

County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION AGENDA

April 10, 2025
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Public Safety Center
171 Aptos Village Way
Aptos, CA

For questions regarding the meeting process, please contact Christine Bennett, staff for the JJDPC, at 831-454-3853 or PRB021@santacruzcounty.us

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:
- II. CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of today's Agenda and Minutes from March 13, 2025
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)
- V. ACTION ITEMS:
 1. Election of Officers
 2. Establish Inspection Subcommittee
- VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:
 1. By-Laws
 2. Data Feedback from Commissioners (see attached)
 3. Delinquency Programs
- VII SUB-COMMITTEES:
 1. SB823
 2. Data
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, March 13, 2025
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Probation Training Room
303 Water St., 2nd Floor
Santa Cruz, CA

The purpose of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is to advocate for and protect the safety and well-being of dependency and juvenile justice-involved youth and to prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. As a Commission, we will educate and inform our community and system leaders on the importance of positive youth development and advocate for coordinated and well-resourced systems that promote family and youth success and prevent system involvement.

In furtherance of that purpose the Commission has adopted three goal areas to guide its work over the next 2 years (2024 – 2026):

1) Juvenile Hall Inspection; 2) Positive Youth Development through the 41 Developmental Assets; and 3) Convening Stakeholders.

I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Bernard Gomez, Cynthia Druley, David Brody, Deutron Kebebew, Elias Gonzales, Julia Feldman, Reyna Ruiz, Sierra Thompson

Excused: Beverly Brook, Forrest Revere, Mara Rodriguez

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan, Jennifer Martinez

Staff: Christine Bennett

II. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

III. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Commissioner Kebebew moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2025, Approval of Monthly Statistical Information from Probation & Juvenile Hall (Attachments Accept & File)]; Commissioner Brody seconded.

Motion Passed

Yes: Brody, Druley, Feldman, Gomez, Gonzales, Kebebew, Ruiz (abstained for Minutes portion), Thompson

No: None

Abstain: None

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IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file): OYCR Webinar on March 18 (see attached). Prom Dress and Suit Drive in April (see attached).

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Add Aptos Village Public Safety Center to meeting rotation. Commissioner Feldman moved to approve and Commissioner Thompson seconded. Commissioners agreed to add Aptos and to revisit the topic in April to fine-tune the rotation details, discuss time change(s), etc.

Motion Passed

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

No: Druley

Abstain: Kebebew

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Prevention: Next steps with developmental assets. Commissioner Kebebew shared the work in partnership of City of Watsonville and ABC Group recently surveyed approximately 300 youth to compile the responses which includes areas of gaps or need(s) that were shared. Hoping that the JJDPC will want to partner or co-sponsor future work and the roll-out of data.
2. Election of Officers in April. Vice Chair Gonzales reminded the Commissioners that they will be selecting new Officers at the April 10, 2025 meeting.
3. Passage of Ranch Camp proposal. Commissioner Gomez updated the group that the Board of Supervisors approved the implementation of a Ranch Camp at the same location as Juvenile Hall. Several Commissioners commented that there is a lot of opportunity for work to be done together by Probation, the Commission and other partner/community agencies and members of our County.
4. JJDPC Inspections (RC, JH, SYTF) involvement of all commissioners. Vice Chair Gonzales encouraged all Commissioners to participate. Commissioner Druley suggested options of actually performing the in-person inspections or perhaps in doing research to find an alternate inspection tool.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEES:

1. SB823 (ad hoc: January 2025 – June 2025): Brook, Gonzales, Ruiz. Commissioner Gonzales shared alternatives across the state with OYCR Representative and will forward that email to staff following the meeting.
2. Data (ad hoc): Kebebew, Revere, Gomez. Commissioner Kebebew requested that Commissioners send feedback on the data provided in the Monthly Statistics provided by Probation which indicates what they find helpful, what they feel is not necessary to be included, as well as any other topics they wish to receive data/information on at future meetings. Commissioners are to send this information to staff by March 27, 2025.

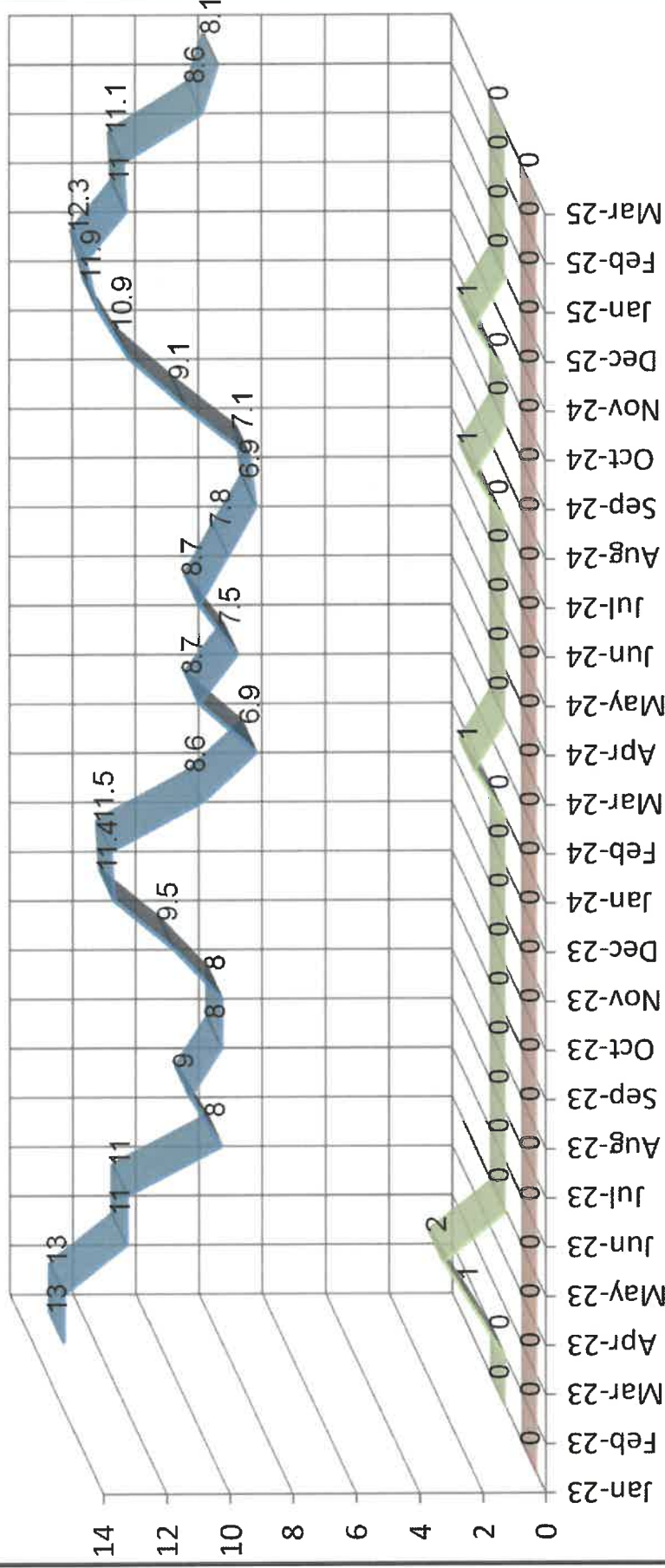
VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Physical Altercations: Overview

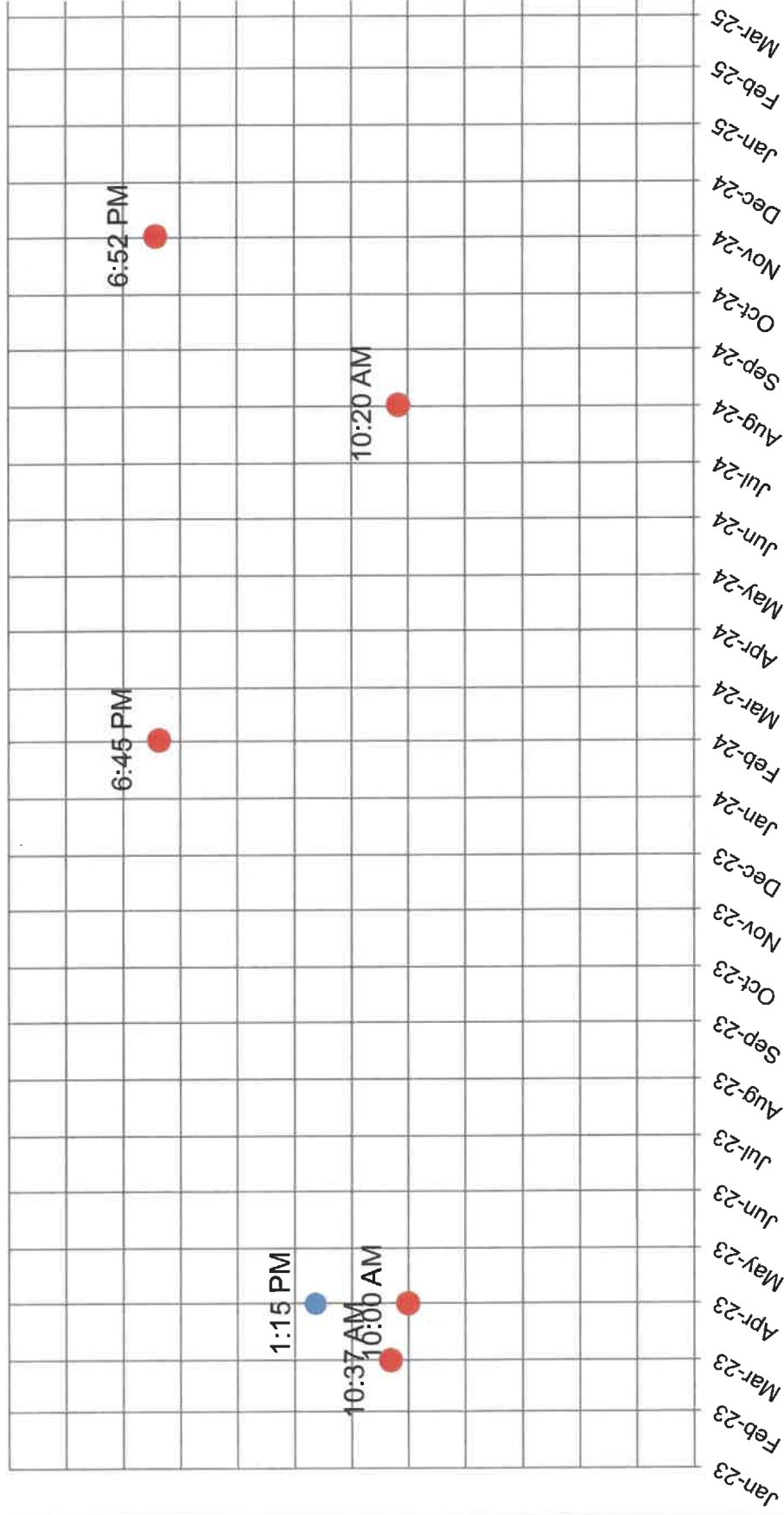
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■ # Altercations
■ ADP



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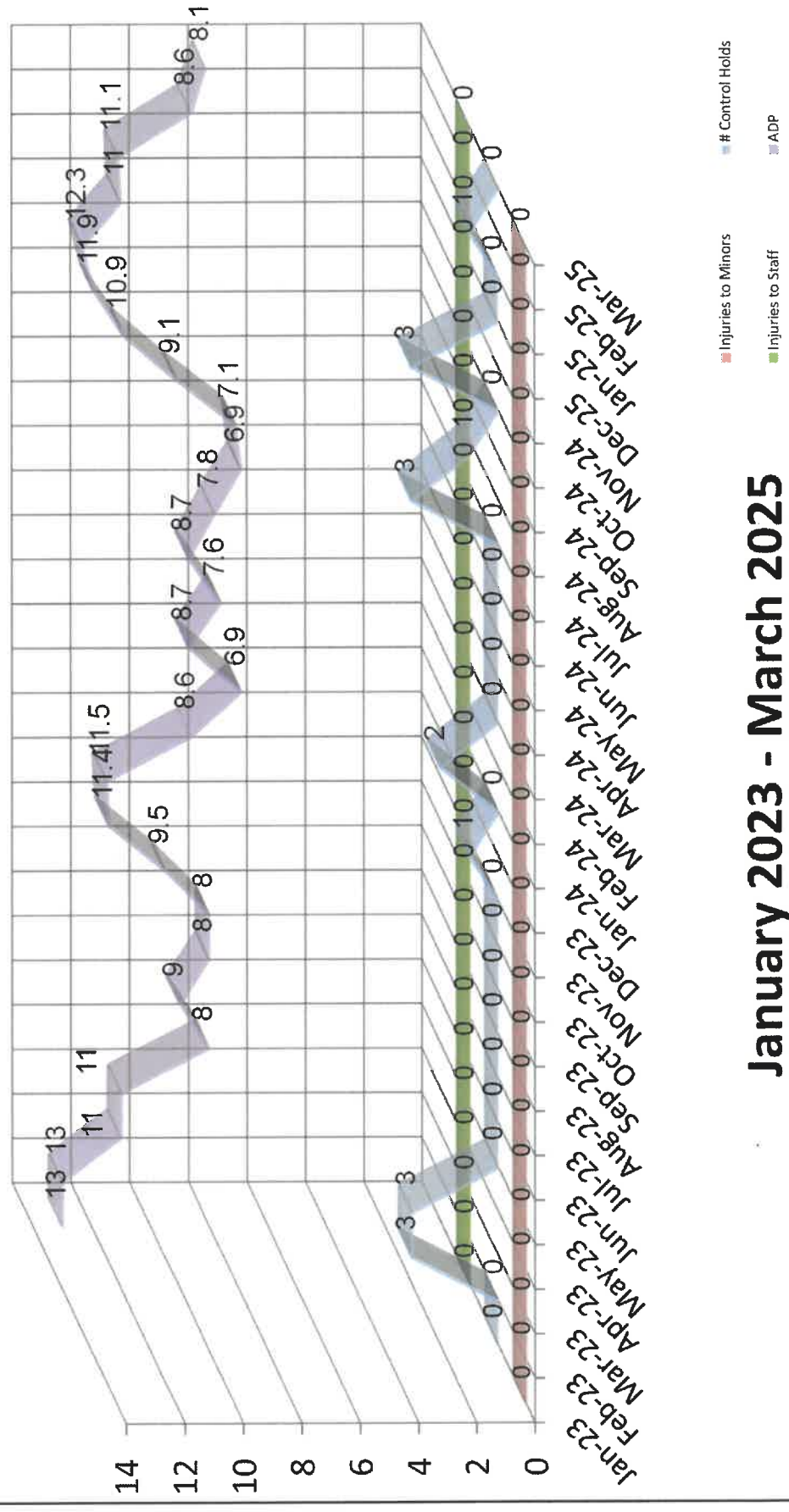
Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall
Physical Altercations: Time of Day

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



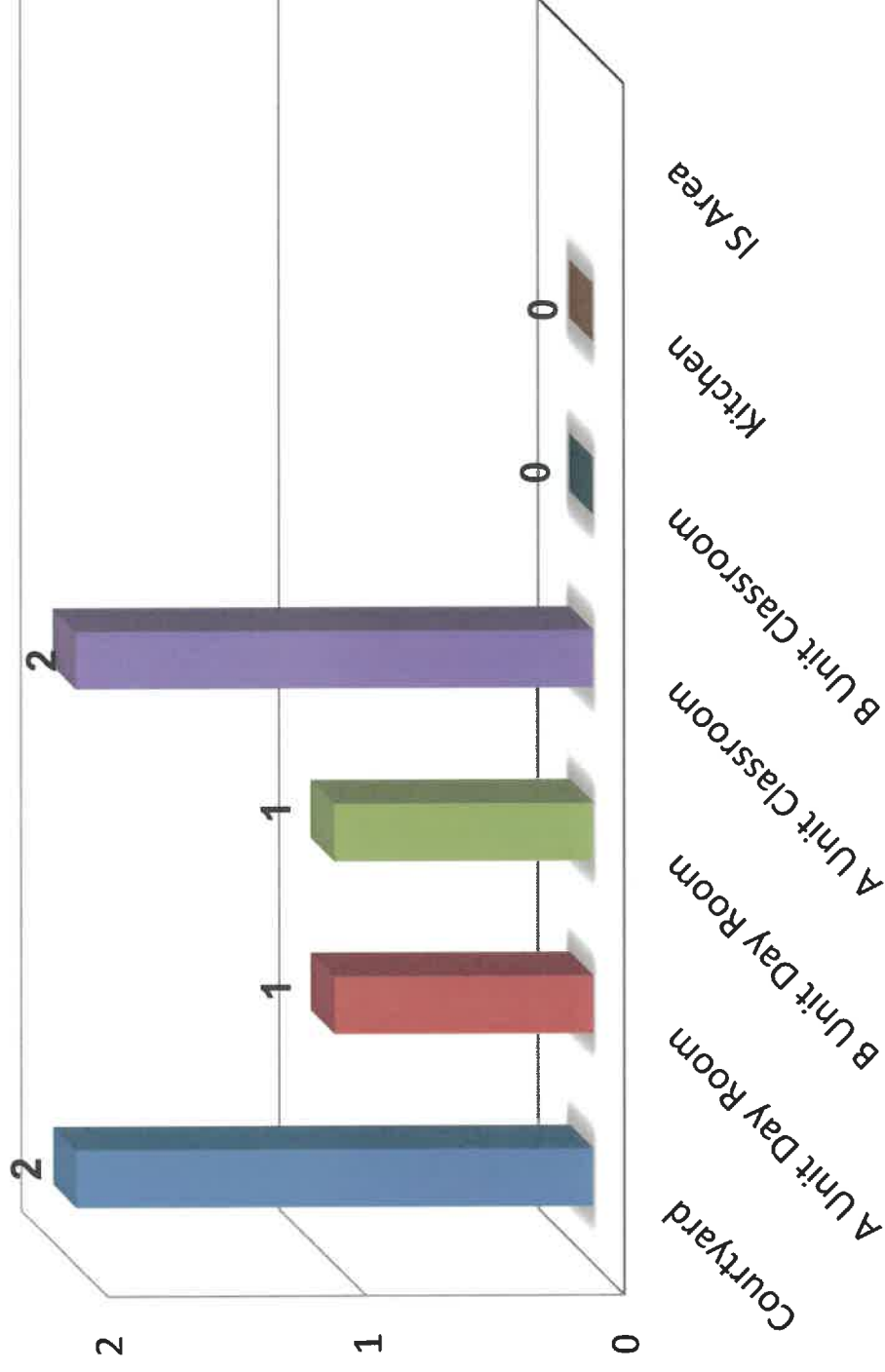
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Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Use of Force: Overview



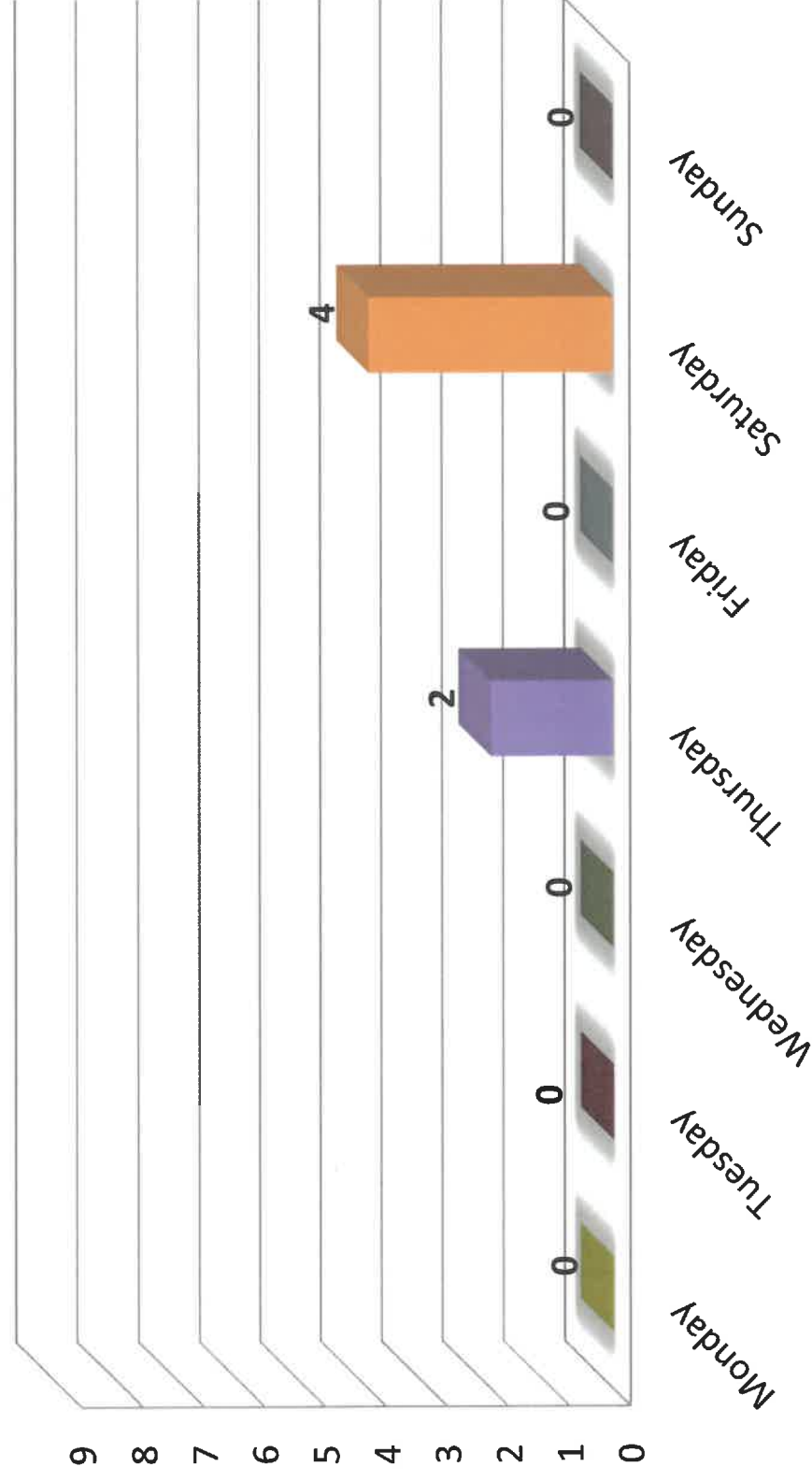
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**Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall
Physical Altercations: Location**

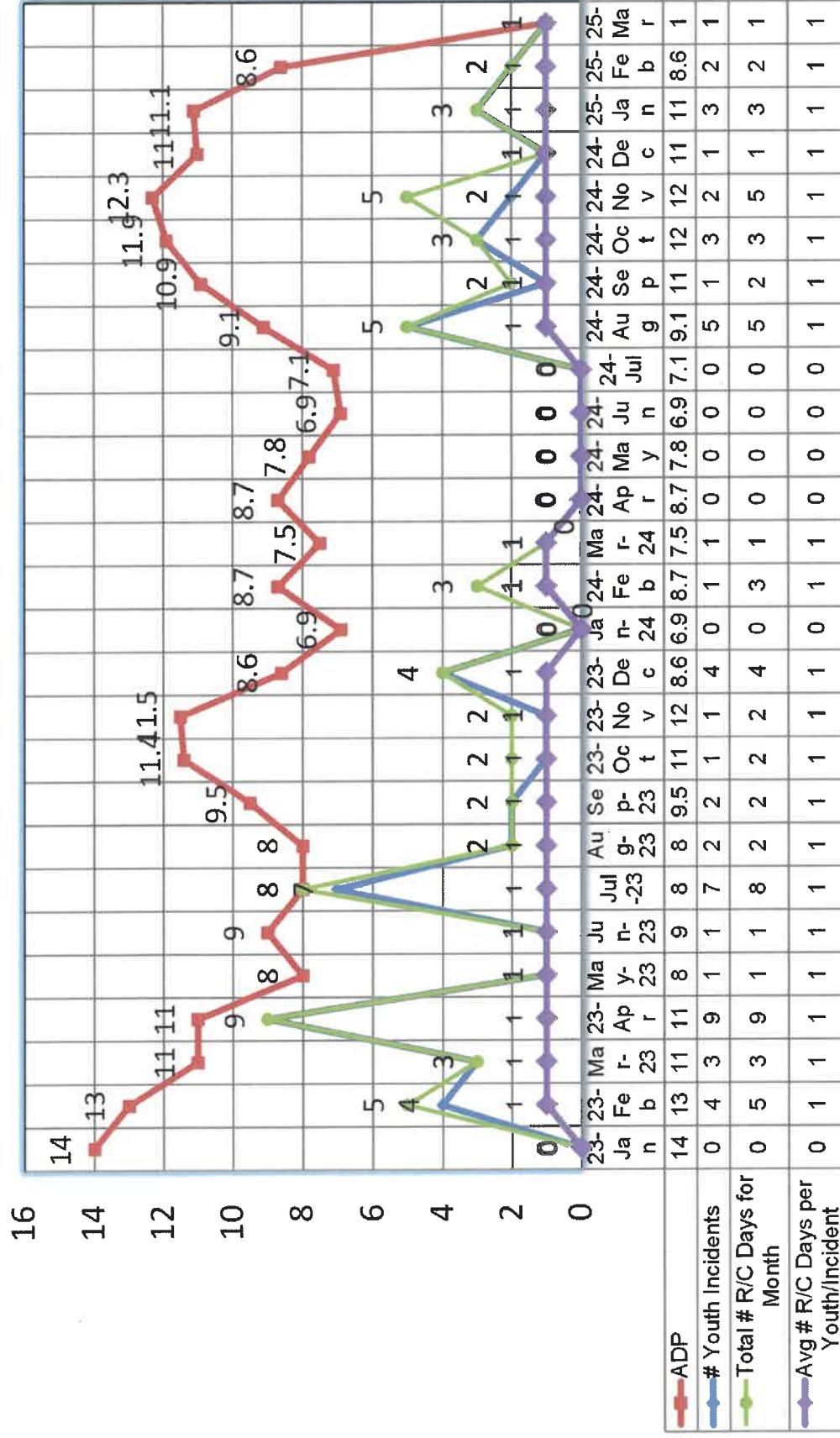


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Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall
Physical Altercations: Day of the Week



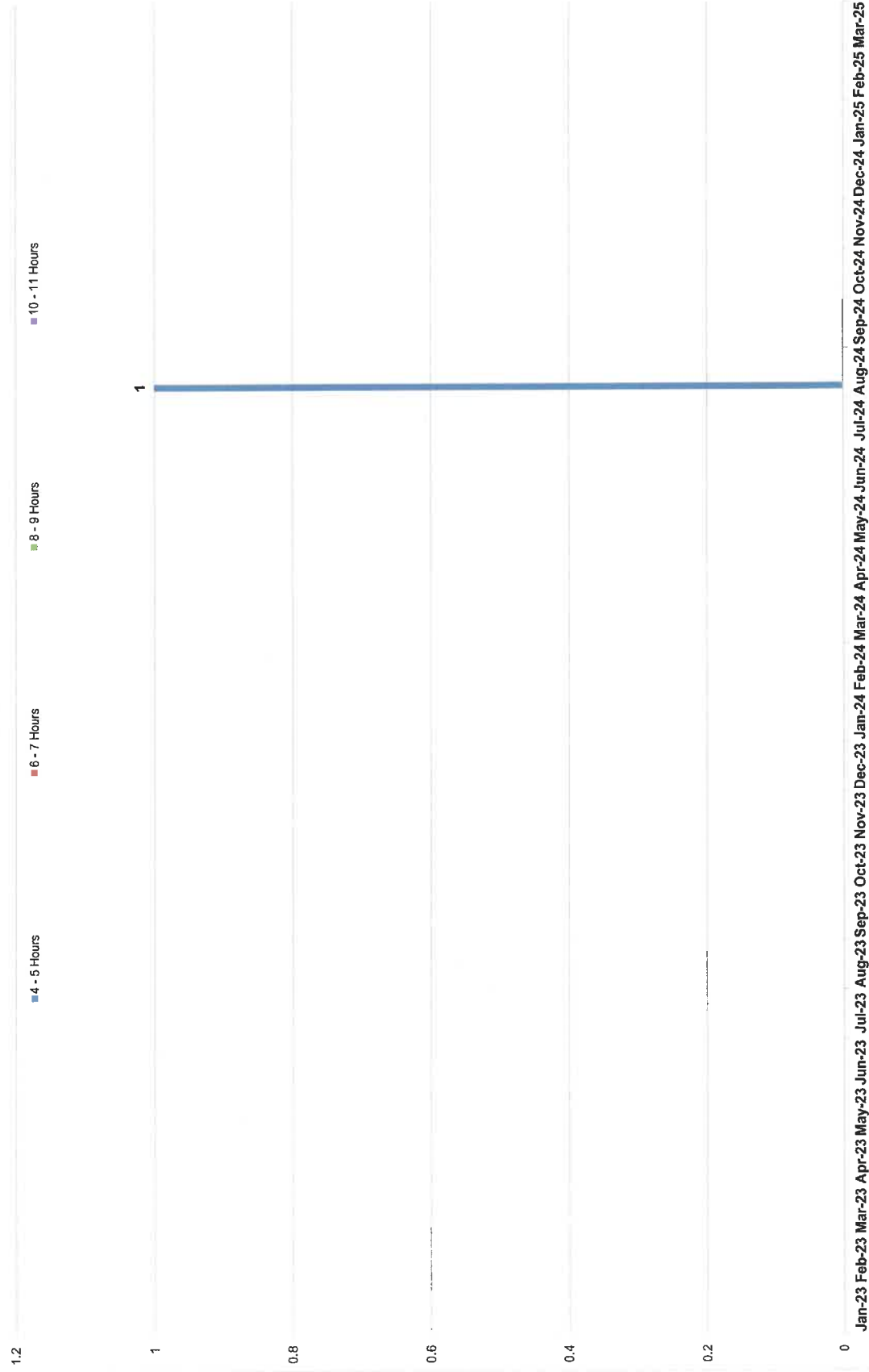
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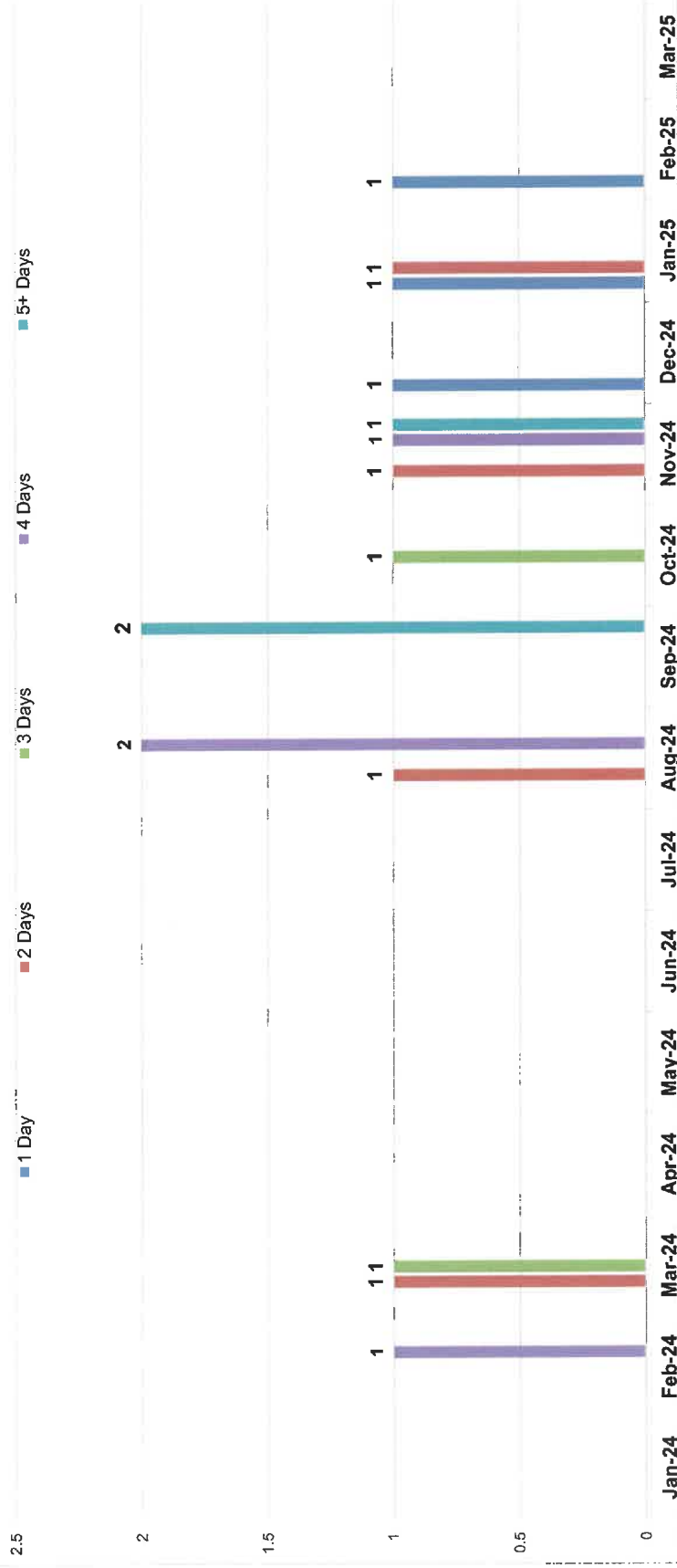
Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall
Room Confinement: Overview
January 2023 - March 2025

The chart displays nine data series over time. The primary y-axis (left) ranges from 0 to 4.5, and the secondary y-axis (right) ranges from 0 to 3. The x-axis shows dates from Jan-23 to Mar-25. The series are color-coded: Series1 (blue), Series2 (red), Series3 (teal), Series4 (purple), Series5 (green), Series6 (orange), Series7 (dark blue), Series8 (brown), and Series9 (light green). Notable data points include Series2 peaking at 4.0 in Jan-23, Series3 peaking at 3.0 in Jan-23, and Series5 peaking at 3.0 in Nov-24. Many bars have numerical labels indicating their values.

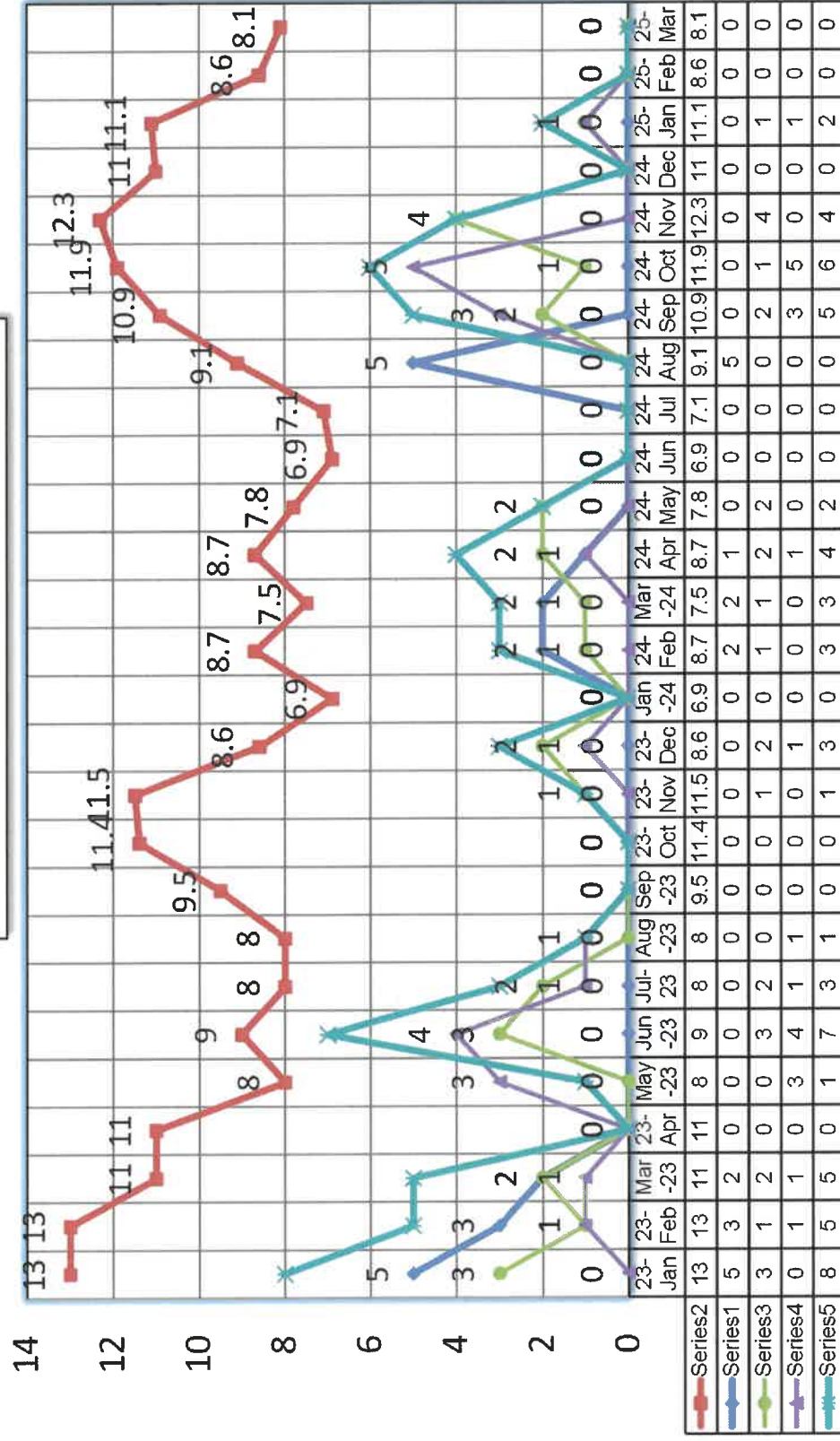
Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Room Confinement Over 4 Hours January 2023 - March 2025



Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Separate Program by Days January 2024 - March 2025



Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall Grievances: Overview



January 2023 - March 2025

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY JUVENILE HALL

STATISTICS FOR PERIOD: March 2025

JUVENILE HALL POPULATION INFORMATION	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
6 am count (average) ¹	7.8	0.3	8.1
Population in-custody at start of time period	8	1	9
Admitted during time period	13	2	15
Released during time period	13	2	15
Population in-custody at end of time period ¹	7	1	8
Average daily attendance	7.7	0.4	8.1
Average length of stay	74.8	7.0	65.8
Average length of stay without STYF youth	4.1	7.0	4.5
Length of Stay MODE	1.0	n/a	1.0
Range of stay	1 - 1433	1 - 8	1 - 1433
Range of age	15 - 20	12 - 16	12 - 20
Number of "in-county" residents received	6	1	7
Number of "out-of-county" residents received	7	1	8
Percentage from out-of-county	53.8%	50.0%	53.3%
Total child care days	252	13	265
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): March 2025	37	11	48
Total intake to date (prior year): March 2024	29	15	44

ETHNICITY - Overall Juv. Hall Population	POP. #	POP. %	AVG RAI ²	AVG LOS ³
Caucasian	5	21.7%	9.2	9.0
Latino	18	78.3%	8.1	73.9
African American	0	0.0%	-	-
Asian	0	0.0%	-	-
Other	0	0.0%	-	-
<i>total</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>100.0%</i>		

(1 STYF youth released)

					OVERALL JH POP
ETHNICITY - Intakes only	TOTAL DAYS for released intakes	INTAKES (number)	INTAKES (percent)	INTAKES AVG RAI ²	AVG LENGTH OF STAY
Latino girls	1	1	6.7%	5.0	1.0
Latino boys	31	12	80.0%	6.5	80.0
Anglo girls	8	1	6.7%	14.0	7.0
Anglo boys	13	1	6.7%	3.0	13.0
African Am. girls	-	0	0.0%	-	-
African Am. boys	-	0	0.0%	-	-
Asian girls	-	0	0.0%	-	-
Asian boys	-	0	0.0%	-	-
Other	-	0	0.0%	-	-
<i>total</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>100.0%</i>		

¹ 6 am count on last day of month.

² Risk Assessment Instrument Score

³ Length of Stay for youth released

March 2025 Snapshot

There were two firearm related bookings in March: a 16-year-old Latinx boy from Watsonville and an 18-year-old boy from Freedom.

Youth on Probation by area of residence:

4	Aptos Total
5	Ben Lomond Total
1	Boulder Creek Total
2	Capitola Total
1	Castroville Total
1	England Total
1	Felton Total
1	Freedom Total
1	Fresno Total
1	Loomis Total
1	Marina Total
1	Mariposa Total
1	Redwood City Total
24	Santa Cruz Total
5	Scotts Valley Total
1	Spanawau, WA Total
1	Springville, UT Total
1	Stockton Total
40	Watsonville Total
93	Grand Total

Christine Bennett

From: Elias Gonzales <egonzales@milpacollective.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 10:06 AM
To: Christine Bennett
Subject: Fwd: Counties with Familial Residence LRPs

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Hey Christine,

This is the email I was referring to at the meeting, apologies for the delay in getting this to you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Parakh, Darius@OYCR <Darius.Parakh@chhs.ca.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 11, 2025 at 4:31 PM
Subject: Re: Counties with Familial Residence LRPs
To: Beverly Brook <revbevbrook@gmail.com>, egonzales@milpacollective.org
<egonzales@milpacollective.org>, reyna@casaofsantacruz.org <reyna@casaofsantacruz.org>
Cc: RinconGallardo, Marcia@OYCR <Marcia.RinconGallardo@chhs.ca.gov>, Gayhart, Hilary@OYCR
<Hilary.Gayhart@chhs.ca.gov>

Dear Commissioners Brook, Gonzales, and Ruiz,

I hope this message finds you well! Commissioner Brook, it was wonderful seeing you yesterday at the statewide meeting of Juvenile Justice Commissions (JJs) and Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commissions (JJDPs).

As discussed, I'm reaching out to provide you with additional information on counties that offer familial residences as a less restrictive program (LRP).

Earlier this year, our office received a similar request to identify counties with home-based LRPs. At that time, we identified at least two counties — Fresno and Kern — where youth previously adjudicated to a Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) were actively serving out the rest of their baseline term in a familial residence LRP.

In the case of Fresno County, for each youth placed in their family's residence, a six-month review hearing is held to track the progress of their case. Additionally, all youth are monitored using GPS devices, which are reviewed by the Probation Department every 30 days. Similarly, in Kern County, SYTF youth are released into the community with GPS monitoring as an LRP. In this case, the Kern County Superior Court releases the youth to general GPS monitoring, rather than to a specific residence. However, if deemed appropriate by the Court, the youth may stay with a family member. Regardless of their residence, youth placed on GPS monitoring are required to report daily to a Kern County Probation Day Reporting Center to ensure compliance with the Court's orders.

If you are interested in speaking with your colleagues at the Fresno County JJC to learn more about their experience petitioning for a familial residence program, I would be happy to connect you to their commission. Unfortunately, Kern County does not operate a JJC or JJDPC, but I can assist you in reaching out to the appropriate individuals within their Juvenile Probation Department to discuss their experiences supporting youth in familial residence LRPs.

Please let me know if you would like further assistance or additional resources on this topic. I'm happy to provide any additional information or connections that may be helpful as you continue to explore options for less restrictive programs.

Thank you for your time,

Darius



Darius Parakh (He/Him)
Bay Area Liaison

Cell: (916) 224-2038 | Email: darius.parakh@chhs.ca.gov

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Christine Bennett

From: Beverly Brook <revbevbrook@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 2, 2025 1:34 PM
To: Christine Bennett
Subject: Fwd: Request for Data Feedback

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Can you include Cynthia's feedback in the packet?

in community,

Beverly Brook
revbevbrook@gmail.com

Here is the email that I got from Christine with Cynthia's response to the data question.

David Brody
Executive Director
First 5 Santa Cruz County
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Phone: 831-465-2214 | Email: dbrody@first5scc.org
Website: www.first5scc.org

From: Christine Bennett <Christine.Bennett@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 10:19 AM
To: Deutron kebebew <deutron@mentorsdc.org>; David Brody <dbrody@first5scc.org>
Cc: Jennifer Martinez <Jennifer.Martinez@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for Data Feedback

Good Morning,

This is the one & only response I received.

-Christine

From: Cynthia Druley <cynthiadr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 1:39 PM
To: Christine Bennett <Christine.Bennett@santacruzcountyca.gov>
Cc: Cynthia Druley <cynthiadr@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Request for Data Feedback

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Hi Christine,

Thanks so much for coordinating this for the Commission.

Here is my feedback on data:

1. I would like to see the JH reports/data reduced. I think that some of it is very detailed and that the JH could provide an annualized report of these items at the Inspection and the JJDPC could review these and not have them every month:

- Physical altercations overview and time, location, and day of the week
- Grievances
- Use of force
- Room confinement overview & stats
- Separate program stats

2. Keep that Juvenile Division and JH Data Blasts

3. Create a data blast for SYTF and Ranch Camp

- provide a progress report on implementation and changes as the SYTF and Ranch camps are further refined and developed.

4. Provide data on success of the prevention and diversion programs and recidivism rates of probation and formerly detained/incarcerated youth. This might need to be a discussion with Probation at a meeting of what is feasible/possible.

Thanks so much,
Cynthia

On Thu, Mar 13, 2025 at 7:39 PM Christine Bennett
<Christine.Bennett@santacruzcountyca.gov> wrote:

Commissioners,

At the meeting tonight, the Data Subcommittee requested that you send me your feedback regarding data that you find helpful in the monthly packets, data you do not feel you need in the monthly packets, or other data that you are interested in obtaining if the Subcommittee members are able to obtain it for the Commission.

Please send your information to me (only) no later than end of day on March 27, 2025.

Thank you,
Christine Bennett
Administrative Aide
Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall
Ph: (831) 454-3853

Detention Facility JJDPC Inspections for 2025– General Timeline rev. 4/2/25

(DRAFT ONLY for Discussion given there are many open issues.

(Assuming the inspection the week of August 25th, 2025)

Inspections' Approximate Timeline

- April: set inspection dates and parameters with Probation
- April/May: Confirm inspection team members and exact dates for inspection (during the week of 8/25/25)
- May: Inspection Training at the JJDPC Meeting
- June Meetings: Team reviews inspection tools and adopts methodology and sets up training for JH, SYTF and Ranch Camp. (Family interviews this year?)
- Late June: 1) Send probation list of team and detailed timeline & scope of inspection and 2) Train inspection team(Meetings) 3) Design youth and/or family surveys and assign interviewers
- July 15: Probation sends documents to each team member for their category/type of facility inspection
- August 1: Members' review of their specific section's documents is complete and areas of further research/docs have been identified
- Zoom Check in for Team: Documents and who will meet with who and when they will be on site
- August 4: Members send additional questions to Probation for areas where there are additional questions and staff requests to meet. Probation provides names of those staff who are appropriate to meet with.
- August 11: Probation sends responses to questions
- August 13: Team Meeting for final preparations for on-site inspection
- August 11: Team members advise staff of who they want to speak to with to Probation and days/times they will be there
- Week of August 19: members meet with youth to explain process and prep for on-site visit and interviews
- Two days the week of 8/25/25: Team Members on site
- September 8: Team members have completed data input and narrative write up of commendations and recommendation for their areas in the draft report
- September 10: ZOOM call to review draft report
- September 19: Draft Narrative and Checklists complete and sent to Probation
- September 26- Probation Feedback to Committee fis received
- Septemer 29: Zoom call to review response & determine what changes might be made base upon Probation's feedback
- October 3: Final draft completed and submitted for JJDPC October meeting packet
- October 9: Final Report in Commission Packet for Action/Approval so it can be sent to Probation for their submission to BOS (November meeting is too late to make December BOS meeting)
- Probation adds their cover letter and sends final report to BOS (about 6 weeks in advance) to ensure that it is on the BOS Agenda no later than December 2024
- December – Report is in the BOS packet and sent to the BSCC

Additional Materials Available: (Cynthia or Probation can provide:)

1. Title 15 Minimum Detention Facility Requirements from BSCC (Bureau of State Corrections)
2. SB823 specific requirements for SYTFs
3. Last Year's report (it's also on our web page) too
4. Reports from other counties' inspections (eg. Santa Clara and Alameda)