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### **New Data Show Palm Beach County Conviction Rates Among Highest in State**

The latest statistics from the Office of the State Courts Administrator show the Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the state's 20 Judicial Circuits for felony conviction rates.

The felony conviction rate for the State Attorney's Office remained at 94.6%. This statistic includes guilty pleas and jury trial verdicts.

The data for the 2022-23 fiscal year also show the office in the top five for convictions in county court for the sixth straight year. The conviction rate of 87% – up from 85.1% the prior year – exceeds the statewide average by 10 percentage points.

Overall conviction rates for the office ranked last in Florida before State Attorney Dave Aronberg took office at the start of 2013.

"These exceptional conviction rates are a credit to the great professionalism and skill of our prosecutors, with the help of a strong support staff," Aronberg said. "We prosecute cases when there is a good faith basis to obtain convictions. Our top priority is protecting public safety, and we will continue to evaluate reforms to improve the criminal justice system."

Charts incorporating the state data are provided.

## COUNTY COURT DIVISION

### OSCA County Criminal Jury Trial and Guilty Disposition Rates and Total Dispositions by Circuit

*FY 2022 - 23*

**STATE AVERAGE CONVICTION RATE = 77.0%**

Ranking	Circuit	Guilty Disposition Rate	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
1	Fourteenth (Panama City)	7520	95.6%	3%
2	Sixth (Clearwater)	23761	91.0%	11%
3	Fifth (Tavares)	13389	88.7%	6%
4	Fourth (Jacksonville)	18097	88.1%	8%
5	Fifteenth (West Palm Beach)	14288	87.0%	6%
6	Twelfth (Sarasota)	7196	84.7%	3%
7	Seventeenth (Ft. Lauderdale)	6591	81.7%	3%
8	Seventh (Daytona Beach)	19066	80.0%	8%
9	First (Pensacola)	15099	79.2%	7%
10	Twentieth (Ft. Myers)	14986	77.3%	7%
11	Nineteenth (Ft. Pierce)	6716	76.0%	3%
12	Eighth (Gainesville)	4042	75.9%	2%
13	Second (Tallahassee)	4113	70.5%	2%
14	Ninth (Orlando)	15922	69.0%	7%
15	Thirteenth (Tampa)	11267	68.2%	5%
16	Tenth (Bartow)	11702	66.3%	5%
17	Sixteenth (Key West)	2672	65.1%	1%
18	Third (Lake City)	2838	62.0%	1%
19	Eighteenth (Sanford)	12850	53.6%	6%
20	Eleventh (Miami-Dade)	13019	42.3%	6%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>225,134</b>	<b>77.0%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## FELONY DIVISION

### OSCA Circuit Criminal Jury Trial and Guilty Disposition Rates and Total Dispositions by Circuit

*FY 2022-23*

**STATE AVERAGE CONVICTION RATE = 87.0%**

Ranking	Circuit	Guilty Disposition Rate	TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	PERCENT OF DISPOSITIONS
1	Seventh (Daytona Beach)	9333	96.2%	6%
2	Sixth (Clearwater)	13685	95.2%	9%
3	Fifteenth (West Palm Beach)	6722	94.6%	4%
4	Twelfth (Sarasota)	6297	91.8%	4%
5	Eighteenth (Sanford)	6748	90.8%	4%
6	Fourth (Jacksonville)	8656	89.8%	5%
7	Fourteenth (Panama City)	6989	89.4%	4%
8	Eighth (Gainesville)	4197	89.1%	3%
9	Tenth (Bartow)	10018	88.6%	6%
10	Eleventh (Miami-Dade)	13148	88.5%	8%
11	Fifth (Tavares)	11380	87.5%	7%
12	Nineteenth (Ft. Pierce)	5555	86.7%	4%
13	Second (Tallahassee)	4560	86.3%	3%
14	Thirteenth (Tampa)	11057	85.8%	7%
15	Twentieth (Ft. Myers)	7396	84.3%	5%
16	Seventeenth (Ft. Lauderdale)	9357	80.7%	6%
17	First (Pensacola)	10087	80.3%	6%
18	Third (Lake City)	2216	75.9%	1%
19	Ninth (Orlando)	9611	68.6%	6%
20	Sixteenth (Key West)	1228	67.8%	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>158,240</b>	<b>87.0%</b>	<b>100%</b>