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Dear Juvenile Justice Colleague:

I am pleased to present the 2012 Statistical Report on Juveniles in Juvenile Detention Facilities, which has been prepared by the Juvenile Justice Commission's Compliance Monitoring Unit. Please note that each year various counties engage in transfer/alternate housing arrangements to meet their juvenile detention needs. Footnote 2 on Table I denotes the counties engaging in these practices.

In previous years, the detention statistics had been presented in two ways due to the above transfer/alternate housing arrangements. The first set of statistical tables documented the actual number of admissions and related childcare days for each detention facility. A second set of adjusted tables was provided to depict the figures, had there been no transfer/alternate housing arrangements. Beginning with last year's Report, one set of statistical tables is now presented and reflects the actual number of juveniles held in each facility. The adjusted tables are no longer provided, since this information is available in the New Jersey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2012 Annual Data Report, prepared by the Juvenile Justice Commission and made available to all JDAI stakeholders.

The attached Report includes information on admissions, childcare days, average daily population, and average length of stay. Two-year comparisons are provided, as well as five-year statewide comparisons, where appropriate. Also, statistics are provided for county juvenile detention facilities that have juvenile detention commitment programs. Please note that Cape May, Hunterdon, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex and Warren counties do not operate juvenile detention centers. These counties send juveniles needing secure custody to neighboring county juvenile detention facilities.

In closing, I hope the statistics are helpful and thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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TO: All Juvenile Detention Administrators

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SUBJECT: Statistics on Juveniles in Detention Facilities - 2012

Attached are the statistics on juveniles placed in detention facilities in New Jersey during 2012, which have been prepared by the Juvenile Justice Commission's Compliance Monitoring Unit. The data was collected through the completion of forms (Monthly Population Report for Juvenile Detention Facilities) received from each county facility and verified, if necessary.

Each year various counties engage in transfer/alternate housing arrangements to meet their juvenile detention needs. Footnote 2 on Table I denotes the counties engaging in these practices. In previous years, the detention statistics were presented in two ways due to the transfer/alternate housing arrangements noted above. The first set of statistical tables documented the actual number of admissions and related childcare days for each detention facility. A second set of adjusted tables was provided to depict the figures, had there been no transfer/alternate housing arrangements. Beginning with last year's statistics and going forward, one set of statistical tables is presented that reflects the actual number of juveniles held in each facility. The adjusted tables are no longer provided in this report, since this information is available in the New Jersey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) 2012 Annual Data Report, prepared by the Juvenile Justice Commission and made available to all JDAI stakeholders.

The attached report presents two-year comparisons, as well as five-year statewide comparisons where appropriate. Please note that the statistics in Tables I through VII do not include juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs. All statistics in Table X and thereafter, include all juveniles admitted to detention, pre-dispositional and commitment program admissions, for the purpose of presenting a true reflection of the number of juveniles in detention facilities.



Tables I and II are provided to delineate all relevant information regarding pre-dispositional admissions to juvenile detention facilities in 2012. Also included are the statistics pertaining to childcare days, average daily population, and average length of stay. Tables III, IV, and V compare the statistics from 2011, with those of 2012. Pre-dispositional admissions decreased statewide in 2012 by 9 percent, while the average length stay increased from 32.1 to 34.0 days, a 5.9 percent increase. The average daily population in New Jersey's juvenile detention facilities decreased from 386.6 in 2011, to 369.0 during 2012.

Tables VI and VII delineate the number and percent of male and female admissions by race. The tables indicate that black and Hispanic juveniles comprised 84.5 percent of all detention admissions statewide in 2012. Tables VIII and IX are provided to delineate all relevant information regarding admissions to juvenile detention commitment programs. Included are statistics pertaining to childcare days, average daily population, and average length of stay. Admissions to detention commitment programs accounted for 8.5 percent of detention admissions in 2012.

Table X provides the average daily population as a percent of approved capacity for each facility, as well as a statewide total. Table X indicates that the statewide percent of approved capacity was 52.7 percent, which was an increase from the previous year's 50.1. Tables XI, XII, and XIII compare statewide statistics for the period 2008 to 2012. The tables indicate that in 2012, the figures for admissions to detention and average daily population decreased over the five-year period 46.2 and 37.3 percent, respectively. The average length of stay increased during this period by 16.5 percent.

Tables XIV and XV present juvenile detention rates for the period from 2008 to 2012. There are several methods of determining juvenile detention rates, and for this report, we have selected two methods. The first is based on delinquency complaints filed, the second, based on population. Detention rates based on delinquency complaints filed are calculated by taking the number of juveniles admitted to detention statewide, dividing by the number of delinquency complaints filed in court statewide, and multiplying by 100 for each calendar year 2008-2012. Table XIV provides the figures for detention rates based on delinquency complaints filed.

Detention rates based on population are calculated by taking the number of juveniles admitted to detention statewide, dividing by the estimated number of juveniles age 10-17, and multiplying by 1,000. Table XV provides the figures for detention rates based on the population of juveniles age 10-17.

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I would like to thank all the juvenile detention staff for their efforts in providing the data necessary to develop these statistics. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. If there are any questions, please feel free to call me at (609) 341-5056.

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TABLE I
Juveniles in Detention Facilities in New Jersey*
By Facility - Raw Data
January through December
2012

<u>County**</u>	<u>Admissions</u>			<u>Child Care Days</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Atlantic	147	11	158	4,981	86	5,067
Burlington	129	25	154	4,049	587	4,636
Camden	425	51	476	14,737	1,220	15,957
Cumberland	153	57	210	6,034	1,011	7,045
Essex	1,068	112	1,180	34,166	984	35,150
Hudson	444	50	494	14,679	1,141	15,820
Middlesex	552	111	663	20,327	1,537	21,864
Morris	151	20	171	4,737	232	4,969
Ocean	135	22	157	4,417	323	4,740
Union	279	29	308	18,577	1,227	19,804
State Total	3,483	488	3,971	126,704	8,348	135,052

*Does not include juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

**Cape May, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Monmouth, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Warren and Mercer counties do not operate juvenile detention centers. These counties send juveniles needing secure detention to neighboring county juvenile detention facilities. The Bergen County Juvenile Detention Center closed in June 2011. The County recently built a new juvenile detention center and opened it on February 7, 2013. Juveniles requiring secure detention in Bergen County during 2012 were transferred to the Union County juvenile detention center.

TABLE II
Juveniles in Detention Facilities in New Jersey* - Raw Data
January through December
2012

<u>County</u>	<u>Admissions</u>			<u>Average Daily Population</u>			<u>Average Length of Stay (Days)</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Atlantic	147	11	158	13.6	0.2	13.9	33.9	7.8	32.1
Burlington	129	25	154	11.1	1.6	12.7	31.4	23.5	30.1
Camden	425	51	476	40.3	3.3	43.6	34.7	23.9	33.5
Cumberland	153	57	210	16.5	2.8	19.2	39.4	17.7	33.5
Essex	1,068	112	1,180	93.3	2.7	96.0	32.0	8.8	29.8
Hudson	444	50	494	40.1	3.1	43.2	33.1	22.8	32.0
Middlesex	552	111	663	55.5	4.2	59.7	36.8	13.8	33.0
Morris	151	20	171	12.9	0.6	13.6	31.4	11.6	29.1
Ocean	135	22	157	12.1	0.9	13.0	32.7	14.7	30.2
Union	279	29	308	50.8	3.4	54.1	66.6	42.3	64.3
State Total	3,483	488	3,971	346.2	22.8	369.0	36.4	17.1	34.0

* Does not include juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

Please see footnote 2 on Table I regarding relevance to the data provided in the current table.

TABLE III
Admissions to Juvenile Detention Facilities in New Jersey*
Reported in Percent Change
January through December
2011-2012

<u>County</u>	<u>Male</u>			<u>Female</u>			<u>Total</u>		
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Atlantic	139	147	5.8%	18	11	-38.9%	157	158	0.6%
Burlington	133	129	-3.0%	22	25	13.6%	155	154	-0.6%
Camden	421	425	1.0%	56	51	-8.9%	477	476	-0.2%
Cumberland	251	153	-39.0%	47	57	21.3%	298	210	-29.5%
Essex	1,274	1,068	-16.2%	109	112	2.8%	1,383	1,180	-14.7%
Hudson	459	444	-3.3%	64	50	-21.9%	523	494	-5.5%
Middlesex	588	552	-6.1%	81	111	37.0%	669	663	-0.9%
Morris	163	151	-7.4%	31	20	-35.5%	194	171	-11.9%
Ocean	104	135	29.8%	24	22	-8.3%	128	157	22.7%
Union	348	279	-19.8%	37	29	-21.6%	385	308	-20.0%
State Total	3,880	3,483	-10.2%	489	488	-0.2%	4,369	3,971	-9.1%

* Does not include juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

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TABLE IV
Average Length of Stay in Juvenile Detention Facilities in New Jersey*
Reported in Percent Change
January through December
2011-2012

<u>County</u>	<u>Male</u>			<u>Female</u>			<u>Total</u>		
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Atlantic	44.9	33.9	-24.5%	24.7	7.8	-68.4%	42.6	32.1	-24.6%
Burlington	23.8	31.4	32.0%	24.6	23.5	-4.5%	23.9	30.1	25.9%
Camden	35.2	34.7	-1.4%	26.0	23.9	-8.0%	34.1	33.5	-1.8%
Cumberland	39.5	39.4	-0.3%	16.6	17.7	6.6%	35.7	33.5	-6.2%
Essex	34.6	32.0	-7.5%	15.3	8.8	-42.5%	33.1	29.8	-10.0%
Hudson	28.9	33.1	14.5%	11.8	22.8	93.2%	26.8	32.0	19.4%
Middlesex	32.0	36.8	15.0%	19.3	13.9	-28.0%	30.4	33.0	8.6%
Morris	28.2	31.4	11.3%	12.7	11.6	-8.7%	25.7	29.1	13.2%
Ocean	40.2	32.7	-18.7%	27.6	14.7	-46.7%	37.8	30.2	-20.1%
Union	36.0	66.6	85.0%	32.2	42.3	31.4%	35.7	64.3	80.1%
State Total	33.7	36.4	8.0%	19.4	17.1	-11.9%	32.1	34.0	5.9%

* Does not include juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

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TABLE V
Average Daily Population in Juvenile Detention Facilities in New Jersey*
Reported in Percent Change
January through December
Two Year Comparison
2011 - 2012

<u>County</u>	<u>Male</u>			<u>Female</u>			<u>Total</u>		
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Change</u>
Atlantic	17.1	13.6	-20.5%	1.2	0.2	-83.3%	18.3	13.9	-24.0%
Burlington	8.7	11.1	27.6%	1.5	1.6	6.7%	10.1	12.7	25.7%
Camden	40.6	40.3	-0.7%	4.0	3.3	-17.5%	44.6	43.6	-2.2%
Cumberland	27.1	16.5	-39.1%	2.1	2.8	33.3%	29.3	19.2	-34.5%
Essex	120.8	93.3	-22.8%	4.6	2.7	-41.3%	125.3	96.0	-23.4%
Hudson	36.4	40.1	10.2%	2.1	3.1	47.6%	38.4	43.2	12.5%
Middlesex	51.5	55.5	7.8%	4.3	4.2	-2.3%	55.8	59.7	7.0%
Morris	12.6	12.9	2.4%	1.1	0.6	-45.5%	13.7	13.6	-0.7%
Ocean	11.5	12.1	5.2%	1.8	0.9	-50.0%	13.3	13.0	-2.3%
Union	34.4	50.8	47.7%	3.3	3.4	3.0%	37.6	54.1	43.9%
State Total	360.7	346.2	-4.0%	25.9	22.8	-12.0%	386.6	369.0	-4.6%

* Does not include juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

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TABLE VI
Juveniles in Detention Facilities in New Jersey*
Number and Percent of MALE Admissions by Race
January through December

2012

<u>County</u>	<u>White</u>		<u>Black</u>		<u>Hispanic</u>		<u>Other</u>		<u>Total</u>
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Atlantic	10	6.8%	117	79.6%	19	12.9%	1	0.7%	147
Burlington	31	24.0%	90	69.8%	8	6.2%	0	0.0%	129
Camden	100	23.5%	244	57.4%	79	18.6%	2	0.5%	425
Cumberland	26	17.0%	98	64.1%	27	17.6%	2	1.3%	153
Essex	31	2.9%	853	79.9%	181	16.9%	3	0.3%	1,068
Hudson	21	4.7%	237	53.4%	177	39.9%	9	2.0%	444
Middlesex	74	13.4%	310	56.2%	144	26.1%	24	4.3%	552
Morris	76	50.3%	40	26.5%	30	19.9%	5	3.3%	151
Ocean	90	66.7%	21	15.6%	24	17.8%	0	0.0%	135
Union	22	7.9%	167	59.9%	86	30.8%	4	1.4%	279
Male Total	481	13.8%	2,177	62.5%	775	22.3%	50	1.4%	3,483

*Does not include juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

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TABLE VII
Juveniles in Detention Facilities in New Jersey*
Number and Percent of FEMALE Admissions by Race
January through December

2013

<u>County</u>	<u>White</u>		<u>Black</u>		<u>Hispanic</u>		<u>Other</u>		<u>Total</u>
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Atlantic	2	18.2%	5	45.5%	4	36.4%	0	0.0%	11
Burlington	3	12.0%	16	64.0%	6	24.0%	0	0.0%	25
Camden	14	27.5%	26	51.0%	11	21.6%	0	0.0%	51
Cumberland	8	14.0%	38	66.7%	11	19.3%	0	0.0%	57
Essex	2	1.8%	88	78.6%	22	19.6%	0	0.0%	112
Hudson	2	4.0%	32	64.0%	16	32.0%	0	0.0%	50
Middlesex	21	18.9%	60	54.1%	25	22.5%	5	4.5%	111
Morris	12	60.0%	1	5.0%	4	20.0%	3	15.0%	20
Ocean	12	54.5%	1	4.5%	9	40.9%	0	0.0%	22
Union	0	0.0%	22	75.9%	7	24.1%	0	0.0%	29
Female Total	76	15.6%	289	59.2%	115	23.6%	8	1.6%	488
Male Total	481	13.8%	2,177	62.5%	775	22.3%	50	1.4%	3,483
Female Total	76	15.6%	289	59.2%	115	23.6%	8	1.6%	488
State Total	557	14.0%	2,466	62.1%	890	22.4%	58	1.5%	3,971

*Does not include juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

Please see footnote 2 on Table I regarding relevance to the data provided in the current table.

TABLE VIII
Juveniles in Detention Commitment Programs*
By Facility - Raw Data
January through December
2012

<u>County</u>	<u>Admissions</u>			<u>Child Care Days</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cumberland	17	3	20	377	43	420
Hudson	5	0	5	110	0	110
Middlesex	137	21	158	1,273	110	1,383
Morris	60	4	64	901	22	923
Ocean	103	18	121	2,245	332	2,577
Union	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	322	46	368	4,906	507	5,413

*The figures above provide information on those Counties which operate a Juvenile Detention Commitment Program.

TABLE IX
Juveniles in Detention Commitment Programs* - Raw Data
January through December
2012

<u>County</u>	<u>Admissions</u>			<u>Average Daily Population</u>			<u>Average Length of Stay (Days)</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cumberland	17	3	20	1.0	0.1	1.1	22.2	14.3	21
Hudson	5	0	5	0.3	0.0	0.3	22.0	0.0	22
Middlesex	137	21	158	3.5	0.3	3.8	9.3	5.2	8.8
Morris	60	4	64	2.5	0.1	2.5	15.0	5.5	14.4
Ocean	103	18	121	6.1	0.9	7.0	21.8	18.4	21.3
Union	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
State Total	322	46	368	13.4	1.4	14.8	15.2	11	14.7

* The figures above provide information on those counties which operate a Juvenile Detention Commitment Program.

TABLE X
Average Daily Population as a Percent of Approved Capacity*
January through December

2012

<u>County</u>	<u>Average Daily Population</u>	<u>Approved Capacity</u>	<u>Percent of Approved Capacity</u>
Atlantic	13.8	27	51.1
Burlington	12.7	24	52.9
Camden	43.6	61	71.5
Cumberland	20.4	46	44.3
Essex	96.0	242	39.7
Hudson	43.5	79	55.1
Middlesex	63.5	100	63.5
Morris	16.1	43	37.4
Ocean	20.0	30	66.7
Union	54.1	76	71.2
Total	384.0	728	52.7

* Includes juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

Please see footnote 2 on Table 1 regarding relevance to the data provided in the current table.

TABLE XI
Admissions to Juvenile Detention Facilities in New Jersey*

Statewide 2008 - 2012

<u>Sex</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>%Change 2008-2012</u>
MALE	7,043	5,845	5,047	4,294	3,805	-46.0%
FEMALE	1,018	920	776	555	534	-47.5%
TOTAL	8,061	6,765	5,823	4,849	4,339	-46.2%
% CHANGE	---	-16.1%	-13.9%	-16.7%	-10.5%	---

*Includes juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

TABLE XII
Average Daily Population
in Juvenile Detention Facilities in New Jersey*
Reported in Percent Change
January through December

Statewide 2008 - 2012

SEX	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	%Change 2008- 2012
MALE	563.3	517.4	435.3	387.8	359.6	-36.2%
FEMALE	49.0	43.7	40.9	29.4	24.2	-50.6%
TOTAL	612.3	561.0	476.2	417.2	384.0	-37.3%
% CHANGE	- - -	-8.4%	-15.3%	-12.4%	-8.0%	----

* Includes juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

TABLE XIII
Average Length of Stay
in Juvenile Detention Facilities in New Jersey*

Statewide 2008 - 2012

<u>Sex</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>% Change 2008-2012</u>
MALE	29.3	32.3	31.4	33.0	34.6	18.1%
FEMALE	17.6	17.3	19.6	19.3	16.6	6.3%
TOTAL	27.8	30.3	29.8	31.4	32.4	16.5%
% CHANGE	---	8.9%	-1.5%	5.4%	3.2%	---

*Includes juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

TABLE XIV
Juvenile Detention Rates* Based on Delinquency Complaints

Statewide 2008 - 2012

<u>Year</u>	<u>Admissions**</u>	<u>Delinquency Complaints Filed***</u>	<u>Detention Rate Per 100 Complaints</u>
2008	8,061	42,052	19.2
2009	6,765	32,027	21.1
2010	5,823	33,764	17.2
2011	4,849	29,576	16.4
2012	4339	24,356	17.8

*Detention rates were calculated by taking the number of juveniles admitted to detention statewide, dividing by the number of delinquency complaints filed statewide, and multiplying by 100 for each calendar year 2008-2012.

**Includes juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.

***Each year the figures for delinquency complaints filed are obtained from the Family Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

TABLE XV
Juvenile Detention Rates* Based on Population

Statewide 2008-2012

<u>Year</u>	<u>Admissions**</u>	<u>State Population Estimates for Juveniles Age 10-17</u>	<u>Detention Rate per 1,000 Juveniles Age 10-17</u>
2008	8,061	933715	8.6
2009	6,765	933,715	7.2
2010	5,823	922,044	6.3
2011	4,849	922,044	5.3
2012	4339	957,916	4.5

*Detention rates were calculated by taking the number of juveniles admitted to detention statewide, dividing by the estimated number of juveniles age 10 - 17, and multiplying by 1,000. Source of Juvenile Population Figures: New Jersey Department of Labor's Division of Labor Market and Demographic Research.

**Includes juveniles admitted to juvenile detention commitment programs.