



**State of New Jersey  
Juvenile Justice Commission**

ROOM RESTRICTION REPORT FOR:  
**January 01, 2020 - December 31, 2020**

**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 2020, youth in JJC facilities experienced 63 instances of room restriction, which translates to 0.29 room restrictions per population. This is up from 13 room restrictions and a rate of 0.05 per population in 2019. The average duration of room restriction was 11.41 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 2020, room restrictions in County detention facilities ranged from a low of 13 instances in Ocean to a high of 602 in Essex. The rate of room restrictions per population ranged from a low of 1.37 in Ocean to a high of 6.50 in Camden. The average duration ranged from 2.24 hours in Morris to 48.86 in Essex. Detention centers experiencing decreases in room restrictions between 2019 and 2020 include Bergen, Camden, Essex, Middlesex, and Morris, while Atlantic and Ocean County experienced an increase. Detention centers with one or more violations of the statutory standards related to age, duration, and/or frequency of room restriction include Atlantic (3 violations), Camden (2 violations), Essex (64 violations), and Middlesex (3 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. JJC continues to work with Essex, in particular, to review each violation, identify the reason for the violations, and implement a corrective action plan to prevent future violations. As a result of these efforts, in Essex room restriction violations decreased throughout the year in 2020, from 40 in the first half of the year to 24 in the second half; preliminary data from the first half of 2021 indicate violations continued to decline (seven).
- 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

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Average Daily Population:	220
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	63
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	0.29
Total Unduplicated Youth Served:	376
Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times:	43
% of Youth Served Experiencing Room Restriction:	11.44%
# of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days:	0

### Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
<b>0-4 hours</b>	0	0.00%	6	26.09%	11	30.56%	<b>17</b>	<b>26.98%</b>
<b>5-8 hours</b>	2	50.00%	7	30.43%	5	13.89%	<b>14</b>	<b>22.22%</b>
<b>9-16 hours</b>	1	25.00%	9	39.13%	13	36.11%	<b>23</b>	<b>36.51%</b>
<b>17-24 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5	13.89%	<b>5</b>	<b>7.94%</b>
<b>25-48 hours</b>	1	25.00%	1	4.35%	2	5.56%	<b>4</b>	<b>6.35%</b>
<b>49-72 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>73-96 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>97-120 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>121+ hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

<b>Black</b>	10.58
<b>Hispanic</b>	15.80
<b>White</b>	15.80
<b>Other</b>	0.00
<b>Male</b>	11.56
<b>Female</b>	7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.41</b>

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



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## **ATLANTIC COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER**

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Average Daily Population: 17.4  
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 69  
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 3.96

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 32  
 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 0

### **Duration of Room Restriction by Age**

	15 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
<b>0-4 hours</b>	2	8.00%	1	3.23%	0	0.00%	<b>3</b>	<b>4.35%</b>
<b>5-8 hours</b>	1	4.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>1</b>	<b>1.45%</b>
<b>9-16 hours</b>	1	4.00%	1	3.23%	1	7.69%	<b>3</b>	<b>4.35%</b>
<b>17-24 hours</b>	11	44.00%	15	48.39%	7	53.85%	<b>33</b>	<b>47.83%</b>
<b>25-48 hours</b>	7	28.00%	12	38.71%	5	38.46%	<b>24</b>	<b>34.78%</b>
<b>49-72 hours</b>	3	12.00%	2	6.45%	0	0.00%	<b>5</b>	<b>7.25%</b>
<b>73-96 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>97-120 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>121+ hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

<b>Black</b>	30.74
<b>Hispanic</b>	26.76
<b>White</b>	41.00
<b>Other</b>	0.00
<b>Male</b>	29.79
<b>Female</b>	22.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>29.68</b>

### **Reason for Room Restriction**

<b>Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others</b>	67.68%
<b>Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility</b>	32.32%

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

<b>Not Performed</b>	1.00%
<b>Performed and Considered</b>	99.00%
<b>Performed but Not Considered</b>	0.00%



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**BERGEN COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER**

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Average Daily Population: 10.2  
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 32  
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 3.14

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 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
0-4 hours	2	20.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	6.25%
5-8 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
9-16 hours	0	0.00%	3	15.00%	1	50.00%	4	12.50%
17-24 hours	4	40.00%	8	40.00%	0	0.00%	12	37.50%
25-48 hours	3	30.00%	8	40.00%	1	50.00%	12	37.50%
49-72 hours	0	0.00%	1	5.00%	0	0.00%	1	3.13%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
97-120 hours	1	10.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	3.13%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

Black	30.83
Hispanic	26.25
White	23.50
Other	0.00
Male	28.34
Female	31.67
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.66</b>

**Reason for Room Restriction**

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others	96.85%
Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility	3.15%

**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%



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**CAMDEN COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER**

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Average Daily Population: 37.2  
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 242  
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 6.50

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 67  
 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 0

**Duration of Room Restriction by Age**

	15 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
<b>0-4 hours</b>	16	12.70%	14	20.29%	7	14.89%	<b>37</b>	<b>15.29%</b>
<b>5-8 hours</b>	12	9.52%	8	11.59%	6	12.77%	<b>26</b>	<b>10.74%</b>
<b>9-16 hours</b>	19	15.08%	13	18.84%	5	10.64%	<b>37</b>	<b>15.29%</b>
<b>17-24 hours</b>	43	34.13%	20	28.99%	6	12.77%	<b>69</b>	<b>28.51%</b>
<b>25-48 hours</b>	34	26.98%	14	20.29%	22	46.81%	<b>70</b>	<b>28.93%</b>
<b>49-72 hours</b>	2	1.59%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>2</b>	<b>0.83%</b>
<b>73-96 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	2.13%	<b>1</b>	<b>0.41%</b>
<b>97-120 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>121+ hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

<b>Black</b>	17.86
<b>Hispanic</b>	23.86
<b>White</b>	26.00
<b>Other</b>	18.00
<b>Male</b>	19.77
<b>Female</b>	21.42
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.85</b>

**Reason for Room Restriction**

<b>Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others</b>	94.29%
<b>Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility</b>	5.71%

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

<b>Not Performed</b>	0.00%
<b>Performed and Considered</b>	100.00%
<b>Performed but Not Considered</b>	0.00%



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**ESSEX COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER**

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Average Daily Population: 97.0  
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 602  
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 6.20

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 179  
 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 17

**Duration of Room Restriction by Age**

	15 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
0-4 hours	8	6.78%	4	1.16%	2	1.45%	14	2.33%
5-8 hours	4	3.39%	0	0.00%	1	0.72%	5	0.83%
9-16 hours	2	1.69%	10	2.89%	3	2.17%	15	2.49%
17-24 hours	34	28.81%	25	7.23%	8	5.80%	67	11.13%
25-48 hours	57	48.31%	131	37.86%	33	23.91%	221	36.71%
49-72 hours	12	10.17%	142	41.04%	48	34.78%	202	33.55%
73-96 hours	1	0.85%	32	9.25%	28	20.29%	61	10.13%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	2	0.58%	15	10.87%	17	2.82%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

Black	48.05
Hispanic	51.95
White	0.00
Other	0.00
Male	49.07
Female	43.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>48.86</b>

**Reason for Room Restriction**

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 81.58%  
 Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 18.42%

**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%



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**MIDDLESEX COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER**

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Average Daily Population: 48.0  
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 139  
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 2.89

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 67  
 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 0

**Duration of Room Restriction by Age**

	15 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
<b>0-4 hours</b>	2	10.00%	9	9.28%	4	18.18%	<b>15</b>	<b>10.79%</b>
<b>5-8 hours</b>	0	0.00%	12	12.37%	3	13.64%	<b>15</b>	<b>10.79%</b>
<b>9-16 hours</b>	4	20.00%	9	9.28%	4	18.18%	<b>17</b>	<b>12.23%</b>
<b>17-24 hours</b>	5	25.00%	29	29.90%	4	18.18%	<b>38</b>	<b>27.34%</b>
<b>25-48 hours</b>	8	40.00%	23	23.71%	6	27.27%	<b>37</b>	<b>26.62%</b>
<b>49-72 hours</b>	0	0.00%	13	13.40%	1	4.55%	<b>14</b>	<b>10.07%</b>
<b>73-96 hours</b>	1	5.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>1</b>	<b>0.72%</b>
<b>97-120 hours</b>	0	0.00%	1	1.03%	0	0.00%	<b>1</b>	<b>0.72%</b>
<b>121+ hours</b>	0	0.00%	1	1.03%	0	0.00%	<b>1</b>	<b>0.72%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

<b>Black</b>	26.55
<b>Hispanic</b>	30.34
<b>White</b>	20.71
<b>Other</b>	44.75
<b>Male</b>	25.67
<b>Female</b>	42.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.32</b>

**Reason for Room Restriction**

<b>Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others</b>	92.19%
<b>Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility</b>	7.81%

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

<b>Not Performed</b>	0.00%
<b>Performed and Considered</b>	100.00%
<b>Performed but Not Considered</b>	0.00%



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Average Daily Population: 6.4  
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 21  
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 3.28

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 17  
 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 0

**Duration of Room Restriction by Age**

	15 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
<b>0-4 hours</b>	1	100.00%	16	84.21%	1	100.00%	<b>18</b>	<b>85.71%</b>
<b>5-8 hours</b>	0	0.00%	1	5.26%	0	0.00%	<b>1</b>	<b>4.76%</b>
<b>9-16 hours</b>	0	0.00%	2	10.53%	0	0.00%	<b>2</b>	<b>9.52%</b>
<b>17-24 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>25-48 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>49-72 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>73-96 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>97-120 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>121+ hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

<b>Black</b>	2.50
<b>Hispanic</b>	2.75
<b>White</b>	0.75
<b>Other</b>	1.00
<b>Male</b>	2.24
<b>Female</b>	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.24</b>

**Reason for Room Restriction**

<b>Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others</b>	76.20%
<b>Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility</b>	23.80%

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

<b>Not Performed</b>	10.00%
<b>Performed and Considered</b>	90.00%
<b>Performed but Not Considered</b>	0.00%





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**OCEAN COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER**

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Average Daily Population: 9.5  
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 13  
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 1.37

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 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
<b>0-4 hours</b>	0	0.00%	10	76.92%	0	0.00%	<b>10</b>	<b>76.92%</b>
<b>5-8 hours</b>	0	0.00%	2	15.38%	0	0.00%	<b>2</b>	<b>15.38%</b>
<b>9-16 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>17-24 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>25-48 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>49-72 hours</b>	0	0.00%	1	7.69%	0	0.00%	<b>1</b>	<b>7.69%</b>
<b>73-96 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>97-120 hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>121+ hours</b>	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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

<b>Black</b>	7.69
<b>Hispanic</b>	0.00
<b>White</b>	0.00
<b>Other</b>	0.00
<b>Male</b>	7.67
<b>Female</b>	8.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.69</b>

**Reason for Room Restriction**

<b>Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others</b>	38.36%
<b>Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility</b>	61.64%

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

<b>Not Performed</b>	0.00%
<b>Performed and Considered</b>	100.00%
<b>Performed but Not Considered</b>	0.00%