

# The Success of the Trees

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### A look at the numbers:

Since the start of the "Trees" in April of 1999 we have had 354 men come to our meeting and ask to have their names put on our membership list. 130 of them still attend and participate regularly. At least 46 of the original newcomers are known to be clean and sober, attending other meetings in Portland or elsewhere.

So, of the 354, 176 are still clean and sober. That's 50%, and that's real, real good!

Of the 185 we don't know about, 108 of them participated on only one or less "Trees". Of the 130 guys who came and stayed, only three of them have been on one or less "Trees", with most of them being on multiple "Trees". This comparison speaks for itself.

As we begin our newest "Tree" period, it should be noted that 13 brand new members did not ask to be included on a "Tree". It seems from looking at the experience expressed above, that this is not a very good idea.

If you are one of these thirteen, or someone else who would like to give yourself a better proven chance at Recovery, let us know and we'll put you on a "Tree" right away. 80% of us are on "Trees".

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## Update 7/8/2018

We are currently on our 44th "Tree". If you were a member of each "Tree" since we began doing this, you would have made 86 new friends...who you know well, and who know you well! Of our current 162 "Tree" members, 41 of them have been on each and every one of them.