



**Date:** June 27, 2024

**To:** Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly

**From:** Robert D. Vickery, Acting Director, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ)

**Re:** Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act Section 20-15(a) Report

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This report is issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 20-15(a) of the Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act (“the Act”) (20 ILCS 65/20-1). The Act requires the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice to report statistical data on the racial, ethnic, age, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and primary or preferred language demographics of program participants for each major program the IDJJ administers.

### Introduction

In the first Annual March Data Governance and Organization to Support Equity and Racial Justice Act Report, IDJJ identified the following “major programs” and corresponding participant populations for analysis:

- Facility Operations
- Aftercare Services
- Education
- Mental Health Treatment
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

For each major program identified in the IDJJ March 2022 report, this report will provide statistical data where available for each of demographic dispositions enumerated in the Act: race, age, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity and primary or preferred language.

*[Section 20-15(e) of the Act states “if the Board or Department is unable to begin reporting the data required by subsection (a) by July 1, 2022, the Board or the Department shall state the reasons for the delay under the reporting requirements.” As of the date of this report, the IDJJ was unable to begin reporting the following data: sexual orientation and indigeneity.*

IDJJ is unable to provide demographic information concerning the categories above because such information was not collected during a youth’s stay with IDJJ, but changes to the intake process will allow IDJJ to collect and disseminate this information for future reporting periods.

### Change Management Efforts and Potential Challenges

IDJJ has made changes to paper forms and procedures to the intake process to capture youth’s sexual orientation and indigeneity. However, changes have not yet been made to our department’s database where youth demographic data is stored (“Youth 360”), and the department is working with external partners to implement these changes in our database. IDJJ does not anticipate any challenges in

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collecting information, and will be able to report on youth's sexual orientation and indigeneity during the next reporting period.

### Methodology

The information contained in this report is based solely on the data reported to the provided by program participants and collected by programming personal for the various major programs. The data provided by program participants has not been audited for completeness and quality, therefore, no baseline for comparison has been established.

For the purpose of this report, program participants are defined as youth in IDJJ custody. The program participants count is the number of distinct individuals that have been identified as program participants regardless of demographic category. Youth participate in multiple programs during their stay at DJJ. Consequently, some youth may be counted multiple times in the reports provided to the General Assembly.

Upon transfer to IDJJ, youth are thoroughly screened by reception staff, where they are asked questions concerning their history and demographics. This information is included in a youth's electronic record in IDJJ's Y360 platform, which will also detail the youth's enrollment in the various programs offered at IDJJ. For this report, data was gathered by examining the current participants in each of the programs described above. On June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, data was obtained for Facility Operations, Aftercare Services, Mental Health treatment, Education, and Substance Use Disorder treatment.

### Race and Ethnicity

The Act provides that IDJJ "shall use the same racial and ethnic classifications for each program." 20 ILCS 65/20-15(a). The enumerated classifications are:

- (1) American Indian and Alaska Native alone.
- (2) Asian alone.
- (3) Black or African American alone.
- (4) Hispanic or Latino of any race.
- (5) Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone.
- (6) White alone.
- (7) Some other race alone.
- (8) Two or more races.

*Id.* The Act further allows for IDJJ to "further define the racial and ethnic categories[.]" *Id.* Provide a narrative explaining if the agency currently uses additional racial and ethnic categories.

[Act further States that if

*a program administered by the Board or the Department is subject to federal reporting requirements that include the collection and public reporting of statistical data on the racial and ethnic demographics of program participants, the Department may maintain the same racial*



and ethnic classifications used under the federal requirements if such classifications differ from the classifications listed in subsection (a).

As IDJJ is required to comply with federal reporting requirements for Facility Operations, Aftercare Services, Education, Mental Health Treatment, and Substance Use Disorder Treatment, IDJJ has provided information relating to the following categories in its report.

- Ethnicity**
- Age**
- Sex**
- Disability Status**
- Sexual orientation**
- Gender Identity**
- Primary or preferred language**

**Statistical Data**

**1. Facility Operations**

**Race**

Program Participants	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian American	African American/Black	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern/North African	White/European American	Some Other Race Alone	Two or More Races	No Race Specified	Other Category not specified
172	X	X	115 67%	X	X	29 17%	X	X	X	18 – “Hispanic” 10%

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**Ethnicity**

Program Participants	Latina/Latino/Latinx/Hispanic	Other category not specified - please list and provide counts	Indigenous
172	18 10.5%	X	0

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**Age**

Program Participants	18 and under	19-24
172	156 90.7%	16 13.6%

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**Sex**

Program Participants	Female	Male	Other category not specified
172	X	164 95.4%	X

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**Disability Status**

Program Participants	Youth with Disabilities and type
172	46 – Special Education Student 26.7%

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**Sexual Orientation**

Program Participants	Bisexual	Gay	Lesbian	Queer	Questioning/Unsure	Straight/Heterosexual	Additional Category/Identity not listed	Prefer not to answer
172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**Gender Identity**

Program Participants	Man	Woman	Non-binary, gender non-conforming	Other	Prefer not to Answer	Other category not specified
172	164 95.3%	X	X	0	0	0

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Primary or Preferred Language

Program Participants	Non-English Primary Language	Spanish	Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese)	Arabic
172	11 6.4%	X 5.2%	X	X

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2. Aftercare Services

Race

Program Participants	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian American	African American/Black	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern/North African	White/European American	Some Other Race Alone	Two or More Races	No Race Specified	Other Category not specified
294	X	X	208 71%	X	X	59 20%	X	X	X	17 – "Hispanic" 5.7%

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Ethnicity

Program Participants	Latina/Latino/Latinx/Hispanic	Other category not specified - please list and provide counts	Indigenous
294	17 5.8%	X	0

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**Age**

Program Participants	18 and under	19-24
294	217 74%	77 26.2%

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**Sex**

Program Participants	Female	Male	Other category not specified
294	13 4.4%	281 95.6%	X

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**Disability Status**

Program Participants	Youth with Disabilities and type
294	0

KEY for table: "X": 10 or fewer participants "0": information not collected

**Sexual Orientation**

Program Participants	Bisexual	Gay	Lesbian	Queer	Questioning/Unsure	Straight/Heterosexual	Additional Category/Identity not listed	Prefer not to answer
294	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**Gender Identity**

Program Participants	Man	Woman	Non-binary, gender non-conforming	Other	Prefer not to Answer	Other category not specified
294	281 95.6%	13 4.4%	X	0	0	0

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Primary or Preferred Language

Program Participants	Non-English Primary Language	Spanish	Swahili
172	12 4.1%	11 5.2%	X

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3. Education

Race

Program Participants	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian American	African American /Black	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern/North African	White/European American	Some Other Race Alone	Two or More Races	No Race Specified	Other Category not specified
104	X	X	68 65.3%	X	X	19 18%	X	X	X	12 – "Hispanic" 11.5%

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Ethnicity

Program Participants	Latina/Latino/Latinx/Hispanic	Other category not specified - please list and provide counts	Indigenous
104	12 11.5%	X	0

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Age

Program Participants	18 and under	19-24
104	96 92.3%	X

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**Sex**

Program Participants	Female	Male	Other category not specified
104	X	100 96%	X

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**Disability Status**

Program Participants	Youth with Disabilities and type
104	46 – Special Education student 44.3%

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**Sexual Orientation**

Program Participants	Bisexual	Gay	Lesbian	Queer	Questioning/Unsure	Straight/Heterosexual	Additional Category/Identity not listed	Prefer not to answer
104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**Gender Identity**

Program Participants	Man	Woman	Non-binary, gender non-conforming	Other	Prefer not to Answer	Other category not specified
104	100 96%	X	X	0	0	0

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Primary or Preferred Language

Program Participants	Non-English Primary Language	Spanish
104	X	X

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4. Education

Race

Program Participants	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian American	African American /Black	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern/North African	White/European American	Some Other Race Alone	Two or More Races	No Race Specified	Other Category not specified
172	X	X	68 66.9%	X	X	29 16.8%	X	X	X	18 – "Hispanic" 11.5%

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Ethnicity

Program Participants	Latina/Latino/Latinx/Hispanic	Other category not specified - please list and provide counts	Indigenous
172	18 10.4%	X	0

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**Age**

Program Participants	18 and under	19-24
172	156 90.7%	16 9.3%

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**Sex**

Program Participants	Female	Male	Other category not specified
172	X	164 95.3%	X

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**Disability Status**

Program Participants	Youth with Disabilities and type
172	46 – Special Education student 26.7%

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**Sexual Orientation**

Program Participants	Bisexual	Gay	Lesbian	Queer	Questioning/Unsure	Straight/Heterosexual	Additional Category/Identity not listed	Prefer not to answer
172	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**Gender Identity**

Program Participants	Man	Woman	Non-binary, gender non-conforming	Other	Prefer not to Answer	Other category not specified
172	164 95.3%	X	X	0	0	0

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Primary or Preferred Language

Program Participants	Non-English Primary Language	Spanish	Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese)	Hindi
104	11 6.4%	X	X	X

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5. Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Race

Program Participants	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian American	African American /Black	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	Middle Eastern/North African	White/European American	Some Other Race Alone	Two or More Races	No Race Specified	Other Category not specified
25	X	X	17 68%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X – "Hispanic"

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Ethnicity

Program Participants	Latina/Latino/Latinx/Hispanic	Other category not specified - please list and provide counts	Indigenous
25	X	X	0

KEY for table: "X": 10 or fewer participants "0": information not collected



**Age**

Program Participants	18 and under	19-24
25	24 95.3%	X

KEY for table: "X": 10 or fewer participants "0": information not collected

**Sex**

Program Participants	Female	Male	Other category not specified
25	X	24 95.3%	X

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**Disability Status**

Program Participants	Youth with Disabilities and type
25	0

KEY for table: "X": 10 or fewer participants "0": information not collected

**Sexual Orientation**

Program Participants	Bisexual	Gay	Lesbian	Queer	Questioning/Unsure	Straight/Heterosexual	Additional Category/Identity not listed	Prefer not to answer
25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**Gender Identity**

Program Participants	Man	Woman	Non-binary, gender non-conforming	Other	Prefer not to Answer	Other category not specified
24	24 95.3	X	X	0	0	0

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**Primary or Preferred Language**

Program Participants	Non-English Primary Language	Spanish
25	X	X

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**Conclusion**

This report is transmitted on behalf of Acting Director Robert D. Vickery. For additional copies of this report or more specific information, please contact Omar Jamil, Senior Policy Advisor, [omar.jamil@illinois.gov](mailto:omar.jamil@illinois.gov), 312-802-4109.