

Indigency Screening (by Public Defender Offices) FY17-18

Circuit	County	Applications Submission (App turned in & Paid \$ to)	Received	Applications Approved	Rejected	Rejection Percentage
1	Dorchester	Dorchester Criminal Justice Coordinator estimates that 30% to 40% of applicants are rejected. Dorchester has implemented a program to better quantify these numbers with more complete data.				
3	Clarendon	Clerk of Court	646	612	34	5%
3	Lee	Clerk of Court	252	194	58	23%
3	Sumter	Sumter County Public Defender	1,780	1,504	276	16%
3	Williamsburg	Clerk of Court	316	260	56	18%
7	Cherokee	Cherokee County Public Defender	1,213	1,164	49	4%
7	Spartanburg	Spartanburg County Public Defender	4,148	3,840	308	7%
9	Charleston	Charleston County Public Defender	837	712	125	15%
13	Greenville	Greenville County Indigency Screening Office	495	423	72	15%
15	Georgetown	Georgetown County Public Defender	566	556	10	2%

All circuits report that the numbers shown reflect a significant under count in the percentage of applicants rejected. Most offices do a "Pre-Screening" prior to a payment of \$40 application fee, eliminating those that clearly will not qualify.

This data only includes applicants screened directly by the Public Defender Offices. For example, the majority of screenings in Charleston County are conducted by independent screeners funded by a federal grant.

The Greenville data does not include jail screenings.