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# Allegheny County Juvenile Probation's 2021 Balanced and Restorative Justice Report Card

Since 1996, Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) has been the legislative mandate and mission of Allegheny County and Pennsylvania's juvenile justice systems, establishing community protection, accountability, and competency development as system goals. Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES), created in 2010, fundamentally changed how we achieve BARJ by adding evidence-based practices, data-driven decision making, and professional development as goals.

Since 1998, Allegheny County Juvenile Probation has measured intermediate outcomes related to BARJ. This data is collected at time of case closing. This year's report card represents 600 youth whose involvement with the Department, including extended service, consent decree, probation, and/or placement, ended in 2021. The charts on the next page gauge our progress toward our six goals.

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## Mission Statement

To support and enhance the values, principles, and programs that advance the goals of Balanced and Restorative Justice while employing evidence-based practices whenever possible.

## Goals

1. Community Protection
2. Accountability
3. Competency Development
4. Evidence-Based Practices
5. Data-Driven Decision Making
6. Professional Development

## Pennsylvania's Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy Statement of Purpose

We dedicate ourselves to working in partnership to enhance the capacity of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system to achieve its balanced and restorative justice mission by:

- employing evidence-based practices with fidelity at every stage of the juvenile justice process;
- collecting and analyzing the data necessary to measure the results of these efforts; and, with this knowledge;
- striving to continuously improve the quality of our decisions, services, and programs.

## Evidence-Based Practices

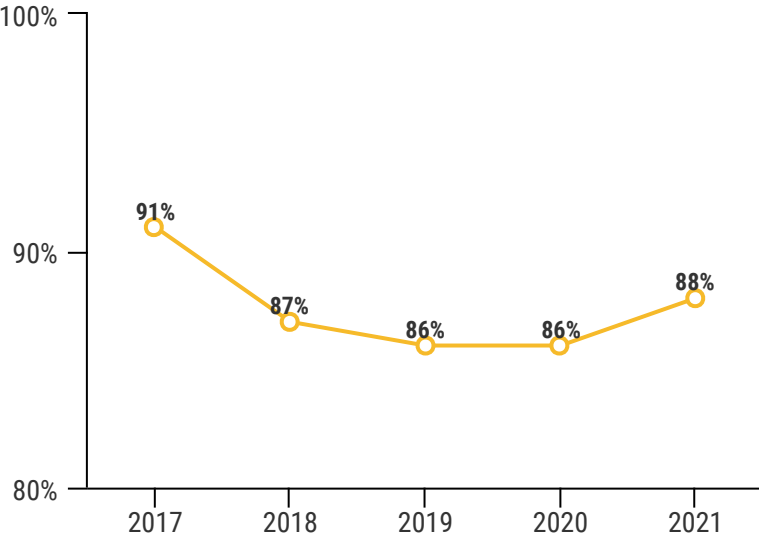
- Youth Level of Service Risk/Needs Assessment Instrument
- Pennsylvania Detention Risk Assessment Instrument
- Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument Version 2
- Child Trauma Screen
- Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol™
- Graduated Responses
- Motivational Interviewing
- Aggression Replacement Training®
- Effective Practice in Community Supervision (EPICS)
- Brief Intervention Tools (BITS)



# Allegheny County Juvenile Probation 2021 Outcome Measures

## Community Protection

88% of youth successfully completed supervision

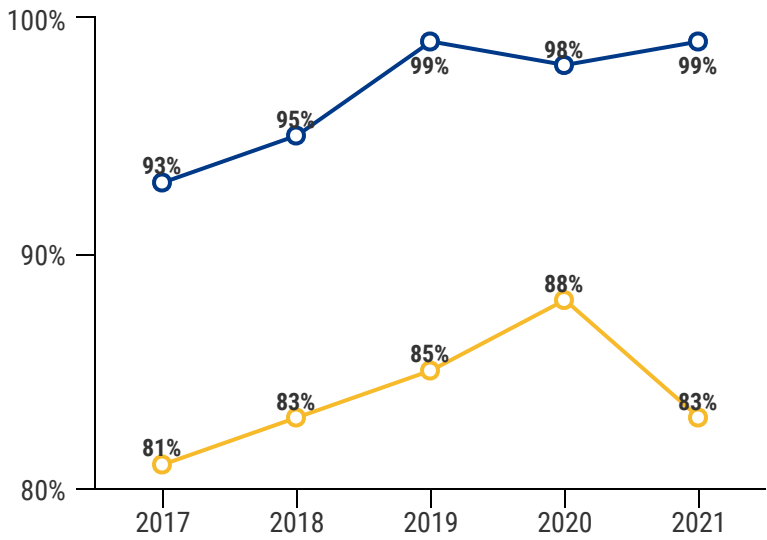


Percentage of Youth with Closed Cases

Successful completion is defined as no new offense resulting in a Consent Decree, Adjudication of Delinquency, or finding of guilt in a criminal proceeding while under the Court's supervision.

## Accountability

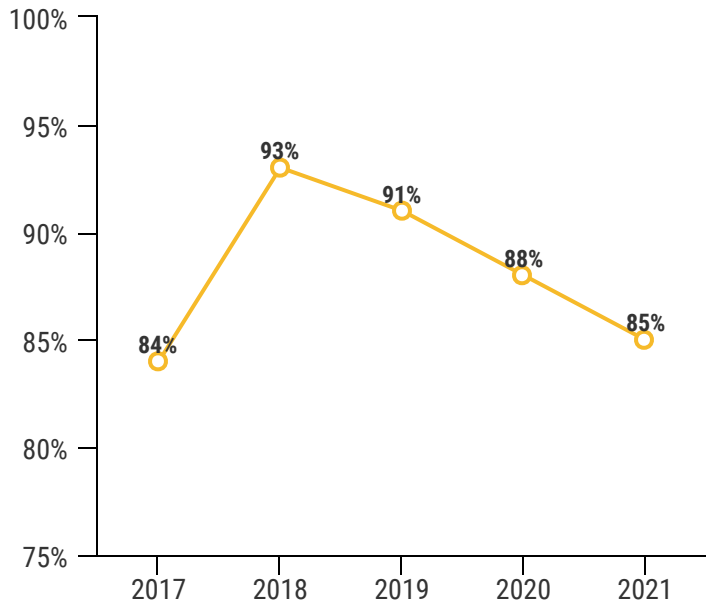
99% of youth fully completed community service, and 83% fully paid restitution to victims at time of case closing



Percentage Fully Completing Community Service  
Percentage Fully Paying Restitution to Victims

## Competency Development

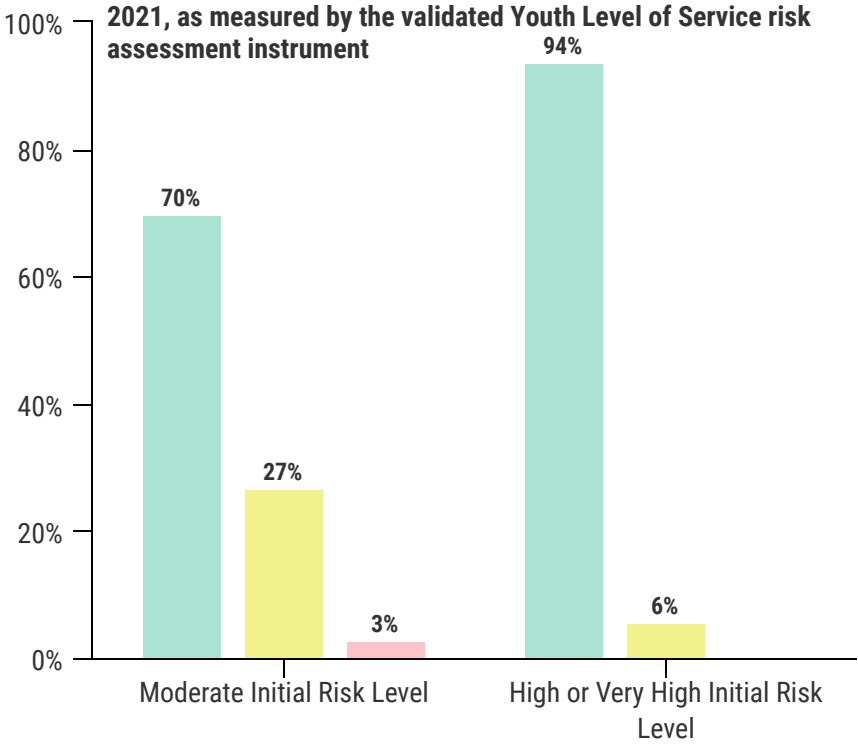
85% of youth were involved in a productive competency development activity at case closing



Attended school, vocational program, GED training, or employed at case closing

## Data-Driven Decision Making

The risk level of most youth decreased at time of case closing in 2021, as measured by the validated Youth Level of Service risk assessment instrument



Risk Level Decreased at Case Closing  
Risk Level Remained the Same at Case Closing  
Risk Level Increased at Case Closing