



Harris County Pretrial Services Agency

1999 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.

Acknowledgements

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

Pretrial Services Provides Useful Information in Many Forms

The Pretrial Services Agency provides information to Harris County's criminal courts that facilitates front-end decisionmaking. Other local, state and national governmental agencies may be information recipients as well. The Agency presents the information in a variety of ways, including defendant reports, Agency performance reports, and customized responses to special requests.

The Defendant Report

Agency personnel usually begin preparing the defendant report within a few hours of a person's arrest. Offices at the Central and Southeast Jails of the Houston Police Department, the Harris County Jail Inmate Processing Center, the Probable Cause Court-



A Pretrial Officer presents a defendant report to Judge Rains for review. The report is also available on-line through JIMS.

room, and the Criminal Justice Center are staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week to assure access to the defendants and the



Court needs dictate expedient report preparation.

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 on-line and hard copy formats.

PTSA Regularly Reports on Performance, Responds to Requests for Information

This Annual Report includes a

summary of statistics collected and reported each month by the Pretrial Services Agency. The monthly reports contain information covering a

broad range of Agency activity. Included are facts about the number and location of interviews and court presentations, and information regarding defendant activity while under Agency supervision. The staff also prepare and deliver an individual court activity summary to each judge hearing criminal cases.

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

The Defendant Report Contains Information on:

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

Potts named Assistant Director

In March 1999, Director Carol Oeller selected Dennis Potts to serve as the Agency's assistant director. Mr. Potts comes to this position with 18 years of experience in law enforcement, probation and parole, and pretrial services. He has worked for Harris County since 1990.



In addition to his role at this Agency, Mr. Potts continues his work as an adjunct Sociology instructor with Our Lady of the Lake University's Houston Weekend Program, where he teaches criminal justice courses and serves as a practicum coordinator. In his free time, he is pursuing doctoral studies in criminal justice at Sam Houston State University. ■

County Opens New Criminal Justice Center



The CJC contains the criminal District Courts, the County Criminal Courts, the Pretrial Services Agency, the District Attorney's office, the criminal branch of the District Clerk's office, and the administrative offices of the District and County courts.

The Pretrial Services Agency staff spent the 1999 Christmas holidays preparing and moving into our new offices in the Criminal Justice Center. The Agency joins the District and County criminal courts and their administrative offices, the District Attorney's office, and the criminal division of the District Clerk's office in the new building. Future occupants include the Sheriff's Department receiving section, representatives from the Justice of the Peace courts, and the Probable Cause Hearing Court.

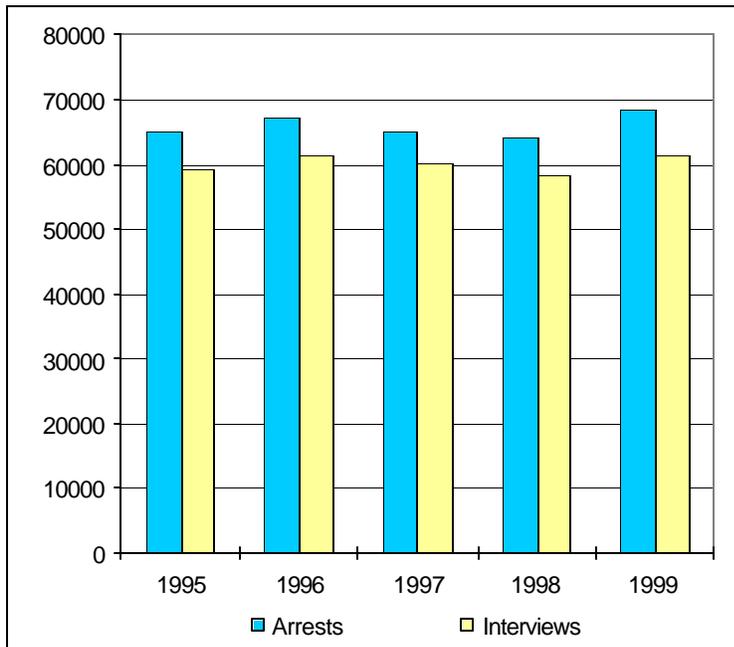
The CJC, as it is known, was years in the planning. The building replaces outdated and inadequate facilities and houses all criminal courts in the same facility with related criminal justice agencies that contribute to and support court operations.



Agency staff appreciate easier access to courts, offices that better accommodate our operations, new furniture, and modern equipment.



1999 Defendant Report Statistics



The number of persons arrested and charged with a felony or class A or B misdemeanor offense in 1999 increased more than 6% from 1998. Over 68,000 people were arrested last year, compared to 64,000 in 1998.

The number of defendant reports compiled corresponds closely with the number of arrests. The number of defendant interviews conducted also rose to 61,226 in 1999, an increase of 5.3% from the previous year. The staff interviewed almost 90% of all defendants arrested for a felony or class A or B misdemeanor charge.

The Agency interviews defendants at both Houston Police Department (HPD) jails (Central and Southeast) and at the downtown Harris County Jail. The Agency conducted approximately 53% of incarcerated defendant interviews at the HPD jails and the remaining 47% at the County Jail. ■

Defendants with Mental Impairments Can Get Assistance

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

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



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

Specialized Pretrial Officers work with the mentally impaired defendant, the courts, and MHMRA to keep all parties informed.



Makeup of Supervision Caseload Continues to Change

A total of 5,999 persons were placed in the pretrial supervision program in 1999, an increase of more than 6% from 1998. The defendants monitored by the program included 3,063 defendants released on personal bond, 2,881 defendants released on some form of financial bond, and 55 defendants supervised by order of the court without bail as a factor.

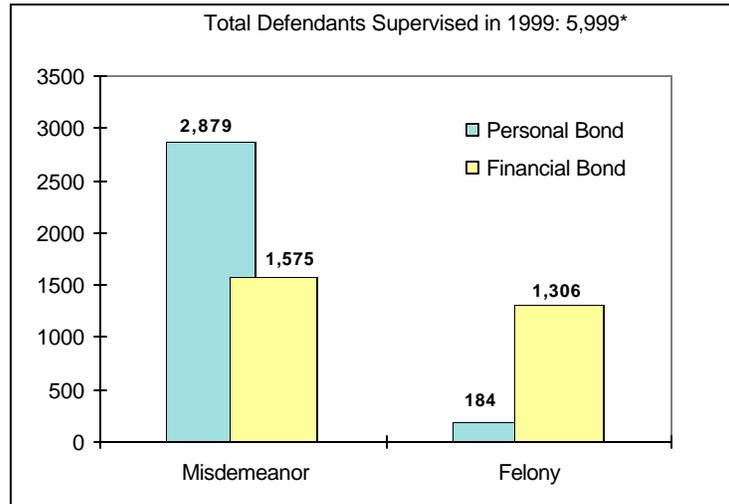
The Agency tailors each defendant's supervision based on the conditions imposed by the court. Defendants released on a personal bond with the least restrictive conditions are still required to check-in regularly by phone and in person, and to no-



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

tify the Agency of any changes in their work or residence situations. In 1999, for the first time in the Agency's history, the number of defendants ordered supervised with the least restrictive conditions comprised less than half (44.7%) of the total number of defendants placed into the Pretrial Services program. The 2,681 defendants included 2,585 persons charged with a misdemeanor and 96 with a felony charge.

Enhanced supervision provides a wide range of specialized supervision options for defendants released on all forms of bail. These include electronic monitoring supervision (EMS), curfew and association restrictions, as well as substance abuse screening, assessment, evaluation and, when ap-



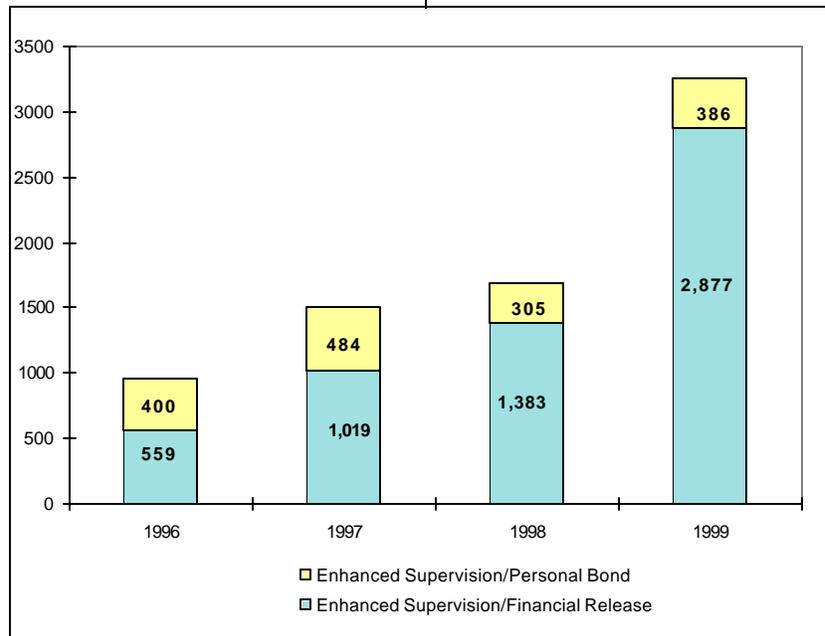
* Includes 55 defendants ordered supervised where bail was not a factor.

propriate, treatment referral.

In all, 3,318 defendants were put into enhanced supervision programs in 1999, an increase of almost 90% over 1998. This growth is defined by a 141.9% increase in the number of misdemeanor defendants along with a 46.7% increase in defendants with felony cases with enhanced supervision requirements. In 1999 as in 1998, misdemeanor financial bond cases

saw the greatest expansion, from 618 defendants in 1998 to 1,575 in 1999, an increase of 154.5%. Over 56% of all defendants placed into the Pretrial Services Agency program in 1999 required some form of enhanced supervision.

It is anticipated that the trend of more court-ordered, enhanced supervision for defendants on all forms of bail, whether charged with a misdemeanor or felony offense, will continue in calendar year 2000. ■



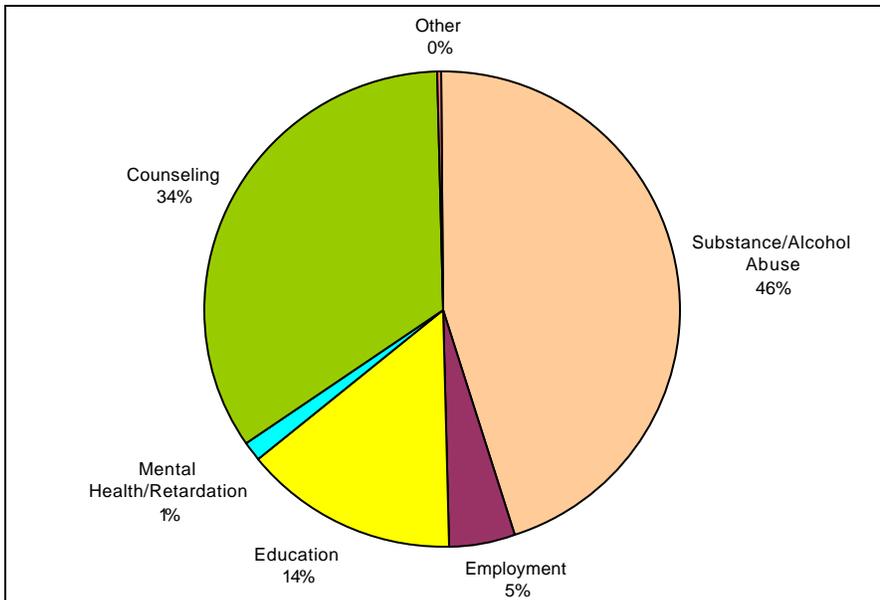
Defendants assigned to enhanced supervision by type of release.

Community Resources Tapped

The Defendant Monitoring Section of the Pretrial Services Agency works closely with Harris County criminal justice agencies, other government-based agencies, public and private contract agencies, and the general public in order to help defendants who may need aid in a variety of service areas, or who are ordered to seek assistance as a condition of bond. Some 3,451 defendants, 72% of all defendants screened in 1999, requested help or were court-ordered to receive aid for a variety of needs. This is a 47.7% increase in defendants provided assistance compared to 1998.

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

In many cases, defendants receive court-ordered referrals for community resources. The number of court ordered referrals for defendants rose almost 90% from 816 defendants in 1998 to 1,544 in 1999. Services ordered by the court in 1999 include substance abuse assessment, evaluation, and treatment; and mental health assessment, evaluation, and intervention. ■



TAIP Program

The continued partnership between the Pretrial Services Agency and the Treatment Alternatives to Incarceration Program (TAIP) allows defendants to be assessed, evaluated, and, where indicated, referred to treatment for substance abuse problems. Many of the defendants court-ordered to submit to drug screening are referred to TAIP after testing positive for an illegal or illicit substance. The Defendant Monitoring Section coordinates TAIP activities for defendants supervised by the Pretrial Services Agency and reviews defendant participation in assigned treatment programs. Services available include inpatient and outpatient treatment, education classes, and support groups for defendants with substance abuse problems. ■

Enhanced Conditions Enforced

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

Supervising electronic monitoring

Monitoring curfew compliance

Monitoring compliance with residence requirements

Maintaining or securing employment

Maintaining or securing educational attainment

Participating in substance and alcohol abuse treatment

Monitoring mental impairment treatment

Attending sexual abuse and violence counseling

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

Referrals for Services

Medical care (including prenatal care)

Dental care

Mental impairment and treatment assessment

Employment

Education and vocational training

Counseling

Financial assistance for utilities and rent

Emergency housing

Substance/alcohol abuse screening and treatment

Nutrition/food

Childcare

Most Defendants' Bond Period Successful

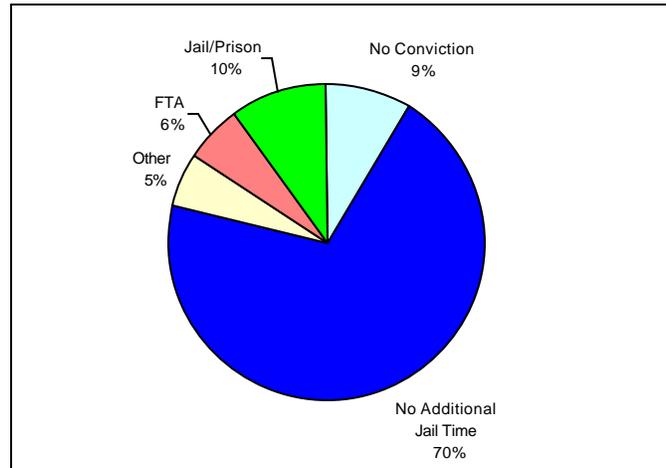
Over 85% of the 5,734 defendants whose supervision period ended in 1999 did not have a warrant issued for their arrest or have a bond revoked due to non-compliance with supervision conditions. For defendants supervised on personal bond, 91% (2,860 persons) successfully ended their time on bond, for those defendants on a financial bond, 79% (2,059 persons) were successful.

Nine percent of the defendants on personal bond and 11.5% of those on financial bond had charges dismissed, no billed, or found not guilty. Almost 70% of personal bond defendants and 44% of financial bond defendants received a sentence with no additional jail time at disposition. In all, 3,922, or 68.4% of all defendants supervised by this Agency whose cases were disposed in 1999 did not go back to jail.

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

In 1999, 199 defendants (3.5%) supervised by the Agency had a warrant issued for their arrest for failing to appear in court and 494 defendants' (8.6%) bonds were revoked for non-compliance. The percent of personal bond defendants who failed to appear or whose bond was revoked was 5.8% and 3.1% respectively. The financial bond defendants' failure rate was 4.0% and the revocation rate for non-compliance was 16.7%.

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

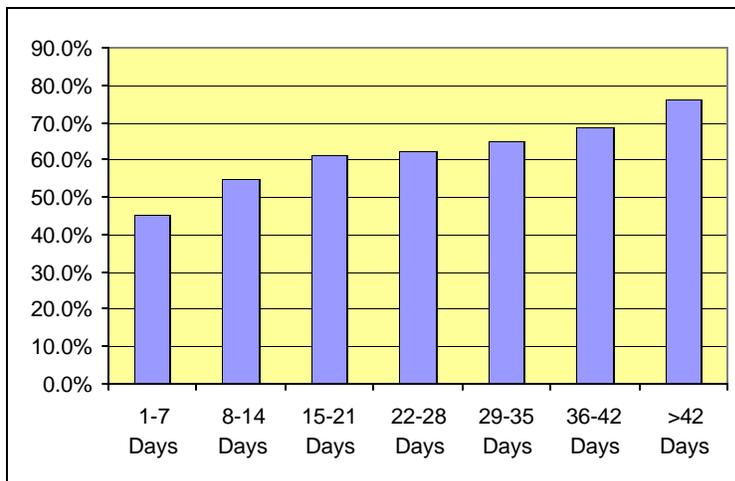


Breakdown by disposition type of personal bond defendants whose cases were disposed in 1999.

Resolution of failure to appear warrants is a high priority. As of February 29, 2000, 76.4% of personal bond defendants with outstanding warrants were resolved, 87.1% of those through arrest. For financial bond defendants, the resolution rate for failure to appear warrants was 75.7%, almost 90% of those by arrest.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office works closely with the Agency in the search for and retrieval of defendants with outstanding failure to appear warrants. Pretrial Services staff work to persuade defendants to report to our office to resolve warrants and actively seeks out and passes on information useful to the detectives in arresting defendants formerly supervised by the Agency. This joint effort is both effective and efficient in dealing with these defendants.

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



Time to resolution for personal bond FTA warrants issued in 1999. Over 50% of the warrants were resolved within 14 days of issuance.

1999 Annual Report Statistics

I. Incarcerated Defendant Activity (Jail)

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

Filing Agency	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both	%	TOTAL	%
HPD/Park	21,789	51.1%	13,141	65.4%	372	56.0%	35,302	55.7%
HCSO	9,425	22.1%	3,393	16.9%	125	18.8%	12,943	20.4%
Pasadena	1,553	3.6%	593	3.0%	25	3.8%	2,171	3.4%
Baytown	1,057	2.5%	419	2.1%	15	2.3%	1,491	2.4%
Humble	462	1.1%	130	0.6%	8	1.2%	600	0.9%
DPS	1,151	2.7%	231	1.1%	16	2.4%	1,398	2.2%
Constables	3,188	7.5%	568	2.8%	32	4.8%	3,788	6.0%
Other	4,034	9.5%	1,620	8.1%	71	10.7%	5,725	9.0%
TOTAL	42,659	100%	20,095	100%	664	100%	63,418	100%

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

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% of Arr
2,181	2,829	0	5,010	7.3%

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

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL	% Interv
44,840	22,924	664	68,428	89.5%

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

Location	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both a.	%	TOTAL	%
HPD Jails	19,489	50.4%	12,424	58.6%	670	50.7%	32,583	53.2%
HCJ/PCH	19,029	49.2%	8,707	41.0%	650	49.2%	28,386	46.4%
Other	172	0.4%	84	0.4%	1	0.1%	257	0.4%
TOTAL	38,690	100%	21,215	100%	1,321	100%	61,226	100%

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

Location	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	Both	%	TOTAL	%
HPD	455	16.1%	2	1.3%	0	0.0%	457	15.3%
HCJ	2,369	83.9%	151	98.7%	6	0.0%	2,526	84.7%
Rehab	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL	2,824	100%	153	100%	6	0%	2,983	100%

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

A. Number of defendants interviewed or with an application on file who were not in custody on the charged offense: *

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
448	263	4	715

B. Number of above defendants granted a personal bond:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
59	28	0	87

C. Number of non-arrest personal bonds filed:

Misdemeanor	Felony	Both	TOTAL
55	28	0	83

* Most non-incarcerated defendant interviews were conducted in connection with court-ordered supervision of defendants on financial bond.

III. Characteristics of Interviewed Defendants

A. Gender:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
Male	31,981	81.8%	18,408	80.8%	50,389	81.4%
Female	7,128	18.2%	4,378	19.2%	11,506	18.6%
TOTAL	39,109	100%	22,786	100%	61,895	100%

B. Race/Ethnicity:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
White	14,296	36.6%	6,760	29.7%	21,056	34.0%
Black	13,562	34.7%	11,374	49.9%	24,936	40.3%
Hispanic	10,830	27.7%	4,459	19.6%	15,289	24.7%
Other	421	1.1%	193	0.8%	614	1.0%
TOTAL	39,109	100%	22,786	100%	61,895	100%

C. Age:

	Misdemeanor	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
< 17	9	0.0%	60	0.3%	69	0.1%
17-19	6,246	16.0%	3,722	16.3%	9,968	16.1%
20-24	8,991	23.0%	4,646	20.4%	13,637	22.0%
25-29	6,875	17.6%	3,511	15.4%	10,386	16.8%
30-35	6,367	16.3%	3,867	17.0%	10,234	16.5%
> 35	10,423	26.7%	6,809	29.9%	17,232	27.8%
Unknown	198	0.5%	171	0.8%	369	0.6%
TOTAL	39,109	100%	22,786	100%	61,895	100%
= 21	10,268	26.3%	5,989	26.3%	16,257	26.3%

D. Education Level:

	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
No education	305	0.8%	118	0.5%	423	0.7%
1st-8th grade	4,729	12.1%	2,356	10.3%	7,085	11.4%
9th-11th grade	11,151	28.5%	7,186	31.5%	18,337	29.6%
H.S. Grad/GED	14,724	37.6%	8,989	39.4%	23,713	38.3%
College	7,716	19.7%	3,720	16.3%	11,436	18.5%
Unknown	484	1.2%	417	1.8%	901	1.5%
TOTAL	39,109	100%	22,786	100%	61,895	100%

E. Charge Categories: *

Misdemeanor	Number	%	Felony	Number	%
DWI	7,517	19.2%	Murder / Vol Manslaughter	167	0.7%
DWLS/Other traffic	7,199	18.4%	Assault / Attempted Murder	2,495	10.9%
Theft	5,843	14.9%	Sexual Assault Adult	129	0.6%
Prostitution	1,320	3.4%	Sexual Assault Child	480	2.1%
Drug Possession	5,140	13.1%	Robbery	1,203	5.3%
Trespass	1,418	3.6%	Other Personal Offense	319	1.4%
Weapon	927	2.4%	Burglary	1,220	5.4%
Evading Arrest	1,532	3.9%	Theft	1,911	8.4%
Resisting Arrest	480	1.2%	Auto Theft	993	4.4%
Assault	4,384	11.2%	Other Property Offense	1,744	7.7%
Criminal Mischief	720	1.8%	Drug Sale / Manufacture	3,289	14.4%
Other	2,629	6.7%	Drug Possession	6,997	30.7%
			DWI	742	3.3%
			Other	1,097	4.8%
TOTAL	39,109	100%	TOTAL	22,786	100%

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

F. Risk Classification Categories

	Misd	%	Felony	%	TOTAL	%
4	6,210	15.9%	1,717	7.5%	7,927	12.8%
3	8,220	21.0%	2,909	12.8%	11,129	18.0%
2	8,157	20.9%	3,977	17.5%	12,134	19.6%
1	7,665	19.6%	4,931	21.6%	12,596	20.4%
0	5,016	12.8%	4,387	19.3%	9,403	15.2%
-1	2,218	5.7%	2,564	11.3%	4,782	7.7%
-2	1,115	2.9%	1,513	6.6%	2,628	4.2%
-3	441	1.1%	676	3.0%	1,117	1.8%
-4	65	0.2%	109	0.5%	174	0.3%
-5	2	0.0%	3	0.0%	5	0.0%
TOTAL	39,109	100%	22,786	100%	61,895	100%

IV. Classification and Activity on Defendant Interviews

A. The Defendant	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Refused an interview	170	0	171	0	341	0.6%
Negative Score	3,224	1	4,308	8	7,541	12.2%
Has no bond set	2,127	9	2,918	2	5,056	8.2%
Has a bond > 20,000	225	2	770	5	1,002	1.6%
Has an unverifiable application	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Made surety or cash bond before court review	6,679	337	4,569	224	11,809	19.1%
Had case disposed	415	19	3,445	2	3,881	6.3%
SUBTOTAL	12,840	368	16,181	241	29,630	47.9%
All Other Applications	25,821	75	6,338	31	32,265	52.1%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	38,661	443	22,519	272	61,895	100%

B. Outcome of court review on defendant interviews	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Approved	1,534	47	55	15	1,651	4.7%
Approved pending verification	2,063	0	29	1	2,093	6.0%
Approved with additional condition	65	14	63	12	154	0.4%
Denied	25,763	1	4,786	7	30,557	87.1%
Denied Bond Lowered	420	2	161	2	585	1.7%
Pending	17	0	10	0	27	0.1%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	29,862	64	5,104	37	35,067	100%

C. Court review of applications previously accounted for:	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL	%
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA		
Approved	39	0	8	0	47	2.9%
Approved pending verification	11	0	1	0	12	0.7%
Approved with additional condition	28	0	16	0	44	2.7%
Denied	1,356	0	144	0	1,500	92.4%
Denied Bond Lowered	6	0	13	0	19	1.2%
Pending	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%
TOTAL APPLICATIONS REVIEWED	1,441	0	182	0	1,623	100%

D. Personal bond activity:	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Jail	NA	Jail	NA	
Total approvals	3,739	61	172	28	4,000
Applications filed	2,919	55	161	26	3,161
Defendants released	2,823	55	155	26	3,059

E. Non-personal bond activity	Misdemeanor		Felony		TOTAL
	Bond	Other	Bond	Other	
Court ordered supervision	1,628	40	1,337	8	3,013

V. Total Number of Defendants Released to PTSA Supervision

Type of Release	Misdemeanor	Felony	Total
Released on personal bond	2,879	184	3,063
Enhanced supervision ordered	296	90	386
Released on financial bond	1,575	1,306	2,881
Enhanced supervision ordered	1,573	1,304	2,877
Released other	47	8	55
Enhanced supervision ordered	47	8	55

VI. Personal Bond Releases by Charge Category

A. Misdemeanor:

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP/MAJ	36	1.2%
DWI	545	18.4%
DWLS / Other Traffic	567	19.2%
Theft	755	25.5%
Prostitution	20	0.7%
Drug Possession	661	22.4%
Trespass	40	1.4%
Weapon	9	0.3%
Evading Arrest	42	1.4%
Resist Arrest	13	0.4%
Assault	20	0.7%
Criminal Mischief	28	0.9%
Other	221	7.5%
TOTAL CHARGES	2,957	100.0%

B. Felony:

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP / MAJ	29	14.7%
Murder / Vol. Manslaughter	0	0.0%
Assault / Att. Murder	25	12.7%
Sexual Assault Adult	4	2.0%
Sexual Assault Child	5	2.5%
Robbery	5	2.5%
Other Personal Offenses	5	2.5%
Burglary	8	4.1%
Theft	18	9.1%
Auto Theft	6	3.0%
Other Property Offenses	26	13.2%
Drug Sale / Manufacture	12	6.1%
Drug Possession	34	17.3%
DWI	2	1.0%
Other	18	9.1%
TOTAL CHARGES	197	100.0%

VII. Supervised Surety and Cash Bond Releases by Charge Category

A. Misdemeanor:

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP/MAJ	57	3.2%
DWI	922	51.6%
DWLS / Other Traffic	93	5.2%
Theft	58	3.2%
Prostitution	6	0.3%
Drug Possession	337	18.9%
Trespass	20	1.1%
Weapon	19	1.1%
Evading Arrest	41	2.3%
Resist Arrest	10	0.6%
Assault	102	5.7%
Criminal Mischief	24	1.3%
Other	97	5.4%
TOTAL CHARGES	1,786	100%

B. Felony:

Charge Category	Number of Cases	Percent
MRP / MAJ	32	2.2%
Murder / Vol. Manslaughter	27	1.8%
Assault / Att. Murder	116	7.8%
Sexual Assault Adult	5	0.3%
Sexual Assault Child	40	2.7%
Robbery	48	3.2%
Other Personal Offenses	38	2.6%
Burglary	57	3.9%
Theft	49	3.3%
Auto Theft	20	1.4%
Other Property Offenses	66	4.5%
Drug Sale / Manufacture	215	14.5%
Drug Possession	626	42.3%
DWI	65	4.4%
Other	75	5.1%
TOTAL CHARGES	1,479	100%

VIII. Average Number of Defendants Supervised by the Pretrial Services Agency per Month in Calendar Year 1999.*

	Personal Bond	Surety/Cash Bond	Courtesy/PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Felony	74	291	4	1	370	38.0%
Misdemeanor	367	205	2	23	597	61.3%
Both Felony & Misdemeanor	6	1	0	0	7	0.7%
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL	447	497	6	24	973	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.

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

IX. Average Number of Defendants Supervised in each Supervision Category per Month in Calendar Year 1999.*

A. Number of defendants required to comply with standard conditions.	<u>382</u>
B. Number of defendants required to comply with special conditions.	<u>592</u>
1. SPECIAL CONDITIONS MONITORED ON PERSONAL BOND DEFENDANTS: *	
a. Urinalysis Drug Screening	<u>38</u>
b. Electronic Monitoring Supervision	<u>15</u>
c. Weekly in-person check-in	<u>36</u>
d. Other conditions	<u>62</u>
2. SPECIAL CONDITIONS MONITORED ON OTHER DEFENDANTS SUPERVISED: *	
a. Urinalysis Drug Screening	<u>423</u>
b. Electronic Monitoring Supervision	<u>105</u>
c. Weekly in-person check-in	<u>177</u>
d. Other conditions	<u>375</u>

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

X. Active Defendants: Case Classification Change

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

XI. Disposition of Defendants on Personal Bond

A. Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
No Billed	0	0.0%	6	2.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.2%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	238	8.4%	38	12.7%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	277	8.8%
Credit Time Served	28	1.0%	3	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	31	1.0%
Fined	698	24.6%	8	2.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	706	22.5%
Deferred Adjudication	835	29.5%	73	24.4%	1	0.0%	3	0.0%	912	29.0%
Probation	458	16.2%	31	10.4%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	491	15.6%
H CJ Time	292	10.3%	11	3.7%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	304	9.7%
TDCJ/ID	0	0.0%	7	2.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	0.2%
State Jail Time	0	0.0%	5	1.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	0.2%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	22	0.8%	29	9.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	51	1.6%
MRP/MAJ Granted	10	0.4%	4	1.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14	0.4%
Failures to Appear	169	6.0%	13	4.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	182	5.8%
Non-Compliance	57	2.0%	39	13.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	96	3.1%
Other	28	1.0%	32	10.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	60	1.9%
TOTAL	2,835	100.0%	299	100.0%	4	0.0%	4	0.0%	3,142	100%

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

A. Dispositions	Misdemeanor		Felony		Both				TOTAL	
	Def	%	Def	%	Felony	%	Misd	%	Def	%
No Billed	4	0.3%	22	1.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	26	1.0%
Dismissed/Not Guilty	150	10.6%	123	10.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	273	10.5%
Credit Time Served	19	1.3%	8	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	27	1.0%
Fined	141	9.9%	8	0.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	149	5.7%
Deferred Adjudication	135	9.5%	276	23.5%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	412	15.9%
Probation	392	27.6%	140	11.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	532	20.5%
H CJ Time	355	25.0%	45	3.8%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	401	15.4%
TDCJ/ID	0	0.0%	48	4.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	48	1.8%
State Jail Time	0	0.0%	59	5.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	61	2.3%
MRP/MAJ Dismissed	21	1.5%	12	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	33	1.3%
MRP/MAJ Granted	24	1.7%	6	0.5%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	30	1.2%
Failures to Appear	51	3.6%	52	4.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	103	4.0%
Non-Compliance	92	6.5%	341	29.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	434	16.7%
Other	37	2.6%	32	2.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	69	2.7%
TOTAL	1,421	100%	1,172	100%	2	0%	1	0%	2,598	100%

XIV. Case Dispositions for Personal Bonds

A. Felony

	MRP / MAJ	MURD / VOL MAN	ASSLT / AT MUR	SX ASLT ADULT	SX ASLT CHILD	ROBB	OTH PERS	BURG	THEFT	AUTO THFT	OTH PROP	DRG SL /MANU	DRUG POSS	DWI	OTH	TOTAL
NOB	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
%	0.0	0.0	17.6	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
DISM	0	0	12	0	0	2	5	2	5	2	9	2	8	0	6	53
%	0.0	0.0	35.3	0.0	0.0	33.3	62.5	28.6	23.8	40.0	28.1	16.7	22.9	0.0	15.8	20.9
MRP DISM	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
%	76.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.0
DADJ	0	0	9	0	3	3	3	1	5	3	12	3	5	0	8	55
%	0.0	0.0	26.5	0.0	50.0	50.0	37.5	14.3	23.8	60.0	37.5	25.0	14.3	0.0	21.1	21.7
PROB	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	4	1	2	16
%	0.0	0.0	5.9	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	0.0	9.4	8.3	11.4	50.0	5.3	6.3
FINE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.0
HCJ	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	6
%	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	0.0	11.4	0.0	0.0	2.4
MRP GRANT	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
%	9.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
TDCJ/D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
%	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	1.2
OTH	3	0	4	0	3	0	0	2	3	0	5	3	9	0	18	50
%	7.0	0.0	11.8	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	28.6	14.3	0.0	15.6	25.0	25.7	0.0	47.4	19.7
SSR	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	11
%	4.7	0.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.7	8.6	0.0	2.6	4.3
FTA	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	11
%	2.3	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.3	4.8	0.0	6.3	8.3	5.7	50.0	2.6	4.3
TOTAL	43	0	34	5	6	6	8	7	21	5	32	12	35	2	38	254
%	16.9	0.0	13.4	2.0	2.4	2.4	3.1	2.8	8.3	2.0	12.6	4.7	13.8	0.8	15.0	100.0

XIV. Case Dispositions for Personal Bonds

B. Misdemeanor

	MRP / MAJ	DWI	DWLS / TRAF	THEFT	PROST	DRUG POSS	TRESP	WEAP	EVAD ARR	RES ARR	ASSLT	CRIM MISCH	OTH	TOTAL
DISM	0	46	56	55	2	42	10	1	10	1	9	8	35	275
%	0.0	8.3	9.8	7.4	14.3	6.4	22.7	11.1	18.2	6.7	25.7	23.5	15.0	9.1
MRP DISM	24	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
%	61.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
DADJ	0	4	72	445	8	268	8	1	13	8	8	11	40	886
%	0.0	0.7	12.5	59.8	57.1	41.0	18.2	11.1	23.6	53.3	22.9	32.4	17.1	29.5
PROB	0	390	6	25	0	2	3	1	0	1	5	1	3	437
%	0.0	70.3	1.0	3.4	0.0	0.3	6.8	11.1	0.0	6.7	14.3	2.9	1.3	14.5
FINE	0	20	310	105	3	196	11	6	5	2	4	8	93	763
%	0.0	3.6	54.0	14.1	21.4	30.0	25.0	66.7	9.1	13.3	11.4	23.5	39.7	25.4
CTS	0	1	2	10	0	3	2	0	1	0	3	0	6	28
%	0.0	0.2	0.3	1.3	0.0	0.5	4.5	0.0	1.8	0.0	8.6	0.0	2.6	0.9
HCJ	0	63	78	56	1	58	5	0	16	2	3	5	16	303
%	0.0	11.4	13.6	7.5	7.1	8.9	11.4	0.0	29.1	13.3	8.6	14.7	6.8	10.1
MRP GRANT	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
%	35.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5
OTH	0	9	5	11	0	10	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	45
%	0.0	1.6	0.9	1.5	0.0	1.5	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0	3.4	1.5
SSR	1	3	5	2	0	14	2	0	0	0	0	1	9	37
%	2.6	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.0	2.1	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	3.8	1.2
FTA	0	19	40	35	0	61	1	0	10	1	2	0	24	193
%	0.0	3.4	7.0	4.7	0.0	9.3	2.3	0.0	18.2	6.7	5.7	0.0	10.3	6.4
TOTAL	39	555	574	744	14	654	44	9	55	15	35	34	234	3006
%	1.3	18.5	19.1	24.8	0.5	21.8	1.5	0.3	1.8	0.5	1.2	1.1	7.8	100.0

XV. Pretrial Appearance Activity

A.

Court Appearances - Personal Bond	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	9,279	964	10,243	
Appearances made	9,043	926	9,969	97.3%
Appearances missed	236	38	274	2.7%

B.

Court Appearances - Surety & Cash Bond Supervision Cases	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL	Percent
Scheduled court appearances	5,781	5,864	11,645	
Appearances made	5,709	5,750	11,459	98.4%
Appearances missed	72	114	186	1.6%

C.

Instrument issued for missed appearances (FTA) - Personal Bond	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
ACI/REV/B	34	7	41
ACI/OC	0	0	0
ACI/BF	132	5	137
C87/AI	22	1	23
Other	1	1	2
TOTAL	189	14	203
Less Reinstated	9	0	9
Less Jailed	125	10	135
Less Other	9	2	11
TOTAL FUGITIVES	46	2	48

D.

Instrument issued for missed appearances (FTA) - Financial Bond	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
ACI/REV/B	4	3	7
ACI/OC	0	0	0
ACI/BF	43	36	79
C87/AI	8	6	14
Other	2	1	3
TOTAL	57	46	103
Less Reinstated	6	1	7
Less Jailed	37	33	70
Less Other	1	0	1
TOTAL FUGITIVES	13	12	25

E. Rearrest of defendants that failed to appear*:	Personal Bond		Surety & Cash Bond		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Pretrial Services Agency**	31	23.0%	11	15.7%	42	20.5%
HSCO - Pretrial Services Units	1	0.7%	7	10.0%	8	3.9%
HCSO - Other Street Units	39	28.9%	19	27.1%	58	28.3%
HCSO - Court Bailiff's Office	26	19.3%	20	28.6%	46	22.4%
Houston Police Department	28	20.7%	7	10.0%	35	17.1%
Other Law Enforcement	10	7.4%	6	8.6%	16	7.8%
TOTAL	135	100%	70	100%	205	100%

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

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

F. Type of Bond	Personal	Surety/Cash
Total defendants resolved	155	77
Resolved by arrest	135	69

XVI. Defendants Charged with New Offense While on Personal Bond

A. Type of charge filed	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
New Misdemeanor	43	7	50
New Misdemeanor/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	1	1	2
New Felony	19	3	22
New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	2	2	4
Both New Misd & New Felony	0	1	1
New Misd & New Felony/Offense Date Precedes Bond Case	0	0	0
Reindictment	1	2	3
Refile	19	1	20
TOTAL	85	17	102

B. Bail status of new charge	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
Personal Bond Granted	1	0	1
Personal Bond Granted with Additional Conditions	0	0	0
Surety Bond Posted	10	1	11
Cash Bond Posted	2	0	2
In Custody	51	11	62
Non-Arrest	6	5	11
Summons Issued	15	0	15
TOTAL	85	17	102

C. Court action on personal bond case	On PB for Misdemeanor	On PB for Felony	TOTAL
Bond Surrendered	4	0	4
Bond Revoked	12	8	20
Bond Continued	66	4	70
Bond Continued with Conditions	3	5	8
TOTAL	85	17	102

XVII. Noncompliance Activity on Personal Bond

A. Bond Surrender	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New offense			
- Misdemeanor	1	1	2
- Felony	3	0	3
Alias identification	1	0	1
Noncompliance with bond conditions	2	3	5
Urinalysis	3	0	3
Other	6	0	6
TOTAL	16	4	20

B. Bond Revocation	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
New offense			
- Misdemeanor	6	8	14
- Felony	7	1	8
Alias identification	1	0	1
Noncompliance with bond conditions	9	12	21
Urinalysis	11	43	54
Other	16	11	27
TOTAL	50	75	125

C. Activity on defendants prior to release	Misdemeanor	Felony	TOTAL
Bond surrender	0	0	0
Bond revocation	3	0	3
TOTAL	3	0	3

XVIII. Urinalysis Screening Activity

A. Drug/Alcohol testing	Personal Bond	SUBN / CABD	Courtesy PT Div	Other	TOTAL	Percent
Total number of defendants screened	453	2,567	8	33	3,061	
Total number of specimens	1,096	8,651	58	164	9,969	
Specimens confirmed positive	300	1,921	3	15	2,239	22.5%

B. Confirmed positive results	1st Test	2nd Test	3+ Test	TOTAL	Percent
Cocaine	276	113	185	574	23.0%
THC	608	223	244	1,075	43.1%
THC/Cocaine	97	24	22	143	5.7%
Methamphetamine	10	6	4	20	0.8%
Amphetamine	19	7	11	37	1.5%
Alcohol	34	9	28	71	2.8%
Other Combinations	223	107	244	574	23.0%
TOTAL	1,312	498	758	2,494	100%
Percent of total confirmed positive results	53%	20%	30%	100%	

XIX. Community Resource Referrals

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

4,794

- 1. Number indicating no assistance needs: 1,343
- 2. Number indicating assistance needed: 1,907
- 3. Number court ordered: 1,544

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

Service Area	Court	%	Requests	%	Referrals	%
Utilities	0	0.0%	589	7.9%	230	3.4%
Rent	0	0.0%	542	7.3%	157	2.3%
Emergency Housing	0	0.0%	227	3.0%	108	1.6%
Food	0	0.0%	542	7.3%	271	4.0%
Transportation	0	0.0%	577	7.7%	208	3.1%
Dental Care	0	0.0%	883	11.8%	592	8.7%
Medical Care/Medication	0	0.0%	606	8.1%	384	5.7%
Prenatal Care	0	0.0%	70	0.9%	9	0.1%
Disability	0	0.0%	136	1.8%	25	0.4%
Counseling	1,104	34.5%	457	6.1%	1,295	19.1%
Substance / Alcohol Abuse	1,440	45.0%	203	2.7%	1,442	21.3%
Employment	148	4.6%	1,027	13.8%	794	11.7%
Vocational Training	0	0.0%	479	6.4%	253	3.7%
Education	458	14.3%	636	8.5%	619	9.1%
Childcare	0	0.0%	294	3.9%	185	2.7%
Mental Health/Retardation	44	1.4%	30	0.4%	42	0.6%
Other	9	0.3%	160	2.1%	169	2.5%
TOTAL	3,203	100%	7,458	100%	6,783	100%

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

Requests	by	Defendants
7,458		1,907

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

Referrals	to	Defendants
16,413		2,847

C. Service outcomes for the 4,824 defendants disposed in Calendar Year 1999.

1. Number of disposed defendants initially screened by community resource:	4,824
2. Number contacted for follow up	2,265
3. Number that did not attempt to receive assistance:	602
4. Number that did attempt to receive assistance	1,663
5. Number that are pending assistance	258
6. Number that received the assistance sought	1,578

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

Service Area	1		2	
	Pending	%	Received	%
Assistance paying utility bills	30	5.4%	12	0.4%
Assistance paying rent	16	2.9%	6	0.2%
Received emergency shelter and/or government housing	18	3.2%	3	0.1%
Received emergency groceries or food stamps	22	3.9%	18	0.7%
Bus Schedules and/or towed car information	3	0.5%	58	2.1%
Received Dental Care	47	8.4%	15	0.6%
Received Medical Care/Medication	24	4.3%	12	0.4%
Received prenatal information and/or care	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Received or applied for social security disability	2	0.4%	1	0.0%
Attended counseling	69	12.4%	916	33.8%
Enrolled in Substance Abuse Treatment Program	6	1.1%	1,359	50.2%
Received job or job opportunity information	152	27.2%	45	1.7%
Enrolled in vocational program	18	3.2%	3	0.1%
Enrolled in an educational program	122	21.9%	129	4.8%
Received childcare services	20	3.6%	2	0.1%
Received mental health/mental retardation services	3	0.5%	53	2.0%
Received other services not listed above	6	1.1%	77	2.8%
TOTAL	558	100%	2,709	100%

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

Pending	by	Defendants
558		258

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

Received	by	Defendants
2,709		1,560