

A stack of four books is positioned in the upper right, with a wooden gavel resting on a wooden surface in the foreground. The background is a dark, textured wood.

# THE ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT PROGRAMS IN GEORGIA

A map of Georgia is shown in the lower half, with city names like Athens, Columbus, Savannah, and Albany visible. The map is overlaid on a teal background.

EVIDENCE FROM A SURVEY  
OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

2022 UPDATE

# ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND BENEFITS OF 1,592 PROGRAM GRADUATES



In FY 2022

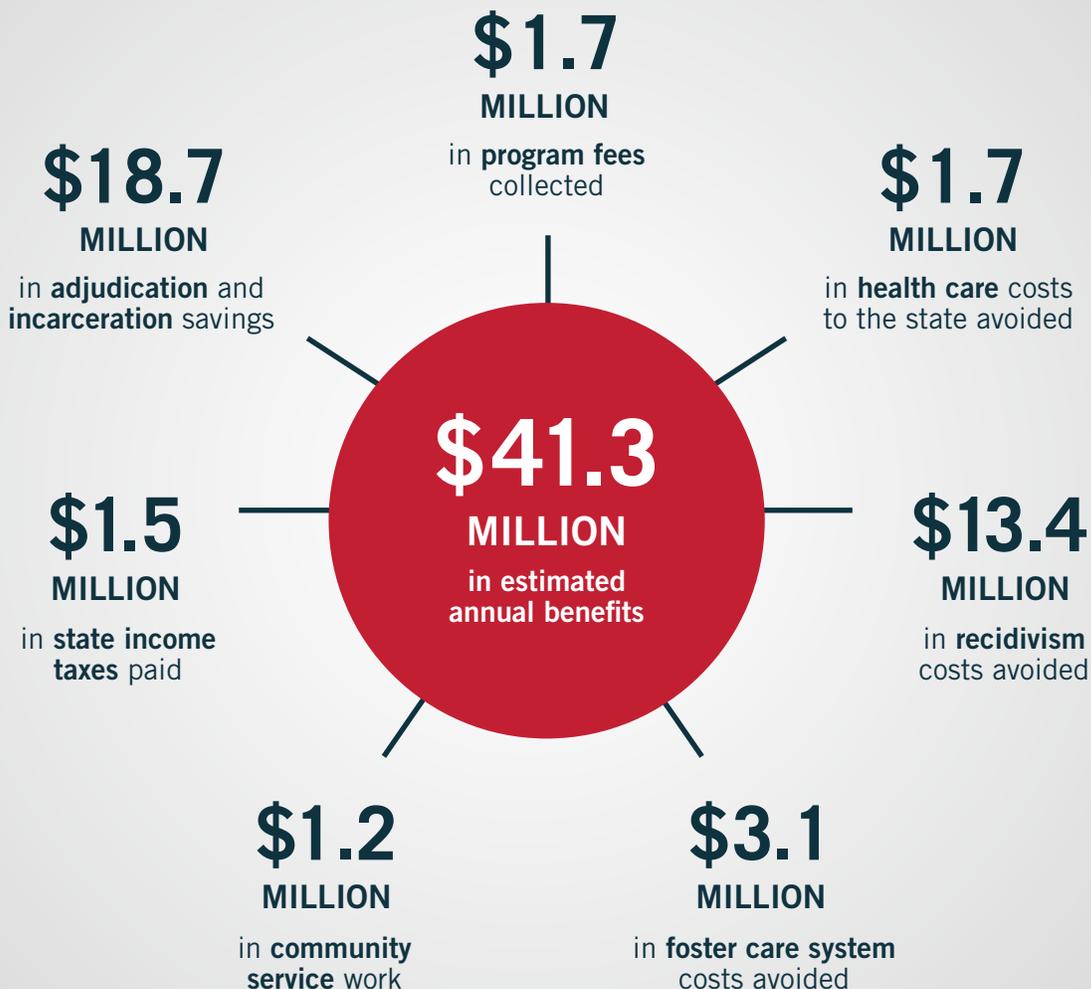
**1,592**

participants graduated from Georgia's  
accountability court programs

Each graduate produces

**\$25,921**

in economic benefits  
to Georgia



# SPENDING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY COURT PARTICIPANTS SAVES \$11,744

## ACCOUNTABILITY COURT PROGRAM GRADUATE

**\$19,421** for a typical 2-year program

**\$6,364** pre-sentencing/pre-diversion

**\$6,528** per participant per year

- Court costs
- Counseling
- Drug tests
- Supervision

## TRADITIONAL ADJUDICATION AND INCARCERATION

**\$31,165**

**\$6,364** pre-sentencing/pre-diversion

**\$24,090** one year of incarceration

**\$711** one year of probation

## ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF EACH ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRADUATE



**\$1,047**

Program Fees Collected



**\$1,058**

Health Care Costs Avoided



**\$760**

Value of Community Service Work



**\$8,439**

Recidivism Costs Avoided



**\$1,952**

Foster Care System Costs Avoided



**\$921**

State Income Taxes Paid

## NUMBER OF ACCOUNTABILITY COURT GRADUATES

1,729

FY 2017

1,592

FY 2022

## AVERAGE ECONOMIC IMPACTS PER GRADUATE

\$22,129

FY 2017

\$25,921

FY 2022

## TOTAL ESTIMATED ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF ALL GRADUATES

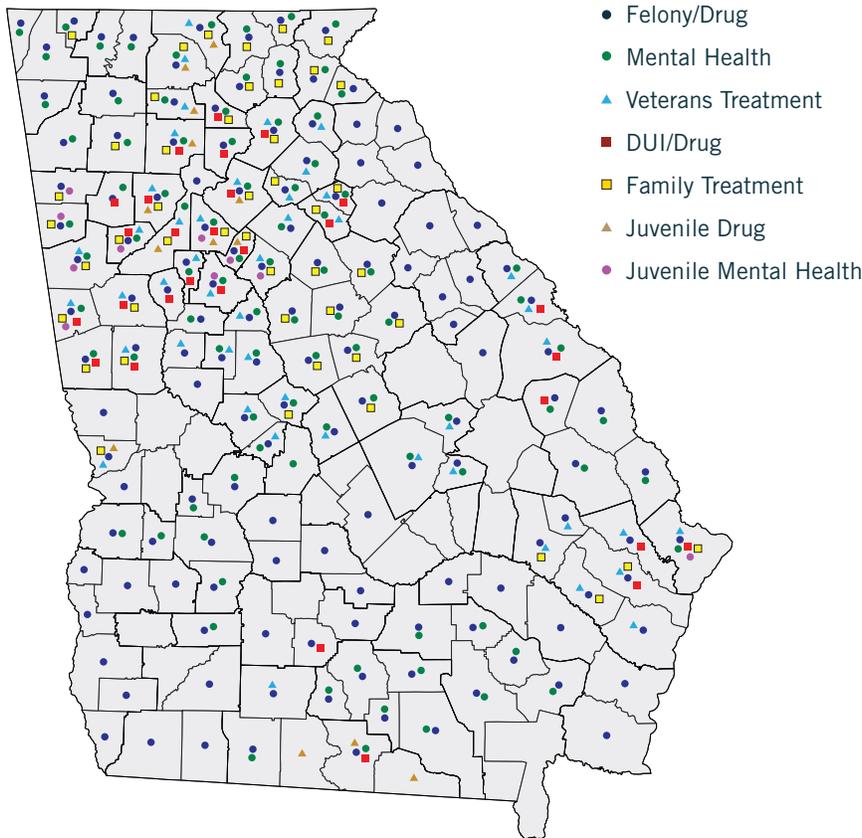
\$38,261,041

FY 2017

\$41,265,924

FY 2022

## ACCOUNTABILITY COURT PROGRAM LOCATIONS



The Council of Accountability Court Judges (CACJ) was created in 2015 to:

- Take Georgia's accountability courts to scale
- Reduce incarceration rates
- Determine funding priorities
- Encourage adherence to standards
- Save lives and restore families
- Perform ongoing review and measurement

CACJ membership consists of judges, senior judges, and judge emeriti who preside over drug courts, mental health courts, veterans treatment courts, DUI courts, and family treatment courts across the state.

### MISSION

To provide a unified framework that promotes and improves the quality, accessibility, and administration of accountability courts.

### VISION

Making accountability courts work for all Georgians.

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