



13th Judicial Circuit of Missouri
Serving Boone and Callaway Counties

Jury Service

Jury Panel & Trial Data
2023

Annual Overview from the Jury Supervisor

It has been quite an honor working as the Jury Supervisor for the 13th Circuit Court, and serving Boone and Callaway counties. This is my second year in this position, and I am excited to list achievements and improvements of better office policy and service for the public. For Callaway, we have a new office location in the Justice Center, which was commemorated on May 9, 2023. At this new venue, we have had a good opportunity to work with members of our community, which has aided in the development of policy to make their service more relaxed and comfortable. Both of our offices have had an improvement of policy retention, which came with the approval of the Jury Supervisor Reference Guide; a comprehensive tome of knowledge and experience for our future Jury Administrators. Lastly, this year we have begun developing a new policy, referred to as a Reminder Notice. When we ask Jurors to report for a Trial, we have the system send out Texts and Emails to those whom are being asked to report. This new policy has shown promise when reviewing attendance records. Absenteeism has decreased in Boone from 14 % in 2022, to 6% in 2023; and for Callaway it has decreased from 19% in 2022, 8% in 2023 – which is the best rating even when compared against this same category over the last 5 years.



Below, you will find statistics, presented for Boone and Callaway, all the way from the creation of the Jury Panel, down to the number of Jurors selected to hear a trial. It is our intention to preserve and present this data in transparency, for the best interest of the public.

Thank you,

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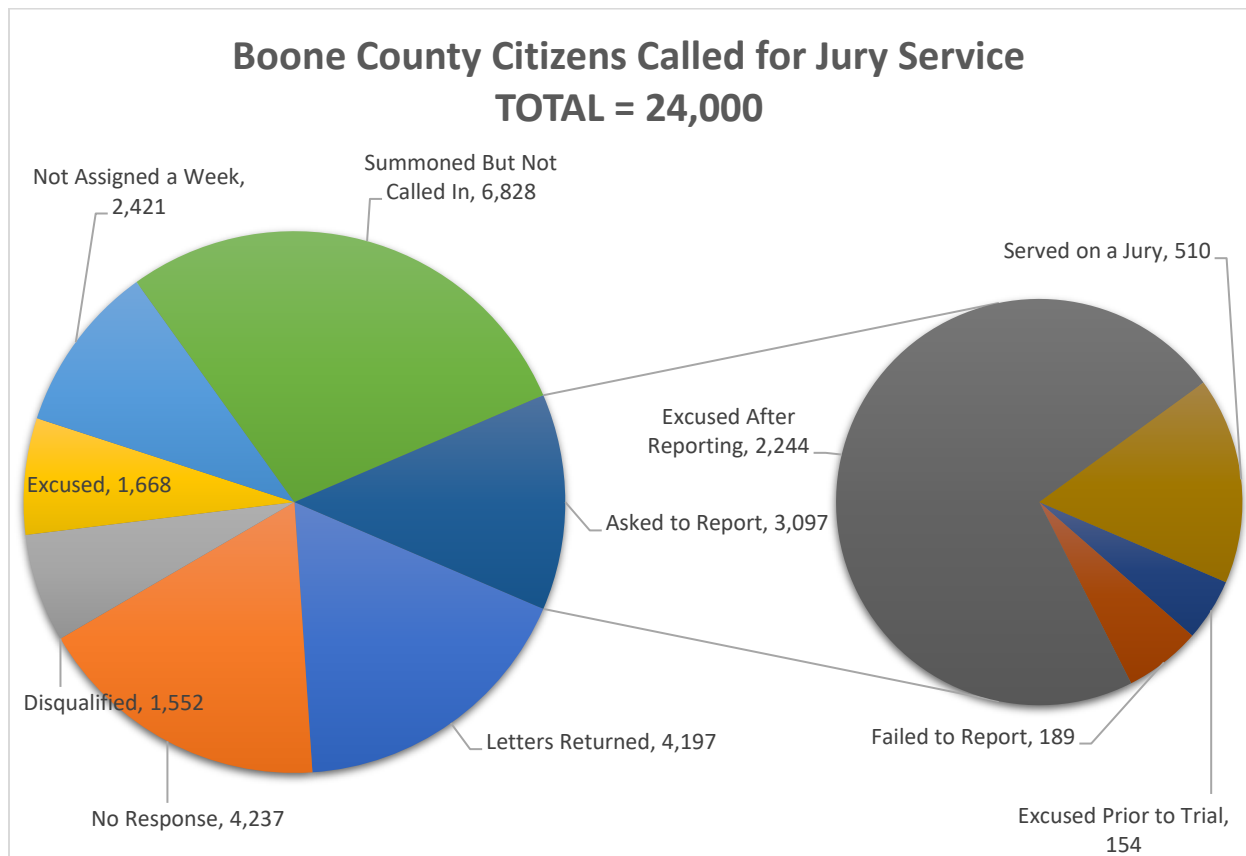
Martin Hoy
Jury Supervisor

Jury Service Boone County

Jury service in Boone County consists of a two-month term of service. If selected, individuals are assigned one week during that two-month term. They are assigned a juror number and asked to call or check online every evening during their assigned week to see if they are needed for jury service.



As shown below, 24,000 questionnaires were sent out to potential jurors in Boone County in 2023. Many jurors are disqualified, excused or deferred before actually being called to serve. For 2023, 9,925 individuals were assigned a week of service but only 3,097 were asked to report. The total number of individuals who actually served on a jury was 510. The 189 jurors who failed to report were either placed in a future term or asked to report to the courthouse and appear before a judge to state why they were unable to appear for jury service.



Boone County

Jury Panel Service Overview

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Questionnaires Sent	24,000	100%	23,000	100%	25,625	100%	24,000	100%	24,000	100%
Letters Returned	3,372	14%	3,630	16%	4,494	17%	4,283	18%	4,197	18%
No Response	3,510	15%	4,380	19%	4,338	17%	4,162	17%	4,237	18%
Disqualified	2,291	10%	1,605	7%	1,727	7%	1,606	7%	1,552	6%
Excused	2,254	9%	1,861	8%	2,017	8%	1,810	8%	1,668	7%
Eligible	12,573	52%	11,524	50%	13,049	51%	12,139	50%	12,346	51%
Eligible	12,573	100%	11,524	100%	13,049	100%	12,139	100%	12,346	100%
Reserve – Not Assigned	2,685	22%	3,481	30%	3,724	29%	3,199	26%	2,421	20%
Assigned a Week	9,888	78%	8,043	70%	9,325	71%	8,940	74%	9,925	80%
Assigned a Week	9,888	100%	8,043	100%	9,325	100%	8,940	100%	9,925	100%
Not Called In	7,896	80%	7,033	87%	7,757	83%	7,555	85%	6,828	69%
Asked to Report	1,992	20%	1,010	13%	1,568	17%	1,385	15%	3,097	31%
Asked to Report	1,992	100%	1,010	100%	1,568	100%	1,385	100%	3,097	100%
Excused Prior to Trial	0	0%	12	1%	57	4%	59	4%	154	5%
Absent	152	8%	127	13%	205	13%	189	14%	189	6%
Reported for a Panel	1,840	92%	871	86%	1,306	83%	1,137	82%	2,754	89%
Reported for a Panel	1,840	100%	871	100%	1,306	100%	1,137	100%	2,754	100%
One Panel	1,840	100%	871	100%	1,306	100%	1,137	100%	2,645	96%
Two Panels	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	109	4%
Three or more Panels	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Excused after Reporting	1,610	88%	685	78%	1,038	79%	882	78%	2,244	81%
Served on a Jury	230	12%	186	22%	268	21%	255	22%	510	19%
Served on a Jury	230	100%	186	100%	268	100%	255	100%	510	100%
One Day	104	45%	64	34%	90	34%	90	35%	182	36%
Two Days	52	23%	93	50%	94	35%	53	21%	175	34%
Three Days	42	18%	0	0%	39	15%	84	32%	54	11%
Four Days	14	6%	17	9%	14	5%	14	6%	99	19%
More than Four Days	18	8%	12	7%	31	11%	14	6%	0	0%
Questionnaires Sent	24,000	100%	23,000	100%	25,625	100%	24,000	100%	24,000	100%
Asked to Report	1,992	8%	1,010	4%	1,568	6%	1,385	6%	3,097	13%
Served on a Jury	230	1%	186	0.8%	268	1%	255	1%	510	2.1%

Jury Trial Statistics Boone County

2023 showed a significant increase of jury trials, doubling the number from previous years. Of the 41 jury trials held, there were 4 civil and 32 criminal verdicts returned. There was a total of 8 jury trials in the month of November 2023, making almost 20% of the yearly jury trials held in only 1 month. The increased number of trials in 2023 expanded our courtroom use, showing that 51% of all jury trials were heard in the Ceremonial courtroom, 44% being heard in 3 West, and 5% being heard in 1 West (1 West had not been used since 2016).

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Panels Reporting	20	15	21	19	41

Panels Dismissed Before Verdict Rendered	3	1	1	0	3
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# of Actual Trials	17	14	20	19	38
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Divisions in Which Trials had Panels Reporting

I	3	5	7	6	10
II	3	2	4	4	8
III	6	6	4	4	10
IV	6	2	3	3	8
V	0	0	0	1	3
IX	0	0	1	1	0
XI	0	0	2	1	1
Visiting Judge	2	0	0	0	0

Ceremonial	9	10	21	17	21
1 West	0	0	1	0	2
3 West	11	4	0	2	18

CIVIL VERDICTS

Plaintiff	0	1	5	1	1
Defendant	2	2	2	4	3

CRIMINAL VERDICTS

Guilty	6	10	8	9	22
Not Guilty	8	1	5	5	10

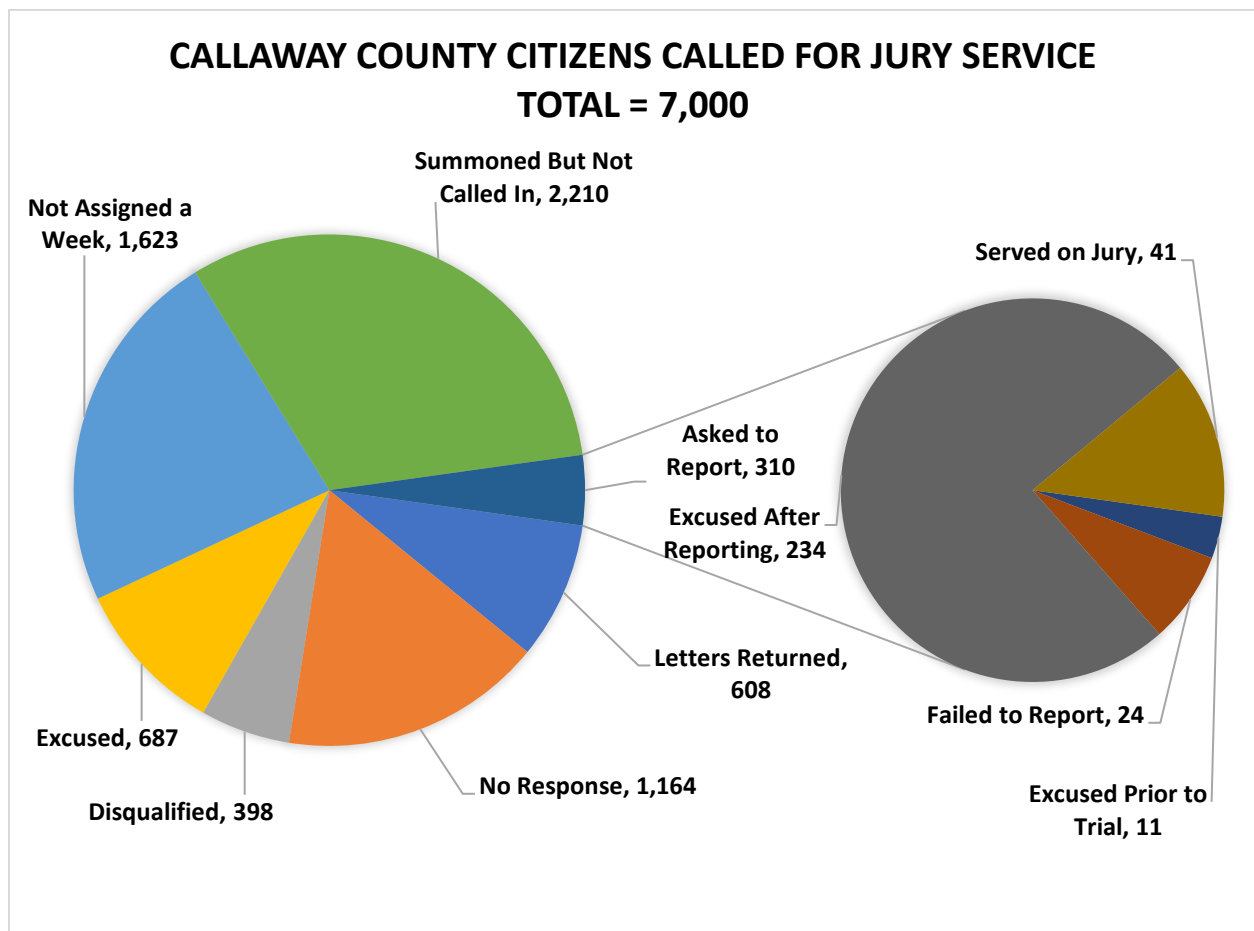
MALE	476	331	597	523	1232
FEMALE	592	420	709	614	1522



Jury Service Callaway County

Jury service in Callaway County consists of a three-month term of service. If selected, individuals are assigned two weeks during the quarter. They are assigned a juror number and asked to call or check online every evening during that two-week period to see if they are needed for jury service.

As shown below, 7,000 questionnaires were sent out for qualifying potential jurors in 2023. Of the 7,000 questionnaires, 2,520 individuals were assigned a two-week term of service, but only 310 were actually asked to report. The total number of individuals that served on a jury was 41. The 24 jurors who failed to report were either placed in a future term or asked to report to the courthouse and appear before a judge to state why they were unable to appear for jury service.



Callaway County

Jury Panel Service Overview

	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Questionnaires Sent	8,000	100%	7250	100%	6,750	100%	7,000	100%	7,000	100%
Letters Returned	741	9%	714	10%	735	11%	759	11%	608	9%
No Response	1,155	14%	1186	16%	1,112	16%	1,172	17%	1,164	17%
Disqualified	593	8%	524	7%	411	6%	422	6%	398	6%
Excused	976	12%	719	10%	712	11%	729	10%	687	9%
Eligible	4,535	57%	4107	57%	3,780	56%	3,918	56%	4,143	59%
Eligible	4,535	100%	4107	100%	3,780	100%	3,918	100%	4,143	100%
Reserve – Not Assigned	1,300	29%	2436	59%	1,035	27%	1,553	40%	1,623	39%
Assigned a Week	3,235	71%	1671	41%	2,745	73%	2,365	60%	2,520	61%
Assigned a Week	3,235	100%	1671	100%	2,745	100%	2,365	100%	2,520	100%
Not Called In	2,946	91%	1471	88%	2,070	75%	1,774	75%	2,210	88%
Asked to Report	289	9%	200	12%	675	25%	591	25%	310	12%
Asked to Report	289	100%	200	100%	675	100%	591	100%	310	100%
Excused Prior to Trial	0	0%	5	3%	20	3%	19	3%	11	3%
Absent	63	22%	34	17%	119	18%	112	19%	24	8%
Reported for a Panel	226	78%	161	80%	536	79%	460	78%	275	89%
Reported for a Panel	226	100%	161	100%	536	100%	460	100%	275	100%
One Panel	226	100%	161	100%	536	100%	428	93%	232	84%
Two Panels	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	32	7%	43	16%
Three or more Panels	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Excused after Reporting	173	77%	122	76%	428	80%	344	75%	234	85%
Served on a Jury	53	23%	39	24%	108	20%	116	25%	41	15%
Served on a Jury	53	100%	39	100%	108	100%	116	100%	41	100%
One Day	26	49%	39	100%	26	24%	90	76%	13	32%
Two Days	27	51%	0	0%	13	12%	13	12%	13	32%
Three Days	0	0%	0	0%	55	51%	13	12%	15	36%
Four Days	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
More than Four Days	0	0%	0	0%	14	13%	0	0%	0	0%
Questionnaires Sent	8,000	100%	7,250	100%	6,750	100%	7,000	100%	7,000	100%
Asked to Report	289	4%	200	3%	675	10%	591	8%	310	4%
Served on a Jury	53	0.6%	39	0.5%	108	1.6%	116	1.7%	41	0.6%

Jury Trial Statistics Callaway County

During 2023, Callaway had under half the number of trials from the previous year. A point of interest, there were no civil jury trials heard in Callaway in 2023. Regarding the criminal trials heard in Callaway, all but 1 jury trial resulted in a verdict being rendered. Of the verdicts rendered in 2023, 100% returned a verdict of guilty. Of the 4 panels reporting in Callaway, 2 were in the month of April, making it the busiest month of the year. During April 2023, all of our jury activity fell within the weeks of 18 – 29, causing 43 jurors to return to the courthouse for a second panel.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of Panels Reporting	4	3	8	9	4

Panels Dismissed Before Verdict Rendered	0	0	0	1	1
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# of Actual Trials	4	3	8	8	3
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Divisions in Which Trials had Panels Reporting

I	1	0	2	2	1
II	1	1	3	1	0
III	1	2	2	4	0
IV	1	0	1	2	2
VI	0	0	0	0	0
VII	0	0	0	0	0
Visiting Judge	0	0	0	0	1

CIVIL VERDICTS

Plaintiff	0	0	1	0	0
Defendant	0	0	0	0	0

CRIMINAL VERDICTS

Guilty	3	2	5	4	3
Not Guilty	1	1	2	4	0

MALE	92	77	240	196	109
FEMALE	134	84	296	264	166

Jury Exit Questionnaires

When individuals are called for jury service, it is important that they receive courteous, responsive, and respectful treatment. Exit Questionnaires were developed as a way to improve jury service throughout the 13th Judicial Circuit.

As jurors report for service, the Court Marshals and Jury Administration assist with checking attendance, preparing seating charts, and creating rosters for the judge and attorneys. After attendance has been verified, Deputy Marshals instruct panel members on how the day will proceed, the courtroom location and judge, and type of case they will be hearing that day. Those panel members assembled are presented with an Orientation Video, which provides a detailed overview of the jury selection process. During this orientation, jurors are informed of, and provided with, an Exit Questionnaire, which they may return confidentially. Panel members are then escorted into the courtroom to begin the selection process.

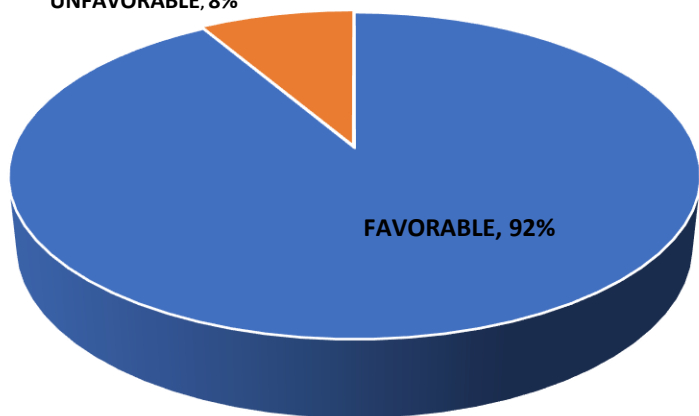
The following charts and data were compiled from data collected from answers indicated on all Exit Questionnaires returned for the year 2023. Certain categories* indicate the percentage of Excellent or Good responses, out of the total 100% returned.

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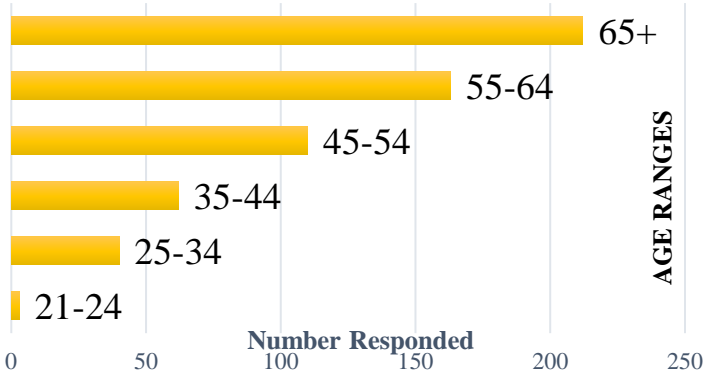
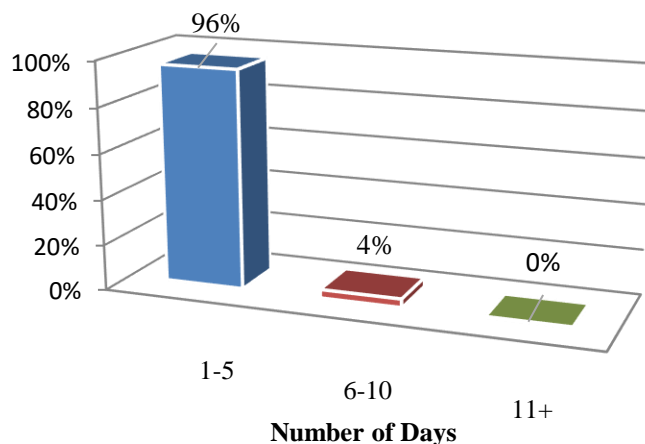
OVERALL IMPRESSION OF JURY SERVICE

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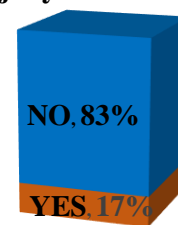
FAVORABLE, 92%



How many days did you report to the courthouse during this period of jury service?



Did you lose any income as a result of jury service?



Jury Exit Questionnaires	Combined Totals for both Boone and Callaway Counties				Boone	Callaway
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2023	2023
Gender						
Men	35%	37%	37%	34%	33%	37%
Women	65%	63%	63%	66%	67%	63%
Age Group						
21 – 24	2%	1%	1%	0.5%	0.6%	0%
25 – 34	9%	4%	6%	7%	6%	8%
35 – 44	13%	12%	17%	10%	10%	14%
45 – 54	18%	17%	15%	18%	19%	14%
55 – 64	24%	29%	28%	28%	27%	32%
65 and over	34%	37%	33%	36%	37%	32%
Prior Service						
Yes	48%	49%	49%	50%	51%	41%
No	52%	51%	51%	50%	49%	59%
Federal	18%	10%	11%	6%	6%	3%
State	78%	84%	85%	85%	85%	91%
Grand Jury	4%	6%	4%	9%	9%	6%
Number of Days Reporting						
1 – 5 Days	97%	92%	85%	96%	98%	85%
6 – 10 Days	3%	7%	7%	3.6%	1.8%	14%
More than 10 Days	0%	1%	8%	0.3%	0.2%	1%
Type of Case						
Civil	26%	38%	28%	5%	6%	0%
Criminal	74%	62%	72%	95%	94%	100%
Loss of Income						
Yes	15%	12%	14%	17%	15%	24%
No	85%	88%	86%	83%	85%	76%
Impression of Service						
Favorable	89%	92%	95%	92%	92%	90%
Unfavorable	11%	8%	5%	8%	8%	10%
* Jurors that responded Excellent / Good, out of 100%						
Scheduling of Time	79%	74%	72%	74%	74%	70%
Clarity of Call-In Instructions	95%	96%	97%	95%	96%	92%
Parking	86%	89%	74%	74%	88%	56%
Handouts/Booklets	90%	91%	92%	91%	91%	92%
Initial Orientation	96%	98%	97%	97%	97%	98%
Orientation Video	80%	86%	87%	84%	82%	91%
Treatment by Staff	98%	95%	98%	98%	98%	98%
Treatment by Marshals	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%
Assembly Room	87%	83%	84%	83%	85%	74%
Courtroom	80%	75%	81%	84%	84%	84%
Deliberation Room	88%	89%	88%	79%	80%	73%
Restrooms	90%	88%	93%	90%	95%	68%
Personal Safety	95%	94%	96%	97%	96%	98%