

COST STUDY FACT SHEET

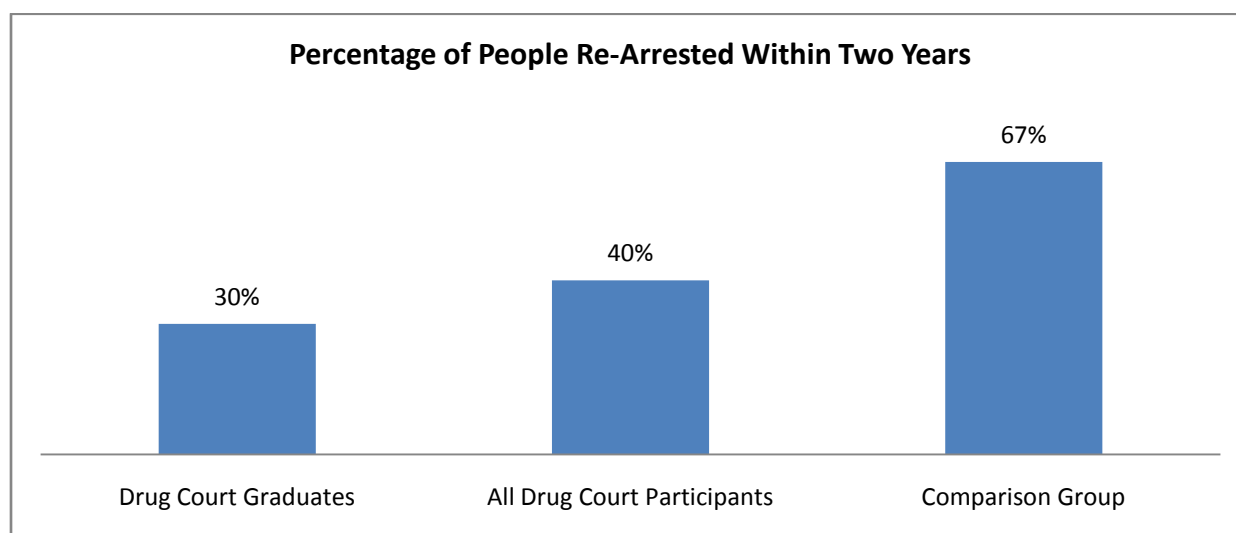
Redlands Drug Court in San Bernardino County

The following statistics are part of a multi-site evaluation of the costs and benefits of California's drug courts. This fact sheet is a component of Phase III, the statewide launch phase, of a research effort to develop a statewide methodology for assessing the benefits and costs of drug courts in the State of California. The aim of this effort is to produce a validated methodology to conduct inexpensive cost-benefit studies on an ongoing basis of drug courts throughout the state. As a part of this effort, a web-based tool was created – the Drug Court Cost Self-Evaluation Tool (DC-CSET) – which drug courts statewide can use to help determine their own costs and benefits.

RECIDIVISM RATE

Redlands Drug Court participants had the following recidivism (re-arrest) rates over a two-year period.¹ Re-arrests include any type of arrest (but not including traffic citations).

Figure A: Two-Year Re-Arrest Rate for Redlands Drug Court: Graduates, All Participants and Comparison Group



COSTS AND BENEFITS DUE TO RECIDIVISM

Table A shows the average number of recidivism events (e.g., re-arrests, jail time, prison time) per offender for drug court graduates, all drug court participants (regardless of graduation status) and the comparison group over 2 years after drug court entry.²

¹ Numbers for drug court participants provided by drug court staff. Comparison numbers provided by NPC Research from similar counties in California.

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Table A: Redlands Drug Court: Average Number of Recidivism Events Two Years After Drug Court Entry per Participant and Comparison Individual

Recidivism Events	Drug Court Graduates per Person (n=40)	Drug Court Participants Per Person (n=50)	Comparison Group Per Person (n=1,685)
Re-Arrests/Bookings	0.75	0.94	1.83
Court Cases	0.75	0.94	0.76
Jail Bookings	0.68	0.86	1.69
Jail Days	16.25	44.76	126.11
Probation Days After Exit	20.58	25.66	612.51
Prison Days	54.75	87.60	74.56

Table B provides the average recidivism cost per graduate, per drug court participant and per comparison group member for each type of recidivism event.

Table B: Redlands Drug Court: Criminal Justice System Costs Associated with Recidivism per Participant and Comparison Individual

Recidivism Related Events	Unit Costs	Drug Court Graduates Per Person (n = 40)	Drug Court Participants Per Person (n=50)	Comparison Group Per Person (n=1,685)
Re-Arrests/Bookings	\$283.15	\$212	\$266	\$518
Court Cases	\$2,716.71	\$2,038	\$2,554	\$2,065
Jail Bookings	\$217.32	\$148	\$187	\$367
Jail Days	\$68.43	\$1,112	\$3,063	\$8,630
Probation Days After Exit	\$8.62	\$177	\$221	\$5,280
Prison Days	\$97.49	\$5,338	\$8,540	\$7,269
Total		\$9,025	\$14,831	\$24,129

The total cost of events related to recidivism for the Redlands Drug Court per drug court graduate was \$9,025 and per drug court participant (regardless of graduation status) was \$14,831, while the cost per comparison group member was \$24,129. The difference between the drug court and comparison group was **\$9,298** per participant. This amount represents the recidivism cost savings due to participation in drug court. If this amount is multiplied by the total number of participants who have entered the program since its inception (approximately 899 offenders) the total amount “saved” by the program due to positive outcomes for its participants (i.e., lower recidivism) is **\$8,358,902**.