

King County Juvenile Legal System Statistics Comparison of 2018 and 2019

Referrals¹ by Gender

Gender Identity ²	2018		2019		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	713	25%	759	27.5%	46	6.5%
Male	2,155	75%	2,004	72.5%	-151	-7.0%
Non binary	2	0%	1	0.0%	-1	-50.0%
Unknown	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	
Total	2,870	100%	2,764	100.0%	-106	-3.7%

Referrals by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2018		2019		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	211	7.4%	232	8.4%	21	10.0%
Black	1,156	40.3%	1,050	38.0%	-106	-9.2%
Hispanic/Latinx	488	17.0%	457	16.5%	-31	-6.4%
Native American	73	2.5%	43	1.6%	-30	-41.1%
Other/Unknown	92	3.2%	131	4.7%	39	42.4%
White	850	29.6%	851	30.8%	1	0.1%
Total	2,870	100.0%	2,764	100.0%	-106	-3.7%

Referrals by Gender - Unique Youth

Gender Identity ²	2018		2019		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	561	28%	537	28.5%	-24	-4.3%
Male	1,412	71%	1,346	71.4%	-66	-4.7%
Non binary	2	0%	1	0.1%	-1	-50.0%
Unknown	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	
Total	1,975	100%	1,884	100.0%	-91	-4.6%

Referrals by Race/Ethnicity - Unique Youth

Race/Ethnicity	2018		2019		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	164	8.3%	160	8.5%	-4	-2.4%
Black	702	35.5%	617	32.7%	-85	-12.1%
Hispanic/Latinx	323	16.4%	305	16.2%	-18	-5.6%
Native American	44	2.2%	26	1.4%	-18	-40.9%
Other/Unknown	73	3.7%	109	5.8%	36	49.3%
White	669	33.9%	667	35.4%	-2	-0.3%
Total	1,975	100.0%	1,884	100.0%	-91	-4.6%

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.

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Filings by Gender

Gender Identity ¹	2018		2019		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	195	16.1%	209	20.2%	14	7.2%
Male	1,014	83.6%	824	79.8%	-190	-18.7%
Non binary	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%
Unknown	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%
Total	1,213	100.0%	1,033	100.0%	-180	-14.8%

Filings by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2018		2019		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	74	6.1%	80	7.7%	6	8.1%
Black	605	49.9%	489	47.3%	-116	-19.2%
Hispanic/Latinx	237	19.5%	209	20.2%	-28	-11.8%
Native American	38	3.1%	23	2.2%	-15	-39.5%
Other/Unknown	1	0.1%	5	0.5%	4	400.0%
White	258	21.3%	227	22.0%	-31	-12.0%
Total	1,213	100.0%	1,033	100.0%	-180	-14.8%

Filings by Gender - Unique Youth

Gender Identity ¹	2018		2019		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	142	19.2%	134	20.9%	-8	-5.6%
Male	592	80.2%	507	79.1%	-85	-14.4%
Non binary	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%
Unknown	2	0.3%	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%
Total	738	100.0%	641	100.0%	-97	-13.1%

Filings by Race/Ethnicity - Unique Youth

Race/Ethnicity	2018		2019		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	49	6.6%	48	7.5%	-1	-2.0%
Black	329	44.6%	262	40.9%	-67	-20.4%
Hispanic/Latinx	143	19.4%	137	21.4%	-6	-4.2%
Native American	20	2.7%	17	2.7%	-3	-15.0%
Other/Unknown	1	0.1%	5	0.8%	4	400.0%
White	196	26.6%	172	26.8%	-24	-12.2%
Total	738	100.0%	641	100.0%	-97	-13.1%

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Referrals by Most Serious Offense Level

Offense Level	Calendar Year		Difference	
	2018	2019	Number	Percentage
Felony	1,190	1,067	-123	-10.3%
Gross Misd/Misdemeanor	1,650	1,675	25	1.5%
Other Violation	30	22	-8	-26.7%
Total	2,870	2,764	-106	-3.7%

Referrals by Offense Type

Offense Type	Calendar Year		Difference	
	2018	2019	Number	Percentage
Domestic Violence	485	454	-31	-6.4%
Drug/Alcohol	173	135	-38	-22.0%
Other	287	276	-11	-3.8%
Person	824	806	-18	-2.2%
Property	865	827	-38	-4.4%
Sex	236	266	30	12.7%
Unknown	0	0	0	100.0%
Total	2,870	2,764	-106	-3.7%

Filings by Most Serious Offense Level

Offense Level	Calendar Year		Difference	
	2018	2019	Number	Percentage
Felony	592	549	-43	-7.3%
Gross Misd/Misdemeanor	621	484	-137	-22.1%
Other Violation	0	0	0	
Total	1,213	1,033	-180	-14.8%

Filings by Offense Type

Offense Type	Calendar Year		Difference	
	2018	2019	Number	Percentage
Domestic Violence	82	80	-2	-2.4%
Drug/Alcohol	38	27	-11	-28.9%
Other	156	113	-43	-27.6%
Person	457	381	-76	-16.6%
Property	430	356	-74	-17.2%
Sex	50	76	26	52.0%
Unknown	0	0	0	
Total	1,213	1,033	-180	-14.8%

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Pre-filing Disposition Referrals¹

Program	Calendar Year		Percentage	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Choose 180	238	367	23.0%	34.5%
FIRS	348	315	33.6%	29.6%
Diversion ²	451	383	43.5%	36.0%
Total	1,037	1,065	100.0%	100.0%

Pre-filing Disposition Referrals by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Calendar Year		Percentage	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Asian/Pacific Islander	99	102	9.5%	9.6%
Black	316	294	30.5%	27.6%
Hispanic/Latinx	160	158	15.4%	14.8%
Native American	23	8	2.2%	0.8%
Other/Unknown	35	64	3.4%	6.0%
White	404	439	39.0%	41.2%
Total	1,037	1,065	100.0%	100.0%

Post-filing Dispositions³

Program	Referred		Percentage	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
CEDAR ⁴	N/A	118	Not Available	60.5%
Deferred Dispositions	58	77	100%	39.5%
Other ⁵	N/A	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Total	58	195		100.0%

Post-filing Dispositions by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	Calendar Year		Percentage	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Asian/Pacific Islander	4	20	6.9%	10.3%
Black	27	89	46.6%	45.6%
Hispanic/Latinx	12	29	20.7%	14.9%
Native American	0	5	0.0%	2.6%
Other/Unknown	0	1	0.0%	0.5%
White	15	51	25.9%	26.2%
Total	58	195	100.0%	100.0%

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

²A 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.

³Post-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.

⁴Community Empowered Disposition Alternative and Resolution. Reporting beginning 2019

⁵To be determined

**King County Juvenile Legal Statistics
Truancy Petitions Filed in Superior Court
Comparison of 2018 and 2019**

Table 1. Truancy Petitions Filed¹ by Gender

Gender	2018		2019		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	874	46%	769	45.0%	-105	-12.0%
Male	1,014	53%	896	52.5%	-118	-11.6%
Unknown	21	1%	42	2.5%	21	100.0%
Total	1,909	100%	1,707	100.0%	-202	-10.6%

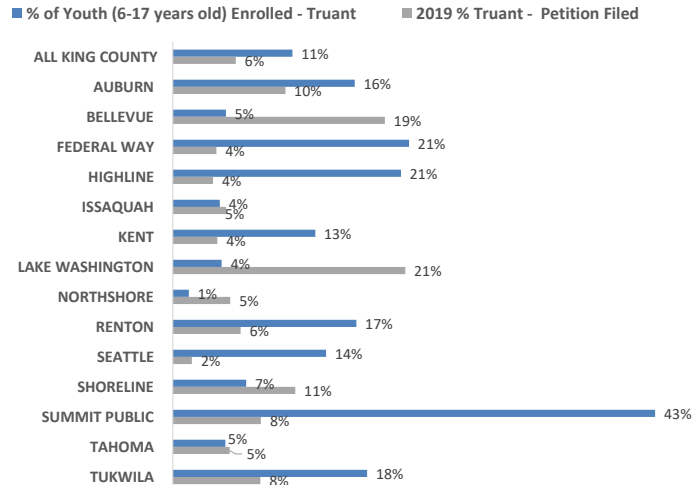
Table 2. Truancy Petitions Filed¹ by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity ²	2018		2019		Difference	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	186	9.7%	208	12.2%	22	11.8%
Black	383	20.1%	269	15.8%	-114	-29.8%
Hispanic/Latinx	576	30.2%	472	27.7%	-104	-18.1%
Multiracial	21	1.1%	206	12.1%	185	881.0%
Native American	24	1.3%	17	1.0%	-7	-29.2%
Other/Unknown	215	11.3%	103	6.0%	-112	-52.1%
White	504	26.4%	432	25.3%	-72	-14.3%
Total	1,909	100.0%	1,707	100.0%	-202	-10.6%

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

School District	Calendar Year		Difference	
	2018	2019	Number	Percentage
AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT	208	268	60	28.8%
BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT	228	180	-48	-21.1%
FEDERAL WAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	244	182	-62	-25.4%
HIGHLINE SCHOOL DISTRICT	165	132	-33	-20.0%
ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT	51	40	-11	-21.6%
KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	109	132	23	21.1%
LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	254	272	18	7.1%
NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT	13	16	3	23%
RENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	171	150	-21	-12.3%
SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	265	120	-145	-54.7%
SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT	87	66	-21	-24.1%
SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	17	25	8	47.1%
TAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT	27	20	-7	-25.9%
TUKWILA SCHOOL DISTRICT	20	39	19	95.0%
OUT OF COUNTY	18	9	-9	-50.0%
SUPRESSED (small numbers)	28	56	28	100.0%
OTHER/UNKNOWN	4	0	-4	-100.0%
Total	1,909	1,707	-202	-10.6%

**Eleven percent of youth enrolled in King County Public Schools are truant⁴;
6% of truant youth have a truancy petition filed⁴ in court**



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

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

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

⁴ Source: OSP; Comprehensive Educational Data and Research System (CEDARS) extracted on October 22, 2019

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Alternatives to Secure Detention (ASD)

Measure			Difference	
	2018	2019	Number	Percentage
Admissions	340	338	-2	-0.6%
All Youth Matters	336	335	-1	-0.3%
<i>Long term youth</i> ¹	5	26	21	420.0%
All Adult Matters ²	4	3	-1	-25.0%
Average Length of Stay	32.22	39.53	7.30	22.7%
All Youth Matters	31.17	38.10	6.93	22.2%
<i>Long term youth</i> ¹	31.12	55.92	24.80	79.7%
All Adult Matters ²	126.09	213.81	87.72	69.6%
Average Daily Population	29.3	35.3	6.0	20.5%
All Youth Matters	27.9	33.5	5.6	20.2%
<i>Long term youth</i> ¹	0.5	4.1	3.6	708.4%
All Adult Matters ²	1.4	1.8	0.4	27.2%

ASD Average Daily Population by Gender

Gender	2018		2019	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	3.0	10.2%	3.8	10.8%
Male	26.3	89.8%	31.4	89.2%
Total	29.3	100.0%	35.3	100.0%

ASD Average Daily Population by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2018		2019	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	3.5	12.1%	4.5	12.6%
Black	15.2	51.9%	17.8	50.6%
Hispanic/Latinx	5.5	18.9%	8.0	22.8%
Native American	0.4	1.5%	0.3	0.9%
Other/Unknown	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
White	4.5	15.5%	4.6	13.1%
Total	29.3	100.0%	35.3	100.0%

King County Population Youth Ages 10 to 17

Race/Ethnicity	2010		2018	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	30,198	16.8%	40,624	20.8%
Black	17,376	9.7%	20,281	10.4%
Hispanic/LatinX	22,954	12.7%	30,029	15.4%
Native American	1,956	1.1%	1,585	0.8%
Other/Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
White	107,570	59.7%	102,452	52.5%
Total	180,054	100.0%	194,971	100.0%

Note: 2010 and 2018 updated population figures are from National Center for Health Statistics Bridged-race estimates of the July 1, 2010 - July 1, 2018, U.S. resident population by county, single-year of age, sex, race and Hispanic origin. [2018 Released June 25, 2019]

¹Youth under juvenile jurisdiction whereas in prior years would have been eligible for auto <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 <http://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=13.04.030>
<http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=13.40.110>

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Secure Detention¹

Measure			Difference	
	2018	2019	Number	Percentage
Admissions	1,104	985	-119	-10.8%
All Youth Matters	1,087	975	-112	-10.3%
<i>Long term youth</i> ²	7	39	32	457.1%
All Adult Matters ³	17	10	-7	-41.2%
Average Length of Stay	19.23	17.39	-1.84	-9.6%
All Youth Matters	14.23	13.82	-0.41	-2.9%
<i>Long term youth</i> ²	35.79	27.19	-8.59	-24.0%
All Adult Matters ³	180.83	217.86	37.02	20.5%
Average Daily Population	52.7	41.7	-11.0	-20.8%
All Youth Matters	38.5	34.1	-4.3	-11.3%
<i>Long term youth</i> ²	0.8	2.6	1.9	238.2%
All Adult Matters ³	14.2	7.6	-6.6	-46.5%

Secure Detention Average Daily Population by Gender

Gender	2018		2019	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Female	6.2	11.8%	3.9	9.4%
Male	46.5	88.2%	37.8	90.6%
Total	52.7	100.0%	41.7	100.0%

Secure Detention Average Daily Population by Race/Ethnicity

Race/Ethnicity	2018		2019	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Asian/Pacific Islander	2.9	5.6%	2.5	6.1%
Black	26.7	50.6%	21.9	52.4%
Hispanic/Latinx	14.4	27.4%	10.5	25.1%
Native American	1.3	2.5%	1.1	2.5%
Other/Unknown	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0%
White	7.3	13.9%	5.8	13.9%
Total	52.7	100.0%	41.7	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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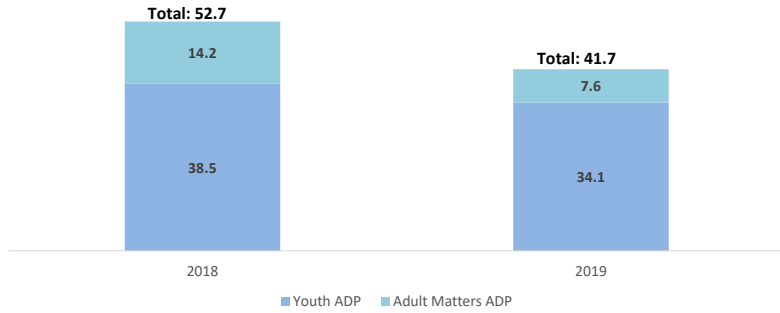
³Youth under the age of 18 who are under adult jurisdiction but held in the juvenile detention facility. Exceptions to juvenile jurisdictions can be found under 13.04.030(1)(v),

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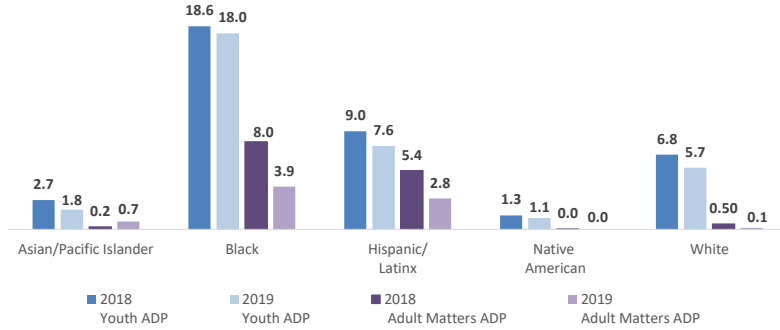
**King County Secure Juvenile Detention
Average Daily Population and Average Length of Stay
CY 2018 Compared to 2019**

King County Secure Juvenile Detention
Average Daily Population



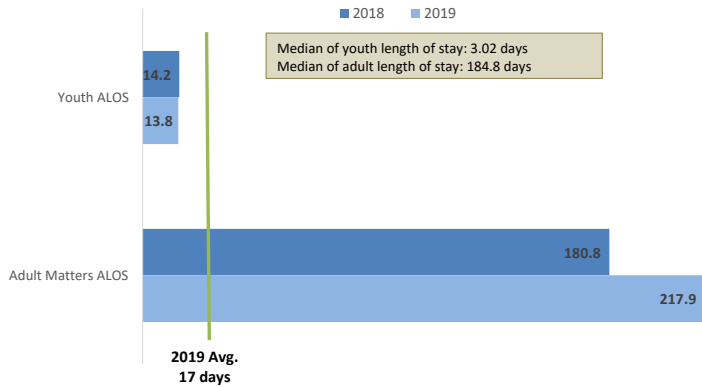
Analysis: There were eleven fewer youth in secure detention each day in 2019 than in 2018. The decrease in the average number of youth held on adult matters in 2019 is due in part to the change in law July 1, 2018 with youth that previously could have been charged as adults now are charged as juveniles. This amounted to 3 youth, on average, each day, under juvenile legal jurisdiction as opposed to adult jurisdiction. The average daily population of youth in detention is the lowest it has been since 1998, when first reported.

King County Secure Juvenile Detention
ADP by Race/Ethnicity



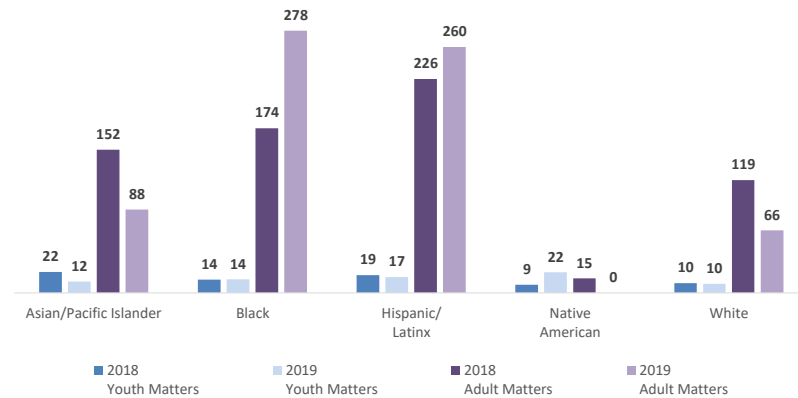
Analysis: Between 2018 and 2019, the number of youth held in detention on adult matters decreased across all races and ethnicities, except for Asian/Pacific Islanders. Most youth held as adults in 2019 were black (51%, ADP = 3.9) and Hispanic/Latinx (37%, ADP = 2.8). There were fewer youth in detention on juvenile matters overall, and across all groups.

King County Secure Juvenile Detention
Avg. Length of Stay (ALOS-rounded, in days)



Analysis: The overall decrease in average length of stay from 19 down to 17 was driven primarily by fewer youth in detention. Youth in detention on juvenile matters were in detention the same length of time in 2019 as in 2018, but the smaller group of youth held as adults had a much longer stay in juvenile detention (an increase of 37 days, on average).*

King County Secure Juvenile Detention
Avg. Length of Stay (ALOS-rounded, in days)
by Race/Ethnicity



Analysis: Youth in secure detention on adult matters stayed for substantially longer times in 2019 when compared to 2018 (218 days vs. 181) and compared to those held on youth matters* though not evenly across races. Hispanic/Latinx and black youth held as adults experienced longer stays in detention than other groups, and youth who are Native or Hispanic/Latinx had longer lengths of stay on juvenile matters. There were no Native youth in detention on adult matters in 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.

King County Secure Juvenile Detention Comparison of 2018 and 2019

	Admissions				Average Length of Stay*				Average Daily Population			
	Year		Difference		Year		Difference		Year		Difference	
	2018	2019	#	%	2018	2019	#	%	2018	2019	#	%
Person Crimes - Felony ¹	304	321	17	5.6%	20.74	17.23	-3.51	-16.9%	15.4	14.5	-0.9	-5.8%
Person Crimes - Misdemeanor ^{1,3}	75	81	6	8.0%	7.23	4.93	-2.30	-31.8%	1.5	1.0	-0.4	-29.7%
Property Crimes - Felony ^{1,4}	177	130	-47	-26.6%	13.08	11.07	-2.02	-15.4%	6.1	3.4	-2.8	-44.9%
Property Crimes - Misdemeanor ^{1,5}	28	37	9	32.1%	14.59	4.10	-10.48	-71.9%	0.4	0.4	0.0	-5.7%
Drugs/Alcohol Crimes - Felony ¹	7	5	-2	-28.6%	4.47	25.07	20.61	461.4%	0.1	0.3	0.3	301.0%
Drugs/Alcohol Crimes - Misdemeanor ^{1,6}	3	2	-1	-33.3%	6.59	3.88	-2.71	-41.1%	0.1	0.0	0.0	-60.7%
BECCA Contempts/Dependency ¹	93	52	-41	-44.1%	2.88	1.69	-1.19	-41.2%	0.7	0.2	-0.4	-64.6%
Other (JRA, Contracts, Dist./Muni. Court) ¹	79	48	-31	-39.2%	8.77	15.17	6.40	72.9%	1.9	1.2	-0.7	-36.0%
Offender Warrants ¹	134	172	38	28.4%	15.74	17.57	1.83	11.7%	5.8	8.2	2.5	43.0%
Offender Probation Violations ^{1,7,9}	176	123	-53	-30.1%	14.23	15.10	0.87	6.1%	6.1	4.6	-1.5	-24.3%
Court Ordered Detention at Sentencing ¹	5	4	-1	-20.0%	6.32	11.57	5.24	82.9%	0.1	0.1	0.0	46.4%
Drug Court ^{1,10}	6	0	-6	-100.0%	22.26	0.00	-22.26	-100.0%	0.4	0.0	-0.4	-100.0%
Adult Hold ^{1,11}	17	10	-7	-41.2%	180.83	217.86	37.02	20.5%	14.2	7.6	-6.6	-46.5%
Total	1,104	985	-119	-10.8%	19.23	17.39	-1.84	-9.6%	52.7	41.7	-11.0	-20.8%

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. The length of stay provided is for the ENTIRE time a youth was in secure detention, not just on the offense that they were booked on.

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.

*2019 ALOS: Average length of stay in secure detention for youth held on juvenile matters was 13.82 days (median = 3.02 days); for long term youth (youth that prior to the change in law would be held under adult jurisdiction), it was 27.2 days (median 6 days). For youth held on adult matters (under adult legal jurisdiction) their length of stay was 218 days, on average, with a median of 184.76 days.