



**Palm Beach County
Criminal Justice Commission**
Improving Justice Outcomes

ANNUAL 2024 REPORT

Advancing Justice, Enhancing Safety



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2024 Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners

Maria G. Marino, Mayor

District 1

Sara Baxter, Vice Mayor

District 6

Gregg K. Weiss

District 2

Joel G. Flores

District 3

Marci Woodward

District 4

Maria Sachs

District 5

Bobby Powell Jr.

District 7

County Administrator

Verdenia C. Baker





Letter from the **CHAIR**



Rachel Docekal

Dear Colleague,

I am delighted to share the annual report for Palm Beach County's Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). Founded in 1988 by the Economic Council of Palm Beach County to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within the federal, state, county, municipal and private agencies within the county, our CJC has become one of the preeminent commissions in the United States.

This past year has been exciting for the CJC. We conducted an exhaustive search to identify a new executive director to lead our next chapter. Angelique Pickett – who you will meet within these pages – is a tremendous leader who brings real-world law enforcement experience as part of her background.

We added four new seats to the Commission. The CJC has always been about cultivating and enriching local criminal justice practice, policy, and program development, and the four new voices – a crime survivor, a returning citizen, a student between the ages of 17 and 22 years, and a community member at large – help us to do just that.

Finally, our CJC continues to participate in the national Safety and Justice Challenge supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. The Challenge invests in locally developed, equity-based solutions that take a balanced approach to protecting public safety through interventions such as substance use disorder treatment, housing, and mental health services. The ability for Palm Beach County to have a voice nationally is a testament to the work of all members of the CJC and our broader criminal justice system.

Warmly,

Rachel Docekal, MBA, Ed.D.
Chair





Message from the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



Angelique J. Pickett

I am honored to have been given the opportunity to join Palm Beach County's Team PBC and the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) in 2024, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Board of County Commissioners, County Administration, the Criminal Justice Commission, and our dedicated staff for the warm welcome and continued support. It is a privilege to join such a distinguished and impactful organization.

As we reflect on the past year and look ahead, I am excited by the opportunities before us. The CJC has long stood as a national model of collaboration, innovation, and commitment to bettering criminal justice in Palm Beach County. In 2025, we find ourselves at a defining moment - transitioning into the final phase of work supported by our largest funder, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Since 2015, their investment in our community has propelled Palm Beach County toward a more in-depth collective understanding of the local criminal justice system and opened minds to innovative ideas.

There is a bright future ahead as we take time to reestablish and refresh connections, remaining focused on building upon the strengths and values of CJC members, task force members, and community partners. Together, we are working to ensure that our criminal justice system is efficient, just, and cost effective while honoring the CJC's legacy of system assessment for continued improvement while embracing innovation.

Lastly, I would like to thank all those who dedicate their time and effort to accomplishing our shared mission. Your input is invaluable to the work we do and I look forward to working together for years to come.

Sincerely,

Angelique J. Pickett
Executive Director



HISTORY AND MISSION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

The mission of the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) is to study all aspects of the criminal justice and crime prevention systems within federal, state, county, municipal, and private agencies in Palm Beach County. This includes examining related health, human services, and educational systems to identify their impact on criminal justice and crime prevention.

Mission Statement

The CJC serves as an advisory commission to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. It is comprised of 35 members:

- ▶ 18 public sector members representing local, state, and federal criminal justice and governmental agencies.
- ▶ 17 private sector members, including:
 - 10 business leaders nominated by the Economic Council of Palm Beach County (including one representative each from CareerSource and the Health Care District).
 - Two Chamber of Commerce Representatives (one representative each from the Black Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce).
 - Five at-large members:
 - One clergy member nominated by diverse faith associations in the county.
 - One returning citizen.
 - One crime survivor.
 - One student (aged 17–22).
 - One at-large community member.

Objectives

The CJC's primary goal is to develop and recommend policies and programs to the Board of County Commissioners that:

- ▶ Ensure the coordination of law enforcement and crime prevention efforts in Palm Beach County.
- ▶ Ensure an efficient, just, and cost effective criminal justice system in Palm Beach County.
- ▶ Effect a long-term reduction in crime in Palm Beach County.





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CJC ADMINISTRATION

The Criminal Justice Commission strives to foster collaboration, innovation, and efficiency across the criminal justice system to enhance public safety and reduce crime on a permanent basis. The CJC operates through a collaborative committee-based process, encouraging participation from professionals, citizens, and stakeholders across various disciplines. Over 200 volunteers contribute their expertise and time to support the CJC’s mission.

Under the leadership of an Executive Director, the CJC staff supports the commission by facilitating the various committees and projects, as well as, writing the minutes, identifying topics and project planning needed for the agendas, conducting research and data analysis, and consensus building. The pages that follow highlight the hard work the staff and members produced. The CJC recognizes and appreciates every one of these individuals for their invaluable insight, thoughts, and talents and wishes to thank them for their time.



Angelique J. Pickett
Executive Director



Damir Kukec
Research & Planning
Manager



Katherine Hatos
Criminal Justice Systems
Manager



Rosalind Murray
Community Engagement
Coordinator



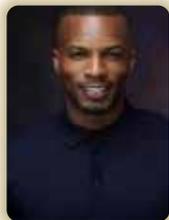
Dawn Caveness-Davenport
Senior Criminal
Analyst



Stephanie Molière
Senior Criminal
Analyst



Brad Allen
Criminal Justice
Analyst



Christopher Sydell
Criminal Justice
Analyst



Margo Smith
Criminal Justice
Analyst



Cayla M. Severin
Administrative Assistant III



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CJC OFFICERS



Rachel Docekal,
MBA, Ed.D. CEO
Hanley Foundation
Chair

For more than two decades, Dr. Docekal has built a career focused on shifting from what is present to what is possible. As CEO of the Hanley Foundation, she oversees board and donor relations while creating strategies to support the organization's lifesaving programs.



Michelle R. Suskauer,
Criminal Lawyer
Vice-Chair

Ms. Suskauer is a criminal defense attorney and the managing partner of the Suskauer Law Firm, P.A. with offices in West Palm Beach, Miami, and Stuart. She is past President of the Florida Bar.



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CJC OFFICERS



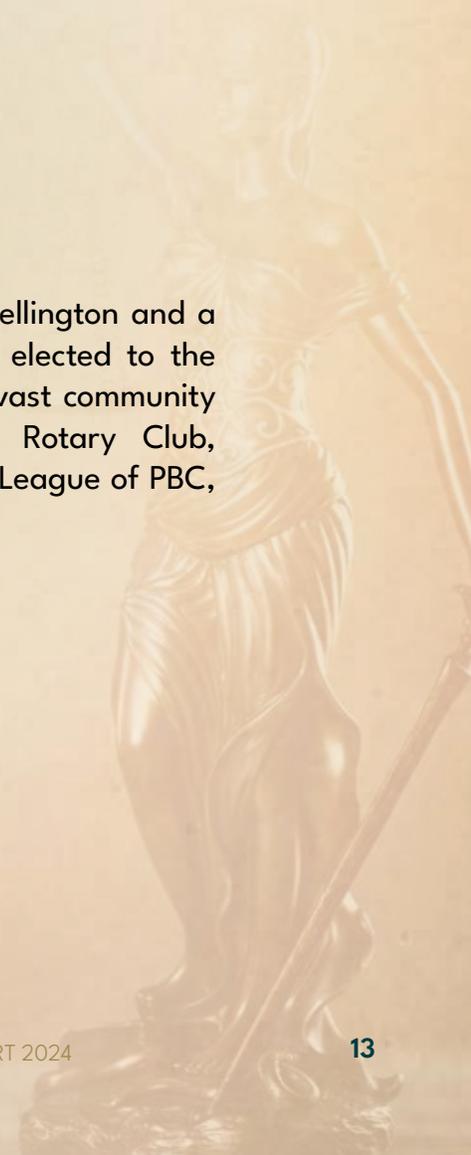
Marcia Andrews,
School Board Member
Treasurer

Ms. Andrews was elected to serve on the Palm Beach County School Board in 2010 and reelected each time she ran. She is a staunch advocate for the children in her district, District 6. She also served as the Chair of the Council of the Great City Schools.



Maria Antuña
CEO of Hispanic Chamber
of Commerce of
Palm Beach County
Secretary

Ms. Antuña is a 45-year resident of Wellington and a 45-year veteran of banking. She was elected to the Wellington Town Council in 2024. Her vast community involvement includes the Wellington Rotary Club, Leadership Palm Beach County, Urban League of PBC, and Forum Club of the Palm Beaches.





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CJC FULL MEMBERS

Private Sector

Leontyne Brown

Black Chamber Representative
Marketing and Advertising Consultant, dba
Leontyne Brown

Jorge Garrido

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Representative
Financial Services and Insurance Advice and
Sales, Financial Management Strategies

Earnie Ellison

Managing Partner, Ellison Consulting Group, LLC

Michelle Suskauer

The Suskauer Law Firm P.A..

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Communications by Johnson, Inc.

Julia Dattolo

CEO, CareerSource of Palm Beach County

Lauren Whetstone

Nextera Energy

Matt Pawlowski

Nextera Energy

Darcy Davis

CEO, Health Care District of Palm Beach County

Marty Perry

Perry & Taylor, P.A.

María Antuña

CEO, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Palm
Beach County

Rachel Docekal, MBA, Ed.D.

CEO, Hanley Foundation

Reverend Kevin Jones

Local Clergy Representative

Oswald Newbold

Return Citizen Representative
Reentry Coordinator, Reentry Center of
Riviera Beach

Karen D. Hansen

Crime Survivor Representative
Founder of Collective Projects

Shania Grant

Youth Representative
Student, Florida Atlantic University

Vanessa Klein

At-Large Community Representative
Director of Reentry Services, The Lord's Place



Figure 1 CJC Executive Director, Angelique J. Pickett, and Board Chair, Dr. Rachel Docekal



Figure 2 Judges Kroll, and Kelley, and Carey Haughwout, PD, at CJC meeting



Figure 3 Dr. Rachel Docekal, CJC Board Chair



Figure 4 Chief Judge Glenn Kelley listens thoughtfully at full CJC Meeting



Figure 5 CJC Executive Committee Member Lauren Whetstone

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CJC FULL MEMBERS

Public Sector

Michael Barnett

Board of County Commissioners

Ric Bradshaw

Palm Beach County Sheriff

Dave Aronberg

State Attorney, 15th Judicial Circuit

Carey Haughwout

Public Defender, 15th Judicial Circuit

Joseph Abruzzo

Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller

Glenn Kelley

Chief Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit

Kathleen Kroll

Administrative Judge, Juvenile Division

Marcia Andrews

Palm Beach County School Board, District 6

Katherine Waldron

Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation

Lawrence Gordon

Vice-Mayor, Town of Haverhill, Palm Beach County League of Cities

Gregory Starling

District IX Manager, FL Department of Juvenile Justice

Association Of Chiefs of Police (Vacant)

Frank Adderley

Chief of West Palm Beach Police Department

Derek Gibson

Circuit Administrator, FL Department of Transportation

Demetrios Thomas

Supervisory Agent – FDLE

Crime Prevention Association (Vacant)

Anthony Lacosta/Adam McMichael

US Attorney

Nellie King

PBC Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers



Figure 6 CJC Board members Attorney Michelle Suskauer, Karen D. Hansen, and Shania Grant



Figure 7 CJC Board members Shania Grant, Rev. Kevin Jones, Jorge Garrido, Gregory Starling, Lawrence Gordon at CJC Meeting



Figure 8 Vice Mayor, Lawrence Gordon, and Attorney Nellie King at CJC Meeting



Figure 9 CJC and Black Chamber of Commerce Member Leontyne Brown



Figure 10 CJC and School Board Member Marcia Andrews accepts congratulations



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Strategic Alignment with the Board of County Commissioners



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners
VISION, MISSION, VALUES, GOALS & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Core Values	OUR VISION	Strategic Priorities
 FUNDAMENTAL COMPETENCE Trainings, tools, and professional development.	 Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners OUR MISSION To drive a continuous improvement culture of excellence that achieves a measurably high level of public satisfaction.	PUBLIC SAFETY 
 UNWAVERING COMMITMENT Do the right thing for the right reasons for our residents.		INFRASTRUCTURE 
 CREATIVE LEADERSHIP Explore fresh approaches with an open mind.		UNSHeltered RESIDENTS 
 INTERACTIVE COMMUNICATION Share information, listen attentively, provide feedback.		HOUSING DEVELOPMENT 
		ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 
		ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 
		SUBSTANCE USE & BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS 

For more information, please contact Strategic Planning and Performance Management at (561) 355-4075.

GRANT AWARDS

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1. John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Capstone Grant - \$234,000
2. Florida Department of Law Enforcement Grant
 - A. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) – for Re-Entry Services - \$240,228
 - B. Law Enforcement Equipment - \$107, 859
3. U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG)
 - A. Re-Entry Services - \$121,292

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- **Grant Application:** The Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) applied for the Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant. The \$1.2 million dollar application was submitted in February 2023. Funding was not awarded. The PSCC will apply again in the next round of funding.





CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

CJC TASK FORCES, BOARDS, AND COUNCILS

Behavioral Health Task Force

Chair: Captain Randy Foley

Co-Chair: Lisa Williams-Taylor

Purpose: The Behavioral Health Taskforce address gaps in Palm Beach County’s behavioral health system, focusing on prevention, intervention, and reaction, with a strong emphasis on community safety and support within the criminal justice systems. This task force evolved from the Law Enforcement Planning Council sub-committee, School & Community Safety Initiative Committee.

Accomplishments as School & Community Safety Initiative Committee:

- **Palm Beach County Aware and Care Website:** Developed and branded a website to connect the community with behavioral health services, prevent mass violence, and raise awareness about warning signs and reporting. Continue to support this ongoing initiative at www.pbc.gov/criminaljustice.
- **Awareness Campaign:** Launched campaigns, including billboards, bus wraps, and shelters, to promote the Aware and Care initiative at www.pbc.gov/criminaljustice. **Working Groups:** Established three working groups to address gaps in prevention, intervention, and reaction within the mental health system.
- **Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM):** Developing a visual map to identify service gaps and plan for systemic improvements for individuals with behavioral health needs in Palm Beach County.
- **School and Community Safety Initiative Recommendations:** Development of recommendations for presentation to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

Looking Ahead...

The Behavioral Health Task Force will develop a strategic plan to align its priorities in a logical, realistic, format. Its focus will continue to lend support, and recommend interventions for the gaps in services in this community.



Figure 11 Behavioral Health Task Force Meeting



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CJC TASK FORCES, BOARDS, AND COUNCILS

Community Engagement Task Force

Chair: Barbara Cheives

Co-Chair: (Retired) Chief Javaro Sims

Purpose: Community Engagement Task Force was established to enhance transparency, accountability, and trust between the criminal justice system and the community of Palm Beach County.

Objectives:

- **Information Dissemination:** Provide the public with comprehensive information about the criminal justice system and public safety issues.
- **Public Engagement:** Foster open dialogues to understand community concerns and needs, ensuring the criminal justice system serves the public effectively.
- **Support for Law Enforcement:** Assist law enforcement agencies by educating the public on matters affecting public safety, thereby building trust and legitimacy.

Community Engagement is one of the pillars of the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge Grant. Community Engagement involves people with lived experience and everyday citizens to help drive incremental change in criminal justice, such as through the Dialogue to Change process, which has once again been established. Dialogue to Change is a systemic methodology that engages residents, law enforcement, and other criminal justice partners to build trust and transparency to align the goals of the Criminal Justice Commission and the community. This work within the community will engage interested members and provide training to make a lasting change that will influence criminal justice policies.

Forging a partnership with Community Partners of South Florida, a pivotal change has become commonplace, utilizing community members to dialogue with members of the criminal justice community to gain insight and perspective. By fostering an opportunity to connect and see each other as valued and important members of Palm Beach County, slowly advancements are being made. CJC members had their first formal educational and training process that included on boarding. This provided them with a firm background on the history of the CJC to encourage maximum involvement. Soon community members and criminal justice professionals will continue the Dialogue to Change in 2025, including a Justice Leadership Academy used to promote civic engagement and education.

Looking Ahead...

Expansion of Community Engagement, to include local community meetings to center on issues of importance in those communities. Expansion of the Justice Leadership Academy to include more groups with common knowledge or interests. Justice Leadership Academy graduates will be provided placement on CJC boards and task forces.



Figure 12 Community Engagement Task Force Meeting



Figure 13 Community Engagement Task Force Members



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

CJC TASK FORCES, BOARDS, AND COUNCILS

Court System Task Force

Chair: Judge April Bristow

The **Court System Task Force** is a specialized entity within the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC), composed of representatives from various sectors of the criminal justice system, including judges, assistant state attorneys, assistant public defenders, and clerk of courts. The Court System Task Force plays a crucial role in maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the court system in Palm Beach County, ensuring that it operates efficiently and serves the community effectively.

Purpose: To advise and make policy recommendations concerning the courts in Palm Beach County in a proactive manner or as directed by the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission.

Objectives:

- **Advising on Court Policies:** Providing policy recommendations concerning the courts in Palm Beach County proactively or as directed by the CJC.
- **Evaluating Programs:** Researching, monitoring, and evaluating existing and proposed court system programs to promote an efficient, and cost-effective, court system and criminal justice system overall.
- **Support for Law Enforcement:** Assist law enforcement agencies by educating the public on matters affecting public safety, thereby building trust and legitimacy.
- **Communicating Findings:** Sharing the Task Force's findings with the CJC and members of the criminal justice system to inform decision-making and policy development.

Some of the projects of the Court Systems Task Force:

- Evaluation of Pre-Trial Practices in Palm Beach County including an analysis of the effectiveness of existing release mechanisms and a comparison of regular and duty judges is to be prepared by CJC Research and Planning Staff.
- First Appearance Frequent Utilizer "Next Steps" Pilot Project (SJC) will be evaluated in 2025 by Florida State University.
- NIJ – A Mixed-Method Examination of the Effectiveness of Money Bail and other Pretrial Release Options (SJC) will be evaluated by Florida State University in 2026.
- FSU Partnership to research the efficacy of money bail relative to alternative mechanisms of pretrial release through an Experimental design, which includes quasi-experimental and qualitative analysis components. This study draws on data from a randomized controlled trial, which will be conducted at the stage of the defendants' initial court appearance as well as historical data of all booking in the PBC jail over a 5- year period. An evaluation of this program is underway and slated to be available in 2025.



Law Enforcement Planning Council

Chair: TBD

Co-Chair: TBD

Purpose: The LEPC ensures efficient coordination of law enforcement services across the towns, villages, cities, and jurisdictional entities of Palm Beach County through cooperative participation across all law enforcement agencies.

Accomplishments:

- **School and Community Safety Committee Recommendations:** Developed actionable insights to improve school and community safety.
- **Legislative Advocacy:** Working in collaboration with stakeholder partners on legislative items that align with public safety goals.
- **Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Team:** Collaborating with the Palm Beach County Public Safety Department to pilot a community response approach to reduce domestic and intimate partner violence, to include a law enforcement training component.
- **Evaluation of Delray Beach Community Outreach Team:** Assessing the impact of law enforcement alternatives to arrest for individuals facing homelessness and behavioral health challenges. Evaluation to be conducted by Florida Atlantic University.
- **Trauma-Informed Train-the-Trainer Training:** Delivered specialized training to equip community leaders with the tools to address trauma effectively.
- **Trauma-Informed Training Evaluation:** Monitoring the countywide impact of the Trauma-Informed Train-the-Trainer initiative to increase awareness and reduce trauma incidents across the criminal justice system. The Florida Atlantic University (FAU) evaluation team conducted follow-up surveys with 54 trauma-informed trainers who attended the training in September 2022, achieving a 48% response rate with 26 trainers completing the survey. This feedback informed the development of two interview guides: one for trainers who have provided trauma-informed training and another for those interested in offering it in the future. Six trainers have completed thirteen trauma-informed trainings. FAU developed a protocol for an implementation guide that will be completed in 2025.

Looking Ahead...

LEPC will continue to build as a member driven organization within the CJC. As it strengthens its ranks, it will determine its own specific goals and objectives to enhance the efforts of law enforcement.



◀ *Figure 14 Chief Clinton Shannon of Palm Beach Gardens Police Department Retirement Celebration*



▲ *Figure 15 PBSO Funeral services for fallen Deputies*

Probation Advisory Board (PAB)

Chair: Judge Ashley Zuckerman

Co-Chair: TBD

Purpose: : The PAB has been established to oversee that there is proper implementation and management of misdemeanor probation services in Palm Beach County. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners contracts with a private vendor, currently Professional Probation Services, Inc., to provide these services. The PAB ensures that the contracted provider adheres to the terms of their agreement and delivers quality services to misdemeanor offenders.

Objectives:

- **Contract Monitoring:** Conduct annual programmatic reviews of misdemeanor probation operations, focusing on the accuracy, timeliness, quality, and compliance of services provided.
- **Data Analysis:** Examine socio-demographic characteristics of misdemeanor probation clients and perform random case file audits across all service provider offices to ensure standards are met.
- **Reporting:** Present review findings to the Criminal Justice Commission and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, facilitating informed decision-making and continuous improvement.

Looking Ahead...

Contract monitoring and evaluation – members review the contract to ensure contract compliance and case efficacy. Evaluation underway in 2025.



Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC)

Chair: County Commissioner Michael Barnett

Vice-Chair: Nellie King

Purpose: The PSCC formulates recommendations for the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners regarding the implementation of the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Reinvestment Grant Program. It also assesses mental health program availability, evaluates the population status of correctional detention facilities, and ensures jail capacity concerns are identified and addressed.

Objectives:

- Provide recommendations on mental health program availability.
- Monitor the population status of all correctional detention facilities in Palm Beach County.
- Assessment of the availability of pretrial intervention or probation programs, work-release programs, substance abuse programs, gain-time schedules, applicable bail bond schedules, and the confinement status of the inmates housed within each facility owned or contracted by the county.

Looking Ahead...

Public Safety Coordinating Council will provide recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on mental health and substance abuse. As grant funding becomes available it will make application on behalf of Palm Beach County.

- **Jail Population Management Review Team:** Developing a work plan for the Jail Population Management Review Team to begin its work in 2025 as a Safety and Justice Challenge initiative born out of the Jail Stress Test conducted on September 27, 2023.
- **Bond Schedule Evaluation:** Monitoring Florida State University's evaluation of the new bond schedule and the impact on the jail population.



Racial Equity Task Force

Chair: Rev. Kevin Jones

Co-Chair: Angie Pagan

Purpose: The Racial Equity Task Force was established to address and mitigate racial and ethnic disparities within the Palm Beach County criminal justice system. The Racial Equity Task Force plays a pivotal role in fostering a collaborative relationship between the criminal justice system and the residents of Palm Beach County, ensuring that public safety efforts are community-focused and effective.

Objectives:

- **Identification:** Analyze data to uncover any racial and/or ethnic disparities in arrests, sentencing, and/or incarceration rates.
- **Strategy Development:** Formulate actionable recommendations to promote equity and fairness within the criminal justice system.
- **Community Engagement:** Collaborate with community members and stakeholders to ensure diverse perspectives inform policy decisions.

Key Activities:

- **Data Analysis:** Conduct comprehensive reviews of criminal justice data to identify patterns of disparity.
- **Policy Recommendations:** Propose reforms aimed at reducing systemic biases and promoting equitable treatment for all individuals.
- **Public Forums:** Host events to engage the community in discussions about racial equity and gather input on proposed initiatives.

Recent Initiatives:

- **Community Forums:** Organized events to discuss topics such as policing practices, aiming to bridge gaps between law enforcement and residents.
- **Educational Initiatives:** Developed programs to educate the community about the criminal justice system's functions and processes.
- **Feedback Mechanisms:** Established channels for community members to provide input on criminal justice policies and practices.

Looking Ahead...

The Taskforce will provide educational lunch and learn sessions with criminal justice partners on the jail population and strategies used to reduce disparity. Work will continue to highlight our criminal justice system.



CITIZEN'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY

HIGHLIGHTS, ACTIVITIES, AND INITIATIVES

Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy (CCJA)

The Criminal Justice Commission established the Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy (CCJA) in 1998 to educate the people in Palm Beach County about criminal justice. Subject matter experts are recruited to provide invaluable information about criminal justice from the local, county, and federal levels. A wide-ranging group of criminal justice professionals makes presentations. Classes are held in the evening for 6-12 weeks. Tours are held at the courthouse, jail, and the medical examiner's office. Often new locations are added for tours. The Academy is held three (3) times a year, including in Belle Glade. Ages 14 years and older are welcome to apply, and it is free. A certificate of participation is provided at the end of the CCJA.



▲ *Figure 16 Chief Judge Glenn Kelley addressing CCJA*



▲ *Figure 17 PBSO CSI Staff at CCJA*



▲ *Figure 18 CJC Board Member Marcia Andrews at CCJA*



▲ *Figure 19 CJC Board Member Oswald Newbold II and Talmadge Hayes, always make time to educate the public at CCJA*



▲ *Figure 20 Judges Martz, Weiss, and Harper at CCJA*

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AMENDMENT TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ORDINANCE: CJC BOARD EXPANSION

2024 Membership Breakdown

In 2023, the **Board of County Commissioners** revised the structure of the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) to better reflect the diverse population of Palm Beach County through Ordinance No. 2023-039. This revision increased membership from **32 to 35** members, ensuring a balance between public and private sector representatives. This expanded structure aims to enhance the CJC’s ability to address the needs of Palm Beach County effectively, promoting inclusivity and representation in decision-making processes.

Public Sector (18)	Private Sector (17)
Clerk of Courts & Comptroller	Black Chamber of Commerce (1)
Chief of West Palm Beach Police Department	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (1)
Supervisory Special Agent Florida Department of Law Enforcement	Youth Representative (1)
State Attorney’s Office	Economic Council (10 - including one representative each from Career Source and Health Care District)
Board of County Commissioners	Crime Victim Representative (1)
Palm Beach County Sheriff	Community Member (1)
FL Department of Corrections	Returning Citizen (1)
Palm Beach County League of Cities	Member Local Clergy (1)
Public Defender’s Office	
Chief Judge	
PBC Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers	
Administrative Judge Juvenile Division	
US Attorney’s Office	
FL Department of Juvenile Justice	
PBC Legislative Delegation Member	
Palm Beach County Chiefs of Police Association	
Palm Beach County School Board	
President, Crime Prevention Officers’ Association	



CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Educating our new Board Members became a strategic priority in 2024, with the creation of a formalized onboarding process, with enhancements, from our contracted consultant with Community Partners of South Florida. Through this partnership, an onboarding book and video were created for future use in onboarding new members and for public awareness online.



▲ Figure 21 Narcan Demonstration at CJC Full Board Meeting



▲ Figure 22 Full CJC Meeting



▲ Figure 23 CJC Board Members, Ernie Ellison, Oswald Newbold II, Rev. Kevin Jones



▲ Figure 24 CJC Board Members Nellie King, Vanessa Klein



▲ Figure 25 CJC Board Member Julia Dattolo



▲ Figure 26 New CJC Members Karen D. Hansen, and Shania Grant



▲ Figure 27 Asst. County Admin. Todd Bonlarron



▲ Figure 28 Angelique J. Pickett, Executive Director, CJC

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COURT TEXT REMINDER SYSTEM

Funded by the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC)

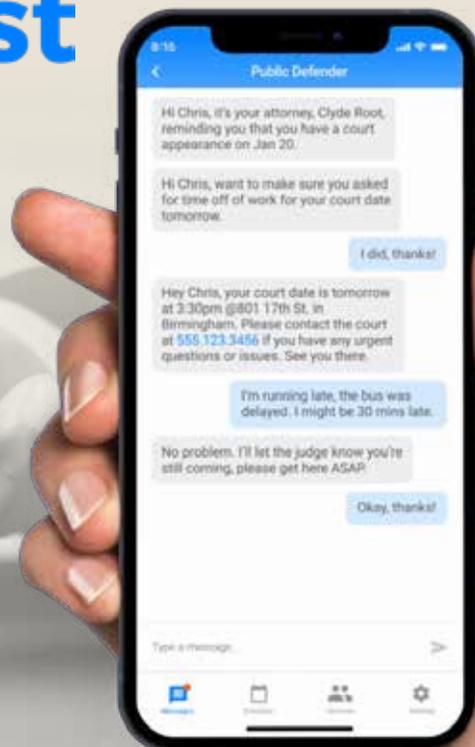
Since its implementation in **November 2018**, the **Court Text Reminder System** has played a vital role in reducing Failures to Appear (FTA) by sending defendants reminders of court dates and mandatory appointments.

Enhancements:

- The **Pre-Trial Services Department** enhanced its client communication with the **Uptrust text message system** to ensure compliance with mandatory appointments. Clients are sent text reminders at seven days and one day ahead of appointments.
- Collection of race, ethnicity and gender data began in 2023 for examination of any potential disparities across race, ethnicity, and/or gender.

Next Steps:

- Contracted with Florida State University (FSU) for system evaluation to determine program impact.
 - The Failure to Appear rate within Palm Beach County started at 8% (92% compliance). The determination will be made through system evaluation if the text reminder system has had a significant impact on Failure to Appear rates in Palm Beach County, which are historically low.







SAFETY + JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Funded by the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC)

Felony Mobile Probation Unit (MPU)

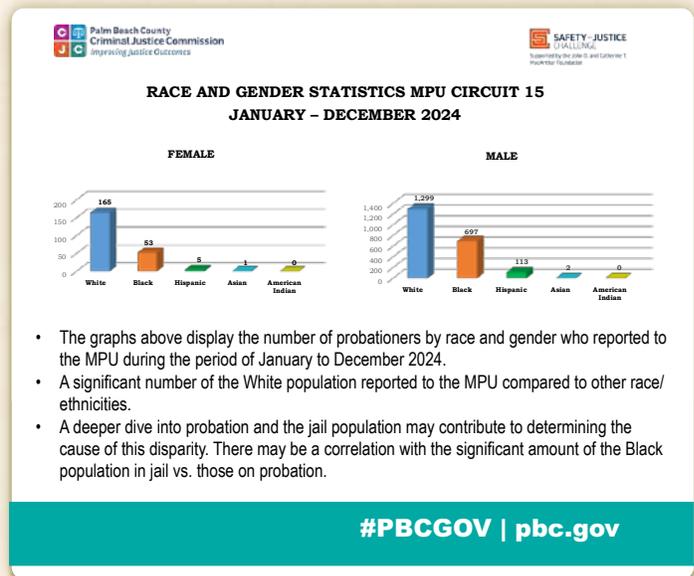


In January 2023, the Felony Mobile Probation Unit (MPU) was launched as an innovative, first-of-its-kind initiative in collaboration with the Florida Department of Corrections. The MPU aims to address the root causes of probation violations in Palm Beach County, including transportation barriers and employment challenges. This program is a proactive public safety measure that supports reentry efforts, reduces recidivism, and alleviates jail overcrowding. Additionally, the MPU helps probationers secure employment and resolve probation violations efficiently in one visit.

This public safety measure has met with initial success including the creation of new alliances, expanded hours of operation, locations for the MPU, and opportunities to provide service to the intended populations.

Enhancements:

- Additional locations added for the MPU in 2024:
 - Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Delray Beach,
 - The Re-Entry Center, Riviera Beach,
 - Children’s Outreach, Riviera Beach, and
 - Numerous Palm Beach County Library sites.
- The Libraries have added a unique partnership that provides added opportunity for probationers to become library cardholders and users of library services as well. Palm Beach County Library - Palm Beach Gardens Branch and the MPU offer longer service hours to match some library hours.



Impact:

- In 2023, the MPU provided service to **2,136** clients.
- In 2024, the MPU was able to increase the number of clients receiving services to **2,335** clients.

Recognition: Palm Beach County received the prestigious **2023 National Association of Counties Award (NACo)** for the MPU during the NACo conference in Travis County, Texas, on July 23, 2023.

In 2024, the Mobile Probation Unit was selected by the Urban Institute to be part of a SJC Case Study. The goal of the case study will be to document and amplify the work of sites, which includes the successes, challenges, and impact.

Next Steps: An evaluation of the MPU program to include exploration of the root causes of violations and potential firsthand accounts by those with lived experience will take place in 2025. This study will be an in-house project provided by CJC Research and Planning Unit.



Jail "Stress Test" Assessment

The Palm Beach County Jail "Stress Test" Assessment was conducted on **Wednesday, September 27, 2023**, and facilitated by **Dr. James Austin** of the JFA Institute. This innovative assessment aimed to evaluate the local jail population and assist the County in addressing case processing delays while developing a more efficient pretrial sentencing model. The ultimate goal is to safely reduce the in-custody waiting period, ensuring a fair and timely judicial process. This ongoing discussion of the process was instrumental in creating the Jail Population Management Review Team in 2024. Full implementation of the Team will begin in 2025 as a subcommittee of the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Participants: Engaged **15** Stakeholders

Purpose: To gather actionable insights for improving case processing efficiency through the evaluation of 42 case studies, each analyzed to identify system inefficiencies and potential areas for improvement.

Recommendations:

1. Review in-custody arrests based on felony technical violations.
2. Analyze court events and establish scheduling guidelines using the National Center for Courts' recommendations.
3. Propose a Jail Population Management Review Team to evaluate cases exceeding one year of in-custody length.
4. Evaluate initial case conference recommendations with a focus on resource utilization.
5. Assess 3rd degree non-violent cases by examining bail amounts and length of stay.
6. Track cases down-filed from felony to misdemeanor or dismissed after 30 days.
7. Advocate for early intervention policies.

Stakeholders	Organizations
Dr. James Austin, Director	JFA Institute
Nicole Bishop, Director	Victims Services/Justice Services
Michelle Cruz, Director	Court Administration
Glenny Cueto, Director of Operations	Professional Probations Services, Inc. (Misdemeanor Probation)
Michael Devoter, Major	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Dan Eisinger, Chief Assistant	Public Defender's Office
Marc Freeman, Public Information Officer	Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office
Donald Hafele, Circuit Court Judge	15th Judicial Circuit
Jessica Hidalgo, Manager, Re-Entry	Palm Beach County Public Safety
Glenn Kelley, Chief Judge	15th Judicial Circuit
Jennifer Loyless, Program Coordinator	Public Defender's Office
Andrea Rocha, Director of Operations	Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller's Office
Conrad Saddler, Pretrial Services Counselor II	Palm Beach County Pretrial Services
Brett Taylor, Senior Advisor	Center for Justice Innovation
Craig Williams, Chief Felony Division	Palm Beach County State Attorney's Office

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Public Defender Program

The Public Defender Program expanded its social services initiatives through a contract with the Criminal Justice Commission, focusing on connecting pretrial new and existing clients to community-based resources. Started in 2017, this program was established to intersect individuals with key components necessary to create and maintain a stable life such as, housing, treatment, counseling, and workforce development opportunities.

- This program identifies clients at intake, with the goal of linking them to services to address immediate needs. Since before the pandemic, and during the very difficult time during the pandemic, the Public Defender Program has housed pretrial clients and linked them to social services within the community.

Enhancements:

- A new position within the Public Defender's office, Social Services Coordinator, was added in September 2022, further enhancing client support efforts. This position works directly with clients to link them with community-based social services.
- In May 2024, the criteria for program eligibility was expanded based on an interlocal agreement with the Public Defender's Office to allow for a greater pool of potential program participants.

Preliminary Findings:

According to Florida State University College of Criminology and Criminal Justice:

- There were 294 participants in the program of which approximately 45% of participants were non-Hispanic white, 46% were non-Hispanic Black, and 9% were Hispanic or Latino. The majority were male and averaged 41 years old at the time of booking.
- Participants of this program spent an average of 10 fewer days in jail during the period preceding the adjudication of their case as compared to a group of similarly situated non-participants that was reviewed in this study.
- Program participants have been somewhat less likely than non-participants to be charged with a new violent crime. This means that, arrests on new violent charges were exceedingly rare across both groups. However, the probability of new violent criminal activity was slightly lower among participants (1.2%) relative to non-participants (2.8%).
- Those charged with a crime after participation were for low-level non-violent charges.
- There have been no notable adverse effects on public safety nor court process efficiency.
- No added benefit to pretrial compliance has been identified for those participating in the Public Defender Program vs those who have not participated in the program.

Next Steps Pilot Program

Launched in **October 2022**, the **Next Steps pilot program** focused on high frequency users of the criminal justice system with behavioral health challenges who cycle through the Palm Beach County Jail for low-level offenses. The program was developed based on findings from the Florida Atlantic University PalmFUSE study, which highlighted gaps in engaging potential participants and providing adequate resources. Next Steps set out to increase access to resources for participants identified during First Appearance hearings to break the cycle of repeated low-level incarcerations. The evaluation of the program is ongoing. It has been difficult to draw meaningful conclusions from a small number of program participants.

Impact:

- The valiant efforts of this pilot program reached **44 participants** over a period of two years.
- Recidivism - 67% of program participants recidivated in the period following their participation in the program. It must be noted that despite the high rates of recidivism, most arrests were for non-violent charges.
- In **December 2024**, the contract ended for the ambitious pilot program that targeted a challenging and difficult to reach population.

Next Steps: Contracted with Florida State University who will be finalizing a program evaluation in 2025, detailing overall program impact based on their findings.



Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Cross-Systems Collaboration 2.0

In **September 2023**, the Criminal Justice Commission collaborated with Policy Research Associates to facilitate **Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM)** training with **67 attendees** to identify and address service gaps in the Palm Beach County criminal justice system. The attendees included members of the Public Defender's Office, State Attorney's Office, Law Enforcement, professionals in behavioral health, community representatives, and professionals in reentry and public safety.

Recommendations:

1. Increase structured and affordable housing solutions. Maximize and leverage housing options across a continuum of resources, including options for individuals with a history of criminal legal system involvement.
2. Expand access to Behavioral Health services.
3. Expand jail services inside of jail using peer mentors hired by community providers and peers.
4. Strengthen client care coordination from arrest to reentry.
5. Engage families and communities in criminal justice system processes.
6. Explore housing options for individuals with sex offense convictions.
7. Determine and identify where the continued SIM "work" will live and how existing cross-system workgroups will collaborate.

Accomplishments:

- In January 2024, a representative from the Criminal Justice Commission staff was assigned to the Housing Development & Unsheltered Residents Cross-Departmental Team for Palm Beach County's Countywide Strategic Priorities.



Youth Critical Intervention Mapping (CIM)

The **Critical Intervention Mapping (CIM)** training, conducted in **March 2024**, was a collaborative effort between the Palm Beach County School District, the Education Foundation, and the Criminal Justice Commission. Over 70 persons participated.

Outcome:

Palm Beach County was selected as a site for the **SAMHSA GAIN Center’s Learning Collaborative on Transition-Aged Youth Diversion and Supports**, focusing on:

- Development of strategic action plans for youth diversion.
- Providing technical assistance and expert access to program experts from around the country to provide support to Palm Beach County.
- Facilitating cross-team learning.

Stakeholders	Organizations
Cristy Altaro	15th Judicial Circuit
Marcia Andrews	Palm Beach County School District
Marcia Bahia	Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office
Sabrina Barnes	Children’s Home Society of Florida
Stacey Beard	Parent
Michelle Beatty	HCA Florida JFK North Hospital
Dr. Angela Bess	Palm Beach County School District
Ronnie Boriskin	Education Foundation of PBC
Michael J. Burke	Palm Beach County School District
Mirva Cadet	Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County
Anna Irizarry Cardona	Palm Beach County School District
Dawn Caveness-Davenport	Criminal Justice Commission
Elisa Cramer	Palm Beach County Youth Services Department
Tiffany Crawford	Florida Department of Children and Families
Jennifer Ethridge	Education Foundation of Palm Beach County
Mireya Ferreira	Legal Aid of Palm Beach County
Carol Fiddis	Drug Abuse Treatment Association
Nan Foley	Public Defender, 15th Circuit
Captain Randy Foley	Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office
Lauren Fuentes	Children’s Home Society of Florida
James Gavrilos	Education Foundation of Palm Beach County
Dr. Barbara Gerlock	Palm Beach County School District
Damia Gordon	Palm Beach County School District
Thomas Hale	Palm Beach County School Board Police
Tametria Hall	Urban League of Palm Beach County
Dr. Twila Taylor	Palm Beach County Youth Services Department
Susan Holsclaw	Palm Beach County School District
Diamond Howard-Steven	Hanley Foundation
C. Veree Jenkins	Federation of Families of FL –Circuit 15 Advisory Board
John Johnson	Department of Juvenile Justice
Rev. Kevin Jones	West Palm Beach Police Department
Jacob Kalathoor	Health Care District of Palm Beach County
Michael Kane	Palm Beach County School District
Judge Kathleen Kroll	15th Judicial Circuit

Stakeholders	Organizations
Alexa Lee	Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition
Crystal Leonard	Palm Beach County School District
Amy Mazzocco	Palm Beach County School District
Rosalind Gray Miller	Palm Beach County School District
Steven Miller	Department of Juvenile Justice
Chief Sarah Mooney	Palm Beach County School District Police Department
Dr. Mary Claire Mucenic	Palm Beach County School District
Melissa Patterson	Palm Beach County School District
Demetrius Permenter	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Cheo Reid	State Attorney's Office
Michelle Richardson	Hanley Foundation
Lauren Scirrotto	Center for Child Counseling
Katherine Hatos	Criminal Justice Commission
Sandy Sisson	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
Margo Smith	Criminal Justice Commission
Jill Sorensen	Southeast Florida Behavioral Network
Dr. Suzanne Spencer	Living Skills in Schools
Shirlon St. Amour	Palm Beach County Public Safety Department – Reentry Services
Gregory Starling	Department of Juvenile Justice
Randi Taylor	Palm Beach County Public Safety Department – Reentry Services
Shari Thomas	Henderson Behavioral Health
Andrea Torrens	Families First of PBC
Lynn Trimble	Choice to Change, Inc.
Pamela Utrecht	Palm Beach County School District
Jon Van Arnam	Health Care District of Palm Beach County
Myiah White	Urban League of Palm Beach County
Isis Williams	Department of Children and Families
Lisa Williams-Taylor	Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County
Maegan Young	Public Defender's Office
Lauren Zuchman	BeWell PBC
Vontravous Pullens	Student
Vincent Pullens	Student
Sylvester Banks III	Student
Mike Williams	Palm Beach County School District
Susan Eby	Child Net
Nancy Reese	Palm Beach County School District
Laura Sperduti	Palm Beach County School District

2024 Safety and Justice Challenge All Sites Conference

In May 2024, Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) staff and justice partners attended the 2024 Safety and Justice Challenge (SJC) All Sites Conference in Houston, Texas. The conference served as a platform to exchange ideas, showcase innovative strategies, and strengthen partnerships across SJC sites nationwide. While in attendance, CJC staff connected with members of other SJC sites and justice partners to learn about successful strategies, share experiences, and discuss future collaborations.

Attendees:

- **Todd Bonlarron**, Assistant County Administrator, Palm Beach County
- **Dr. Rachel Docekal**, Chair, Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission
- **Cheo Reid**: Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney, Palm Beach State Attorney's Office
- **Schnelle Tongue**: Chief of Mental Health and Social Services Division, Palm Beach County Public Defender's Office
- **Katherine Hatos**: Criminal Justice Systems Manager, Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission
- **Shantel Drayton**: Court Services Manager, Palm Beach County Pre-Trial Services Program
- **Dawn Davenport**: Senior Criminal Justice Analyst, Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission
- **Margo Smith**: Criminal Justice Analyst/Safety and Justice Challenge Coordinator, Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission
- **Rosalind Murray**: Community Engagement Coordinator, Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission
- **Jaime-Lee Bradshaw**: Chief Strategy Officer, Community Partners of South Florida (CPSFL)
- **Chris James**: Site Manager, W. Haywood Burns Institute

Panel Contributions:

- **Jaime-Lee Bradshaw**: "We've Talked About It; Now What? – Moving Beyond Conversation to Implementation Workshop."
- **Chris James**: "Navigating Racial Equity in Hostile Political Climates Workshop."

The SJC All Sites Conference provided valuable insights and actionable ideas that will inform the continued efforts of the Palm Beach County Criminal Justice Commission to implement equitable and effective justice strategies.



▲ Figure 29 Chris James, Consultant/Presenter, W. Haywood Burns Institute



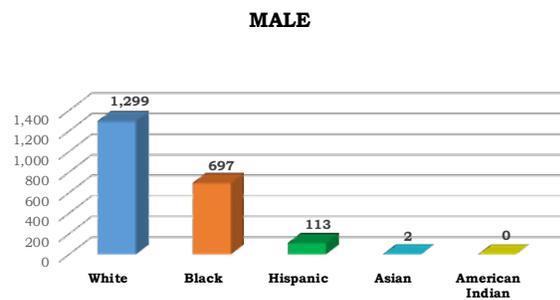
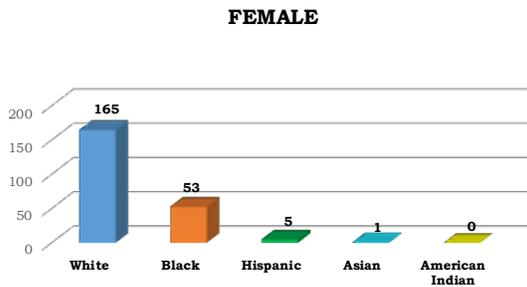
▲ Figure 30 CJC Staff, Katherine Hatos, Dawn Caveness-Davenport, and Margo Smith



▲ Figure 31 MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Conference Participants Cheo Reid, Schnelle Tonge



Race and Gender Statistics Mobile Probation Unit (MPU) Circuit 15 January - December 2024



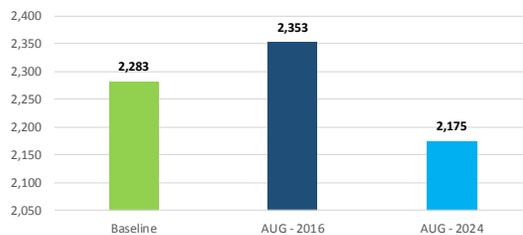
- The graphs above display the number of probationers by race and gender who reported to the MPU during the period of January to December 2024.
- A significant number of the White population reported to the MPU compared to other race/ethnicities.
- A deeper dive into probation and the jail population may contribute to determining the cause of this disparity.



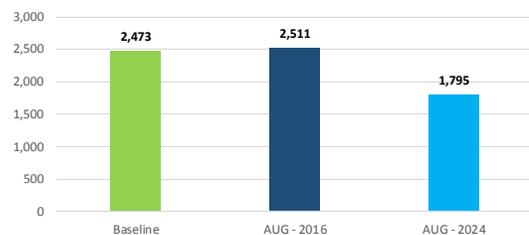
Safely Reducing the PBC Jail Population



Average Daily Population Comparison August 2016 - August 2024



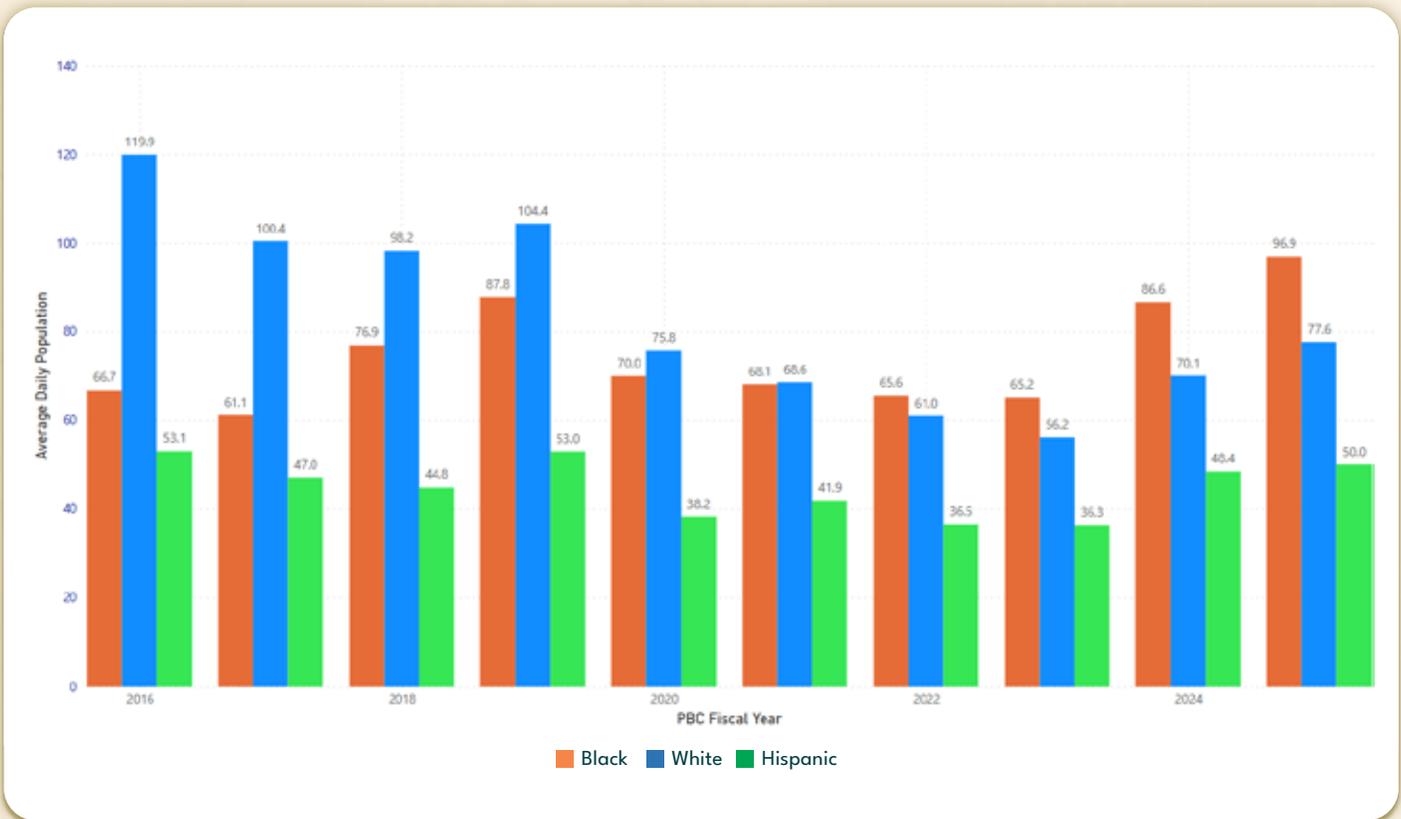
Monthly Admissions Comparison August 2016 - August 2024



Baseline May 2016
Source: PBSO BIRS _ movement file by SPSS
Public Safety Cross Departmental Team

Safely Reducing Jail Population – A comparison of the baseline populations at the start of the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Grant until August 2024

Misdemeanor Average Daily Population by Race & Ethnicity by Year



A review by race and ethnicity since 2016



eKPI Metrics



Palm Beach County - eKPI Metrics

Performance Type	Measurement Type	2024 Min/Max	2024 Target	2024 Stretch Goal	Current Value
Number of CJC Executive Committee Meetings held	Productivity	12	14	16	11
Number of Meetings Held	Productivity	9	10	11	9
Number of Residents graduated from Citizen's Criminal Justice Academy	Output	120	125	130	138
Number of community engagement events held	Demand	5	10	15	4
Percentage of people trained	Output	40	50	60	138
Percentage of CJC Executive Committee meetings with a quorum	Effectiveness	80	85	90	100
Percentage of full CJC Meetings with a quorum	Effectiveness	90	95	100	100
Incarceration rate per 100,000 county population	Efficiency	150	130	100	132.32
Number of Law Enforcement Planning Meetings held	Effectiveness	4	4	4	4
Number of Public Safety Coordinating Council Meetings held	Effectiveness	7	9	9	5
Percentage of African American in county jail inmates in county jail	Outcome	55	47	45	58.13
Percent of jail admissions for Failing to Appear in Court	Outcome	11	10	9	10.82
Average number of pretrial jail days	Output	24	22	15	20.26

eKPI Metrics – These are used to provide a summary of metrics to review the work performance of the CJC



2025 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING PRIORITIZATION RESULTS

Collaboration to a Behavioral Health Crisis Now model in Palm Beach County (BHTF):

Health Care District (HCD) of PBC is currently pursuing a study to implement a Behavioral Health “Crisis Now” model in PBC. This approach would offer inpatient 24/7 facility care for patients experiencing a psychological or behavioral health crisis. The goal of these settings is to provide care around the clock, stabilize the patient and get them back into the community as quickly as possible. CJC could support impact evaluation component on criminal justice system.

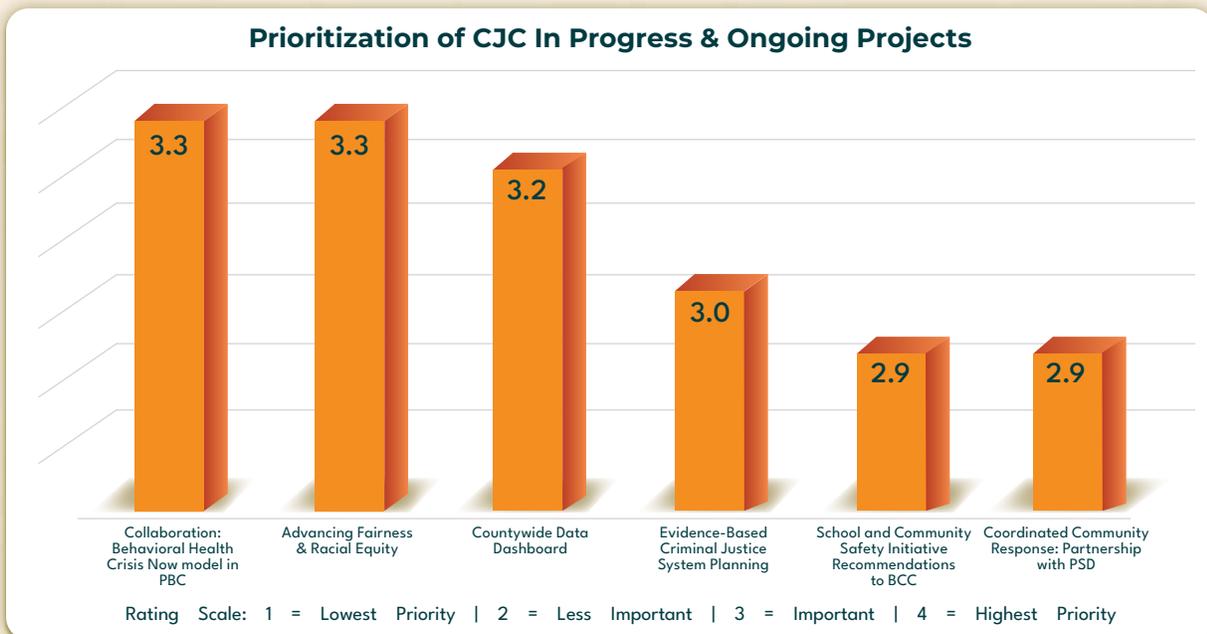
Advancing Fairness & Racial Equity (RETF): Assist in building an infrastructure to support and sustain the racial and ethnic disparity (RED) work and make recommendations for change through: 1. collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data across the criminal justice system using a decision point analysis, 2. develop goals for reducing disparities and to regularly monitor and evaluate these goals, 3. use communications strategies to share RED plans with the community, 4. review of internal policies and practices of various criminal justice agency operations to identify racial disparities.

Countywide Data Dashboard (Staff): Establish a countywide integrated criminal justice data dashboard system that includes intersecting systems information to better inform and improve criminal justice system.

Evidence-Based Criminal Justice System Planning (Staff): Partnership with FSU and FDLE to conduct the first in the State pilot to develop a countywide criminal justice analyses system to help local decision-makers accurately plan for current and future criminal justice system needs.

School and Community Safety Initiative Recommendations to the BCC (BHTF): Recommendations have been developed, but the task force must work on what the BCC request will be. Coordinated Community Response (LEPC): Partnership with Public Safety Department to pilot a coordinated community response approach to addressing domestic and intimate partner violence and law enforcement training.

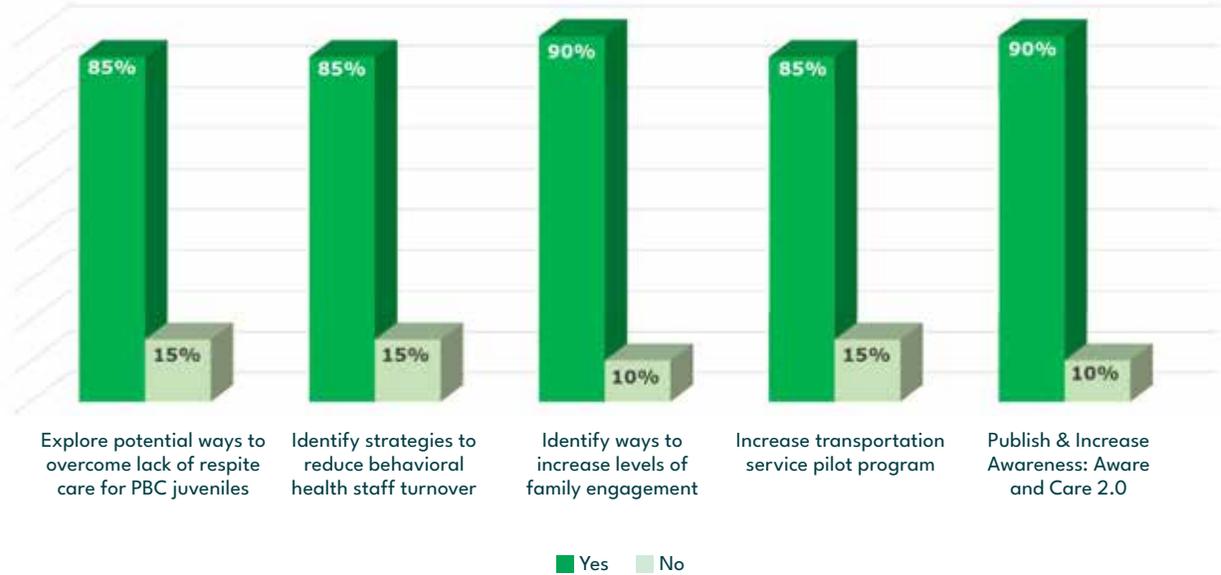
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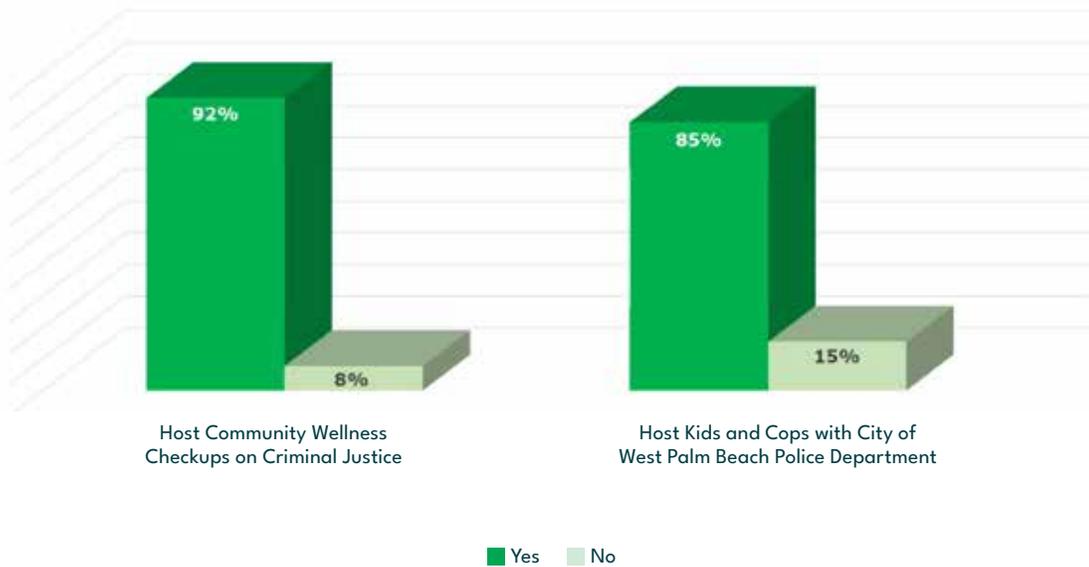
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TASK FORCE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE



Behavioral Health Task Force



Community Engagement Task Force



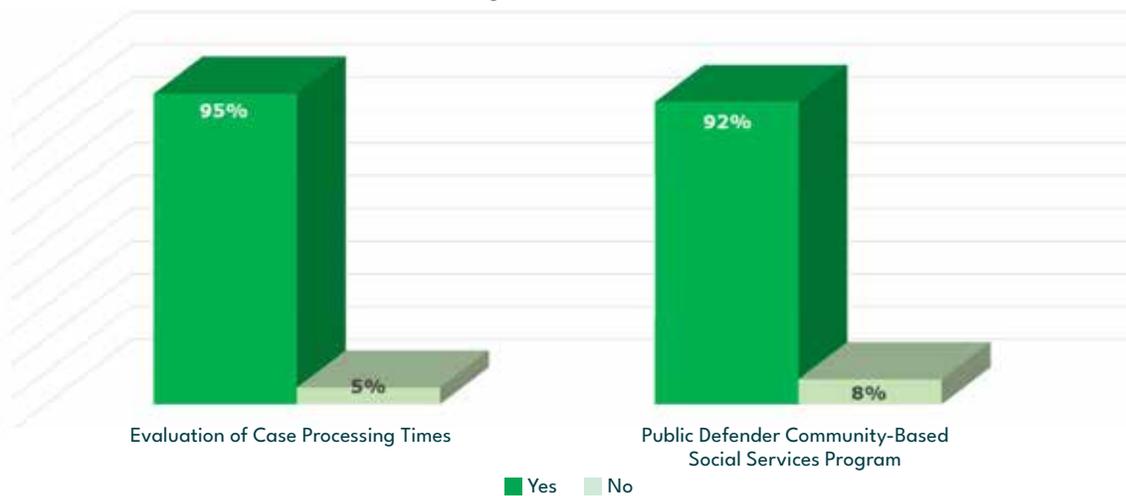


COURT SYSTEMS TASK FORCE PROBATION ADVISORY BOARD

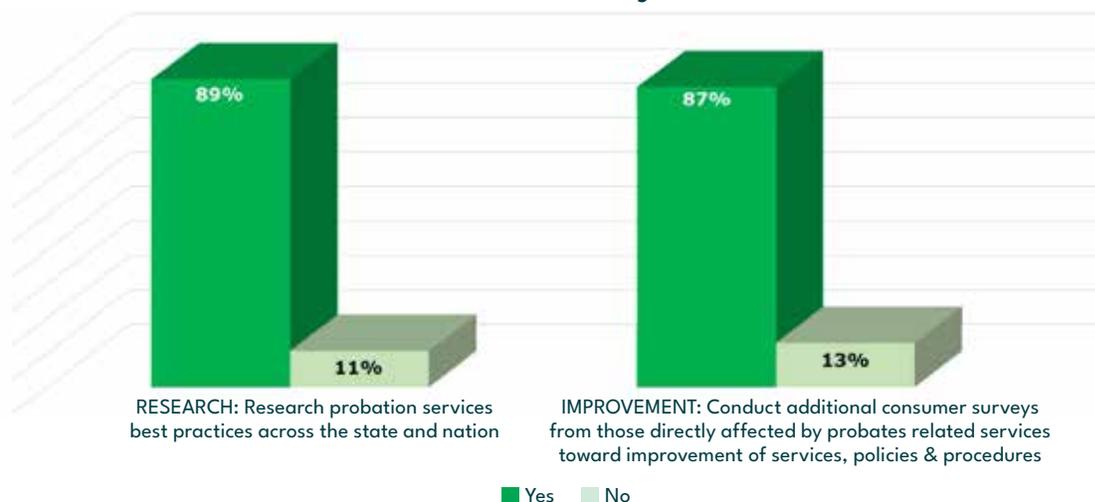
Evaluation of Case Processing Times: Continue to review case processing times to achieve maximum levels of efficiency • Engage key court stakeholders to determine their interest and ability to provide support where available in the evaluation of case processing procedures • Discuss legislative opportunities to address any systemic issues identified that lead to inequities across the county criminal justice system

Public Defender Community-Based Social Services Program: Develop a clearly defined set of eligibility criteria based on evidence of “what works” and taking into consideration the types of community-based supports are available to participants • Build data capacity to facilitate ongoing program monitoring and future evaluative efforts • Record information on all conditions of release and service placements for program participants • Base recommendations for conditions and services on research evidence related to pretrial compliance, ensuring usage of documented individualized assessments

Court Systems Task Force



Probation Advisory Board



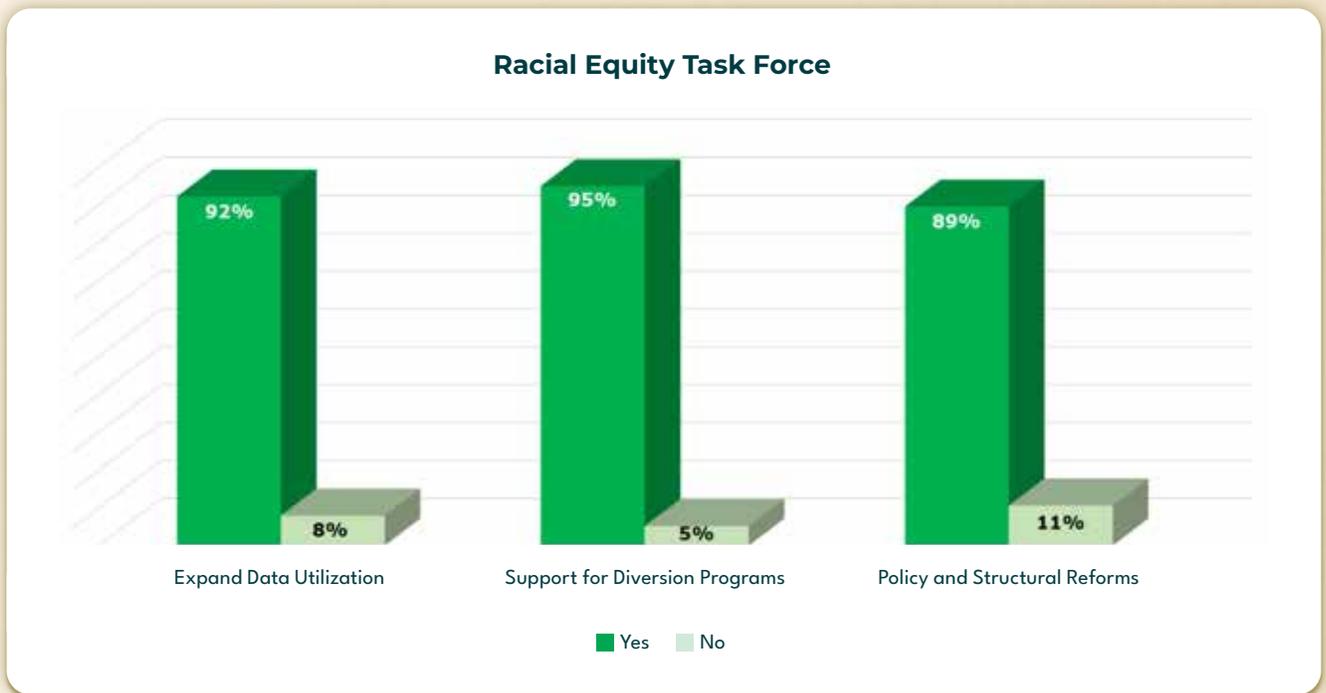
RACIAL EQUITY TASK FORCE



Expand Data Utilization: Disaggregated by race, gender, and ethnicity across all stages of the criminal justice process • Public facing dashboard to increase transparency

Support for Diversion Programs: Expansion of alternatives to prosecution for minor offenses, such as civil citation programs

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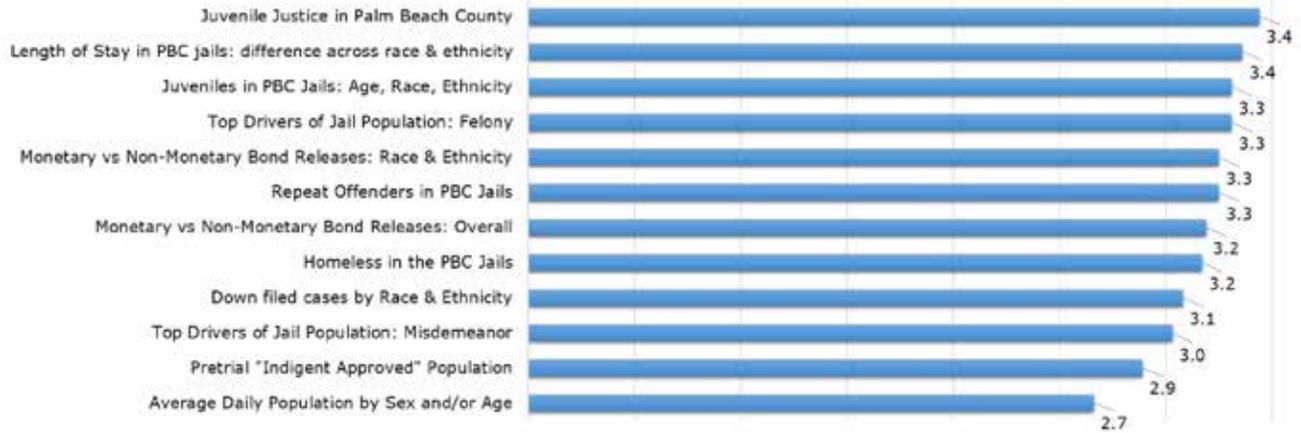




Crime & Criminal Justice in Palm Beach County

Policy Research & Data Priorities: Crime & Criminal Justice in Palm Beach County

What level of priority do you assign to each of the following research areas and/or data element for the CJC in the coming year?

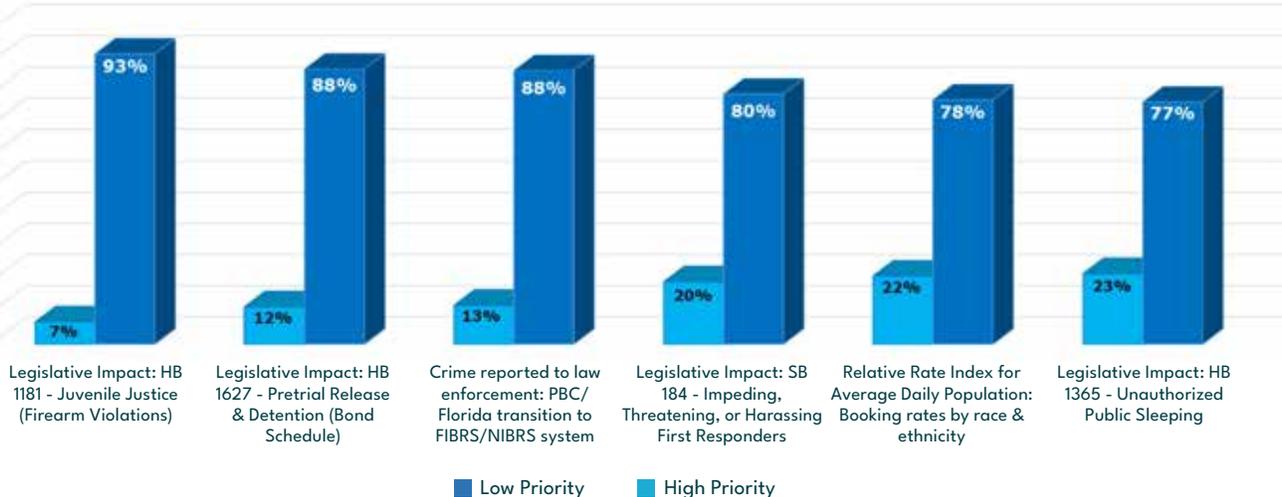


Emerging Issues and Trends

- Legislative Impact: HB 1181 - **Juvenile Justice** (Firearm Violations): **93% High Priority**
- Legislative Impact: HB 1627 - **Pretrial Release & Detention** (Bond Schedule): **88% High Priority**
- Crime reported to law enforcement: PBC/Florida transition to **FIBRS/NIBRS** system: **88% High Priority**
- Legislative Impact: SB 184 - Impeding, Threatening, or Harassing **First Responders**: **80% High Priority**
- Relative Rate Index** for Average Daily Population: Booking rates by race & ethnicity: **78% High Priority**
- Legislative Impact: HB 1365 - **Unauthorized Public Camping & Public Sleeping**: **77% High Priority**

Policy Research & Data Priorities: Emerging Issues and Trends

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