

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, 2008 to August 31, 2009

	New Applications Filed	Release Prior to Final Hearing	Disposition at Final Hearing	
			Release	Order
Temporary Mental Health Services	24,977	11,355	2,156	<i>Inpatient:</i> 6,345 <i>Outpatient:</i> 124
Extended Mental Health Services	279	0	4	<i>Inpatient:</i> 166 <i>Outpatient:</i> 1
Modification: Outpatient to Inpatient	30	0	0	3
Modification: Inpatient to Outpatient	76	0	0	23

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