Office of Juvenile Justice  
2017 Recidivism Analysis

The recidivism rate is one of the primary tools used in measuring the success of programs within the juvenile justice system. The Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) Recidivism Report is published each year to track the recidivism rates of youth released from OJJ custody. The methodology of the Recidivism Report, including timeframes, cohort groups, etc., is explained in depth on the report itself.

Over the past four years, the number of youth admitted to OJJ custody has declined by 18.4%. The number of youth discharged from OJJ custody has declined by an even greater amount of 29.6%. Both trends are depicted in the chart below.

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Admission</th>
<th>Discharge</th>
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<td>2011-12</td>
<td>3,142</td>
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<td>2012-13</td>
<td>2,936</td>
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<td>2013-14</td>
<td>2,813</td>
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<td>2014-15</td>
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<td>2015-16</td>
<td>2,565</td>
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**Overall Recidivism**

The overall success rate for discharged youth remaining out of OJJ or Department of Corrections (DOC) custody for one year improved slightly from 85.4% in 2016, to 85.5% in 2017, an increase of .12%.

The two year overall success rate for discharged youth remaining out of OJJ/DOC care increased by .5%, moving from 76.6% in 2016, to 77.0% in 2017.

The overall success rate for discharged youth remaining out of custody for three years improved from 69.1% in 2016 to 71.7% in 2017 – an increase of 3.8%.
The following is an analysis of the agency’s recidivism rates by individual custody level:

**Secure Care**-

The *one-year success rate* of youth in secure care remaining out of OJJ/DOC custody showed an **increase of 2.1%** - moving from in **80.6% in 2016 to 82.3% in 2017**.

The *two-year success rate* of secure care youth also increased considerably from **64.1% in 2016, to 69.7% in 2017 – an 8.7% improvement**.

The *three-year success rate* showed a **substantial improvement**, increasing by **11.1% - from 52.2% in 2016, to 58.0% in 2017**.

**Non-Secure**-

The one-year success rate decreased slightly from **82.9% in 2016, to 82.7% in 2017 – a .24% decline.**

The two-year success rate for non-secure youth decreased by 7.09%, moving from **71.9% in 2016, to 66.8% remaining out of custody in 2017.**

The *three-year success rate* for non-secure youth **increased significantly**, moving from **59.5% in 2016 to 64.7% in 2017 – an improvement of 8.74%.**
Probation/Parole Supervision-

The one-year success rate of youth under supervision remained the same at 87% for both 2016 and 2017.

The two-year success rate of supervision youth decreased minimally by .5%, moving from 80.8% in 2016, to 80.4% remaining out of custody in 2017.

The success rate for three-year supervision youth showed an increase of 1.73%, going from 75.3% in 2016, to 76.6% in 2017.