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This News brief alerts you to the following report: Committee on Government Reform—Minority Staff. (2004, July). *Incarceration of youth who are waiting for mental health services in the United States*. U.S. House of Representatives. Retrieved August 9, 2004: [www.house.gov/reform/min/pdfs\\_108\\_2/pdfs\\_inves/pdf\\_health\\_mental\\_health\\_youth\\_incarceration\\_july\\_2004\\_rep.pdf](http://www.house.gov/reform/min/pdfs_108_2/pdfs_inves/pdf_health_mental_health_youth_incarceration_july_2004_rep.pdf)

This is the first national survey of youth with emotional and behavioral problems detained in secure juvenile detention centers solely because there are no inpatient, outpatient, residential, or specialized foster care services available to them. Findings are based on responses from 524 facilities in 49 states for the first six months of 2003. Two-thirds of facility administrators reported detaining such youth, and most were frustrated by the burden placed upon them to do so. Seventy-one facilities detained youth without any charges; 261 facilities held youth before adjudication, and 229 facilities continued to detain youth after adjudication until mental health services became available. Most facilities reported detaining youth under the age of 13, and one facility detained a seven-year old child. On average, these youth are incarcerated longer than all juvenile detainees—at an annual cost of nearly \$100 million.

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