

Special Report of Baker Act Initiations by County and Judicial Circuit for Children and Adults for Calendar Year 2001

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The readers of this brief report are encouraged to look at the most recent annual report of Baker Act data (report of 2000 data) in order to have a more full understanding of the Baker Act in general and the specifics of the data received by the Baker Act Reporting Center.¹ These data are received at the Baker Act Reporting Center via an agreement with the Agency for Healthcare Administration, which is the “owner” of the data. These are data received from all designated Baker Act receiving facilities statewide for all Baker Act examinations. Baker Act examinations are involuntary psychiatric examinations of up to 72-hours. We do NOT receive information about what occurs to individuals after the initiation of the examination (such as whether or not they are released to the community, are treated on a voluntary basis, or have a petition filed for longer term commitment). **We do NOT record data on commitment petitions.** The data described in this brief report relate ONLY to the initial examination of up to 72-hours (not to longer term commitment). Additional quality checks are being conducted prior to final analyses for the Annual Report of 2001 data, so these numbers may differ slightly from what will appear in the annual report.

After duplicate forms were identified², data from 91,576 were analyzed for calendar year 2001. The data are presented by the county in which the Baker Act was initiated. The county of initiation is written or typed on law enforcement and ex-parte (judge) forms. Therefore, there are a small number of forms (561 or <1%) missing the county of initiation, which cannot be included in the summary data below. The county of initiation for mental health professional initiated exams is entered as the county of the receiving facility. The county of initiation is slightly different from the county of residence of the individual and the county of the facility. Data can be analyzed by these variables as well.

Baker Act Initiations for Calendar Year 2001 for by County of Initiation & Judicial for Children and Adults

County of Initiation	Total Initiations	Total Initiations with Age Data	# Initiations 18+ Age	% Initiations 18+³	# Initiations <18	% Initiations for <18
1st Circuit						
Total Cir 1	3395	3354	2788	83.12	566	16.88
Escambia	2207	2174	1703	78.33	471	21.67
Okaloosa	838	834	776	93.05	58	6.95
Santa Rosa	290	286	256	89.51	30	10.49
Walton	60	60	53	88.33	7	11.67
2nd Circuit						
Total Cir 2	1993	1925	1600	83.12	325	16.89
Franklin	30	30	24	80.00	6	20.00
Gadsden	140	135	121	89.63	14	10.37
Jefferson	58	56	46	82.14	10	17.86
Leon	1627	1567	1297	82.77	270	17.23

¹ <http://bakeract.fmhi.usf.edu>; choose “documents” link at top of page.

² See Annual Report of 2001 data for a more full description of how duplicates are identified

³ The denominator for percentages in this table is the number of initiation forms for which age could be computed (not the total number of initiation forms).

County of Initiation	Total Initiations	Total Initiations with Age Data	# Initiations 18+ Age	% Initiations 18+³	# Initiations <18	% Initiations for <18
Liberty	44	44	42	95.45	2	4.55
Wakulla	94	93	70	75.27	23	24.73

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3rd Circuit						
Total Cir 3	492	478	381	79.71	97	20.29
Columbia	296	290	236	81.38	54	18.62
Dixie	51	48	38	79.17	10	20.83
Hamilton	30	30	25	83.33	5	16.67
Lafayette	8	7	4	57.14	3	42.86
Madison	47	46	35	76.09	11	23.91
Taylor	60	57	43	75.44	14	24.56
4th Circuit						
Total Cir 4	6593	4287	3126	72.92	1161	27.08
Clay	183	173	39	22.54	134	77.46
Duval	6238	4027	3026	75.14	1001	24.86
Nassau	172	87	61	70.11	26	29.89
5th Circuit						
Total Cir 5	4709	4650	3825	82.26	825	17.74
Citrus	451	444	335	75.45	109	24.55
Hernando	1170	1160	1028	88.62	132	11.38
Lake	1313	1299	1061	81.68	238	18.32
Marion	1628	1606	1288	80.20	318	19.80
Sumter	147	141	113	80.14	28	19.86
6th Circuit						
Total Cir 6	10206	9997	8063	80.65	1934	19.35
Pasco	3018	2969	2235	75.28	734	24.72
Pinellas	7188	7028	5828	82.93	1200	17.07
7th Circuit						
Total Cir 7	3997	3311	2712	81.91	599	18.09
Flagler	150	146	98	67.12	48	32.88
Putnam	62	62	38	61.29	24	38.71
StJohn	818	179	81	45.25	98	54.75
Volusia	2967	2924	2495	85.33	429	14.67
8th Circuit						
Total Cir 8	1598	1547	1159	74.92	388	25.08
Alachua	1307	1277	988	77.37	289	22.63
Baker	83	64	52	81.25	12	18.75
Bradford	47	46	34	73.91	12	26.09
Gilchrist	22	21	11	52.38	10	47.62
Levy	118	118	63	53.39	55	46.61
Union	21	21	11	52.38	10	47.62
9th Circuit						

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Total Cir 9	5070	4950	4206	84.97	744	15.03
Orange	4508	4407	3740	84.86	667	15.14
Osceola	562	543	466	85.82	77	14.18

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10th Circuit						
Total Cir 10	3670	3559	3016	84.74	543	15.26
Hardee	43	43	36	83.72	7	16.28
Highlands	515	501	450	89.82	51	10.18
Polk	3112	3015	2530	83.91	485	16.09
11th Circuit						
Dade	9822	9443	8200	86.84	1243	13.16
12th Circuit						
Total Cir 12	4018	3962	3326	83.95	636	16.05
DeSoto	103	102	77	75.49	25	24.51
Manatee	1518	1500	1282	85.47	218	14.53
Sarasota	2397	2360	1967	83.35	393	16.65
13th Circuit						
Hillsborough	6824	6408	5159	80.51	1249	19.49
14th Circuit						
Total Cir 14	1600	1548	1320	85.27	228	14.73
Bay	1312	1273	1078	84.68	195	15.32
Calhoun	48	46	34	73.91	12	26.09
Holmes	47	46	37	80.43	9	19.57
Jackson	130	124	113	91.13	11	8.87
Washington	63	59	58	98.31	1	1.69
15th Circuit						
Palm Beach	5926	5823	4992	85.73	831	14.27
16th Circuit						
Monroe	589	566	543	95.94	23	4.06
17th Circuit						
Broward	8094	7369	6096	82.72	1273	17.28
18th Circuit						
Total Cir 18	5987	5841	4705	80.56	1136	19.45
Brevard	3651	3629	2827	77.90	802	22.10
Seminole	2336	2212	1878	84.90	334	15.10
19th Circuit						
Total Cir 19	3286	3166	2551	80.57	615	19.43
Indian River	550	522	380	72.80	142	27.20
Martin	93	89	65	73.03	24	26.97
Okeechobee	68	65	42	64.62	23	35.38
StLucie	2575	2490	2064	82.89	426	17.11
20th Circuit						

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Total Cir 20	2967	2950	2548	86.37	402	13.63
Charlotte	685	679	616	90.72	63	9.28
Collier	800	795	622	78.24	173	21.76
Glades	16	16	15	93.75	1	6.25
Hardee	43	43	36	83.72	7	16.28
Lee	1423	1417	1259	88.85	158	11.15