



Juvenile Justice Information System

Data & Evaluation Report

Detention Admissions and Releases Wheeler County (2024)

JJIS Steering Committee
JJIS Data & Evaluation Sub-Committee

JJIS – A Shared Information System

Oregon Youth Authority



Oregon Juvenile Department Directors' Association





Juvenile Justice Information System Steering Committee

Mission ♦ Vision ♦ Goals ♦ Values

JJIS Mission

To promote public safety and youth accountability, and to offer opportunities for rehabilitation to youth, through the development and sustainability of a statewide juvenile justice information system.

JJIS Vision Statement

Goals in Support of Vision Statement

♦ Provides a comprehensive view of information about youth across Oregon's state and county juvenile justice agencies.	♦ Sustain JJIS as a statewide juvenile justice information system that supports the partnership of the OYA, the 36 county juvenile departments, and approved external partners; ♦ Sustain JJIS as the primary information system used by the OYA and county juvenile departments to manage and report information about youth in their agency; and ♦ Enhance electronic access to data among users, partners and stakeholders.
♦ Provides comprehensive support for managing individual youth cases and tracking youth through the justice process.	♦ Support the assessment of risks and needs of youth; ♦ Support individual case plans; ♦ Track youth through the entire justice process so that individual status, program involvement, progress, and outcomes can be determined; and ♦ Expand provider/partner access to individual youth records.
♦ Provides the capacity for and aids in the overall planning, development, and evaluation of programs designed to reduce youth crime.	♦ Provide data and information to evaluate the benefit of programs aimed at reducing youth crime; ♦ Expand the capacity of JJIS for efficient data collection, analysis, and dissemination; ♦ Provide data to researchers and incorporate new research and evidence into policy and practice; and ♦ Identify and implement standardized outcome indicators that measure investment return, including recidivism, positive youth outcomes and other appropriate indicators tied to specific criminogenic risk factors.
♦ Recognizes and supports the common business needs of juvenile justice partnership agencies.	♦ Provide a statewide standard for entry of information into JJIS; ♦ Maintain confidentiality and protection of information contained in JJIS; ♦ Maintain the energy and enthusiasm of the Steering Committee and the partner agencies needed to keep JJIS vital; ♦ Seek opportunities to support business practice changes and respond to emerging business requirements; ♦ Cultivate innovative and forward thinking solutions to improve JJIS; ♦ Continue to prioritize and manage JJIS resources efficiently; ♦ Ensure consistent data integrity; ♦ Ensure consistent training of JJIS users; ♦ Ensure continuity of knowledge of both OYA and county juvenile department business practices within OYA's Information System Department to support leadership and data integrity; and ♦ Create and implement a JJIS Steering Committee Communication Plan.

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JJIS Partnership Values

Representatives of the OYA and OJDDA serve on the JJIS Steering Committee and form the JJIS partnership. The JJIS partnership:

- ♦ Represents the best interests of Oregon's juvenile justice system as a whole;
- ♦ Is entered into in good faith by all parties with integrity and honesty, and in the spirit of mutual support and collaboration;
- ♦ Promotes the ethical use of JJIS information and uses the data with respect, professionalism, and sensitivity toward the partners whose data is represented in the information;
- ♦ Adopts and maintains the JJIS Vision and Goals, keeping them current with juvenile justice needs;
- ♦ Uses the Vision and Goals as guiding principles for JJIS decision making.



JJIS Steering Committee

The JJIS Steering Committee is the governance body providing guidance to oversight of JJIS activities. The committee represents Oregon's 36 counties, the Oregon Youth Authority, and other statewide partners.

Oversight responsibilities include monitoring appropriate use of JJIS and its data, prioritizing development of software features, making policy decisions, and authorizing access to statewide data for research and program evaluation.

The committee meets monthly to ensure that JJIS is on task to accomplish the vision and goals of the JJIS partnership.

Members (2024)

Christina McMahan, Director

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External partners and other interested parties frequently attend meetings and participate in discussions, but do not have voting rights on committee recommendations.

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JJIS Data and Evaluation Subcommittee

The JJIS Data and Evaluation Subcommittee is a standing committee of the JJIS Steering Committee, contributing to local and statewide research initiatives, program and system evaluations, and policy recommendations regarding the use of data. The subcommittee supports the juvenile justice system by ensuring consistency, accuracy and appropriateness of the data, guiding the development of routine and annual reports and statistics, and interpreting relevant data analyses.

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Introduction

Oregon's juvenile justice community is committed to providing effective and efficient services to promote public safety, ensure justice for victims, and prevent youth from repeating criminal behavior.

This document contains statewide and county-specific reports describing youth admissions to and releases from juvenile detention facilities.

Contents of this report

There are four tables within this report:

Detention Admissions Overview

The total count of unique admissions to a detention facility during the year by Admitting Agency (County or OYA) and the demographic characteristics (age, sex, and race/ethnicity) of the youth being admitted.

Detention Admissions by Demographics

This table expands upon the Detention Admissions Overview table by providing a count of unique admissions by Admission Reason in addition to the Admitting Agency (County or OYA) and the demographic characteristics of the youth.

Detention Releases Overview

The total count of unique releases from a detention facility during the year by Admitting Agency (County or OYA) and the number of days the youth spent in the detention facility (length of stay).

Detention Releases by Length of Stay*

This table expands upon the Detention Releases Overview table by providing a count of unique releases by Admission Reason in addition to the Admitting Agency (County or OYA) and length of stay.

*As of the 2023 reporting year, length of stay is no longer presented by youth demographics because length of stay is highly dependent on the admission reason (e.g., New Law Violation vs Probation Violation). Without additional context, length of stay by youth demographics could easily be misinterpreted.

Counties needing more information should contact the JJIS Service Desk (JJISServiceDesk@oya.oregon.gov).

Notes about the information

Admitting Agency: Admitting agency (County or OYA) is determined by the youth's most intense open disposition on the day they were admitted to detention.

Admissions: Admission is an entry into a detention facility during the reporting year. It is possible for a youth to have more than one admission in the reporting year. Some county

juvenile detention facilities operate Detention Based Youth Care Centers within their detention facilities. Admissions to Detention Based Youth Care Centers are not included.

Length of Stay: Length of Stay is computed by subtracting the admission date from the release date. If a youth is admitted and released on the same day, the Length of Stay is one day. Length of Stay is only computed for youth who have been released from a detention facility. The admission may have occurred in a prior reporting year.

Reporting Year: The calendar year is used for the reporting period.

County: This is a youth-based report, not a facility report. Starting with the 2023 reporting year, each admission is assigned to the county that was supervising the youth at the time of the detention admission. This is a change from prior reports, in which admissions were assigned to the county that had jurisdiction over the youth at the time the detention reports were produced.

Demographics: The JJIS Steering Committee recognizes that reporting race, ethnicity, sex, and gender in JJIS may not accurately represent everyone, due in part to a need to comply with federal reporting requirements. We respect all individuals, but also acknowledge and regret we cannot capture how individuals may self-identify in these areas.

- **Race and Ethnicity:** The JJIS Steering Committee defines Race/Ethnicity reporting categories based on available data. Race is recorded by the juvenile department based on police reports and youths' self-reporting. These reports categorize youth by the race that is recorded in JJIS unless the recorded ethnicity is Hispanic. When the recorded ethnicity is Hispanic, the youth is categorized as Hispanic, regardless of race.
- **Sex:** The options for reporting sex currently include Male, Female, or Unknown. There are current state and national discussions about new ways to document sex that are respectful and inclusive of all. The JJIS Steering Committee will continue to engage in those discussions and make updates in this area as available.

Cautions regarding detention data

Comparing reports: It is not possible to compare the admissions report to the releases report. The Admissions by Demographics report is based on youth admissions during the current reporting year; however, the Releases by Length of Stay report reflects releases of youth who may have been admitted in a prior reporting year.

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