

## Backbone Mountain Youth Center (State-Operated)

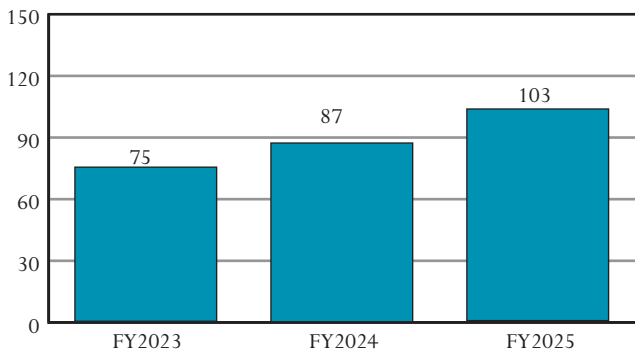
Capacity: 28 Males

Staff Secure - Garrett County

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This treatment program is located on Backbone Mountain in Garrett County. Programming includes STARR, the DJS behavioral motivation program, and a complete array of evidence-based and Dialectical Behavior Therapy Services. Case Management and Behavioral Health staff provide treatment programming as detailed in the Behavioral Health & Case Management Services section (see page 135). Services are delivered via various modalities, including individual, group, and family sessions. Family engagement in treatment planning is paramount, as regular family interaction is encouraged through family visits, phone calls, special family day activities, and home visits to help youth successfully transition back to the community. Recreational programming includes camping and intramural sports competitions. See the JSEP section on pages 12-15 for information pertaining to educational services.

### PLACEMENTS, FY 2023-2025



### PLACEMENTS BY DEMOGRAPHICS, FY 2023-2025

Demographics	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Black	86.7%	79.3%	85.4%
White	9.3%	10.3%	8.7%
Hispanic/Other	4.0%	10.3%	5.8%
<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%	1.9%
14	2.7%	3.4%	4.9%
15	5.3%	5.7%	15.5%
16	18.7%	17.2%	17.5%
17	37.3%	36.8%	40.8%
18-20	36.0%	36.8%	19.4%
<b>Total Placements</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>103</b>

#### • Placement Trends:

- Placements increased 37.3% between FY 2023 and FY 2025 and increased 18.4% between FY 2024 and FY 2025.

#### • Residence (FY 2025):

- 93.2% of placements were MD residents. Of those from out of state, 2 were from Delaware and Washington, D.C. each; and 1 each was from Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

#### • MCASP Risk Level (FY 2025):

- For the placements with a post-validation MCASP, 20.4% were Very High Risk, 32.0% were High Risk, 36.9% were Moderate Risk, and 10.7% were Low Risk.

#### • Offense Category (FY 2024-2025):

- The percentage of Crimes of Violence increased from 54.0% to 55.3%.
- The percentage of Felonies decreased from 23.0% to 13.6%.
- The percentage of Misdemeanors increased from 23.0% to 31.1%.
- See the Terms and Concepts pages in Appendix R for an explanation of Crime of Violence, Felony, and Misdemeanor, as the definitions are helpful when examining offense severity.

#### • Average Daily Population (ADP):

- ADP decreased 1.5% between FY 2023 and FY 2025 and decreased 9.5% between FY 2024 and FY 2025.

#### • Average Length of Stay (ALOS):

- ALOS decreased 23.1% between FY 2023 and FY 2025 and decreased 25.7% between FY 2024 and FY 2025.

#### • Utilization Rate (FY 2024-FY 2025):

- Backbone Mountain Youth Center's utilization rate decreased from 91.4% in FY 2024 to 82.9% in FY 2025.



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**PLACEMENTS BY OFFENSE,  
FY 2024-2025**

Most Serious Offense	FY2024	FY2025
Offense Type		
Arson	0.0%	0.0%
Auto Theft/Unauth. Use	8.0%	4.9%
Burglary/Break. & Enter	5.7%	3.9%
Carjacking	13.8%	7.8%
Cons. to Commit Offense	1.1%	1.9%
Deadly Weapon	1.1%	1.0%
Disturbing the Peace	0.0%	0.0%
First Degree Assault	16.1%	17.5%
Handgun/Firearm	18.4%	21.4%
Malicious Destruction	0.0%	0.0%
Manslaughter	0.0%	0.0%
Motor Vehicle/Traffic	0.0%	0.0%
Murder	0.0%	1.0%
Narcotics Distribution	2.3%	1.0%
Narcotics Possession	0.0%	0.0%
Other/Missing <sup>1</sup>	0.0%	1.9%
Resisting Arrest	0.0%	0.0%
Robbery	23.0%	27.2%
Second Degree Assault	3.4%	4.9%
Sex Offense	1.1%	1.0%
Theft Felony	4.6%	0.0%
Theft Misdemeanor	1.1%	4.9%
Trespassing	0.0%	0.0%
Unspec. Misdemeanor	0.0%	0.0%
Offense Category <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Crime of Violence*</b>	<b>54.0%</b>	<b>55.3%</b>
<b>Felony</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
- Person-to-Person	1.1%	1.9%
- Property	18.4%	8.7%
- Drugs	2.3%	1.0%
- Unspecified	1.1%	1.9%
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>23.0%</b>	<b>31.1%</b>
- Handgun/Firearm	17.2%	19.4%
- Other Person-to-Person	4.6%	5.8%
- Property	1.1%	4.9%
- Drugs	0.0%	0.0%
- Unspecified	0.0%	1.0%
<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>1</sup> Includes: Escape 2nd Degree, Forgery, Counterfeit &/or Uttering-Felony, Reckless Endangerment, Unspecified Felony, and Weapons in General.

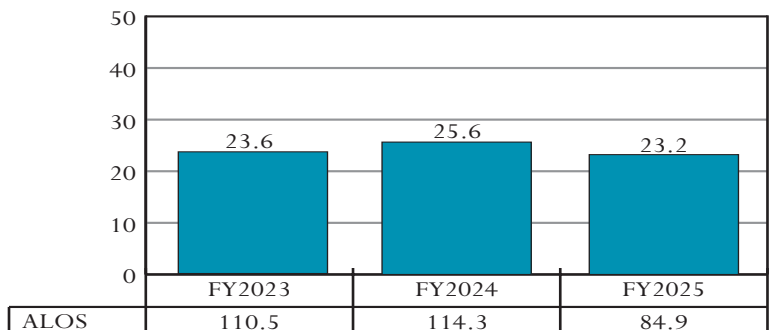
<sup>2</sup> See Appendices G and K for COV and other offense classifications.

\* Excludes burglary offenses (except Burglary-Home Invasion). For a current COV offense list see Appendix G.

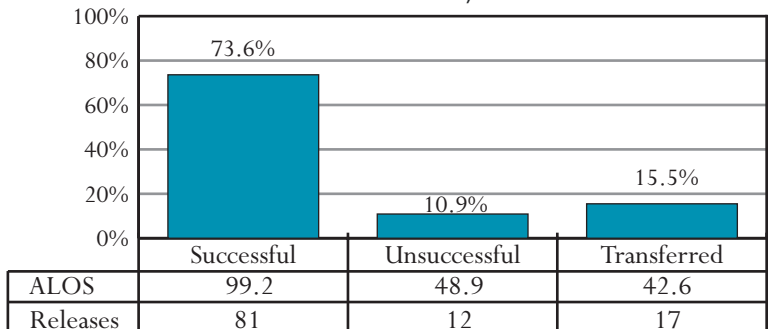
**PLACEMENTS BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE, FY 2023-2025**

County	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2025 Placements
Allegany	2.7%	1.1%	1.0%	1
Anne Arundel	8.0%	8.0%	2.9%	3
Baltimore City	28.0%	25.3%	31.1%	32
Baltimore Co.	8.0%	8.0%	17.5%	18
Calvert	2.7%	1.1%	0.0%	0
Caroline	2.7%	2.3%	0.0%	0
Carroll	1.3%	1.1%	0.0%	0
Cecil	0.0%	1.1%	1.0%	1
Charles	0.0%	1.1%	1.0%	1
Dorchester	0.0%	2.3%	1.9%	2
Frederick	1.3%	1.1%	5.8%	6
Garrett	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0
Harford	9.3%	4.6%	1.9%	2
Howard	4.0%	3.4%	2.9%	3
Kent	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%	1
Montgomery	5.3%	12.6%	7.8%	8
Prince George's	16.0%	13.8%	10.7%	11
Queen Anne's	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0
Somerset	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0
St. Mary's	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0
Talbot	0.0%	0.0%	1.9%	2
Washington	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0
Wicomico	1.3%	3.4%	3.9%	4
Worcester	2.7%	0.0%	1.0%	1
Out of State	5.3%	9.2%	6.8%	7
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**ADP AND ALOS, FY 2023-2025**



**RELEASES BY COMPLETION STATUS\*, FY 2025**



\* 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.

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