



Alameda County Probation Department
Public Dataset Data Dictionary
Juvenile Services Division

Dataset Overview and Source

The Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD) collects information on all juveniles referred to the department and records this in PRISM (Probation Record Information System Management). Several reports are built into the PRISM system that allow ACPD staff to extract data for specified time periods. This dataset is derived from the PRISM PO-234 report. This report provides a dataset of all youth that have an assigned Probation Officer. Cases include formal supervision, informal supervision, intake, and investigations. The report provides a one-day snapshot of individual-level data on each youth along with demographic information. To create this dataset, the report was de-identified and edited to include the most pertinent information.

Data Characteristics and Known Limitations

- To ensure confidentiality and to protect the identities of individuals on probation, the ages of some individuals in the dataset have been withheld, and marked “N/A”. This is done to avoid possible re-identification through the available demographic information, or stigmatization of a group when they make a substantial percent of a designated population. Please see the “Notes” tab in the public dataset file, which states the number of records with withheld ages in that dataset.
- PRISM is a referral system rather than a case management system, and a youth may have more than one open referral at a time. Therefore, the analyst who creates this report must apply a hierarchy to determine how to count youth with multiple open referrals, since PRISM does not perform this function. The hierarchy employed for this dataset is as follows: Warrant, Placement, Community Supervision, Intake / Investigations, Truancy.

Definition of Terms

Age Group – age range the client was in on the date of report.

City – client’s city of residence as reported at booking

Gender – gender of the client as recorded at booking.

Race – race group of client as recorded at booking.

Asian/Pacific Islander – a person whose ancestry can be identified as Asian Indian, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Vietnamese, other Asian, Pacific Islander, Samoan, Guamanian, or Hawaiian.

Black – a person whose ancestry is any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic – a person of Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central and South America or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.

American Indian – a person whose ancestry is any Native American tribe.

Other – a person who cannot be linked to any of the general or specific racial/ethnic groups listed

White – a person whose ancestry is any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Supervision Type – The type of supervision the youth was on at the time of the report

Community Supervision – youth on formal supervision and placed in one of the following units at the time of this report: General Supervision, Community Supervision, Family Preservation Unit, or Intensive Supervision.

Intake and Investigation – youth at the intake stage who have been arrested and/or referred to Probation, as well as youth at the investigation stage who have referrals that have been petitioned to court and are pre-adjudication at the time of this report. Youth in the intake and investigation category are not yet on probation.

Placement – youth placed outside of the home in foster care, a group home, or a residential treatment center at the time of this report.

Truancy – youth participating in the District Attorney’s Truancy Mediation Diversion Program and not on formal supervision at the time of this report.

Warrant – youth who have absconded from supervision and a warrant has been issued for their return by the Court as of the time of this report.

Data Element and Values Defined

Position	Element	Definition	Codes
A	ID	Identification number unique to each individual	###
B	Age Group	The age group the individual falls into on the date of the report	13 and under 14 – 15 16 – 17 18 and over
C	Gender	Gender recorded by booking officer at booking	Male Female
D	Race	Race recorded by booking officer at booking	Asian/Pacific Islander Black Hispanic American Indian Other White

E	City	City of residence recorded by booking officer at booking	Name of city (if in Alameda County) Out of County (otherwise)
F	Supervision Type	Type of supervision youth is in on the day of the report	Community Supervision Intake/Investigation Placement Truancy Warrant