

Court-Ordered Mental Health Services

The 75th Legislature passed H.B. 1039, which became effective September 1, 1997. It applies to all courts in which mental health commitment hearings are held. The bill 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, pursuant to the Health and Safety Code, Section 574.014:

Statewide Summary of Court-Ordered Mental Health Services: FY 2004

	New Applications Filed	Release Prior to Final Hearing	Disposition at Final Hearing	
			<i>Release</i>	<i>Order</i>
Temporary Mental Health Services	19,064	8,349	1,112	<i>Inpatient:</i> 7,488 <i>Outpatient:</i> 189
Extended Mental Health Services	294	6	12	<i>Inpatient:</i> 278 <i>Outpatient:</i> 23
Modification: Outpatient to Inpatient	30	2	2	12
Modification: Inpatient to Outpatient	70	2	22	74