



BLUE RIDGE COURT SERVICES



FY 2024 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 2024

BRCS served about 1,700 new clients this year . . .

- Local Probation Placements - - - - - 671
- Pretrial Placements - - - - - 923
- Pretrial Investigations - - - - - 836
- Domestic Violence Placements - - - - - 150
- Re-entry Program Referrals - - - - - 251
- Pretrial Initiative on Mental Illness - - - - - 80
- Home Electronic Monitoring - - - - - 95
- Therapeutic Docket Inductions - - - - - 23
- Recovery Court Inductions - - - - - 13



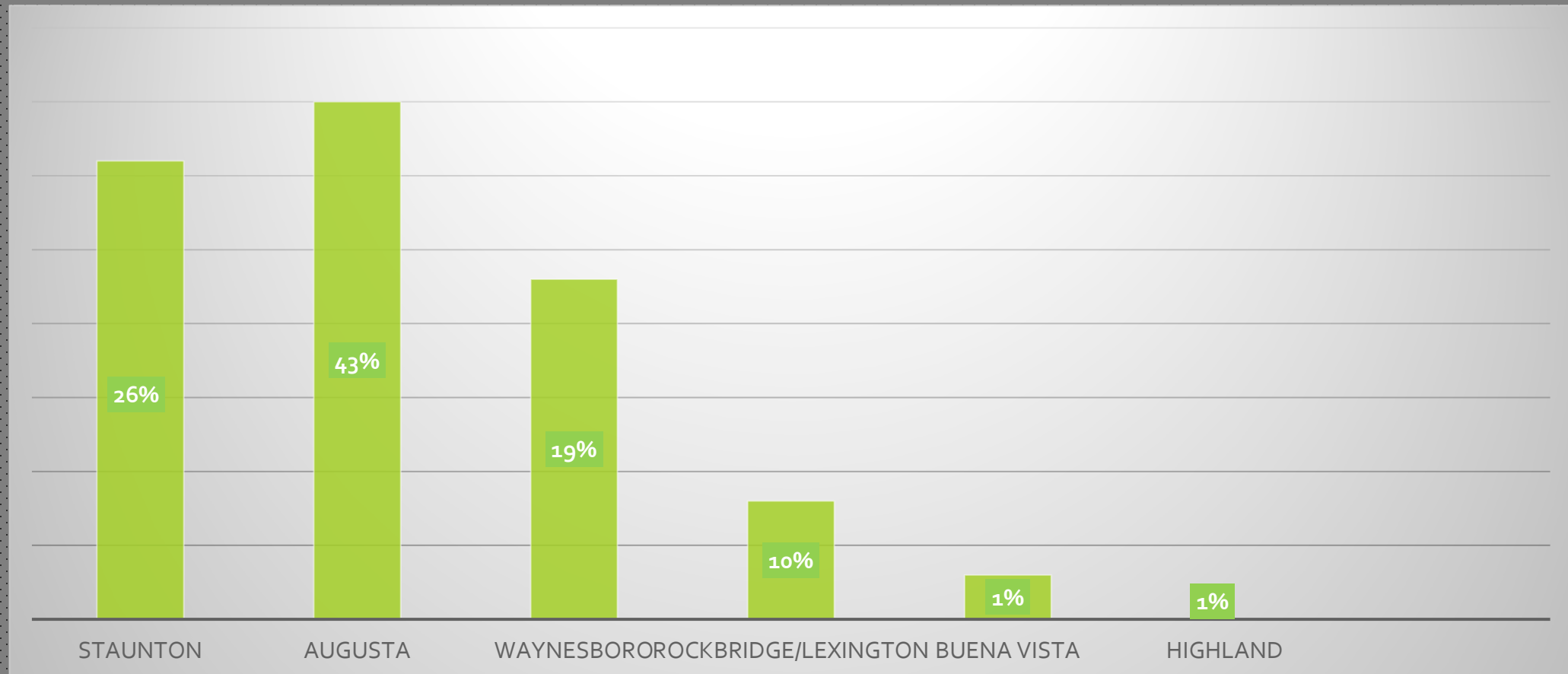
PROBATION SERVICES

In FY 2024 Blue Ridge Court Services received 671 probation placements.

- 553 (82%) misdemeanor cases and 118(18%) felony cases
- 66% male and 34% female
- 80% Caucasian, 18% African American and 2% Hispanic/Other
- 76% Program Success Rate for misdemeanors & 51% Program Success Rate for felonies (completing all of the court ordered requirements)
- 53% employed, 43% unemployed and 4% unknown
- Probationers by Risk: 78% low risk, 27% medium risk and 2% high risk



PROBATION PLACEMENTS BY JURISDICTION



RE-ENTRY SERVICES

- Supported by a grant from Community Action Partnership of Staunton, Augusta and Waynesboro (CAPSAW) which has allowed our agency to assist in successfully transitioning individuals who have recently been released from incarceration back into the community.
- 251 clients were referred to Re-entry
- Clients were provided assistance in obtaining employment, transportation, emergency clothing and emergency shelter. Self-care kits were also distributed.
- BRCS partners with MRRJ to provide a monthly re-entry class to inmates within 30 days of being released.

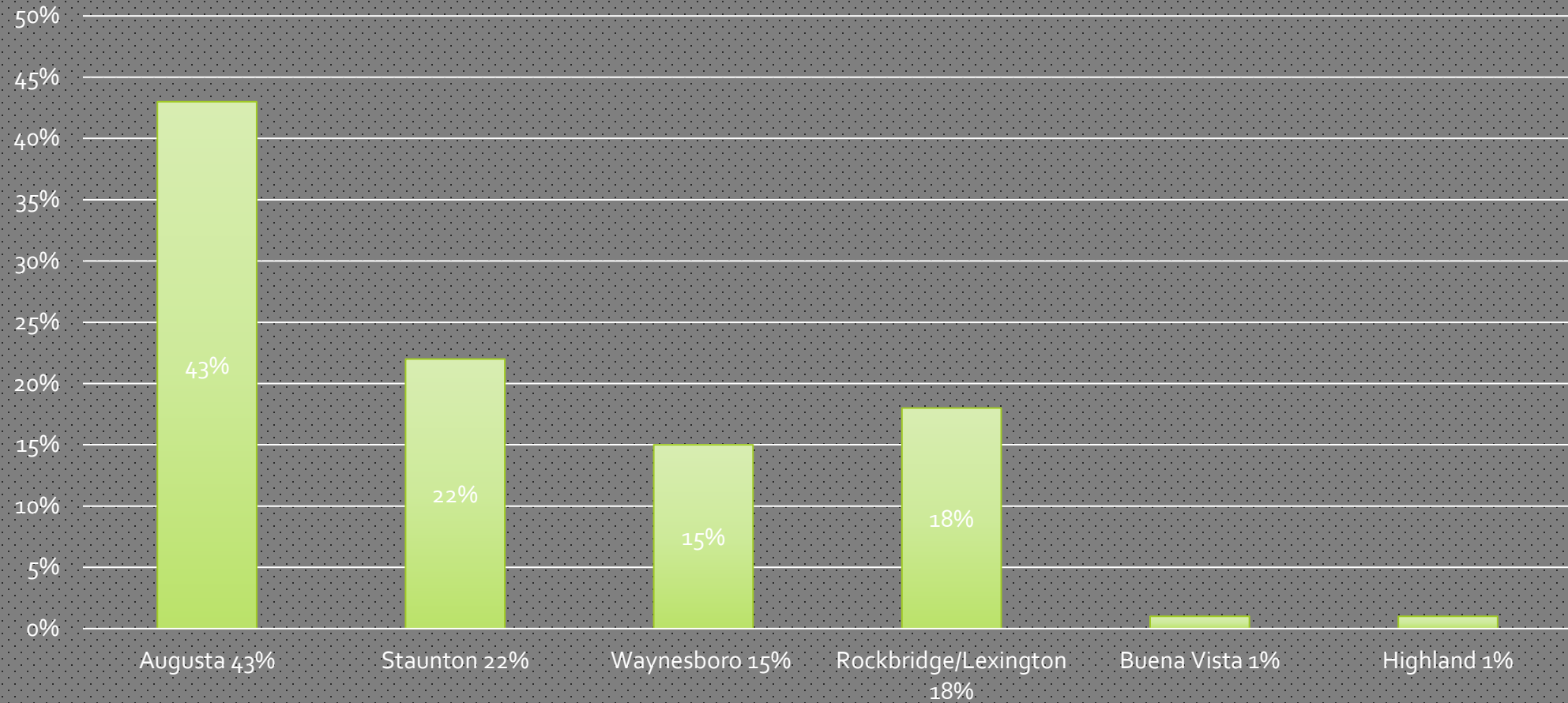


PRETRIAL SERVICES

- Performed a total of 836 pretrial investigations
- Received 923 pretrial placements
- 86% Program success rate, 97% appearance rate, 94% public safety (arrest free) rate
- 69% Male and 31% Female
- 78% Caucasian, 20% African American and 2% Hispanic/Other
- 45% were Employed, 49% Unemployed, 6% Unknown



PRETRIAL PLACEMENTS BY JURISDICTION



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- 150 Domestic Violence Placements in 2023
- 89% Male and 11% Female
- 77% Caucasian, 21% African American and 2% Hispanic/Other
- 71 placements from Augusta
- 47 placements from Staunton
- 26 placements from Waynesboro
- 5 placements from Rockbridge/Lexington
- 1 placement from Buena Vista



THERAPEUTIC DOCKET PROGRAM

- 23 Inductions into Therapeutic Docket in FY2024
- 11 graduates
- 12 Males and 11 Females
- 18 Caucasians, 5 African Americans and 0 Hispanic/Other
- 8 individuals in the 18 to 25 age group
- 5 individuals in the 26-35 age group
- 10 individuals in the 36 and over age range
- 7 placements were from Staunton Courts
- 15 placements were from Augusta County Courts
- 3 placements were from Waynesboro Courts



RECOVERY COURT

- This program targets individuals who have been involved in criminal activity arising from their addiction to alcohol or illegal substances.
- 13 new recovery court inductees in FY 2024
- 8 Graduates
- 7 males and 6 females
- 11 Caucasians, 2 African Americans
- 4 placements from Staunton
- 8 placements from Augusta County
- 4 placements from Waynesboro
- 3 placements from multiple jurisdictions



HOME ELECTRONIC MONITORING

BRCS received 95 Home Electronic Monitoring Placements in 2024.

- 79 were male and 16 were female
- 69 were Caucasian, 24 African American and 2 Hispanic/Other
- Daily cost of HEM is \$12.00 compared to the average daily jail bed cost of \$109.52.

Locality Participation and Jail Bed Savings at 109.52/day

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Bed Days Saved</u>	<u>Jail Costs Savings</u>
Staunton	12	853	\$93,420
Augusta	60	6,532	\$529,774
Waynesboro	12	1,562	\$171,070
Rockbridge/Lex	10	793	\$86,849
Buena Vista	1	17	\$1,861
Total	95	9,757	\$882,974

***Based on the State Compensation Board's Virginia Statewide Average Daily Jail Cost of \$109.52.



FY 2024 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 Recovery Court
- 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, 407,822. . .

- 73% from DCJS
- 5% from Supreme Court
- 1% from CAPSAW
- 8% DBHDS
- 9% from Participant Fees
- 4% from Reserve