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This is a request for access to public records pursuant to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, SC Code 30-4-10, et seq.:

- For all juveniles currently held in the care of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (SCDJJ), a categorized list of offenses associated with **detention** at SCDJJ facilities, including the total number of cases and the percentage of all current juveniles held by type of offense
- For the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, a list of the most frequent offenses associated with **referral** to SCDJJ by circuit solicitors or schools, including the total number of cases and the percentage of all referrals during that time period
- For the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, a demographic breakdown of youths **referred** to SCDJJ according to the categories of sex, race, and age
- For the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, a categorized list of offenses associated with **detention** at SCDJJ facilities, including the total number of cases and the percentage of all referrals during that time period
- For the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, a demographic breakdown of youths **detained** at SCDJJ facilities according to the categories of sex, race, and age
- For each of the Fiscal Years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024, the number of youth cases **referred** to SCDJJ
- For each of the Fiscal Years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024, the number of **admissions** to SCDJJ facilities
- For each of the Fiscal Years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024, the number of suspended / final **commitments** to SCDJJ custody
- For each of the Fiscal Years 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024, the **average daily population** at each of SCDJJ's five secure facilities overall

From 2017 through 2021, SC DJJ provided all of the above information and more in annual Data Resource Guides freely available to the public at this address: <https://djj.sc.gov/research-and-data/publications-documents>

Because this request primarily benefits the general public, I request that any search, copying, or redaction fees be waived. If there is a charge for providing access, please advise me of your estimate of the charge and its basis when you contact me to arrange access.

Sincerely,

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