



**State of New Jersey
Juvenile Justice Commission**

ROOM RESTRICTION REPORT FOR:
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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 2021, youth in JJC facilities experienced 27 instances of room restriction, which translates to 0.18 room restrictions per population. This is down from 63 room restrictions and a rate of 0.29 per population in 2020. The average duration of room restriction was 6.70 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 2021, room restrictions in County detention facilities ranged from a low of 8 instances in Ocean to a high of 665 in Essex. The rate of room restrictions per population ranged from a low of 0.93 in Ocean to a high of 6.35 in Essex. The average duration ranged from 1.88 hours in Ocean to 39.40 in Essex. Detention centers experiencing decreases in room restrictions between 2020 and 2021 include Bergen, Camden, Morris, and Ocean while Essex and Middlesex County experienced an increase. Atlantic County's frequency of room restriction remained the same as the previous year. Detention centers with one or more violations of the statutory standards related to age, duration, and/or frequency of room restriction include Camden (3 violations), Essex (8 violations), and Middlesex (4 violations). Total violations were down from 72 in 2020 to 15 in 2021.
- Counties that experience a significant increase in room restriction and/or a significant number of violations receive additional training and monitoring by the JJC. In 2020, Essex had a significant number of violations (64), therefore the JJC worked with the facility to implement a corrective action plan that included reviewing each instance of room restriction as they occurred, identifying the reason for any violation, and implementing a plan to prevent future violations. As a result, Essex had a significant reduction in the number of room restriction violations (64 in 2020, down to 8 in 2021), and no violations occurred after Essex fully implemented their corrective action plan in June, 2021.
- 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:	151
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	27
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	0.18
Total Unduplicated Youth Served:	251
Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times:	14
% of Youth Served Experiencing Room Restriction:	5.58%
# 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	0	0.00%	1	14.29%	12	60.00%	13	48.15%
5-8 hours	0	0.00%	4	57.14%	2	10.00%	6	22.22%
9-16 hours	0	0.00%	2	28.57%	6	30.00%	8	29.63%
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	0.00%	7	100.00%	20	100.00%	27	100.00%

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

Black	6.58
Hispanic	7.67
White	0.00
Male	6.70
Female	0.00
Total	6.70

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

Average Daily Population: 19.6
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 69
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 3.52

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 26
 # 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	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
5-8 hours	1	6.25%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	1.45%
9-16 hours	0	0.00%	1	2.27%	2	22.22%	3	4.35%
17-24 hours	11	68.75%	23	52.27%	3	33.33%	37	53.62%
25-48 hours	4	25.00%	18	40.91%	3	33.33%	25	36.23%
49-72 hours	0	0.00%	2	4.55%	1	11.11%	3	4.35%
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	16	100.00%	44	100.00%	9	100.00%	69	100.00%

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

Black	26.50
Hispanic	29.00
White	0.00
Other	0.00
Male	26.97
Female	0.00
Total	26.97

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 89.93%
 Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 10.07%

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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BERGEN COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population: 8.9
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 19
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 2.13

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 11
 # 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	4	100.00%	9	90.00%	5	100.00%	18	94.74%
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%	1	10.00%	0	0.00%	1	5.26%
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%	10	100.00%	5	100.00%	19	100.00%

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

Black	6.20
Hispanic	2.00
White	0.00
Other	0.00
Male	5.32
Female	0.00
Total	5.32

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 100%
 Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 0%

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

Average Daily Population: 40.0
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 212
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 5.30

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	
0-4 hours	5	5.62%	9	10.59%	4	10.53%	18	8.49%
5-8 hours	4	4.49%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4	1.89%
9-16 hours	5	5.62%	2	2.35%	1	2.63%	8	3.77%
17-24 hours	30	33.71%	34	40.00%	12	31.58%	76	35.85%
25-48 hours	44	49.44%	32	37.65%	15	39.47%	91	42.92%
49-72 hours	1	1.12%	6	7.06%	2	5.26%	9	4.25%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	2	2.35%	1	2.63%	3	1.42%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	7.89%	3	1.42%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	89	100.00%	85	100.00%	38	100.00%	212	100.00%

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

Black	27.05
Hispanic	29.06
White	43.88
Other	24.00
Male	28.36
Female	20.50
Total	28.14

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 92.61%
 Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 7.39%

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%
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ESSEX COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population: 104.7
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 665
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 6.35

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 177
 # 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	7	6.93%	5	1.28%	7	4.02%	19	2.86%
5-8 hours	5	4.95%	9	2.31%	0	0.00%	14	2.11%
9-16 hours	8	7.92%	10	2.56%	6	3.45%	24	3.61%
17-24 hours	27	26.73%	45	11.54%	16	9.20%	88	13.23%
25-48 hours	52	51.49%	226	57.95%	66	37.93%	344	51.73%
49-72 hours	2	1.98%	90	23.08%	56	32.18%	148	22.26%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	4	1.03%	18	10.34%	22	3.31%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	1	.26%	4	2.30%	5	0.75%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.57%	1	0.15%
Total	101	100.00%	390	100.00%	174	100.00%	665	100.00%

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

Black	39.09
Hispanic	40.12
White	20.00
Other	46.64
Male	39.56
Female	33.24
Total	39.40

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others	86.84%
Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility	13.16%

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

Average Daily Population: 37.7
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 175
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 4.64

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 69
 # 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	6	13.33%	10	10.64%	3	8.33%	19	10.86%
5-8 hours	0	0.00%	5	5.32%	2	5.56%	7	4.00%
9-16 hours	4	8.89%	11	11.70%	1	2.78%	16	9.14%
17-24 hours	13	28.89%	16	17.02%	6	16.67%	35	20.00%
25-48 hours	20	44.44%	36	38.30%	16	44.44%	72	41.14%
49-72 hours	2	4.44%	14	14.89%	7	19.44%	23	13.14%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	2	2.13%	1	2.78%	3	1.71%
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	45	100.00%	94	100.00%	36	100.00%	175	100.00%

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

Black	29.98
Hispanic	34.26
White	52.50
Other	19.67
Male	32.36
Female	18.33
Total	30.91

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others	92.83%
Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility	7.17%

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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MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population: 7.8
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 11
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 1.41

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 9
 # 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	1	50.00%	7	87.50%	1	100.00%	9	81.82%
5-8 hours	1	50.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	9.09%
9-16 hours	0	0.00%	1	12.50%	0	0.00%	1	9.09%
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	2	100.00%	8	100.00%	1	100.00%	11	100.00%

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

Black	3.75
Hispanic	2.00
White	3.60
Other	0.00
Male	3.36
Female	0.00
Total	3.36

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 91.72%
 Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 8.28%

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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OCEAN COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population: 8.6
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 8
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 0.93

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 3
 # 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	4	100.00%	1	100.00%	3	100.00%	8	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%	1	100.00%	3	100.00%	8	100.00%

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

Black	1.33
Hispanic	3.00
White	2.00
Other	0.00
Male	1.88
Female	0.00
Total	1.88

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others 87.10%
 Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility 12.90%

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%