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Community Corrections Denials: Data & Impacts

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FY20, 21 & 22 YTD Statewide Acceptance Rates

	Transition Referrals	Denied by Board	Denied by Facility	% Approved	Diversion Referrals	Denied by Board	Denied by Facility	% Approved	Condition of Parole Referrals	Denied by Board	Denied by Facility	% Approved
FY20	6911	1784	2302	41%	7096	1147	860	72%	974	206	303	48%
FY21	4599	1544	1145	42%	6132	1186	464	73%	678	89	210	56%
FY22 Q1	1152	406	211	46%	1831	338	142	74%	222	23	59	63%
FY22 Q2	1152	425	261	40%	1654	328	100	74%	187	44	42	54%
FY22 Q3	1133	429	205	44%	1837	372	107	74%	189	44	64	43%

FY21 Outcomes

Termination Type	Transition	Diversion
Successful Completion	54%	46.4%
Escape	18.7%	20.2%
Committed New Crime	0.8%	1.5%
House/Technical Violation	11%	11.6%
*Neutral	15.5%	20.2%

*Neutral = transfer to other community corrections facility, transfer to intensive residential treatment, outstanding/warrant pending crime, reject after accept, continuous stay and other (e.g. detainment by a federal agency or other causes for termination outside of the normal termination reasons).

Transition (includes Condition of Parole, ISP-I) N = 2035

Diversion (includes Condition of Probation) N = 2751

Denial Reasons effective Dec 22, 2021

CWISE denial reasons update

- more reasons
- more diverse reasons
- select up to 5
- required text boxes, multiple choice options

Intent of HB18-1251

- To provide feedback to the client via the Case Manager
- To provide individualized feedback to include what the client can work on moving forward

Denial Reasons Frequency & Focus

Denial Reason	Frequency
Other	22%
Pattern of Comm Spvn Failure	13%
Current Offense	11%
Criminal History	10%
Disciplinary History	9%
Severity of Crime	9%
Lack of Community Ties	9%
Community Impact	6%
Escape History	5%
Time Constraints	3%
Victim Impact	2%
DOC Program Needs	2%
Gang Affiliation	1%
Lack of Employability	<1%
Insufficient Information HB18-1251	<1%

Of the appx **1989** reasons that included a text box or multiple choice, appx **340 (17%)** could be considered within client control to change, e.g. behavior, programming, gang affiliation, accountability

Of the appx **2799** total number of denial reasons, appx **12%** could be considered within client control to change

Future-focused examples:

- WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT [client] TAKE ACCOUNTABILITY, EXPRESS MOTIVATION FOR SO TREATMENT, AND WORK ON CONTROLLING EMOTIONS.
- FAIL TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.
- VIOLENT/AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR DISPLAYED BY COPDS

Denials & Parole Releases

In FY22 Q1 - Q3

- 1937 DOCT *Referrals* were denied (of 3437 total referrals)
- 358 *Clients* were released to Parole after being denied Community Corrections

Assuming the *ratio* of Referrals to Individual Clients is:

- 1:1 = 18%
- **2:1 = 37%**
- 4:1 = 74%

Several denial reasons included ‘not enough time served’, ‘treatment programs needed’ and ‘high risk’

What is the target population and purpose of Community Corrections?

Release to Parole means...

- DOC sentence is terminated
- Lesser structure and supervision than Community Corrections
- Reentry programming and stabilization opportunities are limited
- Revocation abilities are limited



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Thank you

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