

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, 2009 to August 31, 2010

	New Applications Filed	Release Prior to Final Hearing	Disposition at Final Hearing	
			Release	Order
Temporary Mental Health Services	24,169	12,403	1,656	<i>Inpatient:</i> 5,435 <i>Outpatient:</i> 154
Extended Mental Health Services	249	3	4	<i>Inpatient:</i> 172 <i>Outpatient:</i> 5
Modification: Outpatient to Inpatient	10	0	0	4
Modification: Inpatient to Outpatient	85	0	1	22

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