

King County Juvenile Legal System Statistics

Comparison of 2019 and 2020 through June 30th

Referrals¹ by Gender

Gender Identity ²	Jan - June 2019		Jan - June 2020		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	359	25%	350	29.4%	-9	-2.5%
Male	1,051	74%	840	70.5%	-211	-20.1%
Non binary	1	0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	
Total	1,411	100%	1,191	100.0%	-220	-15.6%

Referrals by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Jan - June 2019		Jan - June 2020		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	127	9.0%	118	9.9%	-9	-7.1%
Black	594	42.1%	426	35.8%	-168	-28.3%
Hispanic/Latinx	226	16.0%	174	14.6%	-52	-23.0%
Native American	14	1.0%	23	1.9%	9	64.3%
Other/Unknown	53	3.8%	93	7.8%	40	75.5%
White	397	28.1%	357	30.0%	-40	-10.1%
Total	1,411	100.0%	1,191	100.0%	-220	-15.6%

Referrals by Gender - Unique Youth

Gender Identity ²	Jan - June 2019		Jan - June 2020		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	283	27%	282	30.9%	-1	-0.4%
Male	753	73%	630	69.0%	-123	-16.3%
Non binary	1	0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Unknown	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	
Total	1,037	100%	913	100.0%	-124	-12.0%

Referrals by Race/Ethnicity - Unique Youth

Race/Ethnicity	Jan - June 2019		Jan - June 2020		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	93	9.0%	72	7.9%	-21	-22.6%
Black	383	36.9%	308	33.8%	-75	-19.6%
Hispanic/Latinx	167	16.1%	139	15.2%	-28	-16.8%
Native American	10	1.0%	16	1.8%	6	60.0%
Other/Unknown	47	4.5%	76	8.3%	29	61.7%
White	337	32.5%	301	33.0%	-36	-10.7%
Total	1,037	100.0%	912	100.0%	-125	-12.1%

¹Referral charges are often imprecise, approximate charges by law enforcement or other non-lawyers, and therefore cannot be a 1:1 comparison with filings, which are reviewed by lawyers.

²For transgender youth, we categorize as the gender the individual identifies as. Non binary refers to any gender that is not exclusively male or female. Data started being collected in 2018, when the PAO's new juvenile data warehouse went online.

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Filings by Gender

Gender Identity ¹	Jan-June 2019		Jan-June 2020		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	102	18.6%	106	22.9%	4	3.9%
Male	447	81.4%	356	76.9%	-91	-20.4%
Non binary	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	1	
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	
Total	549	100.0%	463	100.0%	-86	-15.7%

Filings by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Jan-June 2019		Jan-June 2020		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	44	8.0%	59	12.7%	15	34.1%
Black	288	52.5%	193	41.7%	-95	-33.0%
Hispanic/Latinx	97	17.7%	75	16.2%	-22	-22.7%
Native American	10	1.8%	17	3.7%	7	70.0%
Other/Unknown	2	0.4%	11	2.4%	9	450.0%
White	108	19.7%	108	23.3%	0	0.0%
Total	549	100.0%	463	100.0%	-86	-15.7%

Filings by Gender - Unique Youth

Gender Identity ¹	Jan-June 2019		Jan-June 2020		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	73	19.8%	79	23.4%	6	8.2%
Male	295	80.2%	257	76.3%	-38	-12.9%
Non binary	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	1	
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	
Total	368	100.0%	337	100.0%	-31	-8.4%

Filings by Race/Ethnicity - Unique Youth

Race/Ethnicity	Jan-June 2019		Jan-June 2020		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	27	7.3%	30	8.9%	3	11.1%
Black	171	46.5%	137	40.7%	-34	-19.9%
Hispanic/Latinx	71	19.3%	63	18.7%	-8	-11.3%
Native American	7	1.9%	11	3.3%	4	57.1%
Other/Unknown	2	0.5%	9	2.7%	7	350.0%
White	90	24.5%	87	25.8%	-3	-3.3%
Total	368	100.0%	337	100.0%	-31	-8.4%

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Referrals by Most Serious Offense Level

Offense Level	Calendar Year		Difference	
	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	Number	Percentage
Felony	576	487	-89	-15.5%
Gross Misd/Misdemeanor	825	700	-125	-15.2%
Other Violation	10	4	-6	-60.0%
Total	1,411	1,191	-220	-15.6%

Referrals by Offense Type

Offense Type	Calendar Year		Difference	
	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	Number	Percentage
Domestic Violence	226	200	-26	-11.5%
Drug/Alcohol	62	33	-29	-46.8%
Other	138	118	-20	-14.5%
Person	407	357	-50	-12.3%
Property	433	365	-68	-15.7%
Sex	145	118	-27	-18.6%
Unknown	0	0	0	100.0%
Total	1,411	1,191	-220	-15.6%

Filings by Most Serious Offense Level

Offense Level	Calendar Year		Difference	
	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	Number	Percentage
Felony	279	282	3	1.1%
Gross Misd/Misdemeanor	270	181	-89	-33.0%
Other Violation	0	0	0	
Total	549	463	-86	-15.7%

Filings by Offense Type

Offense Type	Calendar Year		Difference	
	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	Number	Percentage
Domestic Violence	43	19	-24	-55.8%
Drug/Alcohol	18	12	-6	-33.3%
Other	60	49	-11	-18.3%
Person	207	207	0	0.0%
Property	192	139	-53	-27.6%
Sex	29	37	8	27.6%
Unknown	0	0	0	
Total	549	463	-86	-15.7%

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Truancy Petitions Filed in Superior Court

Comparison of 2019 and 2020⁴ through June 30th

Table 1. Truancy Petitions Filed¹ by Gender

Gender	Jan - June 2019		Jan - June 2020		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	576	45%	205	42.4%	-371	-64.4%
Male	667	53%	261	54.0%	-406	-60.9%
Unknown	24	2%	17	3.5%	-7	-29.2%
Total	1,267	100%	483	100.0%	-784	-61.9%

Table 2. Truancy Petitions Filed¹ by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity ²	Jan - June 2019		Jan - June 2020		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	147	11.6%	59	12.2%	-88	-59.9%
Black	211	16.7%	77	15.9%	-134	-63.5%
Hispanic/Latinx	355	28.0%	135	28.0%	-220	-62.0%
Multiracial	165	13.0%	35	7.2%	-130	-78.8%
Native American	16	1.3%	6	1.2%	-10	-62.5%
Other/Unknown	60	4.7%	35	7.2%	-25	-41.7%
White	313	24.7%	136	28.2%	-177	-56.5%
Total	1,267	100.0%	483	100.0%	-784	-61.9%

Table 3. Truancy Petitions^{1,3,4} by School District

School District	January - June		Difference	
	2019	2020	Number	Percentage
AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT	194	97	-97	-50.0%
BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT	118	40	-78	-66.1%
FEDERAL WAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	148	44	-104	-70.3%
HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT	119	29	-90	-75.6%
ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT	23	19	-4	-17.4%
KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	111	39	-72	-64.9%
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	183	89	-94	-51.4%
NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT	14	0	-14	-100.0%
RENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	106	74	-32	-30.2%
SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	104	2	-102	-98.1%
SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT	41	18	-23	-56.1%
SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	23	0	-23	-100.0%
TUKWILA SCHOOL DISTRICT	27	12	-15	-55.6%
OUT OF COUNTY	7	6	-1	-14.3%
SUPRESSED (small numbers)	49	14	-35	-71.4%
OTHER/UNKNOWN	0	0	0	
Total	1,267	483	-784	-61.9%

¹Data for Tables 1, 2, 3 from King County Department of Judicial Administration; Data extracted from KC Script

²Data on race is generally not reported by DJA due to its inability to be validated. It should be interpreted accordingly with caution here.

³Districts with fewer than 10 petitions filed in both years are suppressed for this report to preserve anonymity of youth

⁴2020 data has been affected by COVID-19 pandemic.

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Pre-filing Disposition Referrals¹

Program	Calendar Year		Percentage	
	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020
Choose 180	154	173	32.4%	29.9%
FIRS	152	155	32.0%	26.8%
Diversion ²	169	251	35.6%	43.4%
Total	475	579	100.0%	100.0%

Pre-filing Disposition Referrals by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Calendar Year		Percentage	
	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020
Asian/Pacific Islander	45	51	9.5%	8.8%
Black	144	196	30.3%	33.9%
Hispanic/Latinx	79	77	16.6%	13.3%
Native American	2	8	0.4%	1.4%
Other/Unknown	18	43	3.8%	7.4%
White	187	204	39.4%	35.2%
Total	475	579	100.0%	100.0%

Post-filing Dispositions³

Program	Referred		Percentage	
	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020
CEDAR ⁴	60	76	70.6%	89.4%
Deferred Dispositions	23	9	28%	10.6%
Other ⁵	N/A	N/A	Not Available	Not Available
Total	83	85		100.0%

Post-filing Dispositions by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Calendar Year		Percentage	
	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020
Asian/Pacific Islander	7	10	8.4%	11.8%
Black	40	30	48.2%	35.3%
Hispanic/Latinx	4	14	4.8%	16.5%
Native American	1	0	1.2%	0.0%
Other/Unknown	8	5	9.6%	5.9%
White	23	26	27.7%	30.6%
Total	83	85	100.0%	100.0%

¹ Pre-filing referrals by the PAO to formal and informal programs aimed at diverting youth from deeper system involvement. Source: PbK

² A pre-filing referral to the Restorative Programs Unit for the purpose of determining the appropriate handling. Possibilities include: Community Accountability Boards, JPC monitored diversion, and/or Restorative Mediation. A different methodology will be used for this group for 2020 onward. Source: King County Juvenile Court Administration. Data Source: Juvenile Information Management System (JIMS)

³ Post-filing referrals by the PAO aimed at providing the youth with a dismissed case if the youth successfully completes the terms offered and agreed to.

⁴ Community Empowered Disposition Alternative and Resolution. Reporting beginning 2019

⁵ To be determined

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Alternatives to Secure Detention (ASD)

Measure	Jan - June		Difference	
	2019	2020	Number	Percentage
Admissions	195	78	-117	-60.0%
All Youth Matters	193	78	-115	-59.6%
Long term youth ¹	11	4	-7	-63.6%
All Adult Matters ²	2	0	-2	-100.0%
Average Length of Stay	37.83	62.04	24.20	64.0%
All Youth Matters	36.94	56.53	19.59	53.0%
Long term youth ¹	49.18	99.74	50.56	102.8%
All Adult Matters ²	139.01	378.79	239.79	172.5%
Average Daily Population	37.8	26.0	-11.8	-31.2%
All Youth Matters	36.2	24.0	-12.2	-33.8%
Long term youth ¹	3.2	3.4	0.2	6.6%
All Adult Matters ²	1.5	2.0	0.4	28.5%

ASD Average Daily Population by Gender

Gender	Jan - June 2019		Jan - June 2020	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	4.9	12.8%	3.3	12.7%
Male	32.9	87.2%	22.7	87.3%
Total	37.8	100.0%	26.0	100.0%

ASD Average Daily Population by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Jan - June 2019		Jan - June 2020	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.2	11.1%	3.1	11.9%
Black	19.9	52.7%	10.2	39.2%
Hispanic/Latinx	7.4	19.5%	8.1	31.0%
Native American	0.6	1.7%	0.1	0.4%
Other/Unknown	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
White	5.7	15.0%	4.5	17.4%
Total	37.8	100.0%	26.0	100.0%

King County Population Youth Ages 10 to 17

Race/Ethnicity	2010		2019	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	30,198	16.8%	41,778	21.3%
Black	17,376	9.7%	20,400	10.4%
Hispanic/LatinX	22,954	12.7%	30,893	15.7%
Native American	1,956	1.1%	1,552	0.8%
Other/Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
White	107,570	59.7%	101,833	51.8%
Total	180,054	100.0%	196,456	100.0%

Note: 2010 and 2019 updated population figures are from National Center for Health Statistics Bridged-race estimates of the July 1, 2010 - July 1, 2019, U.S. resident population by county, single-year of age, sex, race and Hispanic origin. [2019 Released July 9, 2020]

¹Youth under juvenile jurisdiction whereas in prior years would have been eligible for auto adult jurisdiction

<http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=13.04.030>

²Youth under the age of 18 who are under adult jurisdiction but held in the juvenile detention facility. Exceptions to juvenile jurisdictions can be found under 13.04.030(1)(v),

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<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=13.40.110>

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Secure Detention¹

Measure	Jan - June		Difference	
	2019	2020	Number	Percentage
Admissions	547	315	-232	-42.4%
All Youth Matters	541	313	-228	-42.1%
Long term youth ²	24	10	-14	-58.3%
All Adult Matters ³	6	2	-4	-66.7%
Average Length of Stay	17.30	24.32	7.03	40.6%
All Youth Matters	13.52	19.39	5.87	43.4%
Long term youth ²	29.15	38.82	9.67	33.2%
All Adult Matters ³	172.71	244.01	71.31	41.3%
Average Daily Population	41.8	31.3	-10.6	-25.2%
All Youth Matters	34.8	27.0	-7.7	-22.2%
Long term youth ²	3.5	2.8	-0.7	-19.4%
All Adult Matters ³	7.0	4.2	-2.8	-40.2%

Secure Detention Average Daily Population by Gender

Gender	Jan - June 2019		Jan - June 2020	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	4.0	9.1%	4.6	14.8%
Male	40.2	90.9%	26.6	85.2%
Total	44.2	100.0%	31.3	100.0%

Secure Detention Average Daily Population by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Jan - June 2019		Jan - June 2020	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.5	3.4%	3.5	11.1%
Black	24.3	55.0%	11.3	36.1%
Hispanic/Latinx	11.0	24.8%	8.7	28.0%
Native American	1.4	3.1%	0.8	2.7%
Other/Unknown	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
White	6.0	13.7%	6.9	22.2%
Total	44.2	100.0%	31.3	100.0%

¹In November of 2017, Executive Constantine signed an Executive Order authorizing the County's transfer of all youth under 18 that were charged as an adult from the adult Regional Justice Center to the secure juvenile detention facility in Seattle. From then on, all youth under the age of 18 and charged with an adult crime will be detained with other youth, and not at an adult facility.

²Change of law effective July 2018. Youth under juvenile jurisdiction whereas in prior years would have been eligible for auto adult jurisdiction

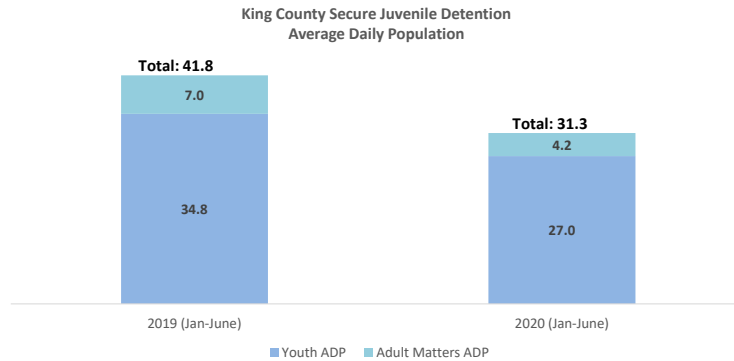
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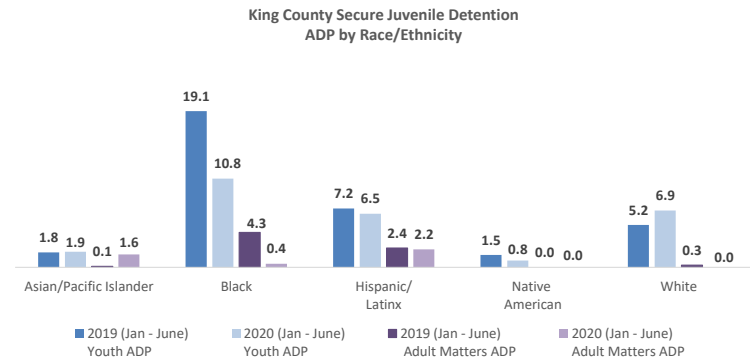
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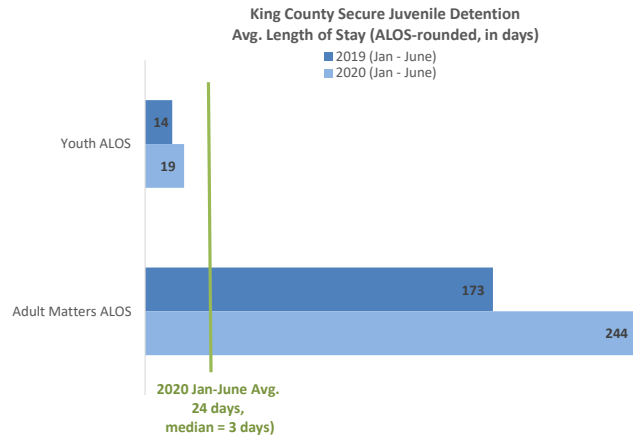
King County Secure Juvenile Detention
Average Daily Population and Average Length of Stay
CY 2019 Compared to 2020: Jan-June



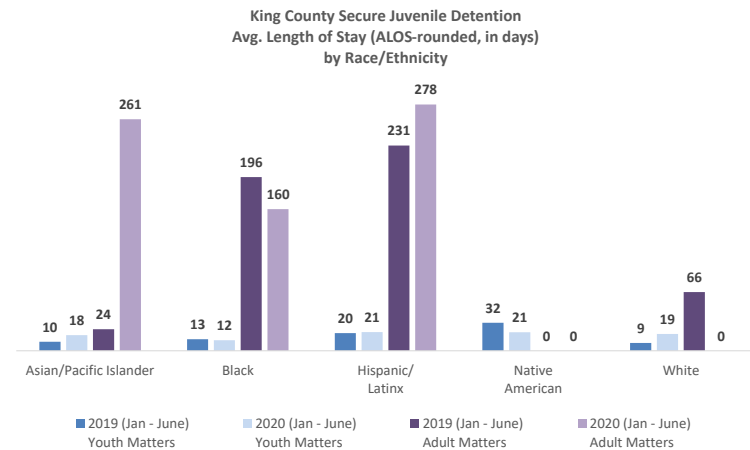
Analysis: There were eleven fewer youth in secure detention each day in the first first half of 2020 (Jan-June) compared to 2019 (Jan-June). There were eight fewer young people held in detention on juvenile matters and three fewer for offenses under adult jurisdiction. The average daily population of young persons in detention is the lowest it has been since 1998, when first reported.



Analysis: Between 2019 (Jan-June) and 2020 (Jan-June), the number of Black young people in detention markedly dropped, so that there were 13 fewer young people who are Black in detention in 2020 Q1-Q2 than there were in 2019 Q1-Q2 (approx. 9 fewer young people held on juvenile matters and 4 fewer for adult jurisdiction matters). Youth held in detention on adult matters decreased across most races and ethnicities; the number of young people detained who are Asian/Pacific Islander increased for adult matters. The average number of young people in detention on juvenile matters who are white increased by two youth per day, on average.



Analysis: The increase in overall average length of stay from 17 up to 24 days was driven by longer lengths of stay for all groups: youth matters, adult matters, and long term youth (young people under juvenile jurisdiction whereas prior to July 2018 would have been eligible for auto adult jurisdiction). The median (middle) number of days young people were held in detention, however, was about 3 days.



Analysis: On average, young people in secure detention on adult matters stayed for substantially longer times in 2020 (Jan-June) when compared to 2019 and compared to those held on youth matters*. Young people who are Black and held on adult matters experienced a markedly shorter length of stay than the previous year and compared to all other races except youth who are white or Native.**From Jan-June 2020, both Hispanic/Latinx and Asian/Pacific Islander youth held as adults experienced longer stays in detention than other groups, and White and Asian/Pacific Islander young people had longer average lengths of stay in detention for juvenile matters than in the first half of 2019.

*It's important to note that there were fewer youth in detention on adult matters so the average is based on fewer youth, which can more easily skew the data.

**Youth who are Native or White were not in detention for adult matters in the first half of 2020.

King County Secure Juvenile Detention Comparison of 2019 and 2020 through June 30th

	Admissions				Average Length of Stay*				Average Daily Population			
	Year		Difference		Year		Difference		Year		Difference	
	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	#	%	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	#	%	Jan-June 2019	Jan-June 2020	#	%
Person Crimes - Felony ¹	172	110	-62	-36.0%	16.24	28.59	12.35	76.1%	14.0	14.8	0.8	5.6%
Person Crimes - Misdemeanor ^{1,3}	43	37	-6	-14.0%	5.65	3.30	-2.35	-41.5%	1.3	0.7	-0.6	-46.4%
Property Crimes - Felony ^{1,4}	72	50	-22	-30.6%	13.69	8.25	-5.43	-39.7%	4.4	1.9	-2.4	-55.5%
Property Crimes - Misdemeanor ^{1,5}	20	12	-8	-40.0%	2.74	11.91	9.16	334.0%	0.3	0.8	0.5	159.0%
Drugs/Alcohol Crimes - Felony ¹	2	0	-2	-100.0%	4.31	118.91	114.61	2659.9%	0.0	0.1	0.0	90.3%
Drugs/Alcohol Crimes - Misdemeanor ^{1,6}	2	0	-2	-100.0%	3.88	0.00	-3.88	-100.0%	0.0	0.0	0.0	-100.0%
BECCA Contempts/Dependency ¹	40	6	-34	-85.0%	1.69	1.34	-0.35	-20.7%	0.4	0.0	-0.3	-88.2%
Other (JRA, Contracts, Dist./Muni. Court) ¹	18	21	3	16.7%	28.46	12.56	-15.90	-55.9%	1.3	1.5	0.2	11.9%
Offender Warrants ¹	90	46	-44	-48.9%	17.52	21.19	3.67	21.0%	8.6	4.5	-4.1	-47.7%
Offender Probation Violations ^{1,7,9}	78	31	-47	-60.3%	11.90	18.23	6.33	53.2%	4.2	2.2	-2.0	-48.4%
Court Ordered Detention at Sentencing ¹	4	0	-4	-100.0%	9.94	140.27	130.34	1311.6%	0.2	0.6	0.3	150.7%
Drug Court ^{1,10}	0	0	0		0.00	0.00	0.00		0.0	0.0	0.0	
Adult Hold ^{1,11}	6	2	-4	-66.7%	172.71	244.01	71.31	41.3%	7.0	4.2	-2.8	-40.2%
Total	547	315	-232	-42.4%	17.30	24.32	7.03	40.6%	41.8	31.3	-10.6	-25.2%

¹JDAI Categories correspond to the category of the youth at the time of admission to detention, except for Adult Hold, which can include youth booked under another status category but changed to an auto decline or auto adult within the time period studied.

³Person Crimes - Misdemeanor includes violations, etc .

⁴Property Crimes - Felony includes both property and other offenses.

⁵Property Crimes - Misdemeanor includes both property and other offenses, as well as violations, etc .

⁶Drugs/Alcohol Crimes - Misdemeanor includes violations, etc .

⁷Offender Probation Violations includes both offender probation violation warrants and offender probation violation sentences.

⁸ALOS is calculated from the time of admission to the time of release or the end of the reporting period.

⁹Includes Deferred status.

¹⁰Drug Court - includes detention related to drug court hearings and sanctions for youth who have opted into the program.

¹¹Adult Hold - may include both sentenced and nonsentenced auto or discretionary declined youth. Average length of stay for this group is reflective of the time they spent in Juvenile Detention and does not include time they might have been held elsewhere.

*2020 (Jan-June) ALOS: Average length of stay in secure detention for youth held on juvenile matters was 19.39 days (median = 2.83 days); for long term youth (youth that prior to the change in law would be held under adult jurisdiction), it was 38.8 days (median 12.89 days). For youth held on adult matters (under adult legal jurisdiction) their length of stay was 244 days, on average, with a median of 277.45 days.