



# Council of Accountability Court Judges

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Accountability Court Judges and Coordinators

FROM: Council of Accountability Court Judges

RE: CACJ Recidivism Reports and Website Access

DATE: October 23, 2020

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The purpose of this memo is to detail the updated participant recidivism analysis completed by the Council of Accountability Courts Judges (CACJ) in 2020. Also included in this memo are instructions on how to access your court(s)'s recidivism report.

CACJ partnered with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) and Applied Research Services (ARS) in 2017 to complete a statewide and per/court participant recidivism analysis study for participants served in accountability courts in 2012 through 2017. The current analysis builds upon the initial analysis to include all participants with a valid SID number served in accountability courts between 2013 and 2019, and more complete data related to exit reason and date. Quality assurance efforts conducted by CACJ and the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) resulted in filling in missing data, leading to a final analysis pool of over 20,000 participants.

Some of the content contained within the recidivism reports includes: the court's participant demographic profile; number of participant admissions by year; and the average number of arrests by offense type. Additionally, ARS analyzed the reported participant SID numbers against Georgia's Computerized Criminal History (CCH) database. Participants were tracked at three intervals: 12-months, 24-months, and 36-months by program exit type.

It should be noted that the reports only include the participant SID numbers that were reported by the courts between January 2013 and December 2019. If participant SID numbers were not reported or not reported accurately, reports may be missing data. Also, if a court did not have participant SID numbers to report or was not in existence during the analysis time period of January 2013 to December 2019, then the court was not able to be included in the 2020 analysis.

During the week of October 26, 2020, judges and court coordinators will receive an email from ARS that grants access to a custom- built website to retrieve their report. Please follow the below instructions to access your report.

- (1) All judges and coordinators of record will receive an email from John Speir [jspeir@ars-corp.com](mailto:jspeir@ars-corp.com) with the subject: CACJ-GA Reporting System: Password Reset.
- (2) You will click on the hyperlink provided and enter your username and password as it appears in the email.
- (3) Once you log in for the first time, you will be prompted to change the password to something of your choosing. Please record this password in a safe place.
- (4) You will then be able to view the Recidivism Analysis Report for your respective court(s), as well as view the Recidivism Analysis Report by Accountability Court Type which includes statewide data for each respective court type.
  - a. On the upper right hand-side of the window you can click on Download PDF to save/print a PDF of your or the statewide report.
- (5) Please view the Interpreting Reports link under Main Menu for more information on how to interpret your report.

Below is a sample of the email you will receive.



## CACJ-GA | Access your Recidivism Report

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Dear John Doe,

Your password has been reset in the CACJ-GA Reporting System.

You may access the site at: [CACJ-GA Reporting System](#)

Your username is: [JohnDoe@gmail.com](mailto:JohnDoe@gmail.com)

Your password is: **ABCD1234**

If you have any questions or have difficulty logging in, please contact Rachel Gage [Rachel.Gage@georgiacourts.gov](mailto:Rachel.Gage@georgiacourts.gov).

Thank you,  
CACJ-GA Reporting System

Additionally, a summary report of the analysis performed, to include data exceptions, will be made available to courts in the coming months.

**Please note:** Your court is encouraged to compare the demographic profile against the statewide profile but also against your jurisdiction's specific demographic profile. In doing so, the court can begin to analyze the accessibility and fairness of the court and adjust applicable policy and procedure as necessary. CACJ is committed to making accountability courts accessible for all eligible Georgians.

Please contact Rachel Gage at [Rachel.Gage@georgiacourts.gov](mailto:Rachel.Gage@georgiacourts.gov) if there are any questions or concerns.