

SPECIALTY COURT SUMMARY

Table 17. Summary of Specialty Court Program Distributions, Fiscal Year 2015

Jurisdiction	Court Type	Fiscal Year 2014 Carry Forward	Fiscal Year 2015 Distributed	Fiscal Year 2015 Approved
Western Region Specialty Courts				
Western Region	Adult Drug (5 Programs)	\$0	\$400,064	\$400,064
First Judicial District	Juvenile Drug	\$4,130	\$6,349	\$10,479
Carson City Justice	Felony DUI	\$16,331	\$11,612	\$27,943
	Mental Health	\$1,304	\$56,899	\$58,203
	Total	\$21,765	\$474,924	\$496,689
Washoe Region Specialty Courts				
Second Judicial District	Adult Drug (2 Programs)	\$0	\$670,657	\$670,657
	Family Drug	\$0	\$69,346	\$69,346
	Felony DUI	\$0	\$79,783	\$79,783
	Juvenile Drug	\$3	\$43,982	\$43,985
	Mental Health	\$433	\$16,958	\$17,391
	Prison Re-Entry Drug	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Veterans Treatment	\$0	\$81,975	\$81,975
Reno Justice	Drug and Alcohol	\$41,188	\$84,167	\$125,355
Sparks Municipal	Drug and Alcohol	\$0	\$21,742	\$21,742
Reno Municipal	Drug and Alcohol (2 Programs)	\$0	\$79,386	\$79,386
	Total	\$41,624	\$1,147,996	\$1,189,620
Eastern Region Specialty Courts				
Fourth Judicial District	Adult Drug	\$0	\$112,677	\$112,677
Seventh Judicial District	Juvenile Drug	\$0	\$51,509	\$51,509
	Adult Drug	\$0	\$66,516	\$66,516
	Total	\$0	\$230,702	\$230,702
Fifth Judicial District Specialty Court				
Nye County	Adult Drug	\$0	\$100,536	\$100,536
	Total	\$0	\$100,536	\$100,536
Central Region Specialty Courts				
Humboldt County	Adult Drug	\$0	\$49,419	\$49,419
Pershing County	Adult Drug	\$0	\$45,124	\$45,124
	Total	\$0	\$94,543	\$94,543
Clark Region Specialty Courts				
Eighth Judicial District	Adult Drug	\$77,334	\$1,481,800	\$1,559,134
	Child Support Drug	\$0	\$43,522	\$43,522
	Family Drug	\$36,066	\$260,344	\$296,410
	Felony DUI	\$14,851	\$163,654	\$178,505
	Juvenile Drug	\$67,063	\$170,732	\$237,795
	Mental Health	\$0	\$462,652	\$462,652
	Veterans Treatment	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Dependency Mothers	\$0	\$97,936	\$97,936
Las Vegas Justice	Adult Drug	\$0	\$220,803	\$220,803
Las Vegas Municipal	DUI Court (2 Programs)	\$0	\$58,054	\$58,054
	Adult Drug	\$7,036	\$45,106	\$52,142
	DUI Court	\$0	\$70,395	\$70,395
Henderson Municipal	Women In Need	\$498	\$36,456	\$36,954
	HOPE Court	\$218	\$108,905	\$109,123
	ABC Court	\$155	\$27,219	\$27,374
	Total	\$203,221	\$3,247,578	\$3,450,799
GRAND TOTAL SPECIALTY COURT DISTRIBUTIONS		\$266,610	\$5,296,279	\$5,562,889

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for the next fiscal year appropriation. This carry forward amount is critical for ensuring specialty courts are funded during the first quarter of the next fiscal year.

Table 17 provides a summary of the Specialty Court Program distributions, including the individual programs carry-forward balance from fiscal year 2014, actual amounts distributed, and the allocations authorized by the Judicial Council of the State of Nevada for fiscal year 2015. Occasionally, a program's carry forward balance, in addition to the amounts distributed, may be more than the amount approved for the fiscal year.

SPECIALTY COURTS' IMPACT

In 1992, the Eighth Judicial District Court in Clark County established the first drug court in the state and fifth in the nation. The program was created due to the significant caseload involving drug-related crimes. Since the creation of the first specialty court, more than 11,000 specialty court participants have succeeded in graduating from specialty court programs around the state.

At the end of fiscal year 2015, Table 18 shows that Nevada's specialty courts reported 3,679 current active participants. For these specialty court participants, these programs are an opportunity to break the cycle of addiction, pain, and heartache that have dominated their lives, and provides them with a pathway that allows them to put their lives back together. While some may fail, approximately 50 percent of participants, when compared to the number of participants who entered the program over the last 5 years, succeeded in graduating. When considering the benefit this has for Nevada, we should note that

according to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, 75 percent of drug court graduates remain arrest free after graduating from the program. Nevada's specialty courts provide opportunities to

families and individuals to get their lives back and in many instances literally save lives. Specialty courts help communities through community service projects, by reducing jail overcrowding, and by reducing much of the financial burden Nevada citizens would have born if participants were instead incarcerated.

SPECIALTY COURT STATISTICS

During fiscal year 2015, and as shown in Table 18, Nevada's 42 specialty courts admitted 2,516 participants into various programs throughout the state. Overall, 1,323 participants graduated from specialty court programs. Due to most specialty courts requiring multi-year involvement from participants, the determination of graduations rates from year to year can be difficult to determine. However, studies conducted nationally have found that drug court graduation rates average between 53 to 57 percent.¹ As seen in Table 18, the number of children born without drugs in their system to specialty court participants was 63. In the specialty court programs, drug-free children are celebrated and represent one of the greatest successes of specialty courts. Without specialty courts, these children may have been born already addicted to drugs or may have suffered from significant and possibly life-threatening medical conditions.

Table 18 includes the subtotals for each specialty court region. The Western Region has eight specialty court programs, including five adult drug courts, a juvenile drug court, a felony DUI court, and a mental health court. These programs reported 324 new participants during fiscal year 2015, while 112 participants graduated. There were 140 terminations from the program, and 10 children born drug-free.

¹ Huddleston, W. and Marlowe, D. (2011). *Painting the Current Picture: A National Report on Drug Courts and Other Problem-Solving Court Programs in the United States*. National Drug Court Institute, Alexandria, VA.

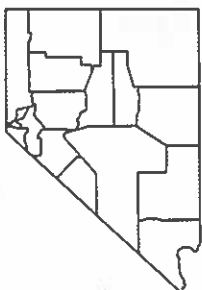
The Washoe Region includes 12 different specialty court programs, including 4 alcohol and drug programs, an adult drug court, an adult drug court diversion program, a family drug court, a felony DUI court, a juvenile drug court, a mental health court, a prison re-entry court, and a veterans treatment court. These programs had 1,108 new participants and graduated 608. Those terminated from the Washoe Region programs were 467, and the number of drug-free children born to participants were 33.

The Eastern Region maintains three programs and covers the largest geographic area. The three programs include two adult drug courts and one juvenile drug court. The programs in this region added 73 new participants, and graduated 18. The number of participants in the Eastern Region who were terminated from the program during the fiscal year totaled 27.

The Fifth Judicial District has one adult drug court and reported that 69 new participants entered their program. The number of participants who graduated totaled 25. There were 46 cases reported as terminated, and 6 children were born drug-free during the fiscal year.

The Central Region represents specialty courts in the Sixth Judicial District. This region consists of two adult drug court programs. These programs reported 47 new participants during fiscal year 2015, with 64 graduating. There were also 14 terminations from the program. The number of children born drug free was 3.

The Clark Region maintains 16 specialty court programs, which can be found in the District, Justice, and Municipal Court jurisdictions. These programs address alcohol and drug addictions for families, adults, juveniles, veterans, and the homeless. In these 16 programs, 895 new participants were added during fiscal year 2015. The total number of participants who graduated was 496. The number of drug-free children born to participants during the fiscal year was reported at 11.



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Table 18. Summary of Specialty Court Information, Fiscal Year 2015.

Jurisdiction	Court Type	New Participants Admissions ^a	Graduates	Terminations ^b	Active Cases At Year End	Drug Free Babies Born
Western Region Specialty Courts						
Western Region	Adult Drug (5 Programs)	255	80	97	221	8
First Judicial District	Juvenile Drug	16	6	2	14	0
Carson City Justice	Felony DUI	16	14	6	45	1
	Mental Health	37	12	35	29	1
	TOTAL	324	112	140	309	10
Washoe Region Specialty Courts						
Second Judicial District	Adult Drug (2 Programs)	360	163	131	642	10
	Family Drug	35	22	15	36	6
	Felony DUI	59	31	18	146	1
	Juvenile Drug	23	3	9	29	0
	Mental Health	153	148	57	206	13
	Prison Re-Entry Drug	19	9	2	22	0
	Veterans Treatment	61	30	18	69	0
Reno Justice	Drug and Alcohol	285	134	153	275	3
Sparks Municipal	Drug and Alcohol	6	6	10	52	0
Reno Municipal	Drug and Alcohol (2 Programs)	107	62	54	87	0
	TOTAL	1,108	608	467	1,564	33
Eastern Region Specialty Courts						
Fourth Judicial District	Adult Drug	32	11	12	39	0
	Juvenile Drug	15	4	8	14	0
Seventh Judicial District	Adult Drug	26	3	7	37	0
	TOTAL	73	18	27	90	0
Fifth Judicial District Specialty Court						
Nye County	Adult Drug	69	25	46	58	6
	TOTAL	69	25	46	58	6
Central Region Specialty Courts						
Humboldt County	Adult Drug	34	43	8	46	2
Pershing County	Adult Drug	13	21	6	16	1
	TOTAL	47	64	14	62	3
Clark Region Specialty Courts						
Eighth Judicial District	Adult Drug	213	144	155	325	5
	Child Support Drug	6	3	6	14	0
	Family Drug	56	36	25	24	0
	Felony DUI	161	69	66	443	0
	Juvenile Drug	66	22	17	184	0
	Mental Health	35	33	20	80	0
	Veterans Treatment	25	9	22	37	0
	Dependency Mothers	24	12	8	18	0
Las Vegas Justice	Adult Drug	87	33	85	188	3
	DUI Court (2 Programs)	76	81	14	97	0
Las Vegas Municipal	Adult Drug	33	4	23	34	0
	DUI Court	40	32	13	62	0
	Women In Need	2	2	1	26	1
	HOPE Court (Habitual Offender)	30	9	19	36	2
Henderson Municipal	ABC Court (Habitual Offender)	41	7	28	28	0
	TOTAL	895	496	502	1,596	11
ALL SPECIALTY COURTS	GRAND TOTAL	2,516	1,323	1,196	3,679	63

^a Includes new admissions and voluntary admissions.

^b Includes terminations, transfers, and deceased participants.

Source: Nevada Administrative Office of the Courts, Specialty Courts Program.

COURTS WITH INCOMPLETE DATA

Nevada trial courts that did not provide all of their monthly data for fiscal year 2015 are listed in Table 19, as are the specific elements of the missing data. Once again, all courts provided caseload information. In a few instances, courts submitted all they could count, but acknowledged that there are still issues with the statistics they are working to correct. In those instances, the data is footnoted, but the court may not appear in Table 19 if all monthly reports were filed.

The trial courts continue to improve the reporting of their statistics year-to-year. Some courts do not have automated case management systems. In these courts, staff manually collect the information from each case or citation. As case management systems improve, and courts without automated systems move to more sophisticated methods of collecting case information, the statistics will improve as well. The Administrative Office of the Courts continues to work with the courts on technology projects that put case management systems in many rural and some urban courts. Case management systems provide an automated mechanism to prepare monthly statistical reports while also improving court processes and procedures.

Currently, there are 32 courts using all or part of the state-sponsored system, excluding 12 courts using a similar system maintained by Clark County.

Table 19. Data Non-Reporting by Judicial District, Fiscal Year 2015.

Court	Case Type	Filings/ Cases	Dispo- sitions	Table
Second Judicial District				
Washoe County District Court	Reopened Juvenile Cases	NR		A5
Fourth Judicial District				
Wells Justice Court	Reopened Criminal Cases	NR		A6
	Reopened Civil Cases	NR		A7
Wells Municipal Court	Reopened Criminal Cases	NR		A8
Seventh Judicial District				
Ely Municipal Court	Reopened Criminal Cases	NR		A8
Eighth Judicial District				
Clark County District Court	Specific Juvenile Case Types	NR	NR	A5
Las Vegas Justice Court	Reopened Juvenile Traffic Cases	NR		A9
Ninth Judicial District				
Douglas District Court	Reopened Juvenile Traffic Cases	NR		A9

NR Not Reported

Source: Uniform System for Judicial Records, Nevada AOC, Research and Statistics Unit.

