

# CIVIL CITATION

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Civil Citation is designed to give law enforcement an alternative to arrest or formal processing that provides swift and appropriate consequences to youth for minor, first-time misdemeanor delinquent acts. The goals of Civil Citation are to divert the youth prior to arrest, hold 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 participating in the Civil Citation process. Youth are required to receive an assessment of needs, perform community service hours, and complete various sanctions which may include reparations and treatment services. Civil Citation provides an alternative that greatly reduces processing and paperwork time for law enforcement, the courts, and juvenile justice personnel. Civil Citation is 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 receiving a delinquency record that may interfere with educational, work, and military service opportunities for many years into the future. The extremely low recidivism rate (5%) for youth who participate in Civil Citation is an important indicator of the success of this approach.

The success of Civil Citation depends on a 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 Prevention Web System. Profile data are based on the number of unduplicated youth who received Civil Citation services during Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14.

**Civil Citation (FY 2013-14 Youth Served)**

	AGE					Youth Served
	0 - 7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+	
Statewide	3	564	3,974	5,790	118	10,449
Percentage	0%	5%	38%	55%	1%	100%

	GENDER/RACE								Youth Served
	Male				Female				
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	
Statewide	2,504	2,165	1,451	46	1,761	1,674	802	46	10,449
Percentage	24%	21%	14%	0%	17%	16%	8%	0%	100%

**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 2012-13. Note: completions in FY 2012-13 are evaluated during FY 2013-14 in order to permit a full year of tracking for recidivism. It is important to note that some programs served very few youth and the resulting outcomes and performance figures should be interpreted with caution.

During FY 2012-13, there were a total of 6,499 releases and 5,442 completions from Civil Citation programs. The overall recidivism rate for Civil Citation programs was 5%, which is the lowest recidivism rate of any program type monitored by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. While participating in the Civil Citation process, two percent of youth were identified as committing any new offense in the juvenile or adult criminal justice system. The majority of youth who completed Civil Citation programs during the year were male (58%) with an average age at admission of 15. The average length of stay for youth in the civil citation process was 105 days.

**Civil Citation: Program Profile**  
**Summaries and Outcomes on Youth Completions FY 2012-13**

Program Name	Percent		Completions								
	Total Releases	ODS <sup>1</sup> Any Offense	Total		Percent Male	Percent Black	Percent Hispanic	Average Age at Admission	Average Prior Seriousness Index <sup>2</sup>	Average Length of Stay	Recidivism Rate <sup>4</sup>
			N <sup>2</sup>	Percent							
<b>Civil Citation</b>											
01 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Santa Rosa County Teen Court	40	0%	35	88%	71%	3%	0%	15.8	0.0	80.1	9%
01 Circuit-Civil Citation-Escambia County Court Administration	79	4%	71	90%	54%	65%	3%	14.5	0.1	71.8	11%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-DISC Village	305	1%	271	89%	59%	53%	3%	15.4	0.0	87.2	5%
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Columbia County DJJ Civil Citation	9	0%	9	100%	78%	44%	0%	14.3	0.0	89.6	33%
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	1	0%	1	100%	0%	0%	0%	17.9	0.0	36.0	0%
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Madison County DJJ Civil Citation	6	0%	6	100%	17%	50%	0%	14.5	0.0	103.5	0%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Clay County Teen Court	39	3%	28	72%	54%	11%	0%	15.7	0.0	203.9	4%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Duval County Teen Court	250	8%	203	81%	66%	59%	3%	15.9	0.0	152.0	6%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Nassau County Teen Court	36	0%	36	100%	81%	22%	0%	14.6	0.0	93.2	14%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Citrus County Teen Court	52	12%	44	85%	61%	7%	7%	15.6	0.0	183.3	0%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Hernando County Teen Court	81	0%	71	88%	63%	4%	17%	14.2	0.0	158.8	1%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Lake County Teen Court	65	0%	62	95%	66%	39%	15%	14.9	0.0	62.5	0%
05 Circuit-Civil Citation-W I L A	297	0%	280	94%	55%	25%	16%	15.0	0.0	42.4	5%
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-J A A P	543	4%	414	76%	60%	37%	8%	15.1	0.0	94.9	9%
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Pasco County Sheriffs Office	191	2%	158	83%	64%	6%	9%	14.8	0.0	155.3	6%
06 Circuit-Civil Citation-Pinellas County Sheriffs Office Juvenile Diversion Program	483	2%	427	88%	62%	19%	6%	15.6	0.0	102.2	6%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Flagler County Sheriffs Office	17	0%	17	100%	82%	12%	0%	14.4	0.0	63.2	0%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Port Orange Police Department	19	0%	19	100%	68%	0%	5%	16.2	0.0	54.4	0%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Putnam County Juvenile Crime Prevention Office	73	1%	63	86%	68%	49%	3%	14.0	0.1	119.1	8%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-St. Johns County Sheriffs Office Civil Citation	100	0%	87	87%	55%	13%	6%	15.2	0.0	67.2	3%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Volusia County Sheriffs Office	13	8%	11	85%	64%	27%	36%	15.1	0.0	94.5	0%
08 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Alachua County Teen Court	125	7%	60	48%	52%	57%	2%	14.5	0.0	167.5	12%
08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Baker County DJJ Civil Citation	11	9%	11	100%	82%	18%	0%	15.2	0.0	100.9	36%
08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Union County DJJ Civil Citation	12	0%	10	83%	90%	10%	10%	15.4	0.0	40.9	20%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation- Osceola County DJJ Civil Citation	13	0%	9	69%	44%	22%	33%	14.9	0.0	83.6	0%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Orange County	22	0%	21	95%	57%	14%	33%	16.1	0.0	66.5	0%
11 Circuit-Civil Citation-Equal Justice	1,629	2%	1,304	80%	60%	41%	53%	15.8	0.0	142.9	4%
12 Circuit-Civil Citation-DeSoto County	3	0%	3	100%	100%	0%	67%	16.3	0.0	147.0	0%
13 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-J A A P	714	1%	631	88%	46%	42%	23%	15.3	0.0	79.8	3%
14 Circuit-Civil Citation-Gulf County DJJ Civil Citation	1	0%	1	100%	100%	100%	0%	11.6	0.0	70.0	0%
14 Circuit-Civil Citation-Holmes County DJJ Civil Citation	15	0%	11	73%	91%	0%	0%	14.7	0.0	209.6	0%
16 Circuit-Civil Citation-Monroe County Sheriffs Office	77	0%	67	87%	69%	19%	16%	15.7	0.0	44.4	6%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Broward County Countywide Coordination	5	0%	3	60%	67%	33%	100%	17.6	0.0	88.7	0%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Broward Sheriffs Office NEW Day Program	108	1%	87	81%	77%	51%	15%	15.4	0.0	105.1	0%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Harmony Focus	81	1%	73	90%	52%	38%	30%	15.8	0.0	76.8	7%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Memorial Health Care Systems-New Directions	31	0%	28	90%	68%	46%	29%	15.4	0.0	74.3	4%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-NAACP/Ft. Lauderdale Police Department	55	2%	18	33%	56%	50%	6%	15.2	0.0	144.4	6%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-P A C E Center for Girls	9	0%	9	100%	0%	56%	0%	16.3	0.0	85.6	0%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Urban League of Broward-Project Embrace	9	0%	6	67%	67%	83%	17%	14.7	0.0	86.3	0%
18 Circuit-Civil Citation-Crosswinds Brevard County	216	0%	189	88%	60%	21%	6%	15.2	0.0	73.3	5%
18 Circuit-Civil Citation-Seminole County Community Services PAY	185	5%	132	71%	62%	35%	14%	15.7	0.0	121.4	6%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Saint Lucie County Court Administration	76	0%	68	89%	37%	21%	18%	15.4	0.0	144.0	3%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Stuart Police Department First Offender Program	35	0%	35	100%	43%	11%	20%	15.5	0.0	46.6	3%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Charlotte County Human Services	28	0%	26	93%	65%	31%	8%	13.7	0.0	84.8	4%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Collier County Sheriff	206	0%	201	98%	60%	22%	30%	14.8	0.0	66.9	3%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Lee County Sheriff	117	2%	111	95%	44%	32%	23%	15.2	0.0	51.3	1%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Southwest Florida Addiction Services-Hendry and Glades Counties	17	0%	15	88%	40%	20%	60%	13.2	0.0	80.3	0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>6,499</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5,442</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>105.3</b>	<b>5%</b>

<sup>1</sup> ODS is the percentage of releases adjudicated for an offense during supervision. This includes any new violation of law (misdemeanor or felony) or non-law violation.

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

<sup>3</sup> The 'Average Prior Seriousness Index' is explained in greater detail in the Department's Common Definitions document, which can be accessed online: <http://www.djj.state.fl.us/research/reports/car/common-definitions>

<sup>4</sup> As of the 2011 Comprehensive Accountability Report, violations of community supervision are no longer counted as recidivism. The official definition of recidivism is all adjudications, adjudications withheld, and convictions for any new violation of law within twelve months of program completion.