

Second Chance Act Adult Offender Reentry Grant Program

**Performance Measure Results for FY 2009 Grantees from
October 2009–December 2010**

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- Performance measures are used to assess the **progress** made toward the Second Chance Act program goals and objectives.
- The **objectives** of the Second Chance Act Adult Offender Reentry Program include:
 - Serving appropriate prisoner and jail populations who are **eligible** for services,
 - Using risk and needs **assessment instruments** for reentry planning,
 - **Targeting** criminogenic risk factors that affect recidivism,
 - Providing effective **case planning** and **management** services,
 - Supporting offenders by providing them with a comprehensive **range of services**, and
 - Reducing **recidivism**.
- The performance measures are linked to both **BJA's core mission** and the objectives of the Second Chance Act Adult Reentry Projects.

- The information collected in the PMT is used to assess whether the program **achieves** its intended goals and objectives.
- They can also indicate whether **further information** is needed.
- BJA uses the data to inform management and program decisions that may **impact funding**.
- Grantees can use the data to **enhance** and monitor program performance.

- The goal of the PMT is to collect data **over time** and to use the data to inform and **improve** the program operations.
- Data are collected and entered into the PMT quarterly or every 3 months. This is referred to as a “reporting period.”
- This measures performance over time and can be compared with that of other Second Chance Act grantees to represent baseline averages.
- Data and information are collected in 2 ways:
 - Quantitatively (or numerically)
 - Qualitatively (through text and narratives)

- Data that are collected are assessed on a periodic basis to:
 - **Evaluate** the valid and reliable indicators, and
 - **Report** performance back to grantees concerning overall program operations.
- Data are gathered in a number of performance assessment areas.
- The results from data gathered from October 2009 to December 2010 will be presented in these areas.

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Program Characteristics	
Variables	Percent
Percent of eligible participants selected for services	44
Percent of eligible participants who received services	29
Percent of selected participants who received services	66
Percent who exited the program for any reason	47

- 44% were selected to participate in Second Chance Act Reentry programs out of those who were eligible for services.
- 29% of those eligible received services.
- 66% of those selected received services.
- 47% of participants exited the programs for any reason.

Assessment Activities	
Variables	Percent
Percent of program participants who received a <u>risk</u> assessment	93
Percent of program participants who received a <u>need</u> assessment	98
Percent of program participants who received a transition or <u>case plan</u>	83

- 93% of program participants received a risk assessment.
- 98% of program participants received a need assessment.
- 83% of program participants received a transition or case plan.

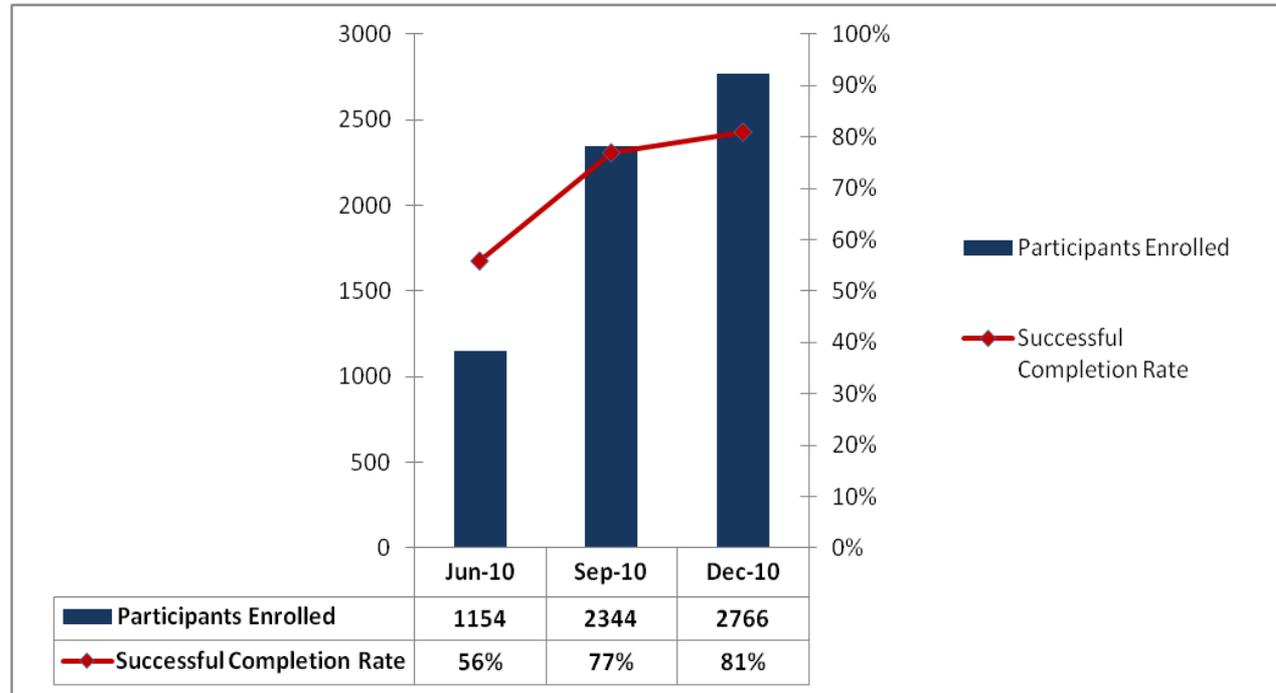


Demographics of Individuals Served

Individuals Served by Sex and Race	
Variables	Percent
Males	85
Females	15
White	44
Black	37
Native American	11
Hispanic	5
Asian	1
Multiracial	1
Other	1

- The majority of those participating in SCA Reentry programs are **male** (85%).
- **Whites** represent the largest racial group of those participating in SCA Reentry programs at 44%.
- Blacks were the next highest category at 37%.

Program Performance



- In total, 77% of participants successfully completed the program.
- Successfully completion rates increased from 56% to 81% from June to December 2010. Please note that these rates include pre-release participants, so the completion rate may be overestimated.

Substance Abuse Services	
Variables	Total Percent
Percent of admitted program participants who received substance abuse services	41
Percent of those who received substance abuse services who completed their treatment	50

- 41% of all admitted program participants received substance abuse services.
- 50% of participants who received substance abuse services completed their treatment.

Pro-social Services	
Variables	Total Percent
Percent of admitted program participants who <u>received</u> pro-social services	34
Percent of those who received pro-social services and completed treatment	42

- 34% of all admitted program participants received pro-social services.
- 42% of participants who received pro-social services completed their treatment.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	
Variables	Total Percent
Percent of admitted program participants who received cognitive behavioral therapy services	33
Percent of those who received cognitive behavioral therapy services and completed treatment	52

- 33% of all admitted program participants received cognitive behavioral therapy services.
- 52% of participants who received cognitive behavioral therapy services completed their treatment.



Program Service Areas

Employment Services	
Variables	Total Percent
Percent of admitted program participants who received employment services	25
Percent of those who received employment services and got a job	69
Percent of those who received employment services and were employed for more than 6 months	19
Percent of program participants who paid any offense-related debts (child support, court fees, restitution, and other debts)	28
Percent of those who received employment services and completed treatment	56

- 25% of admitted program participants received employment services.
- 69% of those served got a job.
- 19% of those served were employed for more than 6 months.
- 28% of participants paid any offense-related debts.
- 56% of participants who received employment services completed their treatment.



Program Service Areas

Educational Services	
Variables	Total Percent
Percent of admitted program participants who received educational services	19
Percent of those who received educational services and achieved some form of higher education (GED, high school diploma, or higher education)	35
Percent of those who received educational services and completed treatment	24

- 19% of all admitted program participants received educational services.
- 35% of those who received educational services achieved some form of higher education. This measure may include duplicates.
- 24% of participants who received educational services completed their treatment.

Housing Services	
Variables	Total Percent
Percent of admitted program participants who received housing services	11
Percent of those who received housing services and completed treatment	60

- 11% of all admitted program participants received housing services.
- 60% of participants who received housing services completed their treatment.

Mental Health Services	
Variables	Total Percent
Percent of admitted program participants who received mental health services	13
Percent of those who received mental health services who completed their treatment	5

- 13% of all admitted program participants received mental health services.
- 5% of participants who received mental health services completed their treatment.

Other Services	
Variables	Total Percent
Percent of admitted program participants who received other services	25
Percent of those who received other services and completed treatment	51

- 25% of all admitted program participants received other services.
- 51% of participants who received other services completed their treatment.
- A variety of services can be incorporated in the “other” category, including but not limited to the following programs: Culinary, Sex Offender Treatment, Meditation Groups, Family Support, Resume Writing, Life Enrichment, Life Skills, and Financial Budgeting.

- Several issues have been noted that may effect the validity and the reliability of the measures.
- **Successful Completion Rates**
 - The successful completion rate **may be high** because it includes both pre- and post-release completion rates.
 - The new PMT measures will more **accurately define** successful completions for pre- and post- release participants. It will also further classify completion categories. These categories are **mutually exclusive**.
- **More Concise Measures**
 - There will be **less measures** in the service areas. The new measures will focus on those who **received treatment** and those who **completed treatment**.
 - For housing and employment services the new measures will ask for:
 - Number of offenders post-release who **obtained** housing/employment as of the last day of the reporting period, and
 - Number of offenders post-release who **maintained** housing/employment for 3 to 6 months as of the last day of the reporting period.

- There is a need to be able to distinguish among the various grantees, therefore the following **indicators will be added** to the PMT:
 - Establish reference period (last day of the reporting period),
 - Length of program operation,
 - Average caseloads, and
 - Staff retention rates.
- **Additional Recidivism Measures**
 - The number of participants who were **arrested** as of the last day of the reporting period,
 - The number of participants who were **convicted** as of the last day of the reporting period, and
 - The number of participants who had a **revocation** of the terms of supervised release as of the last day of the reporting period.

What can grantees do to improve the data and program outcomes?

- Learn about what **data sources** are available.
- **Plan ahead** so that data are gathered on each known indicator before reporting. This will ease the burden of reporting and improve the quality of data gathered over time.
- Newer grantees can **partner** with older grantees to share their data gathering techniques.
- Establish successful completion **goals** and **drive program implementation** to achieve those goals.
- Take advantage of the resources available in the **PMT** to enhance program outcomes.
- Contact the **PMT Help Desk** for any questions you have.
- Report in a **timely** manner.

- Overall, changes are being made to the system to ease the burden on grantees and to **improve the current** data limitations, which were outlined.
- If we **work together** to improve both the system and the data that are reported in the PMT, we can effectively describe program performance.
- We want to take the opportunity to **thank you** for the part you play in this project. Only with your help can we collect reliable information.
- We also appreciate your **patience** in working with us to get the most reliable data. It often takes **time** and multiple **revisions** of measures to collect reliable data.

Questions or Comments?



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