



**State of New Jersey
Juvenile Justice Commission**

ROOM RESTRICTION REPORT FOR:
January 01, 2022 - December 31, 2022

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 2022, youth in JJC facilities experienced 54 instances of room restriction, which translates to 0.33 room restrictions per population. This is up from 27 room restrictions and a rate of 0.18 per population in 2021. This increase in room restriction is commensurate with the increase in behavioral violations that occurred among JJC youth between 2021 and 2022. The average duration of room restriction was 8.70 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 2022, room restrictions in County detention facilities ranged from a low of 10 instances in Ocean to a high of 684 in Essex. The rate of room restrictions per population ranged from a low of 0.78 in Ocean to a high of 21.5 in Morris. The average duration ranged from 3.91 hours in Morris to 45.71 in Camden. Detention centers experiencing decreases in room restrictions between 2021 and 2022 include Atlantic, Bergen, and Camden, while Essex, Middlesex, Morris, and Ocean Counties 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 Camden (15 violations), Essex (5 violations), Atlantic (2 violations), and Middlesex (1 violation). Total violations (23) were up slightly from 2021 (15) but remained much lower than 2020 (72).
- County room restriction activity is monitored daily by the Youth Justice Facility Monitoring Unit (Unit) through the use of the JJC's Juvenile Detention Information System (JDIS). If residents are on restriction for what appears to be an extended period, facilities are asked to submit incident reports and any other documentation available to demonstrate their efforts in supervising and assessing each resident so that he/she can be safely removed from room restriction as soon as possible. This year, Camden County experienced the most notable increase in the number of room restriction violations. The facility was contacted by the Unit immediately following each incident and options for reducing the use of room restriction were discussed on a case-by-case basis.
- 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:	166
Total Instances of Room Restriction:	54
Rate of Room Restriction per Population:	0.33
Total Unduplicated Youth Served:	259
Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times:	28
% of Youth Served Experiencing Room Restriction:	10.81%
# 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	20.00%	12	30.00%	4	44.44%	17	31.48%
5-8 hours	0	0.00%	12	30.00%	2	22.22%	14	25.93%
9-16 hours	4	80.00%	11	27.50%	2	22.22%	17	31.48%
17-24 hours	0	0.00%	5	12.50%	1	11.11%	6	11.11%
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	5	100.00%	40	100.00%	9	100.00%	54	100.00%

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

Black	8.86
Hispanic	8.00
Whites	0.00
Male	8.00
Female	0.00
Total	8.70

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: 16.9
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 47
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 2.78

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%	1	10.00%	1	2.13%
5-8 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
9-16 hours	0	0.00%	3	10.34%	0	0.00%	3	6.38%
17-24 hours	3	37.50%	7	24.14%	1	10.00%	11.0	23.40%
25-48 hours	4	50.00%	9	31.03%	2	20.00%	15	31.91%
49-72 hours	1	12.50%	10	34.48%	4	40.00%	15	31.91%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	10.00%	1	2.13%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	10.00%	1	2.13%
Total	8	100.00%	29	100.00%	10	100.00%	47	100.00%

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

Black	41.18
Hispanic	45.00
White	0.00
Male	41.34
Female	0.0
Total	41.34

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others	87.92%
Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility	12.08%

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

Not Performed	2.00%
Performed and Considered	96.00%
Performed but Not Considered	2.00%



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BERGEN COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population: 8.2
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 15
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 1.82

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	0	0.00%	3	50.00%	6	75.00%	9	60.00%
5-8 hours	0	0.00%	1	16.67%	1	12.50%	2	13.33%
9-16 hours	1	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	6.67%
17-24 hours	0	0.00%	2	33.33%	1	12.50%	3	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	1	100.00%	6	100.00%	8	100.00%	15	100.00%

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

Black	6.30
Hispanic	5.50
White	24.00
Male	7.27
Female	0.00
Total	7.27

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: 35.8
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 139
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 3.88

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 61
 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 4

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
0-4 hours	1	2.08%	0	0.00%	2	7.41%	3	2.16%
5-8 hours	1	2.08%	0	0.00%	2	7.41%	3	2.16%
9-16 hours	2	4.17%	2	3.13%	1	3.70%	5	3.60%
17-24 hours	16	33.33%	9	14.06%	3	11.11%	28	20.14%
25-48 hours	26	54.17%	32	50.00%	10	37.04%	68	48.92%
49-72 hours	0	0.00%	14	21.88%	3	11.11%	17	12.23%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	11.11%	3	2.16%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	4	6.25%	1	3.70%	5	3.60%
121+ hours	2	4.17%	3	4.69%	2	7.41%	7	5.04%
Total	48	100.00%	64	100.00%	27	100.00%	139	100.00%

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

Black	45.07
Hispanic	53.65
White	22.67
Male	46.59
Female	26.33
Total	45.71

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others	98.58%
Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility	1.42%

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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ESSEX COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population: 119.4
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 684
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 5.73

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 197
 # of Times a Youth was Restricted More than 240 Hours in 30 Days: 1

Duration of Room Restriction by Age

	15 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
0-4 hours	3	3.75%	8	2.28%	6	2.37%	17	2.49%
5-8 hours	2	2.50%	8	2.28%	4	1.58%	14	2.05%
9-16 hours	2	2.50%	3	0.85%	5.0	1.98%	10	1.46%
17-24 hours	22	27.50%	51	14.53%	23	9.09%	96	14.04%
25-48 hours	48	60.00%	192	54.70%	88	34.78%	328	47.95%
49-72 hours	3	3.75%	88	25.07%	94	37.15%	185	27.05%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	1	0.28%	24	9.49%	25	3.65%
97-120 hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	9	3.56%	9	1.32%
121+ hours	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	80	100.00%	351	100.00%	253	100.00%	684	100.00%

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

Black	41.78
Hispanic	42.31
White	38.50
Other	32.75
Male	41.91
Female	28.33
Total	41.79

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others	94.52%
Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility	5.48%

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: 45.9
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 182
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 3.96

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 84
 # 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	14.29%	4	3.70%	1	3.13%	11	6.04%
5-8 hours	2	4.76%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	1.10%
9-16 hours	6	14.29%	11	10.19%	5	15.63%	22	12.09%
17-24 hours	16	38.10%	40	37.04%	9	28.13%	65	35.71%
25-48 hours	12	28.57%	41	37.96%	13	40.63%	66	36.26%
49-72 hours	0	0.00%	11	10.19%	4	12.50%	15	8.24%
73-96 hours	0	0.00%	1	0.93%	0	0.00%	1	0.55%
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	42	100.00%	108	100.00%	32	100.00%	182	100.00%

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

Black	29.28
Hispanic	31.21
White	32.80
Male	31.76
Female	17.72
Total	29.83

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others	93.74%
Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility	6.26%

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	99.0%
Performed but Not Considered	1.00%



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MORRIS COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population: 8.8
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 190
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 21.59

Total Unduplicated Youth Placed on Room Restriction 1 or More Times: 28
 # 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	46.67%	116	78.91%	22	78.57%	145	76.32%
5-8 hours	5	33.33%	13	8.84%	6	21.43%	24	12.63%
9-16 hours	3	20.00%	18	12.24%	0	0.00%	21	11.05%
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	15	100.00%	147	100.00%	28	100.00%	190	100.00%

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

Black	3.95
Hispanic	3.86
White	3.76
Male	3.93
Female	1.00
Total	3.91

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others	96.82%
Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility	3.18%

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

Not Performed	6.00%
Performed and Considered	93.0%
Performed but Not Considered	1.00%



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OCEAN COUNTY YOUTH DETENTION CENTER

Average Daily Population: 12.8
 Total Instances of Room Restriction: 10
 Rate of Room Restriction per Population: 0.78

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 or younger		16-17		18+		Total	
0-4 hours	4	100.00%	4	80.00%	1	100.00%	9	90.00%
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%	1	20.00%	0	0.00%	1	10.00%
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%	5	100.00%	1	100.00%	10	100.00%

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

Black	1.40
Hispanic	0.00
White	8.00
Male	6.29
Female	1.00
Total	4.70

Reason for Room Restriction

Immediate/substantial risk of harm to others	20.95%
Immediate/substantial risk to security of facility	79.05%

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%