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PENNSYLVANIA JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT

Residential placements are a critical component of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system, protecting communities from the highest-risk youth in alignment with the Balanced and Restorative Justice mission. Youth in residential placements undergo review hearings at least every three months to assess the necessity of continued placement. This infographic presents key metrics to guide policies and practices related to this intensive level of care.

Types of Residential Placement



Community Based
Community Residential
Service/Group Home
Foster Care
Supervised Independent
Living
Transitional Living



Institutional
General Residential
Services
Secure Residential
Services
Youth Development
Center Secure
Youth Development
Center Non-Secure



Other
Community Residential
Rehabilitation
Drug & Alcohol Program
Inpatient Mental
Health
Residential Treatment
Facility

1,135

AVERAGE NUMBER OF YOUTH
In Residential Placement on
the First Day of Each Month

\$85 Million



FEWER DOLLARS SPENT on
Delinquency Placements in
FY 23-24 than FY 14-15*

1,606

DELINQUENCY PLACEMENTS
in 2024

56%



Decrease in PLACEMENT
DISPOSITIONS from 2015 to 2024

8 Months



MEDIAN LENGTH OF STAY In
Out-of-Home Placement for
Youth Closed in 2024

Placement

DELINQUENCY DISPOSITIONS



Top Residential Types

25%

Community
Residential
Service/Group
Home

24%

Youth
Development
Center Secure

23%

General
Residential
Services

Note: Based on 2024 Data.

*Data Is from the PA
Department of Hu-
man Services' Office
of Children, Youth,
and Families.



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