

## 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 non-violent felony offenses can also be referred for Pre-Court. Approval is required from the State’s Attorney’s Office for violent felonies. 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 Multisystemic 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, restitution payments, community service completion, or specialized substance abuse/mental health counseling or treatment programs. The assigned Intake Case Management Supervisor maintains contact with the youth, parent/guardian, and service providers to provide support in ensuring progress in meeting the Pre-Court supervision agreement terms. The Department must make reasonable efforts to contact the victim prior to proceeding with the Pre-Court supervision agreement.

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 2021-2023

Region	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Region 1	7.9%	5.9%	8.8%
Region 2	7.2%	6.2%	6.8%
Region 3	13.2%	10.0%	12.2%
Region 4	7.5%	10.2%	8.4%
Region 5	22.4%	19.0%	17.0%
Region 6	17.6%	19.2%	20.4%
Region 7	16.2%	19.6%	14.5%
Region 8	8.0%	9.9%	12.1%
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,508</b>

### CASES BY DEMOGRAPHICS, FY 2021-2023

Demographics	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>			
Black	49.3%	54.5%	57.0%
White	40.3%	36.4%	30.3%
Hispanic/Other	10.4%	9.0%	12.7%
<b>Sex</b>			
Male	73.7%	71.9%	72.5%
Female	26.3%	28.1%	27.5%
<b>Age</b>			
11 and under	4.6%	4.0%	1.3%
12	5.3%	7.0%	1.3%
13	8.0%	12.1%	11.9%
14	12.3%	17.9%	20.0%
15	20.0%	19.3%	26.0%
16	17.6%	21.5%	23.1%
17	29.1%	17.0%	15.3%
18-20	3.2%	1.3%	1.1%
<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>1,508</b>

#### • Placement Trends:

- Overall placements to Pre-Court supervision increased 72.1% between FY 2021 and FY 2023 and increased 14.7% from FY 2022 to FY 2023.
- The highest percentage of placements to Pre-Court supervision came from Region 5 in FY 2021, Region 7 in FY 2022 and from Region 6 in FY 2023.

#### • Offense Category (FY 2022-2023):

- The percentage of Crimes of Violence increased from 12.2% to 12.9%.
- The percentage of Felonies increased from 12.5% to 22.9%.
- The percentage of Misdemeanors decreased from 70.4% to 57.8%.
- Misdemeanors comprised over half of all alleged offenses for youth placed on Pre-Court supervision in FY 2023.
- See the Terms and Concepts pages in Appendix O for an explanation of Crime of Violence, Felony, and Misdemeanor, as the definitions are helpful when examining offense severity.

#### • Completion Status (FY 2023):

- Statewide, nearly two thirds of youth placed on Pre-Court supervision completed the terms of their agreement.
- The percentage of successful completions ranged from 51.1% to 83.2% for counties having more than 10 releases.

#### • Length of Stay (FY 2023):

- Nearly half of youth released from Pre-Court supervision had a LOS of 61-90 days.

## CASES BY OFFENSE, FY 2023

Most Serious Alleged Offense	FY2023
Offense Type	
Arson	0.9%
Auto Theft/Unauthorized Use	11.2%
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	8.8%
Carjacking	0.3%
Conspiracy to Commit Offense	0.2%
Deadly Weapon	2.5%
Disturbing the Peace	0.9%
First Degree Assault-Felony	3.1%
Handgun Violation	0.8%
Malicious Destruction	5.1%
Manslaughter	0.0%
Motor Vehicle/Traffic	1.0%
Murder	0.0%
Narcotics (CDS-Felony)	5.2%
Narcotics (CDS-Misd.)	2.8%
Other/Missing <sup>1</sup>	10.3%
Resisting Arrest	0.7%
Robbery	4.6%
Second Degree Assault-Misdemeanor	27.1%
Sex Offense	2.0%
Theft Felony	3.5%
Theft Misdemeanor	6.3%
Trespassing	1.5%
Unspecified Misdemeanor	1.2%
Offense Category	
<b>Crime of Violence*</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
<b>Felony</b>	<b>22.9%</b>
- Person-to-Person	2.1%
- Property	15.3%
- Drugs	5.2%
- Unspecified	0.3%
<b>Misdemeanor</b>	<b>57.8%</b>
- Person-to-Person	37.3%
- Property	17.5%
- Drugs	1.6%
- Unspecified	1.3%
<b>Ordinance Offenses</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
<b>Citations</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>CINS</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>1,508</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes: Affray, Alcoholic Bev. Violation, BB Gun/Pellet Gun, Escape, Extortion by Verbal Threat, False Alarm, False Report, Fraud-Misdemeanor, Harassment, Identity Fraud, Judicial Process-Influence or Intimidate-Misdemeanor, Reckless Endangerment, Runaway, Telephone Misuse, Threat of mass violence, Truant, Ungovernable, Unspecified Felony, Unlawful Visual Surveillance of Private Place, Vaporizer Violation, Violation of Local Ordinance, and Violation of Natural Resources Article.

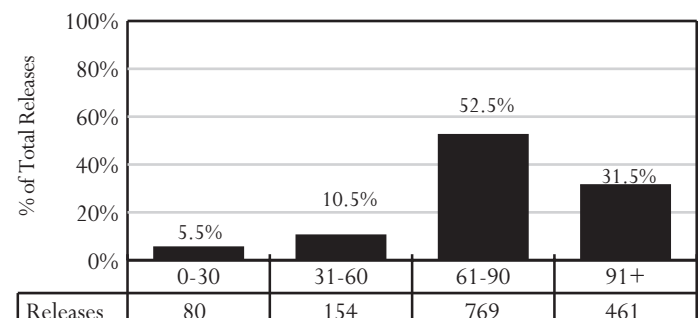
\* See Appendices G and K for COV and other offense classifications.

## CASE CLOSURES AND COMPLETION STATUS BY COUNTY/REGION, FY 2023

Region/County	Releases	Successful	Unsuccessful <sup>^</sup>
<b>Region 1</b>	117	56.4%	43.6%
Dorchester	21	47.6%	52.4%
Somerset	13	53.8%	46.2%
Wicomico	52	61.5%	38.5%
Worcester	31	54.8%	45.2%
<b>Region 2</b>	95	83.2%	16.8%
Caroline	8	62.5%	37.5%
Cecil	56	87.5%	12.5%
Kent	5	60.0%	40.0%
Queen Anne's	19	89.5%	10.5%
Talbot	7	71.4%	28.6%
<b>Region 3</b>	166	68.1%	31.9%
Baltimore Co.	133	66.2%	33.8%
Harford	33	75.8%	24.2%
<b>Region 4</b>	119	79.8%	20.2%
Allegany	29	86.2%	13.8%
Garrett	22	77.3%	22.7%
Washington	68	77.9%	22.1%
<b>Region 5</b>	269	71.7%	28.3%
Anne Arundel	105	66.7%	33.3%
Carroll	94	81.9%	18.1%
Howard	70	65.7%	34.3%
<b>Region 6</b>	291	55.3%	44.7%
Frederick	74	71.6%	28.4%
Montgomery	217	49.8%	50.2%
<b>Region 7</b>	225	76.4%	23.6%
Calvert	59	78.0%	22.0%
Charles	31	93.5%	6.5%
Prince George's	101	68.3%	31.7%
St. Mary's	34	82.4%	17.6%
<b>Region 8</b>	182	51.1%	48.9%
Baltimore City	182	51.1%	48.9%
<b>Statewide</b>	1,464	66.4%	33.6%

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

## PRE-COURT SUPERVISION LOS (DAYS), FY 2023 CASE CLOSURES\*



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

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## Pre-Court Supervision (cont.)

### PRE-COURT SERVICE AND PROVIDER OPTIONS, FY 2023

Region	Service	Location
Region 1	Community Conferencing	All Counties in Region
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	All Counties in Region
	Family Preservation (DSS in-home)	All Counties in Region
	Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	All Counties in Region
	Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)	All Counties in Region
	Mobile Crisis	All Counties in Region
	Victim Awareness	All Counties in Region
	Wraparound MD	All Counties in Region
	Anger Management	Wicomico
	Choices	Wicomico
	Evening Reporting Center (ERC)	Wicomico
	Kumon Learning	Wicomico
	Mentoring	Wicomico
Tri County Mediation	Wicomico	
Region 2	Community Conferencing	All Counties in Region
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	All Counties in Region
	Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	All Counties in Region
	Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)	All Counties in Region
	Mobile Crisis	All Counties in Region
	Victim Awareness	All Counties in Region
	Wraparound MD	All Counties in Region
	Teen Court (Diversion)	Caroline and Talbot
	Mediation	Cecil
	YES (Youth Empowerment Source)	Cecil
	Neighborhood Youth Panel	Cecil
Region 3	Community Conferencing (CRC)	Baltimore County
	JOINS	Baltimore County
	Multisystemic Therapy-Emerging Adults (MST-EA)	Baltimore County
	Youth Advocate Program (YAP)	Baltimore County
	Choice	Baltimore County
	Anger Management	Both Counties in Region
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	Both Counties in Region
	Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	Both Counties in Region
	Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)	Both Counties in Region
	Victim Awareness	Both Counties in Region
	DJS Evening Reporting Ctr. (ERC)	Eastern Baltimore County
Teen Court	Harford	
Region 4	Anger Management	All Counties in Region
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	All Counties in Region
	Homebuilders	All Counties in Region
	Shoplifting Abatement	All Counties in Region
	Victim Awareness and Education Program (VAEP)	All Counties in Region
	Juvenile Firesetters Program	Washington
	Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	Washington
	Liberation, Inc	Washington
	Opportunity Hub	Washington
	Juvenile Diversion (Potomac Case Management)	Washington

## PRE-COURT SERVICE AND PROVIDER OPTIONS, FY 2023

Region	Service	Location
Region 5	Anger Management	All Counties in Region
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	All Counties in Region
	Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	All Counties in Region
	Victim Awareness	All Counties in Region
	Project Chesapeake	Anne Arundel
	Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)	Anne Arundel, Carroll
	Choice	Anne Arundel, Howard
	Youth Advocate Programs (YAP)	Anne Arundel, Howard
	Family Engagement	Carroll
Firesetter's Diversion	Howard	
Region 6	Anger Management	Both Counties in Region
	Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County	Both Counties in Region
	Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	Both Counties in Region
	Mentoring MD/Sevita Health	Both Counties in Region
	Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	Both Counties in Region
	Truancy Review Board/ Council	Both Counties in Region
	Victim Awareness	Both Counties in Region
	Juvenile Entry Diversion Initiative (JEDI)	Frederick
	Juvenile Firesetters Program	Frederick
	Positive Alternative for Dangerous Destructive Decisions (PADD)	Frederick
	Shoplifting Abatement	Frederick
	Youthful Offender Program	Frederick
	Choice	Montgomery
	Evening Reporting Center - Pride Youth Services	Montgomery
Family Intervention Services (FIS)	Montgomery	
Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)	Montgomery	
Region 7	Anger Management	All Counties in Region
	Family Centered Treatment (FCT)	All Counties in Region
	Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	All Counties in Region
	Victim Awareness	All Counties in Region
	Tri-County Youth Services	Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's
	Choice	Prince George's
	PG Evening Reporting Center (ERC)	Prince George's
Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	Prince George's, Charles	
Region 8	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
	Mentoring Network	Baltimore City
	PACT Evening Reporting Center (ERC)	Baltimore City
	Restorative Response Baltimore	Baltimore City
	Teen Court	Baltimore City
Victim Awareness	Baltimore City	

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