



Drug Court Highlights

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FILING DATA

◆ **Huge increases overall in drug felony prosecutions.**

- ❖ New drug felony cases increased 50% the first year and remained high
- ❖ Only half of all bookings into the jail for drug felonies are seen in drug court

<i>Filing Year</i>	<i>Number of New Cases Filed</i>	<i>Yearly Percent Change</i>
Pre-Drug Court -1996-	1,194	
First Year -1997-	1,776	+49%
Second Year -1998-	1,838	+4%
Third Year -1999-	1,600	-13%
Fourth Year -2000-	1,658	+4%
Fifth Year -2001-	1,686	+2%
Long Term Percent Change 1996-2001		+41%

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◆ **The most serious drug crimes have decreased.**

❖ Filings for first and second degree drug felonies are down since 1997.

<i>Filing Year</i>	<i>Type of Drug Felony</i>				
	First Degree	Second Degree	Third Degree	Fourth Degree	Fifth Degree
Pre-Drug Court -1996-	138	138	149	37	722
First Year -1997-	202	187	220	32	1,102
Second Year -1998-	118	159	274	56	1,188
Third Year -1999-	92	130	201	31	1,122
Fourth Year -2000-	100	131	219	42	1,148
Fifth Year -2001-	117	111	247	29	1,158

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DISPOSITION DATA

◆ **10% increase in the conviction rate.**

❖ Conviction rate up from 47% pre-drug court to over 57% in 2000.

<i>Filing Year</i>	<i>Type of Disposition</i>					<i>TOTAL</i>
	<i>Found or Pled Guilty</i>	<i>Continued for Dismissal</i>	<i>Diversion</i>	<i>Acquittal</i>	<i>Dismissal</i>	
Pre-Drug Court -1996-	530 47.4%	68 6.1%	314 28.1%	3 0.3%	203 18.2%	1,118 100%
First Year -1997-	812 48.0%	28 1.7%	560 33.1%	21 1.2%	269 15.9%	1,690 100%
Second Year -1998-	846 48%	6 0.3%	524 29.7%	38 2.2%	348 19.8%	1,762 100%
Third Year -1999-	801 52.1%	4 0.3%	469 30.5%	16 1.0%	246 16.0%	1,536 100%
Fourth Year -2000-	896 57.6%	11 0.7%	390 25.1%	16 1.0%	243 15.6%	1,556 100%

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SENTENCE DATA

◆ **Over 30% more cases being sent to local incarceration under Drug Court.**

❖ 608 total cases (68%) received workhouse time in 2000.

◆ **The number of cases being sent to prison is 19% higher under Drug Court.**

❖ 137 drug felony cases sent to prison in 2000, as compared with 115 in 1996.

<i>Filing Year</i>	<i>Executed Prison</i>	<i>Stay of Execution</i>		<i>Stay of Imposition</i>		
		<i>Stay Prison – Execute Workhouse</i>	<i>Stay Prison – No Workhouse</i>	<i>Execute Workhouse</i>	<i>Stay Workhouse</i>	<i>Only Treatment/ Probation</i>
Pre-Drug Court -1996-	115 21.7%	142 26.8%	64 12.1%	104 19.6%	10 1.9%	95 17.9%
First Year -1997-	123 15.1%	307 37.8%	85 10.5%	170 20.9%	8 1.0%	119 14.7%
Second Year -1998-	155 18.4%	313 37.1%	67 7.9%	198 23.5%	5 0.6%	106 12.6%
Third Year -1999-	130 16.2%	265 33.1%	61 7.6%	237 29.6%	5 0.6%	103 12.9%
Fourth Year -2000-	137 15.3%	352 39.3%	51 5.7%	256 28.6%	7 0.8%	93 10.4%

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REVOCAATION DATA

◆ **Defendants sentenced under Drug Court are more accountable.**

- ❖ Revocations rose by almost 10% in the first two years of Drug Court.
- ❖ About half of the defendants who faced possible revocation were revoked.
- ❖ Over 30% of those revoked are sent to prison or the workhouse.

◆ **Drug testing is more frequent, and outcomes are encouraging.**

- ❖ Drug testing increased from 9 times in 3 years to twice weekly.
- ❖ Less than 7% of drug tests were positive for crack cocaine use in 2001.

<i>Filing Year</i>	<i>Cases Revoked</i>	<i>Cases Not revoked</i>	<i>Total</i>
Pre-Drug Court -1996-	87 10.9%	710 89.1%	797 100%
First Year -1997-	224 17.5%	1,053 82.5%	1,277 100%
Second Year -1998-	246 20.2%	973 79.8%	1,219 100%
Third Year -1999-	169 14.8%	975 85.2%	1,144 100%
Fourth Year-2000-	28 11.0%	1,032 89.0%	1,160 100%

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OTHER MEASURES OF SUCCESS

◆ 9 out of 10 defendants are successful in Drug Court.

- ❖ 86% of defendants are not revoked and are working the program successfully.
- ❖ 90 defendants completed job school in 2001, and 163 enrolled in a GED program.

◆ Drug Court operates as a night court 1-2 nights weekly.

◆ Drug court is a staff and judicial officer intensive court.

◆ Facilities issues have been resolved with the 8th floor construction project.