



**Summary of State Fiscal Year 2015 Admissions to the Illinois Department of  
Juvenile Justice Facilities**

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The Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice has two goals:

- Make Illinois communities safer for all residents.
- Foster better life outcomes for youth in the Department's custody by providing appropriate and effective rehabilitative care.

In March 2015, the Department unveiled its comprehensive strategic plan focusing on five core principles:

- Right-Size:
  - Reduce the use of secure custody for low-risk youth
- Rehabilitate:
  - Improve programs to meet the needs of high-risk youth
- Reintegrate:
  - Improve programs to ensure successful reentry
- Respect:
  - Create a safe and respectful environment for youth and staff
- Report:
  - Increase transparency and accountability

This report and others like it are a part of the Department's commitment to enhance reporting and transparency. This allows the Department to more effectively inform stakeholders and the public about operations and outcomes.

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## **Source of Data**

The following tables provide a summary of all youth admitted to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) in state fiscal year (FY) 2015. The State of Illinois' FY 2015 occurred from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. The data is sourced from files obtained from the Department's Juvenile Tracking System (JTS), a mainframe application supported by the Department of Corrections under a shared services agreement.

## **Format of Data Presentation**

The data presented in the following tables are an aggregate representation of the admissions to IDJJ Youth Centers during FY 2015. Data is presented aggregately to ensure that the characteristics of any given youth served by the agency cannot be identified. Only data for admissions to Youth Centers are presented. Data on the youth served through Parole or Aftercare were not summarized in the following tables.

The data is presented in three samples: total, court admissions, and parole violators. The total sample examines all admissions to IDJJ facilities in the fiscal year, both court admissions and parole violators. The sample of court admissions only includes youth that are committed to IDJJ through a court order. Parole violators are youth that enter facilities after violating Parole or Aftercare supervision following release from an IDJJ Youth Center.

## **Definitions**

The following are clarifications of less common terminology utilized in the admission tables.

### *Crime Type*

Several of the following tables examine types of crime, including "Holding Class Crime", "Holding Offense Type", "Holding Offense Type 2", "Holding Offense Type 3", and "Holding Offense". The holding offense is the offense of which the youth was adjudicated or convicted. If a youth was adjudicated or convicted of multiple offenses, the most serious offense is the holding offense. This is defined as the offense that would carry the longest sentence. "Holding Crime Class" describes the level of the holding offense. Felonies and misdemeanors in Illinois are classified and ordered by seriousness from first-degree murder felonies to misdemeanor offenses. This table is organized from most to least serious crime classes. All "Holding Offense Type" and "Holding Offense" variables are different manners of grouping the crimes of youth. The manners of grouping have been used across the years at IDJJ. Therefore, these variables can be examined across time. For youth that are parole violators or come to IDJJ after violating probation, the holding offense is the original offense for which they were being supervised. That is, it is the offense that resulted in the original stay in an IDJJ Youth Center or sentence to probation. Although a parole or probation violation may have resulted from a new arrest, the holding offense variables would not reflect these crimes.

### *Committing County*

The table entitled "Committing County" examines the jurisdiction in the State of Illinois in which a youth was adjudicated or convicted. In Illinois, there are 102 counties. Although the committing county will be the location a youth committed their holding offense, this may not be the location a youth previously resided or where a youth plans to return after release from a Youth Center.

### *Current Admission Type*

This variable classifies the reasons youth are admitted to IDJJ. There are two general manners youth are admitted to IDJJ: court admissions and parole violations. Court Evaluation, Court Evaluation Return, Discharged and Recommitted, Initial Commitment, Parole Violator New Sentence, and Return Additional Mittimus are all manners of being admitted through a court order. Court evaluations are youth that are remanded to custody to be evaluated on whether or not they need IDJJ services. These youth return to court after a judge-specified period of time with the results of that evaluation. Court evaluation returns are court evaluation youth that are subsequently returned to IDJJ to receive services and complete a sentence. Discharged and recommitted youth are youth that had previously been sentenced to an IDJJ facility for another offense. These youth have completed their earlier sentence, including Parole or Aftercare monitoring, and been discharged from IDJJ. They are later rearrested, reconvicted or adjudicated, and recommitted to IDJJ. Parole violators with a new sentence are youth that after release from an IDJJ facility, were monitored on Aftercare, and during this monitoring were arrested, convicted or adjudicated, and committed to IDJJ for a new offense. Finally, youth with return, additional mittimus status are youth who completed a sentenced with IDJJ, but were returned to a facility to serve time on a prior offense sentence. The other type of admissions, technical parole violators, are youth who have been released from a DJJ facility, but return due to a violation of their Parole or Aftercare monitoring. Technical violations cover a wide range of behavior, from arrests for new offenses to positive drug tests or failure to report to an Aftercare specialist.

Race	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Asian	3	0.2%	2	0.2%	1	0.2%
Black	1028	68.9%	624	68.9%	404	68.8%
Hispanic	177	11.9%	110	12.1%	67	11.4%
American Indian	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
White	284	19.0%	170	18.8%	114	19.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>

Age at Admission	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
13	18	1.2%	18	2.0%	0	0.0%
14	65	4.4%	60	6.6%	5	0.9%
15	131	8.8%	119	13.1%	12	2.0%
16	327	21.9%	272	30.0%	55	9.4%
17	469	31.4%	341	37.6%	128	21.8%
18	296	19.8%	91	10.0%	205	34.9%
19	119	8.0%	3	0.3%	116	19.8%
20	68	4.6%	2	0.2%	66	11.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>

Gender	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Male	1390	93.1%	839	92.6%	551	93.9%
Female	103	6.9%	67	7.4%	36	6.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>

Prior Criminal/Delinquency Petitions	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
None	176	11.8%	123	13.6%	53	9.0%
1 to 5	634	42.5%	399	44.0%	235	40.0%
6 to 10	431	28.9%	250	27.6%	181	30.8%
11 to 15	180	12.1%	94	10.4%	86	14.7%
More than 15	72	4.8%	40	4.4%	32	5.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>

Education Level	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Some Grade School	105	7.0%	76	8.4%	29	4.9%
Grade School Graduate	547	36.6%	338	37.3%	209	35.6%
Some High School	694	46.5%	436	48.1%	258	44.0%
High School Graduate/GED	95	6.4%	23	2.5%	72	12.3%
Missing	52	3.5%	33	3.6%	19	3.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>

Holding Class Crime	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Murder	6	0.4%	5	0.6%	1	0.2%
Class X Felony	51	3.4%	41	4.5%	10	1.7%
Class 1 Felony	287	19.2%	188	20.8%	99	16.9%
Class 2 Felony	566	37.9%	320	35.3%	246	41.9%
Class 3 Felony	253	16.9%	140	15.5%	113	19.3%
Class 4 Felony	250	16.7%	147	16.2%	103	17.5%
Misdemeanor	79	5.3%	65	7.2%	14	2.4%
Missing/Unknown	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
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Holding Offense Type	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Person Crimes	654	43.8%	408	45.0%	246	41.9%
Property Crimes	616	41.3%	383	42.3%	233	39.7%
Drug Crimes	134	9.0%	72	7.9%	62	10.6%
Sex Crimes	41	2.7%	13	1.4%	28	4.8%
Other	47	3.1%	30	3.3%	17	2.9%
Missing	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>

Holding Offense Type 2	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Person Crimes	654	43.8%	408	45.0%	246	41.9%
Property Crimes	616	41.3%	383	42.3%	233	39.7%
DUI	2	0.1%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%
Manu/Deliver Controlled Sub.	54	3.6%	33	3.6%	21	3.6%
Poss. Of Controlled Sub.	71	4.8%	32	3.5%	39	6.6%
Manu/Deliver Marijuana	5	0.3%	4	0.4%	1	0.2%
Possession of Marijuana	2	0.1%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%
Sex Crimes	41	2.7%	13	1.4%	28	4.8%
Other	47	3.1%	30	3.3%	17	2.9%
Missing	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>

Holding Offense	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Homicide	9	0.6%	8	0.9%	1	0.2%
Kidnapping	5	0.3%	3	0.3%	2	0.3%
Other Sex Offenses	3	0.2%	1	0.1%	2	0.3%
Assault/Battery/Force/Harm	189	12.7%	108	11.9%	81	13.8%
Home/Vehicle Invasion	7	0.5%	6	0.7%	1	0.2%
Theft	87	5.8%	55	6.1%	32	5.5%
Retail Theft	14	0.9%	12	1.3%	2	0.3%
Forgery/Deception/Fraud	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	3	0.5%
Robbery	176	11.8%	89	9.8%	87	14.8%
Armed Robbery	35	2.3%	30	3.3%	5	0.9%
Burglary	181	12.1%	101	11.1%	80	13.6%
Residential Burglary	183	12.3%	118	13.0%	65	11.1%
Arson	11	0.7%	5	0.6%	6	1.0%
Criminal Trespass/Damage to Property	39	2.6%	26	2.9%	13	2.2%
Weapons	176	11.8%	116	12.8%	60	10.2%
Disorderly Conduct	15	1.0%	9	1.0%	6	1.0%
Government/Bribery/Business	20	1.3%	15	1.7%	5	0.9%
Escape or Aid	13	0.9%	7	0.8%	6	1.0%
Armed Violence	36	2.4%	35	3.9%	1	0.2%
Cannabis Control Act	7	0.5%	5	0.6%	2	0.3%
Controlled Substance Act	127	8.5%	67	7.4%	60	10.2%
Sex Assault	38	2.5%	12	1.3%	26	4.4%
Motor Vehicle Theft	102	6.8%	67	7.4%	35	6.0%
Motor Vehicle Offenses	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Other	15	1.0%	11	1.2%	4	0.7%
Missing	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
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Holding Offense Type 3	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Violent Crimes	689	46.1%	419	46.2%	270	46.0%
Non-Violent Crimes	803	53.8%	487	52.8%	316	53.8%
Missing/Unknown	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
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Committing County	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Adams	11	0.7%	8	0.9%	3	0.5%
Alexander	2	0.1%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%
Bond	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Boone	3	0.2%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%
Brown	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Bureau	3	0.2%	2	0.2%	1	0.2%

Calhoun	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Carroll	4	0.3%	4	0.4%	0	0.0%
Cass	4	0.3%	3	0.3%	1	0.2%
Champaign	75	5.0%	56	6.2%	19	3.2%
Christian	11	0.7%	8	0.9%	3	0.5%
Clark	2	0.1%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%
Clay	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Clinton	4	0.3%	2	0.2%	2	0.3%
Coles	5	0.3%	4	0.4%	1	0.2%
Cook	732	49.0%	448	49.4%	284	48.4%
Crawford	2	0.1%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%
Cumberland	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
DeKalb	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%
DeWitt	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Douglas	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
DuPage	6	0.4%	2	0.2%	4	0.7%
Edgar	6	0.4%	4	0.4%	2	0.3%
Edwards	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Effingham	3	0.2%	2	0.2%	1	0.2%
Fayette	2	0.1%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%
Ford	2	0.1%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%
Franklin	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Fulton	4	0.3%	2	0.2%	2	0.3%
Gallatin	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Grundy	2	0.1%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%
Hamilton	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Hancock	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Hardin	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Henderson	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Henry	4	0.3%	2	0.2%	2	0.3%
Iroquois	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%
Jackson	6	0.4%	4	0.4%	2	0.3%
Jasper	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Jefferson	13	0.9%	7	0.8%	6	1.0%
Jersey	3	0.2%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%
Jo Davies	3	0.2%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%
Johnson	3	0.2%	2	0.2%	1	0.2%
Kane	40	2.7%	21	2.3%	19	3.2%
Kankakee	21	1.4%	12	1.3%	9	1.5%
Kendall	6	0.4%	1	0.1%	5	0.9%
Knox	5	0.3%	2	0.2%	3	0.5%
Lake	38	2.5%	25	2.8%	13	2.2%
LaSalle	19	1.3%	12	1.3%	7	1.2%
Lawrence	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Lee	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Livingston	6	0.4%	2	0.2%	4	0.7%
Logan	5	0.3%	2	0.2%	3	0.5%
McDonough	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
McHenry	14	0.9%	9	1.0%	5	0.9%
McLean	8	0.5%	4	0.4%	4	0.7%

Macon	22	1.5%	13	1.4%	9	1.5%
Macoupin	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	3	0.5%
Madison	11	0.7%	3	0.3%	8	1.4%
Marion	10	0.7%	5	0.6%	5	0.9%
Marshall	2	0.1%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%
Mason	10	0.7%	7	0.8%	3	0.5%
Massac	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
Menard	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Mercer	5	0.3%	4	0.4%	1	0.2%
Monroe	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%
Montgomery	4	0.3%	3	0.3%	1	0.2%
Morgan	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Moultrie	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Ogle	3	0.2%	1	0.1%	2	0.3%
Peoria	69	4.6%	29	3.2%	40	6.8%
Perry	7	0.5%	6	0.7%	1	0.2%
Piatt	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Pike	3	0.2%	2	0.2%	1	0.2%
Pope	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Pulaski	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Putnam	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Randolph	9	0.6%	8	0.9%	1	0.2%
Richland	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Rock Island	50	3.3%	36	4.0%	14	2.4%
St. Clair	16	1.1%	8	0.9%	8	1.4%
Saline	5	0.3%	1	0.1%	4	0.7%
Sangamon	25	1.7%	18	2.0%	7	1.2%
Schuyler	2	0.1%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%
Scott	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Shelby	2	0.1%	1	0.1%	1	0.2%
Stark	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Stephenson	14	0.9%	12	1.3%	2	0.3%
Tazewell	8	0.5%	6	0.7%	2	0.3%
Union	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%
Vermillion	17	1.1%	8	0.9%	9	1.5%
Wabash	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Warren	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Washington	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Wayne	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
White	4	0.3%	1	0.1%	3	0.5%
Whiteside	11	0.7%	9	1.0%	2	0.3%
Will	10	0.7%	7	0.8%	3	0.5%
Williamson	10	0.7%	3	0.3%	7	1.2%
Winnebago	56	3.8%	31	3.4%	25	4.3%
Woodford	2	0.1%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%
Missing	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>

Current Admission Type	Total		Court Admissions		Parole Violators	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Court Evaluation	215	14.4%	215	23.7%	0	0.0%
Court Evaluation Return	91	6.1%	91	10.0%	0	0.0%
Discharged and Recommitted	25	1.7%	25	2.8%	0	0.0%
Initial Commitment	462	30.9%	462	51.0%	0	0.0%
Parole Violator, New Sentence	112	7.5%	112	12.4%	0	0.0%
Return, Additional Mittimus	1	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%
Technical Parole Violator, may include new arrests	587	39.3%	0	0.0%	587	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1493</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>906</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>