

Juvenile Justice Commission

ROOM RESTRICTION REPORT FOR: January 01, 2018 - December 31, 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- P.L. 2015, Chapter 89, C.52:17B-171.13 establishes standards for the use of room restriction in State juvenile correctional facilities and County detention centers in New Jersey. Room restriction is defined as the placement of a juvenile in a locked room or cell for 22 to 24 hours per day. The law prohibits the use of room restriction except in instances where a juvenile poses an immediate and substantial risk of harm to others or the security of the facility. Furthermore, room restriction is limited to a maximum of two consecutive days for juveniles 15 and younger, three consecutive days for juveniles 16 to 17, and five consecutive days for juveniles 18 or older, and to no more than 10 total days in a month.
- The room restriction law also requires the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) to publish aggregate data regarding the use of room restriction on its website. This report was prepared to meet that legislative mandate. Note, however, that this report goes further, as it reflects all instances of room restriction regardless of whether the use of room restriction met the 22-24 hour per day definition used in the law.
- In 2018, youth in JJC facilities experienced 18 instances of room restriction, which translates to just 0.06 room restrictions per population. This is down from 393 room restrictions and a rate of 1.28 per population in 2017. The average duration of room restriction was 4.11 hours, and there were no instances of room restriction that violated the statutory standards related to age, duration, and/or frequency of room restriction.
- In 2018, room restrictions in County detention facilities ranged from a low of five instances in Ocean to a high of 706 in Essex. The rate of room restrictions per population ranged from a low of 0.61 in Ocean to a high of 18.28 in Union. The average duration ranged from 1.9 hours in Morris to 41.3 in Essex. Detention centers experiencing decreases in room restrictions between 2017 and 2018 include Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Morris, Ocean, and Union, while Camden, Essex, and Middlesex experienced increases. Detention centers with one or more violations of the statutory standards related to age, duration, and/or frequency of room restriction include Burlington (1 violation), Camden (8 violations), Essex (31 violations), Middlesex (7 violations), and Union (11 violations).
- Counties that experienced a significant increase in room restriction and/or a significant number of violations receive additional training and monitoring by the JJC.
- Some strategies used by the JJC and County detention centers to minimize reliance on room restriction include implementing a strong incentive or "levels" system that promotes positive behavior; having an effective behavior management or accountability program for responding to negative behavior; ensuring staff are skilled in de-escalation techniques; and promoting a culture of care that is aligned with principles of adolescent development.



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JJC FACILITIES

Average Daily Population:	278
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	18
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	0.06
Total Unduplicated Youth Served:	441
Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times:	15
% of Youth Served Experiencing Room Restriction:	3.4%
# of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days:	0

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 c	or younger	16-17		18+		Total	
0-4 hours	0	0.00%	3	60.00%	13	100.00%	16	88.89%
5-8 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	11.11%
9-16 hours	0	0.00%	2	40.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
17-24 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
25-48 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
49-72 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	0	100.00%	5	100.00%	13	100.00%	18	100.00%

Average Duration of Room Restriction (in Hours) by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Black	3.57
Hispanic	6.00
White	0.00
Male	4.11
Female	0.00
Total	4.11

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others	100.0%
Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility	0.00%

If a Mental Health/Clinical Evaluation was Performed, were the Results Considered in the Decision to Use **Room Restriction?**

Not Performed	0.00%
Performed and Considered	100.0%
Performed but Not Considered	0.00%



ATLANTIC COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population:	7.8
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	18
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	2.31

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 12 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 0

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 c	or younger	16-	17	18	+	Total	
0-4 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	33.33%	1	5.56%
5-8 hours	1	100.00%	2	14.29%	0	0.00%	3	16.67%
9-16 hours	0	0.00%	2	14.29%	1	33.33%	3	16.67 %
17-24 hours	0	0.00%	8	57.14%	1	33.33%	9	50.00%
25-48 hours	0	0.00%	2	14.29%	0	0.00%	2	11.11%
49-72 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	1	100.00%	14	100.00%	3	100.00%	18	100.00%

Average Duration of Room Restriction (in Hours) by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Black	17.00
Hispanic	19.67
White	22.50
Male	17.00
Female	23.33
Total	18.06

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 100.00% Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 0.00%

If a Mental Health/Clinical Evaluation was Performed, were the Results Considered in the Decision to Use Room Restriction?

Not Performed0.00%Performed and Considered100.00%Performed but Not Considered0.00%



BERGEN COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population:	8.7
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	24
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	2.76

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 13 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 0

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 c	or younger	16-	17	18	+	Total	
0-4 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
5-8 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
9-16 hours	1	14.29%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	4.17%
17-24 hours	4	57.14%	4	28.57%	1	33.3%	9	37.50 %
25-48 hours	2	28.57%	7	50.00%	0	0.00%	9	37.50 %
49-72 hours	0	0.00%	3	21.43%	2	66.67%	5	20.83%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	7	100.00%	14	100.00%	3	100.00%	24	100.00%

Average Duration of Room Restriction (in Hours) by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Black	34.90
Hispanic	44.67
White	0.00
Male	44.31
Female	26.45
Total	36.13

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 91.57% Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 8.43%

If a Mental Health/Clinical Evaluation was Performed, were the Results Considered in the Decision to Use Room Restriction?

Not Performed 0.00%
Performed and Considered 100.00%
Performed but Not Considered 0.00%



BURLINGTON COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population:	13.2
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	51
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	3.86

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 23 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 0

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 c	or younger	16-	17	18	+	Total	
0-4 hours	6	26.09%	11	52.38%	3	42.86%	20	39.22%
5-8 hours	2	8.70%	1	4.76%	0	0.00%	3	5.88%
9-16 hours	1	4.35%	1	4.76%	1	14.29%	3	5.88%
17-24 hours	7	30.43%	5	23.81%	1	14.29%	13	25.49%
25-48 hours	6	26.09%	1	4.76%	2	28.57%	9	17.65%
49-72 hours	1	4.35%	2	9.52%	0	0.00%	3	5.88%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	23	100.00%	21	100.00%	7	100.00%	51	100.00%

Average Duration of Room Restriction (in Hours) by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Black	15.95
Hispanic	27.83
White	3.00
Male	16.74
Female	22.00
Total	16.84

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 86.23% Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 13.77%

If a Mental Health/Clinical Evaluation was Performed, were the Results Considered in the Decision to Use Room Restriction?

Not Performed0.00%Performed and Considered96.08%Performed but Not Considered3.92%



CAMDEN COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population:	38.1
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	260
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	6.82

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 75 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 1

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 c	or younger	16-	17	18	+	Total	
0-4 hours	27	38.03%	40	29.41%	14	26.42%	81	31.15%
5-8 hours	7	9.86%	9	6.62%	5	9.43%	21	8.08%
9-16 hours	16	22.54%	26	19.12%	11	20.75%	53	20.38%
17-24 hours	12	16.90%	29	21.32%	13	24.53%	54	20.77%
25-48 hours	8	11.27%	21	15.44%	8	15.09%	37	14.23%
49-72 hours	1	1.41%	5	3.68%	0	0.00%	6	2.31%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	2	1.47%	0	0.00%	2	0.77%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	4	2.94%	2	3.77%	6	2.31%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	71	100.00%	136	100.00%	53	100.00%	260	100.00%

Average Duration of Room Restriction (in Hours) by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Black	18.34
Hispanic	17.51
White	8.08
Male	16.99
Female	25.41
Total	17.70

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 91.49% Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 8.51%

If a Mental Health/Clinical Evaluation was Performed, were the Results Considered in the Decision to Use Room Restriction?

Not Performed0.38%Performed and Considered98.46%Performed but Not Considered1.15%



ESSEX COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population:	80.0
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	706
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	8.83

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 185 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 9

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 c	or younger	16-	17	18	+	Total	
0-4 hours	10	7.69%	11	2.90%	7	3.55%	28	3.97%
5-8 hours	9	6.92%	11	2.90%	7	3.55%	27	3.82%
9-16 hours	10	7.69%	7	1.85%	3	1.52%	20	2.83%
17-24 hours	26	20.00%	41	10.82%	19	9.64%	86	12.18%
25-48 hours	67	51.54%	183	48.28%	62	31.47%	312	44.19%
49-72 hours	8	6.15%	112	29.55%	64	32.49%	184	26.06%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	14	3.69%	28	14.21%	42	5.95%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	7	3.55%	7	0.99%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	130	100.00%	379	100.00%	197	100.00%	706	100.00%

Average Duration of Room Restriction (in Hours) by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Black	42.20
Hispanic	38.67
White	48.17
Asian	29.50
Other	38.46
Male	41.31
Female	39.67
Total	41.27

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 78.38% Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 21.62%

If a Mental Health/Clinical Evaluation was Performed, were the Results Considered in the Decision to Use Room Restriction?

Not Performed0.57%Performed and Considered99.01%Performed but Not Considered0.42%



MIDDLESEX COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population:	47.4
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	295
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	6.22

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 110 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 0

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 d	or younger	16-	17	18	+	Total	
0-4 hours	33	30.56%	33	21.43%	8	24.24%	74	25.08%
5-8 hours	22	20.37%	22	14.29%	3	9.09%	47	15.93%
9-16 hours	13	12.04%	20	12.99%	5	15.15%	38	12.88%
17-24 hours	21	19.44%	38	24.68%	8	24.24%	67	22.71%
25-48 hours	15	13.89%	29	18.83%	3	9.09%	47	15.93%
49-72 hours	1	0.93%	10	6.49%	5	15.15%	16	5.42%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
121+ hours	3	2.78%	2	1.30%	1	3.03%	6	2.03%
Total	108	100.00%	154	100.00%	33	100.00%	295	100.00%

Average Duration of Room Restriction (in Hours) by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Black	21.00
Hispanic	14.98
White	12.36
Other	24.41
Male	20.57
Female	14.98
Total	19.79

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 72.91% Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 27.09%

If a Mental Health/Clinical Evaluation was Performed, were the Results Considered in the Decision to Use Room Restriction?

Not Performed0.00%Performed and Considered100.00%Performed but Not Considered0.00%



MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population:	2.8
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	11
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	3.93

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 6 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 0

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 c	or younger	16-	17	18	+	Total	
0-4 hours	4	100.00%	2	100.00%	5	100.00%	11	100.00%
5-8 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
9-16 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
17-24 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
25-48 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
49-72 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	4	100.00%	2	100.00%	5	100.00%	29	100.00%

Average Duration of Room Restriction (in Hours) by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Black	1.60
Hispanic	2.17
White	0.00
Male	1.91
Female	0.00
Total	1.91

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 81.60% Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 18.40%

If a Mental Health/Clinical Evaluation was Performed, were the Results Considered in the Decision to Use Room Restriction?

Not Performed0.00%Performed and Considered100.00%Performed but Not Considered0.00%



OCEAN COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population:	8.2
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	5
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	0.61

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 4 of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 0

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 c	or younger	16-	17	18	+	Total	
0-4 hours	0	0.00%	3	60.00%	0	0.00%	3	60.00%
5-8 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
9-16 hours	0	0.00%	1	20.00%	0	0.00%	1	20.00%
17-24 hours	0	0.00%	1	20.00%	0	0.00%	1	20.00%
25-48 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
49-72 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	0	100.00%	5	100.00%	0	100.00%	5	100.00%

Average Duration of Room Restriction (in Hours) by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Black	4.67
Hispanic	0.00
White	12.50
Male	7.80
Female	0.00
Total	7.80

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 79.67% Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 20.33%

If a Mental Health/Clinical Evaluation was Performed, were the Results Considered in the Decision to Use Room Restriction?

Not Performed 0.00%
Performed and Considered 100.00%
Performed but Not Considered 0.00%



UNION COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population:	30.9
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	565
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	18.28

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 113 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 5

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 c	or younger	16-	-17	18	+	Total	
0-4 hours	57	50.00%	159	41.84%	21	29.58%	237	41.95%
5-8 hours	11	9.65%	48	12.63%	10	14.08%	69	12.21%
9-16 hours	29	25.44%	89	23.42%	22	30.99%	140	24.78%
17-24 hours	11	9.65%	46	12.11%	7	9.86%	64	11.33%
25-48 hours	3	2.63%	20	5.26%	7	9.86%	30	5.31%
49-72 hours	3	2.63%	16	4.21%	3	4.23%	22	3.89%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	1	0.18%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	1	0.26%	0	0.00%	1	0.18%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	1.41%	1	0.18%
Total	114	100.00%	380	100.00%	71	100.00%	565	100.00%

Average Duration of Room Restriction (in Hours) by Race/Ethnicity and Gender

Black	12.63
Hispanic	10.53
White	16.22
Other	14.25
Male	12.38
Female	0.00
Total	12.38

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 65.47% Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 34.53%

If a Mental Health/Clinical Evaluation was Performed, were the Results Considered in the Decision to Use Room Restriction?

Not Performed	1.06%
Performed and Considered	98.05%
Performed but Not Considered	0.88%