

CASE RATE
QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear evaluators,

Thank you for using Case Rate! Since becoming publicly available in March of this year, we made many changes and improvements to the Case Rate App, many of which were based on your excellent suggestions. Thank you for your patience in these early stages as these changes were being made!

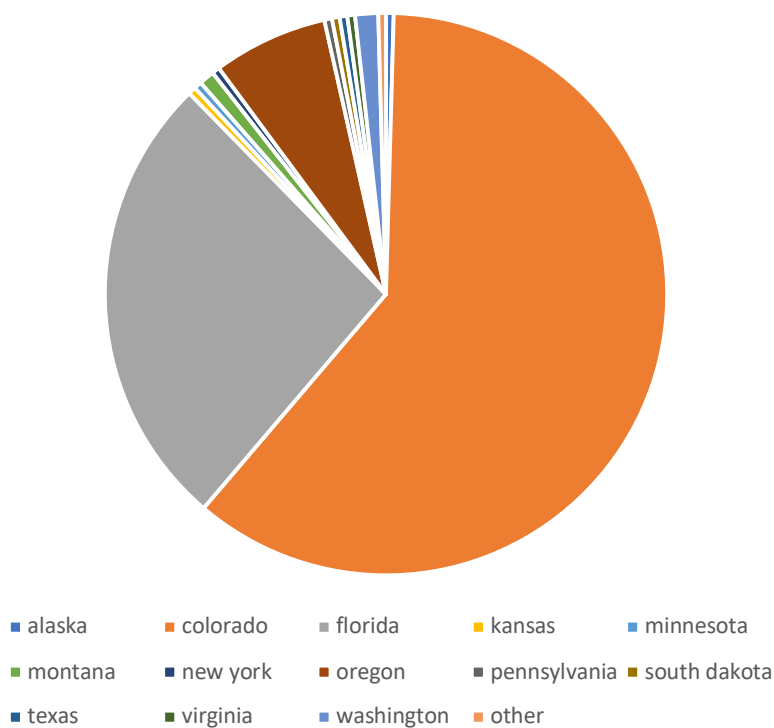
We would like to provide you with some initial data from Case Rate users so far. We will continue to send quarterly updates. As more and more data are entered by users, we will be able to provide you with more interesting data!

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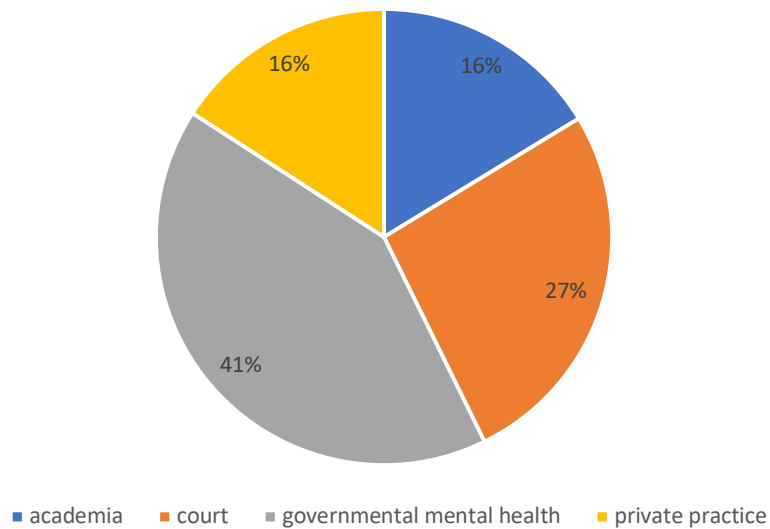


Case Rate by State



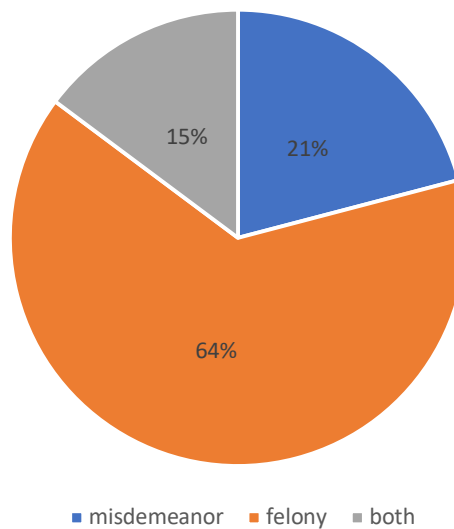
There were 227 total cases entered by July 2019. The majority of cases entered (60.8%) originated from Colorado, likely because this is where the Case Rate was developed. We anticipate this graph will change significantly over time. 26.4% of users reported practicing in Florida, followed by 6.6% in Oregon and 1.3% in Washington. There are also a few international users!

Evaluation Setting



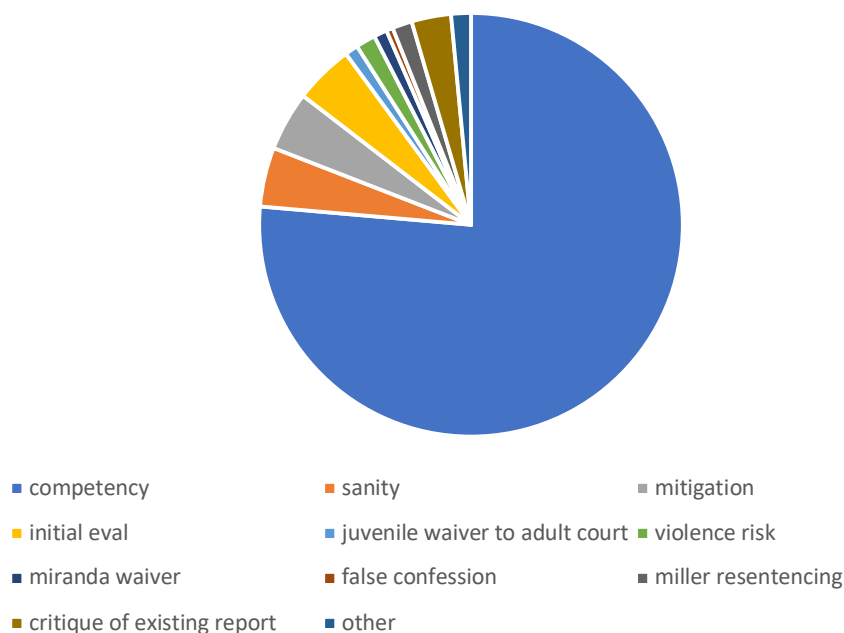
The majority of users (41%) reported practicing in governmental mental health, followed by 27% reporting private practice work. There was an even split (16%) between users reporting academia or court as a work setting.

Level of Charge



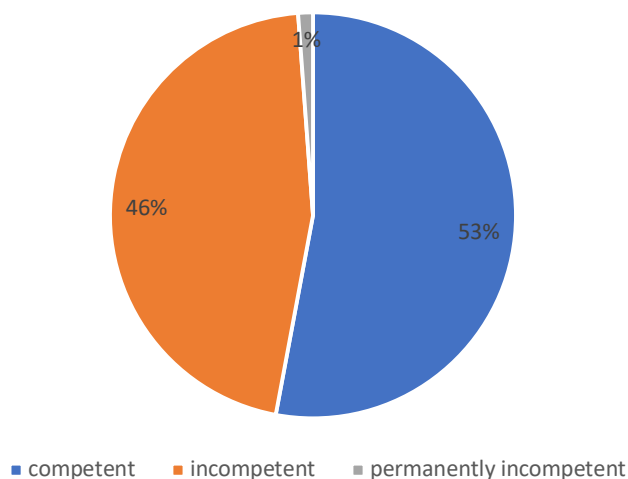
Of the users who reported the level of charge the defendant is facing (197), 64% reported felony charges, 21% reported misdemeanor charges, and 15% reported a mix of both felony and misdemeanor charges.

Type of Evaluation



The majority of users (67%) used Case Rate for Competency to Stand Trial/Competency to Proceed Evaluations. Sanity evaluations, Mitigation evaluations, and Initial evaluations each represented 4% of total evaluations entered.

Rates of Opinions in Competency Evaluations

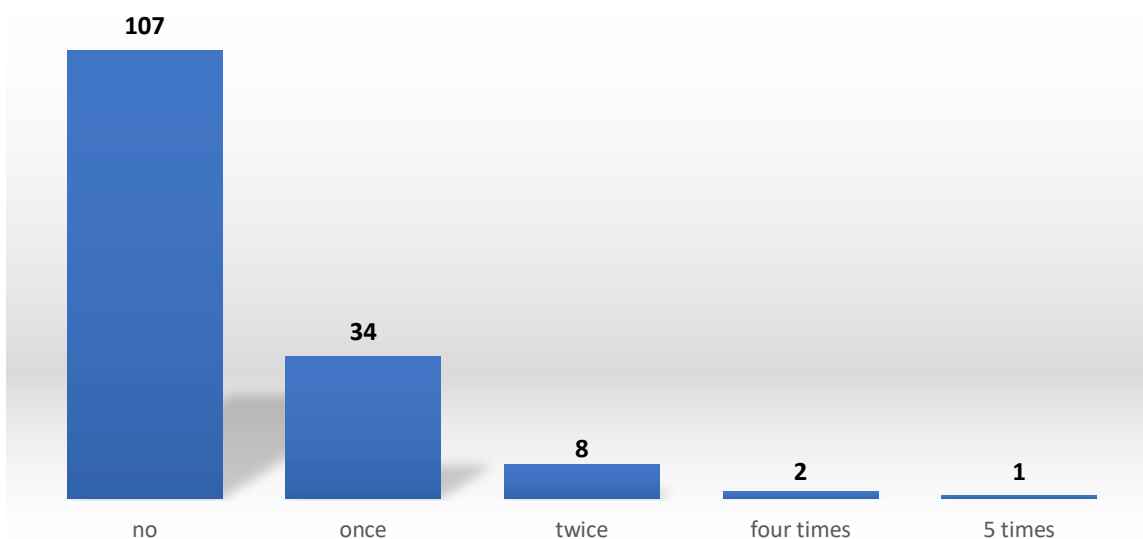


Looking at only the competency to stand trial opinions (Total = 170), 47% reported opinions of incompetent or permanently incompetent. While this is higher than some meta-analyses (i.e. Pirelli, Gottdeiner, & Zapf, 2011), we have seen recent data (not yet published), which suggest rates are increasing nationally. We hope data from Case Rate will help clarify this trend.

Rates of Opinions in other Evaluations

Presently, we do not have enough data to adequately analyze the rates of opinions for other types of forensic mental health evaluations. As more data is added by users, we will eventually be able to include this in the newsletter.

Attorney Relationships



The majority of users (70%) reported no prior relationship with the referring attorney. 22% reported working with the attorney once before.

Inferential Statistics

We found no significant differences in rates of competency opinions or favorable opinions across most variables (including defendant race and ethnicity, defendant gender, level of charge, setting of the evaluation, charges against children, state, and more). We did find that cases that collected fees and involved previous relationships with the retaining attorney returned significantly more favorable opinions to the retaining attorney. Interesting results that we'll be sure to track over time...and report back to you!

Several categories of data simply did not have a high enough count to provide meaningful results, which will change in the future, of course. If there are data you would particularly like to see in the next newsletter, reach out to us at CaseRateApp@gmail.com!

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Be sure to check the App Store for our first significant update to Case Rate. We've added some new variables, worked out a few bugs, and made it easier to input data. We've created the ability to choose your *favorite* variables and have them listed at the top of your Evaluations screen – now it's a breeze to enter the variables YOU want without scrolling among the others. For those of you that sent in other suggestions (adding more types of evaluations, creating an ability to export data in a desktop-friendly format, etc.), stay tuned – we're working hard to add those to our next update! Keep the ideas coming!

Thank you for using Case Rate! This newsletter is possible because of the data you provide!