

2020 Survey of State Public Defender Staff About Juvenile Shackling

County	Indiscriminate/Sheriff	Discretionary/rare use	No info, rare hearings	NOTES
Adams				Hearings rare, but shackled like adult inmates
Ashland				Rarely shackled
Barron				Transport cuffs come off in the courtroom
Bayfield				
Brown				Leg & hand restraints "in every case and for every hearing"
Buffalo				No detention hearings to speak of
Burnett				Transport cuffs come off in the courtroom
Calumet				Defers to sheriff's department
Chippewa				Transport restraints usually come off in court, but law enforcement calls the shots
Clark				Shackles removed if attorney requests
Columbia				Leg & hand restraints
Crawford				Rarely shackled, possibly in Ch 51 cases
Dane				Presumption against, court decides
Dodge				Usually not shackled
Door				Hearings very rare
Douglas				
Dunn				Only for Ch 51, removed if attorney requests
Eau Claire				Presumption against, court decides
Florence				Hearings rare
Fond du Lac				Shackles with belly chains
Forest				Transportation by social worker
Grant				Rarely shackled, possibly in Ch 51 cases
Green				
Green Lake				Hearings very rare
Iowa				Rarely shackled, possibly in Ch 51 cases
Iron				
Jackson				Rarely shackled, only when history of aggression, fleeing
Jefferson				Handcuffs, judges defer to sheriff
Juneau				Hearings very rare
Kenosha				Rarely shackled, sheriff decides, judge reviews
Kewaunee				Ankle shackles and handcuff belts
La Crosse				Presumption against, court decides
Lafayette				
Langlade				Belly chains and handcuffs
Lincoln				Cases are rare, but shackled
Manitowoc				May be removed, "but that is up to the transporting officer"
Marathon				Transport shackles removed unless history of violence or running
Marinette				Shackled with belt and leg irons - one size fits all policy
Marquette				Hearings are rare
Menominee				Hearings are rare, but shackled, including Ch 51
Milwaukee				Presumption against, court decides
Monroe				Transport shackles usually removed, but sometimes leg shackles stay on
Oconto				Full shackles - one size fits all
Oneida				Usually removed in courtroom
Outagamie				Shackles sometimes removed on motion, decision often deferred to sheriff's department
Ozaukee				
Pepin				Hearings very rare
Pierce				
Polk				Shackled even if attorney objects
Portage				Usually unshackled during hearings
Price				Rare hearings, but shackled no matter what
Racine				Handcuffed
Richland				Rare hearings, possibly in Ch 51 cases
Rock				Always shackled at the feet, judge makes discretionary decision on handcuffs
Rusk				
Sauk				Attorney requests for removal sometimes succeed, judge defers to court security staff
Sawyer				
Shawano				Hearings rare, but shackled including Ch 51
Sheboygan				Handcuffed w chain around waist
St. Croix				Shackled even if attorneys object
Taylor				Judge orders unshackling on entering courtroom
Trempealeau				Handcuffs can be removed on request of attorney
Vernon				Hearings are very rare
Vilas				Usually removes shackles on request
Walworth				Hearings are very rare
Washburn				Transport shackles are removed in courtroom
Washington				That's the way it has always been done
Waukesha				Full body shackles, sheriff decision if removed, Ch 51 kids always shackled
Waupaca				If requested, court orders shackles removed
Wausara				Hearings rare, but shackled
Winnebago				Belly chain, handcuffs, leg shackles
Wood				Always shackled

APPENDIX B