

Central Shenandoah Valley Bond Data Dashboard & Public Safety Assessment (PSA) Outcomes First Year of Data - 4/1/24 to 3/31/25

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. The PSA was officially implemented in the Staunton/Augusta/Waynesboro area on April 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025 in the Rockbridge/Lexington area. This report summarizes data collected for the first year of the PSA implementation.

The bond data dashboard is prepared using the following parameters:

- 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 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.
- Link to BDD - <https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/departments/court-services/bond-data-dashboard>
- For questions or more information, please contact David T. Pastors, Criminal Justice Planner, at 540-886-1008, Ext 4208 or pastorsdt@ci.staunton.va.us

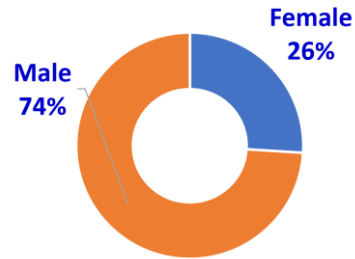
Middle River Regional Jail Data – 4/1/24 – 3/31/25

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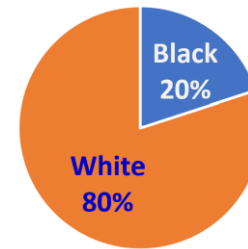
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Defendants were administered the Public Safety Assessment during this timeframe. 188 defendants were released by the magistrate prior to going to court.

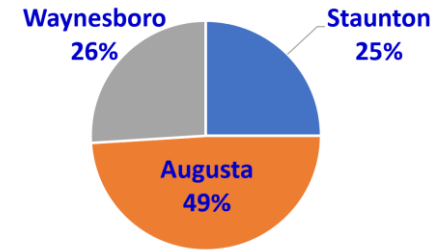
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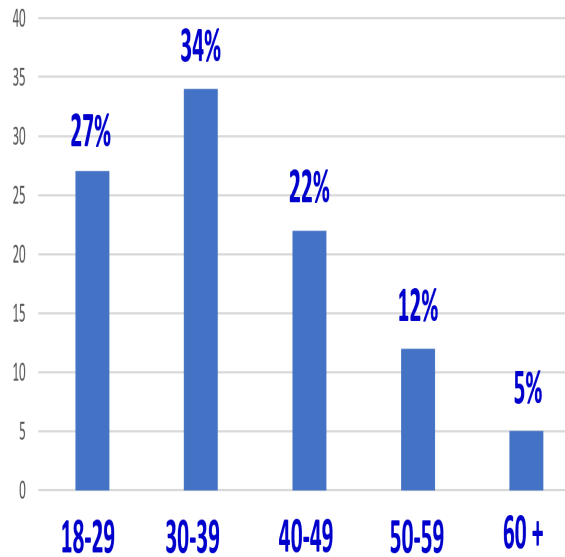
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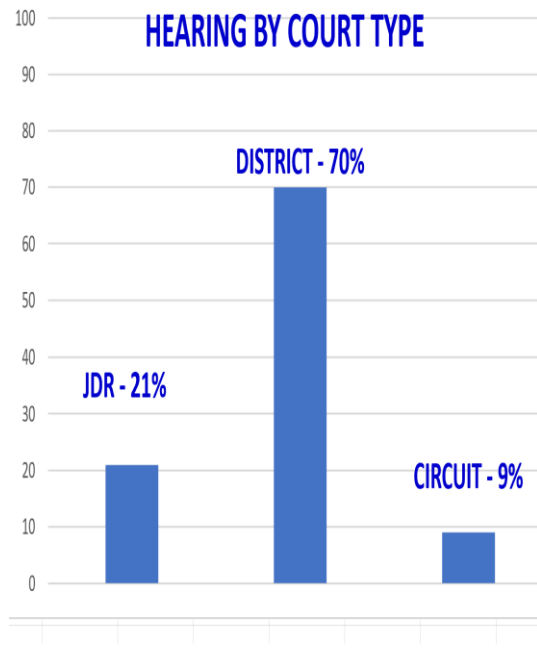
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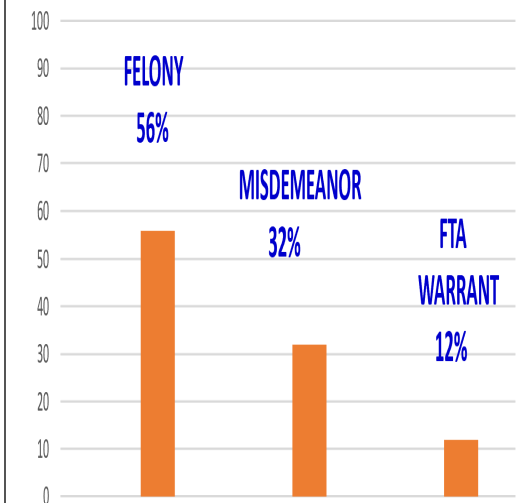
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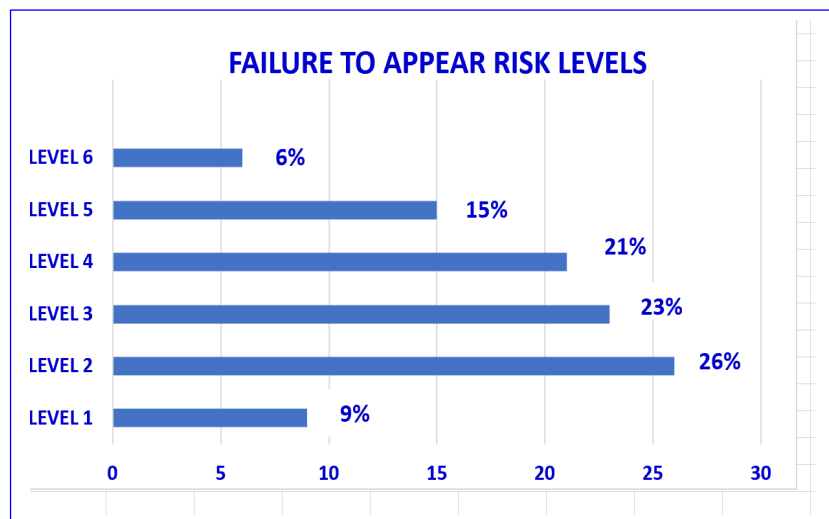


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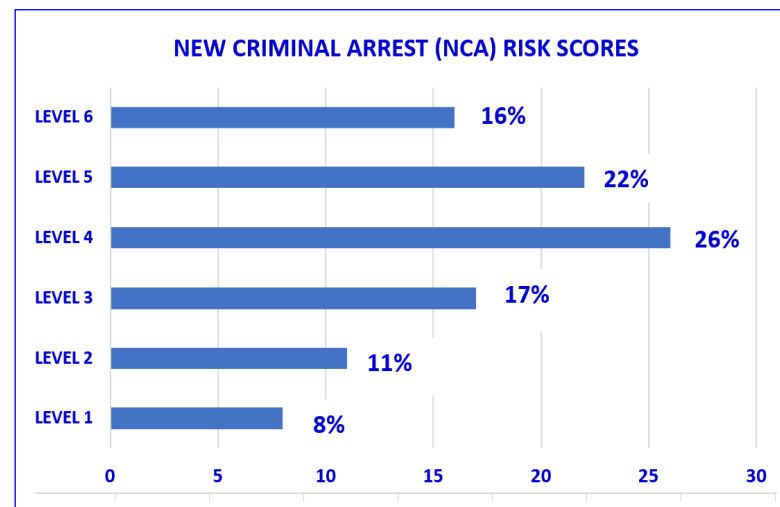


HEARING BY MOST SERIOUS CHARGE

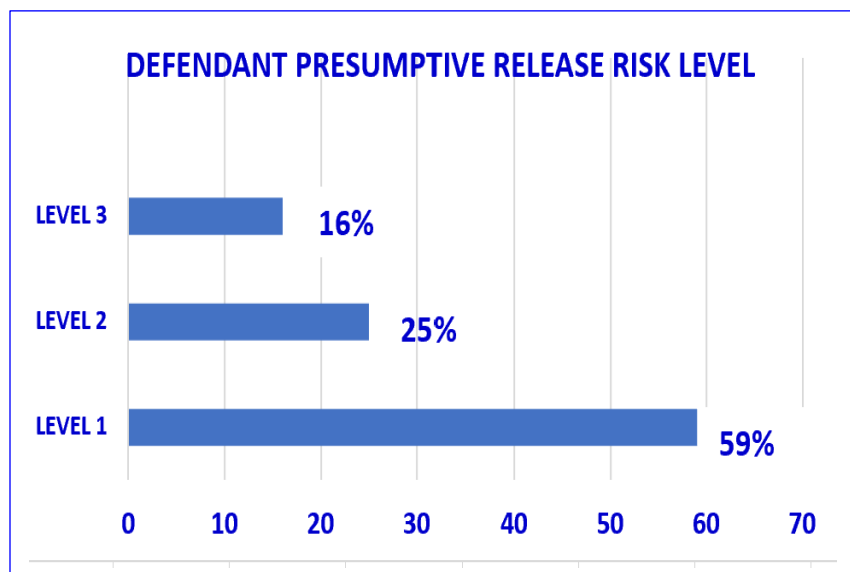




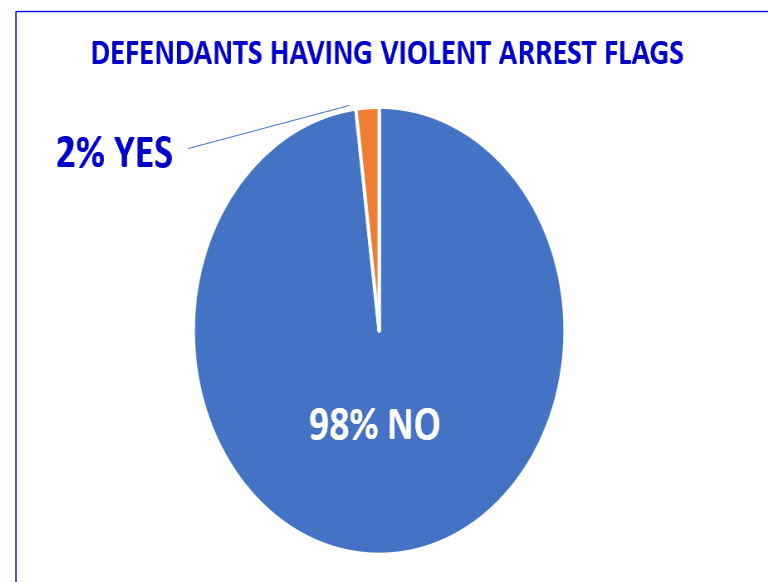
58% of defendants were LOW risk for failing to appear



64% of defendants were HIGH risk for a new criminal arrest

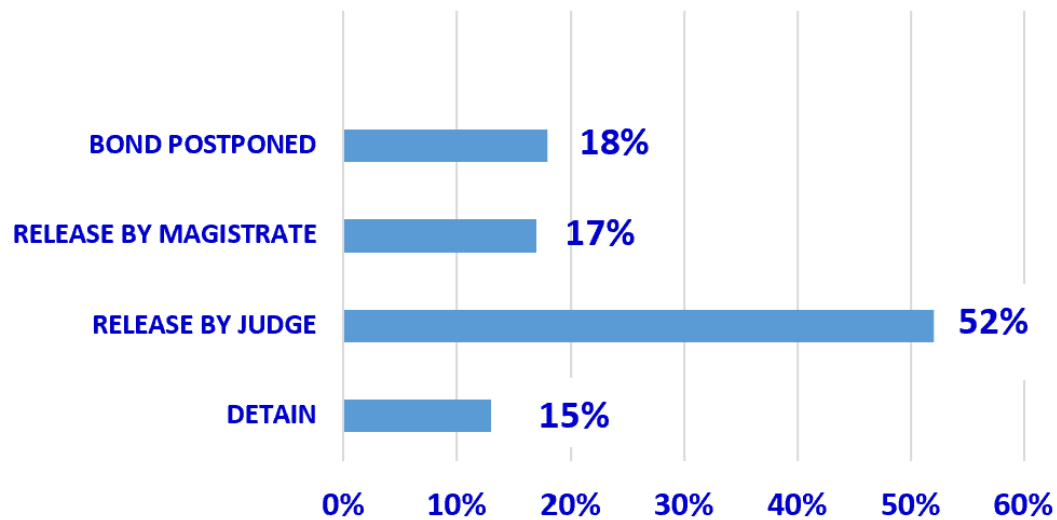


16% of defendants had the HIGHEST presumptive risk level



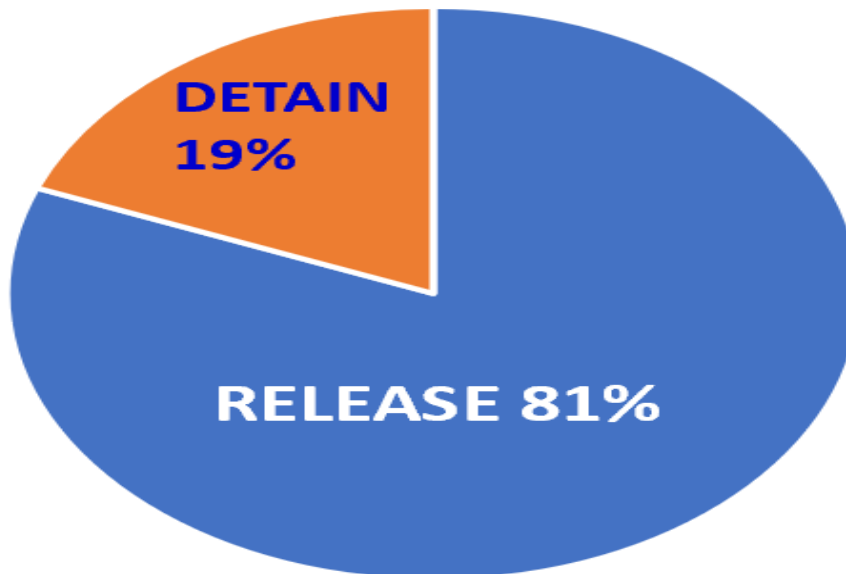
2% of defendants were flagged for a new violent criminal arrest

DETAIN/RELEASE DECISIONS

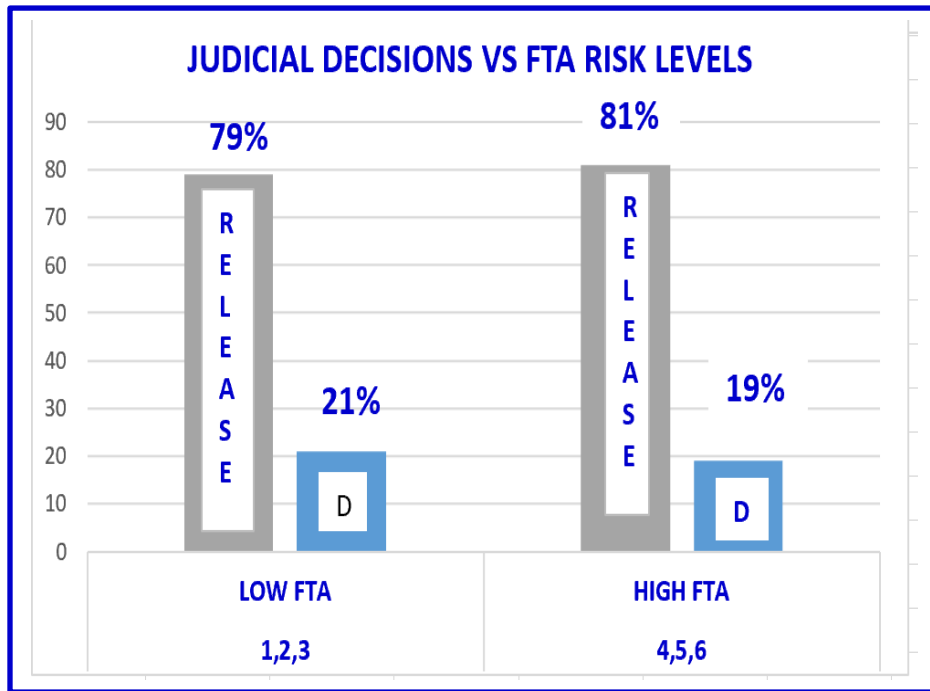


- 17% of defendants are released prior to going to court by the Magistrates
- 18% of defendants have their bond postponed for various reasons

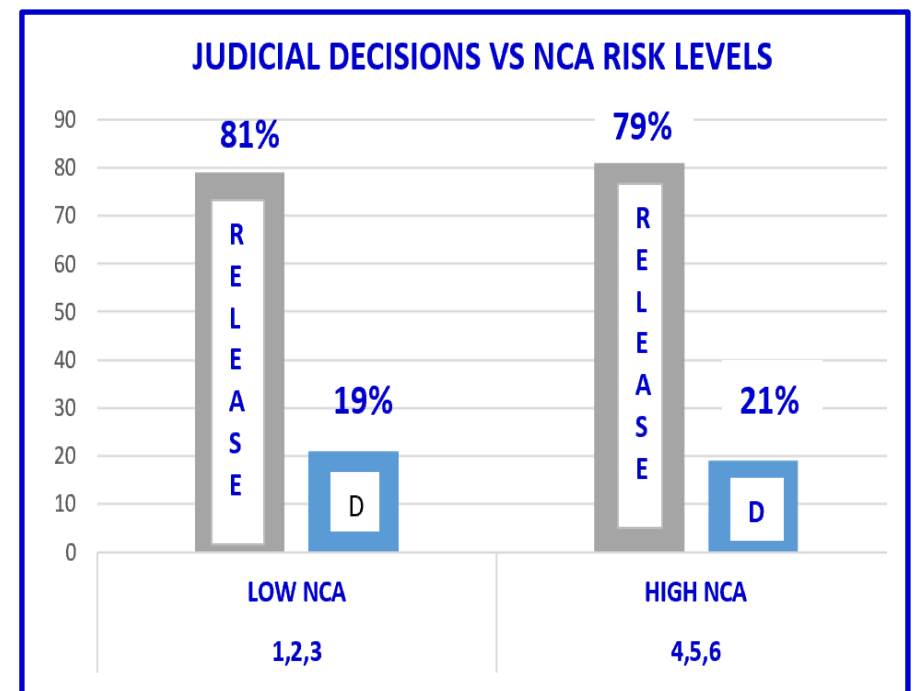
JUDICIAL DECISIONS OVERALL



- Sorting out postponements, Judges release defendants 81% of time



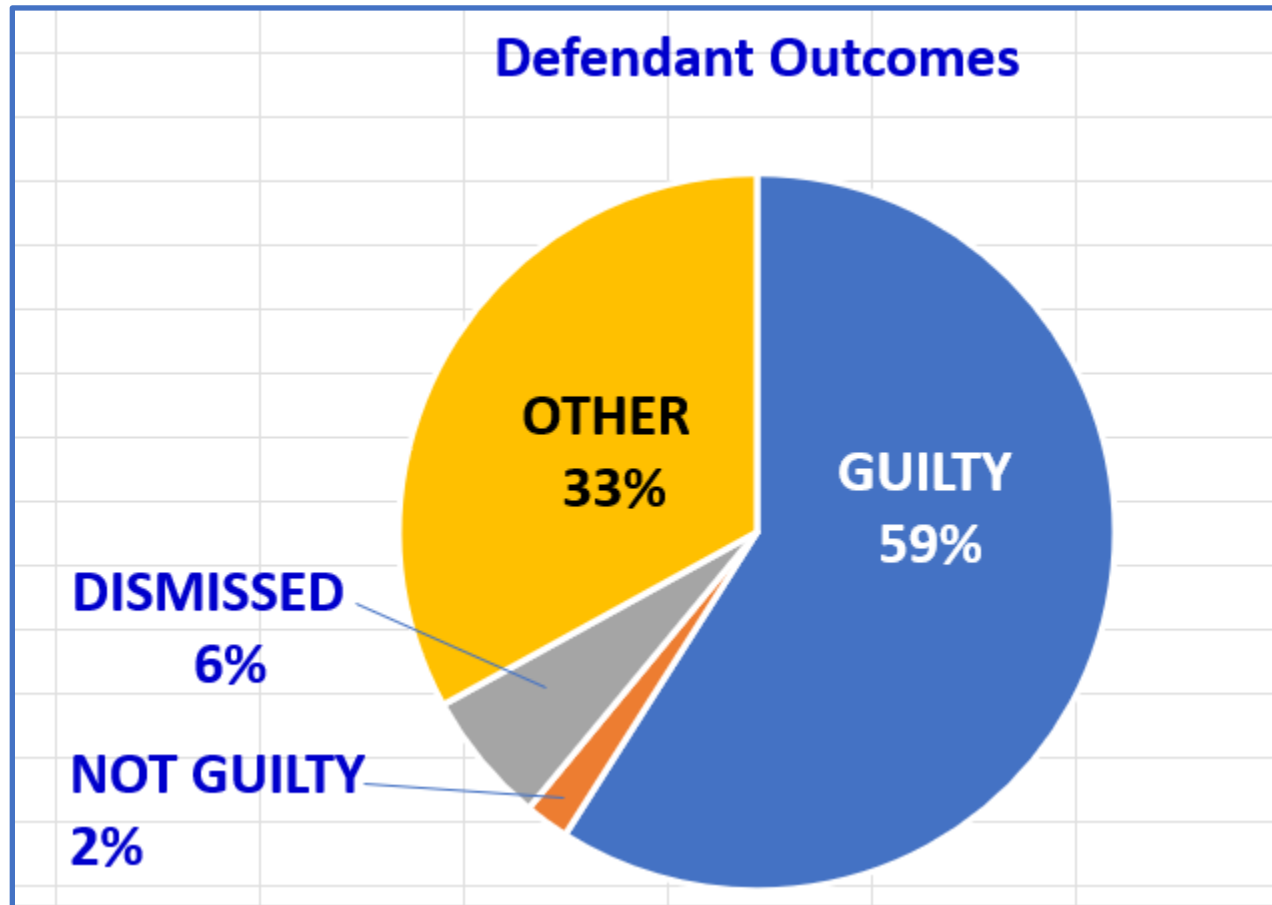
Defendants with LOW FTA Risk Level scores were slightly LESS likely to be released than those with HIGHER FTA scores



Defendants with LOW NCA Risk Level scores were more likely to be released than those with HIGHER NCA risk levels

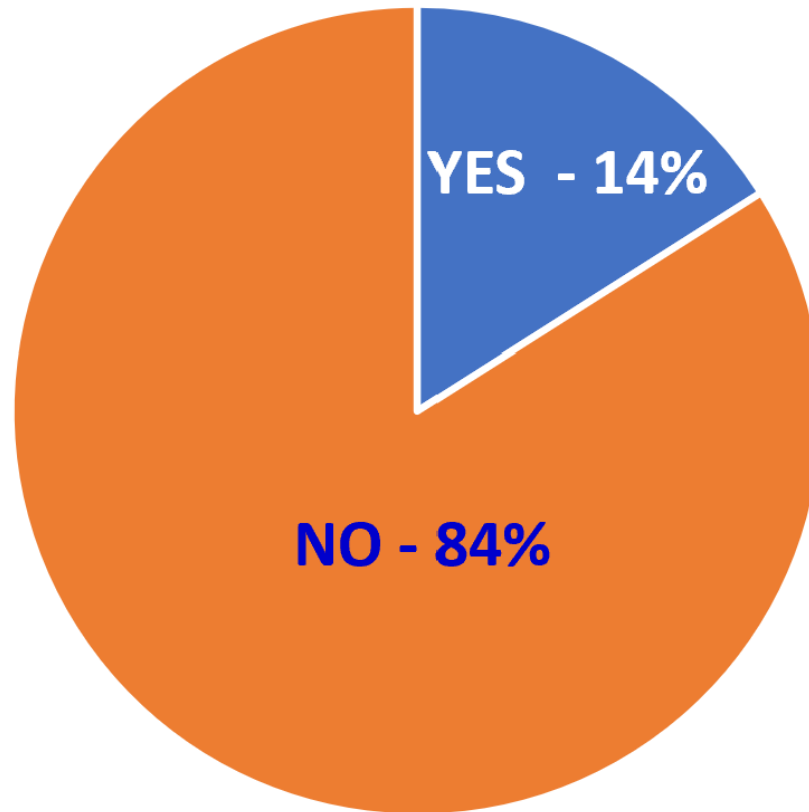
- Public Safety Assessment (PSA) Outcome Summary 4.1.24 to 3.31.25 -

During this time frame 1364 defendants had PSA's completed. Of those 1364, 488 defendants were placed on pretrial supervision by the court. As of March 31, 2025, 160 of those defendants' cases came to a close. The chart below represents the outcomes for those closed cases....

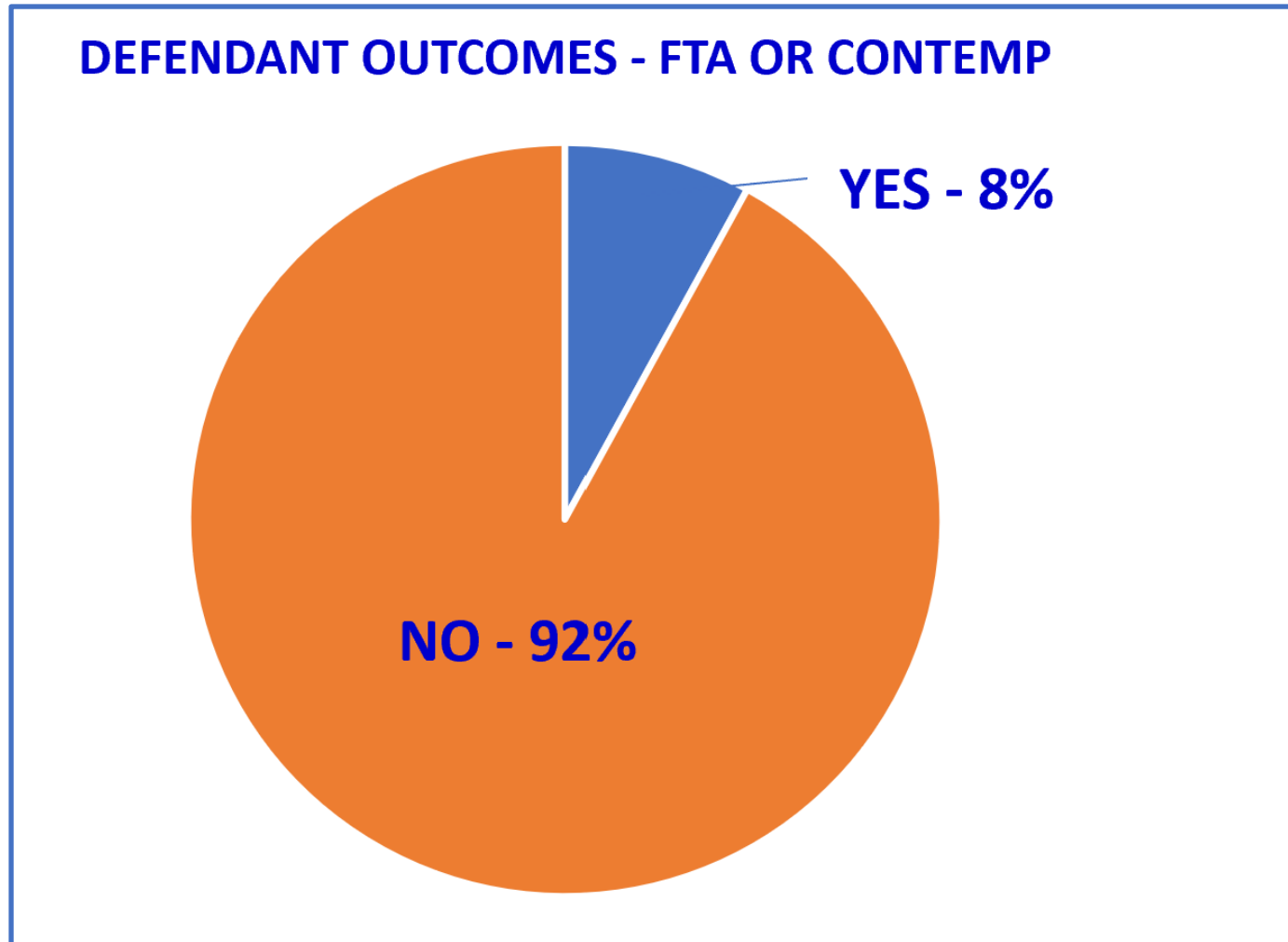


Did any defendant incur a New Criminal Arrest while on Pretrial?

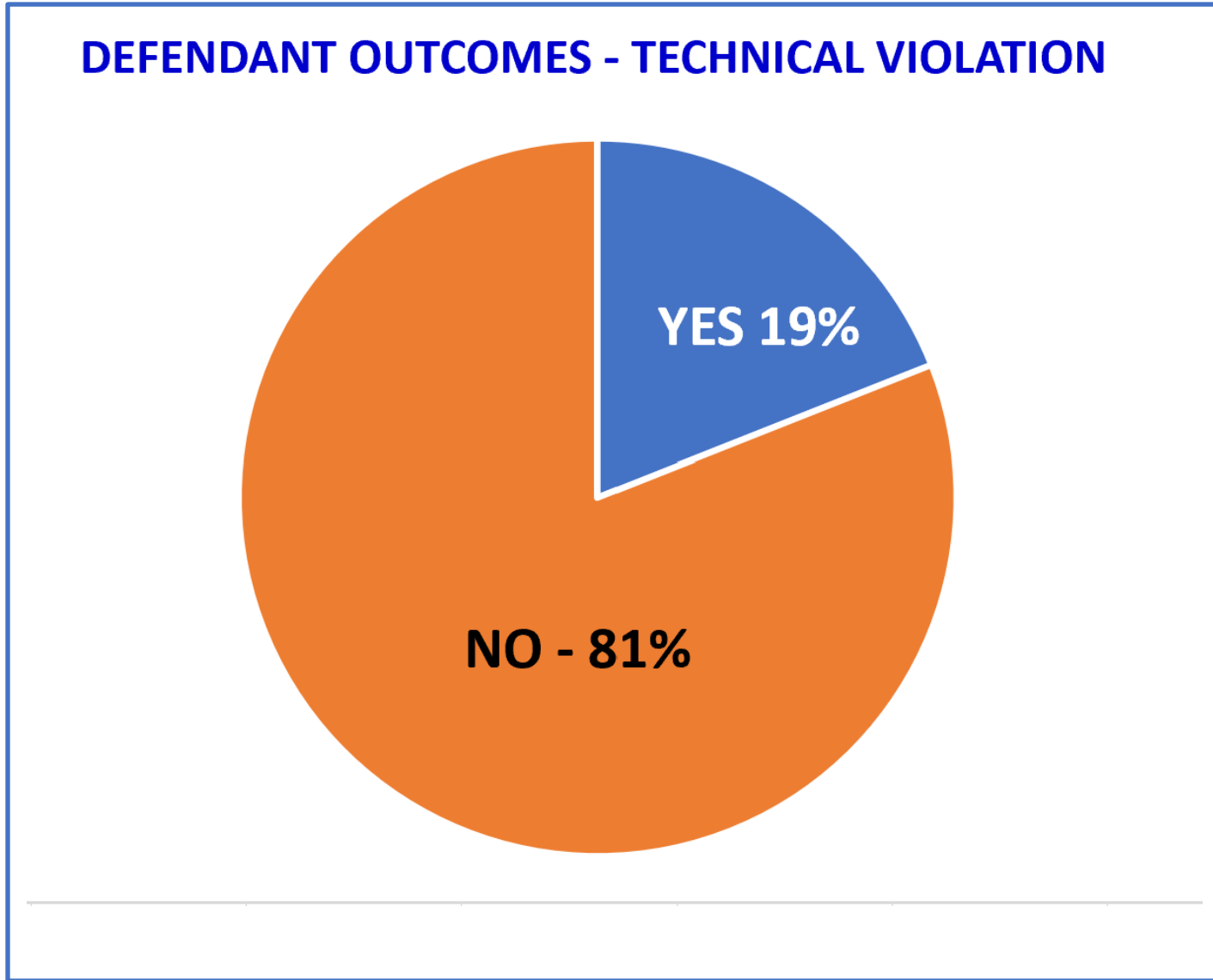
DEFENDANT OUTCOMES - NEW ARREST



Did any defendant incur a FTA or Contempt of Court conviction while on pretrial supervision?



Did any defendant incur a BRCS Technical Violation while on Pretrial Supervision?



Did any defendant have a new Violent Criminal Arrest while on Pretrial?

