

# FEBRUARY 2022 REVIEW

## CASS COUNTY COURT & PRETRIAL SERVICES

*“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.”*

**2021 RECAP:**

To review all data and notable accomplishments, please review our CY2021 Annual Report, but to briefly recap, CCCPS saw a 38% increase in clients served in 2021, serving 188 clients and passed the milestone of enrolling their 300th client in December 2021. We also became the 11th County to receive State Certification.

**CURRENT OVERVIEW:**

Currently, Pretrial Services has 55 active clients, 57 cases, and we served a total of 74 clients in January for a total number of 2,029 days. Our current caseload is 55% felony charged, while 20% of clients are being supervised via electronic monitoring. 18 arrestee evaluations and recommendations, with IRAS-PATs, were completed and we had 9 new intakes. While 13, a 44% increase, clients successfully completed the program, accounting for the slightly lower population.

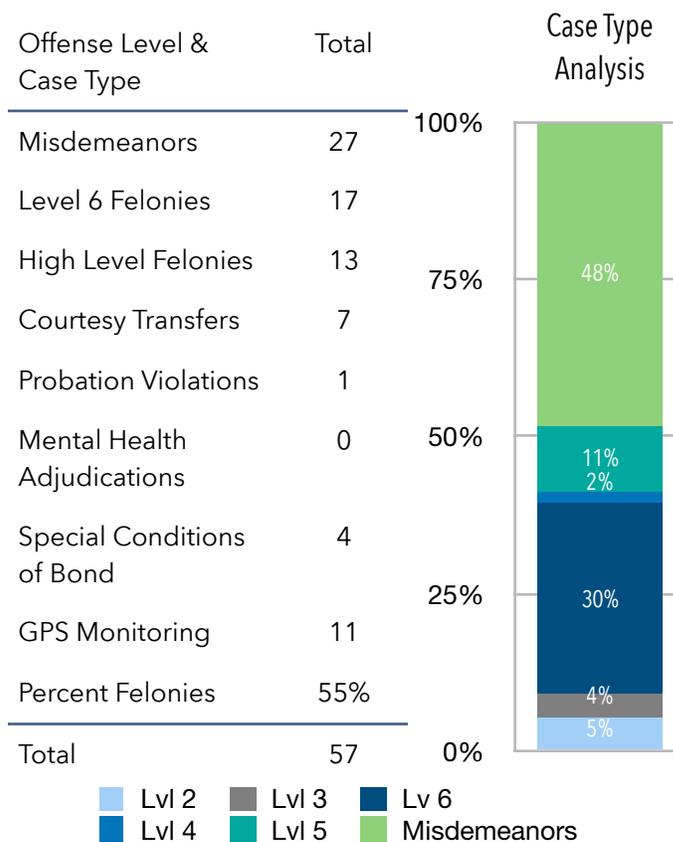
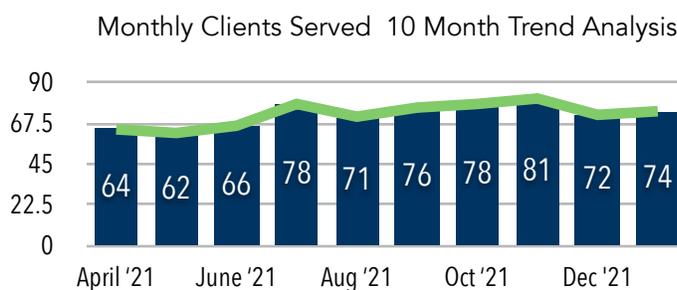
**COST SAVINGS:**

Using the \$40 daily per diem used to house an inmate outside the jail, Pretrial Services is currently diverting \$2,200 daily in county incarceration expenses. As noted previously, we served 74 clients for a total of 2,029 days in January, for an estimated monthly cost savings of \$81,160. It is important to note that this does not take into account the intangible benefits to the clients that data cannot capture, such as returning clients to employment and their families, in addition to the opportunity to participate in programming and services.

As of February 12th, the Cass County Jail was 23% over capacity, a 44% increase and housing 21 inmates in outside facilities at a cost of \$840 a day or \$26,040 a month. It is noted that the majority of said increase is

due to constraints caused by ongoing construction. It is estimated that without Pretrial Services the jail would be 55% over capacity. In 2021, as seen in our Annual Report, the agency diverted \$912,480 in incarceration expenses alone and had an 88% Cost Savings Rate.

**POPULATION ANALYSIS:**

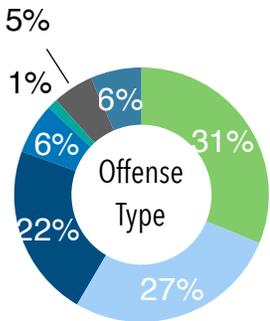


**JAIL ANALYSIS:**

The December Jail Analysis showed that 17% of inmates are classified as Pre-Adjudication/Pretrial. 56%, a 67% increase, of the population classified as pre-adjudication have an out-of-county warrant that excludes them from the pretrial release program. We continue to see an increase in arrestees that identify as High Risk on the IRAS-PAT, that have multiple cases resulting in bond revocations or out-of-county warrants, which accounts for this month's increase in the pretrial jail population.



- High
- Low
- Moderate



- Alcohol & Drug
- Traffic
- Person
- Property
- Weapons
- Public Health
- Other

**RISK & OFFENSE TYPE ANALYSIS :**

Risk Analysis: Trends show that 5% of active clients have been identified through the IRAS-PAT as High Risk, 53% as Moderate Risk, and 42% as Low Risk.

Offense Type Analysis: Analysis shows that 31% of offenses are drug and alcohol related, 27% are traffic offenses, 22% are crimes against persons, 6% property related, 1% weapon related, 5% public health and admin., and 6% fall into the other category

Supervision Analysis:

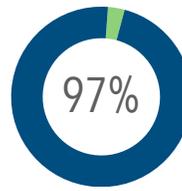
- 42% of active participants, a 14% increase are being supervised at Level 3

(High) Supervision, with weekly reporting.

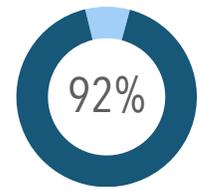
- 19% of active clients have needs where supervised release was in the best interest of the county and the clients, including two pregnancies, several clients with chronic illnesses/intellectual disabilities and one terminal illness.
- 11 clients are being supervised with electronic monitoring facilitated by Cass/Pulaski Community Corrections.
- Approximately 24% are participating in voluntary programming and services, with 5 clients participating in individual counseling with Four County Purdue Practicum Interns.

**PERFORMANCE METRICS:**

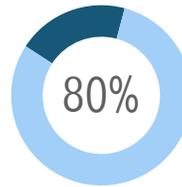
All our performance metrics have remained stable and fall above or within State Standards.



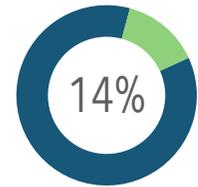
**Appearance Rate:**  
the percentage of defendants who attended all court hearings during their pretrial period



**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



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

**COURT SERVICES & JRAC:**

The Cass County JRAC Council continues to meet twice monthly and is close to completing their annual report and defining system-wide performance metrics. The Council recently submitted an application for FSSA Community Coordination Grant to fund a dedicated Peer Recovery Specialist and Kiosk Reporting System. Court Services continues to oversee the SIM Grant and has already funded 4 mental health evaluations. We are still waiting for an award determination on the Court Reform Grant, that would provide for expansion of Court House security and a wayfinding system.

**NOTABLE UPDATES:**

- CCCPS recently contracted with the Public Defender Board and hired Attorney Amber Garrison to provide PD Counsel at Pretrial Initial Hearings for those who did receive expedited release.
- Our IOCS Certification Site Review is scheduled for April 11, 2022. Staff from the IOCS will be visiting us that day to observe and conduct interviews before granting our formal certification. Client and personnel file audits and policy review will be conducted in advance remotely.