



BUSINESS SUMMARY 2019-20

Placer County Probation Department

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EXECUTIVE STATEMENT

The Placer County Probation Department's 2021 Business Summary is a brief overview of some of the many services the department provides the residents of Placer County while carrying out its public safety mission. We hope this summary reflects the department's vision and mission to effect positive change in our adult and juvenile probationers. To provide the best context for the information, we are including data from calendar years 2019-2020 to aid the illustration of any trends.

Through safe and secure detention, alternatives to incarceration, and the continued use of effective, evidence-based probation practices, we afford adult and juvenile probationers the opportunity to restore victims, examine their actions, and make changes in their behavior to reduce the likelihood of re-offense.

The department continues to implement evidence-based best practices throughout its operations, as demonstrated through programs including the Placer Re-Entry Program (PREP), which would not be possible without the dedication of probation staff and the Sacramento County Office of Education who we have partnered with to provide these services.

Since October 1, 2011, Probation has been mandated to supervise a population of adult clients because of State Parole Realignment. Recent and upcoming reform will continue to have significant impacts on both juvenile and adult community corrections. The department continues to examine core components (or Programs) of our system to quantify measurements of our mission's critical functions more effectively.

Probation's 146 employees are essential to carrying out the department's mission and vision. Our commitment to public safety and to providing probationers the opportunity and tools to change their behavior remains our focus. As we face the challenges and demands of the coming year, the Probation Department will continue to implement efficiencies to promote client rehabilitation and public safety throughout Placer County.

We will continue to innovate effective solutions to the challenges and demands we face with the ongoing support of the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive Office, and our many collaborative partners including the county departments in the criminal justice system, community stakeholders, and our dedicated and committed workforce.

From the COVID-19 pandemic to the significant changes brought by new legislation affecting both adult and juvenile supervision, 2020 was a year of challenge and change for the probation department. However, our staff demonstrated their ability to adapt, overcome, and remain positive and professional, ensuring probation continued to provide sustainable public safety services throughout the year, as reflected in the following report.

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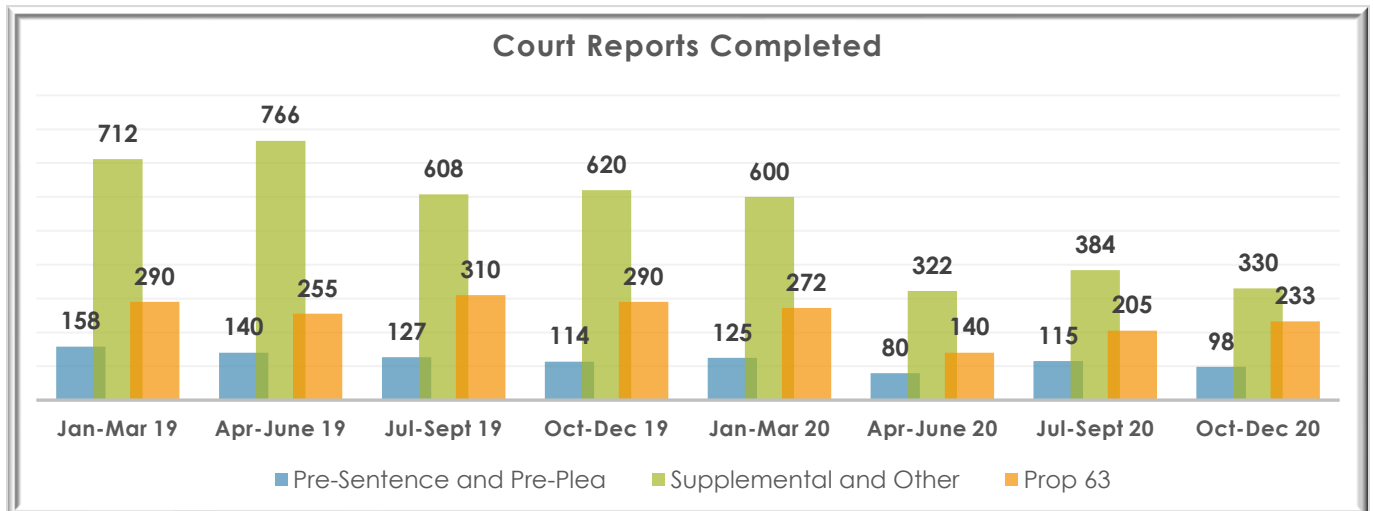
Mission Statement

The mission of the Probation Department is to promote the safety of the citizens of Placer County by conducting investigations for the court, enforcing court orders, ensuring victim's rights, engaging in crime prevention partnerships, and facilitating the re-socialization of clients using evidence-based supervision and best practices.

COURT SERVICES

The selection of an appropriate sentence is one of the most critical decisions in the criminal justice system. Court services support judicial officers in making sentencing decisions and assists community corrections officials in supervising clients. Court Services are State Mandated and consist of Probation Officers preparing written reports for the Court by conducting a factual and thorough investigation into a client's behavior, history, assets, impact on victims, mitigating and aggravating circumstances, assessing future risk, and identifying needs to reduce reoffending behavior. Additionally, these reports provide judicial officers with reasoned sentencing options that conform to statutory and Case Law requirements. Reports include the terms and conditions of probation, if eligible, to promote accountability and community safety, and rehabilitation for the client utilizing evidence-based programming. Through the Court process, Probation works to ensure victims' rights and establish victim restitution.

THE COURT UNIT COMPLETED AN AVERAGE OF 660 REPORTS PER QUARTER IN 2019-20. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC SLOWED TRAFFIC IN THE COURTS, BUT THE COURT UNIT WORKED DILIGENTLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO COMPLETE REPORTS ON TIME AND HELP KEEP THE COURT PROCESS SMOOTH.



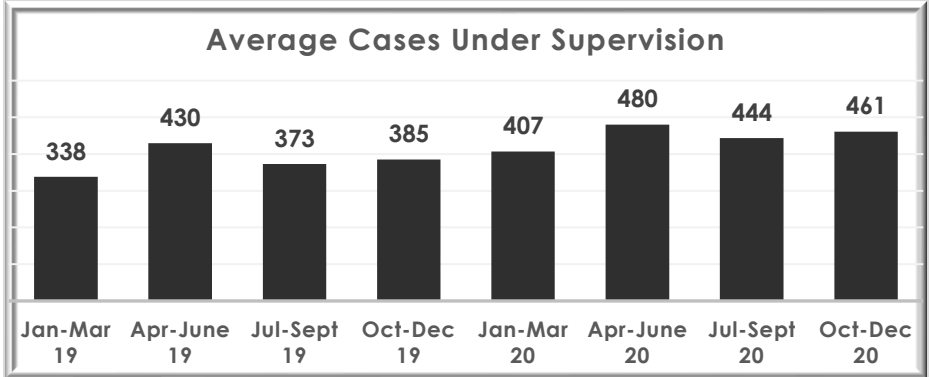
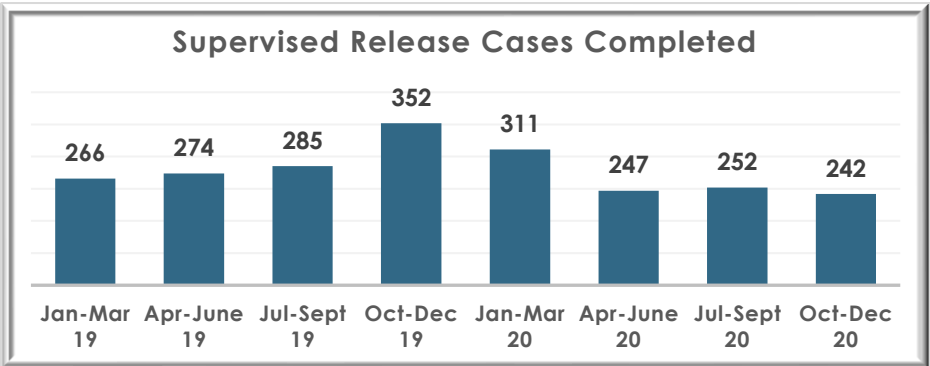
PRETRIAL SERVICES

Pretrial Services assists the Superior Court and provides community supervision to defendants pending legal proceedings. Although not State Mandated, Pretrial Services performs multiple functions which are critical to the effective operation of our local criminal justice system by assisting the court in making prompt, fair, and effective release/detention decisions by utilizing a risk assessment which is designed to be predictive of an individual's failure to appear in court and potential for re-arrest while on pretrial status. Specific service modes include SCRAM (Alcohol Monitoring program), Supervised Release, and/or Home Confinement with Electronic (GPS) Monitoring. Probation Officers enforce the terms and conditions of release which may include making court appearances, abstaining from the use of alcohol and drugs, search and seizure, and stay away orders from victims.

PRETRIAL SERVICES ALLOW CLIENTS TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY BASED ON ASSESSED RISK TO MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING WHILE ENGAGED IN THE COURT PROCESS. THERE ARE OVER 400 CLIENTS ON SUPERVISED RELEASE AT ANY TIME, AND ABOUT 270 CLIENTS COMPLETE SUPERVISED RELEASE EACH QUARTER.

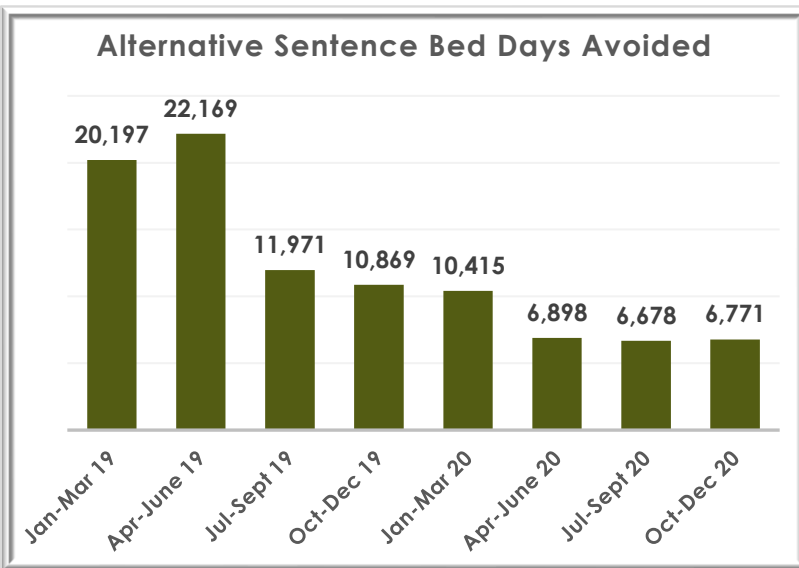
DURING 2020, AS COURT TRAFFIC SLOWED, FEWER CLIENTS COMPLETED SUPERVISED RELEASE, RESULTING IN CLIENTS REMAINING UNDER SUPERVISION LONGER. THEREFORE, THE DEPARTMENT SAW A 15% INCREASE IN CLIENTS ON SUPERVISED RELEASE FROM 2019.

PRETRIAL RELEASE IS AN IMPORTANT COMMUNITY SUPERVISION TOOL, RESULTING IN OVER 272,500 PRETRIAL JAIL BED DAYS AVOIDED IN 2019-2020.



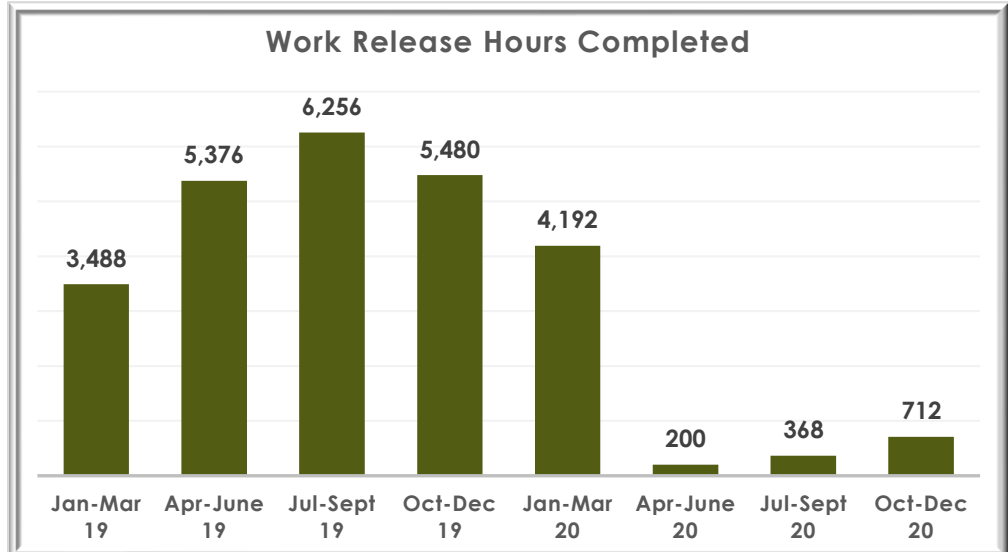
ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING

Alternative Sentencing services are non-mandated services that create and maintain community-based alternatives to incarceration. Programs are designed to hold clients accountable while promoting public safety in the community. Clients complete their Court ordered sentence under direct supervision of a Probation Officer while maintaining family structure, retaining employment and housing, obtaining rehabilitative services, and continuing positive ties to the community. Specific service modes for post-conviction participants include: Electronic (GPS) Monitoring, Work Release, and Drug Court. Probation Officers enforce program conditions that may include abstaining from the use of drugs and alcohol, search and seizure, stay away orders from victims, monitoring and tracking community worksites, and engaging in counseling and rehabilitative treatment programs.



THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN ALTERNATIVE SENTENCE BED DAYS AVOIDED IN 2019-20. DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, CURRENT CLIENTS WERE UNABLE TO COMPLETE AS MANY WORK RELEASE HOURS AS USUAL. ADDITIONALLY, FEWER EMP CASES WERE ENROLLED AND COMPLETED, LIKELY DUE TO DELAYS IN COURT CASES AND SENTENCING. HOWEVER, BEGINNING IN MID 2019 AND CONTINUING INTO 2020, CLIENTS SENTENCED SERVED SHORTER PERIODS OF TIME, CONTRIBUTING TO THE OVERALL DECREASE.

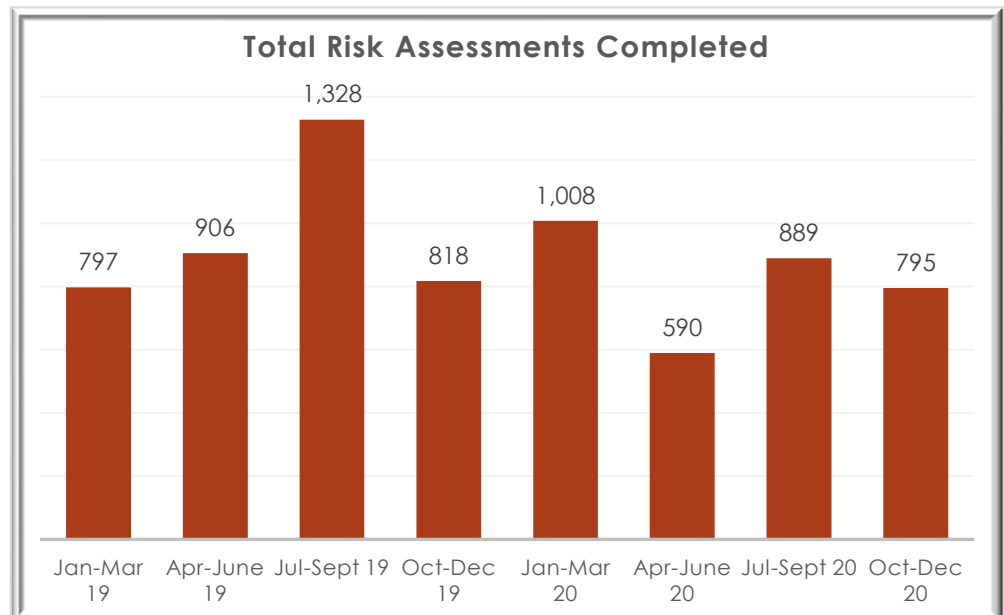
STAY-AT-HOME ORDERS AND BUSINESS CLOSURES AFFECTED CLIENTS' ABILITY TO COMPLETE WORK RELEASE SENTENCES IN 2020. OFFICERS HAVE WORKED WITH CLIENTS TO UTILIZE ACCESSIBLE RESOURCES AND COMPLETE HOURS AS AVAILABLE.



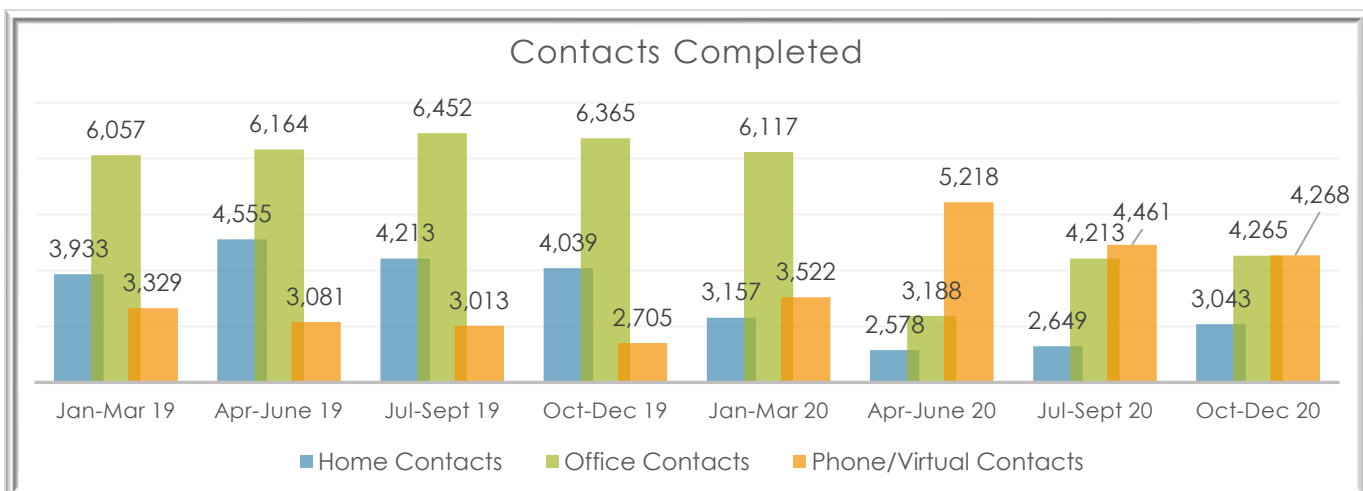
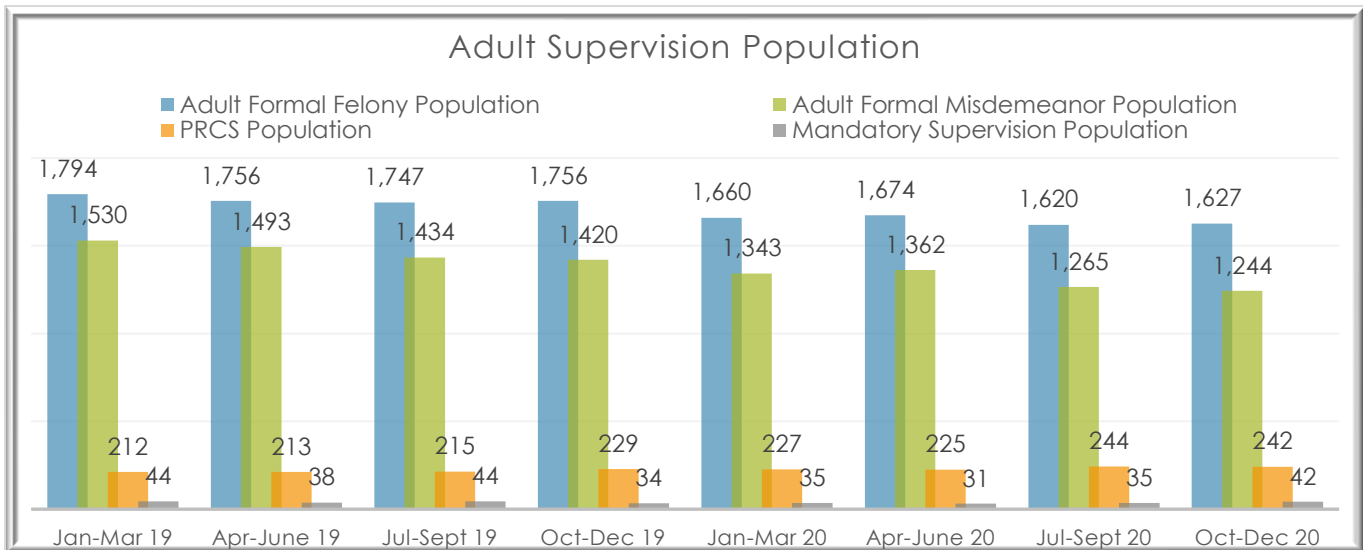
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION SERVICES

State Mandated Community Supervision provides structure and accountability for clients released back into our community after being granted formal probation or release under Parole Realignment (Post Release Community Supervision/Mandatory Supervision-1170(h)PC). Probation Officers promote public safety by supervising clients in the community and ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of release. Officers also complete risk and needs assessments and develop collaborative case plans based on these assessments. Officers use evidence-based supervision and treatment practices to include linking clients to our community-based treatment organizations and the Placer Re-Entry Program (PREP) to improve the likelihood of successful transition of clients back into our communities.

THE UTILIZATION OF AN EVIDENCE-BASED RISK/NEEDS ASSESSMENT ASSISTS IN SUPERVISING CLIENTS WITH ACCOUNTABILITY. IT ALSO HELPS DIRECT CLIENTS TOWARD NEEDED SERVICES ON AN INDIVIDUALIZED BASIS, AND AIDES THEIR RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY AS SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS.

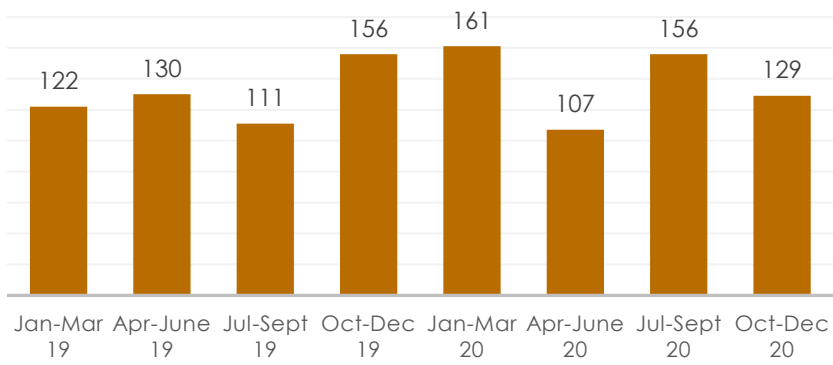


Specific service modes for clients under Community Supervision include risk-based supervision, ACTION Team, DUI, Domestic Violence, Homeless, and Sex Offender caseloads. Clients identified to pose the greatest risk to public safety are placed on a specialized joint task force caseload (Special Investigations and Crime Suppression Units) comprised of multiple local law enforcement agencies. Additionally, our officers work collaboratively with Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies conducting operations to suppress gang, narcotic, DUI, violent, and sex client/trafficking criminal conduct. They also track down and arrest absconded clients, holding them accountable and bringing them back before the justice system. Probation Officers enforce court orders through office contacts, random unannounced home visits, drug and alcohol testing, tracking and monitoring, evidence-based programming, DUI terms, Sex Offender terms, Elder Abuse terms, Domestic Violence terms, weapon prohibitions, stay away orders for victims, and the collection of victim restitution. While accountability is essential to success, so is rehabilitation. Probation officers work closely with HHS Client Services Practitioners embedded in the probation offices to ensure clients are assessed and connected quickly to needed services, including mental health and substance use treatment programs.



COVID-19 SAFETY RESTRICTIONS ALTERED THE NUMBER OF IN-PERSON CONTACTS OFFICERS COULD COMPLETE IN 2020. OFFICERS UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR CONTACT WITH CLIENTS REGARDLESS OF THE PANDEMIC, AND THEREFORE ADAPTED THEIR CONTACT METHODS, MAINTAINING REGULAR IN-PERSON CONTACT WITH HIGH-RISK CLIENTS WHILE INCREASING PHONE AND VIRTUAL CONTACT WITH LOWER RISK CLIENTS BY OVER 30% IN 2020.

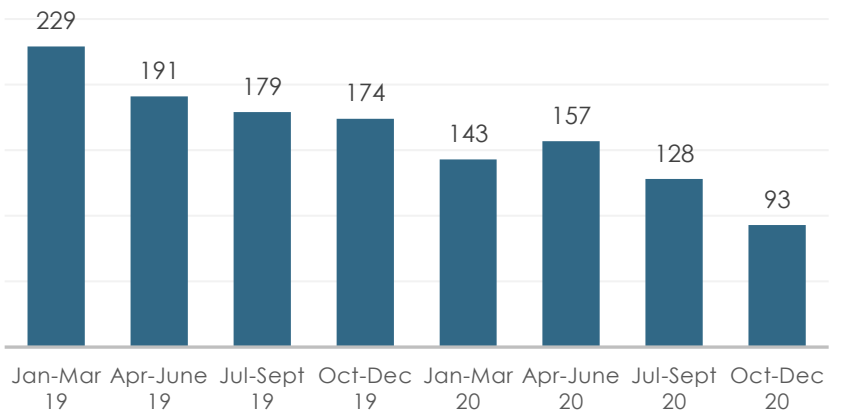
SCRAM Program Completions



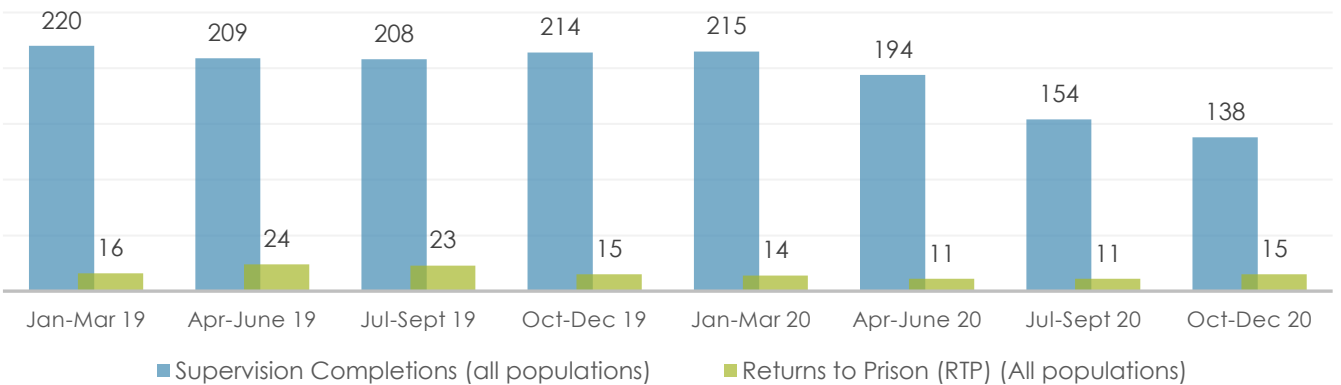
SCRAM ALCOHOL MONITORING PROGRAM IS A HIGHLY UTILIZED TOOL THAT ASSISTS CLIENTS IN MAINTAINING THEIR TERMS OF SUPERVISION, INCLUDING ALCOHOL ABSTINENCE. IN 2019-20 1,072 CLIENTS COMPLETED THE PROGRAM, AND THERE ARE OVER 200 CLIENTS SUPERVISED AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

THE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION OF CLIENTS IS CRUCIAL TO RESUMING PROSOCIAL ACTIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY. OVER 680 CLIENTS ARE ENROLLED IN REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS. DURING THE PANDEMIC, SUCCESSFUL COMPLETIONS DECLINED DUE TO CLASSES BEING HELD IN SMALLER GROUPS OR MOVED TO VIRTUAL PLATFORMS, DELAYING PROGRESS.

Rehabilitative Programs Successfully Completed



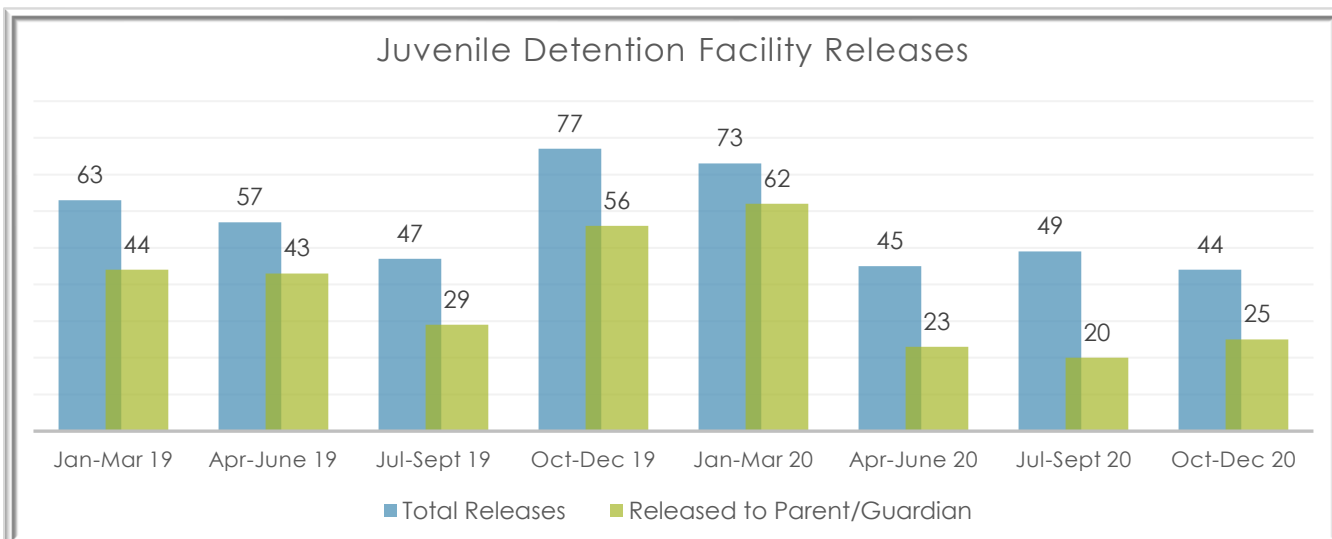
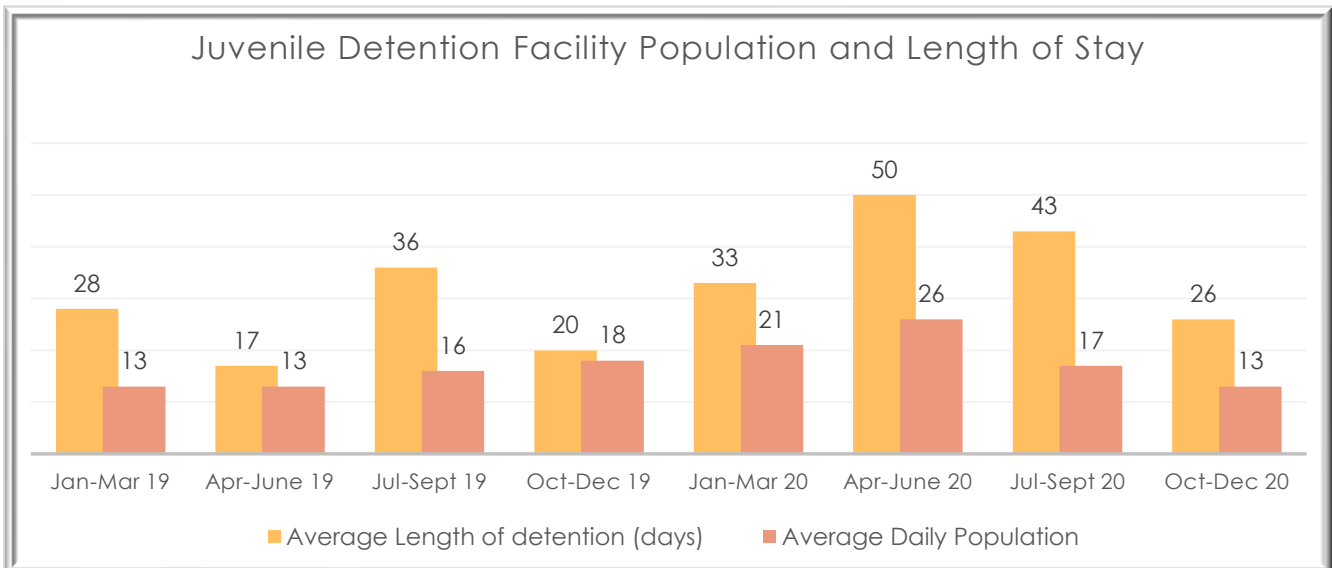
Completions and Returns to Prison



AN AVERAGE OF 194 CLIENTS COMPLETE PROBATION EACH QUARTER. IN 2019-20, 8% OF CASES WERE REVOKED AND SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR NEW FELONY OFFENSES.

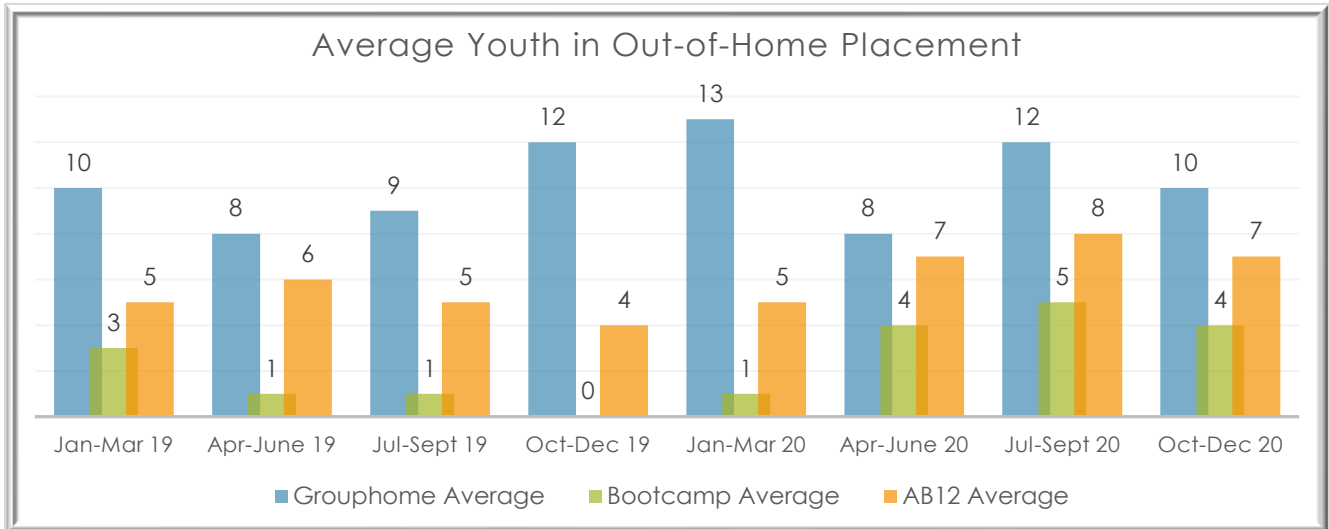
Juvenile Detention and Treatment Services

The Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) is a State Mandated, 24-hour, secure detention facility housing male and female youth for their safety and public safety, who are pending court, sentenced, or awaiting placement. The facility also houses youth who have been charged as adults. Programming within the facility includes education, health, mental health, social awareness, and special programs. Programming is designed to enhance safety and security while providing youth opportunities and direction to change their behavior to promote successful transition back into the community and reunification with their families. These programs are taught by contracted providers, volunteers, Placer County Office of Education, and probation staff.



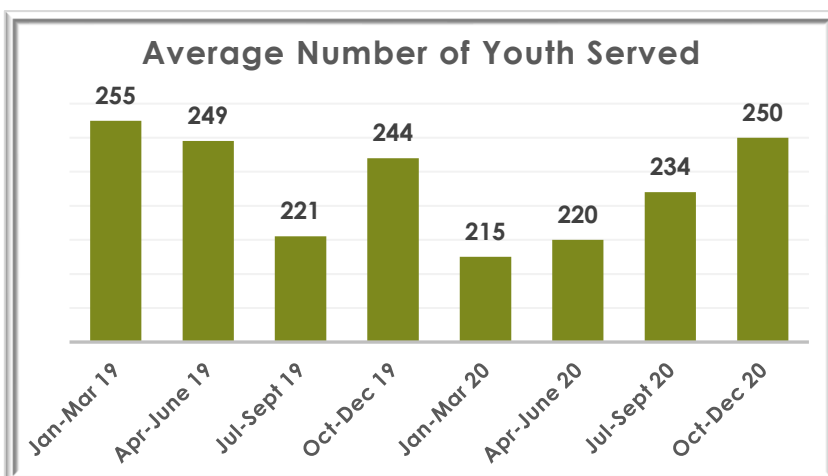
ON AVERAGE, 64% OF THE YOUTH RELEASED FROM THE JDF RETURN HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES. YOUTH MAY ALSO BE RELEASED TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OR TO PLACEMENT FOR TREATMENT AS ORDERED BY THE COURT.

Youth may be placed out of their home by the Superior Court into a group home or boot camp for supervision, behavior modification, and treatment. Probation Officers are mandated by Federal and State government regulation to have in-person contact with youth monthly. These costly out of home placements are a last resort and are often avoided by the array of interventions employed by the Probation Department and partner agencies. Additionally, probation supervises youth that fall under AB12; this federal legislation grants foster care services to youth over age 18 to promote positive transition back into communities as successful adults.



Delinquency/Crime Prevention Services

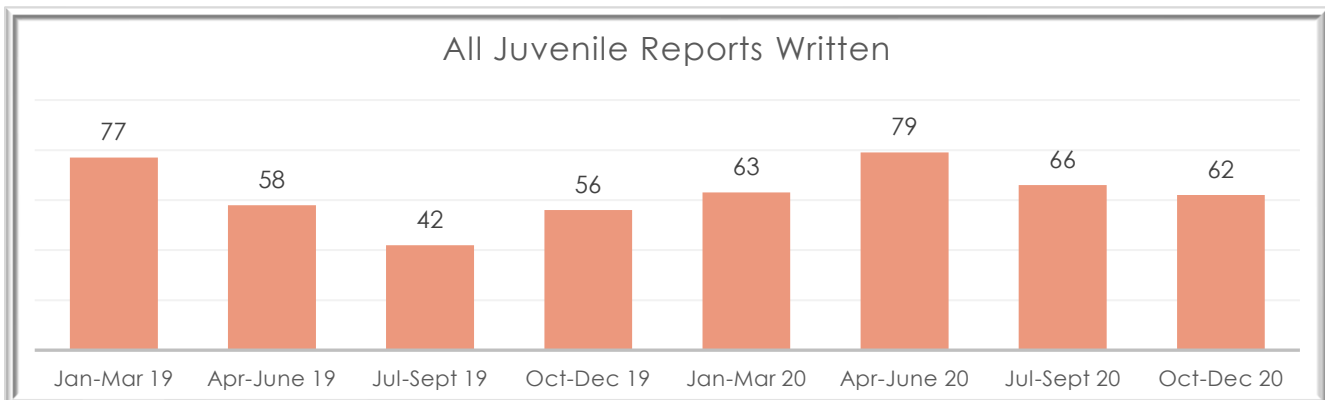
Delinquency/Crime Prevention Services include non-mandated diversion services that target youth who are beyond parental control or are otherwise at risk of delinquency. Diversion Programs include: Citation and Traffic Hearings; Evidence Based Programs; the Placer County Sheriff's Activities League; the Roseville Police Activities League; the Folsom Prison Program; the Youth Resource Fair; School Attendance Mediation; Informal Probation to ensure victim restitution or Community Service is completed; and the Crisis Resolution Center. Additionally, the Juvenile Division provides access to structured community resources that assist youth and family members to build and utilize their own family resources and better equip them to become independent of the Juvenile Justice or Child Welfare Systems.



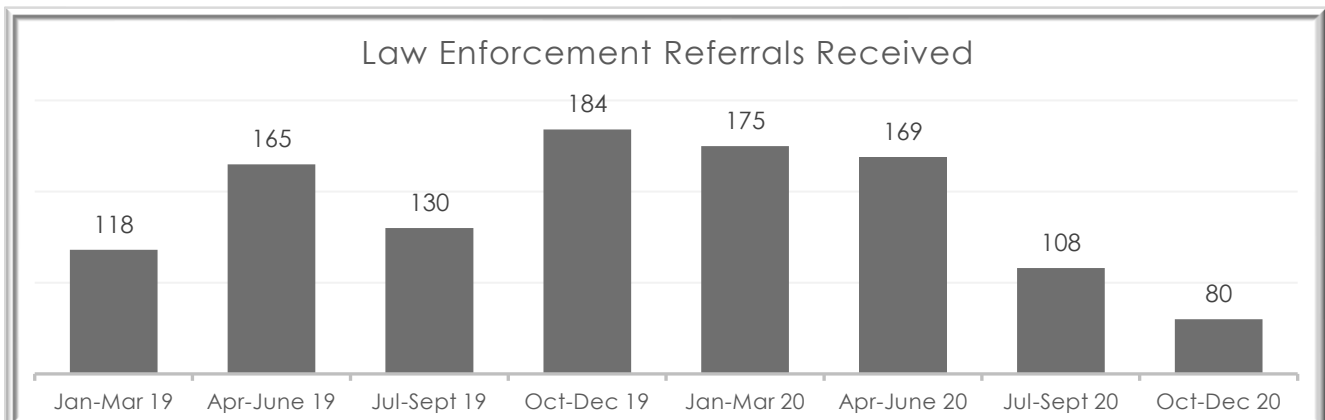
YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN CRIME PREVENTION SERVICES DECLINED AT THE START OF 2020 DUE TO THE PANDEMIC; HOWEVER, PROBATION OFFICERS AND PROVIDERS FOUND CREATIVE AND VIRTUAL WAYS TO ENGAGE YOUTH, AND SERVICES RETURNED TO NORMAL LEVELS BY THE MIDDLE OF 2020.

Court/Pre-Adjudication Services

Court Services are State Mandated and consist of Probation Officers preparing written reports with information on a youth's family, educational background, any prior probation history, previous arrest history, and other relevant information. These investigations and reports assist Superior Court Judges in making informed dispositional decisions. This report includes the Probation Officers' dispositional recommendations, including the terms and conditions of probation, to provide rehabilitation for the youth utilizing evidence-based programming and accountability to ensure community safety. Through the Court process, Probation works to ensure victim rights and establish victim restitution. The Probation Officers also complete an evidence-based risk and needs assessment on each youth, designed to create and implement case plans focused on addressing the youth's identified behavioral indicators in addition to social and educational needs. Alternative disposition pre-adjudication supervision services allow youth to be placed on any of several different programs in lieu of, or in addition to, confinement. These options include home supervision and electronic (GPS and/or alcohol) monitoring. Alternatives to confinement may be employed while awaiting further Court hearings or as a tool to hold youth accountable while encouraging the development needed to support success.

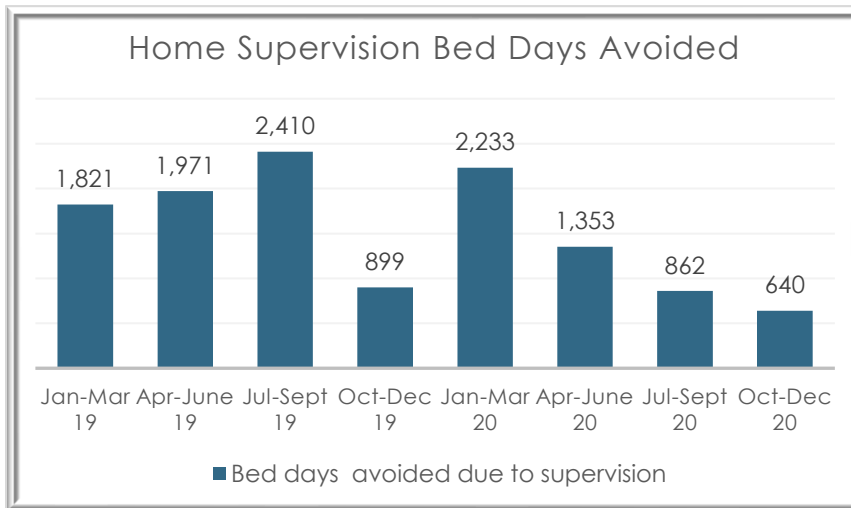


AN AVERAGE OF 63 REPORTS ARE WRITTEN BY THE JUVENILE COURT UNIT EACH QUARTER. THE JUVENILE UNIT RECEIVES ABOUT 550 NEW JUVENILE REFERRALS EVERY YEAR. MANY OF THESE REFERRALS RESULT IN CITATION HEARINGS AND MOST YOUTH ARE DIVERTED FROM THE SYSTEM INTO COMMUNITY SERVICE OR OTHER DIVERSION PROGRAMS. OTHERS ENTER THE JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM, AS NECESSARY.

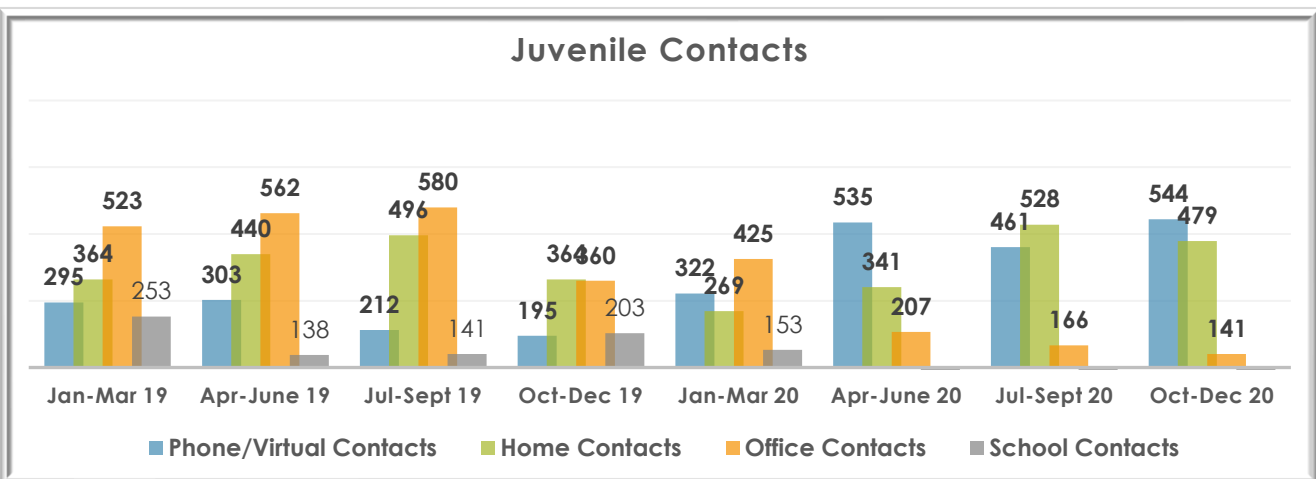


Juvenile Supervision Services

Juvenile Supervision is a State Mandated service; Probation Officers assigned to Supervision Services monitor youth placed on probation supervision in the community. Youth who have been placed on probation supervision receive a risk and needs assessment to determine the type and level of service needed and are then supervised based on their individualized case plan. Probation Officers promote public safety by supervising youth in the community and ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of probation which may include enforcing curfews, school attendance, substance abuse counseling, drug and alcohol testing, gang conditions, stay away orders for victims, and the collection of victim restitution. Officers use evidence-based supervision and treatment practices, including safety and behavioral plans, to improve the likelihood of successful transition of youth back into our communities. Supervision Services maintain risk-based supervision caseloads, including Wraparound Services, and Juvenile & Family Treatment Court (formally known as Juvenile Drug Court) in lieu of out of home placement.



AN AVERAGE OF 22 YOUTH ARE SUPERVISED VIA THE JUVENILE EMP/HOME SUPERVISION PROGRAM AT ANY GIVEN TIME, RESULTING IN OVER 1,000 JDF IN-CUSTODY BED DAYS AVOIDED PER QUARTER. 2020 SAW A REDUCTION IN NEW ARRESTS, RESULTING IN A REDUCTION OF YOUTH ON HOME SUPERVISION.



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