

# County of Santa Cruz

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## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION AGENDA

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Thursday, February 12, 2026  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Probation Success Center  
303 Water St, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060 /  
Hybrid (see link below)

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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the February 12, 2026, Agenda  
Approval of January 8, 2026, Minutes  
Monthly Statistical Information from Probation and Juvenile Hall (Accept & File).

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Any member of the public will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes each to address the Commission on any item listed on today's Agenda and/or any other topic within the scope of the responsibility of the Commission. If the issue or matter is not listed on today's agenda, Commissioners will not take actions or respond immediately to any public comment, but may follow up later, either individually or at a subsequent meeting.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file)

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**V. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Consider supporting/endorsing AB 1647 with Letter of Support from the JJDPC

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

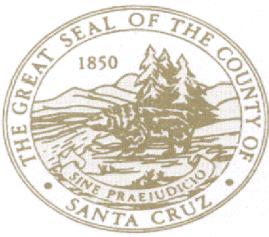
1. Welcome to Juvenile Hall Division Director Sarah Fletcher and Chief Probation Officer Sandra Mendez.
2. Juvenile Transfer Assembly Bill 1647
3. Report on last year's JJDPC strategic goals.
4. Developmental Assets Discussion (20-30 min requested).
5. Discussion of what the JJDPC can do to protect children from ICE.
6. United Way 2026 Children's Network Symposium on March 6, 2026 – Discuss opportunities for JJDPC, including tabling.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2025  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

MILPA  
315 Main St, STE 206  
Watsonville, CA 95076 /  
Hybrid (see link below)

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

**Present:** Bernie Gomez, Beverly Brook (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), David Brody, Deutron Kebebew, Elias Gonzales, Jeri Limon (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Julia Feldman, Reyna Ruiz, Roman Frutos (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Sierra Thompson, Stephanie Sonnenshine (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)

**Excused:** Cynthia Druley

**Ex Officio:** Judge Guy (excused), Jennifer Martinez

**Staff:** Gerardo Leon

### II. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the January 8, 2025, Agenda

Approval of the December 11, 2025, Minutes

Monthly Statistical Information from Probation and Juvenile Hall (Accept & File).

**Motion:** Brody      **Second:** Kebebew

**Yes:** Gomez, Brody, Kebebew, Gonzales, Feldman, Ruiz, Thompson

**No:** None

**Abstain:** None

\*Commissioners Brook, Limon, Frutos, and Sonnenshine not present during vote

### III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None; none online.

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file):

Commissioner Kebebew shared that he participated in the Coaching Model Change Reentry Simulation Experience event held by Probation's Adult Division and Justice System Partners in December, and that it was an important experience.

Asst. Division Director Jennifer Martinez shared that Probation has a new chief. Chief Sandra Mendez will be sworn in on February 2, 2026. She also mentioned that Sara

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Berman is transitioning to Probation's Adult Division as their new Division Director, and Sarah Fletcher will be the Juvenile Hall's new Division Director.

**V.** Presentation: Sarah Emmert, Santa Cruz County's 2026-2032 Strategic Plan, Engaging Partners on Safety and Justice

Please see attached PowerPoint.

**VI INFORMATION ITEMS:**

1. Delinquency Prevention

There was discussion to create a Delinquency Prevention Ad Hoc Subcommittee. The Commission discussed how to work on the prevention piece of the Commission without staff or funding.

**VII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

1. Jail SYTF Subcommittee

Subcommittee met with Undersheriff Aisnworth, Chief Deputy Cleveland, and Probation Juvenile Division Director Flores regarding the JJDPC SYTF inspection. The Commissioners will look into who is responsible for providing programming services, etc., to the youth serving the SYTF commitment in the jail – is it the Sheriff's Office, Probation's, or a joint responsibility.

**VIII ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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There were five firearm-related bookings in January:

- 17-year-old White male from Aptos
- 17-year-old Latino male from Watsonville
- 13-year-old Latino male from Watsonville
- 15-year-old Latino male from San Jose
- 17-year-old Latino male from Salinas

Youth on Probation by area of residence:

<b>Count</b>	<b>Area</b>
4	Aptos Total
1	Bakersfield Total
4	Ben Lomond Total
1	Campbell Total
2	Capitola Total
2	Castroville Total
2	Felton Total
2	Fresno Total
1	Hayward Total
1	Prunedale Total
1	Redwood City Total
11	Santa Cruz Total
1	Santa Rosa Total
1	Soquel Total
1	Spanaway, WA Total
1	Sunnyvale Total
42	Watsonville Total
<b>78</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>

# Juvenile Division Monthly Data Blast

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2025

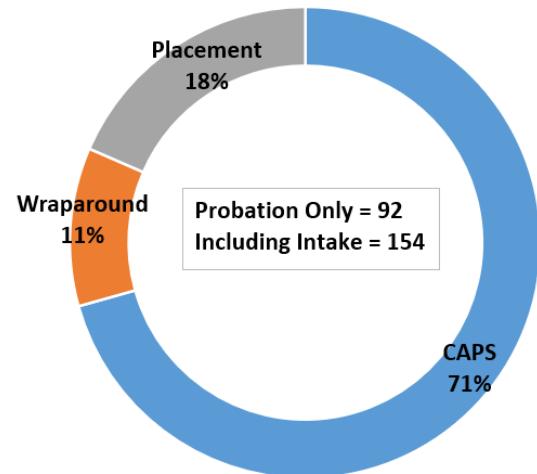
## Intake

- 10 Intake RAIs administered: 0 overrides
- Held by Probation/Released by the Judge @ Detention Hearing: 0
- ATD admissions: 12
- EC Referrals: 3
- Recidivism Rate: 1% (1 youth)
- EPIC Sessions: 10
- Field Contacts: 70 (51 home, 6 placement, 9 school, 3 treatment facility, 1 work)
- Video Contacts: 4
- Secure Youth Treatment Facility: 6

## Investigations

- Court reports: 0
- Transfer reports ordered: 0
- Supervisor Rpt. Approvals: 60

## December Caseload Supervision Totals



- # New Supervision Cases w/Low Initial Risk Level: 0

## Title IV-E (Does not include Placement IV-E)

### Last Month

- Reasonable Candidates: 9
- New: 0
- Reassessments: 0
- Overdue reassessments: 0
- Reassessments due last month: 2

### This Month

- Reasonable Candidates: 7
- New: 0
- Reassessments: 0
- Overdue reassessments: 1
- Reassessments due this month: 2

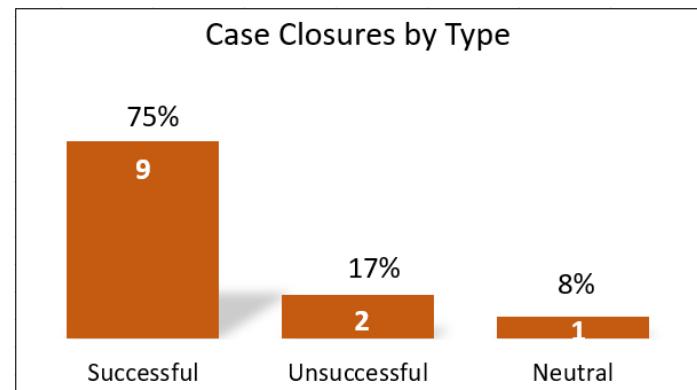
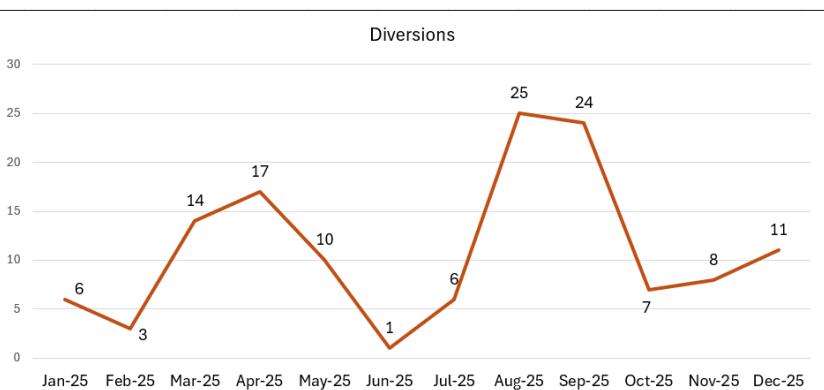
### Last Month

- 84% of eligible youth received a full assessment, 18 youth still needed one.
- Overdue reassessments: 26
- Reassessments due last month: 7

## JAIS

### This Month

- 86% of eligible youth received a full assessment, 15 youth still need one.
- Overdue reassessments: 20
- Reassessments due this month: 6



## Demographics

### Probation Caseload

- African American: 2% (2)
- Latinx: 79% (73)
- White: 15% (14)
- Other/Unknown: 3% (3)

### Probation Violations

- Zero

### Warrants

Zero

# Juvenile Hall Monthly Data Blast

Dec.  
2025

## Population Info

- IEP's: 5
- 504's: 0
- Graduations: 0
- Enrolled in college class or college studies: 3
- Youth on Psychotropic Meds: 7
- Youth with drug/alcohol issues: 8
- Youth open to MH services: 12
- Medical Referrals: 2
- MAT: 1
- Physical Altercations: 0
- Restraints used: 0
- Room confinements: 2
- Pending transfer hearing: 2

## Booking Charges (most serious offense)

- Bench Warrant: 10% (1)
- Drugs/Alcohol: 10% (1)
- Property: 10% (1)
- Violent/Weapons: 60% (6)
- Other: 10% (1) (*Obstruction*)

## Booking Demographics (area of residence)

- North County: 10% (1)
- South County: 90% (9)
- Out-of-County: 0%

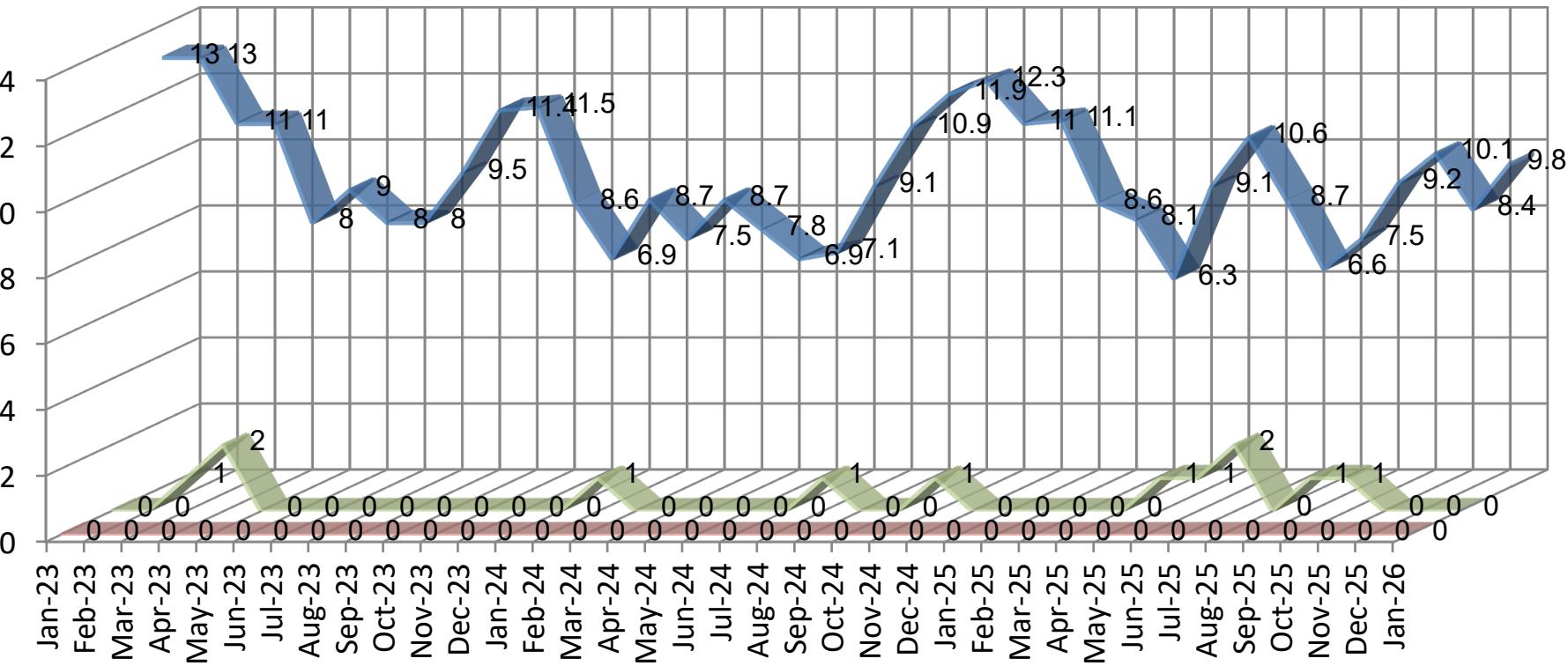
## JUVENILE HALL POPULATION INFORMATION

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
6 am count (average) <sup>1</sup>	7.7	0.7	8.4
Population in custody at start of time period	7	2	9
Admitted during time period	9	1	10
Released during time period	7	3	10
Population in custody at end of time period <sup>1</sup>	9	0	9
Average daily attendance	7.8	0.7	8.5
Average length of stay	10.0	10.7	10.2
Length of stay MODE	2.0	2.0	2.0
Range of stay	1 - 991	2 - 28	1 - 991
Range of stay excluding SYTF youth	1 - 203	2 - 28	1 - 203
Range of age	16 - 19	17	16 - 19
Number of "in-county" residents received	9	1	10
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	0	0	0
Percentage from out-of-county	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total child care days	250	22	272
Total court commitments admitted	0	0	0
Total court commitments released	0	0	0
Total child care days for released court commit	0	0	0
Total intake to date (current year): <b>December 2025</b>	137	48	185
Total intake to date (prior year): <b>December 2024</b>	132	58	190

## Overall Population Demographics

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African American: 2 (11%)</li> <li>• Latinx: 15 (79%)</li> <li>• White: 2 (11%)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys: 16 (84%)</li> <li>• Girls: 3 (16%)</li> </ul>	<b>ALOS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• African American: 2 days</li> <li>• Latinx: 8.6 days</li> <li>• White: 28 days</li> </ul>	% Youth on Probation: 58%
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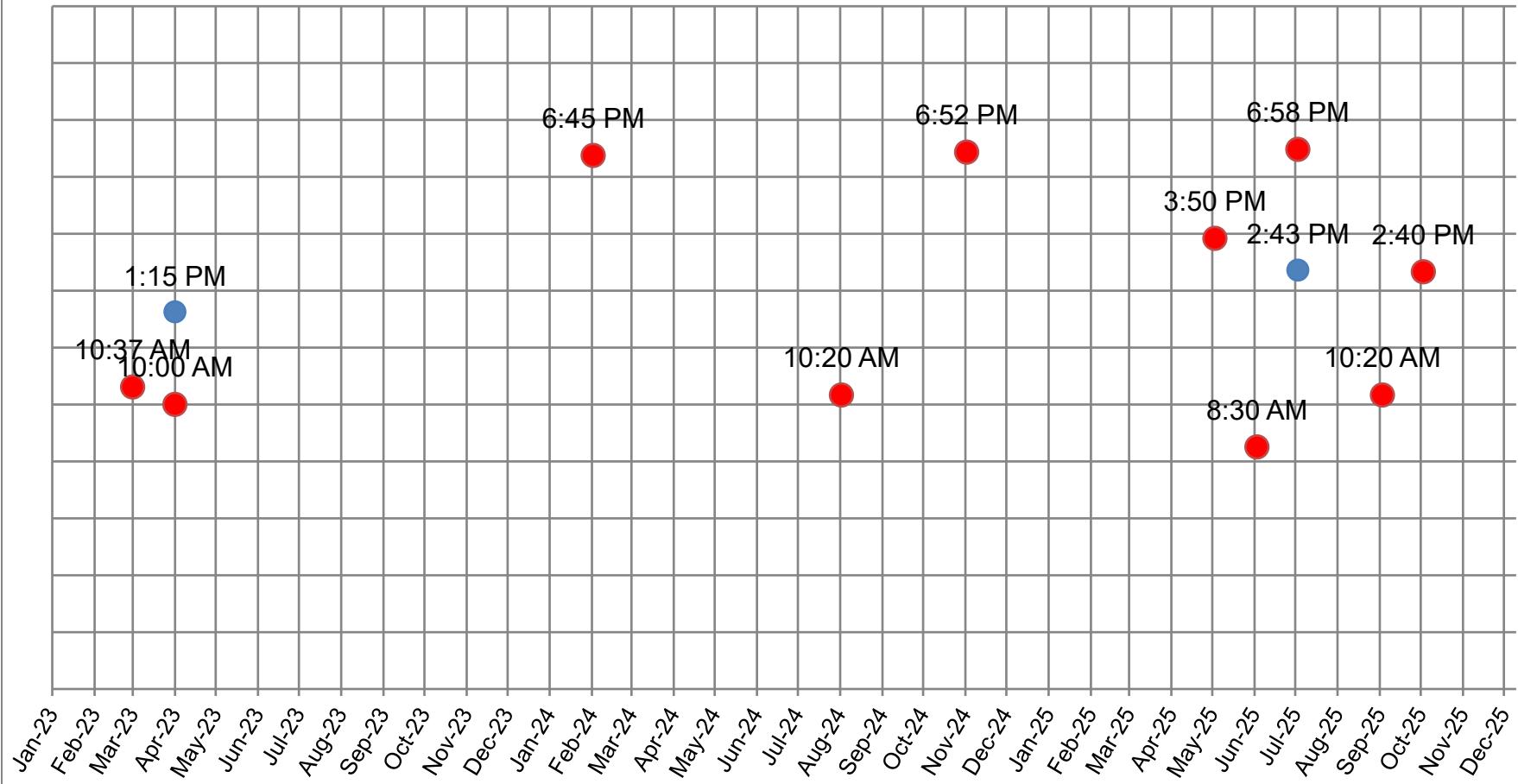
## Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Overview



**January 2023 - January 2026**

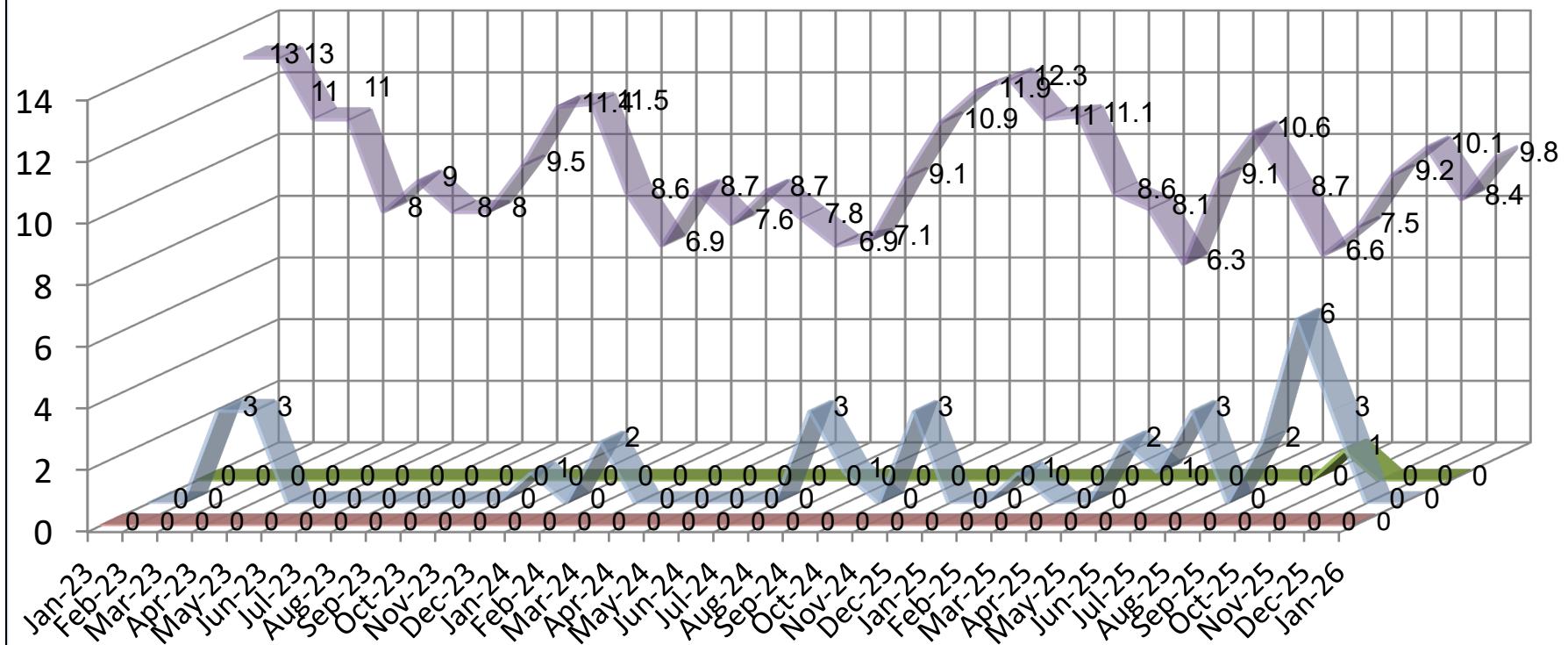
## Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Time of Day

- Time of Altercation
- Time of 2nd Altercation
- ▲ Time of 3rd Altercation



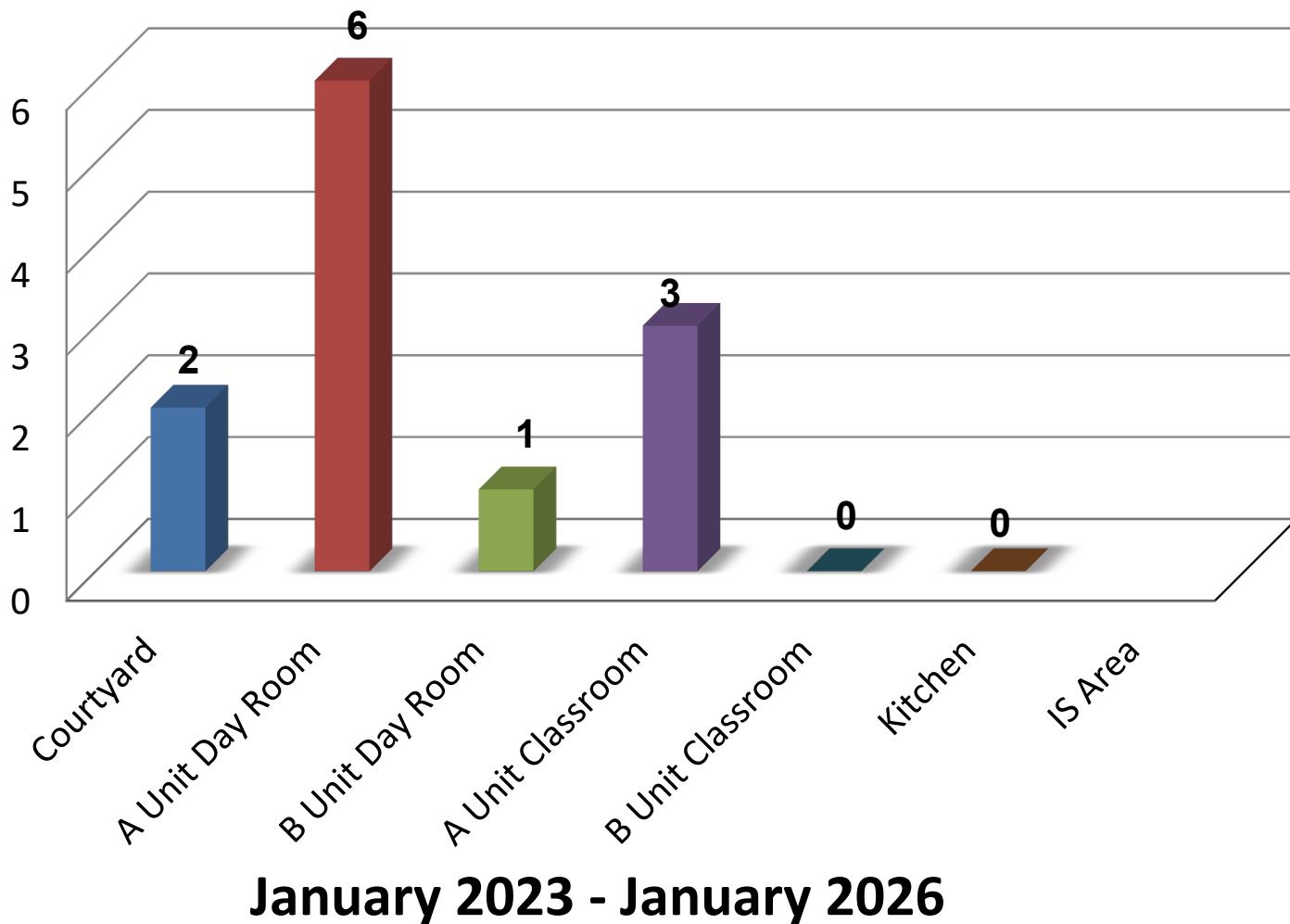
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## Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Use of Force: Overview

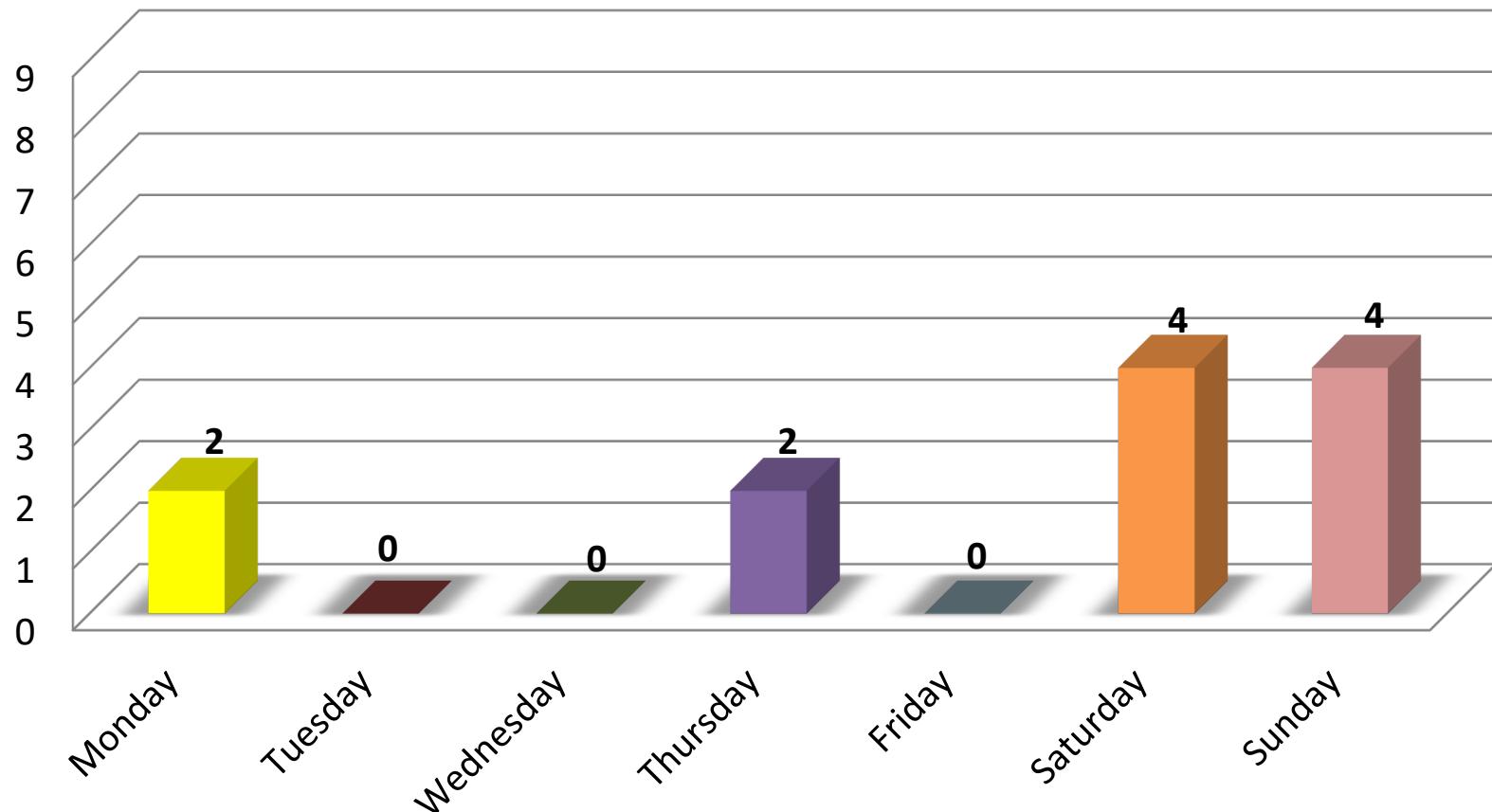


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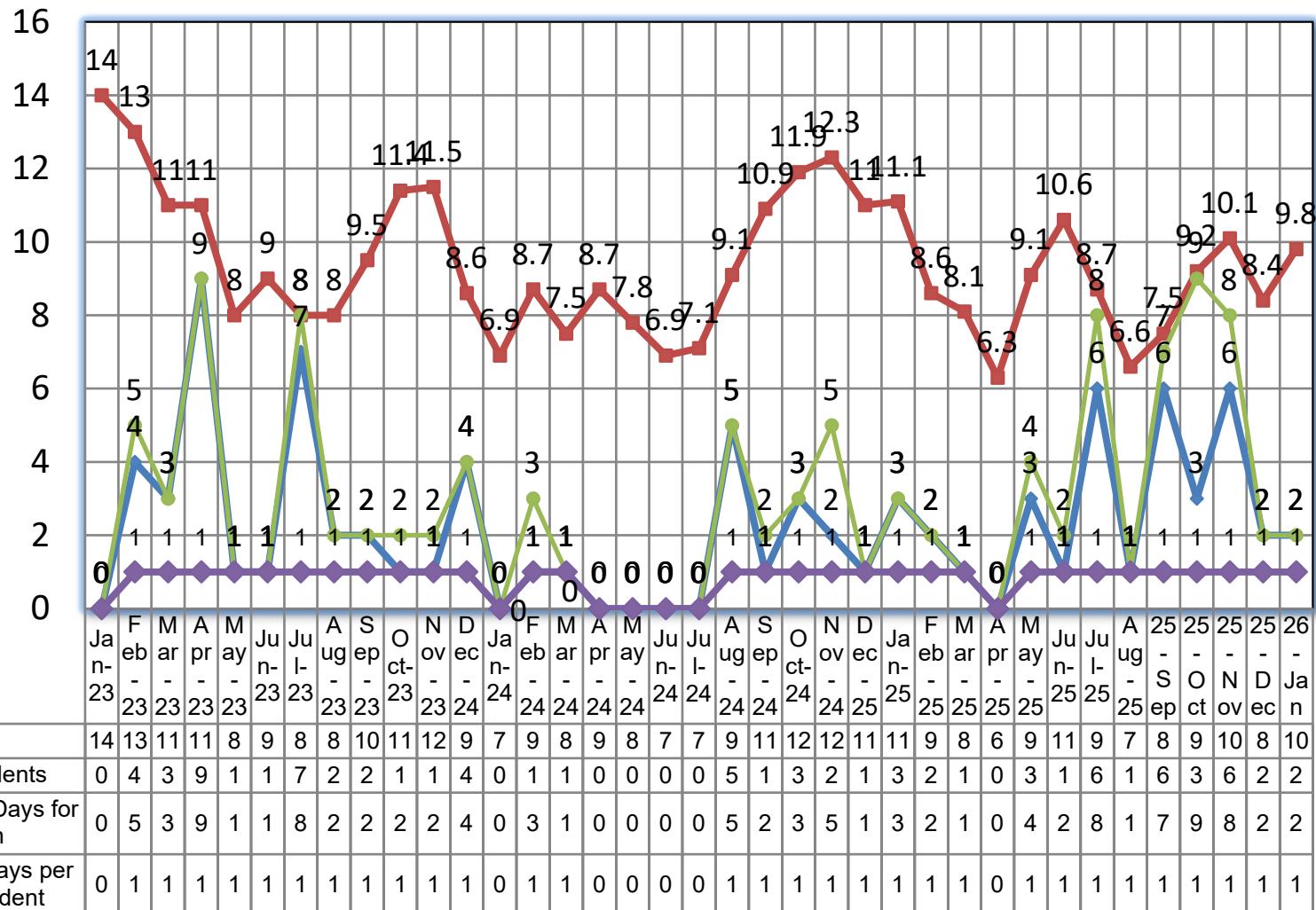
## Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Location



## Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Day of the Week



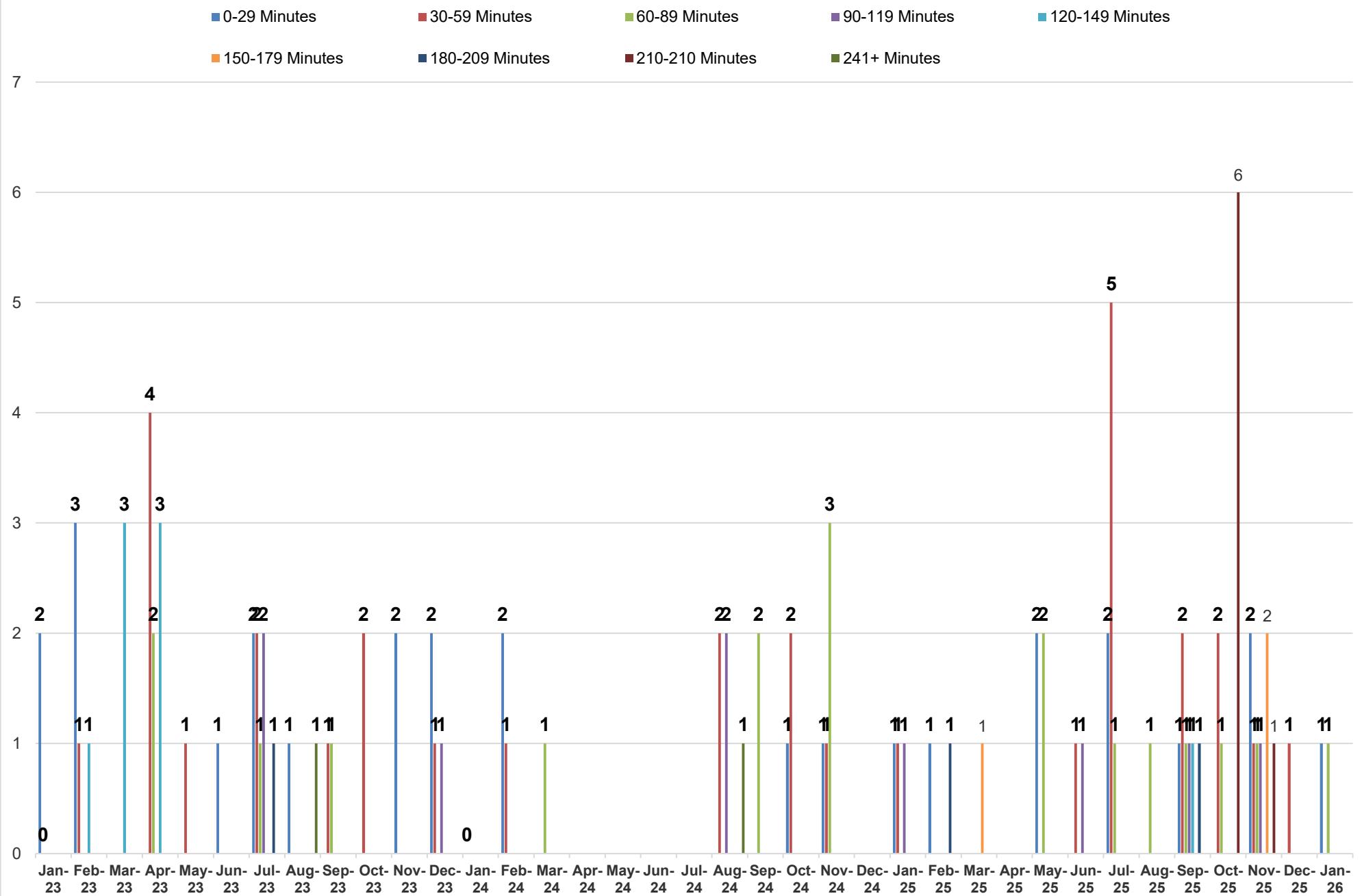
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Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall  
Room Confinement: Overview  
January 2023 - January 2026

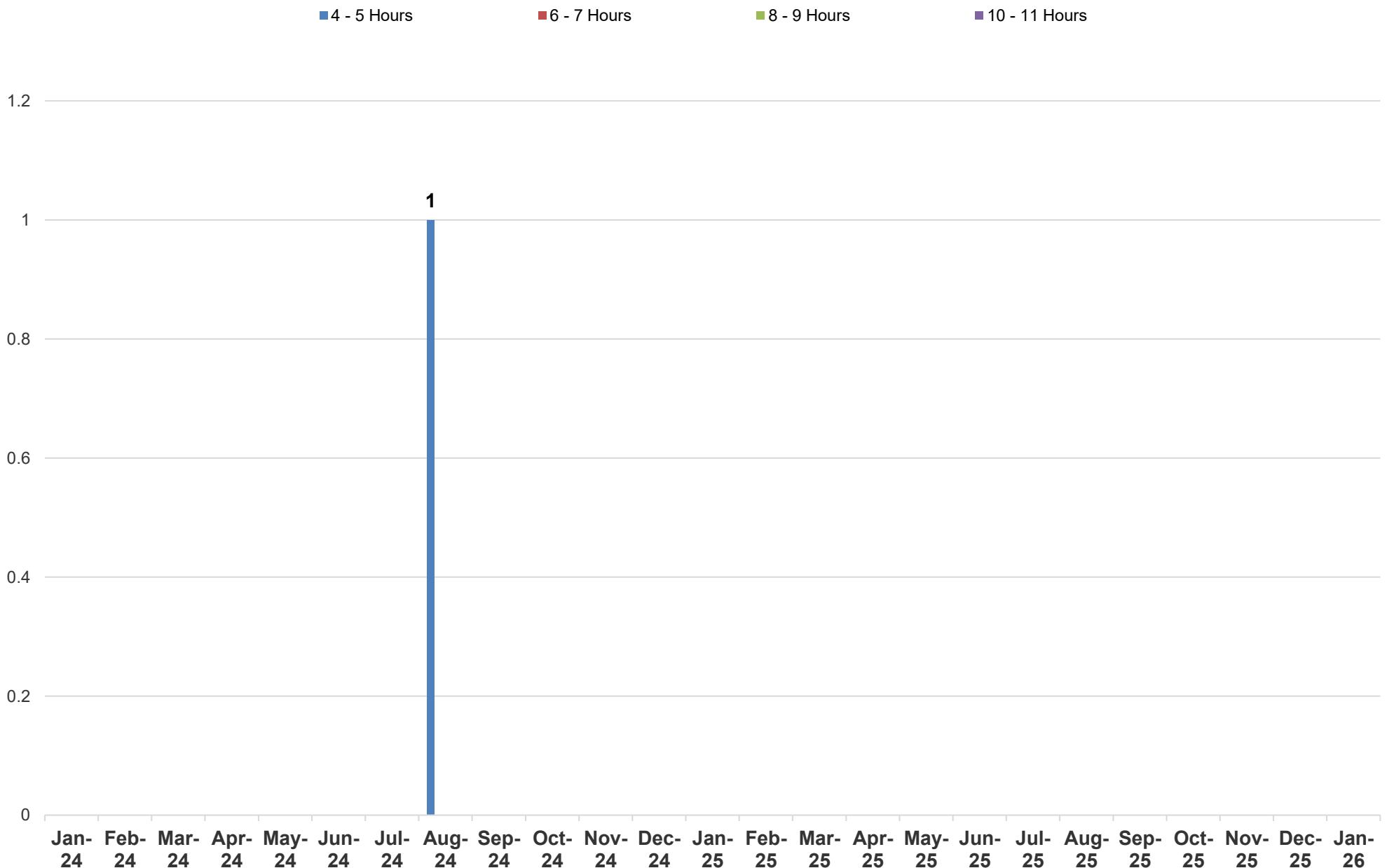
# **Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement by Minute**

## **January 2023 - January 2026**



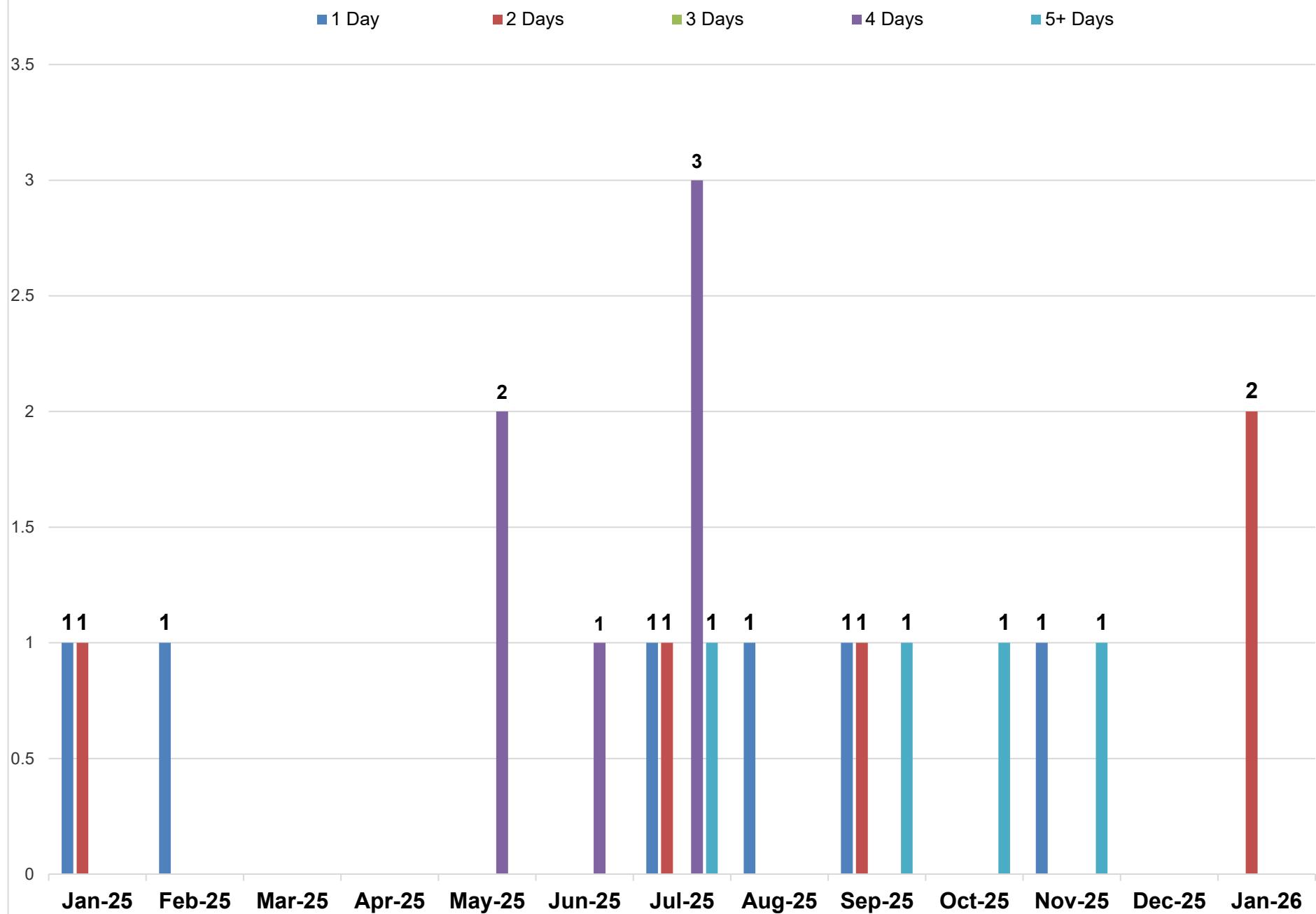
# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement Over 4 Hours

## January 2024 - January 2026

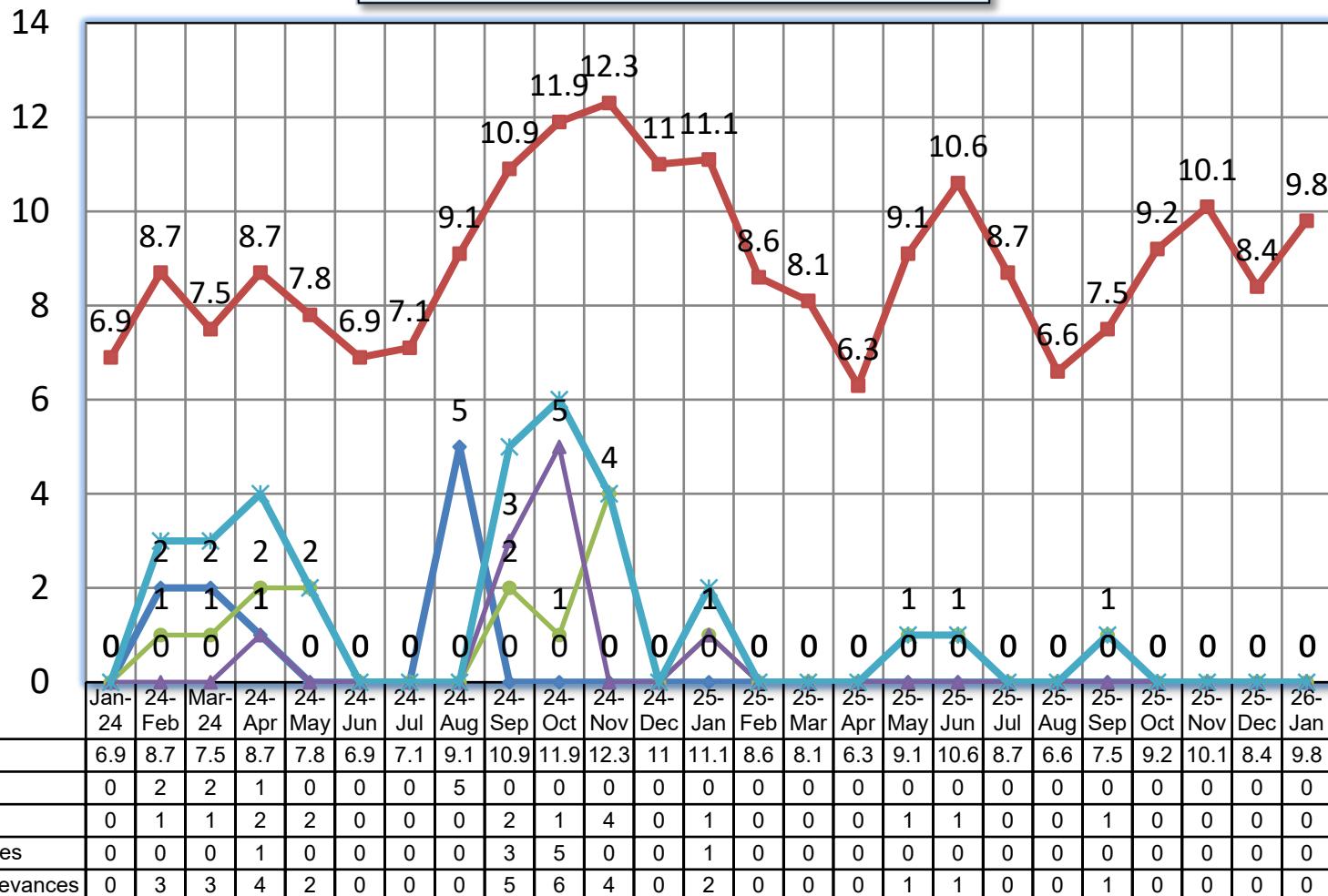


# Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Separate Program by Days

## January 2025 - January 2026



## Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Grievances: Overview



January 2024 - January 2026

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1647**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bryan**

January 27, 2026

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An act to amend Section 707 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to juveniles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1647, as introduced, Bryan. Juveniles: transfer to court of criminal jurisdiction.

Existing law, as amended by the Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act of 2016, enacted by Proposition 57 at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, authorizes the district attorney or other prosecuting officer to make a motion to transfer a minor from juvenile court to a court of criminal jurisdiction in a case in which a minor is alleged to have committed a felony when the minor was 16 years of age or older, or in a case in which a specified serious offense is alleged to have been committed by a minor when the minor was 14 or 15 years of age, but the minor was not apprehended prior to the end of juvenile court jurisdiction. Under existing law, in order to find that the minor should be transferred to a court of criminal jurisdiction, the court is required to find by clear and convincing evidence that the minor is not amenable to rehabilitation while under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

This bill would instead require that the court find beyond a reasonable doubt that the minor is not amenable to rehabilitation while under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court in order to find that the minor should be transferred to a court of criminal jurisdiction. By increasing the number of minors retained under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, thereby increasing the number of minors who are entitled to

county-funded rehabilitative services, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that with regard to certain mandates no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

With regard to any other mandates, this bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs so mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1        SECTION 1. Section 707 of the Welfare and Institutions Code  
2 is amended to read:

3        707. (a) (1) In any case in which a minor is alleged to be a  
4 person described in Section 602 by reason of the violation, when  
5 the minor was 16 years of age or older, of any offense listed in  
6 subdivision (b) or any other felony criminal statute, the district  
7 attorney or other appropriate prosecuting officer may make a  
8 motion to transfer the minor from juvenile court to a court of  
9 criminal jurisdiction. The motion shall be made prior to the  
10 attachment of jeopardy. Upon the motion, the juvenile court shall  
11 order the probation officer to submit a report on the behavioral  
12 patterns and social history of the minor. The report shall include  
13 any written or oral statement offered by the victim pursuant to  
14 Section 656.2.

15       (2) In any case in which an individual is alleged to be a person  
16 described in Section 602 by reason of the violation, when the  
17 individual was 14 or 15 years of age, of any offense listed in  
18 subdivision (b), but was not apprehended prior to the end of  
19 juvenile court jurisdiction, the district attorney or other appropriate  
20 prosecuting officer may make a motion to transfer the individual  
21 from juvenile court to a court of criminal jurisdiction. The motion  
22 shall be made prior to the attachment of jeopardy. Upon the motion,  
23 the juvenile court shall order the probation officer to submit a  
24 report on the behavioral patterns and social history of the

1 individual. The report shall include any written or oral statement  
2 offered by the victim pursuant to Section 656.2.

3 (3) Following submission and consideration of the report, and  
4 of any other relevant evidence that the petitioner or the minor may  
5 wish to submit, the juvenile court shall decide whether the minor  
6 should be transferred to a court of criminal jurisdiction. In order  
7 to find that the minor should be transferred to a court of criminal  
8 jurisdiction, the court shall find ~~by clear and convincing evidence~~  
9 *beyond a reasonable doubt* that the minor is not amenable to  
10 rehabilitation while under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. In  
11 making its decision, the court shall consider the criteria specified  
12 in subparagraphs (A) to (E), inclusive. If the court orders a transfer  
13 of jurisdiction, the court shall recite the basis for its decision in an  
14 order entered upon the minutes, which shall include the reasons  
15 supporting the court's finding that the minor is not amenable to  
16 rehabilitation while under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. In  
17 any case in which a hearing has been noticed pursuant to this  
18 section, the court shall postpone the taking of a plea to the petition  
19 until the conclusion of the transfer hearing, and a plea that has  
20 been entered already shall not constitute evidence at the hearing.

21 (A) (i) The degree of criminal sophistication exhibited by the  
22 minor.

23 (ii) When evaluating the criterion specified in clause (i), the  
24 juvenile court shall give weight to any relevant factor, including,  
25 but not limited to, the minor's age, maturity, intellectual capacity,  
26 and physical, mental, and emotional health at the time of the  
27 alleged offense; the minor's impetuosity or failure to appreciate  
28 risks and consequences of criminal behavior; the effect of familial,  
29 adult, or peer pressure on the minor's actions; the effect of the  
30 minor's family and community environment; the existence of  
31 childhood trauma; the minor's involvement in the child welfare  
32 or foster care system; and the status of the minor as a victim of  
33 human trafficking, sexual abuse, or sexual battery on the minor's  
34 criminal sophistication.

35 (B) (i) Whether the minor can be rehabilitated prior to the  
36 expiration of the juvenile court's jurisdiction.

37 (ii) When evaluating the criterion specified in clause (i), the  
38 juvenile court shall give weight to any relevant factor, including,  
39 but not limited to, the minor's potential to grow and mature.

40 (C) (i) The minor's previous delinquent history.

1       (ii) When evaluating the criterion specified in clause (i), the  
2 juvenile court shall give weight to any relevant factor, including,  
3 but not limited to, the seriousness of the minor's previous  
4 delinquent history and the effect of the minor's family and  
5 community environment and childhood trauma on the minor's  
6 previous delinquent behavior.

7       (D) (i) Success of previous attempts by the juvenile court to  
8 rehabilitate the minor.

9       (ii) When evaluating the criterion specified in clause (i), the  
10 juvenile court shall give weight to any relevant factor, including,  
11 but not limited to, the adequacy of the services previously provided  
12 to address the minor's needs.

13       (E) (i) The circumstances and gravity of the offense alleged in  
14 the petition to have been committed by the minor.

15       (ii) When evaluating the criterion specified in clause (i), the  
16 juvenile court shall give weight to any relevant factor, including,  
17 but not limited to, the actual behavior of the person, the mental  
18 state of the person, the person's degree of involvement in the crime,  
19 the level of harm actually caused by the person, and the person's  
20 mental and emotional development.

21       (iii) When evaluating the criterion specified in clause (i), the  
22 court shall consider evidence offered that indicates that the person  
23 against whom the minor is accused of committing an offense  
24 trafficked, sexually abused, or sexually battered the minor.

25       (b) This subdivision is applicable to any case in which a minor  
26 is alleged to be a person described in Section 602 by reason of the  
27 violation of one of the following offenses:

28       (1) Murder.  
29       (2) Arson, as provided in subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 451  
30 of the Penal Code.

31       (3) Robbery.  
32       (4) Rape with force, violence, or threat of great bodily harm.  
33       (5) Sodomy by force, violence, duress, menace, or threat of  
34 great bodily harm.

35       (6) A lewd or lascivious act as provided in subdivision (b) of  
36 Section 288 of the Penal Code.

37       (7) Oral copulation by force, violence, duress, menace, or threat  
38 of great bodily harm.

39       (8) An offense specified in subdivision (a) of Section 289 of  
40 the Penal Code.

- 1       (9) Kidnapping for ransom.
- 2       (10) Kidnapping for purposes of robbery.
- 3       (11) Kidnapping with bodily harm.
- 4       (12) Attempted murder.
- 5       (13) Assault with a firearm or destructive device.
- 6       (14) Assault by any means of force likely to produce great bodily  
7       injury.
- 8       (15) Discharge of a firearm into an inhabited or occupied  
9       building.
- 10      (16) An offense described in Section 1203.09 of the Penal Code.
- 11      (17) An offense described in Section 12022.5 or 12022.53 of  
12      the Penal Code.
- 13      (18) A felony offense in which the minor personally used a  
14      weapon described in any provision listed in Section 16590 of the  
15      Penal Code.
- 16      (19) A felony offense described in Section 136.1 or 137 of the  
17      Penal Code.
- 18      (20) Manufacturing, compounding, or selling one-half ounce  
19      or more of a salt or solution of a controlled substance specified in  
20      subdivision (e) of Section 11055 of the Health and Safety Code.
- 21      (21) A violent felony, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section  
22      667.5 of the Penal Code, which also would constitute a felony  
23      violation of subdivision (b) of Section 186.22 of the Penal Code.
- 24      (22) Escape, by the use of force or violence, from a county  
25      juvenile hall, home, ranch, camp, or forestry camp in violation of  
26      subdivision (b) of Section 871 if great bodily injury is intentionally  
27      inflicted upon an employee of the juvenile facility during the  
28      commission of the escape.
- 29      (23) Torture as described in Sections 206 and 206.1 of the Penal  
30      Code.
- 31      (24) Aggravated mayhem, as described in Section 205 of the  
32      Penal Code.
- 33      (25) Carjacking, as described in Section 215 of the Penal Code,  
34      while armed with a dangerous or deadly weapon.
- 35      (26) Kidnapping for purposes of sexual assault, as punishable  
36      in subdivision (b) of Section 209 of the Penal Code.
- 37      (27) Kidnapping as punishable in Section 209.5 of the Penal  
38      Code.
- 39      (28) The offense described in subdivision (c) of Section 26100  
40      of the Penal Code.

1       (29) The offense described in Section 18745 of the Penal Code.  
2       (30) Voluntary manslaughter, as described in subdivision (a)  
3 of Section 192 of the Penal Code.

4       SEC. 2. To the extent that this act has an overall effect of  
5 increasing certain costs already borne by a local agency for  
6 programs or levels of service mandated by the 2011 Realignment  
7 Legislation within the meaning of Section 36 of Article XIII of  
8 the California Constitution, it shall apply to local agencies only to  
9 the extent that the state provides annual funding for the cost  
10 increase. Any new program or higher level of service provided by  
11 a local agency pursuant to this act above the level for which  
12 funding has been provided shall not require a subvention of funds  
13 by the state or otherwise be subject to Section 6 of Article XIII B  
14 of the California Constitution.

15       However, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
16 this act contains other costs mandated by the state, reimbursement  
17 to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
18 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
19 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.