

JDPS Training 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

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The following *Frequently Asked Questions* address the most common questions received about the 2026 Juvenile Detention Profile Survey (JDPS) update. Responses below are categorized according to where each item first appears in the surveys. Though the questions are grouped by survey section, these guidelines apply across all relevant sections in both the Monthly and Quarterly surveys, not just the survey section under which they are listed. Please contact jdps@bscc.ca.gov with any additional questions.

MONTHLY SURVEY

Section A: Detention Locations

General

1. ***If a juvenile hall, camp, or secure youth treatment facility (SYTF) is not yet BSCC-recognized, should any data for that facility be included in JDPS?***
No, exclude that data from both the Monthly and Quarterly surveys. Only BSCC-recognized facilities, assigned with a BSCC facility number, should be included in the JDPS data. Please consult with BSCC if the facility is not listed on the [JDPS participants portal](#) for your jurisdiction.
2. ***How are courtesy holds for other counties reported?***
Count youth *booked* and *held* in your facilities within the *One-Day Snapshots: Misdemeanor* or *Felony* and *ADP: Pre-disposition* or *Post-disposition*, as well as within each relevant section across the surveys. Do not count youth refused at intake (e.g., sent to the hospital/medical check before booking). In general, your county reports the youth housed within your county's facilities and within your county-run alternative confinement programs; the other county would not report these youth while they are in your county's facilities.

Disposition Status

3. ***A post-disposition youth returns on a violation of probation (VOP) or new charge before subsequent disposition. Do we report (the youth) as post-disposition or pre-disposition?***
When a youth is on active probation (post-disposition) and is arrested for a new crime along with a violation of probation, report that juvenile in the post-disposition category and categorize them by the current, most serious offense type (in *One-Day Snapshot: Misdemeanor* or *Felony*). Juveniles who are concurrently pre- and post-disposition should be reported only in the post-disposition category.

If the youth is being held on a violation of probation only, report that juvenile in the post-disposition category and refer back to the offense on which the probation is based (e.g., a youth on probation for a felony who is in custody for a probation violation is only counted in the felony category) when reporting in the *One-Day Snapshot: Misdemeanor* or *Felony* category. Each youth should be counted only once.

4. ***Youth that has a placement order but returns to the facility on a VOP – are they considered pre-disposition (or post-disposition)?***

See above.

5. ***A youth (is) held while awaiting child welfare (DCFS)/foster placement, should they be counted in the One-Day Snapshots (and Average Daily Populations {ADPs})?***

If *booked and held*, count the youth in your facility's *One-Day Snapshot: Misdemeanor* or *Felony* and in the *ADP: Pre-disposition* category. If the youth is *not booked* (e.g., just on the premises or refused pending medical), do not count the youth. This logic remains the same for youth being held for Child and Family Services (CFS), Child Protective Services (CPS), Child Welfare Services (CWS), Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), or if they are runaways.

Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTFs)

6. ***Our SYTF and camp facilities are co-located, where should youth be reported (i.e., is reporting based on (the youth's) physical location or (court-ordered) placement designation ("dispositional placement")?***

Report youth in the *Section A* facility-specific row – with corresponding BSCC facility-specific number – based upon the outcome of their court-ordered dispositional placement. If SYTF-designated youth (whose SYTF placement was determined by the court) are placed into a camp, report them as SYTF youth. Always use the court-ordered dispositional placement (and corresponding BSCC facility-specific number) rather than the campus address or location where the youth is held. If the youth's court-ordered dispositional placement changes from SYTF to camp, count in camp; if they remain designated as SYTF but are physically in a camp, report as SYTF.

7. ***Is a(n) SYTF youth who is housed in a camp counted as camp within that facility's ADP (One-Day Snapshots & ADPs)?***

Only report an SYTF youth as being in a camp if the youth's court-ordered dispositional placement has been changed to camp. Otherwise, keep reporting them under SYTF facility-level data. Use the court-ordered dispositional placement, and corresponding BSCC facility-specific number, rather than campus address or location, as some facilities are co-located and share an address. If the youth's dispositional order changes to camp, count in camp facility-level data; if their dispositional order remains as SYTF but they are physically in camp, continue to report as SYTF.

While there are facilities housing juvenile hall, camp, and SYTF youth in the same facility or building – and sometimes even in the same unit – youth must be reported within the facility-level data where their court-ordered dispositional status is tied to. Co-located facilities are required to have distinct BSCC facility numbers (one for each facility type).

8. ***If SYTF youth moved to a camp in the (same) facility, could you count them in the camp population?***

See above to differentiate a youth's physical location from their court-ordered dispositional placement.

Section A: Detention Locations: Other Juveniles in the System

General

9. ***What constitutes “Other Juveniles” (ACPs)?***

JDPS defines “Other Juveniles in the System” as juveniles on home supervision – with and without electronic monitoring – and juveniles in other alternative confinement programs (ACPs), all of whom must be receiving custody credits.

10. ***Are “juveniles in alternative confinement programs (ACPs)” referring to youth who are out of custody?***

Yes, “Other Juveniles” – which BSCC defines as juveniles on home supervision with electronic monitoring (EM), home supervision without EM, and other alternative confinement programs (ACPs) – are those youth who are outside the facility's roof but remain under jurisdictional supervision. They must be receiving custody credits to be counted.

11. ***Where are “Other Juveniles” counted in the Monthly and Quarterly surveys?***

In the surveys, “Other Juveniles in the System” and “Other Detention” refer to the following youth: youth on home supervision with electronic monitoring (EM), youth on home supervision without EM, and youth in ACPs. These three types of programs should be reported in the following sections of the surveys:

- ***Monthly Section A: Detention Locations: Other Juveniles in the System*** captures the following (by program type):
 - ***One-Day Snapshots*** by sex (male, female) and offense type (misdemeanor, felony)
 - ***Average Daily Populations (ADPs)*** by sex (male, female) and disposition status (pre-disposition, post-disposition)
- ***Monthly Section D: Highest One-Day Detention Population:***
 - ***D1: Date of highest total detention population:*** “Other Juveniles” are included in the calculation that determines this date. See Workbook for calculation instructions.
 - ***D4: Population of “Other Juveniles in the System” on this date***
- ***Quarterly Section D: Cumulative Total for the Quarter: Other Detention***

Monthly Section A is the only section that collects each type of program (home supervision with EM, home supervision without EM, and other ACPs) separately. *Monthly Section D* and *Quarterly Section D* combine the youth from all three types of programs.

12. ***For youth on home detention without electronic monitoring (or other ACPs), if we do not apply custody credits, should we enter D, U, or 0? Enter 0*** for those lines when custody credits don't apply. In *Monthly Section A*, "D" for "does not apply" and "U" for "unavailable" are not permitted. In general, if your county has alternative confinement programs that do not provide custody credits, or if you don't have ACP(s), enter 0. If custody credits do apply, report counts normally.

13. ***For youth released (into alternative confinement programs (i.e., home supervision with or without EM/GPS) – when do they count into "Other Juveniles" (in the surveys)?***
Once youth is outside the facility and the program grants custody credit (EM/GPS or other qualifying ACP), count the youth in *Monthly Section A: Other Juveniles in the System*.

SYTF Youth in ACPs

14. ***When a(n) SYTF youth is released on electronic monitoring, should their time be reported in ACP (under "Other Juveniles in the System" (electronic monitoring))?***
If an SYTF youth has been released into an electronic monitoring program and is receiving custody credit, report them in *Section A: Other Juveniles in the System: Juveniles on Home Supervision with Electronic Monitoring under One-Day Snapshot: Misdemeanor or Felony and ADP: Post-Disposition*.
15. ***For SYTF youth released (into an ACP) with or without (EM)/GPS – do we not count them in "Other Juveniles in the System"?***
If those youth are out of the SYTF facility and receiving custody credit, count them in *Section A: Other Juveniles in the System* within the appropriate subsection (EM, without EM, or other ACPs). If they are out of the facility and not receiving custody credit, they should not be counted in these surveys. See question above for more details.
16. ***We only have (home supervision with) electronic monitoring for SYTF youth but not for juvenile hall youth. Should we capture that under SYTF facility-level data or under ACP data ("Other Juveniles in the System")?***
Count youth under SYTF facility-level data while they are physically in the facility (i.e., still "under the roof"). Once released to home supervision (with or without electronic monitoring) or other ACPs – and once they are no longer within the

facility – count them under “Other Juveniles in the System” (but only if those youth receive custody credit).

17. Are SYTF youth on Less Restrictive Programming (LRP) captured in ACP (“Other Juveniles in the System”)?

If the youth on Less Restrictive Programming (LRP) is inside the SYTF (i.e., still “under the roof”), report this data in the SYTF facility-level row under *One-Day Snapshot: Misdemeanor or Felony* and *ADP: Post-Disposition*. If the LRP places the youth outside the facility and they receive custody credit, report the youth in the appropriate “Other Juveniles in the System” category (with EM, without EM, or other ACPs). If the LRP is outside the facility and the youth are not receiving custody credit, they should not be counted in these surveys.

18. Programmatically, once a youth has stepped down from SYTF to camp, they are treated as a camp youth, so we have been reporting them accordingly (as camp youth). Is that correct?

If a youth has “stepped-down” *and* their court-ordered dispositional placement has changed to camp, report them in the camp’s facility-level data and within each camp-inclusive section throughout the surveys. If their dispositional placement remains as an SYTF youth, report them in the SYTF’s facility-level data.

QUARTERLY SURVEY

Section C: Average Length of Stay

19. Does the Average Length of Stay (ALS) include SYTF youth who have been released?

No, SYTF releases should be excluded from all ALS categories.

Section D: Cumulative Total for the Quarter

20. Does an AWOL qualify as an escape?

“AWOL” (absent without leave) shall be counted as escape only when formal action is pursued (e.g., electronic monitoring device removal results in a district attorney referral). If there is no formal action pursued, document per local policy but do not count as an escape in the surveys.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

21. If our numbers are drastically different than normal, should we email (additional) context proactively or wait for you to flag it (bring it to our attention)?

Yes, please proactively email additional context – including dates, causes, and impacted fields – to jdps@bscc.ca.gov. This will allow the BSCC team to complete the data screening faster and reduce back-and-forth, ultimately reducing the time burden on your county.

22. For historical corrections (made) across multiple surveys, do you prefer one consolidated email notifying BSCC of those changes, or a separate email for each type of change?

One consolidated email listing periods of time, surveys changed, fields changed, old and new values, and dates the data was changed is preferred.

23. The workbook finalizes in April; should we apply updates to March 2026 reporting?

Yes. Use the new workbook once released; the draft is acceptable for now. Any changes made will add clarifications. Please use the training to guide you in reporting March 2026 and 1st Quarter data.

TRAINING MATERIALS

24. Will the training PowerPoint be distributed?

The webinar recording, 2026 Workbook, PowerPoint, and revised Excel survey templates will be distributed and posted as resources to the [JDPS webpage](#).

25. Will jurisdictions receive updated Monthly and Quarterly forms with the updated survey questions?

Revised Excel survey templates will be distributed and posted as resources on the [JDPS webpage](#) (see question above). The online location and submission method for the surveys will not change. The recently removed survey questions will be pre-filled with “NC” for “No longer collected.”