

**NYS OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH
DETENTION ADMISSIONS OVERVIEW**

General Description

The Division of Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth (DJJOY) with Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is responsible for supervision and treatment of court placed youth, from intake to facility programming and community service provision. DJJOY supports and monitors facility-based operations and programs, as well as detention, community services and a range of community-based programs. DJJOY is directly responsible for the operation, supervision and management of 14 residential facilities which includes one reception center and treatment program services provided within the facilities and Community Multi Service Office programs. Additionally, OCFS licenses local detention programs operated by local districts of social services and private providers.

The Detention Services Unit is responsible for certification and monitoring of the 41 Detention programs (8 secure detention facilities and 33 non-secure detention facilities) within the State of New York according to NYS Detention regulations. These programs provide care and maintain custody of youth ages 8 through 18 during the court process including pre-adjudication and disposition by family and/or criminal courts. Detention Services staff review applications for initial and re-certification of detention programs, conduct regular and consistent on-site monitoring visits, provide guidance to detention programs and work with local social services districts to provide technical assistance regarding claim submission and processing. The bureau also works with jurisdictions and detention sites to implement the practices of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI).

There are two broad types of detention facilities – secure and non-secure detention facilities. Secure detention facilities are juvenile detention facilities characterized by physically restricting construction, hardware and procedures. Non-secure detention facilities are facilities absent from restricting construction, hardware and procedures. Non-secure detention facilities may be non-secure centers (caring for 7 to 12 children), family operated boarding homes (caring for one to 6 children), or agency-operated boarding homes (caring for one to 6 children).

Claims for detention care provided are submitted to and reviewed by Bureau staff through the Juvenile Detention Automated System (JDAS). This system: allows for review of youth admissions and related services; electronically generates detention time certificates which are critical to accurately calculating required length of stay for youth who are placed with OCFS as the outcome of the detention stay; and is the first phase to maintaining a comprehensive record of admissions for youth who move in and out of the juvenile justice system.

Data File Overview

This data file contains basic information on detention admissions since 2006. It provides the number of admissions and unique youth admitted to detention for each year. Admissions are different from unique youth given a youth can be admitted to detention multiple times during a given year. Admissions count continuous detention stays regardless of movements between detention facilities. Number of unique youth is distinct count where a youth is counted only once during a year. Following are the admission and unique youth categories:

Secure mixed admissions –These are continuous detention stays that were in a secure facility during the whole stay or part of the stay (secure to non-secure facility or vice versa movement). A youth can have multiple admissions during the year.

Non-secure admissions –These are continuous detention stays that were in **ONLY non-secure** facilities during the period. A youth can have multiple admissions during the year.

Secure mixed unique youth –This is the number of youth had at least one continuous detention stay during the year where s/he spent at least some time in a secure detention facility during the year. A youth can be counted only once during the year.

Non-secure unique youth–These are youth that were in a **non-secure facilities during ALL** continuous detention stays during the **year**. A youth can be counted only once during the year.