

2021 Ignition Interlock Impact Analysis Results: MONTGOMERY COUNTY CASE STUDY



To explore the recidivism and ignition interlocks in Texas, the Texas A&M Transportation Institute partnered with the Montgomery County District Attorney's office to review DWI cases.



There were a total of **4,365 DWI cases** from 2015 to 2016 included.¹ The results of the exploration revealed:

Repeat Offenses¹



14% of individuals with a DWI case had another case by July 2021

Of those with a repeat offense, **almost half** had an ignition interlock device (IID) as a condition of bond

Of those with a repeat offense, **15%** had an IID as a condition of probation



Individuals ordered an IID as a condition of bond or probation had **higher percentages of recidivism** compared to those who were not ordered an IID.



These higher percentages could be attributed to interlocks being ordered for individuals with higher or repeat offenses.

Post-DWI Crashes¹

3% of individuals with a DWI case had a post-DWI-crash

Individuals ordered an IID as a condition of

bond or probation had **higher percentages of post-DWI crashes** compared to those who were not ordered an IID



DWI Charge Statistics in Texas

In 2020, there were **82,597 DWI charges in Texas**. Of those charges, **2,379 were in Montgomery County, Texas.**²



This represents a **15% decrease statewide** and a **14% decrease in Montgomery County** since 2018.³

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