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## PRETRIAL RELEASE OUTCOMES 1/1/2024 - 1/31/2025 STATEWIDE PRE-DISPOSITION INTERVIEWS WITH PRETRIAL CUSTODY 1/1/2024 - 1/31/2025

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#### **Statistics Request Overall Description**

On February 17, 2025, Research & Statistics received a request for a report of the number of defendants released under the Pre-Arraignment Release Protocol<sup>1</sup> since January 1, 2024. This report includes all pretrial interviews with pretrial custody ending between January 1, 2024 and January 31, 2025 including separate counts and percentages for each Pretrial Release Outcome, including the Pre-Arraignment Release Protocol.

PRIM, the information system used by Pretrial Services, was queried for interview, case, and bond data for any interview in which a period of pretrial custody ended from 1/1/2024 to 1/31/2025. The end of pretrial custody was determined as the earlier of:

- The latest bond resulting in pretrial release for any related case, or
- The latest alternative release date of a related case, excluding the alternative release types of Indictment by Grand Jury or Transfer to Another Secure Facility which do not indicate the end of pretrial custody.

#### Statistical Report 25 PINS8001

The report consists of a single page. A bar chart at the top of the page presents the proportion of Release Outcome for interviews with custody ending Calendar Year (CY) 2024, January 2025, and the total requested date period and has separate percentages presented for Circuit Court and District Court Interviews.

The cross-tabulation at the bottom of the page presents counts of court cases, pretrial interviews, and unique defendants; as well as the percentage of interviews grouped by Release Outcome and the Custody End Dates as described above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In Re: Authorization for the Non-Financial Uniform Schedule of Bail Pre-Arraignment Release Protocol. <a href="https://www.kycourts.gov/Courts/Supreme-Court/Supreme%20Court%20Orders/202442.pdf">https://www.kycourts.gov/Courts/Supreme-Court/Supreme%20Court%20Orders/202442.pdf</a> accessed 2/19/2025.

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#### **Statistical Analysis Considerations:**

- > These statistics represent a snapshot in time of the state of the data on the date the report was generated (2/21/2025).
- > A pretrial interview may include one or more cases from Circuit Court, District Court, or both. Each pretrial interview captures the time a given defendant spent in custody from the time of the earliest arrest and latest release for all related cases.
- > Counts of cases do not necessarily represent counts of unique individuals, as the same individual may have multiple pretrial interviews in any given period of time.
- > The report excludes releases in error, escape, and releases involving transfer to another secure facility.
- The end of pretrial custody for each case is determined by the earlier of either the disposition date of the case (recorded as the alternative release code Disposed Prior to Release) or release date from the most recent bond if the bond resulted in pretrial release. For each interview, the end of custody is determined as the latest date determined in this way for any case related to the interview. Some interviews may contain a combination of cases with pretrial release on a bond and cases that reached disposition without pretrial release. These might be, for instance, an interview with multiple cases held on cash bail that is originally not posted, but once one or more cases reach disposition, bail is posted for those that remain (this is considered pretrial release for the interview), or an interview containing multiple cases in which a less serious case is granted a release bond but a more serious case is not or for which the defendant does not post bail (this is considered not to be pretrial release at the interview level assuming the date the defendant leaves custody is the disposition of the last case). The interview is considered to have either been released or not depending on whether the latest release date for any case is either a pretrial release bond or the disposition of a case.

Data Variables Requested									
Database	Data Variable	Description							
PRIM	Custody End Date	The date a defendant left pretrial custody, either on pretrial release or upon the disposition of all cases related to a given pretrial interview within a given jurisdiction. This report contains interviews with pretrial custody ending from 1/1/2024 through 1/31/2025.							
	Jurisdiction	The jurisdiction in which a criminal case was filed (Circuit or District Court). Interviews related to cases in both jurisdictions have custody reported separately for each jurisdiction.							
	Release Outcome	An indication of the manner in which a defendant was released from pretrial custody:  Pre-Arraignment Release: Defendants assessed as							
		low or moderate risk; not charged with offenses							

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identified as public safety concerns, contempt, probation violation, bail jumping, the violation of a protection order, and who have not previously violated a condition of pretrial release or failed to appear in court may be released on their own recognizance without a bond hearing.

**Financial Release:** Types of release in which money or property must be posted prior to release.

- 10%
- Cash
- Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate
- Property
- Partially Secured or Percent Bond
- Stock and Bonds

**Non-Financial Release**: Types of release in which no money or property must be posted prior to release.

- Release on Recognizance
- Surety
- Unsecured
- No Probable Cause

**Detained Until Disposition**: Without being given pretrial release, the defendant was released upon the disposition of all cases in this interview from a given jurisdiction.

Indictment: Indicates that pretrial custody on one or more District cases ended with an indictment to Circuit Court while the defendant was in pretrial custody. Indictment outcomes reported outside of the District-Felony group typically result from expungement or charges amended up following the initial filing of the case.

**60-Day Rule:** Released after 60 days of pretrial custody on a District Court case.

**Indictment Summons:** Indicates that a defendant already released on a District Felony case was not brought back into custody following an indictment, but that the same release conditions were maintained by the Circuit Court and the defendant was issued a

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	summons. There is no time in custody for this outcome.							
	<b>Transfer:</b> Indicates that pretrial custody for all cases of a given jurisdiction related to this interview had pretrial custody end when the defendant was transferred to another secure facility or to a substance use treatment facility.							
	<b>Escape/Error:</b> Indicates that a defendant was released in error or escaped.							
Court Cases	The number of cases associated with the reported interviews. This is calculated as the sum of counts of distinct combinations of charge county and case number within each interview.							
Interviews	The number of distinct pretrial interviews. The pretrial interview is the central data unit used in PRIM, capturing any data related to a discrete period of pretrial custody for a single defendant, which may apply to one or more cases. A single defendant may have multiple pretrial interviews during any given period of time. Release outcomes and measurements of time in custody are captured separately for each jurisdiction (Circuit and District Court) for any interview including at least one case from each jurisdiction.							
Defendants	A count of distinct individuals related to at least one of the reported cases. Instances in which the same defendant is involved in more than one pretrial interview are identified when a Pretrial Officer connects the defendant identification in a new pretrial interview to the defendant identification entered for a previous interview involving the same person.							

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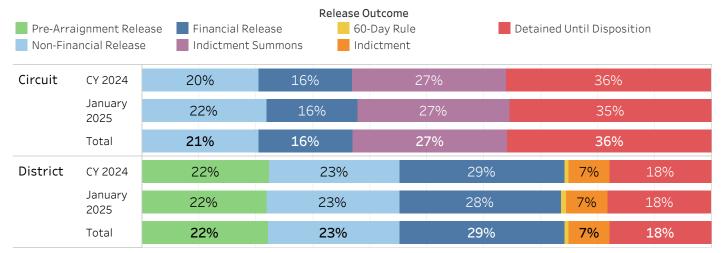
#### RESEARCH AND STATISTICS DISCLAIMER for PRETRIAL SERVICES REQUESTS

The data from this report is provided from the Pretrial Services program. Information received from the Pretrial Services program's electronic case management system (PRIM) is subject to change(s), reprogramming, modification(s) of format and availability at the direction of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), and may not at any particular moment reflect the true status of court cases due to ordinary limitation(s), delay(s) or error(s) in the system's operation.



## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS Research and Statistics

### Pretrial Release Outcomes 1/1/2024 - 1/31/2025 STATEWIDE Pre-Disposition Pretrial Interviews with Pretrial Custody Ending 1/1/2024 - 1/31/2025



		CY 2024		January 2025		1/1/2024 - 1/31/2025		
		Circuit	District	Circuit	District	Circuit	District	Grand Total
Pre-	Court Cases		25,615		1,757		27,372	27,372
Arraignment	Pretrial Interviews		24,558		1,692		26,250	26,250
Release	% of Interviews		22.25%		21.82%		22.22%	19.78%
Release	Defendants		23,390		1,667		24,929	24,929
Non-Financial	Court Cases	7,574	32,898	556	2,334	8,130	35,232	43,362
Release	Pretrial Interviews	6,035	25,417	453	1,812	6,488	27,229	32,975
	% of Interviews	20.48%	23.02%	21.84%	23.37%	20.57%	23.05%	24.85%
	Defendants	5,720	22,977	451	1,789	6,130	24,492	29,064
Financial	Court Cases	5,844	38,875	392	2,733	6,236	41,608	47,844
Release	Pretrial Interviews	4,838	31,959	333	2,206	5,171	34,165	38,673
	% of Interviews	16.42%	28.95%	16.06%	28.45%	16.40%	28.92%	29.14%
	Defendants	4,649	28,806	332	2,178	4,948	30,627	34,193
Indictment	Court Cases	8,154		556		8,710		8,710
Summons	Pretrial Interviews	7,984		552		8,536		8,536
	% of Interviews	27.10%		26.62%		27.07%		6.43%
	Defendants	7,760		550		8,287		8,287
60-Day Rule	Court Cases		1,178		100		1,278	1,278
	Pretrial Interviews		775		70		845	845
	% of Interviews		0.70%		0.90%		0.72%	0.64%
	Defendants		767		70		836	836
Indictment	Court Cases		11,049		780		11,829	11,829
	Pretrial Interviews		7,879		558		8,437	8,437
	% of Interviews		7.14%		7.20%		7.14%	6.36%
	Defendants		7,755		558		8,292	8,292
<b>Detained Until</b>	Court Cases	15,590	28,820	1,054	2,070	16,644	30,890	47,534
Disposition	Pretrial Interviews	10,604	19,806	736	1,415	11,340	21,221	30,811
•	% of Interviews	35.99%	17.94%	35.49%	18.25%	35.96%	17.96%	23.22%
	Defendants	10,444	17,095	735	1,393	11,146	18,208	26,994
<b>Grand Total</b>	Court Cases	37,162	138,435	2,558	9,774	39,720	148,209	187,929
	Pretrial Interviews	29,461	110,394	2,074	7,753	31,535	118,147	132,709
	% of Interviews	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
	Defendants	26,657	87,955	2,061	7,570	28,339	93,102	102,633

#### Statistical Analysis Considerations

<sup>\*</sup> Data is provided from the Pretrial Information Management System

<sup>\*</sup> A pretrial interview represents a discrete period of pretrial custody from booking to arrest and any subsequent period of pretrial release. If a defendant is released from District Court and then subsequently indicted to Circuit Court on the same matter, the interview is counted separately in each jurisdiction but only once in the grand total.

<sup>\*</sup> A single individual may have one or more pretrial interviews during the reported timeframe and a single interview may have one or more related cases from one or both jurisdictions. If an interview has both Circuit and District cases, Release Outcome is evaluated separately for the case(s) in each jurisdiction.

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