



Mental Health Diversion

Data Collection Efforts

January 8, 2025

Background

- Data collection requirements were not included in the legislation
- Missed opportunity to discuss effective data collection

Supplemental Report of the 2019–20 Budget Act

- Requires the Judicial Council to make data available to the Legislature and the Department of State Hospitals (DSH)
- DSH includes the data in a separate report that their agency is required to submit to legislature

Report to the Legislature

Mental Health Diversion Data Summary Report

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Q3 2020 (July through September)	40	276	125
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Total		12,451	6,468

Dashboard

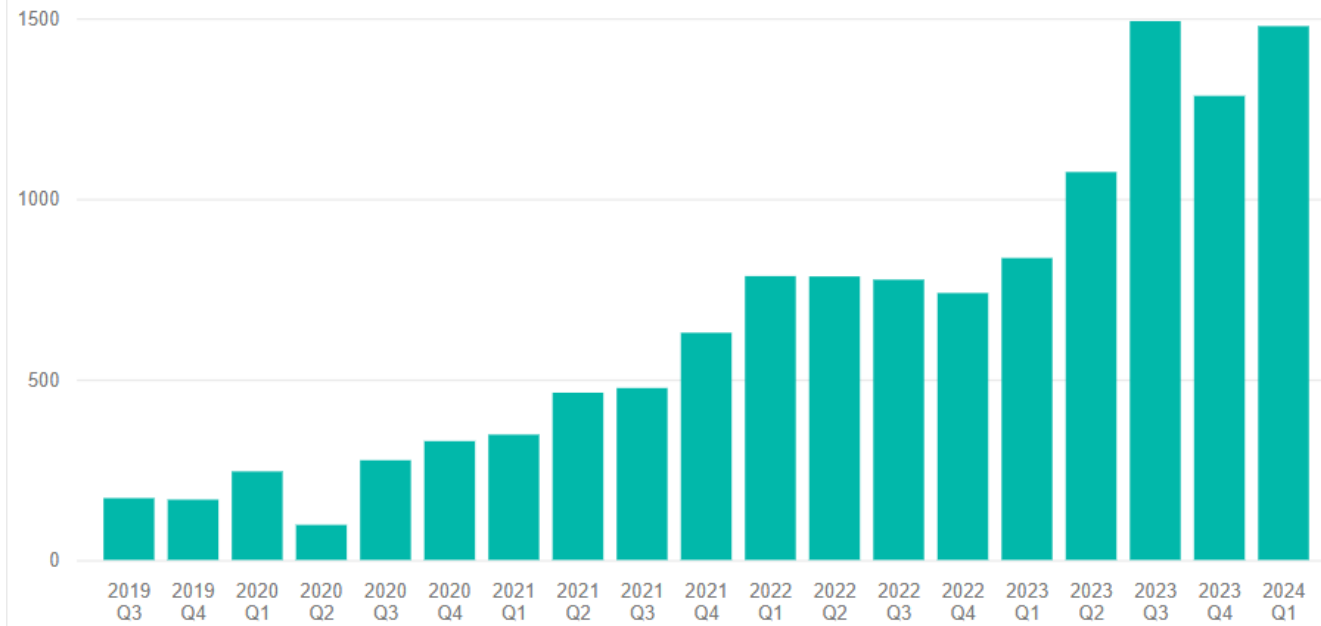
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Mental Health Diversion Petitions Granted



Data Elements

1. Number of petitions that were granted*

When courts are able to:

2. Number of petitions that were denied
3. Number of petitions denied because the defendants did not meet the statutory requirements for eligibility
4. Number of individuals who successfully completed the diversion program
5. Number of individuals that were terminated from the program

Historical Data Challenges

A woman asks her roommate, a data engineer, "Could you please go to the store and buy one carton of milk, and if they have eggs, get 6!"

A short time later the roommate comes back with 6 cartons of milk. She asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had eggs."

Legislative Changes

- Petitions: additional legislation changed the mechanism for entering mental health diversion
 - SB 317 and SB 1223
 - Referrals, motions, unique court programs

Case Management Systems

- No funding provided for system updates
- Need vendor to develop the report
- Staff needing skill-leveling development

Cases vs. Individuals

- “Petition denied” vs “Petition denied because the defendant did not meet the statutory requirements for eligibility”
- Disposition of case does not indicate success
- One individual, multiple petitions

Efforts to Support Courts



Interviewed courts

Court processes

Data collection challenges

Support needs



Created data dictionary and
FAQ

Added case scenarios



Updated language on survey
instrument

Effective Q1 2025

Questions?



Reports to legislature: <https://courts.ca.gov/news-reference/reports-publications/reports-legislature>



Dashboard: <https://courts.ca.gov/programs/criminal-justice-services/behavioral-health-education-and-resources>



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The Judicial Council has made this report available to the Legislature and the Department of State Hospitals as required by the Supplemental Report of the 2019–20 Budget Act by posting it to the California Courts website.

The *2024 Mental Health Diversion Data Summary Report* reflects data on the number of petitions that were granted for mental health diversion under Penal Code section 1001.36 beginning January 1, 2020, the start of the required reporting period.

The full report can be accessed at www.courts.ca.gov/cjs-behavioral-health.htm.

A printed copy of the report may be obtained by calling 415-865-8994.

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Total Petitions Granted by County, July 2019 – March 2024

County	Petitions Granted	Petitions Granted (Felony)	Quarters Reported
Alameda	165	86	16
Alpine	4	4	19
Amador	0	0	9
Butte	243	91	18
Calaveras	52	3	19
Colusa	1	1	19
Contra Costa	1	1	1
Del Norte	36	15	19
El Dorado	216	213	17
Fresno	584	419	19
Glenn	0	0	4
Humboldt	78	62	9
Imperial	0	0	17
Inyo	3	2	18
Kern	400	238	16
Kings	125	82	18
Lake	263	263	11
Lassen	2	1	16
Los Angeles ²	-	-	-
Madera	0	0	1
Marin	213	95	17
Mariposa	3	2	19
Mendocino	20	37	15
Merced	22	10	13
Modoc	0	0	9
Mono	2	3	15
Monterey	227	37	19
Napa	51	21	8
Nevada	78	57	18
Orange	609	279	17
Placer	72	72	17
Plumas	0	0	10
Riverside	882	561	17
Sacramento	1,153	631	19
San Benito	66	52	18
San Bernardino	1,009	755	19
San Diego ²	-	-	-
San Francisco	308	234	9
San Joaquin	1,219	467	13
San Luis Obispo	53	14	5
San Mateo	291	105	19
Santa Barbara	464	211	18
Santa Clara	922	3	19
Santa Cruz	410	238	19
Shasta	106	30	17
Sierra	0	0	12
Siskiyou	72	42	19
Solano	620	446	17
Sonoma	196	7	17
Stanislaus	176	72	17
Sutter ²	-	-	-
Tehama	0	0	19
Trinity	0	0	10
Tulare	482	224	19
Tuolumne	94	39	19
Ventura	447	239	19
Yolo	7	0	11
Yuba	4	4	19

¹Subtotal of petitions with at least one felony charge were not included in survey originally and so are not available for this period.

²These counties were not able to provide these items.