

2023 Mental Health Diversion Summary Report

Reported Petitions Granted by Quarter

Period	Counties Reporting	Petitions Granted	
		Total	Felonies
Q3 2019 (July through September)	25	171	NA ¹
Q4 2019 (October through December)	24	167	65
Q1 2020 (January through March)	40	245	100
Q2 2020 (April through June)	41	97	57
Q3 2020 (July through September)	43	276	125
Q4 2020 (October through December)	43	329	127
Q1 2021 (January through March)	44	347	147
Q2 2021 (April through June)	44	463	225
Q3 2021 (July through September)	49	476	237
Q4 2021 (October through December)	47	629	360
Q1 2022 (January through March)	49	786	532
Q2 2022 (April through June)	48	785	326
Q3 2022 (July through September)	47	776	384
Q4 2022 (October through December)	50	739	366
Q1 2023 (January through March)	44	778	387
Total		7,064	3,438

Total Petitions Granted by County, July 2019 – March 2023

County	Petitions Granted	Petitions Granted (Felony)	Quarters Reported
Alameda	60	34	12
Alpine	3	3	15
Amador	0	0	5
Butte	181	72	15
Calaveras	45	3	15
Colusa	1	1	15
Contra Costa	1	1	1
Del Norte	30	13	15
El Dorado	72	69	13
Fresno	331	227	15
Glenn	0	0	4
Humboldt	53	44	7
Imperial	0	0	14
Inyo	2	1	14
Kern	288	173	12
Kings	72	37	14
Lake	204	204	7
Lassen	1	0	12
Los Angeles ²	0	0	0
Madera	0	0	1
Marin	77	23	13
Mariposa	0	0	15
Mendocino	15	17	11
Merced	0	0	11
Modoc	0	0	6
Mono	2	3	11
Monterey	120	19	15
Napa	20	6	4
Nevada	41	17	14
Orange	296	148	13
Placer	14	14	13
Plumas	0	0	7
Riverside	425	331	13
Sacramento	511	177	15
San Benito	45	31	15
San Bernardino	679	479	15
San Diego ²	0	0	0
San Francisco	308	234	9
San Joaquin	740	188	11
San Luis Obispo	9	2	2
San Mateo	156	65	15
Santa Barbara	271	128	14
Santa Clara	487	3	15
Santa Cruz	273	154	15
Shasta	58	12	13
Sierra	0	0	8
Siskiyou	72	42	15
Solano	269	110	12
Sonoma	122	7	13
Stanislaus	96	24	13
Sutter ²	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	15
Trinity	0	0	5
Tulare	286	149	15
Tuolumne	33	12	14
Ventura	291	160	15
Yolo	3	0	8
Yuba	1	1	15

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 in time for inclusion in this report.

Pursuant to the Supplemental Report of the 2019 Budget Act by the Legislative Analyst's Office, trial courts are required to provide data to the Judicial Council of California on the number of petitions granted for mental health diversion under Penal Code § 1001.36. This 2023 Mental Health Diversion Summary Report reflects data on the number of petitions that were granted beginning January 1, 2020, the start of the required reporting period. Some trial courts voluntarily reported data from the second half of 2019, and this data is included where available.

The Judicial Council is working with courts to collect data on supplemental data elements. Supplemental data will become available beginning with the 2025 Mental Health Diversion Summary Report.

The Judicial Council works with trial courts to collect mental health diversion data, when possible, on supplemental data elements, including the number of petitions denied, the number of individuals who successfully completed the diversion program, and the number of individuals that were terminated from the program. Recent legislative changes expanding access to mental health diversion have created additional pathways to diversion that deviate from the petition process. Data collection on the supplemental data elements is currently limited to the subset of cases where diversion is initiated through the petition process and therefore not inclusive of cases where mental health diversion is accessible through the recent, statutorily created pathways. Due to this limitation, reporting on the supplemental data elements is currently unavailable.

The Judicial Council is examining opportunities to assist trial courts in collecting data that reflect all pathways to mental health diversion and is in the process of updating data definitions to better assist trial courts with reporting on supplemental data elements. Data collection based on the updated data definitions is planned to begin in 2024. The Judicial Council anticipates that supplemental data will be reported beginning with the 2025 Mental Health Diversion Summary Report, which will be the first report to include data collected during the 2024 calendar year.