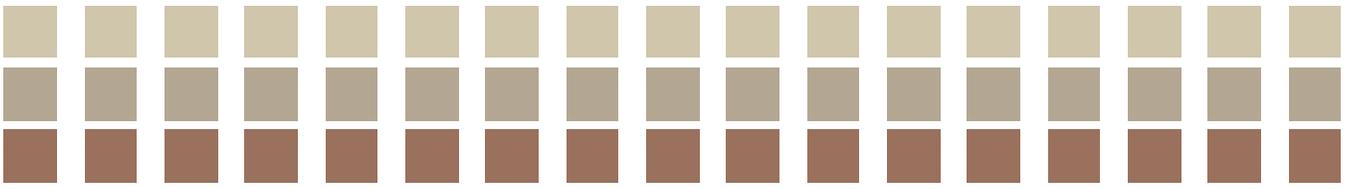




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2001 Annual Report





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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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Tropical Storm Allison **Immense Challenges Overcome**



David Einsel/Chronicle



Family Law Center Plaza

Criminal Justice Center Damaged, Tenants Relocated

Perhaps the biggest event of 2001, Tropical Storm Allison, swept through Houston June 8-9, 2001 and left much of the city in shambles. The storm disabled several downtown county facilities, including the Administration Building, the Family Law Center, the Harris County Jail on Franklin, the Jury Assembly Building, and the Criminal Justice Center (CJC).

The Office of Court Services (OCS) main offices were on the first floor of the CJC and sustained damage to documents, furniture, and computer equipment. Additionally, the agency lost work space at the Houston Police Department's central jail facility. Fortunately two office locations, the Inmate Processing Center and the Probable Cause Courtroom, were not damaged. In fact, OCS staff worked at these locations during the worse of the storm.

Two days after the storm the agency was able to secure work space in the Anderson-Clayton Building and commence most of the work that normally occurred at the CJC. Other CJC staff moved their activities to the tight confines of the Probable Cause Courtroom offices.

The HPD central jail office reopened at the end of June. By August 1, 2001, the OCS, the district and county criminal courts, and some of the District Clerk staff moved back to the old Criminal Courthouse at 301 San Jacinto. With the availability of courtroom space, some semblance of normalcy returned. Work continues on the CJC, with occupancy expected in May 2002. ■

CJC garage entrance



Tropical Storm Allison In Pictures

Files, supplies, equipment and furniture were damaged or destroyed.



The Administration, Defendant Supervision, and Computer Applications divisions of OCS moved into a pair of conference rooms on the 12th floor of the Anderson-Clayton Building.

The courts took up residence on the 2nd floor of 49 San Jacinto, one table per court.



As the only functioning courtroom immediately after the flood, all criminal hearings for 37 courts were held in the Probable Cause Courtroom.

Tropical Storm Allison

Staff Pitch in to Keep Offices Running



Computers and laptops were installed on temporary tables to provide as many work areas as possible.



Each device was tested, repaired, and either deployed or stored until additional space provided opportunities for use.

Cabling wasn't pretty but it did the job.

County officials who could manage it visited the downtown county campus Saturday to get a firsthand view of the situation. By Sunday morning, hours after the rains stopped and the flood waters receded, other department heads and managers began showing up at the Criminal Justice Center to assess the damage and begin to map out a disaster recovery plan.

Carol Oeller, accompanied by staff from the three divisions, surveyed the flooded offices of the OCS. Salvage operations began immediately to prevent further damage to computer equipment and files. Each division worked with Ms. Oeller to ensure that the agency's essential operations continued despite the obstacles and disruptions.

The Computer Applications Division coordinated relocation efforts including identifying office space and acquiring tables and chairs, and moving and installing network and computer equipment. They worked closely with the Central Technology Center to restore network and telecommunications services.

The Pretrial Screening Division moved most of their court-based operations to the Probable Cause Courtroom, the only working courtroom space after the storm. This courtroom continued to operate 24 hours a day with only a brief disruption due to the flooding. With the HPD central jail also shut down, HPD moved its operations to the Southeast Jail and Pretrial Screening followed, performing all the HPD defendant interviews from this location.

By Monday morning, OCS Administration, Defendant Monitoring, Computer Applications, and some Pretrial Screening functions began moving into conference rooms on the 12th floor of the Anderson-Clayton Building. When most staff returned to work Tuesday morning they had desks (or at least tables and chairs) with working phones and computers.

Over the next few days, the Defendant Monitoring staff located additional space in the Anderson-Clayton Building for several essential functions. Shared space was created within the Harris County Human Resource Department to allow for defendant instructions and check-ins. A private bathroom on the 16th floor was set up for collection of samples for drug screening and preparation for transportation of samples. In addition, the Defendant Monitoring staff checked on disruption of phone service and potential electronic monitoring violations caused by the flood.

When the county reopened the Old Criminal Courthouse employees from all divisions relocated their CJC-related operations to the expanded, but still confined, office space. ■



New Defendant Report Debuts in December 2001

In December 2001 the Office of Court Services introduced a new Defendant Report based on a completely redesigned on-line interview system, called PIN. The long anticipated change addressed several shortcomings in the original on-line interview that, after 10 years, was showing its age.

The goals in the design of PIN included more comprehensive online report information, easier distinction between defendant-reported data and information collected from other sources, more code table-driven fields to provide data clarity, and more efficient ways to determine who completed each of the processes that contribute to the Defendant Report. PIN's design also allows for better management reporting capabilities that should debut in 2002.

New features include more detailed financial information and online health information. The PIN records also contain additional documentation of self-reported criminal history and computer-aided criminal background checks. ■



OCS Staff interview defendants at the Inmate Processing Center, Harris County Jail.

Providing Continuity of Care for Defendants with Mental Impairments

Since the early nineties OCS has included screening for mental impairments during the interview process. While an interlocal agreement in effect since 1993 enabled the OCS to share the information with relevant parties, establishing the best process to do so has been elusive.

During 2001, however, significant advances were made to address this problem.

1. Section 614.017 of the Health and Safety code expanded the entities and individuals that could share mental health information, building upon the intent of the interlocal agreement to exchange information.

2. The Mental Health Response forms are now on orange, rather than white paper. This simple change is an effective alert to court personnel that a defendant has a mental health problem.

3. A Judicial Task Force on Mental Illness, supported by the County Judge and sponsored by the Mental Health Association was created and meets monthly. The Task Force brings members of the judiciary, MHMRA, Com-

munity Supervision and Corrections, Office of Court Services, Sheriff's Department, the Bar Association, and others together to address issues related to defendants with mental impairments. ■

The Defendant Report Contains Information on:

Criminal History

Open Warrants

Pending Cases

Address History and Living Situation

Employment History

Financial Situation

Dependents

Family, Friends, and Contacts

Medical Special Needs

How the Defendant Report is Compiled

The OCS provides information in the form of a defendant report to Harris County's criminal courts that facilitates front-end decision-making. OCS 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 Criminal Justice Center 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 and other criminal justice agencies in both online and hard copy formats. ■

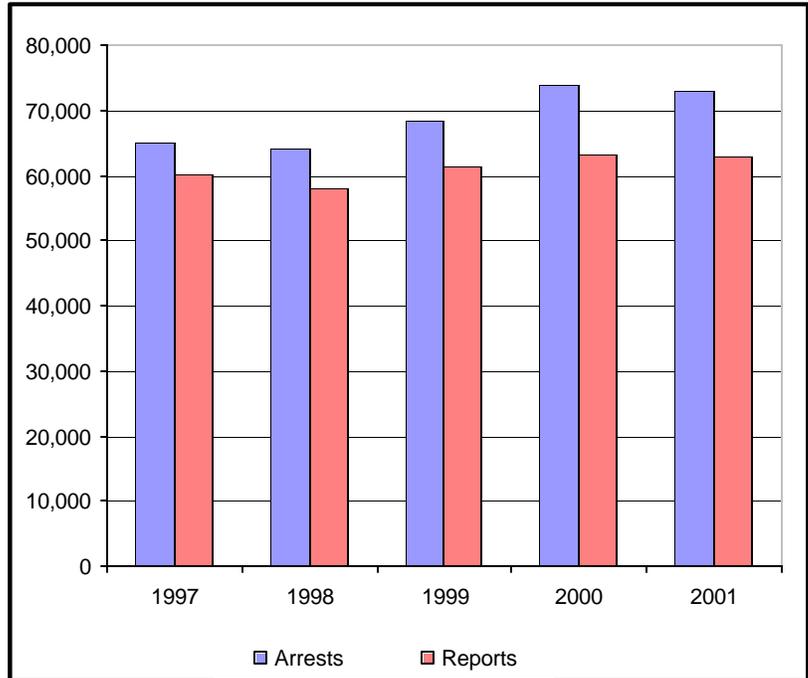
Defendant Report Activity in 2001

Tropical Storm Allison also impacted arrests. The overall decline in arrests from 2000 to 2001 was slightly less than 1%. However, the biggest decline in a month to month comparison was the 13% drop in June 2001 -the month in which Allison struck - compared to June 2000.

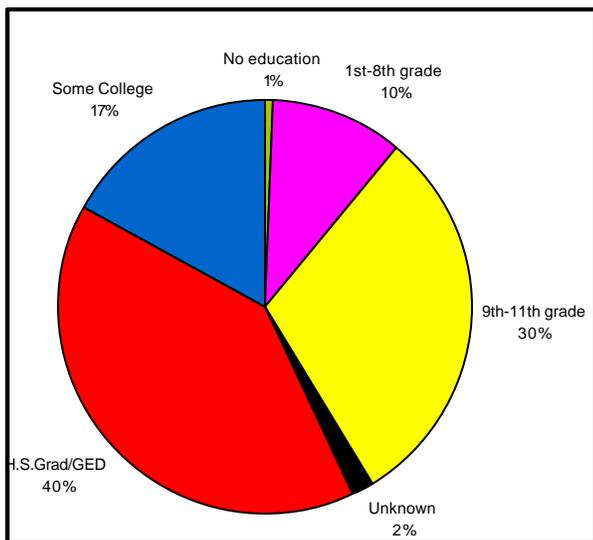
Of the persons arrested in Harris County in 2001, 62% were charged with a misdemeanor and 38% with a felony offense. The Office of Court Services (OCS) completed reports on 86% of all persons charged and arrested. This percentage remained stable even in June 2001 when, despite the loss of office space and disruptions to jail operations, the OCS staff continued to interview defendants and compile defendant reports.

A review of reports completed by offense levels shows that in 2001 staff prepared 38,397 reports on defendants charged with a misdemeanor offense, compiling information on over 84% of that population. For those defendants charged with a felony, the percentage jumps to 90%, or 24,626 reports completed.

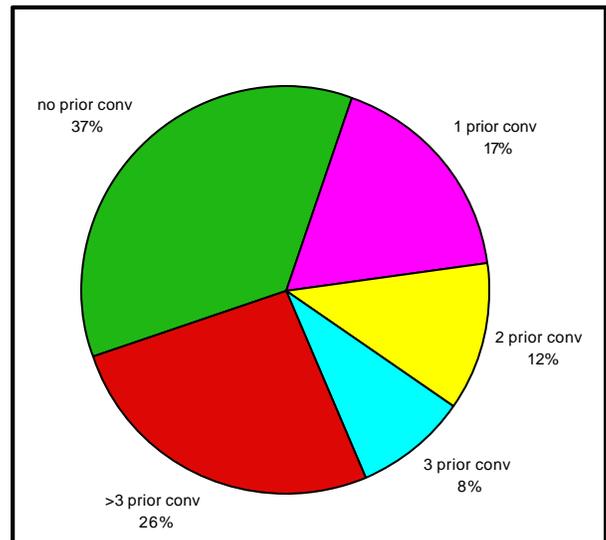
The report group population was 82% male. Over 27% of the report group were under 22 years of age. Almost 57% reported that they had at least received a high school diploma or a GED. Another 40%, however, reported never advancing beyond the 11th grade. ■



Arrests for a felony or class A or B misdemeanor offense and Defendant Reports completed over the last five years.



Education level achieved as reported by defendants interviewed by the Office of Court Services in 2001.



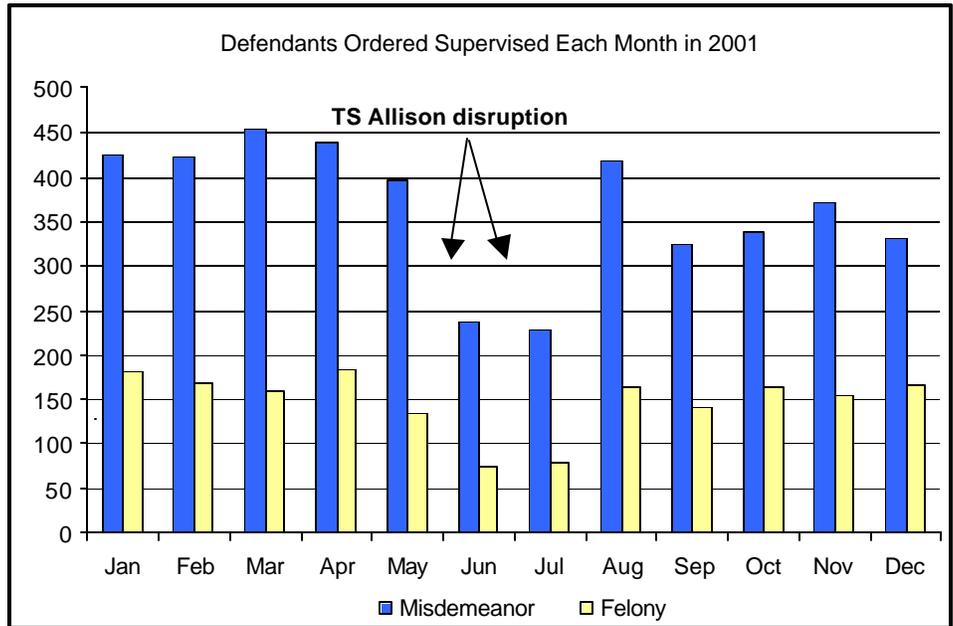
Number of prior convictions confirmed for defendants interviewed by the Office of Court Services in 2001.

Supervision Caseload Affected by Tropical Storm Allison

Another area affected by Tropical Storm Allison was the supervision caseload. The Agency experienced significant drops in defendants ordered supervised by the courts in June and July, months when courtroom activity was severely disrupted. This resulted in almost 8% fewer defendants supervised in 2001 from 2000.

Despite receiving fewer defendants to supervise in 2001, the agency experienced an increase of over 2% in the number of defendants ordered supervised with enhanced conditions (see below). In all, 4,241 defendants were placed into enhanced supervision programs in 2001, accounting for almost 69% of all persons placed in the defendant monitoring program.

This continues an upward trend in this supervision area of several years duration. The growth is defined by the continued increase in court-ordered supervision of defendants released on financial bond. While defendants on financial bond account for 51% of all defendants supervised, they comprise 74% of defendants with enhanced



supervision.

In 2001 the number of all defendants ordered supervised with the least restrictive conditions comprised only 31% of the total number of defendants placed into the monitoring program. The number of defendants in this category (1,915) is almost 28% fewer than in 2000.

Overall, the OCS added 6,179 persons to the supervision caseload in 2001; 2,945 of these defendants were re-continued on page 7

Standard Conditions Enforced

- In person check-ins on each court date*
- Check-ins by phone or in person at least every two weeks*
- Calls the day before court to confirm court date*
- Notification of all address, telephone number or employment changes*
- Permission to travel out of the Harris County area*
- No contact with complaining witnesses unless court-ordered*

Enhanced Conditions Enforced

- Screening for illegal/illicit drug use (testing through the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office)*
- Electronic monitor installation and monitoring*
- Ignition interlock device installation and monitoring*
- Curfew compliance*
- Compliance with residence requirements*
- Maintenance of or securing employment*
- Maintenance of or securing educational pursuit*
- Participation in substance and alcohol abuse treatment*
- Mental impairment services*
- Coordination of supervision services for defendants living out of the Harris County area*

Supervision Services

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leased on personal bond, 3,151 defendants were released on some form of financial bond, and 60 defendants were supervised by order of the court without bail as a factor.

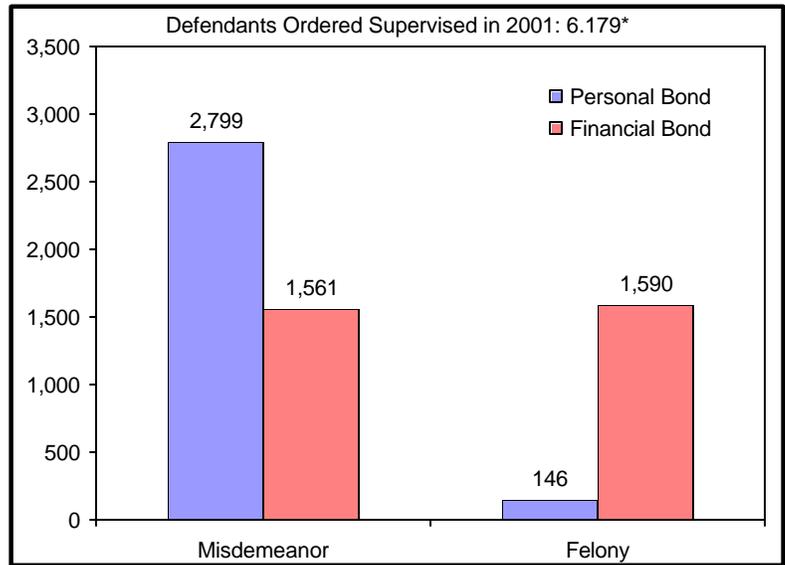
Supervision Services Provide Courts with Options

All defendants that the OCS supervises must check-in regularly by phone and in person, and to notify the Office of any changes in their work or residence situations.

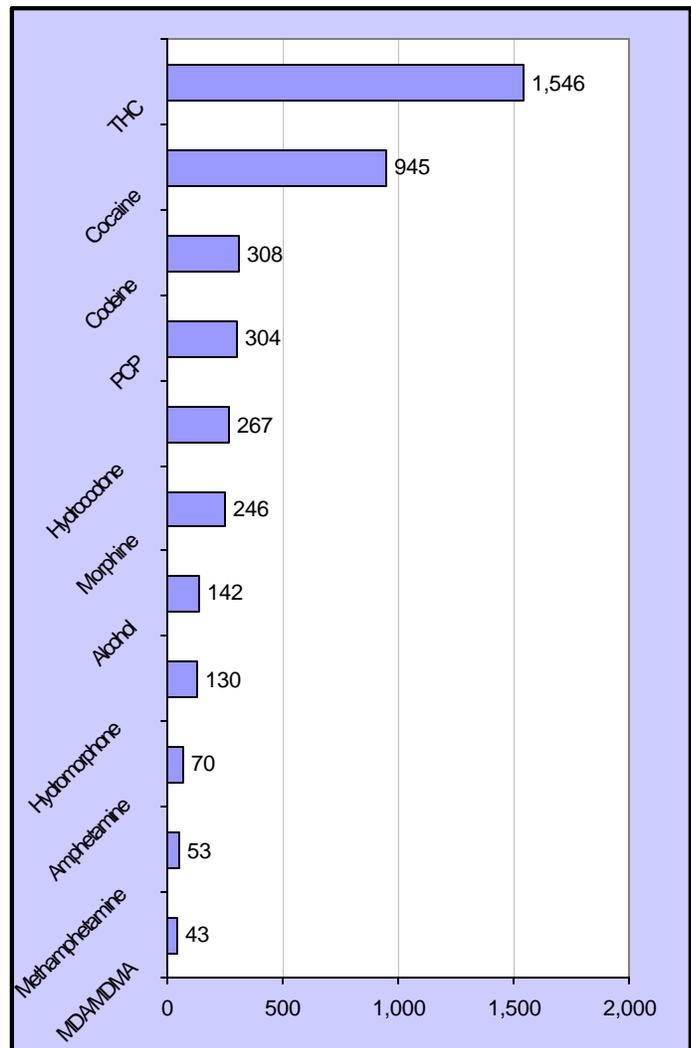
On average though, 77% of the monthly caseload had one or more additional conditions of release. Screening for drug use was the condition most often imposed, with over 7,481 defendants required to participate in the screening process, more than double the number of persons ordered tested in 2000. In 2001, the OCS collected 15,424 specimens, of which 19% were confirmed positive. The courts also required 20% of the defendants assigned to OCS in 2001 to submit to a substance abuse evaluation.

The courts ordered 9% of supervised defendants to wear electronic monitors. The electronic monitoring device allows the OCS to determine if a defendant is complying with a court-ordered curfew.

Another 16% of the supervised defendants had to have an ignition interlock device installed on the vehicle that they drive. This technology prevents a person from starting the vehicle without providing a deep-lung breath sample that is tested for alcohol. If alcohol is detected in the sample, the vehicle will not start. ■



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



Drug Screening results by type of drug detected.

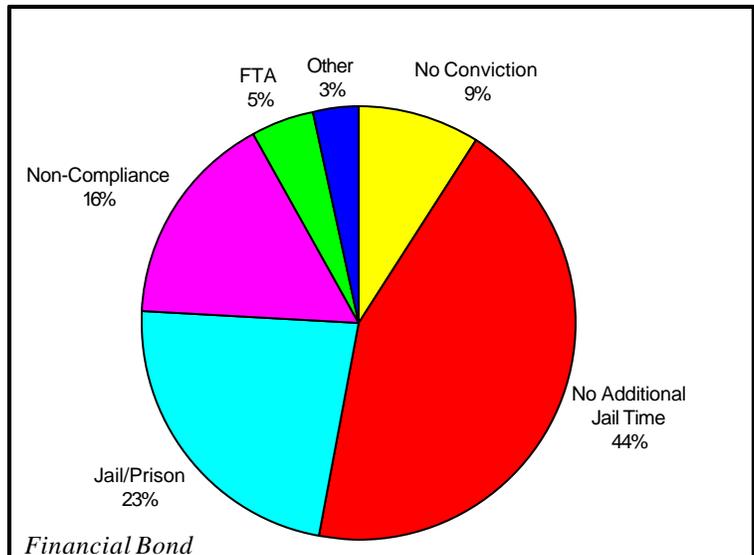
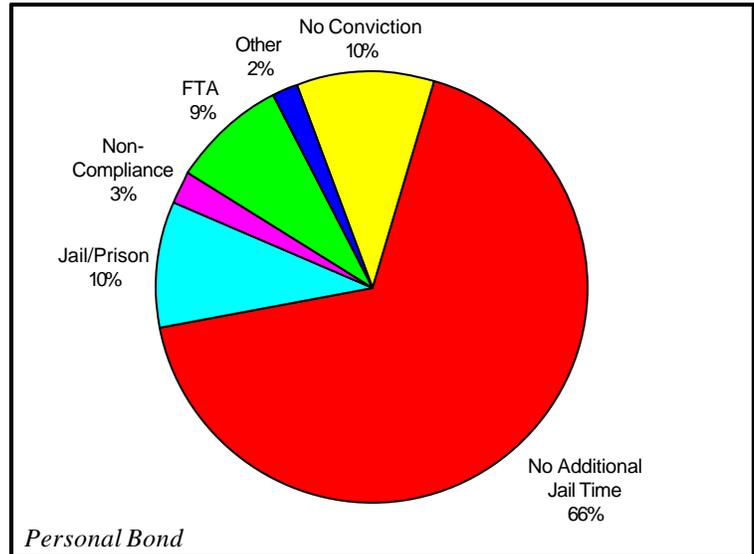
Supervision Statistics Show Most Defendants Comply, Don't Return to Jail

Of defendants supervised, a significant number had their cases dismissed or no-billed, were found not guilty, or received a sentence requiring no additional jail time. Of the 4,973 defendants whose cases reached final disposition while under OCS supervision, 12% were not convicted.

Of those who were convicted, 79% received no additional jail time. Looked at by offense level, of those charged with a misdemeanor offense, 61% served no additional jail time, and for those charged with a felony, 39% did not return to jail.

Defendants are required to be in court when scheduled. In 2001, defendants supervised by OCS had 20,001 scheduled court dates. Defendants on personal bond missed 4.8% of scheduled appearances and defendants on financial bond missed 3.6% of scheduled appearances. The rate at which bonds were revoked for noncompliance with conditions of supervision (e.g., refrain from substance abuse and curfew restrictions) was 2.6% for defendants on personal bond and 16% for defendants on financial bond. ■

Breakdown by disposition type of defendants whose cases reached final disposition in 2001.



Section I The Defendant Report

A. Incarcerated Defendant Population

1. 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	21,281	50.5%	14,829	66.8%	305	47.1%	36,415	56.0%
HCSO	7,880	18.7%	3,489	15.7%	113	17.5%	11,482	17.7%
Pasadena	2,009	4.8%	649	2.9%	32	4.9%	2,690	4.1%
Baytown	1,014	2.4%	406	1.8%	14	2.2%	1,434	2.2%
Humble	494	1.2%	131	0.6%	2	0.3%	627	1.0%
DPS	1,100	2.6%	241	1.1%	18	2.8%	1,359	2.1%
Constables	3,669	8.7%	838	3.8%	52	8.0%	4,559	7.0%
Other	4,717	11.2%	1,625	7.3%	111	17.2%	6,453	9.9%
TOTAL	42,164	100%	22,208	100%	647	100%	65,019	100%

2. Number of defendants arrested on a warrant

(excludes defendants with only Class C misdemeanor, MRP, or MAJ):

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% of Arr
3,455	4,425	122	8,002	11.0%

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

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% Interv
45,619	26,633	769	73,021	85.1%

4. Number and location of incarcerated defendant interviews conducted by the Office of Court Services.

Location	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both a.	%	TOTAL	%
HPD Jails	19,253	50.8%	13,797	60.1%	661	52.7%	33,711	54.3%
HCJ/PCH	18,656	49.2%	9,149	39.9%	594	47.3%	28,399	45.7%
Other	2	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	< 0.1%
TOTAL	37,911	100%	22,946	100%	1,255	100%	62,112	100%

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

B. Non-incarcerated Defendant Population

1. Number of defendants interviewed due to an open warrant.

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
486	358	21	865

2. Number of defendants processed who already had a report on file.*

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
			0

* These numbers are included in B1 until the PIN interview subsystem is online in Model 204 (January 2002)

C. Characteristics of Interviewed Defendants

1. Gender:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
Male	31,422	81.8%	20,277	82.3%	51,699	82.0%
Female	6,975	18.2%	4,349	17.7%	11,324	18.0%
TOTAL	38,397	100%	24,626	100%	63,023	100%

2. Race/Ethnicity:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
White	11,789	30.7%	5,981	24.3%	17,770	28.2%
Black	13,040	34.0%	12,400	50.4%	25,440	40.4%
Hispanic	13,261	34.5%	6,126	24.9%	19,387	30.8%
Other	307	0.8%	119	0.5%	426	0.7%
TOTAL	38,397	100%	24,626	100%	63,023	100%

3. Age:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
< 17	7	< 0.1	22	0.1%	29	< 0.1%
17-19	6,422	16.7%	3,727	15.1%	10,149	16.1%
20-24	9,582	25.0%	5,643	22.9%	15,225	24.2%
25-29	6,457	16.8%	3,660	14.9%	10,117	16.1%
30-35	5,805	15.1%	3,890	15.8%	9,695	15.4%
> 35	9,922	25.8%	7,480	30.4%	17,402	27.6%
Unknown	202	0.5%	204	0.8%	406	0.6%
TOTAL	38,397	100%	24,626	100%	63,023	100%
= 21	10,805	28.1%	6,324	25.7%	17,129	27.2%

4. Education

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
No education	283	0.7%	136	0.6%	419	0.7%
1st-8th grade	4,273	11.1%	2,260	9.2%	6,533	10.4%
9th-11th grade	11,413	29.7%	7,763	31.5%	19,176	30.4%
H.S. Grad/GED	14,940	38.9%	10,236	41.6%	25,176	39.9%
College	6,955	18.1%	3,673	14.9%	10,628	16.9%
Unknown	533	1.4%	558	2.3%	1,091	1.7%
TOTAL	38,397	100%	24,626	100%	63,023	100%

5. Language

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
English	33,248	86.6%	22,482	91.3%	55,730	88.4%
Spanish	4,858	12.7%	1,909	7.8%	6,767	10.7%
Vietnamese	4	< 0.1	2	< 0.1	6	< 0.1%
Hearing Impair	23	0.1%	18	0.1%	41	0.1%
Other/Unk	264	0.7%	215	0.9%	479	0.8%
TOTAL	38,397	100%	24,626	100%	63,023	100%

6. Prior Convictions

Total Equals	Misd Defendants	%	Fel Defendants	%	TOTAL	%
0	15,896	41.4%	6,721	27.3%	22,617	35.9%
1	7,251	18.9%	3,726	15.1%	10,977	17.4%
2	4,401	11.5%	3,031	12.3%	7,432	11.8%
3	2,890	7.5%	2,439	9.9%	5,329	8.5%
>3	7,818	20.4%	8,591	34.9%	16,409	26.0%
Unknown	141	0.4%	118	0.5%	259	0.4%
TOTAL	38,397	100%	24,626	100%	63,023	100%

7. Charge Categories: *

Misdemeanor	Number	%	Felony	Number	%
Assault	4,673	12.2%	Murder/Mansl/Homicide	152	0.6%
DWI	7,944	20.7%	Assault/Att or Sol Murder/Injury Offense	2,442	9.9%
Theft/Burglary Offense	5,973	15.6%	Sexual Assault Adult	108	0.4%
Trespass	1,420	3.7%	Sex Offense Child (Sex Aslt, Indec, Incest)	483	2.0%
Evade Arrest or Detention/Fleeing	1,687	4.4%	Robbery	1,188	4.8%
Resist Arrest	458	1.2%	Other Personal Offense	317	1.3%
Weapon Offense	919	2.4%	Burglary Building/Habitation/Other	1,357	5.5%
Drug Offense	5,749	15.0%	Theft Offenses	1,932	7.8%
Criminal Mischief	739	1.9%	UUMV	1,213	4.9%
Sex Offense (e.g., Prost, Pub Lewd, Indec Exp)	1,565	4.1%	Other Property Offense	1,641	6.7%
DWLS/Other Traffic	5,187	13.5%	Drug Sale/Manufacture	3,385	13.7%
Failure to ID to PO	673	1.8%	Drug Possession	8,149	33.1%
Other	1,410	3.7%	DWI	786	3.2%
			Other	1,473	6.0%
TOTAL	38,397	100%	TOTAL	24,626	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.

8. Risk Classification Categories

Point Score	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
4	6,000	15.6%	1,709	6.9%	7,709	12.2%
3	7,684	20.0%	3,048	12.4%	10,732	17.0%
2	7,878	20.5%	4,075	16.5%	11,953	19.0%
1	7,407	19.3%	5,162	21.0%	12,569	19.9%
0	5,120	13.3%	4,733	19.2%	9,853	15.6%
-1	2,369	6.2%	2,946	12.0%	5,315	8.4%
-2	1,331	3.5%	1,969	8.0%	3,300	5.2%
-3	539	1.4%	881	3.6%	1,420	2.3%
-4	65	0.2%	101	0.4%	166	0.3%
-5	4	0.0%	2	0.0%	6	< 0.1%
TOTAL	38,397	100%	24,626	100%	63,023	100%

Section II Bail Review

A. Report Classification

The Defendant	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Refused an interview	210	0	253	0	463	0.7%
High Risk Score	3,515	5	5,109	11	8,640	13.7%
Has no bond set	1,490	8	3,107	12	4,617	7.3%
Has a bond > 20,000	6,137	38	939	12	7,126	11.3%
Has an unverifiable application	0	0	1	0	1	< 0.1%
Made surety or cash bond before court review	6,673	246	4,768	244	11,931	18.9%
Had case disposed	318	0	3,187	1	3,506	5.6%
SUBTOTAL	18,343	297	17,364	280	36,284	57.6%
All Other Applications	19,566	191	6,883	99	26,739	42.4%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	37,909	488	24,247	379	63,023	100%

B. Court Review Action (includes all reviews during reporting month regardless of the month the report was created)

1. Reviewed at the Probable Cause Hearing Courtroom	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
PB Granted	3,412	52	60	14	3,538	10.5%
PB Granted with additional conditions	85	5	77	13	180	0.5%
PB Denied	24,787	3	3,329	0	28,119	83.6%
PB Denied/ Bond Lowered	1,497	2	270	1	1,770	5.3%
PB Denied/ Bond Raised*					0	0.0%
Split Bond	8	9	3	1	21	0.1%
Supervision on Financial Bond*					0	0.0%
Supervision - Other*					0	0.0%
Reviewed, no action on bail*					0	0.0%
Pending	12	0	11	0	23	0.1%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	29,801	71	3,750	29	33,651	100%
Restricted						

* These numbers are included in other categories until the PIN interview subsystem is online (January 2002)

2. Initial Review by the Assigned Court	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
PB Granted					0	0.0%
PB Granted with additional conditions					0	0.0%
PB Denied					0	0.0%
PB Denied/ Bond Lowered					0	0.0%
PB Denied/ Bond Raised					0	0.0%
Split Bond					0	0.0%
Supervision on Financial Bond					0	0.0%
Supervision - Other					0	0.0%
Reviewed, no action on bail					0	0.0%
Pending					0	0.0%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	0	0	0	0	0	0%

Section B2 numbers are included in B1 until the PIN interview subsystem is online (January 2002)

3. Re-review by the Assigned Court	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
PB Granted	42	1	2	0	45	9.9%
PB Granted with additional conditions	13	2	1	0	16	3.5%
PB Denied	326	1	23	0	350	76.9%
PB Denied/ Bond Lowered	11	0	14	0	25	5.5%
PB Denied/ Bond Raised*					0	0.0%
Split Bond	12	3	3	1	19	4.2%
Supervision on Financial Bond*					0	0.0%
Supervision - Other*					0	0.0%
Reviewed, no action on bail*					0	0.0%
Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	404	7	43	1	455	100%

* These numbers are included in other categories until the PIN interview subsystem is online (January 2002)

C. Outcome Summary

1. Personal bond activity:	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA	
Total approvals by case	3,572	72	146	29	3,819
Bonds filed	2,921	71	131	28	3,151
Defendants released	2,729	70	118	28	2,945

2. Non-personal bond activity	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Bond	Other	Bond	Other	
Court ordered supervision	1,732	25	1,776	43	3,576

3. Activity on defendants ordered supervised but not released	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	PB	FB	PB	FB	
Bond surrender	0	0	0	0	0
Bond revocation	8	1	0	1	10
Sentenced before release	39	26	2	21	88
TOTAL	47	27	2	22	98

personal bond = PB, financial bond = FB

Section III Supervision

A. Defendants Released to Pretrial Supervision

Type of Release	Misd	Felony	Total
Released on personal bond	2,799	146	2,945
with additional conditions	933	116	1,049
Released on surety/cash bond	1,561	1,590	3,151
with additional conditions	1,551	1,589	3,140
Released other	23	37	60
with additional conditions	16	36	52

Art 17.42 CCP	# of Accused
Releases on personal bond with priors of the same offense or any felony within 6 yrs.	64

B. Location of Incarcerated Defendants Released on Personal Bond:

Location	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
HPD	400	14.7%	2	1.7%	402	14.1%
HCJ	2,329	85.3%	115	97.5%	2,444	85.8%
Other	0	0.0%	1	0.8%	1	< 0.1%
TOTAL	2,729	100%	118	100%	2,847	100%

C. Supervised Cases by Charge Category

Misdemeanor (Chart A)

Charge Category	Personal Bd	Percent	Financial Bd	Percent
Assault	35	1.2%	56	3.2%
DWI	626	21.6%	986	56.9%
Theft/Burglary Offense	703	24.2%	46	2.7%
Trespass	48	1.7%	11	0.6%
Evade Arrest or Detention/Fleeing	57	2.0%	28	1.6%
Resist Arrest	14	0.5%	10	0.6%
Weapon Offense	15	0.5%	15	0.9%
Drug Offense	686	23.6%	399	23.0%
Criminal Mischief	34	1.2%	12	0.7%
Sex Offense (Prost, Pub Lewd, Indec Exp)	25	0.9%	4	0.2%
DWLS/Other Traffic	498	17.2%	79	4.6%
Failure to ID to PO	42	1.4%	4	0.2%
MRP/MAJ	34	1.2%	43	2.5%
Other	85	2.9%	39	2.3%
TOTAL CHARGES	2,902	100.0%	1,732	100.0%

Felony (Chart B)

Charge Category	Personal Bd	Percent	Financial Bd	Percent
Murder/Mansl/Homicide	3	1.8%	32	1.8%
Assault/Att or Sol Murder/Injury Offense	13	8.0%	135	7.6%
Sexual Assault Adult	0	0.0%	8	0.5%
Sex Offense Child (Sex Aslt, Indec, Incest)	3	1.8%	45	2.5%
Robbery	8	4.9%	64	3.6%
Other Personal Offense	2	1.2%	47	2.6%
Burglary Building/Habitation/Other	8	4.9%	43	2.4%
Theft Offenses	12	7.4%	47	2.6%
UUMV	6	3.7%	19	1.1%
Other Property Offense	1	0.6%	3	0.2%
Drug Sale / Manufacture	13	8.0%	176	9.9%
Drug Possession	25	15.3%	851	47.9%
DWI	5	3.1%	134	7.5%
MRP/MAJ	25	15.3%	47	2.6%
Other	39	23.9%	125	7.0%
TOTAL CHARGES	163	100.0%	1,776	100.0%

D. Average Number of Defendants Supervised by the Pretrial Services Agency per Month in Calendar Year 2001*

1. Case Type	Personal Bond	Financial Bond	Courtesy/PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Felony	31	419	2	2	454	43.1%
Misdemeanor	359	232	2	4	597	56.7%
Both Felony & Misdemeanor	1	1	0	0	2	0.2%
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	391	652	4	6	1,053	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.

2. Number of Defendants Supervised	Personal Bond		Financial Bond	
	Defendants	Percent	Defendants	Percent
Defendants required to comply with standard conditions	236	60.4%	1	0.2%
Defendants required to comply with additional conditions	155	39.6%	651	99.8%

3. Additional Supervision Conditions

(Defendants may have multiple conditions and, therefore, may be counted more than once)

Personal Bond	Misdemeanor		Felony		Total	Percent
	Defendants	Percent	Defendants	Percent		
Drug screening	34	9.5%	11	35.5%	45	11.5%
Electronic monitoring	3	0.8%	4	12.9%	7	1.8%
Weekly in-person check-in	14	3.9%	11	35.5%	25	6.4%
Curfew	5	1.4%	3	9.7%	8	2.0%
Ignition interlock	5	1.4%	0	0.0%	5	1.3%
Substance abuse evaluation	18	5.0%	3	9.7%	21	5.4%
Other conditions	119	33.1%	19	61.3%	138	35.3%

Financial Bond	Misdemeanor		Felony		Total	Percent
	Defendants	Percent	Defendants	Percent		
Drug screening	144	62.1%	357	85.2%	501	76.8%
Electronic monitoring	30	12.9%	58	13.8%	88	13.5%
Weekly in-person check-in	61	26.3%	213	50.8%	274	42.0%
Curfew	38	16.4%	78	18.6%	116	17.8%
Ignition interlock	123	53.0%	37	8.8%	160	24.5%
Substance abuse evaluation	127	54.7%	68	16.2%	195	29.9%
Other conditions	202	87.1%	280	66.8%	482	73.9%

All Other	Misdemeanor		Felony		Total	Percent
	Defendants	Percent	Defendants	Percent		
Drug screening	2	33.3%	2	50.0%	4	40.0%
Electronic monitoring	2	33.3%	0	0.0%	2	20.0%
Weekly in-person check-in	3	50.0%	2	50.0%	5	50.0%
Curfew	2	33.3%	1	25.0%	3	30.0%
Ignition interlock	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Substance abuse evaluation	1	16.7%	0	0.0%	1	10.0%
Other conditions	3	50.0%	2	50.0%	5	50.0%

* Averaged using the number of defendants supervised on the last day of each month

E. Community Resource Referrals

1. Number of defendants screened to determine community resource assistance needs:

	4,768
a. Number indicating no assistance needs:	2,304
b. Number indicating assistance needed:	2,017
c. Number court ordered:	1,244

2. 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%	220	5.9%	64	2.0%
Rent	0	0.0%	80	2.1%	15	0.5%
Emergency Housing	0	0.0%	38	1.0%	10	0.3%
Food	0	0.0%	198	5.3%	65	2.1%
Transportation	0	0.0%	296	7.9%	88	2.8%
Dental Care	0	0.0%	405	10.8%	140	4.4%
Medical Care/Medication	0	0.0%	376	10.0%	116	3.7%
Prenatal Care	0	0.0%	17	0.5%	0	0.0%
Disability	0	0.0%	94	2.5%	32	1.0%
Counseling	11	0.4%	231	6.1%	74	2.3%
Substance Abuse Evaluation	1,125	45.8%	71	1.9%	986	31.2%
Anger Management Counseling	18	0.7%	0	0.0%	17	0.5%
Domestic Violence Counseling	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	2	0.1%
Substance Abuse Counseling	541	22.0%	154	4.1%	519	16.4%
Substance Abuse Education	192	7.8%	40	1.1%	209	6.6%
Substance Abuse Support Group	205	8.4%	0	0.0%	218	6.9%
Sex Offender Counseling	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	< 0.1%
Employment	228	9.3%	700	18.6%	286	9.0%
Vocational Training	0	0.0%	344	9.2%	93	2.9%
Education	113	4.6%	348	9.3%	155	4.9%
Childcare	0	0.0%	122	3.2%	45	1.4%
Mental Health/Retardation	17	0.7%	12	0.3%	24	0.8%
Other	0	0.0%	11	0.3%	4	0.1%
TOTAL	2,454	100%	3,759	100%	3,163	100%

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

Requests	by	Defendants
3,759		2,017

4. 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
3,163		1,591

Section IV Compliance

A. Court Appearance

1. Personal Bond Supervision Cases	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	8,255	401	8,656	
Appearances made	7,866	378	8,244	95.2%
Appearances missed	389	23	412	4.8%

2. Financial Bond Supervision Cases	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	4,911	6,434	11,345	
Appearances made	4,730	6,209	10,939	96.4%
Appearances missed	181	225	406	3.6%

B. Instrument Issued for Missed Appearances (FTA)

1. Instrument	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
ACI/REV/B	14	2	16	3	3	6
ACI/OC	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACI/BF	232	9	241	62	84	146
C87/AI	6	1	7	1	11	12
Other	2	0	2	0	4	4
TOTAL	254	12	266	66	102	168
Less Reinstated	6	0	6	3	1	4
Less Jailed	165	10	175	42	84	126
Less Other	28	0	28	9	3	12
TOTAL UNRESOLVED WARRANTS*	55	2	57	12	14	26

* Warrants still outstanding as of February 28, 2002

C. Agency or Division Responsible for the Arrest of Defendants that FTA

1. Defendant arrested by	Personal Bond		Financial Bond		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Office of Court Services*	24	14.1%	1	0.9%	25	8.8%
HCSO Street Units (OCS information)	18	10.6%	14	12.3%	32	11.3%
HCSO Street Units	35	20.6%	36	31.6%	71	25.0%
HCSO Court Bailiff's Office with OCS	4	2.4%	1	0.9%	5	1.8%
HCSO Court Bailiff's Office	17	10.0%	27	23.7%	44	15.5%
Houston Police Department	44	25.9%	21	18.4%	65	22.9%
Other Law Enforcement	28	16.5%	14	12.3%	42	14.8%
TOTAL	170	100.0%	114	100.0%	284	100.0%

* Defendants arrested in the Office of Court Services office with the assistance of the Sheriff's Department (Precinct One Constables or other law enforcement may also assist occasionally).

2. Defendants resolved	Personal	Financial
Total defendants resolved	202	127
Resolved by arrest	170	114

D. Defendants Charged with New Offense While Supervised by PTSA

1.

Type of charge filed	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New Misdemeanor	52	2	54	44	48	92
New Misdemeanor/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	1	0	1	1	1	2
New Felony	16	5	21	14	68	82
New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0	0	3	3
Both New Misd & New Felony	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Misd & New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0	0	2	2
Reindictment	0	0	0	0	6	6
Refile	4	1	5	7	10	17
TOTAL	73	8	81	66	138	204

2.

Bail status of new charge	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
Personal Bond Granted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal Bond Granted with Additional Conditions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surety Bond Posted	13	0	13	20	17	37
Cash Bond Posted	3	0	3	1	2	3
In Custody	42	4	46	28	63	91
Non-Arrest	10	3	13	11	35	46
Summons Issued	5	1	6	6	21	27
TOTAL	73	8	81	66	138	204

3.

Action on bond case	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
Bond Surrendered	1	0	1	1	0	1
Bond Revoked	20	3	23	21	56	77
Bond Continued	48	4	52	38	64	102
Bond Continued with Conditions	4	1	5	6	18	24
TOTAL	73	8	81	66	138	204

E. Urinalysis Screening on Supervised Defendants (Chart D)

1. Drug/Alcohol testing	Personal Bond	Financial Bond	Courtesy PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Total number of defendants screened	744	6,696	6	35	7,481	
Total number of specimens	1,385	13,964	14	61	15,424	
Specimens confirmed positive	328	2,574	2	9	2,913	18.9%

2. Drug/Alcohol testing	Misdemeanor	Felony	Total	Percent
Number of STAT UAs ordered	7	7	14	
Specimens confirmed positive	3	3	6	43%

3. Confirmed positive results	1st Test	2nd Test	3+ Test	TOTAL	Percent
Alcohol	53	21	68	142	3.5%
Amphetamine	29	9	32	70	1.7%
Cocaine	419	134	392	945	23.3%
Codeine	84	32	192	308	7.6%
Hydrocodone	40	34	193	267	6.6%
Hydromorphone	18	16	96	130	3.2%
MDA/MDMA (Ecstasy)	28	0	15	43	1.1%
Methamphetamine	26	7	20	53	1.3%
Morphine	65	28	153	246	6.1%
THC	817	261	468	1,546	38.1%
PCP	100	53	151	304	7.5%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total drugs confirmed positive	1,679	595	1,780	4,054	
Total specimens confirmed positive	1,136	452	1,325	2,913	
Percent of total positive specimens	39%	16%	45%	100%	

F. Non-FTA Revocations/Surrenders

Bond Surrender/Revocation for Non-compliance	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New offense						
- Misdemeanor	15	1	16	20	26	46
- Felony	8	3	11	5	38	43
Failure to report	8	4	12	18	28	46
EMS/Curfew violation	0	3	3	18	42	60
Positive urinalysis test	15	4	19	39	249	288
Other	17	10	27	38	80	118
TOTAL	63	25	88	138	463	601

Section V Disposition of Bond Event

A. Disposition of Defendants on Personal Bond (Chart C)

Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
No Billed	0	0.0%	4	3.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	273	9.7%	24	18.2%	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	299	10.1%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	26	0.9%	16	12.1%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	43	1.5%
Fine	101	3.6%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	103	3.5%
Deferred Adjudication	717	25.5%	23	17.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	740	25.1%
Probation	454	16.1%	9	6.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	463	15.7%
Fine & Credit Time Served	551	19.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	551	18.7%
HCJ - Credit Time Served	74	2.6%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	75	2.5%
HCJ - Jail Time	165	5.9%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	166	5.6%
Fine & Jail Time	112	4.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	112	3.8%
MRP/MAJ Granted	14	0.5%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	16	0.5%
TDCJ/SJ	0	0.0%	4	3.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
TDCJ/ID	0	0.0%	2	1.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	< 0.1%
Non-Compliance	56	2.0%	21	15.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	77	2.6%
Failures to Appear	244	8.7%	11	8.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	255	8.6%
Other	29	1.0%	12	9.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	41	1.4%
TOTAL	2,816	100.0%	132	100.0%	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	2,951	100%

B. Disposition of Defendants on Financial Bond Supervised by PTSA (Chart C)

Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
No Billed	0	0.0%	26	1.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	26	0.8%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	114	7.0%	150	9.8%	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	265	8.3%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	14	0.9%	29	1.9%	2	28.6%	0	0.0%	45	1.4%
Fine	21	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	21	0.7%
Deferred Adjudication	110	6.7%	421	27.4%	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	532	16.8%
Probation	458	28.0%	126	8.2%	1	14.3%	2	28.6%	585	18.4%
Fine & Credit Time Served	127	7.8%	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	2	28.6%	132	4.2%
HCJ - Credit Time Served	47	2.9%	18	1.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	65	2.0%
HCJ - Jail Time	453	27.7%	71	4.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	524	16.5%
Fine & Jail Time	63	3.9%	2	0.1%	1	14.3%	0	0.0%	66	2.1%
MRP/MAJ Granted	19	1.2%	8	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	27	0.9%
TDCJ/SJ	0	0.0%	74	4.8%	1	14.3%	0	0.0%	75	2.4%
TDCJ/ID	0	0.0%	75	4.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	75	2.4%
Non-Compliance	115	7.0%	393	25.6%	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	508	16.0%
Failures to Appear	60	3.7%	90	5.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	150	4.7%
Other	32	2.0%	46	3.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	78	2.5%
TOTAL	1,633	100.0%	1,534	100.0%	7	0.0%	7	0.0%	3,174	100%

C. Disposition of Other Defendants Supervised by PTSA (non-bond cases)

Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
Successful	11	61.1%	22	75.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33	70.2%
Unsuccessful	7	38.9%	7	24.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14	29.8%
TOTAL	18	100%	29	100%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	47	100%

D. Days Under Supervision

Days supervised by Pretrial Services	Personal Bond		Financial Bond		Other (non-bond)	
	Felony	Misd	Felony	Misd	Felony	Misd
High	1,214.0	1,347.0	1,256.0	1,114.0	68.0	322.0
Low	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.0
Median	64.0	100.5	148.5	95.5	17.0	30.0