



NEW JUDGE ORIENTATION TRAINING

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Gavel

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GEORGIA'S NEW ACCOUNTABILITY COURT CASE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Gavel will formally replace the existing systems, CaseWorX and Connexis, officially in FY 2028 (July 1, 2027).
- Project partners: JC/AOC, AWS, Slalom, CACJ
- 14 pilot courts (MVPs) – Appalachian, Forsyth, and Northeastern circuits
 - Valuable local input in system functionality
- Testing and training



FEATURES



- Greater visibility into participants' progress through program and treatment plan trackers
- User dashboard with critical notes, participant updates, program stats, and more
- Single location data entry that matches existing program workflow
- Calendaring for scheduled events (e.g., judicial status review hearings, treatment sessions)
- Better illustration of behavioral modification system structure
- Integrated drug testing with built-in randomization and phone/email notifications
- Customizable staffing report and snapshot
- Medication tracking
- Financial management, to include various fees (e.g., program, housing, restitution) with invoicing and proof of payment, credit card processing (live and via link)
- Role-based permissions
- No more quarterly reporting! QA efforts will be ongoing.



ONBOARDING ACTIVITIES

IN PROGRESS



- Identify point(s) of contact
- Treatment and program plan templates
- Fees
- Drug lab integration needs
- User lists
- STRIPE
- Data validation



JUDGE'S ROLE

FOR SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION



- Supervision of timely communication with project partners
- Adaptability to moving timelines
- Ensure coordination of team members for training
- Ensure team's commitment to testing and data validation
- Stay up to date on Gavel communications
- Honest feedback from team



2026 CACJ ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

GAVEL SESSIONS



A CALL TO ORDER: THE TRANSITION TO GEORGIA'S ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS' NEW CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM AND 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

- This session will provide an overview of the evolution of data collection practices within Georgia's accountability courts and the long-term efforts to support sustainability through statewide technology initiatives. Participants will see an overview of the development and foundational functions of the new unified case management system (CMS), including the collaborative work that informed its design and implementation. The session will highlight the benefits of a centralized CMS, discuss the transition and go-live timeline for accountability courts statewide, and explore the long-term vision for future enhancements and system growth. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions, share feedback, and contribute ideas for continued improvement of the system.



GAVEL QUESTIONS?

USE THIS FORM



FY27



Case management systems



Quarterly reporting requirements



Why do we collect data?



Data collection compliance



Overview of resources



Quarterly Program Report & Archive



Common questions

TWO OPTIONS

CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (CMS)

Versaterm

- CaseWorX

Integrated Management Solutions (iMs)

- Connexis Cloud



WHAT DO WE COLLECT
AND WHY?

STATEWIDE DATA COLLECTION





Demographics

Legal and
Clinical
Screening

Assessment

Intake

Phase
Movements

Incentives and
Sanctions



Treatment

Judicial Status
Hearings

Drug tests

Surveillance

Incentives
and Sanctions

Case
Management

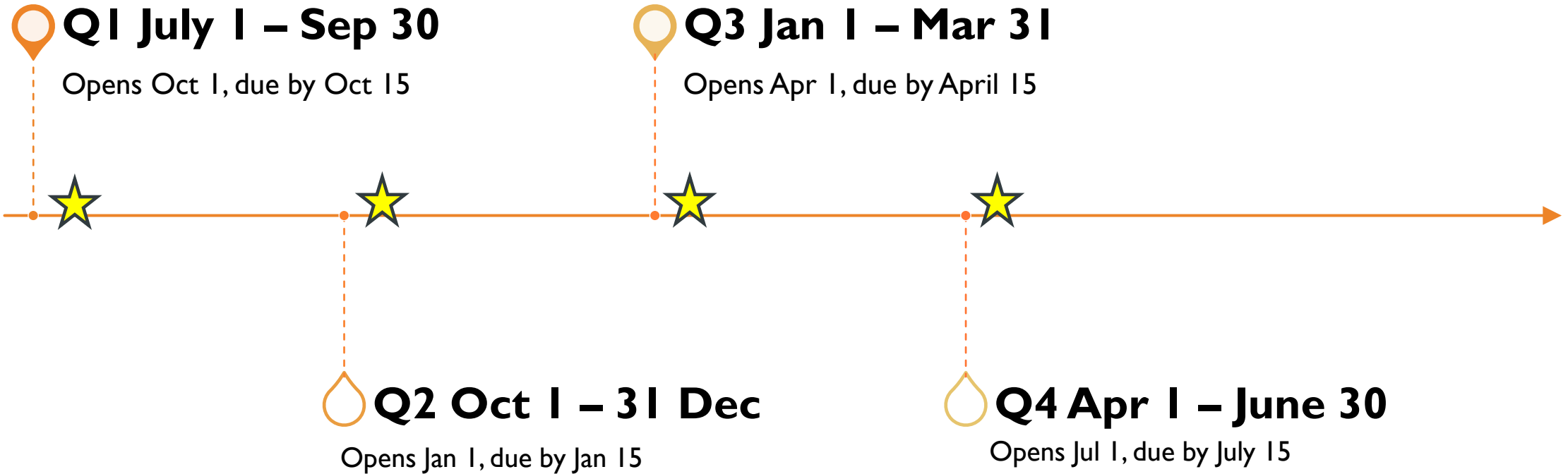
Family
Treatment

REQUIRED DATA TO BE ENTERED



- For all referrals/participants
- For participants accepted into the program
- Court-type specific

QUARTERLY DATA REPORTING TIMELINE



 Maintenance window



DUAL PURPOSES

WHY DO WE COLLECT DATA?



PROGRAM PURPOSE

- Case flow
- Participant progress
- Staffing
- Sanction and termination hearings
- Monitoring
- Self-evaluation

STATE PURPOSE

- Research
- Funding
- Politics
- Resources
- Sustainability
- Law/statute

THREE MAIN REASONS



So we can track what our participants are doing and respond appropriately (and timely) to their behavior



So we can see if what we are doing is working



So we can improve what we're doing

COLLABORATIVE

- All based on standards and best practices
 - Standards define certification requirements
 - Peer review allows for certification requirements and standards to be explored and technical assistance to be provided
 - Data are collected on participant demographics, services and treatment provided, monitoring (i.e., drug testing) and can be used for analysis
- Data-driven decision making based on what is and what is not working



GRANT, RULES,
CERTIFICATION

DATA COLLECTION COMPLIANCE



DATA COLLECTION COMPLIANCE

Grant special condition

- Statistical and/or evaluation data describing project performance must be submitted to Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) on a quarterly basis using the prescribed format provided to the Subgrantee. Failure to submit all requested data on a timely basis will result in the withholding of grant funds on this subgrant and/or any other subgrant administered by CJCC until compliance is achieved. If reports are not received, funds for subsequent quarters may be rescinded.

DATA COLLECTION COMPLIANCE

Article 9 of Rules and Regulations

- Outlines existing data collection and reporting procedures
- Makes clear that failure to report data timely and accurately can subject a court to decertification
- Proper data reporting is a condition of all grants
- Accurate data is critical to demonstrate to the legislature that these programs work to ensure continued funding

DATA COLLECTION COMPLIANCE

Certification

- Materials should outline a process to collect and analyze data on a regular basis. The data policy should also describe how data is used to make program improvements. The policy should also include who enters data into the case management system (Felony Court Application, 8.2). **MANDATORY REQUIREMENT**
- Materials should include the procedure for reporting mandatory performance measures to include:
 - Risk assessment type, date, and results
 - ASAM level of care screening and date
 - Drug testing date and results
 - Treatment session attendance, date, duration, and type
 - Exit date and status
 - Employment
 - Recidivism (re-arrests and reconvictions)

For each mandatory measure, materials should clearly indicate who performs the function (e.g. assessment), when the event took place, when data is entered, what team member is expected to enter the data, and any quality control process that takes place to ensure data quality and accuracy (Felony Drug Court Application, 8.8).



PARTICIPANT & PROGRAM
PERFORMANCE MEASURES

HOW DO WE KNOW
WHAT'S WORKING?





TEAM
DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

SHORT-TERM PROGRESS



What percentage of
participants attend
treatment
consistently?

What is the average
number of treatment
sessions
attended/missed per
week?

What percentage of participants attend case management sessions consistently?

What is the average number of case management sessions that have been missed?

Is that number different for different case managers?



What percentage of
participants attend
peer support
meetings
consistently?

What meetings are
attended most
frequently?

What percentage of participants attend case management sessions consistently?

What is the average number of case management sessions that have been missed?

Is that number different for different case managers?

What is your
program's
negative drug
test rate?

How does that
vary across
phase?



TEAM
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QUESTIONS

MID-TO LONG- TERM PROGRESS



What percent of
participants are
employed or in
school?

What percent of
participants have
safe and sober
housing?



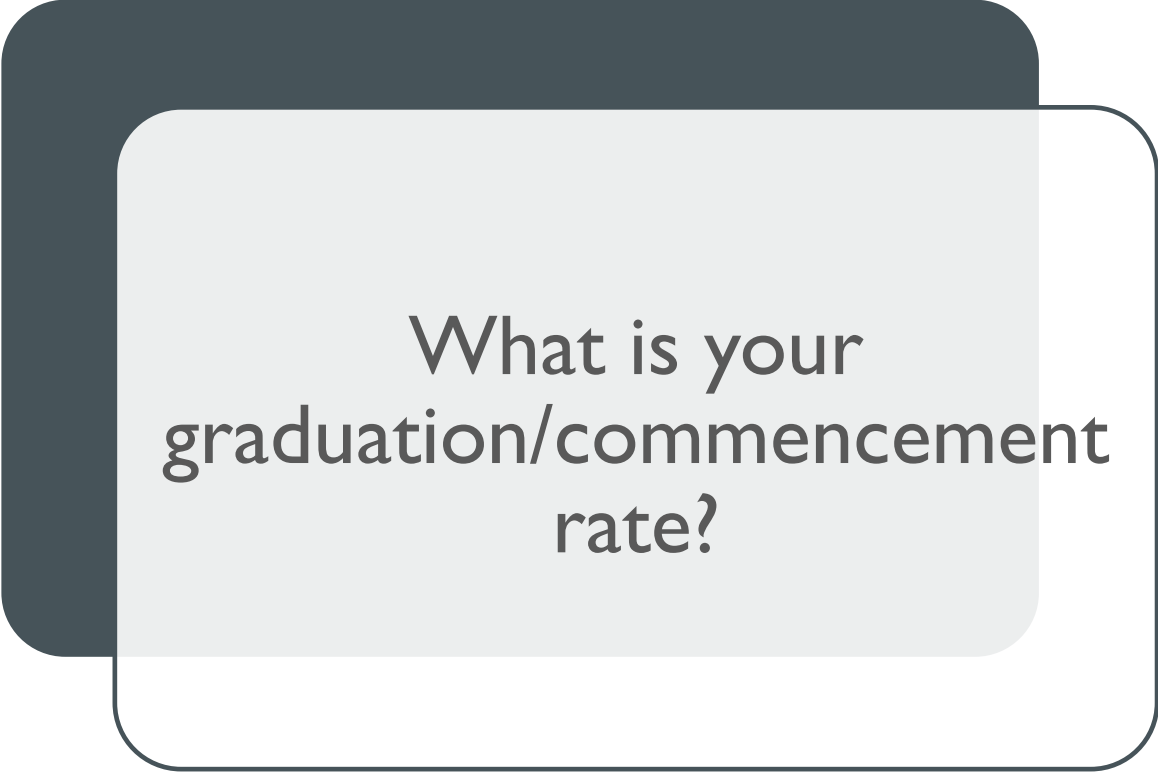
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Do average risk and need scores decrease over time?



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What is your
graduation/commencement
rate?



WHERE DO I GO FOR
HELP?

OVERVIEW OF RESOURCES





DATA DICTIONARY

- Includes all data points and list values
- Provides data definitions
- Outlines conditions of requirements

DATA COLLECTION TOOLKIT

- Provides practical guidance
- Links to sample templates, workflow guides, and best practices lists

DATA DICTIONARY ADDENDUM

- Includes commonly used terms
- Tracks changes to data collection



QUARTERLY PROGRAM REPORT



Digital

Program-specific

Online archive

Timely data analyses and summaries

Resource and tool



Program and participant demographics

- Total participants submitted, active participants reported at end of quarter, gender, age, race, education, income, employment, military services, accepted cases by referral type, exit status

Additional elements

- RPH, risk level, ASAM scores, diagnoses, treatment, drugs of choice, drug test methods and results, phase distribution

REMINDERS



DATA PRESENTED IS ONLY AS
GOOD AS WHAT IS ENTERED

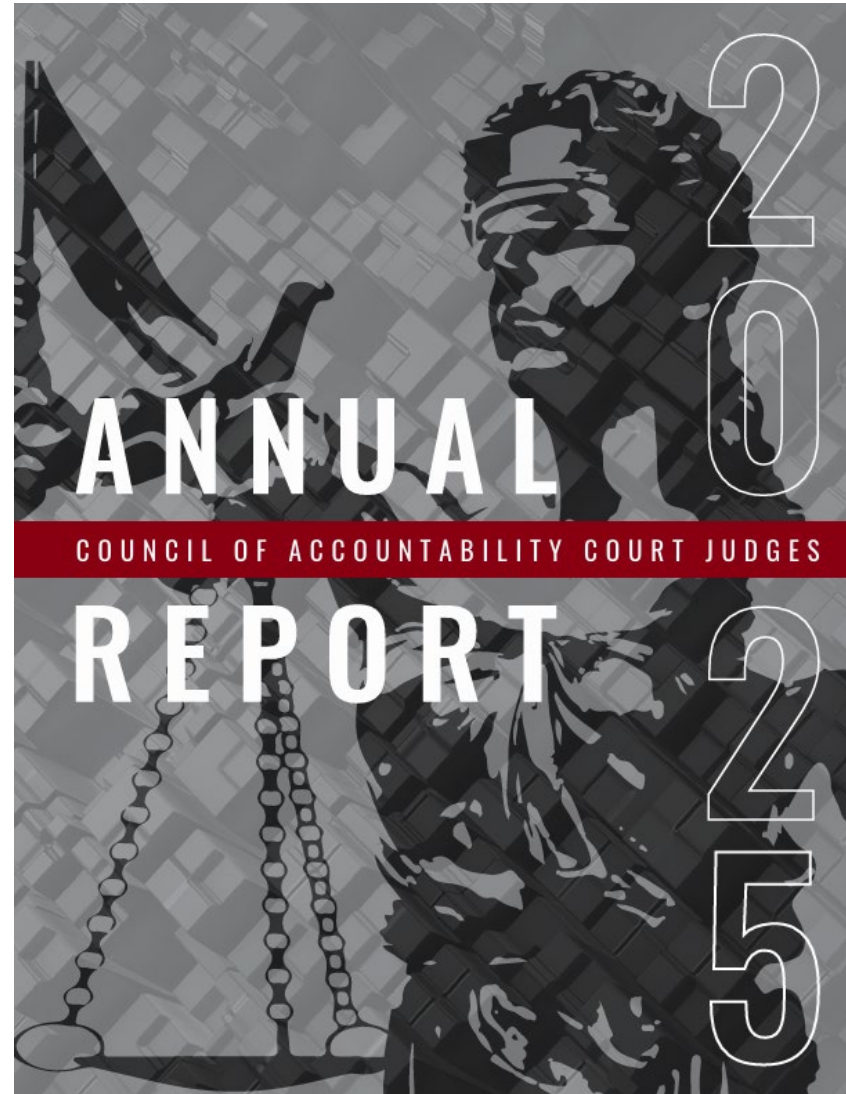


USE THE REPORTS TO ENSURE
DATA COLLECTION ACCURACY
AND COMPLETION



PUBLICATIONS





Accountability Courts Statewide Performance Measures Report

Fiscal Year
2025

December 2025
Council of Accountability
Court Judges of Georgia



Prepared by the Division of Data and Research

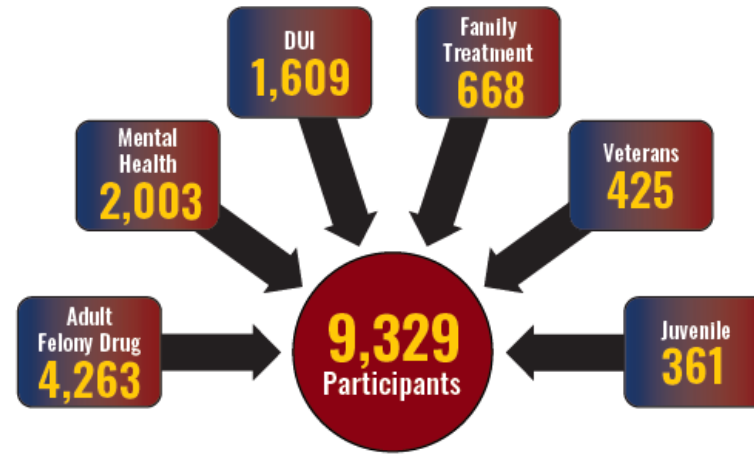
Impact Summary



Participant Summary



9,329 total accountability court participants served in FY25



3,068 new accountability court participants accepted in FY25

RESEARCH
REVIEW
PRACTICE





Economic Impact

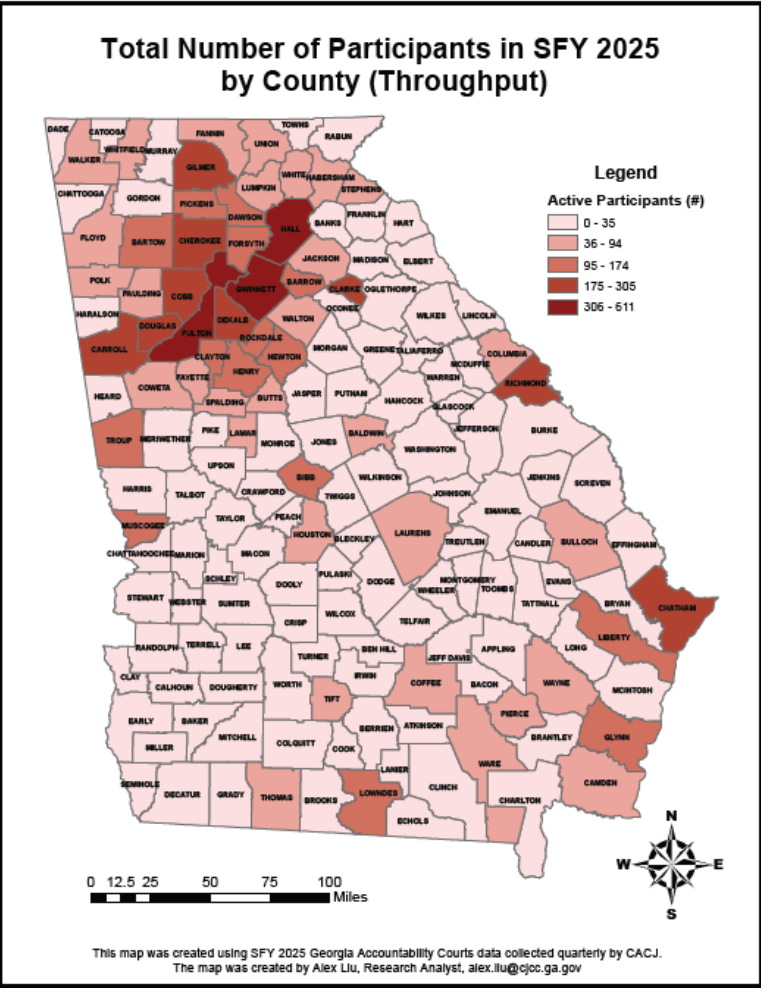
**Each adult
graduate produces**

\$25,921 in
economic benefits
to the State

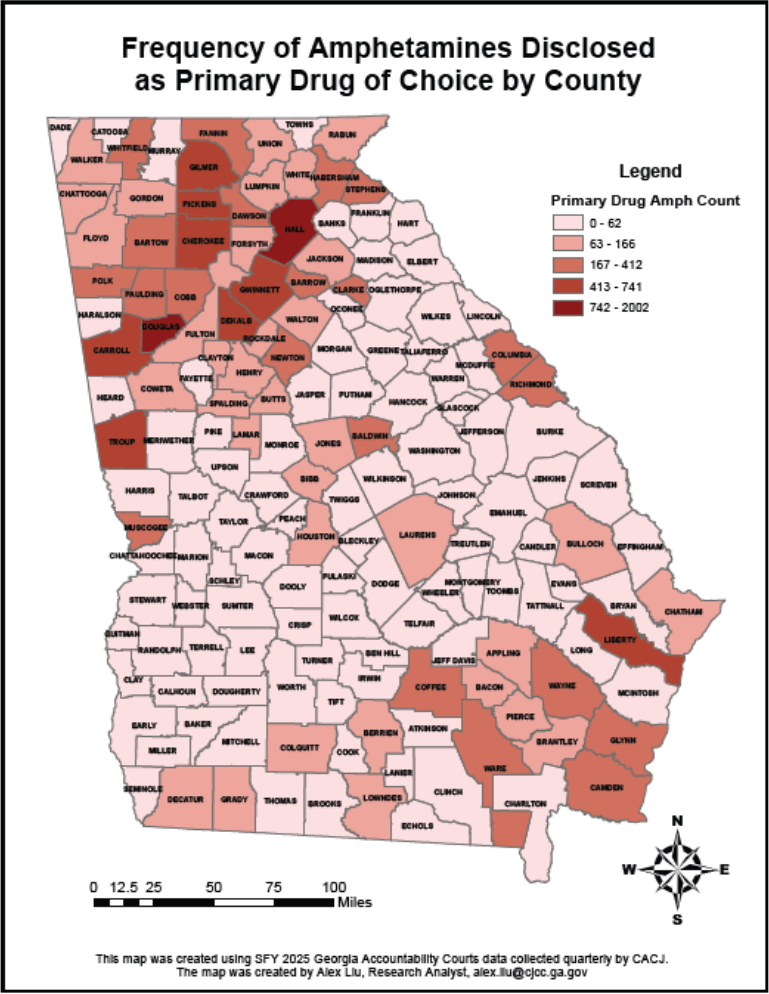
**1,744 adults³
graduated in FY 2025**

\$45.2 million
economic impact

Appendix A: Participant Throughput by Participant County of Residence



Appendix B: Top 3 Primary Drugs of Choice by Participant County of Residence



Economic Impact

For the 1,803 program graduates in FY25, the total estimated benefits of accountability court programs to state and local governments and to society are substantial:

- \$46.6 million** in total estimated benefits
- \$21.1 million** in reduced adjudication, incarceration, and probation costs
- \$1.9 million** collected in program fees paid by graduates
- \$1.9 million** in healthcare benefits from private health insurance and avoided costs associated with babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
- \$1.7 million** in state income taxes paid
- \$1.4 million** in community service work
- \$3.5 million** in foster care costs avoided
- \$15.1 million** in crime victimization costs avoided through decreased recidivism

Citation: Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia (forthcoming). The estimated economic impacts of accountability court programs in Georgia: 2022 update.

Data & Research

[Statewide Reports](#)

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Recidivism Reports

FY25 Court Operating Profile

Publications

Georgia Specific Publications

Process & Outcomes Report

The Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ), is pleased to share a publication prepared by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government at the University of Georgia. Both publications highlight the significant accomplishments of accountability courts across the state of Georgia.

The Processes and Outcomes publication is the result of many state and local partners' collaborative efforts to showcase the benefits of accountability courts in criminal justice reform, and the impact the programs have achieved so far.

Results from recent recidivism studies are promising. More specifically, any amount of participation in an accountability court, regardless of completion, leads to lower recidivism. In addition to breaking the cycle of addiction and mental illness, thus lowering recidivism and prison costs, accountability courts save almost \$5,000 per participant over traditional adjudication and incarceration.

 [The Executive Summary of the Council of Accountability Court Judges: Processes and Outcomes Report](#)

ACCOUNTABILITY COURT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AND GRADUATES

Accountability Courts graduated, discharged or terminated
11,311 participants from FY2020 to FY2023.

RACE

Race of Program Participants

66.3% White
28.7% Black
3.1% Hispanic
1.9% Other

This is compared to Georgia's
general population:

58.7% White
33.2% Black
11.1% Hispanic

11,311 participants reported their race.

GENDER

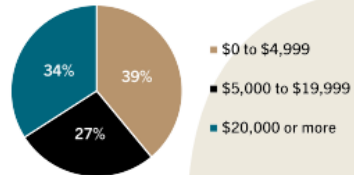
Gender of Program Participants

2/3 of participants who reported gender
were male.



INCOME

Income of Program Participants



10,918 participants reported their income.

EDUCATION

Education Level of Program Participants

70% of participants reported
having at least a high school education,
GED, or higher.

Georgia general population:
89% of Georgians have at least
a high school degree.

10,942 participants reported their education level.

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS BY COURT FROM FY2020 TO FY2023

ADULT FELONY
DRUG COURTS

49.8%

MENTAL HEALTH
COURTS

17.8%

VETERANS
TREATMENT COURTS

4.1%

DUI
COURTS

20.7%

FAMILY
TREATMENT COURTS

7.6%

PARTICIPANT OUTCOMES BY DEMOGRAPHICS

Race is associated with graduation outcomes.

Graduation rates across all races varied from 53.1% to 65.4%.

Statistical analyses indicated a significant difference in graduation rates among racial groups.

Gender is not associated with graduation outcomes.

The graduation rate was 60.1% for males and 59% for females.

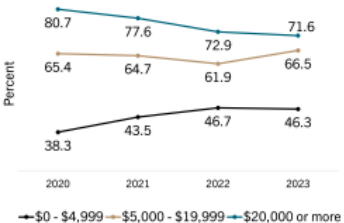
Statistical analyses indicated no significant differences in graduation rates among the two.

Income level is associated with graduation outcomes.

Overall graduation rates across income categories varies from 49.6% to 72.4%.

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Graduation rates for low-income and middle-income participants increased from FY2020 to FY2023.



Education level is associated with graduation outcomes.

Participants with an education level beyond high school graduated at a rate of 72.4%, compared to 67.7% for those with a high school or GED education and 49.6% for those with less than a high school education level.

Statistical analyses confirmed a significant difference in graduation rates among education levels.



GRADUATION RATE BY COURT FROM FY2020 TO FY2023

ADULT FELONY
DRUG COURTS

57.2%

MENTAL HEALTH
COURTS

45.8%

VETERANS
TREATMENT COURTS

64.6%

DUI
COURTS

79.5%

FAMILY
TREATMENT COURTS

51.7%

OUTCOMES BY TREATMENT DOSAGE AND RISK/NEED SCORES

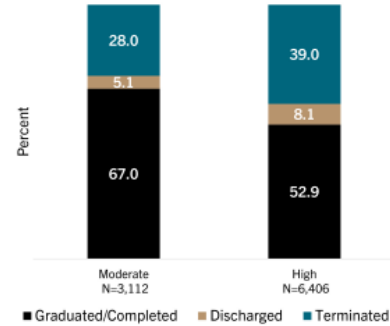
RISK

Risk was assessed through a range of instruments across the state, including the LS-CMI,¹ LSI-R,² NGA,³ START,⁴ and others.

Across these tools, risk was collapsed into three categories including **low**, **moderate**, and **high**. Analyses to examine whether risk was associated with program completion showed that most program graduates were classified as high risk.

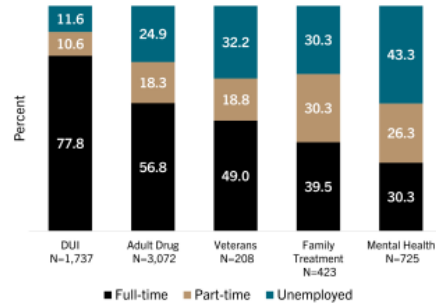
1. The Level of Service-Case Management Inventory is an assessment tool that measures the risk and need factors of late adolescent and adult offenders.
2. The Level of Service Inventory-Revised is a survey of offender attributes and situations relevant for making decisions about levels of supervision and treatment.
3. The Next Generation Assessment is an automated program assessment instrument based on data currently found within SCRIBE-SCHRI (GCIC) – PAROLE databases.
4. The Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability is a clinical guide used to evaluate a client's level of risk or aggression.

Graduation Rates by Risk Level
FY2020–FY2023

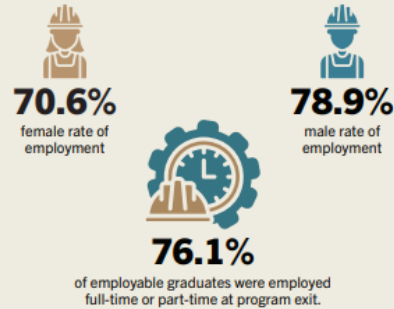


INSIGHTS ON GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

Rates of Employment by Court Type
FY2020–FY2023



Graduates of **DUI courts** have the highest rate of employment.



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