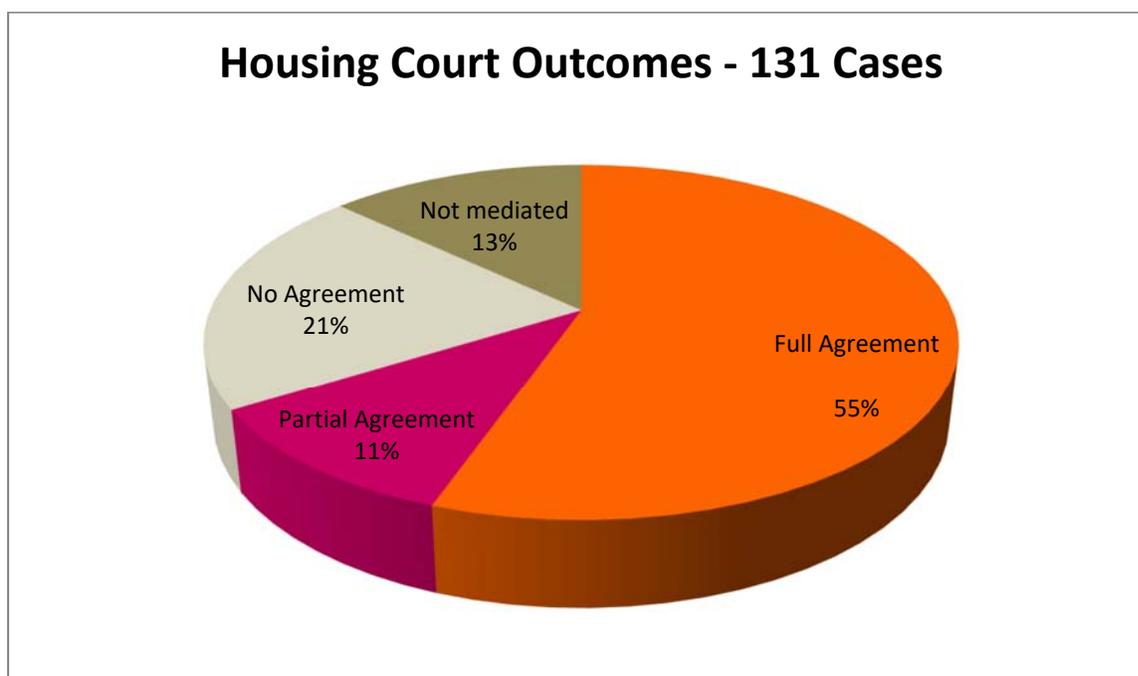


## Status Report on Housing Court Pilot Program January 2019 through June 2019

The following report provides an in-depth look at outcomes for cases mediated in Brooklyn Civil Court, Housing, from January 10, 2019 through June 28, 2019.

There were 131 cases referred to mediation in Part B, Part T, and Part N, and 114 were mediated by New York Peace Institute staff and volunteer mediators. That is an outstanding conversion rate of 87% from referral to mediation, which would not be possible without the assistance and support of the Court staff and Judges. The top reason for parties not mediating in those few cases (11 out of 18 cases) was because one or both parties wanted to seek an attorney.<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> We code these cases as “Screened Inappropriate” in the Caseload Manager (CLM) database.

## Other Outcomes

- The settlement rate for harassment cases was 75%.
- The mean average length of time for the Respondent to move out was 2.5 months.<sup>2</sup>
- Approximately 10% of Holdovers that came to full agreement were converted into Non-payment claims, allowing the Respondent to remain in the premises—those were not factored into the above time average.

## Housing Court Litigant Responses

The following data is based on surveys completed voluntarily and confidentially by individuals who participated in mediation with New York Peace Institute:

Survey Question	% Agree or Strongly Agree
The mediator clearly explained how mediation works	100
The mediator was neutral and fair	96.15
I was able to explain my point of view and how I felt	92.3
The mediator listened to me and understood my concerns	96.15
The mediator helped me see the other's point of view	81
The mediator helped me understand my own goals, options or resources	88.5
I would recommend mediation to others	100

## Some comments from Parties:

*“The mediator that was assigned to my case was very helpful. Thank you.”*

*“Great job.”*

*“They were communicative and empathetic.”*

*“I had a chance to express myself.”*

*“The mediators were very patient, extremely professional, and very well detailed.”*

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<sup>2</sup> This is in line with “A Tenant’s Guide to The New York City Housing Court” which states: “In general, you will get two to three months to move at first.” (Sec. 4D TRIALS, p. 14)