

Court-Ordered Mental Health Services

Section 574.014 of the Texas Health and Safety Code requires the clerk of each court with jurisdiction to order commitment to provide the Office of Court Administration each month with a report of the number of applications for commitment orders for involuntary mental health services filed with the court and the disposition of those cases, including the number of commitment orders for inpatient and outpatient mental health services.*

The following table summarizes the statewide data collected from county clerks:

Statewide Summary of Court-Ordered Mental Health Services

September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2006

	New Applications Filed	Release Prior to Final Hearing	Disposition at Final Hearing	
			Release	Order
Temporary Mental Health Services	19,576	9,659	980	<i>Inpatient:</i> 6,840 <i>Outpatient:</i> 144
Extended Mental Health Services	224	7	3	<i>Inpatient:</i> 210 <i>Outpatient:</i> 8
Modification: Outpatient to Inpatient	15	2	1	10
Modification: Inpatient to Outpatient	41	0	27	61

* Added by H.B. 1039, 75th Legislature, effective September 1, 1997.