

COURT ORDERED MEDIATIONS IN ARKANSAS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 - AUGUST 31, 2011



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2011 STATISTICS FACT SHEET

The following information is based on 434 statistical reporting forms submitted by certified mediators for the period September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011. 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 - 155 cases (36%)
- Domestic Relations – 223 cases (51%)
- Juvenile – 50 cases (12%)
- Probate – 6 cases (1%)

Did the mediation take place? (See Chart 2)

- Yes, mediation was completed with a full agreement. – 246 cases (57%)
- Yes, mediation was completed with a partial agreement. – 38 cases (9%)
- Yes, but mediation was halted. – 140 cases (32%)
- No, mediation never began. – 10 cases (2%)

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

- 403 cases included **all issues** (93%)
- 31 cases were **limited issues** (7%)

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

- One session – 403 cases (95%)
- Two sessions – 20 cases (5%)
- Three sessions – 1 case (0%)

Note: 424 statistical reports contained information regarding the number of mediation sessions per case.

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

- 4 hours or less – 204 cases (49%)
- 4.25 - 8 hours – 176 cases (42%)
- 8.25 - 12 hours – 33 cases (8%)
- Over 12 hours – 5 cases (1%)

Note: 418 statistical reports contained information regarding the number of hours spent in mediation per case.

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What types of cases were ordered for mediation?

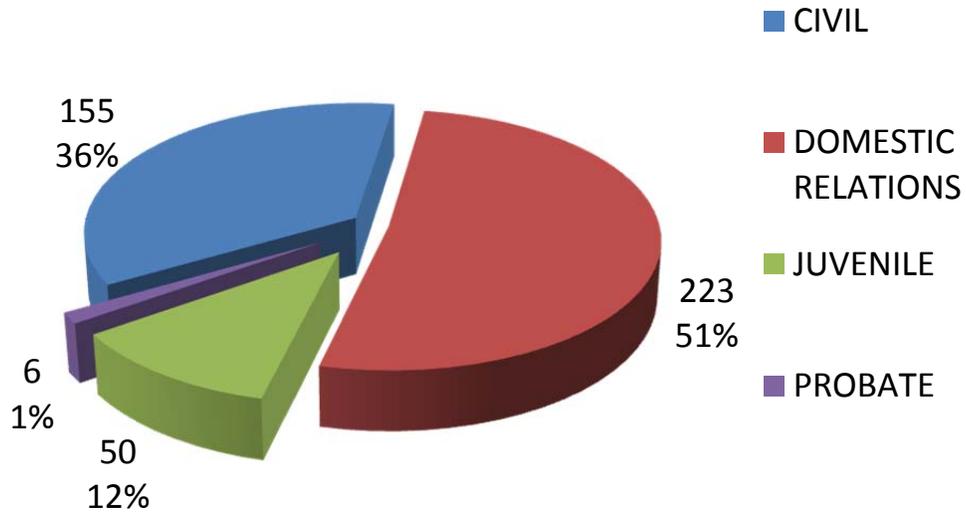


Chart 1

Did the mediation take place?

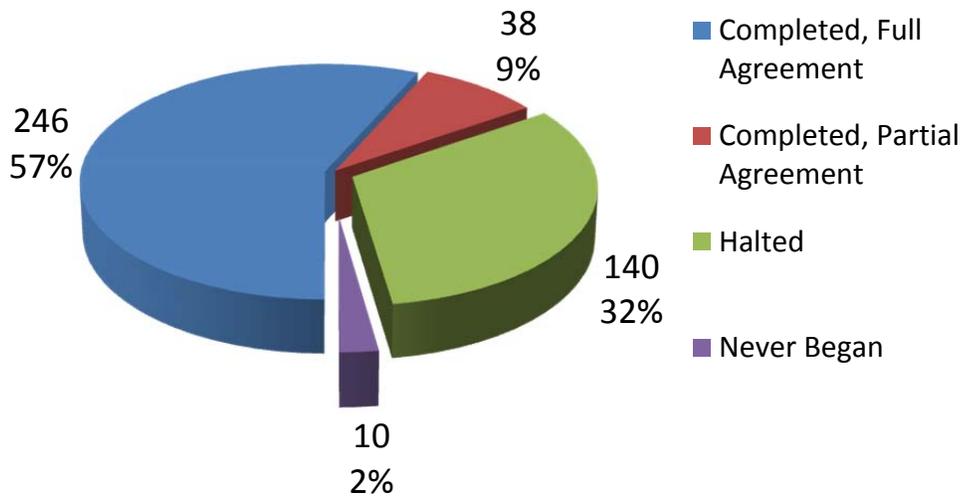


Chart 2

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Did the Judge send all issues of the case for mediation or limited issues?

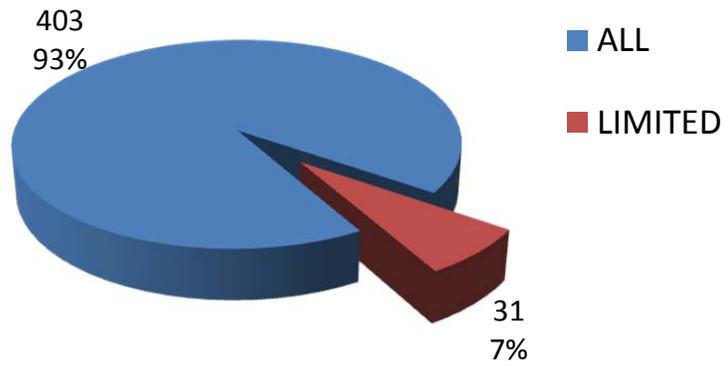
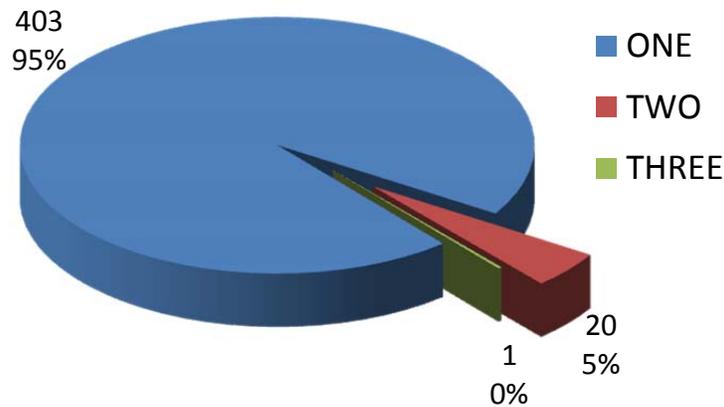


Chart 3

How many sessions were conducted?



Based on 424 statistical reports

Chart 4

How many hours were spent in mediation?

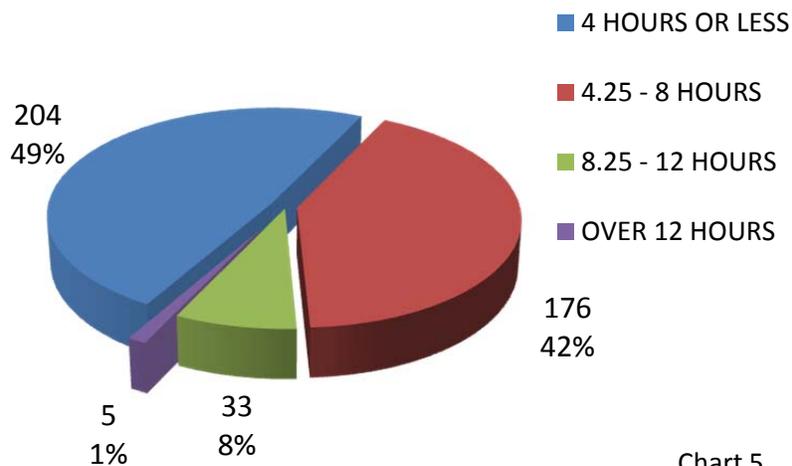
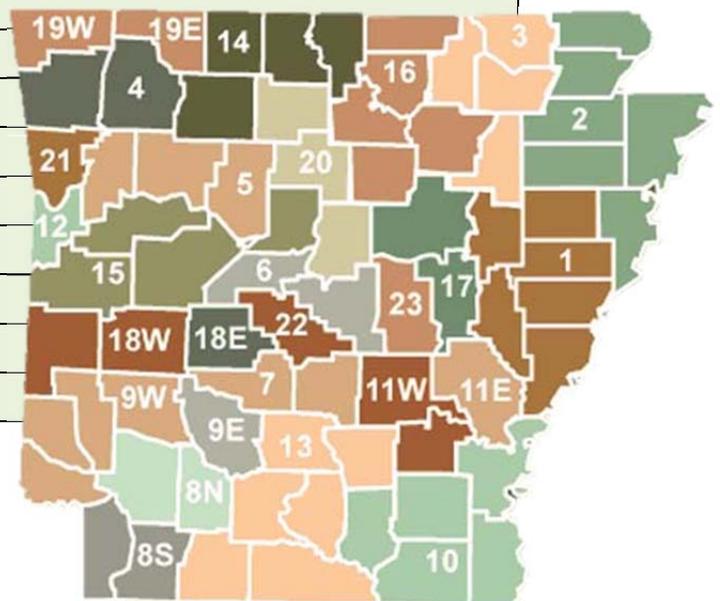


Chart 5

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
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 COURT SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 - AUGUST 31, 2011

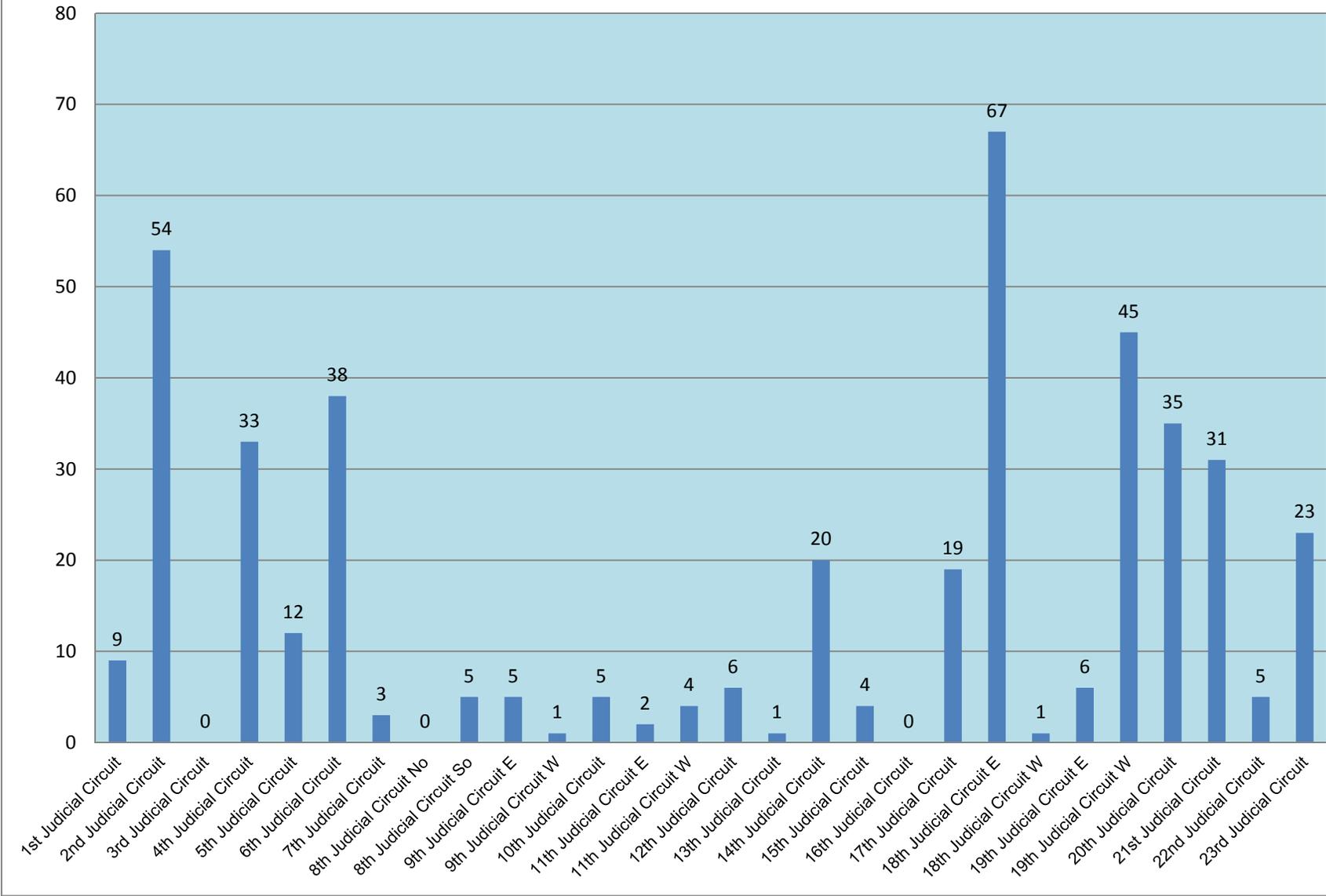


Chart 6. Reports received from mediators indicate twenty-five of twenty-eight circuit courts have ordered cases to mediation.

MEDIATIONS ORDERED PER COUNTY

Reports received from mediators indicate that judges in 48 counties ordered cases to mediation. Listed below is the number of mediations ordered in each county.

COUNTY	NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS ORDERED
ARKANSAS	2
ASHLEY	2
BAXTER	6
BENTON	45
BOONE	10
CARROLL	6
CLARK	5
CLAY	5
COLUMBIA	1
CONWAY	2
CRAIGHEAD	25
CRAWFORD	31
CRITTENDEN	7
CROSS	1
DESHA	1
DREW	2
FAULKNER	31
GARLAND	67
GRANT	1
GREENE	12
HOT SPRING	2
JEFFERSON	4
JOHNSON	1
LAFAYETTE	1

COUNTY	NUMBER OF MEDIATIONS ORDERED
LEE	2
LONOKE	23
MADISON	1
MARION	2
MILLER	4
MISSISSIPPI	1
MONROE	1
MONTGOMERY	1
NEWTON	2
PHILLIPS	3
POINSETT	4
POPE	11
PRAIRIE	2
PULASKI	38
SALINE	5
SCOTT	1
SEARCY	1
SEBASTIAN	6
SEVIER	1
ST. FRANCIS	2
VAN BUREN	3
WASHINGTON	32
WHITE	17
YELL	1

Total cases 434.

**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.

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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