

## Pre-Court Supervision

Pre-court supervision in Maryland is a statewide program that serves to divert youth from formal juvenile court processing. Also referred to as “informal adjustment,” it is a way of holding youth accountable for their actions while avoiding formal processing in the courts. A DJS intake officer can offer pre-court supervision when it is determined that the juvenile court has jurisdiction, but it would be in the best interests of the public and the youth to handle the complaint without judicial action. Youth referred for less serious offenses and with a lower risk of recidivism are more likely to be handled informally. Youth with felony offenses can also be referred for Pre-Court upon approval from the States Attorney’s Office. A Pre-Court Supervision Agreement is a contract unique to the case that outlines the purpose, proposed length, conditions of behavior, and services to be accessed. The parties agree to participate, and intake staff provides support to ensure that youth and families can access services where applicable. Conditions may include short-term participation in an Evening Reporting Center (ERC) program (for first-time, serious offenders), participation in Multi-Systems Therapy (MST) or Functional Family Therapy (FFT), referrals to Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF) to work with a family peer support specialist, Neighborhood Youth Panels, teen court, paying restitution, completing community service, or specialized substance abuse/mental health counseling or treatment programs. The assigned Intake CMS maintains contacts with the youth, parent/guardian, and service providers to provide support in ensuring progress in meeting the Pre-Court Supervision Agreement terms.

The pre-court supervision period is usually less than 90 days, but may be extended to 180 days if a youth is required to participate in a program. The victim, the youth, and the youth’s parent/guardian must all consent to the arrangement. If the victim does not consent, the pre-court supervision term cannot proceed. The case may then be closed or forwarded to the State’s Attorney’s Office for formal processing; victims may appeal to the State’s Attorney if the case is closed. Parties may also withdraw support for the pre-court agreement at any time, though this is rare. If the conditions of the agreement are met, the case is generally closed. If terms are not successfully met, the case may be sent to the State’s Attorney for formal processing or closed. All parties to the agreement and the arresting officer are informed about the failure to complete the terms, and the subsequent decision about the case, and all have a right to appeal.

### COMPLAINTS PLACED ON PRE-COURT SUPERVISION BY REGION, FY 2019-2021

Region	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
Reg-I - Baltimore City	6.7%	5.5%	8.0%
Reg-II - Central	17.0%	19.0%	28.3%
Reg-III - Western	16.2%	17.2%	10.7%
Reg-IV - Eastern	15.5%	12.3%	15.1%
Reg-V - Southern	17.5%	18.4%	16.2%
Reg-VI - Metro	27.0%	27.6%	21.7%
<i>Total Cases</i>	<i>3,026</i>	<i>2,089</i>	<i>876</i>

### CASES BY DEMOGRAPHICS, FY 2019-2021

Demographics	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Black	52.5%	53.8%	49.2%
White	36.4%	34.9%	40.3%
Hispanic/Other	11.1%	11.2%	10.5%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	67.7%	70.9%	73.9%
Female	32.3%	29.1%	26.1%
<b>Age</b>			
11 and under	5.2%	5.7%	4.6%
12	7.7%	6.1%	5.1%
13	11.4%	11.2%	8.1%
14	14.6%	14.9%	12.3%
15	18.8%	19.5%	20.0%
16	19.5%	20.4%	17.6%
17	21.2%	20.4%	29.1%
18-20	1.7%	1.8%	3.2%
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#### • Placement Trends:

- Overall placements to pre-court supervision decreased 71.1% between FY 2019 and FY 2021 and decreased 58.1% from FY 2020 to FY 2021.
- The highest percentage of placements to pre-court supervision came from the Metro Region in FY 2019 and FY 2020 and the Central Region in FY 2021.

#### • Offense Category (FY 2020-2021):

- The percentage of Crimes of Violence increased from 9.4% to 13.0%.
- The percentage of Felonies increased from 8.9% to 17.7%.
- The percentage of Misdemeanors decreased from 73.0% to 63.7%.
- Misdemeanors comprised nearly two-thirds of all alleged offenses for youth placed on pre-court supervision.
- See the Terms and Concepts pages in the introduction section for an explanation of Crime of Violence, Felony, and Misdemeanor as the definitions are helpful when examining offense severity.

#### • Completion Status:

- Statewide, nearly three-quarters of youth placed on pre-court supervision completed the terms of their agreement.
- The percentage of successful completions ranged from 40.8% to 100% for counties having more than 10 releases.

#### • Length of Stay (FY 2021):

- Half of youth released from pre-court supervision had a LOS of 61-90 days.

*For a detailed description of the DJS COVID-19 response and reforms see pages vi-vii.*

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## CASES BY OFFENSE, FY 2021

Most Serious Alleged Offense	FY2021
Offense Type	
Arson	0.7%
Auto Theft/Unauthorized Use	7.9%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	9.5%
Carjacking	0.2%
Conspiracy to Commit Offense	0.6%
Deadly Weapon	0.9%
Disturbing the Peace	0.9%
First Degree Assault-Felony	2.1%
Handgun Violation	0.1%
Malicious Destruction	10.4%
Manslaughter	0.0%
Motor Vehicle/Traffic	4.0%
Murder	0.0%
Narcotics (CDS-Felony)	3.4%
Narcotics (CDS-Misdemeanor)	5.4%
Other/Missing <sup>1</sup>	6.8%
Resisting Arrest	0.7%
Robbery	4.6%
Second Degree Assault-Misdemeanor	21.3%
Sex Offense	1.9%
Theft Felony	4.0%
Theft Misdemeanor	9.9%
Trespassing	3.1%
Unspecified Misdemeanor	1.6%
Offense Category	
<b>Crime of Violence*</b>	<b>13.0%</b>
<b>Felony</b>	<b>17.7%</b>
- Person-to-Person	1.5%
- Property	12.3%
- Drugs	3.4%
- Unspecified	0.5%
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>63.7%</b>
- Person-to-Person	30.4%
- Property	28.4%
- Drugs	3.2%
- Unspecified	1.7%
<b>Ordinance Offenses</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Citations</b>	<b>3.4%</b>
<b>CINS</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>876</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes: Alcoholic Bev. Violation, Cruelty to Animals (misdemeanor), False Alarm, False Report, Harassment, Identity Fraud, Motor Vehicle Tampering, Reckless Endangerment, Runaway, Telephone Misuse, Threat of Mass Violence, Truant, Ungovernable, Violation of Local Ordinance, and Violation of Natural Resources Article.

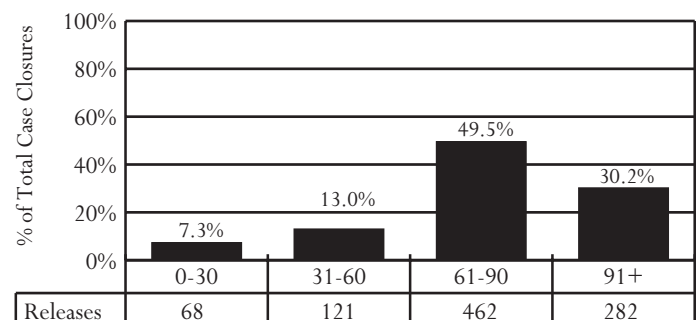
\* See Appendices K and R for COV and other offense classifications.

## CASE CLOSURES AND COMPLETION STATUS BY COUNTY/REGION, FY 2021

County/Region	Releases	Successful	Unsuccessful <sup>^</sup>
<b>R-I (Balt. City)</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>59.2%</b>
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<b>R-II (Central)</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>85.8%</b>	<b>14.2%</b>
Baltimore Co.	107	81.3%	18.7%
Carroll	79	92.4%	7.6%
Harford	20	80.0%	20.0%
Howard	34	88.2%	11.8%
<b>R-III (Western)</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>84.5%</b>	<b>15.5%</b>
Allegany	12	83.3%	16.7%
Frederick	33	81.8%	18.2%
Garrett	13	84.6%	15.4%
Washington	45	86.7%	13.3%
<b>R-IV (Eastern)</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>74.6%</b>	<b>25.4%</b>
Caroline	3	100.0%	0.0%
Cecil	35	77.1%	22.9%
Dorchester	23	78.3%	21.7%
Kent	5	100.0%	0.0%
Queen Anne's	7	57.1%	42.9%
Somerset	11	63.6%	36.4%
Talbot	6	100.0%	0.0%
Wicomico	18	83.3%	16.7%
Worcester	34	61.8%	38.2%
<b>R-V (Southern)</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>71.9%</b>	<b>28.1%</b>
Anne Arundel	66	63.6%	36.4%
Calvert	37	59.5%	40.5%
Charles	2	0.0%	100.0%
St. Mary's	41	100.0%	0.0%
<b>R-VI (Metro)</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>57.1%</b>	<b>42.9%</b>
Montgomery	170	58.2%	41.8%
Prince George's	56	53.6%	46.4%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>71.2%</b>	<b>28.8%</b>

<sup>^</sup> Includes withdraw of consent by a third party as well as SAO overrides

## PRE-COURT SUPERVISION LOS (DAYS), FY 2021 CASE CLOSURES\*



\* Basic agreement is 90 days but can be extended by a court to 180 days.

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## PRE-COURT SERVICE AND PROVIDER OPTIONS, FY 2021

Region	Service	Location
Baltimore City	Restorative Response Baltimore	Baltimore City
	Anger Management	Baltimore City
	Choice	Baltimore City
	DJS Evening Reporting Center (ERC)	Baltimore City
	Fresh Start	Baltimore City
	Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)	Baltimore City
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	Baltimore City
	PACT Evening Reporting Center (ERC)	Baltimore City
	Teen Court	Baltimore City
	Victim Awareness	Baltimore City
	Central	Anger Management
Choice		All Counties
Functional Family Therapy (FFT)		All Counties
Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)		All Counties
Multisystemic Therapy (MST)		All Counties
Shoplifting Abatement		All Counties
Victim Awareness		All Counties
Youth Advocate Programs (YAP)		Balt. & How. Co.
Family Engagement		Carroll
DJS Evening Reporting Ctr. (ERC)		East. Balt. Co.
Teen Court		Harford
Western	Anger Management	All Counties
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	All Counties
	Positive Choices for Life	All Counties
	Shoplifting Abatement	All Counties
	Victim Awareness and Education Program (VAEP)	All Counties
	Juvenile Firesetters Program	Fred./Wash.
	Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	Fred./Wash.
	Truancy Court*	Frederick
	Youthful Offender Program	Frederick

\* Scheduled to begin for start of next school year

Region	Service	Location
Eastern Shore	Community Conferencing	All Counties
	Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	All Counties
	Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)	All Counties**
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	All Counties
	Mobile Crisis	All Counties
	Victim Awareness	All Counties
	Wraparound MD	All Counties
	Mediation	Cecil
	Neighborhood Youth Panel	Cecil
	Teen Court (Diversion)	Talbot/Caroline
	Anger Management	Wicomico
	Choices	Wicomico
	Evening Reporting Center (ERC)	Wicomico
	Kumon Learning	Wicomico
Mentoring	Wicomico	
Tri County Mediation	Wicomico	
Southern	Anger Management	All Counties
	Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	All Counties
	Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)	All Counties
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	All Counties
	Victim Awareness	All Counties
	Project Chesapeake	Anne Arundel
	Youth Advocate Programs (YAP)	Anne Arundel
	Tri-County Youth Services	Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's
Metro	Anger Management	Both Counties
	Choice	Both Counties
	Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	Both Counties
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	Both Counties
	Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	Both Counties
	Victim Awareness	Both Counties
	Evening Reporting Center Lead for Life	Montgomery
	Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)	Prince George's
	PG Evening Reporting Center (ERC)	Prince George's

\*\* Available for all counties through Local Management Boards