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PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

In Pennsylvania, youth incur obligations to their victims and communities when they commit crimes. The juvenile justice system has a responsibility to hold youth accountable to repair the harm their crimes caused. This responsibility sometimes includes financial obligations, such as restitution or payment to the Victims' Compensation Fund. When financial obligations are imposed, youth often have opportunities to fulfill their obligations through paid community service.

% OF YOUTH CLOSED WITH FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS



21%
RESTITUTION



52% VICTIMS'
COMPENSATION FUND



64% FINES, FEES,
OR COURT COSTS

\$1,478,506

Amount of
RESTITUTION
COLLECTED



89%

Youth Made
FULL RESTITUTION
TO THEIR VICTIM(S)



\$124,321

Amount of
VICTIMS'
COMPENSATION FUND
COLLECTED



91%

Youth Paid
VICTIMS'
COMPENSATION FUND
OBLIGATION IN FULL



\$717,332

Amount of
FINES, FEES, AND COURT
COSTS COLLECTED



91%

Youth Paid
FINES, FEES, AND COURT
COSTS IN FULL



Note: Data is from 2024 JCJC Outcome Measures Report (N=8,345 Youth Closed).