RACINE COUNTY

# **Basic Jury System Evaluation Report**

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County Racine Jury Year 2019 Term of Service 4 # of Judges 10

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### Section 1: Representative and Inclusive Source List

#### Reports/Statistics: Census Report: 2018

Demographics Import Report, Juror Demographics

Note: Use Juror Demographic Yields to evaluate demographic results at all stages of the jury process.

Persons 18+ Years Old		Census Year	Jury Yea	ar Master List	Prospectiv	e Juror List <sup>1</sup>
Gender	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Male	73567	48.93%	67758	49.28%	7129	49.16%
Female	76791	51.07%	69749	50.72%	7374	50.84%
	150358		137507		14503	
Age	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
18-24 yrs	16462	10.95%	13729	9.98%	1649	11.37%
25-44 yrs	46825	31.14%	44342	32.25%	4920	33.92%
45-64 yrs	55616	36.99%	50333	36.60%	5184	35.74%
65+ yrs	31455	20.92%	29103	21.16%	2750	18.96%
Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
	150358		137507		14503	
Race	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Black/African-Amer	15952	10.61%	13179	9.58%	1443	9.95%
Amer Indian / Alaska Native	628	0.42%	379	0.28%	51	0.35%
Asian / Pacific Islander	2102	1.40%	1624	1.18%	186	1.28%
White / Caucasian	115624	76.90%	112020	81.46%	11482	79.17%
Hispanic <sup>2</sup>	16052	10.68%	9717	7.07%	1173	8.09%
Other <sup>3</sup>	0	0.00%	588	0.43%	132	0.91%
Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	36	0.25%
	150358		137507		14503	

#### Notes:

Analysis:

The Prospective Juror List appears to be representative of the estimated population based on the Census information. We do see a slightly higher percentage in the 18-24 yrs and 25-44 yrs age ranges and lower in the 45-64 yrs and 65+ yrs in the Prospective Jury list when compared to the Census information. We also see percentages in Black/African-American and White/Caucasian categories on the Prospective Juror List that is more in line with the Census data then on the Jury Year Master List. Our inclusiveness percentage, 91.45%, exceeds the measure/goal (85%) and is marginally higher than 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Use List after imported when Exception List removed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Page 6 of Guide for discussion on counting Hispanic names

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> DOT does not provide a category that matches the US Census category of 'two or more races'.

# **Section 2: Effective Qualification and Summoning**

# **Section 3: Responsiveness of Jurors**

### Reports/Statistics:

Juror Yields

#### **Qualification Yield**

Potential Available	Number	Ineligible/Unavailable	Number	%
A. Question-Summons Sent	15153	B. Undeliverable	891	5.88%
		C. Deceased	75	0.49%
		D. Disqualified	1313	8.66%
		E. Exc Jury Year	968	6.39%
		F. Perm Excused	341	2.25%
		G. Postponed	2403	15.86%
		H. Final No Response	889	5.87%
		I. Final FTA	91	0.60%
		(to get total add B thru I)		_
		J. Total Not Available	6971	46.00%
K. Total Eligible and Available	8182 (A - J)			
L. Qualification Yield (%)	54.00% [(K / A) x 100]	M. Total Cancelled / Called Off	5577	
		N. Percentage Cancelled / Called Off	68.16%	[(M / K) x 100]

### **Overall Yield**

Overall Yield % (Measures => 60%)	54.00%	(L)

Analysis: Overall yield is lower than the measure/goal of 60% but falls short of the goal by only 6%. We increased our Overall Yield

from 2018. 2019 saw more potential jurors available than 2018. We saw less jurors excused for the year, however, more

were permanently excused in 2019.

# **Section 2: Effective Qualification and Summoning**

### **Section 3: Responsiveness of Jurors**

#### Reports/Statistics:

Follow-up Activity sections on Juror Yields

### **Effectiveness of Follow-up Actions**

Follow-up Actions Used: (i.e., calls, letters, OSC)

Order to Show Cause Hearings are being held for failure to appear or fail to return questionnaires. These hearings are held before the Judicial Court Commissioner. Hearings are held once a month to allow jurors to reschedule their jury duty. Jurors are subject to a \$50 fine if they do not show up at the hearing to reschedule jury duty.

#### Non-response to Questionnaires

	Number		
Total NRF Codes	3032		
Total SNRF Codes	434		
Total Jurors with NRF or SNRF	3032		
Results of follow-up	Jurors with NRF & SNRF		
	Number	%	
Number ineligible/unqualified	644	21.24%	Of Total with NRF & SNRF
Number qualified (postponed & became available)	1511	49.84%	Of Total with NRF & SNRF
Number final no response	877	28.92%	Of Total with NRF & SNRF
Failure to appear when summoned			
	Number		
Total FTA and SFTA Codes	490		
Total FTA Jurors with FTAF	408		
Results of follow-up	Jurors with FTAF		
	Number	%	

	Number	70	
Number ineligible/unqualified	31	7.60%	Of Total with FTAF
Number became eligible/available (subsequent service)	0	0.00%	Of Total with FTAF
Number postponed to later term	262	64.22%	Of Total with FTAF
Number final FTA	115	28.19%	Of Total with FTAF

Analysis:

Regular weekly coding of jurors with No Response Follow-up (NRF) and mailings for jurors who did not return questionnaire for the following week continues to be effective. Ensuring accurate coding of Failure to Appear Follow-up (FTAF) is resulting in a higher percentage of final Failure to Appear (FTA).

### **Section 4: Efficient Use of Jurors**

#### Reports/Statistics:

Juror Yields, Jury Summary by Case (Totals on detail page), Daily Juror Use Summary (Totals)

	Number		Report/Location	
Days Jurors Reported for Selection	59	Daily Juror Use Summary "New/Report for Selecti		
New/Reporting for Selection	2684	Daily J	uror Use Summary "New/Report for Selection"	
Not Used	919		Daily Juror Use Summary "Not Used"	
Number of Voir Dires Begun	53		Daily Juror Use Summary "Voir Dires Begun"	
No Trial Start Days	19	Daily J	uror Use Summary "New/Report for Selection"	
Sent to Voir Dire	1831		Jury Summary by Case "Sent to Voir Dire"	
Questioned in Voir Dire	1203		Jury Summary by Case "Quest. Voir Dire"	
Not Questioned in Voir Dire	628		Jury Summary by Case "Not Quest. Voir Dire"	
Sworn Jurors	528		Jury Summary by Case "Sworn Jurors"	
Trial Days	116		Jury Summary by Case "Trial Days"	
Cancelled / Called Off	5577		Juror Yields "Cancelled/Called Off"	
Measures		Percent	Goal	
% Sent to Jury Selection		68.22%	(Measures => 90%)	
(# Sent to Voir Dire / # New/Reporting for Selection)				
% Selected as Jurors		19.67%	(Measures => 30%)	
(# Sworn Jurors / # New/Reporting for Selection)				
% Used in Voir Dire		65.70%	(Measures => 80%)	
(# Questioned in Voir Dire / # Sent to Voir Dire)				
% No Trial Start Days		32.20%	(Measures =< 10%)	
(# No Trial Start Days / # Days Jurors Reported for Selection)				

Analysis: In 2019, we have seen roughly a 7% increase in the number of jurors sent to Jury Selection over last year. Our percentage of Jurors sent to Jury Selection is 68.22% which falls well below the 90% measure and does not meet the goal. We have saw a slight improvement to the percentage of potential jurors selected to serve on a trial, increase to 19.67% from 17.26%. However, the percentage of Jurors called in, reporting in, and being selected to serve on a trial continues to fall below the 30% measure and does not meet the goal. We have seen the number of jurors questioned at Voir Dire remain approximately the same from 2018. The percentage of Jurors used in Voir Dire continues to fall significantly below the 80% measure and does not meet the goal. We saw a slight decrease in the number of occasions in which jurors are brought/called in and no trials begin over 2019. This percentage remained well above the 10% measure and does not meet the goal. While we are making small moves in the right directions in some areas, none of the Measure/Goals continue to be met. None of the measure/goals in this section have been met in the last seven years.

### **Section 5: Cost Effectiveness**

### Reports/Statistics:

Jury Expense Summary, Jury Summary by Case, and local budget

Primary Analysis		Report/Location
Total Expenses	\$98,011.62	/ Jury Expense Summary "Total (\$)"
Trial Days	116	=
Trial Days	\$844.93	(total expenses / # trial days = cost per trial day)
Secondary Analysis (optional)		
All Associated Costs <sup>4</sup>	\$187,314.51	1
# of Questionnaires Sent	15153	=
Administrative Cost/Juror	\$12.36	(all costs / total # questionnaires sent = administrative cost per juror)
<sup>4</sup> Associated costs include the total expenses	on Jury Evnense Summary	nlus salaries printing

Associated costs include the total expenses on Jury Expense Summary, plus salaries, printing, postage and any other expenses related to the jury system.

Analysis: All associated costs include: Food Supplies: \$325.25; Juror Meals: \$1,956.71; Juror Parking: \$11,518.64; Juror Per Diem: \$34,648.00; Juror Travel: \$38,569.60; Jury Attendants: \$23,836.05; Jury Coordinator Salary (with Benefits): \$64,998.64; Other: \$526.40; Postage: \$7,950.19; Printing: \$2,985.03.

# Addendum: Inclusiveness & Representativeness

Inclusiveness	Census Year	Jury Year Master List	Inclusiveness	
Persons 18+ Years Old	150358	137507	91.45%	(Measures => 85%)

<b>Absolute Disparit</b>	у		Census Year	Jury Yea	ar Master List	<b>Absolute Disparity</b>
Race		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Percentage
	Black/African-Amer	15952	10.61%	13179	9.58%	-1.03%
	Amer Indian / Alaska Native	628	0.42%	379	0.28%	-0.14%
	Asian / Pacific Islander	2102	1.40%	1624	1.18%	-0.22%
	White / Caucasian	115624	76.90%	112020	81.46%	4.57%
	Hispanic <sup>1</sup>	16052	10.68%	9717	7.07%	-3.61%
	Other <sup>2</sup>	0	0.00%	588	0.43%	0.43%
	Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%
		150358		137507		

Comparative Disparity		Census Year		<b>Comparative Disparity</b>	
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Black/African-Amer	15952	10.61%	13179	9.58%	-9.66%
Amer Indian / Alaska Native	628	0.42%	379	0.28%	-34.01%
Asian / Pacific Islander	2102	1.40%	1624	1.18%	-15.52%
White / Caucasian	115624	76.90%	112020	81.46%	5.94%
Hispanic <sup>1</sup>	16052	10.68%	9717	7.07%	-33.81%
Other <sup>2</sup>	0	0.00%	588	0.43%	0.00%
Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%
	150358		137507		

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