

# SB 6 & OCA'S PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT SYSTEM

SB 6 INFORMATION, REQUIREMENTS, AND  
PSRS INTEGRATION WITH LOCAL PROCESSES



# SENATE BILL 6

- Enacted during the Second Called Session of the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2021)
- Related to procedures for:
  - Setting the amount of bail
  - Release of certain defendants on a monetary or personal bond
  - Duties of certain officers taking bail bonds
  - Duties of magistrates in criminal cases
  - Reporting information pertaining to bail bonds
- Required:
  - The implementation of a standardized public safety report system (PSRS) for statewide use
    - PSRS went live on **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**
    - Produce a public safety report (PSR)
    - Create the Bail Form
  - Magistrates to consider the PSR for defendants charged with a Class B misdemeanor or higher offense

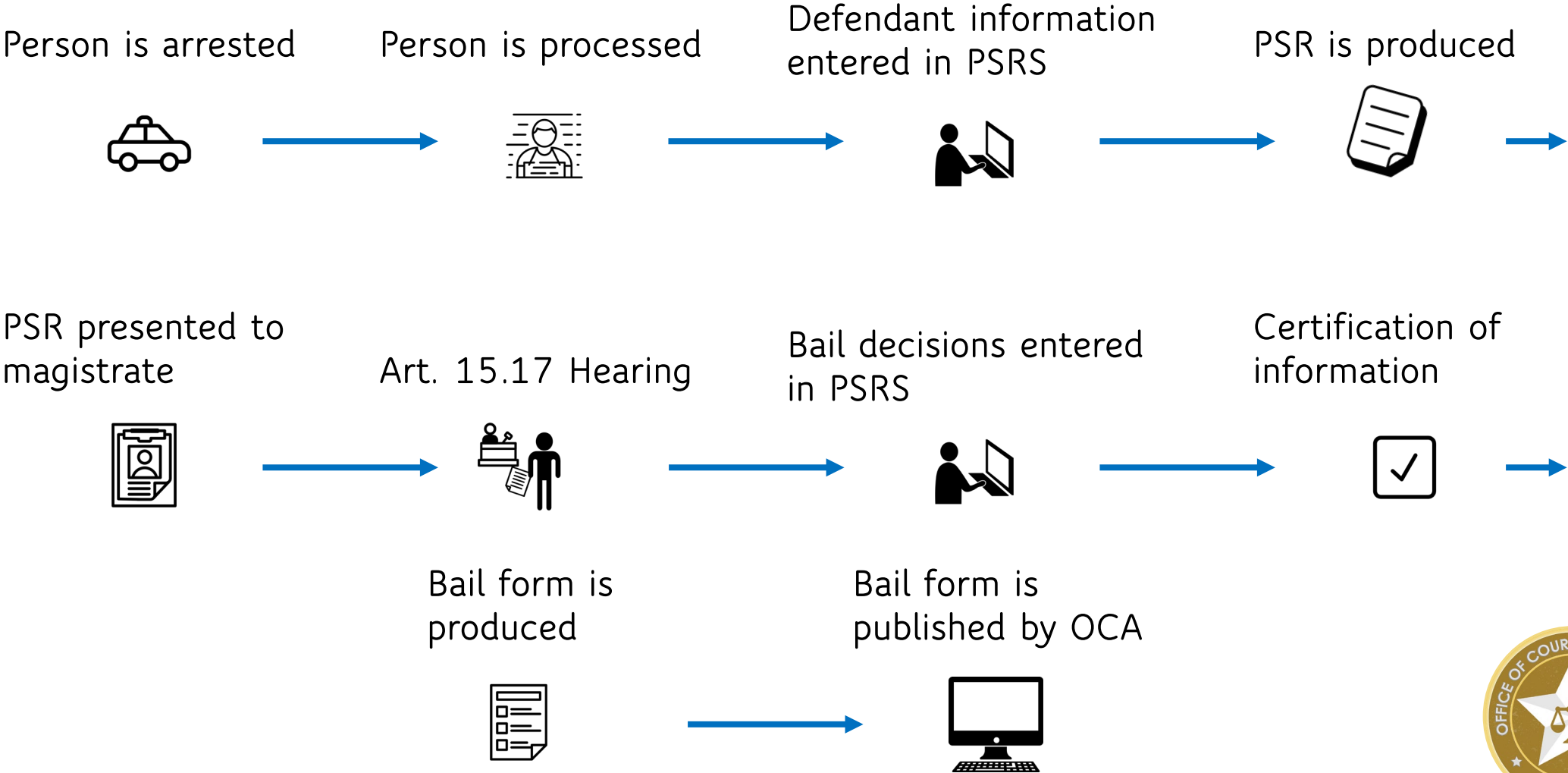


# PSRS INTEGRATION IN LOCAL PROCESSES

MAGISTRATION AFTER ARREST



# OVERVIEW



# PSRS INTEGRATION IN LOCAL PROCESSES

BOND MODIFICATIONS



# OVERVIEW

Case filed at County or District Court



Updated CHRI presented to the judge



Change in bail type or amount is made



Bail decisions entered in PSRS



Modification Bail form is produced



Bail form is published by OCA



# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REQUIREMENTS



# DPS REQUIRED TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

## Criminal Justice Practitioner (CJP) Certification

Any individual who accesses either hard or electronic copies that contain criminal history record information (ex. The PSR and CHRI from TCIC/NCIC) must obtain and maintain a CJP certification through the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Please note that a TLETS user id will be assigned to you so you can complete the CJP certification. This TLETS user id will not provide access to TCIC/NCIC, it is solely for the purpose of completing your CJP certification.

## Criminal Justice Information (CJIS) Security Awareness Training

Any PSRS users with access to Criminal Justice Information (CJI) through TLETS must take the CJIS Security Awareness Training. Training shall be taken within six months and biennially thereafter and is provided through DPS. The training through CJIS Online is web based and self-paced.





# DPS REQUIRED TRAININGS & CERTIFICATIONS

## TLETS Mobile Access Certification

Any users who will require access to query criminal history record information (ex. The PSR and CHRI from TCIC/NCIC) must obtain and maintain a TLETS Mobile Access certification through the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Users initiating queries for criminal history information from the PSRS must have a unique TLETS ID and complete the 8-hour training to obtain the certification. DPS provides the training at no cost, both virtually and in person.



# JUDICIAL EDUCATION



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## Duties of Magistrates:

- Only judges who are in compliance with the judicial education requirements of SB 6 may set bail for a defendant who has been charged with a Class B misdemeanor or higher category offense.
- The bill requires OCA to develop or approve training courses regarding magistrate duties with respect to setting bail.
- OCA has partnered with the training centers who are facilitating the training and continuing education hours.
  - Training requirements:
    - 8-hour initial training course
    - 2-hour continuing education hours



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## Duties of Magistrates:

- All Justices of the Peace must take this training regardless of whether they set bail.
- Judges in office on April 1, 2022, have until **December 1, 2022** to complete this required judicial education.
- The Texas Center for the Judiciary will provide training for district and statutory county court judges and the Texas Association of Counties will provide training for constitutional county judges.



# REPORTING REQUIREMENTS



# PSRS REPORT

Effective April 1, 2022:

The clerk of each court setting bail in criminal cases shall report:

- 1) The number of defendants for whom bail was set after arrest, including:
  - A. the number for each category of offense
  - B. the number of personal bonds; and
  - C. the number of surety or cash bonds.

These data points will be collected by OCA directly from the PSRS.

Clerks do not need to report these data elements.



# JUDICIAL COUNCIL MONTHLY COURT ACTIVITY REPORTS

Effective April 1, 2022:

The clerk of each court setting bail in criminal cases shall report:

- 2) The number of cases in which defendants released on bail subsequently failed to appear.
- 3) The number of cases in which defendants released on bail subsequently violated a condition of release.
- 4) The number of cases in which defendants committed an offense while released on bail or community supervision.



# CHARITABLE BAIL BOND INFORMATION

## Sheriffs

Sec. 9 (f) requires that a charitable bail organization submit to the sheriff of each county, in which the organization filed an affidavit for bond payments, a report that includes information for each defendant the organization paid a bail bond for in the preceding calendar month.

The report must be submitted to the sheriff no later than the 10th day of each month.

A sheriff who receives a report from a charitable bail organization shall provide a copy of the report to the Office of Court Administration.

Copies of these reports can be email to: [bail@txcourts.gov](mailto:bail@txcourts.gov)





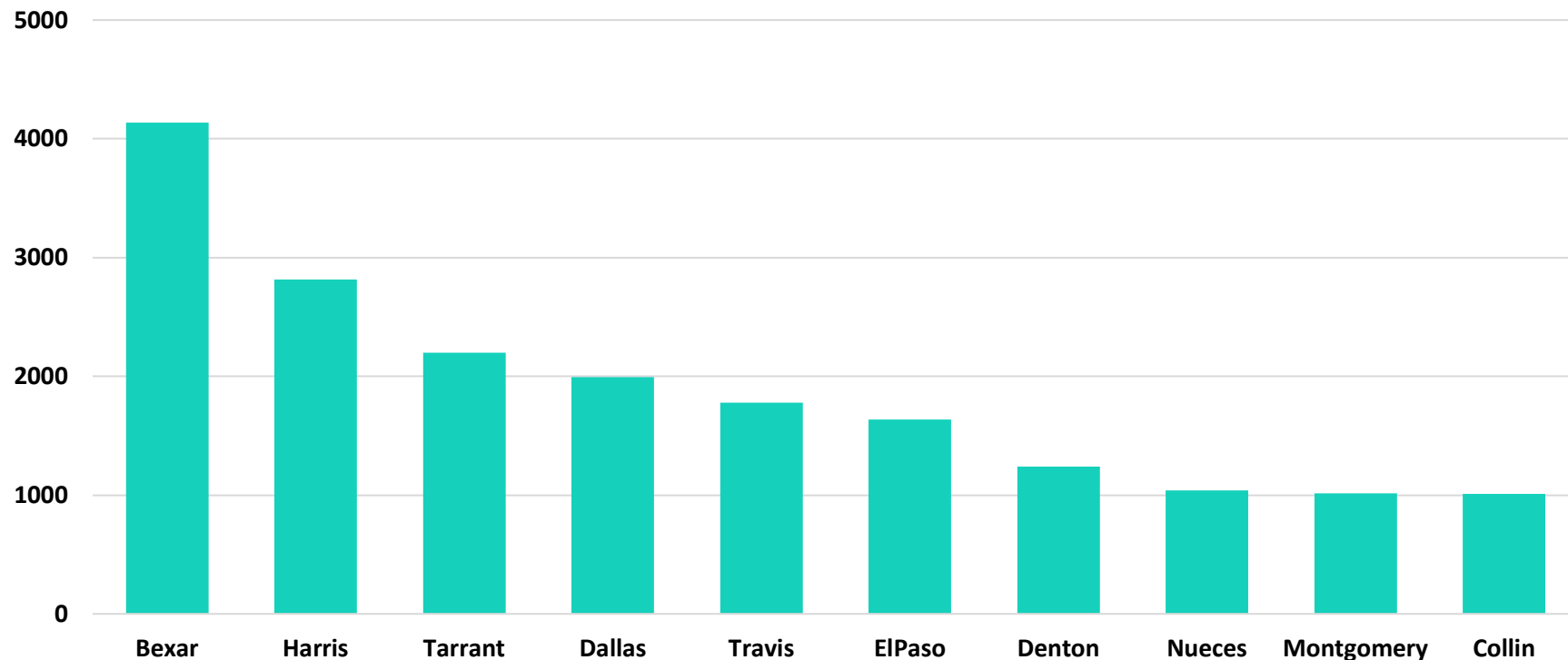
# PSRS APRIL STATISTICS



# COMPLETED BAIL FORMS

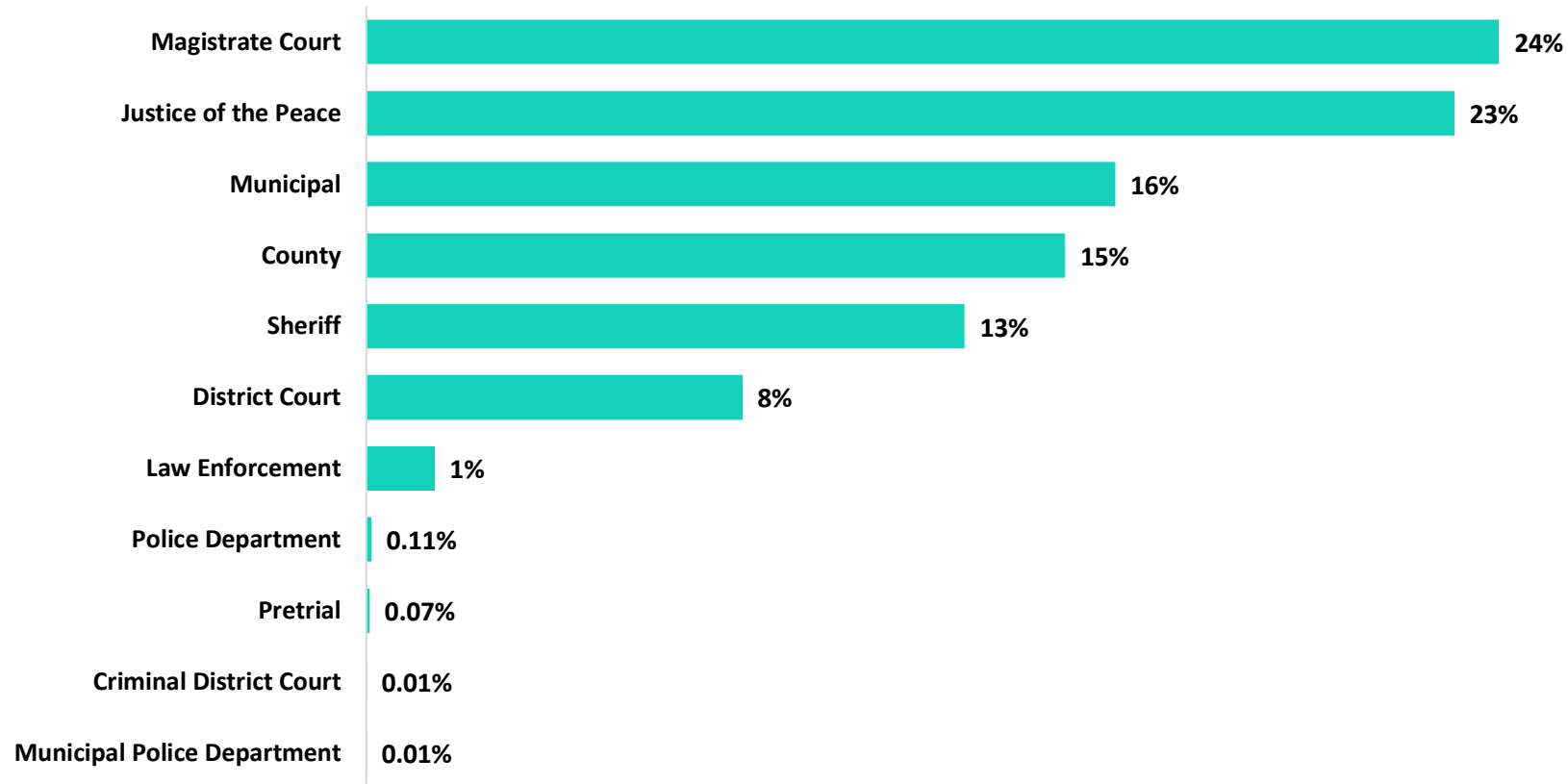
During the month of April **36,237** bail forms were completed in the PSRS.

Of that total **52%** were completed by the following counties:



# BAIL FORMS BY LOCATION TYPE

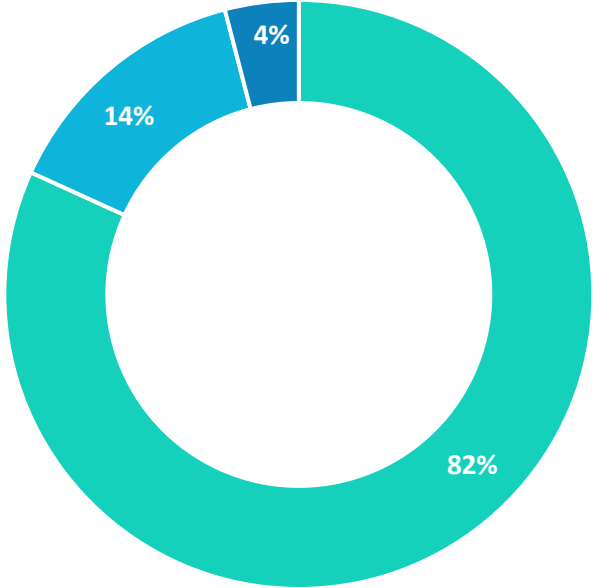
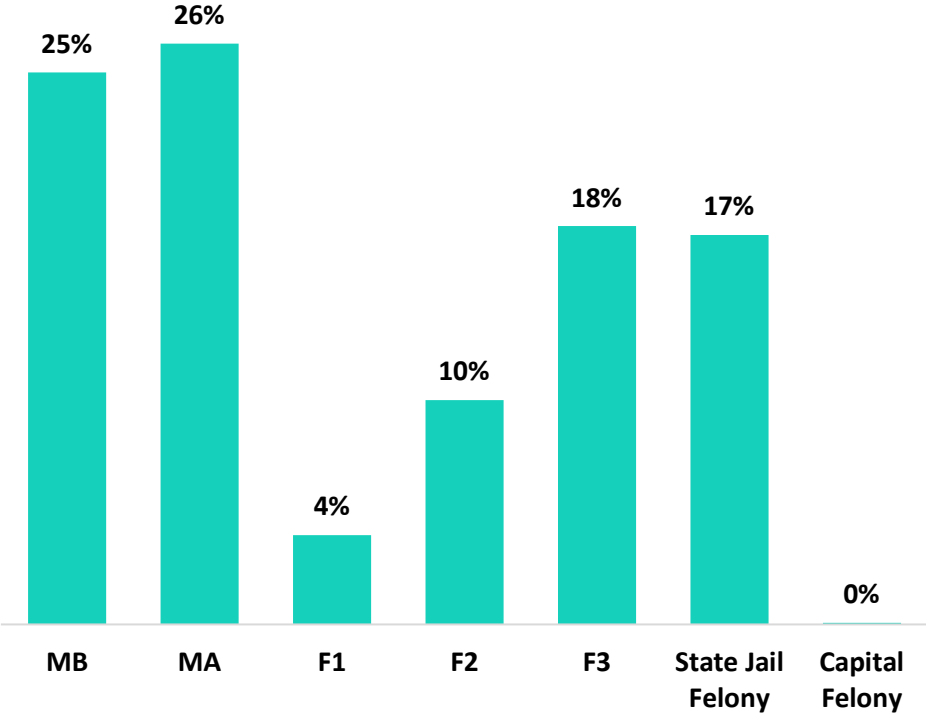
**Magistrate Court** location types completed the most bail forms in April followed by **Justice of the Peace**.



# OFFENSE LEVEL & BAIL TYPE

Class A Misdemeanors was the most reported offense level.

Most bail types granted were Cash/Surety.



■ Cash/Surety ■ Personal ■ Bail Denied



# SYSTEM DETAILS



# PSR SYSTEM DETAILS

- Standardized system for statewide use.
- Designed to capture bail related data for the entire state.
- The system provides a summary report of criminal history for magistrates to consider.
- Vendor
  - Automon
  - Continue to work on system enhancements
- Training
  - Automon hosted live trainings in March and April.
  - Recordings for trainings can be found on our website.



# PSRS USERS

## Local Administrative User

- More than one per location
- Same for multiple locations
- Can add other users
- Can assign roles and administrative rights
- Can add specific conditions for their location

## End Users

- Must be entered by LAU or OCA staff
- Can be assigned multiple roles in the system
- Can certify bail form on behalf of a judge



# PSRS DEMO

