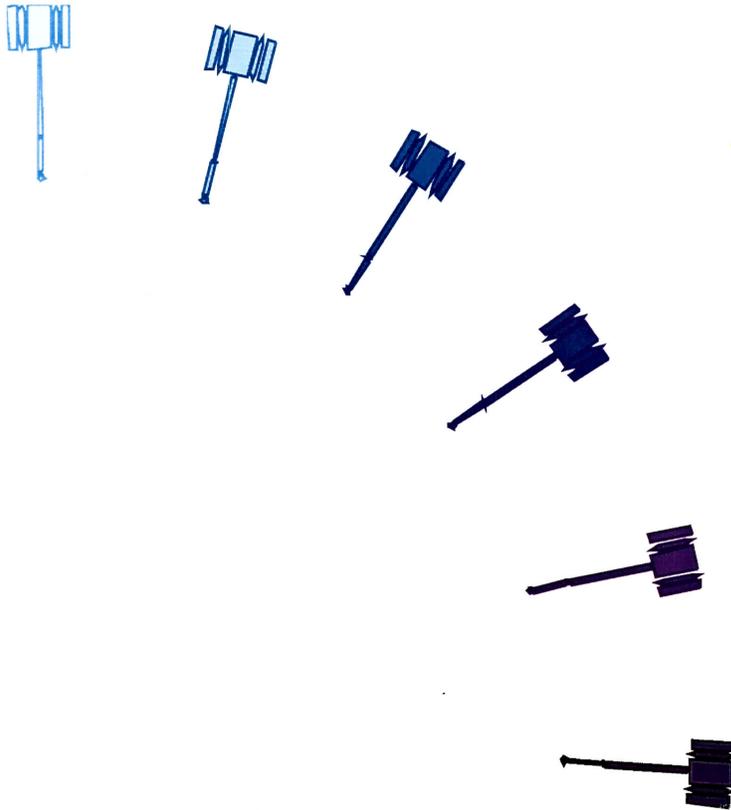




Harris County Pretrial Services Agency



1998 Annual Report

Mission

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

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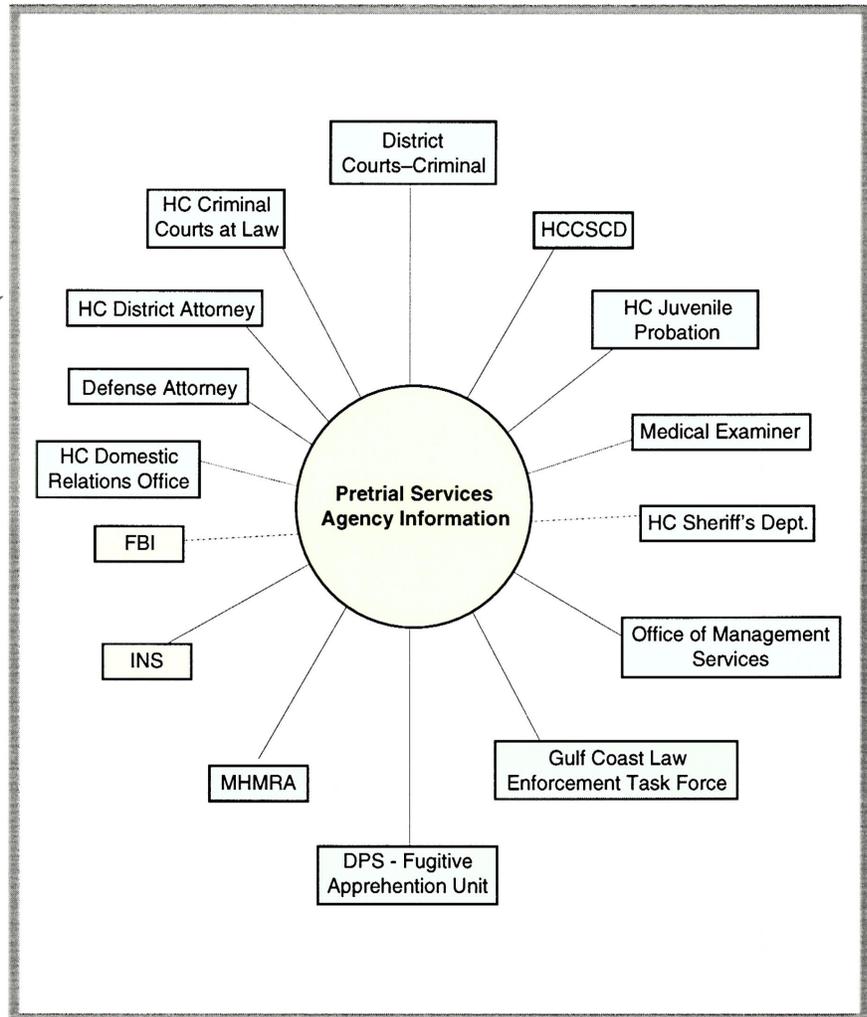
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The Pretrial Services Agency is part of a larger criminal justice community that works together to promote the administration of justice in Harris County. We would like to specifically recognize the Harris County Commissioners' Court, the Pretrial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

End of an Era

After 25 years of service with Harris County, fourteen of those years as the Director of the Harris County Pretrial Services Agency, Charles E. Noble retired December 31, 1998. Mr. Noble headed the Agency through a time of great change and growth. His contributions to the viability and success of the Harris County pre-trial services program are well known to those who worked with him. ■



New Director Takes the Helm



In December 1998, Commissioners' Court unanimously selected Carol Oeller to be the Director of the Pretrial Services Agency. Ms. Oeller brings over 20 years of experience in criminal justice to the job, 14 of those years as Assistant Director of the Harris County Pretrial Services Agency.

In addition to her role at this Agency, Ms. Oeller serves as the Chair of the Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Impairments, a position she has held since 1993. She served on the board of the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies in various capacities including a term as Vice President. ■

PTSA a Valuable Source for Information

The Pretrial Services Agency provides information to local, state and national governmental agencies. The Agency presents the information in a variety of ways, including defendant reports, Agency performance reports, and customized responses to special requests.

The Defendant Report

Agency personnel usually begin preparing the defendant report within a few hours of a person's arrest. Offices 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 are staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to assure access to the defendants and the records necessary to complete the report as soon after an arrest as possible.

The report consists of a defendant interview and criminal records and warrants checks using local, state and national records. Staff may also add to the report through contacts with family, friends, and others. The final report contains information about a defendant's

criminal, social, and medical history.

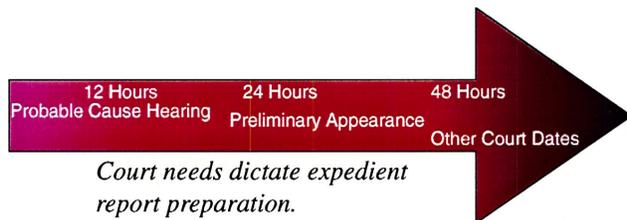
The compiled information is readily available for use by the courts in both on-line and hard copy formats. The former allows access to the Agency information on a defendant by other criminal justice agencies.

PTSA Regularly Reports on Performance, Responds to Requests for Information

This Annual Report includes a summary of statistics collected and reported each month by the Pretrial Services Agency. The monthly reports contain information covering a broad range of Agency activity. Included are facts about the number

and location of interviews and court presentations, and information regarding defendant activity while under Agency supervision. The staff also prepare and deliver an individual court activity summary to each judge hearing criminal cases.

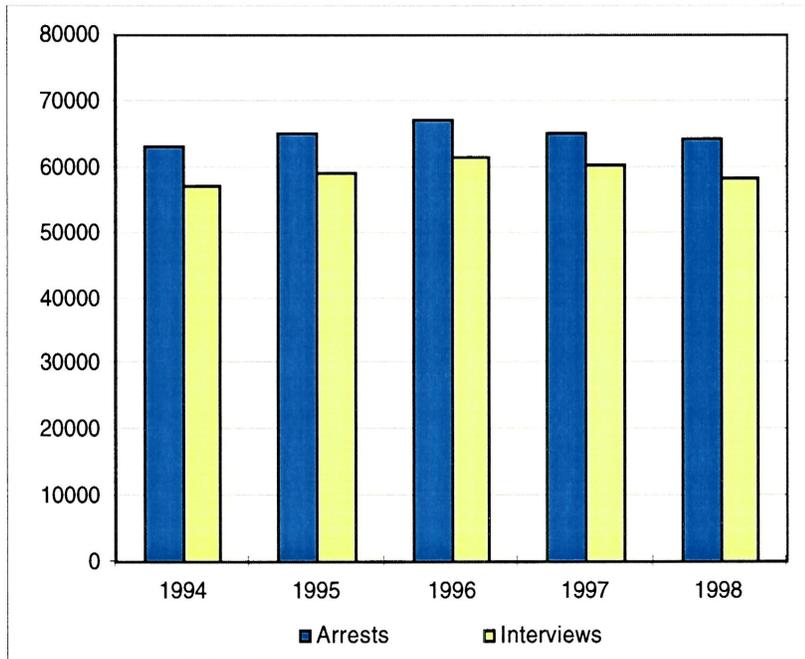
When requested to do so, the Agency prepares reports tailored to the needs of other criminal justice entities. The Agency receives these requests for information from the local, state and national level. The reports are compiled using data from a variety of sources, including JIMS records, data collected and stored locally, as well as data that the Agency maintains. ■



The Defendant Report Contains Information on:

- Criminal Record*
- Open Warrants*
- Pending Cases*
- Address History and Living Situation*
- Employment History*
- Financial Situation*
- Dependants*
- Family, Friends, and Contacts*
- Medical Special Needs*

1998 Defendant Report Statistics



The number of persons arrested and charged with a felony or class A or B misdemeanor offense in 1998 declined slightly from 1997. Just over 64,000 people were arrested last year, a modest decrease of 1.4%.

The number of defendant reports compiled corresponds closely with the number of arrests. The number of defendant interviews conducted also declined to 58,013 in 1998, a drop of about 3.7% from 1997. The staff interviewed over 90% of all defendants arrested for a felony or misdemeanor charge.

The Agency interviews defendants at both Houston Police Department (HPD) jails (Central and Southeast) and at the downtown Harris County Jail. For the first time since the Agency began compiling statistics the number of interviews conducted in the Harris County Jail was greater than the number of interviews completed at the combined HPD locations. ■

Defendants with Mental Impairments Can Get Assistance

The Pretrial Services Agency participates in the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority (MHMRA) Pretrial Screening Project. The Agency staff work closely with the MHMRA Pretrial Screening team to identify those defendants with mental impairments. The information helps the sheriff's department with proper classification and assists the court in managing the case.

If a defendant is placed under the Agency's supervision, the Pretrial Services Agency Community Resource Unit acts as an intermediary between the MHMRA and the court, ensuring that all parties stay informed in these special circumstances. The successful collaboration of the Pretrial Services Agency and the MHMRA results in a defendant's mental health status being considered at both the pretrial (bail) and post-trial (adjudication) stages. ■



The MHMRA screening team interviews the defendant in the Probable Cause Courtroom within 12 hours of charges being filed. Assessment results can then be presented to the magistrate for action.

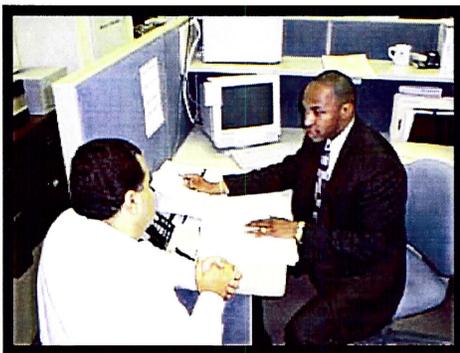
Community Resource Unit staff work with the mentally impaired defendant, the courts, and MHMRA to keep all parties informed.



Makeup of Supervision Caseload Continues to Change

A total of 5,652 persons were placed in the pretrial supervision program in 1998, a decline of 4.1% from 1997. The defendants monitored by the program included 4,209 defendants released on personal bond, 1,383 defendants released on some form of financial bond, and 60 defendants supervised by order of the court without bail as a factor.

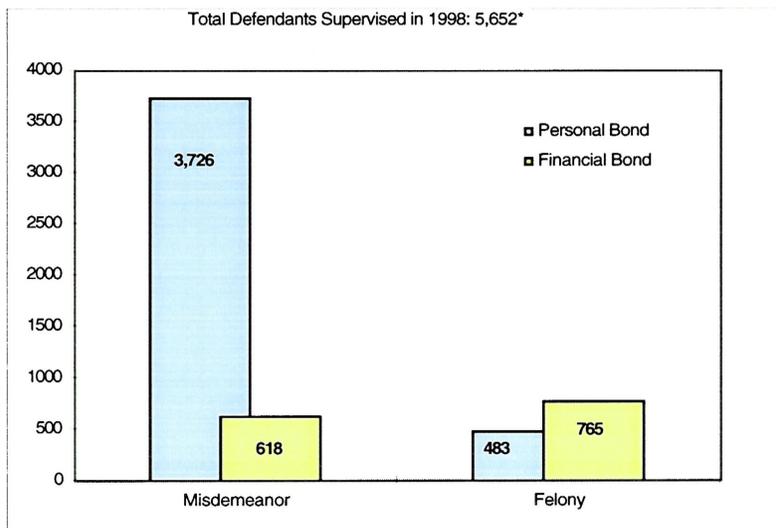
The Agency tailors each defendant's supervision based on the conditions imposed by the court. Defendants released on a personal bond with the least restrictive conditions are placed in the General Caseload Unit. These defendants are



One on one contact with the defendants re-enforce the conditions of release.

required to check-in by phone and in person, and to notify the Agency of any changes in their work or residence situations. In 1998, 3,904 persons, or 69% of all defendants placed in the program were assigned to the General Caseload Unit.

The Special Caseload Unit provides a wide range of specialized supervision options for defendants released on all forms of bail. These include electronic monitoring supervision (EMS), curfew and association restrictions, as well as substance abuse screening, assessment, evaluation and, when appropriate, treatment referral. The Special Caseload Unit manages the cases of all defendants with a financial bond and court-ordered supervision without



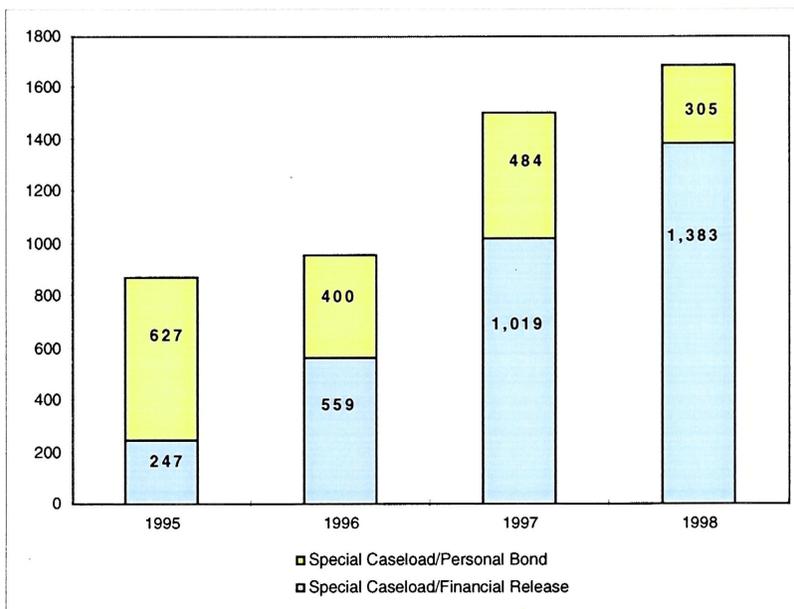
* Includes 60 defendants ordered supervised where bail was not a factor.

bail. In addition, this unit supervised 305, or 7.2% of all personal bond defendants.

In all, 1,748 defendants were assigned to the Special Caseload Unit in 1998, an increase of 14.4% over 1997. A 32.3% increase in the number of defendants released on financial bond ordered supervised by the Pretrial Services Agency spurred this growth. Misdemeanor financial bond cases saw the

greatest expansion, from 337 defendants in 1997 to 618 in 1998, an 83.4% increase. In 1998, almost one-third (30.9%) of all active defendants under any form of Agency supervision were assigned to the Special Caseload Unit.

It is anticipated that the trend of court-ordered supervision for defendants on all forms of bail, whether charged with a misdemeanor or felony offense, will continue in calendar year 1999. ■



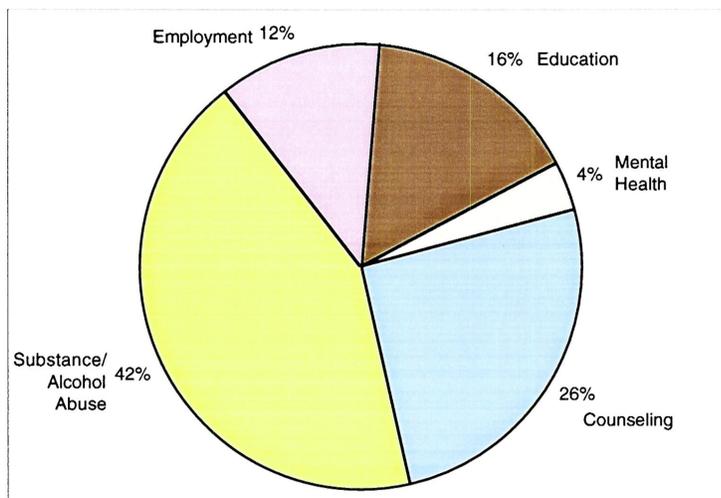
Defendants assigned to special supervision by type of release.

Community Resources Tapped

The Community Resource Unit works closely with Harris County criminal justice agencies, other government-based agencies, public and private contract agencies, and the general public in order to assist defendants who may need aid in a variety of service areas, or who are ordered to receive assistance as a condition of bond. Some 2,337 defendants, 59.5% of all defendants screened in 1998, requested help or were court-ordered to receive assistance for a variety of needs.

Defendants are initially screened for self-identified needs in areas such as medical, prenatal and dental care; employment assistance, vocational training and educational assistance; substance abuse counseling; financial assistance for food, utilities, rent and housing; and childcare assistance. This fast-track screening allows the defendant to identify areas requiring assistance as well as provide staff the opportunity to review and observe each defendant's situation and recommend appropriate community resource referrals.

In many cases, defendants receive court-ordered referrals for community resources. Despite a decline in the total number of defendants assigned to the Agency for supervision in 1998, the number of court ordered referrals for defendants rose almost 8%. Services ordered by the court in 1998 include substance abuse assessment, evaluation, and treatment; and mental health assessment, evaluation, and intervention. ■



TAIP Program

The continued partnership between the Pretrial Services Agency and the Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program (TAIP) allows defendants to be assessed, evaluated, and, where indicated, referred to treatment for substance abuse problems. The Community Resource Unit coordinates TAIP activities for defendants supervised by the Pretrial Services Agency and reviews defendant participation in assigned treatment programs. Services available include inpatient and outpatient treatment, education classes, and support groups for defendants with substance abuse problems.

Many of the defendants court-ordered to submit to drug screening are referred to TAIP after testing positive for an illegal or illicit substance. While this is a valuable service for defendants on bond, the referral and assessment procedure could be augmented by conducting assessments on jailed defendants as well. This would allow both the sheriff's department and the courts to identify those with a substance abuse problem who remain in jail. ■

Services Offered by the Special Caseload Unit

- Screening for illegal/illicit drug use (testing through the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office)
- Supervising electronic monitoring
- 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

1998 Court-Ordered Referrals

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

Over 92% of the 4,392 defendants whose personal bond period ended in 1998 successfully completed their time on bond. Of those defendants, 11.7% had their charges dismissed, no billed, or were found not guilty. Another 70.9% received a sentence with no additional jail time at disposition. Of the defendants the program supervised who were on some form of financial bond, 92.9% successfully completed their time on bond.

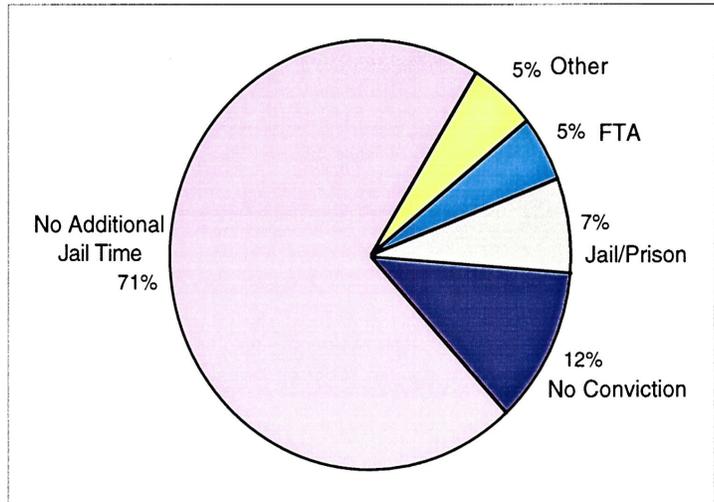
Despite the precautions taken to ensure that a defendant will appear at all court hearings and follow the conditions imposed by the court, some people do not comply with the provisions of release. Under these circumstances the court will revoke the bond and take the defendant into custody for non-compliance or, if the defendant failed to appear for a court setting, issue a warrant for the defendant's arrest.

In 1998, 269 defendants supervised by the Agency had a warrant issued for their arrest for failing to appear in court and 391 defendants' bonds were revoked for non-compliance. The percent of personal bond defendants who failed to appear or whose bond was revoked was 4.9%

and 2.9% respectively. The financial bond defendants' failure rate was 3.6% and the revocation for non-compliance rate was 6.0%.

Once a warrant is issued, staff assigned to the Failure to Appear (FTA) Unit coordinate efforts to locate the fugitive defendant. They determine reasons for failure to appear, advise the appropriate court of any mitigating circumstances for the failure to appear, and advise law enforcement of the defendant's whereabouts for arrest when appropriate.

Resolution of failure to appear warrants is a high priority. As of January 31, 1998, 86.2% of the defendants with outstanding warrants were resolved, 95.6% of those

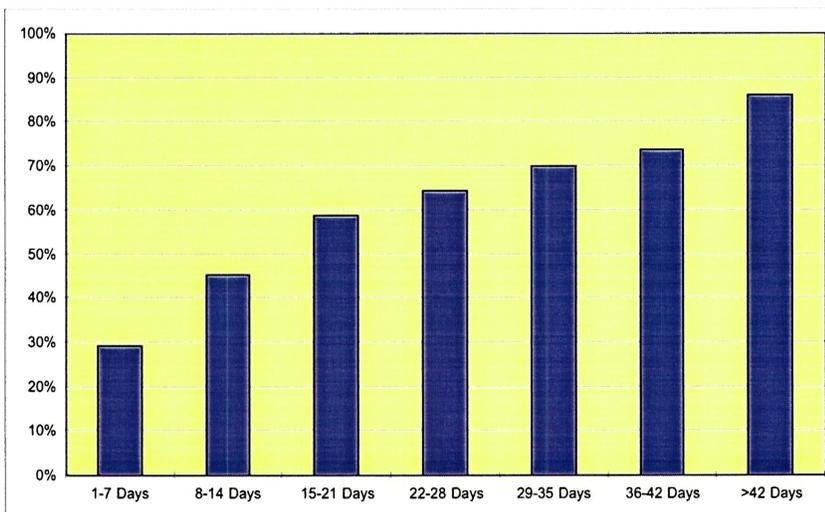


Breakdown by disposition type of personal bond defendants whose cases were disposed in 1997.

through arrest. In fact, 75.2% of the warrants were disposed within twenty-eight days after the date the warrant was issued, and 88.3% were disposed within fifty days after the date of issuance. Information provided by the Pretrial Services Agency was instrumental in the location and arrest of over 66% of the arrests made.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office works closely with the FTA Unit in the search for and retrieval of defendants with outstanding failure to appear warrants. The FTA Unit both persuades defendants to report to our office to resolve warrants and actively seeks out and passes on information useful to the detectives in arresting defendants formerly supervised by the Agency. This joint effort has been on-going for several years and continues to be both an effective and efficient means of dealing with these defendants.

The Agency's FTA Unit continues to expand its cooperative efforts with law enforcement to include not only the Harris County Sheriff's department but also the Texas Workforce Commission, U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services, and many other state and federal agencies. This cooperative effort continues to offer enhanced abilities to locate fugitive defendants and resolve warrants. ■



Time to resolution for FTA warrants issued in 1998. Over 40% of the warrants were resolved within 14 days of issuance.

1998 Annual Report Statistics

I. Incarcerated Defendant Activity (Jail)

A. Number of defendants arrested at the time charges were filed
(excludes defendants with only Class C misdemeanor, MRP, or MAJ):

Filing Agency	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both	%	TOTAL	%
HPD/Park	20,399	52.2%	13,373	67.2%	357	54.3%	34,129	57.2%
HCSO	7,876	20.2%	3,063	15.4%	134	20.4%	11,073	18.6%
Pasadena	1,187	3.0%	531	2.7%	19	2.9%	1,737	2.9%
Baytown	963	2.5%	356	1.8%	13	2.0%	1,332	2.2%
Humble	416	1.1%	102	0.5%	1	0.2%	519	0.9%
DPS	1,004	2.6%	215	1.1%	10	1.5%	1,229	2.1%
Constables	2,839	7.3%	573	2.9%	48	7.3%	3,460	5.8%
Other	4,374	11.2%	1,686	8.5%	76	11.6%	6,136	10.3%
TOTAL	39,058	100%	19,899	100%	658	100%	59,615	100%

B. Number of defendants arrested on a warrant
(excludes defendants with only Class C misdemeanor, MRP, or MAJ):

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% of Arr
1,771	2,853	0	4,624	7.2%

C. Total number of defendants arrested in the reporting month:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% Interv
40,829	22,752	658	64,239	90.3%

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

Location	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both a.	%	TOTAL	%
HPD Jails	14,537	41.1%	12,752	59.7%	641	50.4%	27,930	48.1%
H CJ/PCH	20,555	58.1%	8,435	39.5%	625	49.1%	29,615	51.0%
Other	280	0.8%	181	0.8%	7	0.5%	468	0.8%
TOTAL	35,372	100%	21,368	100%	1,273	100%	58,013	100%

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	436	12.0%	10	2.4%	0	0.0%	446	11.0%
H CJ	3,212	88.0%	407	97.4%	0	0.0%	3,619	89.0%
Rehab	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
TOTAL	3,648	100%	418	100%	0	0%	4,066	100%

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

- A. Number of defendants interviewed or with an application on file who had not yet been arrested on the charged offense:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
117	96	5	218

- B. Number of above defendants granted a personal bond:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
87	68	15	170

- C. Number of non-arrest personal bonds filed:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
78	65	0	143

III. Characteristics of Interviewed Defendants

- A. Gender:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
Male	28,878	81.4%	18,453	81.2%	47,331	81.3%
Female	6,600	18.6%	4,282	18.8%	10,882	18.7%
TOTAL	35,478	100%	22,735	100%	58,213	100%

- B. Race/Ethnicity:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
White	13,527	38.1%	6,686	29.4%	20,213	34.7%
Black	12,022	33.9%	11,372	50.0%	23,394	40.2%
Hispanic	9,420	26.6%	4,414	19.4%	13,834	23.8%
Other	509	1.4%	263	1.2%	772	1.3%
TOTAL	35,478	100%	22,735	100%	58,213	100%

- C. Age:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
< 17	17	0.0%	66	0.3%	83	0.1%
17-19	5,886	16.6%	3,786	16.7%	9,672	16.6%
20-24	7,982	22.5%	4,674	20.6%	12,656	21.7%
25-29	6,161	17.4%	3,529	15.5%	9,690	16.6%
30-35	5,844	16.5%	3,903	17.2%	9,747	16.7%
> 35	9,433	26.6%	6,647	29.2%	16,080	27.6%
Unknown	155	0.4%	130	0.6%	285	0.5%
TOTAL	35,478	100%	22,735	100%	58,213	100%

D. Education Level:

	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
No education	243	0.7%	121	0.5%	364	0.6%
1st-8th grade	4,369	12.3%	2,325	10.2%	6,694	11.5%
9th-11th grade	10,317	29.1%	7,155	31.5%	17,472	30.0%
H.S.Grad/GED	13,349	37.6%	9,037	39.7%	22,386	38.5%
College	6,812	19.2%	3,707	16.3%	10,519	18.1%
Unknown	388	1.1%	390	1.7%	778	1.3%
TOTAL	35,478	100%	22,735	100%	58,213	100%

E. Charge Categories: *

Misdemeanor	Number	%	Felony	Number	%
DWI	6,429	18.1%	Murder / Vol Manslaughter	169	0.7%
DWLS/Other traffic	5,950	16.8%	Assault / Attempted Murder	2,402	10.6%
Theft	5,925	16.7%	Sexual Assault Adult	154	0.7%
Prostitution	1,118	3.2%	Sexual Assault Child	483	2.1%
Drug Possession	4,297	12.1%	Robbery	1,146	5.0%
Trespass	1,262	3.6%	Other Personal Offense	284	1.2%
Weapon	989	2.8%	Burglary	1,195	5.3%
Evading Arrest	1,495	4.2%	Theft	2,043	9.0%
Resisting Arrest	424	1.2%	Auto Theft	1,119	4.9%
Assault	4,272	12.0%	Other Property Offense	1,869	8.2%
Criminal Mischief	662	1.9%	Drug Sale / Manufacture	3,166	13.9%
Other	2,655	7.5%	Drug Possession	6,856	30.2%
			DWI	718	3.2%
			Other	1,131	5.0%
TOTAL	35,478	100%	TOTAL	22,735	100%

* 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	5,753	16.2%	1,774	7.8%	7,527	12.9%
3	7,240	20.4%	2,978	13.1%	10,218	17.6%
2	7,510	21.2%	3,942	17.3%	11,452	19.7%
1	7,145	20.1%	5,003	22.0%	12,148	20.9%
0	4,555	12.8%	4,336	19.1%	8,891	15.3%
-1	1,979	5.6%	2,496	11.0%	4,475	7.7%
-2	917	2.6%	1,499	6.6%	2,416	4.2%
-3	338	1.0%	624	2.7%	962	1.7%
-4	41	0.1%	82	0.4%	123	0.2%
-5	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.002%
TOTAL	35,478	100%	22,735	100%	58,213	100%

IV. Classification and Activity on Defendant Interviews

A. The Defendant	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Refused an interview	115	0	140	0	255	0.4%
Negative Score	2,996	0	4,427	1	7,424	12.8%
Has no bond set	3,650	4	2,956	0	6,610	11.4%
Has a bond > 20,000	12	0	676	2	690	1.2%
Has an unverifiable application	4	0	2	0	6	0.01%
Made surety or cash bond before court review	5,505	5	4,419	10	9,939	17.1%
Had case disposed	521	2	2,656	3	3,182	5.5%
SUBTOTAL	12,803	11	15,276	16	28,106	48.3%
All Other Applications	22,569	95	7,366	77	30,107	51.7%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	35,372	106	22,642	93	58,213	100%

B. Outcome of court review on defendant interviews	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Approved	1,954	69	157	50	2,230	6.5%
Approved pending verification	2,688	3	74	0	2,765	8.1%
Approved with additional conditions	50	11	163	19	243	0.7%
Denied	22,306	8	6,166	3	28,483	83.1%
Denied Bond Lowered	248	2	289	1	540	1.6%
Pending	24	1	8	0	33	0.1%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	27,270	94	6,857	73	34,294	100%

C. Court review of applications previously accounted for:	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Approved	87	3	19	0	109	3.2%
Approved pending verification	20	0	8	0	28	0.8%
Approved with additional conditions	37	0	34	0	71	2.1%
Denied	2,555	0	538	0	3,093	91.0%
Denied Bond Lowered	47	0	44	0	91	2.7%
Pending	8	0	0	0	8	0.2%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	2,754	3	643	0	3,400	100%

D. Personal bond activity:	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA	
Total approvals	4,836	86	455	70	5,447
Applications filed	3,688	78	421	65	4,252
Defendants released	3,648	78	418	65	4,209

E. Non-personal bond activity	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Bond	Other	Bond	Other	
Court ordered supervision	629	36	796	6	1,467

V. Total Number of Defendants Released to PTSA Supervision

Type of Release	Misdemeanor	Felony	Total
Released on personal bond	3726	483	4209
–Assigned to special caseload unit	124	181	305
Released on surety/cash bond	618	765	1383
–Assigned to special caseload unit	618	765	1383
Released other	50	10	60
–Assigned to special caseload unit	50	10	60

	# of Accused
Releases on Personal Bond with priors of the same offense or any felony within 6 yrs	18

VI. Personal Bond Releases by Charge Category

A. Misdemeanor:

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP/MAJ	36	0.9%
DWI	804	20.7%
DWLS / Other Traffic	579	14.9%
Theft	955	24.5%
Prostitution	38	1.0%
Drug Possession	776	19.9%
Trespass	90	2.3%
Weapon	26	0.7%
Evading Arrest	118	3.0%
Resist Arrest	29	0.7%
Assault	64	1.6%
Criminal Mischief	69	1.8%
Other	307	7.9%
TOTAL CHARGES	3,891	100%

B. Felony:

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP / MAJ	108	20.0%
Murder / Vol. Manslaughter	3	0.6%
Assault / Att. Murder	53	9.8%
Sexual Assault Adult	9	1.7%
Sexual Assault Child	19	3.5%
Robbery	16	3.0%
Other Personal Offenses	22	4.1%
Burglary	31	5.7%
Theft	36	6.7%
Auto Theft	22	4.1%
Other Property Offenses	47	8.7%
Drug Sale / Manufacture	27	5.0%
Drug Possession	103	19.0%
DWI	5	0.9%
Other	40	7.4%
TOTAL CHARGES	541	100%

VII. Supervised Surety and Cash Bond Releases by Charge Category

A. Misdemeanor:

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP/MAJ	34	4.6%
DWI	242	32.9%
DWLS / Other Traffic	55	7.5%
Theft	48	6.5%
Prostitution	5	0.7%
Drug Possession	127	17.3%
Trespass	9	1.2%
Weapon	29	3.9%
Evading Arrest	27	3.7%
Resist Arrest	8	1.1%
Assault	75	10.2%
Criminal Mischief	14	1.9%
Other	62	8.4%
TOTAL CHARGES	735	100%

B. Felony:

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP / MAJ	33	3.8%
Murder / Vol. Manslaughter	21	2.4%
Assault / Att. Murder	114	13.1%
Sexual Assault Adult	11	1.3%
Sexual Assault Child	47	5.4%
Robbery	32	3.7%
Other Personal Offenses	29	3.3%
Burglary	29	3.3%
Theft	40	4.6%
Auto Theft	21	2.4%
Other Property Offenses	37	4.3%
Drug Sale / Manufacture	91	10.5%
Drug Possession	261	30.1%
DWI	42	4.8%
Other	59	6.8%
TOTAL CHARGES	867	100%

VIII. Total Number of Defendants Supervised by the Pretrial Services Agency in Calendar Year 1998

Total Number of Defendants	Personal Bond	Surety/ Cash Bond	Courtesy/ PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Felony	955	503	10	24	1,492	22.8%
Misdemeanor	3,888	1,043	4	32	4,967	76.0%
Both Felony & Misdemeanor	58	18	1	0	77	1.2%
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	4,901	1,564	15	56	6,536	100%

Note: Courtesy/PT Div includes pretrial cases originating outside of Harris County and non-Harris County pretrial intervention cases. Other includes Harris County diversion and post-adjudication cases.

IX. Total Number of Defendants in Each Supervision Category

	Total	Percent
A. Number of defendants required to comply with standard conditions.	4,478	68.5%
B. Number of defendants required to comply with special conditions.	2,058	31.5%

1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS MONITORED ON PERSONAL BOND DEFENDANTS: *

	Total
a. Urinalysis Drug Screening	215
b. Electronic Monitoring Supervision	109
c. Weekly in-person check-in	199
d. Other conditions	646

2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS MONITORED ON OTHER DEFENDANTS SUPERVISED: *

a. Urinalysis Drug Screening	1,248
b. Electronic Monitoring Supervision	380
c. Weekly in-person check-in	730
d. Other conditions	1,843

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

X. Active Defendants: Case Classification Change

A. Active misdemeanor case; new felony charge; personal bond granted	0
B. Active felony case; new misdemeanor charge; personal bond granted	1

XI. Disposition of Defendants on Personal Bond

A. Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
No Billed	0	0.0%	11	2.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	11	0.3%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	300	7.8%	89	17.1%	7	20.6%	14	41.2%	396	9.0%
Credit Time Served	46	1.2%	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	2	5.9%	47	1.1%
Fined	1,100	28.7%	8	1.5%	0	0.0%	10	29.4%	1,108	25.2%
Deferred Adjudication	1,087	28.3%	128	24.7%	9	26.5%	2	5.9%	1,224	27.9%
Probation	692	18.0%	42	8.1%	1	2.9%	2	5.9%	735	16.7%
H CJ Time	284	7.4%	21	4.0%	3	8.8%	3	8.8%	308	7.0%
TDCJ-ID Time	0	0.0%	6	1.2%	1	2.9%	0	0.0%	7	0.2%
State Jail Time	0	0.0%	8	1.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	0.2%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	35	0.9%	65	12.5%	6	17.6%	0	0.0%	106	2.4%
MRP/MAJ Granted	10	0.3%	12	2.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	22	0.5%
Failures to Appear	191	5.0%	24	4.6%	1	2.9%	1	2.9%	216	4.9%
Non-Compliance	63	1.6%	63	12.1%	3	8.8%	0	0.0%	129	2.9%
Other	31	0.8%	41	7.9%	3	8.8%	0	0.0%	75	1.7%
TOTAL	3,839	100%	519	100%	34	100%	34	100%	4,392	100%

B. Days on bond with Pretrial Services	Felony	Misd
Average	103.2	58.5

XII. Disposition of Surety or Cash Bond Defendants Supervised by PTSA

A. Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
No Billed	0	0.0%	9	1.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	0.6%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	76	11.5%	94	12.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	170	11.8%
Credit Time Served	9	1.4%	4	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	13	0.9%
Fined	89	13.5%	5	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	94	6.5%
Deferred Adjudication	67	10.2%	153	19.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	220	15.3%
Probation	99	15.0%	89	11.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	188	13.1%
H CJ Time	182	27.6%	46	5.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	228	15.9%
TDCJ-ID Time	0	0.0%	41	5.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	41	2.9%
State Jail Time	0	0.0%	7	0.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	0.5%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	7	1.1%	14	1.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	21	1.5%
MRP/MAJ Granted	11	1.7%	8	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	1.3%
Failures to Appear	13	2.0%	38	4.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	51	3.6%
Non-Compliance	57	8.6%	205	26.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	262	18.2%
Other	50	7.6%	63	8.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	113	7.9%
TOTAL	660	100%	776	100%	0	0%	0	0%	1,436	100%

B. Days on bond with Pretrial Services	Felony	Misd
Average	118.1	61.9

XIII. Case Dispositions for Personal Bonds

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	1	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1	13
%	0.0	20.0	1.8	0.0	3.4	5.0	11.5	0.0	2.2	9.5	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	2.8	2.1
DISM	0	2	18	5	11	1	6	5	9	6	15	6	17	1	13	115
%	0.0	40.0	32.1	55.6	37.9	5.0	23.1	13.9	20.0	28.6	25.9	23.1	14.8	0.0	36.1	18.8
MRP DISM	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
%	64.5	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	13.1
DADJ	0	0	15	2	11	8	9	15	14	4	15	6	32	0	8	139
%	0.0	0.0	26.8	22.2	37.9	40.0	34.6	41.7	31.1	19.0	25.9	23.1	27.8	0.0	22.2	22.7
PROB	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	2	6	2	7	1	16	2	1	44
%	0.0	20.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	10.0	7.7	5.6	13.3	9.5	12.1	3.8	13.9	0.0	2.8	7.2
FINE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	3	8
%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	5.2	0.0	0.9	0.0	8.3	1.3
HCJ	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	9	0	3	25
%	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0	5.0	3.8	2.8	2.2	14.3	5.2	3.8	7.8	0.0	8.3	4.1
MRP GRANT	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
%	10.5	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	2.1
TDC-ID	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	7
%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	2.8	4.4	0.0	1.7	3.8	0.0	0.0	2.8	1.1
OTH	21	1	15	2	4	6	5	7	10	3	8	10	32	2	6	132
%	16.9	20.0	26.8	22.2	13.8	30.0	19.2	19.4	22.2	14.3	13.8	38.5	27.8	0.0	16.7	21.6
SSR	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
%	2.4	0.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
FTA	7	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	2	1	5	1	6	0	0	29
%	5.6	0.0	3.6	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	11.1	4.4	4.8	8.6	3.8	5.2	0.0	0.0	4.7
TOTAL	124	5	56	9	29	20	26	36	45	21	58	26	115	5	36	611
%	20.3	0.8	9.2	1.5	4.7	3.3	4.3	5.9	7.4	3.4	9.5	4.3	18.8	0.8	5.9	100.0

XIII. Case Dispositions for Personal Bonds

B. Misdemeanor

	MRP / MAJ	DWI	DWLS /TRAF	THEFT	PROST	DRUG POSS	TRESP	WEAP	EVAD ARR	RES ARR	ASSLT	CRIM MISCH	OTH	TOTAL
DISM	0	60	47	84	3	57	16	9	11	4	19	25	37	372
%	0.0	7.1	7.9	8.5	7.1	7.3	18.0	33.3	8.7	12.5	34.5	31.3	12.1	9.3
MRP DISM	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
%	73.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
DADJ	0	0	50	532	10	350	21	5	31	10	9	22	63	1103
%	0.0	0.0	8.4	53.8	23.8	44.7	23.6	18.5	24.4	31.3	16.4	27.5	20.7	27.4
PROB	0	612	5	40	1	11	2	1	2	5	4	1	12	696
%	0.0	72.4	0.8	4.0	2.4	1.4	2.2	3.7	1.6	15.6	7.3	1.3	3.9	17.3
FINE	0	46	416	198	15	242	26	5	40	7	9	10	122	1136
%	0.0	5.4	69.9	20.0	35.7	30.9	29.2	18.5	31.5	21.9	16.4	12.5	40.0	28.3
CTS	0	4	4	15	1	11	2	0	5	1	2	4	9	58
%	0.0	0.5	0.7	1.5	2.4	1.4	2.2	0.0	3.9	3.1	3.6	5.0	3.0	1.4
HCJ	0	74	37	55	7	60	7	4	17	3	4	7	29	304
%	0.0	8.8	6.2	5.6	16.7	7.7	7.9	14.8	13.4	9.4	7.3	8.8	9.5	7.6
MRP GRANT	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
%	21.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
OTH	3	18	4	18	0	18	0	2	5	0	5	2	13	88
%	5.8	2.1	0.7	1.8	0.0	2.3	0.0	7.4	3.9	0.0	9.1	2.5	4.3	2.2
SSR	0	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	2	1	14
%	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.4	2.4	0.0	2.2	0.0	2.4	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.3	0.3
FTA	0	30	32	43	4	34	13	1	13	2	3	7	19	201
%	0.0	3.6	5.4	4.3	9.5	4.3	14.6	3.7	10.2	6.3	5.5	8.8	6.2	5.0
TOTAL	52	845	595	989	42	783	89	27	127	32	55	80	305	4021
%	1.3	21.0	14.8	24.6	1.0	19.5	2.2	0.7	3.2	0.8	1.4	2.0	7.6	100.0

XIV. Pretrial Appearance Activity

A.

Court Appearances - Personal Bond	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	11,523	1,522	13,045	
Appearances made	11,117	1,425	12,542	96.1%
Appearances missed	406	97	503	3.9%

B.

Court Appearances - Surety & Cash Bond Supervision Cases	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	1,851	3,130	4,981	
Appearances made	1,774	2,883	4,657	93.5%
Appearances missed	77	247	324	6.5%

C.

Instrument issued for missed appearances (FTA) - Personal Bond	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
ACI/REV/B	17	13	30
ACI/OC	3	0	3
ACI/BF	149	10	159
C87/AI	22	2	24
Other	0	0	0
TOTAL	191	25	216
Less Reinstated	3	1	4
Less Jailed	159	18	177
Less Other	2	1	3
TOTAL FUGITIVES	27	5	32

D.

Instrument issued for missed appearances (FTA) - Surety & Cash Bond	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
ACI/REV/B	0	4	4
ACI/OC	1	0	1
ACI/BF	11	28	39
C87/AI	0	9	9
Other	0	0	0
TOTAL	12	41	53
Less Reinstated	1	0	1
Less Jailed	8	37	45
Less Other	1	1	2
TOTAL FUGITIVES	2	3	5

E. Rearrest of defendants that failed to appear*:	Personal Bond		Surety & Cash Bond		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Pretrial Services Agency**	72	40.7%	8	17.8%	80	36.0%
HSCO - Pretrial Services Units	22	12.4%	5	11.1%	27	12.2%
HCSO - Other Street Units	12	6.8%	5	11.1%	17	7.7%
HCSO - Court Bailiff's Office	40	22.6%	13	28.9%	53	23.9%
Houston Police Department	22	12.4%	6	13.3%	28	12.6%
Other Law Enforcement	9	5.1%	8	17.8%	17	7.7%
TOTAL	177	100%	45	100%	222	100%

* 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.

F. Type of Bond	Personal	Surety/Cash
Total defendants resolved	184	48
Resolved by arrest	177	45

XV. 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	74	5	79
New Misdemeanor/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	7	1	8
New Felony	19	10	29
New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	7	5	12
Both New Misd & New Felony	0	0	0
New Misd & New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0
Reindictment	0	8	8
Refile	28	3	31
TOTAL	135	32	167

B. Bail status of new charge	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
Personal Bond Granted	5	4	9
Personal Bond Granted with Additional Conditions	1	5	6
Surety Bond Posted	15	2	17
Cash Bond Posted	0	0	0
In Custody	77	16	93
Non-Arrest	15	3	18
Summons Issued	22	2	24
TOTAL	135	32	167

C. Court action on personal bond case	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
Bond Surrendered	4	0	4
Bond Revoked	13	10	23
Bond Continued	110	12	122
Bond Continued with Conditions	8	10	18
TOTAL	135	32	167

XVI. Noncompliance Activity on Personal Bond

A.

Bond Surrender	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New offense			
- Misdemeanor	6	2	8
- Felony	1	0	1
Alias identification	0	0	0
Noncompliance with bond conditions	5	2	7
Urinalysis	0	1	1
Other	0	3	3
TOTAL	12	8	20

B.

Bond Revocation	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New offense			
- Misdemeanor	1	3	4
- Felony	11	7	18
Alias identification	0	0	0
Noncompliance with bond conditions	29	30	59
Urinalysis	3	9	12
Other	14	26	40
TOTAL	58	75	133

C.

Activity on defendants prior to release	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
Bond surrender	0	0	0
Bond revocation	5	2	7
TOTAL	5	2	7

XVII. Urinalysis Screening Activity

A.

Drug/Alcohol testing	Personal Bond	SUBN / CABD	Courtesy PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Total number of defendants screened	215	1,212	12	24	1,463	
Total number of specimens	1,129	4,730	38	163	6,060	
Specimens confirmed positive	205	1,052	6	20	1,283	21.2%

B.

Confirmed positive results	1st Test	2nd Test	3+ Test	TOTAL	Percent
Cocaine	120	71	146	337	26.1%
THC	235	81	155	471	36.5%
THC/Cocaine	76	23	36	135	10.5%
Methamphetamine	3	0	7	10	0.8%
Amphetamine	3	0	9	12	0.9%
Alcohol	4	5	11	20	1.6%
Other Combinations	106	47	152	305	23.6%
TOTAL	547	227	516	1290	100%
Percent of total confirmed positive results	42%	18%	40%	100%	

XVIII. Community Resource Referrals

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

	5,291
1. Number indicating no assistance needs:	2,138
2. Number indicating assistance needed:	2,337
3. Number court ordered:	816

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%	614	7.4%	280	4.6%
Rent	0	0.0%	596	7.2%	204	3.3%
Emergency Housing	0	0.0%	294	3.5%	156	2.5%
Food	0	0.0%	595	7.2%	297	4.8%
Transportation	0	0.0%	712	8.6%	297	4.8%
Dental Care	0	0.0%	963	11.6%	687	11.2%
Medical Care/Medication	0	0.0%	629	7.6%	395	6.4%
Prenatal Care	0	0.0%	65	0.8%	8	0.1%
Disability	0	0.0%	152	1.8%	33	0.5%
Counseling	402	25.6%	465	5.6%	782	12.7%
Substance / Alcohol Abuse	673	42.9%	220	2.6%	754	12.3%
Employment	189	12.1%	1,154	13.9%	934	15.2%
Vocational Training	0	0.0%	530	6.4%	298	4.9%
Education	247	15.8%	836	10.1%	648	10.6%
Childcare	0	0.0%	310	3.7%	215	3.5%
Mental Health/Retardation	57	3.6%	81	1.0%	62	1.0%
Other	0	0.0%	91	1.1%	84	1.4%
TOTAL	1,568	100%	8,307	100%	6,134	100%

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

Requests	by	Defendants
8,307		2,480

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
18,207		2,465

C. Service outcomes for the 5,828 defendants disposed in Calendar Year 1998.

1. Number of disposed defendants initially screened by community resource:	<u>5,449</u>
2. Number contacted for follow up	<u>1,980</u>
3. Number that did not attempt to receive assistance	<u>566</u>
4. Number that did attempt to receive assistance	<u>1,414</u>
5. Number that are pending assistance	<u>483</u>
6. Number that received the assistance sought	<u>928</u>

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

Service Area	1		2	
	Pending	%	Received	%
Assistance paying utility bills	44	5.1%	7	0.5%
Assistance paying rent	26	3.0%	5	0.3%
Received emergency shelter and/or government housing	34	4.0%	1	0.1%
Received emergency groceries or food stamps	36	4.2%	25	1.6%
Bus Schedules and/or towed car information	4	0.5%	99	6.4%
Received Dental Care	70	8.1%	8	0.5%
Received Medical Care/Medication	24	2.8%	70	4.5%
Received prenatal information and/or care	0	0.0%	3	0.2%
Received or applied for social security disability	3	0.3%	1	0.1%
Attended counseling	89	10.4%	437	28.3%
Enrolled in Substance Abuse Treatment Program	11	1.3%	667	43.2%
Received job or job opportunity information	288	33.5%	8	0.5%
Enrolled in vocational program	43	5.0%	0	0.0%
Enrolled in an educational program	124	14.4%	64	4.1%
Received childcare services	25	2.9%	2	0.1%
Received mental health/mental retardation services	0	0.0%	76	4.9%
Received other services not listed above	38	4.4%	72	4.7%
TOTAL	859	100%	1,545	100%

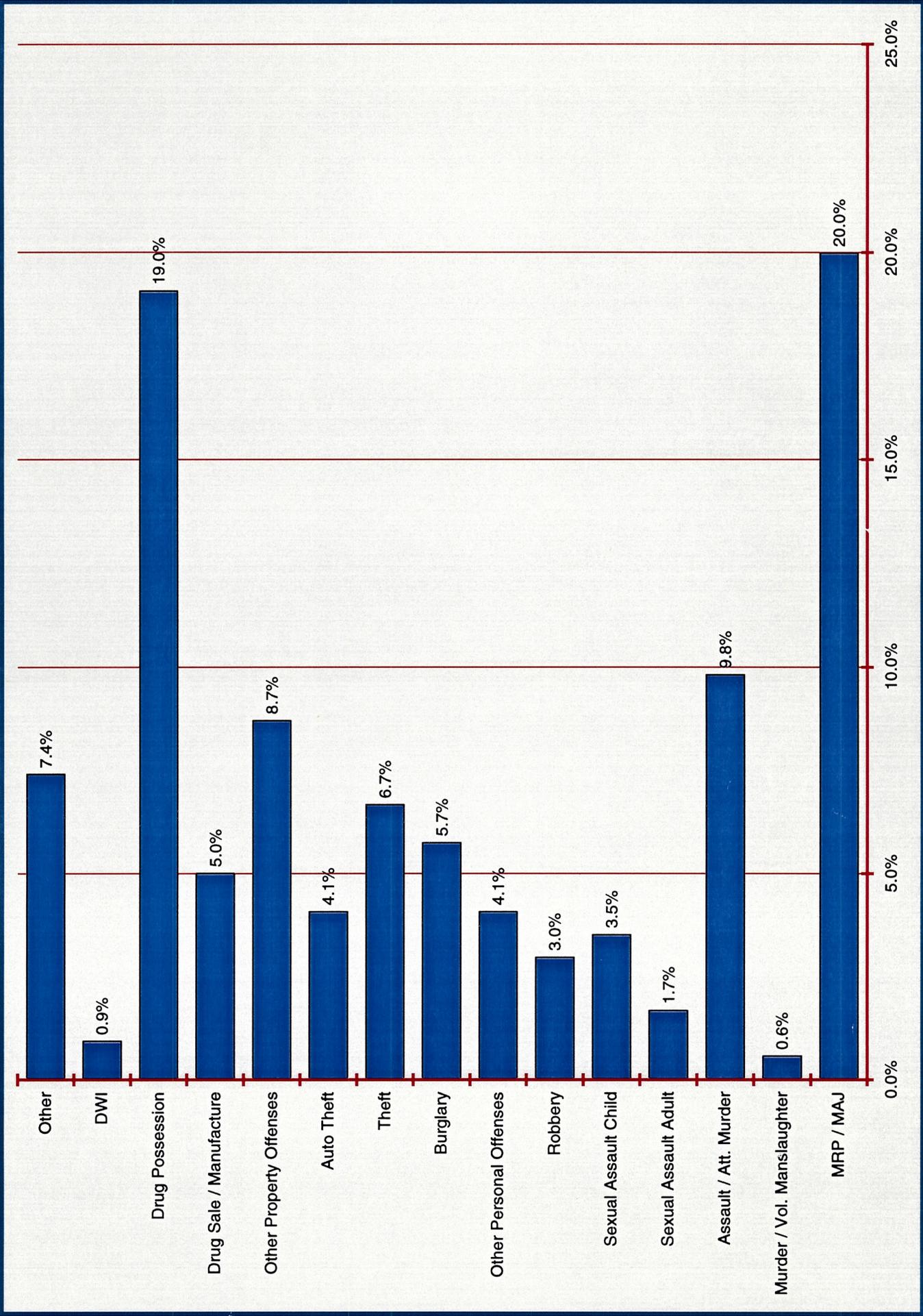
1 Defendants may be pending assistance in multiple areas so the total number of pending is greater than the number of defendants.

Pending	by	Defendants
859		483

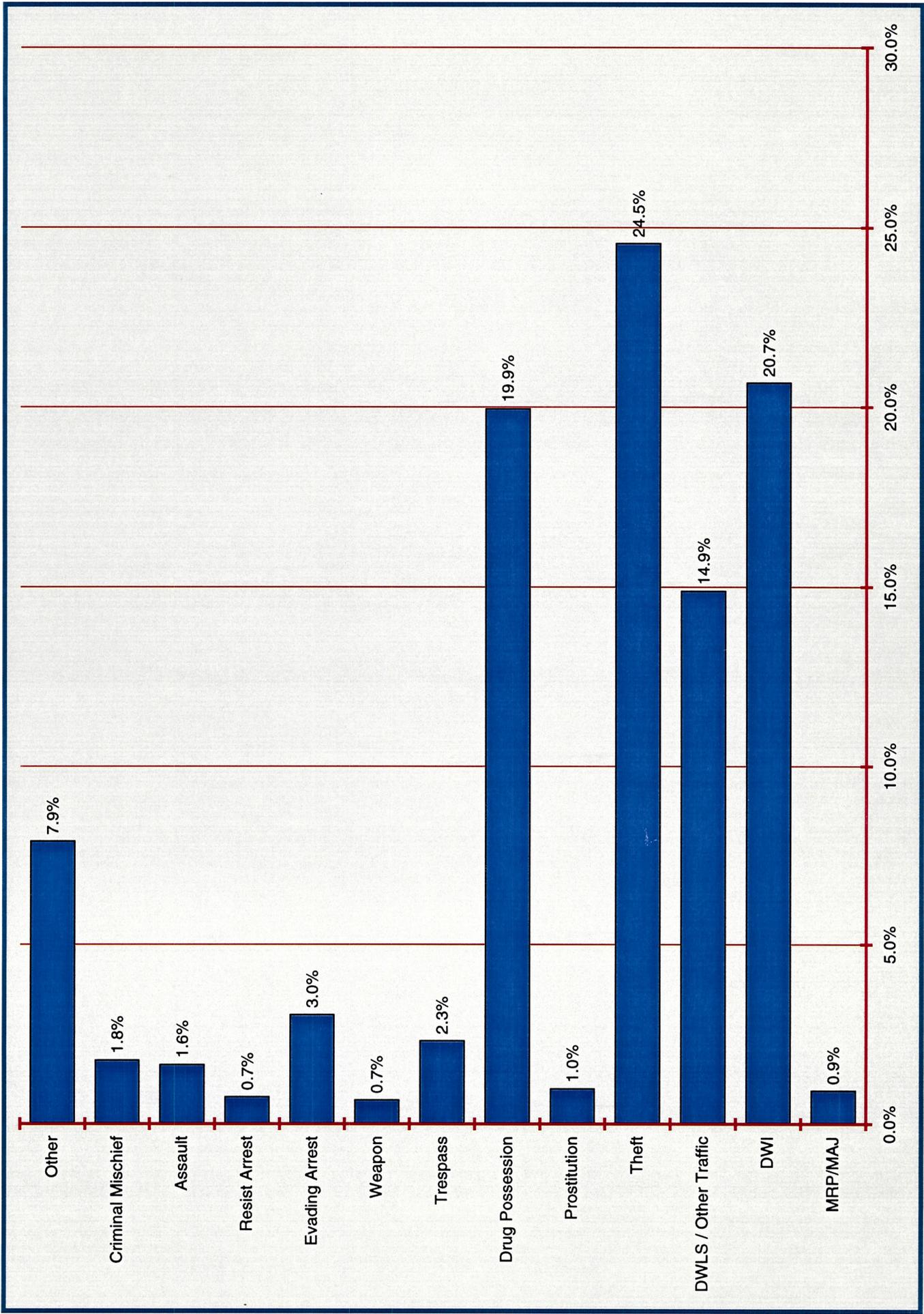
2 Defendants may have received assistance in multiple areas so the total number of received is greater than the number of defendants.

Received	by	Defendants
1,545		957

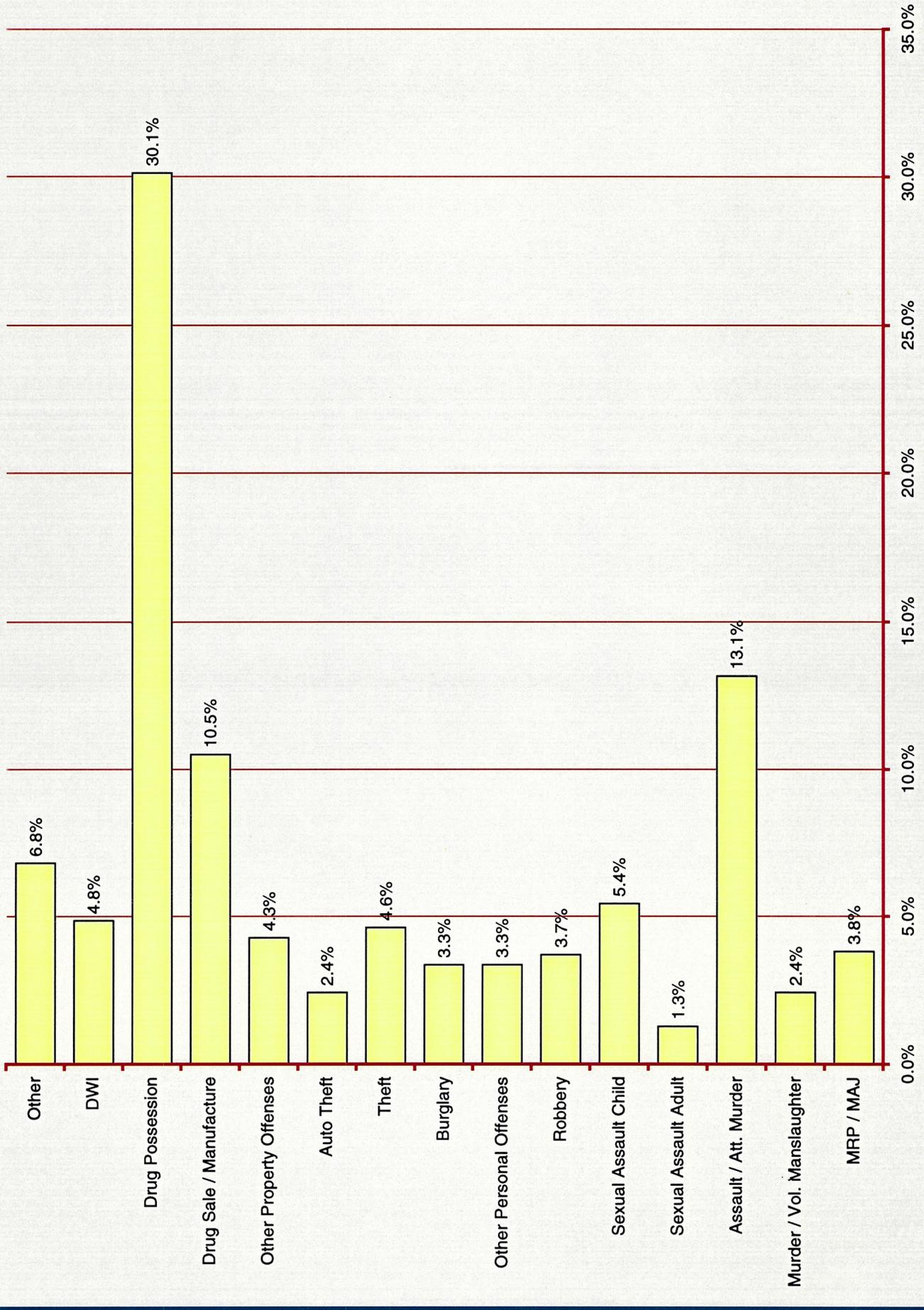
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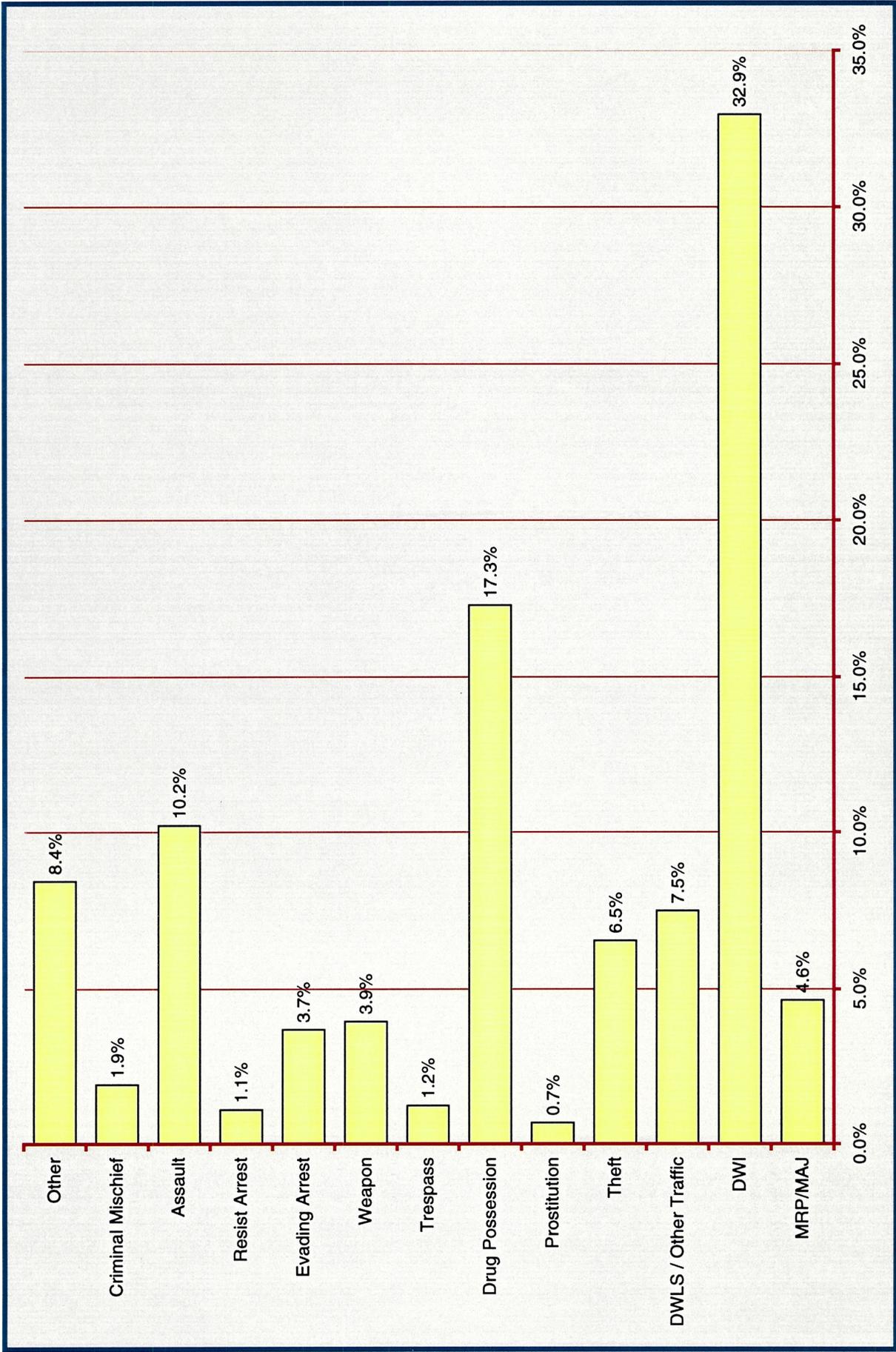
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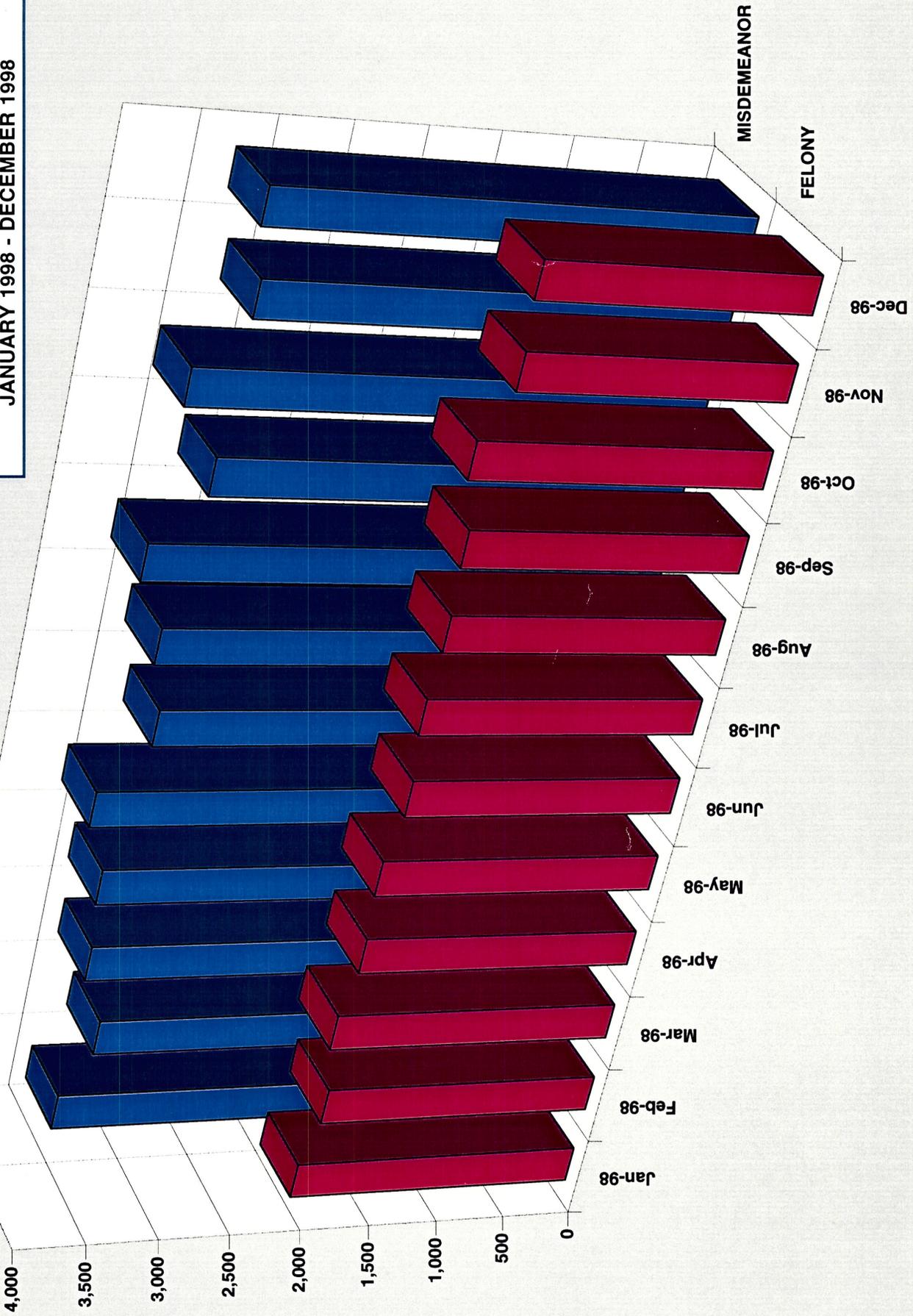


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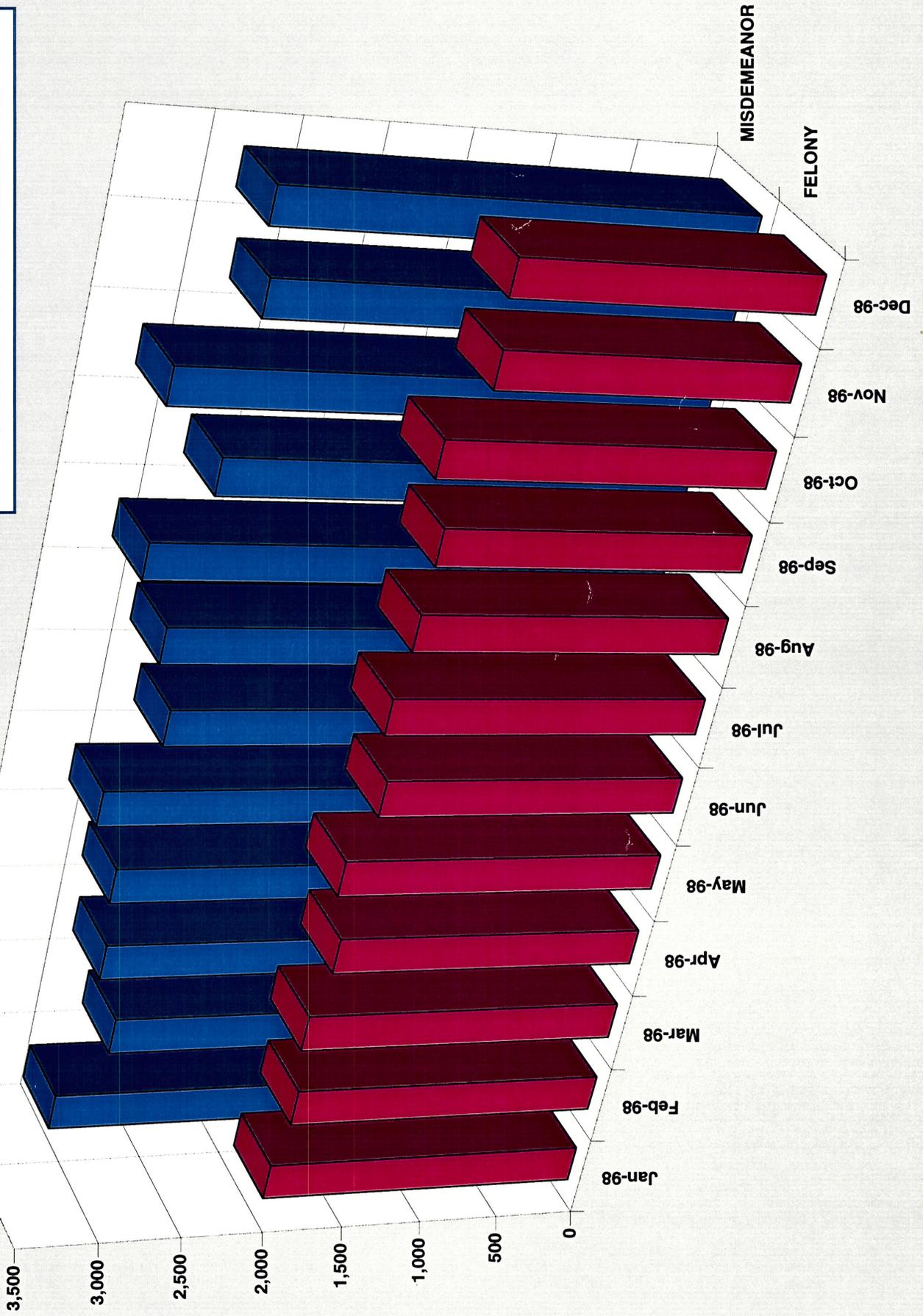
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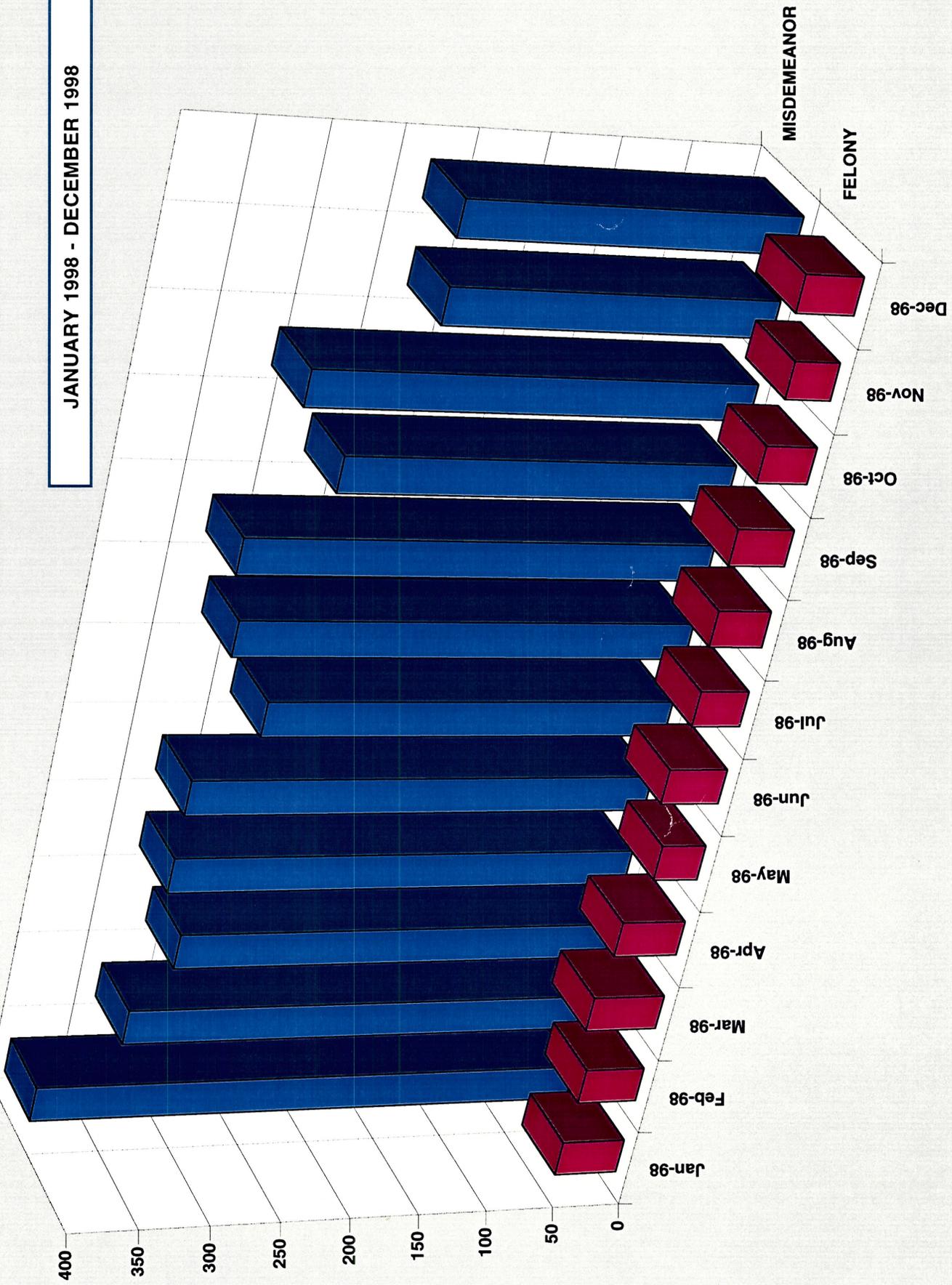
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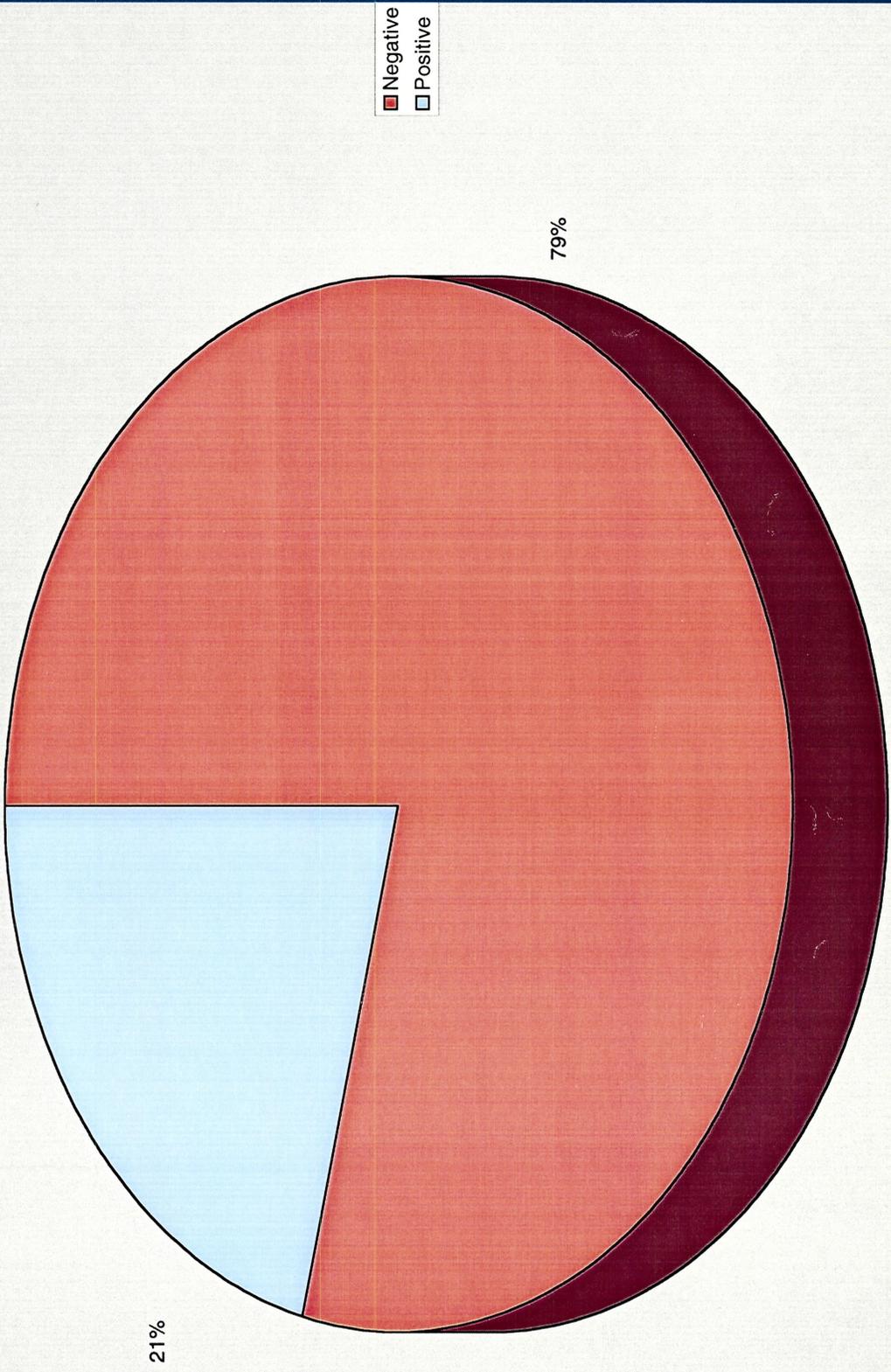


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1998 CONFIRMED POSITIVE URINALYSIS RESULTS

