



DENVER
THE MILE HIGH CITY

Department of Safety

Denver Sheriff Department

COVID-19 Jail Population Reduction
Responses and Impact



Jail population is down 45% since March

Avg: 2017	Avg: 2018	Avg: 2019	Avg YTD: 2020	Avg: Last 7 Days
2,178	2,102	1,886	1,355	1,023

Daily Population Counts:

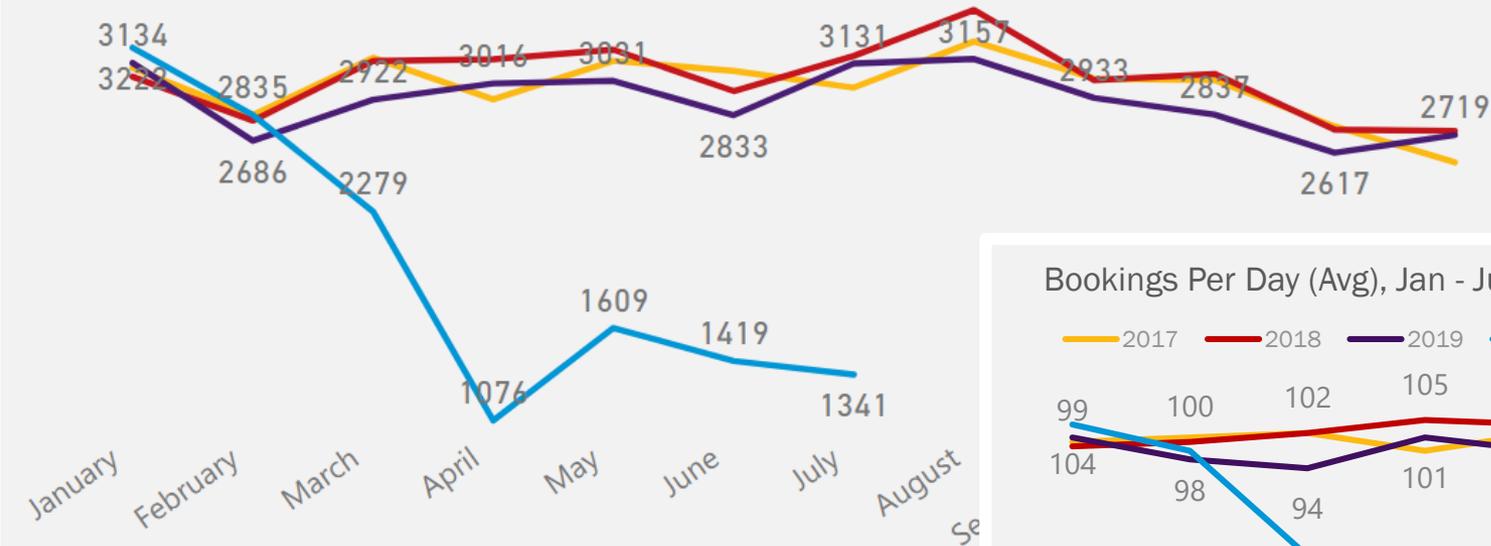
Average Daily Population by Date (Combined Facilities)



Average daily bookings are down 51% since January

Bookings Per Month, 2017-Present

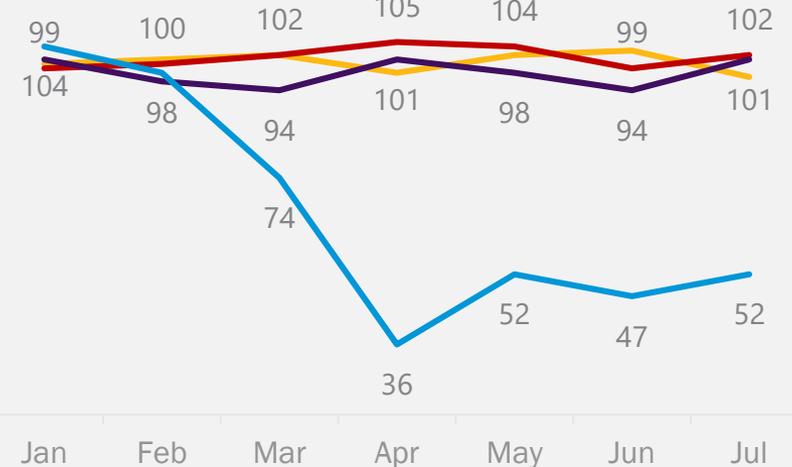
● 2017 ● 2018 ● 2019 ● 2020



*Note: July figure is as of 7/27/2020;
Full July projection = 1,598 bookings*

Bookings Per Day (Avg), Jan - July

— 2017 — 2018 — 2019 — 2020



Achieved through combined efforts across the county

Dept of Safety

Sheriff

Police

City Attorney's Office

District Courts

County Courts

Inmate Programs

Pre-Trial

District Attorney

Public Defenders

Denver Human Services

Emergency Operations Center

Community Stakeholders

Key responses to COVID-19

Changes in
policing

More PR bonds

Early release for
<45 days
remaining on
sentence

PR release for
people in high
risk categories

PR release for
low-level charges

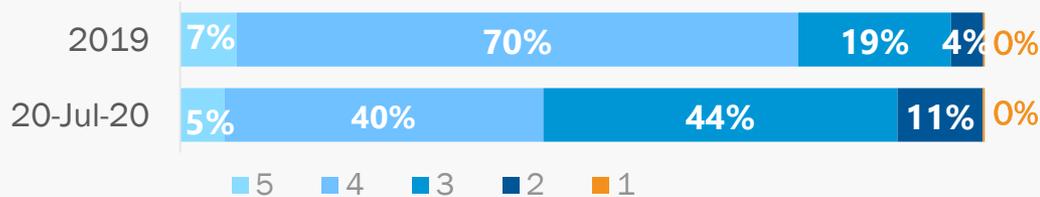
Courts closures
(no remands)

Canceled writs

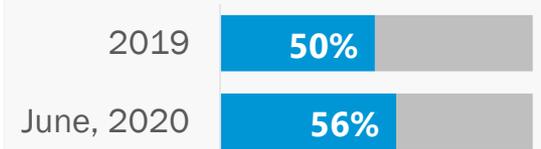
Expansion of pre-
trial release

With this decrease, the mix of people in our care has changed

Security Classification (% of Pop; 5 = lowest security level)

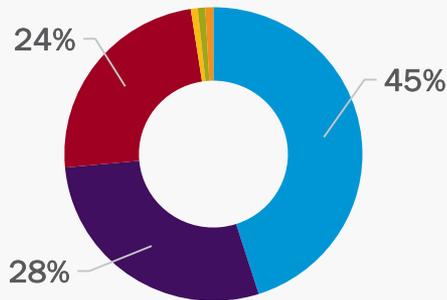


Mental Health Alerts (Avg % of Pop)



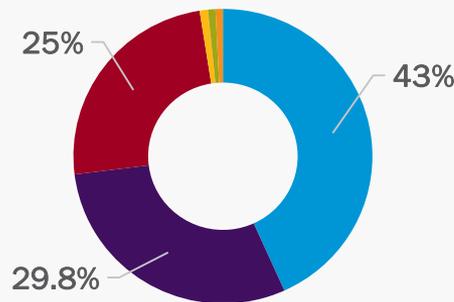
Race and Ethnicity

Bookings Pre-COVID:
2019



- White
- Hisp., Latinx or Spanish
- Black or Af. Amer
- Asian or Pac Isl: 1%
- Amer Indian / AK Native: 1%
- Unknown: 1%

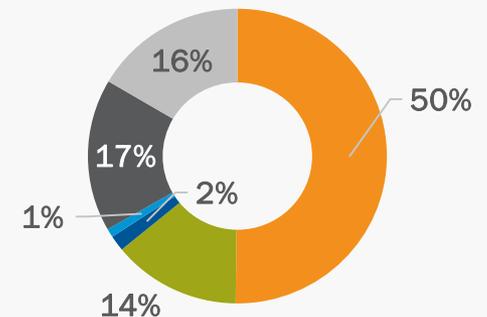
Bookings Post-COVID:
March 15 – June, 2020



- White
- Hisp., Latinx or Spanish
- Black or Af. Amer
- Asian or Pac Isl: 1%
- Amer Indian / AK Native: 1%
- Unknown: 1%

Charge and Status

April 20, 2020



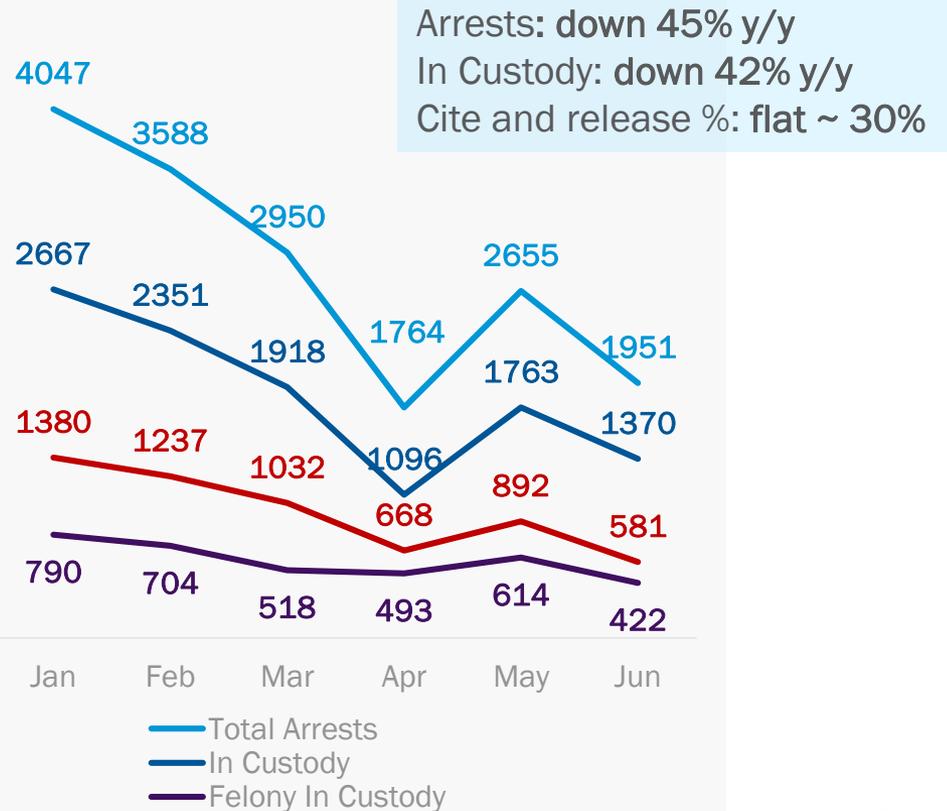
- Felony Pre-Trial
- Felony Sentenced
- Misd Pre-Trial
- Misd Sentenced
- Other Pre-Trial
- Other Sentenced

Changes in policing to decrease no. of arrests

2019 Arrests: In-Custody vs. Cite and Release

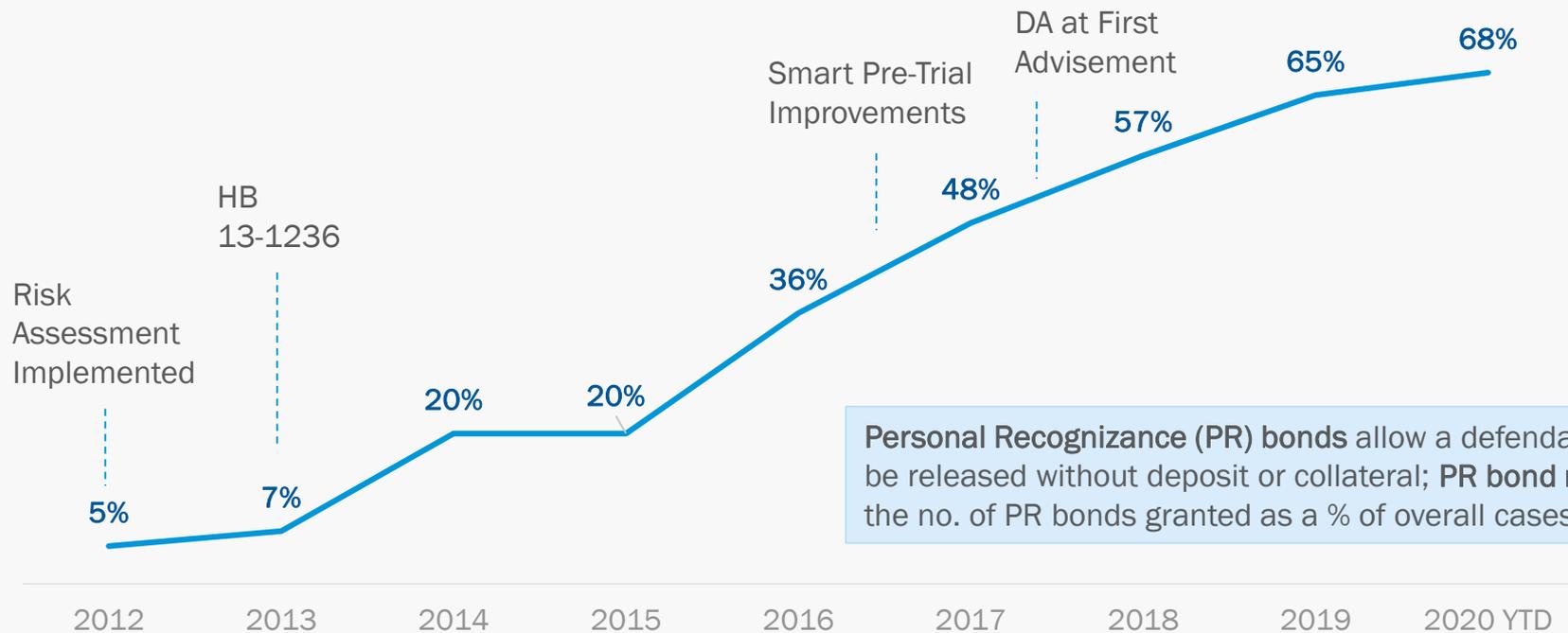


2020 Arrests: In-Custody vs. Cite and Release



Continued increase in PR bonds

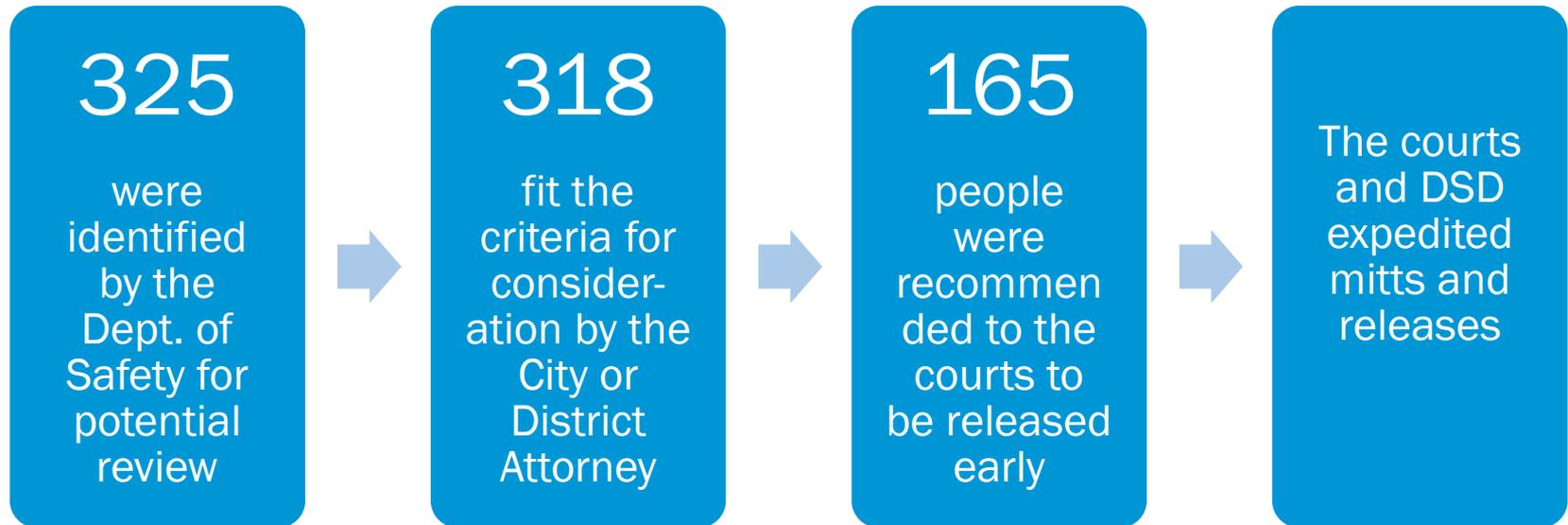
PR Bond Rate: 2012 – 2020 YTD
(% of felony, in-custody DV cases; excludes GS non-DV cases)



Personal Recognizance (PR) bonds allow a defendant to be released without deposit or collateral; PR bond rate is the no. of PR bonds granted as a % of overall cases

Early release considered if <45 days remaining on sentence

March – May, 2020:



PR release considered for high risk and low-level charges

Inmates Age 60+

- Jail population was reviewed daily; all were considered for potential PR release or Sheriff's Home Detention

Pregnant Inmates

- Jail population was reviewed daily; all were considered for potential PR release or Sheriff's Home Detention

Low-level offenses

- Those in custody only for GS (general sessions), ordinance violations, petty offenses and traffic violations were reviewed for immediate PR release

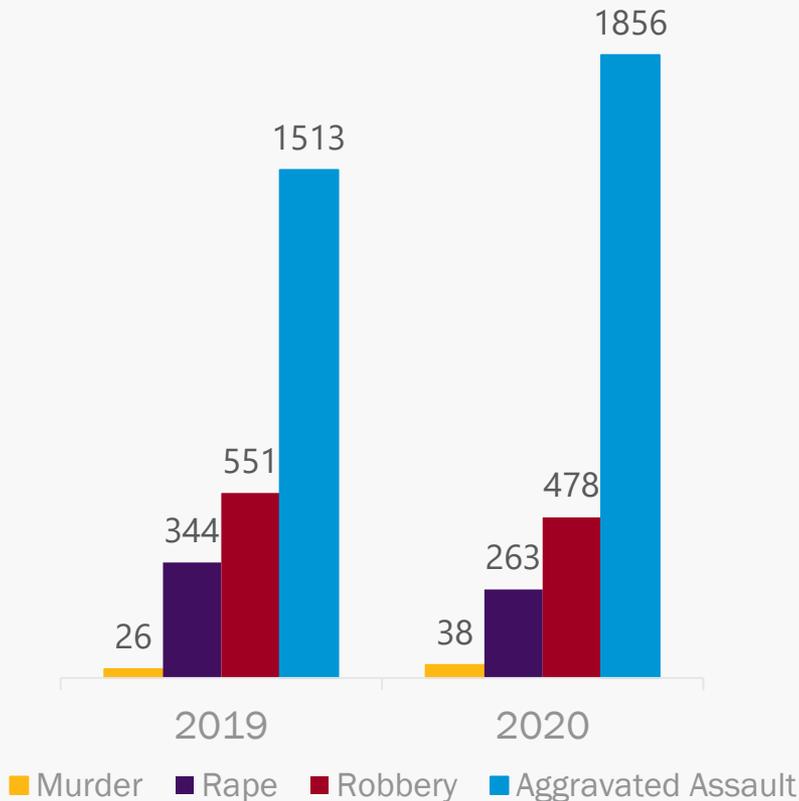
Flow of remands stemmed due to courts closure

Remands Per Month
(January, 2020 – July, 2020)

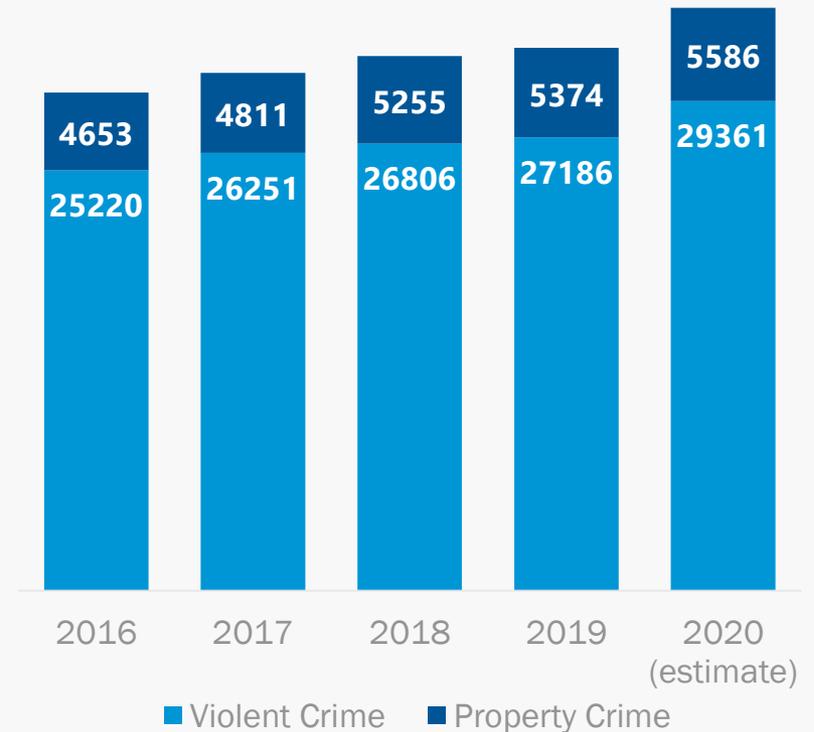


Crime rates are increasing

Part 1 Crimes:
Jan - Jun 2019 vs. 2020



Part 1 Crimes:
Full Year 2016 - 2020



Criminal Justice Reform Unit