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## CIRCUIT CRIMINAL CASES WITH SHOCK PROBATION CHARGES DISPOSED FISCAL YEARS 2023-2025 STATEWIDE

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#### **Statistics Request Overall Description**

On August 18, 2025, Research and Statistics received a request seeking information for cases in which shock probation is requested, including how often shock probation is granted and the types of charges where shock probation is most commonly used.

While not representing traditional charges, shock probation is entered in KYCourts – the suite of case management systems used by Circuit Court Clerks for data entry representing the court record – on the same screen and using the same data elements as are used for criminal charges, including UOR Codes, Charge Disposition Type Codes, and Charge Disposition Dates. Shock Probation is represented on the charge screen using the following UOR Codes:

UOR	KRS	Description
0026090	439.265	SHOCK PROBATION IN FELONY CONVICTIONS
0026100	439.267	SHOCK PROBATION IN MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS

This is not the only method available in KYCourts for the entry of data related to shock probation, but it is the only data included in this report.

CourtNet, the database that provides a summary of cases statewide, was queried for charges of these UOR Codes disposed from 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2025 in Circuit Criminal (CR) cases statewide. Any other charges in the same cases were also queried, regardless of these charges' Charge Disposition Dates. This query identified the original criminal charges within these cases. Among these charges, original convictions within these cases were identified as any typical criminal charges including a Charge Disposition of *Guilty* (G), *Guilty – Multiple* (GM), or *Guilty – Sealed Sentence* (GSS). These represent convicted charges in cases including shock probation. It should be noted, however, that there is no direct connection between the charge screen entry in KYCourts of shock probation and any specific convicted charge other than sharing the same parent case.

#### Statistical Reports (25\_RS3122)

25\_RS3122 provides a statistical summary of shock probation charges disposed fiscal years (FY) 23-25 within Circuit Criminal (CR) cases statewide and the original convictions within the same cases including these shock probation charges.

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### Statistical Reports (25\_RS3122)

**Page 1**: Presents shock probation charges disposed FY 23-25 in Circuit Criminal cases statewide. A bar graph displays counts of shock probation charges disposed FY 23-25 in Circuit Criminal cases statewide by FY with the charge disposition category represented by color. A cross-tabulation provides counts of shock probation charges disposed FY 23-25 in Circuit Criminal cases statewide by FY and charge disposition category. Counts are provided for shock probation charges disposed during each FY with a distinct count of cases also provided.

**Page 2**: Presents shock probation charges disposed FY 23-25 in Circuit Criminal cases statewide differentiating felony conviction and misdemeanor conviction shock probation using UOR Code. Shock probation charges are listed by the specific shock probation UOR code and description with counts of shock probation charges disposed during the timeframe and a distinct count of cases, cross-tabulated by the charge disposition category.

**Page 3**: Provides counts of the distinct cases including at least one shock probation charge disposed FY 23-25. Counts are grouped by the penalty level and class of the most serious convicted within each case, cross-tabulated by designations of whether the case includes charges currently considered violent under KRS 439.3401<sup>1</sup>, and whether any of the case's charges of shock probation were disposed as *Granted/Enhanced*.

KRS 439.3401 was used to classify cases based on each case's convicted charges according to the logic below, wherein each case is classified according to the first criterion satisfied in the order listed:

Violent	The case includes a conviction of at least one charge explicitly enumerated in (KRS 439.3401(1)) to classify an individual to be a violent offender.
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Possible	The case does not include any convicted charges explicitly classifying an individual
Violent	as a violent offender but includes at least one conviction of a charge that may be
Charge	considered a violent offense (KRS 439.3401(2)) dependent upon whether the
	victim suffered death or serious physical injury or whether a person other than a
	participant in the crime was present in the building during the commission of
	burglary in the first degree.
No Violent	The case includes no convicted charges of the enumerated offenses listed in KRS
Charge	439.3401(1) nor any of the offenses that may be considered violent if the victim
	suffered death or serious physical injury or if a person, other than a participant in
	the crime, was present in the building during the commission of burglary in the
	first degree.

#### Statistical Analysis Considerations:

These statistics represent a snapshot in time as of the date the data was queried 9/8/25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Effective July 15, 2004, UOR codes in CourtNet were configured to account for legislative changes. These changes to the UOR table were designated as *Violent*, *Possibly Violent*, or *Not Violent* for reporting purposes only. These offense codes do not take into consideration any subsequent court order or judgment designating a violent offense. The *Possibly Violent* offenses only consider whether the elements of the offense include the conditions listed in KRS 439.3401(2). See <u>KRS 439.3401</u>. All charges presented use this configuration regardless of the year reported.

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- Counts of cases do not necessarily represent counts of unique individuals.
- > Shock Probation are not true charges but are entered using the charge screen in the CMS and are referred to as "Charges" in this report for that reason.
- This charge screen entry is not the only method available in KYCourts for entering data related to shock probation. Other available methods are not included in this report.
- ➤ Offenses flagged as Violent per 439.3401 use the current definition following HB5 of the 2024 General Assembly in this report. However, the majority of the convictions in this report occurred before this law went into effect and the convicted offenses may not have been considered violent under this law at the time of conviction.
- ➤ The report excludes cases partially expunged cases in which one or more charges but not all charges within the case have been expunged. This is because the UOR Code identifying the original offense is lost during this expungement process.

Data Variab	les Requested							
Database	Data Variable	Description						
CourtNet	Fiscal Year	The fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.						
	Jurisdiction	The jurisdiction in which each case exists. This report includes Circuit and District Court jurisdictions.						
	Charge Disposition Date							
	Shock Probation Disposition Category	Charge disposition codes are grouped into the following categories. This includes disposition types not typically associated with the KYCourts entry of shock probation charges, but which have been found in the cases included in this report.  Denied/Withdrawn/Dismissed  DEN – Denied  WD - Withdrawn  CAD – Dismissal by motion of Prosecutor  DD – Dismissed-Diverted  DIS – Dismissed  DWP – Dismissed with Prejudice  SAV – Set Aside/Voided  VAC – Vacated Judgment  VEFC – Vacated Expunged Felony Conviction  VSC – Voided Sealed Conviction  Granted Enhanced						

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Data Variables Request	ed
	<ul> <li>GNT - Granted</li> <li>G - Guilty</li> <li>FTA/FTV/AP</li> <li>FTV - Fugitive</li> <li>Amended</li> <li>AMEND - Amended</li> <li>Other</li> <li>OTH - Other</li> <li>DVD - Domestic Violence Denied</li> <li>FDEP - Finding of Dependency</li> <li>REM - Remanded</li> <li>REV - Reversed</li> <li>SDEP - Stipulate Dependency</li> <li>TRFD - Drug Court Transfer</li> </ul>
Case Number	A one- or two-digit code within the case number broadly identifying the type of case. This report includes Circuit Criminal cases only – Case Number Type <i>CR</i> .
Shock Grant	least one Shock Probation Charge was disposed as Granted/Enhanced.
Case Has Violent Conviction (439.3401 a 24RS HB5	<ul> <li>Violent Charge: The case includes a conviction of at least one charge explicitly enumerated in (KRS 439.3401(1)) to classify an individual to be a violent offender.</li> <li>Possible Violent Charge: The case does not include any convicted charges explicitly classifying an individual as a violent offender, but includes at least one conviction of a charge that may be considered a violent offense (KRS 439.3401(2)) dependent upon whether the victim suffered death or serious physical injury or whether a person other than a participant in the crime was present in the building during the commission of burglary in the first degree.</li> <li>No Violent Charge: The case includes no convicted charges of the enumerated offenses listed in KRS 439.3401(1) nor any of the offenses that may be considered violent if the victim suffered death or serious physical injury or if a person, other than a participant in the crime, was present in the building during the commission of burglary in the first degree.</li> </ul>
UOR Code	A numeric label for a specific offense charge used in a Uniform Offense Report. The first digit of the UOR code works as follows:

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Data Variables Requested	
	<ul> <li>0: an offense defined by a state statute</li> <li>8: an offense defined by a city ordinance</li> <li>9: an offense defined by a local ordinance or a code used by KCOJ for administrative purposes, e.g. 990240: "No Record Exists".</li> <li>The second through sixth digits identify the specific offense. A UOR code on a citation typically begins with the second digit as encoded here. The seventh digit ranges from 0 through 6 and is used to indicate inchoate variants of the underlying offense, which may alter the penalty.</li> <li>0: The base offense is charged with no inchoate variant.</li> <li>1: Attempt</li> <li>2: Solicitation</li> <li>3: Conspiracy</li> <li>4: Facilitation</li> <li>5: Complicity</li> <li>6: Enhanced</li> </ul>
Offense Description	The label associated with a given UOR code. A brief verbal summary of the statutory offense which is the basis for the type of criminal offense with which the defendant has been charged. For Example, UOR Code "0008050" represents the underlying statutory offense of KRS 508.080(1)(B) or, in brief English, "BOMB THREATS". UOR Code "0008051" represents an attempt of this offense, and the UOR Description is "ATT BOMB THREATS".  A UOR Description beginning with "*OBS*" indicates that the code was made obsolete by the amendment or repeal of the related statute. Records of obsolete codes are retained so as to identify the appropriate penalty level for an offense charged prior to such amendment or repeal.
Charges	A count of separate charges of the indicated offenses. A single case may have one or more charges.
Cases	The total number of distinct cases including at least one applicable charge.

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The Kentucky State Police (KSP) assigns the Kentucky Uniform Crime Reporting Codes (UOR Codes) to criminal offenses in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The KSP official list of UOR Codes by KRS number and descriptor can be obtained at the KSP's website at www.kentuckystatepolice.org.

The AOC assigns and maintains codes that are used within the Court of Justice Case Management System for statistical and reporting purposes. These codes are used to identify local and city ordinances, as well as codes for general administrative purposes. The AOC official list of UOR Codes with KRS number and descriptor can be obtained at the Court of Justice Website at <a href="https://kycourts.gov/AOC/Information-and-Technology/Analytics/Pages/default.aspx">https://kycourts.gov/AOC/Information-and-Technology/Analytics/Pages/default.aspx</a>. The AOC UOR Code Listing is for informational purposes only and the information is subject to change, reprogramming, modifications of format, and availability at the direction of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

A query for data based on specified charges will include each UOR code specified and possible supplemental codes. Supplemental codes (or "ASCF" codes) to any UOR code include: 1) attempt, 2) solicitation, 3) conspiracy, 4) facilitation, 5) complicity, and 6) enhancement. In total, UOR codes contain seven digits. The first six digits are specific to that charge. The seventh digit indicates if there is a supplemental code. A "0" as the seventh digit means that is the primary UOR code and it does not have a supplemental code. If there are supplemental codes, the "0" will change to a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 (the numbering corresponds to the list above). An enhancement does not exist on all UOR codes. When a supplemental code does not appear within a dataset, charge(s) did not occur during this period. The presence of "\*obs" within the description of a UOR code indicates an obsolete UOR code. However, the code is still present within the KYCourts/CourtNet database and may still be utilized. Not every UOR code included in the query will have charges associated with it in each calendar year examined. Some cases may contain multiple charges; therefore, charge counts may exceed case counts. The number of cases cannot be inferred as the number of individuals as multiple cases may have the same defendant.

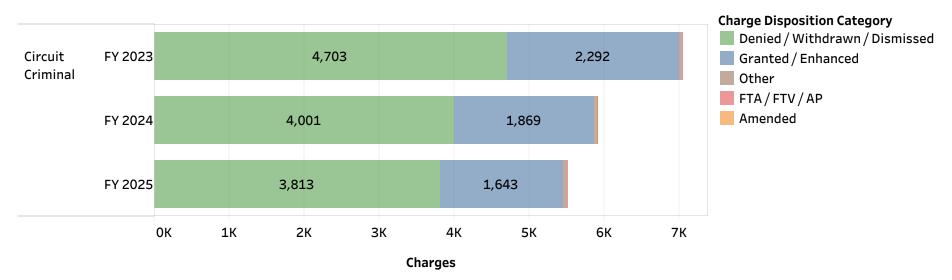
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## Circuit Criminal Cases with Shock Probation Charges Disposed July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025 STATEWIDE

## **Shock Probation Dispositions**



		Denied/Withdrawn/ Dismissed				Other		FTA/FTV/AP		Amended		Grand Total	
		Charges	Cases	Charges	Cases	Charges	Cases	Charges	Cases	Charges	Cases	Charges	Cases
Circuit	FY 2023	4,703	3,787	2,292	2,254	37	37	1	1			7,033	5,869
Criminal	FY 2024	4,001	3,259	1,869	1,831	40	39	1	1	2	2	5,913	4,952
	FY 2025	3,813	3,096	1,643	1,619	51	49	4	4			5,511	4,641
	Total	12,517	9,706	5,804	5,475	128	125	6	6	2	2	18,457	14,598

#### Statistical Analysis Considerations

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			Denied/ Withdrawn/ Dismissed	Granted / Enhanced	Other	FTA/FTV/AP	Amended	Grand Total
Circuit	0026090 SHOCK PROBATION IN	Charges	12,455	5,776	124	6	2	18,363
Criminal	FELONY CONVICTIONS	Cases	9,653	5,447	121	6	2	14,515
	0026100 SHOCK PROBATION IN MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS	Charges	62	28	4			94
		Cases	59	28	4			89
	Total	Charges	12,517	5,804	128	6	2	18,457
		Cases	9,706	5,475	125	6	2	14,598

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### Counts of Distinct Cases Including at Least one Shock Probation Charge Disposed FY23-25

#### Shock Granted / Case Has Violent Conviction (439.3401 after 24RS HB5)

		Case has S	hock Probation	on Granted/Er	nhanced	No Shock Probation Granted/Enhanced in Case				
Case Max Conviction	Case Max Conviction Level &	v . o . o c	Possible Violent	No Violent	Takal	Violent	Possible Violent	No Violent	Tabal	Grand Total
Level Felony	Class Felony A	Charge 1	Charge	Charge	Total 1	Charge 7	Charge	Charge	Total	9
relotly	Felony B	17	12	66	95	43	37	198	278	373
	Felony C	140	35	813	988	416	86	1,598	2,100	3,088
	Felony D	63	358	3,815	4,236	112	644	5,589	6,345	10,581
	Felony Unknown							11	11	11
	Total	221	405	4,694	5,320	578	767	7,397	8,742	14,062
Misdemeanor	Misdemeanor A			122	122	1		201	202	324
	Misdemeanor B			10	10			15	15	25
	Total			132	132	1		216	217	349
Violation	Violation			1	1			1	1	2
	Total			1	1			1	1	2
Grand Total		221	405	4,827	5,453	579	767	7,614	8,960	14,413

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<sup>\*</sup> Counts on this page represent distinct cases only. Charge Level and Class reported reflect the penalty level and class of the most serious charge convicted in each case. Cases may include charges of higher penalty level/class not convicted as well as other charges of lower pentaly level/class.

<sup>\*</sup> Offenses flagged as Violent per 439.3401 use the current definition following 24RSHB5 in this report. However, the majority of the convictions in this report occurred before this law went into effect.

<sup>\*</sup> The Class A Felony Conviction indicated as non-violent is a conviction of Criminal Complicity (KRS 502.020 for Murder).

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