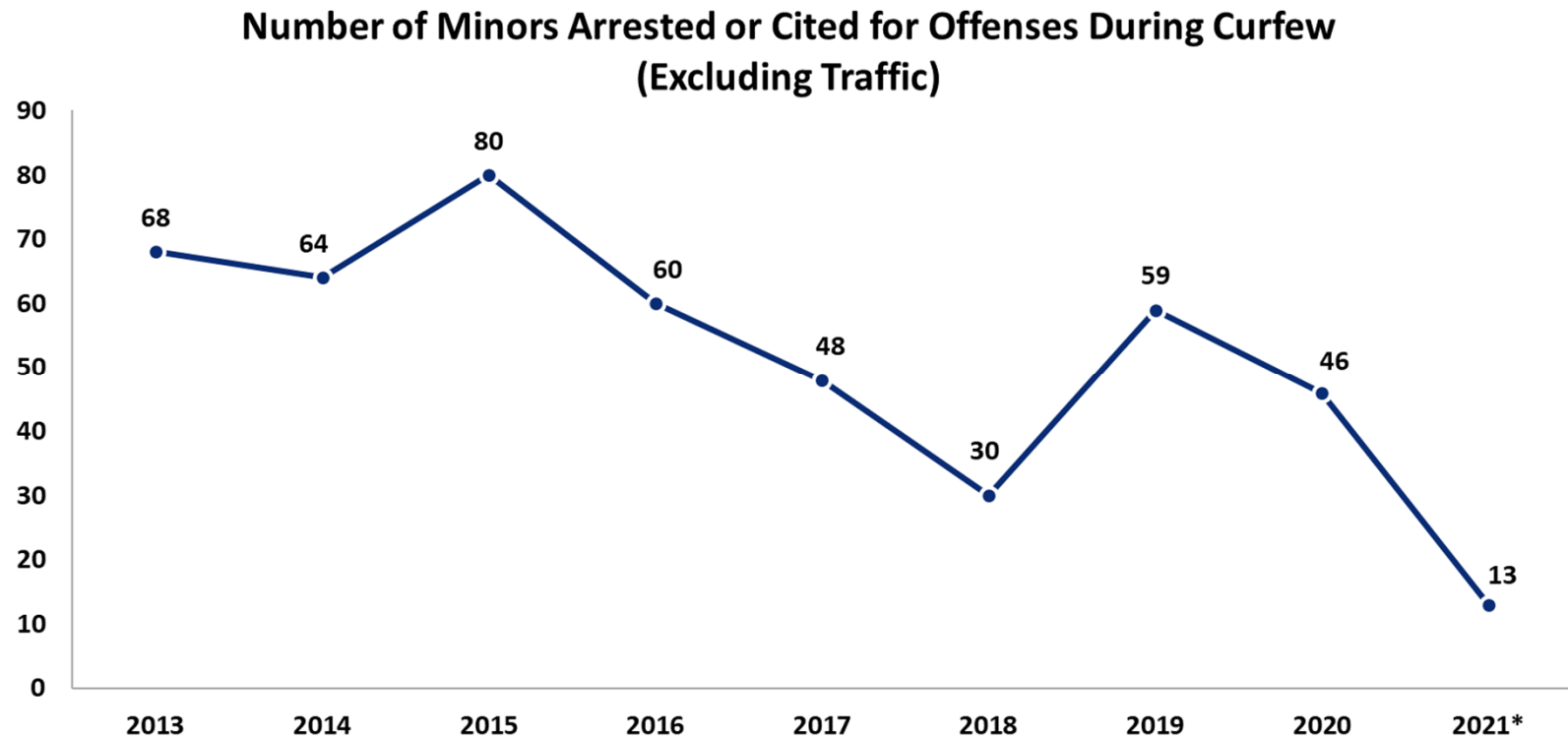


Juvenile Curfew Ordinance Offenses During Curfew Statistics

- From January 1, 2019 to November 30, 2021, 118 minors were arrested or cited for committing offenses during curfew.
 - This does not include 49 minors who committed traffic violations during curfew.
- This is a 14 percent decrease from the 138 minors arrested or cited for committing offenses during curfew in 2016 – 2018.
- The following chart shows the number of minors who were arrested or cited for committing offenses during curfew, by year, in 2013 – 2021.



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*January - November 2021



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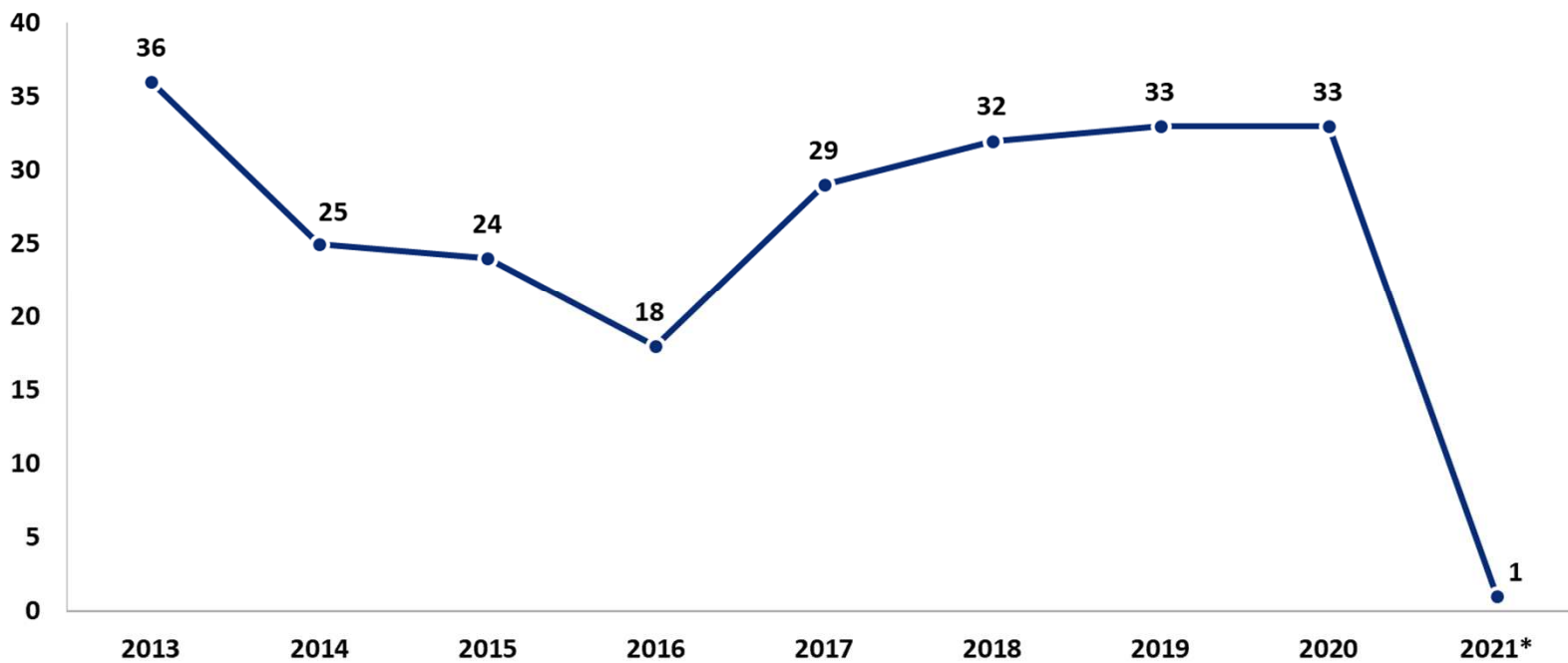
Curfew Violation Statistics

- From January 1, 2019 to November 30, 2021, officers issued citations to 67 minors for violation of the ordinance.
- This is a 15 percent decrease from the 79 minors who received citations for violating curfew in 2016 – 2018.
- The following chart shows the number of minors who were cited for violating curfew, by year, in 2013 – 2021.



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Number of Minors Cited for Violating the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance



*January - November 2021



Juvenile Curfew Ordinance Enforcement

- Opportunity to refer first time offenders and require parental cooperation
- Police use as tool for early intervention
- Options for juveniles cited for curfew violation include:
 - Trial
 - Deferred Disposition
 - Teen Court
 - From January 1, 2019 to November 30, 2021, 65 percent completed requirements for deferred disposition or were referred to teen court.



Juvenile Curfew Ordinance Recommendation

- The Juvenile Curfew Ordinance has proven to be an effective tool in curbing crimes committed by, and against, persons younger than 17.
- It is recommended that the City of Plano continue the current Juvenile Curfew Ordinance with no changes.

