
Performance Measures

Office of the Mental Health Advocate

Central Management

Involuntary Civil Commitment Cases

The Office of the Mental Health Advocate provides direct legal representation to individuals subjected to involuntary civil commitment. The figures below represent the number of petitions for involuntary civil commitment where the respondent received representation from the Office of the Mental Health Advocate. [Note: This was a new performance measure in FY 2023 and historic data is not available. The Mental Health Advocate does not utilize targets for this measure.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	--	--	--	--	--
Actual	--	596	1,053	--	--

Involuntary Civil Commitment Outcomes

This performance indicator measures withdrawals and dismissals of involuntary petitions that seek to confine individuals living with a psychiatric disability in mental health treatment facilities. The figures below represent the percent of involuntary commitment petitions filed in Civil Court that are dismissed or withdrawn. This performance measure is a rough indicator of the office's efforts to filter out petitions which lack sufficient merit to proceed with adjudication. The measure is related to the agency's stated objective to protect the liberty interests of individuals subjected to involuntary commitment in psychiatric facilities. [Note: This was a new performance measure in FY 2023 and historic data is not available. The Mental Health Advocate does not utilize targets for this measure.]

Frequency: Annual

Reporting Period: State Fiscal Year

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Target	--	--	--	--	--
Actual	--	11%	9%	--	--
