



SAN FRANCISCO COLLABORATIVE COURTS

Adult Drug Court

San Francisco's Adult Drug Court (SFDC) was established in 1995. Using a team approach, SFDC is an intensive rehabilitation program that integrates substance abuse treatment and social services with judicial oversight to monitor client accountability and facilitate recovery. The Drug Court Team includes representatives from the San Francisco Superior Court, the Department of Public Health, the District Attorney's Office, the Public Defender's Office, and the Adult Probation Department and community-based treatment providers.

How Drug Court Works

- Drug Court works with defendants and probationers with substantial substance abuse problems facing non-violent felony drug charges or property charges driven by addiction.
- Thorough screening and assessment to ensure that each participant receives appropriate treatment services and community-based support.
- Consistent judicial monitoring that supports the client's progress and emphasizes accountability and commitment to the program.
- Partnerships with other community agencies that address multiple issues faced by defendants including substance abuse, mental health, homelessness, employment, and medical problems
- Clients graduate after 10-24 months of participation. Charges are dismissed or probation is completed successfully.

The Drug Court program has saved San Francisco over \$88 million. Savings accrued from both operating costs and recidivism costs.

• In total, Drug Court costs San Francisco \$14,297 less per offender than traditional criminal court.

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Drug Court has worked with over 5,738 drug offenders*

1240 clients have completed Drug Court successfully

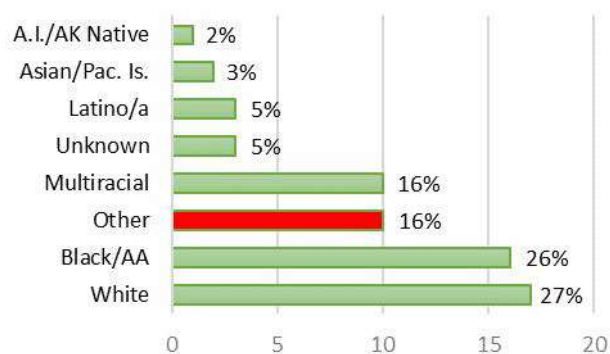
¹ Carey, Shannon M., and Mark Waller (Carey & Walker, 2008). California Drug Courts: Costs and Benefits. Phase III: D C-CSET Statewide Launch, Superior Court of San Francisco County Drug Court Site-Specific Report. NPC Research/Administrative Office of the Courts, September 2008. Figure of \$88 Million comprised of San Francisco Drug Court cost study total savings from 1995-2007; Cost Per Individual adjusted yearly for inflation to calculate savings from 2008-2017.

*1995 to December 31, 2020

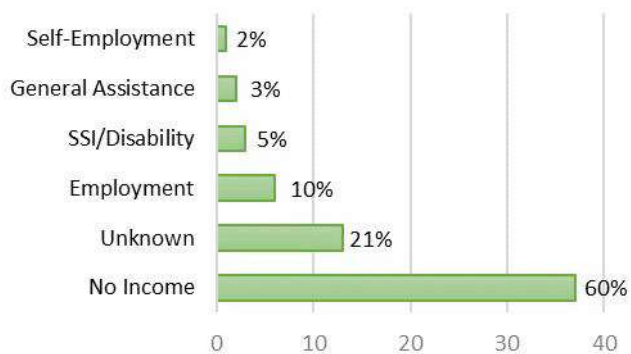


- 92% of **accepted participants** were Male, 5 % Female, 3% were Transgender Female or Non-Binary.
- **Over half (52%) of new Drug Court participants were homeless at entry**. Ten percent reported living with a family member, 6% an independent apartment or house, and 5% in Residential Treatment.
- 60% of accepted participants identified as Non-Hispanic, 35% as Hispanic.
- **90% of “Other” clients identified as Hispanic.**

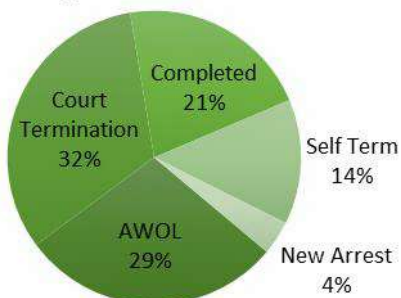
Accepted Clients 2020 - Race



Accepted Clients 2020 - Income



Drug Court Exits 2020



2020 Drug Court Graduates (n=16)

- 88% who reported they were homeless at entry had stable housing upon completing Drug Court.
- 94% who were unemployed at entry had legal employment or were receiving government assistance at exit.
- 2020 graduates spent an average of 523 days in Drug Court.