

Involuntary Baker Act Exam Numbers in FY2021-2022

170,048

Involuntary Baker Act Exams
for

115,239

People with Involuntary Exams

Initiating Professional



53%
Law
Enforcement



45%
Professional
Certificate



2%
Ex Parte
Order

93%

of law enforcement agencies
initiated at least one involuntary exam.

Involuntary Exams by Gender



Male



Female

All Ages	52%	46%
Children <18	38%	62%
Adults 18-24	52%	48%
Adults 25-64	58%	42%
Older Adults 65+	50%	50%

Two-thirds of children 5-10 years old (65%) with involuntary exams were boys. Conversely, two-thirds of 11-13-year-olds (66%) and 14-17-year-olds (63%) with involuntary exams were girls.

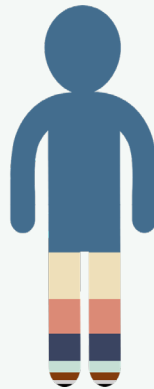
Evidence Upon Which Involuntary Exams Were Based

- 51%** Harm Only
- 35%** Harm and Self Neglect
- 11%** Self Neglect Only

Involuntary Exams Including Harm as an Evidence Type

- 64%** Harm to Self Only
- 25%** Harm to Self and Harm to Others
- 7%** Harm to Others Only

Involuntary Exams Initiated by Health Professionals



- 64%** Physician (not psychiatrist)
- 12%** LMHC
- 9%** Psychiatrist
- 7%** LCSW
- 2%** Psychiatric Nurse
- 2%** Physician's Assistant
- 1%** Psychologist
- 1%** Licenced Marriage and Family Therapist

Children were more likely than other age groups to have an involuntary exam initiated by LMHCs (24%) and LCSWs (16%).

Involuntary Exams by Race & Ethnicity



- 66%** White
- 24%** African American/Black
- 17%** Hispanic Origin**
- 8%** Other

Involuntary Exams by Age Group



21%
Children
<18



79%
Adults
18-64

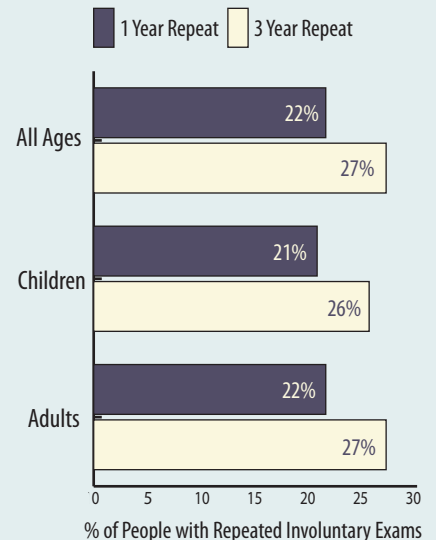


1%
Older Adults
65+

Involuntary Exam Trends Over 3 Years

	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	3 Year Change
All Ages	202,598	194,680	170,048	16.07% ↓
Children <18	35,965	38,557	34,234	4.81% ↓
Young Adult 18-24	25,051	24,699	21,823	12.89% ↓
Adults 25-64	124,474	115,359	100,559	19.21% ↓
Older Adults 65+	14,789	13,288	11,606	21.52% ↓

Repeated Involuntary Exams



*Some percentages do not sum to 100% due to missing data and/or rounding **Hispanic origin count is considered an ethnicity and not a race. Ethnicity is collected separately from race.