Ada County’s juvenile detention facility has been in operation since 1974. We are currently housing youth in two units with 36 beds that support direct supervision. Direct supervision provides a safer and more secure facility for youth, staff and visitors by actively managing resident behavior and identifying problems early.

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Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI)

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Number of Admissions

- Total admissions: 432 per year average
- 2019: 878
- 2020: 488
- 2021: 422
- 2022: 380
- 2023: 440
Average Daily Population (ADP)
calculated as the # youth in custody at midnight of each day

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(n = 440 admissions)

Race/Ethnicity
- Hispanic – all races (15%; 65)
- Black (10%; 45)
- All others (8%; 35)

White 67%

Age
- Median = 15 years old

Level of Most Serious Charge*
- Status 3%
- Society/Other 17%
- Drugs 11%
- Property 31%
- Persons 37%

Severity of Most Serious Charge*
- Status 4%
- Misd 54%
- Felony 42%

In addition to the Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (RAI) used at intake for youth brought in on a new law violation (pg 1), we have adopted other assessments to evaluate the risk and need of youth admitted to our facility. Information about the youth in our facility helps inform housing and programming decisions and provides for more efficient care and supervision.

- MAYSJ-2 Brief Screen – behavioral health screening tool to determine if a youth needs a safety watch and the level of that safety watch
- Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Risk Assessment – screen to determine risk of sexual victimization and abusiveness
- IDJC Human Trafficking Screener – assesses risk that a youth is a victim of human trafficking
- Adverse Childhood Experiences Questionnaire (ACEs) – measures potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood (e.g., violence, abuse, and growing up in a family with mental health or substance abuse problems)
- Alaska Screening Tool (AST) – screens for substance abuse, mental illness, and traumatic brain injury

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### Releases

- **Number of Youth Released**
  - Total releases:
    - 2019: 846
    - 2020: 505
    - 2021: 430
    - 2022: 380
    - 2023: 435

- **Repeat Releases Jan-Dec 2023**
  - 289 unique youth were released from our facility Jan-Dec 2023
  - 82 (28%) of them were with us more than once

### Exit Survey

- **How safe did you feel while in detention?**
  - 2021 = 4.47 (Aug 13-Dec, 70 youth)
  - 2022 = 4.32 (Jan-Dec, 200 youth)

- **Did detention employees treat you with respect?**
  - 2021 = 4.54 (Aug 13-Dec, 70 youth)
  - 2022 = 4.55 (Jan-Dec, 200 youth)

### Average Length of Stay

- **# of days (released youth only)**
  - 2019: 11.2
  - 2020: 14.5
  - 2021: 12.5
  - 2022: 7.2
  - 2023: 10.5

### Length of Stay for Youth Released Jan-Dec 2023

- **24% of youth are released within 9 hours**
- **Longest length of stay for 2023 = 124 days**
- Youth arrested on lewd conduct charges in summer of 2023
  - No other criminal justice history
  - Placed with Youth Health Associates in Utah, a residential program for juveniles with sexual misconduct

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