

MENTAL HEALTH COURTS, ALSO REFERRED TO AS RECOVERY COURTS AND RECOVERY WITH JUSTICE, ARE DESIGNED TO INCREASE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR COURT-INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS AND ASSIST THEM IN THEIR PATH AWAY FROM UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR.



**Almost 44 million
(about 1 in 5)
Americans experience
a serious mental
disorder.**



**Of the approximately
10 million U.S. court
cases that lead to jail
admission each year,
about 20% involve
individuals who
experience a serious
mental disorder.**



**There are 12 Mental
Health Courts
operating in
Massachusetts.**

**9 of them are in
District Courts and 3
are in Boston
Municipal Courts.**



**Massachusetts Mental
Health Court
participants experience
treatment and support
needs beyond mental
health, with over 60%
experiencing co-
occurring substance use
disorder(s) and 50%
having experience with
homelessness.**