

# 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 (4%) 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) 2015-16.

**Civil Citation (FY 2015-16 Individual Youth Served)**

	AGE					Youth Served
	0 - 7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+	
Statewide	7	643	4,455	7,224	271	12,600
Percentage	0%	5%	35%	57%	2%	100%

	GENDER/RACE								Youth Served
	Male				Female				
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	
Statewide	3,065	2,654	1,554	56	2,266	1,829	1,129	47	12,600
Percentage	24%	21%	12%	0%	18%	15%	9%	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 2014-15. **Note:** completions in FY 2014-15 are evaluated during FY 2015-16 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 2014-15, there were a total of 8,142 releases and 6,780 completions for youth participating in the civil citation process throughout Florida. The overall recidivism rate for youth completing the civil citation process was 4%, 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, 1% 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 (59%) with an average age at admission of 15. The average length of stay for youth in the civil citation process was 109 days.

### Civil Citation: Program Profile Summaries and Outcomes on Youth Completions FY 2014-15

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 <sup>4</sup>
		Any Offense	New Law	N <sup>2</sup>	Percent							
<b>Civil Citation</b>												
01 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Okaloosa County Teen Court	41	0%	0%	38	93%	61%	39%	5%	14.9	0.0	121.2	5%
01 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Santa Rosa County Teen Court	35	3%	3%	32	91%	88%	13%	0%	16.0	0.0	75.2	0%
01 Circuit-Civil Citation-Escambia County Court Administration	213	3%	3%	176	83%	52%	53%	5%	15.2	0.0	97.5	4%
<i>01 Circuit-Civil Citation-Walton County DJJ</i>	5	0%	0%	5	100%	100%	0%	0%	15.2	0.0	166.0	0%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-DISC Village	267	3%	3%	238	89%	56%	54%	1%	15.4	0.0	93.8	8%
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Columbia County DJJ	19	11%	11%	15	79%	53%	33%	0%	16.2	0.0	66.6	0%
<i>03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Lafayette County DJJ</i>	1	0%	0%	1	100%	0%	100%	0%	15.5	0.0	170.0	100%
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Madison County DJJ	5	20%	20%	4	80%	100%	75%	0%	15.0	0.0	75.3	0%
<i>03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Suwanee County DJJ</i>	7	0%	0%	5	71%	40%	0%	20%	14.4	0.0	33.0	0%
<i>04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Clay County Teen Court</i>	14	7%	7%	11	79%	55%	36%	9%	16.9	0.2	211.5	0%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Duval County Teen Court	287	2%	2%	262	91%	53%	53%	2%	15.7	0.0	159.2	6%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Nassau County Teen Court	37	3%	3%	31	84%	61%	13%	3%	15.1	0.0	110.8	6%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Citrus County Teen Court	24	0%	0%	21	88%	57%	0%	10%	15.6	0.0	233.1	0%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Hernando County Teen Court	88	2%	2%	63	72%	52%	21%	14%	15.3	0.0	211.4	2%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Lake County Teen Court	98	0%	0%	92	94%	58%	32%	20%	15.2	0.0	59.4	5%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Marion County Teen Court	35	0%	0%	32	91%	59%	50%	6%	15.2	0.1	57.3	3%
<i>05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Sumter County Teen Court</i>	4	0%	0%	3	75%	67%	0%	0%	13.8	0.0	73.7	0%
05 Circuit-Civil Citation-Work-In-Lieu-of-Arrest [WILA]-Marion County	252	0%	0%	239	95%	60%	31%	12%	14.9	0.0	36.3	4%
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile Arrest Avoidance Project [JAAP]	560	3%	3%	401	72%	61%	44%	10%	15.2	0.0	97.5	6%
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile Second Chance Program	31	0%	0%	30	97%	43%	53%	3%	15.4	0.0	1.6	7%
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Pasco County Sheriff's Office	257	1%	1%	212	82%	50%	16%	11%	15.1	0.0	149.2	6%
06 Circuit-Civil Citation-Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Diversion Program	327	2%	2%	262	80%	65%	20%	13%	15.9	0.0	111.1	4%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Flagler County Sheriff's Office	30	0%	0%	23	77%	65%	52%	4%	15.4	0.0	80.0	4%
<i>07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Port Orange Police Department</i>	3	0%	0%	3	100%	67%	0%	0%	16.1	0.0	105.7	0%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Putnam County Juvenile Crime Prevention Office	26	0%	0%	22	85%	77%	36%	9%	14.7	0.0	100.9	0%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-St. Johns County Sheriff's Office	69	1%	1%	63	91%	70%	10%	6%	15.6	0.0	102.7	0%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Volusia County DJJ	47	2%	2%	34	72%	71%	18%	3%	15.9	0.0	141.9	6%
08 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Alachua County Teen Court	169	1%	1%	120	71%	47%	46%	5%	15.5	0.0	141.8	3%
08 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Baker County Teen Court	19	5%	5%	18	95%	56%	22%	0%	15.0	0.0	87.3	0%
<i>08 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Baker County Teen Court-Union County</i>	10	0%	0%	8	80%	63%	13%	0%	15.1	0.0	95.0	0%
08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Gilchrist County DJJ	3	0%	0%	3	100%	67%	0%	0%	17.7	0.0	62.3	0%
<i>08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Levy County DJJ</i>	1	0%	0%	1	100%	100%	0%	0%	15.9	0.0	89.0	0%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Orange County DJJ	301	1%	1%	264	88%	54%	30%	36%	15.8	0.0	56.0	6%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Osceola County DJJ	105	1%	1%	91	87%	64%	19%	62%	16.1	0.0	44.9	7%
10 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Highlands County Teen Court	19	0%	0%	19	100%	63%	47%	21%	14.5	0.0	121.9	0%
11 Circuit-Civil Citation-Equal Justice	1,261	1%	1%	997	79%	62%	39%	58%	16.0	0.0	155.7	3%
<i>12 Circuit-Civil Citation-DeSoto County DJJ</i>	7	0%	0%	7	100%	71%	0%	43%	15.0	0.0	139.9	0%
12 Circuit-Civil Citation-Manatee County Civil Diversion Program	81	4%	4%	55	68%	69%	24%	22%	15.7	0.0	114.5	0%
13 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile Arrest Avoidance Project [JAAP]	420	0%	0%	381	91%	48%	39%	22%	15.3	0.0	90.4	3%
14 Circuit-Civil Citation-Bay County DJJ	283	0%	0%	179	63%	61%	17%	1%	17.0	0.0	86.4	3%
15 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile First Offender Program [JFOP]	456	1%	1%	350	77%	59%	35%	11%	15.9	0.0	119.0	2%
16 Circuit-Civil Citation-Monroe County Sheriff's Office	52	0%	0%	48	92%	77%	21%	35%	15.4	0.0	42.6	6%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Broward County Countywide Coordination	963	1%	1%	854	89%	60%	52%	24%	15.8	0.0	130.7	2%
18 Circuit-Civil Citation-Crosswinds Brevard County	103	1%	1%	91	88%	65%	20%	4%	15.2	0.0	81.0	4%
18 Circuit-Civil Citation-Seminole County Community Services [PAY]	396	1%	1%	319	81%	50%	22%	20%	15.9	0.0	120.0	5%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Martin County Health and Human Services	26	0%	0%	21	81%	71%	14%	38%	14.9	0.0	66.8	5%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Saint Lucie County Court Administration	111	1%	1%	99	89%	64%	42%	13%	15.3	0.0	113.1	6%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Stuart Police Department First Offender Program	23	0%	0%	22	96%	55%	36%	18%	16.4	0.0	100.9	5%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Charlotte County Human Services	37	0%	0%	36	97%	58%	8%	6%	15.4	0.0	99.2	0%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Collier County Sheriff's Office	237	0%	0%	233	98%	74%	24%	9%	14.4	0.2	49.1	5%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Lee County Sheriff's Office	262	0%	0%	240	92%	55%	23%	25%	15.8	0.0	40.4	3%
<i>20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Southwest Florida Addiction Services-Hendry and Glades Counties</i>	15	0%	0%	6	40%	50%	33%	50%	13.1	0.0	183.3	0%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8,142</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>6,780</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>109.3</b>	<b>4%</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 15 or fewer 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.