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Honorable Bill Ferguson
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Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker of the House
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Re: JRA – Report on the Number of Substance Abuse Assessments Ordered Required by
SB 1005/Ch. 515(15), 2016 (MSAR #10913)

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to the Justice Reinvestment Act, SB 1005/Ch. 515, 2016, the Judiciary herein submits its report on the number of substance abuse assessments ordered by courts in criminal cases under Maryland Code, Health – General Article § 8-505.

The report covers the period of January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Walter at (410) 260-1725, or via email at jamie.walter@mdcourts.gov.

Sincerely,

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Maryland Judiciary
Calendar Year (CY) 2024
JRA – Number of Substance Abuse
Assessments Ordered



February 2025

Substance Abuse Disorder Assessments Ordered, HG-8-505 Calendar Year 2024

Between Circuit and District Court locations, there were 1,215 substance abuse disorder assessments ordered in calendar year 2024. Please see breakdown by county below (Table 1).

Table 1: CY 2024 8-505 Orders

County	Circuit Court	District Court	Total
Allegany	80	51	131
Anne Arundel	123	9	132
Baltimore City	114	21	135
Baltimore County	24	0	24
Calvert	0	2	2
Caroline	4	1	5
Carroll	10	1	11
Cecil	8	0	8
Charles	36	0	36
Dorchester	21	11	32
Frederick	46	8	54
Garrett	8	26	34
Harford	33	3	36
Howard	20	2	22
Kent	4	1	5
Montgomery	125	33	158
Prince George's	169	49	208
Queen Anne's	5	0	5
Saint Mary's	13	0	13
Somerset	20	8	28
Talbot	4	1	5
Washington	53	10	63
Wicomico	39	6	45
Worcester	11	12	23
Grand Total	970	255	1,215

As in previous years, CY 2024 8-505 order data collection reflects efforts to increase the accuracy of counting orders through the identification and elimination of multiple evaluation codes used by certain courts. As of May 6, 2024, Baltimore City became the final jurisdiction to complete the transfer of its case management information and data to the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) system.

The Maryland Judiciary continues to train and educate clerks about use of these codes. In May 2024, court order forms for in-patient, out-patient, and in-custody evaluations were updated to specify the appropriate codes for clerk data entry.

When comparing data from calendar year (CY) 2024 (Table 1) to CY 2023 (Table 2), the total number of orders for evaluation increased by 4.3% across both the Circuit and District Courts. Specifically, the number of circuit court orders was relatively flat (a less than 1% increase), whereas District Court orders increased by 26.2% over CY 2023.

Table 2: CY 2023 8-505 Orders

County	Circuit Court	District Court	Total
Allegany	64	34	98
Anne Arundel	112	9	121
Baltimore City	70	12	82
Baltimore County	35	0	35
Calvert	11	0	11
Caroline	6	0	6
Carroll	11	2	13
Cecil	7	3	10
Charles	63	0	63
Dorchester	24	1	25
Frederick	60	7	67
Garrett	28	29	57
Harford	25	3	28
Howard	16	1	17
Kent	3	0	3
Montgomery	118	34	152
Prince George's	161	41	202
Queen Anne's	12	0	12
Saint Mary's	17	1	18
Somerset	19	2	21
Talbot	5	0	5
Washington	45	14	59
Wicomico	44	7	51
Worcester	7	2	9
Grand Total	963	202	1,165

Please see below for specific notes regarding each case management system.

MDEC (Circuit & District Court) – MDEC “Event Listing” report was run for CY 2024 to identify the frequency of codes indicating the court order or receipt of in-patient, out-patient, and in-custody assessments.

Baltimore City (Circuit & District Court) – Baltimore City converted to MDEC in May, 2024. An MDEC “Event Listing” report was run for Baltimore City Circuit and District Courts for assessment orders signed throughout the Calendar Year. Although the number of assessment orders is comparable to those seen in previous § 8-505 legislative reports, the current counts may reflect slight variations due to differences in data coding and conversion from the legacy system.