

# 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, misdemeanor delinquent acts. The goals of the civil citation process 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 participate in an assessment of needs, perform community service hours, and complete various sanctions, which may include reparations and treatment services. The civil citation process provides an alternative that greatly reduces case processing and paperwork time for law enforcement, the courts, and juvenile justice personnel. Additionally, civil citation is 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 the civil citation process depends on the 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, as well as the coordinating entity for the local civil citation process.

## Profile of Youth

The following table provides demographic data from DJJ's Juvenile Justice Prevention Web System. Demographic profile data are based on the number of unduplicated youth who received Civil Citation services during Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-15.

Civil Citation (FY 2014-15 Youth Served)									
AGE									
	0 - 7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+	Youth Served			
Statewide	4	600	4,235	6,714	164	11,717			
Percentage	0%	5%	36%	57%	1%	100%			

  

GENDER/RACE									
	Male				Female				Youth Served
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	
Statewide	2,776	2,591	1,565	60	1,971	1,750	964	40	11,717
Percentage	24%	22%	13%	1%	17%	15%	8%	0%	100%

## Outcome Evaluation Performance

The following table shows the civil citation process profile summaries and outcomes, which includes total releases, number of completions, completion rates, demographic characteristics, average length of stay, and recidivism rates. Summaries and outcomes are based on the number of youth released from a Civil Citation program during FY 2013-14. **Note:** completions in FY 2013-14 are evaluated during FY 2014-15 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 2013-14, there were a total of 7,371 releases and 6,224 completions for youth participating in the civil citation process throughout Florida. The overall recidivism rate for youth completing the civil citation process 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 process 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 107 days.

**Civil Citation: Program Profile  
Summaries and Outcomes on Youth Completions FY 2013-14**

Program Name	Completions											
	Total Releases	Percent ODS <sup>1</sup>		Total		Percent Male	Percent Black	Percent Hispanic	Average Age at Admission	Average Prior Seriousness Index <sup>3</sup>	Average Length of Stay	Recidivism Rate
		Any Offense	N <sup>2</sup>	Percent	Percent							
<b>Civil Citation</b>												
01 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Okaloosa County Teen Court	43	2%	37	86%	68%	30%	3%	15.7	0.0	174.5	3%	
01 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Santa Rosa County Teen Court	40	0%	38	95%	63%	11%	8%	15.5	0.0	78.8	11%	
01 Circuit-Civil Citation-Escambia County Court Administration	199	5%	175	88%	43%	57%	1%	15.0	0.0	64.6	9%	
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-DISC Village	279	2%	243	87%	58%	53%	4%	15.4	0.0	99.3	5%	
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Columbia County DJJ	10	10%	9	90%	44%	33%	0%	16.2	0.0	36.6	11%	
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Hamilton County Sheriff's Office	1	0%	1	100%	0%	0%	0%	12.2	0.0	63.0	100%	
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Lafayette County DJJ	2	0%	2	100%	100%	0%	0%	16.3	0.0	37.0	0%	
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Madison County DJJ	10	10%	9	90%	44%	78%	0%	15.5	0.0	142.6	0%	
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Clay County Teen Court	37	5%	28	76%	64%	32%	4%	15.9	0.0	228.0	11%	
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Duval County Teen Court	302	3%	273	90%	57%	55%	5%	16.0	0.0	175.7	5%	
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Nassau County Teen Court	30	0%	23	77%	65%	4%	0%	15.6	0.0	142.0	9%	
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Citrus County Teen Court	61	0%	58	95%	55%	3%	2%	16.0	0.0	184.8	3%	
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Hernando County Teen Court	111	0%	101	91%	65%	19%	6%	15.3	0.0	130.0	2%	
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Lake County Teen Court	97	0%	90	93%	63%	28%	16%	15.1	0.0	66.3	6%	
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Marion County Teen Court	3	0%	3	100%	0%	33%	33%	16.2	0.0	41.7	0%	
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Suwannee County Teen Court	9	0%	8	89%	38%	13%	13%	14.2	0.0	179.1	0%	
05 Circuit-Civil Citation-Work-In-Lieu-of-Arrest [WILA]-Marion County	302	1%	274	91%	58%	31%	10%	15.0	0.1	36.5	6%	
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile Arrest Avoidance Project [JAAP]	616	4%	468	76%	53%	42%	6%	15.1	0.0	105.8	10%	
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Pasco County Sheriff's Office	245	1%	207	84%	65%	16%	9%	15.0	0.0	155.7	5%	
06 Circuit-Civil Citation-Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Diversion Program	403	2%	349	87%	65%	13%	12%	15.6	0.0	103.8	5%	
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Flagler County Sheriff's Office	15	7%	12	80%	92%	8%	8%	15.9	0.0	79.6	0%	
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Port Orange Police Department	25	0%	23	92%	78%	4%	0%	16.0	0.0	40.8	4%	
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Putnam County Juvenile Crime Prevention Office	50	2%	42	84%	57%	19%	26%	14.6	0.0	111.6	5%	
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-St. Johns County Sheriff's Office	58	0%	53	91%	60%	9%	8%	14.5	0.0	90.7	2%	
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Volusia County DJJ	68	9%	58	85%	59%	33%	10%	14.3	0.0	189.4	10%	
08 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Alachua County Teen Court	135	4%	100	74%	52%	52%	7%	15.3	0.0	150.8	7%	
08 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Baker County Teen Court	20	0%	19	95%	79%	32%	5%	14.9	0.0	80.2	11%	
08 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Baker County Teen Court-Union County	12	0%	11	92%	82%	18%	0%	12.8	0.0	73.9	9%	
08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Gilchrist County DJJ	1	0%	1	100%	100%	0%	0%	15.5	0.0	124.0	0%	
08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Levy County DJJ	3	0%	3	100%	100%	0%	0%	16.0	0.0	68.0	33%	
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Orange County DJJ	298	3%	239	80%	60%	36%	31%	15.7	0.0	68.8	8%	
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Osceola County DJJ	41	2%	35	85%	74%	9%	54%	15.5	0.0	71.8	0%	
11 Circuit-Civil Citation-Equal Justice	1,329	1%	1,033	78%	62%	39%	56%	15.9	0.0	141.8	3%	
12 Circuit-Civil Citation-DeSoto County DJJ	7	0%	5	71%	80%	60%	20%	15.2	0.0	32.4	0%	
13 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile Arrest Avoidance Project [JAAP]	499	0%	453	91%	45%	43%	19%	15.4	0.0	76.0	3%	
14 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Holmes County Teen Court	4	0%	4	100%	50%	0%	0%	14.9	0.0	418.5	25%	
14 Circuit-Civil Citation-Bay County DJJ	141	0%	133	94%	53%	11%	3%	17.3	0.0	62.0	0%	
15 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile First Offender Program [JOFFP]	1	0%	1	100%	100%	100%	0%	13.0	0.0	1.0	0%	
16 Circuit-Civil Citation-Monroe County Sheriff's Office	100	0%	89	89%	63%	13%	29%	15.6	0.0	38.6	4%	
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Broward County Countywide Coordination	798	2%	706	88%	59%	50%	23%	15.7	0.0	103.9	4%	
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-NAACP/Ft. Lauderdale Police Department	45	0%	9	20%	89%	89%	0%	15.4	0.0	175.6	11%	
18 Circuit-Civil Citation-Crosswinds Brevard County	129	2%	115	89%	58%	26%	8%	15.3	0.0	73.2	6%	
18 Circuit-Civil Citation-Seminole County Community Services [PAY]	362	5%	286	79%	60%	29%	13%	15.8	0.0	124.0	6%	
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Martin County Health and Human Services	3	0%	2	67%	100%	0%	0%	13.9	0.0	48.5	0%	
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Saint Lucie County Court Administration	68	3%	63	93%	65%	22%	21%	14.6	0.0	158.1	5%	
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Stuart Police Department First Offender Program	23	0%	22	96%	55%	14%	18%	15.9	0.0	51.8	5%	
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Charlotte County Human Services	58	2%	51	88%	65%	29%	12%	15.1	0.0	99.6	0%	
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Collier County Sheriff's Office	140	1%	135	96%	69%	18%	9%	14.6	0.0	55.4	2%	
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Lee County Sheriff's Office	133	0%	120	90%	35%	25%	29%	15.6	0.0	50.0	2%	
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Southwest Florida Addiction Services-Hendry and Glades Counties	5	0%	5	100%	80%	0%	80%	14.8	0.0	88.6	0%	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,371</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>6,224</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>107.0</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>