

# Annual Report

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Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department FY 2011 Annual Report  
for the City of Gallipolis.

Probation  
Report

Welcome to the Probation Department's Annual Report for fiscal year 2011. It contains a comprehensive overview and detailed information about the Department and its progress, accomplishments and challenges. The successes reflect the combined efforts of our dedicated employees and committed partners, and the support of the Court. This year, the Gallipolis Municipal Court was the successful recipient of two OCJS grant targeting intake of probationers and Moral Reconciliation Therapy.

The Probation Department is now located at 49 Olive Street, Gallipolis, Ohio. The new location has provided a central location for probationers to come and meet with probation staff. This is the first time that probation staff is located in one centralized location. The probation department is looking forward to August of 2012 when it will move into the new Justice Center. The new office space will be more secure and will provide some additional space for prisoner holding to a non-public drug testing restroom. The probation department will also have a class room to provide for MRT groups and other counseling programs.

The probation department is still partnered with Woodland Centers to provide treatment in MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy). Several treatment providers now offer MRT groups to probationers. Moral Reconciliation Therapy is an evidence based, cognitive behavioral treatment approach designed to change how probationers make decisions and judgments by raising moral reasoning. This group approach is utilized for probationers with substance abuse issues. MRT has been cited by the National Drug Court Institute as proven to reduce recidivism. The Probation Department offers six weekly MRT groups at the Gallipolis Municipal Court and at Woodland Centers and provides one MRT group at the Gallia County Sheriff's Office Work Release Center.

The Probation Department has fully incorporated the computerized assessment tool called the COMPAS. The COMPAS assessment gives the department a tool to identify probationers that are high risk and have issues with substance abuse and other social problems. The Probation Department has made a commitment to incorporate these types of evidence based practices into most Probation Department functions. The probation department also uses the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) for assessment on probationer entering into probation.

The Probation Department House Arrest program had, again, great success for the year. The house arrest program is currently using GPS and RF house arrest equipment. The program has incorporated alcohol detection devices this year and after a re-evaluation of its effectiveness.

The Probation Department has been able to maintain an intake probation officer position since October 2009 with the help of State grant money from the Office of Criminal Justice Services. This position helped with the effectiveness of assessing defendants referred into probation and referring them to the appropriate services that they might need. The Probation Intake Officer completes all paper work with the new probationer and then assigns them to a probation officer for supervision.

Our primary commitment is to public safety. We offer the highest level of professional service to the Courts and the community. We are guided by our values and code of ethics in the fulfillment of our duties. This annual report is compiled from records of the probation department which are available for examination. Should you have any question about the report, please feel free to contact the probation department.

## Mission Statement

### Mission

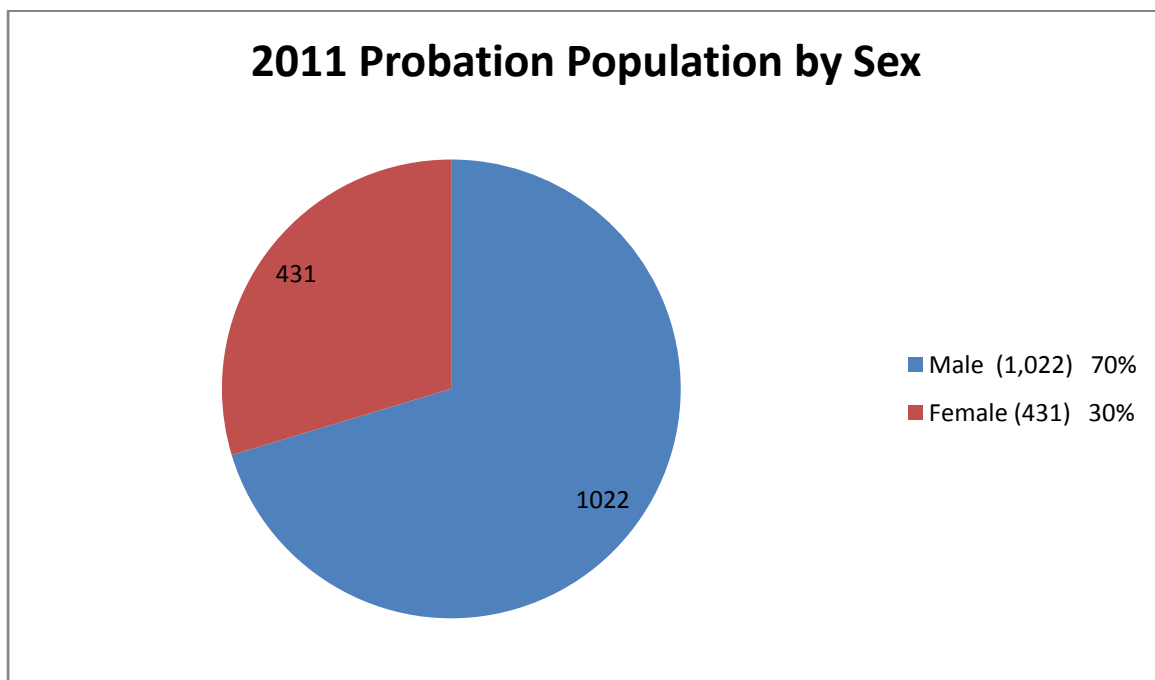
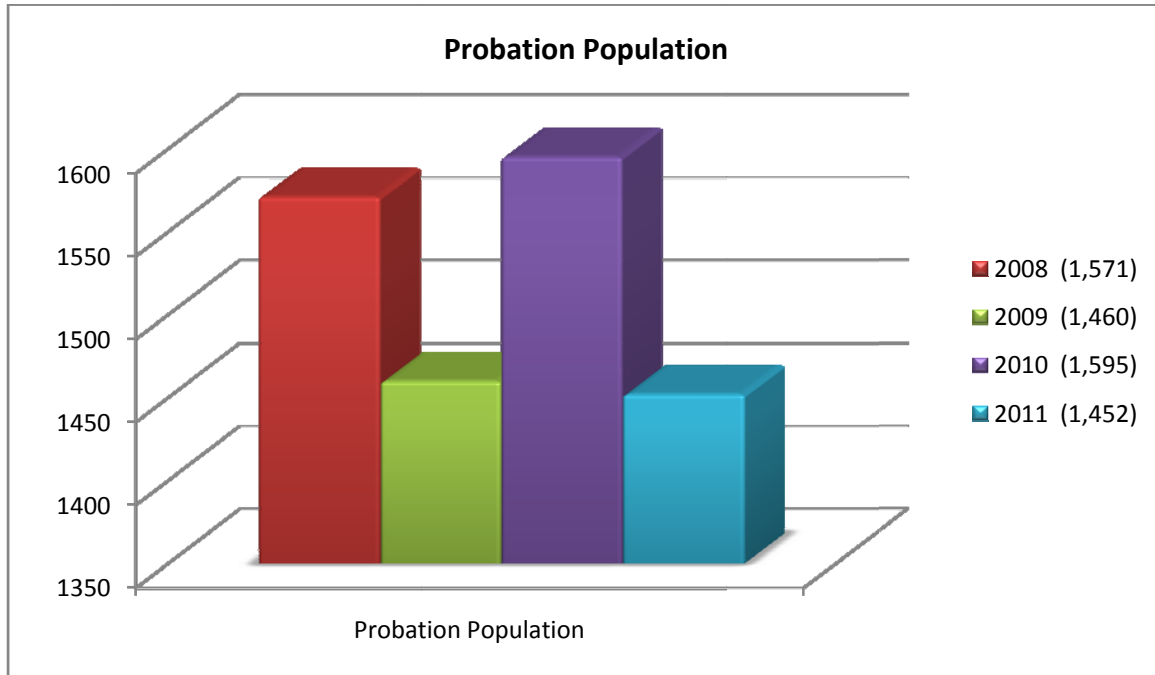
The mission of the Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department is to provide necessary service to the offender toward reducing criminal behavior while balancing the needs of and ensuring the safety of the community. Probation is a profession that requires fundamental knowledge of the law, sentencing alternatives, human service, and community protection.

### Goals

- The Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department will pro-actively manage its offender population to enhance the safety and security to the public.
- The Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department will provide service and programs to address offender needs to facilitate the successful reintegration into society, as well as social accountability.
- The Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department will continue to seek opportunities for expanding the involvement of community, victims and private agencies in improving the effectiveness of services.
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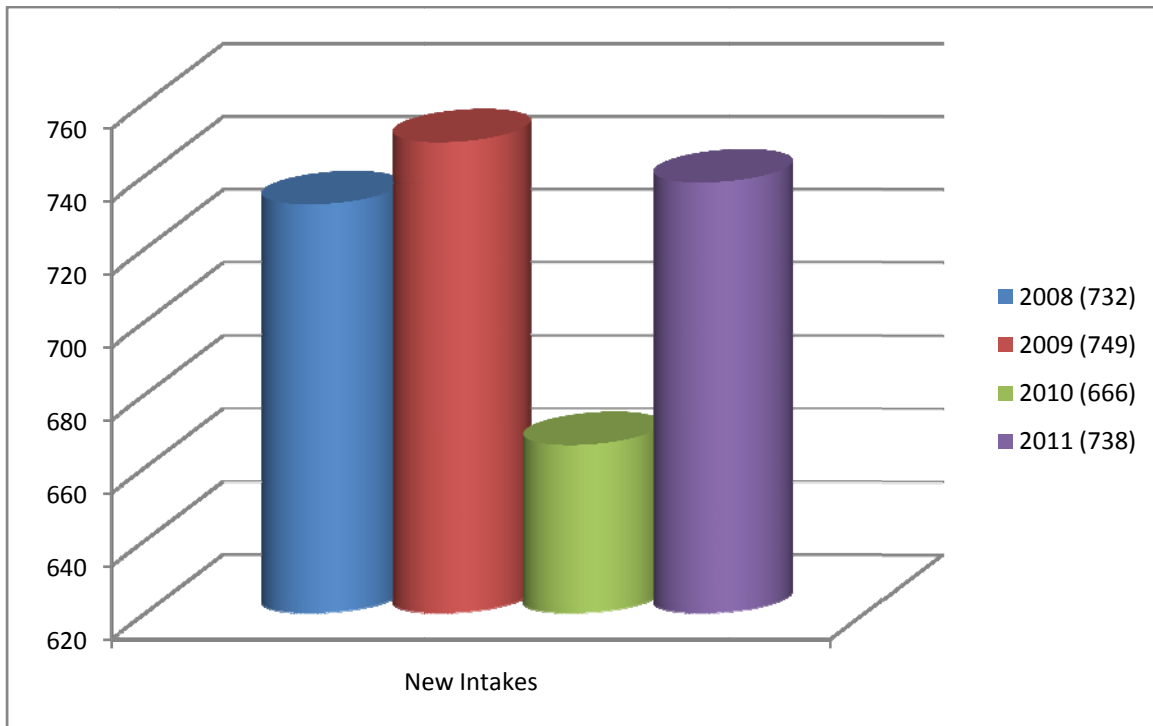
## Probation Population

On December 31, 2011 the Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department was supervising 1,452 cases of probation. This reflects a 9% decrease in probation cases from 2010 and a 1% increase in probation cases since 2009.



## **Probation Intake**

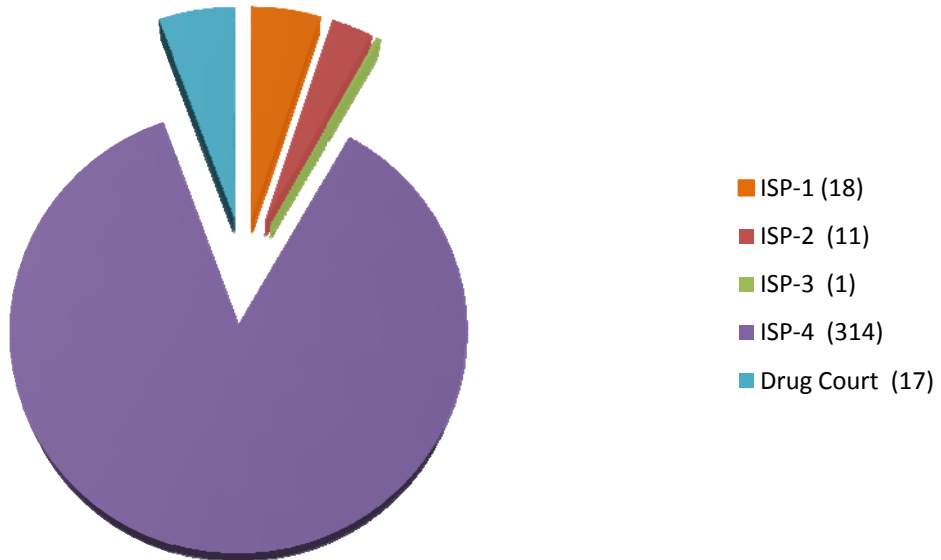
The Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department enrolled 738 new probation cases in 2011 which was an 10% increase from 2010 and a .01% decrease since 2009. The new case load is increasing while the department has also seen an increase in termination of probation in some cases. (See probation population section).



## **Intensive Supervision**

The probation department currently has four levels of Intensive Supervision being level 1 through 4. The probation department also supervises drug court participants. Level 1 is the most restrictive with contact weekly. Level 4 requires contact once a month. During Intensive Supervision the officers monitor the conditions of probation, referrals to community agencies for appropriate treatment, conduct drug testing and monitor payments on fines and restitution. On December 31, 2011, there were 18 offenders on ISP-1 probation and 11 offenders on ISP-2 probation and 1 offender on ISP-3 probation. There were a total of 314 offenders on ISP-4 probation. There were a total of 20 offenders in drug court on December 31, 2011.

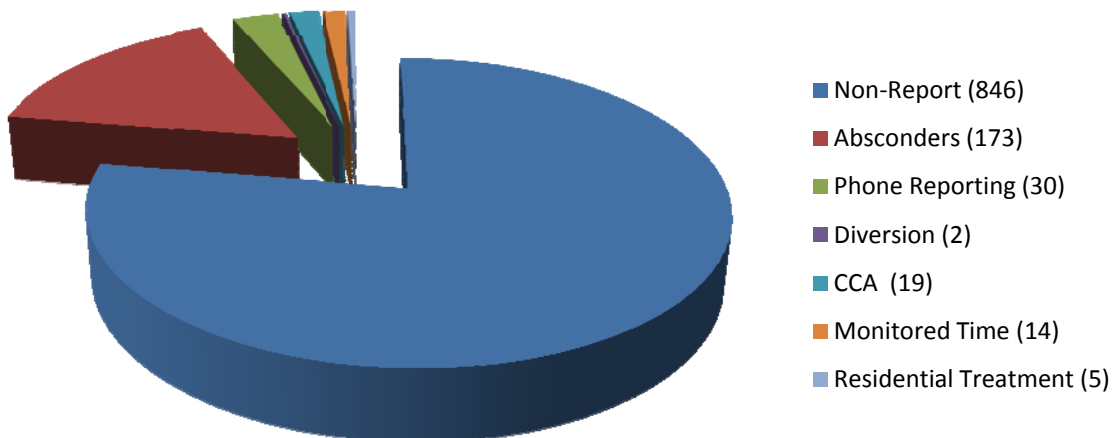
## 2011 Intensive Supervision (363)



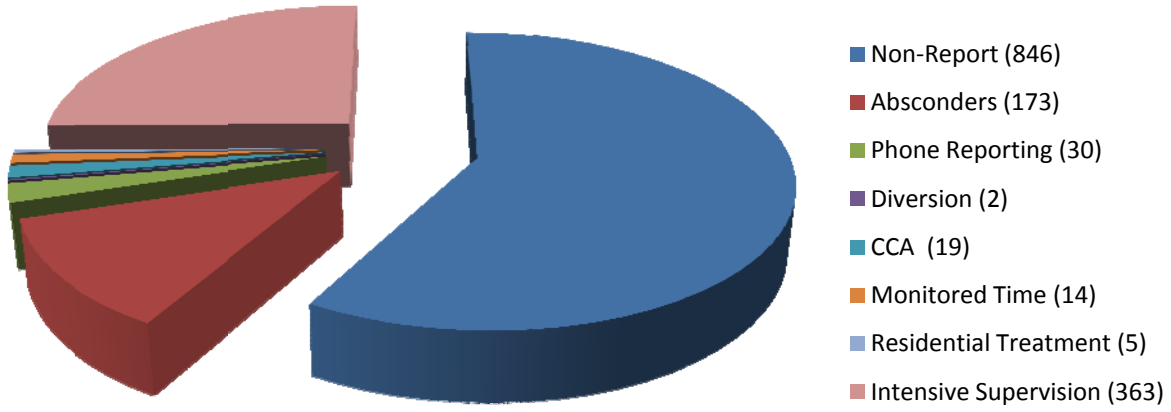
## General Supervision

General Supervision is the largest population of offenders supervised by the probation department. Most of these offenders are not required to report, but have obligations that require supervision by probation staff. Those obligations include drug treatment, community service, GED work, and other forms of treatment. On December 31, 2011 there were 1,089 cases under general supervision of the probation department.

## 2011 General Supervision (1,089)



## 2011 Supervised Cases (1,452)



Offense Status as of December 31, 2011

Offense Status	Number
<b>Domestic Violence</b> (Includes abuse, cruelty, abandonment, or threat to a spouse, intimate or dependent child)	78
<b>Sex Offense</b>	0
<b>Other Violent Offense</b> (Assault, Aggravated Menacing, Menacing)	36
<b>Property Offense</b> (Theft, Passing bad checks)	295
<b>Drug Law Violation</b> (possession of Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia)	85
<b>Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated</b>	297
<b>Other Traffic Offenses</b>	248
<b>Local codes</b>	413
<b>Total</b>	<b>1452</b>

*Source:* Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department

# Programs

## **Drug Court**

The Gallipolis Municipal Drug Court Program was established in May of 2006. The Drug Court is a voluntary program designed to emphasize treatment instead of incarceration. The program provides an opportunity for certain offenders to choose closely court monitored rehabilitation instead of jail time.

Treatment of substance abuse and rehabilitation are the primary objectives. The goals of the program include:

- Reduce substance use and related criminal activity.
- Hold drug dependent offenders accountable for their actions and decisions.
- Provide resources and support to assist the drug dependent offenders in the acquisition of skills necessary for the maintenance of sobriety.
- Reward positive life changes while maintaining accountability for negative conduct.

Program participants enter an intensive 4-phase treatment program scheduled to last a minimum of nine months and up to one year. Participants attend counseling groups, 12-step meetings, individual counseling, and case management sessions. They also have regularly scheduled court appearances and provide random urine samples. In most cases, upon successful completion of treatment, the participant will graduate from the program and either be removed from probation or the case will be dismissed.

## **Electronic Monitored House Arrest**

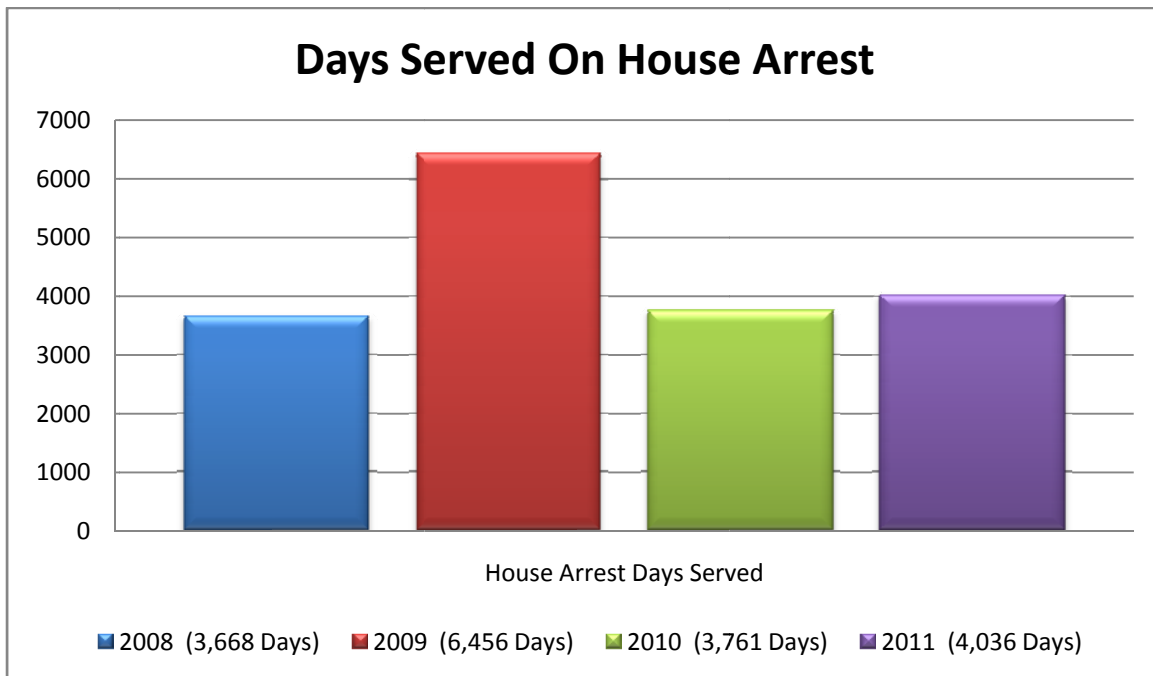
Electronic Monitored House Arrest (EMHA) is an intermediate sanction that uses radio frequency/GPS and computer technology to assist officers with offender control by way of twenty-four hour monitoring and immediate response to violations.

The offender is fitted with a continuous signaling radio frequency or GPS transmitter affixed to the ankle. The offender must wear the transmitter for the entire period of EMHA supervision. The transmitter is a battery operated, waterproof, non-shocking, tamper detecting device that does not prohibit or restrict personal activity and hygiene. Additionally, the offender is assigned a Home Monitoring Receiver Unit (HMRU). This unit is placed in the offender's residence, connected to the telephone line and to an AC power source. The HMRU receives the transmitter's signal within a defined radius, usually the offender's residence. By way of the telephone line, the HMRU reports the presence or absence of the transmitter signal and thus the offender to the host computer at the EMHA Reporting Center.



The Home Monitoring Receiver Unit (HMRU) has an internal backup power source along with microprocessor memory capacity as a safeguard for power and telephone line failures. Offender absences and returns, tampers, system tests, power and line failures are some of the messages reported by the equipment. Each time the HMRU calls the host computer, only a few seconds of actual telephone line time is required.

In 2011 the Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department supervised over 174 defendants on electronic monitored house arrest. A total of 4036 days of house arrest were served in 2011 with an average stay in the program of 23 days. The cost of the EMHA program for 2011 was \$68,927.52, which covers personnel cost and the cost of the monitoring bracelets. The program revenue was \$85,399.00 coming from CCA grant of \$45,675.00 and \$39,724.00 in EMHA fees collected for 2011. The average daily cost of incarcerating a defendant in the Gallia County jail is \$55.00 a day. The house arrest program produces a savings of \$153,052.48 in jail cost in 2011.



## **SAM Program**

SAM is a secure, automated call system that randomly selects participants for drug and alcohol testing and monitors compliance with abstinence. Daily calls to a toll-free telephone number connect participants to the automated call system. Participants are assigned a "calling window" and a "testing window" based upon their work schedule or other daily obligations. The system tells the offender when they are required to report to probation for a urine screen.

A database records the time of all calls, confirms that the participant is aware that he / she must report for a drug or alcohol test, monitors the participant's compliance with required testing and reports results of tests.

The fifteen-second call each day informs participants that they "Have" or "Have Not" been selected to test. Participants are unable to anticipate when they will be selected for testing. The call system extends the agency's supervision through structured, daily contact. Upon selection for testing, participants are required to report to the probation department within a time period determined by the agency.

## **MRT**

Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) is a systematic treatment strategy that seeks to decrease recidivism among criminal offenders by increasing moral reasoning. Its cognitive-behavioral approach combines elements from a variety of psychological traditions to progressively address ego, social, moral, and positive behavioral growth. MRT takes the form of group and individual counseling using structured group exercises and prescribed homework assignments. The MRT workbook is structured around 16 objectively defined steps (units) focusing on seven basic treatment issues: confrontation of beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors; assessment of current relationships; reinforcement of positive behavior and habits; positive identity formation; enhancement of self-concept; decrease in hedonism and development of frustration tolerance; and development of higher stages of moral reasoning. Participants meet in groups once or twice weekly and can complete all steps of the MRT program in a minimum of 3 to 6 months.

Currently Spectrum Outreach and Woodland Centers along with the probation department are providing MRT groups to defendants.

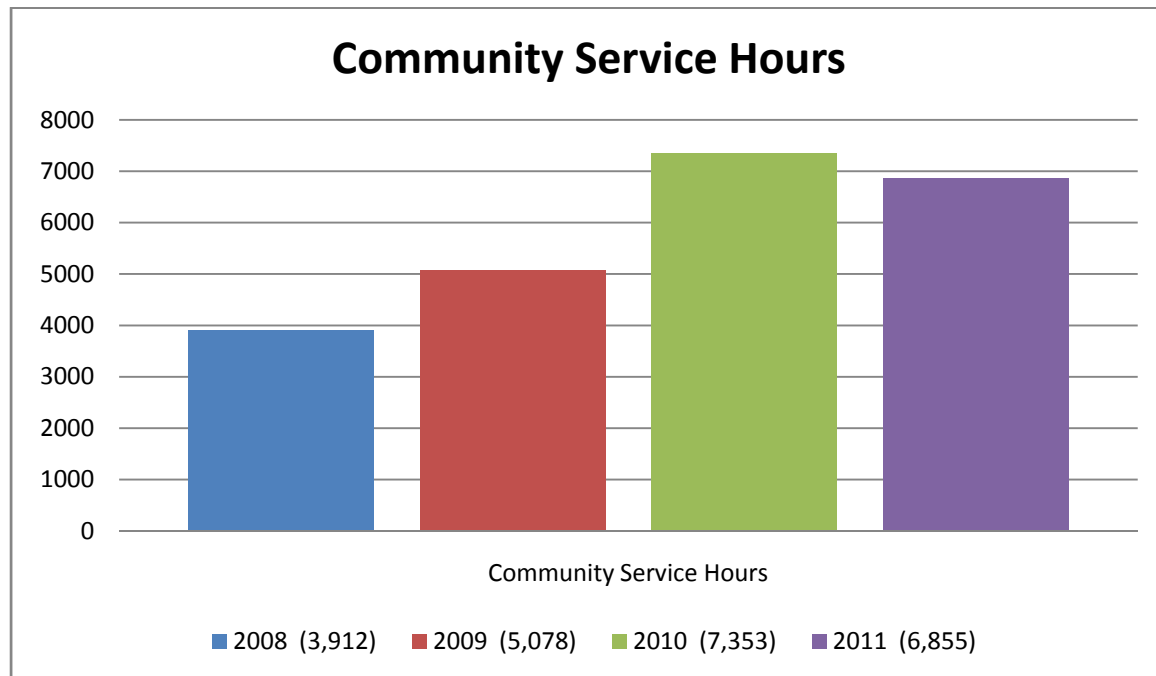
## **Community Service**

The purpose of the Gallipolis Municipal Court Community Service Program is to have offender(s) benefit community projects by working assigned hours and realize an immediate consequence to certain negative behaviors in lieu of jail time.

This program is designed to serve the offender(s) who have been ordered to perform a designated number of community service hours. These hours must be completed at a nonprofit public service work site, and the offender receives no monetary compensation.

The number of hours is normally determined by the severity of the offense. Orders for community service hours come from the Court.

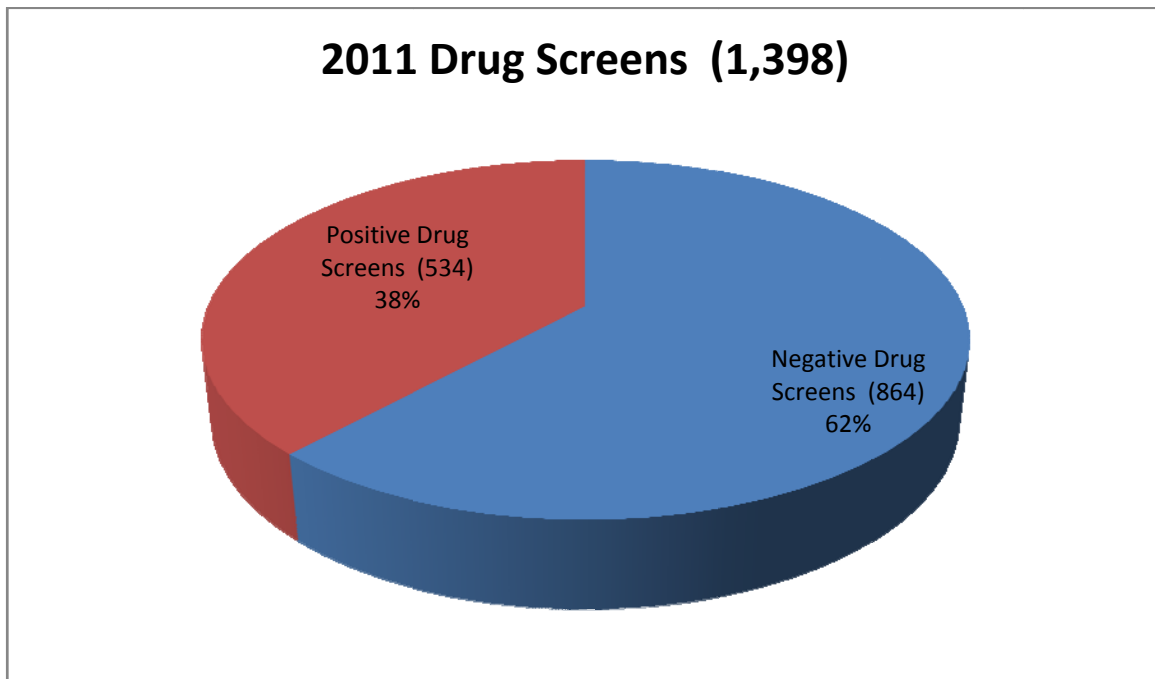
In 2011, the G.M.C.P.D. supervised a total of 6,855 hours of community service with a total value to the community of \$54,840.00.



## **Drug Testing**

Drug and alcohol testing is an essential tool for identifying offenders abusing illicit drugs. This testing is conducted on-site and provides immediate results to assist probation officers in determining the most effective treatment and sanctions.

In 2011 the Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department conducted 1,398 drug screens on offenders with 534 of those screen being positive for illegal drugs.

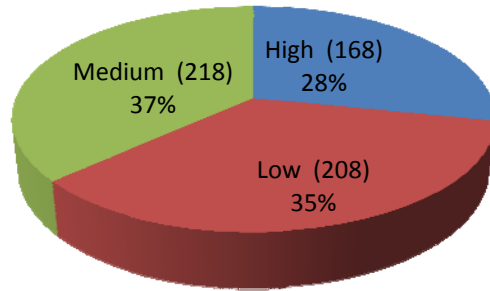


## **Assessments**

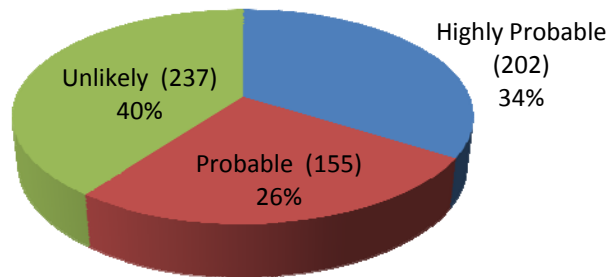
The Gallipolis Municipal Court Probation Department uses a computerized assessment tool called COMPAS. The COMPAS is a state-of-the-art risk and needs assessment tool, based on advanced statistical and psychometric methods. It guides community placement decisions by assessing risk for 22 criminogenic needs. Some of the assessed areas are: likelihood of violence, recidivism, failure to appear, substance abuse, cognitive behavioral ability, criminal involvement and criminal associates.

In 2011 the Gallipolis Municipal court probation department conducted 594 COMPAS assessments on offenders. The follow charts show a breakdown of those 594 assessments.

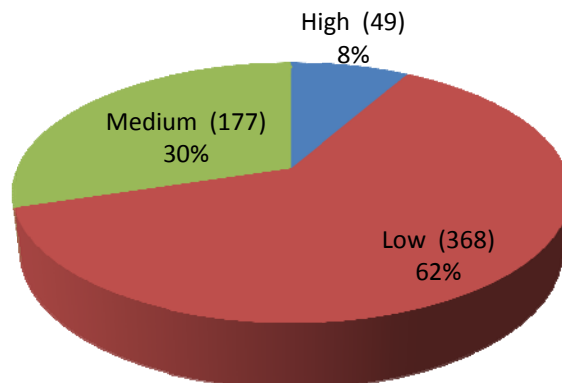
### Risk of Recidivism



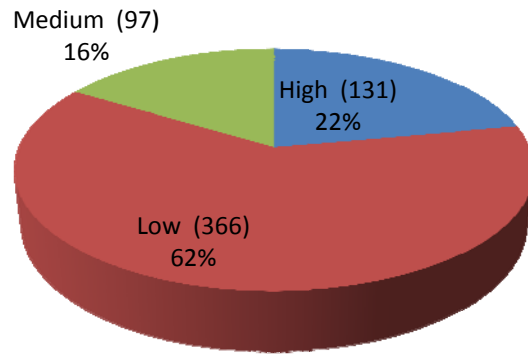
### Substance Abuse



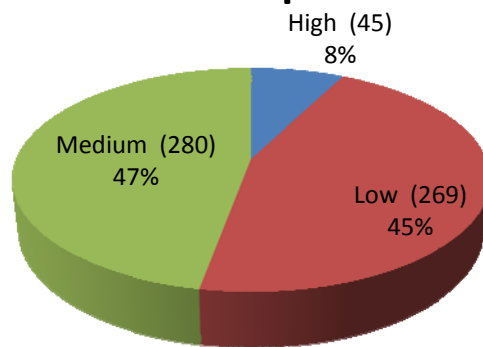
### Risk of Violence



## History of Non-Compliance

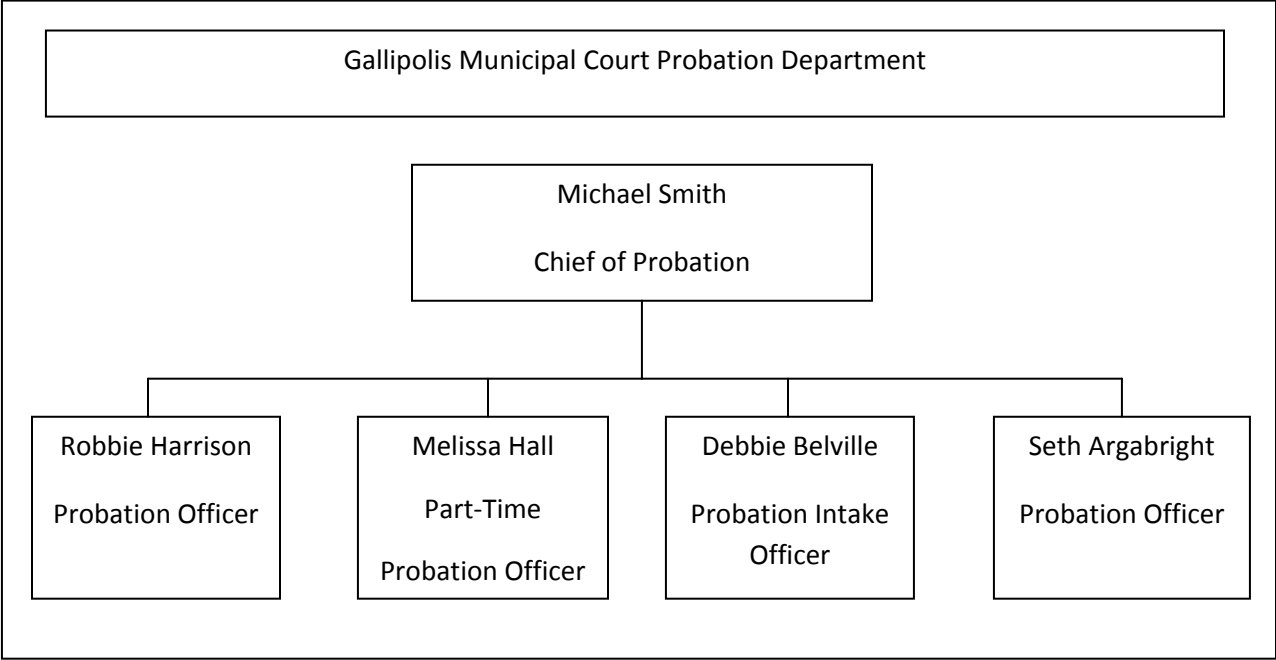


## Recommended Supervision Level



### Probation Fees

In 2011 the Gallipolis municipal court probation department collected \$64,203.23 in probation fees, and collected \$39,724.80 in house arrest fees for a total of \$103,928.03 in total collections.



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