

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) 2016-17.

Civil Citation (FY 2016-17 Youth Served)						
	AGE					Youth Served
	0 - 7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+	
Statewide	11	644	4,798	7,406	276	13,135
Percentage	0%	5%	37%	56%	2%	100%

	GENDER/RACE								Youth Served
	Male				Female				
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other/Unknown	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	
Statewide	3,380	2,633	1,615	1,889	1,615	61	1,078	43	13,135
Percentage	26%	20%	12%	14%	12%	0%	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 2015-16. **Note:** completions in FY 2015-16 are evaluated during FY 2016-17 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 2015-16, there were a total of 8,955 releases and 7,368 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, 2% of youth were identified as committing any new offense in the juvenile or adult criminal justice system. The majority of youth who completed the civil citation process during the year were male (57%) with an average age at admission of 15.6. The average length of stay for youth in the civil citation process was 117.8 days.

Civil Citation: Program Profile
Summaries and Outcomes on Youth Completions FY 2015-16

Program Name	Completions											
	Total Releases	Percent ODS ¹		Total		Percent Male	Percent Black	Percent Hispanic	Average Age at Admission	Average Prior Seriousness Index ³	Average Length of Stay	Recidivism Rate ⁴
		Any Offense	New Law	N ²	Percent							
Civil Citation												
01 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Okaloosa County Teen Court	33	0%	0%	30	91%	57%	17%	7%	15.0	0.0	59.4	3%
01 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Santa Rosa County Teen Court	33	0%	0%	31	94%	77%	10%	0%	15.3	0.1	86.3	13%
01 Circuit-Civil Citation-Escambia County Court Administration	269	3%	3%	180	67%	48%	50%	3%	15.2	0.0	98.3	3%
01 Circuit-Civil Citation-Walton County DJJ	5	0%	0%	5	100%	80%	0%	20%	15.0	0.0	367.6	0%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-DISC Village	216	1%	1%	191	88%	55%	49%	5%	15.8	0.0	82.7	6%
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Columbia County DJJ	13	0%	0%	11	85%	45%	36%	18%	15.3	0.0	83.5	9%
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Hamilton County DJJ	1	0%	0%	1	100%	100%	100%	0%	16.0	0.0	156.0	0%
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Lafayette County DJJ	1	0%	0%	1	100%	100%	0%	0%	14.5	0.0	103.0	0%
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Suwanee County DJJ	12	0%	0%	12	100%	92%	17%	0%	15.7	0.0	92.3	0%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Clay County Teen Court	45	7%	7%	40	89%	55%	23%	3%	15.9	0.1	198.5	0%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Duval County SAO Youth Offender Program	12	0%	0%	8	67%	88%	25%	13%	17.8	0.0	118.8	0%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Duval County Teen Court	237	3%	3%	194	82%	61%	40%	7%	16.0	0.0	154.0	5%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Nassau County Teen Court	25	12%	12%	16	64%	56%	6%	0%	14.6	0.0	113.7	19%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Citrus County Teen Court	21	0%	0%	20	95%	75%	15%	5%	14.6	0.0	230.0	5%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Hernando County Teen Court	157	1%	1%	139	89%	56%	12%	12%	15.0	0.0	305.4	4%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Lake County Teen Court	118	0%	0%	108	92%	68%	16%	23%	15.6	0.0	60.5	2%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Marion County Teen Court	45	0%	0%	45	100%	60%	36%	18%	14.2	0.0	67.0	2%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Sumter County Teen Court	18	0%	0%	16	89%	56%	31%	13%	14.8	0.0	43.3	0%
05 Circuit-Civil Citation-Marion County Work-In-Lieu-of-Arrest [WILA]	226	0%	0%	207	92%	59%	31%	14%	15.0	0.0	40.5	4%
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile Arrest Avoidance Project [JAAP]	536	5%	5%	360	67%	57%	45%	9%	15.3	0.0	120.7	8%
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile Second Chance Program	96	0%	0%	90	94%	46%	59%	7%	14.9	0.0	1.4	11%
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Pasco County Sheriff's Office	288	2%	2%	241	84%	64%	15%	14%	15.2	0.0	135.5	2%
06 Circuit-Civil Citation-Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Juvenile Diversion Program	514	3%	3%	414	81%	62%	17%	10%	15.7	0.0	106.6	3%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Flagler County DJJ	53	0%	0%	36	68%	42%	22%	6%	15.0	0.0	187.7	0%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Putnam County Juvenile Crime Prevention Office	35	3%	3%	28	80%	86%	18%	11%	13.4	0.1	98.1	4%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-St. Johns County Sheriff's Office	104	4%	4%	93	89%	71%	13%	2%	15.5	0.0	161.9	5%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Volusia County DJJ	161	1%	1%	142	88%	61%	23%	13%	15.7	0.0	174.3	8%
08 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Atachua County Teen Court	194	3%	3%	150	77%	47%	54%	2%	15.2	0.0	150.1	3%
08 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Baker County Teen Court-Union County	8	0%	0%	8	100%	63%	25%	0%	15.6	0.0	166.5	0%
08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Baker County Teen Court	12	0%	0%	12	100%	58%	8%	0%	14.3	0.0	92.8	8%
08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Gilchrist County DJJ	3	0%	0%	2	67%	0%	0%	0%	17.2	0.0	63.0	0%
08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Levy County DJJ	3	0%	0%	3	100%	67%	0%	0%	15.8	0.0	181.0	0%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Orange County DJJ	180	2%	2%	149	83%	59%	32%	38%	15.6	0.0	51.1	2%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Orange County Restorative Justice	47	0%	0%	41	87%	66%	29%	29%	15.9	0.0	74.1	0%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Orange County Teen Court	124	2%	2%	80	65%	55%	38%	29%	15.6	0.0	68.0	4%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Osceola County DJJ	58	0%	0%	53	91%	40%	25%	47%	16.7	0.0	61.7	2%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Osceola County Teen Court	30	0%	0%	26	87%	58%	12%	46%	15.5	0.0	70.2	0%
10 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Highlands County Teen Court	14	0%	0%	11	79%	36%	55%	18%	14.5	0.6	109.2	9%
11 Circuit-Civil Citation-Equal Justice	1,293	2%	2%	1,052	81%	57%	35%	59%	16.0	0.0	164.4	4%
12 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Sarasota County Teen Court	57	2%	2%	51	89%	49%	12%	10%	16.1	0.0	105.2	2%
12 Circuit-Civil Citation-DeSoto County DJJ	15	0%	0%	15	100%	93%	7%	40%	14.5	0.0	196.2	7%
12 Circuit-Civil Citation-Manatee County Civil Diversion Program	116	4%	4%	90	78%	50%	32%	21%	15.1	0.0	123.0	6%
13 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile Arrest Avoidance Project [JAAP]	416	1%	1%	359	86%	50%	43%	16%	15.4	0.0	95.0	2%
14 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Bay County Teen Court	240	1%	1%	136	57%	57%	22%	3%	16.1	0.0	110.1	1%
14 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Holmes County Teen Court	1	0%	0%	0	0%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.0	n.a.
15 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Juvenile First Offender Program [JFOP]	636	2%	2%	511	80%	58%	36%	17%	15.8	0.0	128.8	3%
16 Circuit-Civil Citation-Monroe County Sheriff's Office	87	0%	0%	78	90%	59%	22%	19%	15.8	0.0	42.5	5%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Broward County Countywide Coordination	938	1%	1%	846	90%	54%	48%	30%	15.9	0.0	126.5	2%
18 Circuit-Civil Citation-Brevard County crosswinds	101	0%	0%	93	92%	58%	24%	2%	15.6	0.0	126.4	1%
18 Circuit-Civil Citation-Seminole County Community Services [PAY]	337	2%	2%	271	80%	56%	29%	18%	15.9	0.0	126.6	6%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Martin County Health and Human Services	45	0%	0%	34	76%	56%	15%	21%	15.5	0.0	73.5	6%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Martin County-Stuart Police Department First Offender Program	10	0%	0%	10	100%	80%	30%	0%	15.5	0.0	99.6	0%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-St. Lucie County Court Administration-St. Lucie/Indian River Counties	146	5%	5%	111	76%	67%	42%	8%	15.4	0.1	93.7	5%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-St. Lucie County PSLPD First Offender Program	29	7%	7%	22	76%	64%	27%	23%	15.5	0.0	72.8	0%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Charlotte County Human Services	76	0%	0%	67	88%	57%	19%	3%	15.8	0.0	80.9	3%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Collier County Sheriff's Office	207	1%	1%	192	93%	61%	20%	11%	15.2	0.0	49.7	4%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Glades and Hendry Counties-Salus	2	0%	0%	1	50%	100%	0%	0%	12.7	0.0	422.0	0%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Glades County DJJ	3	0%	0%	1	33%	0%	0%	0%	17.0	0.0	87.0	0%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Hendry County DJJ	44	2%	2%	41	93%	63%	22%	41%	14.4	0.0	24.8	0%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Lee County Sheriff's Office	209	0%	0%	193	92%	54%	25%	33%	15.7	0.0	34.4	7%
Subtotal	8,955	2%	2%	7,368	82%	57%	33%	22%	15.6	0.0	117.8	4%

¹ 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.

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

³ 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>

⁴ 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.