



## CPOC Unified Recidivism Measure

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Currently the 58 counties in California have agreed upon a universal definition of recidivism for both adult and juvenile probationers. The definition below allows counties to describe one level of success for probationers while they are under supervision.

***Recidivism Definition:*** *A subsequent criminal adjudication/conviction while on probation supervision.*

Agreement with this definition does not prevent a county from tracking detailed offender information on other recidivism measures such as subsequent arrests and probation violations. From this universal definition adopted by CPOC in July 2011, the measurement definition below is proposed as a starting point to track recidivism for adults and juvenile populations.

***Adult Measurement Definition:*** *Of those terminated or closed from all adult grants of probation in a given time period, provide a count of how many had new law convictions during their time under supervision.*

***Juvenile Measurement Definition:*** *Of those terminated or closed from a juvenile grant of probation in a given time period, provide a count of how many had new true findings / law convictions during their time under supervision.*

In creating a measurement method, it is important to start with a population that is comparable across counties and that will minimize the impact of county differences in case processing and probation practices. Termination (case closure) provides a straightforward definition that allows for the creation of a consistent population of those “exiting” probation.

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