

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 (4%) 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 Information System (JJIS) Prevention Component. Profile data are based on the number of unduplicated youth who received Civil Citation services during Fiscal Year (FY) 2012-13.

Civil Citation (FY 2012-13 Youth Served)

	AGE						Youth Served
	0 - 7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18+	Unknown	
Statewide	10	585	3,730	4,825	74	0	9,224
Percentage	0%	6%	40%	52%	1%	0%	100%

	GENDER/RACE								Youth Served
	Male				Female				
	White	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	White	Black	Hispanic	Other/ Unknown	
Statewide	2,231	1,993	1,230	49	1,451	1,473	761	36	9,224
Percentage	24%	22%	13%	1%	16%	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 2011-12. Note: completions in FY 2011-12 are evaluated during FY 2012-13 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 2011-12, there were a total of 4,822 releases and 3,888 completions from Civil Citation programs. Completion rates varied from a high of 100% to a low of 0% and recidivism rates fluctuated from a high of 50% to a low of 0%. The overall recidivism rate for Civil Citation programs 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, one 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 85 days.

Important Data Note: The following programs were operating Civil Citation prior to new legislation effective July 1, 2011, which caused a shift in where Civil Citation data was entered and reported in JJIS: Leon County Civil Citation, Circuit 11 Civil Citation Equal Justice Program- Q7803, Civil Citation- 20 Circuit- Lee County Equal Justice Initiative Q7804, Civil Citation - Circuit 2- Wakulla CC, Civil Citation of Brevard, Circuit 13 J D P Civil Citation, and Civil Citation- 17 Circuit- Community Justice Program. Releases for these programs where the admission occurred prior to July 1, 2011 were not included in the analysis due to inconsistencies in the data and differences in reporting procedures.

Civil Citation: Program Profile

Summaries and Outcomes on Youth Completions FY 2011-12¹

Program Name	Total Releases	Percent		Completions							
		ODS ² Any Offense	Total		Percent Male	Percent Black	Percent Hispanic	Average Age at Admission	Average Prior Seriousness Index	Average Length of Stay	Recidivism Rate ⁴
			N ³	Percent							
Civil Citation											
01 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Okaloosa County Teen Court	3	0%	2	67%	0%	0%	0%	13.4	0.0	121.0	0%
01 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Santa Rosa County Teen Court	24	4%	20	83%	65%	20%	0%	16.4	0.0	81.8	0%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-DISC Village	194	0%	180	93%	59%	57%	3%	15.0	0.0	78.2	4%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-Gadsden County DJJ Civil Citation	3	0%	2	67%	0%	50%	50%	14.9	0.0	81.5	0%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-Jefferson County DJJ Civil Citation	9	0%	9	100%	100%	44%	11%	14.6	0.0	67.6	0%
02 Circuit-Civil Citation-Wakulla County Civil Citation	22	0%	22	100%	77%	9%	0%	15.0	0.0	91.4	5%
03 Circuit-Civil Citation-Columbia County DJJ Civil Citation	5	0%	4	80%	100%	25%	0%	15.9	0.0	86.3	0%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Clay County Teen Court	12	0%	7	58%	14%	14%	0%	14.8	0.0	94.6	0%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Duval County Teen Court	2	0%	2	100%	100%	50%	0%	14.4	0.0	172.5	50%
04 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Nassau County Teen Court	3	0%	3	100%	67%	33%	0%	15.6	2.7	70.7	0%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Citrus County Teen Court	48	4%	40	83%	48%	23%	0%	16.3	0.0	139.0	3%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Hernando County Teen Court	97	1%	81	84%	47%	21%	12%	14.7	0.0	136.3	4%
05 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Lake County Teen Court	30	0%	30	100%	70%	23%	13%	15.2	0.0	60.0	0%
05 Circuit-Civil Citation-W I L A	300	1%	278	93%	57%	27%	12%	15.1	0.0	43.1	5%
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-J A A P	445	3%	339	76%	56%	38%	7%	15.2	0.0	82.3	9%
06 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Pasco County Sheriffs Office	170	1%	136	80%	55%	8%	10%	15.2	0.0	95.5	4%
06 Circuit-Civil Citation-Pinellas County Sheriffs Office Juvenile Diversion Program	405	2%	350	86%	62%	16%	10%	15.4	0.0	82.8	7%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-City Of St. Augustine Police Department Civil Citation	2	0%	0	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Flagler County Sheriffs Office	20	0%	20	100%	55%	20%	10%	14.2	0.0	33.1	5%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Port Orange Police Department	13	8%	10	77%	60%	20%	0%	17.0	0.0	28.6	10%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-Putnam County Juvenile Crime Prevention Office	44	5%	36	82%	78%	25%	17%	14.3	0.0	55.8	6%
07 Circuit-Civil Citation-St. Johns County Sheriffs Office Civil Citation	86	2%	77	90%	74%	12%	8%	14.9	0.0	70.5	1%
08 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Alachua County Teen Court	63	5%	53	84%	70%	55%	0%	15.4	0.0	127.0	2%
09 Circuit-Civil Citation-Orange County	6	0%	3	50%	0%	33%	33%	16.7	0.0	90.3	33%
11 Circuit-Civil Citation-Equal Justice	1,233	1%	944	77%	58%	41%	51%	15.8	0.1	114.6	3%
13 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-J A A P	477	1%	397	83%	46%	37%	23%	15.3	0.0	76.2	1%
15 Circuit-C C Alternative Div-Youth And Teen Court [JFOP]	305	1%	106	35%	57%	32%	9%	15.7	0.0	93.2	1%
16 Circuit-Civil Citation-Monroe County Sheriffs Office	59	0%	51	86%	61%	18%	39%	15.5	0.0	46.9	2%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Broward Sheriffs Office NEW Day Program	32	0%	31	97%	81%	42%	3%	15.4	0.0	95.5	6%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-Harmony Focus	33	0%	31	94%	61%	32%	29%	14.9	0.0	59.6	0%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-NAACP/Ft. Lauderdale Police Department	31	3%	10	32%	90%	100%	0%	14.6	0.0	156.0	10%
17 Circuit-Civil Citation-P A C E Center for Girls	1	0%	1	100%	0%	0%	0%	15.9	0.0	65.0	0%
18 Circuit-Civil Citation-Crosswinds Brevard County	200	0%	185	93%	62%	16%	3%	15.5	0.0	75.9	1%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Saint Lucie County Court Administration	54	2%	48	89%	58%	27%	17%	14.7	0.0	108.0	4%
19 Circuit-Civil Citation-Stuart Police Department First Offender Program	34	3%	33	97%	33%	6%	30%	15.8	0.0	45.7	0%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Charlotte County Human Services	4	0%	4	100%	100%	50%	0%	13.7	0.0	70.8	25%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Collier County Sheriff	221	1%	217	98%	63%	18%	27%	14.9	0.1	40.8	8%
20 Circuit-Civil Citation-Lee County Sheriff	132	0%	126	95%	48%	23%	28%	15.4	0.0	47.6	2%
Subtotal	4,822	1%	3,888	81%	58%	31%	23%	15.4	0.0	84.6	4%

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² 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.

³ N = number of cases. Italics indicate the program completed fewer than 15 youth; therefore, care should be taken in interpreting these data.

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.