

South Carolina Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (GJJAC) is committed to raising awareness of the issues and effects of **Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED)** for the citizens of South Carolina.

For more information, please go to scdps.sc.gov/ohsjp/jjgp

Other helpful Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) links:

Annie E. Casey Foundation
<https://www.aecf.org/>

<https://www.aecf.org/blog/new-tool-helps-leaders-reduce-racial-and-ethnic-disparities/>

Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) - Safety Opportunity & Success Project
www.juvjustice.org/sos

Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/programs/racial-and-ethnic-disparities>

US Department of Justice
<https://nicic.gov/racial-disparities-and-dynamics-criminal-justice-system>



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RECLAIMING THE PATHWAY FOR MINORITY YOUTH

The South Carolina Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (GJJAC) formed the System Improvement Committee to specifically address Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) and other juvenile justice topics



Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) occurs when minority youth populations are involved at a decision point in the juvenile justice system at disproportionately higher rates than non-minority youth at that decision point. 34 U.S.C. § 11103(41).



Who is a Minority?

Minority is defined as any racial group other than White. Ethnicity (Hispanic or non-Hispanic) and race (White, Black, Asian, and Native American) are collected separately by the Census.

DAILY COST FOR OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT AND DETENTION



DJJ Detention **\$426**

DJJ Wilderness Placement **\$111**

DSS/Foster Care (ages 13-20) **\$19.63**

Statewide Statistics

Minority Youth Make Up
43% of Youth Under 18 in S.C.

of **13,648** Juvenile
Cases in FY 2019-2020,
Minority Youth Represented
63% of
the total cases

Juvenile Justice Actions by Race/Ethnicity and Gender for FY 2019-2020

Population	Black	White	Hispanic	Other	Male	Female
Juveniles Referred	57.63%	36.84%	4.09%	1.45%	67.71%	32.29%
Juveniles Detained	66.98%	27.68%	3.75%	1.58%	76.04%	23.96%
Community Evaluation	56.52%	37.12%	3.48%	2.88%	74.70%	25.30%
Residential Evaluation	61.00%	31.84%	4.99%	2.17%	76.09%	23.91%
All Evaluations	58.56%	34.56%	4.32%	2.56%	77.28%	22.72%
Commitments	64.44%	30.79%	3.02%	1.75%	81.75%	18.25%
Probation	58.78%	33.86%	5.02%	2.33%	72.17%	27.83%

What contributes to Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED)?

- Lack of Education
- Lack of Community Resources
- Lack of Cultural Understanding

Did You Know?

South Carolina Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council is researching the effects of Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED) in three selected counties.

AIKEN COUNTY

Minority Youth Population: Most recently, 42% Of 414 Youth referrals to juvenile court 59% were Minority Youth

RICHLAND COUNTY

Minority Youth Population: Most recently, 67% Of 763 Youth referrals to juvenile court 89% were Minority Youth

YORK COUNTY

Minority Youth Population: Most recently, 35% Of 610 Youth referrals to juvenile court 51% were Minority Youth

FY 2019-2020 Most Frequent Referral Offenses

(Includes all cases of minorities and non-minorities)

Simple Assault (fight no injury)	1,939 Cases
Public Disorderly Conduct	858 Cases
Simple Possession of Marijuana	817 Cases
Shoplifting (less than \$1,000)	578 Cases

HOW CAN COMMUNITIES HELP?

- Become a mentor or family advocate
- Remove barriers to substance abuse and mental health treatment
- Provide access to transportation
- Provide work force training and employment

PROMISING APPROACHES

JDAI

The South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice is leading the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) efforts for the State.

JDAI is a system-wide change in philosophy, practice and policy, which aims to create a juvenile justice system that detains fewer youth. JDAI relies on proven, family-focused interventions that foster opportunities for positive youth development. Using a model rooted in eight core strategies, JDAI proves effective in helping participating jurisdictions create alternative programs for juvenile offenders to safely reduce detention populations.

JDAI's Eight Core Strategies Focus On:

- Collaboration
- Data Driven Decision Making
- Eliminating Racial, Ethnic and Gender Disparities
- Objective Admissions Screening
- Alternatives to Detention
- Expedited Case Processing
- Special Detention Populations (Truancy, Runaway, Incurable)
- Conditions of Confinement

For more information about JDAI or how you, your Agency, Organization or Jurisdiction can get involved, visit us online at djj.sc.gov/jdai.

Keep Connected on JDAIConnect!

JDAIConnect is a virtual destination created by the Casey Foundation for juvenile justice reformers to talk, find resources and learn. JDAIConnect is available to everyone — practitioners, policymakers, community-based organizations, advocates, youth, families, researchers and any others — who are interested in youth justice. Membership is open to all, whether or not you participate in the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative®. This online community is free of charge. You can join the JDAIConnect virtual community at partners.aecf.org.