



JUDICIARY OF GUAM

PRETRIAL SERVICES 2023 Performance Snapshot #2

BACKGROUND

The Pretrial Services Office is a section of the Probation Services Division of the Judiciary of Guam. The Office is tasked with the crucial responsibility to oversee defendants who have been charged with criminal offenses but have not been convicted. Key tasks of the Pretrial Services Office include:

- **Screening and Risk Assessment:** Pretrial officers screen and assess all defendants, regardless of their charges, to verify information and criminal history. While the assessment helps the Court decide whether to detain or release defendants, judicial officers are required to adhere to 8 GCA §40.10 and §40.15, which mandates defendant release. If there are concerns about the defendant not complying with release conditions, 8 GCA §40.20 offers a list of options for judicial officers to follow, prioritizing the least restrictive conditions and avoiding incarceration whenever possible.
- **Supervision of Defendants:** Pretrial Officers closely monitor and supervise defendants who have been released into the community. Officers' primary focus is on public safety and ensuring defendants' timely appearance at scheduled court hearings.
- **Enforcement of Release Conditions:** For defendants who are released, Pretrial Officers ensure they adhere to the conditions imposed by the Court. These conditions may include restrictions on movement, associations, abstaining from drug or alcohol use, and mandatory attendance at court hearings.

In 2023, Chief Justice Robert J. Torres tasked the Office with tracking the performance and effectiveness of the pretrial justice system. To achieve this, data was collected for all new cases filed since January 2023 until September 22, 2023.

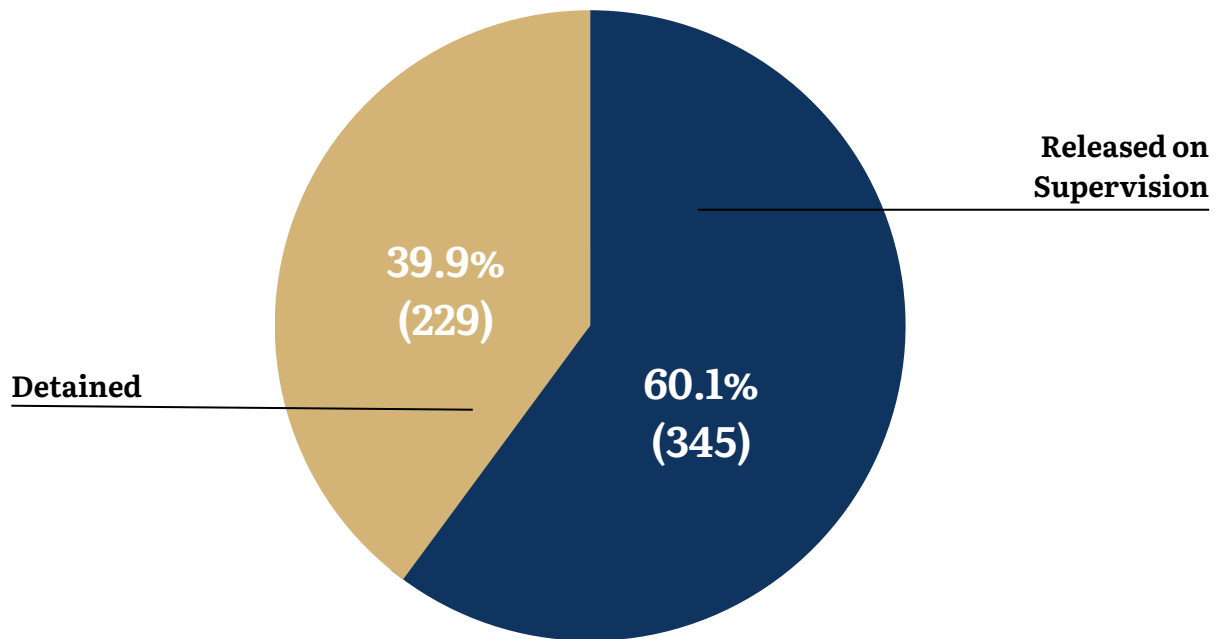
The information gathered during this period will aid the Pretrial Services Office and the Judiciary in assessing the effectiveness of the pretrial justice system while striking a balance between public safety and the rights of defendants.

PRETRIAL RELEASE POPULATION

Start Date: 1/2/2023

End Date: 9/22/2023

Of the 574 defendants awaiting case disposition:

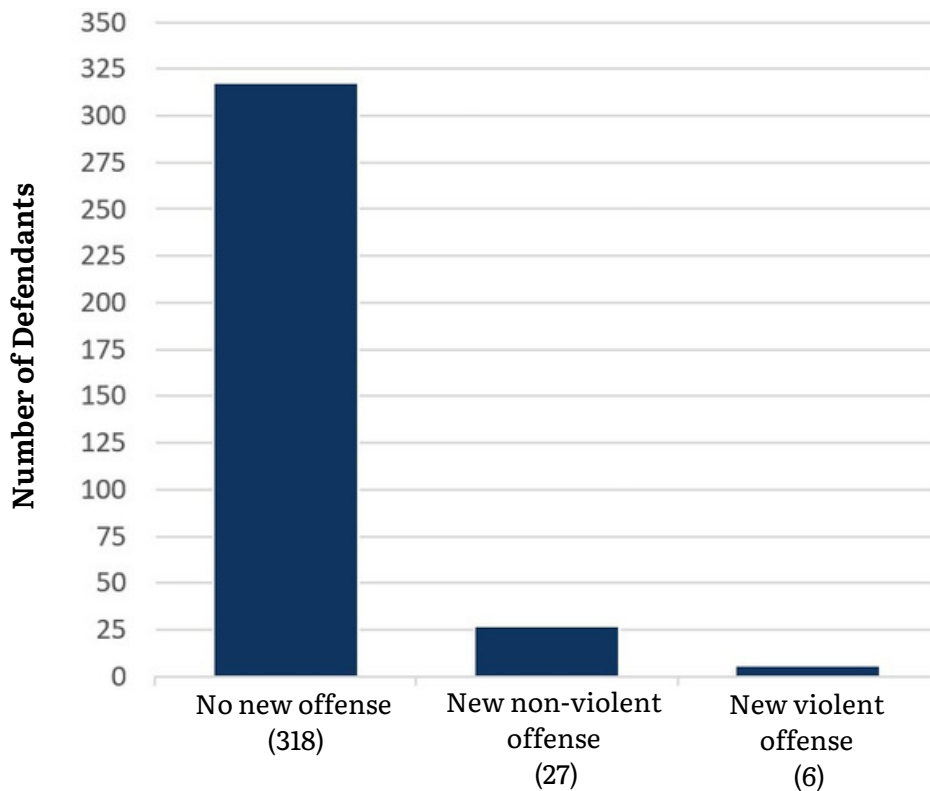


BREAKDOWN OF RELEASED DEFENDANTS

Start Date: 1/2/2023

End Date: 9/22/2023

Of the 345 defendants released on pretrial supervision:

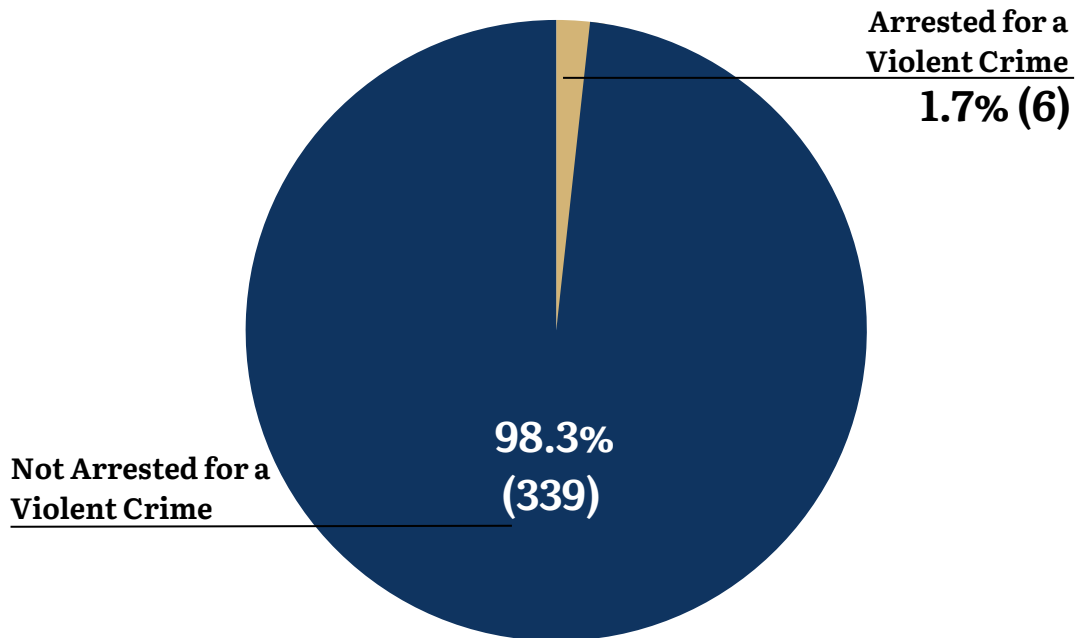


PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

Start Date: 1/2/2023

End Date: 9/22/2023

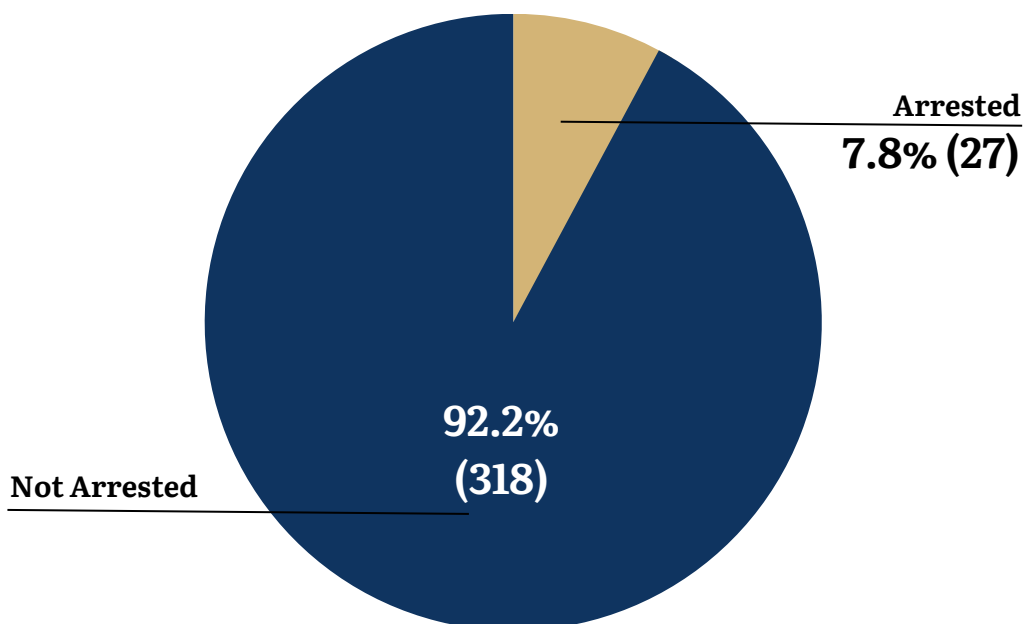
1. **No New Violent Crime Rate:** the percentage of the Pretrial Release Population who were **not** arrested for a new jailable, violent offense during pretrial release.



Start Date: 1/2/2023

End Date: 9/22/2023

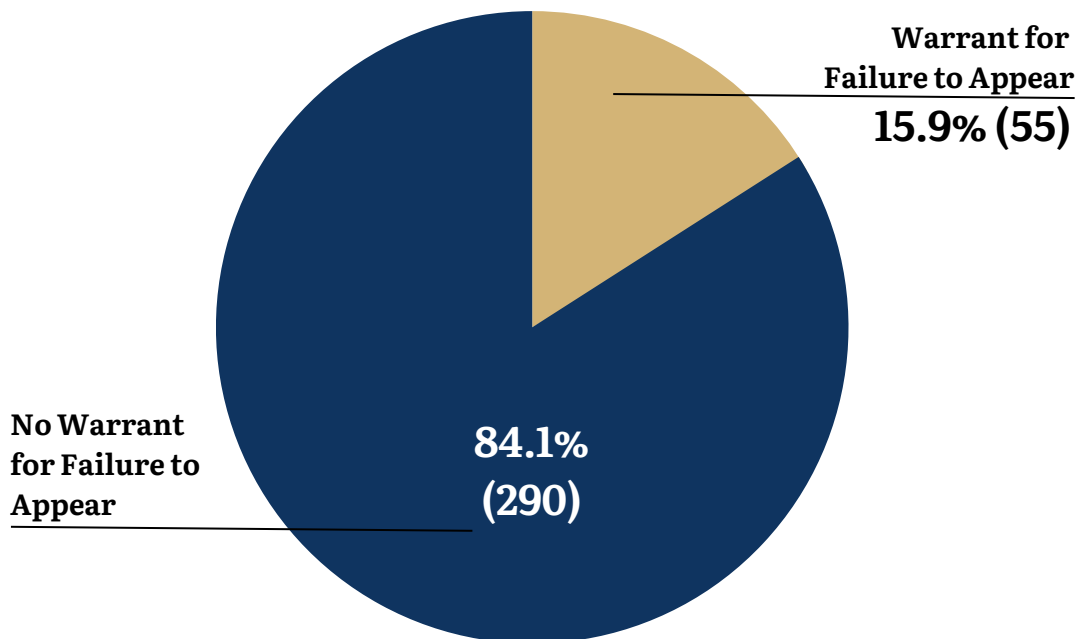
2. **Arrest-Free Rate:** the percentage of the Pretrial Release Population who were **not** arrested for a new jailable offense during pretrial release.



Start Date: 1/2/2023

End Date: 9/22/2023

3. **Court Appearance Rate:** the percentage of the Pretrial Release Population who were **not** issued a warrant for Failure To Appear (FTA) during pretrial release.



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