



Mental Health Courts

Mental health courts are governed by the Revised Judicature Act, 1961 PA 236, sections 1090 through 1099m. Mental health courts are supervised treatment programs for individuals who are diagnosed by a mental health professional with having a serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, co-occurring disorder, or developmental disability. Goals of mental health courts include successful completion of the program, improvement in employment status or education level, improvement in mental health, improvement in quality of life, medication compliance, and reduced recidivism. Mental health courts are required to adhere to 10 essential elements promulgated by the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Mental Health Court Data

Year	Screened Cases	Admitted Cases	Discharged Cases				Participants			
			Total	Successful	Unsuccessful ¹	Other ²	Total	Adult District Court	Adult Circuit Court	Juvenile
2018	1,467	737	625	57%	36%	7%	1,414	51%	40%	9%
2019	1,278	638	653	53%	38%	9%	1,393	54%	38%	8%
2020	1,002	545	639	57%	34%	9%	1,304	61%	33%	6%
2021	1,175	638	570	54%	36%	10%	1,260	68%	28%	4%
2022	1,299	614	555	52%	40%	8%	1,295	68%	27%	5%

¹ Unsuccessful discharges are due primarily to noncompliance, absconding, or committing new offenses.

² Other discharges include voluntary withdrawals, case transfers to other jurisdictions, deaths, or medical discharges.