



Harris County Pretrial Services

2003 Annual Report

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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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Pretrial 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.

New Reports Introduced

Sex Offender on Appeal Bond

The department developed a report to identify persons convicted of a sexual offense who have appealed the conviction and posted bond. Once convicted a person must register as a sex offender even when the conviction is being appealed. The report helps ensure that all persons required to register as a sex offender meet that obligation. If the court deems it appropriate, Pretrial Services will provide supervision services during the appeal process.

Ignition Interlock Installation

The department receives a report that lists all defendants who make bond and are subject to certain provisions of 17.441 CCP, Ignition Interlock Device (IID) installation on all subsequent offenses under 49.04-49.06 (Felony DWI, Intoxicated Manslaughter and Intoxicated Assault). In December, the District Court judges voted to add an offense, Driving with a Child Under 15 as a Passenger (49.045). While an IID is not required, the report allows Pretrial to advise the court about a defendant's release so that the court can evaluate the need for IID installation. If the court orders the installation of the IID, the agency offers supervision services to monitor compliance.

STAR Drug Court Referral

The STAR Referral Report uses information from the Pretrial Defendant Report to identify possible candidates for the Harris Court Drug Court. The Defendant Report indicates whether the defendant wants substance abuse treatment. In 2003 the department interviewed over 2,000 defendants who were charged with a felony offence and requested drug treatment. ■

Pretrial Staff Support March of Dimes

Pretrial Services staff participated in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica held April 27, 2003.



Judge Robert Eckels visited with staff who stayed to enjoy the post-walk barbeque hosted by the judge's office.



Commissioner El Franco Lee presents Pretrial Services employee Scarlet Williams with an Honorary Scarlet Williams Day certificate celebrating her retirement after 25 years of service.

Pretrial Services Assists with Fair Defense Act Requirements

The Fair Defense Act sets 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.

When a defendant declines the initial pretrial interview or is arrested on a motion to revoke probation (MRP) warrant and subsequently requests appointed counsel, Pretrial Services prepares a modified report focusing on areas that assist the court in an indigency determination. Because the department automatically compiled 70,795 defendant reports, only 738 additional indigency-specific reports were needed for statute compliance.

Additionally, Pretrial Services assists all defendants who request appointed counsel during the Probable Cause Hearing 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 2003, 96 defendants were released due to the statute and supervised by Pretrial Services. ■

Defendant Report Provides Information to Courts



Pretrial Officers at HPD complete criminal records checks for the Defendant Report.

Throughout the pretrial stage of a case, Pretrial Services (PTS) provides services that facilitate informed, accountable release and detention practices. The department begins the processes necessary to deliver timely, useful information within hours of an arrest with preparation of the Defendant Reports.

The Defendant Report begins with a defendant interview and includes a comprehensive criminal background check. A Pretrial Officer draws upon multiple information sources during report preparation and compiles the data into a profile of the defendant consisting of employment and residence information, detailed financial information, documentation of health issues, and both self-reported and official criminal history information.

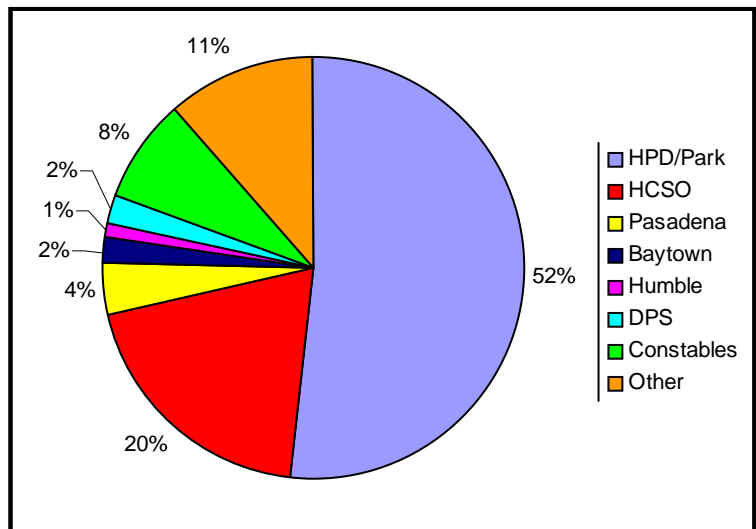
The Defendant Report is used for bail review at the Probable Cause Hearing and is delivered to the assigned court for defendants on the day's docket. It is also available in JIMS at any time.

When appropriate, the Pretrial Officer will prepare a mental health referral report based on the defendant interview. The referral report is forwarded to the MHMR staff in the jail and a copy is delivered to the court. ■

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 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.



HPD is responsible for 52% of arrests of persons charged with new A/B misdemeanor or felony offenses in Harris County and PTS interviews most of them before they are transferred to the Harris County jail.

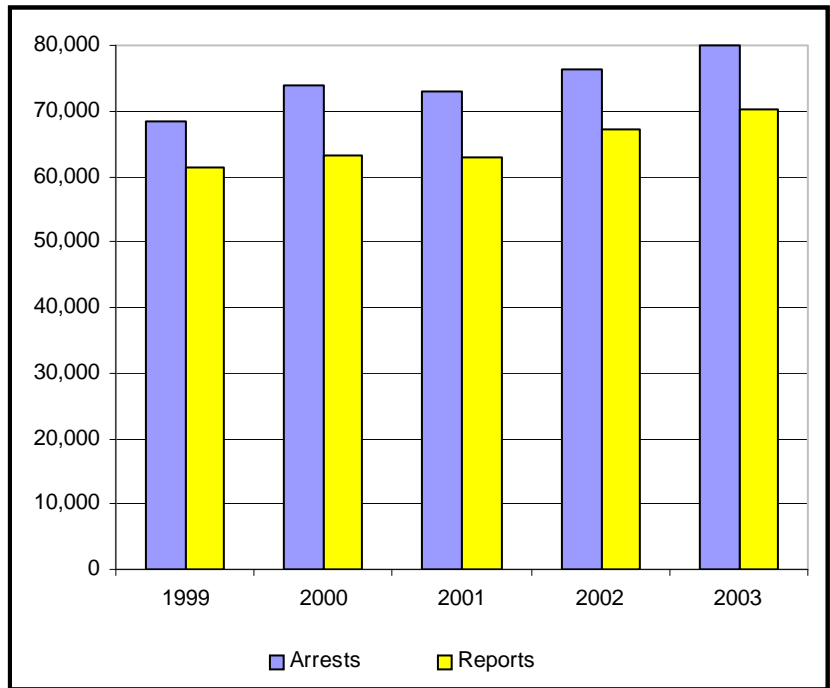
Defendant Report Activity in 2003

Arrests in Harris County for class A or B misdemeanor or felony offenses climbed to almost 80,000 people in 2003, a 4.6% increase over the previous year. Misdemeanor arrests accounted for 61% of the total and felony arrests for 39%.

Pretrial Services compiled reports on 87% of the arrestees, for a total of 70,143 reports. Staff prepared 42,169 reports on defendants arrested for a misdemeanor offense, compiling information on 86% of that population. For those defendants arrested for a felony, the percentage jumped to almost 90%, or 27,974 reports completed.

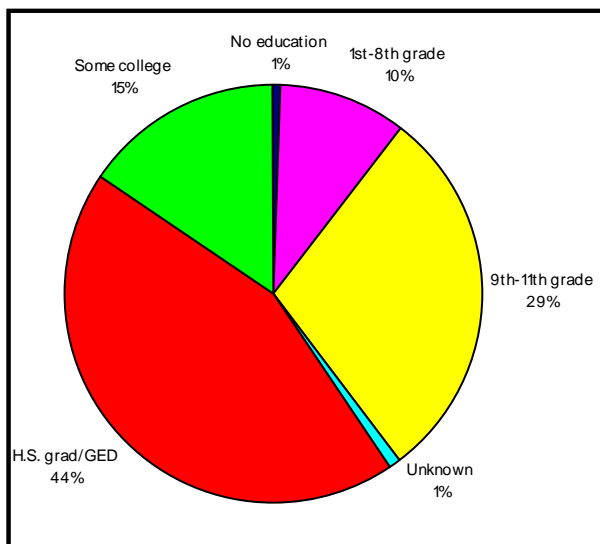
Other defendants interviewed included 283 defendants who had open warrants but were not in custody. Another 1,293 defendants posted a financial bond and were interviewed in order to initiate court ordered supervision, more than double the number in this category in 2002. Abbreviated versions of the defendant report were prepared for 738 defendants who requested an appointed attorney and for 186 defendants ordered to submit to an on-site drug test who did not have a current defendant report compiled.

There is little change from last year in the 2003 report population demographics. The population is 82% male.

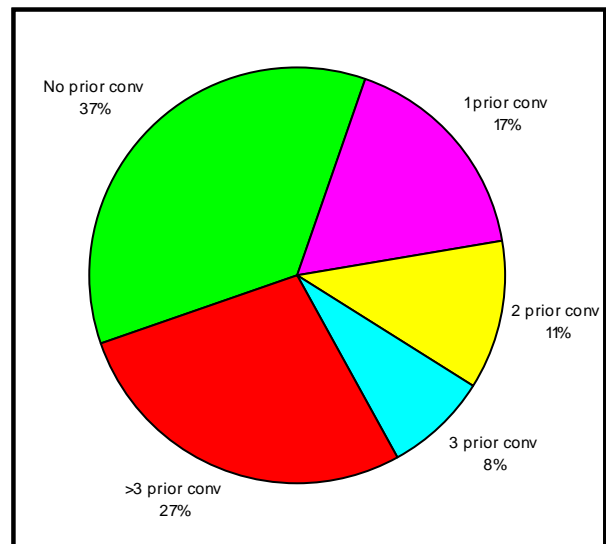


Arrests for a felony or class A or B misdemeanor offense and defendant reports completed over the last five years. Arrests have increased almost 17% in five years and the interview rate has kept pace.

Over 26% of the report group were under 22 years of age. Almost 60% reported that they had at least received a high school diploma or a GED. Those charged with a felony were more likely to have a prior criminal record. ■



Education level achieved as reported by defendants interviewed by Pretrial Services in 2003.

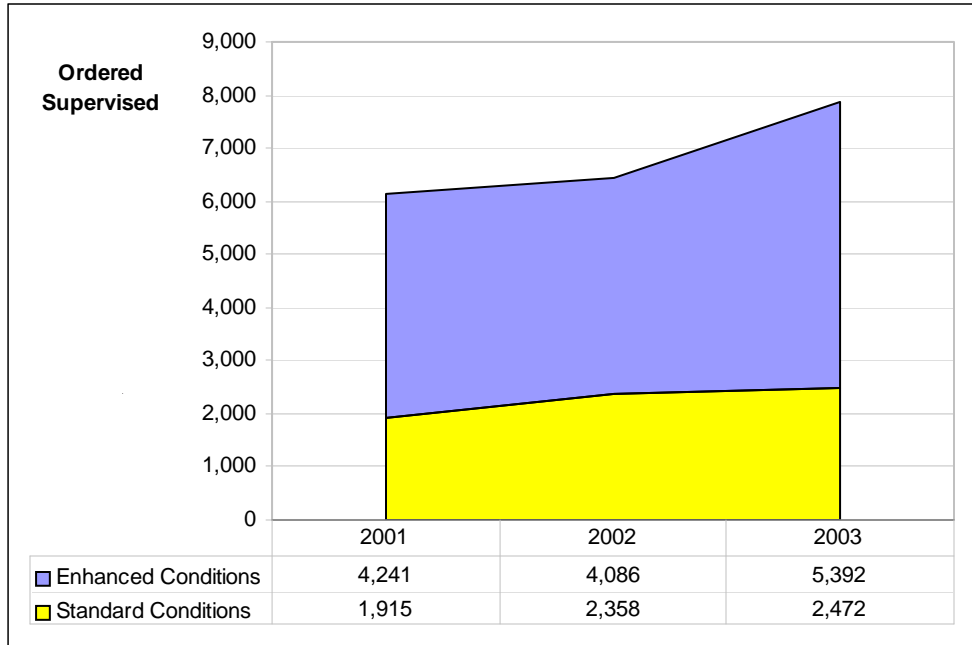


Number of prior convictions confirmed for defendants interviewed by Pretrial Services in 2003.

Supervision Caseload Review

Pretrial Services added 7,864 new defendants to its caseload in 2003, a 22% increase over 2002. Of those, 4,831 defendants posted some form of financial bond. Another 2,995 defendants were released from jail on a personal bond. The remaining 38 defendants were supervised by order of the court without bail as a factor.

The judiciary placed 5,392 defendants under enhanced supervision, requiring compliance with one or more of the enhanced conditions listed below. This represents a 32% increase from the previous year. Defendants with enhanced conditions accounted for almost 69% of all persons placed in the defendant monitoring program. The remaining 31% were required to comply with the standard supervision conditions. Defendants on financial bond



The number of defendants ordered supervised has been on the increase with the greatest growth in the population ordered to comply with enhanced conditions.

comprised 61% of those ordered supervised in 2003 and 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*

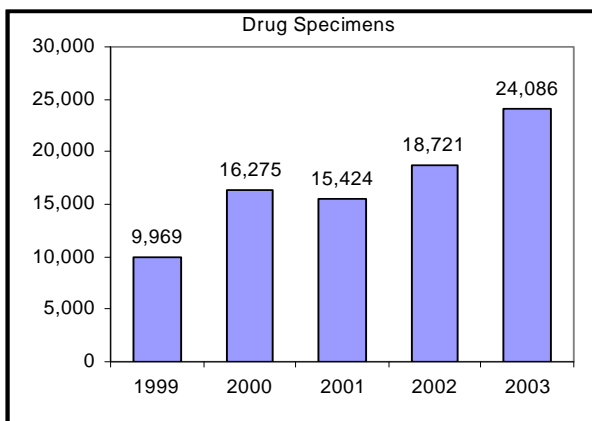
Enhanced Conditions Enforced

- 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 supervised by Pretrial Services 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, 78% of the monthly caseload had one or more additional conditions of release. Screening for drug use was the condition most often imposed. There were 4,638 supervised defendants required to participate in the screening process. Specimens collected rose by 29% to 24,086. Slightly more than 17% of the specimens tested were confirmed positive. Overall, 60% of supervised defendants were screened for drug use. The courts also required 57% of the defendants assigned to Pretrial Services to submit to a substance abuse evaluation.

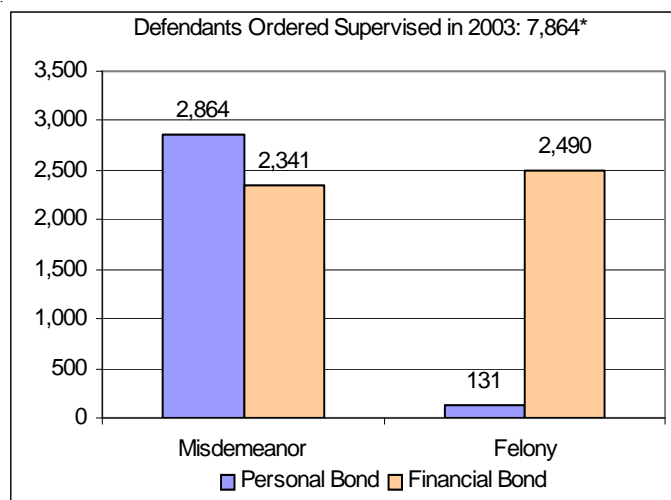


Drug specimen collection increased 29% in 2003 over 2002 and increased over 140% in the last 5 years.

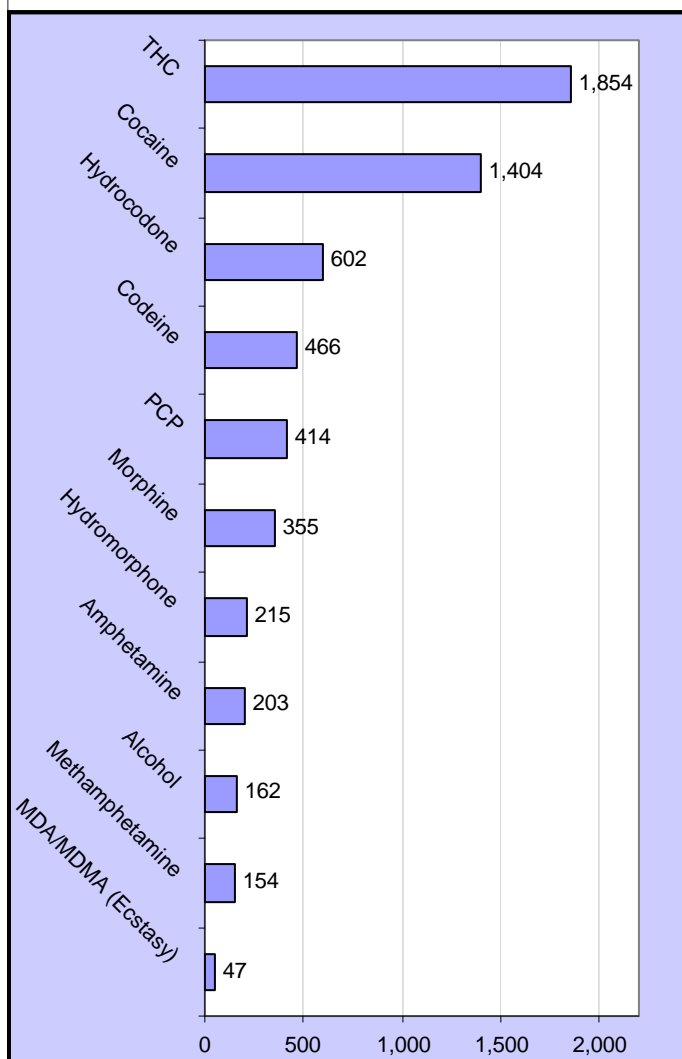
In 2003 Pretrial Services conducted 958 on-site drug screens on 375 defendants. Thirty-five percent of the screens were positive for drug use. The on-site drug screen provides immediate results for five substances. Since the test uses a urine sample, the results can be confirmed by the Medical Examiner if additional testing is warranted. The department also offers the use of a Breathalyzer to detect and measure alcohol use.

The courts ordered 8% of supervised defendants to wear electronic monitoring devices. The device allows Pretrial Services to determine whether a defendant is complying with a court-ordered curfew.

Another 24% of the supervised defendants were required to have an ignition interlock device installed on the vehicle that they drive. In 2003, 1,101 defendants with this condition were supervised. 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 38 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

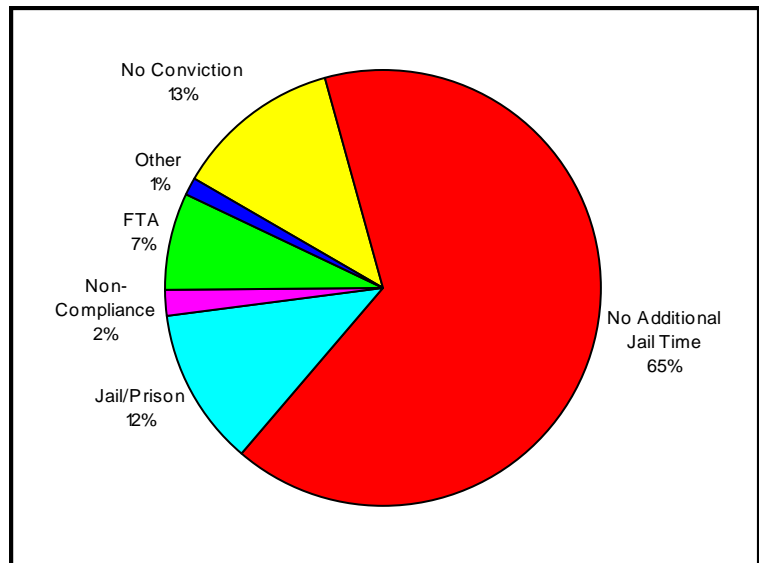
In 2003, 7,320 defendants exited the Pretrial Services supervision program. They included 2,901 defendants on personal bond, 4,386 defendants on financial bond, and 33 people who were not on bond or who had non-Harris County cases.

A review of the 7,287 defendants with a personal or financial bond shows that over 81%, or 5,934 defendants, completed the supervision period and left the program because their criminal case was over. Looking at the 5,934 defendants by offense level, there were 4,428 defendants with a misdemeanor case and 1,506 with a felony case. The dispositions of those with a misdemeanor case saw 67% receive no additional jail time, 22% were jailed, and 11% saw their cases dismissed. Of those charged with a felony, 58% received no additional jail time, 21% were sent to jail or prison, and 21% saw their cases dismissed or no-billed. The most common sentence imposed included some form of probation with 39% of all misdemeanor and 53% of all felony cases resulting in post-trial supervision.

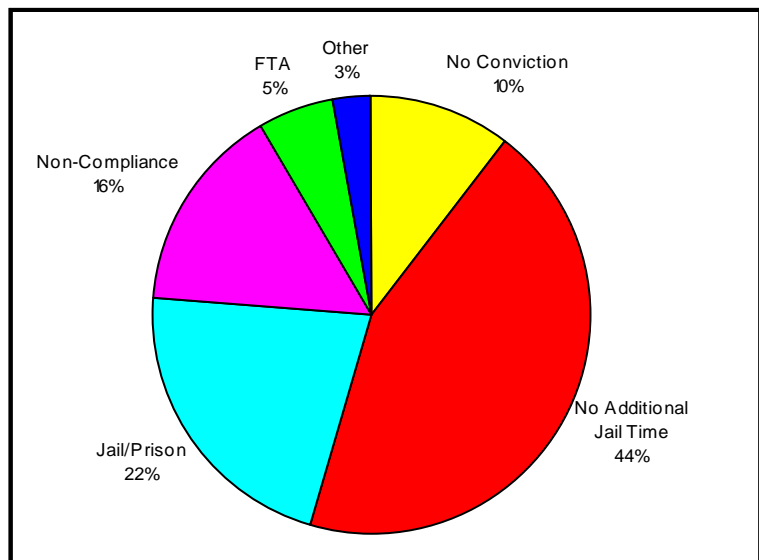
The remaining 19% of defendants whose supervision period ended before the disposition of their criminal cases failed to appear in court when scheduled or did not comply with other supervision conditions. Six percent of the defendants supervised missed a court appearance which resulted in bond revocation or forfeiture. Non-compliance with other conditions of supervision (e.g., refrain from substance abuse and abide by curfew restrictions) accounted for 10% of those who left the program. The remaining 2% left the program for reasons other than non-compliance.

Of the 33 persons with a non-bond or non-Harris County case, 94% successfully completed the supervision period. ■

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



Personal Bond - 2,901 defendants



Financial Bond - 4,386 defendants

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	21,933	48.6%	15,720	63.6%	373	41.9%	38,026	53.8%
HCSO	8,865	19.6%	4,399	17.8%	194	21.8%	13,458	19.0%
Pasadena	2,290	5.1%	825	3.3%	54	6.1%	3,169	4.5%
Baytown	868	1.9%	401	1.6%	17	1.9%	1,286	1.8%
Humble	648	1.4%	121	0.5%	7	0.8%	776	1.1%
DPS	1,249	2.8%	291	1.2%	19	2.1%	1,559	2.2%
Constables	4,023	8.9%	1,263	5.1%	87	9.8%	5,373	7.6%
Other	5,252	11.6%	1,700	6.9%	139	15.6%	7,091	10.0%
TOTAL	45,128	100%	24,720	100%	890	100%	70,738	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
3,844	5,223	183	9,250	11.6%

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

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% Interv
48,972	29,943	1,073	79,988	87.7%

4. Number and location of incarcerated defendant interviews conducted by Pretrial Services.

Location	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both a.	%	TOTAL b.	%
HPD Jails	19,049	45.2%	14,240	54.4%	805	44.4%	34,094	48.6%
HCJ/PCH	23,114	54.8%	11,910	45.5%	1,008	55.6%	36,032	51.4%
Other	6	<0.1%	11	0.1%	0	0.0%	17	<0.1%
TOTAL	42,169	100%	26,161	100%	1,813	100%	70,143	100%

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

b. Includes 699 misdemeanor, 32 felony, and 3 both interviews conducted for indigency determination only.

B. Non-incarcerated Defendant Population

1. Number of defendants interviewed with an open warrant.

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL ^{c.}
70	208	5	283

c. Includes 3 misdemeanor interviews conducted for indigency determination only and 7 felony interviews conducted for on-site drug screening only.

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

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL ^{d.}
1,403	1,807	180	3,390

d. Includes 3 felony interviews conducted for on-site drug tests only.

3. Number of defendants interviewed while on bond.

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL ^{e.}
651	609	33	1293

e. Includes 1 felony interview conducted for indigency determination only and 33 misdemeanor, 140 felony, and 3 both interviews conducted for on-site drug screening only.

C. Characteristics of Interviewed Defendants

1. Gender

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
Male	34,964	81.5%	23,493	81.5%	58,457	81.5%
Female	7,926	18.5%	5,336	18.5%	13,262	18.5%
TOTAL	42,890	100%	28,829	100%	71,719	100%

2. Race/Ethnicity

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
White	12,240	28.5%	7,181	24.9%	19,421	27.1%
Black	13,988	32.6%	13,685	47.5%	27,673	38.6%
Hispanic	16,104	37.5%	7,776	27.0%	23,880	33.3%
Other	558	1.3%	187	0.6%	745	1.0%
TOTAL	42,890	100%	28,829	100%	71,719	100%

3. Age

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
< 17	11	0.0%	37	0.1%	48	0.1%
17-19	7,490	17.5%	3,767	13.1%	11,257	15.7%
20-24	11,338	26.4%	6,480	22.5%	17,818	24.8%
25-29	7,155	16.7%	4,466	15.5%	11,621	16.2%
30-35	6,159	14.4%	4,387	15.2%	10,546	14.7%
> 35	10,524	24.5%	9,386	32.6%	19,910	27.8%
Unknown	213	0.5%	306	1.1%	519	0.7%
TOTAL	42,890	100%	28,829	100%	71,719	100%
≤ 21	12,346	28.8%	6,511	22.6%	18,857	26.3%

4. Education

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
No education	277	0.6%	127	0.4%	404	0.6%
1st-8th grade	4,618	10.8%	2,553	8.9%	7,171	10.0%
9th-11th grade	12,321	28.7%	8,494	29.5%	20,815	29.0%
H.S. Grad/GED	18,242	42.5%	13,239	45.9%	31,481	43.9%
College	7,072	16.5%	4,018	13.9%	11,090	15.5%
Unknown	360	0.8%	398	1.4%	758	1.1%
TOTAL	42,890	100%	28,829	100%	71,719	100%

5. Language

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
English	36,805	85.8%	26,155	90.7%	62,960	87.8%
Spanish	5,790	13.5%	2,327	8.1%	8,117	11.3%
Vietnamese	45	0.1%	17	0.1%	62	0.1%
Hearing Impair	13	0.0%	8	0.0%	21	0.0%
Other/Unk	237	0.6%	322	1.1%	559	0.8%
TOTAL	42,890	100%	28,829	100%	71,719	100%

6. Prior Convictions a.

Total Equals	Misd Defendants	%	Fel Defendants	%	TOTAL	%
0	18,011	42.0%	7,507	26.0%	25,518	35.6%
1	7,939	18.5%	4,140	14.4%	12,079	16.8%
2	4,741	11.1%	3,318	11.5%	8,059	11.2%
3	3,032	7.1%	2,734	9.5%	5,766	8.0%
> 3	8,432	19.7%	10,941	38.0%	19,373	27.0%
TOTAL	42,155	98%	28,640	99%	70,795	99%

a. Does not include 702 misdemeanor interviews and 36 felony interviews conducted for indigency determinations and 33 misdemeanor interviews and 153 felony interviews conducted for on-site drug screening only. Abbreviated versions of the interview are used for these purposes.

7. Charge Categories a.

Misdemeanor	Number	%	Felony	Number	%
Assault	4,555	10.8%	Murder/Mansl/Homicide	199	0.7%
DWI	8,579	20.2%	Assault/Att or Sol Murder/Injury Offense	2,931	10.2%
Theft/Burglary Offense	7,049	16.6%	Sexual Assault Adult	101	0.4%
Trespass	1,819	4.3%	Sex Offense Child (Sex Aslt, Indec, Incest)	624	2.2%
Evade Arrest or Detention/Fleeing	1,275	3.0%	Robbery	1,472	5.1%
Resist Arrest	524	1.2%	Other Personal Offense	262	0.9%
Weapon Offense	1,125	2.7%	Burglary Building/Habitation/Other	1,574	5.5%
Drug Offense	6,700	15.8%	Theft Offenses	2,306	8.0%
Criminal Mischief	829	2.0%	UUMV	1,072	3.7%
Sex Offense (e.g., Prost, Pub Lewd, Indec Exp)	1,218	2.9%	Other Property Offense	498	1.7%
DWLS/Other Traffic	5,631	13.3%	Drug Sale/Manufacture	3,044	10.6%
Failure to ID to PO	1,038	2.4%	Drug Possession	9,667	33.7%
Other	2,029	4.8%	DWI	922	3.2%
			Other	3,983	13.9%
TOTAL	42,371	100%	TOTAL	28,655	100%

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	6,730	16.0%	2,394	8.4%	9,124	12.9%
3	10,059	23.9%	4,641	16.3%	14,700	20.8%
2	11,277	26.8%	6,205	21.8%	17,482	24.8%
1	7,219	17.2%	5,866	20.6%	13,085	18.5%
0	3,541	8.4%	4,115	14.4%	7,656	10.9%
-1	1,925	4.6%	3,127	11.0%	5,052	7.2%
-2	715	1.7%	1,356	4.8%	2,071	2.9%
-3	171	0.4%	299	1.0%	470	0.7%
-4	15	0.0%	26	0.1%	41	0.1%
-5	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Refusal	365	0.9%	495	1.7%	860	1.2%
TOTAL	42,017	100%	28,525	100%	70,542	100%

b. Does not include 702 misdemeanor interviews and 36 felony interviews conducted for indigency determinations and 33 misdemeanor interviews and 153 felony interviews conducted for on-site drug screening only. Abbreviated versions of the interview are used for these purposes.

Section II Bail Review

A. Report Classification

The Defendant	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Refused an interview	365	0	495	0	860	1.2%
Has high risk score	842	1	1,894	1	2,738	3.9%
Has no bond set	75	0	1,795	1	1,871	2.7%
On probation, parole, or bond	3,934	242	2,886	115	7,177	10.2%
Has an unverifiable report	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Made surety or cash bond before court review	6,026	186	1,681	280	8,173	11.6%
Had case disposed	4	0	95	0	99	0.1%
SUBTOTAL	11,246	429	8,846	397	20,918	29.7%
All Other Reports	30,090	252	18,951	331	49,624	70.3%
TOTAL REPORTS	41,336	681	27,797	728	70,542	100%

a. Does not include 702 misdemeanor interviews and 36 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	1,025	0	7	0	1,032	1.7%
PB granted, bond lowered	39	0	0	0	39	0.1%
PB granted, bond raised	17	0	0	0	17	0.0%
PB granted, pending verification	2,495	0	2	0	2,497	4.2%
PB granted with additional conditions	81	0	2	0	83	0.1%
PB denied	23,517	0	1,293	2	24,812	41.7%
PB denied, bond lowered	2,088	0	31	0	2,119	3.6%
PB denied, bond raised	4,933	0	155	0	5,088	8.5%
Split bond	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Supervision on financial bond	38	0	0	0	38	0.1%
Supervision, other	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%
Reviewed, no action PB	109	0	118	0	227	0.4%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond lowered	8	0	6	0	14	0.0%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond raised	10	0	27	0	37	0.1%
Pending	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%
No probable cause found	230	0	108	0	338	0.6%
Restricted	364	0	18,557	0	18,921	31.8%
Restricted, bond lowered	39	0	577	0	616	1.0%
Restricted, bond raised	68	0	3,595	0	3,663	6.2%
TOTAL REPORTS REVIEWED	35,063	0	24,478	2	59,543	100.0%

b. This includes 1,416 individuals with both a misdemeanor and a felony case.

2. Initial Review by the Assigned Court	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
PB granted	51	23	35	11	120	1.6%
PB granted, bond lowered	10	1	0	0	11	0.1%
PB granted, bond raised	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PB granted with additional conditions	57	35	57	12	161	2.1%
PB denied	43	4	2,202	71	2,320	30.9%
PB denied, bond lowered	6	1	6	1	14	0.2%
PB denied, bond raised	8	0	111	0	119	1.6%
Split bond	8	3	6	2	19	0.3%
Supervision on financial bond	138	2,129	400	2,034	4,701	62.7%
Supervision, other	1	4	2	16	23	0.3%
Reviewed, no action PB	1	0	1	0	2	0.0%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond lowered	0	0	3	0	3	0.0%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond raised	0	0	3	0	3	0.0%
Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL REPORTS REVIEWED	323	2,200	2,826	2,147	7,496	100%

c. This includes 23 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	1	1	0	3	2.3%
PB granted, bond lowered	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PB granted, bond raised	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PB granted with additional conditions	2	0	1	0	3	2.3%
PB denied	0	0	13	0	13	9.8%
PB denied, bond lowered	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
PB denied, bond raised	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Split bond	0	0	1	0	1	0.8%
Supervision on financial bond	0	8	22	77	107	80.5%
Supervision, other	0	1	0	5	6	4.5%
Reviewed, no action PB	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond lowered	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Reviewed, no action PB, bond raised	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL REPORTS REVIEWED	3	10	38	82	133	100%

C. Outcome Summary

1. Personal bond activity	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA	
Total approvals by case	3,784	63	117	24	3,988
Bonds filed	2,845	63	115	22	3,045
Defendants released	2,811	53	110	21	2,995

2. Non-personal bond activity	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Bond	Other	Bond	Other	
Court ordered supervision	2,647	10	2,674	34	5,365

3. Activity on defendants ordered supervised but not released a.	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	PB	FB	PB	FB	
Bond surrender	12	26	4	17	59
Bond revocation	3	18	0	34	55
Sentenced before release	29	5	1	3	38
TOTAL	44	49	5	54	152

personal bond = PB, financial bond = FB

a. Does not include 132 defendants charged with a misdemeanor offense and 216 defendants charged with a felony offense who were ordered supervised but did not post bond and remained in jail until the disposition of their case(s).

Section III Supervision

A. Defendants Released to Pretrial Supervision

Type of Release	Misd	Felony	Total
Released on personal bond	2,864	131	2,995
with additional conditions	435	93	528
Released on surety/cash bond	2,341	2,490	4,831
with additional conditions	2,341	2,490	4,831
Released other	8	30	38
with additional conditions	8	25	33

Art 17.42, Sec 5 CCP	# of Accused
Releases on personal bond with priors of the same offense or any felony within 6 yrs.	143

Includes 37 defendants released as a result of the Fair Defense Act provisions.

B. Location of Incarcerated Defendants Released on Personal Bond:

Location	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
HPD	188	6.7%	0	0.0%	188	6.5%
HCJ	2,613	93.3%	110	100.0%	2,723	93.5%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	2,801	100%	110	100%	2,911	100%

C. Supervised Cases by Charge Category

Misdemeanor (Chart A)

Charge Category	Personal Bd	Percent	Financial Bd	Percent
Assault	39	1.3%	97	3.7%
DWI	638	21.3%	1295	48.9%
Theft/Burglary Offense	739	24.7%	134	5.1%
Trespass	62	2.1%	29	1.1%
Evade Arrest or Detention/Fleeing	36	1.2%	42	1.6%
Resist Arrest	8	0.3%	16	0.6%
Weapon Offense	15	0.5%	35	1.3%
Drug Offense	708	23.6%	642	24.3%
Criminal Mischief	32	1.1%	19	0.7%
Sex Offense (Prost, Pub Lewd, Indec Exp)	19	0.6%	14	0.5%
DWLS/Other Traffic	506	16.9%	113	4.3%
Failure to ID to PO	68	2.3%	19	0.7%
MRP/MAJ	35	1.2%	110	4.2%
Other	90	3.0%	82	3.1%
TOTAL CHARGES	2,995	100%	2,647	100%

Felony (Chart B)

Charge Category	Personal Bd	Percent	Financial Bd	Percent
Murder/Mansl/Homicide	4	2.9%	75	2.8%
Assault/Att or Sol Murder/Injury Offense	18	13.0%	219	8.2%
Sexual Assault Adult	0	0.0%	15	0.6%
Sex Offense Child (Sex Aslt, Indec, Incest)	4	2.9%	63	2.4%
Robbery	3	2.2%	82	3.1%
Other Personal Offense	2	1.4%	36	1.3%
Burglary Building/Habitation/Other	10	7.2%	74	2.8%
Theft Offenses	6	4.3%	72	2.7%
UUMV	1	0.7%	28	1.0%
Other Property Offense	3	2.2%	27	1.0%
Drug Sale / Manufacture	3	2.2%	239	8.9%
Drug Possession	24	17.4%	1050	39.3%
DWI	4	2.9%	444	16.6%
MRP/MAJ	41	29.7%	41	1.5%
Other	15	10.9%	209	7.8%
TOTAL CHARGES	138	100%	2,674	100%

D. Average Number of Defendants Supervised by Pretrial Services per Month in Calendar Year 2003*

1. Case Type	Personal Bond	Financial Bond	Courtesy/PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Felony	31	603	0	2	637	49.5%
Misdemeanor	329	316	0	2	648	50.3%
Both Felony & Misdemeanor	0	3	0	0	3	0.2%
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	361	923	0	4	1,287	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. Average Number of Defendants Supervised per Month	Personal Bond Defendants		Financial Bond Defendants	
	Defendants	Percent	Defendants	Percent
Defendants required to comply with standard conditions	286	79.2%	0	0.0%
Defendants required to comply with additional conditions	75	20.8%	922	100.0%

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	33	10.0%	13	42.8%	46	12.8%
Electronic monitoring	1	0.4%	2	4.8%	3	0.8%
Weekly in-person check-in	11	3.2%	9	28.3%	20	5.4%
Curfew	5	1.4%	2	5.9%	7	1.8%
Ignition interlock	8	2.3%	1	3.2%	9	2.4%
Substance abuse evaluation	11	3.3%	2	6.4%	13	3.5%
Other conditions	37	11.3%	17	53.2%	54	14.9%

Financial Bond	Misdemeanor		Felony		Total	Percent
	Defendants	Percent	Defendants	Percent		
Drug screening	228	72.2%	491	81.4%	720	78.0%
Electronic monitoring	24	7.5%	74	12.3%	98	10.6%
Weekly in-person check-in	87	27.5%	225	37.3%	312	33.8%
Curfew	44	14.0%	71	11.8%	116	12.5%
Ignition interlock	173	54.7%	121	20.1%	294	31.9%
Substance abuse evaluation	137	43.4%	110	18.2%	247	26.8%
Other conditions	307	97.2%	516	85.6%	824	89.3%

All Other	Misdemeanor		Felony		Total	Percent
	Defendants	Percent	Defendants	Percent		
Drug screening	1	30.0%	1	51.9%	2	42.6%
Electronic monitoring	1	45.0%	0	11.1%	1	25.5%
Weekly in-person check-in	1	85.0%	1	33.3%	2	55.3%
Curfew	1	45.0%	1	22.2%	1	31.9%
Ignition interlock	0	0.0%	0	3.7%	0	2.1%
Substance abuse evaluation	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other conditions	1	80.0%	1	63.0%	3	70.2%

* 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:

	6,425
a. Number indicating no assistance needs:	3,322
b. Number indicating assistance needed:	1,566
c. Number court ordered:	1,537

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%	287	5.5%	200	3.3%
Rent	0	0.0%	97	1.9%	60	1.0%
Emergency Housing	0	0.0%	40	0.8%	42	0.7%
Food	0	0.0%	302	5.8%	218	3.6%
Transportation	0	0.0%	440	8.4%	300	4.9%
Dental Care	0	0.0%	519	10.0%	389	6.4%
Medical Care/Medication	0	0.0%	550	10.6%	376	6.1%
Prenatal Care	0	0.0%	27	0.5%	10	0.2%
Disability	0	0.0%	146	2.8%	101	1.7%
Counseling	5	0.2%	290	5.6%	244	4.0%
Substance Abuse Evaluation	1,433	57.5%	91	1.7%	1,374	22.4%
Anger Management Counseling	7	0.3%	2	0.0%	7	0.1%
Domestic Violence Counseling	6	0.2%	1	0.0%	4	0.1%
Substance Abuse Counseling	502	20.1%	187	3.6%	714	11.7%
Substance Abuse Education	139	5.6%	22	0.4%	184	3.0%
Substance Abuse Support Group	241	9.7%	11	0.2%	270	4.4%
Sex Offender Counseling	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	< 0.1%
Employment	90	3.6%	998	19.2%	734	12.0%
Vocational Training	1	0.0%	560	10.7%	386	6.3%
Education	53	2.1%	480	9.2%	374	6.1%
Childcare	0	0.0%	145	2.8%	109	1.8%
Mental Health/Retardation	11	0.4%	14	0.3%	20	0.3%
Other	1	0.0%	2	0.0%	5	0.1%
TOTAL	2,492	100%	5,211	100%	6,121	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
5,211		2,032

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
6,121		2,826

Section IV Compliance

A. Court Appearances

1. Personal Bond Supervision Cases	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	8,991	427	9,418	
Appearances made	8,699	420	9,119	96.8%
Appearances missed	292	7	299	3.2%

2. Financial Bond Supervision Cases	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	7,519	10,301	17,820	
Appearances made	7,316	10,081	17,397	97.6%
Appearances missed	203	220	423	2.4%

B. Instrument Issued for Missed Appearances (FTA)

1. Instrument	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
ACI/REV/B	39	3	42	6	6	12
ACI/OC	2	0	2	1	0	1
ACI/BF	176	1	177	93	146	239
C87/AI	6	0	6	5	10	15
Other	2	0	2	3	7	10
TOTAL	225	4	229	108	169	277
Less Reinstated	6	0	6	8	3	11
Less Jailed	134	2	136	69	120	189
Less Other	16	0	16	5	11	16
TOTAL UNRESOLVED WARRANTS*	69	2	71	26	35	61

* Warrants still outstanding as of February 29, 2004

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
Pretrial Services*	23	18.3%	3	1.8%	26	8.9%
HCSO Street Units (PTS information)	23	18.3%	33	19.8%	56	19.1%
HCSO Street Units	8	6.3%	31	18.6%	39	13.3%
HCSO Court Bailiff's Office with PTS	18	14.3%	36	21.6%	54	18.4%
HCSO Court Bailiff's Office	4	3.2%	7	4.2%	11	3.8%
Houston Police Department	37	29.4%	26	15.6%	63	21.5%
Other Law Enforcement	13	10.3%	31	18.6%	44	15.0%
TOTAL	126	100%	167	100.0%	293	100%

* Defendants arrested in the Pretrial 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	147	193
Resolved by arrest	126	168

D. Defendants Charged with New Offense While Supervised

1.

Type of charge filed	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New Misdemeanor	38	1	39	43	62	105
New Misdemeanor/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Felony	9	5	14	27	85	112
New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0	0	3	3
Both New Misd & New Felony	1	0	1	0	0	0
New Misd & New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reindictment	0	1	1	0	23	23
Refile	2	2	4	17	20	37
TOTAL	50	9	59	87	193	280

2.

Bail status of new charge	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
Bond Transferred	0	0	0	1	5	6
Personal Bond Granted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal Bond Granted with Additional Conditions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surety Bond Posted	4	0	4	17	28	45
Cash Bond Posted	1	0	1	0	1	1
In Custody	34	5	39	39	100	139
Non-Arrest	10	4	14	20	53	73
Summons Issued	1	0	1	10	6	16
TOTAL	50	9	59	87	193	280

3.

Action on bond case	Personal Bond			Financial Bond		
	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
Bond Surrendered	0	0	0	1	1	2
Bond Revoked	13	4	17	26	72	98
Bond Continued	34	4	38	53	101	154
Bond Continued with Conditions	3	1	4	7	19	26
TOTAL	50	9	59	87	193	280

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	374	4,251	1	12	4,638	
Total number of specimens	1,403	22,647	4	32	24,086	
Specimens confirmed positive	293	3,882	0	0	4,175	17.3%

2. Drug/Alcohol testing	Misdemeanor	Felony	Total	Percent
Number of STAT UAs ordered	4	4	8	
On-site Drug Screens ordered	126	832	958	
Positive specimens	56	294	350	36.5%

3. Breathalyzer	Misdemeanor	Felony	Total
Total number of defendants screened	5	8	13

3. Confirmed positive results	1st Test	2nd Test	3+ Test	TOTAL	Percent
Alcohol	40	20	102	162	2.8%
Amphetamine	54	22	127	203	3.5%
Cocaine	616	188	600	1404	23.9%
Codeine	103	39	324	466	7.9%
Hydrocodone	91	73	438	602	10.2%
Hydromorphone	31	25	159	215	3.7%
MDA/MDMA (Ecstasy)	24	3	20	47	0.8%
Methamphetamine	47	17	90	154	2.6%
Morphine	88	29	238	355	6.0%
THC	1024	268	562	1,854	31.6%
PCP	132	80	202	414	7.0%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total drugs confirmed positive	2,250	764	2,862	5,876	
Total specimens confirmed positive	1,575	587	2,013	4,175	
Percent of total positive specimens	38%	14%	48%	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	10	0	10	24	37	61
- Felony	3	4	7	17	42	59
Failure to report	7	2	9	12	41	53
EMS/Curfew violation	1	2	3	25	33	58
Positive urinalysis test	11	6	17	72	352	424
Other	13	9	22	56	79	135
TOTAL	45	23	68	206	584	790

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%	5	4.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	338	12.2%	22	18.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	360	12.4%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	17	0.6%	30	24.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	47	1.6%
Fine	125	4.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	125	4.3%
Deferred Adjudication	688	24.7%	17	14.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	705	24.3%
Probation	350	12.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	350	12.1%
Fine & Credit Time Served	508	18.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	508	17.5%
H CJ - Credit Time Served	155	5.6%	3	2.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	158	5.4%
H CJ - Jail Time	203	7.3%	3	2.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	206	7.1%
Fine & Jail Time	124	4.5%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	125	4.3%
MRP/MAJ Granted	7	0.3%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	0.3%
TDCJ/SJ	0	0.0%	1	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
TDCJ/ID	0	0.0%	4	3.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.1%
SSR/REV NFTA	39	1.4%	22	18.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	61	2.1%
Failures to Appear	204	7.3%	3	2.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	207	7.1%
Other	22	0.8%	9	7.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	31	1.1%
TOTAL	2,780	100%	121	100%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2,901	100%

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

Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
No Billed	0	0.0%	51	2.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	51	1.2%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	163	7.2%	242	11.4%	2	14.3%	0	0.0%	407	9.3%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	38	1.7%	19	0.9%	0	0.0%	1	7.1%	57	1.3%
Fine	45	2.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	48	1.1%
Deferred Adjudication	216	9.6%	538	25.4%	3	21.4%	1	7.1%	757	17.3%
Probation	463	20.5%	232	11.0%	2	14.3%	2	14.3%	697	15.9%
Fine & Credit Time Served	183	8.1%	9	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	192	4.4%
H CJ - Credit Time Served	168	7.5%	14	0.7%	1	7.1%	3	21.4%	183	4.2%
H CJ - Jail Time	567	25.1%	97	4.6%	1	7.1%	3	21.4%	665	15.2%
Fine & Jail Time	77	3.4%	8	0.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	85	1.9%
MRP/MAJ Granted	52	2.3%	4	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	56	1.3%
TDCJ/SJ	0	0.0%	67	3.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	67	1.5%
TDCJ/ID	0	0.0%	130	6.1%	1	7.1%	0	0.0%	131	3.0%
SSR/REV NFTA	160	7.1%	522	24.7%	3	21.4%	3	21.4%	685	15.6%
Failures to Appear	92	4.1%	147	6.9%	1	7.1%	1	7.1%	240	5.5%
Other	31	1.4%	34	1.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	65	1.5%
TOTAL	2,255	100%	2,117	100%	14	0.0%	14	0.0%	4,386	100%

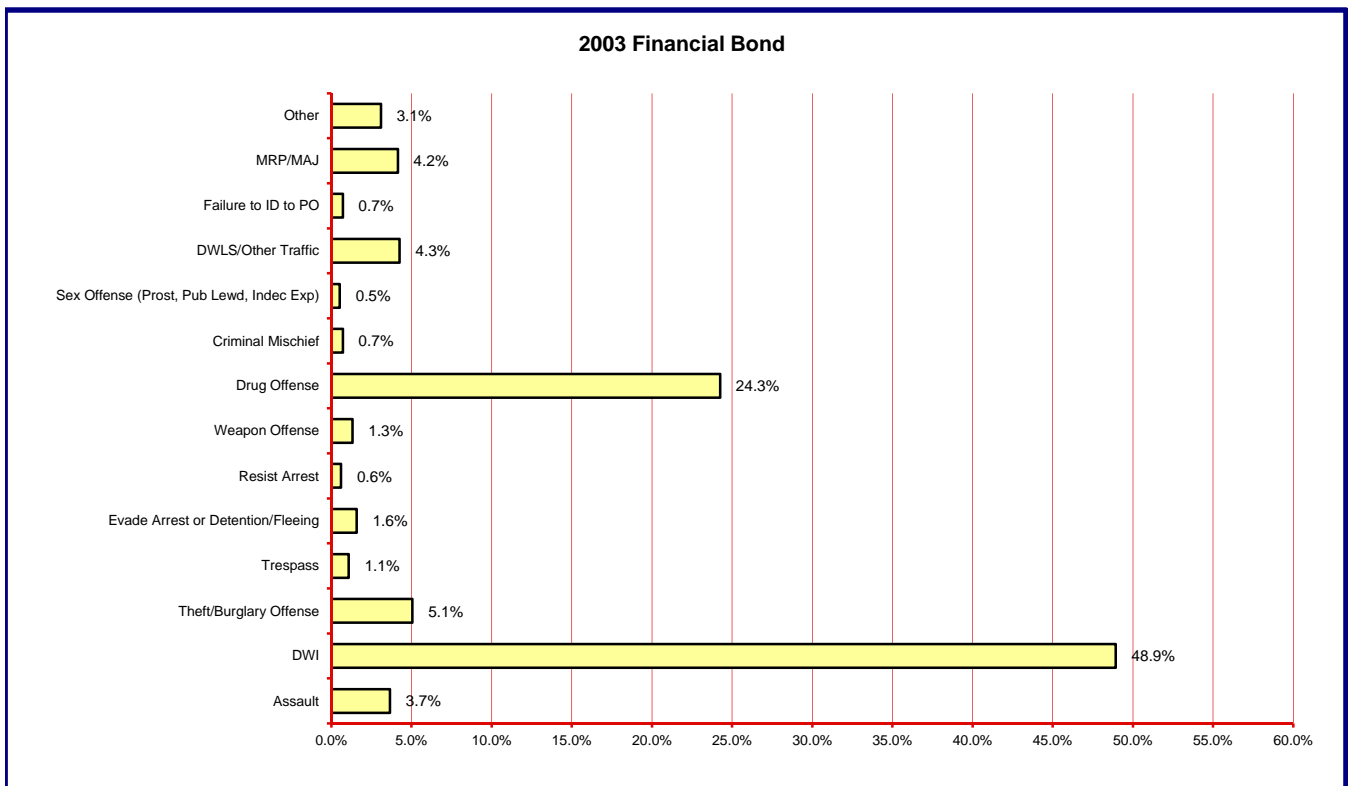
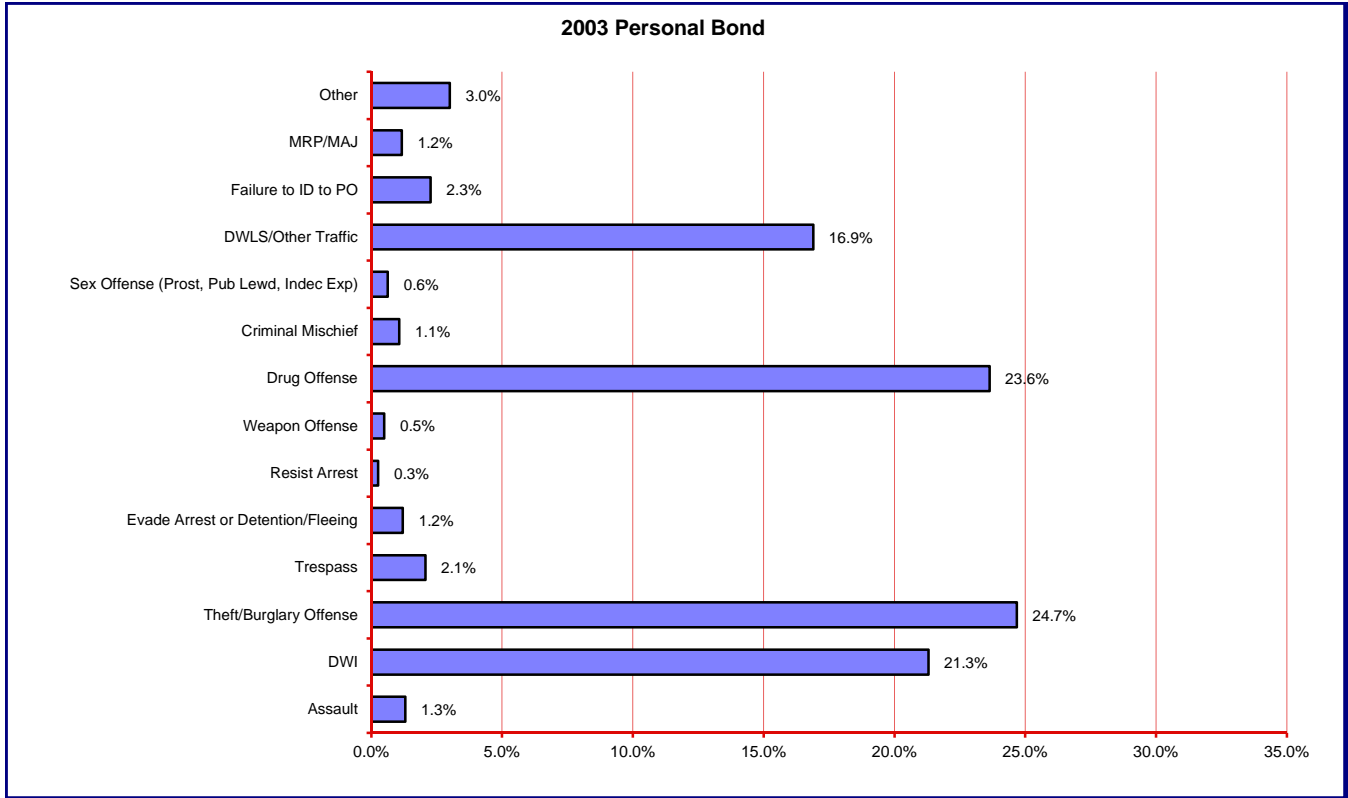
C. Disposition of Other Defendants Supervised by OCS (non-bond cases)

Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
Successful	8	100.0%	23	92.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	31	93.9%
Unsuccessful	0	0.0%	2	8.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	6.1%
TOTAL	8	100%	25	100%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33	100%

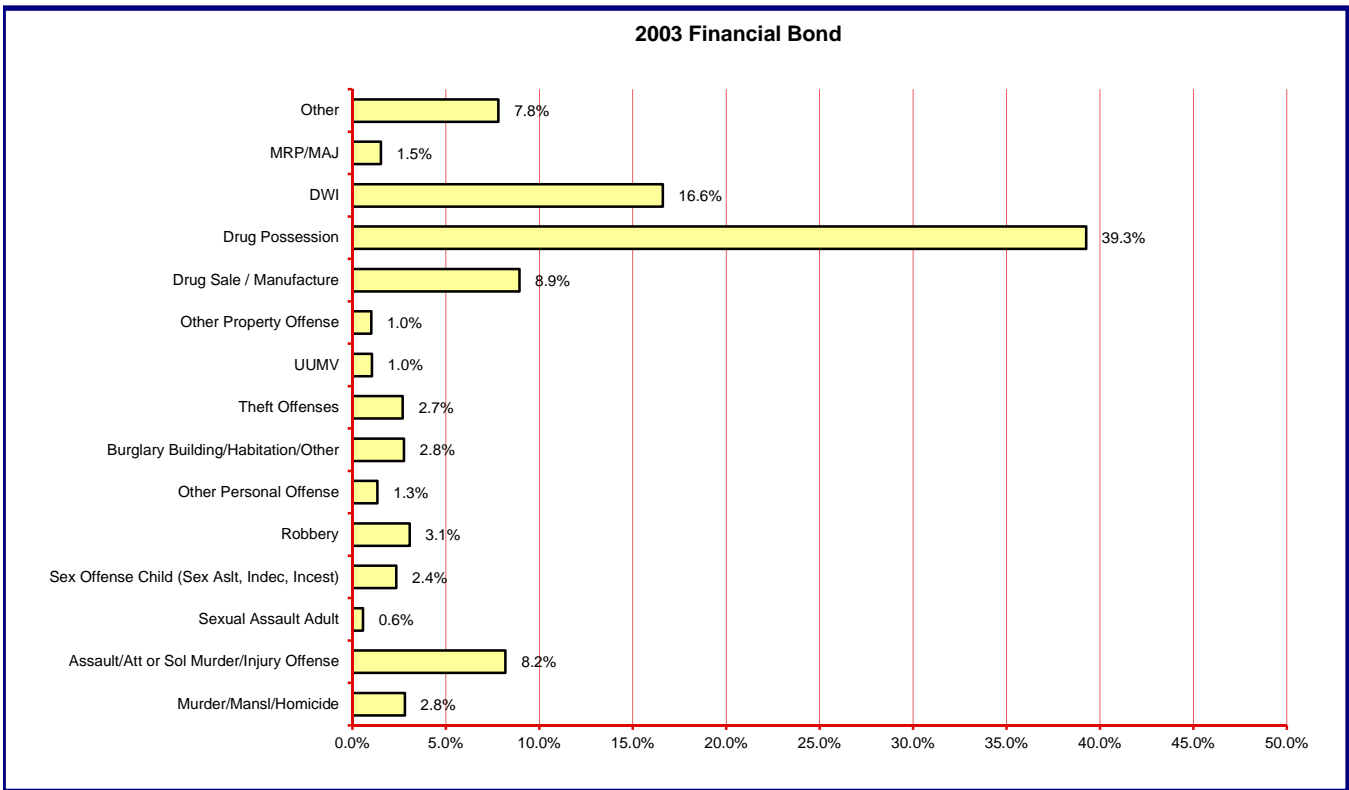
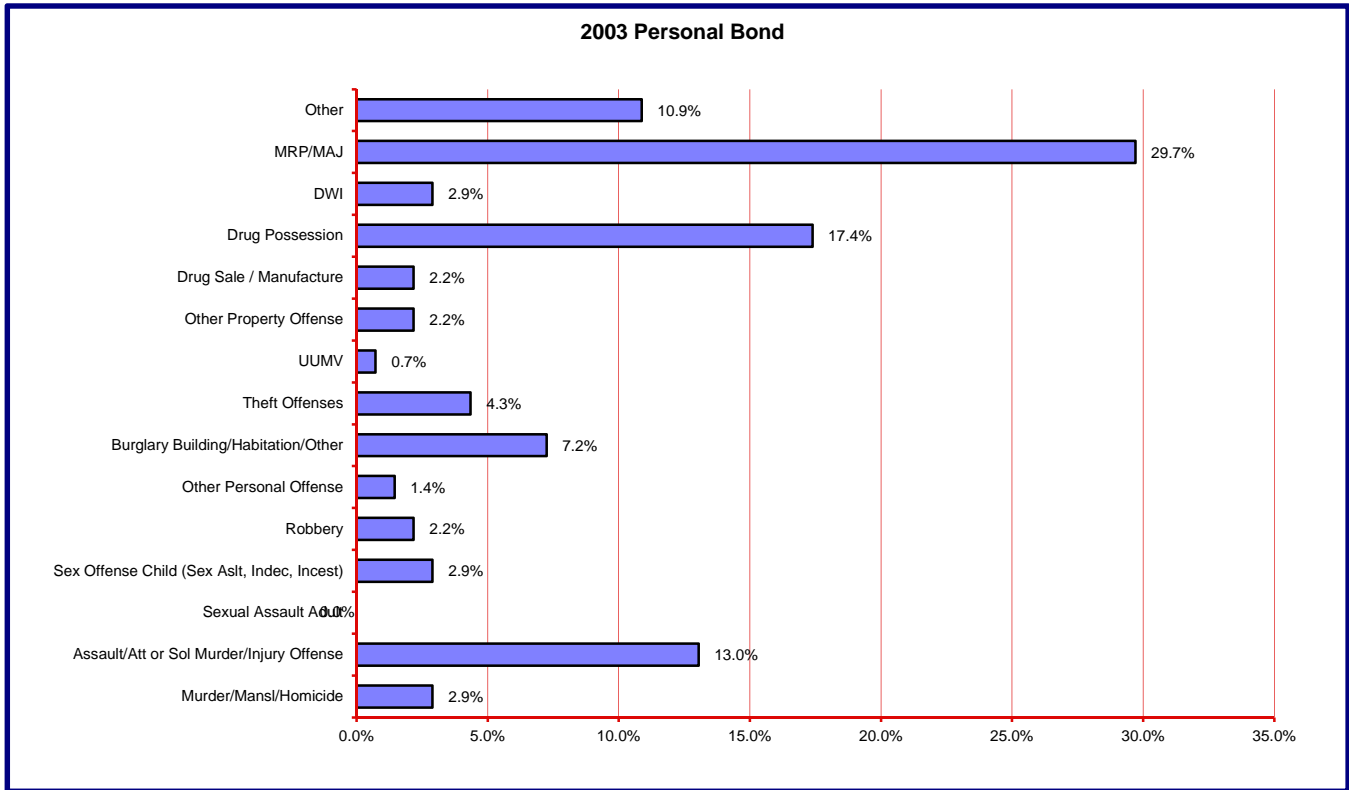
D. Days Under Supervision

Days supervised by Office of Court Services	Personal Bond		Financial Bond		Other (non-bond)	
	Felony	Misd	Felony	Misd	Felony	Misd
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Low	1	1	1	1	1	17
Median	52	33	69	43	15	53

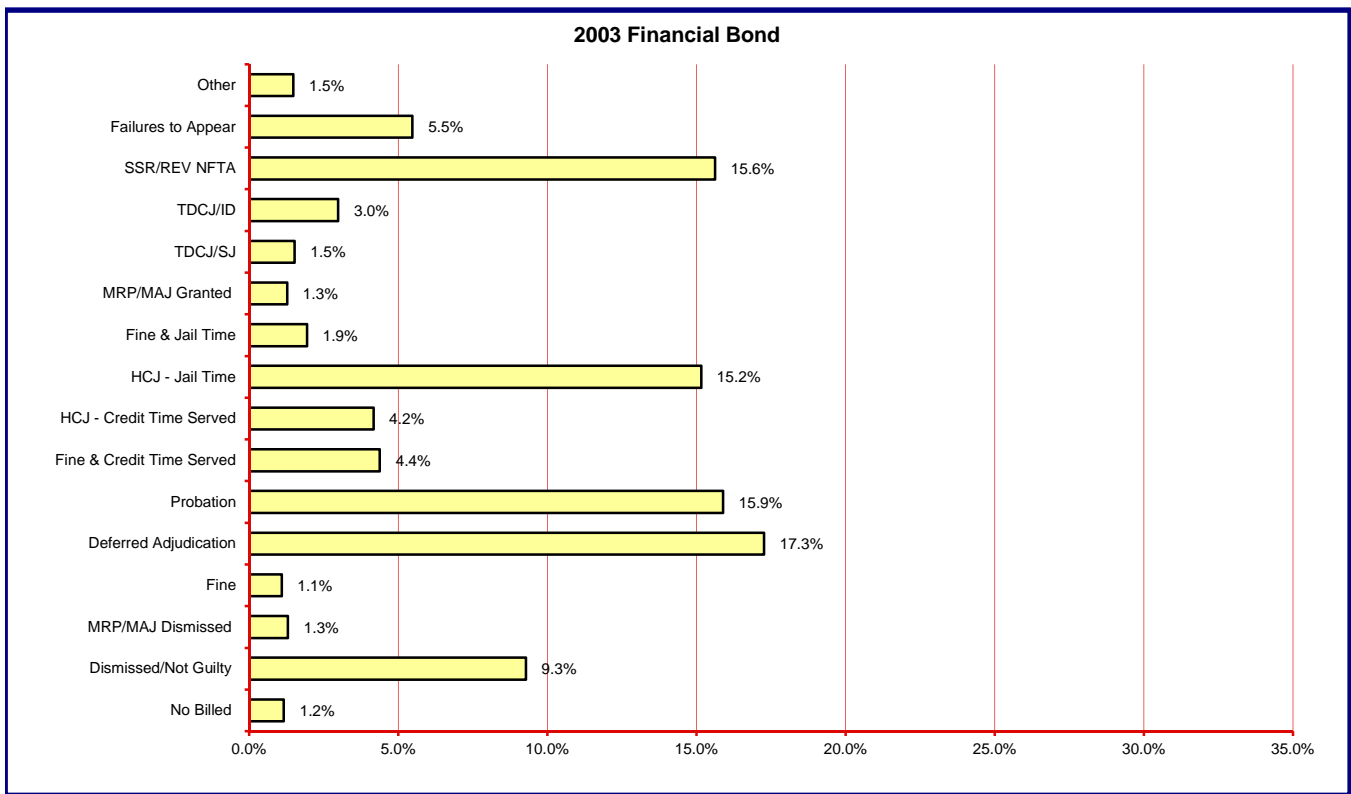
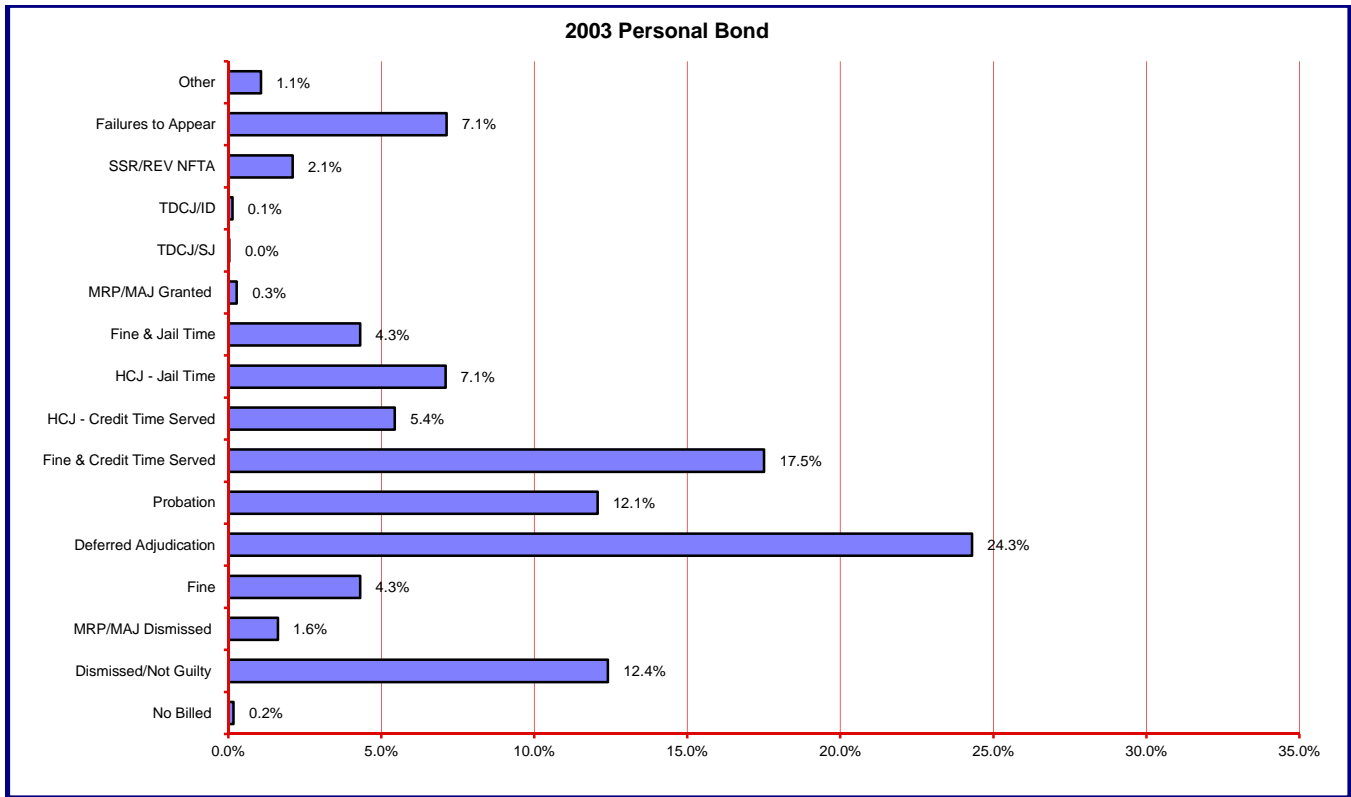
Misdemeanor Supervised Cases by Charge Category



Felony Supervised Cases by Charge Category

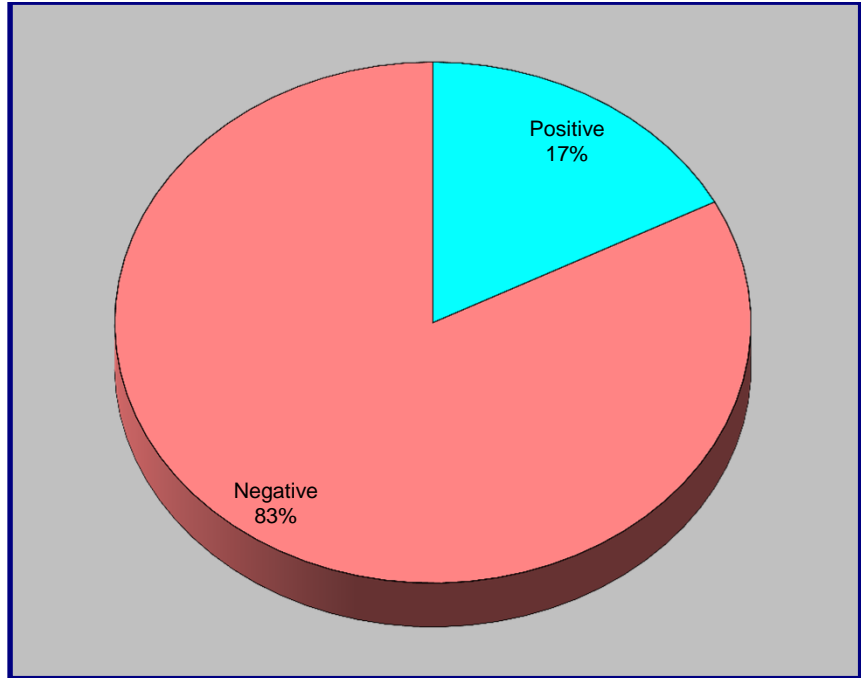


Disposition of Defendants Supervised by OCS



Urinalysis Test results

Positive	4,175
Negative	19,911



Confirmed Positive Urinalysis Results by Drug Category

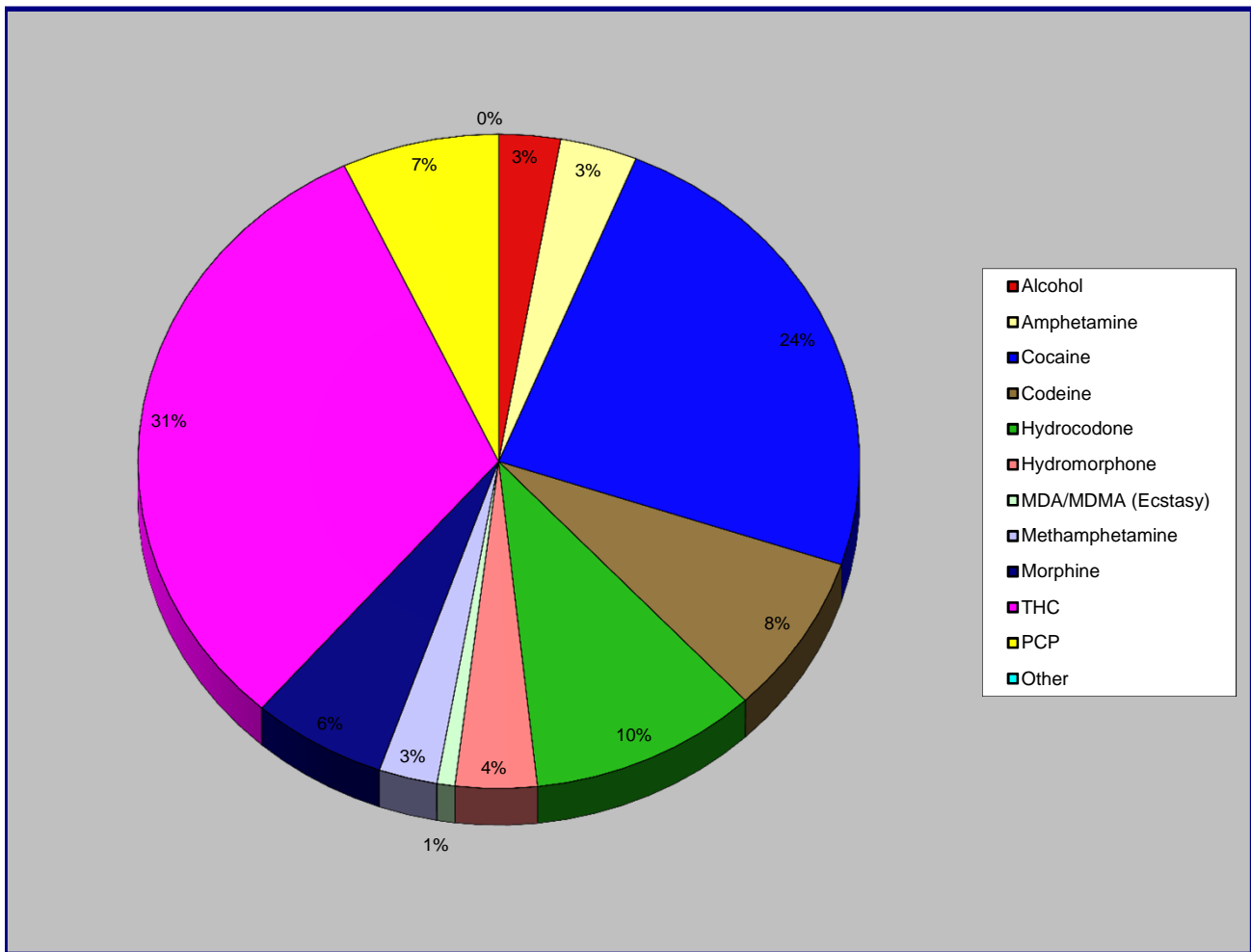
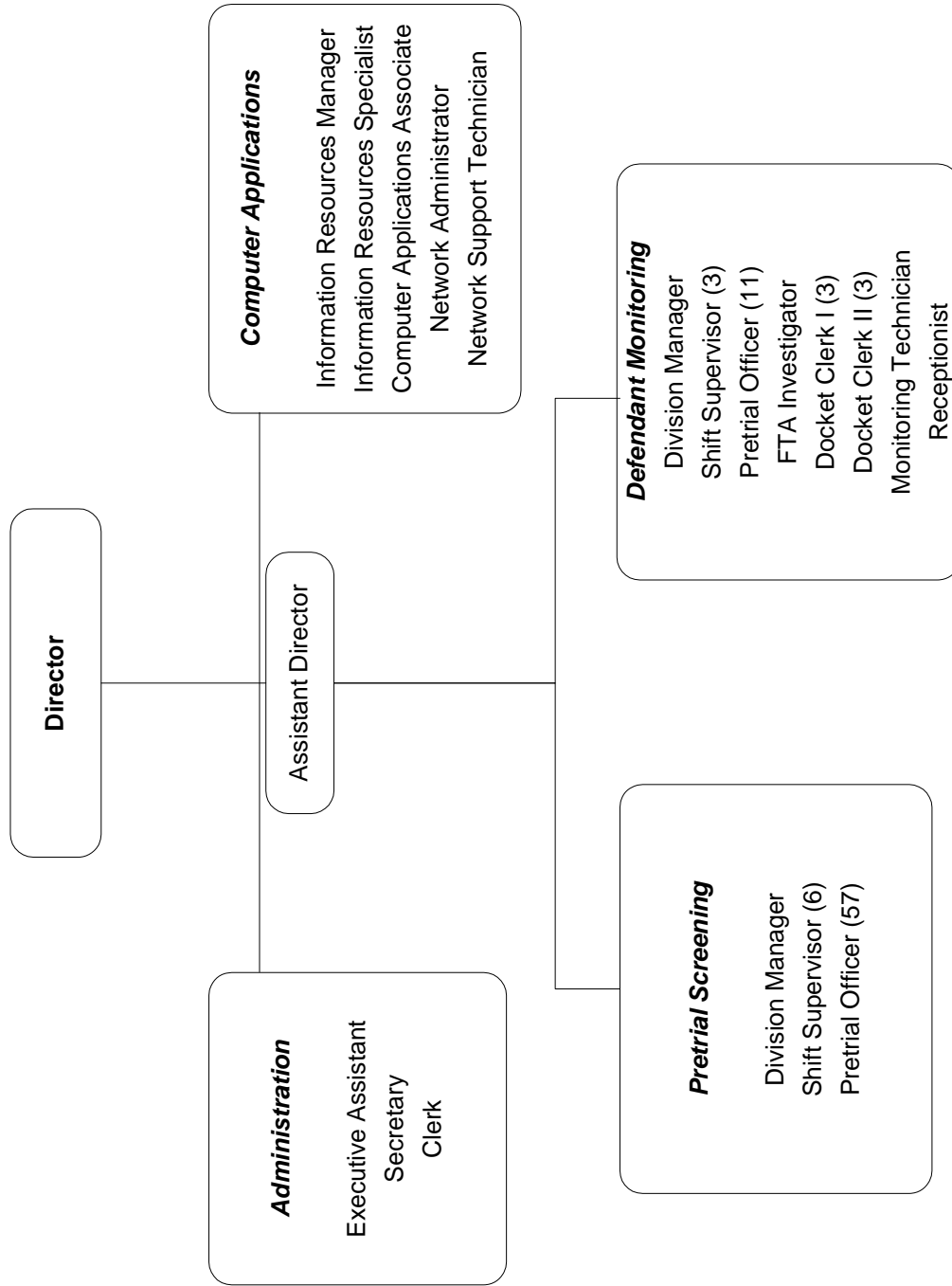


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