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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. The following request is similar to a request submitted on Feb. 26, 2025, but covering the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year:

- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the number of youth cases **referred** to SCDJJ and a demographic breakdown of youths **referred** to SCDJJ according to the categories of sex, race, and age
- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, a categorized list of offenses associated with **referral** to SCDJJ facilities, including the total number of each offense type and the percentage of all referrals during that time period
- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the number of youth **detained** and a demographic breakdown of youths **detained** at SCDJJ facilities according to the categories of sex, race, and age
- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, a categorized list of offenses associated with **detention** at SCDJJ facilities, including the total number of each offense type and the percentage of all detentions during that time period
- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the number of **admissions** to SCDJJ facilities
- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the number of suspended / final **commitments** to SCDJJ custody
- Definitions of **Referral**, **Admission**, **Detention**, and **Commitment** as used by SCDJJ for the compiling of this data
- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the **average daily final commitment population** of SCDJJ facilities overall
- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the **average daily final commitment population** of each SCDJJ facility

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>

In addition to the above requests, I request the following information:

- For each South Carolina **county** during the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the following information regarding **referrals** to SCDJJ, as previously reported in SCDJJ's 2021 Resource Guide:

- Number of youth referred to SCDJJ
 - Total number of juvenile cases
 - A list of offenses associated with referral, with a case count for each offense type
 - Number of youth given a community evaluation
 - Number of youth given a residential evaluation
 - Average and median length of stay in residential evaluation
 - Number of youth placed at Wilderness Camps or Marine Programs
- For each South Carolina **county** during the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the following information regarding **detentions** in SCDJJ (again, as previously reported in the 2021 Resource Guide):
 - Number of youth detained by SCDJJ
 - Average and median length of stay in detention
 - Number of youth incarcerated at SCDJJ's long-term incarceration facility in Columbia (Midlands Evaluation and Development Center, formerly the Broad River Road Complex)
- The number of **mental health professionals** currently employed or contracted by SCDJJ and, for each mental health professional, the following:
 - The person's job title and a description of the role
 - The location or locations where the person works
 - Part-time or full-time status
 - The person's starting date of employment or contracting with SCDJJ
 - A list of the employee's academic degrees and professional certifications
 - The number of cases handled by the professional in the past six months
- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the number of instances of secure confinement in adult facilities, along with the following information for each confinement:
 - What charges, offenses, or circumstances led to the secure confinement
 - Demographic data of the juvenile (including race, sex, and age)
 - The SCDJJ facility where a juvenile was originally held
 - The adult facility where the juvenile was held in secure confinement
 - The SCDJJ facility where the juvenile was sent after the secure confinement in the adult facility
- The name and parameters of the new facility data collection process that was adopted by SCDJJ following termination of the Performance-based Standards (PbS) national data collection program on June 30, 2024, as indicated on page 2 of the 2024 Legislative Audit Council follow-up report:

https://lac.sc.gov/sites/lac/files/Documents/Legislative%20Audit%20Council/Reports/A-K/DJJ_Follow-Up_2024.pdf
- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the median length of detention for all juveniles held in SCDJJ facilities
- For the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year, the number of transfers from the Midlands Evaluation and Development Center (or the former Broad River Road Complex) to other SCDJJ facilities and the reasons for those transfers

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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