



JUNE 2021 PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

CASS COUNTY COURT & PRETRIAL SERVICES

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Mission Statement:

"Serving the community by using evidence-based practices and needs-based supervision that prioritizes public safety, maximizes court appearance and reduces recidivism, while protecting the presumption of innocence."

Recap & Review:

In April, Pretrial Services transitioned to its own independent department: ***Cass County Court & Pretrial Services***. Expanding the department into Court Services includes the added duties of assisting the Courts in writing grants and obtaining new funding opportunities, serving as a liaison for all court related program and activities, facilitating communication with the IOCS and IDOC, jail analysis & programming, mental health services, quality assurance & overseeing and coordinating the upcoming local JRAC Council in July.

Continued Growth & Expansion:

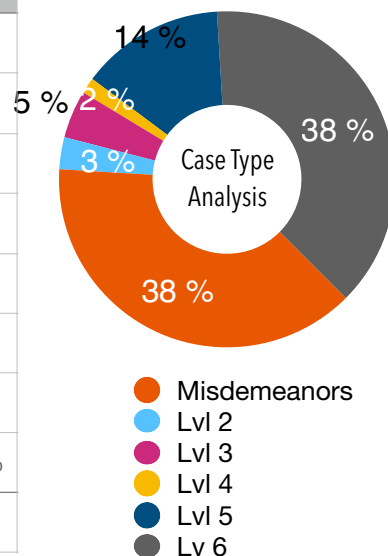
CCCPS continues to see a documented increase in clients served, proving that program growth is not a COVID anomaly. In 2020 the agency served a total of 136 clients and this year, we have already served 114 clients, 84% of our total population served in 2020. A direct comparison in the active populations, show a 63% increase in the past year. We project continued growth, as we continue to expand our target population to include pre-adjudication probation violations, criminal mental health adjudication and supervision of defendants with special conditions of bond.

Beyond the clients served, Pretrial Services continues to assist the courts by providing evidence-based release recommendations

based on objective factors designed to promote public safety. Expansion of services also includes Pretrial Investigations and Recommendations being made at Bond Review Hearings to further support evidence-based decision making. Sometimes, inherent risk to the community and the victim is uncovered that supports detention, that may not have been fully known without the participation of Pretrial Services, illustrating another benefit of the program.

CURRENT OVERVIEW

Offense & Case Type	Total
Misdemeanors	24
Level 6 Felonies	25
High Level Felonies	16
Courtesy Transfers	7
Probation Violations	2
Mental Health Adjudications	2
Special Conditions of Bond	11
Percent Felonies	64 %
Total	65

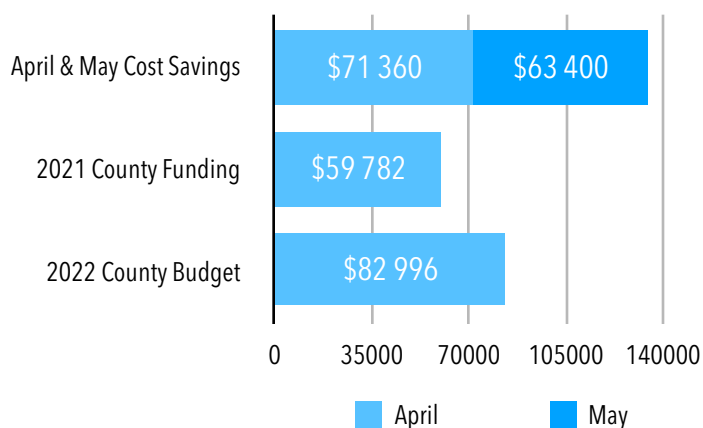


Cass County Pretrial Services currently has 58 active clients, a 16% percent increase from last month, and served a total of 62 clients in May for a total number of 1,585 days. 30 arrestee evaluations and recommendations, with IRAS-PATs, were completed in the past month and 19 new intakes were completed in May and as of June 15, a 50% increase. We also had 7 clients successfully complete the program this past month.

COST SAVINGS:

Using the \$40 daily per diem used to house an inmate outside the jail, Pretrial Services is currently diverting \$2,320 daily in county incarceration expenses. As noted previously, we served 62 clients for a total of 1,784 days in May, for an estimated cost savings of \$63,400. As of June 15th, the Cass County Jail was 32% over capacity, and was housing 9 inmates in outside facilities at a cost of \$360 a day or \$11,160 a month. It is estimated that without Pretrial Services the jail would be 65% over capacity.

In April, the County funded the agency's transition to an independent department and expansion to include a full-time case manager. In the first month of operations, we diverted \$71,360, \$11,578 more than funding the council provided in support 2021 operations. The program diverted \$63,400 in May. Calculations show that we have already diverted 90% of the proposed 2022 budget in the first two months of operations, in addition to funds extended to support the program this year. Further analysis shows that the program has diverted over \$363,000 in total incarceration/detention expenses this year.



JAIL ANALYSIS:

The May jail analysis shows that 15% of inmates are classified as Pre-Adjudication/Pretrial. Those detained and given a standard bond in lieu of release to CCCPS, have been assessed to be a high risk to public safety or have a hold that prevents release, i.e. INS, out of county warrant, or parole hold. 29% of the population classified as pre-adjudication have an out of county warrant that excludes them from the pretrial release program. Pretrial Services has observed an increase in arrestees that identify as High Risk on the IRAS-PAT.

STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT:

• Offense Type Analysis:

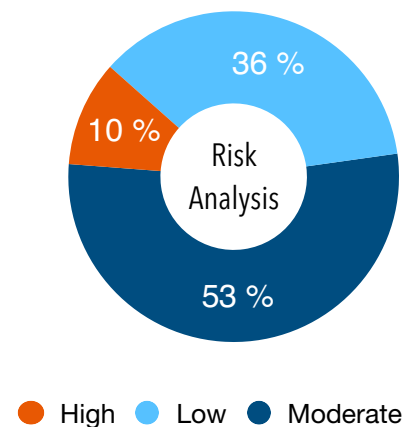
- Analysis shows that 45% are drug and alcohol related offenses, 7% crimes against property, 38% crimes against persons, and 10% are traffic offenses.

• Supervision Analysis:

- 36% of active participants are being supervised at Level 3 (High) Supervision, with weekly or daily reporting, a 63% increase in the last month.
- 22% of active clients have needs where supervised release was in the best interest of the county and the clients, including one high risk pregnancy and several client clients with injuries and chronic illnesses.
- 12% of active clients have multiple cases.
- 13 clients are being supervised with electronic monitoring facilitated by Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections

• Risk Analysis:

- Trends show that 10% of active clients have been identified through the IRAS-PAT as High Risk, 53% as Moderate Risk, and 36% as Low Risk.



• Sentencing Outcomes:

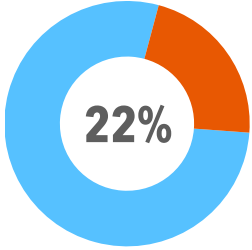
- 11% of those who have successfully completed Pretrial Release this year had their case dismissed or entered the Pretrial Diversion Program, while 14% received time-served, 6% were sentenced to Community Corrections and 50% were sentenced to probation.

SERVICES:

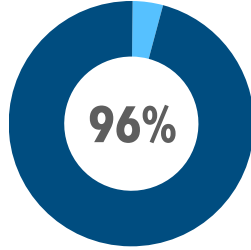
25% of clients are currently participating in voluntary programming and services, including domestic violence classes, individual counseling and peer recovery groups.

PERFORMANCE METRICS:

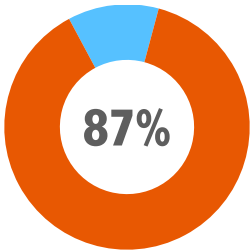
All our performance metrics have remained stable with no more than a 3% variance and all fall above or within State Standards.



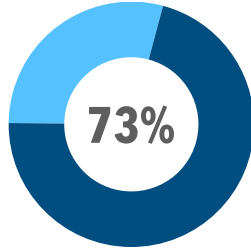
Violation Rate: the percentage of defendants who received a violation, pending violations are included in calculations



Appearance Rate: the percentage of defendants who attended all court hearings during their pretrial period



Safety Rate: the percentage of defendants who were not charged with a new offense during their pretrial period



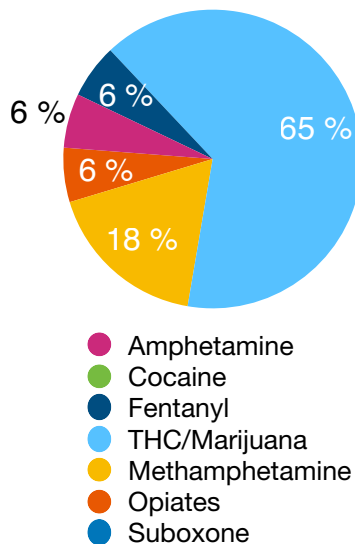
Success Rate: the percentage of defendants who have not received a violation, FTA, or new offense while under supervision

DRUG SCREENS:

- 10% of drug screens administered in the last quarter were positive. It is noted that baseline screens and positive with prescriptions are not included in the calculations.

- A breakdown of all positive results, including baselines and those positive with prescription, by drug is found above.

Positive Screens by Drug



CLIENT FEEDBACK:

The most recent client satisfaction survey results show that clients rate the agency at an average of 4.5/5, with most responses being in the agree to strongly agree category.



Below are few of the comments received this quarter:

"The most important thing to me is that she feels like she cares I'm not just a number"

"Is nice to not have to wait in jail for a court date and lose my job"

NOTABLE UPDATES:

- The Pretrial Case Manager passed both his Probation Officer Exam and Indiana Risk Assessment training.
- Our Presumptive Certification IOCS (Indiana Office of Court Services) meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2021. We are excited to become certified as an agency.
- The Director was accepted into the National Association of Pretrial Services certification program and passed the exam to receive status as a Nationally Certified Pretrial Services Professional (CPSP).



- We have finished preparing our CY2022 IDOC Grant Applications. Upon Commissioner and Board Approval we will submit them to IDOC and receive notice of awarded funding in early September.
- Cass County was selected to be part of a needs focused Pretrial Research Study through George Mason University and the University of Cincinnati. If said study is funded, we will be receiving specialized motivational interviewing training to help promote participation in services and positive outcomes.
- The Director is currently serving on the State Pretrial Data Committee and continues to train and come along side and provide support to counties seeking to establish their own pretrial release program.

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