



MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH HENNEPIN COUNTY DWI COURT FACT SHEET

DWI COURT PROGRAM MISSION: To increase public safety and reduce the number of alcohol related traffic deaths and injuries by effectively partnering the justice system and community resources to focus on the specific issues of repeat DWI offenders. From 2007 to 2020, Hennepin County DWI Court accepted 767 participants.

PROGRAM GOALS



Reduce Criminal Reoffending/ Recidivism^Δ

94%

No new DWIs or driving-related convictions during the program^{*}

83%

Completers with no new DWIs or driving-related convictions within two years^{**}



Facilitate Defendant Sobriety

92%

Negative drug tests^{*}

98%

Participated in chemical dependency treatment^{*}



Increase Compliance with Court Ordered Conditions

90%

Have no failures to appear at DWI Court hearings^{*}

28%

Placed on Ignition Interlock^{*}

2018 PARTICIPANT SURVEY

93% of participants agreed they would recommend DWI Court to a friend in a similar situation.

“I feel like the court is really designed to help me rather than throw me in jail [and that] they care about you as a person and care about your sobriety and are not just doing a job.”

“I’m an intergenerational alcoholic. I realized it’s time to stop. My kids are adults and I didn’t want them to see me die a drunk.”

2019 KEY PROGRAM STATISTICS

89

Participants Served in 2020[†]

23 to 65

Age range of participants in 2019[†]

38%

Represent communities of color[†]

72%

Have a severe Substance Use Disorder[†]

16.1

Average months in DWI Court^{*}

 **65% Men[†]**
 **35% Women[†]**

70% Gross Misd. DWI Referrals[†]
30% Felony DWI Referrals[†]

 **90% Graduate^{*}**

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^Δ Driving-related convictions (driving after suspension, revocation or cancellation, and other limited license violations); [†] All 2020 program participants, N=89.

^{*}All program graduates and non-completers in 2020, N=49. ^{**}All 2018 graduates and non-completers, N=41.