

COURT ORDERED
MEDIATIONS
IN
ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 – AUGUST 31, 2015

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2015 STATISTICS FACT SHEET

The following information is based on 456 statistical reporting forms submitted by certified mediators for the period September 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015. This report covers only cases ordered to mediation by the Arkansas Circuit Courts, and does not include statistics on cases mediated at the district court or appellate court level. Also not included are cases in which the parties voluntarily or privately submitted their case to mediation. Included in this report is a copy of the Statistical Reporting Form used to compile this data (see last page).

RESULTS OF COURT ORDERED MEDIATION SESSIONS:

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

Civil - 117 cases (26%)
Domestic Relations – 274 cases (60%)
Juvenile – 55 cases (12%)
Probate – 10 cases (2%)

Did the mediation take place? (See Chart 2)

No, mediation never began – 5 cases (1%)
Yes, but mediation was halted – 112 cases (25%)
Yes, mediation was completed with a full agreement – 280 cases (61%)
Yes, mediation was completed with a partial agreement – 51 cases (11%)
No agreement was reached – 8 cases (2%)

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

321 cases included **all issues** (93%)
25 cases were **limited issues** (7%)

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

One session – 427 cases (97%)
Two sessions – 9 cases (2%)
Four sessions – 1 case (1%)

How many TOTAL hours were spent in mediation? (See Chart 5)

4 hours or less – 248 cases (56%)
4.25 - 8 hours – 178 cases (40%)
8.25 - 12 hours – 13 cases (3%)
Over 12 hours – 4 cases (1%)

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What types of cases were ordered to mediation?

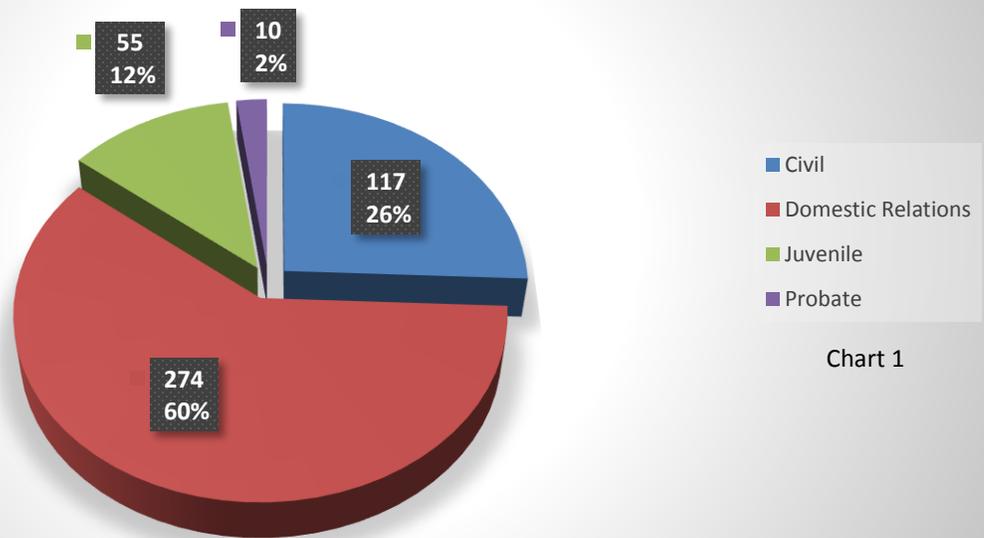


Chart 1

Did the mediation take place?

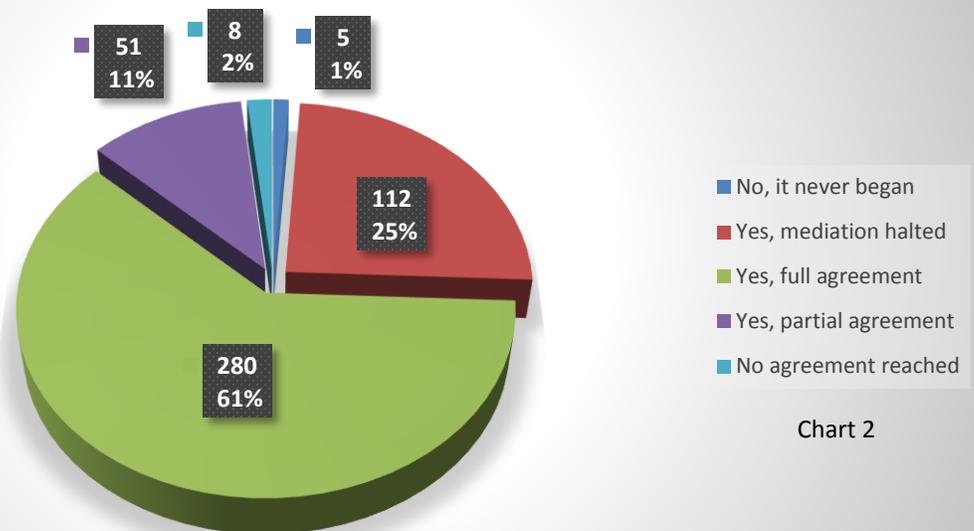


Chart 2

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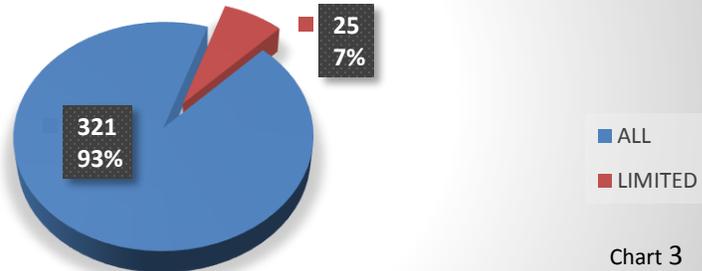


Chart 3

Issues reported on 346 cases.

How many mediation sessions were conducted?

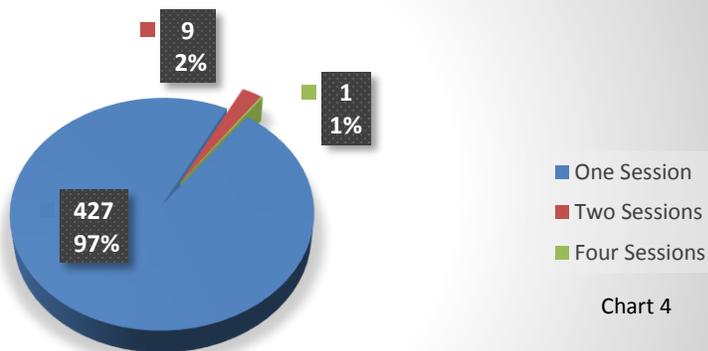


Chart 4

Number of sessions reported on 437 cases.

How many TOTAL Hours were spent in mediation?

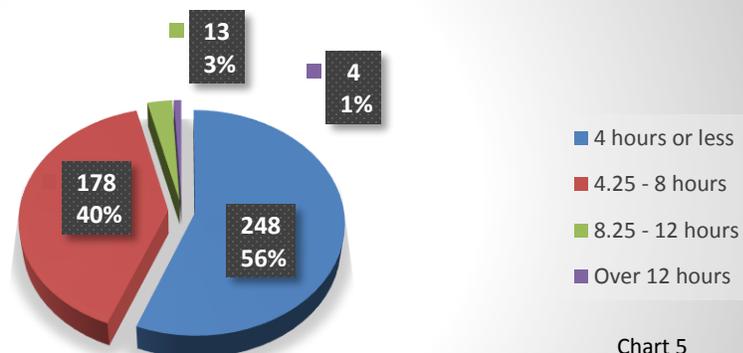
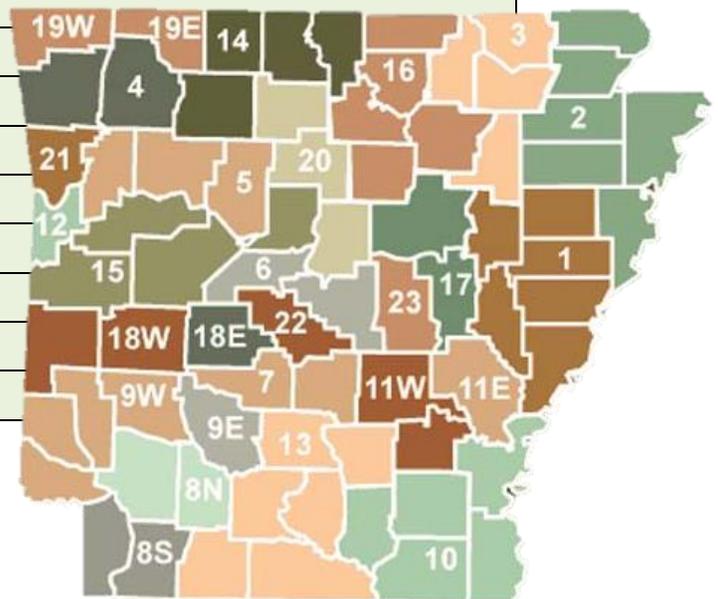


Chart 5

Number of hours reported on 443 cases.

ARKANSAS CIRCUIT COURT DISTRICTS AND THEIR COUNTIES

Judicial Circuit Court	COUNTIES SERVED IN JUDICIAL COURT DISTRICT
1	Cross, Lee, Monroe, Phillips, St. Francis, Woodruff
2	Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Greene, Mississippi, Poinsett
3	Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp
4	Madison, Washington
5	Franklin, Johnson, Pope
6	Perry, Pulaski
7	Grant, Hot Springs
8 NO	Hempstead, Nevada
8 SO	Lafayette, Miller
9 E	Clark
9 W	Howard, Little River, Sevier, Pike
10	Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Desha, Drew
11 E	Arkansas
11 W	Jefferson, Lincoln
12	Sebastian
13	Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, Union
14	Baxter, Boone, Marion, Newton
15	Conway, Logan, Scott, Yell
16	Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Stone <small>Chart 4</small>
17	Prairie, White
18 E	Garland
18 W	Montgomery, Polk
19 E	Carroll
19 W	Benton
20	Faulkner, Searcy, Van Buren
21	Crawford
22	Saline
23	Lonoke



Number of Mediation Cases Ordered Per Judicial Circuit September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2015

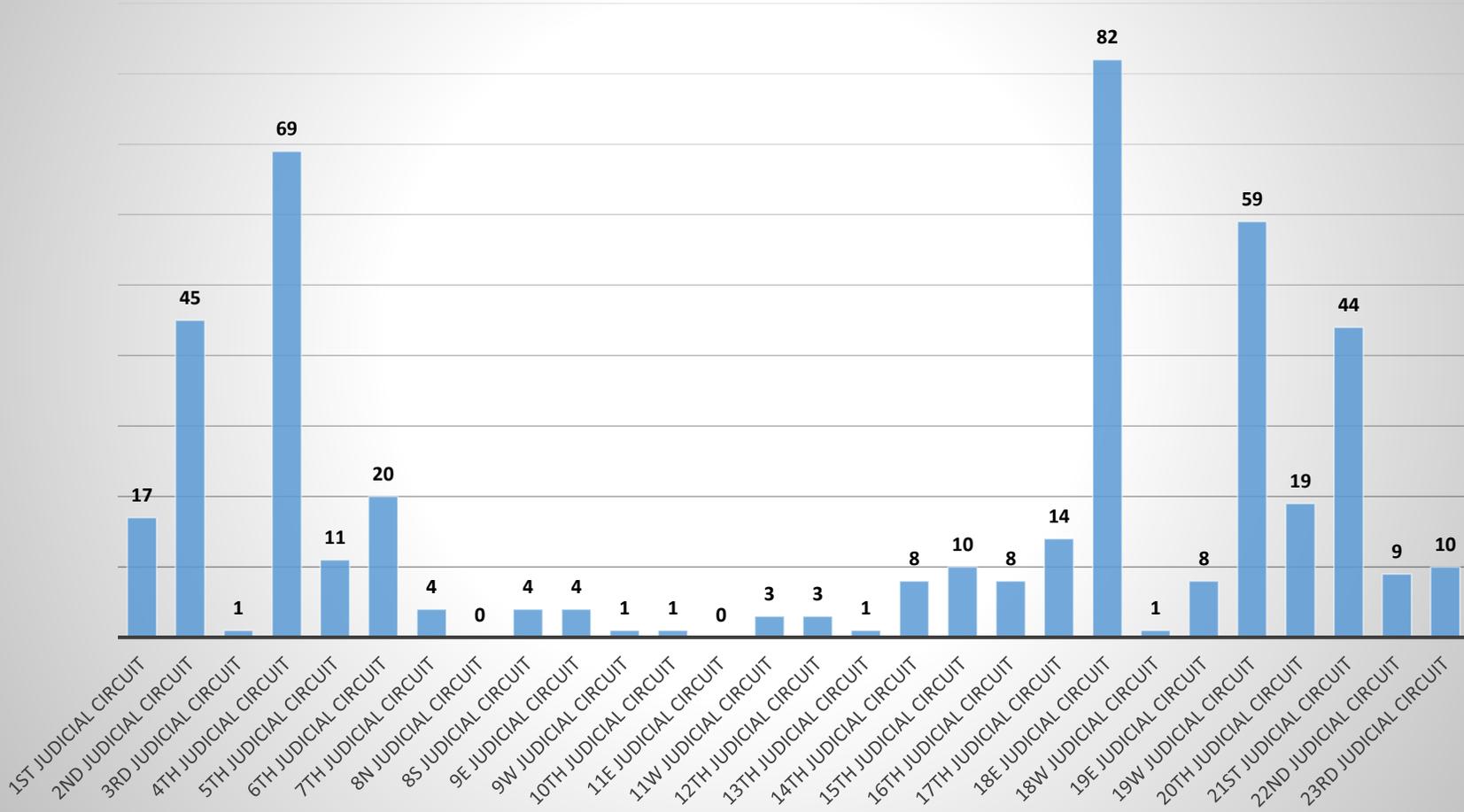


Chart 6. Reports received from mediators indicate twenty-six of twenty-eight circuits have ordered cases to mediation.

MEDIATIONS ORDERED PER COUNTY

Reports received from mediators indicate that judges in 51 counties ordered cases to mediation. Listed below is the number of mediations ordered in each county.

COUNTY	NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS ORDERED	COUNTY	NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS ORDERED
BAXTER	6	LOGAN	4
BENTON	59	LONOKE	10
BOONE	2	MADISON	2
CARROLL	8	MILLER	4
CHICOT	1	MISSISSIPPI	7
CLARK	4	MONROE	1
CLAY	3	PERRY	1
CLEBURNE	2	PHILLIPS	7
COLUMBIA	1	POINSETT	3
CONWAY	3	POLK	1
CRAIGHEAD	9	POPE	5
CRAWFORD	44	PRAIRIE	1
CRITTENDEN	12	PULASKI	19
CROSS	3	RANDOLPH	1
FAULKNER	16	SALINE	9
FRANKLIN	2	SCOTT	1
FULTON	1	SEARCY	2
GARLAND	82	SEBASTIAN	3
GREENE	11	ST. FRANCIS	4
HOT SPRING	4	STONE	3
INDEPENDENCE	2	VAN BUREN	1
JEFFERSON	2	WASHINGTON	67
JOHNSON	4	WHITE	13
LEE	1	WOODRUFF	1
LINCOLN	1	YELL	2
LITTLE RIVER	1		

Total cases 456.

**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 M.I. 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): JUVENILE DOMESTIC RELATIONS PROBATE CIVIL

Is this case an Arkansas Access & Visitation Mediation Program Case? YES 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.
 E. No agreement reached on ____/____/____.

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:
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