Answering the most common questions around felony probation revocations in Georgia

1. How often is probation revoked?

Of the 267,016 individuals supervised by DCS in 2019, only 26,409 (9.97%) had a probation revocation. Approximately 1 out of 10 supervisees had a probation revocation in 2019.

2. Do most revocations result in prison?

Not all revocations result in confinement. Out of the 26,409 individuals with probation revocations, 7,506 (28.4%) were sent to state prison, which comprises approximately 2.8% of the total supervised population.

3. Why are people revoked to prison?

7,506 individuals accounted for 7,597 revocations to state prison (11 people had multiple revocations). 819 (64.10%) were for paid offenses, 1,251 (16.10%) were for violating Special Conditions, and 573 (15.40%) were for Technical Violations.

4. What is the racial breakdown of individuals revoked to prison?

The chart to the side provides a count for each revocation type across racial categories.

5. How can I learn more about revocations in Georgia?

By visiting the DCS Strategic Planning & Research website, you can access a variety of informational products, such as research reports, fact sheets, and interactive dashboards, for learning more about community supervision in Georgia. A revocation dashboard with the ability to filter revocation data across a variety of context variables will be available in the Spring of 2021 and raw data is available upon request.

6. What efforts are being made across Georgia to reduce revocations?

DCS strives to strengthen communities by providing opportunities for people to successfully complete their probation or parole. Below are three evidence-based initiatives for reducing the chances of someone having their community supervision term revoked.

Person-Centered Supervision Model

In contrast to the conventional contact model, DCS leverages research and technology to provide an evidence-based, proactive approach among supervisees, such as resource linkage and building support.

To ensure quality service delivery and one-on-one application of interventions, such as case management, the DCS case management system is programmed to automatically alert case and program officers to take action in a timely manner.

Rather than defining success by the number of contacts, DCS recognizes people as unique individuals with their own strengths, needs, and goals. This approach promotes collaboration and individualized services.