

# SENATE COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE

THE PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT &  
CHARITABLE BAIL ORGANIZATIONS



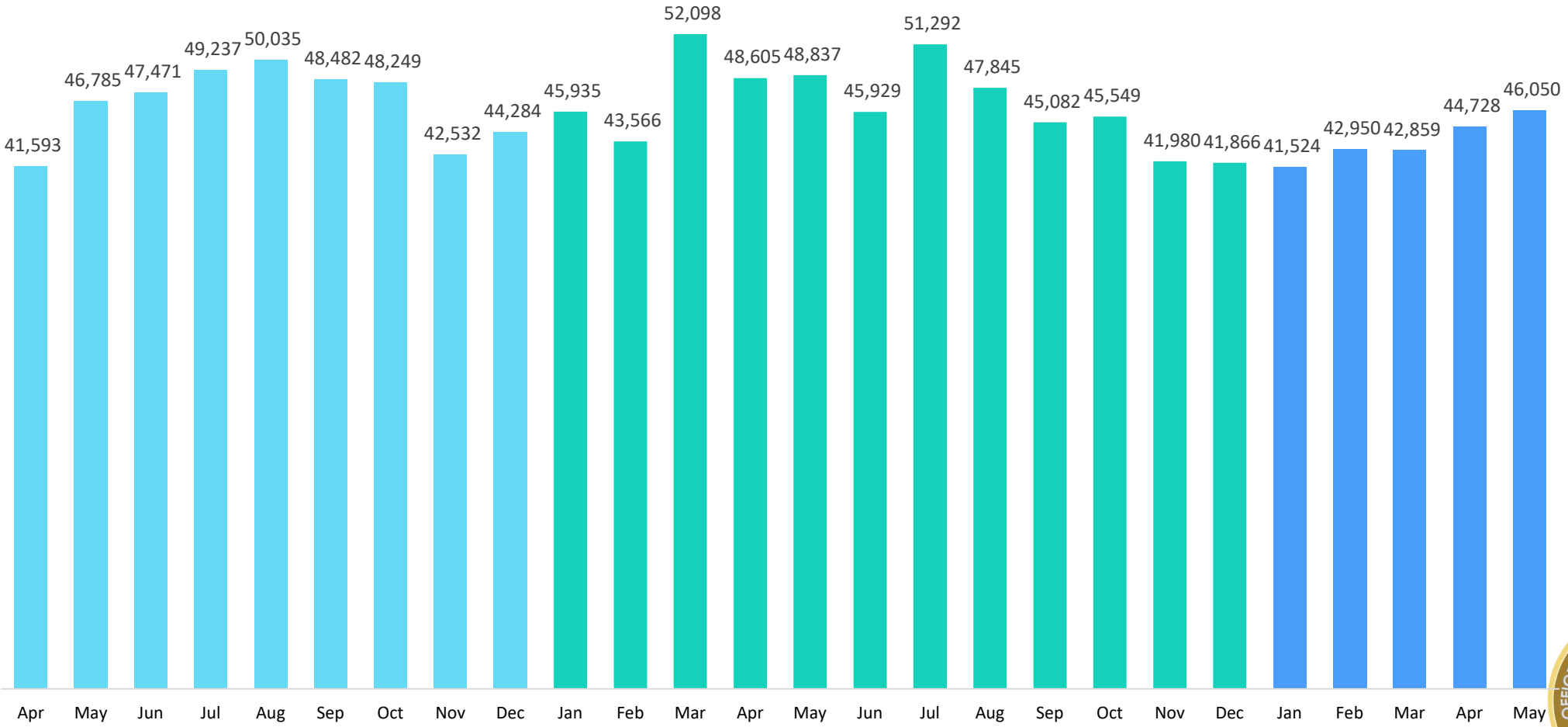
TEXAS OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION  
MEGAN LAVOIE, ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

JUNE 5, 2024

# BAIL DATA

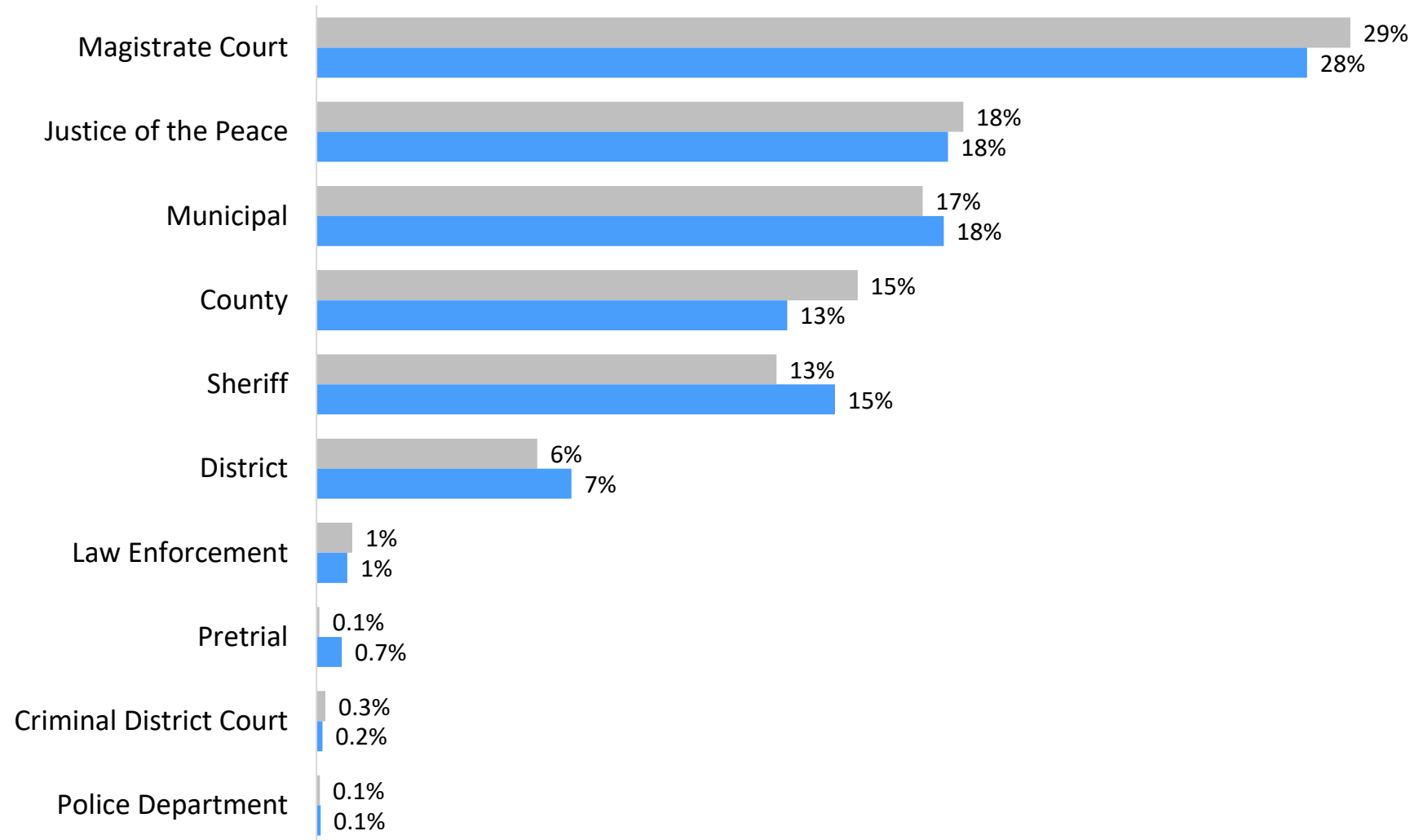
A close-up, slightly blurred photograph of a desk. In the center, a black laptop is open. In front of it, a black pen with silver accents lies diagonally across several papers. The papers are covered with various data visualizations, including bar charts, line graphs, and a map. One bar chart is titled 'Transport Modes in a Region' and shows data for 'CAR', 'BUS', and 'WALKER MODE'. Another chart shows a line graph with a fluctuating trend. The overall scene suggests a professional or analytical workspace.

# COMPLETED BAIL FORMS



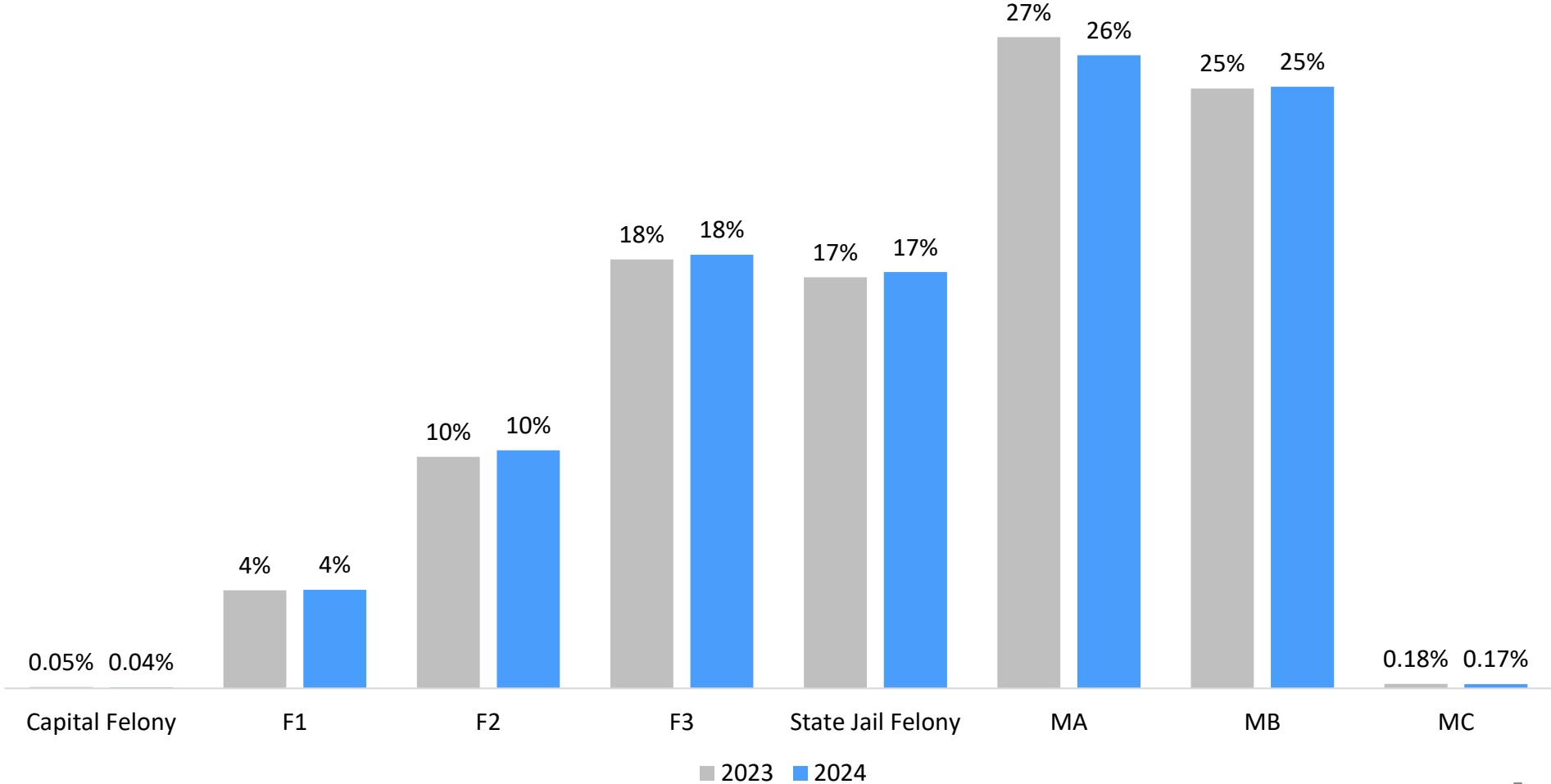
# COMPLETED FORMS BY LOCATION

CY 2023    CY 2024 (Jan – May)



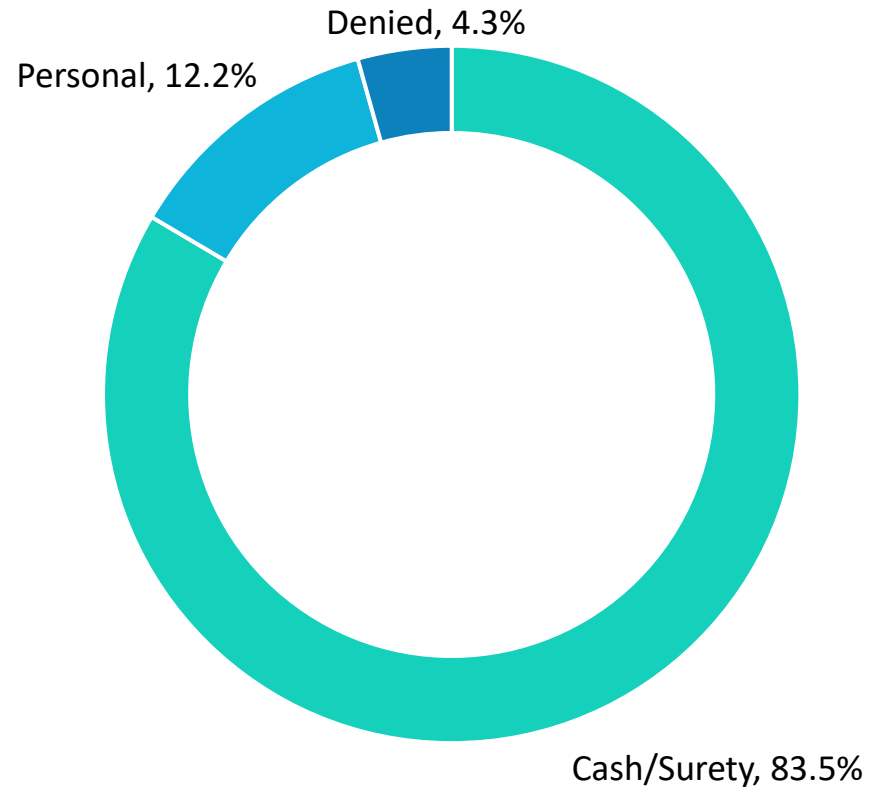
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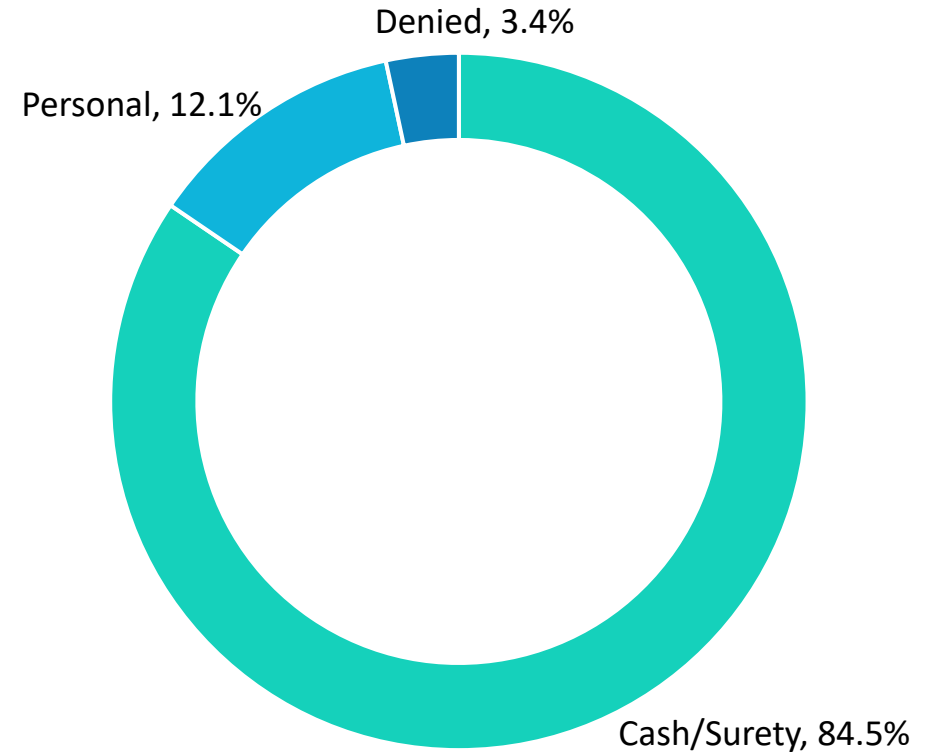


# BAIL TYPES

CY 2023



CY 2024 (Jan-May)



\*Bail is given by offense in the system so one Bail Form can have more than one bail type.



# BAIL DASHBOARD



## Texas Bail Proceedings and Public Safety Report System

Bail Forms

Offenses

Bail Bonds

Summary

Bail Forms Details

For questions or more information, please contact: [bail@txcourts.gov](mailto:bail@txcourts.gov)

[baildashboard.txcourts.gov](http://baildashboard.txcourts.gov)



## Texas Bail Proceedings and Public Safety Report System

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HELP

676,749  
Bail Forms

845,623  
Offenses

Bail Form Completion Date

4/1/2022  
6/13/2023

Bail Form Type

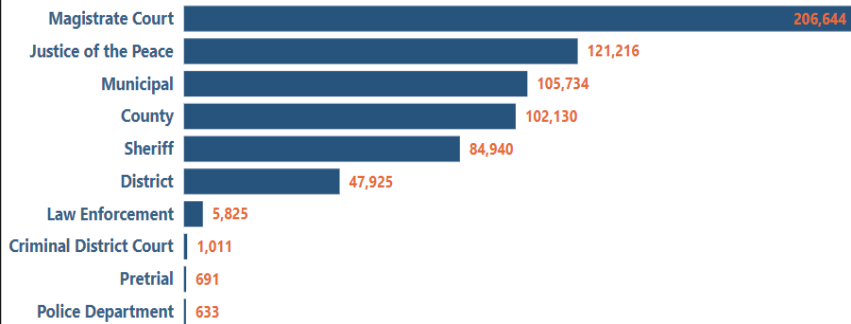
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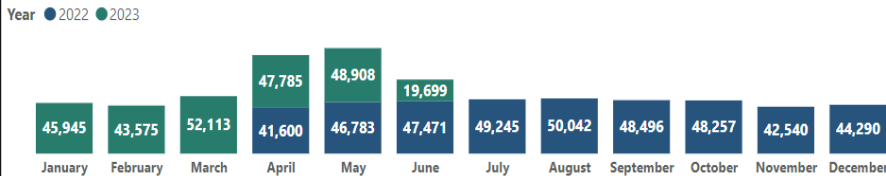
County	Count
Bexar	72,084
Dallas	69,422
Tarrant	57,898
Harris	55,482
Travis	29,182
El Paso	25,905
Denton	18,576
Nueces	15,654
Collin	15,578
Hidalgo	13,689

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  - Austin
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  - Baylor
  - Bee
  - Bell
  - Bexar
  - Blanco
  - Borden
  - Bosque
  - Bowie
  - Brazoria
  - Brazos
  - Brewster
  - Briscoe
  - Brooks
  - Brown
  - Burleson

### Completed Bail Forms by Location



### Completed Bail Forms





The background of the slide is a blurred photograph of a red emergency vehicle, likely a fire truck or ambulance, at night. The vehicle's lights are flashing, creating a bright, out-of-focus glow. The scene is dark, with some distant lights visible in the background, suggesting an urban or industrial setting.

# CHARITABLE BAIL ORGANIZATIONS



# DEFINITIONS & REQUIREMENTS

Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 17.071:

“A person who accepts and uses donations from the public to deposit money with a court in the amount of a defendant’s bail bond.”

Does NOT Include:

- A person collecting/accepting on behalf of a family member
- Nonprofit organized for religious purpose
- Organization who pays bail bond for less than 3 defendants in 180 days

Must:

- Be a nonprofit organization under 501(a) IRS Code
- Obtain a Charitable Bail Organization from County Clerk
  - Clerk checks nonprofit designation
  - Current with IRS filings
  - An affidavit designating the individuals authorized to pay bonds



# SAMPLE CERTIFICATE & AFFIDAVIT

## LUCY ADAME-CLARK

COUNTY CLERK



BEXAR COUNTY

BEXAR COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
100 DOLOROSA, SUITE 104  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78205

### CERTIFICATE

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF BEXAR §

I, LUCY ADAME-CLARK, County Clerk of Bexar County, Texas, have been provided an affidavit from Michelle Tremillo, stating that Texas Organizing Project Education Fund,

- (1) meets the definition of a "charitable bail organization" in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 17.071(a);
- (2) is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of that code; and
- (3) is current on all filings required by the Internal Revenue Code.

Based on the provided affidavit, I certify that Texas Organizing Project Education Fund is a charitable bail organization pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 17.071 that is authorized to pay bail bonds in Bexar County, Texas.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, in the City of San Antonio, County of Bexar, State of Texas, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.



*Lucy Adame-Clark*

Lucy Adame-Clark  
County Clerk  
Bexar County, Texas

### AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTY OF BEXAR §

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared, Michelle Tremillo, Executive Director and lawful representative of Texas Organizing Project Education Fund, with an address of 700 S. Zarzamora St. San Antonio, Texas 78207 and an Employer Identification Number of 27-1481855 who, after being by me duly sworn, deposed and said as follows:

"I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and have never been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude. I am of sound mind, and fully competent to make this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this affidavit, and they are true and correct.

I am requesting that Lucy Adame-Clark, the County Clerk of Bexar County, Texas, issue a certificate pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 17.071(d) authorizing Nonprofit Organization to pay bail bonds in Bexar County, Texas. In furtherance of obtaining the certificate, I state that Nonprofit Organization:

- (1) meets the definition of a "charitable bail organization" in Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 17.071(a);
- (2) is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of that code (see Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 17.071(c)(1) and (d)(1)); and
- (3) is current on all filings required by the Internal Revenue Code (see Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 17.071 (d)(2)).

Pursuant to Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 17.071(e), Nonprofit Organization designates the following individuals as authorized to pay bonds on its behalf:

Michelle Tremillo  
1/16  
on the 18<sup>th</sup> day



# REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

## Charitable Bail Report to Sheriff:

- Defendant(s) Name
- Defendant(s) Cause Number(s)
- County where charge pending
- Any date defendant failed to appear on charge which the bail bond was paid

## Sheriff Report to OCA:

- Provide copy of Charitable Bail Report to Sheriff to OCA
- Notify OCA of suspensions of Charitable Bail Organizations



# CHARITABLE BAIL ORGANIZATIONS

Texas Organizing Project

Bail Project

Counties of Operation:

- Bexar (Last report was April 2024)
- Harris (Last report was July 2023)
- Hays (Last report was July 2023)
- Travis (Last report was February 2023)



# EXAMPLE APRIL 2024 TEXAS ORGANIZING PROJECT REPORT

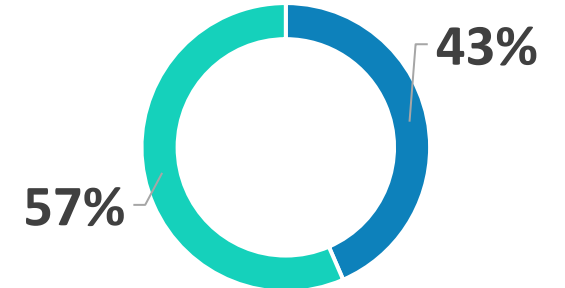
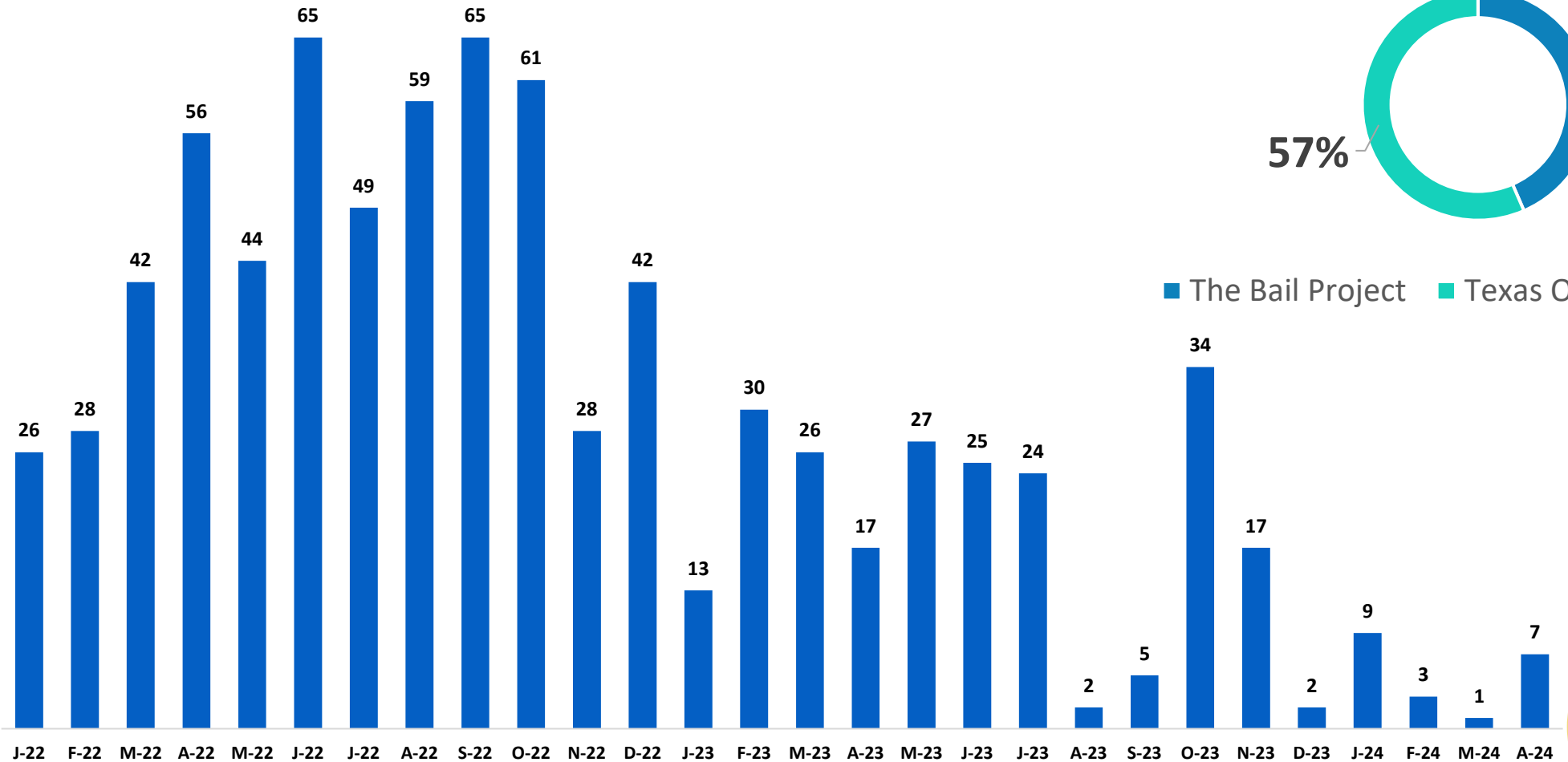
Name: Texas Organizing Project SID # 438494 Organizing Month: April 2024 County: Bexar County Current Sheriff: Javier Salazar				
Date	First Name	Last Name	Cause	Dates of Failure to Appear
4/3/2024	JAELYN TREZON			None
4/3/2024	DANIEL JACOB			None
4/3/2024	SALLY MARIE			None
4/10/2024	Kevin DeJuan	Redacted	Redacted	None
4/15/2024	Ryelsha			None
4/17/2024	Yvette			None
4/17/2024	Yvette			None
4/17/2024	John			None
	John			None



# CHARITABLE BAIL ORGANIZATIONS

Number of Defendants whom Bail was Paid

Organization Breakdown



■ The Bail Project ■ Texas Organizing Project



# ANNUAL REPORTS



**Damon Allen Act  
Bail Proceedings and Public Safety  
Report System  
FY 2023 Report**



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