



# Report of Local Policies & Procedures

Regarding the Use of Secure Detention

FY 2024-2025

Office of Judicial  
Administration

Indiana  
Supreme Court

# Survey Background

## IC § 31-37-6-6(k) Annual Report Requirement

### SURVEY DETAILS

15

Questions

92

Counties

Distributed October 2025 via electronic survey.

### RESPONDENTS

Juvenile court judicial officers, chief probation officers, detention administrators.

79%

Response Rate (73 of 92)

### REPORT PERIOD

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Third annual report under statute.

### LIMITATIONS

Self-reported data from counties.

# Detention Decision-Making

Does your county require a judicial officer to approve admissions to secure detention?

**100%**

Use Statutory Criteria

**IC § 31-37-5-3**

Five criteria guide detention decisions.

**JUDICIAL PRE-APPROVAL REQUIRED?**

**45%**



Never (33)

**29%**



Sometimes (21)

**27%**



Always (20)

# Detention Decision-Making

100

Use Statutory Criteria

## IC § 31-37-5-3

Five criteria guide detention decisions.

- (1) the child is unlikely to appear before the juvenile court for subsequent proceedings;
- (2) the child has committed an act that would be murder or a Level 1 felony, Level 2 felony, Level 3 felony, or Level 4 felony if committed by an adult;
- (3) detention is essential to protect the child or the community;
- (4) the parent, guardian, or custodian:
  - (A) cannot be located; or
  - (B) is unable or unwilling to take custody of the child; or
- (5) the child has a reasonable basis for requesting that the child not be released

# Detention Hearing Timing

Typically, how quickly after a youth is securely detained does a detention hearing occur in your county

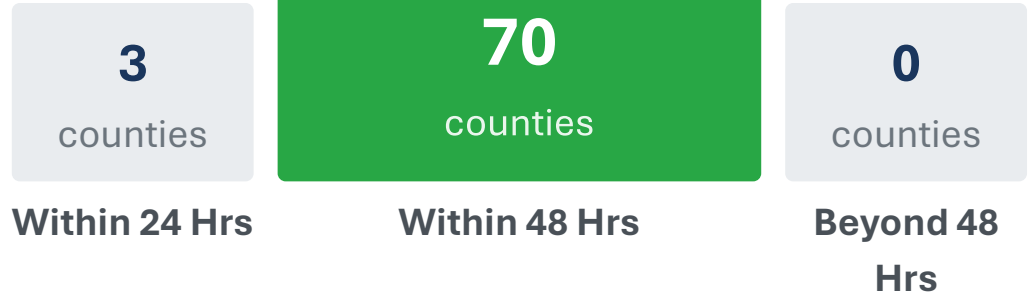
**100%**

Hearings Within 48 Hours  
(excl. weekends/holidays)

## KEY ACHIEVEMENT

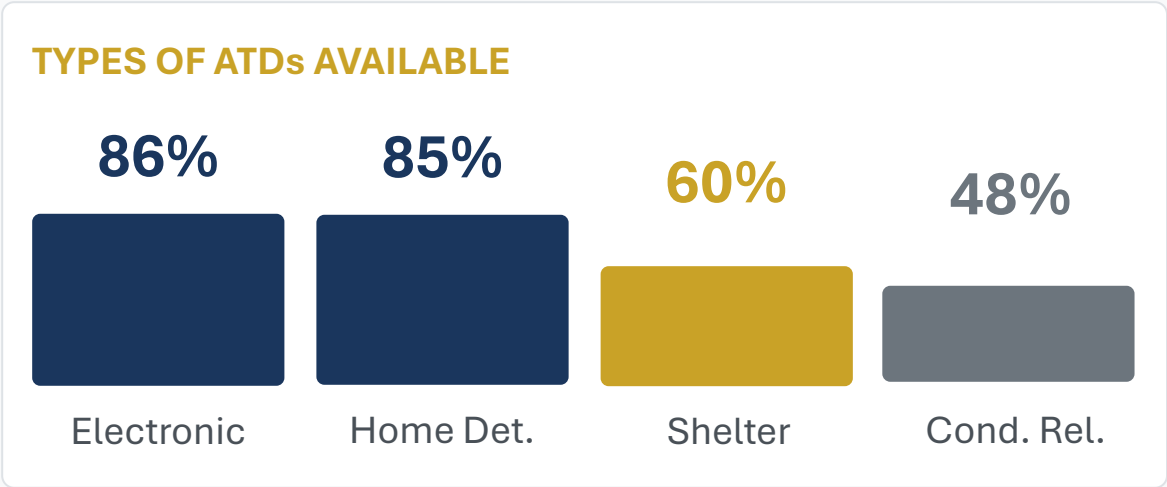
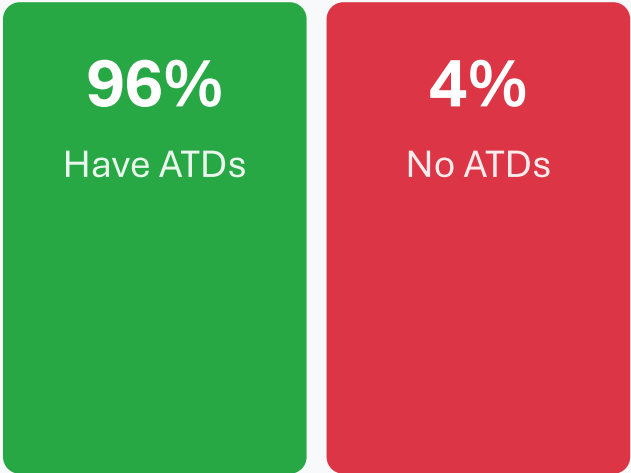
Zero counties report delays beyond 48 hours as standard practice.

## HEARING TIMING DISTRIBUTION



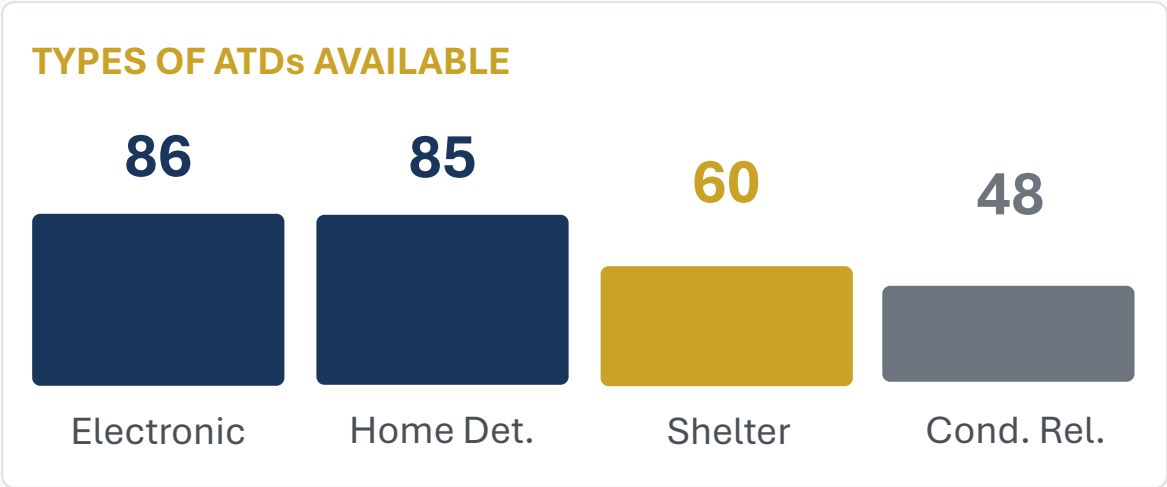
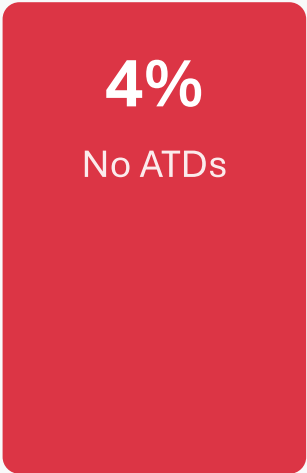
# Alternatives to Detention

## Does your county use ATDs?



# Alternatives to Detention

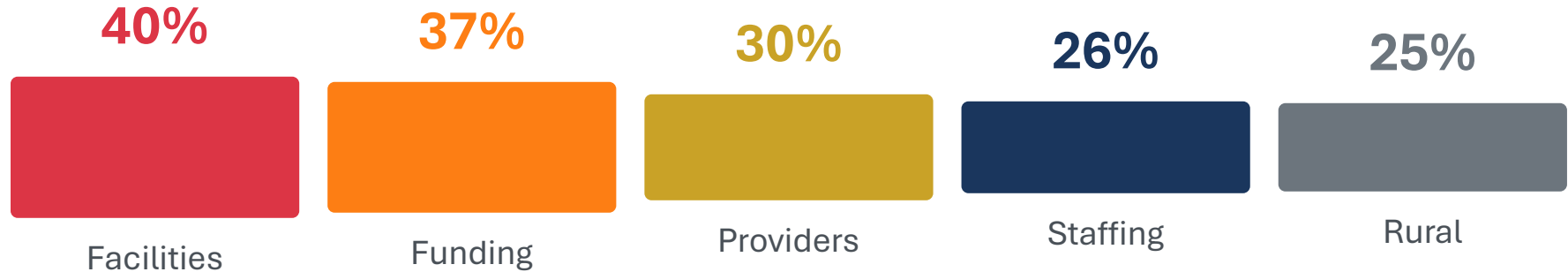
If YES, which ATDs are available?



# Barriers to ATD Development

If your county does not use ATDs, what barriers exist?

## TOP BARRIERS IDENTIFIED



Many counties cited multiple constraints affecting ATD development.

# Barriers to Securing Detention

82%

Have been  
unable to place a youth  
they intended to detain

## REASONS CITED

- Facility at capacity
- Offense restrictions
- Behavioral Concerns

Source: 2025 Secure Detention Policies Survey (n=75 counties)

*"Has your county made a decision to detain a youth but been unable to do so?"*

## WHEN DETENTION IS UNAVAILABLE

Release with  
Conditions

Transport to Another County

Shelter Care  
Placement

Release Without Conditions

Counties report using multiple alternatives depending on circumstances

# Summary: Distance to Secure Detention

**13**  
Local  
Access  
(17%)

**6**  
Under 100  
miles  
(8%)

**23**  
101-150  
miles  
(31%)

**21**  
151-200  
miles  
(28%)

**12**  
200+  
miles  
(16%)

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 75% of responding counties must travel over 100 miles
- 44% must travel 150+ miles, creating significant burdens
- Only 13 counties have local access - capacity remains a challenge

# Geographic Analysis

## FACILITY CONCENTRATION

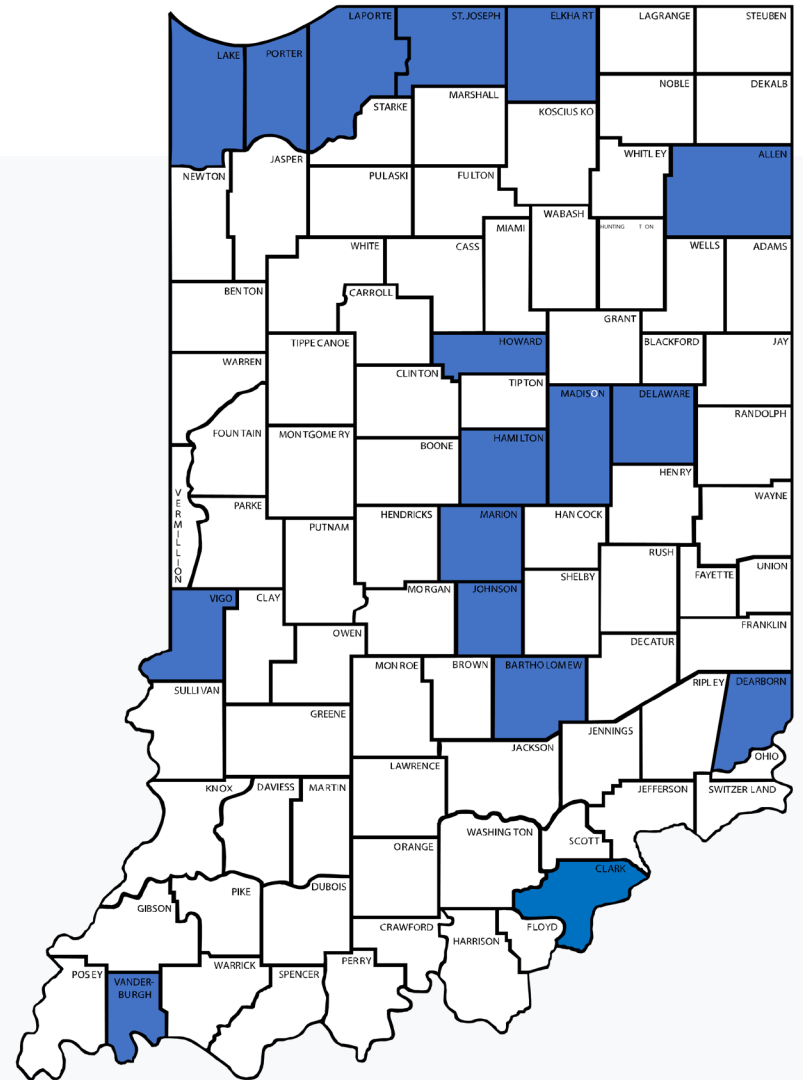
**Northern:** Lake, Porter, LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart

**Central:** Marion, Hamilton, Johnson

**Rural:** Often 100+ miles to facility

## LONG-DISTANCE

200+ mi (12 Counties)



# Summary & Implications

## THIRD ANNUAL REPORT ON SECURE DETENTION

### Strengths

- 100% statutory compliance
- 97% timely hearings
- 96% have ATD options

### Challenges

- 82% capacity constraints
- 85% transport 100+ miles

### Report Scope

- 73 of 92 counties (79%)
- July 2024 – June 2025
- Self-reported survey data

# Detention Tool Overrides & Juvenile Diversion Report

FY 2024-2025

Office of Judicial Administration  
Indiana Supreme Court

IC § 31-37-6-6(k) & IC § 31-37-8.5-6(b) Annual Report

# Executive Summary

Third Annual Report: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

## DETENTION TOOL DATA

**79** Counties completed  
IYAS-Detention Tools

**5,946** IYAS-DET assessments

## DIVERSION OUTCOMES

**78%** Successful completion

1,397 youth in informal  
adjustment

## KEY FINDINGS

- 60% of assessed youth had Preliminary Inquiry Reports
- Detention rates align with risk: 79% high, 57% mod, 46% low
- Public safety cited in 83% of detention decisions
- 1,946 detention hearings conducted

## YJOC DATA QUALITY PROJECT

35,135 unique youth records evaluated  
from 24 counties (2020-2024)

# IYAS-DET Risk Assessment Results

## 5,946 Assessments from 79 Counties

### RISK LEVEL DISTRIBUTION

**High Risk** 1,520 (26%)



**Moderate Risk** 2,835 (48%)



**Low Risk** 1,591 (27%)



### DETENTION RATES BY RISK LEVEL

**79%**

High Risk Detained

**57%**

Moderate Detained

**46%**

Low Risk Detained

Detention rates align with assessed risk levels, demonstrating effective tool utilization.

# Detention Decisions and Override Justifications

## IC 31-37-6-6(b) Statutory Criteria

### DETENTION HEARINGS

**1,946** Hearings Conducted

- 956 Order on Detention Hearing
- 462 Orders to Release from Custody
- 139 Order for Detention Events

### YOUTH DETAINED

**2,164** During reporting period

### PRIMARY REASONS FOR DETENTION

**Public Safety**

83%

Additional factors cited:

- Failure to appear risk
- Serious felony charges
- Family unavailability
- Youth request for detention

### DST ALIGNMENT

1,265 youth (32%) had both IYAS-DET and JDAI DST completed. 59% with "Detain" recommendation were detained.

# Juvenile Diversion Program Outcomes

## Informal Adjustment Enrollment and Completion

### PROGRAM OUTCOMES

**78%** Successful Completion

Discharged Successfully

**1,089**

Still Active

**288**

Other Closed/Inactive

**9**

Removed (New Offense)

**1**

### IYAS-DIV TOOL RESULTS

**8,011** Assessments Completed

**16%**

Low Risk (1,307)

**71%**

Moderate (5,651)

**13%**

High Risk (1,053)

**87% of youth assessed scored low or moderate risk**

# Demographics of Diverted Youth

## 1,397 Youth Enrolled in Informal Adjustment Programs

### GENDER

**61%** **39%**

Male (849) Female (548)

### OFFENSE TYPE

**77%** **23%**

Non-Status Delinquent Status Delinquent

### RACE AND ETHNICITY

White	1,082 (78%)
Black	208 (15%)
Hispanic/Latino	170 (12%)
Mixed Race	64 (5%)
Other/Unknown	73 (5%)

# Summary and Next Steps

## DETENTION TOOL EFFECTIVENESS

- Risk-aligned detention decisions
- 79 counties submitting data
- Judicial engagement in tool review

## DIVERSION SUCCESS

**78%**

Completion  
Rate

**87%**

Low/Mod  
Risk