

**Evaluation of the Drug Offender Reform Act: DORA Pilot
Update to Final Report
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Time 1 (T1) Participants:

- 7/1/05 to 3/25/06 all felony drug offenders in Salt Lake County (Department of Corrections (UDC) Region 3 (R3)) were screened and assessed for DORA and sentenced to DORA if they met the legal and substance abuse criteria
- Comparison groups for this study are comprised of generally similar felony offenders on probation in Davis County (UDC Region 2D (R2D)) and Salt Lake County (R3) during the same time period

T1 Outcomes Updated (see Table 1):

- The percent of participants who have exited probation and the follow-up times have increased
- Length of time on probation is now significantly longer for DORA than R3 (no group differences in November 2008 report)
- DORA and R2D remain significantly more likely than R3 to successfully complete probation (as opposed to unsuccessful discharge, return to prison (any reason), and fugitive status for a year or longer)
- Percent who have successfully completed probation and a treatment admission has not been updated yet (waiting on new DBH data).

Table 1 Time 1 - Outcomes Updated

	DORA		R3		R2D	
	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09
Sample Size	85	85	103	103	134	134
Number still Active on probation	22	7	20	12	27	11
<i>Percent still Active on probation</i>	25.9	8.2	19.4	11.7	20.1	8.2
Number exited probation	63	78	83	91	107	123
<i>Percent exited probation</i>	74.1	91.8	80.6	88.3	79.9	91.8
Average # of days on probation (for those who exited probation)^	479	601	438	494	515	590
Average # of days of follow-up period (for those who exited probation)	485	629	497	711	470	657
Percent Successfully Completed ¹ Probation*^	50.8	57.1	34.6	36.0	56.9	59.5
Percent Successfully Completed Probation <i>and</i> 1+ Tx Admission During*	36.5	n/a	4.8	n/a	10.3	n/a

*Statistical Significant at p < .05 in November 2008 Report

^Statistical Significant at p < .05 in May 2009 Update

¹Successful completion vs. unsuccessful (includes: unsuccessful discharge, commitment to prison (any reason), and fugitive status open for one year or more at data collection)

T1 Reductions in During Supervision Criminal Behavior Updated (see Table 2):

- Of those with fugitive status during supervision, DORA still have significantly longer time out on fugitive status than comparisons
- DORA remains significantly more likely to have probation re-starts
- Time to first probation restart now significantly sooner for DORA than R3 (no group differences in November 2008 report)
- Still no differences between groups on during supervision new convictions or prison commitments

Table 2 Time 1 - Reductions in During Supervision Criminal Behavior Updated						
	DORA		R3		R2D	
	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09
Percent with fugitive status(es)	28.2	29.4	39.8	40.8	26.9	29.1
Of those, average # of days out on fugitive status*^	328	346	163	185	179	189
Percent with at least one Probation Restart*^	42.4	42.4	21.4	23.3	27.6	28.4
Of those, average # of days from probation start to first Restart^	243	243	350	391	266	287
Percent with new conviction(s)	15.3	16.5	18.4	19.4	11.9	13.4
Of those, average max charge severity (1=MC, 6=F1)	4.0	4.1	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.7
Of those, percent with new drug conviction(s)	61.5	57.1	47.4	55.0	43.8	44.4
Of those, percent with new person conviction(s)	15.4	14.3	5.3	5.0	6.3	5.6
Of those, percent with new property conviction(s)	38.5	35.7	31.6	35.0	50.0	44.4
Percent with new prison commitment for probation violation	10.6	11.8	20.4	20.4	12.7	13.4
Of those, average # of days b/w intake and prison for violation	339	409	308	308	374	416
Percent with new prison commitment – new charge	2.4	2.4	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.7
Percent with new prison commitment – any reason	12.9	14.1	24.3	24.3	15.7	16.4
Of those, percent released onto parole	63.6	58.3	40.0	40.0	50.0	47.8

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T1 Reductions in Post Supervision Criminal Behavior Updated (see Table 3):

- All groups had a slight increase in recidivism events
- Still no differences between groups on post supervision new arrests, convictions, prison commitments, or new probation placements

Table 3 Time 1 - Reductions in Post Supervision Criminal Behavior Updated

	DORA		R3		R2D	
	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09
Number who have exited probation	63	78	83	91	107	123
Percent who have exited probation	74.1	91.8	80.6	88.3	79.9	91.8
Average # of days from probation exit to follow-up	485	629	497	711	470	657
Percent with new arrest(s)	34.9	33.3	26.5	30.8	23.4	26.8
Of those, average # of days to first arrest	311	306	244	285	248	300
Percent with new <i>drug</i> arrest(s)	n/a	20.5	n/a	19.8	n/a	10.6
Of those, average # of days to first <i>drug</i> arrest	n/a	387	n/a	300	n/a	273
Percent with new conviction(s)	7.9	15.4	4.8	13.2	4.7	8.9
Percent with new prison commitment for new charge	4.8	12.8	4.8	12.1	0.9	5.7
Percent with new probation for new charge	1.6	5.1	2.4	4.4	2.8	5.7

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Time 2 (T2) Participants:

- 3/25/06 to 11/20/06 all felony offenders (no drug offense criteria) in Salt Lake County (Department of Corrections (UDC) Region 3 (R3)) were screened and assessed for DORA and sentenced to DORA if they met the legal and substance abuse criteria
- Comparison groups for this study are comprised of generally similar felony offenders on probation in Davis County (UDC Region 2D (R2D)) and Salt Lake County (R3) during the same time period

T2 Outcomes Updated (see Table 4):

- The percent of participants who have exited probation and the follow-up times have increased
- Still no differences between groups on percent successfully completing probation
- Percent who have successfully completed probation and a treatment admission has not been updated yet (waiting on new DBH data).

Table 4 Time 2 - Outcomes Updated

	DORA		R3		R2D	
	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09
Sample Size	134	134	108	108	155	155
Number still Active on probation	46	22	45	29	57	36
<i>Percent still Active on probation</i>	34.3	16.4	41.7	26.9	36.8	23.2
Number exited probation	88	112	63	79	98	119
<i>Percent exited probation</i>	65.7	83.6	58.3	73.1	63.2	76.8
Average # of days on probation (for those who exited probation)	447	529	393	481	441	507
Average # of days of follow-up period (for those who exited probation)	285	471	333	508	304	499
Percent Successfully Completed ¹ Probation	48.8	47.7	44.1	43.2	58.3	58.7
Percent Successfully Completed Probation <i>and</i> 1+ Tx Admission During*	31.8	n/a	9.5	n/a	3.1	n/a

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T2 Reductions in During Supervision Criminal Behavior Updated (see Table 5):

- DORA remain significantly more likely to have fugitive status than comparisons
- There was a change in the relationship between group and probation re-starts. In the November 2008 report, DORA were significantly more likely than R3 to have probation restart (no difference between DORA and R2D). In the new May 2009 data, DORA significantly less likely than R2D to have probation restarts, and no difference between DORA and R3.
- Of those with probation restarts, DORA continues to experience probation restarts significantly sooner than the comparisons
- Currently no differences between groups on during supervision new convictions or prison commitments
- Of those with new convictions during supervision, DORA no longer more likely to have property convictions

Table 5 Time 2 - Reductions in During Supervision Criminal Behavior Updated

	DORA		R3		R2D	
	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09
Percent with fugitive status(es)*^	45.5	48.5	22.2	23.1	18.1	18.1
Of those, average # of days out on fugitive status	101	114	173	223	91	118
Percent with at least one Probation Restart*^	25.4	25.4	18.5	21.3	32.3	35.5
Of those, average # of days from probation start to first Restart*^	237	237	361	411	296	345
Percent with new conviction(s)	13.4	17.9	16.7	19.4	15.5	18.1
Of those, average max charge severity (1=MC, 6=F1)	3.7	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.6
Of those, percent with new drug conviction(s)	44.4	37.5	27.8	28.6	25.0	28.6
Of those, percent with new person conviction(s)	11.1	16.7	0.0	0.0	16.7	14.3
Of those, percent with new property conviction(s)*	77.8	66.7	61.1	57.1	37.5	46.4
Percent with new prison commitment for probation violation	11.2	13.4	12.0	13.0	8.4	9.7
Of those, average # of days b/w intake and prison for violation	404	468	328	352	373	429
Percent with new prison commitment – new charge	0.7	1.5	5.6	7.4	3.2	3.9
Percent with new prison commitment – any reason	11.9	14.9	17.6	20.4	11.6	13.5
Of those, percent released onto parole	43.8	35.0	42.1	36.4	38.9	33.3

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T2 Reductions in Post Supervision Criminal Behavior Updated (see Table 6):

- All groups had a slight increase in recidivism events
- Still no differences between groups on post supervision new arrests, convictions, prison commitments, or new probation placements
- R3 currently has a significantly higher percent of offenders with new *drug* arrests than DORA or R2D (this was not examined in the November 2008 report)

Table 6 Time 2 - Reductions in Post Supervision Criminal Behavior Updated

	DORA		R3		R2D	
	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09	Nov '08	May '09
Number who have exited probation	88	112	63	79	98	119
Percent who have exited probation	65.7	83.6	58.3	73.1	63.2	76.8
Average # of days from probation exit to follow-up	285	471	333	508	304	499
Percent with new arrest(s)	14.8	22.3	23.8	30.8	11.2	21.4
Of those, average # of days to first arrest	246	298	221	306	265	387
Percent with new DRUG arrest(s)^	n/a	7.1	n/a	16.7	n/a	6.8
Of those, average # of days to first DRUG arrest	n/a	249	n/a	304	n/a	394
Percent with new convictions	3.4	5.4	1.6	6.3	1	6.7
Percent with new prison commitment for new conviction(s)	2.3	5.4	1.6	8.9	1	5.9
Percent with new probation for new conviction(s)	2.3	4.5	0	1.3	0	3.4

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