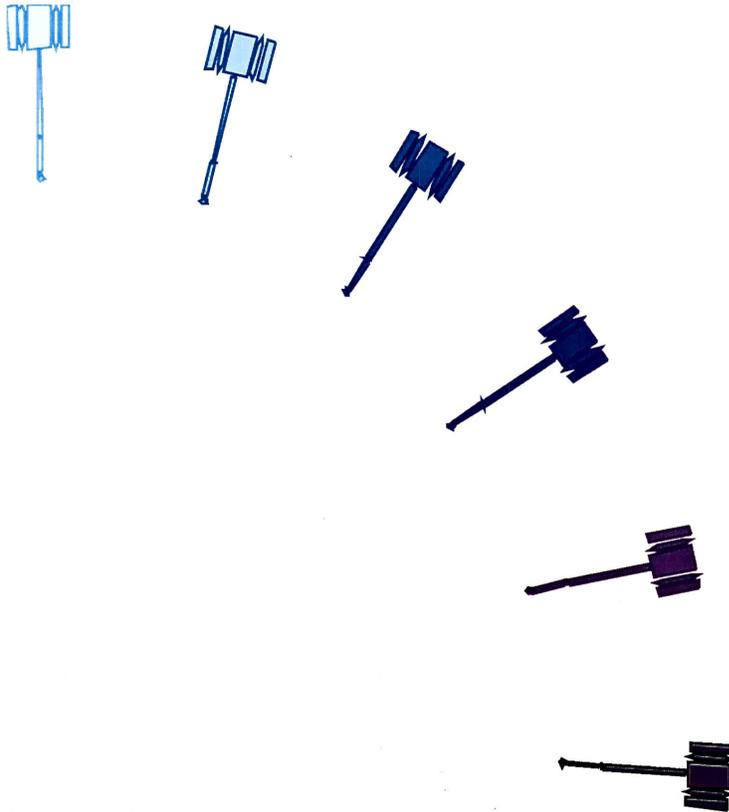




# Harris County Pretrial Services Agency



**1996 Annual Report**

## Mission

To develop and provide services that support informed, accountable pretrial release and detention processes which neither unduly restrict a defendant's liberty nor compromise the safety of the community.

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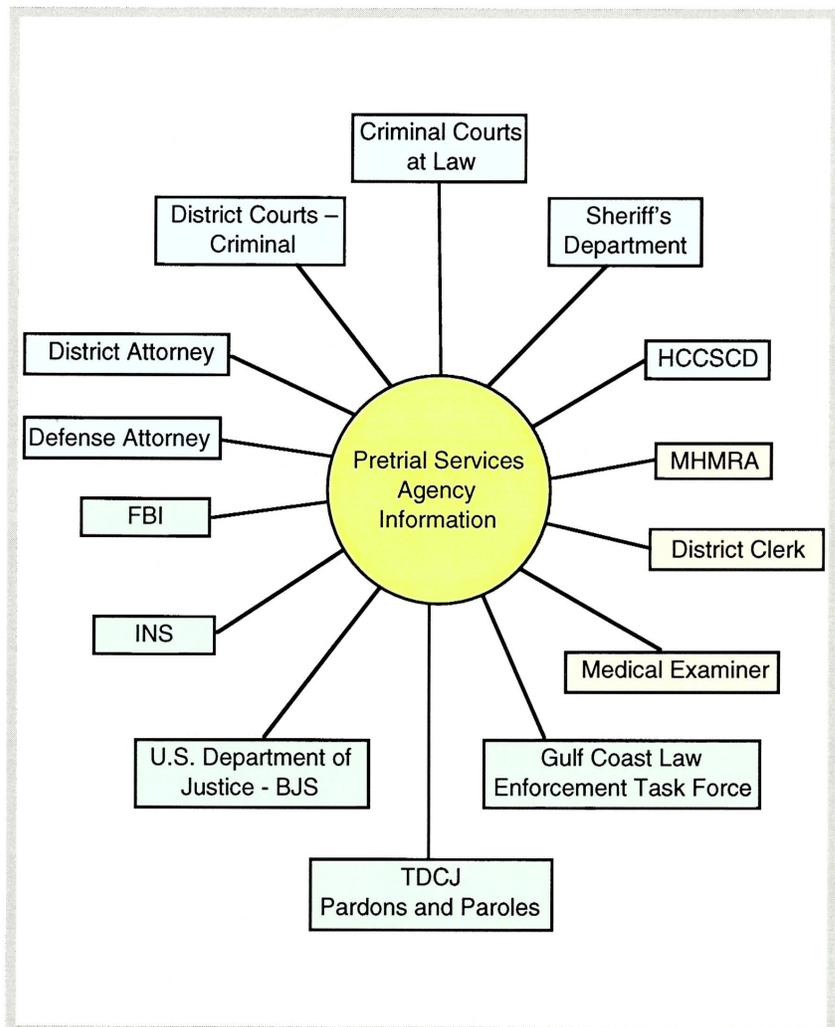
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The Pretrial Services Agency is part of a larger criminal justice community that works together to promote the administration of justice in Harris County. We would like to specifically recognize the Harris County Commissioners' Court, the Pretrial Services Standing Committee, the District Criminal Courts, and the County Criminal Courts at Law as key contributors to a quality Pretrial Services program.

# Information Key to PTSA Services

The Pretrial Services Agency continued efforts to provide information useful to a variety of county and governmental agencies. This information is presented in different ways, including the defendant reports, Agency performance reports, and responses to special requests.

## Defendant Reports

Within a few hours of arrest the Pretrial Services Agency staff will conduct an interview with jailed defendants. In order to assure timely access to defendants the Agency staffs offices 24 hours a day at the Central and Southeast Jails of the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Jail Inmate Processing Center, the Probable Cause Courtroom, and the Anderson-Clayton Building.

The information collected during the interview forms the foundation of the defendant report. Agency staff add to the report through contacts with the defendant's family, friends and others. A thorough criminal background check is performed using a variety of sources. This includes researching a person's criminal history as well as looking for warrants that may be outstanding. The final report contains information about a defendant's criminal, social, and medical history.

This report is available on-line through JIMS and in printed form for the District and County Criminal Courts and other criminal justice entities. These include, but are not limited to, the District Clerk (criminal division), the District Attorney's Office, and the Sheriff's Department.

The number of defendants arrested in Harris County rose slightly in 1996 over the previous years' figures. The Pretrial Services Agency kept pace with arrests, compiling



over 61,000 defendant reports in 1996, a 3.7% increase over 1995 levels.

The Agency staff compiled reports for over 91% of the defendants arrested in 1996. Court presentations by Pretrial Services staff of the defendant reports were up 4.2%, from 40,978 presentations in 1995 to 42,692 presentations in 1996.

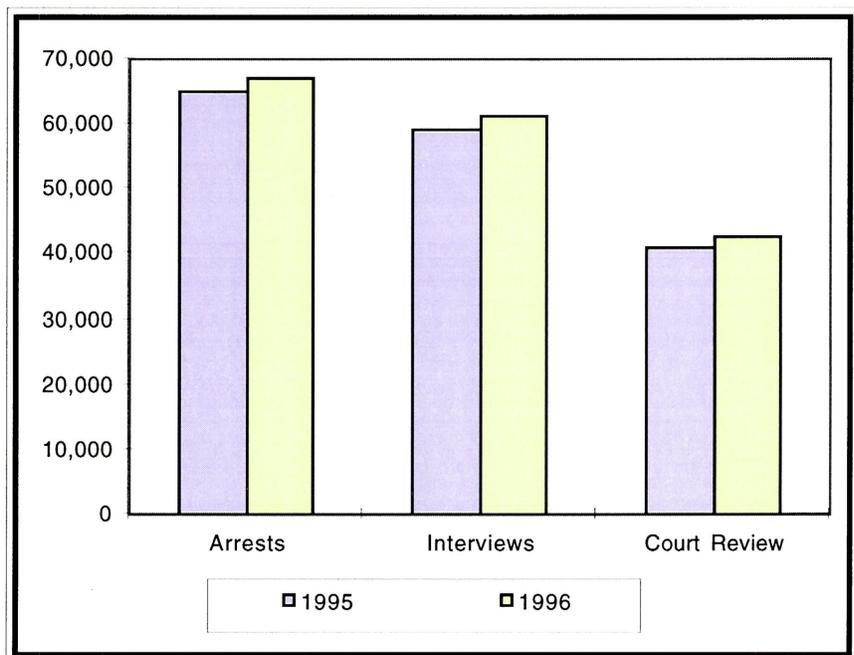
## Performance Reports

The Pretrial Services Agency has issued monthly and annual performance reports since 1975. The reports, currently 14 pages long, contain a great deal of information covering a broad range of Agency activities such as the number of interviews, presentations, releases, and defen-

dants supervised by the Agency. In addition, each court receives an individual summary of activity in that court for the month. The Pretrial Services Agency Annual Report provides a summary of the information in the monthly reports and a narrative overview of the past year.

## Special Requests

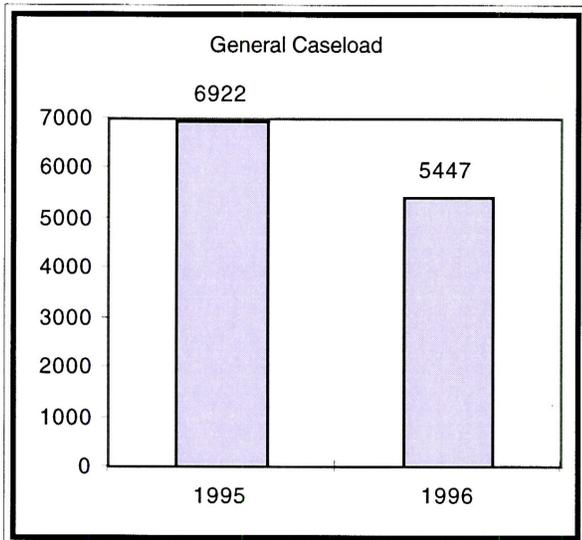
The Agency often responds to special requests for specific information. The Pretrial Services Agency has participated in the State Court Processing Statistics Program (formerly known as the National Pretrial Reporting Program) produced biennially by the Pretrial Services Resource Center for the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics for several years. The Agency has frequently used JIMS information and in-house records to provide ad hoc reports on topics of interest to Harris County and other criminal justice agencies. For instance, the Agency uses JIMS records to generate a parole report for the Harris County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Pardons and Parole division. ■



# Defendant Monitoring Overview

## Personal Bond Releases Down

Despite increases in the numbers of defendant interviews and presentations from 1995 to 1996, the number of defendants released on personal bond declined by 26.6 % during that same period.



Number of defendants released assigned to general supervision

## Intensive Supervision Caseload Increases

The Special Caseload Unit provides a wide range of specialized supervision options for defendants released on all forms of bail. The number of people released and ordered supervised by the Special Caseload Unit increased by 9.7% in 1996 over 1995. While the number of persons released on personal bond and assigned to this unit declined, the number of supervised defendants released through financial means (cash and surety bonds) rose sharply.

In calendar year 1995, over 71% of the 874 defendants assigned to the Special Caseload Unit were either released solely on a personal bond via the Pretrial Services Agency or by split bond (some portion of the bond made by financial means). In 1996 only 41% of the 959 defendants as-

signed to the Special Caseload Unit received a personal bond or split bond from the court.

It is anticipated that expanded use of these services, regardless of release instrument, will continue for the forthcoming fiscal year. The judiciary continues to order "high risk" defendants released on financial bail to receive such services as urinalysis for illegal/illicit drug usage, electronic monitoring supervision, curfew restrictions, association restrictions, and substance abuse assessment, evaluation and, when appropriate, treatment referral.

## Community Referrals

The Community Resource Unit works

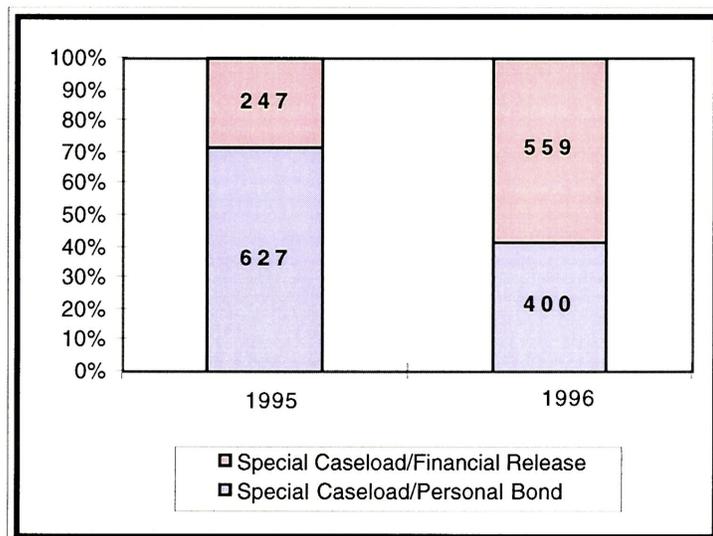
closely with the other units of the Pretrial Services Agency, community and government based agencies, as well as the general public in order to help link defendants with assistance in the community. Defendants are screened to determine their need for referrals to appropriate community based social service agencies.

Referrals are generally made to agencies that provide services for free or on a sliding scale. Employment and educational assistance have continued as areas where defendants indicate the greatest need, accounting for over 32% of the requests for aid.

Due to fewer defendants released and supervised in 1996 the total number of referrals made dropped 18% from 1995. However, the percentage of defendants screened who received at least one referral rose from 48% in 1995 to over 51% in 1996. Court-ordered (rather than defendant initiated) referrals were also up over 10%.

Employment (20%), education (23%), counseling (21%), and substance abuse/alcohol evaluation and treatment (34%) accounted for most court ordered referrals. Defendants released by financial bail and super-

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Proportion based on release type of defendants assigned to special supervision

## Defendant Monitoring

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vised by the Pretrial Services Agency also received screening and referrals from the Community Resource Unit staff.

### TAIP Update

When the court orders a substance/alcohol evaluation the Community Resource Unit works closely with the Harris County Treatment Alternative to Incarceration Program (TAIP). TAIP will provide the assessment at no charge and make appropriate recommendations to treatment

programs. Referrals are generally made to agencies that provide services for free or on a sliding scale, or to private practitioners or facilities.

Coordination between the Community Resource Unit and the TAIP program provides needed screening and, when appropriate, treatment services to defendants at the pre-trial stage. In many cases the treatment services provided become conditions of post-trial supervision, thus creating a continuity of care for defendants with substance abuse problems.

The TAIP program itself underwent changes this year. While the Houston Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (HCADA) once oversaw the program, the administration of the screening, assessment and referral process was placed under the direction of the Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (HCCSCD) in February 1996. Since this change, TAIP no longer performs assessments for defendants in jail. ■



*Defendants appear before the magistrate who will make the first bail review decision*



*Defendants check in as part of release conditions*

### Services Offered by the Special Caseload Unit

*Screening for substance abuse (testing through the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office)*

*Supervising electronic monitoring (including in-home screening for use of alcohol by the defendant)*

*Monitoring curfew compliance*

*Monitoring compliance with residence requirements*

*Monitoring employment*

*Monitoring educational attainment conditions*

*Supervising substance and alcohol abuse treatment*

*Monitoring mental impairment treatment*

*Supervising attendance in sexual abuse and violence counseling*

*Coordinating supervision services for defendants living out of the Harris County area*

### Referrals for Services Offered by the Community Resource Unit

*Medical care (including prenatal care)*

*Dental care*

*Mental impairment and treatment assessment*

*Employment*

*Education and vocational training*

*Counseling*

*Financial assistance for utilities and rent*

*Emergency housing*

*Substance/alcohol abuse screening and treatment*

*Nutrition/food*

*Childcare*

## Most Defendants' Bond Period Successful

A defendant supervised by the Pretrial Services Agency is carefully monitored to ensure that he or she appears in court when scheduled. Regular contacts by telephone, mail, and in person are scheduled for all persons.

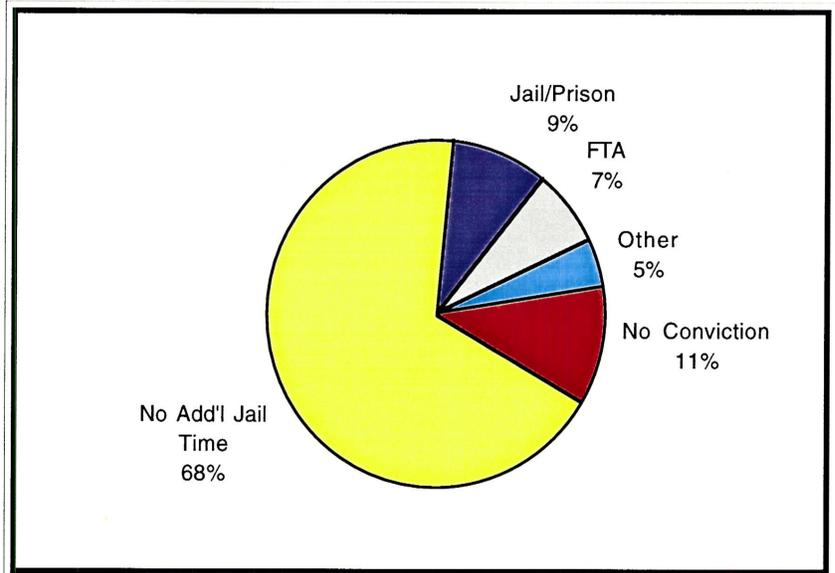
Over 93% of the 5,794 defendants whose personal bond period ended in 1996 did not have a failure to appear warrant issued for their arrest while supervised by this Agency.

Of those defendants whose personal bond cases were completed in 1996, 11.5% had the charges dismissed, no billed, or were found not guilty. Another 67.9% received a sentence with no additional jail time at disposition.

Despite the precautions taken to ensure that a defendant will appear at all scheduled hearings, some people fail to appear in court.

Locating defendants who have failed to appear for court and returning these fugitives to the jurisdiction of the appropriate court remains a function of major importance to the Harris County Pretrial Services Agency.

In 1996, 399 defendants on per-

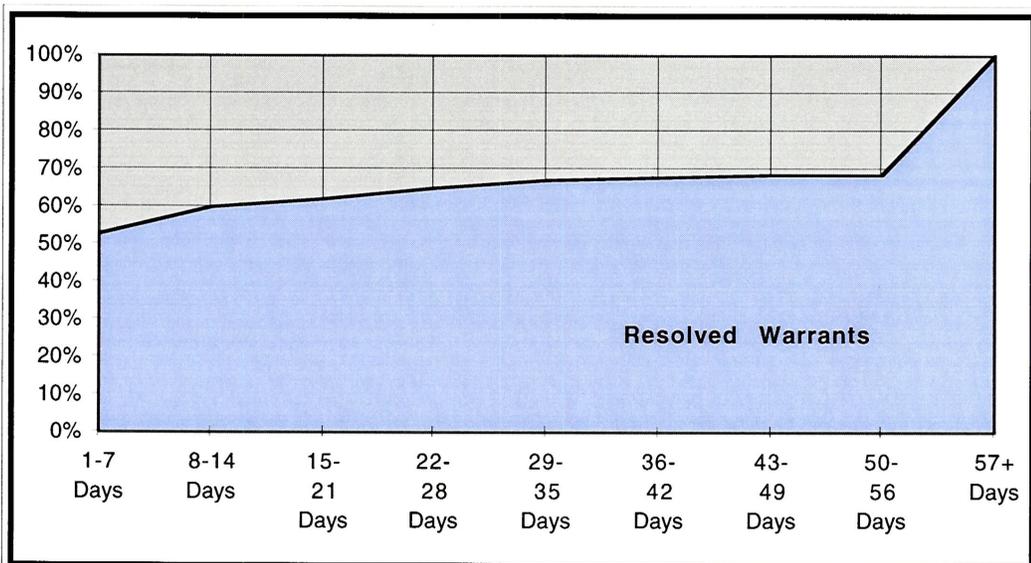


*Breakdown by disposition type of defendants whose cases were disposed in 1996*

sonal bond through the Pretrial Services Agency, or 6.9%, ended their time on bond with a warrant for failure to appear in court. As of the 31st of January, 1997, 307 (76.9%) of those defendants had their failure to appear warrants resolved - 281 (91.5%) by the re-arrest of the defendant. Again this year, approximately 60% of the warrants were resolved within thirty days after issuance.

Information provided by the Pretrial Services Agency was instrumental in over 65% of the arrests made. In fact, 100 fugitives were arrested by Harris County Sheriff Department detectives in the Pretrial Services Agency office because the Pretrial Officer was able to get the defendant to come in.

The Internet facilitates efforts to locate defendants who failed to appear in court. Full color pictures are posted to Harris County's 'Most Wanted' web page which can be viewed by local and other law enforcement agencies as well as the public. While most defendants are arrested in Harris County, Internet services help track the few defendants who may have left the jurisdiction. ■



*Time to resolution for returned FTA warrants issued in 1996. 60% of the warrants were resolved within 14 days of issuance.*

## Multi-Agency Effort Assists Defendants With Special Needs

On October 24, 1996, Harris County initiated a process to identify defendants with mental impairments or other special needs soon after arrest. This process conveys the defendant's status regardless of whether the defendant is in the pre-trial stage, under community supervision, sentenced to incarceration in prison or state jail, or released on parole. Harris County is the only county in Texas, and possibly the country, to implement such an expansive continuity of care process.

The Pretrial Services Agency, the Community Supervision and Corrections Department, and the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority of Harris County worked together to develop the procedures for a comprehensive continuity of care system.

### Coordinated Effort

A primary objective of the project is to identify defendants with mental impairments or other special needs entering the criminal justice system and convey that status in order to enhance decision-making, provide continuity of care, and coordinate service delivery.

In order to maximize existing services for defendants with mental impairments, the program coordinates activities among participating agencies directed at the target population.

The Pretrial Services Agency is involved in many aspects of the effort to identify defendants with special needs. As one of the first county agencies to come into contact with defendants after arrest, the PTSA interview is a crucial first step in recognizing defendants who may need continuity of care.

In the first ten weeks of the program the Pretrial Services Agency referred 442 defendants to MHMRA for assessment for mental impairment. The Pretrial Services Agency referrals accounted for 93% of all the evaluations conducted by MHMRA. ■

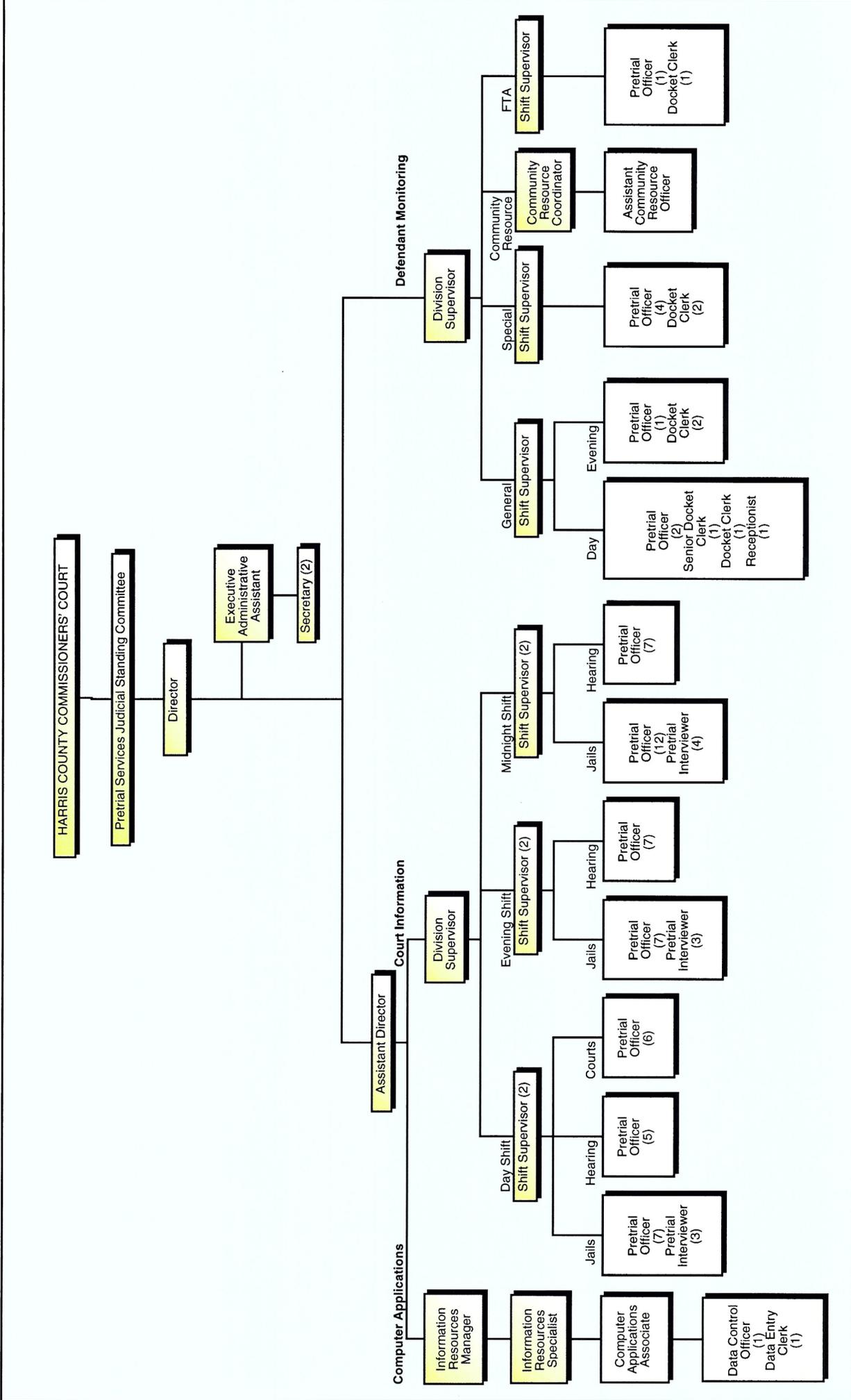
### Continuity of Care Goals

- Provide timely information to the magistrates and assigned court judicial officers concerning an individual defendant's mental impairment or other special needs that will assist with decisions about release pre-trial;
- Provide timely information to the assigned court judicial officers concerning an individual defendant's mental impairment or other special needs that will assist with decisions about adjudication and sentencing;
- Provide information to the jail that will assist with the assignment of appropriate housing classification;
- Create a process for information to follow the defendant, thereby reducing instances of screening duplication and service interruption from time of arrest through possible parole;
- Minimize incidents of misconduct (failure to appear in court, re-arrest, non-compliance with conditions) during release pre-trial, community supervision, parole, using release conditions that require treatment compliance;
- Improve the service linkage system for persons entering the criminal justice system who are in need of but have never received assistance;
- Provide alternatives to incarceration for defendants with mental impairments or other special needs in instances where the defendant and the interests of justice could be better served by diversion to treatment without compromising the community's safety;
- Decrease the number of defendants cycling through the criminal justice system for minor offenses related solely to their mental impairment;
- Ascertain more specific information relative to the number of persons entering the criminal justice system with mental impairments or other special needs and the type of services needed;
- Develop computer transactions and linkages that will facilitate these processes.



*In the Probable Cause Hearing office defendants are screened by MHMRA*

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100 Total Positions

Annual County Budget: \$3,361,642

Annual State Grant Funds: \$648,272s

# 1996 ANNUAL REPORT STATISTICS

## I. Incarcerated Defendant Activity (Jail)

A. Number of defendants arrested at the time charges were filed:

Filing Agency	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both	%	TOTAL	%
HPD/Park	26,923	63.6%	13,377	69.6%	541	62.8%	40,841	65.5%
HCSO	5,694	13.5%	2,701	14.1%	141	16.4%	8,536	13.7%
Pasadena	791	1.9%	472	2.5%	15	1.7%	1,278	2.0%
Baytown	718	1.7%	291	1.5%	16	1.9%	1,025	1.6%
Humble	442	1.0%	131	0.7%	7	0.8%	580	0.9%
DPS	770	1.8%	179	0.9%	12	1.4%	961	1.5%
Constables	2,873	6.8%	638	3.3%	44	5.1%	3,555	5.7%
Other	4,105	9.7%	1,422	7.4%	86	10.0%	5,613	9.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42,316</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19,211</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>62,389</b>	<b>100%</b>

B. Number of defendants arrested on a warrant:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% of Arr
1,746	3,031	0	4,777	7.1%

C. Total number of defendants arrested in 1996:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% Interv
44,062	22,242	862	67,166	91.5%

D. Number and location of incarcerated defendant interviews conducted by the Pretrial Services Agency.

Location	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both <sup>a.</sup>	%	TOTAL	%
HPD Jails	25,172	64.4%	12,839	61.4%	882	60.2%	38,893	63.3%
H CJ/PCH	13,817	35.3%	7,970	38.1%	579	39.5%	22,366	36.4%
Other	115	0.3%	100	0.5%	4	0.3%	219	0.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,104</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20,909</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>61,478</b>	<b>100%</b>

a. These numbers may be larger than arrests due to charges added after the defendant was booked.

E. Number and location of defendant releases on a personal bond:

Location	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both	%	TOTAL	%
HPD	922	20.9%	20	2.5%	2	10.5%	944	18.1%
H CJ	3,480	79.0%	774	97.5%	17	89.5%	4,271	81.9%
Rehab	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,403</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,216</b>	<b>100%</b>

## II. Non-incarcerated Defendant Activity (Non-arrest)

A. Number of defendants interviewed or with an application on file who had not been arrested:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
195	187	3	385

B. Number of above defendants granted a personal bond:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
182	130	0	312

C. Number of non-arrest personal bonds filed:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
182	127	0	309

## III. Characteristics of Interviewed Defendants

A. Gender:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
Male	31,963	81.3%	18,518	82.1%	50,481	81.6%
Female	7,336	18.7%	4,046	17.9%	11,382	18.4%
TOTAL	39,299	100%	22,564	100%	61,863	100%

B. Race/Ethnicity:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
White	13,649	34.7%	6,168	27.3%	19,817	32.0%
Black	13,061	33.2%	10,715	47.5%	23,776	38.4%
Hispanic	11,932	30.4%	5,381	23.8%	17,313	28.0%
Asian	637	1.6%	294	1.3%	931	1.5%
Other	20	0.1%	6	0.0%	26	0.0%
TOTAL	39,299	100%	22,564	100%	61,863	100%

C. Age:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
< 17	17	0.0%	151	0.7%	168	0.3%
17-19	6,070	15.4%	3,914	17.3%	9,984	16.1%
20-24	8,556	21.8%	4,425	19.6%	12,981	21.0%
25-29	7,404	18.8%	3,567	15.8%	10,971	17.7%
30-35	7,109	18.1%	4,196	18.6%	11,305	18.3%
> 35	10,001	25.4%	6,203	27.5%	16,204	26.2%
Unknown	142	0.4%	108	0.5%	250	0.4%
TOTAL	39,299	100%	22,564	100%	61,863	100%

D. Education Level:

	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
No education	361	0.9%	162	0.7%	523	0.8%
1st-8th grade	5,548	14.1%	2,902	12.9%	8,450	13.7%
9th-11th grade	10,787	27.4%	7,014	31.1%	17,801	28.8%
H.S.Grad/GED	14,004	35.6%	8,344	37.0%	22,348	36.1%
College	8,205	20.9%	3,859	17.1%	12,064	19.5%
Unknown	394	1.0%	283	1.3%	677	1.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22,564</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>61,863</b>	<b>100%</b>

E. Charge Categories: \*

Misdemeanor	Number	%	Felony	Number	%
DWI	8,726	22.2%	Murder / Vol Manslaughter	171	0.8%
DWLS/Other traffic	6,552	16.7%	Assault / Attempted Murder	2,750	12.2%
Theft	6,726	17.1%	Sexual Assault Adult	238	1.1%
Prostitution	1,174	3.0%	Sexual Assault Child	506	2.2%
Drug Possession	3,815	9.7%	Robbery	1,268	5.6%
Trespass	1,022	2.6%	Other Personal Offense	199	0.9%
Weapon	1,346	3.4%	Burglary	1,340	5.9%
Evading Arrest	1,507	3.8%	Theft	1,943	8.6%
Resisting Arrest	457	1.2%	Auto Theft	1,093	4.8%
Assault	4,349	11.1%	Other Property Offense	2,076	9.2%
Criminal Mischief	851	2.2%	Drug Sale / Manufacture	2,326	10.3%
Other	2,774	7.1%	Drug Possession	5,835	25.9%
			DWI	951	4.2%
			Other	1,868	8.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,564</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* If a defendant has a felony and a misdemeanor offense, they are reflected in the appropriate felony charge category; if a defendant has two or more different felony or two or more different misdemeanor charges, they are counted only once and appear in the first applicable category.

F. Risk Classification Categories

	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
4	6,323	16.1%	1,968	8.7%	8,291	13.4%
3	8,089	20.6%	3,037	13.5%	11,126	18.0%
2	8,339	21.2%	4,018	17.8%	12,357	20.0%
1	7,736	19.7%	5,015	22.2%	12,751	20.6%
0	5,271	13.4%	4,226	18.7%	9,497	15.4%
-1	2,279	5.8%	2,412	10.7%	4,691	7.6%
-2	917	2.3%	1,319	5.8%	2,236	3.6%
-3	297	0.8%	488	2.2%	785	1.3%
-4	47	0.1%	80	0.4%	127	0.2%
-5	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	2	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>22,564</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>61,863</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### IV. Classification and Activity on Defendant Interviews

A.

The Defendant	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Refused an interview	105	0	107	0	212	0.3%
Negative Score	3,258	1	4,019	2	7,280	11.8%
Has no bond set	1,426	2	2,519	1	3,948	6.4%
Has a bond > 20,000	13	0	983	2	998	1.6%
Has an unverifiable application	38	0	29	0	67	0.1%
Made surety or cash bond before court review	8,768	0	4,159	29	12,956	20.9%
Had case disposed	570	0	1,850	0	2,420	3.9%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>14,178</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13,666</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27,881</b>	<b>45.1%</b>
All Other Applications	24,926	192	8,708	156	33,982	54.9%
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>39,104</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>22,374</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>61,863</b>	<b>100%</b>

B.

Outcome of court review on defendant interviews	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Approved	2,867	166	272	99	3,404	8.9%
Approved pending verification	2,678	1	92	0	2,771	7.3%
Approved with additional conditions	43	15	322	29	409	1.1%
Denied	22,292	13	8,856	9	31,170	81.9%
Denied Bond Lowered	20	0	210	5	235	0.6%
Pending	22	0	28	0	50	0.1%
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED</b>	<b>27,922</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>9,780</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>38,039</b>	<b>100%</b>

C.

Court review of applications previously accounted for:	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Approved	190	0	90	0	280	5.6%
Approved pending verification	21	0	8	0	29	0.6%
Approved with additional conditions	48	0	117	0	165	3.3%
Denied	2,959	0	1,421	2	4,382	87.8%
Denied Bond Lowered	28	1	85	0	114	2.3%
Pending	15	0	8	0	23	0.5%
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,993</b>	<b>100%</b>

D.

Approval activity:	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA	
Total approvals	5,833	182	911	128	7,054
Applications filed	4,849	180	843	127	5,999
Defendants released	4,403	182	813	127	5,525

**V. Total Number of Defendants Placed Under PTSA Supervision**

Type of Release	Misdemeanor	Felony	Total
Released on personal bond	4,585	940	5525
–Assigned to special caseload unit	38	362	400
Released on surety/cash bond	36	523	559
–Assigned to special caseload unit	36	523	559

	# of Accused
Releases on Personal Bond with priors of the same offense or any felony within 6 yrs	36

**VI. Personal Bond Releases by Charge Category**

**A. Misdemeanor:**

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP/MAJ	80	1.7%
DWI	1,112	23.1%
DWLS / Other Traffic	792	16.4%
Theft	1,183	24.5%
Prostitution	51	1.1%
Drug Possession	702	14.6%
Trespass	100	2.1%
Weapon	44	0.9%
Evading Arrest	159	3.3%
Resist Arrest	41	0.9%
Assault	68	1.4%
Criminal Mischief	90	1.9%
Other	401	8.3%
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**B. Felony:**

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP / MAJ	155	14.8%
Murder / Vol. Manslaughter	5	0.5%
Assault / Att. Murder	93	8.9%
Sexual Assault Adult	10	1.0%
Sexual Assault Child	35	3.3%
Robbery	40	3.8%
Other Personal Offenses	52	5.0%
Burglary	52	5.0%
Theft	75	7.2%
Auto Theft	37	3.5%
Other Property Offenses	155	14.8%
Drug Sale / Manufacture	51	4.9%
Drug Possession	139	13.3%
DWI	11	1.0%
Other	138	13.2%
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**VII. Average Monthly Number of Defendants Supervised by the Pretrial Services Agency  
In the Calendar Year 1996**

	Personal Bond	SUBN / CABD	Courtesy PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Felony	416	153	4	0	572	40.8%
Misdemeanor	762	8	0	0	770	54.9%
Both Felony & Misdemeanor	59	1	0	0	60	4.2%
Other	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>100%</b>

**VIII. Average Number of Defendants in Each Supervision Category**

	Number	Percent
A. Number of defendants required to comply with standard conditions.	<u>1,086</u>	<u>77.4%</u>
B. Number of defendants required to comply with special conditions.	<u>317</u>	<u>22.6%</u>
1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS MONITORED ON PERSONAL BOND DEFENDANTS: *		
a. Urinalysis Drug Screening	<u>74</u>	
b. Electronic Monitoring Supervision	<u>39</u>	
c. Weekly in-person check-in	<u>16</u>	
d. Other conditions	<u>35</u>	
2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS MONITORED ON COURTESY SUPERVISION DEFENDANTS: *		
a. Urinalysis Drug Screening	<u>120</u>	
b. Electronic Monitoring Supervision	<u>81</u>	
c. Weekly in-person check-in	<u>10</u>	
d. Other conditions	<u>12</u>	

\* Defendants may be included in more than one category, and, therefore, may be counted more than once.

**IX. Active Defendants: Case Classification Change**

A. Active misdemeanor case: New felony charge; Personal Bond Granted	<u>0</u>
B. Active felony case: New misdemeanor charge; Personal Bond Granted	<u>5</u>

## X. Disposition of Defendants on Personal Bond

A. Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
No Billed	0	0.0%	35	3.4%	1	4.0%	0	0.0%	36	0.6%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	457	9.6%	163	16.0%	8	32.0%	8	32.0%	628	10.8%
Credit Time Served	72	1.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	16.0%	72	1.2%
Fined	950	20.0%	32	3.1%	0	0.0%	3	12.0%	982	16.9%
Deferred Adjudication	1,395	29.4%	241	23.6%	6	24.0%	2	8.0%	1,642	28.3%
Probation	927	19.5%	126	12.4%	3	12.0%	1	4.0%	1,056	18.2%
HCJ Time	423	8.9%	44	4.3%	1	4.0%	1	4.0%	468	8.1%
TDC Time	0	0.0%	23	2.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	23	0.4%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	63	1.3%	118	11.6%	2	8.0%	1	4.0%	183	3.2%
MRP/MAJ Granted	24	0.5%	21	2.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	45	0.8%
Failures to Appear	359	7.6%	37	3.6%	1	4.0%	3	12.0%	397	6.9%
Non-Compliance	46	1.0%	131	12.8%	3	12.0%	2	8.0%	180	3.1%
Other	33	0.7%	49	4.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	82	1.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,749</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5,794</b>	<b>100%</b>

B. Days on bond with Pretrial Services	Felony	Misd
Average	115.6	63.9

## XI. Case Dispositions

### A. Felony

	MRP / MAJ	MURD / VOL MAN	ASSLT/ AT MUR	SX ASLT ADULT	SX ASLT CHILD	ROBB	OTH PERS	BURG	THEFT	AUTO THFT	OTH PROP	DRG SL /MANU	DRUG POSS	DWI	OTH	TOTAL
NOB	0	0	7	1	1	3	5	1	1	4	3	1	4	0	6	37
%	0.0	0.0	6.9	14.3	3.0	6.1	9.1	1.5	1.1	10.5	1.8	2.1	2.6	0.0	4.3	3.1
DISM	0	1	31	3	9	11	14	15	26	6	30	8	21	0	32	207
%	0.0	16.7	30.7	42.9	27.3	22.4	25.5	23.1	28.6	15.8	17.8	17.0	13.6	0.0	22.9	17.6
MRP DISM	148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	149
%	70.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	12.7
DADJ	0	0	30	2	11	17	15	24	22	8	63	6	27	0	37	262
%	0.0	0.0	29.7	28.6	33.3	34.7	27.3	36.9	24.2	21.1	37.3	12.8	17.5	0.0	26.4	22.3
PROB	0	2	9	0	1	1	6	7	18	5	31	6	33	7	6	132
%	0.0	33.3	8.9	0.0	3.0	2.0	10.9	10.8	19.8	13.2	18.3	12.8	21.4	0.0	4.3	11.2
FINE	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	8	0	1	0	19	34
%	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	4.1	1.8	0.0	1.1	0.0	4.7	0.0	0.6	0.0	13.6	2.9
HCJ	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	8	2	9	5	12	0	8	51
%	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	1.5	8.8	5.3	5.3	10.6	7.8	0.0	5.7	4.3
MRP GRANT	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
%	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0
TDC	0	0	5	0	3	1	3	3	2	0	0	4	1	0	3	25
%	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	9.1	2.0	5.5	4.6	2.2	0.0	0.0	8.5	0.6	0.0	2.1	2.1
OTH	33	2	12	1	7	13	7	13	9	7	17	10	50	2	23	206
%	15.6	33.3	11.9	14.3	21.2	26.5	12.7	20.0	9.9	18.4	10.1	21.3	32.5	0.0	16.4	17.5
SSR	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	11
%	1.4	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	5.3	0.0	4.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.9
FTA	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	4	4	8	5	3	1	5	39
%	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	2.0	3.6	1.5	4.4	10.5	4.7	10.6	1.9	0.0	3.6	3.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1176</b>
%	17.9	0.5	8.6	0.6	2.8	4.2	4.7	5.5	7.7	3.2	14.4	4.0	13.1	0.9	11.9	100.0

## XI. Case Dispositions

### B. Misdemeanor

	MRP / MAJ	DWI	DWLS /TRAF	THEFT	PROST	DRUG POSS	TRESP	WEAP	EVAD ARR	RES ARR	ASSLT	CRIM MISCH	OTH	TOTAL
DISM	0	91	93	107	6	70	27	19	21	12	26	30	85	587
%	0.0	7.9	10.8	9.2	10.2	9.7	25.7	42.2	13.3	25.5	31.0	34.1	19.8	11.7
MRP DISM	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
%	69.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4
DADJ	0	0	44	711	25	364	25	7	48	16	24	28	116	1408
%	0.0	0.0	5.1	61.1	42.4	50.3	23.8	15.6	30.4	34.0	28.6	31.8	27.0	28.1
PROB	0	802	24	55	2	15	3	1	4	3	8	1	25	943
%	0.0	70.0	2.8	4.7	3.4	2.1	2.9	2.2	2.5	6.4	9.5	1.1	5.8	18.8
FINE	0	34	514	116	17	115	17	6	37	6	8	5	100	975
%	0.0	3.0	59.6	10.0	28.8	15.9	16.2	13.3	23.4	12.8	9.5	5.7	23.3	19.4
CTS	0	9	9	17	1	12	6	4	3	2	4	5	11	83
%	0.0	0.8	1.0	1.5	1.7	1.7	5.7	8.9	1.9	4.3	4.8	5.7	2.6	1.7
HCJ	0	138	90	56	6	77	13	5	16	6	4	9	34	454
%	0.0	12.0	10.4	4.8	10.2	10.6	12.4	11.1	10.1	12.8	4.8	10.2	7.9	9.1
MRP GRANT	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
%	25.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
OTH	4	11	4	14	0	12	2	0	1	0	4	0	21	73
%	3.9	1.0	0.5	1.2	0.0	1.7	1.9	0.0	0.6	0.0	4.8	0.0	4.9	1.5
SSR	0	2	2	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	13
%	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.2	0.3
FTA	1	59	83	83	2	57	12	2	28	2	6	9	37	381
%	1.0	5.1	9.6	7.1	3.4	7.9	11.4	4.4	17.7	4.3	7.1	10.2	8.6	7.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>863</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>5015</b>
%	2.1	22.9	17.2	23.2	1.2	14.4	2.1	0.9	3.2	0.9	1.7	1.8	8.6	100.0

**XII. Failure to Appear Activity**

A.

Court Appearances	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	13,472	2,753	16,225	
Appearances made	13,002	2,671	15,673	96.6%
Appearances missed	470	82	552	3.4%

B.

Instrument issued for missed appearances (FTA)	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
ACI/REV/B	31	26	57
ACI/OC	6	0	6
ACI/BF	301	9	310
C87/AI	24	2	26
Other	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>399</b>
Less Reinstated	8	0	8
Less Jailed	255	26	281
Less Other	18	0	18
<b>TOTAL FUGITIVES<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>81</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>92</b>

a. These figures represent the number of defendants who remain fugitives as of January 31, 1997

C.

Rearrest of defendants that failed to appear*	Number	Percent
Pretrial Services Agency**	103	36.7%
HSCO - Pretrial Services Units	39	13.9%
HCSO - Other Street Units	39	13.9%
HCSO - Court Bailiff's Office	41	14.6%
Houston Police Department	47	16.7%
Other Law Enforcement	12	4.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Agencies responsible for the arrest of defendants for failure to appear.

\*\* The Harris County Sheriff's Office has assigned a detective to serve as liaison between the Pretrial Services Agency and the Criminal Warrants Division of the Sheriff's Department. The detective works with Agency staff to arrest defendants with outstanding warrants at the Pretrial Services Agency's Office.

D.

<b>Total defendants resolved</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Resolved by arrest</b>	<b>281</b>

**XIII. Defendants Charged with New Offense While on Personal Bond**

A.

Type of charge filed	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
New Misdemeanor	86	24	110
New Misdemeanor/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	6	3	9
New Felony	36	20	56
New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	9	3	12
Both New Misd & New Felony	3	0	3
New Misd & New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0
Reindictment	0	7	7
Refile	32	6	38
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>235</b>

B.

Bail status of new charge	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
Personal Bond Granted	3	5	8
Personal Bond Granted w/ Additional Conditions	0	4	4
Surety Bond Posted	30	7	37
Cash Bond Posted	2	1	3
In Custody	101	36	137
Non-Arrest	7	3	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>199</b>

C.

Court action on personal bond case	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
Bond Surrendered	5	3	8
Bond Revoked	18	12	30
Bond Continued	148	33	181
Bond Continued with Conditions	1	15	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>235</b>

#### XIV. Noncompliance Activity

A. Bond Surrender	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New offense			
- Misdemeanor	2	2	4
- Felony	4	0	4
Alias identification	1	0	1
Noncompliance with bond conditions	5	3	8
Urinalysis	0	1	1
Other	0	5	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>

B. Bond Revocation	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New offense			
- Misdemeanor	5	7	12
- Felony	7	12	19
Alias identification	1	0	1
Noncompliance with bond conditions	14	60	74
Urinalysis	2	36	38
Other	7	24	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>175</b>

C. Activity on defendants prior to release	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
Bond surrender	2	0	2
Bond revocation	5	0	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>

#### XV. Urinalysis Screening Activity

A. Drug/Alcohol testing	Personal Bond	SUBN / CABD	Courtesy PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Total number of defendants screened	973	1,334	1	0	2,308	
Total number of specimens	1,904	1,889	1	0	3,794	
Specimens confirmed positive	311	371	0	0	682	18.0%

B. Confirmed positive results	1st Test	2nd Test	3+ Test	TOTAL	Percent
Cocaine	81	41	111	233	34.2%
THC	117	50	142	309	45.3%
THC/Cocaine	30	10	26	66	9.7%
Methamphetamine	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Amphetamine	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Alcohol	3	1	8	12	1.8%
Other Combinations	20	8	34	62	9.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Percent of total confirmed positive results	36.8%	16.1%	47.1%	100.0%	

## XVI. Community Resource Referrals

### A. Number of defendants screened to determine Community Resource Assistance needs:

	5,989
1. Number indicating no assistance needs:	2,494
2. Number indicating assistance needed:	2,881
3. Number court ordered:	668

### B. Service area(s) where defendants requested assistance, or were ordered by the court to participate in a program, and where referrals were provided:

Service Area	Court	%	Requests	%	Referrals	%
Utilities	0	0.0%	797	7.7%	441	5.9%
Rent	0	0.0%	767	7.4%	359	4.8%
Emergency Housing	0	0.0%	339	3.3%	180	2.4%
Food	0	0.0%	853	8.2%	465	6.2%
Transportation	0	0.0%	809	7.8%	374	5.0%
Dental Care	0	0.0%	1,174	11.3%	954	12.8%
Medical Care/Medication	10	0.7%	715	6.9%	478	6.4%
Prenatal Care	0	0.0%	74	0.7%	10	0.1%
Disability	0	0.0%	171	1.6%	35	0.5%
Counseling	310	20.9%	627	6.0%	612	8.2%
Substance / Alcohol Abuse	510	34.4%	231	2.2%	599	8.0%
Employment	300	20.2%	1,521	14.6%	1,249	16.8%
Vocational Training	1	0.1%	721	6.9%	435	5.8%
Education	341	23.0%	1,121	10.8%	892	12.0%
Childcare	0	0.0%	429	4.1%	305	4.1%
Other	10	0.7%	67	0.6%	63	0.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10,416</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7,451</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

- 1 Defendants may request assistance in multiple areas so the total number of requests is greater than the number of defendants.

Requests	by	Defendants
10,416		2,881

- 2 In each referral category, the defendant could have received a list with multiple contacts; only the referral is counted, not the number of places referred. Referrals are not necessarily made in the same month the referral was requested.

Referrals	to	Defendants
20,614		3,032

C. Service outcomes for the 5,794 defendants disposed in Calendar Year 1996.

1. Number of disposed defendants initially screened by community resource:	<u>5,699</u>
2. Number contacted for follow up	<u>1,750</u>
3. Number that did not attempt to receive assistance	<u>620</u>
4. Number that did attempt to receive assistance	<u>1,130</u>
5. Number that are pending assistance	<u>614</u>
6. Number that received the assistance sought	<u>516</u>

D. Service area(s) where defendants received assistance, or are pending assistance

Service Area	1		2	
	Pending	%	Received	%
Assistance paying utility bills	78	7.4%	24	3.5%
Assistance paying rent	55	5.2%	12	1.7%
Received emergency shelter and/or government housing	45	4.3%	5	0.7%
Received emergency groceries or food stamps	65	6.2%	55	7.9%
Bus Schedules and/or towed car information	3	0.3%	121	17.4%
Received Dental Care	117	11.1%	12	1.7%
Received Medical Care/Medication	43	4.1%	11	1.6%
Received prenatal information and/or care	2	0.2%	0	0.0%
Received or applied for social security disability	4	0.4%	2	0.3%
Attended counseling	44	4.2%	136	19.6%
Enrolled in Substance Abuse Treatment Program	2	0.2%	199	28.7%
Received job or job opportunity information	374	35.5%	14	2.0%
Enrolled in vocational program	39	3.7%	8	1.2%
Enrolled in an educational program	136	12.9%	52	7.5%
Received childcare services	43	4.1%	7	1.0%
Received other services not listed above	4	0.4%	36	5.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>100%</b>

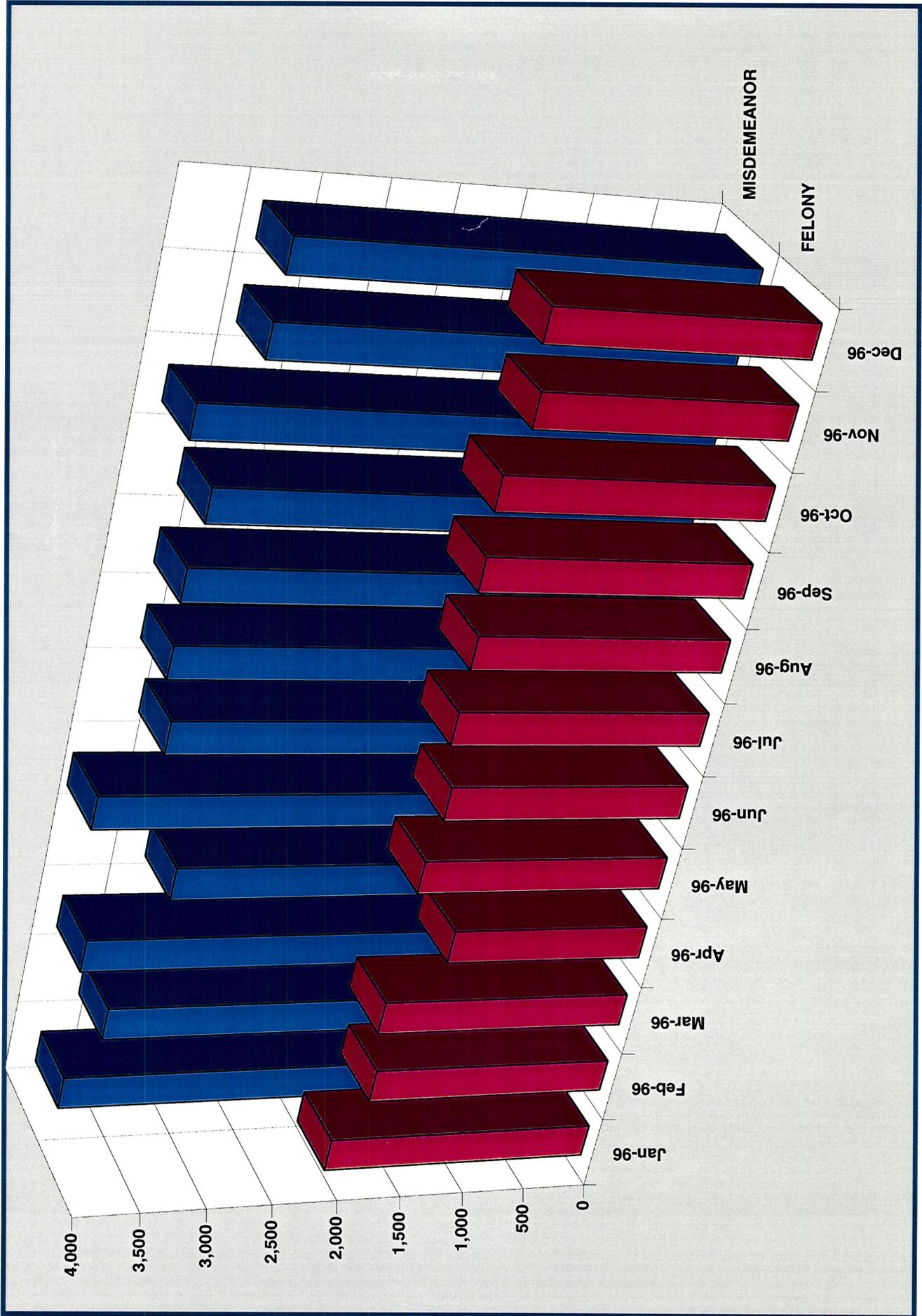
1 Defendants may be pending assistance in multiple areas so the total number of pending is greater than the number of defendants.

Pending	by	Defendants
1,054		614

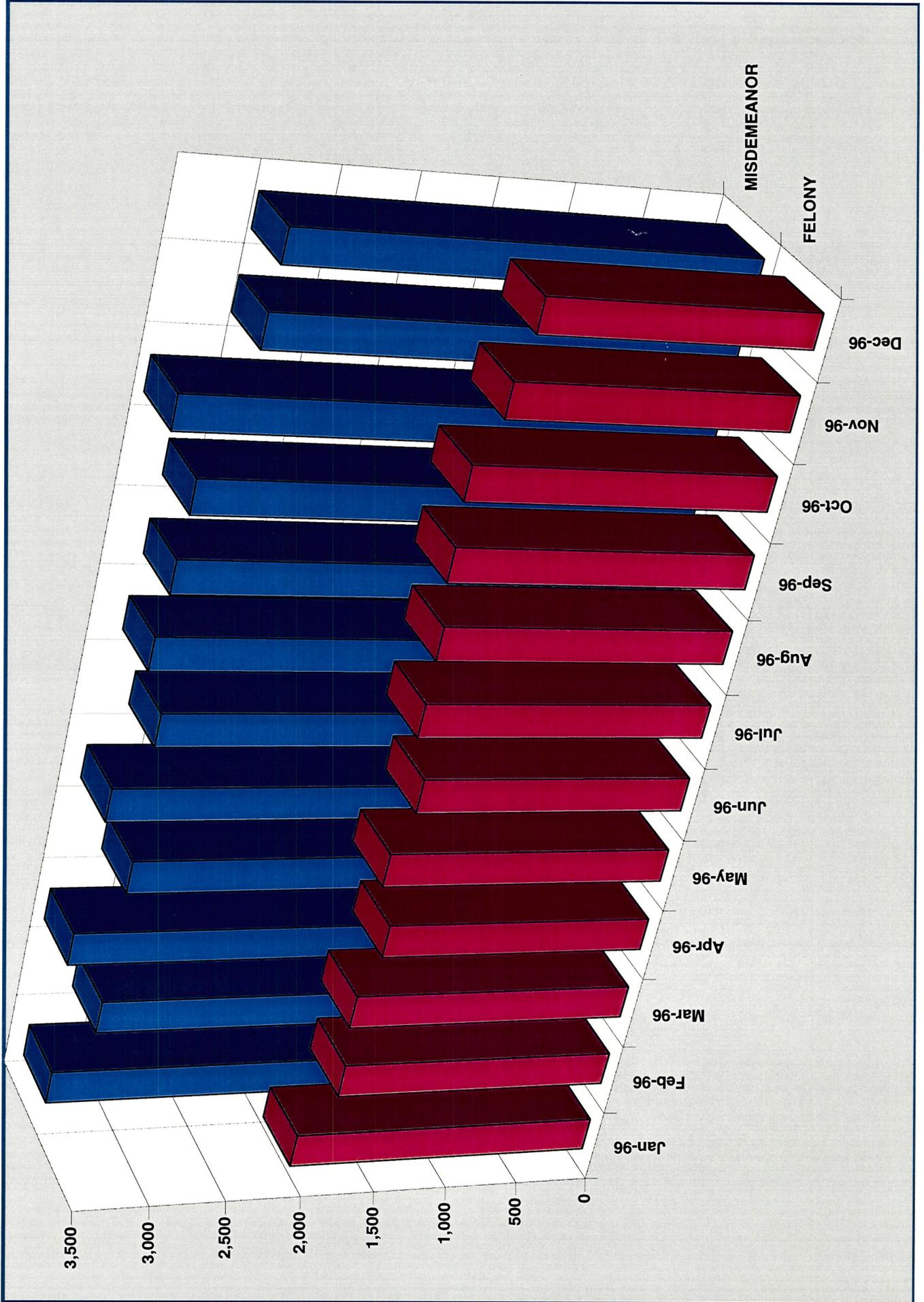
2 Defendants may have received assistance in multiple areas so the total number of received is greater than the number of defendants.

Received	by	Defendants
694		516

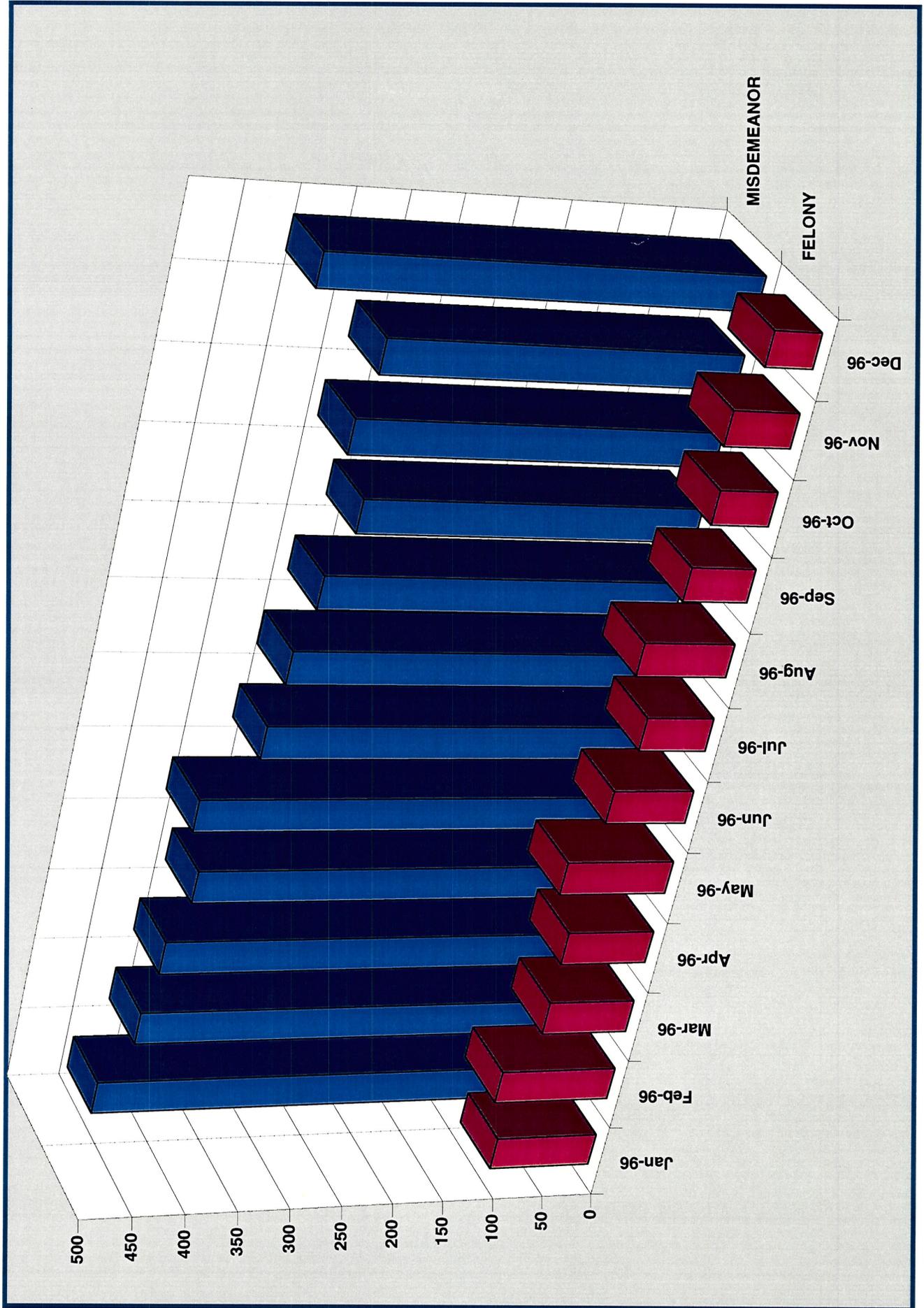
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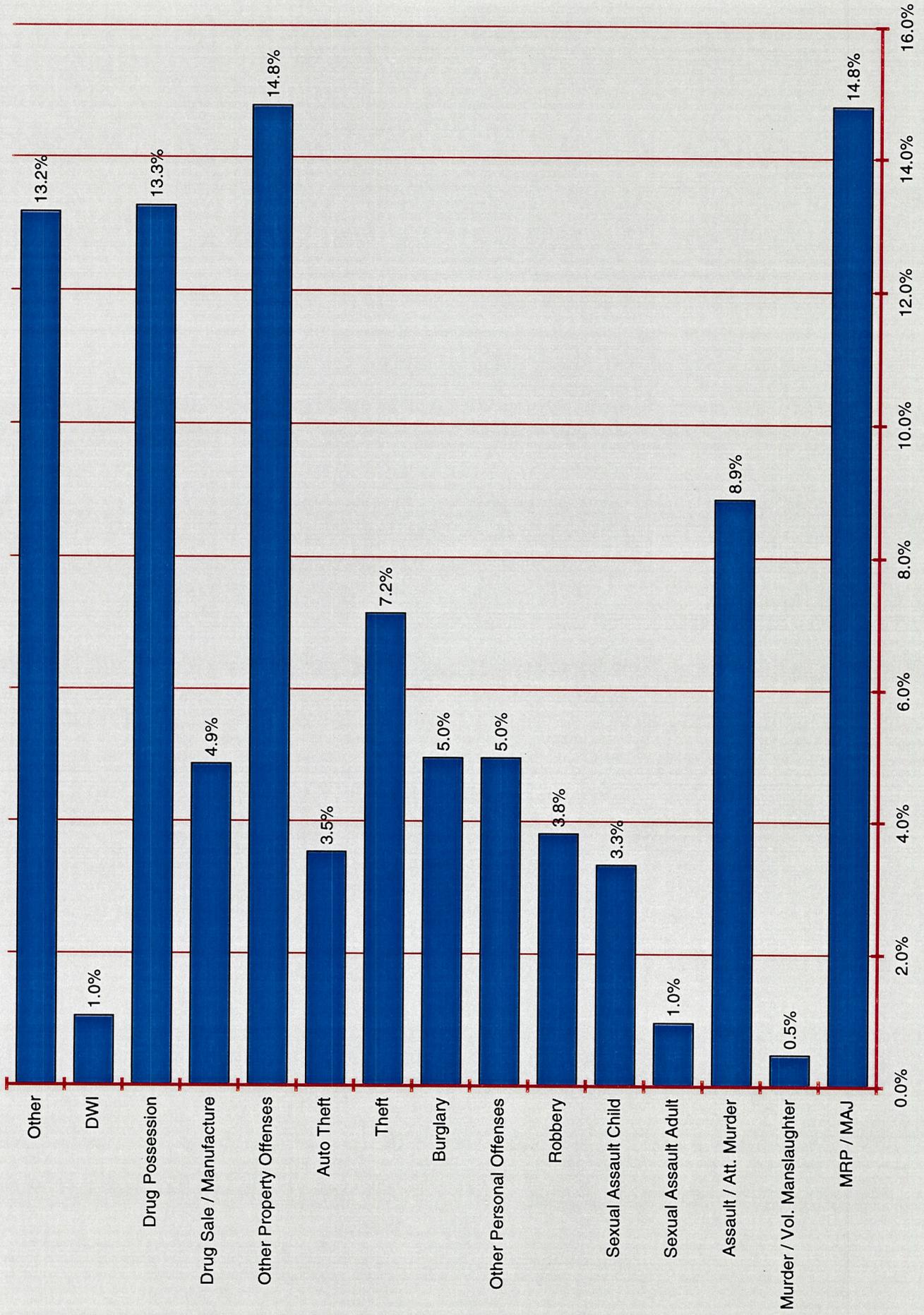
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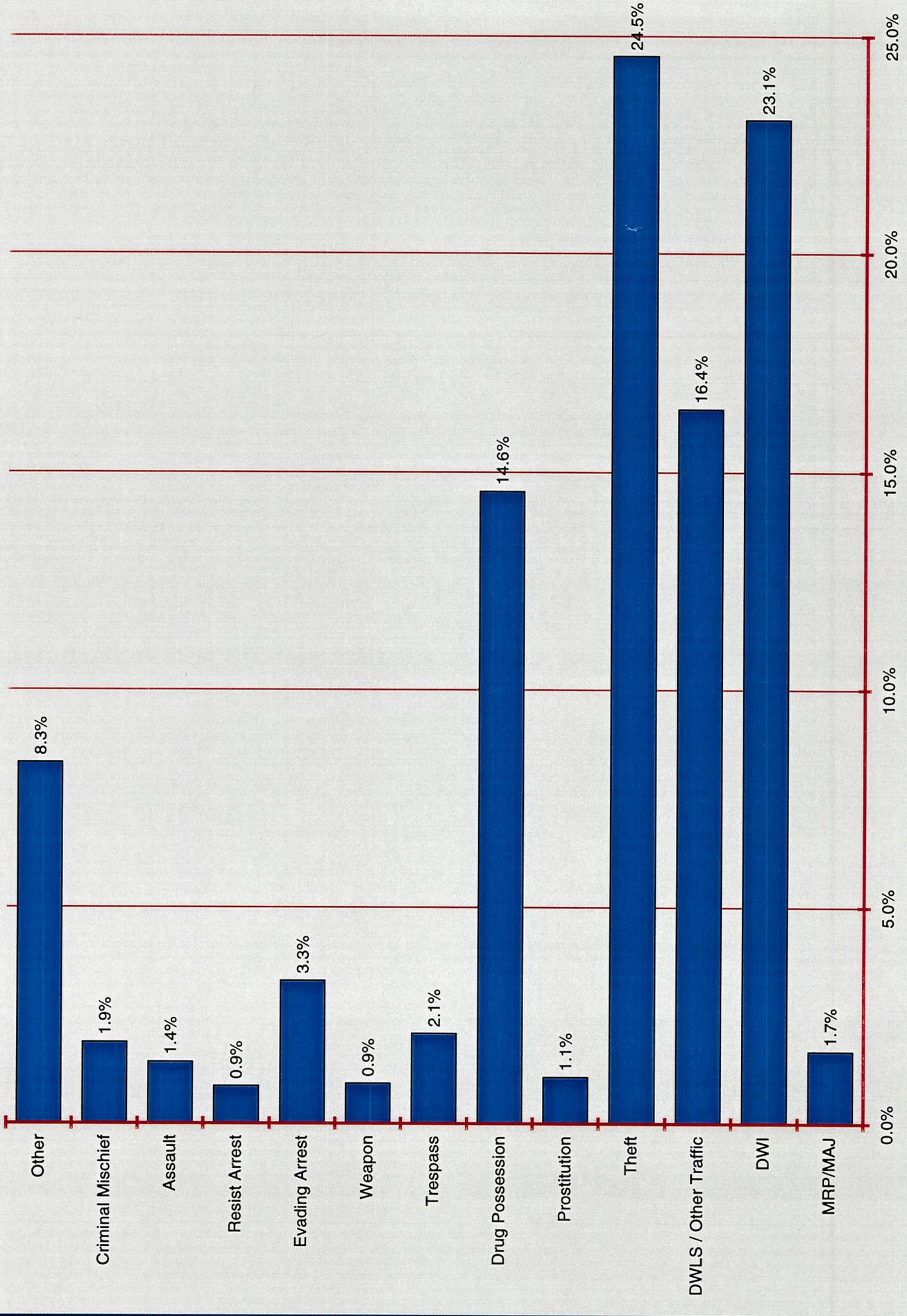
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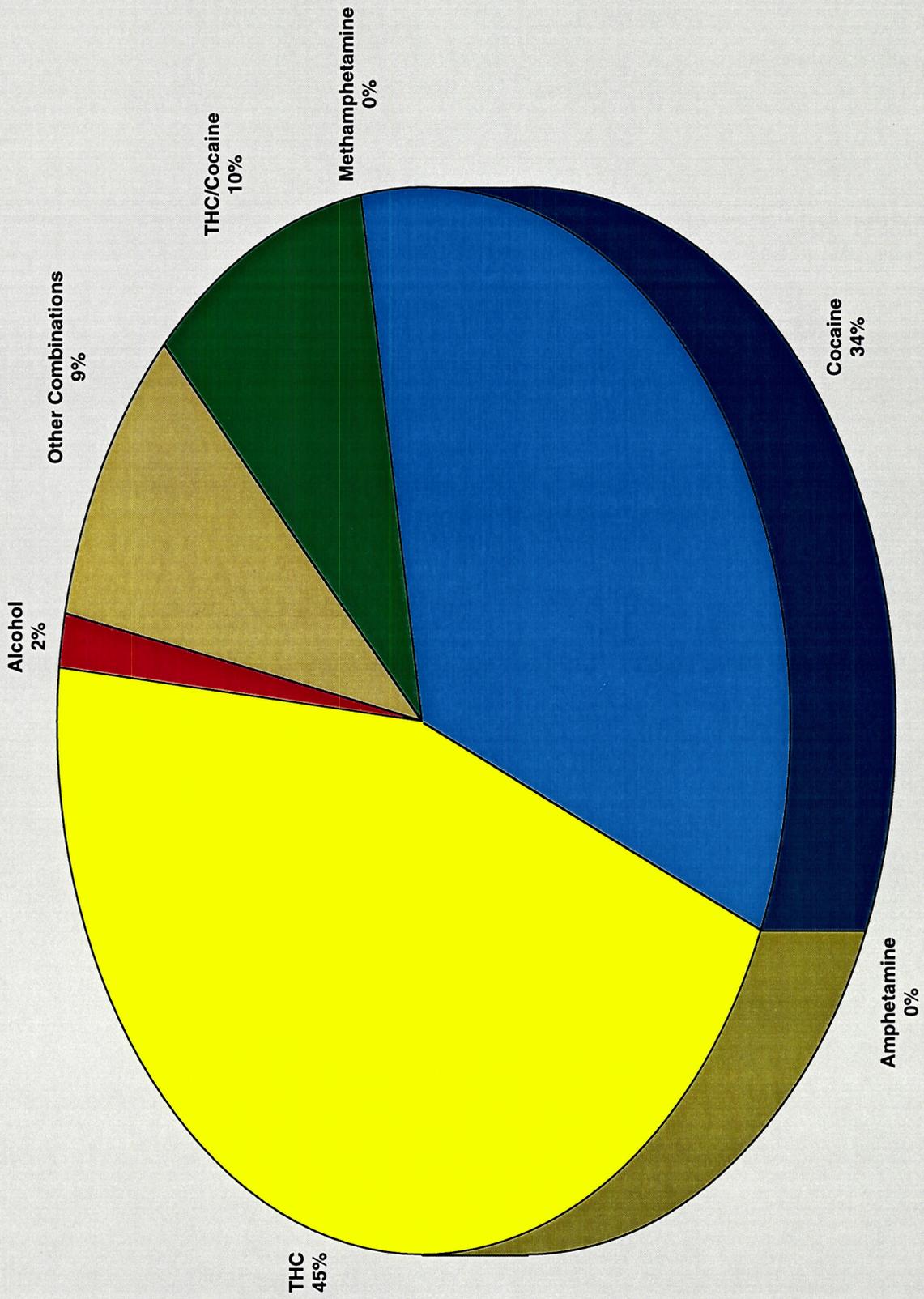
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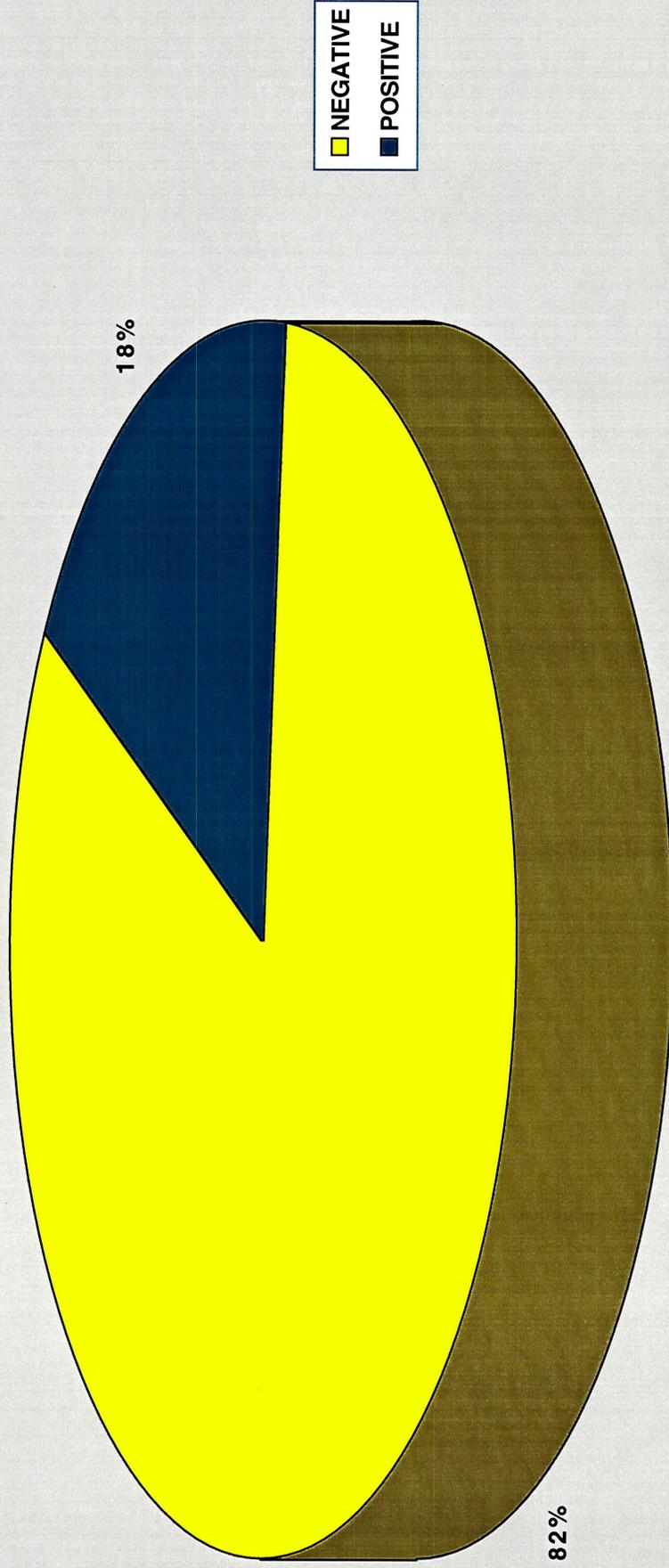
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1996 URINALYSIS RESULTS



1996 URINALYSIS INFORMATION



682 specimens tested positive; 233 cocaine, 309 THC, 66 THC/cocaine, 12 alcohol, 62 other combinations