

MICHIGAN'S JUDICIARY: SWIFT AND SURE SANCTIONS PROBATION PROGRAM

Growth of Swift & Sure

- The number of Swift and Sure programs continues to increase. There were 19 programs two years ago, 23 last year, and there are now 25 Swift and Sure programs covering 28 counties.
- Notably, one of the newest programs is in Macomb County.
- In fiscal year 2017, the programs were working with 1,205 probationers.
- As the number of programs and probationers continues to go up, the cost per probationer continues to go down.

LESS CRIME AND MORE EMPLOYMENT

The Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program has resulted in less crime and more employment:

- **Swift and Sure probationers are 36% less likely to reoffend, compared to probationers on regular probation.**
- **Only 14% of graduates are unemployed at discharge. Regarding this same group of probationers — 67% were unemployed at admission.**



The program targets high-risk felony offenders with a history of probation violations or failures. Swift and Sure program performance is tracked by the Supreme Court as part of a broader performance measures initiative to monitor court performance statewide. Data collected is used to identify and share best practices and to target areas that need improvement.

