

## Savage Mountain Youth Center (State-Operated)

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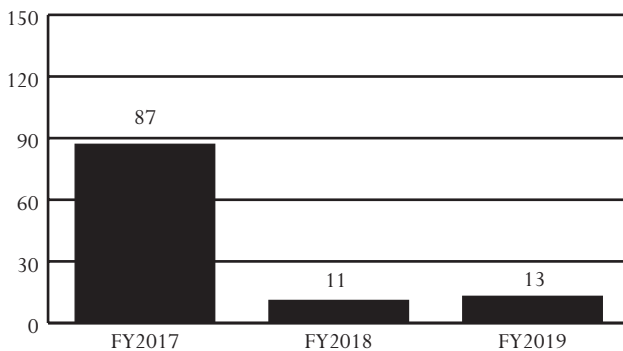
Hardware Secure - Region III - Western

Rated Capacity: 24 Males

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The success of the first forestry camp for boys at Green Ridge prompted the General Assembly to appropriate funds for additional facilities in 1956 (Chapter 98, Acts of 1956). The Camp was renamed Savage Mountain Youth Center in 1977. Programming includes STARR (DJS' behavioral management program), Seven Challenges (evidence-based drug treatment), START (evidence-based cognitive behavioral group intervention focused on developing youth's social skills, anger control, and moral reasoning), and TAMAR-Y (group intervention to address trauma issues). Behavioral Health staff provide individual, group, and family counseling services. Substance abuse treatment is offered on a continuum from early intervention to clinically managed medium intensity, as appropriate for the individual participant. Family engagement in treatment planning is encouraged. Regular family interaction is encouraged through family visits, phone calls, special family day activities at the facility, and home visits to help youth successfully transition back to the community. While individual cases are assessed on a case-by-case basis, typical placements involve participants who present a high risk of AWOL/escape, demonstrate high aggression, have high mental health needs, have had a previous mental health placement, have an intense substance abuse disorder, or display developmental or maturity factors that are considered best served by a hardware secure placement. MSDE provides educational services on a 12-month schedule, with six hours of daily instruction five days a week.

### PLACEMENTS, FY 2017-2019



### PLACEMENTS BY DEMOGRAPHICS, FY 2017-2019

Demographics	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Black	79.3%	90.9%	92.3%
White	10.3%	9.1%	7.7%
Hispanic/Other	10.3%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Female	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Age</b>			
11 and under	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
12	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
13	3.4%	9.1%	15.4%
14	10.3%	18.2%	15.4%
15	40.2%	27.3%	46.2%
16	16.1%	27.3%	23.1%
17	23.0%	9.1%	0.0%
18-20	6.9%	9.1%	0.0%
<b>Total Placements</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>

- **Placement Trends:**
  - Placements decreased 85.1% between FY 2017 and FY 2019 and increased 18.2% between FY 2018 and FY 2019.
- **Region of Residence (FY 2019):**
  - 100% of the placements were from regions within Maryland. There were no juveniles from out of state.
- **Offense Type (FY 2019):**
  - The most common offense type for juveniles placed was Robbery (23.1%).
- **Offense Category (FY 2018-2019):**
  - The percentage of Crimes of Violence increased from 27.3% to 53.8%.
  - The percentage of Felonies increased from 9.1% to 15.4%.
  - The percentage of Misdemeanors decreased from 54.5% to 30.8%.
  - See the *Terms and Concepts* pages in the introduction section for an explanation of *Crime of Violence*, *felony*, and *misdemeanor* as the definitions are helpful when examining offense severity.
- **Average Daily Population:**
  - ADP decreased 80.4% between FY 2017 and FY 2019 and increased 39.3% between FY 2018 and FY 2019.
- **Average Length of Stay:**
  - The average LOS increased 47.5% between FY 2017 and FY 2019 and increased 99.4% between FY 2018 and FY 2019.
- **Utilization Rate (FY 2018-FY 2019):**
  - Savage Mountain Youth Center's utilization rate increased from 10.5% in FY 2018 to 14.7% in FY 2019 (based on the facility's rated capacity).

*Savage Mountain Youth Center closed from September of 2017 through December 2018 when it was reopened as a state-operated hardware secure facility. Data for FY 2018 and FY 2019 represent only the time when the facility was opened; therefore, comparisons to previous years are not possible.*

### COMMITTED PLACEMENTS BY OFFENSE<sup>+</sup>, FY 2019

Most Serious Adjudicated Offense	FY2019
Offense Type	
Arson	0.0%
Auto Theft/Unauthorized Use	7.7%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	7.7%
Carjacking	15.4%
Conspiracy to Commit Offense	7.7%
Deadly Weapon	0.0%
Disturbing the Peace	7.7%
First Degree Assault-Felony	0.0%
Handgun Violation	0.0%
Malicious Destruction	7.7%
Manslaughter	0.0%
Motor Vehicle/Traffic	0.0%
Murder	7.7%
Narcotics Distribution	0.0%
Narcotics Possession	0.0%
Other/Missing <sup>1</sup>	0.0%
Resisting Arrest	0.0%
Robbery	23.1%
Second Degree Assault-Misdemeanor	15.4%
Sex Offense	0.0%
Theft Felony	0.0%
Theft Misdemeanor	0.0%
Trespassing	0.0%
Unspecified Misdemeanor	0.0%
Offense Category*	
<b>Crime of Violence</b>	<b>53.8%</b>
<b>Felony</b>	<b>15.4%</b>
- Person-to-Person	0.0%
- Property	7.7%
- Drugs	0.0%
- Unspecified	7.7%
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>30.8%</b>
- Person-to-Person	23.1%
- Property	7.7%
- Drugs	0.0%
- Unspecified	0.0%
<b>Ordinance Offenses</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Citations</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>CINS</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Placements</b>	<b>13</b>

<sup>+</sup> Percentages of offense type and offense category may not be compared to previous Data Resource Guides due to new offense ranking methodology.

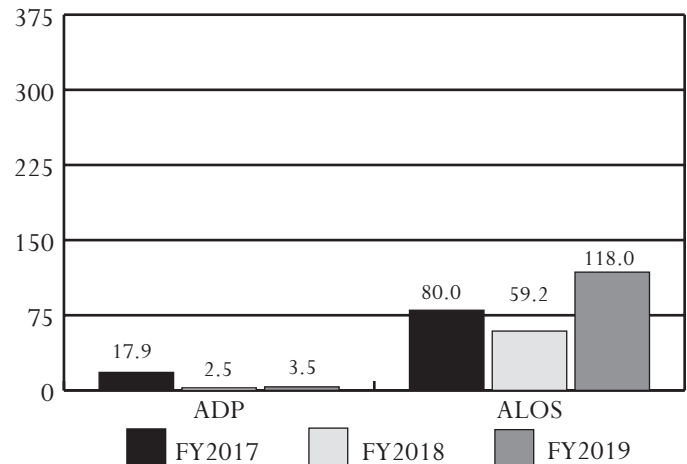
<sup>1</sup> Includes: Affray, BB Gun/Pellet Gun, Child Abuse, Escape, False Alarm, False Report, Reckless Endangerment, Threat of Mass Violence, and Unspecified Felony.

\* See Appendices K and R for COV and other offense classifications.

### PLACEMENTS BY REGION OF RESIDENCE, FY 2017-2019

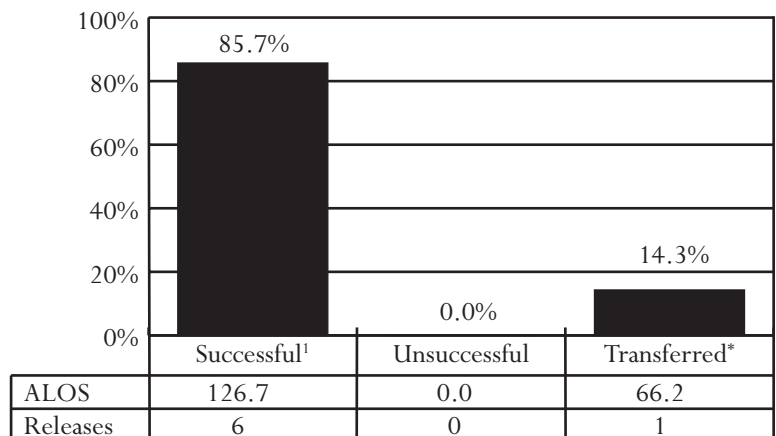
Region	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019
Reg-I - Baltimore City	23.0%	81.8%	23.1%
Reg-II - Central	12.6%	9.1%	38.5%
Reg-III - Western	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Reg-IV - Eastern	13.8%	0.0%	7.7%
Reg-V - Southern	10.3%	0.0%	15.4%
Reg-VI - Metro	36.8%	9.1%	15.4%
Out-of-State	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total Placements</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>

### AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION AND AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY, FY 2017-2019<sup>^</sup>



<sup>^</sup> Please refer to the note at the bottom of page 172 regarding the temporary closure of the facility.

### RELEASES BY COMPLETION STATUS, FY 2019



<sup>1</sup> Juveniles released home or to a step-down program; \* Juveniles transferred to another program

ASSIST is a live database; therefore, updates made subsequent to these data being run will not be included. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Data may not be comparable to previous Data Resource Guides due to methodology changes. VOPs are categorized by the original offense.