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New Jersey's Juvenile Justice System:

Striving to Meet the Needs of New Jersey's At-Risk Youth

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Appendix

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Table 1

New Jersey Youth Population by Gender				
	2009	2011		+/-
Male	472,575	484,596	12,021	
Female	449,469	462,060	12,591	
Total	922,044	946,656	24,612	

Source: OJJDP, Statistical Briefing Book, 2009 - 2011

- Population increase of 2.7%

Table 2

New Jersey Youth Population by Race				
	2009	2011		+/-
White	683,601	686,881	3,280	
Black or African American	161,924	169,718	7,794	
American Indian and Alaska Native	4,201	7,263	3,062	
Asian	72,318	82,794	10,476	
Total	922,044	946,656	24,612	

Source: OJJDP, Statistical Briefing Book, 2009 - 2011

Table 3

New Jersey Youth Population by Ethnicity

	2009	2011	+/-
Hispanic or Latino	168,136	196,890	28,754
Not Hispanic or Latino	753,908	749,766	-4,142
Total	922,044	946,656	24,612

Source: OJJDP, Statistical Briefing Book, 2009 - 2011

Table 4

New Jersey Youth Arrests by Gender

	2009	2011	+/-
Male	34,945	24,352	-10,593
Female	13,978	9,788	-4,190
Total	48,923	34,140	-14,783

Source: OJJDP, Statistical Briefing Book, 2009 - 2011

- Total Arrests decreased by 30.2%.

Table 5

New Jersey Youth Arrests by Race				
	2009	2011	+/-	
White	26,900	19,877	-7,023	
Black or African American	21,411	13,518	-7,893	
American Indian and Alaska Native	66	73	7	
Asian	546	425	-121	
Total	48,923	33,893	-15,030	

Source: OJJDP, Statistical Briefing Book, 2009 - 2011

Table 6

New Jersey Youth Arrests by Ethnicity				
	2009	2011	+/-	
Hispanic or Latino	8,909	6,323	-2,586	
Not Hispanic or Latino	40,014	27,817	-12,197	
Total	48,923	34,140	-14,783	

Source: OJJDP, Statistical Briefing Book, 2009 - 2011

Table 7

Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) Site Statistics (2003-2009)			
	<i>State (%)</i>	<i>Nationwide (%)</i>	<i>+/- **</i>
Average daily population*	-42.9	-28	14.9
Admissions	-47.5	-25	22.5
Average daily population of girls	-60	-26	34
Total	-	-	-

Source: JDAI Annual Data Report – 2009, Juvenile Court Statistics 2009

- Table shows the percentage increase or decrease. Each category shows a decrease between 2003-2009.

*Minority youth accounted for 88.7 percent of this drop.

**State's decreases compared to Nationwide.

Table 8

JDAI Ratio of average daily detention population to approved capacity (Crowding)			
	<i>Southern Counties (%)</i>	<i>Northern Counties (%)</i>	<i>State (%)</i>
Total	82.1	53.4	60.9

Source: New Jersey Juvenile Justice Commission, "2008 Annual Detention Statistics Report"

- 27 percent in Bergen and Morris counties
- Atlantic and Ocean counties have among the lowest average daily populations (24.4 and 28.2, respectively) but run at more than 90 percent in Atlantic and Ocean counties.
- Essex County, which has the highest average daily population at 114.7, runs at only 47.4 percent of its approved capacity, while Gloucester County, with one of the lowest average daily populations at 11.7, runs at 78.1 percent of its approved capacity. Yet Bergen County, with almost the same average daily population (11.0) as Gloucester County, runs at only 26.9 percent of its capacity.

Table 9

JDAI sites Disproportionate Minority Contact (2003-2009)				
	2003	2009	+/-	
Admissions of Minority Youth	89%	92.9%	3.9%	
Average daily population of Minority Youth	93.3%	96.6%	3.3%	

Source: JDAI Annual Data Report – 2009

Table 10

Transfer of juveniles to adult court (2007-2009)				
	2007	2009	% Change	
Requests for waiver to adult court	579	482	-16.9	
Waivers granted	275	163	-40.7	
Total	854	645	-209	

Source: New Jersey Prosecutor's Annual Report 2008, New Jersey Prosecutor's Annual Report 2010