

CIVIL CITATION

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Civil Citation is designed to give law enforcement an alternative to custody that provides swift and appropriate consequences to youth for certain minor misdemeanor delinquent acts. The goals of Civil Citation are to divert the youth at the time of arrest, make the youth accountable for delinquent behavior, involve the parents in sanctioning the youth, and prevent the youth's further involvement in the juvenile justice system. Law enforcement officers are allowed the discretion of issuing a citation rather than a formal complaint.

Local Civil Citation providers oversee youth who are required to receive an assessment of needs, perform community service hours and complete various sanctions which may include reparations and treatment services. This reduces the time spent completing paperwork. Civil Citation is also much more cost-effective than formally processing a youth in the court and juvenile justice system, and offers the youth an opportunity to receive sanctions, treatment, and to make reparations without obtaining a delinquency record that may interfere with educational, work, and military service opportunities for many years into the future. The low recidivism rate (6%) for youth who participate in Civil Citation is one indicator of the success of this approach.

The success of Civil Citation depends on a volunteer and collaborative effort of many agencies and personnel throughout the community. These include, but are not limited to: law enforcement, state attorneys, judges, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), public defenders, work sites, and the Civil Citation program itself.

Profile of Youth

The following tables provide demographic data taken from DJJ's Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS). Profile data are based on the number of unduplicated youth who received Civil Citation services during Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12.

Civil Citation (FY 2011-12 Youth Served)

	AGE						Youth Served
	0 - 7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+	Unknown	
Statewide	8	441	2,644	3,256	7	0	6,356
Percentage	0%	7%	42%	51%	0%	0%	100%

GENDER/RACE

	Male				Female				Youth Served
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	
Statewide	1,548	1,210	910	37	1,094	941	592	24	6,356
Percentage	24%	19%	14%	1%	17%	15%	9%	0%	100%

Youth served is based on all youth recorded in JJIS as of September 1, 2012.

Outcome Evaluation Performance

The following table shows the Civil Citation Program Profile Summaries and Outcomes, which includes total releases, number of completions, completion rates, demographic characteristics, average length of stay, and recidivism rates. Program Profile Summaries and Outcomes are based on the number of youth released from a Civil Citation program in FY 2010-11. Note: completions in FY 2010-11 are evaluated in FY 2011-12 in order to permit a full year of tracking for recidivism.

During FY 2010-11, there were a total of 3,465 releases and 2,745 completions from Civil Citation programs. Completion rates varied from a high of 100% to a low of 67% and recidivism rates fluctuated from a high of 33% to a low of 0%. The overall recidivism rate for Civil Citation programs was 6%. The majority of youth who completed Civil Citation programs during the year were male (58%) with an average age at admission of 15.6. Offenses during services (ODS) are not calculated for Civil Citation programs due to some programs admitting and releasing youth in JJIS on the same day or one day apart, although services may be provided for a longer period of time. Consequently, for some programs, the true length of services was not captured in the data system.

Civil Citation: Program Profile Summaries and Outcomes on Youth Completions FY 2010-11

Program Name	Total Releases	Percent ODS ¹		Total		Completions			Average Age at Admission	Average Prior Seriousness Index	Average Length of Stay	Recidivism Rate ³
		Any	New-Law Violation	N ²	Percent	Percent Male	Percent Black	Percent Hispanic				
Civil Citation												
<i>01 Circuit-Civil Citation-Escambia</i>	12	N/A	N/A	12	100%	33%	25%	8%	15.9	0.3	62.2	17%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-Leon	292	N/A	N/A	262	90%	53%	53%	3%	15.4	0.0	74.5	10%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-Wakulla	45	N/A	N/A	39	87%	77%	8%	3%	15.0	0.0	114.6	3%
04 Circuit-Civil Citation-Duval	45	N/A	N/A	35	78%	83%	54%	6%	15.3	0.0	173.3	20%
05 Circuit-Civil Citation-Marion	49	N/A	N/A	45	92%	56%	20%	13%	15.0	0.0	45.7	7%
<i>09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Orange</i>	4	N/A	N/A	4	100%	100%	25%	0%	15.7	0.0	101.8	25%
11 Circuit-Civil Citation-Dade	2,219	N/A	N/A	1,614	73%	59%	43%	50%	15.9	0.0	117.2	4%
13 Circuit-Civil Citation-Hillsborough-JDP	180	N/A	N/A	169	94%	59%	41%	33%	14.9	0.1	34.1	11%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Brevard	298	N/A	N/A	273	92%	54%	22%	3%	15.5	0.1	74.2	4%
<i>17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Broward-BSO</i>	15	N/A	N/A	12	80%	75%	25%	25%	14.7	0.0	74.2	0%
<i>17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Broward-Community Justice</i>	8	N/A	N/A	8	100%	75%	63%	0%	15.2	0.3	15.0	13%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-St Lucie	118	N/A	N/A	107	91%	67%	39%	14%	15.3	0.0	97.1	7%
<i>20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Charlotte</i>	7	N/A	N/A	6	86%	67%	17%	17%	15.8	0.0	1.0	17%
<i>20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Collier</i>	9	N/A	N/A	6	67%	100%	0%	83%	14.7	0.0	1.0	33%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Lee	164	N/A	N/A	153	93%	39%	18%	26%	15.4	0.0	37.9	6%
Subtotal	3,465	N/A	N/A	2,745	79%	58%	39%	35%	15.6	0.0	96.8	6%

¹The ODS is the percentage of releases adjudicated for an offense during supervision. 'Any' includes any lawful offense or non-law violation; 'New-Law Violations' include only misdemeanor or felony offenses.

²N = number of cases. Italics indicate the program completed fewer than 15 youth; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting these data.

³Subsequent adjudications or convictions is the official recidivism definition for the Department of Juvenile Justice. As of the 2011 Comprehensive Accountability Report, technical violations of community supervision are no longer counted as recidivism.