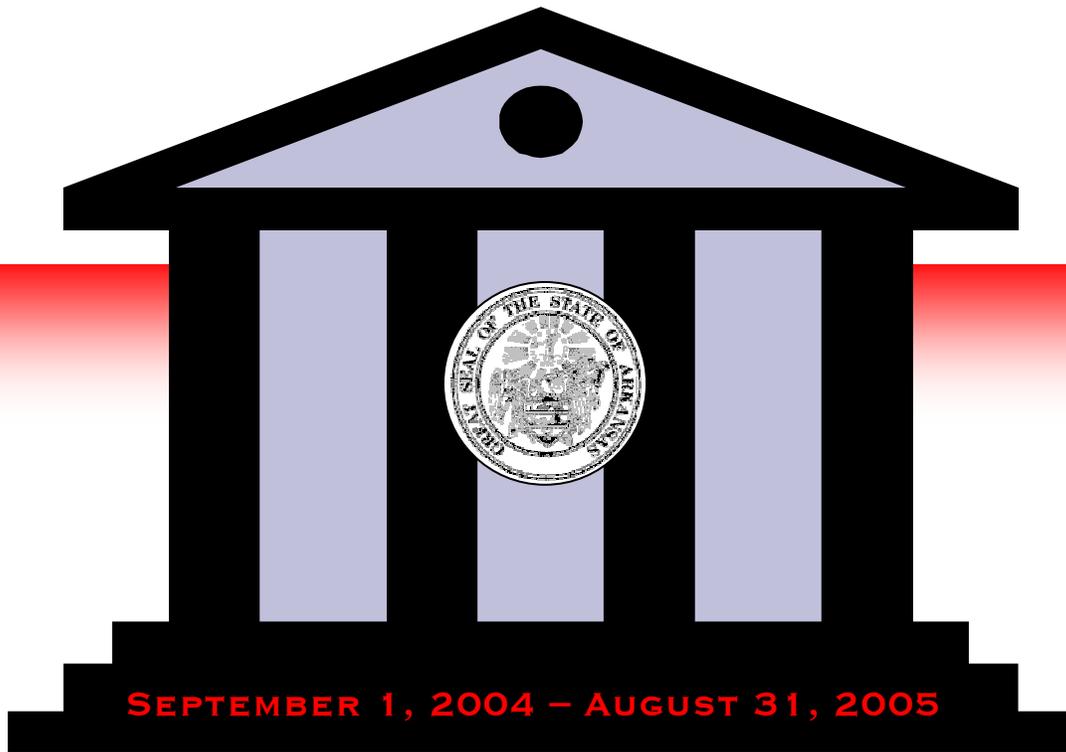


2005 REPORT ON

COURT ORDERED MEDIATIONS IN ARKANSAS



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2005 Statistics Fact Sheet

The following information is based on 341 statistical reporting forms received between September 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005 by the Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission from forty-four certified mediators across the state. Included in this report is a copy of the Statistics Reporting Form used to compile this data.

RESULTS OF COURT ORDERED MEDIATION SESSIONS:

What types of cases were ordered to mediation? (See Chart 1)

- Civil/Probate - 101 cases (30%)
- Domestic Relations - 209 cases (61%)
- Juvenile – 31 cases (9%)

Did the mediation take place? (See Chart 2)

- A. No, Mediation never began. – 14 cases (4%)
- B. Yes, but mediation was halted. – 116 cases (34%)
- C. Yes, Mediation was completed with a full agreement. – 157 cases (47%)
- D. Yes, mediation was completed with a partial agreement. – 51 cases (15%)

Note: 3 cases were reported with no settlement information listed.

Did the judge send all issues of the case to mediation or limited issues? (See Chart 3)

- 200 cases included **all issues** (59%)
- 106 cases were **limited issues** (31%)
- 19 cases were **unspecified** (10%)

How many mediation sessions were held? (See Chart 4)

Of the 341 reports, 318 reports contained information concerning the number of sessions held (fourteen cases never began mediation, nine cases didn't specify number of sessions). Most cases were resolved in one session, and only seven cases reported four or more mediation sessions:

- One session – 258 cases (81%)
- Two sessions – 38 cases (12%)
- Three sessions – 15 cases (5%)
- Four or more sessions – 7 cases (2%)

Of those cases that were resolved in one session, how many hours were spent in mediation? (See Chart 5)

3 hours or less – 79 cases (31%)

3 – 5 hours – 85 cases (32%)

5 ½ - 8 hours – 69 cases (27%)

Over 8 hours – 25 cases (10%)

Listed below is the number of mediations ordered in each county, based on reports received:

COUNTY	NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS ORDERED	COUNTY	NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS ORDERED
Arkansas	5	Lee	2
Ashley	8	Lincoln	1
Benton	29	Lonoke	38
Boone	1	Madison	1
Bradley	11	Miller	4
Calhoun	1	Monroe	1
Carroll	3	Newton	1
Chicot	4	Ouachita	1
Clark	1	Phillips	2
Conway	2	Pike	1
Craighead	1	Pope	1
Crawford	14	Pulaski	49
Crittenden	1	Saline	2
Desha	3	Searcy	6
Drew	7	Sebastian	5
El Dorado	1	Sevier	1
Faulkner	53	St. Francis	1
Garland	30	Union	2
Grant	2	Van Buren	9
Hempstead	2	Washington	20
Hot Springs	2	White	9
Jefferson	1	Yell	1
Lafayette	1		

COURT ORDERED MEDIATION

This Chart represents the number of cases by percentage ordered to mediation from each division of the Arkansas Circuit Courts between September 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005.

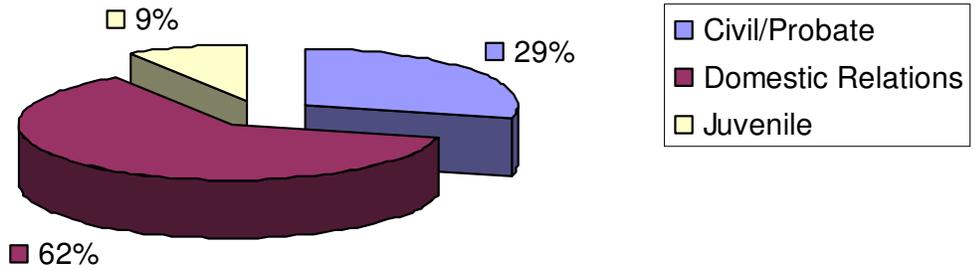


Chart 1

COURT ORDERED MEDIATION

This chart represents the settlement rate for cases ordered to mediation of all divisions of Circuit court between September 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005.

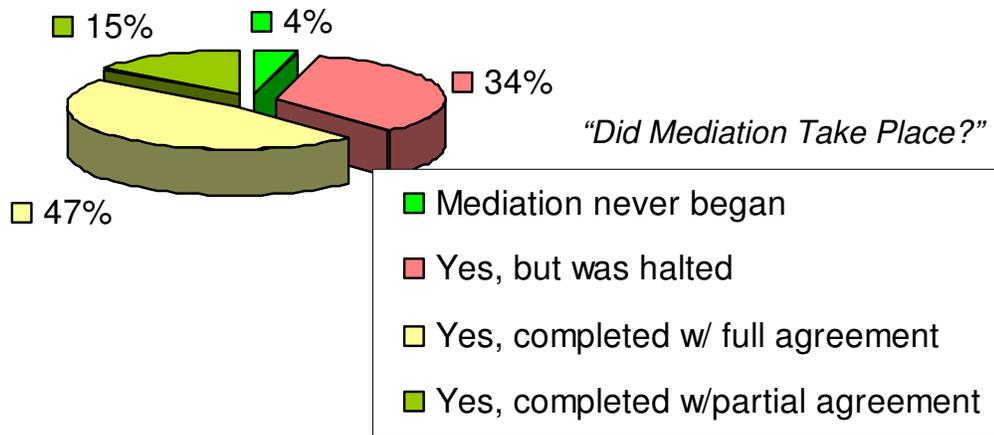


Chart 2

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“Did the Judge send all issues of the case to mediation or only limited issues?”

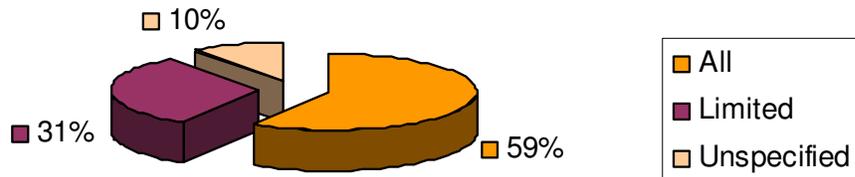


Chart 3

COURT ORDERED MEDIATION

“How many mediation sessions were held?”

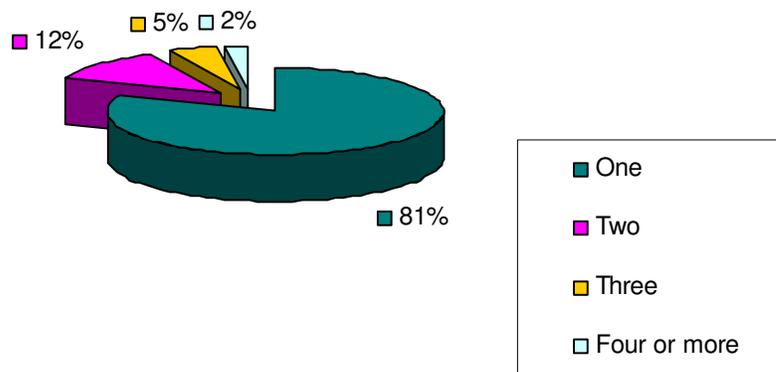
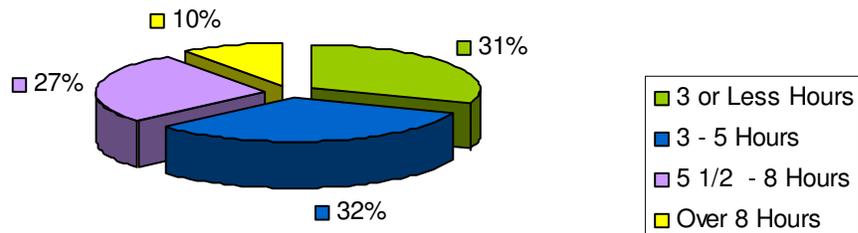


Chart 4

COURT ORDERED MEDIATION

“How many total hours were spent in mediation?”



*This chart represents 258 Arkansas Circuit Court-ordered cases that were resolved in **one session** of mediation, and indicates by percentages the number of hours spent in one session.*

Chart 5

**Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission
Statistical Reporting Form for Court Ordered Mediation**

Please complete this form for all court ordered mediations. If a referral fails to attend mediation, fill in as much information as possible in order for the Commission to compile accurate statistics.

MEDIATOR INFORMATION

Last	First	MI	Certification Number
City	State	Zip	Phone

FILING INFORMATION

County	Judge	Circuit#	Docket# (Include subject prefix, i.e. JV, DR, PR, CV)
Plaintiff's Name	Defendant's Name	Date Mediation was ordered	
Division (please check one): <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC RELATIONS <input type="checkbox"/> PROBATE <input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL			
Is this case an Arkansas Access & Visitation Mediation Program Case? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			

MEDIATION ISSUES

Case Type: Please check all that apply. For "Other" categories, please describe case characteristics.

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|--|--|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Negligence | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Decedent Estates | 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate Maintenance |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Negligence | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Trust Administration | 17. <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Abuse |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Malpractice | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Guardianship | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> Families in Need of Services |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Product Liability | 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption | 19. <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile Delinquency |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Please specify type): _____ | 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce | 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Dependency Neglect |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Equity | 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Paternity | 21. <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of Parental Rights |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership | 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Custody/Visitation | 22. <input type="checkbox"/> Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction |
| | 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Child Support | 23. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

MEDIATION SESSION(S)

1. Did the mediation take place?
- A. No, mediation never began.
- B. Yes, but mediation was halted.
- C. Yes, mediation was completed on _____ / _____ / _____ with a full agreement.
- D. Yes, mediation was completed on _____ / _____ / _____ with a partial agreement.
2. Did the judge send all issues of the case to mediation or limited issues of the case? All Issues Limited Issues
3. How many mediation sessions were conducted? _____
4. How many TOTAL hours were spent in mediation? _____

Please complete and return to:

Arkansas Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission
Administrative Office of the Courts
625 Marshall Street
Little Rock, AR 72201
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Chart 6