

# **Illinois** Circuit Court of Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center

Quarterly Indicators Report: January – March 2023

The Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) provides temporary secure housing for youth from the age of 10 through 17 years, who are awaiting adjudication of their cases by the Juvenile Division of the Cook County Courts. The Center also houses youth who have been transferred from Juvenile Court jurisdiction to Criminal Court. These youth would otherwise be incarcerated in the county jail.

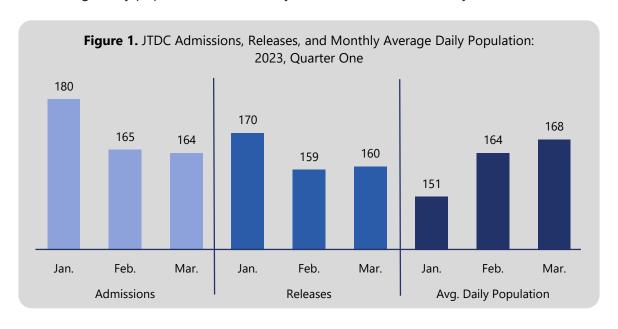
The Circuit Court of Cook County JTDC Quarterly Indicators Report presents key metrics that were agreed upon between the detention center and Chapin Hall at University of Chicago, to monitor facility population, room confinement, disciplinary incidents, and services provided to youth. All data in the report were provided by the JTDC.

## **JTDC Population Trends**

#### Indicator #1 - Admissions, Releases, and Averge Daily Population Trends

For the reporting period a total of 509 youth were admitted into the JTDC and 489 youth were released from the center. Monthly JTDC admissions outpaced monthly released during the quarter.

The JTDC's average daily population increased by 11.3%, from 151 in January to 168 in March.

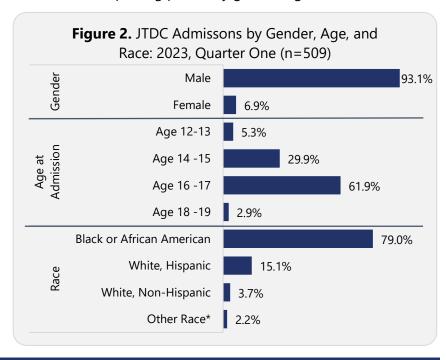


#### **JTDC Admissons**

#### Indicator #2 - Admissions to the Center by Age, Gender, and Race

For the reporting period a total of **509 youth were admitted** into the JTDC. Figure 2 provides a breakdown of juvenile detention admissions for the reporting period by gender, age and race.

- Male youth accounted for 93.1% of all detention admissions for the reporting period.
- 16 and 17 year olds accounted for 61.9% of admissions, follwed by those 14 and 15 years of age (29.9%), and 12 to 13 years of age (5.3%). Youth aged 18 to 19 accounted for 2.9% of admissions.
- Black/African American youth accounted for 79% of all admissions and White Hispanic youth accounted for 15.1% of all admissions.

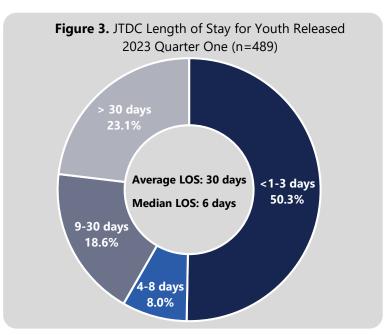


#### **Total Time in Detention**

#### Indicator #3 - Length of Stay

Figure 3 shows Length of Stay (LOS) for youth released from the JTDC during the reporting period. LOS is calculated based upon the release file provided monthly by the JTDC. During the reporting period a total of **489 youth were released from the JTDC**.

- 50.3% of the youth's released from the JTDC were detained three days or less.
- 8% of youth released from the center were detained 4 to 8 days, 18.6% were detained 9 to 30 days, and 23.1% were detained longer than 30 days.
- The average (mean) length of stay was 30 days; the median stay was six days.



### **Room Confinement**

#### **Indicator #4: Total Room Confinement Incidents**

Disciplinary

While detained at the center, youth may be confined to their rooms for "disciplinary" reasons such as major rules violations, extraordinary circumstances, and Superintendent holds. Other room confinements incidents may occur for "behavioral management", including cool-offs, and lockdowns to provide the youth with a safe and secure environment. Youth may also be placed in their rooms for "non-punitive" reasons, including self-confinement or court returns, and for "medical/mental health" at the request of medical or mental health staff. Additionally, the center places residents in their rooms during first and second shift changes - these periods are called "Secured Reflection". In this section, the use of room confinement for these various reasons are reported by month for the reporting quarter.

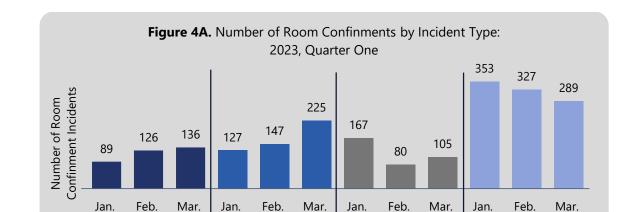


Figure 4A shows the number of room confinements that occurred per month by incident type.

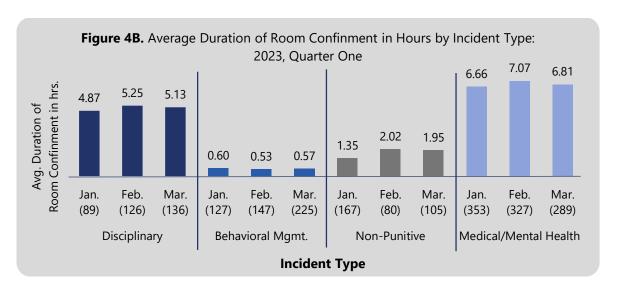
Figure 4B shows the average duration of room confinements (in hours) that occurred per month by incident type.

Incident Type

Non-Punitive

Medical/Mental Health

Behavioral Mgmt.



#### **Indicator #5: Disciplinary Incidents and Average Duration of Room Confinement**

Table 1 shows the number of disciplinary incidents in Quarter 1 of 2023 by incident type and average number of hours of room confinement per incident. The five most common reasons for disciplinary room confinement were for unauthorized movement, intimidation or threats against adult(s), physical assault against peers, intimidation or threats against peers, and mutual physical assault between two or more youth.

Table 1. Disciplinary Incidents and Average Duration of Room Confinements: 2023, Quarter One

Reason for Disciplinary Room Confinement	Number of Incidents	Avg. Duration of Room Confinement (hours)	
2023, Quarter 1 Total Disciplinary Room Confinement Incidents	351	8.11	
<ul> <li>Unauthorized movement</li> </ul>	94	6.43	
<ul> <li>Intimidation or threats against adult(s)</li> </ul>	47	7.00	
<ul><li>Physical assault against peer(s)</li></ul>	40	10.49	
<ul><li>Intimidation or threats against peer(s)</li></ul>	37	6.44	
<ul> <li>Fights - mutual physical assault between two or more youth</li> </ul>	33	12.49	
<ul> <li>Premeditated blindsided violent attack</li> </ul>	20	15.17	
Minor to major infraction	20	4.07	
<ul> <li>Physical assault against an adult (extraordinary circumstance)</li> </ul>	15	12.55	
<ul> <li>Malicious destruction of property</li> </ul>	11	5.19	
Failure to comply with reset center rules	7	6.55	
<ul> <li>Possession of hazardous contraband</li> </ul>	7	6.87	
Participation in a group assault	5	4.43	
<ul> <li>Inciting a major disturbance</li> </ul>	4	4.19	
<ul> <li>Other disciplinary as approved by Superintendent</li> </ul>	3	6.18	
<ul> <li>Indecent exposure</li> </ul>	3	4.64	
<ul><li>Physical assault against adult(s)</li></ul>	3	11.13	
Sexual misconduct	1	7.75	
<ul> <li>Verified false report - including allegation and grievance</li> </ul>	1	5.25	

## **Behavioral Modification System**

#### **Indicator #6: Movement Across Levels**

There is currently no data available for the quarter on the behavior modification system and youth movement across levels. The process and system for recording these data are still being developed.

# **Supportive Services**

## **Indicator #7: Engagement in Planned, Structured Programming & Activities**

During the quarter, youth attended 405 planned and structured programming sessions for a total of 654.6 hours. The breakdown of these supportive services are summarized in Table 2 by program type and center location. The most frequently attended programming was health and wellness, arts and music, and cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) and life skills. Houston and Renaissance offered the most programming sessions, however, Omega and Legacy offered the most variety of programming sessions.

Table 2. Structured Programming Sessions Offered by JTDC Center: 2023, Quarter 1

Programming Type	JTDC Centers							
	Alpha & Medical	Destiny Center	Houston Center	Legacy Center	Omega Center	Renaissance Center	Wings Center	Total by Type
Arts and Music	2	16	32	6	6	4	9	75
CBT/Life Skills	1	4	5	4		24	4	42
Cultural Celebration		1		4			1	6
Educational		2		4	20		3	29
Employment					22			22
Health & Wellness	29	10	65	6	2	48	33	193
Restorative Justice		12				26		38
Total by Center	32	45	102	24	50	102	50	405