

Juvenile Detention

Detention is the custody status for youth who are held pursuant to a court order or following arrest for a violation of the law. In Florida, a youth may be detained only when specific statutory criteria, outlined in section 985.215, Florida Statutes, are met. Criteria for detention include current offenses, prior history, legal status, and any aggravating or mitigating factors. The Florida Legislature placed restrictions on the use of detention through intent language that is outlined in Section 985.02, Florida Statutes. The legislative intent states that “detention should be used only when less restrictive interim placement alternatives prior to adjudication and disposition are not appropriate. The Legislature further finds that decisions to detain should be based in part on a prudent assessment of risk.” The Department’s detention screening staff base the decision to place a youth in secure or home detention on an assessment of risk using the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI). This instrument was developed in accordance with Section 985.213, F.S., by the Department in agreement with representatives appointed by the Conference of Circuit Judges, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association, the Public Defenders Association, the Florida Sheriff’s Association, and the Florida Association of Chiefs of Police. In 2006, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) State Advisory Group approved funding to automate the DRAI to increase scoring accuracy, provide data for cost calculations, provide data for policy decisions, and reduce screening time. The automated DRAI is expected to be available in 2007.

A youth may not be held in secure or home detention for more than 24 hours without a detention review hearing. This hearing is conducted by a circuit judge who reviews the DRAI and determines whether

Key Facts

- ✓ There are 2,057 secure detention beds in Florida.
- ✓ 55,170 youth were admitted to secure detention.
- ✓ 27,286 youth were admitted to home detention.
- ✓ The statewide average daily population of secure detention was 1,959.
- ✓ The statewide average daily population of home detention was 1,798.

there is probable cause to believe that the youth committed the offense and continued placement in secure detention or home detention is needed. The youth may be represented by a private attorney, a court-appointed public defender or may waive the right to counsel at this hearing. The following is a brief definition of the two types of detention currently used in Florida:

- *Secure detention* is the temporary care and custody of a youth within the physical confines of a detention center pending adjudication, disposition, or placement. Unlike adults, juveniles in Florida have no right to bail.
- *Home detention* is the temporary custody of a youth while released to the physical custody of their parents, a guardian, or custodian in a physically non-restrictive environment, usually their own home, while under the supervision of DJJ pending adjudication, disposition or placement.

Profile of Youth - Secure Detention

The following tables provide demographic data taken from service history extracts and delinquency referral extracts from the Department's Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). Profile data are based on the number of unduplicated youth who were admitted to secure detention in FY 2005-06.

	AGE						Admitted
	0-7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+	Unknown	
Statewide	2	432	7,434	22,899	2,487	0	33,254
Percentage	0%	1%	22%	69%	7%	0%	100%

Totals are unduplicated and therefore do not equal to number of secure admissions.

Table 6-1

	GENDER/RACE							Admitted
	Male			Female			Unknown	
	White	Black	Other	White	Black	Other		
Statewide	9,200	11,965	4,471	3,209	3,339	1,070	0	33,254
Percentage	28%	36%	13%	10%	10%	3%	0%	100%

Totals are unduplicated and therefore do not equal to number of secure admissions.

Table 6-2

Profile of Youth - Home Detention

The following tables provide demographic data taken from service history extracts and delinquency referral extracts from the Department's Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). Profile data are based on the number of youth, unduplicated, who were admitted to home detention in FY 2005-06.

	AGE						Admitted
	0-7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+	Unknown	
Statewide	10	550	5,602	13,901	669	1	20,733
Percentage	0%	3%	27%	67%	3%	0%	100%

Table 6-3

	GENDER/RACE							Admitted
	Male			Female			Unknown	
	White	Black	Other	White	Black	Other		
Statewide	5,919	7,419	3,048	1,654	2,052	641	0	20,733
Percentage	29%	36%	15%	8%	10%	3%	0%	100%

Table 6-4

Detention Program Listing

The following tables provides a listing of the twenty-six juvenile detention centers that are currently in operation. The centers are listed by judicial circuit, county, name, catchment area, and fixed beds.

Detention Centers

Circuit	County	Facility Name	County Catchment Area	Fixed Beds
1	Escambia	Escambia Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Escambia, Santa Rosa	50
1	Okaloosa	Okaloosa Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Okaloosa, Walton	50
2	Leon	Leon Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, Franklin, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla	56
4	Duval	Duval Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Duval, Clay, Nassau	144
5	Marion	Marion Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Marion, Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Sumter	88
6	Pasco	Pasco Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Pasco	57
6	Pinellas	Pinellas Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Pinellas	120
7	St. Johns	St. Johns Regional Juvenile Detention Center	St. Johns, Putnam	50
7	Volusia	Volusia Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Volusia, Flagler	90
8	Alachua	Alachua Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Suwanee, Union, Putnam	72
9	Orange	Orange Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Orange	151
9	Osceola	Osceola Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Osceola	50
10	Polk	Polk Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Polk, Hardee, Highlands	90
11	Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Miami-Dade	226
12	Manatee	Manatee Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Manatee, Sarasota, DeSoto	72
13	Hillsborough	Hillsborough Regional Juvenile Detention Center - East	Hillsborough	50
13	Hillsborough	Hillsborough Regional Juvenile Detention Center - West	Hillsborough	93
14	Bay	Bay Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Washington	52
15	Palm Beach	Palm Beach Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Palm Beach	93
16	Monroe	Monroe Regional Detention Center	Monroe	15
17	Broward	Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Broward	109
18	Brevard	Brevard Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Brevard	52
18	Seminole	Seminole Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Seminole	39
19	St. Lucie	St. Lucie Regional Juvenile Detention Center	St. Lucie, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee	78
20	Collier	Collier Regional Juvenile Detention	Collier	50
20	Lee	Southwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center	Lee, Hendry, Glades, Charlotte	60
Total				2057

Table 6-5

Program Profiles: Secure Detention

Utilization statistics for secure detention facilities during FY 2005-06 are presented in the following table. When the utilization rate is under 100%, the detention center is, on average, operating below its planned capacity. When this rate is over 100%, the detention center is, on average, operating above its planned capacity. The consequences of over-utilization include overcrowding and higher youth-to-staff ratios. During FY 2005-06, the average daily population in secure detention centers was 1,959 youth and the average length of stay was 13 days. There were 55,170 admissions and 6,723 transfers to Florida's 26 secure detention centers. Transfers include transfers to home detention, other detention centers and commitment programs. The following table provides a breakdown by detention center.

Program Profiles: Secure Detention FY 2005-06

Facility	Average	Total Service	Operating	Average	Daily Population		Admissions	Transfers In	Average
	Daily			Utilization	Minimum	Maximum			Length
	Population	Days	Capacity	Rate					of Stay ¹
Alachua	67	24,563	72	93%	41	105	1,818	334	11
Bay	39	14,133	52	74%	24	60	935	140	13
Brevard	52	18,998	52	100%	21	80	1,345	213	12
Broward	117	42,561	109	107%	23	164	3,570	430	11
Collier	43	15,680	50	86%	25	66	1,011	277	12
Duval	114	41,752	144	79%	80	152	3,035	272	12
Escambia	68	24,753	50	136%	40	89	2,104	262	11
Hillsborough East	53	19,459	50	107%	36	71	1,551	301	11
Hillsborough West	93	33,866	93	100%	65	125	2,714	222	12
Leon	58	21,236	56	104%	38	80	1,033	59	19
Manatee	79	28,859	72	110%	55	103	1,994	142	14
Marion	93	33,801	88	105%	63	130	2,188	233	14
Miami-Dade	193	70,583	226	86%	129	262	4,977	452	13
Monroe	7	2,429	15	44%	0	13	174	33	12
Okaloosa	39	14,242	50	78%	20	58	856	241	13
Orange	150	54,705	151	99%	105	202	5,432	547	9
Osceola	44	15,966	50	87%	28	66	1,330	341	9
Palm Beach	102	37,394	93	110%	72	140	2,795	426	12
Pasco	49	17,726	57	85%	28	70	1,439	290	10
Pinellas	104	38,023	120	87%	74	143	3,349	293	10
Polk	69	25,052	90	76%	48	94	2,079	171	11
Seminole	48	17,594	39	124%	27	77	1,483	200	11
St. Johns	44	16,138	50	88%	27	77	1,112	132	13
St. Lucie	82	29,894	78	105%	58	107	2,297	266	12
SW Florida	74	26,828	60	123%	52	97	2,312	281	10
Volusia	79	28,861	90	88%	42	118	2,237	165	12
Statewide	1,959	715,096	2,057	95%	1,501	2,278	55,170	6,723	13

¹ Average length of stay is computed for youth released during FY 2005-06.

Table 6-6

Program Profiles: Home Detention

Examining utilization rates for home detention is different than examining rates for secure detention. Whereas secure detention facilities have a fixed capacity, home detention does not. Therefore, utilization rates are not calculated for home detention. During FY 2005-06, the average daily population for home detention was 1,798 youth. During the same period, the average length of stay in home detention was 24 days. Youth on home detention status are tracked through the local (or closest) secure detention facility. Duval and Marion had the highest average daily population of youth on home detention (191 and 166, respectively). The following table presents home detention utilization figures for FY 2005-06 by the secure detention facility that tracked the youth.

Program Profiles: Home Detention FY 2005-06

Facility	Average Daily Population	Total Service Days	Daily Population		Admissions	Transfers In	Average Length of Stay ¹
			Minimum	Maximum			
Alachua	36	13,101	14	52	786	23	16
Bay	25	9,205	9	46	362	9	25
Brevard	57	20,692	36	88	923	15	22
Broward	95	34,730	60	143	1,820	37	19
Collier	21	7,680	5	44	441	12	16
Duval	191	69,888	148	240	1,801	45	38
Escambia	148	53,864	112	180	1,792	15	31
Hillsborough East	34	12,458	19	54	763	10	16
Hillsborough West	65	23,877	47	91	1,690	39	14
Leon	100	36,505	74	131	609	3	67
Manatee	32	11,579	17	49	643	9	18
Marion	166	60,569	125	218	1,658	27	37
Miami-Dade	129	47,109	80	175	2,700	157	17
Monroe	3	960	0	10	49	4	18
Okaloosa	5	1,923	1	12	130	2	15
Orange	81	29,582	33	133	2,458	73	12
Osceola	23	8,421	8	40	399	6	21
Palm Beach	138	50,300	114	191	1,144	25	44
Pasco	22	7,868	11	36	344	7	22
Pinellas	68	24,659	28	97	1,266	7	20
Polk	146	53,246	113	191	1,474	23	36
Seminole	62	22,799	38	96	1,312	97	17
St. Johns	1	477	0	4	41	0	13
St. Lucie	71	25,903	44	104	921	14	27
SW Florida	50	18,432	29	73	1,164	24	15
Volusia	29	10,589	11	45	596	10	18
Statewide	1,798	656,416	1,538	1,970	27,286	693	24

¹ Average length of stay is computed for youth released during FY 2005-06.

Table 6-7

Program Evaluation

Detention services are evaluated through the Department's quality assurance process using a set of standards developed specifically for detention programs. Standards are based on the criteria set by national standards, state policy, and Florida Statutes.

Quality Assurance Performance

The following table ranks the detention centers based on their 2006 QA performance score. The Okaloosa Regional Juvenile Detention Center and Hillsborough Detention Center East, operated by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice received the highest performance rating with an 87%.

**Detention Centers
Quality Assurance Performance 2006**

Rank	Circuit	County	Program Name	QA Performance Score
1	1	Okaloosa	Okaloosa Regional Juvenile Detention Center	87%
1	13	Hillsborough	Hillsborough Regional Juvenile Detention Center - East	87%
2	6	Pasco	Pasco Regional Juvenile Detention Center	83%
3	6	Pinellas	Pinellas Regional Juvenile Detention Center	81%
4	20	Lee	Southwest Florida Regional Juvenile Detention Center	79%
4	18	Brevard	Brevard Regional Juvenile Detention Center	79%
5	9	Osceola	Osceola Regional Juvenile Detention Center	78%
6	11	Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade Regional Juvenile Detention Center	77%
7	13	Hillsborough	Hillsborough Regional Juvenile Detention Center - West	76%
8	9	Orange	Orange Regional Juvenile Detention Center	74%
9	17	Broward	Broward Regional Juvenile Detention Center	73%
10	16	Monroe	Monroe Regional Juvenile Detention Center	72%
11	1	Escambia	Escambia Regional Juvenile Detention Center	71%
12	20	Collier	Collier Regional Juvenile Detention	67%
13	15	Palm Beach	Palm Beach Regional Juvenile Detention Center	60%
14	2	Leon	Leon Regional Juvenile Detention Center	54%
	7	Volusia	Volusia Regional Juvenile Detention Center ¹	90%
	10	Polk	Polk Regional Juvenile Detention Center ¹	88%
	8	Alachua	Alachua Regional Juvenile Detention Center ¹	87%
	7	St. Johns	St. Johns Regional Juvenile Detention Center ¹	87%

¹A one day review was conducted and the Deemed Status score was carried over for 2006. Deemed Status is eliminated effective 2007.

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Quality Assurance Performance (continued)

Rank	Circuit	County	Program Name	QA Performance Score
14	Bay		Bay Regional Juvenile Detention Center ¹	85%
5	Marion		Marion Regional Juvenile Detention Center ¹	85%
12	Manatee		Manatee Regional Juvenile Detention Center ¹	83%
4	Duval		Duval Regional Juvenile Detention Center ¹	82%
18	Seminole		Seminole Regional Juvenile Detention Center ¹	82%
19	St. Lucie		St. Lucie Regional Juvenile Detention Center ¹	82%

¹A one day review was conducted and the Deemed Status score was carried over for 2006. Deemed Status is eliminated effective 2007. Table 6-8

Program Expenditures

The following table provides a listing of the FY 2005-06 state and federal expenditures for each detention program. The DJJ contract expenditures are obtained through the Department's Office of Management and Budget.

Detention Centers State and Federal Expenditures

	Salaries & Benefits	OPS	Expenses	Fiscally Constrained	Contracted Services	Casualty Insurance	Food Services	Health Care	Mental Health	Maintenance	STATE TOTAL 2004/05 COSTS	Federal
Alachua Regional Detention Center	2,358,227	8,583	239,240	175,598	16,027	263,291	179,761	157,012	108,400	117,502	3,623,641	110,784
Bay Regional Detention Center	1,829,495	4,590	160,203	80,753	23,847	107,289	107,891	195,203	127,594	34,537	2,671,402	43,821
Brevard Regional Detention Center	1,950,873	0	191,949	128,551	24,299	5,942	149,477	141,829	89,077	49,848	2,731,845	30,588
Broward Regional Detention Center	3,677,610	300	386,609	240,441	20,932	19,155	327,549	495,826	0	197,109	5,365,531	91,680
Collier Regional Detention Center	1,636,020	5,559	173,124	111,147	8,929	8,006	100,609	160,866	80,000	84,842	2,369,102	45,646
Duval Regional Detention Center	3,589,526	0	327,376	131,237	33,634	447,158	281,277	219,906	139,215	121,112	5,290,441	120,063
Escambia Regional Detention Center	1,949,777	9,474	408,587	76,066	14,074	95,570	183,585	174,804	78,650	43,758	3,034,345	114,890
Hillsborough Regional Detention Center East	1,850,338	0	200,897	143,487	24,799	22,130	176,692	196,807	98,067	54,991	2,768,208	98,341
Hillsborough Regional Detention Center West	2,820,876	21,311	309,791	210,656	11,929	16,388	319,134	213,466	144,521	71,124	4,139,196	86,461
Leon Regional Detention Center	2,139,957	2,686	318,452	78,326	37,200	137,286	164,343	219,452	112,980	39,508	3,250,190	95,666
Manatee Regional Detention Center	2,132,383	103	263,718	148,726	6,073	10,992	208,842	215,933	116,560	66,290	3,169,620	86,533
Marion Regional Detention Center	2,971,551	158,552	363,421	213,422	54,233	145,277	248,588	340,560	47,444	121,805	4,664,853	163,606
Miami-Dade Regional Detention Center	10,538,465	20,865	1,422,853	706,282	61,453	57,620	561,122	869,631	620,000	386,264	15,244,555	384,533
Miami-Dade Consequence Unit												

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Detention State and Federal Expenditures (continued)

	Salaries & Benefits	OPS	Expenses	Fiscally Constrained	Contracted Services	Casualty Insurance	Food Services	Health Care	Mental Health	Maintenance	STATE TOTAL 2004/05 COSTS	Federal
Monroe Detention Center	642,246	37,932	90,017	53,343	10,897	292	0	55,103	0	0	889,830	0
Okaloosa Regional Detention Center	1,693,105	9,608	182,947	62,416	35,178	578,477	106,150	163,687	64,688	41,095	2,937,351	43,165
Orange Regional Detention Center	4,948,896	1,034	397,706	362,391	26,843	18,485	426,951	329,811	212,961	101,512	6,826,590	122,031
Osceola Detention Center	1,701,718	189	240,244	124,076	10,621	13,009	121,923	202,718	121,124	53,339	2,588,961	58,722
Palm Beach Regional Detention Center	3,651,894	0	404,334	247,676	19,447	19,098	284,767	429,250	184,264	127,639	5,368,369	94,643
Pasco Regional Detention Center	1,890,551	0	140,032	134,636	16,226	5,680	134,240	192,066	97,582	82,810	2,693,823	67,451
Pinellas Regional Detention Center	3,293,160	838	406,026	235,270	26,742	1,292,464	285,478	317,584	153,589	111,489	6,122,640	168,938
Polk Regional Detention Center	3,050,650	354	365,860	208,055	31,319	12,558	196,053	241,001	143,851	88,647	4,338,348	72,103
Seminole Regional Detention Center	1,427,936	0	134,061	98,064	7,386	10,043	137,177	170,278	86,210	55,061	2,126,216	22,650
Southwest Florida Regional Detention Center	1,843,692	290	232,583	119,716	6,517	11,439	135,593	344,676	95,952	81,799	2,872,257	49,351
St. Johns Regional Detention Center	1,749,182	4,448	197,536	133,086	0	156,530	103,009	100,179	35,750	56,622	2,536,342	98,682
St. Lucie Regional Detention Center	2,612,614	524	241,205	194,750	27,342	33,879	220,146	193,520	162,670	65,389	3,752,039	0
Volusia Regional Detention Center	3,279,152	2,572	339,433	240,079	36,835	797,103	222,312	160,158	160,318	71,807	5,309,769	99,436
Hurricanes	0	0	153,096	0	80,499	0	0	0	0	0	233,595	0
Statewide Transportation	69,864	0	656	5,456	0	0	0	0	0	0	75,976	0
TOTALS	\$71,299,758	\$289,812	\$8,291,956	\$4,663,706	\$673,281	\$4,285,161	\$5,382,669	\$6,501,326	\$3,281,467	\$2,325,899	\$106,995,035	\$2,369,784
SECURE DETENTION	\$71,229,894	\$289,812	\$8,138,204	\$4,658,250	\$592,782	\$4,285,161	\$5,382,669	\$6,501,326	\$3,281,467	\$2,325,899	\$106,685,464	\$2,369,784
HURRICANES	\$0	\$0	\$153,096	\$0	\$80,499	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$233,595	\$0
STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION	\$69,864	\$0	\$656	\$5,456	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,976	\$0

Sources: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Management and Budget

Table 6-9