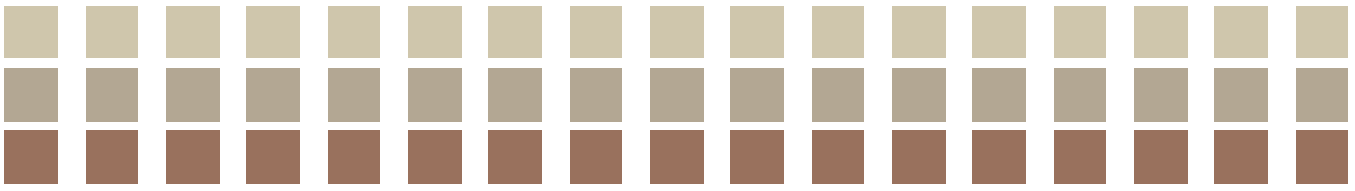




# Office of Court Services



# 2002 Annual Report



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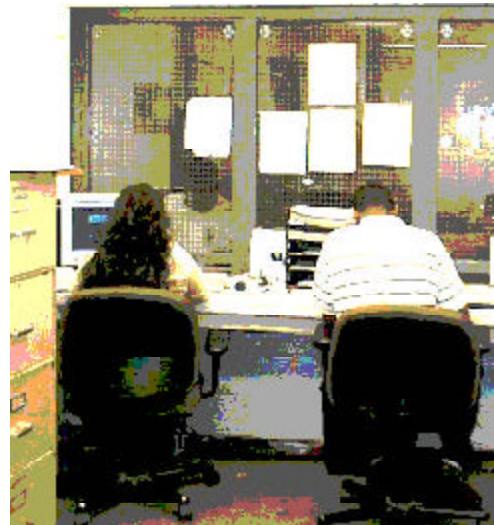
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## Mission

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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## Acknowledgements

The Office of Court Services 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, Harris County Management Services, 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.



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## Criminal Justice Center Reopens

On May 3, 2002 the Criminal Justice Center reopened, eleven months after tropical storm Allison crippled the building. The building's tenants had been housed in makeshift offices and courtrooms since the flood and employees looked forward to returning to the more accommodating space of the CJC.

The Office of Court Services (OCS) had already outgrown the first floor space provided for the department when the CJC opened in the fall of 1999. Plans were underway to move some of the staff elsewhere in the building when flooding demanded a reevaluation of first floor usage. The ground floor was reconfigured and the Office of Court Services' entire operation was moved to the 12<sup>th</sup> floor.

The move allowed the director to work with FPM to design the office space to support the specific services that the OCS provides. For instance, the waiting area on the first floor was limited and it forced defendants and families to spill out into hallways, often impeding passage. The 12<sup>th</sup> floor waiting area easily accommodates visitors within the office confines. A separate area provides two restrooms and storage space to support continuous drug testing activities. The 12<sup>th</sup> floor office configuration also provides greater safety and security, as well as enough office space for all staff. ■



*The lobby can accommodate defendants waiting for drug tests or meetings with supervision officers, and those who have business with the department.*



*An expansive check-in counter allows the clerks to help visitors quickly and efficiently.*

### OCS Staff Help the Community

Expanding office space allowed the Office of Court Services to sponsor its first blood drive, held September 24-25, 2002. Zanzi Neblett, a Pretrial Officer from the midnight shift, organized the drive with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. The blood drive exceeded its goal of 50 volunteer donors by over 44% due to the generosity of all county employees. In total, 72 people volunteered to donate blood.



*Volunteers are screened before donating blood. The process takes about 20 minutes for those without restricting factors.*

Another Pretrial Officer, Tannie McGregor in the Defendant Monitoring Division, coordinated volunteers for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica held April 28, 2002. Fifteen Office of Court Services employees participated in the event.



*Each Pretrial Officer has enough space to meet privately with defendants and their companions.*



# New Defendant Reports Available in JIMS

## 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*

The Office of Court Services provides information in the form of a defendant report to Harris County's criminal courts that facilitates front-end decision-making. Efforts to improve both the gathering and reporting of information is ongoing and usually is seen in incremental changes over time. However, years of planning in this area resulted in a major improvement when the redesigned JIMS on-line pretrial interview and documentation system, called PIN, was first introduced for limited use in December 2001. The Office of Court Services completed the switch to PIN and the updated Defendant Report created from it on January 1, 2002. The query only version of PIN, called PIQ, became available soon after.



*Pretrial Officers prepare Defendant Reports for the Probable Cause docket.*

## People use PIQ to access the report through JIMS in the M4P2 region.

The JIMS on-line records contain a widerange of information about defendants, including employment and residence information, detailed financial information, documentation of health issues, and both self-reported criminal history and computer verified criminal background checks. Staff also may add to the report information obtained from contact with family, friends, and others.

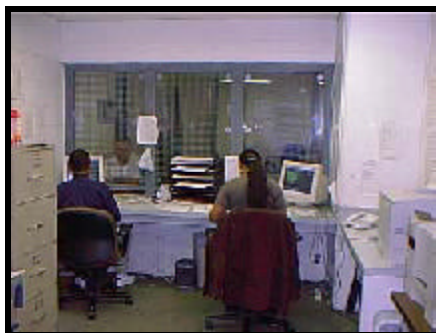
In addition to the defendant report, a mental health referral form is printed when staff determine it is needed based on the defendant interview. It is then forwarded to the MHMR staff in the jail as well as delivered to the court.

## Defendant Reports Prepared 24 Hours a Day

The department staffs offices at the Central and Southeast Jails of the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Jail Inmate Processing Center and the Probable Cause Courtroom twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week in order to interview defendants as soon after arrest as possible. These efforts ensure that reports are compiled in time for defendants who appear before the probable cause magistrates and are also available to the assigned court judge at the first hearing.

## Improvements Continue

Enhancements added in 2002 include improved batch printing functions for court dockets and enhanced defendant financial status reporting (see related article, page 3). Additionally, the online report contains information about whether an interpreter was used to assist the office with interviewing a particular defendant. ■



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

## Fair Defense Act

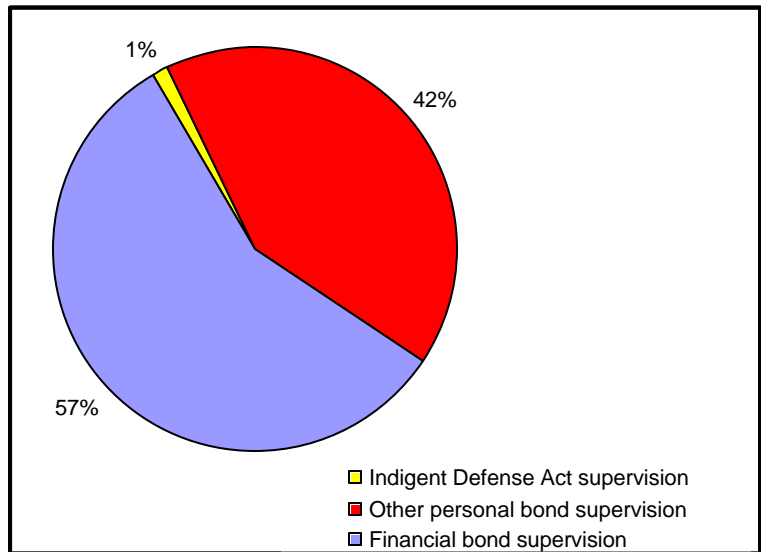
On January 1, 2002, the Fair Defense Act went into effect. The new law set specific time limits and requirements that the courts must follow regarding appointment of counsel for indigent defendants and for the determination of probable cause after a person's arrest.

These provisions generated changes in some of Court Services front end processes. For instance, the online report was modified to ensure the courts had the financial details necessary to ascertain whether a defendant was indigent. The expanded interview increased the interview time by five minutes per interview, or approximately 27,000 more task minutes per month.

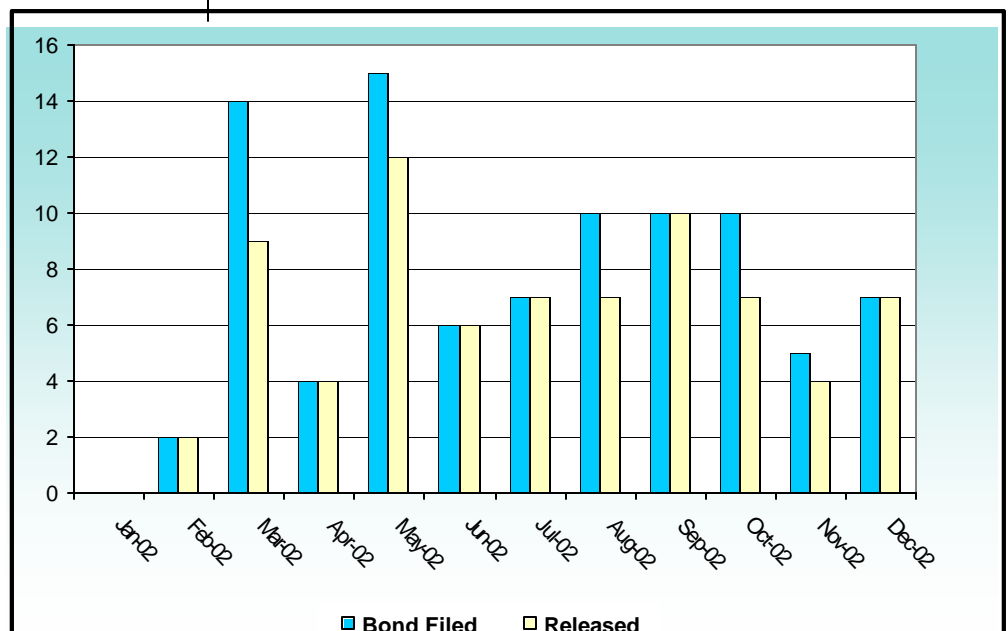
Also, while the department already interviews most defendants arrested for a criminal offense, there were categories of defendants not previously interviewed that are covered by the act. Therefore, when a defendant declines the initial interview or is arrested on an MRP warrant and subsequently requests appointed counsel, Court Services prepares a report so that the court can make an indigency determination. Because the department automatically compiled 66,762 defendant reports, only 549 additional reports were needed for statute compliance.

Additionally, anytime a defendant requests appointed counsel at the probable cause hearing, Court Services assists the defendant in completing the indigency affidavit. Over half the defendants at the hearing request appointed counsel.

Another aspect of the Act requires that a court release a defendant on personal bond if no determination of probable cause has been made by the court or designated magistrate within 24 to 48 hours from arrest. In 2002, 75 defendants were released due to the statute and supervised by the Office of Court Services. ■



*Defendants released due to the Fair Defense Act accounted for barely 1% of all persons ordered supervised in 2002.*



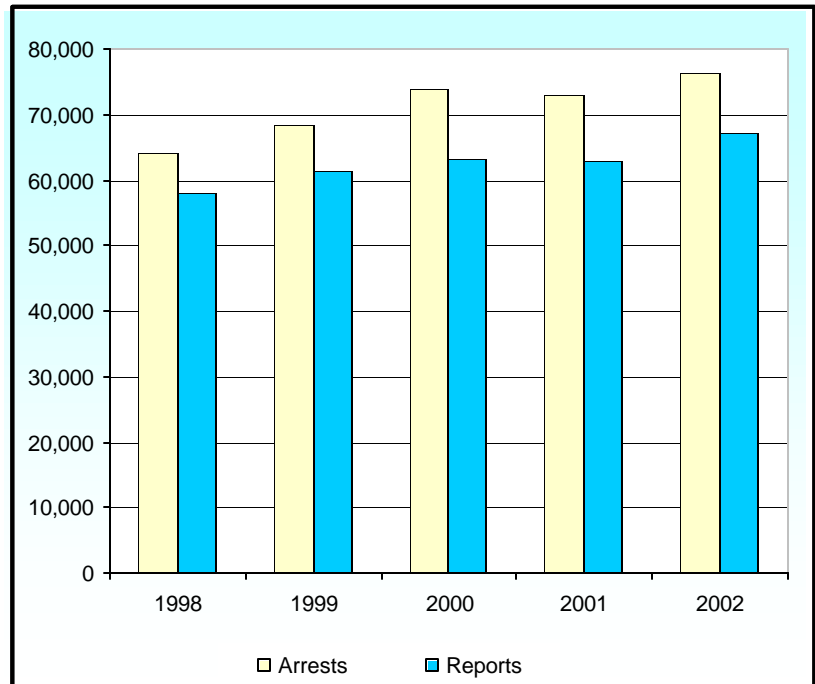
*Personal bonds filed because of the Fair Defense Act. Those persons not released had other pending charges or holds.*

## Defendant Report Activity in 2002

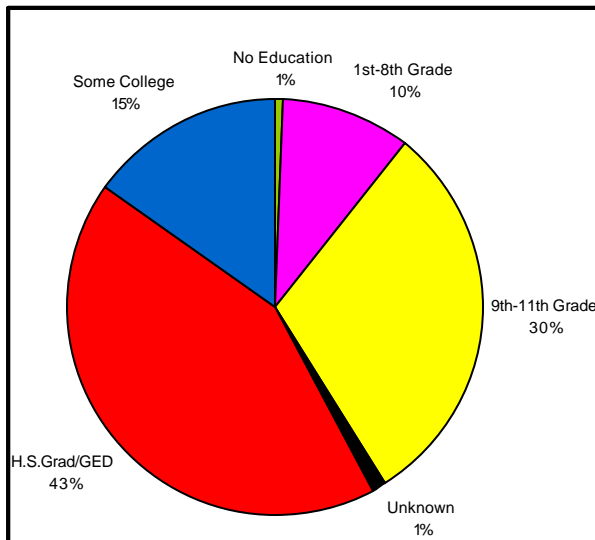
Over 76,000 people were arrested for a class A or B misdemeanor or felony offense in 2002, an increase of almost 4.5% over the previous year. Of the persons arrested, 60% were charged with a misdemeanor and 40% with a felony offense. The Office of Court Services compiled reports on 87% of the arrestees, for a total of 62,112 reports, 4,650 more than in 2001.

In 2002 staff prepared 39,668 reports on defendants arrested for a misdemeanor offense, compiling information on over 86% of that population. For those defendants arrested for a felony, the percentage jumped to almost 90%, or 37,094 reports completed. An additional 508 defendant reports were prepared on persons not in jail.

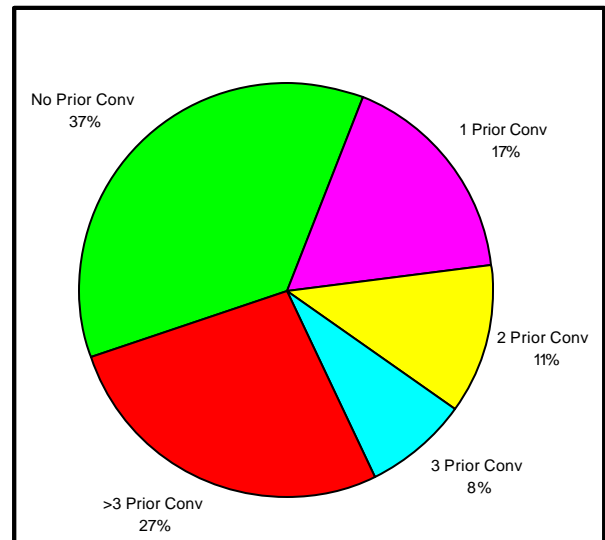
Consistent with the previous year, the report group population was 82% male. Over 27% of the report group were under 22 years of age. Almost 58% reported that they had at least received a high school diploma or a GED. Another 41%, however, reported never advancing beyond the 11th grade. Finally, those charged with a felony offense were more likely to have at least one prior conviction. ■



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 2002.

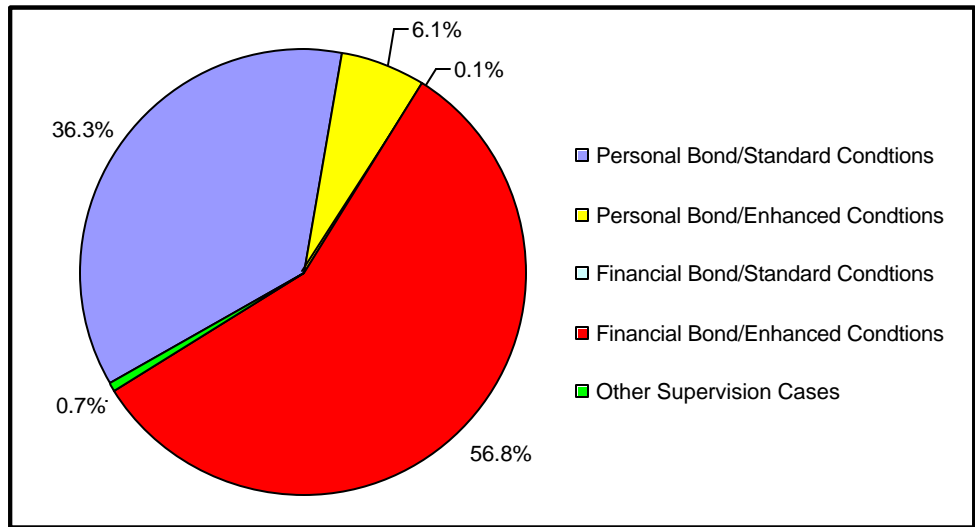


Number of prior convictions confirmed for defendants interviewed by the Office of Court Services in 2002.

# Supervision Caseload Review

The number of persons ordered supervised in 2002 increased by 4.3%, mirroring the increase in arrests for the year. Overall, the Office of Court Services added 6,444 persons to the supervision caseload; 2,731 of these defendants were released on personal bond, 3,665 defendants were released on some form of financial bond, and 48 defendants were supervised by order of the court without bail as a factor.

The courts placed 4,086 defendants under enhanced supervision, requiring compliance with one or more of the enhanced conditions listed below. Defendants with enhanced conditions accounted for 63% of all persons placed in the defendant monitoring program. The remaining 37% were required to comply with only the standard supervision conditions. Defendants on financial bond comprised 57% of those



Defendants ordered to comply with enhanced supervision conditions now account for 63% of the supervision population.

ordered supervised in 2002, an increase of 6% over last year. And they accounted for almost 90% of those with enhanced supervision conditions. ■

## Standard Release Conditions

- 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*
- Travel restriction out of the Harris County area*
- Complaining witness contact prohibition*

## Other Services Offered

- Coordination of supervision services for defendants living out of the Harris County area*
- On-site drug screens and breathalyzer*

## Enhanced Conditions Enforced

- Refrain from illegal/illicit drug possession or use*
- Submit to regular or random drug screens*
- Install and use ignition interlock device*
- Adhere to a curfew with or without electronic monitoring*
- Abide by residence requirements*
- Abide by employment conditions*
- Abide by educational requirements*
- Participate in substance and alcohol abuse treatment*
- Participate in mental impairment services*



## Supervision Services Provide Courts with Options

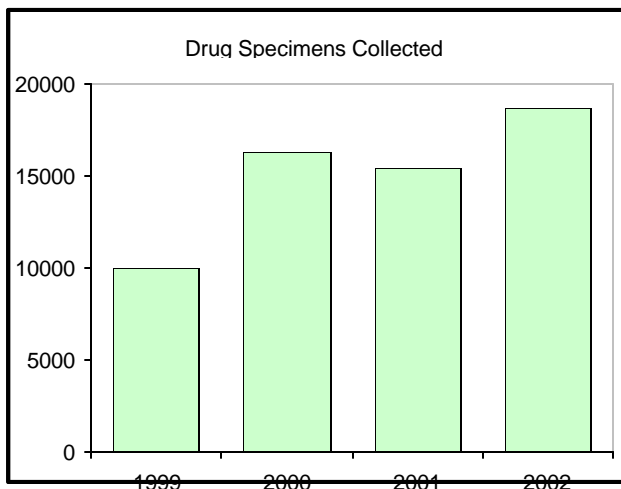
All defendants that the Office of Court Services supervises must check-in regularly by phone and in person, and to notify the Office of any changes in their work or residence situations.

On average, 73% of the monthly caseload had one or more additional conditions of release. Screening for drug use was the condition most often imposed. There were 8,441 defendants required to participate in the screening process, a 13% increase over 2001. Specimens collected rose by 21% to 18,721. Nineteen percent of the specimens tested were confirmed positive. Overall, 57% of supervised defendants were screened for drug use. The courts also required 18% of the defendants assigned to OCS to submit to a substance abuse evaluation.

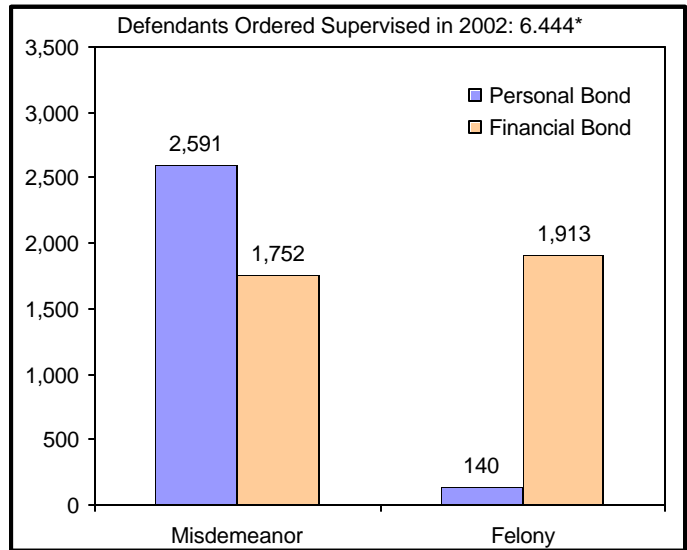
In 2002 the Office of Court Services introduced two new screening options. The on-site drug screen provides immediate drug tests results for eight substances. Since the test uses a urine sample, the results can be confirmed by the Medical Examiner if additional testing is warranted. The department also offers the use of a Breathalyzer to detect and measure alcohol use.

The courts ordered 11% of supervised defendants to wear electronic monitors. The electronic monitoring device allows the Office of Court Services to determine if a defendant is complying with a court-ordered curfew.

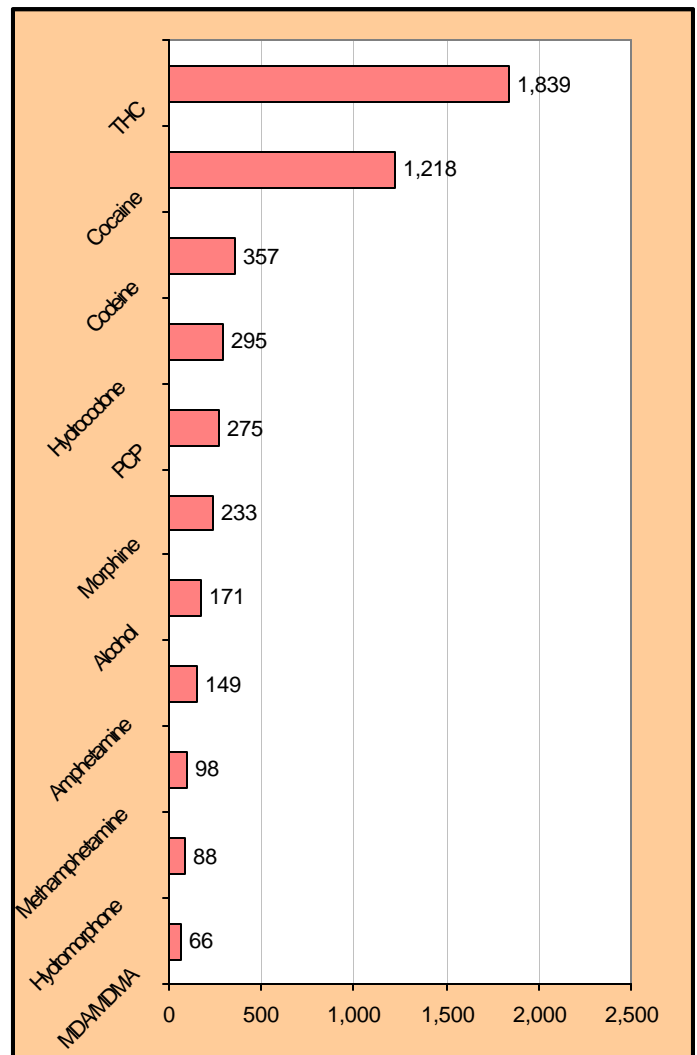
Another 17% of the supervised defendants had to have an ignition interlock device installed on the vehicle that they drive. This technology prevents a person from starting the vehicle without providing a deep-lung breath sample that is tested for alcohol. If alcohol is detected in the sample, the vehicle will not start. ■



Over 18,000 drug test specimens were collected in 2002, an increase of 21% over 2001.



\* Includes 48 defendants ordered supervised where bail was not a factor.



Drug screening results by type of drug detected.

## Most Defendants Comply with Supervision Orders, Don't Return to Jail

In 2002, 6,309 defendants exited the Court Services supervision program. They included 2,769 defendants on personal bond; 3,509 defendants on financial bond; and 31 people who were not on bond or who had non-Harris County cases.

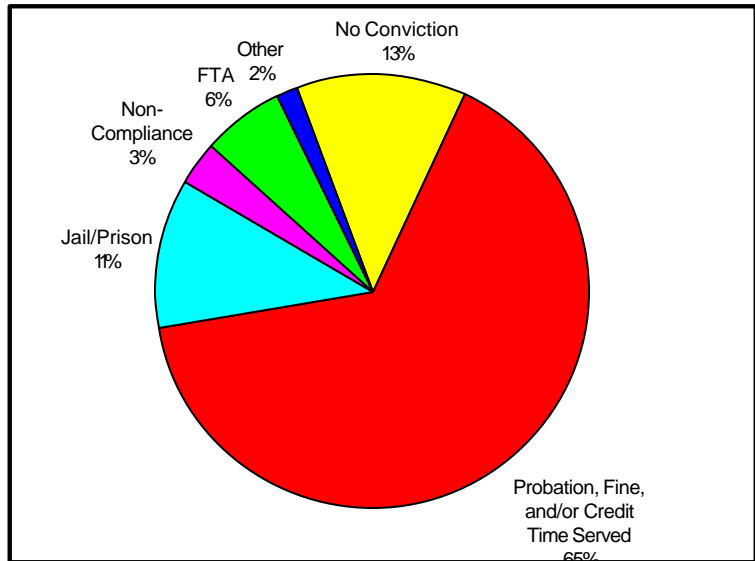
A review of the 6,278 defendants with a personal or financial bond shows that 79%, or 4,987 defendants, completed the supervision period and left the program because their criminal case was over. Of the defendants whose cases were over, 64% received a sentence that did not result in incarceration and 13% were not convicted. The remaining 23% received sentences that included time in jail or prison.

Looking at the same population of 4,987 defendants by offense level, there were 3,743 defendants with a misdemeanor case and 1,244 with a felony case. Sixty-five percent of those with a misdemeanor case and 60% of those with a felony case served no additional jail time. The most common sentence imposed included some form of probation with 43% of all misdemeanor and 58% of all felony cases ending with the defendant on post-trial supervision.

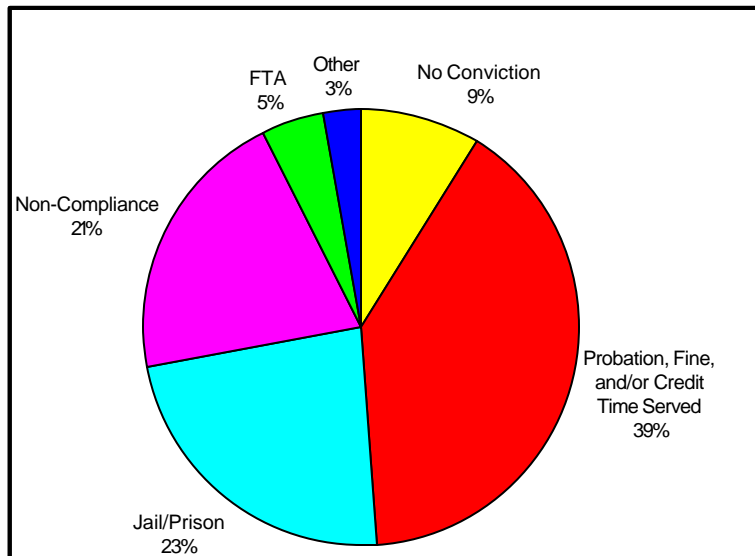
The remaining 21% of defendants whose supervision period ended before the disposition of the criminal case did so primarily because the defendant failed to appear in court when scheduled or did not comply with other supervision conditions. Five percent of the defendants supervised missed a court appearance that resulted in bond revocation or forfeiture. Non-compliance with other conditions of supervision (e.g., refrain from substance abuse and abide by curfew restrictions) accounted for 13% of those who left the program. The remaining 3% left the program for reasons other than non-compliance.

Of the 31 persons with a non-bond or non-Harris County case, 74% successfully completed the supervision period. ■

### How All Bonded Defendants Exited the Supervision Program by Bond Type.

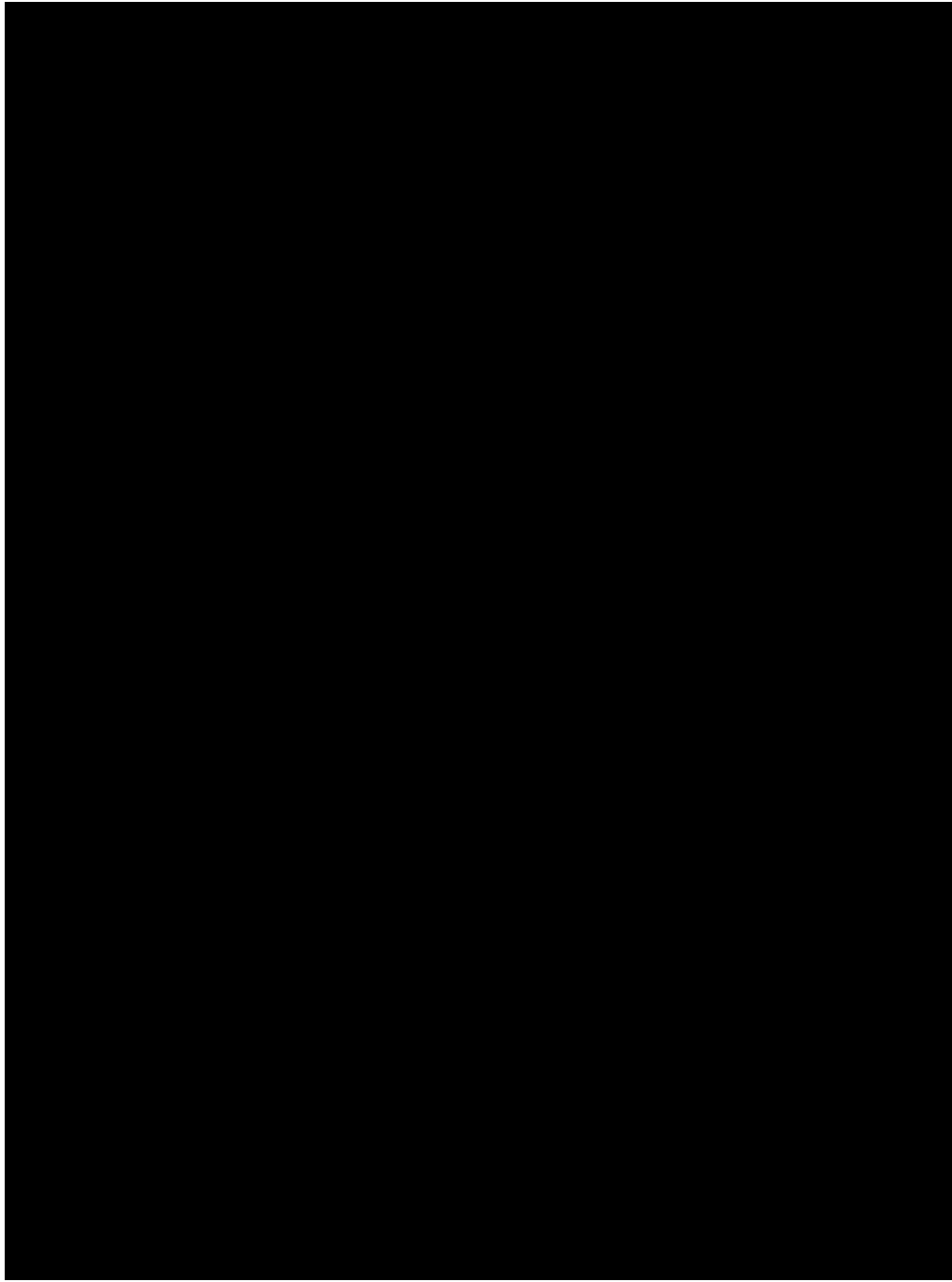


*Personal Bond - 2,769 defendants*



*Financial Bond - 3,509 defendants*

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**Total employees: 98**

## 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	21,383	50.6%	15,918	65.4%	376	46.9%	37,677	55.9%
HCSO	8,121	19.2%	3,981	16.3%	147	18.3%	12,249	18.2%
Pasadena	2,207	5.2%	786	3.2%	48	6.0%	3,041	4.5%
Baytown	819	1.9%	337	1.4%	8	1.0%	1,164	1.7%
Humble	436	1.0%	144	0.6%	5	0.6%	585	0.9%
DPS	988	2.3%	249	1.0%	18	2.2%	1,255	1.9%
Constables	3,515	8.3%	1,150	4.7%	68	8.5%	4,733	7.0%
Other	4,791	11.3%	1,788	7.3%	132	16.5%	6,711	10.0%
TOTAL	42,260	100%	24,353	100%	802	100%	67,415	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
3,873	5,007	153	9,033	11.8%

#### 3. Total number of defendants arrested in the reporting year:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% Interv
46,133	29,360	955	76,448	87.3%

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

Location	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both a.	%	TOTAL b.	%
HPD Jails	19,159	48.3%	14,573	56.9%	728	48.8%	34,460	51.6%
HCJ/PCH	20,499	51.7%	11,020	43.0%	762	51.1%	32,281	48.4%
Other	10	<0.1%	10	0.1%	1	0.1%	21	<0.1%
TOTAL	39,668	100%	25,603	100%	1,491	100%	66,762	100%

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

b. Includes 506 misdemeanor interviews and 43 felony interviews conducted for indigency determinations.

\* These numbers may be larger than those reflected on pages 10 and 11 of this report due to interview records inadvertently removed from JIMS during the interview conversion in Model 204.

### B. Non-incarcerated Defendant Population

#### 1. Number of defendants interviewed with an open warrant.

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
203	167	4	374

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

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL c.
1,190	1,398	98	2,686

c. Includes three misdemeanor interviews conducted for indigency determinations.

#### 3. Number of defendants interviewed while on bond.

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
307	288	17	612

### C. Characteristics of Interviewed Defendants

#### 1. Gender

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
Male	32,494	81.6%	22,574	82.2%	55,068	81.9%
Female	7,304	18.4%	4,898	17.8%	12,202	18.1%
TOTAL	39,798	100%	27,472	100%	67,270	100%

#### 2. Race/Ethnicity

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
White	11,947	30.0%	6,782	24.7%	18,729	27.8%
Black	13,229	33.2%	13,448	49.0%	26,677	39.7%
Hispanic	14,216	35.7%	7,044	25.6%	21,260	31.6%
Other	406	1.0%	198	0.7%	604	0.9%
TOTAL	39,798	100%	27,472	100%	67,270	100%

#### 3. Age

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
< 17	7	0.0%	53	0.2%	60	0.1%
17-19	6,955	17.5%	3,964	14.4%	10,919	16.2%
20-24	10,462	26.3%	6,326	23.0%	16,788	25.0%
25-29	6,648	16.7%	4,104	14.9%	10,752	16.0%
30-35	5,757	14.5%	4,139	15.1%	9,896	14.7%
> 35	9,766	24.5%	8,616	31.4%	18,382	27.3%
Unknown	203	0.5%	270	1.0%	473	0.7%
TOTAL	39,798	100%	27,472	100%	67,270	100%
= 21	11,605	29.2%	6,863	25.0%	18,468	27.5%

#### 4. Education

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
No education	243	0.6%	124	0.5%	367	0.5%
1st-8th grade	4,484	11.3%	2,461	9.0%	6,945	10.3%
9th-11th grade	11,806	29.7%	8,589	31.3%	20,395	30.3%
H.S. Grad/GED	16,398	41.2%	12,295	44.8%	28,693	42.7%
College	6,541	16.4%	3,649	13.3%	10,190	15.1%
Unknown	326	0.8%	354	1.3%	680	1.0%
TOTAL	39,798	100%	27,472	100%	67,270	100%

#### 5. Language

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
English	34,403	86.4%	25,040	91.1%	59,443	88.4%
Spanish	5,112	12.8%	2,115	7.7%	7,227	10.7%
Vietnamese	24	0.1%	12	0.0%	36	0.1%
Hearing Impair	9	0.0%	1	0.0%	10	0.0%
Other/Unk	250	0.6%	304	1.1%	554	0.8%
TOTAL	39,798	100%	27,472	100%	67,270	100%

#### 6. Prior Convictions

Total Equals	Misd Defendants	%	Fel Defendants	%	TOTAL	%
0	17,219	43.3%	7,380	26.9%	24,599	36.6%
1	7,481	18.8%	4,243	15.4%	11,724	17.4%
2	4,423	11.1%	3,111	11.3%	7,534	11.2%
3	2,874	7.2%	2,593	9.4%	5,467	8.1%
> 3	7,788	19.6%	10,136	36.9%	17,924	26.6%
Unknown	13	0.0%	9	0.0%	22	0.0%
TOTAL	39,798	100%	27,472	100%	67,270	100%



7. Charge Categories a.

Misdemeanor	Number	%	Felony	Number	%
Assault	4,561	11.5%	Murder/Mansl/Homicide	197	0.7%
DWI	8,343	21.0%	Assault/Att or Sol Murder/Injury Offense	2,787	10.1%
Theft/Burglary Offense	6,921	17.4%	Sexual Assault Adult	105	0.4%
Trespass	1,617	4.1%	Sex Offense Child (Sex Aslt, Indec, Incest)	520	1.9%
Evade Arrest or Detention/Fleeing	1,427	3.6%	Robbery	1,422	5.2%
Resist Arrest	537	1.3%	Other Personal Offense	348	1.3%
Weapon Offense	1,166	2.9%	Burglary Building/Habitation/Other	1,372	5.0%
Drug Offense	6,165	15.5%	Theft Offenses	2,081	7.6%
Criminal Mischief	868	2.2%	UUMV	1,199	4.4%
Sex Offense (e.g., Prost, Pub Lewd, Indec Exp)	1,263	3.2%	Other Property Offense	745	2.7%
DWLS/Other Traffic	4,324	10.9%	Drug Sale/Manufacture	2,912	10.6%
Failure to ID to PO	853	2.1%	Drug Possession	9,215	33.5%
Other	1,753	4.4%	DWI	844	3.1%
			Other	3,725	13.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,798</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,472</b>	<b>100%</b>

a. 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 b.

Point Score	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
4	6,265	15.8%	2,131	7.8%	8,396	12.5%
3	9,428	23.8%	4,285	15.6%	13,713	20.4%
2	10,285	25.9%	6,102	22.2%	16,387	24.4%
1	7,137	18.0%	5,829	21.2%	12,966	19.3%
0	3,503	8.8%	4,081	14.9%	7,584	11.3%
-1	1,804	4.5%	2,817	10.3%	4,621	6.9%
-2	669	1.7%	1,384	5.0%	2,053	3.1%
-3	196	0.5%	357	1.3%	553	0.8%
-4	15	0.0%	22	0.1%	37	0.1%
-5	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
Refusal	353	0.9%	452	1.6%	805	1.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39,656</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>27,460</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>67,116</b>	<b>100%</b>

b. Does not include 142 misdemeanor interviews and 12 felony interviews conducted for indigency determinations.

## Section II Bail Review

### A. Report Classification

The Defendant	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Refused an interview	352	1	452	0	805	1.2%
Has high risk score	1,092	7	2,217	14	3,330	5.0%
Has no bond set	525	1	2,428	3	2,957	4.4%
On probation, parole, or bond	3,834	57	1,936	23	5,850	8.7%
Has an unverifiable report	4	0	0	0	4	0.0%
Made surety or cash bond before court review	4,976	205	2,086	225	7,492	11.2%
Had case disposed	44	3	586	2	635	0.9%
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>10,827</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>9,705</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>21,073</b>	<b>31.4%</b>
All Other Reports	28,321	234	17,278	208	46,041	68.6%
<b>TOTAL REPORTS</b>	<b>39,148</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>26,983</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>67,114</b>	<b>100%</b>

a. Does not include 142 misdemeanor interviews and 12 felony interviews conducted for indigency determination.

### 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	385	0	4	0	389	0.7%
PB granted, bond lowered	42	0	0	0	42	0.1%
PB granted, bond raised	17	0	0	0	17	0.0%
PB granted, pending verification	2,748	0	12	0	2,760	5.0%
PB granted with additional conditions	78	0	4	0	82	0.1%
PB denied	20,772	0	1,564	0	22,336	40.5%
PB denied, bond lowered	2,528	0	77	0	2,605	4.7%
PB denied, bond raised	4,383	0	222	0	4,605	8.4%
Split bond	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Supervision on financial bond	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Supervision, other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Reviewed, no action PB	132	0	769	0	901	1.6%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond lowered	9	0	44	0	53	0.1%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond raised	19	0	115	0	134	0.2%
Pending	12	0	1	0	13	0.0%
No probable cause found	151	0	89	0	240	0.4%
Restricted	656	0	16,851	0	17,507	31.8%
Restricted, bond lowered	55	0	600	0	655	1.2%
Restricted, bond raised	110	0	2,669	0	2,779	5.0%
<b>TOTAL REPORTS REVIEWED</b>	<b>32,097</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,021</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55,118</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

b. This includes 1,034 individuals with both a misdemeanor and a felony

2. Initial Review by the Assigned Court	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
PB granted	42	26	32	9	109	1.6%
PB granted, bond lowered	1	1	3	0	5	0.1%
PB granted, bond raised	2	0	1	0	3	0.0%
PB granted with additional conditions	63	20	50	19	152	2.2%
PB denied	168	0	2,202	39	2,409	35.5%
PB denied, bond lowered	22	0	81	1	104	1.5%
PB denied, bond raised	18	0	93	2	113	1.7%
Split bond	12	7	4	2	25	0.4%
Supervision on financial bond	133	1,551	272	1,503	3,459	50.9%
Supervision, other	4	11	2	12	29	0.4%
Reviewed, no action PB	0	1	45	1	47	0.7%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond lowered	3	0	187	0	190	2.8%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond raised	1	0	143	1	145	2.1%
Pending	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%
<b>TOTAL REPORTS REVIEWED</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>6,791</b>	<b>100%</b>

c. This includes 62 individuals with both a misdemeanor and a felony case.

3. Re-review by the Assigned Court	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
PB granted	1	0	4	0	5	3.4%
PB granted, bond lowered	0	0	1	0	1	0.7%
PB granted, bond raised	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PB granted with additional conditions	1	1	1	0	3	2.0%
PB denied	1	0	18	0	19	12.9%
PB denied, bond lowered	1	0	5	0	6	4.1%
PB denied, bond raised	1	0	1	0	2	1.4%
Split bond	3	0	7	0	10	6.8%
Supervision on financial bond	1	7	19	68	95	64.6%
Supervision, other	0	0	0	4	4	2.7%
Reviewed, no action PB	0	0	1	0	1	0.7%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond lowered	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond raised	0	0	1	0	1	0.7%
Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL REPORTS REVIEWED	9	8	58	72	147	100%

### C. Outcome Summary

1. Personal bond activity	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA	
Total approvals by case	3,395	55	123	30	3,603
Bonds filed	2,604	53	112	30	2,799
Defendants released	2,538	53	110	30	2,731

2. Non-personal bond activity	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Bond	Other	Bond	Other	
Court ordered supervision	1,912	21	2,126	34	4,093

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	4	0	0	0	4
Sentenced before release	50	36	1	21	108
TOTAL	54	36	1	21	112

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	2,591	140	2,731
with additional conditions	300	90	390
Released on surety/cash bond	1,752	1,913	3,665
with additional conditions	1,747	1,911	3,658
Released other	19	29	48
with additional conditions	14	24	38

Art 17.42, Sec 5 CCP	# of Accused
Releases on personal bond with priors of the same offense or any felony within 6 yrs.	134

### B. Location of Incarcerated Defendants Released on Personal Bond:

Location	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
HPD	349	13.8%	1	0.9%	350	13.2%
HCJ	2,189	86.2%	109	99.1%	2,298	86.8%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	2,538	100%	110	100%	2,648	100%

### C. Supervised Cases by Charge Category

#### Misdemeanor (Chart A)

Charge Category	Personal Bd	Percent	Financial Bd	Percent
Assault	31	1.1%	69	3.6%
DWI	607	22.4%	1066	55.8%
Theft/Burglary Offense	735	27.1%	70	3.7%
Trespass	64	2.4%	15	0.8%
Evade Arrest or Detention/Fleeing	40	1.5%	13	0.7%
Resist Arrest	6	0.2%	12	0.6%
Weapon Offense	13	0.5%	27	1.4%
Drug Offense	619	22.8%	426	22.3%
Criminal Mischief	41	1.5%	18	0.9%
Sex Offense (Prost, Pub Lewd, Indec Exp)	29	1.1%	6	0.3%
DWLS/Other Traffic	333	12.3%	83	4.3%
Failure to ID to PO	48	1.8%	3	0.2%
MRP/MAJ	39	1.4%	52	2.7%
Other	107	3.9%	52	2.7%
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Felony (Chart B)

Charge Category	Personal Bd	Percent	Financial Bd	Percent
Murder/Mansl/Homicide	2	1.2%	48	2.3%
Assault/Att or Sol Murder/Injury Offense	17	10.6%	164	7.7%
Sexual Assault Adult	1	0.6%	12	0.6%
Sex Offense Child (Sex Aslt, Indec, Incest)	2	1.2%	62	2.9%
Robbery	7	4.3%	82	3.9%
Other Personal Offense	1	0.6%	54	2.5%
Burglary Building/Habitation/Other	4	2.5%	46	2.2%
Theft Offenses	15	9.3%	50	2.4%
UUMV	5	3.1%	23	1.1%
Other Property Offense	5	3.1%	15	0.7%
Drug Sale / Manufacture	7	4.3%	150	7.1%
Drug Possession	28	17.4%	1027	48.3%
DWI	2	1.2%	175	8.2%
MRP/MAJ	39	24.2%	31	1.5%
Other	26	16.1%	187	8.8%
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,126</b>	<b>100%</b>

**D. Average Number of Defendants Supervised by the Office of Court Services per Month in Calendar Year 2002\***

1. Case Type	Personal Bond	Financial Bond	Courtesy/PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Felony	35	463	2	2	502	49.4%
Misdemeanor	294	217	0	3	514	50.6%
Both Felony & Misdemeanor	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1,016</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	269	81.8%	1	0.1%
Defendants required to comply with additional conditions	60	18.2%	679	99.9%

**3. Additional Supervision Conditions - Average Monthly Caseload**

(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	27	9.2%	11	31.4%	38	11.6%
Electronic monitoring	2	0.7%	4	11.4%	6	1.8%
Weekly in-person check-in	13	4.4%	12	34.3%	25	7.6%
Curfew	3	1.0%	4	11.4%	7	2.1%
Ignition interlock	5	1.7%	0	0.0%	5	1.5%
Substance abuse evaluation	11	3.7%	0	0.0%	11	3.3%
Other conditions	24	8.2%	16	45.7%	40	12.2%

Financial Bond	Misdemeanor		Felony		Total	Percent
	Defendants	Percent	Defendants	Percent		
Drug screening	151	69.6%	388	83.8%	539	79.3%
Electronic monitoring	29	13.4%	71	15.3%	100	14.7%
Weekly in-person check-in	71	32.7%	205	44.3%	276	40.6%
Curfew	34	15.7%	82	17.7%	116	17.1%
Ignition interlock	117	53.9%	46	9.9%	163	24.0%
Substance abuse evaluation	110	50.7%	60	13.0%	170	25.0%
Other conditions	190	87.6%	300	64.8%	490	72.1%

All Other	Misdemeanor		Felony		Total	Percent
	Defendants	Percent	Defendants	Percent		
Drug screening	1	33.3%	2	50.0%	3	42.9%
Electronic monitoring	2	66.7%	1	25.0%	3	42.9%
Weekly in-person check-in	2	66.7%	2	50.0%	4	57.1%
Curfew	2	66.7%	1	25.0%	3	42.9%
Ignition interlock	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Substance abuse evaluation	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	1	14.3%
Other conditions	2	66.7%	2	50.0%	4	57.1%

\* 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:

	5,332
a. Number indicating no assistance needs:	2,611
b. Number indicating assistance needed:	1,496
c. Number court ordered:	1,225

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%	227	4.8%	103	2.5%
Rent	0	0.0%	122	2.6%	47	1.1%
Emergency Housing	0	0.0%	45	0.9%	12	0.3%
Food	0	0.0%	278	5.9%	122	3.0%
Transportation	0	0.0%	355	7.5%	154	3.8%
Dental Care	0	0.0%	501	10.6%	223	5.4%
Medical Care/Medication	0	0.0%	498	10.5%	224	5.5%
Prenatal Care	0	0.0%	21	0.4%	3	0.1%
Disability	0	0.0%	138	2.9%	57	1.4%
Counseling	0	0.0%	270	5.7%	107	2.6%
Substance Abuse Evaluation	1,108	47.6%	135	2.8%	1,018	24.8%
Anger Management Counseling	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	4	0.1%
Domestic Violence Counseling	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%
Substance Abuse Counseling	538	23.1%	231	4.9%	614	15.0%
Substance Abuse Education	219	9.4%	3	0.1%	242	5.9%
Substance Abuse Support Group	244	10.5%	1	0.0%	257	6.3%
Sex Offender Counseling	2	0.1%	1	0.0%	24	< 0.1%
Employment	146	6.3%	863	18.2%	423	10.3%
Vocational Training	0	0.0%	431	9.1%	192	4.7%
Education	51	2.2%	425	9.0%	182	4.4%
Childcare	0	0.0%	153	3.2%	59	1.4%
Mental Health/Retardation	16	0.7%	6	0.1%	16	0.4%
Other	1	0.0%	41	0.9%	12	0.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,329</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,746</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,098</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Requests	by	Defendants
4,746		1,496

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
4,098		1,851

## Section IV Compliance

### A. Court Appearances

1. Personal Bond Supervision Cases	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	8,107	517	8,624	
Appearances made	7,869	498	8,367	97.0%
Appearances missed	238	19	257	3.0%

2. Financial Bond Supervision Cases	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	4,906	8,067	12,973	
Appearances made	4,806	7,917	12,723	98.1%
Appearances missed	100	150	250	1.9%

### B. Instrument Issued for Missed Appearances (FTA)

1. Instrument	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
ACI/REV/B	21	4	25	3	5	8
ACI/OC	0	0	0	1	0	1
ACI/BF	150	4	154	41	109	150
C87/AI	8	2	10	0	19	19
Other	1	0	1	2	5	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>185</b>
Less Reinstated	4	0	4	4	0	4
Less Jailed	108	6	114	34	93	127
Less Other	10	1	11	6	15	21
<b>TOTAL UNRESOLVED WARRANTS*</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>33</b>

\* 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*	10	9.3%	10	8.2%	20	8.7%
HCSO Street Units (OCS information)	17	15.9%	16	13.1%	33	14.4%
HCSO Street Units	17	15.9%	26	21.3%	43	18.8%
HCSO Court Bailiff's Office with OCS	8	7.5%	25	20.5%	33	14.4%
HCSO Court Bailiff's Office	9	8.4%	15	12.3%	24	10.5%
Houston Police Department	28	26.2%	17	13.9%	45	19.7%
Other Law Enforcement	18	16.8%	13	10.7%	31	13.5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* 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	122	152
Resolved by arrest	107	122

**D. Defendants Charged with New Offense While Supervised by OCS**

1.

Type of charge filed	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New Misdemeanor	28	0	28	29	61	90
New Misdemeanor/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0	1	2	3
New Felony	13	4	17	27	66	93
New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	1	1	2	1	1	2
Both New Misd & New Felony	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Misd & New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reindictment	1	0	1	0	17	17
Refile	5	0	5	13	23	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>241</b>

2.

Bail status of new charge	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
Bond Transferred	0	0	0	0	1	1
Personal Bond Granted	1	0	1	0	0	0
Personal Bond Granted with Additional Conditions	0	0	0	0	1	1
Surety Bond Posted	8	0	8	10	27	37
Cash Bond Posted	1	0	1	3	1	4
In Custody	26	3	29	34	84	118
Non-Arrest	7	2	9	14	40	54
Summons Issued	5	0	5	10	16	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>241</b>

3.

Action on bond case	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
Bond Surrendered	0	0	0	0	3	3
Bond Revoked	17	3	20	31	66	97
Bond Continued	26	2	28	28	81	109
Bond Continued with Conditions	5	0	5	12	20	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>241</b>

**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	543	7,864	10	24	8,441	
Total number of specimens	1,047	17,598	25	51	18,721	
Specimens confirmed positive	229	3,291	7	7	3,534	18.9%

2. Drug/Alcohol testing	Misdemeanor	Felony	Total	Percent
Number of STAT UAs ordered	3	5	8	
On-site Drug Screens ordered	48	248	296	
Positive specimens	24	108	132	44.6%

3. Confirmed positive results	1st Test	2nd Test	3+ Test	TOTAL	Percent
Alcohol	37	15	119	171	3.6%
Amphetamine	52	18	79	149	3.1%
Cocaine	521	166	531	1218	25.4%
Codeine	87	34	236	357	7.5%
Hydrocodone	53	46	196	295	6.2%
Hydromorphone	20	16	52	88	1.8%
MDA/MDMA (Ecstasy)	34	10	22	66	1.4%
Methamphetamine	42	13	43	98	2.0%
Morphine	61	17	155	233	4.9%
THC	918	328	593	1,839	38.4%
PCP	100	53	122	275	5.7%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total drugs confirmed positive	1,925	716	2,148	4,789	
Total specimens confirmed positive	1,323	573	1,638	3,534	
Percent of total positive specimens	37%	16%	46%	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	11	0	11	17	48	65
- Felony	6	3	9	19	37	56
Failure to report	7	4	11	20	48	68
EMS/Curfew violation	0	0	0	11	22	33
Positive urinalysis test	15	9	24	76	380	456
Other	25	13	38	47	82	129
TOTAL	64	29	93	190	617	807

## 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%	6	3.9%	1	50.0%	0	0.0%	7	0.3%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	333	12.7%	15	9.8%	0	0.0%	1	50.0%	348	12.6%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	13	0.5%	21	13.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	34	1.2%
Fine	146	5.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	146	5.3%
Deferred Adjudication	685	26.2%	31	20.3%	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	717	25.9%
Probation	389	14.9%	11	7.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	400	14.4%
Fine & Credit Time Served	391	15.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	391	14.1%
H CJ - Credit Time Served	105	4.0%	2	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	107	3.9%
H CJ - Jail Time	189	7.2%	4	2.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	193	7.0%
Fine & Jail Time	113	4.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	113	4.1%
MRP/MAJ Granted	9	0.3%	3	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.4%
TDCJ/SJ	0	0.0%	3	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%
TDCJ/ID	0	0.0%	5	3.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%
Non-Compliance	57	2.2%	29	19.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	86	3.1%
Failures to Appear	165	6.3%	9	5.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	174	6.3%
Other	19	0.7%	14	9.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33	1.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,614</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
No Billed	0	0.0%	18	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	18	0.5%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	129	7.9%	163	8.7%	0	0.0%	2	66.7%	292	8.3%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	19	1.2%	23	1.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	42	1.2%
Fine	49	3.0%	3	0.2%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	53	1.5%
Deferred Adjudication	128	7.8%	506	27.1%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	635	18.1%
Probation	382	23.3%	134	7.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	516	14.7%
Fine & Credit Time Served	104	6.3%	5	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	109	3.1%
H CJ - Credit Time Served	40	2.4%	15	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	55	1.6%
H CJ - Jail Time	466	28.4%	86	4.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	552	15.7%
Fine & Jail Time	62	3.8%	2	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	64	1.8%
MRP/MAJ Granted	18	1.1%	3	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	21	0.6%
TDCJ/SJ	0	0.0%	80	4.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	80	2.3%
TDCJ/ID	0	0.0%	107	5.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	107	3.0%
Non-Compliance	174	10.6%	548	29.4%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	723	20.6%
Failures to Appear	45	2.7%	124	6.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	169	4.8%
Other	26	1.6%	47	2.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	73	2.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,642</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,864</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3,509</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
Successful	8	66.7%	15	78.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	23	74.2%
Unsuccessful	4	33.3%	4	21.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	25.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100%</b>

### D. Days Under Supervision

Days supervised by Office of Court Services	Personal Bond		Financial Bond		Other (non-bond)	
	Felony	Misd	Felony	Misd	Felony	Misd
High	657.0	529.0	1,464.0	917.0	211.0	156.0
Low	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Median	76.0	87.5	150.0	80.0	18.0	31.0