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# PRETRIAL INTERVIEWS WITH CUSTODY ENDING CY 2017 - 2021

PROPORTION OF FELONY LEVEL INTERVIEWS IN CUSTODY 180 DAYS OR MORE & PROPORTION OF MISDEMEANOR LEVEL INTERVIEWS IN CUSTODY 90 DAYS OR MORE

February 11, 2022

## **Statistics Request Overall Description**

On February 9, 2022, Research and Statistics received a request for a report of the proportion of Pretrial Interviews in which a defendant is in custody for 180 days or more when charged with a felony, and the proportion of Pretrial interviews in which a defendant is in custody for 90 days or more when charged with a misdemeanor and no felonies.

PRIM, the information system used by Pretrial Services, was queried for interviews in which pretrial custody ended from Calendar Year (CY) 2017 to 2021 including the level of the most serious offense charged in any case related to the interview, the jurisdiction of these cases, and the time that the defendant spent in custody for the interview. Circuit criminal cases in which a defendant was previously released on bond for a District criminal case and in which the defendant was issued a summons to Circuit Court instead of receiving a new release bond have been excluded from this report; these Circuit criminal cases do not include pretrial custody.

A pretrial interview refers to a single period of pretrial custody for a single defendant and may involve multiple cases from multiple jurisdictions. For the purposes of this report, instances in which a defendant enter pretrial custody for at least one District criminal case including a felony charge and then remains in custody following an indictment to Circuit Court are counted as a single interview. These are categorized as *Circuit Court interviews* and the time in custody is measured from the earliest booking for any case in either jurisdiction to the most recent release date for any case in either jurisdiction.

## Statistical Report (22\_PINS8006)

The report consists of two pages. The report divides Pretrial Interviews by Jurisdiction and most serious charge level as follows:

- Circuit Court: A pretrial interview including at least one Circuit Criminal case
- **District Felony:** A pretrial interview including at least one District Criminal case with at least one felony level charge and no Circuit Criminal cases.
- **District Misdemeanor:** A pretrial interview including at least one District Criminal Case with at least one misdemeanor level charges, no felony level charges, and no Circuit Criminal cases.

The first page includes a line chart displaying the proportion of Pretrial Interviews in which the defendant was in custody for at least 180 (Circuit Court or District Felony) or 90 days (District Misdemeanor). The color of the three respective lines indicates the Jurisdiction/Level of the pretrial

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interviews. The size of the line indicates the relative number of pretrial interviews leaving custody each quarter after more than 180/90 days. Among Circuit Court interviews with defendants released during the second quarter of 2020, there was an increase of the proportion of interviews with defendants in custody for 180 days or more. This corresponds to a considerable reduction in the total number of interviews overall during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The second page of the report includes two cross-tabulations. The first table presents the number of Circuit Criminal and District Felony Interviews, with counts and percentages are grouped into two (2) categories:

- defendants released after 180 days or more, and
- defendants released within less than 180 days.

The second table presents similar information for District Misdemeanor interviews. Counts and percentages are grouped into two (2) categories:

- defendants released after 90 days or more, and
- defendants released within less than 90 days.

#### Statistical Analysis Considerations:

- > The statistics presented in the attached tables are a snapshot in time as of the date the data was queried: 2/11/2021.
- A pretrial interview represents a distinct period of pretrial custody from the earliest booking in jail to the latest release for an individual defendant. Counts and percentages of interviews represent neither distinct defendants nor distinct court cases. A single defendant may be involved in multiple interviews over time, and a single pretrial interview may involve multiple court cases.
- Time in custody is reported continuously for those defendants who remain in custody starting with at least one District Felony case through an indictment to Circuit Court. Most other Research & Statistics reports of pretrial custody typically report the custody related to each jurisdiction separately.
- Circuit Criminal cases including Indictment Summons and no return to pretrial custody following a previous release related to a District criminal case are excluded from this report.

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Database	Data Variable	Description
PRIM	Custody End Date	The date on which a defendant is released from pretrial custody. The custody end date is the most recent custody end date (bond release, disposition of case, etc.) for any case related to the interview.
		Custody End Date is reported by Calendar Year (January 1 through December 31) and quarter:

#### **Data Variables Requested**

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Data Variable	s Requested	
		<ul> <li>Q1: January 1 through March 31</li> <li>Q2: April 1 through June 30</li> <li>Q3: July 1 through September 30</li> <li>Q4: October 1 through December 31</li> </ul>
	Jurisdiction/Level	<ul> <li>Indicates the jurisdiction and the penalty level of the most serious charge of any case applicable to the pretrial interview.</li> <li>Circuit criminal – interviews including at least one Circuit criminal case.</li> <li>District Felony – interviews including at least one District criminal case with at least one felony level charge and no Circuit criminal cases.</li> <li>District Misdemeanor – interviews including at least one misdemeanor level charge, no felony level charges, and no Circuit criminal cases.</li> </ul>
	Time in Custody	<ul> <li>The number of days between the earliest booking into jail and the most recent release for any case related to each interview.</li> <li>Interviews including felony level charges are reported separately for: <ul> <li>180 Days or More: Interviews in which the defendant was in custody for 180 days or more, and</li> <li>Less Than 180 Days: Interview in which the defendant was in custody for less than 180 days.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Interviews including at least one misdemeanor level charge and no felony level charges are reported separately for: <ul> <li>90 Days or More: Interviews in which the defendant was in custody for 90 days or more, and</li> <li>Less Than 90 Days: Interview in which the defendant was in custody for 90 days or more, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	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. This report includes counts of distinct pretrial interviews, and the percentage of interviews with defendants leaving custody

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Data Variables Requested	
	each year grouped into the Time in Custody categories indicated above.

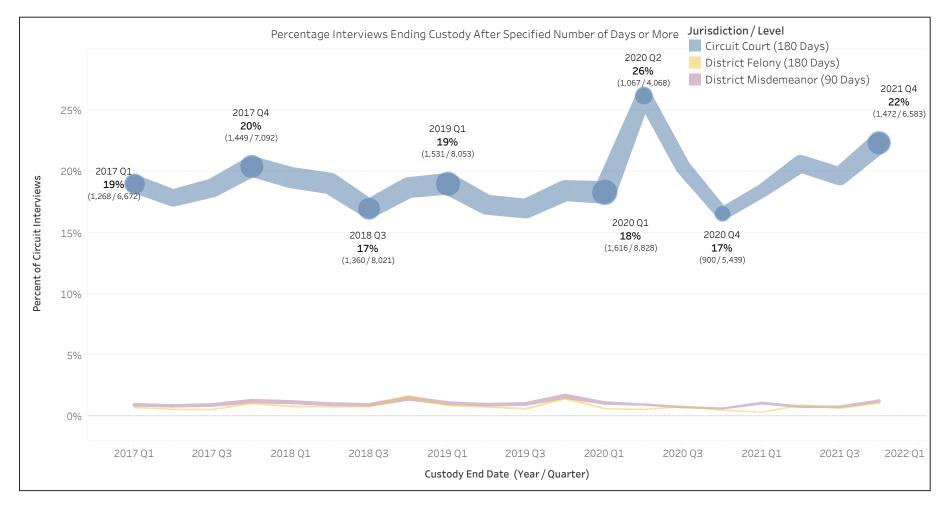
## Disclaimer Associated with KCOJ/AOC Database(s) and Element(s)

## **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.

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#### Pretrial Interviews with Custody Ending CY 2017 - 2021 Proportion of Felony Level Interviews in Custody 180 Days or More & Proportion of Misdemeanor Level Interviews in Custody 90 Days or More



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		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		CY 2017 - 2021		
		180 Days	Less Than	180 Days	Less Than									
Jurisdiction / Level		or More	180 Days	or More	180 Days	Total								
Circuit Court	% of Interviews	19.0%	81.0%	18.5%	81.5%	17.9%	82.1%	19.7%	80.3%	20.4%	79.6%	19.0%	81.0%	100.0%
	Interviews	5,257	22,412	5,853	25,720	5,819	26,638	4,644	18,898	4,911	19,194	26,484	112,862	139,346
District Felony	% of Interviews	0.7%	99.3%	1.0%	99.0%	0.9%	99.1%	0.6%	99.4%	0.7%	99.3%	0.8%	99.2%	100.0%
	Interviews	294	40,552	415	41,476	373	40,319	225	36,111	277	37,563	1,584	196,021	197,605

		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		CY 2017 - 2021		
		90 Days	Less Than	90 Days	Less Than									
Jurisdiction / Level		or More	90 Days	or More	90 Days	Total								
District Misdemeanor	% of Interviews	1.0%	99.0%	1.1%	98.9%	1.2%	98.8%	0.9%	99.1%	1.0%	99.0%	1.0%	99.0%	100.0%
	Interviews	889	89,613	991	87,050	976	83,843	531	61,090	611	63,123	3,998	384,719	388,717

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