

DeKalb County Pretrial Services



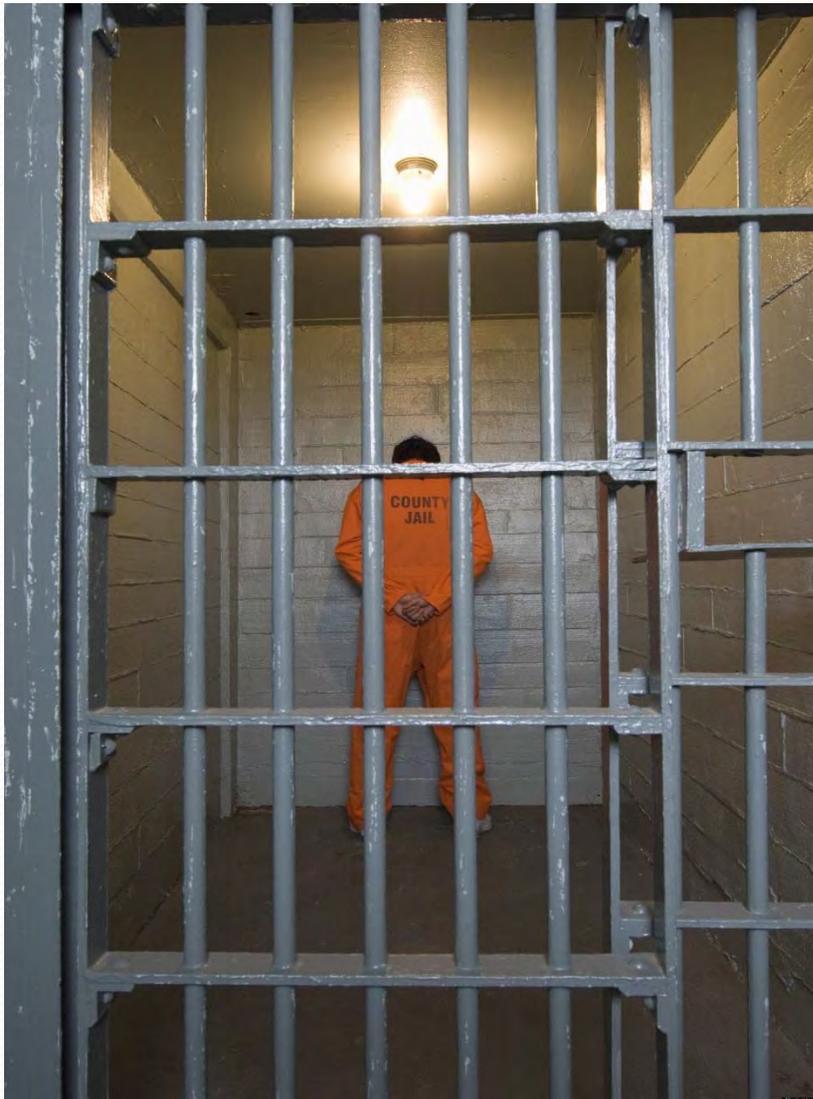
2 Year Review

What is Pretrial Services?

Pretrial Services provides the court with verified criminal and social history about persons who have been arrested and charged with a crime to assist the court in making an informed decision regarding release based on identified risk of failure to appear and safety to the community.

If the defendant is eligible, they are released and may be ordered to 'pretrial supervision'. The defendant is then supervised to assure that they show up for all court dates, do not commit any new offenses, and comply with conditions of their release.

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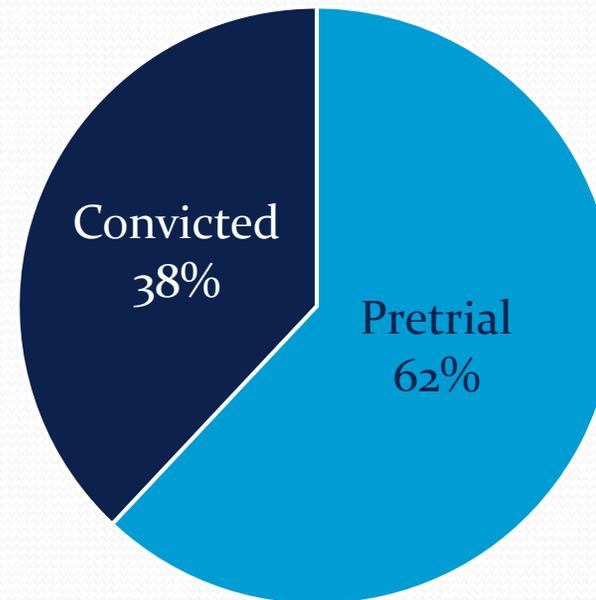
... Why would we want to release people from jail prior to trial?

The Pretrial Population In Jail

1983
Jail Population



2009
Jail Population



During this same time, average length of stay increased from 14 days to 23 days

This trend has continued nationally, in 2014 the Pretrial Jail population in DeKalb County was approximately 80%

**Subramanian, Ram et al. (2015) Incarceration's Front Door: The Misuse of Jails in America. New York, NY: The Vera Institute of Justice.*

Impact of Pretrial Incarceration

Compared to defendants released at some point prior to trial,
defendants held for the entire pretrial period had:

4x greater likelihood
of being sentenced
to jail

3x greater likelihood of
being sentenced to
prison

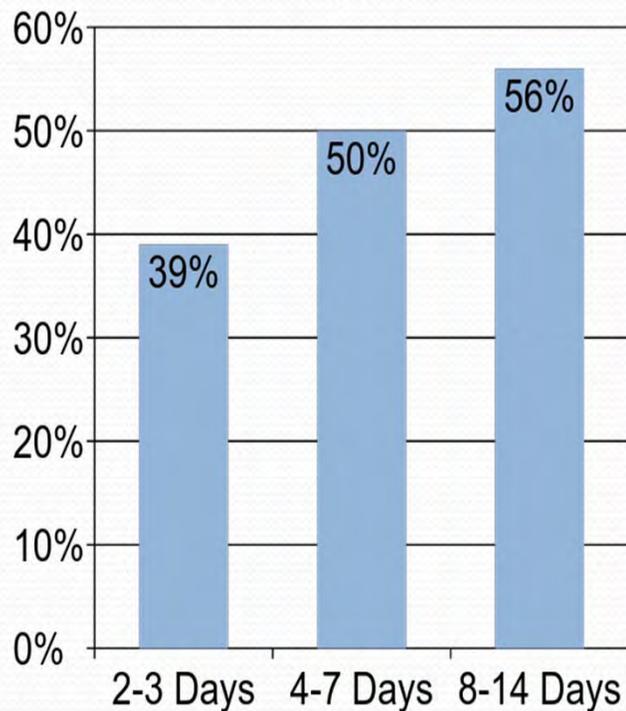
3x longer jail
sentences

2x longer prison
sentence

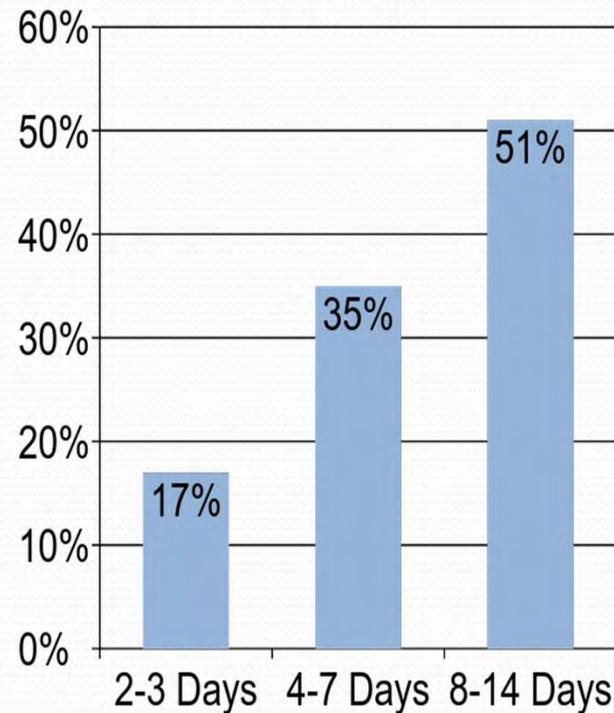
*Courtesy of Pretrial justice Institute

Impact of Pretrial Incarceration on Community Safety

Increase in New Criminal Arrest Low-Risk Defendants*



Increase in 2-Year Recidivism Low-Risk Defendants*



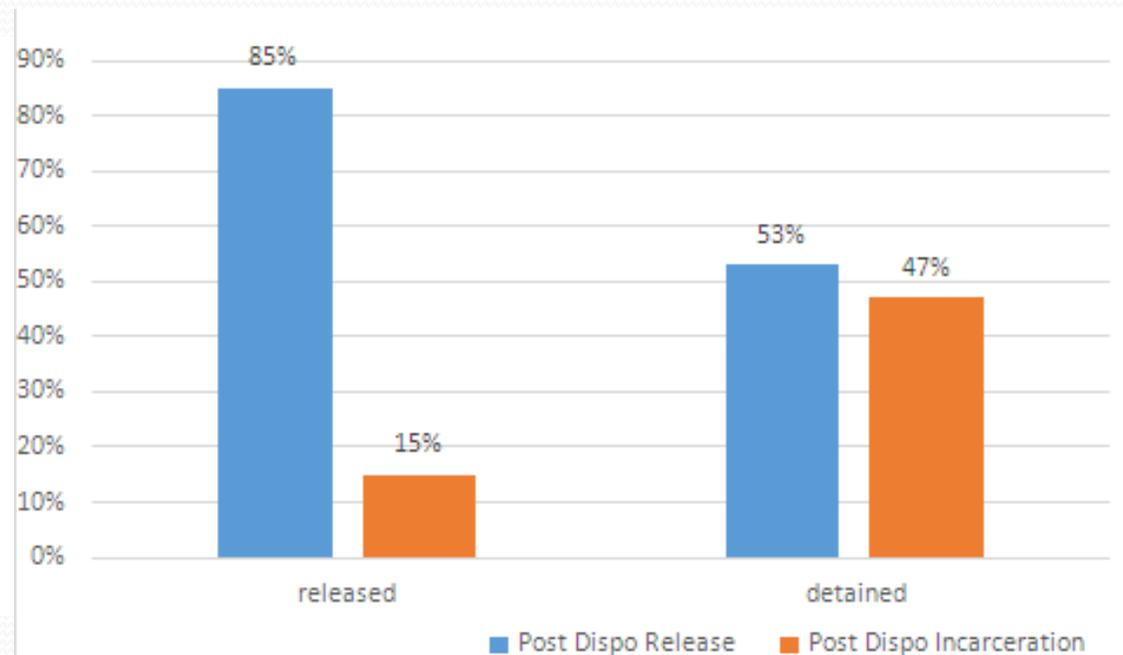
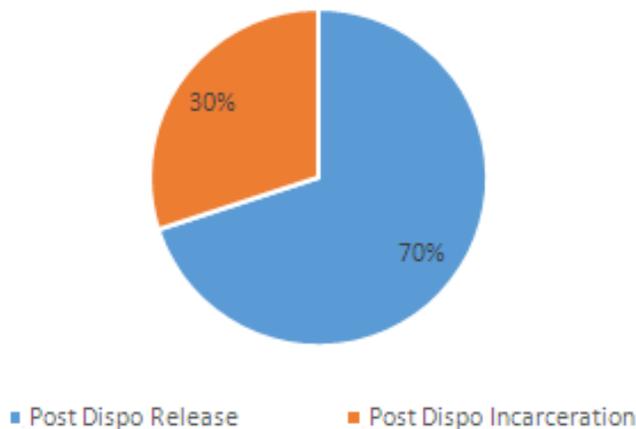
**Lowenkamp, C.T., VanNostrand, M., & Holsinger, A. (2013). The Hidden Costs of Pretrial Detention. Laura and John Arnold Foundation. New York City, NY.*

DeKalb Statistics

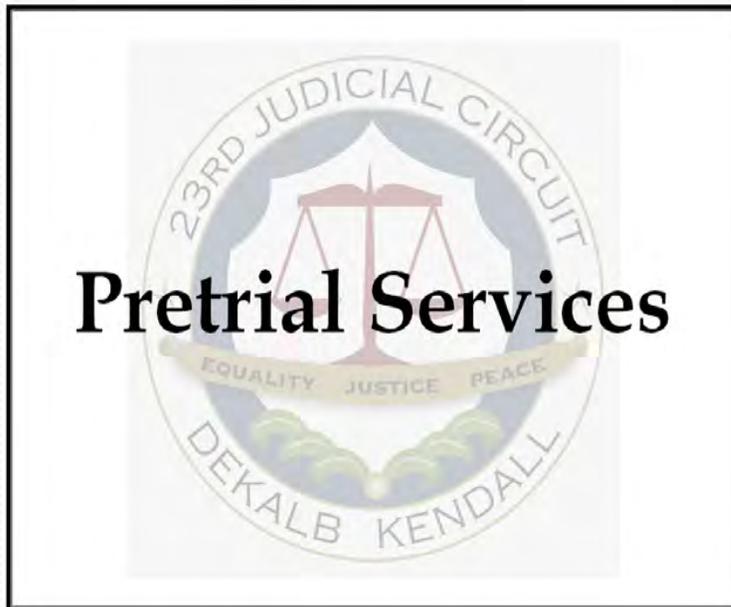
Data was collected on 548 defendants after their disposition, who were interviewed by Pretrial Services.

- Most defendants are immediately released into the community with or without some form of supervision upon disposition of their case.
- Defendants who are released at first appearance are less likely to be incarcerated as part of sentencing.

Post Dispo Release/Detention



The Pretrial Process



- **Arrest/incarceration**
- **Pretrial interview**
- **Verification/Criminal Background Check/Risk Assessment**
- **Bond report with recommendations submitted prior to Bond Call**
- **Determination by court to release or detain**
- **Release with/without Supervision or Detention**

DeKalb Statistics

June 9, 2014 - October 25, 2015

748 cases held for bond reduction.

- 56% of defendants were released, after being detained for 3.4 days on average.
- 13.6% of released defendants are released on recognizance.
- 52% of defendants appropriate for a pretrial risk assessment were ordered to have a bond report completed.

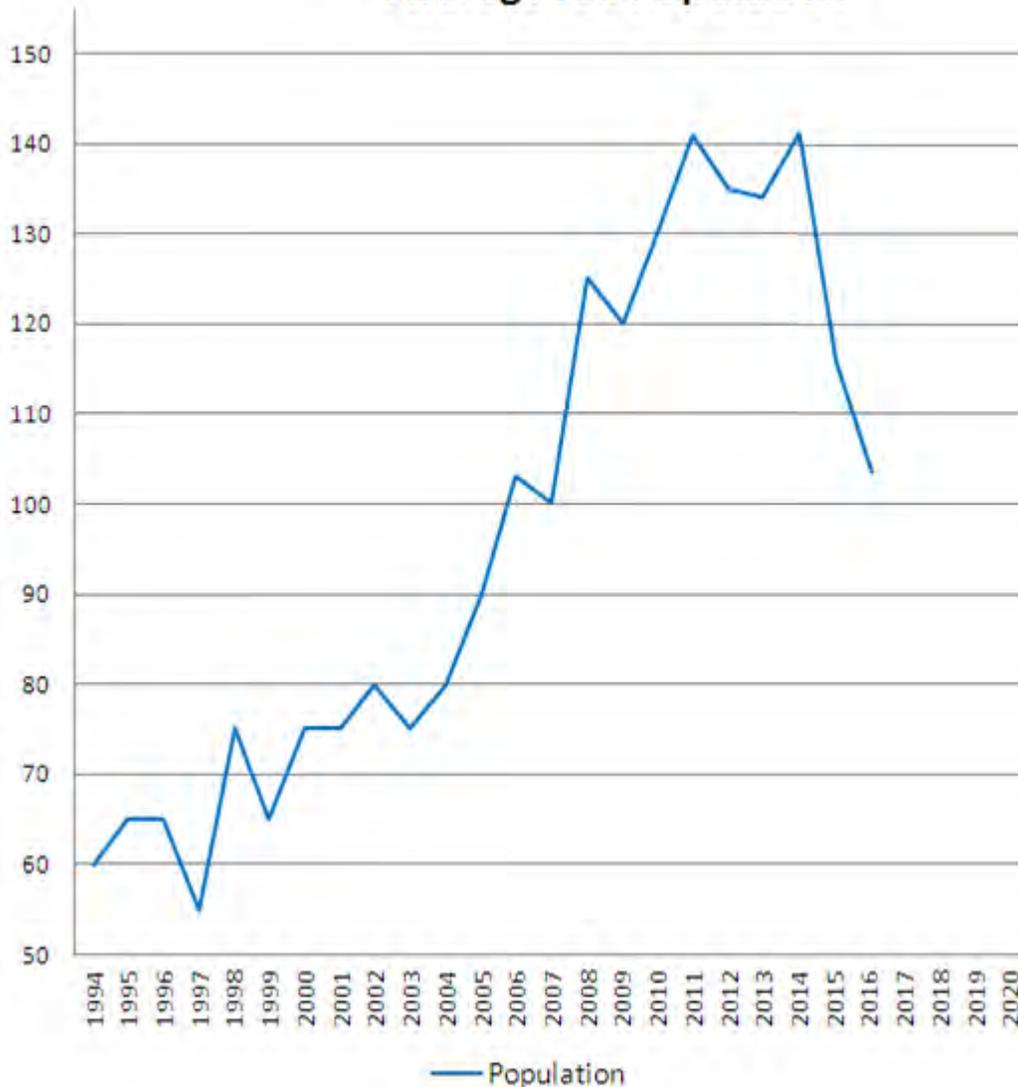
October 25, 2015 - June 1, 2016

471 Bond reports were completed.

- 71% of all newly detained defendants were released at first appearance.
- 53% of released defendants are released on recognizance.
- All new defendants at bond call had a pretrial bond report completed for first appearance, excluding weekend call.

Evaluation of Current Program Impact

Average Jail Population



County jail population over 20 years prior to Pretrial Services

Pretrial Services was introduced in mid June of 2014

and then this happened...

...In less than 2 years the average population dropped by 25%

Impact on public safety

A total of 664 defendants were released from custody either with or without Pretrial Supervision between June of 2014 and June of 2016. In that time:

- 92% appeared for all of their court dates
- 95% had no new arrests while out on bond
- Only 2.5% were arrested for a violent offense while on bond



Evaluation of Current Program Impact

On 3/11/16 Pretrial Services implemented a Release Matrix, a decision making tool developed in collaboration with Judge Stuckert and Judge Montgomery.

This instrument provides recommendations based on the defendant's risk of committing a violent crime if released from custody.

Since implementation:

- The number of defendants deemed appropriate for release increased from 71% to 86%
- The number of defendants released at first appearance increased by 18%

| DeKalb County Pretrial Release Matrix | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| VPRAI | Cat. 1 Felony X-1 Violence/Firearm | Cat. 2 Felony 2-4 Violence/Firearm | Cat. 3 Domestic Violence | Cat. 4 Felony Drug Distribution/ Felony DUI | Cat. 5 Other Felony/ Misdemeanor Violence | Cat. 6 Other Misdemeanor/ Traffic |
| 0 | Supervision, EM | Supervision | No Conditions | No Conditions | No Conditions | No Conditions |
| 1 | Supervision, EM | Supervision | No Conditions | No Conditions | No Conditions | No Conditions |
| 2 | Supervision, EM | Supervision | Supervision | No Conditions | No Conditions | No Conditions |
| 3 | Supervision, EM | Supervision, EM | Supervision | Supervision | No Conditions | No Conditions |
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Evaluation of Program Financial Impact

An average jail population reduction of 25% translates to 35 fewer prisoners per day. At a cost of \$60 per day per prisoner, it is estimated that this will result in an annual cost avoidance of **\$766,500 per year**

Additionally Pretrial Services completes an average of 128 domestic violence risk assessments annually. These are required to be considered by the court in domestic violence cases prior to the setting of bond.

If completed by a private agency this would cost \$150.00 per assessment. This yields an additional cost avoidance of **\$19,200 per year**

Evaluation of Program Financial Impact

| 7/11/2016 | 12 Months FY2016 Number of Inmates | 12 Months FY2016 Inmate Days | 12 Months FY2016 Rental Cost | 12 Months FY2016 Transport Trips | 12 Months FY 2015 Number of Inmates | 12 Months FY2015 Inmate Days | 12 Months FY2015 Rental Cost | 12 Months FY2015 Transport Trips | 12 Months FY2014 Number of Inmates | 12 Months FY2014 Inmate Days | 12 Months FY2014 Rental Cost | 12 Months FY2014 Transport Trips |
|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| January | 36 | 802 | 48,120 | 43 | 68 | 1,355 | 81,300 | 51 | 74 | 1,712 | 102,720 | 57 |
| February | 30 | 702 | 42,120 | 40 | 56 | 1,009 | 60,540 | 48 | 89 | 1,631 | 97,860 | 63 |
| March | 35 | 698 | 41,880 | 49 | 37 | 800 | 48,000 | 53 | 77 | 1,608 | 96,480 | 70 |
| April | 33 | 683 | 40,980 | 37 | 40 | 711 | 42,660 | 56 | 55 | 1,013 | 60,780 | 54 |
| May | 40 | 904 | 54,240 | 46 | 52 | 1,033 | 61,980 | 53 | 66 | 1,350 | 81,000 | 62 |
| June | 47 | 1,181 | 64,860 | 50 | 61 | 1,005 | 60,300 | 66 | 81 | 1,544 | 92,640 | 71 |
| July | | | | | 65 | 1,253 | 75,180 | 55 | 84 | 1,564 | 93,840 | 72 |
| August | | | | | 55 | 1,071 | 64,260 | 51 | 80 | 1,588 | 95,280 | 64 |
| September | | | | | 33 | 817 | 47,500 | 41 | 69 | 1,366 | 81,960 | 60 |
| October | | | | | 43 | 657 | 37,680 | 40 | 71 | 1,316 | 78,960 | 66 |
| November | | | | | 38 | 658 | 39,480 | 33 | 54 | 1,046 | 62,760 | 38 |
| December | | | | | 24 | 616 | 36,960 | 35 | 69 | 1,287 | 77,220 | 51 |
| Totals | 221 | 4,970 | 292,200 | 265 | 572 | 10,985 | 655,840 | 582 | 869 | 17,025 | 1,021,500 | 728 |

- Out of County Jail space rental in 2015 was \$365,660 less than in 2014
- From January – June in 2016, rental cost were \$62,580 less than it was from Jan – June in 2015

Evaluation of Program Growth



After the program began interviewing all defendants prior to first appearance, the daily number of bond reports completed has increased 41%.

In 2016, nearly 1,000 bond reports will be completed, compared to the 531 completed in the 1st year of operation.

The increase in number of bond reports has also resulted in more cases on supervision.

Pretrial Services currently supervises 282 defendants, and within 12 months it will exceed 400 defendants.

Evaluation of Additional Program Investment



Unfortunately pretrial services is unable to supervise that number of defendants in addition to completing the current volume of bond reports, unless additional resources are allocated to fund an additional position.

...So how is spending more money on Pretrial Supervision an investment?

Evaluation of Additional Program Investment

Benefits of Pretrial Supervision

National research and data in DeKalb County shows that Pretrial Supervision saves additional costs by:

- Providing a mechanism for moderate to higher risk defendants to be safely released from custody pending trial
 - ✓ 60% of defendants fall into this category, without supervision current rates of release will decrease
- Reducing failure to appear rates by more than 36%
 - ✓ fewer resources needed to be expended on serving warrants
 - ✓ less additional detention costs on defendants for missing court
- Reducing the number of new arrests by defendants pending trial by 19%
- Reducing the number of post disposition jail sentences by 32%
- Reducing the length of post disposition jail sentences by 66%

**Restoring Accountability in Pretrial Release: The Philadelphia Pretrial Release Supervision Experiments; Goldkamp & White – 2006*

**State of the Science of Pretrial Release Recommendations and Supervision; VanNostran, Rose & Weibrecht – 2011*

**Investigating the Impact of Pretrial Detention on Sentencing Outcomes; Lowenkamp, VanNostrand & Holsinger - 2013*

**Exploring the Impact of Supervision on Pretrial Outcomes; Lowenkamp & VanNostrand - 2013*



Thank you for your time and support!

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