

## FISCAL YEAR 2020 SAMPLE JCPC PARTICIPANTS

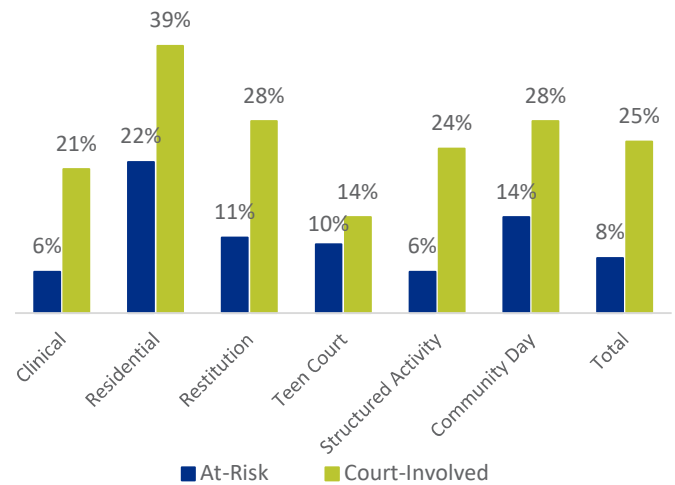
- ⇒ The study followed 11,070 juveniles who exited from a JCPC program in FY 2020.
- ⇒ Recidivism includes delinquent complaints and adult arrests during JCPC program participation, as well as a two-year follow-up period after program exit.
- ⇒ Several factors (including the pandemic and a decreasing percentage of court-involved juveniles in the sample) were noted as possible explanations for the downward trend in recidivism rates across the past three studies.

- Across all categories of JCPC programs, recidivism rates for court-involved juveniles were higher than recidivism rates for at-risk juveniles.

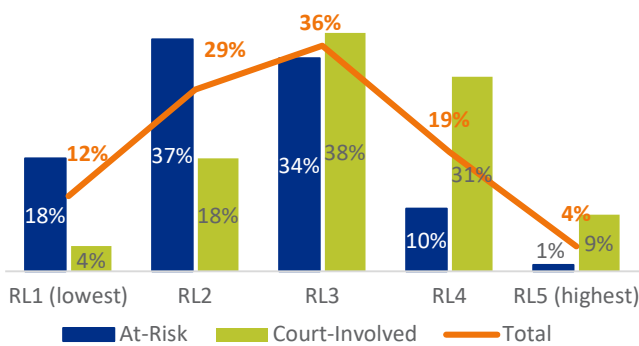
### JCPC Participant Profile

- 60% of juveniles in the sample were at-risk at JCPC program entry (i.e., not currently involved with the juvenile justice system), while 40% were court-involved.
- 64% were male, nearly half (47%) were Black, and 13% were Hispanic. The average age at program entry was 14.
- Court-involved juveniles had more prior contacts with the juvenile justice system than at-risk juveniles.
- Most (89%) of the at-risk group was assessed in RL1 (lowest risk level) through RL3. Conversely, 78% of the court-involved group was assessed in RL3 through RL5 (highest risk level).

**Recidivism Rates by Program Category and Legal Status: Two-Year Follow-Up**



**Risk Level by Legal Status**

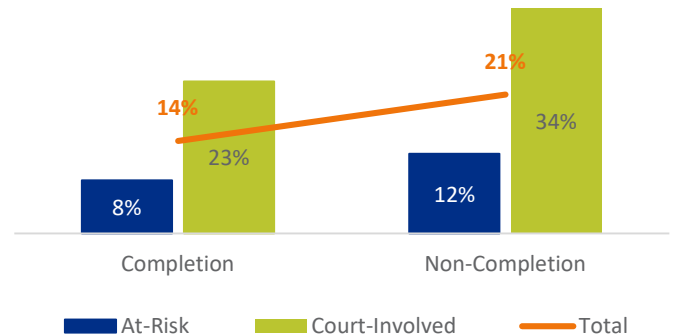


- 2% of at-risk juveniles and 9% of court-involved juveniles recidivated during their JCPC program participation.
- Overall, at-risk and court-involved juveniles had similar program completion rates. Juveniles who completed their JCPC program had lower recidivism rates than those who did not.

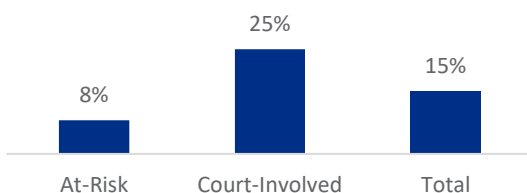
### JCPC Participant Profile and Recidivism

- 15% had at least one delinquent complaint and/or arrest during the two-year follow-up. Court-involved juveniles had higher recidivism rates than at-risk juveniles.

**Recidivism Rates by Program Completion and Legal Status: Two-Year Follow-Up**



**Recidivism Rates by Legal Status: Two-Year Follow-Up**



- At-risk and court-involved juveniles with prior juvenile justice contacts had the highest recidivism rates.
- Juveniles assessed in the lowest risk level (RL1) had the lowest recidivism rates at 4% compared to juveniles assessed in the highest risk level (RL5) at 47%.

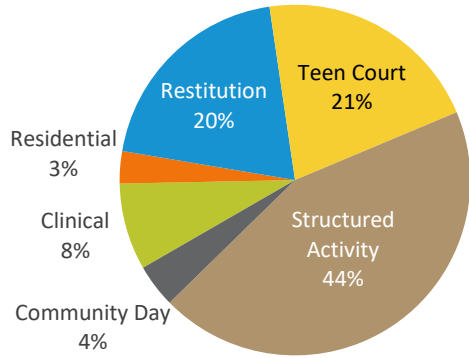
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## JCPC PROGRAMS

### JCPC Program Profile

- 44% of juveniles were referred to their JCPC programs by the DJJDP.
- Most juveniles exited from structured activity programs followed by teen court and restitution.

JCPC Exits by Program Category

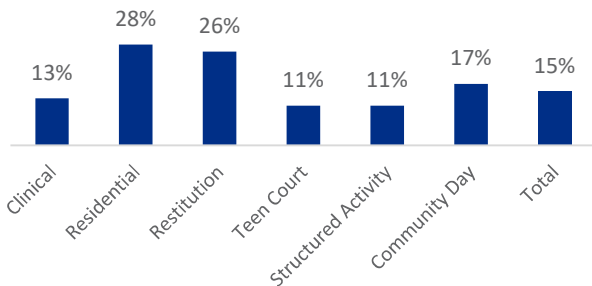


- Over 40% of juveniles in residential and restitution programs were assessed in the highest two risk levels (RL4 and RL5).
- Most juveniles completed their JCPC program (85%). Program completion rates ranged from 72% (clinical) to 90% (restitution and teen court).

### JCPC Program Profile and Recidivism

- Juveniles in the Central area had the lowest recidivism rates, while juveniles in the Piedmont area had the highest (12% and 18% respectively during two-year follow-up).
- Juveniles in residential and restitution programs had the highest recidivism rates, while those in teen court and structured activity programs had the lowest.

Recidivism Rates by Program Category:  
Two-Year Follow-Up



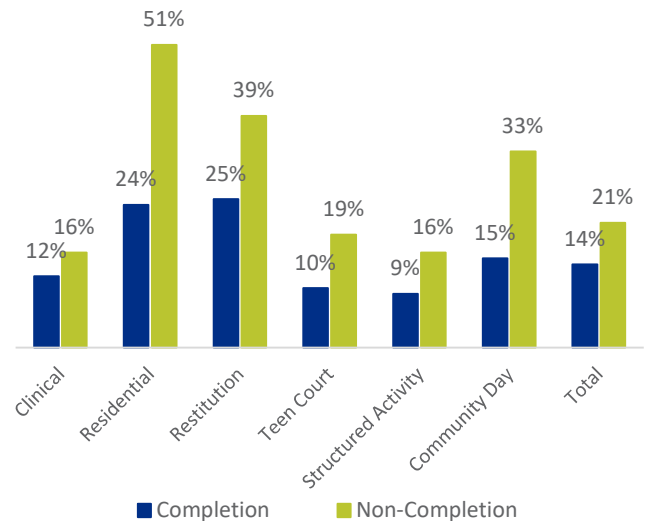
- Juveniles in clinical and structured activity programs had the highest number of days enrolled on average.
- The average number of direct service hours provided to the sample was 58.
- Overall, juveniles who received between 21 and 40 hours of direct service hours recidivated at the highest rate.

Recidivism Rates by Direct Service Hours Provided  
and Program Category: Two-Year Follow-Up

JCPC Program	≤ 8	9-20	21-40	> 40
Clinical	14%	10%	13%	20%
Residential	--	--	29%	28%
Restitution	25%	24%	26%	31%
Teen Court	11%	11%	11%	--
Structured Activity	13%	11%	13%	8%
Community Day	28%	10%	15%	21%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>15%</b>

- Across program categories, juveniles with prior complaints had substantially higher recidivism rates than those with no prior complaints.
- Program completion was associated with lower levels of recidivism across all program categories.

Recidivism Rates by Program Completion  
and Category: Two-Year Follow-Up



Note: Direct comparisons between recidivism rates in this report and reports prior to 2019 cannot be made due to methodological differences.  
SOURCE: NC Sentencing and Policy Advisory Commission, FY 2020 JCPC Exit Sample

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