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PRETRIAL RELEASE DECISIONS AND OUTCOMES 1/1/2025 - 7/31/2025 STATEWIDE AND IN FAYETTE COUNTY FOR FELONY DEFENDANTS PRE-DISPOSITION INTERVIEWS WITH PRETRIAL CUSTODY 1/1/2025 – 7/31/2025

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Statistics Request Overall Description

On September 4, 2025, Research & Statistics received a request for a report of the number of felony defendants released between January 1, 2025 and July 31, 2025 broken down by release outcome and release decision.

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 1/1/2025 to 7/31/2025. The data was then further limited to exclude cases where the most serious charge was not a felony. 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.

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The report consists of three pages of data aggregations with counts of specified cases as described above. The content of these pages is as follows:

Page 1 contains two cross-tabulations with counts of specified Fayette County cases. The top cross-tabulation is grouped by Jurisdiction, Release Outcome, and Release Decision. The bottom cross-tabulation presents the same aggregations, but further grouped by the Level and Class (Felony A, Felony B, Etc.) of the most serious charge within the case.

Page 2 contains the same data aggregations seen on Page 1, but for Statewide data rather than being limited to Fayette County.

Page 3 contains two cross-tabulations containing the count of cases, distinct pretrial interviews, and distinct defendants that make up the counts seen on pages 1 and 2.

Statistical Analysis Considerations:

- These statistics represent a snapshot in time of the state of the data on the date the report was generated (9/25/2025).

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- 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 or interviews, as the same individual may have multiple pretrial interviews or cases in a given period of time.
- This report excludes releases in error (which includes cases where the jail released an individual in error, or the individual received Administrative Release 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.
- The most serious charge within a case at the time of this report may be different than the most serious charge at the time of release.

Administrative Release

Defendants assessed as low or moderate risk; not charged with offenses identified as public safety concerns, contempt, probation violation, bail jumping, or 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. There is also a provision that allows for a judge to issue a bench warrant for arrest if an ineligible defendant receives administrative release. Several amended orders altering eligibility have since been filed. Their effective date is listed below, along with a summary of the modifications in the amended order:

- 1/01/2024: The name of the program was changed from *Administrative Release* to *Pre-Arraignment Release Protocol* (PARP). The order also rescinded eligibility for charges of a first offense of Driving Under the Influence of alcohol/substance (DUI) with a passenger under 12 years of age or involving an accident resulting in death or serious physical injury. (Since these elements are not indicated by Uniform Offense Reporting (UOR) codes on citations, Pretrial Officers identify these factors by reading citation narratives and identifying situations such as someone other than defendant being transported by an ambulance). This order also made

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ineligible charges of specific offenses occurring during a natural/man-made disaster or period of civil unrest; and defendants who are on active, supervised probation for a felony offense.¹

- 01/01/2025: This order rescinded eligibility for any defendant charged with a Class D felony offense who has been assessed as a moderate risk for both FTA and NCA.²
- 06/01/2025: This order rescinded any remaining eligibility for defendants charged with a Class D felony drug offense.³

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 1/1/2025 through 7/31/2025.
	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.
	Case County	The county in which a case was filed. A pretrial interview may contain cases from different counties.
	Release Decision	Using the most recent bond related to this Interview in this Jurisdiction, similar bond types are grouped for reporting. If the bond type of the most recent bond is 60-Day Rule and the Jurisdiction is District Court, the bond type of the bond entered prior to this 60-Day Rule bond is used instead if such entry exists. Release Decision groups are as follows: Administrative Release: The Defendant was given Administrative Release prior to any judicial hearing

¹ SCR 2023-40 AMENDED ORDER IN RE: Authorization for the Non-Financial Uniform Schedule of Bail Pre-Arrestment Release Protocol (2023).

<https://www.kycourts.gov/Courts/Supreme-Court/Supreme%20Court%20Orders/202340.pdf>

² SCR 2024-42 AMENDED ORDER IN RE: Authorization for the Non-Financial Uniform Schedule of Bail Pre-Arrestment Release Protocol.

<https://www.kycourts.gov/Courts/Supreme-Court/Supreme%20Court%20Orders/202442.pdf>

³ SCR 2025-22 AMENDED ORDER IN RE: Authorization for the Non-Financial Uniform Schedule of Bail Pre-Arrestment Release Protocol.

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		<p>(see Administrative Release section above). Such bonds are identified when the bond is flagged as Administrative Release and/or the judge code 000001 is used.</p> <p>Non-Financial Bond: Types of release in which no money or property must be posted prior to release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release on Recognizance • Surety • Unsecured • No Probable Cause • 60-Day Rule <p>Financial Bond: Types of release in which money or property must be posted prior to release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% • Cash • Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate • Property • Partially Secured or Percent Bond • Stock and Bonds <p>No Judicial Presentation: No bond hearing occurred for this Interview in this Jurisdiction. (There was no matched bond entry). This typically happens in District Court cases disposed very quickly, or Circuit Court cases for which a previous bond already exists for one or more related District Court cases and is retained without modification and the defendant brought to court again by summons rather than arrest.</p> <p>Release Not Offered: Indicates that the defendant had a bond hearing and was not offered any pretrial release. (A bond type of “No Bond,” was entered).</p>
	Release Outcome	<p>An indication of the manner in which a defendant was released from pretrial custody:</p> <p>Administrative Release: Defendants assessed as low or moderate risk; not charged with offenses 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</p>

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		<p>court may be released on their own recognizance without a bond hearing.</p> <p>Financial Release: Types of release in which money or property must be posted prior to release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10% • Cash • Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate • Property • Partially Secured or Percent Bond • Stock and Bonds <p>Non-Financial Release: Types of release in which no money or property must be posted prior to release.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release on Recognizance • Surety • Unsecured • No Probable Cause <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>60-Day Rule: Released after 60 days of pretrial custody on a District Court case.</p> <p>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 summons. There is no time in custody for this outcome.</p>
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		<p>Transfer: 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.</p> <p>Escape/Error: Indicates that a defendant escaped or was released in error; either by jail staff, or due to receiving Administrative Release in error. In these instances, Pretrial Services notifies the Judge of the escape/error, and the Judge may choose to issue a bench warrant.</p>
	Charge Level	<p>The penalty level of an offense.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Felony: A serious criminal offense punished by at least one year of prison incarceration or death. • Misdemeanor: A criminal offense less serious than a felony punished by less than one year of confinement in a county jail. • Violation: A criminal offense punished only by a fine or penalty other than those specified above. • Local Ordinance: A criminal offense defined by a city or local ordinance, the specific penalty level of which is typically not indicated by our data. • Other: A UOR code used for administrative purposes or that does not indicate a typical criminal offense. <p>Penalties including fines may be associated with offenses of any penalty level.</p>
	Charge Class	<p>Indicates gradations of penalty severity within each Level defined by the period of imprisonment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class A Felony: 20 years or greater. All capital offenses are also Class A Felonies. • Class B Felony: Ten years or greater and less than 20 years. • Class C Felony: Five years or greater and less than ten years. • Class D Felony: One year or greater and less than five years. • Class A Misdemeanor: 90 Days or greater and less than one year.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class B Misdemeanor: Less than 90 days. The Class "X" is used to indicate any offense with unknown or ambiguous Class within the specified Level.
	Case Max Charge Level and Class	The level and class of the most serious charge in a given case, excluding post-disposition charges, aggregated from PRIM data. This report is limited to cases with a Max Charge Level of <i>Felony</i> .
	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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Pre-Disposition Pretrial Cases with Pretrial Custody Ending 1/1/2025 - 7/31/2025
Limited to Cases with One or More Felony Charges**

Jurisdiction	Release Outcome	Release Decision				Grand Total	
		Administrative Release	Financial	No Judicial Presentation	Non-Financial		Release Not Offered
Circuit	Non-Financial Release				80	80	
	Financial Release		128			128	
	Indictment Summons		192		54	246	
	Detained Until Disposition		207	24	8	55	294
	Total		525	24	139	55	734
District	Administrative Release	83				83	
	Non-Financial Release				105	105	
	Financial Release		546			546	
	60-Day Rule		10			10	
	Indictment	1	297	5	8	1	312
	Detained Until Disposition	4	581		5	5	595
	Total	88	1,424	5	118	6	1,633

Jurisdiction	Release Decision	Release Outcome	Felony A	Felony B	Felony C	Felony D	Felony X	Grand Total	
Circuit	Financial	Financial Release	6	19	48	54	1	128	
		Indictment Summons	2	20	77	93		192	
		Detained Until Disposition	16	38	79	74		207	
	No Judicial Presentation	Detained Until Disposition		2	8	14		24	
	Non-Financial	Non-Financial Release	4	5	24	47		80	
		Indictment Summons			6	48		54	
		Detained Until Disposition		1	3	4		8	
	Release Not Offered	Detained Until Disposition		4	14	37		55	
	Total			28	88	256	361	1	734
	District	Administrative Release	Administrative Release				83		83
Indictment						1		1	
Detained Until Disposition						4		4	
Financial		Financial Release	1	49	175	321		546	
		60-Day Rule	1	2	3	4		10	
		Indictment	14	49	100	134		297	
		Detained Until Disposition	15	41	113	412		581	
No Judicial Presentation		Indictment			2	3		5	
Non-Financial		Non-Financial Release		2	35	68		105	
		Indictment			1	7		8	
		Detained Until Disposition			1	4		5	
Release Not Offered		Indictment				1		1	
		Detained Until Disposition		1		4		5	
Total			31	144	429	1,029		1,633	

Statistical Analysis Considerations

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Limited to Cases with One or More Felony Charges**

Jurisdiction	Release Outcome	Release Decision				Grand Total	
		Administrative Release	Financial	No Judicial Presentation	Release Not Offered		
Circuit	Non-Financial Release				3,485	3,485	
	Financial Release		2,848			2,848	
	Indictment Summons		2,273		2,474	4,743	
	Detained Until Disposition		6,476	486	326	781	8,059
	Total		11,495	486	6,202	781	18,636
District	Administrative Release	1,318				1,318	
	Non-Financial Release				5,559	5,559	
	Financial Release		6,603			6,603	
	60-Day Rule		471		14	13	498
	Indictment	13	6,094	18	315	87	6,526
	Detained Until Disposition	12	3,525	16	204	66	3,823
	Total	1,343	16,598	34	6,084	166	23,944

Jurisdiction	Release Decision	Release Outcome	Felony A	Felony B	Felony C	Felony D	Felony X	Grand Total	
Circuit	Financial	Financial Release	47	328	871	1,599	4	2,848	
		Indictment Summons	14	186	757	1,316	1	2,273	
		Detained Until Disposition	226	796	1,854	3,599	2	6,476	
	No Judicial Presentation	Detained Until Disposition		11	76	399		486	
	Non-Financial	Non-Financial Release		36	232	817	2,401		3,485
		Indictment Summons		8	97	529	1,838	3	2,474
		Detained Until Disposition		1	13	76	236		326
	Release Not Offered	Detained Until Disposition		11	63	167	540		781
	Total			342	1,708	5,067	11,524	10	18,636
	District	Administrative Release	Administrative Release				1,314		1,314
Indictment						13		13	
Detained Until Disposition						12		12	
Financial		Financial Release		18	414	1,939	4,236	1	6,603
		60-Day Rule		6	74	174	217		471
		Indictment		166	847	1,978	3,106	1	6,094
		Detained Until Disposition		25	181	985	2,334		3,525
No Judicial Presentation		Indictment				6	12		18
		Detained Until Disposition				2	14		16
Non-Financial		Non-Financial Release		15	201	1,243	4,102	1	5,559
		60-Day Rule			1	6	7		14
		Indictment		1	5	62	247		315
		Detained Until Disposition			4	19	181		204
Release Not Offered		60-Day Rule			1	4	8		13
		Indictment		5	10	20	52		87
	Detained Until Disposition		2	3	19	42		66	
Total			238	1,732	6,408	15,585	3	23,940	

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Limited to Cases with One or More Felony Charges

Fayette County Summary

	Court Cases	Pretrial Interviews	Defendants
Circuit	734	690	667
District	1,633	1,503	1,421

Statewide Summary

	Court Cases	Pretrial Interviews	Defendants
Circuit	18,636	16,639	15,712
District	23,944	22,235	20,913

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