

## Backbone Mountain Youth Center (State-Operated)

Superintendent: Todd Foote

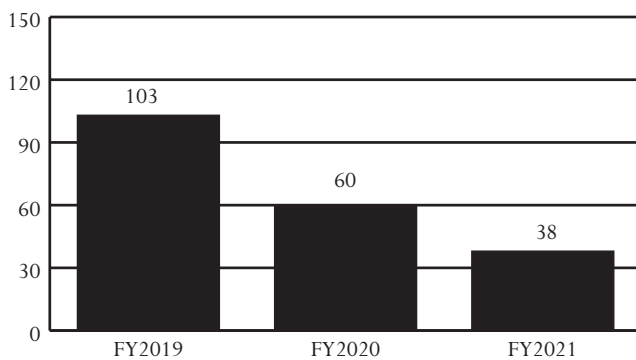
Staff Secure - Region III - Western

Rated Capacity: 24 Males (Capacity was reduced from 48 to 24 on June 20, 2020.)

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This treatment program is located on Backbone Mountain in Garrett County. Programming includes STARR (the DJS behavioral motivation 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 (curriculum to address trauma and teach coping skills). Substance abuse treatment is offered on a continuum from early intervention to clinically managed medium intensity, as appropriate for the individual participant. Behavioral Health staff provide individual, group, and family counseling services. 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. Telepsychiatry services are available to all youth. Recreational programming includes camping and intramural sports competitions. MSDE provides educational services on a 12-month schedule, with six hours of daily instruction five days a week in English, mathematics, science, social studies, health, and life skills. MSDE also offers OSHA and ServSafe Certification, as well as individualized programs to prepare youth for the GED exam. The College Program is offered in conjunction with Garrett College of Maryland. Youth are screened for acceptance into the program. Selected youth are admitted for one college semester while in DJS care and earn a MD High School Diploma, as well as up to 15 college credits.

### PLACEMENTS, FY 2019-2021



### PLACEMENTS BY DEMOGRAPHICS, FY 2019-2021

Demographics	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Black	74.8%	75.0%	71.1%
White	13.6%	15.0%	28.9%
Hispanic/Other	11.7%	10.0%	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	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
14	2.9%	6.7%	2.6%
15	3.9%	5.0%	5.3%
16	20.4%	18.3%	28.9%
17	51.5%	51.7%	44.7%
18-20	21.4%	18.3%	18.4%
<b>Total Placements</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>38</b>

#### • Placement Trends:

- Placements decreased 63.1% between FY 2019 and FY 2021 and decreased 36.7% between FY 2020 and FY 2021.

#### • Residence (FY 2021):

- 94.7% of placements were Maryland residents. The 2 from out of state were from Washington, D.C.

#### • MCASP Risk Level (FY 2021):

- For the 97.4% of placements with a post-validation MCASP, 54.1% were Very High, 27.0% were High, 8.1% were Moderate, and 10.8% were Low.

#### • Offense Category (FY 2020-2021):

- The percentage of Crimes of Violence increased from 33.3% to 36.8%.
- The percentage of Felonies decreased from 20.0% to 15.8%.
- The percentage of Misdemeanors increased from 46.7% to 47.4%.
- 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 65.0% between FY 2019 and FY 2021 and decreased 53.9% between FY 2020 and FY 2021.

#### • Average Length of Stay:

- The average LOS increased 23.3% between FY 2019 and FY 2021 and increased 13.4% between FY 2020 and FY 2021.

#### • Utilization Rate (FY 2020-FY 2021):

- Backbone Mountain Youth Center's utilization rate decreased from 54.2% in FY 2020 to 50.0% in FY 2021.

### PLACEMENTS BY OFFENSE<sup>+</sup>, FY 2020-2021

Offense	FY 2020	FY 2021
Arson	0.0%	0.0%
Auto Theft/Unauth. Use	6.7%	2.6%
Burglary/Break. & Enter	1.7%	5.3%
Carjacking	11.7%	15.8%
Cons. to Commit Offense	10.0%	2.6%
Deadly Weapon	3.3%	5.3%
Disturbing the Peace	0.0%	0.0%
First Degree Assault	0.0%	0.0%
Handgun Violation	10.0%	0.0%
Malicious Destruction	1.7%	2.6%
Manslaughter	0.0%	0.0%
Motor Vehicle/Traffic	3.3%	0.0%
Murder	0.0%	0.0%
Narcotics Distribution	0.0%	5.3%
Narcotics Possession	1.7%	0.0%
Other/Missing <sup>1</sup>	1.7%	0.0%
Resisting Arrest	0.0%	5.3%
Robbery	21.7%	18.4%
Second Degree Assault	13.3%	10.5%
Sex Offense	0.0%	2.6%
Theft Felony	5.0%	5.3%
Theft Misdemeanor	6.7%	18.4%
Trespassing	1.7%	0.0%
Unspec. Misdemeanor	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Crime of Violence</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	<b>36.8%</b>
<b>Felony</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
- Person-to-Person	0.0%	2.6%
- Property	11.7%	7.9%
- Drugs	0.0%	5.3%
- Unspecified	8.3%	0.0%
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>46.7%</b>	<b>47.4%</b>
- Person-to-Person	31.7%	21.1%
- Property	11.7%	23.7%
- Drugs	1.7%	0.0%
- Unspecified	1.7%	2.6%
<b>Ordinance Offenses</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Citations</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>CINS</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
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<sup>+</sup> Percentages of offense type and offense category may not be compared to *Data Resource Guides* prior to FY 2019 due to new offense ranking methodology.

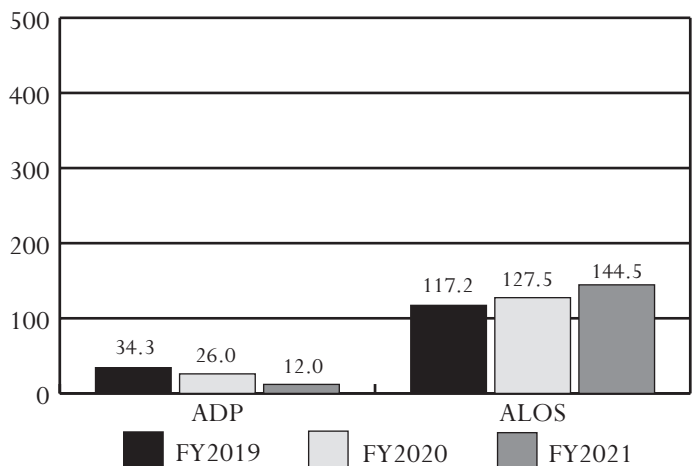
<sup>1</sup> Includes: Affray, BB Gun/Pellet Gun, Child Abuse, Cruelty to Animals, Escape, Fraud, Harassment, Life-Threatening Injury by Motor Vehicle or Vessel, Reckless Endangerment, Telephone Misuse, and Unspecified Felony.

<sup>2</sup> See Appendices K and R for COV and other offense classifications.

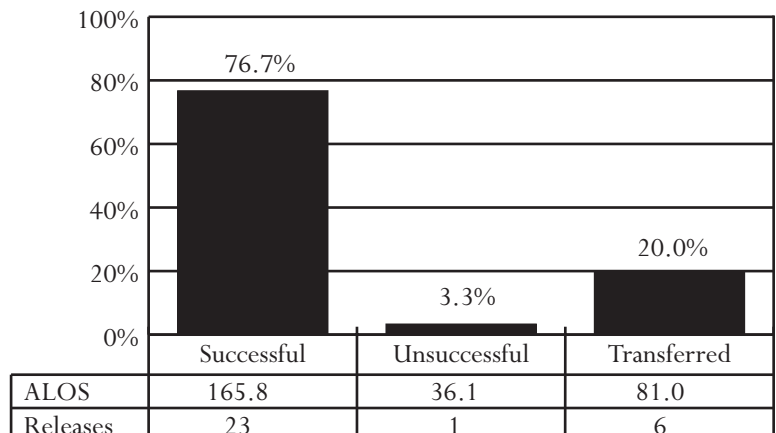
### PLACEMENTS BY REGION OF RESIDENCE, FY 2019-2021

Region	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Reg-I - Baltimore City	20.4%	8.3%	15.8%
Reg-II - Central	15.5%	28.3%	34.2%
Reg-III - Western	7.8%	10.0%	13.2%
Reg-IV - Eastern	6.8%	6.7%	7.9%
Reg-V - Southern	15.5%	26.7%	10.5%
Reg-VI - Metro	30.1%	18.3%	13.2%
Out-of-State	3.9%	1.7%	5.3%
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### AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION AND AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY, FY 2019-2021



### RELEASES BY COMPLETION STATUS\*, FY 2021



\* Release completion status is based on case worker determination. Youth released home or to a step-down program are included as successful, and youth transferred to another program are included as transferred.

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.