RACINE COUNTY

Basic Jury System Evaluation Report

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County Racine Jury Year 2020 Term of Service 4 # of Judges 10

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(Flat/Juror)

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2-Step County

Section 1: Representative and Inclusive Source List

Reports/Statistics:

Census Report: 2019

Demographics Import Report, Juror Demographics

Note: Use Juror Demographic Qualifying Yields and Juror Demographic Summoning Yields to evaluate demographic results at all

stages of the jury process.

Persons 18+ Years Old			Census Year Jur		Jury Year Master List		Prospective Juror List ¹	
Gender		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
	Male	74322	49.09%	68178	49.30%	6903	50.19%	
	Female	77089	50.91%	70114	50.70%	6852	49.81%	
		151411		138292		13755		
Age		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
	18-24 yrs	16281	10.75%	13528	9.78%	1506	10.95%	
	25-44 yrs	47420	31.32%	44566	32.23%	4704	34.20%	
	45-64 yrs	54068	35.71%	49958	36.13%	4782	34.77%	
	65+ yrs	33642	22.22%	30240	21.87%	2763	20.09%	
	Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	
		151411		138292		13755		
Race		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
	Black/African-Amer	16271	10.75%	13015	9.41%	1408	10.24%	
Amer In	dian / Alaska Native	663	0.44%	358	0.26%	48	0.35%	
Asi	ian / Pacific Islander	2138	1.41%	1628	1.18%	171	1.24%	
	White / Caucasian	115397	76.21%	110152	79.65%	10674	77.60%	
	Hispanic ²	16942	11.19%	9810	7.09%	1105	8.03%	
	Other ³	0	0.00%	3329	2.41%	320	2.33%	
	Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	29	0.21%	
		151411		138292		13755		

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 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. This is not necessarily surprising given COVID-19 and our increased deferment of prospective jurors in vulnerable populations (age 65+). 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, 91.34%, exceeds the measure/goal (85%).

¹ Use List after imported when Exception List removed

² See Page 6 of Guide for discussion on counting Hispanic names

³ 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 Qualifying Yields, Juror Summoning Yields

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Potential Available	Number	Ineligible/Unavailable	Number	%
A. Questionnaires Sent	14319	B. Undeliverable	456	3.18%
		C. Deceased	39	0.27%
		D. Disqualified	1164	8.13%
		E. Exc Jury Year	357	2.49%
		F. Perm Excused	341	2.38%
		G. Postponed	1555	10.86%
		H. Final No Response	1946	13.59%
		(to get total add B thru H)		_
		I. Total Not Available	5858	40.91%
J. Total Qualified to Serve	8461 (A - I)			
K. Qualification Yield (%)	59.09% [(J / A) x 100]			
Summoning Yield				
Potential Available	Number	Ineligible/Unavailable	Number	%
L. Summons Sent	9263	M. Undeliverable	57	0.62%
		N. Deceased	4	0.04%
		O. Disqualified	179	1.93%
		P. Exc Jury Year	534	5.76%
		Q. Perm Excused	222	2.40%
		R. Postponed	2623	28.32%
		S. Final FTA	34	0.37%
		(to get total add M thru S)		_
		T. Total Not Available	3653	39.44%
U. Total Eligible and Available	<u>5610</u> (L - T)			
V. Summoning Yield (%)	60.56% [(U / L) x 100]	W. Total Cancelled / Called Off	4603	
		X. Percentage Cancelled / Called Off	82.05% [(W / U) x 100]

Overall Yield

K. Qualification Yield (%)	59.09%	
V. Summoning Yield (%)	60.56%	
Overall Yield % (Measures => 60%)	35.79%	[(K x V) x 100]
Overall Undeliverable %	2.18%	$[((B + M) / (A + L)) \times 100]$
Overall Exc. Jury Year %	3.78%	$[((E + P) / (A + L)) \times 100]$
Overall Perm Excused %	2.39%	$[((F + Q) / (A + L)) \times 100]$
Overall Postponed %	17.72%	$[((G + R) / (A + L)) \times 100]$

Analysis: Racine County switched from a 1-step to a 2-step in 2020. Initial results seem to indicate that we have a slightly higher Qualification Yield (59.09% in 2020 from 54% in 2019). However, our overall yield was only 35.9% which is a significant decrease from 2019. We would attribute the decrease in Overall Yield to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially given our huge increase in postponements.

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Reports/Statistics:

Follow-up Activity sections on Juror Qualifying Yields and Juror Summoning Yields

Effectiveness of Follow-up Actions

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

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic we did not hold Order to Show Cause Hearings are being held for failure to appear or fail to return questionnaires. We did, however, still follow-up with those jurors that failed to return their questionnaire and failed to appear.

Non-response to Questionnaires

	Number
Total NRF Codes	2213
Total SNRF Codes	454
Total Jurors with NRF or SNRF	2223

Jurors with NRF & SNRF Results of follow-up

	Number	%	
Number ineligible/unqualified	327	14.71%	Of Total with NRF & SNRF
Number qualified (postponed & became available)	734	33.02%	Of Total with NRF & SNRF
Number final no response	1162	52.27%	Of Total with NRF & SNRF

Failure to appear when summoned

	number
Total FTA and SFTA Codes	118
Total FTA Jurors with FTAF	96

Jurors with FTAF Results of follow-up

	Number	%	
Number ineligible/unqualified	6	6.25%	Of Total with FTAF
Number became eligible/available (subsequent service)	0	0.00%	Of Total with FTAF
Number postponed to later term	63	65.63%	Of Total with FTAF
Number final FTA	27	28.13% (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).

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Section 4: Efficient Use of Jurors

Reports/Statistics:

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

	Number		Report/Location
Days Jurors Reported for Selection	19	Daily J	uror Use Summary "New/Report for Selection"
New/Reporting for Selection	1053	Daily J	uror Use Summary "New/Report for Selection"
Not Used	251		Daily Juror Use Summary "Not Used"
Number of Voir Dires Begun	23		Daily Juror Use Summary "Voir Dires Begun"
No Trial Start Days	2	Daily J	uror Use Summary "New/Report for Selection"
Sent to Voir Dire	840		Jury Summary by Case "Sent to Voir Dire"
Questioned in Voir Dire	553		Jury Summary by Case "Quest. Voir Dire"
Not Questioned in Voir Dire	287		Jury Summary by Case "Not Quest. Voir Dire"
Sworn Jurors	218		Jury Summary by Case "Sworn Jurors"
Trial Days	77		Jury Summary by Case "Trial Days"
Cancelled / Called Off	4603	J	uror Summoning Yields "Cancelled/Called Off"
Measures		Percent	Goal
% Sent to Jury Selection		79.77%	(Measures => 90%)
(# Sent to Voir Dire / # New/Reporting for Selection)			
% Selected as Jurors		20.70%	(Measures => 30%)
(# Sworn Jurors / # New/Reporting for Selection)			
% Used in Voir Dire		65.83%	(Measures => 80%)
(# Questioned in Voir Dire / # Sent to Voir Dire)			
% No Trial Start Days		10.53%	(Measures =< 10%)
(# No Trial Start Days / # Days Jurors Reported for Selection)			

Analysis: In 2020, we have saw over a 10% increase in the number of jurors sent to Jury Selection over last year. However, while this is closer to goal, our percentage of Jurors sent to Jury Selection is 79.77% which still falls below the 90% measure. We have saw a slight improvement to the percentage of potential jurors selected to serve on a trial, increase to 20.70% from 19.67% in 2019 and from 17.26% in 2018. 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/'used' at Voir Dire remain approximately the same since 2018. The percentage of Jurors used in Voir Dire continues to fall significantly below the 80% measure and does not meet the goal. We did bring our No Trial Start Days more in line with the measure in 2020 from 32.2% in 2019 to 10.53% in 2020.

Section 5: Cost Effectiveness

Reports/Statistics:

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

Primary Analysis		Report/Location
Total Expenses	\$57,427.10	/ Jury Expense Summary "Total (\$)"
Trial Days	77	=
Trial Days	\$745.81	(total expenses / # trial days = cost per trial day)
Secondary Analysis (optional)		
All Associated Costs ⁴	\$155,765.85	1
# of Questionnaires Sent	14319	=
Administrative Cost/Juror	\$10.88	(all costs / total # questionnaires sent = administrative cost per juror)
⁴ Associated costs include the total expenses of	n Jury Expense Summary.	plus salaries, printing.

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Analysis: All associated costs include: Food Supplies: \$165.48; Juror Meals: \$2,779.77; Juror Parking: \$10,200.00; Juror Per Diem:

\$19,688.00; Jury Travel: \$28,559.00; Jury Attendants: \$11,852.00; Jury Coordinator Salary (with Benefits): \$66,015.08;

Other: \$209.55; Postage: \$12,317.18; Printing: \$3,979.79.

Addendum: Inclusiveness & Representativeness

Inclusiveness	Census Year	Jury Year Master List	Inclusiveness	
Persons 18+ Years Old	151411	138292	91.34%	(Measures => 85%)

Absolute Disparit	ty		Census Year	Jury Yea	ar Master List	Absolute Disparity
Race	•	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Percentage
	Black/African-Amer	16271	10.75%	13015	9.41%	-1.34%
	Amer Indian / Alaska Native	663	0.44%	358	0.26%	-0.18%
	Asian / Pacific Islander	2138	1.41%	1628	1.18%	-0.23%
	White / Caucasian	115397	76.21%	110152	79.65%	3.44%
	Hispanic ¹	16942	11.19%	9810	7.09%	-4.10%
	Other ²	0	0.00%	3329	2.41%	2.41%
	Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%
		151411		138292		

Comparative Disparity	Census Year		Jury Year Master List		Comparative Disparity
Race	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Percentage
Black/African-Amer	16271	10.75%	13015	9.41%	-12.42%
Amer Indian / Alaska Native	663	0.44%	358	0.26%	-40.88%
Asian / Pacific Islander	2138	1.41%	1628	1.18%	-16.63%
White / Caucasian	115397	76.21%	110152	79.65%	4.51%
Hispanic ¹	16942	11.19%	9810	7.09%	-36.60%
Other ²	0	0.00%	3329	2.41%	0.00%
Unknown	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%
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