Illinois Juvenile Justice Research and Information Consortium
Briefing Document

JMIS
Illinois' statewide detention data system

This summary of Illinois' detention data system is one in a series of briefing documents highlighting key programs or components of the state's juvenile justice system. These briefing documents are intended to inform and assist researchers, policy makers and practitioners and to respond to queries posed by the Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council.

Overview: The Illinois Juvenile Monitoring Information System (JMIS) is a web-based data platform which gathers and disseminates data on the detention of youth in any detention facilities in Illinois. JMIS is a collaborative data system: the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission funded its development with support from the Illinois Department of Human Services; the Center for Prevention Research and Development at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign developed the program and infrastructure; and the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts requires counties to report data on every admission of a youth to detention and utilizes JMIS data for state and local analysis and planning. Created initially as a paper-based reporting system, the web-based version of JMIS was implemented statewide in July 2004, and now captures data from the State's detention centers.

JMIS Data: Secure detention of youth (primarily, but not exclusively, prior to trial) is a hybrid local / state function, with detention facility operations funded by counties and staffed through a blend of state and local funding. With the exception of Cook County*, detention centers are administered in conjunction with the local probation / court services department and are overseen by the Chief Judge of the judicial circuit in which the center sits. Detention facilities may house youth from that county or circuit only, or may house youth from other communities on a contractual or per-diem basis. As of 2013, there are 16 juvenile detention centers in Illinois, with facilities in Cook, Adams, Champaign, Franklin, Kane, Knox, Lake, LaSalle, Madison, McLean, Peoria, Sangamon, St. Clair and Vermilion, Will and Winnebago Counties.

Each detention center utilizes its own data system to track and monitor youth in its facilities and may or may not share a data system with the local juvenile probation department. Before JMIS, there was no routine statewide collection or analysis of detention data and no process for sharing detention data between state and local practitioners or among counties with shared detention facilities. Web-based JMIS (sometimes called "e-JMIS") has simplified and institutionalized data reporting requirements and allows quick and easy access to the data, real-time reporting, and easy entry or uploading of data.

JMIS Reports: The web-based JMIS system allows all detention centers to electronically submit data (either live or through uploading) and to search for data on detained youth. The JMIS system also allows detention facilities, probation departments and circuit courts to review their own aggregate data, generate standardized reports and determine if a youth held has been held in the state anywhere before. Numerous standardized reports are available online, with an individual user's security level determining what reports can be viewed. CPRD may also develop a customized report to answer a specific query or policy question, as needed. The JMIS system currently has 400 users, with varying degrees of access for entering, editing, viewing and analyzing detention data.

Data Elements & Youth Confidentiality: Demographic, case, offense and transportation data are captured on each youth entering a detention center, along with information on that youth's stay in a secure facility. JMIS collects offense information using the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) codes, which are also utilized by police agencies when taking youth into custody.   There are no youth names, social security numbers or fingerprint identifiers captured in JMIS. Consequently no youth can be individually identified through JMIS. JMIS does, however, create a unique identifier for each juvenile record created and these juvenile records can be systematically linked to other data systems to gather a more comprehensive view of a youth's involvement in the justice system or to support research activities.

JMIS Management: The Center for Prevention Research and Development at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (CPRD) developed eJMIS through a grant from the Juvenile Justice Commission and continues to serve as a contractor in developing and maintaining JMIS applications. JMIS programming and content is updated as needed, with the last major update in July 2011, when race and ethnicity data fields were added to assist in identifying and addressing disproportionate minority contact at the detention stage. JMIS assists the Commission and IDHS in monitoring compliance with the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and is utilized by the AOIC to analyze detention use and trends across the state.

Standardized Reports Available:
The JMIS website includes a number of standardized reports that authorized users can generate at any time, without special instructions, access or permission. These standardized reports were generated by a JMIS users-group, to identify the information most needed by state and local practitioners. CPRD can also generate customized reports at the request of participating agencies and partners. Current standardized reports include:

By Facility and / or by Sending County:	*Statewide:*
New Detainees	New Detainees
New Detainees by Offense Type, Gender, etc.	New Detainees by Offense Type, Gender, etc.
Average Length of Stay	Average Length of Stay
Average Daily Population	Average Daily Population
Current List of Detainees	Current List of Detainees
Status Offenders	Status Offenders
Delinquent Status Offender Violations	Delinquent Status Offender Violations
	Chronological Entries
By Judicial Circuit:	Detention Facility Admissions
New Detainees	JMIS Juvenile Detention Form
New Detainees by Offense Type, Gender, etc.	Transportation Records
Average Length of Stay	
Average Daily Population	
Current List of Detainees	
Status Offenders	