MISSION

By law, the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) is a child-serving agency responsible for assessing the individual needs of referred youth and providing intake, detention, probation, commitment, and after-care services. DJS collaborates with youth, families, schools, community partners, law enforcement, and other public agencies to coordinate services and resources to contribute to safer communities.

VISION

Successful youth, strong leaders, safer communities.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. Improve public safety

Obj. 1.1 Reduce the number of DJS involved youth who are victims of homicide or non-fatal shooting.

Obj. 1.2 Reduce the average daily population (ADP) of youth detained pre-disposition for the juvenile court.

Obj. 1.3 Reduce the ADP of youth women in committed residential treatment placement.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
¹ Percent of youth re-adjudicated or convicted within one year after							
release from all residential placements	15.9%	15.6%	14.6%	14.6%	14.6%	14.6%	14.6%
¹ Percent of youth re-adjudicated or convicted within one year of							
probation assignment	13.8%	10.9%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%	13.5%
Rate of referral for non-violent and violent felony offenses per							
100,000 youth between ages 11 and 17	640	435	443	622	893	893	893
Average daily population of young women in committed							
residential treatment placement	43	18	12	10	10	10	10
Number of youth referred to intake	10,100	5,003	7,660	8,677	9,195	9,195	9,195
Number of placements of youth detained pre-disposition, juvenile							
jurisdiction	1,603	749	628	715	946	946	946
Average daily population of youth in the Community Detention /							
Electronic Monitoring (CD/EM) program	151	96	72	77	109	109	109
Percent of youth who have no new charges while on CD/EM	91.7%	93.5%	92.0%	94.6%	90.5%	90.5%	90.5%
Percent of youth where detention was requested, but who were							
not detained, with no new charges within 60 days.	76.8%	80.7%	80.4%	76.2%	69.8%	69.8%	69.8%
Average number of youth on Informal Supervision	583	220	306	378	388	388	388
² Number of DJS youth who are the victims of a homicide or non-							
fatal shootings	9	4	10	6	7	7	7
Average daily population of youth detained for the adult court	107	79	85	117	157	157	157
ADP of youth detained after removal from a committed program	10	4	3	11	6	6	6
Rate of escapes from secure (state-operated) facilities per 100							
days of youth placement	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.001	0.010	0.010	0.010

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Goal 2. Improve youth outcomes

Obj. 2.1 Increase the number of parents/caregivers who engage in treatment planning and services.

Obj. 2.2 Increase the number of justice-involved youth in the community attending educational programming and progressing towards academic completion.

Obj. 2.3 Increase the number of employment-eligible justice-involved youth who earn wages.

Obj. 2.3 Increase the use of diversion tools and programming to prevent juvenile justice system involvement.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Percent of youth in DJS facilities completing program units in education, work readiness, life skills, wellness, specific trade, or on- the-job training	N/A	70.0%	82.9%	85.6%	93.3%	93.3%	93.3%
Number of students demonstrating academic gains - Reading	7	20	18	19	65	65	65
Number of students demonstrating academic gains – Math	13	2 0 31	9	24	72	72	72
Percent of DJS-involved youth completing a high school diploma or GED within 6 years	42.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of DJS-involved youth earning wages through part- or full-time employment	N/A	23.3%	46.8%	15.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of committed youth with identified behavioral health needs connected with service providers 30 days from discharge	82.4%	82.0%	83.9%	69.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of committed youth seeking employment who are employed within 30 days of discharge	24%	23%	47%	15%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of youth served by THRIVE program	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	108	108	108
Rates of youth recidivism (percent of youth re-adjudicated within one year after release from all residential placements)	16%	16%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Percentage of DJS youth with low or moderate risk level who are diverted from court	N/A	68%	76%	75%	64%	64%	64%
Re-offense rate among diverted low- and moderate-risk youth	N/A	13%	13%	14%	16%	16%	16%
Percentage of youth supervised by DJS who received Cognitive Behavioral Theory	N/A	N/A	14%	39%	41%	41%	41%
Median wages at age 25 for DJS-involved youth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Goal 3. Build partnerships to improve all outcomes

Obj. 3.1 Ensure all youth in DJS committed facilities receive appropriate services to address identified needs.

Obj. 3.2 Ensure all committed youth are placed quickly and appropriately post disposition.

Obj. 3.3 Increase the range and frequency of available pro-social activities for youth and families.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Percent of committed youth re-enrolling in community schools at							
release	N/A	88.9%	86%	83%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of DJS youth enrolled in workforce development							
programs	N/A	12%	26%	21%	14%	14%	14%

Goal 4. Reach organizational excellence

Obj. 4.1 Engage families, and communities at key case planning decision points.

Obj. 4.2 Reduce the length of stay of youth in committed treatment programs.

Obj. 4.3 Increase the percentage of youth who successfully complete community supervision.

Obj. 4.4 Support and prepare youth and families for re-entry.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
Percent of probation cases closed within 6 months							
(misdemeanor) or 12 months (felony)	24%	19%	30%	37%	45%	45%	45%
Average length of stay of youth in committed treatment programs	202	239	203	167	161	161	161
Average daily population (ADP) of youth pending placement in							
detention	50	22	24	45	50	50	50
Percentage of youth in detention pending placement for under 30							
days	53%	47%	47%	29%	33%	33%	33%
Percent of classroom hours canceled	N/A	N/A	N/A	6%	1%	1%	1%
Percent of DJS Budget spent on community services	24%	26%	25%	24%	23%	23%	23%
Injuries to youth per 100 days of youth placement, resulting from							
youth incidents (DJS operated or licensed programs)	0.294	0.130	0.303	0.191	0.165	0.165	0.165
Rates of key critical incidents per 100 youth days	0.452	0.647	0.571	0.482	0.594	0.594	0.594
Percent of families of committed youth attending youth re-entry							
planning meetings	86%	97%	92%	82%	80%	80%	80%
Average percent of committed youth in out-of-state residential							
placement	13%	8%	6%	8%	6%	6%	6%

Obj 4.5 The number of students in the Juvenile Services Education Program earning a Maryland high school diploma (HSD) will increase annually by 5 percent or more, and the percentage of students demonstrating academic gains in both reading and mathematics will be 60 percent or more.

Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
July 1 enrollment	354	176	195	236	272	272	272
Total students served per year	2,115	1,090	1,283	2,501	1,405	1,405	1,405
Number of students earning a Maryland HSD	56	29	21	28	67	67	67
Number of students completing a Career Technology Education (CTE) module	142	24	9	194	87	87	87
Percent of students demonstrating academic gains - Reading	21%	48%	50%	42%	45%	45%	45%
Percent of students demonstrating academic gains - Math	39%	63%	21%	71%	53%	53%	53%
Teacher turnover rate	18%	17%	N/A	26%	17%	17%	17%
Average length of teacher tenure (years)	3	4	N/A	6	6	6	6
Number of students enrolled in post-secondary education opportunities	50	50	34	36	72	72	72
Number of students enrolled in CTE classes	2,115	1,090	1,283	2,501	1,405	1,405	1,405
Number of classroom hours cancelled due to unavailability of a teacher or substitute	361	47	81	82	14	14	14

NOTES

¹ FY 2023 and FY 2024 data is an estimate.

² Prior to FY2023, non-fatal shootings were not included in this metric.

FACILITY SUMMARIES

BALTIMORE	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
CITY HUZENII E	Admissions: Detention	382	213	200	226	335	335	335
JUVENILE JUSTICE	Admissions: Pending Placement	102	44	63	123	187	187	187
CENTER	Admissions: Adult Court Detention	108	40	111	146	182	182	182
	Discharges: Adult Court Detention	111	52	82	144	174	174	174
	Operating Capacity	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
	Occupancy Rate	58%	30%	41%	55%	77%	77%	77%
	Average Daily Population (ADP): Detention	21	13	15	13	16	16	16
	ADP: Pending Placement	12	4	6	14	23	23	23
	ADP: Adult Court Detention	38	19	28	39	53	53	53
	Average Length of Stay (ALOS): Detention	19	23	27	19	18	18	18
	ALOS: Pending Placement	40	33	38	46	42	42	42
	ALOS: Adult Court Detention	110	173	104	97	110	110	110
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$516	\$524	\$521	\$635	\$ 770	\$728	\$728
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$188,435	\$191,218	\$190,207	\$231,710	\$280,918	\$265,745	\$265,745
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	113	45	99	77	82	82	82
	Escapes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0.44	0.34	1.29	0.32	0.24	0.24	0.24

CHARLES H.	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
HICKEY	Admissions: Detention	345	147	105	133	174	174	174
SCHOOL	Admissions: Pending Placement	93	41	48	81	77	77	77
	Admissions: Adult Court Detention	60	53	73	125	146	146	146
	Discharges: Adult Court Detention	65	50	67	120	119	119	119
	Operating Capacity	72	72	72	72	72	72	72
	Occupancy Rate	69%	45%	55%	77%	93%	93%	93%
	Average Daily Population: Detention	19	10	9	10	11	11	11
	ADP: Pending Placement	8	4	5	11	4	4	4
	ADP: Adult Court Detention	23	19	26	35	52	52	52
	Average Length of Stay: Detention	20	24	32	24	24	24	24
	ALOS: Pending Placement	31	39	36	48	19	19	19
	ALOS: Adult Court Detention	118	148	127	109	121	121	121
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$658	\$ 670	\$741	\$999	\$1,215	\$1,070	\$1,070
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$240,146	\$244,568	\$270,585	\$364,525	\$443,590	\$390,417	\$390,417
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	96	26	52	90	61	61	61
	Escapes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0.53	0.22	1.02	0.44	0.25	0.25	0.25
GREEN RIDGE	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
REGIONAL	Admissions: Committed	50	33	44	64	76	76	76
YOUTH CENTER	Operating Capacity	40	24	24	40	30	30	30
	Occupancy Rate	47%	43%	65%	54%	90%	90%	90%
	Average Daily Population: Committed	19	10	16	22	27	27	27
	Average Length of Stay: Committed	132	131	124	116	137	137	137
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$372	\$808	\$859	\$655	\$852	\$732	\$732
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$135,691	\$295,038	\$313,459	\$239,067	\$310,831	\$267,059	\$267,059
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	9	0	2	3	4	4	4
	Escapes	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0.13	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04

STATEWIDE	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
YOUTH	Admissions: Committed	109	36	48	75	87	87	87
CENTERS*	Operating Capacity	96	32	48	48	28	28	28
	Occupancy Rate	54%	42%	33%	49%	91%	91%	91%
	Average Daily Population: Committed	52	13	16	24	26	26	26
	Average Length of Stay: Committed	140	154	130	111	114	114	114
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$505	\$780	\$782	\$638	\$944	\$791	\$791
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$189,098	\$284,861	\$285,404	\$232,707	\$344,409	\$288,578	\$288,578
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	13	4	1	3	0	0	0
	Escapes	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0.07	0.08	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00

* Note: Various changes occurred at DJS Youth Centers in FY 2020 and FY 2021. Meadow Mountain Youth Center closed on June 30, 2020 and youth were moved to Green Ridge Regional Youth Center. Garrett Children's Center (formerly Savage Mountain Youth Center) was temporarily closed as of 11/5/2020. Starting in FY2022, Statewide Youth Centers data only contain data for Backbone Youth Center.

WESTERN	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
MARYLAND CHILDREN'S	Admissions: Detention	136	40	56	57	123	123	123
CENTER	Admissions: Pending Placement	40	20	27	26	33	33	33
	Admissions: Adult Court Detention	20	16	26	29	43	43	43
	Discharges: Adult Court Detention	19	20	18	33	44	44	44
	Operating Capacity	24	24	24	24	18	18	18
	Occupancy Rate	80%	53%	51%	61%	96%	96%	96%
	Average Daily Population: Detention	9	5	4	3	5	5	5
	ADP: Pending Placement	2	2	4	3	3	3	3
	ADP: Adult Court Detention	8	7	5	8	9	9	9
	Average Length of Stay: Detention	22	50	26	19	15	15	15
	ALOS: Pending Placement	21	32	44	49	35	35	35
	ALOS: Adult Court Detention	92	163	75	92	90	90	90
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$652	\$644	\$713	\$939	\$1,077	\$1,023	\$1,023
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$237,842	\$234,881	\$260,403	\$342,662	\$393,282	\$373,517	\$373,517
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	18	9	16	12	10	10	10
	Escapes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0.26	0.19	0.63	0.22	0.16	0.16	0.16

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VICTOR	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
CULLEN	Admissions: Committed	44	30	34	64	79	79	79
ACADEMY	Operating Capacity	48	48	48	48	27	27	27
	Occupancy Rate	43%	21%	26%	46%	89%	89%	89%
	Average Daily Population: Committed	21	10	12	22	24	24	24
	Average Length of Stay: Committed	153	120	145	129	116	116	116
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$516	\$595	\$522	\$656	\$816	\$832	\$832
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$188,520	\$217,225	\$190,387	\$239,504	\$297,768	\$303,518	\$303,518
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	5	1	2	4	4	4	4
	Escapes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0.07	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
MOUNTAIN	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
VIEW*	Admissions: Detention	N/A						
Æ.	Pending Placement	N/A						
(Formerly J. DeWeese Carter	Committed	14	13	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Center)	Operating Capacity	14	6	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Occupancy Rate	46%	75%	31%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average Daily Population: Detention	N/A						
	Pending Placement	N/A						
	Committed	6.4	4.5	1.9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average Length of Stay: Detention	N/A						
	Pending Placement	N/A						
	Committed	144.5	157.1	131.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$579	\$1,327	\$871	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$211,186	\$484,267	\$317,815	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Escapes	0	1	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Note: Data prior to FY 2021 represents youth located at the J. DeWeese Carter Center. These youth were relocated to Mountain View when the Carter Center closed on June 30, 2020. Mountain View became a triage quarantine unit for the Western Maryland treatment program after December 22, 2021.

LOWER	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
EASTERN SHORE	Admissions: Detention	163	103	93	64	112	112	112
CHILDREN'S	Pending Placement	38	29	37	36	45	45	45
CENTER	Admissions: Adult Court Detention	11	10	15	36	34	34	34
	Discharges: Adult Court Detention	14	10	10	29	35	35	35
	Operating Capacity	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
	Occupancy Rate	60%	53%	57%	69%	81%	81%	81%
	Average Daily Population: Detention	9	7	8	7	9	9	9
	ADP: Pending Placement	3	3	3	5	4	4	4
	ADP: Adult Court Detention	2	3	3	5	6	6	6
	Average Length of Stay: Detention	20	27	27	40	30	30	30
	ALOS: Pending Placement	29	34	34	47	33	33	33
	ALOS: Adult Court Detention	59	99	80	57	73	73	73
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$725	\$858	\$843	\$1,073	\$1,141	\$1,199	\$1,199
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$264,696	\$313,047	\$307,831	\$391,716	\$416,304	\$437,462	\$437,462
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	12	7	9	13	13	13	13
	Escapes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0.23	0.15	0.22	0.21	0.18	0.18	0.18

THOMAS J. S.	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
WAXTER	Admissions: Detention	199	63	44	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CHILDREN'S CENTER	Pending Placement	52	18	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CENTER	Admissions: Adult Court Detention	15	9	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Discharges: Adult Court Detention	17	10	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Operating Capacity	42	42	42	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Occupancy Rate	53%	28%	15%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average Daily Population: Detention	12	6	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ADP: Pending Placement	6	2	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ADP: Adult Court Detention	5	4	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average Length of Stay: Detention	18	37	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ALOS: Pending Placement	38	50	41	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ALOS: Adult Court Detention	83	179	131	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$661	\$675	\$420	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$241,244	\$246,517	\$153,466	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	16	3	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Escapes	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0.20	0.07	0.14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Note: The Thomas J. S. Waxter Children's Center closed March 2, 2022.

CHELTEN-	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
HAM YOUTH FACILITY	Admissions: Detention	330	135	133	279	288	288	288
	Pending Placement	128	52	47	94	120	120	120
	Admissions: Adult Court Detention	93	61	102	122	135	135	135
	Discharges: Adult Court Detention	99	61	90	115	129	129	129
	Operating Capacity	72	72	72	72	72	72	72
	Occupancy Rate	70%	48%	45%	78%	94%	94%	94%
	Average Daily Population: Detention	16	9	8	15	16	16	16
	ADP: Pending Placement	13	5	4	11	15	15	15
	ADP: Adult Court Detention	21	20	20	30	37	37	37
	Average Length of Stay: Detention	18	24	23	18	21	21	21
	ALOS: Pending Placement	35	39	32	43	46	46	46
	ALOS: Adult Court Detention	76	125	74	83	106	106	106
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$671	\$686	\$621	\$756	\$1,116	\$943	\$943
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$244,827	\$250,336	\$226,599	\$275,869	\$407,420	\$344,298	\$344,298
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	69	26	32	47	70	70	70
	Escapes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0.37	0.20	0.73	0.23	0.28	0.28	0.28

ALFRED D.	Performance Measures	2020 Act.	2021 Act.	2022 Act.	2023 Act.	2024 Act.	2025 Est.	2026 Est.
NOYES CHILDREN'S CENTER	Admissions: Detention	159	64	48	13	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Pending Placement	60	25	14	10	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Admissions: Adult Court Detention	45	21	19	4	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Discharges: Adult Court Detention	43	26	21	7	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Operating Capacity	57	29	29	29	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Occupancy Rate	48%	46%	21%	10%	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average Daily Population: Detention	11	3	2	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ADP: Pending Placement	6	2	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ADP: Adult Court Detention	11	8	3	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average Length of Stay: Detention	24	21	21	26	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ALOS: Pending Placement	32	32	27	42	N/A	N/A	N/A
	ALOS: Adult Court Detention	66	128	85	36	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Daily Cost Per Capita	\$448	\$832	\$748	\$831	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Average Cost Per Capita	\$163,683	\$303,786	\$272,921	\$303,351	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Youth on Youth assaults with injuries requiring medical care	31	9	3	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Escapes	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Rate of assaults with injuries per 100 youth days	0.31	0.19	0.21	0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A