

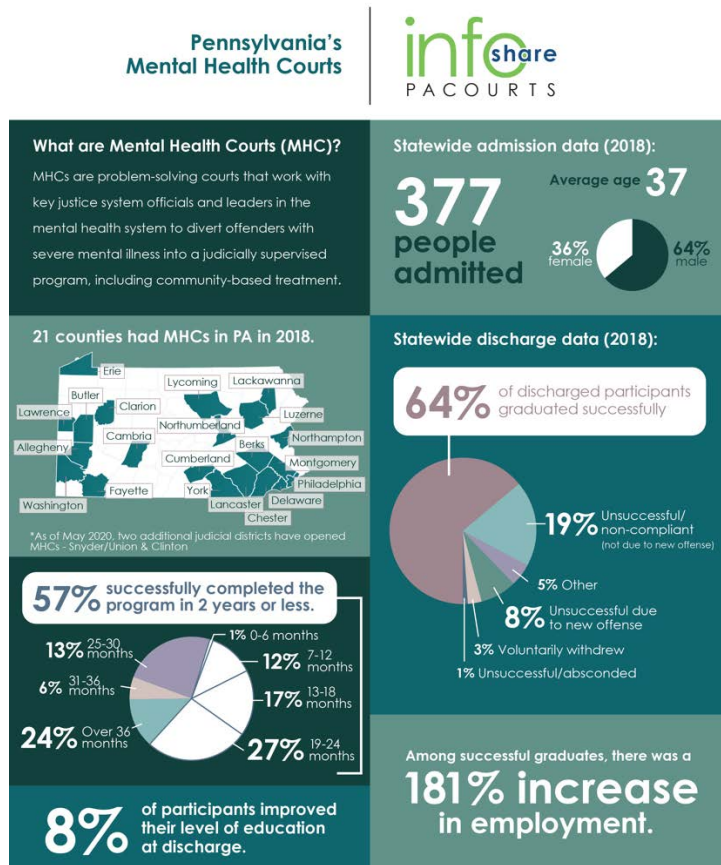
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## A Look at Pennsylvania’s Mental Health Courts

**HARRISBURG** – In recognition of May as Mental Health Awareness Month, the Pennsylvania courts today released an infographic highlighting data related to the state’s mental health courts. In 2018, **64 percent** of all discharged participants graduated successfully from these treatment programs and among those graduates, there was a **181 percent increase** in employment.

Mental health courts link key justice system officials with leaders in the mental health system to divert offenders with severe mental illness into a judicially supervised program. These courts provide a team of court staff and mental health professionals that work together to screen and assess defendants, develop treatment plans and supervise offenders. Mental health courts offer defendants the opportunity to avoid incarceration through the completion of a rigorous program that requires compliance with community supervision and mandated treatment.

A high-resolution file of the graphic is available for download at [www.pacourts.us](http://www.pacourts.us) under [Media Resources](#).



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