

FTA STATISTICS

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We have had several articles published in our local paper from citizens complaining about being called frequently for jury service and their perception that we are not doing anything about people who fail to appear. I need to present some statistical information to the CEO regarding failure to appear. In addition, he has asked me to compare us to other courts.

Therefore, if you do not mind, could you please provide me with your average failure to appear rate for the last two years?

Diana Gifford-Tuggle	Shasta - We have similar issues and can tell you right now our FTA rate is between 30 to 45 percent. I can get hard figures for you later next week
Debbie Cravea	Napa Year 2008: We had on average over the year a 51% appearance percentage and a 49% Failure to appear rate. Year 2009: We had on average over the year a 55% appearance percentage and a 39% Failure to appear rate Year 2010: So far, we are averaging a 56% appearance percentage and a 40% Failure to appear rate. The decline in our failure to appear rate can be attributed to 2 factors: 1. We are calling in less jurors per trial (so consequently less people fail to appear) 2. We have a very successful failure to appear program, that follows up on all those that fail to appear, by postcard, final summons, and Order to Show Cause's:
Keri Shane	In El Dorado county we have 3 courts, and we are considered a small county. I ran the statistics for the largest court. Here are the results: In 2007 we had a 2.8% failure rate (before our FTA program) In 2008 we had a 1.48% failure rate (after our FTA program) In 2009 we had a 1.16% failure rate Current we have a 2.53% failure rate (I believe the spike is due to the fact that we had a huge trial with 3 weeks of jury selection so this bumped our rate up)
Richard Goldner	Ventura County started an F.T.A. Program in March 2008. No Show Rate: 2007 = 33.05%; 2008 = 24.45%; 2009 = 27.12%