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# Allegheny County Juvenile Probation's 2022 Balanced and Restorative Justice Report Card

Since 1996, the Probation Department has been focused on achieving the goals of our balanced and restorative justice mission and legislative mandate:

- Community protection
- Accountability – holding juvenile accountable to restore victims and communities
- Competency Development – provide opportunities for juveniles to acquire skills that lead to law-abiding and productive citizenship

These goals have been refined and clarified over the years but remain our guiding principles. In 2010, the Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system leaders officially launched the Juvenile Justice System Enhancement Strategy (JJSES), a comprehensive initiative designed to develop and implement evidence-based tools, practices, and interventions that would improve our outcomes. JJSES fundamentally transformed "how" we go about achieving our BARJ goals.

During the last twelve years, the system has worked tirelessly to fully integrate the components JJSES into the daily activities of our probation department. The successful melding of JJSES with BARJ is reflected in the revised mission statement and goals of Pennsylvania's juvenile justice system:

## Mission

*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

For over 25 years, Allegheny County has been collecting key outcome data at the time of case closing to determine if we are attaining our goals. In 2022, the Court closed a total of 419 cases. Key outcome data for those case closures is below.

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## 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

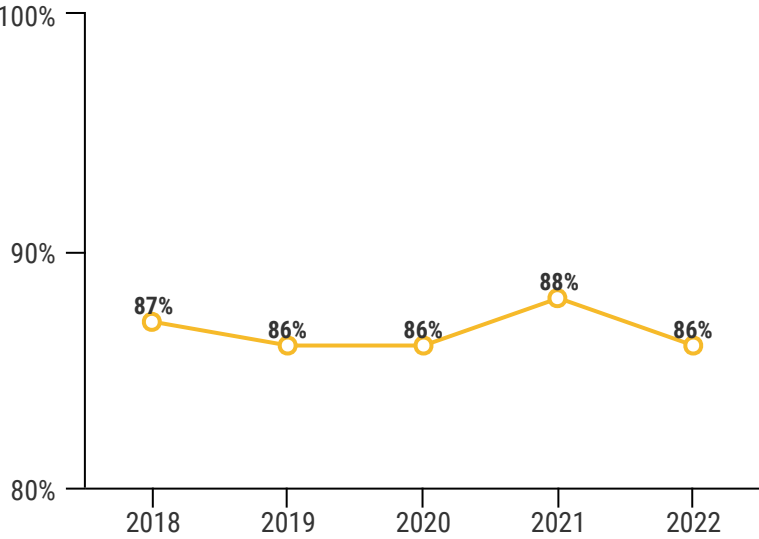
- Youth Level of Service Risk/Needs Assessment Instrument
- Pennsylvania Detention Risk Assessment Instrument
- Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument Version 2
- Child Trauma Screen
- Standardized Program Evaluation Protocol™
- Graduated Responses
- Motivational Interviewing
- Aggression Replacement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



# Allegheny County Juvenile Probation 2022 Outcome Measures

## Community Protection

88% of youth successfully completed supervision

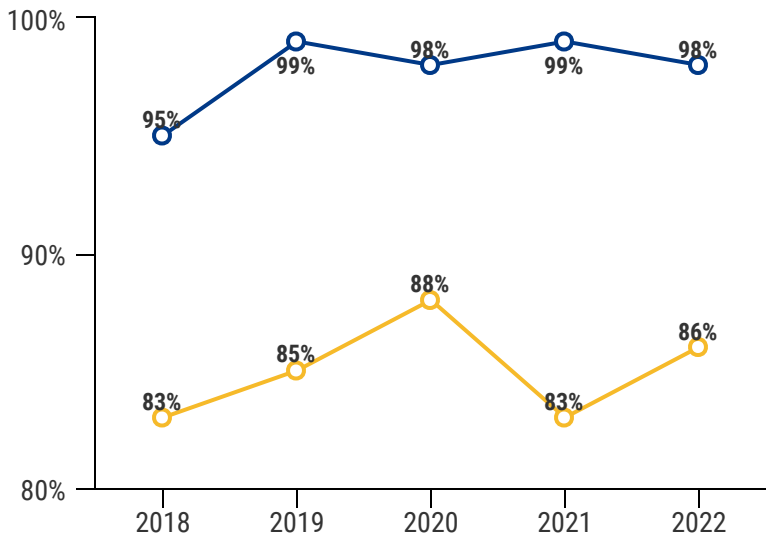


Percentage of Youth with Closed Cases

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

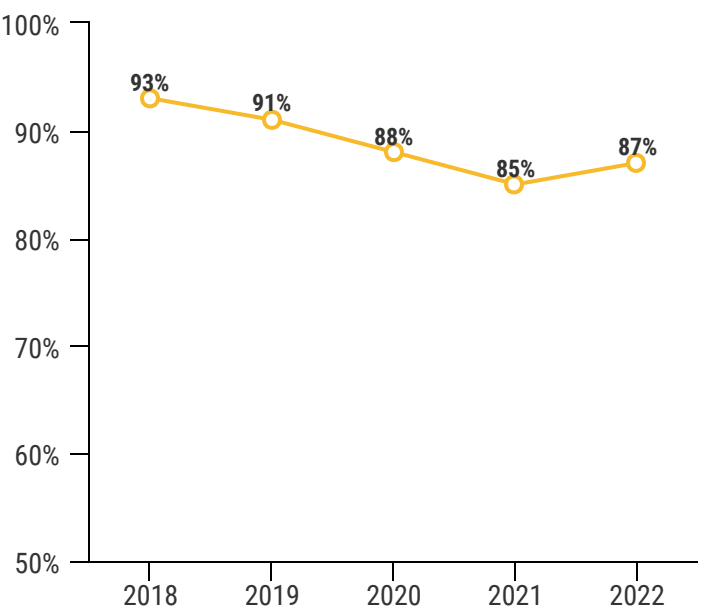
98% of youth fully completed community service, and 86% fully paid restitution to victims at time of case closing



Percentage Fully Completing Community Service  
Percentage Fully Paying Restitution to Victims

## Competency Development

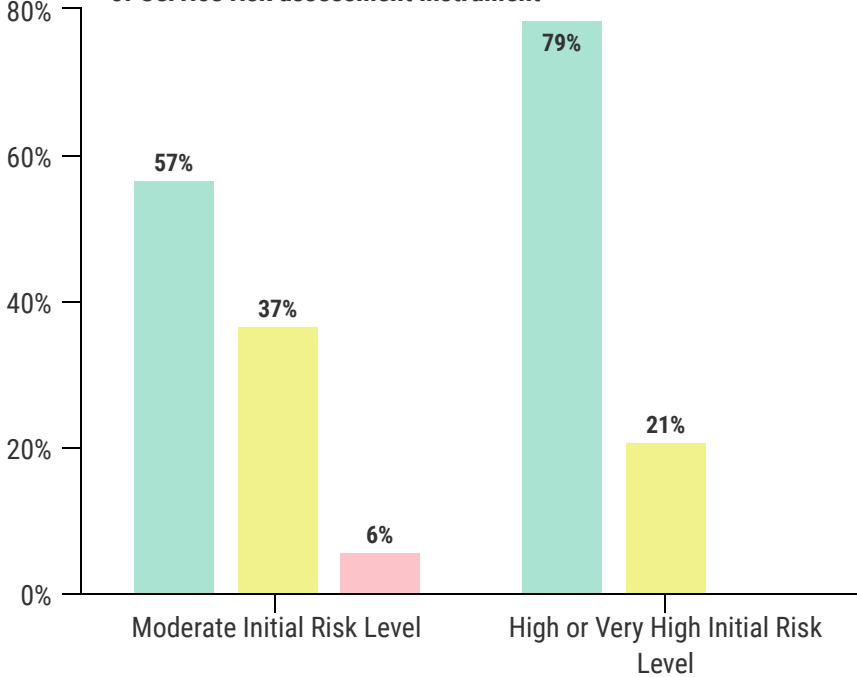
59% of youth were involved in a productive competency development activity at case closing



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 2022, 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