

Central Shenandoah Valley Bond Data Dashboard 2024 Q2 Summary

The bond data dashboard is designed to collect, analyze and share trends in bond release and detention data in the Central Shenandoah Valley with the goal to promote safe, equitable and efficient bond decision-making practices.

As part of the local bail hearing process, Blue Ridge Court Services Pretrial Services staff have access to inmate arrest and detention records at the Middle River Regional Jail and the Rockbridge Regional Jail. Each day BRCS staff complete a Public Safety Assessment (PSA), an actuarial tool that uses nine factors to predict pretrial outcomes, on recently detained defendants. Along with this PSA document, a Magistrate's Checklist and a VCIN criminal record check are shared with the judge, prosecutor and defense attorney prior to the bond hearing.

For the purposes of the bond data dashboard the following parameters are followed:

- All defendants from the jurisdictions served by Blue Ridge Court Services who are arrested and detained and who are eligible for release.
- All defendants who have been administered the PSA are included.
- If the bond hearing is postponed, it is so noted and the database is updated with the release/detain information at the next hearing.
- Release/detain comparisons are made after sorting out no recommendation and postponed hearing data.
- The PSA cover pages are collected daily and the data is transferred to an excel spreadsheet for analysis.
- Data analysis and trends from these bond hearings are reported quarterly and posted on the BRCS web page.

Note: For this quarter the bond data dashboard is reporting for the Rockbridge/Lexington area using data derived from the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRAI). The new Public Safety Assessment (PSA) which was piloted in the Staunton/Augusta/Waynesboro area earlier in 2024 has been instituted into Rockbridge/Lexington effective 7/1/24. Going forward PSA data will be utilized for all bond data dashboard analyses.

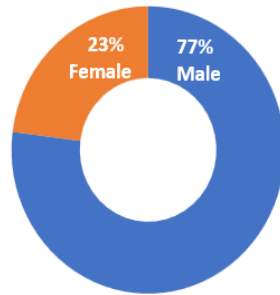
Middle River Regional Jail Data - Q2 (April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024)

Demographic/Court Information

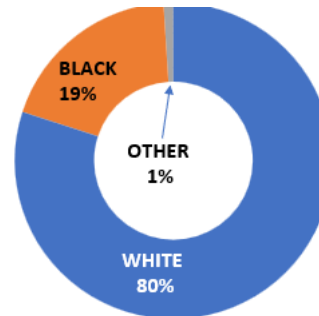
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defendants eligible for bond were admitted to the MRRJ. 349 PSA Reports were completed. 19 defendants were released by the magistrate prior to going to court.

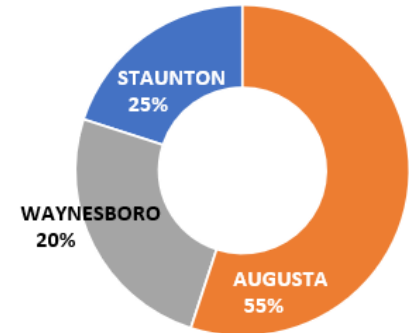
GENDER



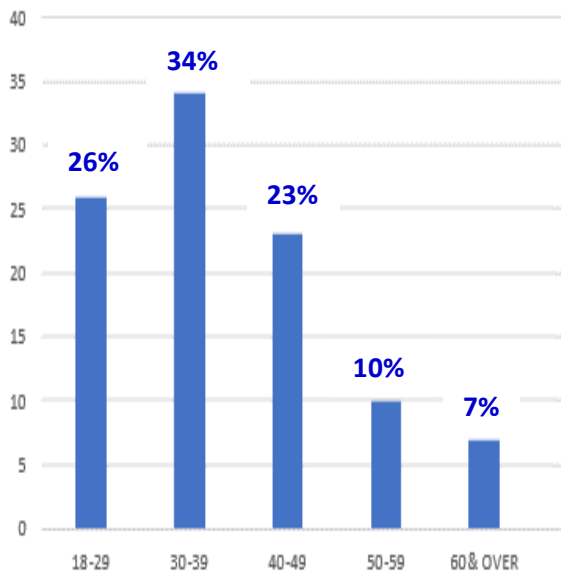
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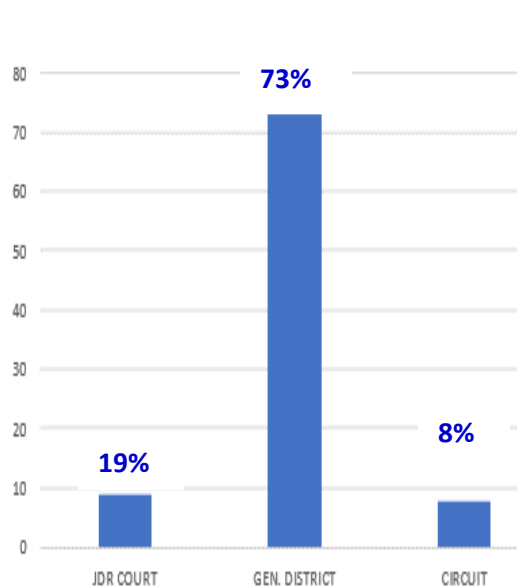
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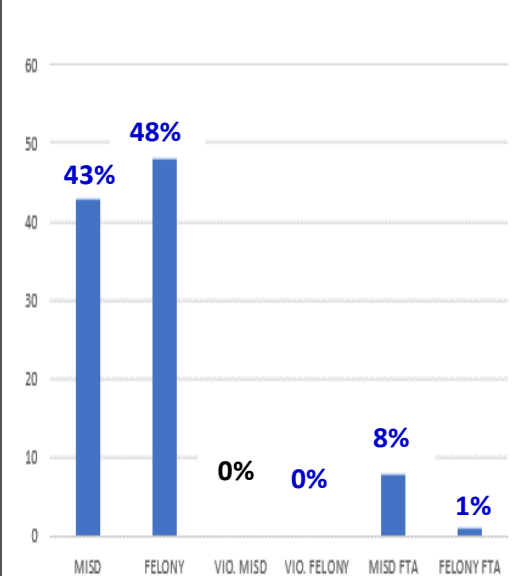
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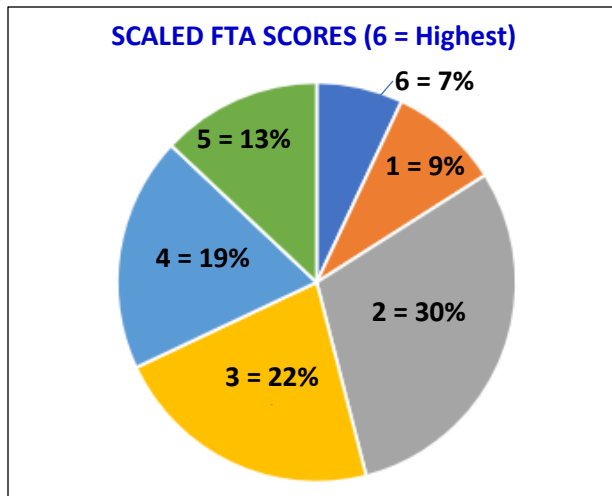
HEARING BY COURT TYPE



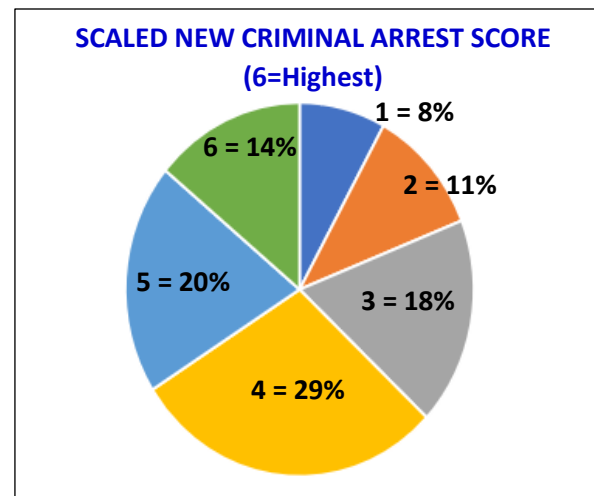
HEARING BY MOST SERIOUS CHARGE



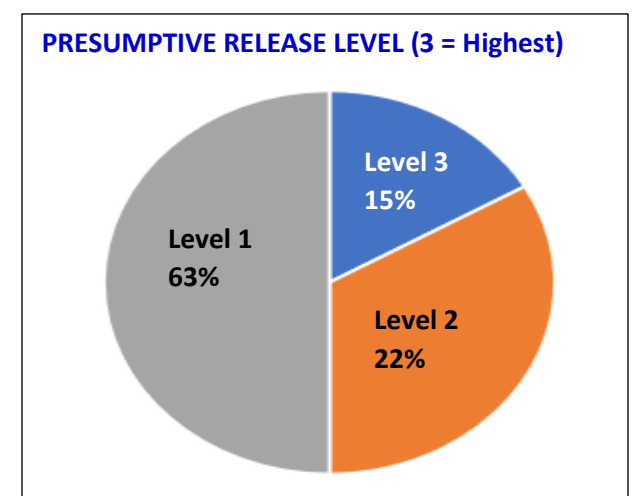
Defendant Risk Scores



61% of defendants were low risk for failing to appear



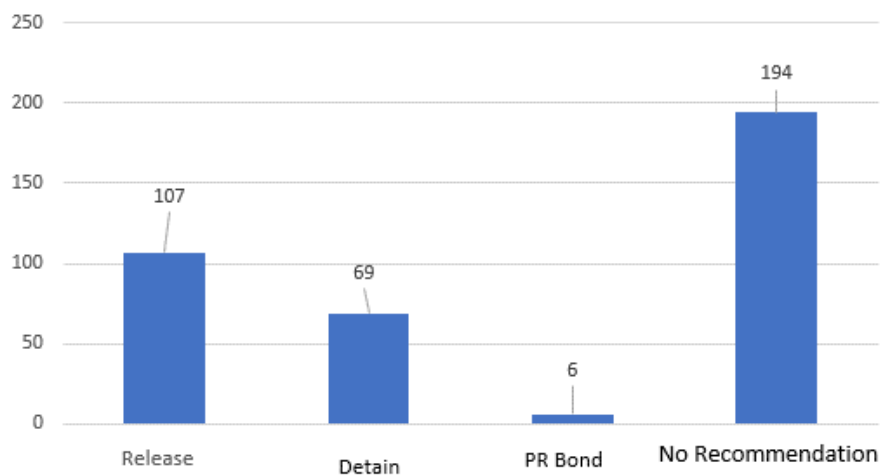
63% of defendants were high risk for a new criminal arrest



63% of defendants had the lowest presumptive risk level

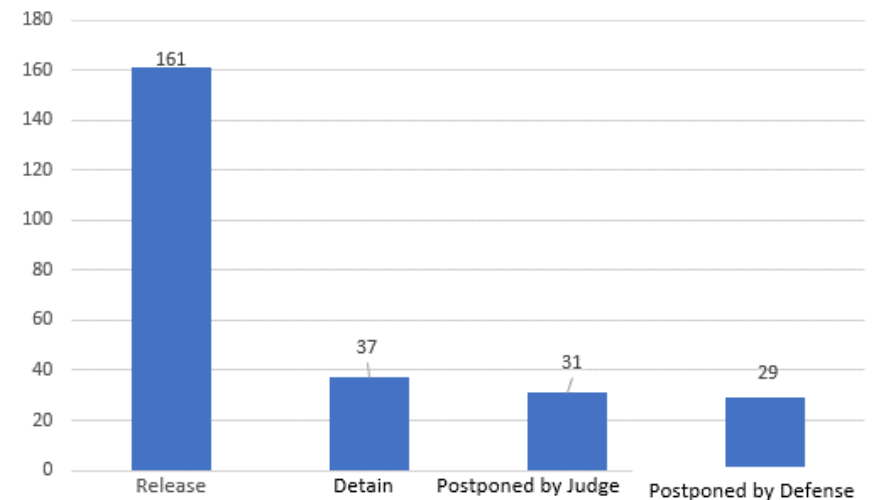
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Sorting out postponements and no recommendations, Commonwealth's Attorneys recommended release in 61% of bond hearings....



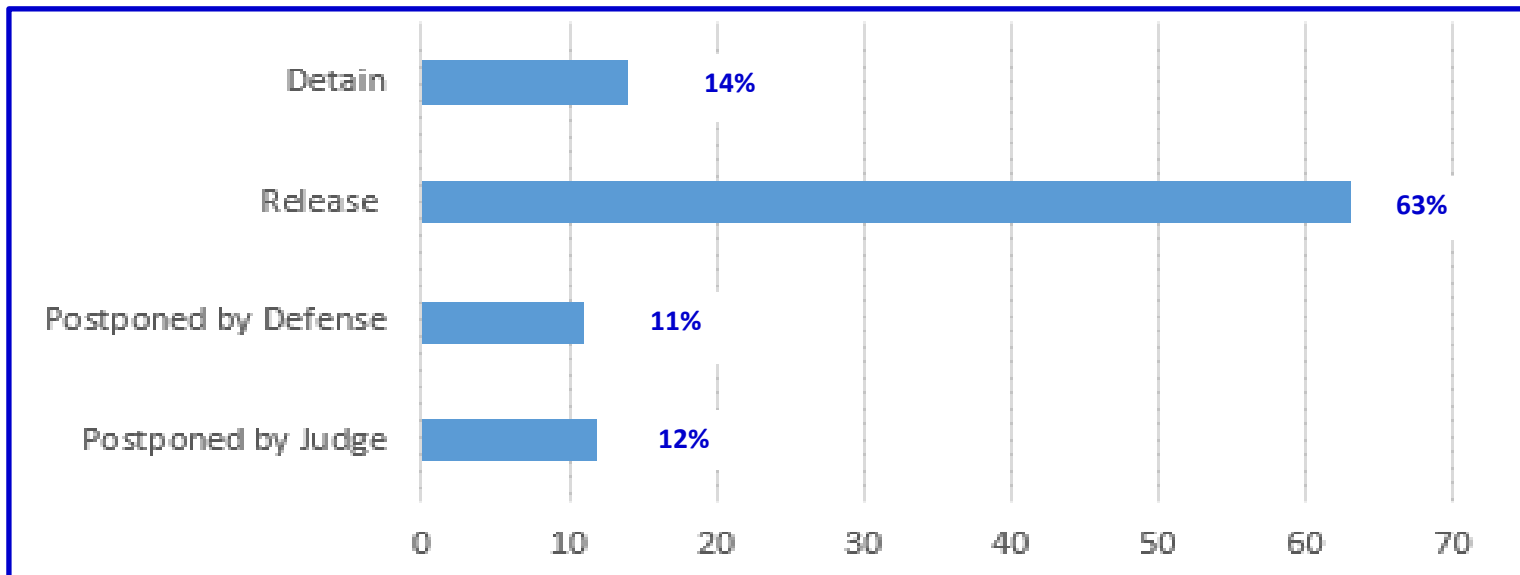
JUDICIAL DECISIONS

Sorting out postponements, Judges decided to release defendants in 81% of bond hearings....

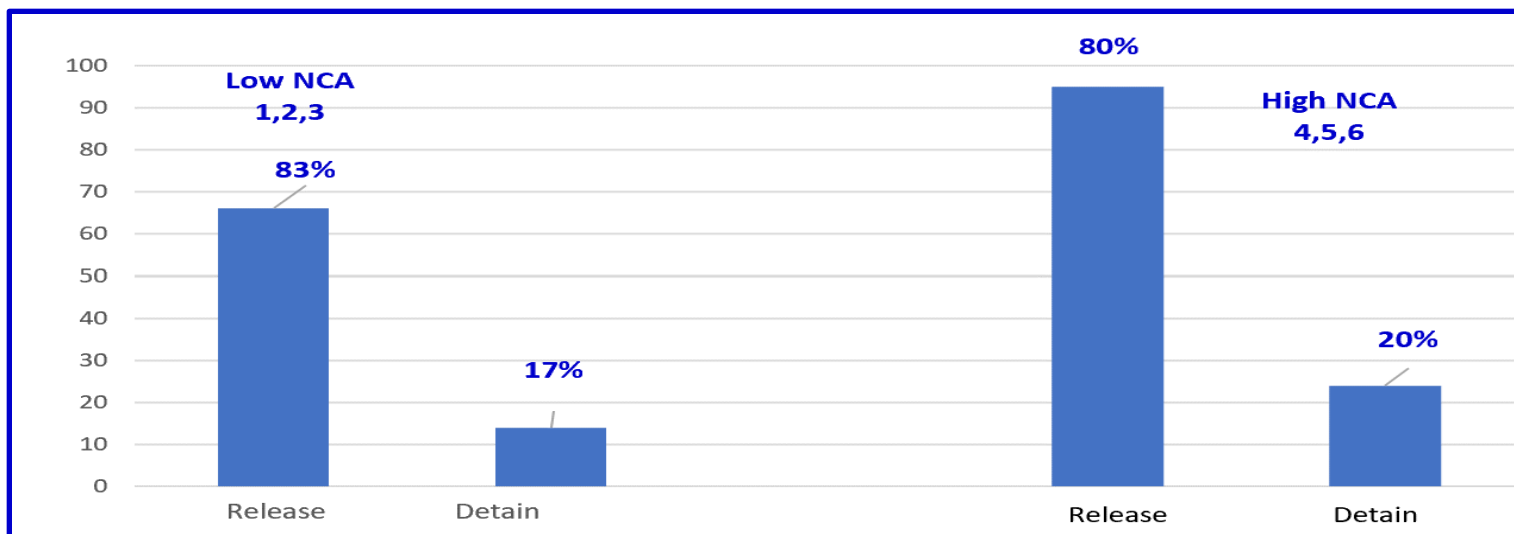


JUDICIAL RELEASE / DETAIN COMPARISONS

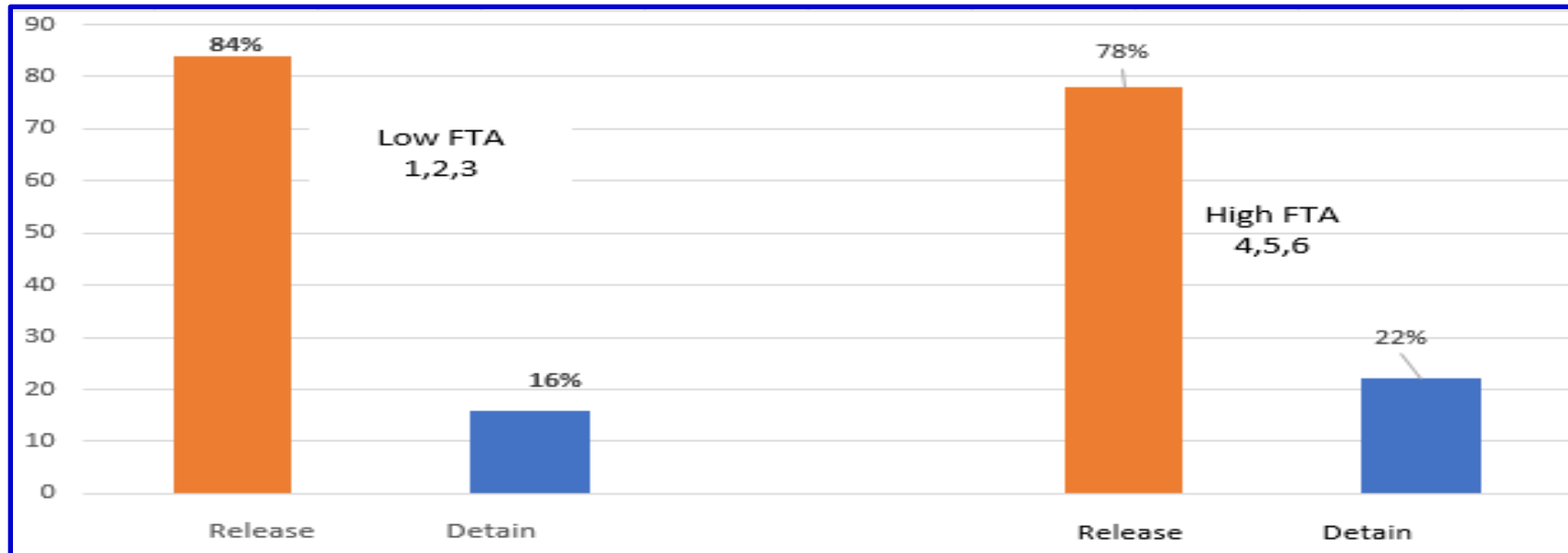
Judge's Release / Detain Overall - Including Postponements



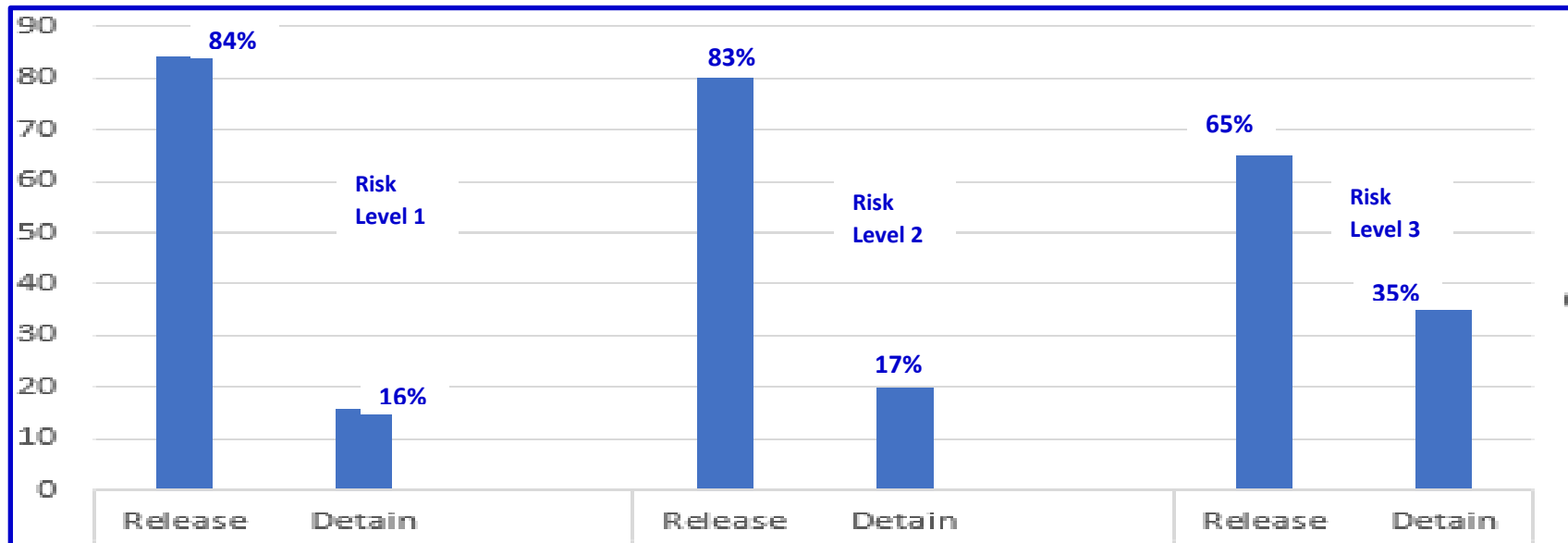
Judge's Release / Detain vs New Criminal Arrest (NCA) Score



Judge's Release/Detain vs Failure to Appear (FTA) Score



Judge's Release / Detain vs Risk Level



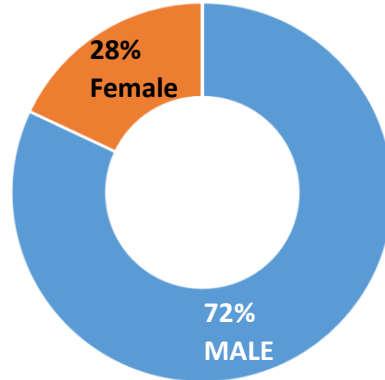
Rockbridge County Regional Jail Data - Q2 (April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024)

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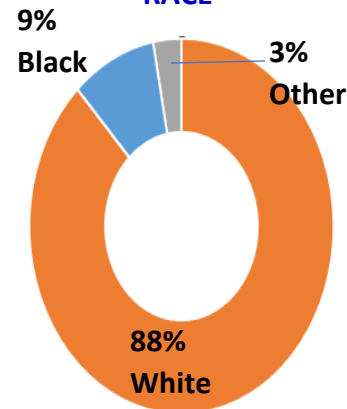
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*defendants eligible for bond
were admitted to the RCRJ. 53
VPRAI reports were prepared
for the bond hearings.*

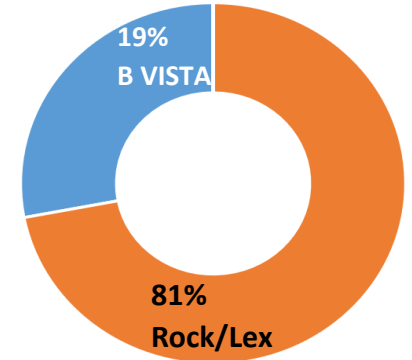
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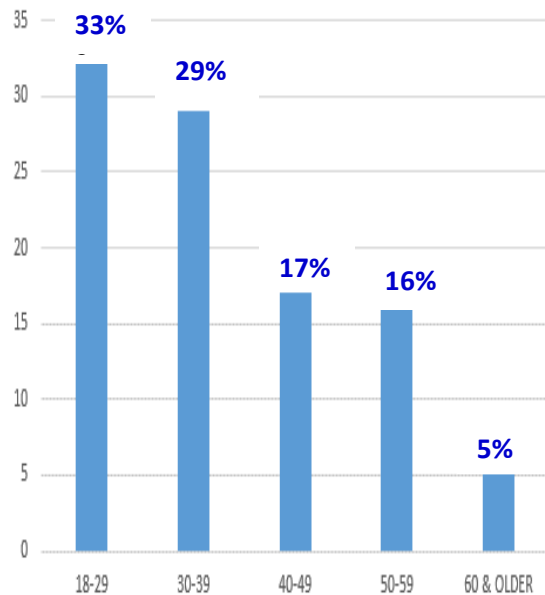
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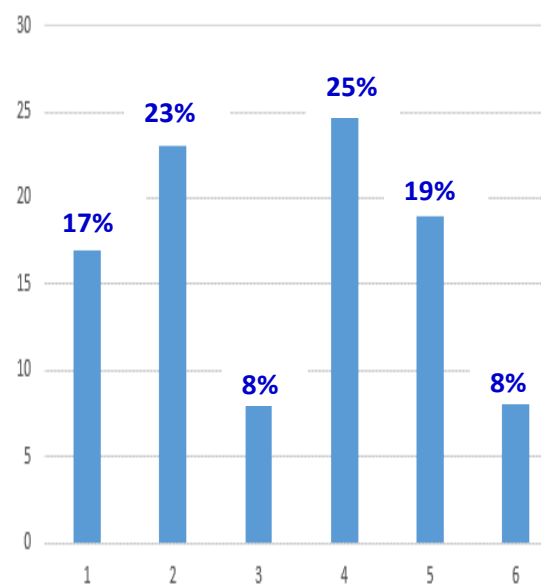
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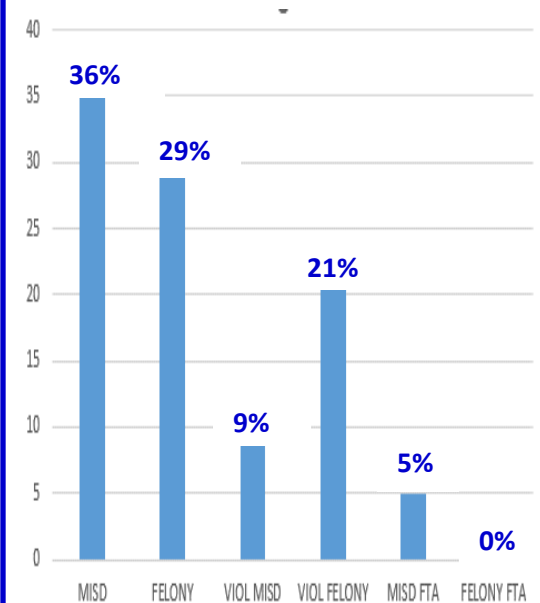
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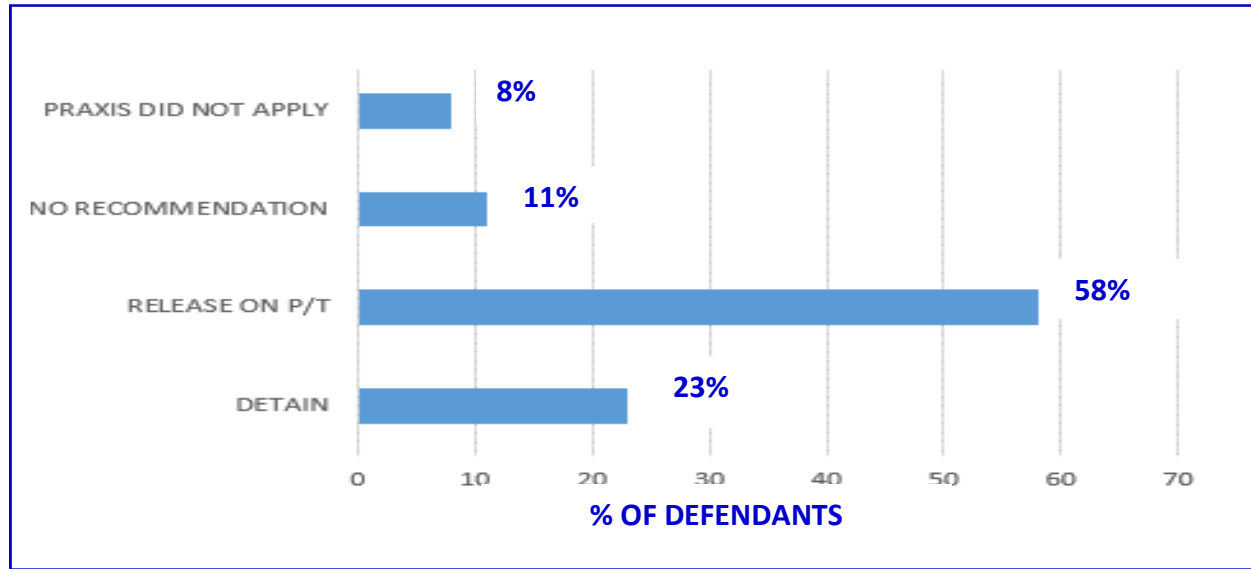
HEARING BY MOST SERIOUS CHARGE



RECOMMENDATIONS / DECISIONS

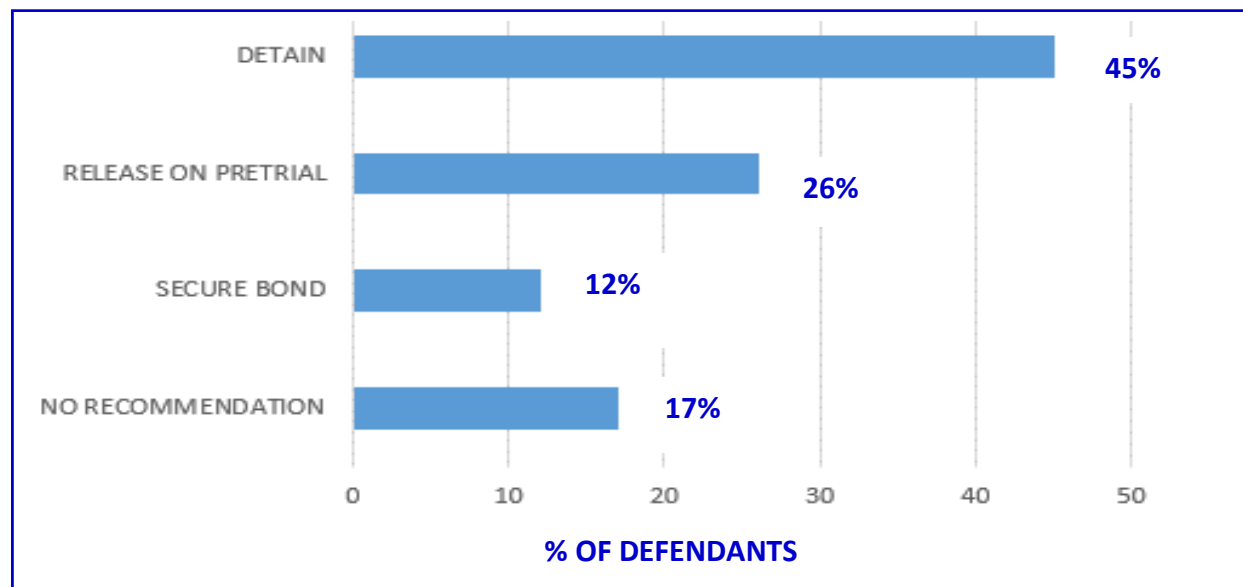
PRETRIAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Pretrial investigators recommended release in 58% of the cases this quarter...



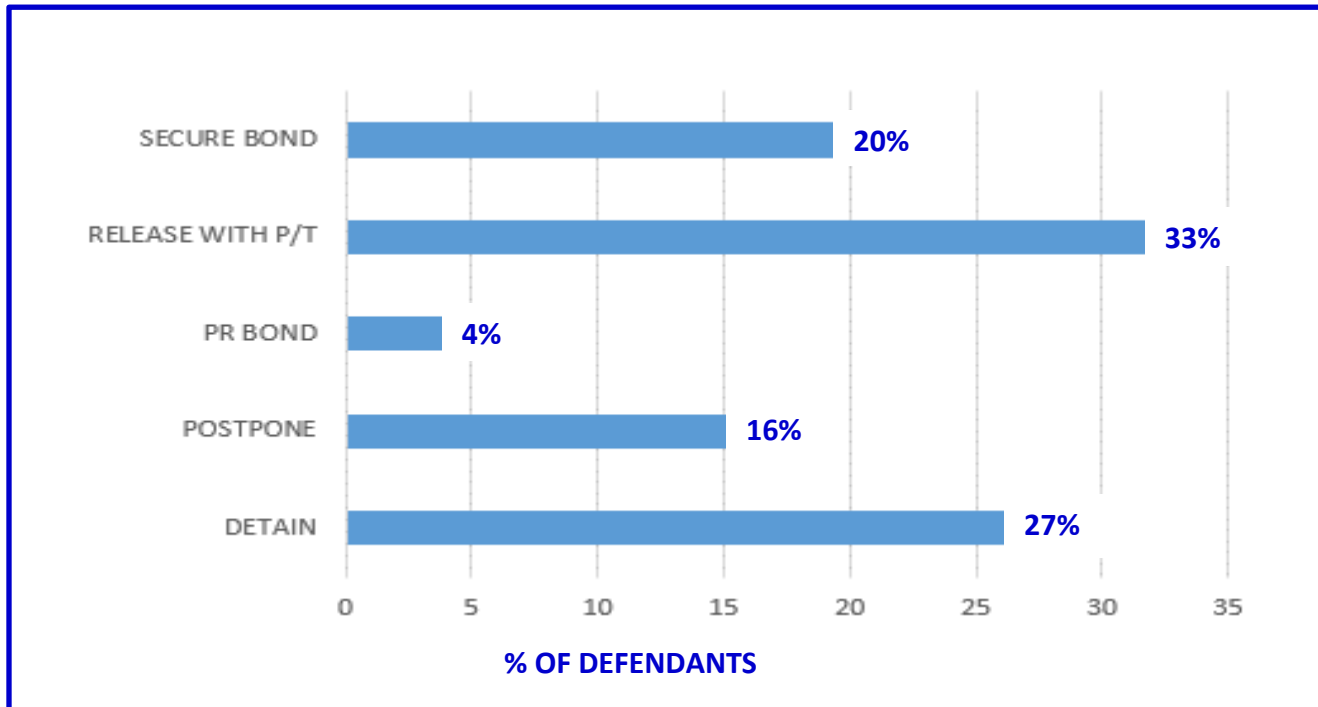
COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Commonwealth's attorneys recommended detention in 45% of the cases this quarter...



JUDICIAL DECISIONS

Judges chose to detain defendants in 27% of the cases this quarter...



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