



Shasta County Public Safety Realignment Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2021/2022

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Introduction

During Fiscal Year 2021/2022, the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC) met a total of 4 times and the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) met a total of one time. The Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC) and the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) are both committed and dedicated to public safety and the activities described in the Public Safety Realignment Plan. The following report is focused on an overview of the services outlined in the Public Safety Realignment Plan in the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year and highlights basic program information during that time.

While an annual report is not required by statute, the CCPEC and CCP determined such a report would be beneficial to ensure activities and expenditures are documented and available to members of the public. This annual report is the fifth report published by the CCPEC.

The CCP Public Safety Realignment Plan utilizes four strategies. These strategies are a promotion of public safety through crime prevention and reduction; holding persons accountable through evidenced based approaches, custody and custody alternatives; supervision and rehabilitation of individuals in the community; and the use of assessments, programs, and services to promote rehabilitation. These strategies will be highlighted throughout this report.

Summarized Statistics

The Program Summary section highlights the referrals, caseloads, and attendance statistics of the funded programs under the purview of the Community Corrections Partnership. Those programs include, but are not limited to, Community Supervision, Community Corrections Center, Compliance Officer, various treatment and housing programs, Sheriff's Office Work Release Program, employment services, and the Shasta Day Reporting Center (DRC). For a more detailed examination (i.e., monthly totals) of the various programs, see individual program analysis in subsequent sections.

Probation Supervision

Community Supervision (Monthly Average)	FY 2021/2022
Formal Supervision	1,234
Mandatory Supervision	65
Post-Release Community Supervision	252

Risk to Reoffend Population	FY 2021/2022
Low	309
Medium	350
High	656

Probation Compliance Check	FY 2021/2022
Formal Supervision	310
Mandatory Supervision	14
Post-Release Community Supervision	86
Supervised Own Recognizance	48
Other	31

Community Corrections Center Check-Ins	FY 2021/2022
Mental Health Clinicians and Drug & Alcohol Counseling	279
Orientation	490
Participants' Action to Housing	400
Shasta Tech. Edu. Program – Unified Partnership	99
Supervised Own Recognizance	910
Aggression Replacement Therapy	129
Moral Reconciliation Therapy (no on-site groups)	0
Probation Officer Appointments	1,505
Work Program	1,003
Misc.	368

Termination Status	FY 2021/2022
Successful	311
Unsuccessful	212
Administrative Termination and Closed Cases	172

Probation Program Statistics

Aggression Replacement Treatment	FY 2021/2022
New Referrals	25
New Enrollments	17
Completions	10
Failed to Complete	6

Moral Reconciliation Therapy	FY 2021/2022
New Referrals	133
New Enrollments	62
Completions	12
Failed to Complete	6

Day Reporting Center	April 2021 to April 2022
Individuals Served	213
Active Participants	53
Aftercare Participants	12
Participants Completing Program	29
Participants Discharged	134

General Assistance & Supplemental Security Income	FY 2021/2022
Referrals	484
Applications	4
Interim Assistance	96
Employment Assistance	20

Mental Health	FY 2021/2022
Referrals	48
Completed Appointments	34
Appointment No-Shows	25
Triage Assessments	190

Alcohol & Other Drugs	FY 2021/2022
Referrals	227
Completed Appointments	225
Appointment No-Shows	35
Triage Assessments	249

Participants' Action to Housing	FY 2021/2022
Referrals	111
Participants Successfully Housed	29
Workshop Attendees	509
Number of Participants Completing Workshops	36

Shasta Technical Education Program – Unified Partnership (CCP Students Only)	FY 2021/2022
CCP Students	49
Average GPA	2.92
Participants on Dean’s List	16
Graduates	12

Sheriff’s Office Program Statistics

Sheriff’s Work Release Program	FY 2021/2022
Participants	932
Non-AB 109	826
AB 109	107
Successful	393
Unsuccessful	155

District Attorney’s Office Program Statistics

Misdemeanor Pre-Filing Diversion Program	FY 2021/2022
Cases Filed After Initial Diversion Referral	20
Cases Not Filed	0
Pending Entry into Diversion	0
In Diversion – Pending Completion	2
Successful Diversion Completions	0

Public Defender’s Office Programs Statistics

Social Worker Activity	FY 2021/2022
Requests for Social Workers	98
Participants Placed in Inpatient Services	29
Participants Who Graduated Inpatient Services	8
Participants Placed in Outpatient Services	7
Participants Who Graduated Outpatient Services	5

Probation Supervision

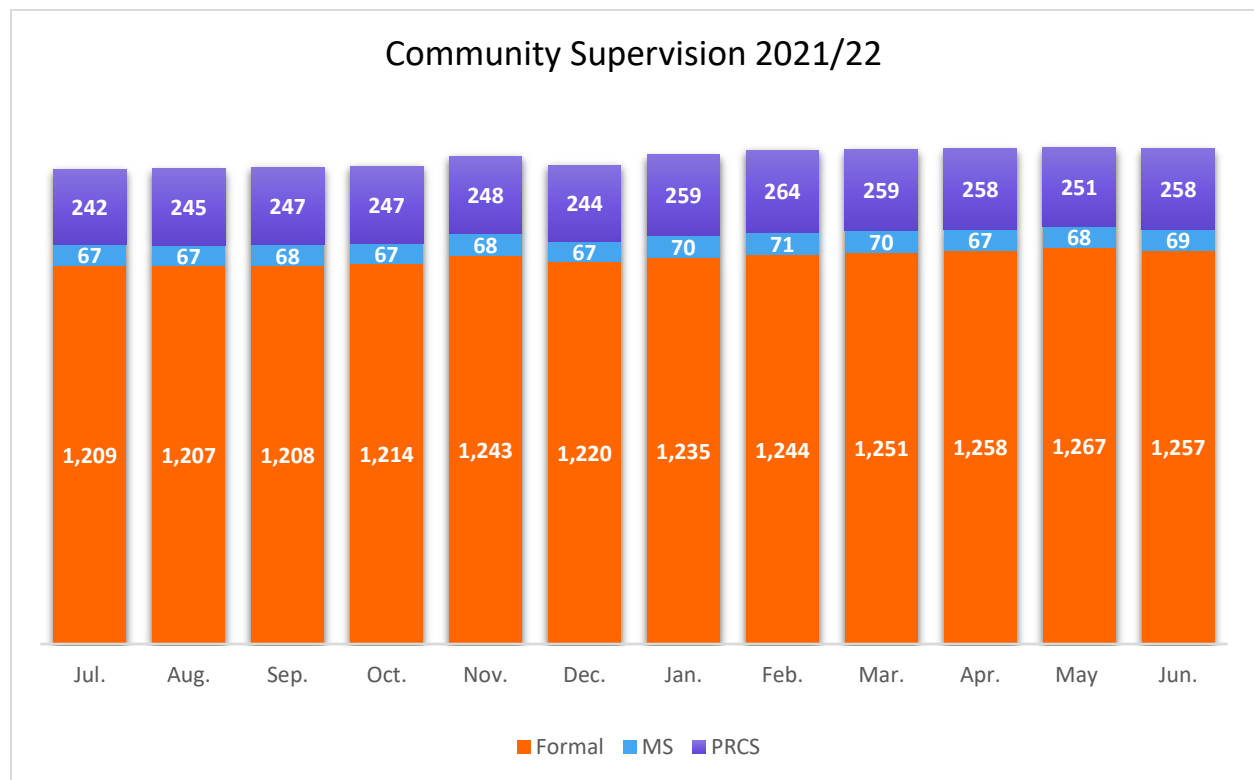
Community Supervision

The Probation Department’s Adult Supervision caseloads consist of three categories:

Felony Formal Supervision (FF) – Persons who have been granted Probation by the court and are supervised in the community.

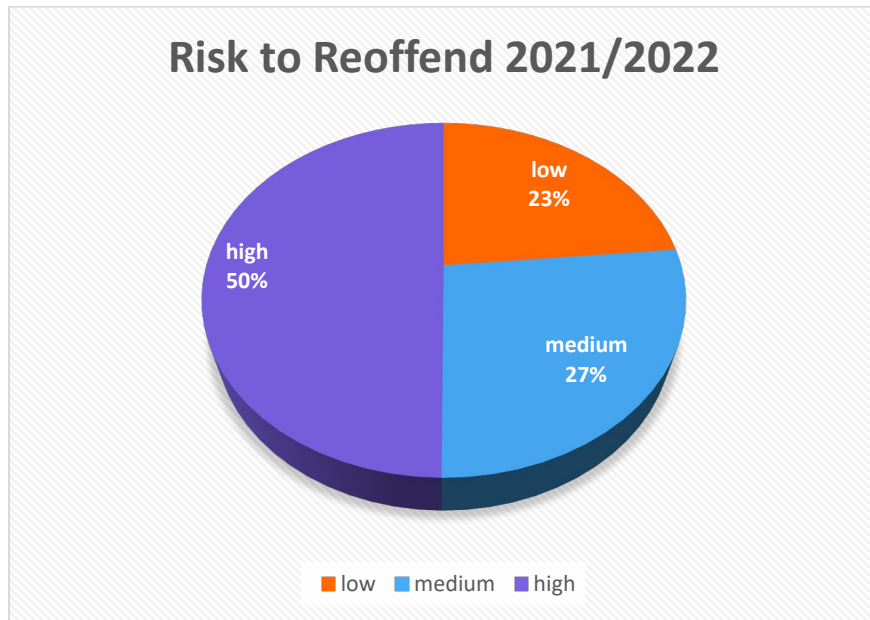
Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) – Persons who have been sentenced to state prison and are released onto a term of supervision with the Probation Department. The term of supervision may range from six months to three years.

Mandatory Supervision (MS) – Persons who were sentenced to a local Prison sentence and released onto a specified term of supervision.



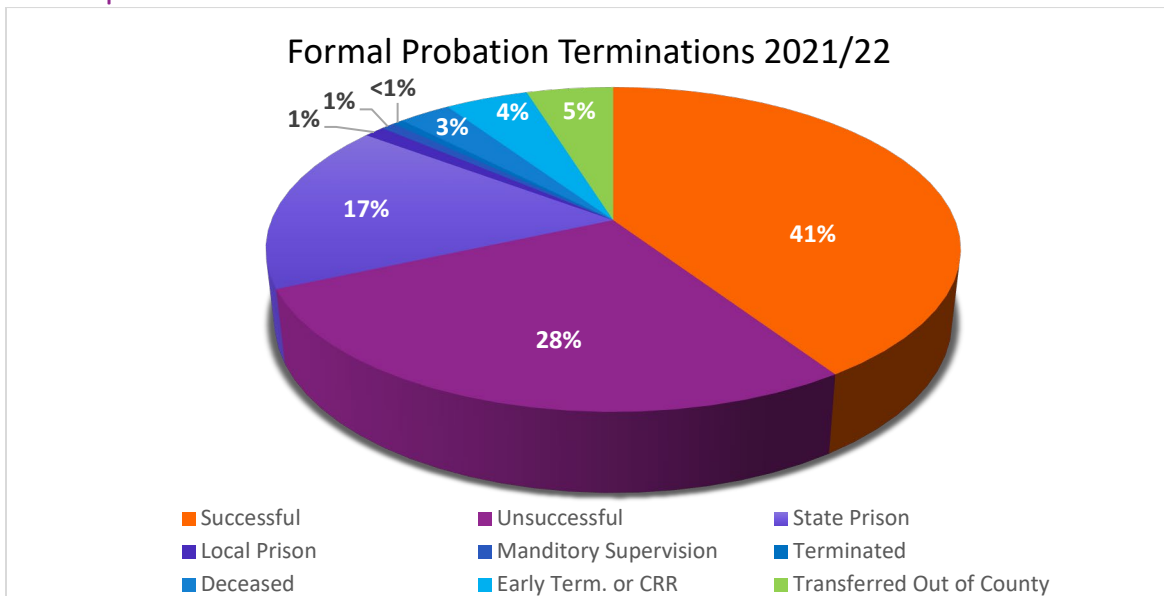
In 2021/2022, there was an average of 1,234 persons on Formal Supervision (FF), 252 persons on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS), and 65 persons on Mandatory Supervision (MS) per month. In January 2021, AB 1950 took effect which reduced the amount of time offenders may be sentenced to a grant of probation. AB 1950 also allowed eligible offenders currently under formal supervision to reduce their overall sentences and thus terminate early from formal supervision.

Risk to Reoffend Population



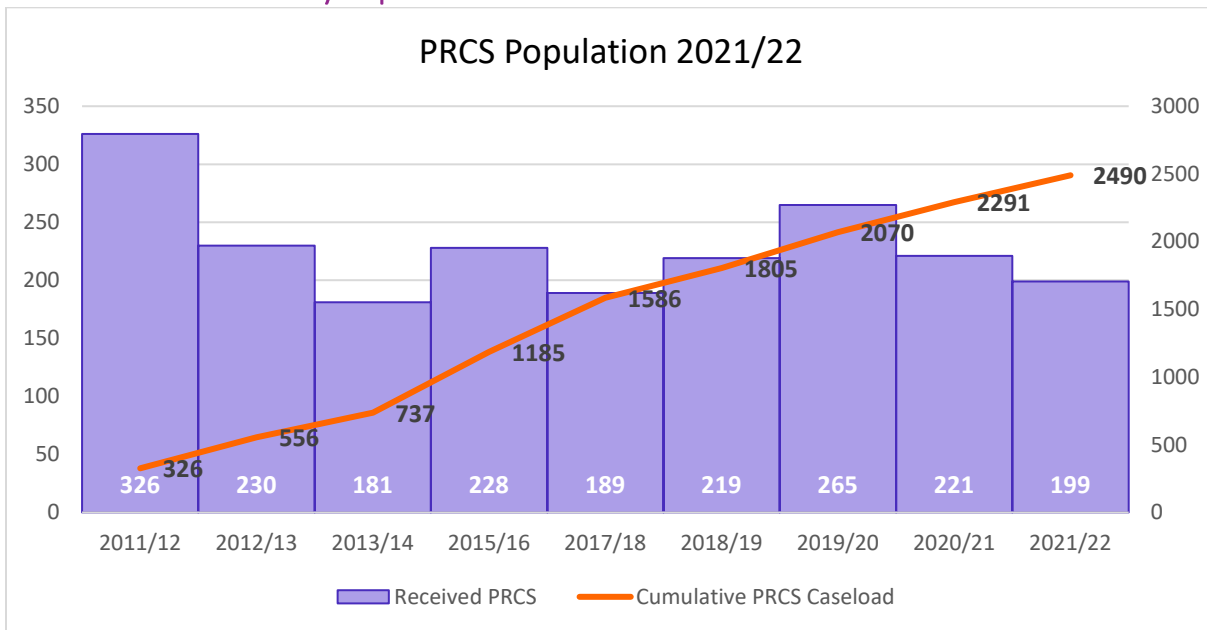
The projected risk to reoffend of persons on Community Supervision (FF, PRCS, & MS) in 2021/2022 is 776 (50%) high, 419 (27%) medium, and 357 (23%) low.

Formal Supervision



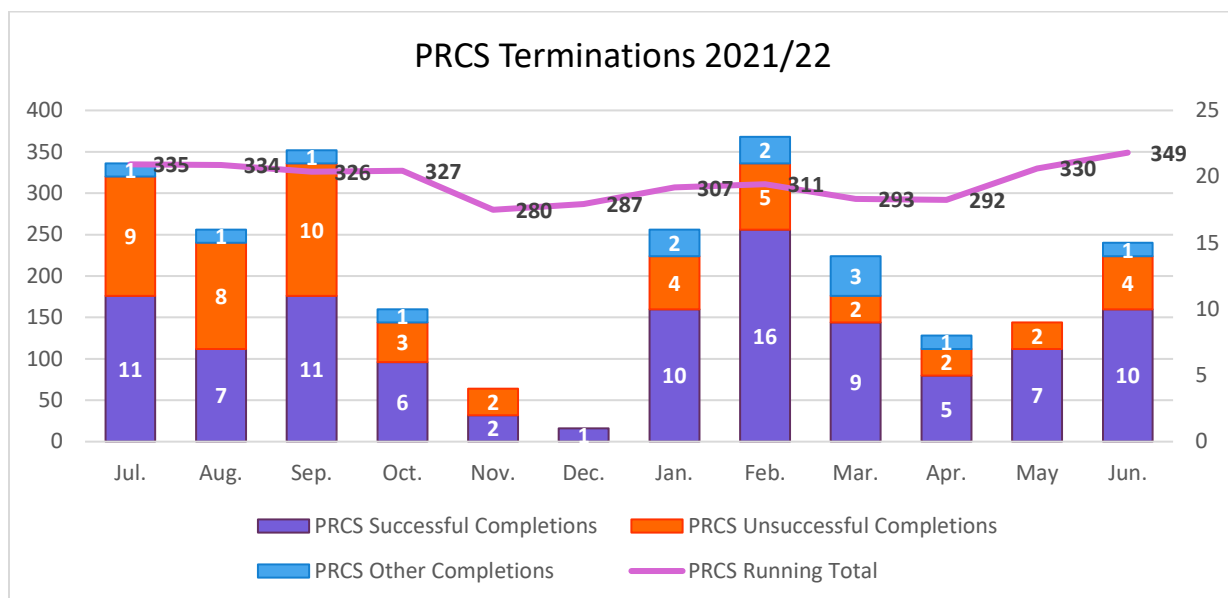
In 2021/2022, there were 521 terminations from the Felony Formal caseload. Of those terminated 212 were Successful, 144 were Unsuccessful, 88 were sentenced to State Prison, 6 were sentenced to Local Prison, 4 were sentenced to Mandatory Supervision, 24 were terminated early or placed on informal probation/ Conditional Revocable Release (CRR), 25 transferred out of county, 15 are deceased, and 3 were neutrally terminated.

Post-Release Community Supervision



There has been a drop in the number of persons released on PRCS in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 fiscal year, compared to that of the 2019/2020 fiscal year. The number of persons in 2020/2021 released onto PRCS is higher than those in 2013/2014 and 2017/2018.

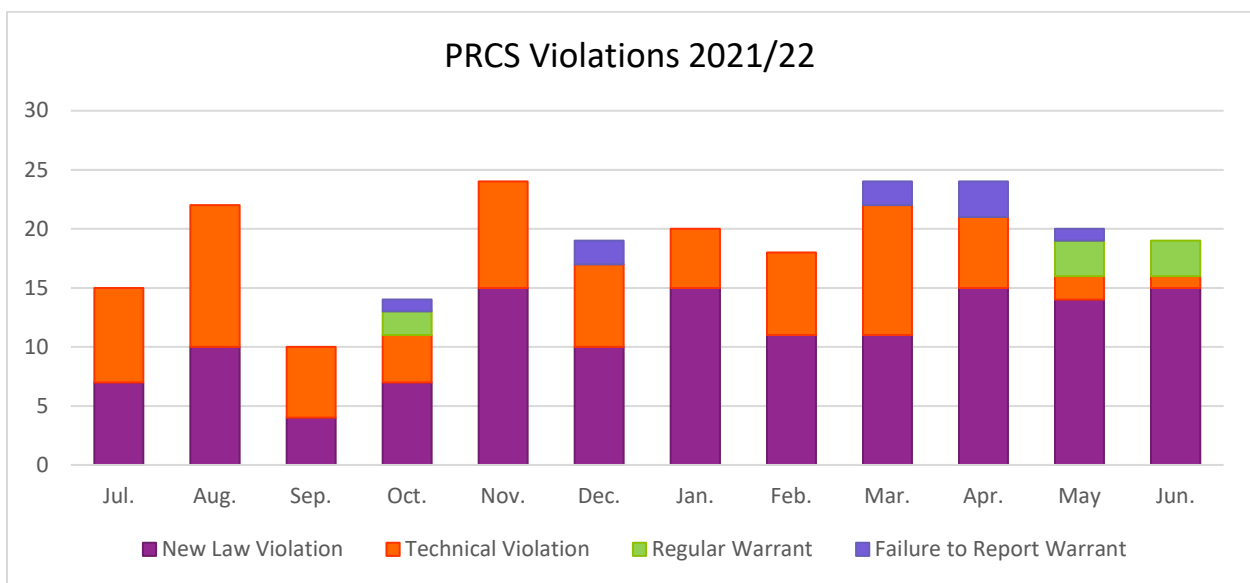
The increase in persons on PRCS supervision from 2019/2020 to 2021/2022 is in part due to accelerated release guidelines established by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) due to COVID. From April 2020 to August 2021, there was a total of 148 persons released onto PRCS under the CDCR accelerated COVID release guidelines.



In 2021/2022, there were 159 terminations from the PRCS caseload. Of those terminated 95 were Successful, 51 were Unsuccessful, and 13 were closed for other reasons.

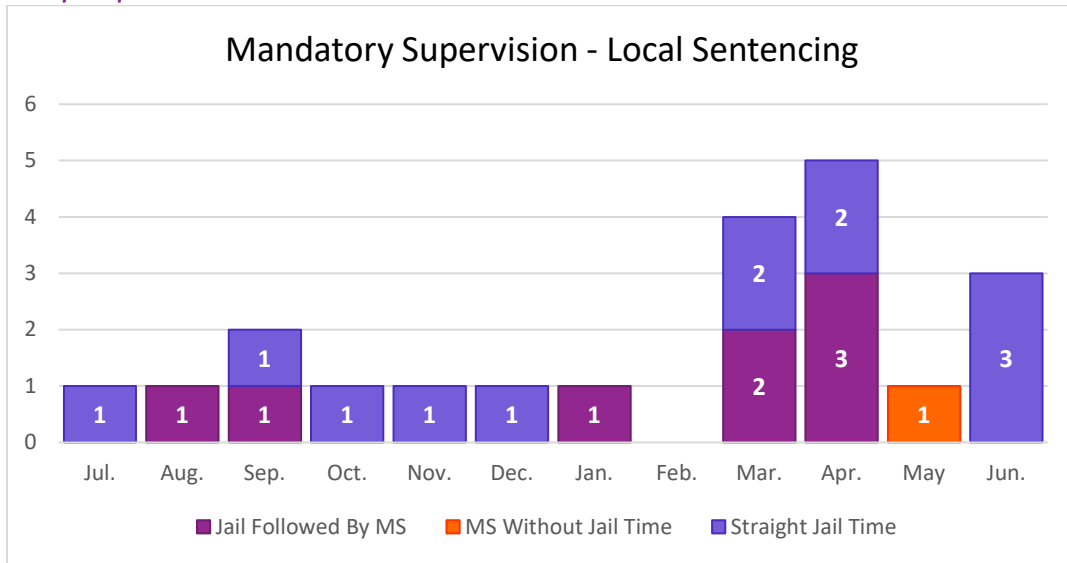
Post-Release Community Supervision Terminations by Duration – 2021/2022		
Duration	Terminations	Termination Percentage
0 – 6 Months	14	9%
6 – 12 Months	84	53%
12 – 18 Months	21	13%
18 – 24 Months	10	6%
24 – 30 Months	12	8%
30 – 36 Months	17	11%

In 2021/2022, there were 134 New Law violations, 78 technical violations, 8 regular warrants, and 11 warrants issued for failure to report to Probation from State Prison, that resulted in revocations of PRCS.

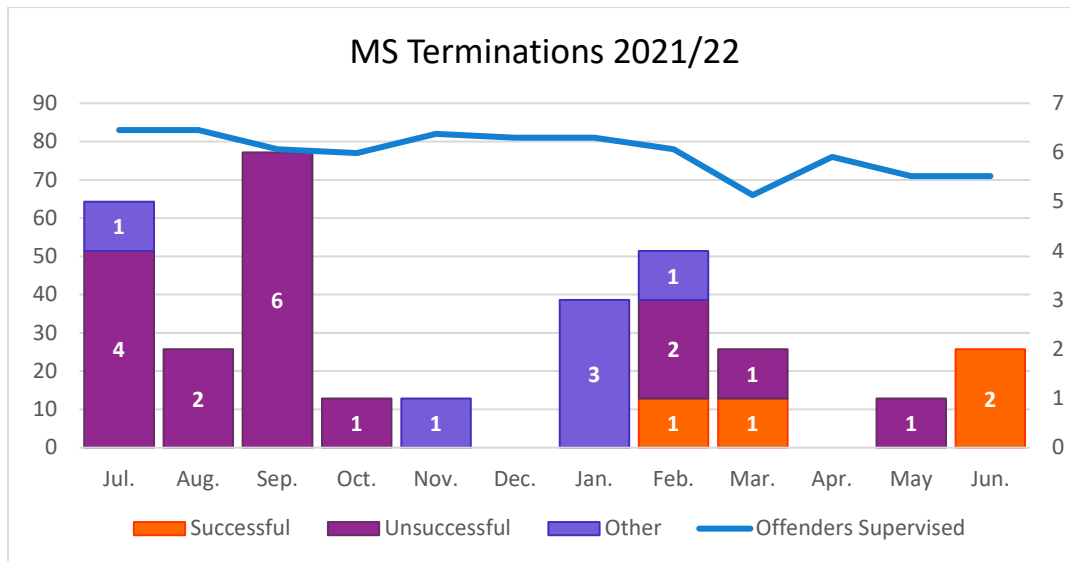


On average, from the beginning of FY 2021/2022, 61% of violations resulting in revocation petitions were new law violations, 35% were technical violations, and 4% were Warrants.

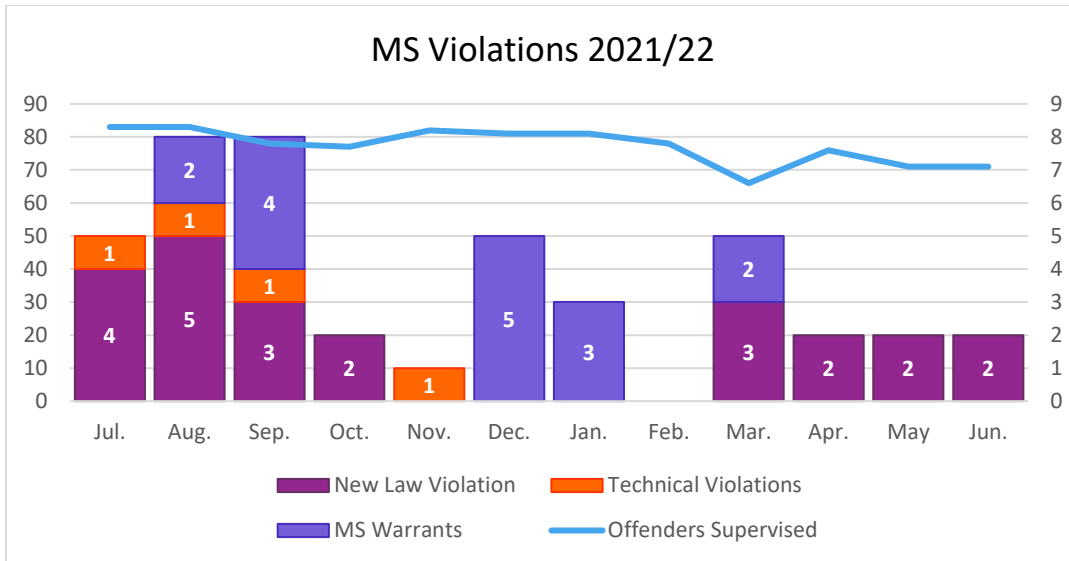
Mandatory Supervision



In 2021/2022, under 1170(h) PC, Shasta County sentenced 12 (57%) persons to local Prison as a straight jail sentence, 8 (38%) persons to a split sentence to include both a jail sentence and a term of Mandatory Supervision (MS), and 1 (5%) person to Mandatory Supervision without a term in jail.



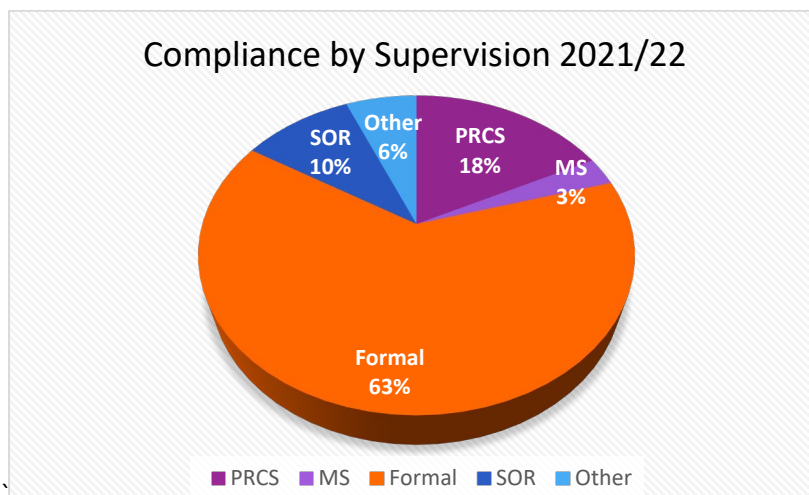
In 2021/2022, there were 27 terminations from the MS caseload, 4 or 15% were successful, 17 or 63% were unsuccessful, and 6 or 22% were closed for other reasons.



In 2021/2022, there were 23 new law violations, 4 technical violations, and 16 warrants that resulted in revocations of MS.

Probation Compliance

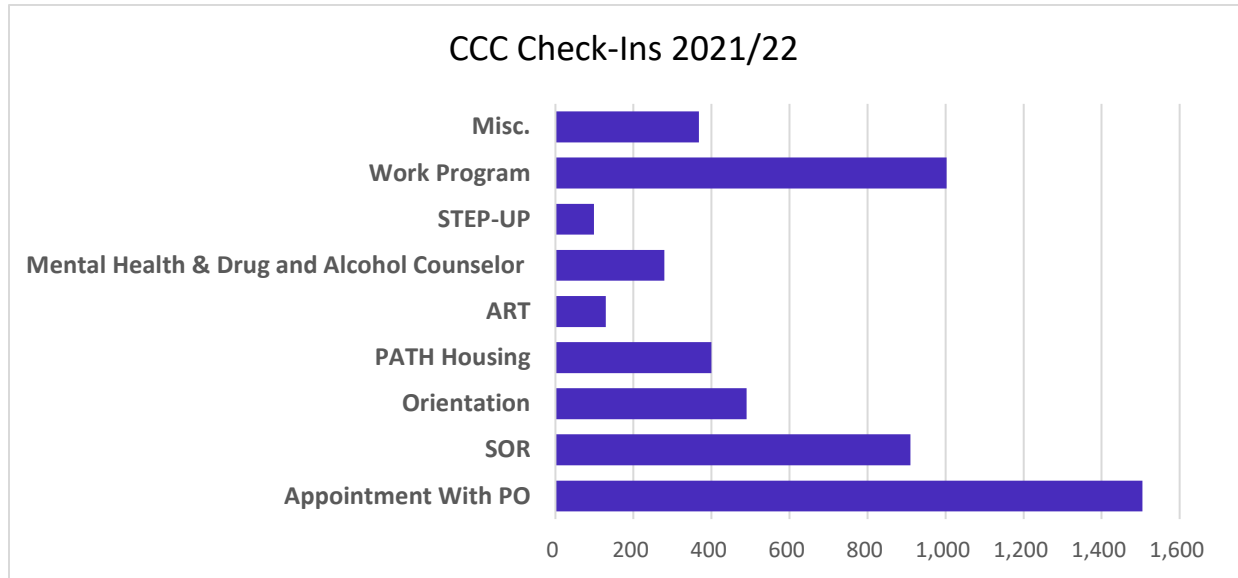
The Probation Compliance Officer contacts persons on supervision, with the goal of reinforcing accountability, participation in treatment, and positive behavior of those under supervision. The Probation Compliance Officer is in the field on a consistent basis. Their primary role is to contact offenders under probation supervision in conjunction with various supervision Probation Officers (POs). The compliance position was vacant from April 2022 to June 2022 due to staffing shortages.



In 2021/2022, 63% (310) of compliance checks were performed for those on Formal Probation, 18% (86) were conducted on those on Post Release Community Supervision, and 3% (14) were conducted on those on Mandatory Supervision. The remaining 16% (79) of compliance checks were made up of those on Juvenile, SOR, and other types of supervision. No data was collected during November and December 2021 during the CMS data conversion.

Community Corrections Center Check-Ins

The CCC opened in April 2013. The goal of the CCC is to lead a coordinated effort to provide persons with re-entry services and an orientation process related to their supervision requirements, assessment of their criminogenic needs and other needs, as well as provide referrals for various treatment and services.



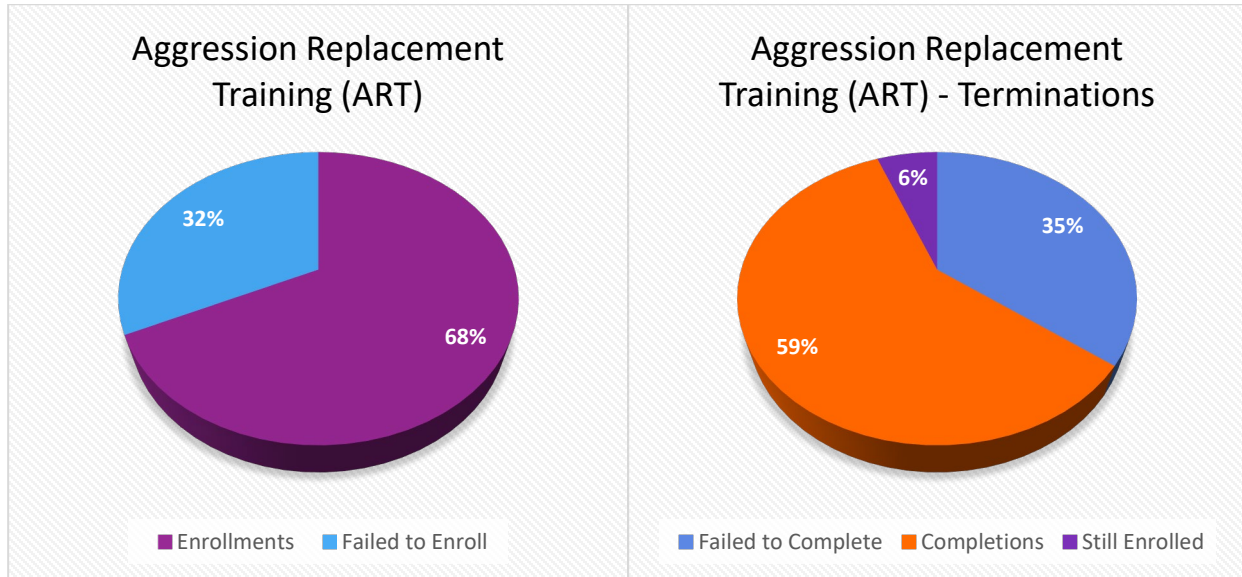
In 2021/2022, there were a total of 5,183 check-ins at the CCC, with an average of 432 check-ins per month. Most of the CCC check-ins were for appointments with a Probation Officer (29%) and Work Program (19%). Supervised Own Recognizance Program (SOR) made up (18%) of the check-ins, followed by Orientation (9%), Participants' Actions to Housing (PATH) (8%), Misc. (7%), Mental Health & Drug and Alcohol Counselor (5%), ART (3%), and Shasta Technical Education Program – Unified Partnership (STEP-UP) (2%).

CCP Programs

Shasta County Probation

Aggression Replacement Training

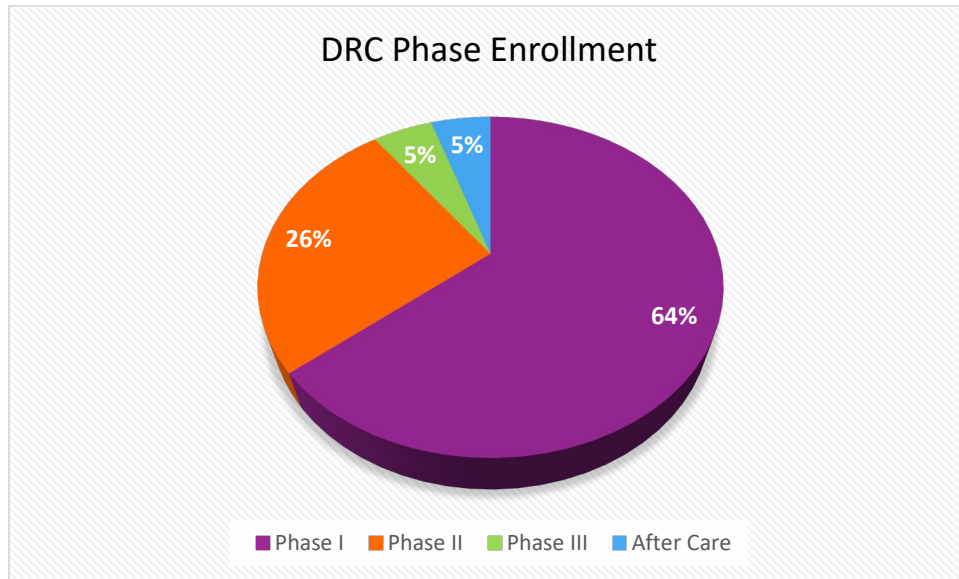
Starting in July of the 2018/19 Fiscal Year, Probation began a contract with Victor Community Support Services (VCSS), to provide Aggression Replacement Training (ART).



In 2021/2022, there were 25 persons referred to VCSS for ART. Of the 25 referrals, there were 17 participants enrolled. Ten participants successfully completed ART, 6 participants failed to complete the program, and 1 was still enrolled at the end of the fiscal year.

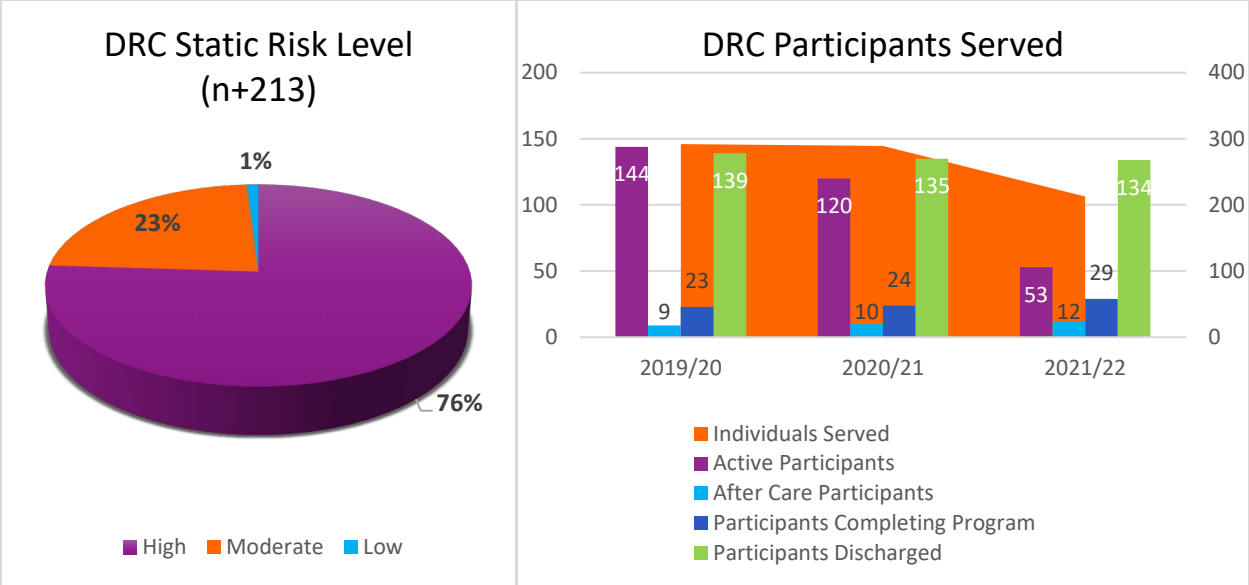
Day Reporting Center

The Shasta Day Reporting Center (DRC) provides intensive services to Probation clients to address their top criminogenic needs to create lasting change in client behavior and to reduce recidivism. The DRC is open seven days a week and offenders progress through three phases and an aftercare program.



In 2019, the Shasta DRC began implementing program model enhancements to phase 1 by focusing on stabilization based on research showing individuals are unlikely to succeed in treatment if their essential needs, such as housing, food, hygiene, clothing, transportation have not been addressed first. There has been continued growth in participation through all phases of the program with these model enhancements and discharge for failure to meet program requirements is down 7% from 2020/2021.

Since the opening of the DRC in April 2013 to April 2022, 1,214 unique participants have been served. Up to June 2021, 62% of all DRC participants have remained in the community with no new felony convictions. Recidivism is currently being collected for FY 2021/22.

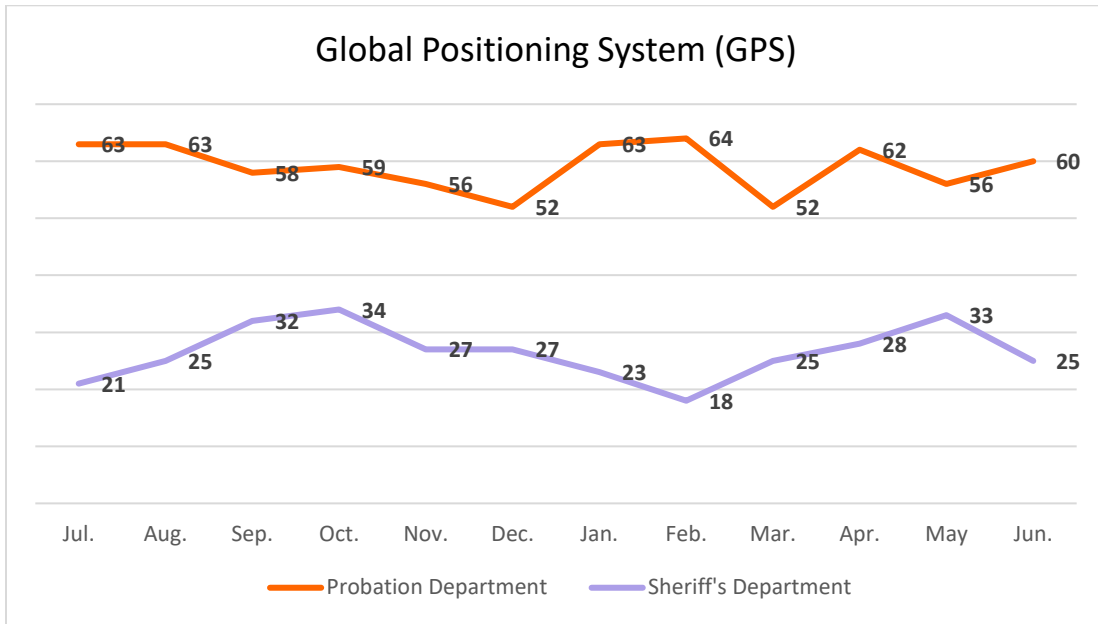


Most persons who are referred to the DRC are identified as high-risk to reoffend (76%), the remaining are moderate-risk (23%) and low-risk to reoffend (1%). In 2021/2022 there were 213 unique participants served, participants 289 in 2020/2021 and participants 292 in 2019/2020. Eighty-eight percent of participants who completed an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs) questionnaire in FY 2021/2022 reported at least one ACE, 50% reported four or more, which is up 3% from 2020/2021 and 9% from 2019/2020.

Pre-assessment and post-assessment scores showed the programs significant impact on participants’ attitudes, values and beliefs, employment, and family relationships. 155 participants were unemployed during the reporting period and 94 of those participants gained jobs. Pre-treatment and post-treatment assessment data indicates a clinical and statistical average reduction of 14% across all criminal thinking domains.

Global Positioning System

The Probation Department uses GPS monitoring for the Supervised Own Recognizance Program as well as on high-risk sex offenders, as an enhanced supervision tool, and as a sanction for those under supervision. The Sheriff's Office uses GPS for monitoring those participating in the Work Release program as an alternative to staying in custody.

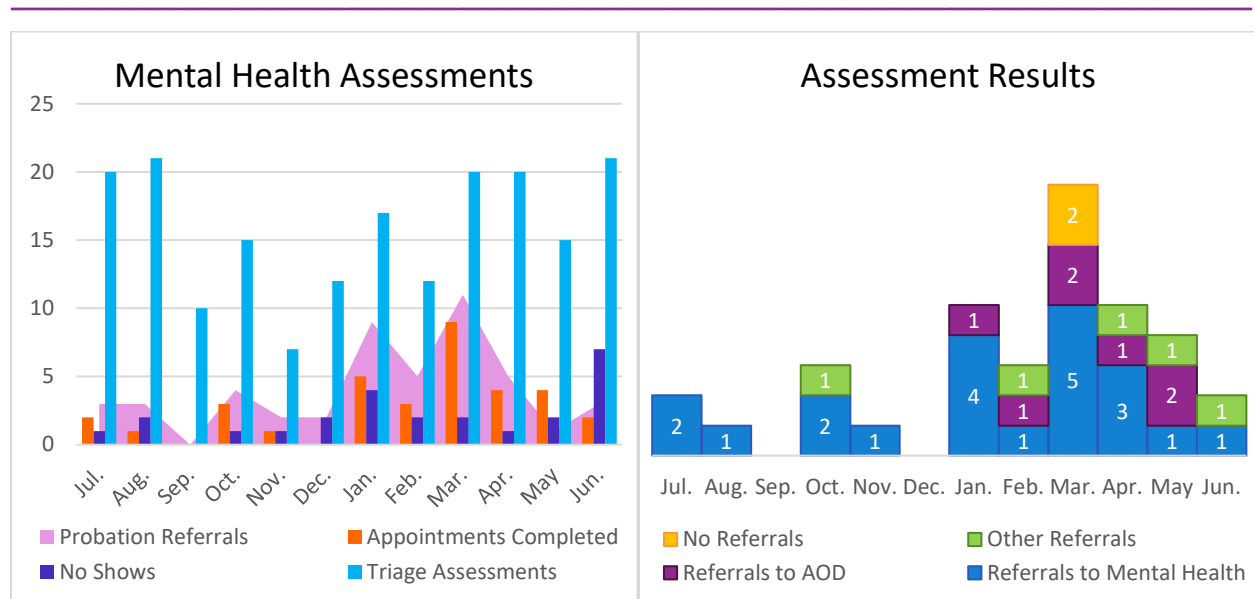


Throughout the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year, Probation used 708 GPS units, an average of 59 GPS per month, while the Sheriff's Office used 318 GPS units, an average of 27 GPS units per month.

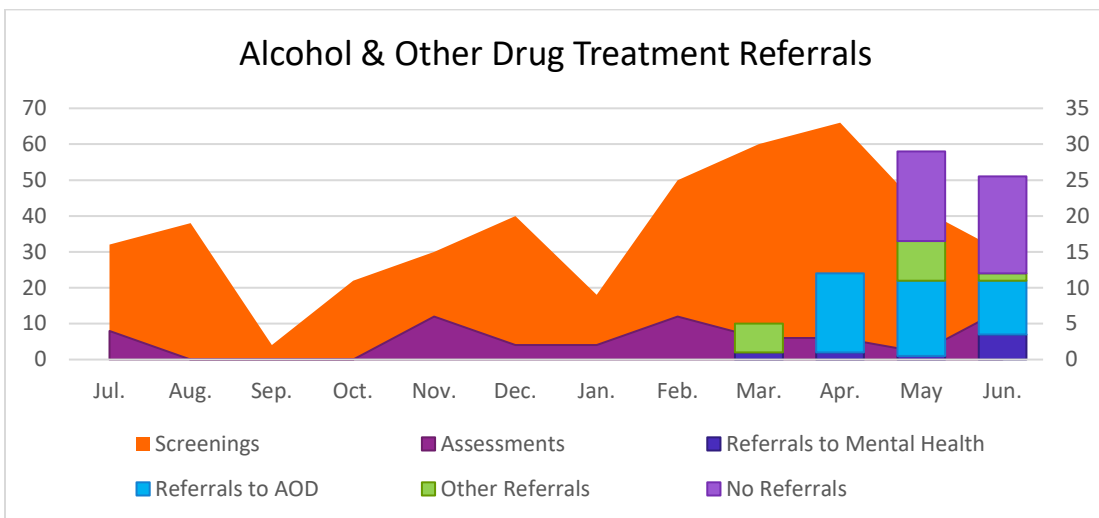
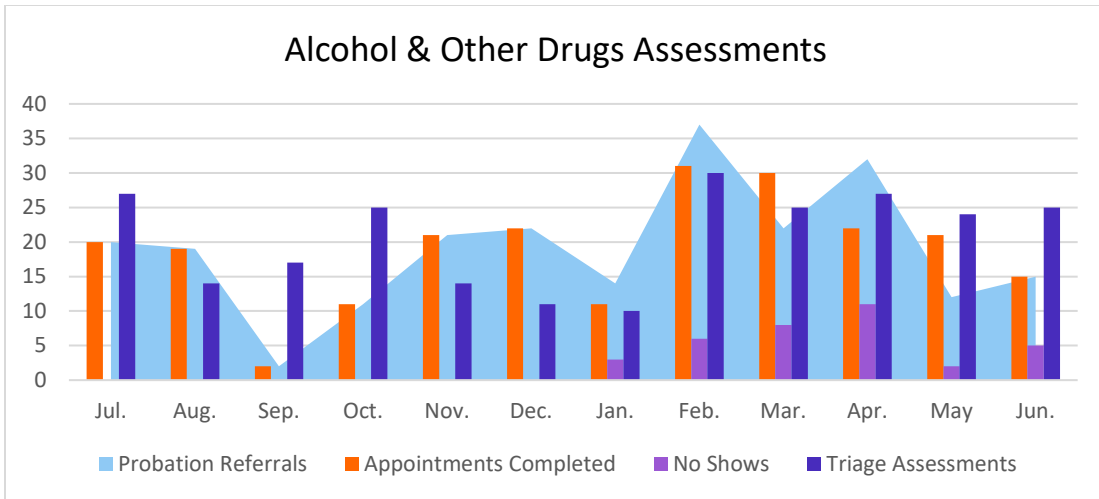
Mental Health and Alcohol & Other Drugs Services

A Mental Health Clinician and an Alcohol and Other Drugs Counselor are available five days a week to conduct assessments for probationers who have mental health and/or substance abuse addiction issues. Every new person under supervision receives a triage assessment. Based on the triage assessments, clients are referred for further mental health or substance use disorder comprehensive evaluation and services if needed. The staff provide the results of these assessments to the supervision officer as referral recommendations for the client to appropriate treatment programs to assist them in addressing underlying issues that lead to criminality.

In addition to triage assessments and referrals for evaluations, the Mental Health Clinician provides weekly therapy sessions, crisis management and follow up with individuals who walk-in to the probation offices. They also coordinate with HHS Public Health and Mental Health services to ensure consistent client care between county departments. The Alcohol and Other Drugs Counselor completes assessments to determine level of care for drug Medi-Cal eligibility.



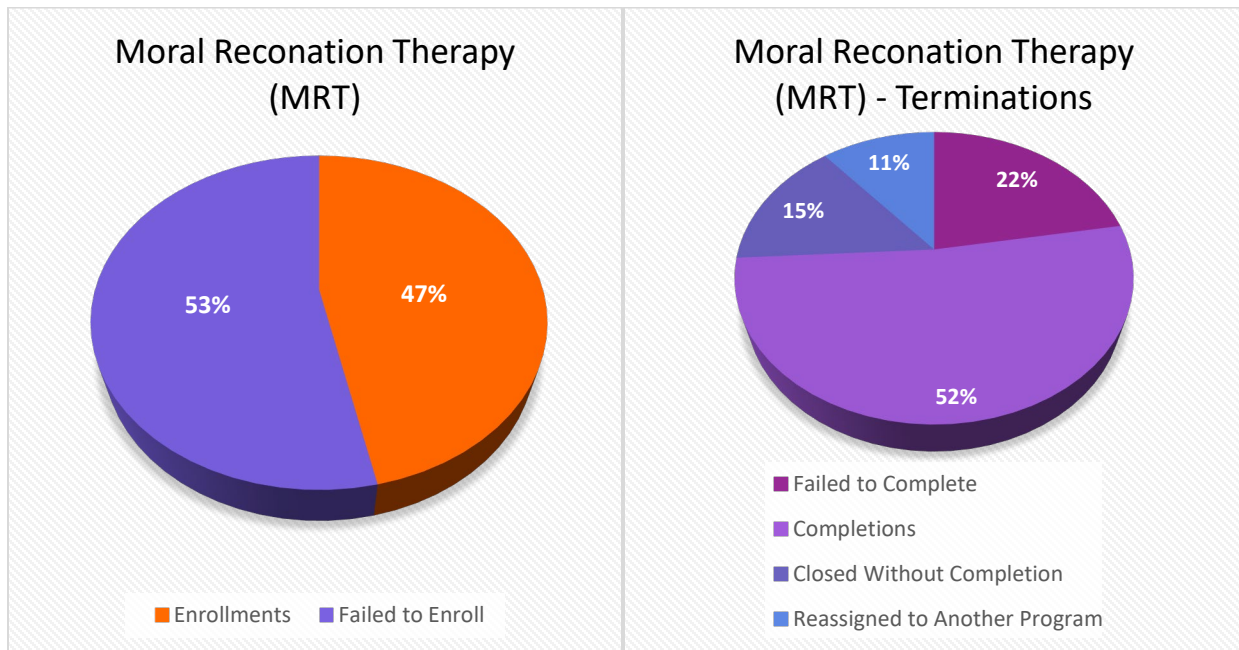
In 2021/2022, Probation made 48 referrals for comprehensive mental health assessments. There was a total of 34 appointments completed and 25 no-shows, including persons referred prior to 2021/2022. Twenty-one of those completed appointments received treatment referrals for Mental Health (MH) services, 7 received treatment referrals to Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) services, 5 received referrals for other types for services and 2 received no referrals. Persons can be referred to both Mental Health and Alcohol & Other Drug services. One hundred-ninety triage assessments were also completed.



In 2021/2022, Probation made 227 referrals for comprehensive alcohol and drug assessments. There was a total of 225 appointments completed and 35 no-shows. There were 216 screenings and 34 assessments completed. Twelve received treatment referrals for Mental Health (MH) services, 58 received treatment referrals to Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) services, 21 received referrals for other types for services and 52 received no referrals. Two hundred forty-nine triage assessments were also completed.

Moral Reconciliation Therapy

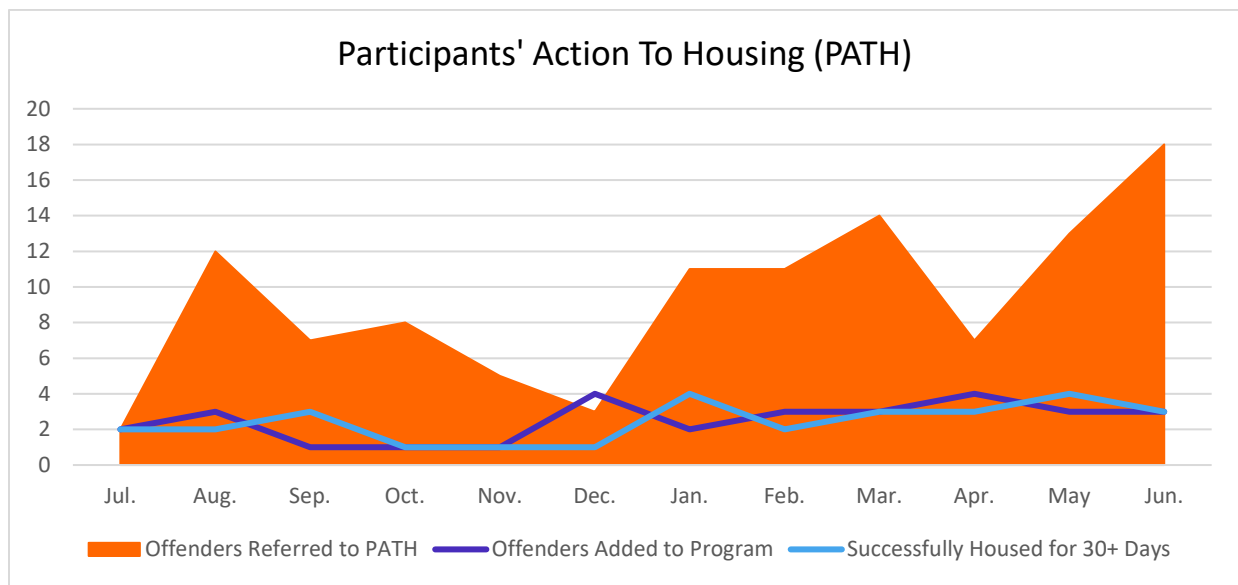
Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) is a systematic treatment strategy that aims to reduce recidivism by increasing moral reasoning. MRT combines elements from a variety of psychological interventions to progressively address ego, social, moral, and positive behavioral growth. From April 2013 to June 2018 Shasta County contracted with Wright Education for MRT. Starting in June 2018 Shasta County began contracting with Remi Vista. Shasta County again entered into an agreement with Wright Education on May 5, 2020, for MRT services.



In 2021/2022, 133 persons were referred to MRT (82 to Remi Vista and 51 to Wright Education). Of the 133 referred, 62 persons enrolled into MRT and 71 persons never enrolled. Fourteen persons successfully completed MRT (2 from Remi Vista and 12 from Wright Education). Six persons failed to complete MRT (3 from Remi Vista and 3 from Wright Education). Four MRT referrals were closed without completion (2 from Remi Vista and 2 from Wright Education) and 3 persons were reassigned to other programs. These completions status numbers would include clients who were referred from previous fiscal years but continued into the program until 2021/2022.

Participants' Action to Housing

Participants' Action to Housing (PATH) is dedicated to assisting individuals on supervision find and maintain safe, affordable housing. The PATH program offers workshops made up of multiple sessions aimed at teaching individuals how to find and maintain safe housing, as well as information on how to be a good tenant and budget income. Participants may also qualify for rental assistance in the form of subsidies from the program (e.g., rent, deposit, and/or moving costs).



In 2021/2022, 111 persons were referred to this housing program. Of the 111 referrals, there were 30 persons placed through the program, 29 persons were successfully housed as defined by being housed at least 30 consecutive days and none were unsuccessful. The PATH caseload consisted of 105 participants at the end of 2021/2022.

The housing program has experienced challenges since the onset of the pandemic. Housing availability has been limited and rental costs have increased. Since the 2014 inception of program, 377 individuals have been successfully housed, while only 7 individuals have been unsuccessfully housed.

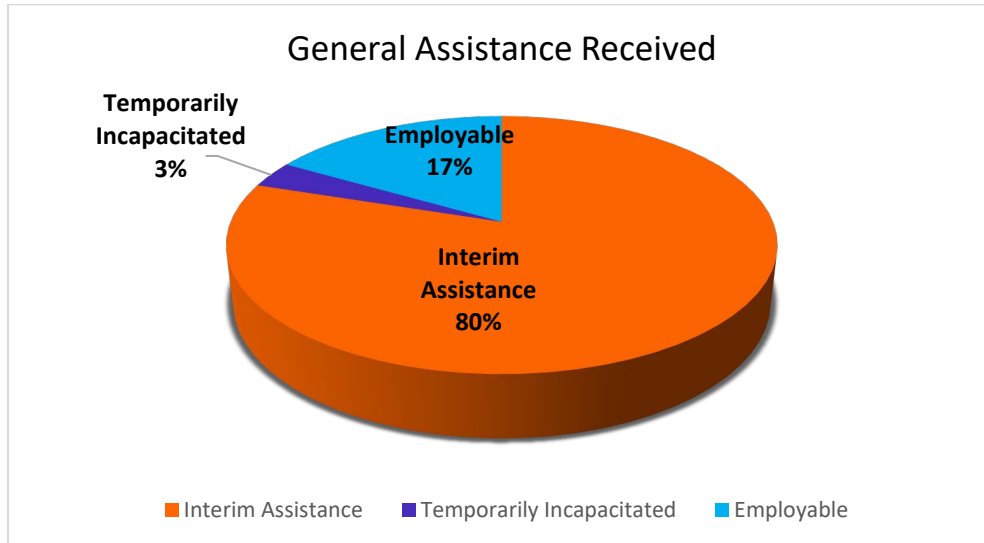
PATH has a 65% success rate for loan repayment. The average amount loaned by PATH is \$320.00 and the average time for repayment of that loan is just over 9 months.

PATH coordinated 150 workshop sessions, with an average of 13 workshops per month. There was an average of 42 attendees per session with 36 persons completing the series of workshops.

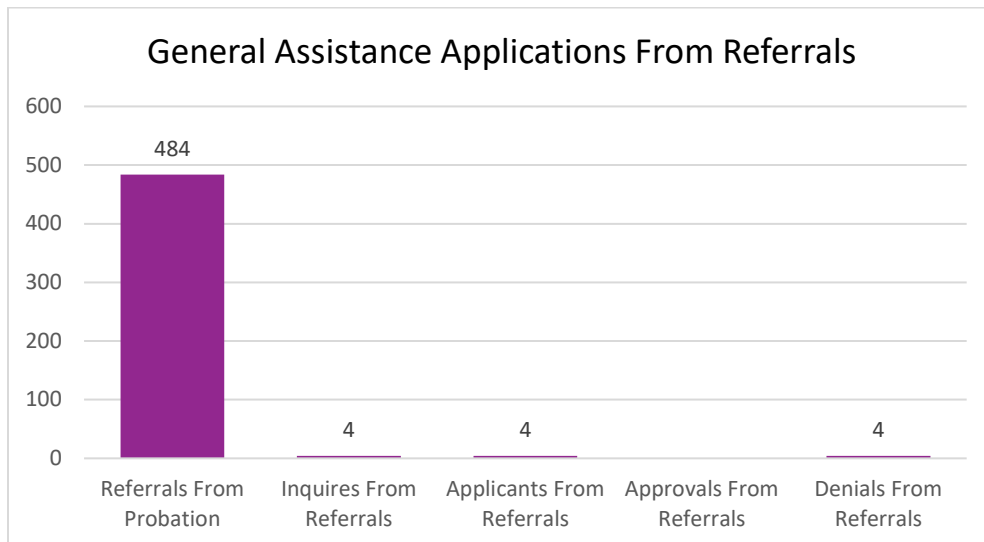
General Assistance and Supplemental Security Income

General Assistance provides three months of cash assistance to eligible, employed adults, and provides longer-term assistance to eligible adults who are temporary disabled or who are awaiting Supplemental Security Income (SSI) approval.

General assistance stopped collecting the data on the individuals they meet with during orientation.



In 2021/2022, there were 96 cases where Interim Assistance was received, 4 received Temporarily Incapacitated Assistance, and 20 received Employment Assistance.

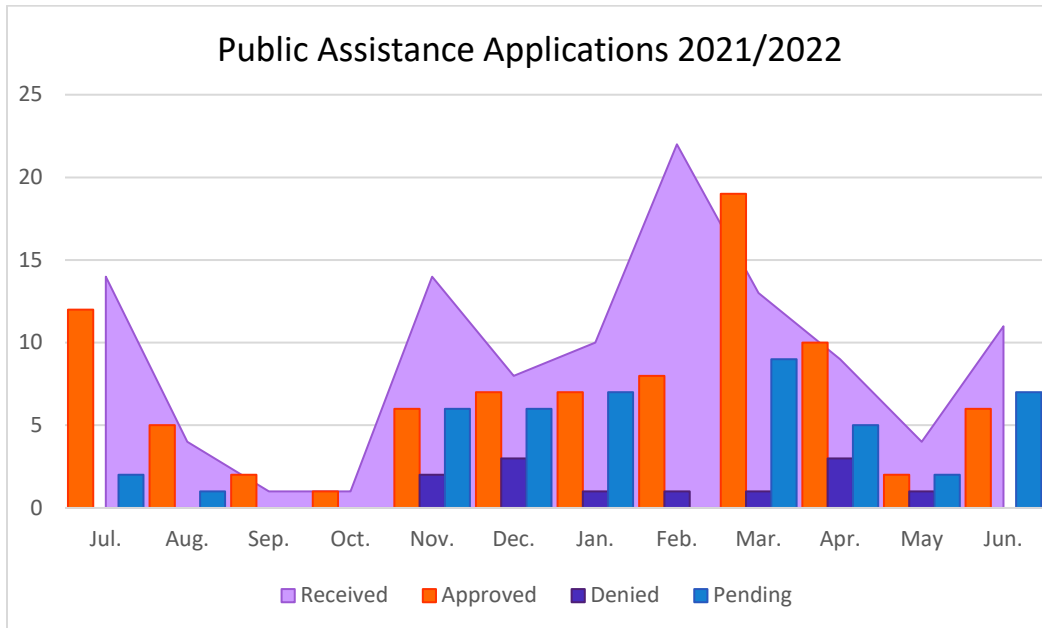


In 2021/2022, there were 484 referrals from Probation to General Assistance (GA). Of those 484 referrals, 4 persons made inquiries, 4 applied for GA, none were approved and 4 were denied.

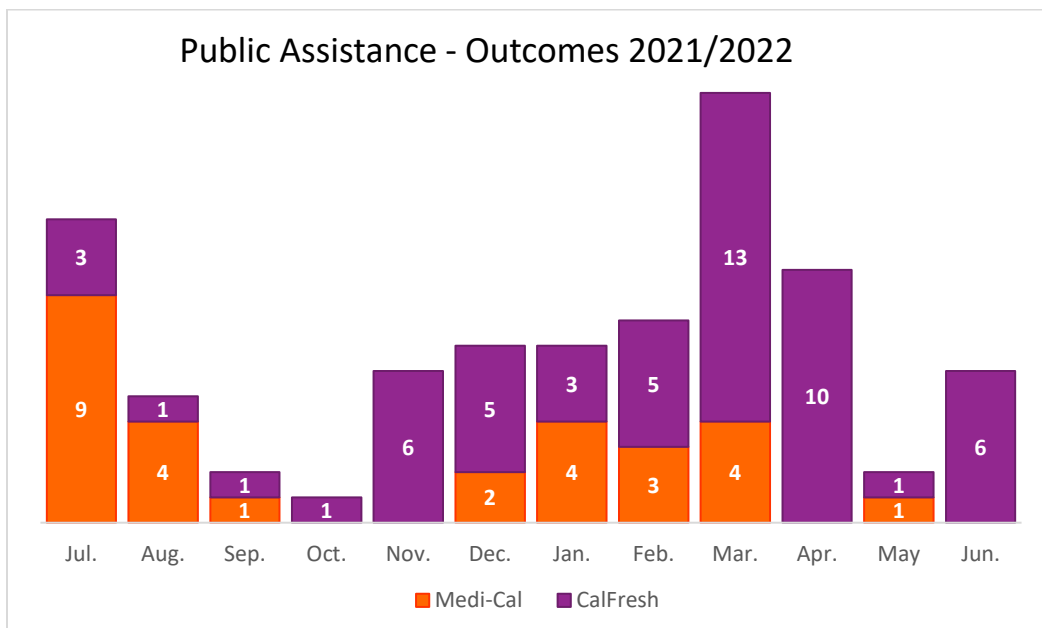
In 2021/2022, there were 2 persons referred to advocates for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), no persons used advocates and no SSI benefits were received.

Public Assistance

The Health and Human Services Agency houses several assistance programs (e.g., Medi-Cal, CalFresh) for those who have fallen on hard times with a limited budget. These programs are aimed at providing help with basic living expenses.



In 2021/2022, there were 111 applications for Public Assistance received. Of the 111 applications received, 85 were approved, 12 were denied and there were 45 applications pending. Of the approvals for Public Assistance, 28 (34%) were for Medi-Cal assistance and 55 (66%) were for CalFresh.



Residential/Outpatient Treatment

California’s Medi-Cal Wellness and Recovery Benefits went into effect on 07/01/2020. During 2021/2022, Probation made 58 referrals to residential treatment, 2 of which were referrals paid by Probation and made to Visions of The Cross.

Residential Programs Paid by Medi-Cal Wellness and Recovery Benefits 2021/2022	
Program	Participants
Visions of The Cross	35
Empire Recovery Center	12
Humboldt Recovery	3
Salvation Army	2
Waterfront	2
Friendship House	1

Because these services are paid for by Medi-Cal Wellness and Recovery Benefits, completion status is not accessible to Probation due to HIPAA laws.

Sober Living

Visions of The Cross

Using proven therapeutic drug and alcohol education and counseling methods, Visions of The Cross (VOTC) is an intensive residential recovery programs for adult (and dual diagnosed) men or women (including women with children) with both outpatient and recovery residences/transitional housing.

VOTC specializes in comprehensive treatment services to heal the ‘whole’ person and encourage positive change. Clients learn the skills needed to solve emotional and behavior problems, address relationship issues, and generally improve the quality of their lives.

VOTC accepts direct referrals from the Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor at the Community Corrections Center and the referral and placement process can occur within a 24-hour period.

Visions of The Cross 2021/2022	
Program	Sober Living
Total Enrolled	48
Failed to Enroll	2
Still Enrolled	6
Satisfactory Completion	22
Change of Status	1
Closed without Completion	0
Failed to Complete	19

About Time Recovery

About Time Recovery aims to provide their guests with safe and supportive places where they can begin their journey, with sobriety and finishing with a successful re-entry into society. About Time Recovery is both a 12 step and social model-based program.

About Time Recovery has been essential during the pandemic and has increased bed space to support the offender population.

About Time Recovery 2021/2022	
Program	Sober Living
Total Enrolled	50
Failed to Enroll	1
Still Enrolled	2
Satisfactory Completion	18
Change of Status	3
Closed without Completion	1
Failed to Complete	26

Shasta Technical Education Program – United Partnership

The Shasta Technical Education Program Unified Partnership (STEP-UP) is a collaborative effort between multiple agencies to provide offenders the opportunity to participate in one-year certification programs or obtain an associate degree through Shasta College. One Probation Assistant, housed at the CCC, is assigned to support and work with offenders participating in the STEP-UP program. The students from the Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) form a subset of the STEP-UP students at Shasta College.

Unduplicated Student Count			
Term	CCP	Non-CCP STEP-UP	Regular
Fall 2021	24	69	7,850
Spring 2022	25	77	8,003

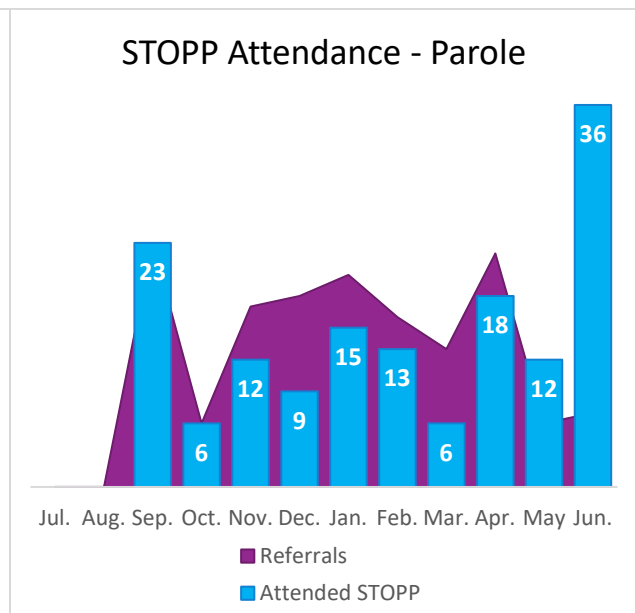
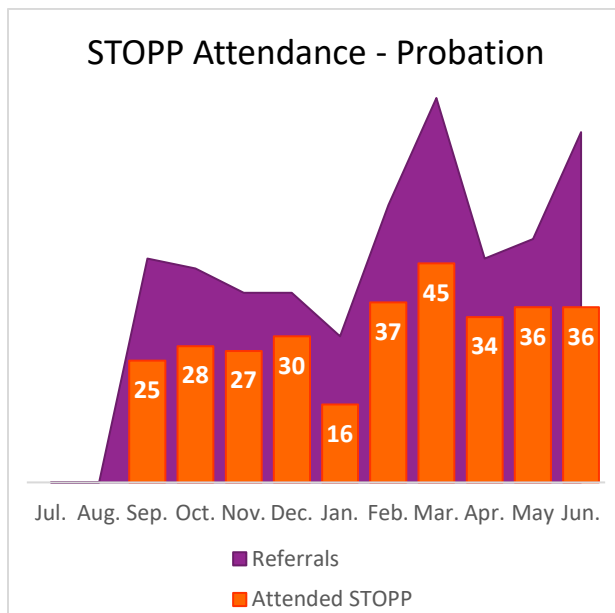
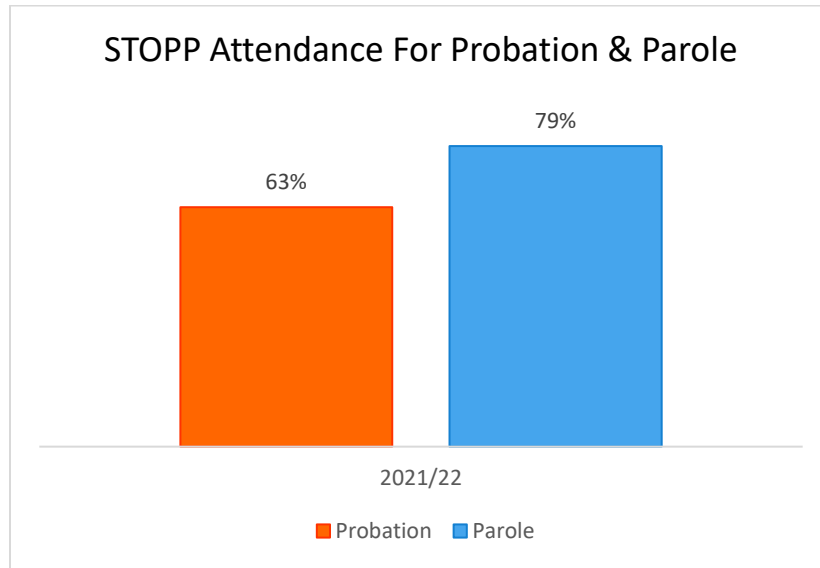
Average Grade Point Average Per Semester			
Term	CCP	Non-CCP STEP-UP	Regular
Fall 2021	3.03	2.76	2.87
Spring 2022	2.80	2.72	2.88

Number of Students on the dean's list			
Term	CCP	Non-CCP STEP-UP	Regular
Fall 2021	6	16	824
Spring 2022	10	20	880

Students receiving degrees or certificates									
Term	CCP			Non-CCP STEP-UP			Regular		
	Cert.	Assoc.	Both	Cert.	Assoc.	Both	Cert.	Assoc.	Both
Fall 2021	4	3	3	5	2	2	152	211	88
Spring 2022	3	2	1	10	12	6	331	438	236

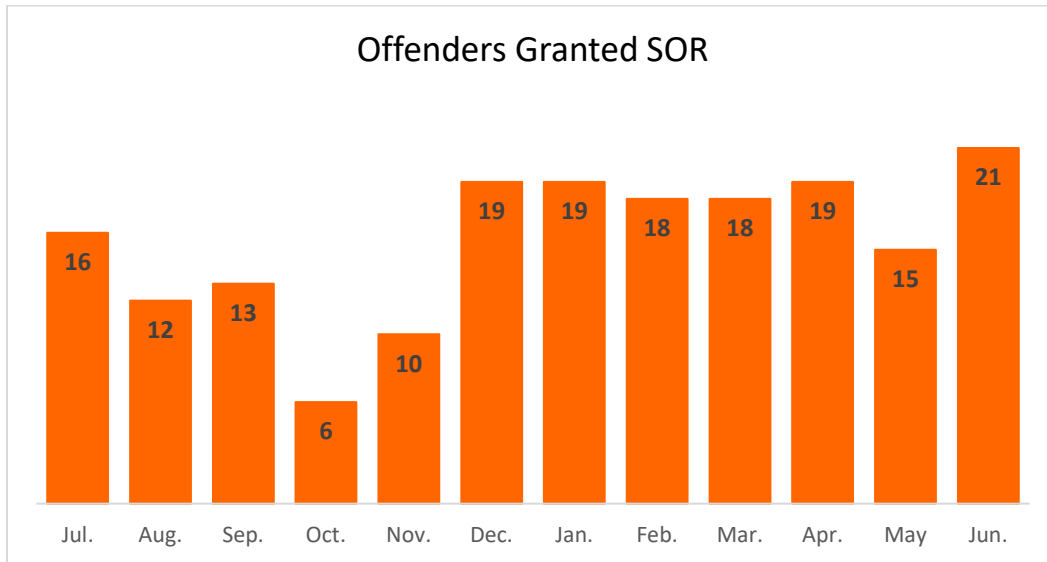
Successful Transition on Probation and Parole

Successful Transitions on Probation and Parole (STOPP) is a monthly event conducted by the Probation Department, in conjunction with California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) (Parole Division), to provide access to treatment and services for those individuals being placed on Felony Probation, Mandatory Supervision, Post Release Community Supervision, or Parole. Starting in January 2016, those released from custody and under supervision have been required to attend this monthly event within 30 days of release. No STOPP events were held from March 2020 to August 2021 due to the pandemic.

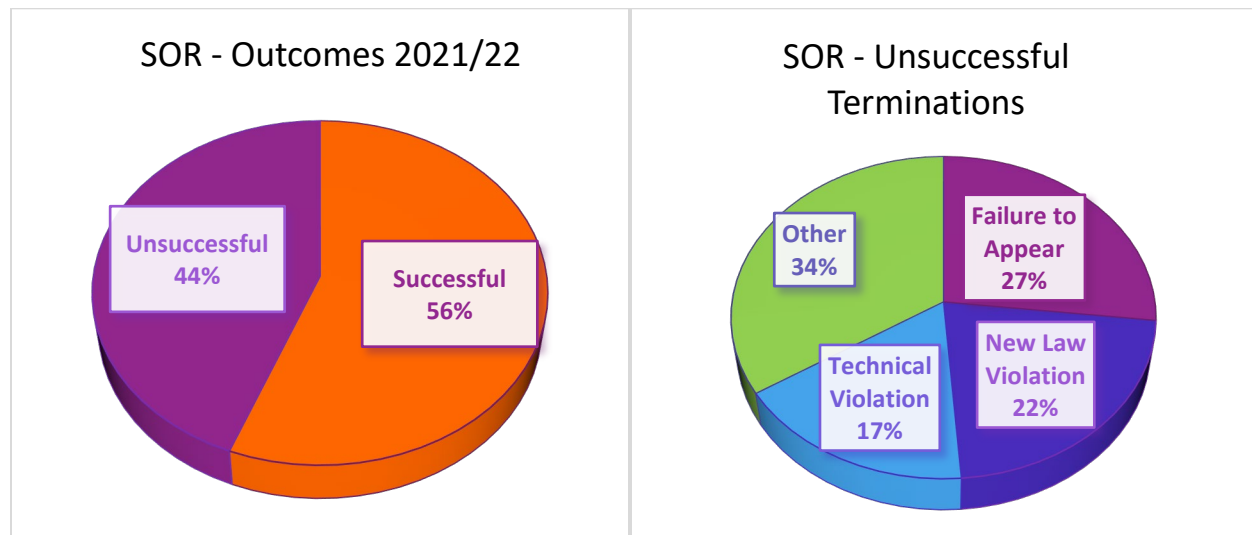


Supervised Own Recognizance

Participants on the Supervised Own Recognizance (SOR) Program are screened using the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRAI) to determine appropriateness for program assignment. Some participants are placed on GPS monitoring to assist with compliance while on the program. There is one Deputy Probation Officer assigned to the CCC and two Probation Assistants assigned to work collaboratively at the Shasta County Jail. During the fiscal year, a validation study was completed on the VPRAI by a contracted provider and the tool was validated.



In 2021/2022, there were a total of 186 persons granted SOR. There were 52 (56%) successful participants compared to 41 (44%) unsuccessful participants on SOR. Of the 41 unsuccessful completions in the SOR program, 9 (22%) were due to new law violations, 7 (17%) were due to technical violation, 11 (27%) were due to failure to appear (FTA) at court, and 14 (34%) was due to other reasons.



Shasta County Sheriff's Office

Shasta County Jail Bookings

Shasta County Jail Bookings – 2021/2022			
Month	Booked on Supervision	Total Bookings	Percent on Supervision
July	205	694	30%
August	207	687	30%
September	165	643	26%
October	155	592	26%
November	142	596	24%
December	126	593	21%
January	150	626	24%
February	132	585	23%
March	197	682	29%
April	131	597	22%
May	142	636	22%
June	125	662	19%
Total	1,877	7,593	25%

In 2021/2022, there were a total of 7,593 bookings into the Shasta County jail. Those individuals who were on supervision (FF, PRCS, & MS) when booked into the county jail, made up approximately 25% (1,877) of the total bookings. On average, there were 156 persons booked per month into the county jail, who were on some form of Probation supervision (FF, PRCS, & MS).

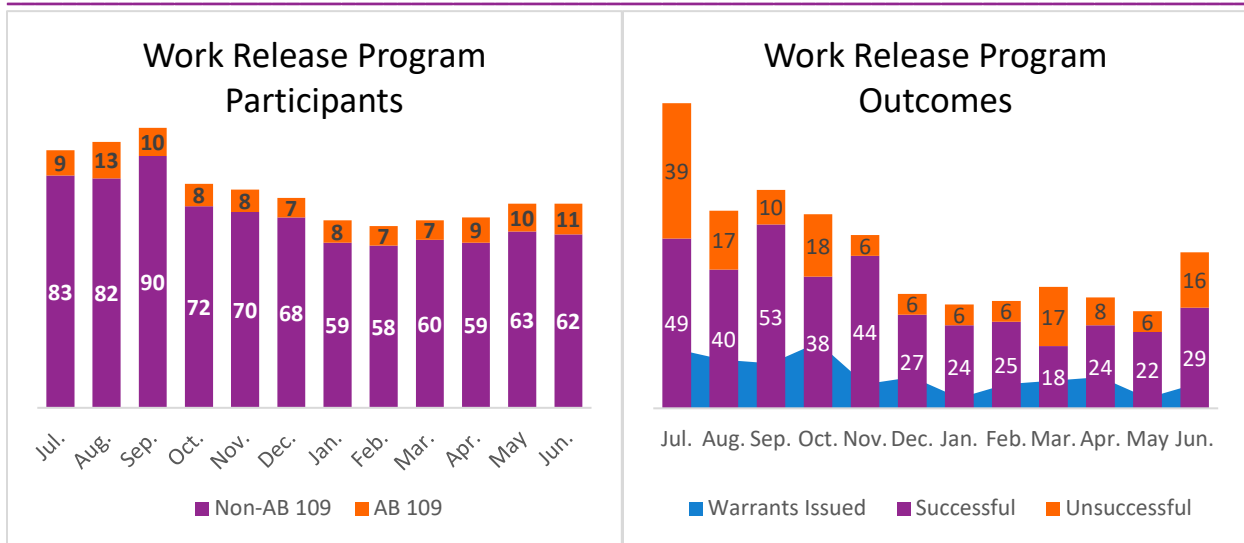
Jail/Contract Beds

The Shasta County Sheriff's Office contracted with Lassen County to allow inmates who meet specific requirements to be housed in their out-of-county facility, which frees up bed space and allows more Shasta County individuals to be held in the Shasta County Jail.

Persons in Contract Beds – 2021/2022													
Month	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Average
Persons	20	20	7	18	14	45	34	1	22	22	15	20	20
Average # of Days	22	14	1	14	45	34	1	7	21	25	15	20	18

Work Release Program

The Shasta County Sheriff’s Work Release Program allows qualified offenders to live at home and report to the work facility or other work sites where they perform various community service work projects rather than serving time in the county jail. Work Release allows families to stay together and current employment to be continued. Some of the services provided are road crews, cemetery cleanup, and growing fruits and vegetables in the garden facility.



In 2021/2022, there was an average of 78 persons participating in the Work Release program. On average, 88% of the participants are non-AB109, while 12% are identified as the AB109 population. Throughout 2021/2022, there were 393 successful and 155 unsuccessful completions of the Work Release program. There was a total of 116 warrants issued for participants on the Work Release program.

Shasta County District Attorney

Misdemeanor Pre-Filing Diversion/Crime Victim Assistance Program

During Fiscal Year 2017/18, the Shasta County District Attorney’s Office initiated a misdemeanor pre-filing diversion program for drug offenses. The program is designed to divert low-level drug offenders from the criminal justice process (at the earliest stage possible) and to assist those suffering from drug addiction with rehabilitative serves while minimizing the impact of these low-level cases on the criminal justice system.

A Deputy District Attorney screens all misdemeanor drugs cases for those cases that involve a person who was cited/arrested for a violation of Section 11377 (possession of methamphetamines and other narcotics for personal use), 11350 (possession of a controlled substance, without a valid prescription) and/or 11364 (possession of a device, instrument, or paraphernalia, for injecting or smoking illegal substances) of Health and Safety Code; is between 18 and 30 years old; has minimal criminal history; has stable contact information; and shows a willingness to comply with program requirements.

In the 2021/2022, a total of 3,447 cases were reviewed for potential diversionary treatment, 648 Felony cases, 2,714 misdemeanor cases, and 85 traffic cases. 22 persons were identified as meeting the diversion criteria and their cases were forwarded to the program representative for follow up and referral.

Diversion Treatment Breakdown	FY 2021/22
Cases that ultimately filed after initial diversion referral	20
Cases not filed (interest of justice, insufficient evidence, etc.)	0
Pending entry into diversion (outreach letter sent, pending appointment, etc.)	0
In diversion pending completion	2
Candidates who successful completed diversion	0

Ultimately Filed After Initial Diversion Referral Breakdown	FY 2021/22
Program representative unable to make contact	26
Candidates contacted and declined to participate in diversion program	0
Candidates began participation but failed due to lack of completion of diversion assignments	4
Candidates who were charged with new criminal offense	2

Shasta County Public Defender

Social Worker Activity

The Social Workers in the Public Defender's Office participate in a variety of duties that begin with processing requests from attorneys for their services to effectuate substance abuse treatment and/or mental health treatment to resolve cases and reduce recidivism. Using evidence-based practices, the Social Workers develop and implement alternatives to incarceration, thereby reducing the jail and prison populations while also reducing victimization of the community.

Social Worker Activity	FY 2021/22
Requests for Social Workers	98
Participants Placed in Inpatient Services	29
Participants Who Graduated Inpatient Services	8
Participants Placed in Outpatient Services	7
Participants Who Graduated Outpatient Services	5

In Fiscal Year 2021/2022, there were 98 requests for Social Workers by attorneys. 29 persons were placed in inpatient services and 7 were placed in outpatient services. There were 8 persons who graduated from inpatient services and 5 persons who graduated outpatient services.

Behavioral Health Collaboration Court

The BHC started in January 2014 and is a voluntary court which focuses on assisting persons in addressing mental health issues that result in their involvement in the criminal justice system.

Behavioral Health Collaboration Court	FY 2021/22
Referrals	15
Accepted	6
Denied	9
Declined	0
Graduates	5

Behavioral Health Collaboration Court: Terminations	FY 2021/22
To State Prison	0
To Mandatory Supervision	0
To CCR	0
To Formal Probation	1

Correctional Program Checklist

Seven Probation staff and one Sheriff's Office staff have been trained in the Correctional Program Checklist (CPC) and the Correctional Program Checklist-Group Assessment (CPC-GA). These assessment tools assist in determining the extent to which different types of programs are aligned with the principles of effective correctional intervention. A written report is provided to the assessed program which provides strengths and suggested areas of improvement with targeted recommendations. This group of people are tasked with assessing both groups and programs offered to offenders/youth supervised by Probation. During the pandemic no programs were evaluated. In September 2022 HOPE City's Nurturing Fathers Program and in October 2022 Wright Education Services' Moral Reconciliation Program were evaluated.

Challenges

The Public Defender's Office, District Attorney's Office, Superior Court and the Probation Department all transitioned to a new case management system at the end of 2021 and beginning of 2022. This has been a significant amount of work for all agencies and agencies are still working through interfaces, improving data entry, cross checking data, and implementing new procedures. The conversion to these new systems has created issues with case conversion, data pulling and connectivity with the Court for Probation. The District Attorney's Misdemeanor Pre-Filing Diversion program has relatively lower numbers than previous years due to a significant backlog of cases, largely due to their case conversion project to the new case management system. Competency in these new case management systems is expected to improve in 2022/2023.

The pandemic has continued to present challenges for CCP funded programs. Operations for several programs had to be modified and programs have experienced staffing shortages. Some treatment providers continued to offer services remotely or on a virtual platform and experienced periods of closure. The monthly STOPP events were not able to operate during 2020/2021 thus eliminating the ability to provide a one stop event for offenders to access necessary services within the first 30 days of their release. STOPP Events resumed in September 2021.

Housing continued to be a challenge in Fiscal Year 2021/2022. The housing market in the county is compressed causing limited housing units, a lack of affordable housing, and rising rent costs. The housing need is greater than what is available causing landlords to rent to a higher quality tenant. With the challenges presented, it has been harder for the Probation population to obtain housing and there is an increased need for sober and transitional housing options which are also experiencing availability shortages.

Attendance and engagement in programing and services continues to be a significant challenge and has been amplified by the pandemic. This challenge is difficult to address as some persons are not ready to engage in treatment and others do not respond well to remote or virtual treatment services or have the ability to access these services. There was a decrease in treatment referrals and a decrease in participation during 2021/2022.

Failure to appear (FTA) rates continue to be a challenge for our court system. Defendants are not appearing for their scheduled court hearings, which causes a significant drain on court and justice partners resources. In addition, it prevents criminal cases from moving forward and defendants from being sentenced to appropriate levels of accountability and referrals to treatment services. In addition, some defendants are continuing to engage in criminal behavior resulting in additional arrests and filings of multiple criminal cases.

Fiscal Year Budget Summary

AB109 Budget		
2021/2022 Budget		
Dept.	Explanation	FY 21/22
Sheriff	Sheriff	624,570
	Jail	1,533,083
	Work Release	611,439
	Total	\$2,769,092
HHSA	Mental Health	
	Social Services	-
	General Assistance	128,000
	HHSA	-
	Total	\$128,000
Public Defender	Additional CCP- Total	\$225,680
District Attorney	Additional CCP- District Attorney	\$234,791
	Additional CCP- Victim Witness	\$199,485
	Additional CCP- Total	\$434,276
Probation	Total	\$6,383,399
Total Expenditures		\$9,940,447
Total Estimated Revenue		\$8,742,761