



Alameda County Probation Department

Public Dataset Data Dictionary

Juvenile Facilities Division

Dataset Overview and Source

The Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD) collects information on all juveniles referred to the department and records this in PRISM (Probation Record Information System Management). Several reports are built into the PRISM system that allow ACPD staff to extract data for specified time periods. This dataset is derived from the PRISM PO-170 report – the *Juvenile Detentions Data Extract*. This report contains individual-level information for all youth detained on the date specified. To create this dataset, the report was de-identified and edited to include the most pertinent information.

Data Characteristics and Known Limitations

- To ensure confidentiality and to protect the identities of individuals on probation, the ages of some individuals in the dataset have been withheld, and marked “N/A”. This is done to avoid possible re-identification through the available demographic information, or stigmatization of a group when they make a substantial percent of a designated population. Please see the “Notes” tab in the public dataset file, which states the number of records with withheld ages in that dataset.
- This data contains all youth who were detained on the date specified. Many youth are booked into Juvenile Hall when arrested and subsequently released without ever spending a night in detention. These youth will be included in this dataset if they were detained at the time of the report, regardless of how long they stayed in Juvenile Hall.

Definition of Terms

Age Group – age range the client was in on the date of report.

City – client’s city of residence as reported at booking

Facility or Detention Alternative – the facility or type of detention alternative the youth was on at the time of the report

Juvenile Hall - youth that were booked into Juvenile Hall (the Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center) and had not been released as of the date of the report. Juvenile Hall houses youth pending Court proceedings while awaiting placement, youth who are ordered

detained by the Court, youth who are under the jurisdiction of the Adult Court, and youth on courtesy holds for other jurisdictions.

Camp Sweeney – youth housed in Camp Wilmont Sweeney on the date of the report. Camp Sweeney is a 24-hour local residential placement for court-ordered commitments for male youth, ages 15 to 18. The program offers treatment, rehabilitation, and education within a structured living environment as a placement alternative to group homes and the State Department of Juvenile Justice. Camp Sweeney is an open setting and not secured by physical barriers. Residents receive education, vocational training, counseling services, and cognitive behavioral therapy. Cognitive family home visits, family reunification, and reintegration into the community are integral parts of the program.

Home Supervision – youth under Home Supervision on the date of the report. Home Supervision is a program offered as an alternative to detention. A minor placed on Home Supervision by the Court or Probation Officer is required to sign a written promise (contract) that he/she understands and will observe the specific conditions of the program. The conditions may include curfew, school attendance, requirements related to the protection of the minor, the person or property of another, or to the minor's appearance at Court hearings.

GPS Monitoring - youth on Global Positioning System monitoring devices on the date of the report. Global Positioning System is a program offered as an alternative to detention. GPS monitoring devices are used for minors released from Juvenile Hall during the adjudication process.

Gender – gender of the client as recorded at booking.

Race Group – race group of client as recorded at booking.

Asian/Pacific Islander – a person whose ancestry can be identified as Asian Indian, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Vietnamese, other Asian, Pacific Islander, Samoan, Guamanian, or Hawaiian.

Black – a person whose ancestry is any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic – a person of Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central and South America or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

American Indian – a person whose ancestry is any Native American tribe.

Other – a person who cannot be linked to any of the general or specific racial/ethnic groups listed

White – a person whose ancestry is any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Data Element and Values Defined

Position	Element	Definition	Codes
A	ID	Identification number unique to each individual	###
B	Age Group	The age group the individual falls into on the date of the report	13 and under 14 – 15

			16 – 17 18 and over
C	Gender	Gender recorded by booking officer at booking	Male Female
D	Race Group	Race recorded by booking officer at booking	Asian/Pacific Islander Black Hispanic American Indian Other White
E	City	City of residence recorded by booking officer at booking	Name of city (if in Alameda County) Out of County (otherwise)
F	Supervision Type/Facility	Facility or type of detention alternative the youth is in on the day of the report	Juvenile Hall Camp Sweeney Home Supervision GPS Monitoring