



BLUE RIDGE COURT SERVICES



FY 2021 Annual Report



BRCS MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Blue Ridge Court Services is to provide research proven sentencing alternatives for the local criminal justice system in an effort to reduce jail overcrowding, enhance public safety and offer rehabilitative opportunities to local offender and pretrial populations in the Cities of Staunton, Waynesboro, Lexington and Buena Vista and the Counties of Augusta, Rockbridge and Highland.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

BRCS served over 2,300 new clients this year . . .

➤ Local Probation Services - - - - -	876
➤ Pretrial Services - - - - -	892
➤ Domestic Violence - - - - -	204
➤ Re-entry Program - - - - -	216
➤ Pretrial Initiative on Mental Illness - - - -	100
➤ Home Electronic Monitoring - - - - -	108
➤ Therapeutic Docket - - - - -	10
➤ Drug Court - - - - -	9



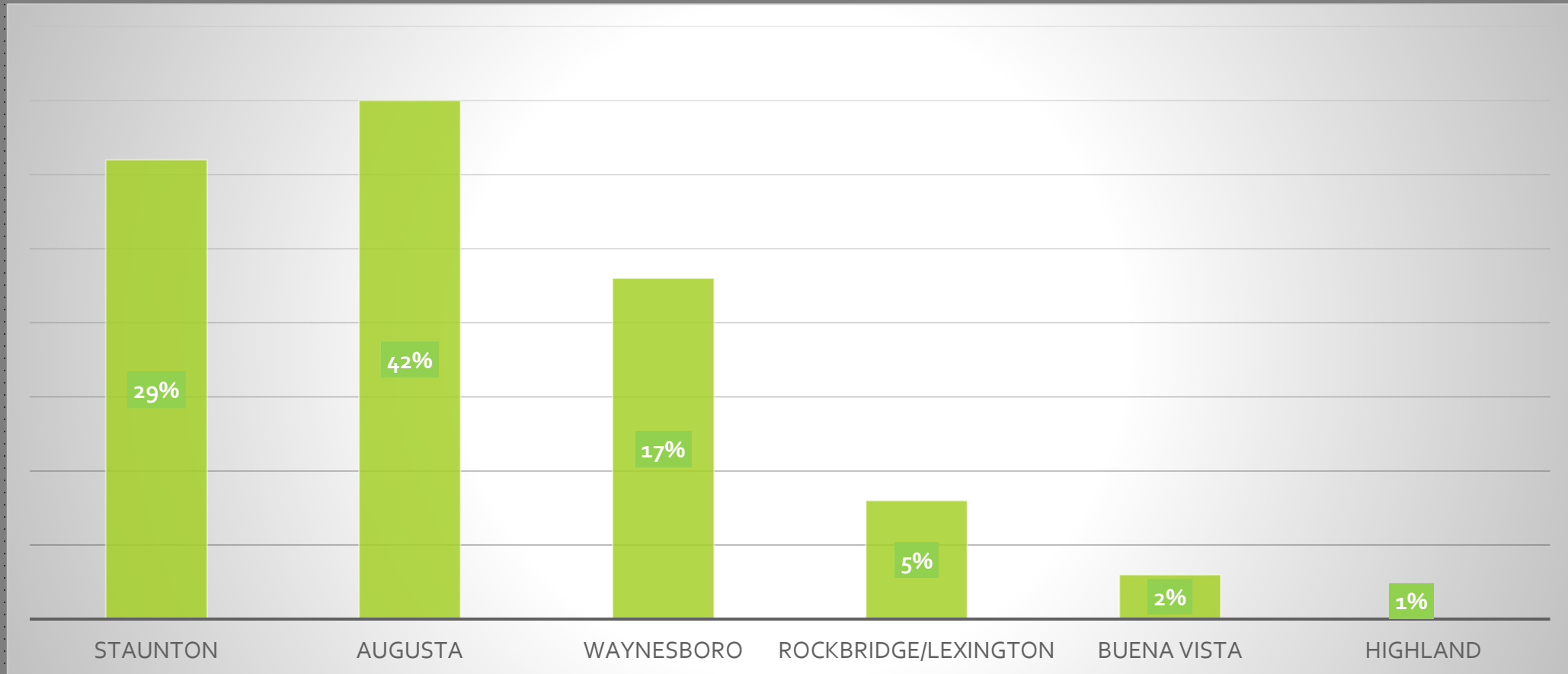
PROBATION SERVICES

In FY 2021 Blue Ridge Court Services received 876 probation placements.

- 703 (80%) misdemeanor cases and 173 (20%) felony cases
- 63% male and 37% female
- 80% Caucasian, 17% African American and 3% Hispanic/Other
- 74% Program Success Rate (completing all of the court ordered requirements)
- 52% employed, 45% unemployed and 3% unknown
- Probationers by Risk: 84% low risk, 25% medium risk and 0% high risk
- Average Daily Cost of Probation Supervision in 2021 is \$1.49 compared to Average Daily Jail Cost of \$91.97



PROBATION PLACEMENTS BY JURISDICTION



RE-ENTRY SERVICES

- Supported by \$20,500 grant from CAPSAW which has allowed our agency to assist in successfully transitioning individuals who have recently been released from incarceration back into the community.
- 216 clients were referred to Re-entry
- Clients were provided assistance in obtaining employment, transportation, emergency clothing and emergency shelter. Self-care kits and COVID kits were also distributed.

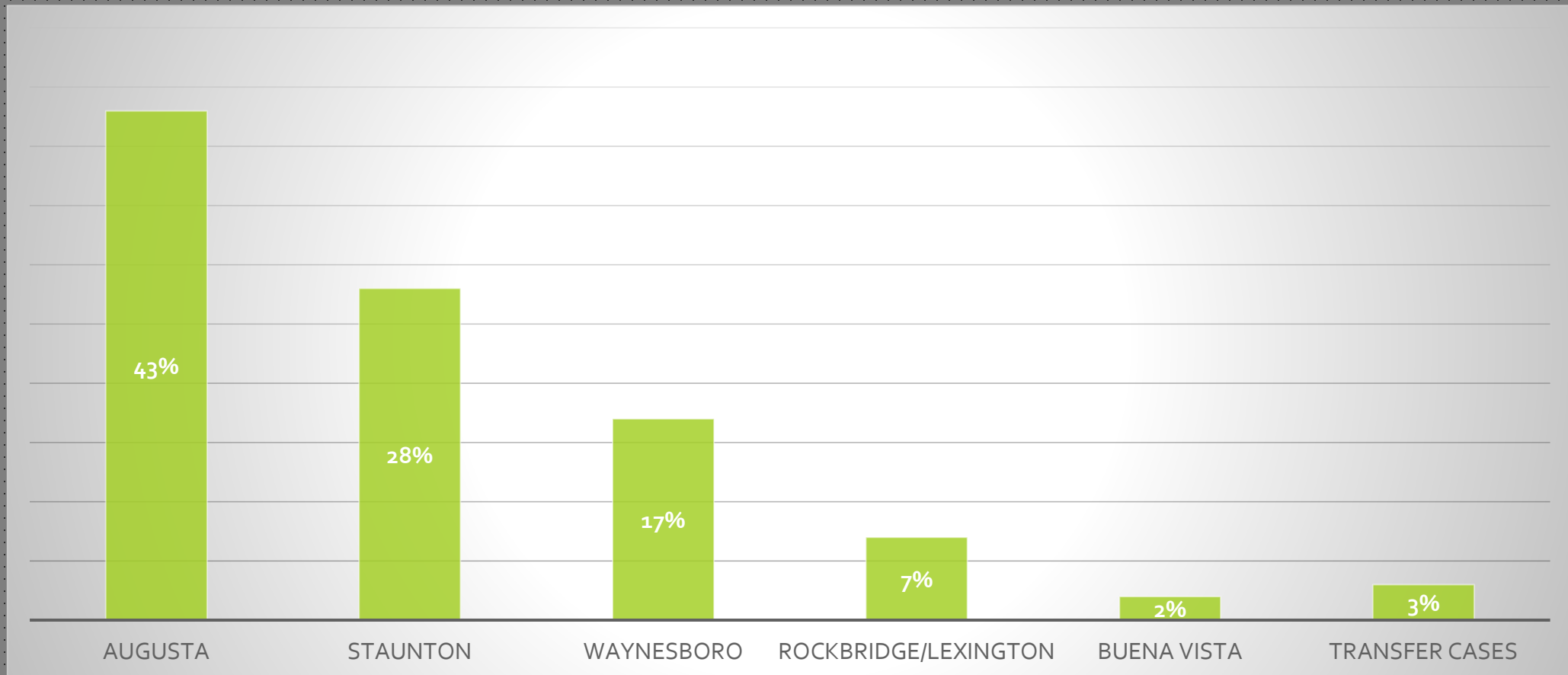


PRETRIAL SERVICES

- Performed a total of 539 pretrial investigations
- Received 892 pretrial placements
- 90% Program success rate, 97% appearance rate, 93% public safety (arrest free) rate
- 71% Male and 29% Female
- 82% Caucasian, 16% African American and 2% Hispanic/Other
- Minimum Age = 18, Average Age = 36, Maximum Age = 78
- Average Daily Cost of Pretrial Supervision is \$1.71 compared to the Average Daily Jail Cost of \$91.97



PRETRIAL SERVICES BY JURISDICTION



PRETRIAL INITIATIVE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

- Three Major Objectives . . .
 - Swiftly move appropriate pretrial defendants from the criminal justice system into the community and into community based therapeutic treatment
 - Assist those defendants who remain incarcerated to obtain jail based mental health services pending their release
 - For those defendants released into the community, provide intensive supervision by a Mental Health Pretrial Officer, assessments, and weekly therapeutic groups for more intensive outpatient treatment
- In 2021, 100 individuals were referred to PIMI



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- 204 Domestic Violence Referrals in 2021
- 79% Male and 21% Female
- 81% Caucasian, 18% African American and 1% Hispanic/Other
- 94 placements were from Augusta
- 66 placements were from Staunton
- 31 placements were from Waynesboro
- 13 placements were from Rockbridge/Lexington
- 85% successfully completed their court ordered obligations



THERAPEUTIC DOCKET PROGRAM

- 10 Inductions into Therapeutic Docket
- 6 graduates in 2021
- 5 Males and 5 Females
- 8 Caucasians, 2 African Americans and 0 Hispanic/Other
- 3 placements were from Staunton Courts
- 4 placements were from Augusta County Courts
- 3 placements were from Waynesboro Courts
- 0 individuals in the 18 to 25 age group
- 1 individual in the 26-35 age group
- 9 in the 36 and over age range



DRUG COURT

- This program targets individuals who have been involved in criminal activity arising from their addiction to alcohol or illegal substances.
- 108 graduates since inception in 2002
- 9 new drug court inductees in 2021
- 4 Graduates in 2021
- 5 males and 4 females
- 3 individuals in the 18 to 25 age group
- 4 individuals in the 26 to 35 age group
- 2 individuals in the 36 and over age group



HOME ELECTRONIC MONITORING

BRCS received a total of 108 HEM placements for FY 2021

- 85 were male and 23 were female
- 86 were Caucasian, 20 African American and 2 Hispanic/Other
- Benefits both the offender and the localities . . . offenders can keep their jobs and support families . . . saving jail beds for higher risk individuals
- Daily cost of HEM is \$15.00 compared to the average daily jail bed cost of \$91.97

Home Electronic Monitoring Savings to Localities -2021

Locality➤	Participants	Bed Days Saved	Jail Costs Savings
Staunton	22	3,657	\$336,334
Augusta	60	8,721	\$802,070
Waynesboro	17	2,626	\$241,513
Rockbridge/Lex	7	593	\$54,538
Buena Vista	2	232	\$21,337
Total	108	15,829	\$1,455,792
***Based on the State Compensation Board's Virginia Statewide Average Daily Jail Cost of \$91.97.			



FY 2021 FINANCES

Financial Support for Blue Ridge Court Services is provided from the following sources:

- Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for local probation and pretrial services.
- Virginia Supreme Court for the Drug Court
- Augusta Health for therapy groups and individual counseling services
- Community Action Partnership Staunton, Augusta and Waynesboro (CAPSAW) for the Re-entry Program
- Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services (DBHDS) for the Pretrial Initiative on Mental Illness and Therapeutic Docket
- Participant Fees which include supervision fees for probation clients and home electronic monitoring fees

Total Funding of \$1, 146,669 . . .

- 61% from DCJS
- 7% from Supreme Court
- 1% from Augusta Health
- 2% from CAPSAW
- 7% DBHDS
- 20% from Participant Fees
- 1% from Rockbridge (Emergency Funding)
- 1% from Reserve