

# **Addendum - Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan**



**FY 2022-23**

**COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

Prepared by the Monterey County Probation Department

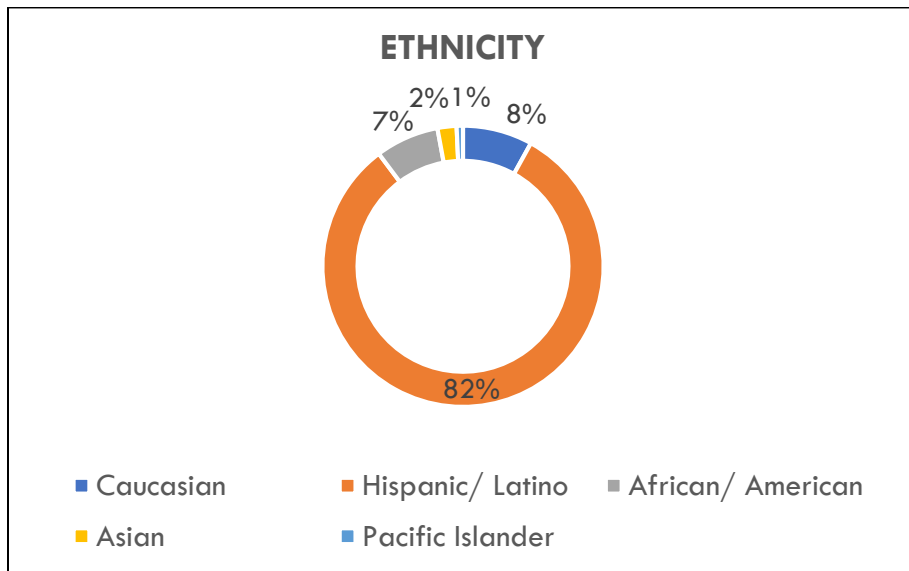
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On March 13, 2022, the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) requested the Monterey County Probation Department provide the following supplemental information as an addendum to Monterey County’s FY 2022-23 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan, previously submitted to the OYCR on November 19, 2021.

- Please provide disaggregated demographic and offense data for all of your youth with 707(b) and/or 290.008 offenses for 2019, 2020, and 2021 (if already available)

**Ethnicity**

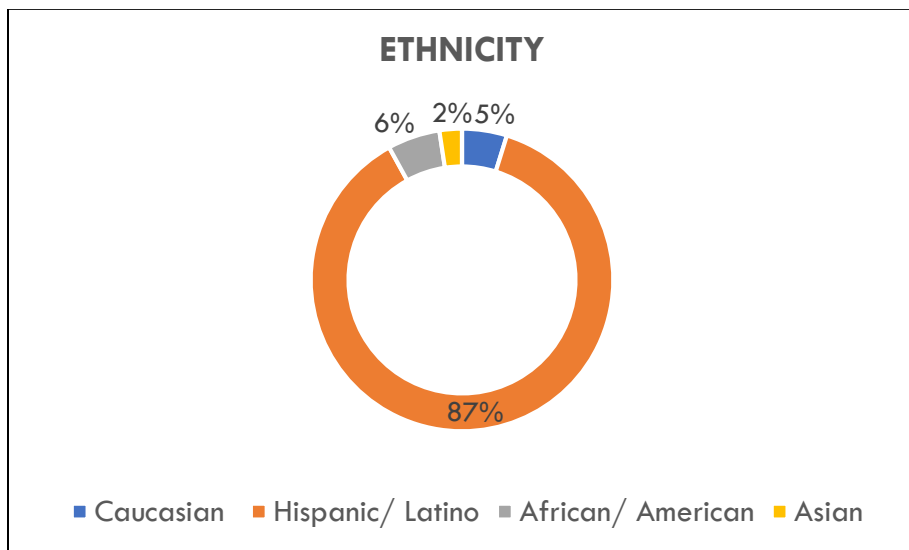
2019 (As of 12/31/2019)



**ETHNICITY DETAIL**

- Caucasian: 11
- Hispanic/ Latino: 112
- African/ American: 10
- Asian: 3
- Pacific Islander: 1
- **Total: 137**

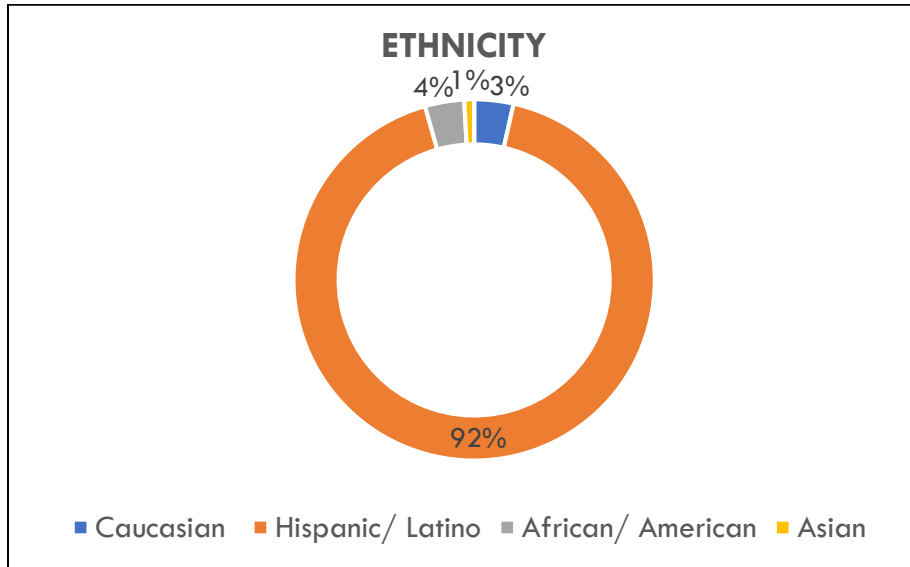
2020 (As of 12/31/2020)



**ETHNICITY DETAIL**

- Caucasian: 6
- Hispanic/ Latino: 109
- African/ American: 7
- Asian: 3
- Pacific Islander: 0
- **Total: 125**

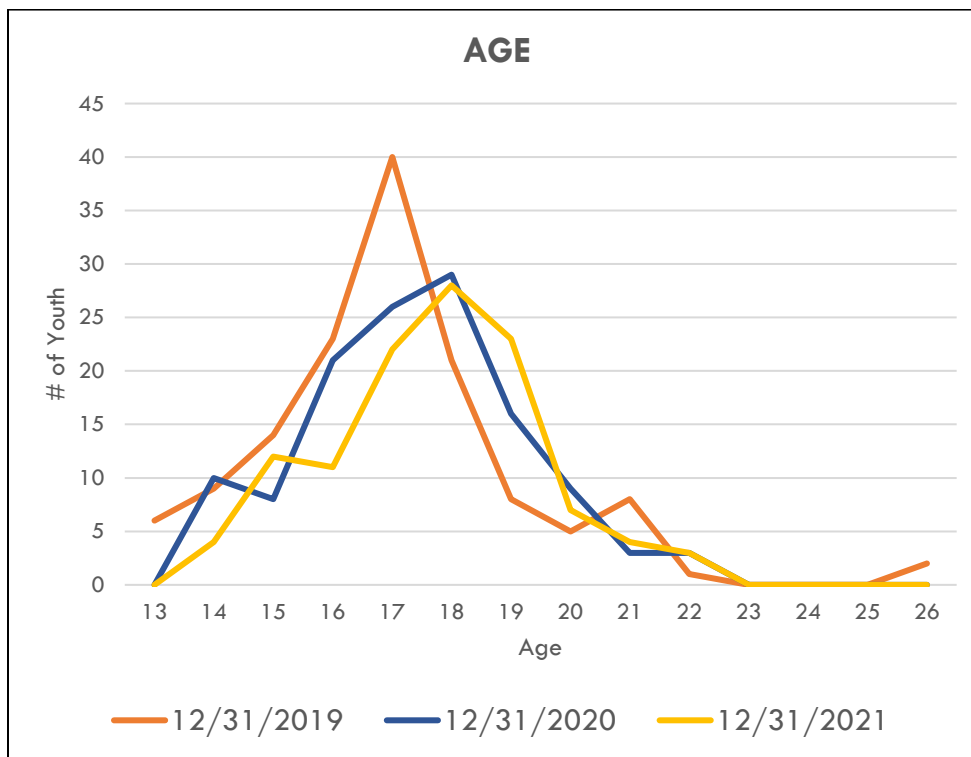
2021 (As of 12/31/2021)



### ETHNICITY DETAIL

- Caucasian: 4
- Hispanic/ Latino: 105
- African/ American: 4
- Asian: 1
- Pacific Islander: 0
- **Total: 114**

## Offenders by Age

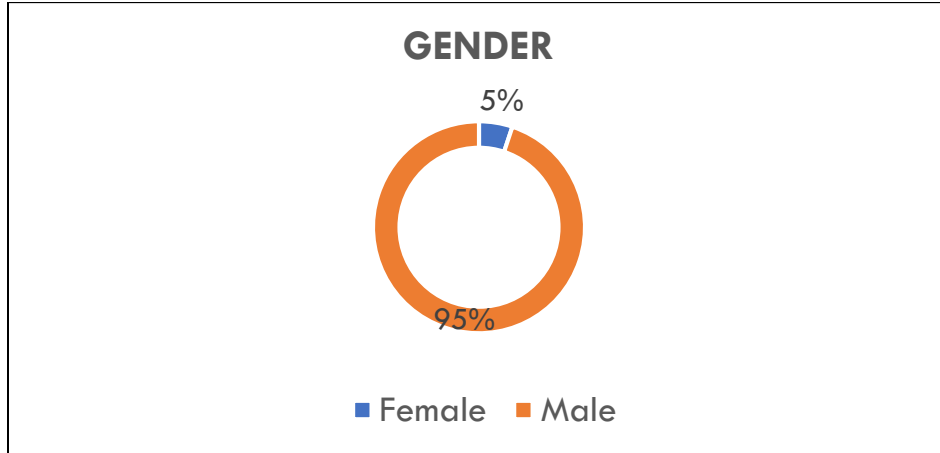


### AGE DETAIL

Age	2019	2020	2021
13	6	0	0
14	9	10	4
15	14	8	12
16	23	21	11
17	40	26	22
18	21	29	28
19	8	16	23
20	5	9	7
21	8	3	4
22	1	3	3
23	0	0	0
24	0	0	0
25	0	0	0
26	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>114</b>

## Gender

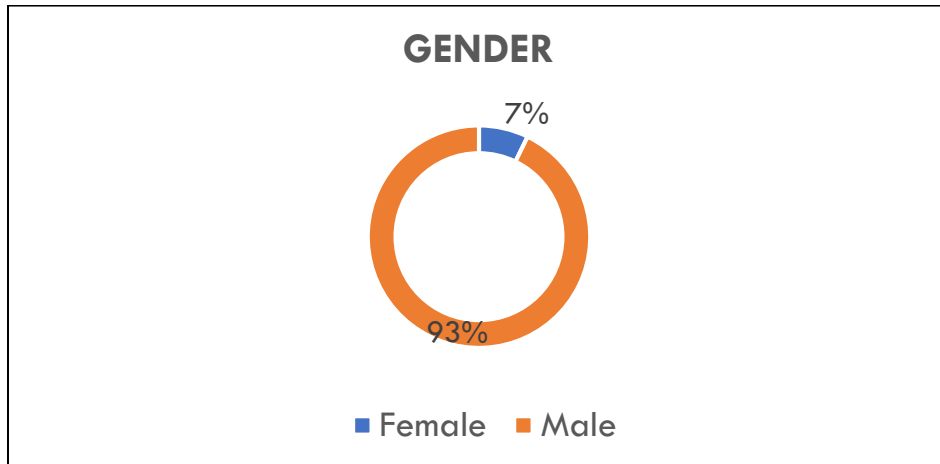
2019 (As of 12/31/2019)



### **GENDER DETAIL**

- Female: 7
- Male: 130
- **Total: 137**

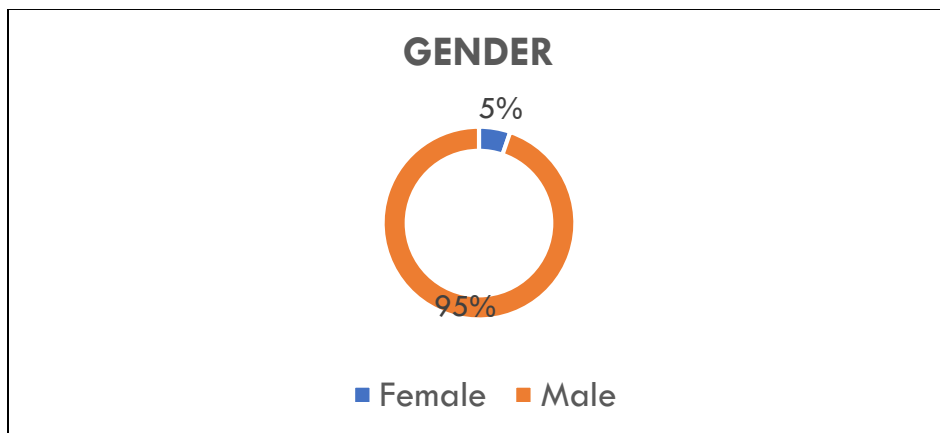
2020 (As of 12/31/2020)



### **GENDER DETAIL**

- Female: 9
- Male: 116
- **Total: 125**

2021 (As of 12/31/2021)

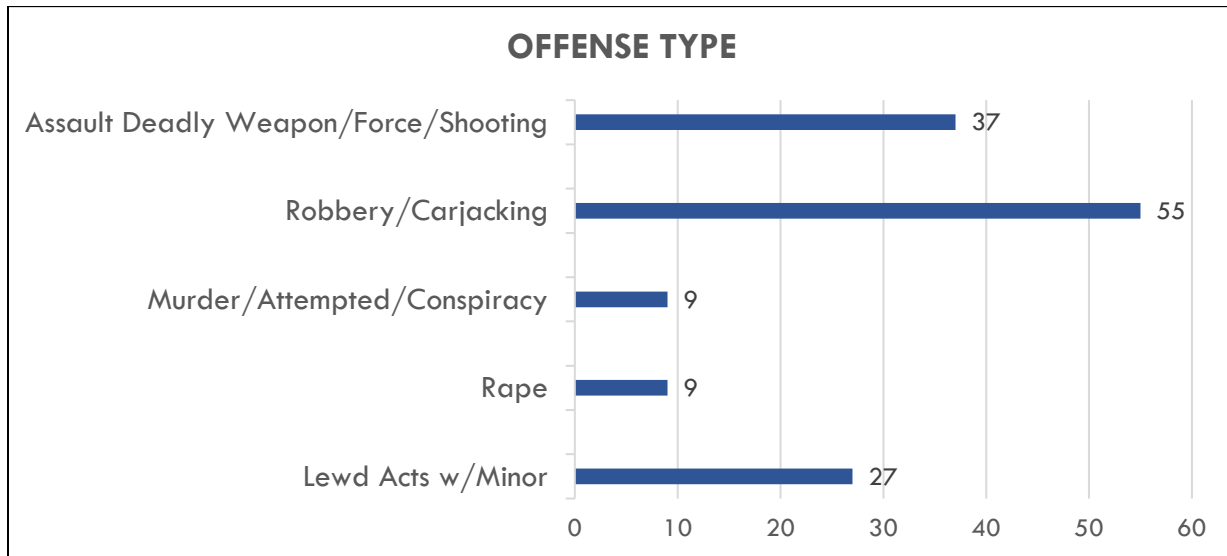


### **GENDER DETAIL**

- Female: 6
- Male: 108
- **Total: 114**

## Offenses

2019 (As of 12/31/2019)



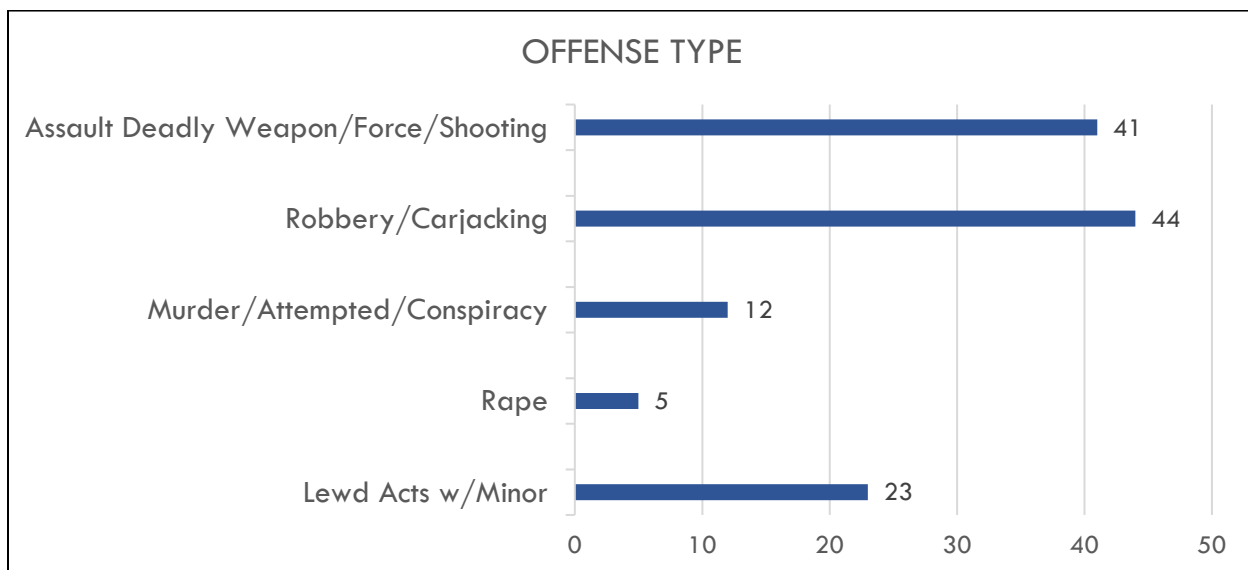
### Sex Crimes: 36

- Lewd Acts w/Minor: 27
- Rape: 9

### Violent Crimes: 101

- Murder/Attempted/Conspiracy: 9
- Robbery/Carjacking: 55
- Assault Deadly Weapon/Force/Shooting: 37

2020 (As of 12/31/2020)



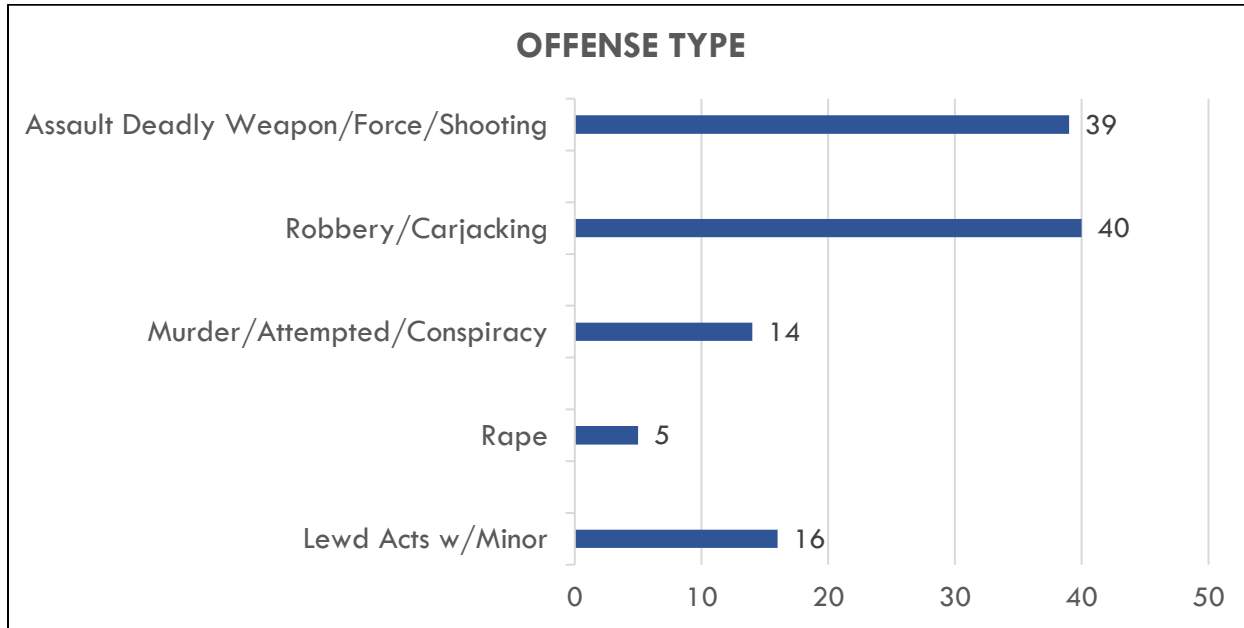
### Sex Crimes: 28

- Lewd Acts w/Minor: 23
- Rape: 5

### Violent Crimes: 97

- Murder/Attempted/Conspiracy: 12
- Robbery/Carjacking: 44
- Assault Deadly Weapon/Force/Shooting:

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**Sex Crimes: 21**

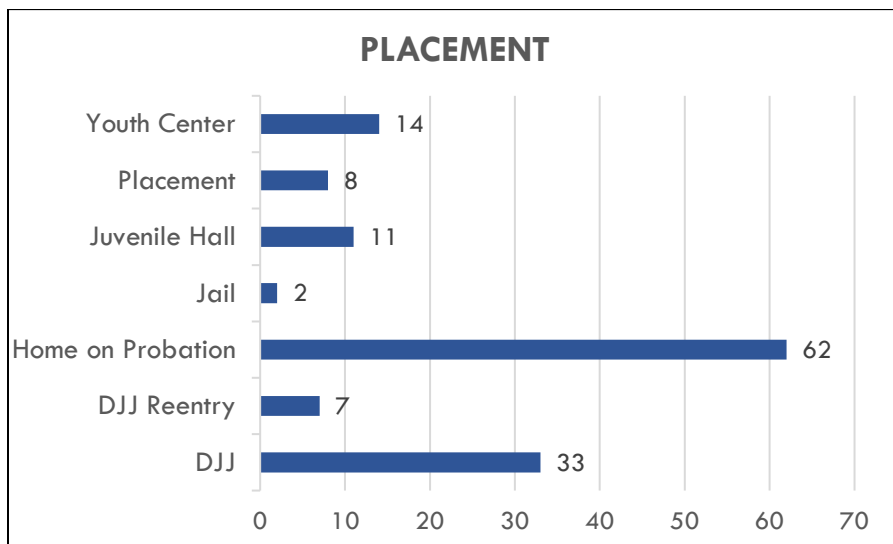
- Lewd Acts w/Minor: 16
- Rape: 5

**Violent Crimes: 93**

- Murder/Attempted/Conspiracy: 14
- Robbery/Carjacking: 40
- Assault Deadly Weapon/Force/Shooting: 39

- Please provide disaggregated placements for all of your youth with 707(b) and/or 290.008 offenses for 2019, 2020, and 2021 (if already available)

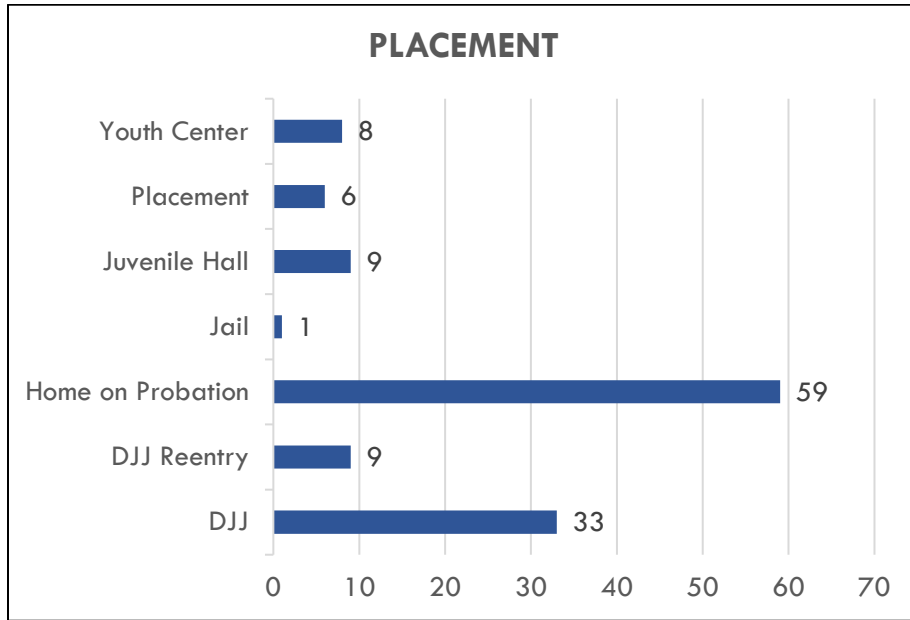
2019 (As of 12/31/2019)



**PLACEMENT DETAIL**

- DJJ: 33
- DJJ Reentry: 7
- Home on Probation: 62
- Jail: 2
- Juvenile Hall: 11
- Placement: 8
- Youth Center: 14
- **Total: 137**

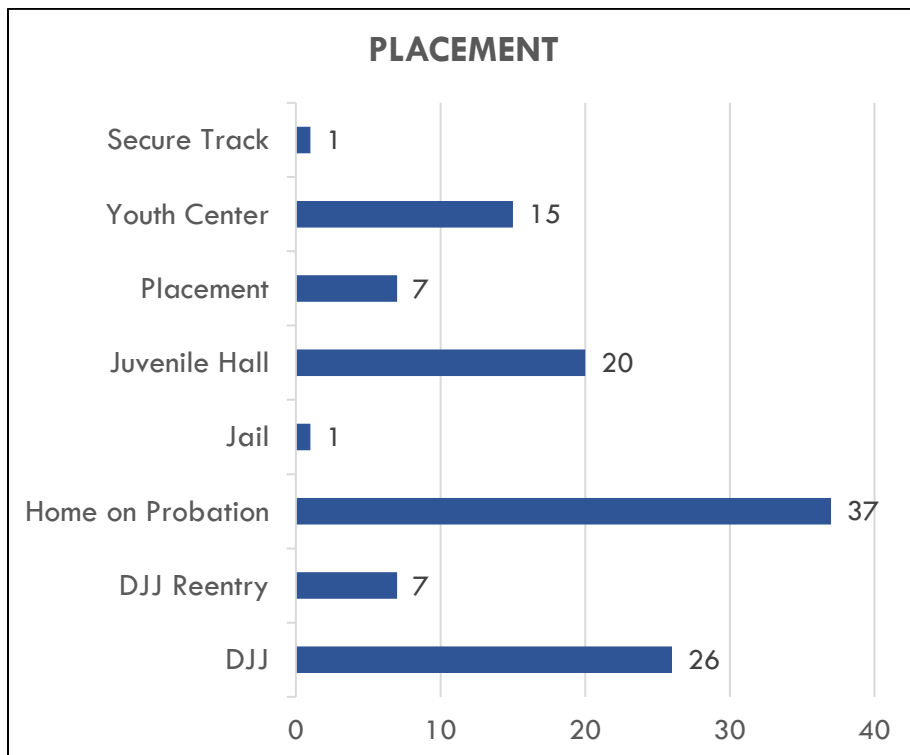
2020 (As of 12/31/2020)



#### PLACEMENT DETAIL

- DJJ: 33
- DJJ Reentry: 9
- Home on Probation: 59
- Jail: 1
- Juvenile Hall: 9
- Placement: 6
- Youth Center: 8
- **Total: 125**

2021 (As of 12/31/2021)



#### PLACEMENT DETAIL

- DJJ: 26
- DJJ Reentry: 7
- Home on Probation: 37
- Jail: 1
- Juvenile Hall: 20
- Placement: 7
- Youth Center: 15
- Secure Track: 1
- **Total: 114**

- *Please provide further details on the facility improvements that you are making to accommodate youth in the secure track who will be subject to longer commitments. Please provide a description of how those improvements fit within your current facilities and expand your step-down approach.*

### **Facility Improvements:**

The existing dormitory within Juvenile Hall has been modified to create a more homelike environment for youth; the large (20) bed dormitory was remodeled to remove (10) beds, allowing for the space to be reconfigured with (10) beds and a large open recreation area. The recreation area will be furnished with communal seating and entertainment options, such as a television and gaming table. Inside a shared multipurpose room within the dormitory building, youth will be able to dine in a communal fashion, conduct recreation activities, and attend programming.

A separate dormitory unit, housing up to (10) youth, will be utilized as a preparatory housing unit assignment, in anticipation of youth committed to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) preparing to transition to a less restrictive “step-down” program at the Youth Center. As youth may be accustomed to having an assigned room in the SYTF setting, the transitional dormitory will allow youth to become acclimated to living in a communal setting with others, developing responsibility in conjunction with increased independence, and the ability to access additional programmatic opportunities within the facility.

To accommodate youth who are approved by the court to transition to the less-restrictive program at the Youth Center, the Department is refurbishing a vacant housing unit with the goal of creating college dormitory-style rooms, as well as a communal recreation area and programming space. The housing unit provides a separate entrance and will allow youth to continue their re-entry curriculum, furlough from the facility to attend employment or education opportunities in the community, and transition from custodial based therapeutic services to community-based services.

A room inside the Visitation Center within Juvenile Hall has been converted to a family visitation room; complete with toys, furnishings, and design components that are appealing to small children. This space was created to enable youth to actively engage with their children in an environment that is conducive to family bonding.



Juvenile Hall has incorporated chalkboard paint inside the designated rooms for SYTF commitments, to allow youth to express themselves artistically and personalize their assigned living space.

**Outdoor Classroom/Garden Program:**

The Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) has utilized local control funding to install an outdoor classroom within the secure facility. Utilizing a volunteer landscape project designer from the community, the garden classroom will include raised gardening beds, a large solar greenhouse, and a landscaped area that will allow youth to learn about installation of irrigation systems and large-scale agribusiness farming from local community partners. In addition, a composting program and a small animal husbandry program are planned for the area.

MCOE is working to implement an existing Sustainable Agriculture and Science Pathway curriculum that is certified by the University of California and presently being utilized by a local high school. It is hoped that community stakeholders will be involved in the delivery of education and vocational services, so that students can develop a pathway to employment or continuing higher education in the community.

It is anticipated that Children’s Behavioral Health will also utilize the garden space as an outdoor therapeutic environment with the assigned psychiatric social workers in the facility, utilizing plants with sensory appeal and an in-ground tranquility labyrinth, to assist youth in responding to stressors in a healthy manner and provide a sanctuary space for youth that may be experiencing trauma. It is hoped that a local artist can assist youth in the development of a mural for the garden space as well, allowing youth to develop a connection and sense of pride in their surroundings.

- *Please provide further details on your culturally relevant programming.*

**Culturally Relevant Programming:**

The Probation Department remains committed to the ongoing development and implementation of culturally relevant programming for youth in our care. In addition to ongoing programming throughout the facility, the SYTF is actively pursuing formal training opportunities for La Cultura Cura through the National Compadres Network, to train facility staff in the

philosophy and curriculum of the program, with the goal of developing a facility program within Juvenile Hall, for both the SB 823 population and the traditional short-term detention population. As over 90% of facility staff speak Spanish fluently and identify as Mexican American in ethnicity, the Department believes that training internal staff to facilitate the program within Juvenile Hall will serve to enhance a sense of shared cultural relevance between youth and staff members, facilitate positive and prosocial role modeling, and assist in the development and practical application of defined program goals; building on the natural opportunity factors and on what is healthy within an individual family, community, or culture.

The Probation Department continues to work with Homeboy Industries in the acquisition of their acclaimed culturally relevant Art Academy through a virtual platform. This program is aimed at helping youth identify and connect with their culture, work through trauma, and develop resilience and leadership skills through creative art. As this program is based in Los Angeles, the Department is working towards partnership on a virtual platform, with the goal of identifying a local provider that can develop an ongoing in-person program within the facility and expansion of the program to at-risk youth in the community. This partnership remains in the development and contract phase, and it is hoped that it will be fully implemented by the next fiscal year.

The Department has partnered with the Hartnell College Office of Equity to bring many of the college's acclaimed programs to youth within Juvenile Hall, including credible messengers from the Women's Education Institute (WELI) and the Men's Institute for Leadership and Education (MILE), utilization of the Mi Casa Program, for undocumented youth, which provides: a welcoming space on campus when youth are released and enrolled into the school; assistance with tuition exemption requests and financial aid assistance for college classes; guidance and educational counseling; peer mentoring and social activities in the community; access to support both on and off campus through the Hartnell Dreamer Ally Network; immigration assistance; and advocacy services. Through this partnership, the Department hopes to offer dual enrollment opportunities for youth that have not graduated high school and formal enrollment in higher education courses for graduates within Juvenile Hall.

Additionally, the Department has partnered with the Underground Scholar Network at the University of California, Santa Cruz, to provide credible messenger opportunities for youth. One of the founders of the program is a former justice-impacted youth from Monterey County,

who participated in a College Week event in the facility with his group and the Hartnell Office of Equity, to explain his personal history, inclusive of detention within our Juvenile Hall and Youth Center, the Division of Juvenile Justice, and the transformative experience he had from exposure to higher education. The Department plans to continue this relationship into the future, to provide additional mentoring opportunities for youth committed to Juvenile Hall.