

CIVIL CITATION

Civil Citation is designed to give law enforcement an active role in assigning sanctions that provide swift and appropriate consequences to youths 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 complete various sanctions which may include reparations, participation in assessment and treatment services, and/or community service. 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 (7%) 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.

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 youth, unduplicated, who were provided Civil Citation services during FY 2009-10.

Civil Citation (FY 2010-11 Youth Served)

	AGE						Youth Served
	0 - 7	8-11	12-14	15 - 17	18+	Unknown	
Statewide	2	100	1,325	2,952	33	4	4,416
Percentage	0%	2%	30%	67%	1%	0%	100%

GENDER/RACE

	Male				Female				Youth Served
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	
Statewide	546	969	1,137	8	384	736	628	8	4,416
Percentage	12%	22%	26%	0%	9%	17%	14%	0%	100%

Youth served is based on all youth recorded in JJIS as of September 1, 2010.

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 2009-10. Note: completions in FY 2009-10 are evaluated in FY 2010-11 in order to permit a full year of tracking for recidivism.

During FY 2009-10, there were a total of 4,157 releases and 3,555 completions from Civil Citation programs. Completion rates varied from a high of 100% to a low of 80% and recidivism rates varied from a high of 17% to a low of 0%. The overall recidivism rate for Civil Citation programs was 7%. The majority of youth who completed Civil Citation programs during the year were male (59%) with an average age at admission of 15.4. 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 2009-10

Program Name	Total Releases	Percent ODS ¹	Completions								Recidivism Rate
			Total		Percent Male	Percent Black	Percent Hispanic	Average Age at Admission	Average Prior Seriousness Index	Average Length of Stay	
			N ²	Percent							
Civil Citation											
01 Circuit-Civil Citation-Escambia	148	N/A	139	94%	64%	49%	3%	14.9	0.2	73.3	17%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-Gadsden	1	N/A	1	100%	100%	0%	0%	16.8	0.0	1.0	0%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-Leon	324	N/A	293	90%	55%	54%	4%	15.2	0.0	75.6	8%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-Wakulla	26	N/A	24	92%	71%	8%	4%	16.5	0.0	114.0	17%
04 Circuit-Civil Citation-Duval	131	N/A	111	85%	69%	50%	4%	15.4	0.0	152.3	14%
05 Circuit-Civil Citation-Marion	369	N/A	357	97%	60%	24%	13%	14.7	0.0	32.9	7%
06 Circuit-Civil Citation-Pinellas	60	N/A	53	88%	32%	30%	8%	15.0	0.0	90.2	8%
08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Alachua-DP901	64	N/A	55	86%	35%	84%	0%	15.8	0.0	79.4	4%
08 Circuit-Civil Citation-Alachua-Q7802	60	N/A	50	83%	50%	74%	4%	15.3	0.1	116.0	16%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Orange	20	N/A	20	100%	50%	45%	25%	13.8	0.0	1.9	5%
11 Circuit-Civil Citation-Dade	2,281	N/A	1,814	80%	60%	46%	49%	15.9	0.0	116.9	6%
13 Circuit-Civil Citation-Hillsborough	215	N/A	212	99%	59%	46%	20%	14.8	0.0	30.2	6%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Broward	45	N/A	40	89%	73%	40%	18%	14.6	0.5	71.0	10%
18 Circuit-Civil Citation-Brevard	87	N/A	82	94%	71%	12%	0%	15.4	0.0	73.4	2%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-St Lucie	131	N/A	125	95%	70%	45%	16%	14.0	0.0	94.8	4%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Charlotte	15	N/A	15	100%	60%	7%	7%	15.1	0.0	1.1	0%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Collier	1	N/A	1	100%	100%	0%	0%	17.9	0.0	58.0	0%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Lee	179	N/A	163	91%	34%	26%	20%	15.3	0.0	42.6	4%
Subtotal	4,157	N/A	3,555	86%	59%	43%	30%	15.4	0.0	91.4	7%

¹ ODS is the percent of releases adjudicated for an offense during supervision.

² N = number of cases. Italics indicate the program completed less than 15 youth and care should be taken in interpreting this data.