

SENATE BILL 6 REFRESH

TEXAS OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION
MAY 2023



SENATE BILL 6

- Enacted during the Second Called Session of the 87th 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 1st, 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
 - Bail form information is to be made publicly available

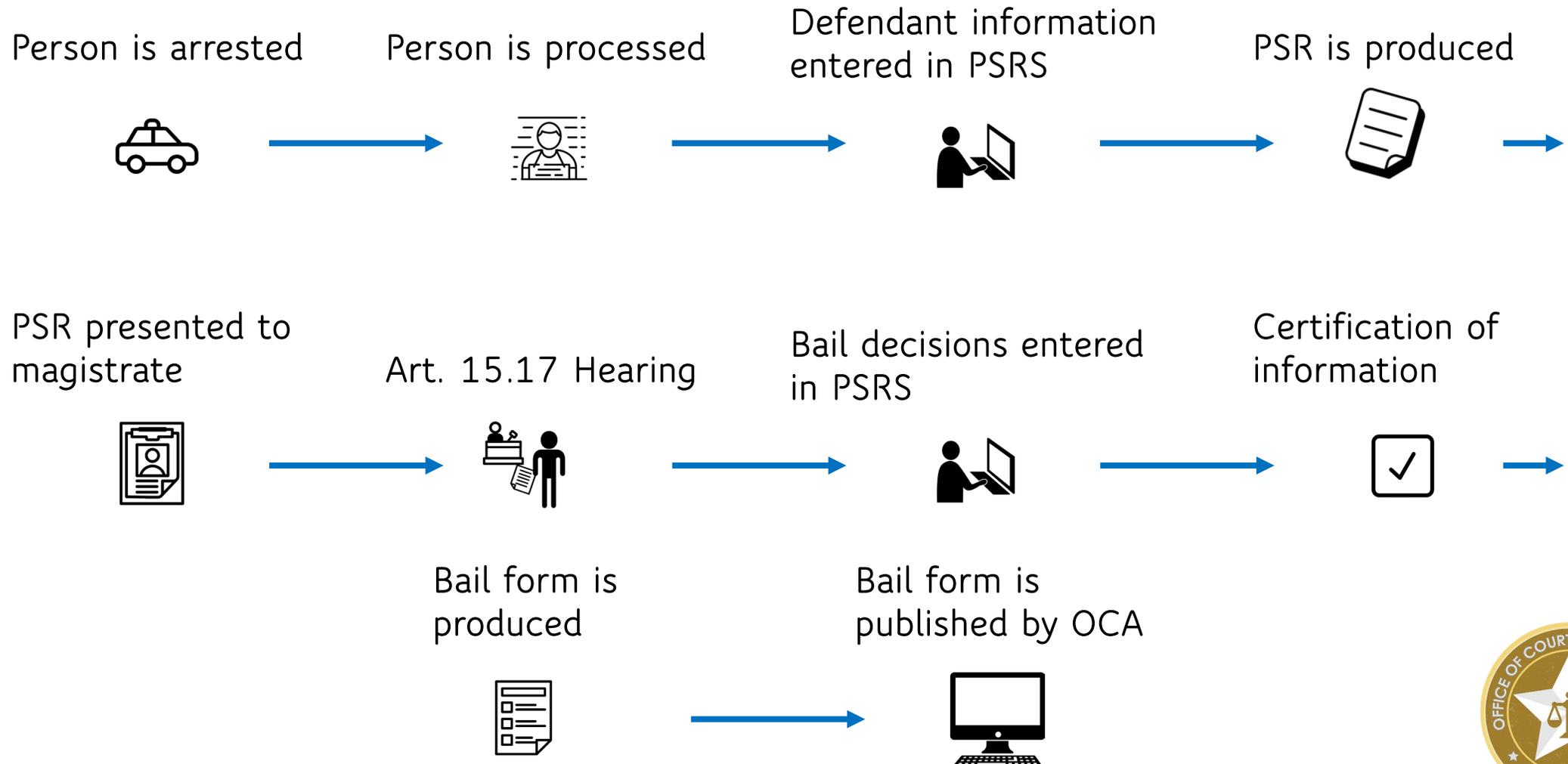


WHAT IS THE PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT SYSTEM?

- Standardized system for statewide use
- Automon (<https://automon.com/>) 
 - Contracted vendor
 - More than 6000 registered users in the system
- PSRS provides a summary report of criminal history for magistrates to consider
 - Alerts if individual is not eligible for personal bond
 - Contains required statutory and discretionary bond conditions
- Designed to capture bail related data for the entire state
 - Produces a bail form that is published on public website containing:
 - Defendant name
 - Arrest date
 - County
 - Magistrate name
 - Bail amount and type
 - Bond conditions



PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT SYSTEM PROCESS



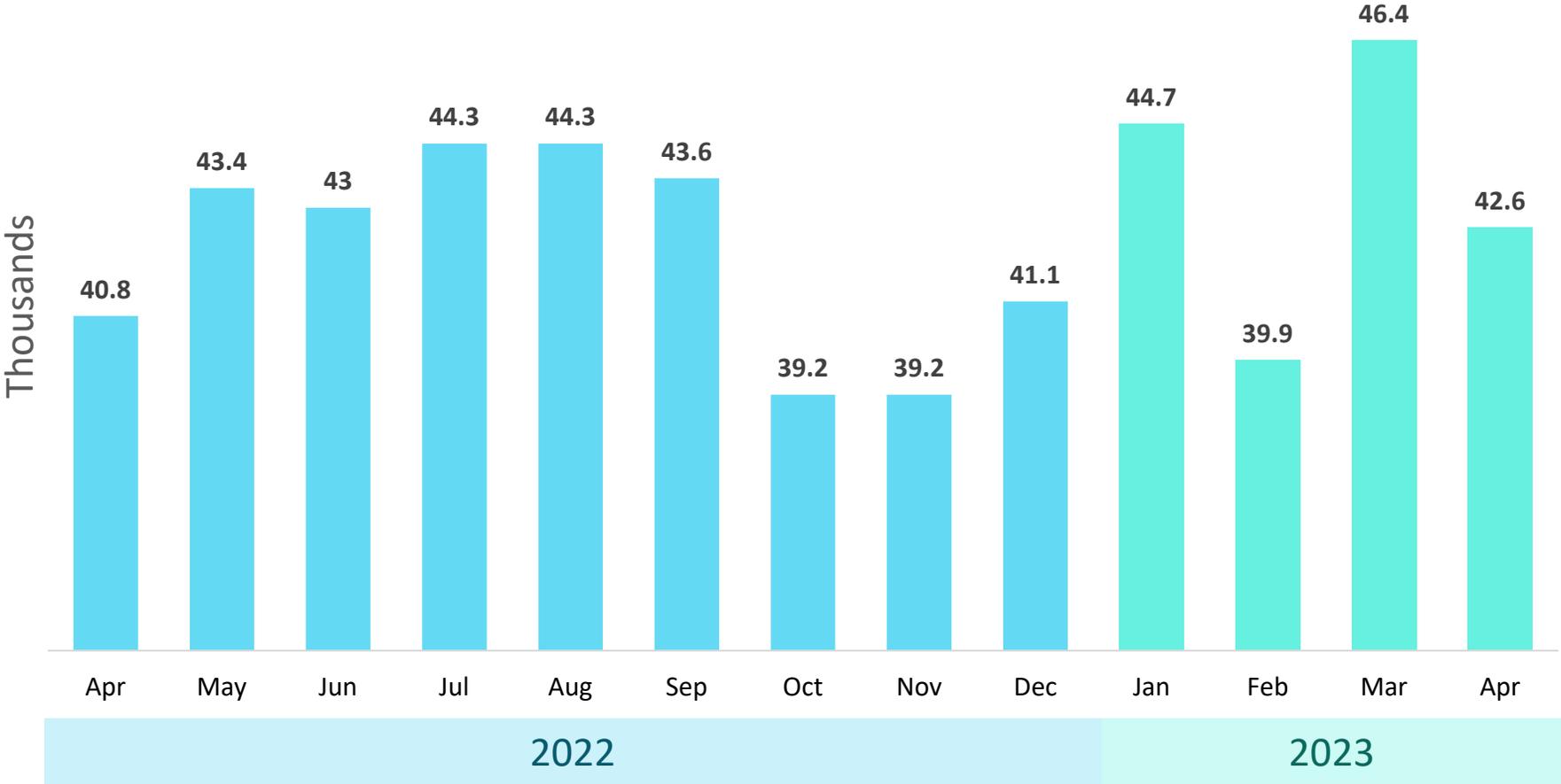
BAIL DATA



COMPLETED BAIL FORMS

The number of completed bail forms has increased 5% in April of 2023 compared to April 2022 when the system launched.

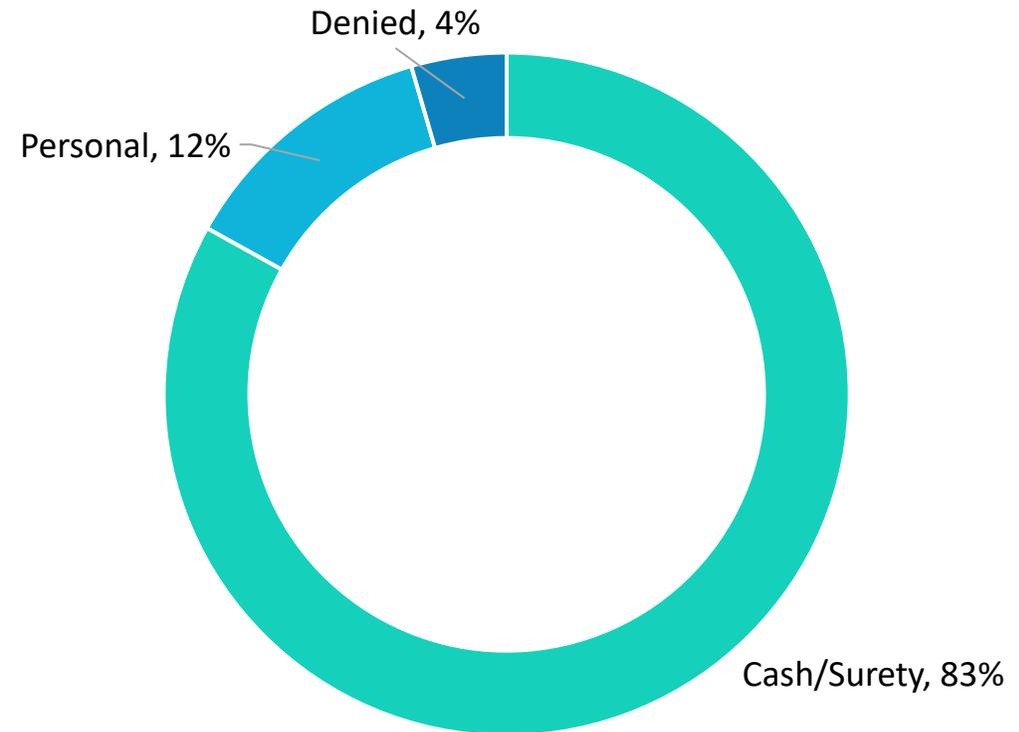
The last 6 months have averaged just over 42,000 completed bail forms.



BAIL TYPES APR 2022 – APR 2023

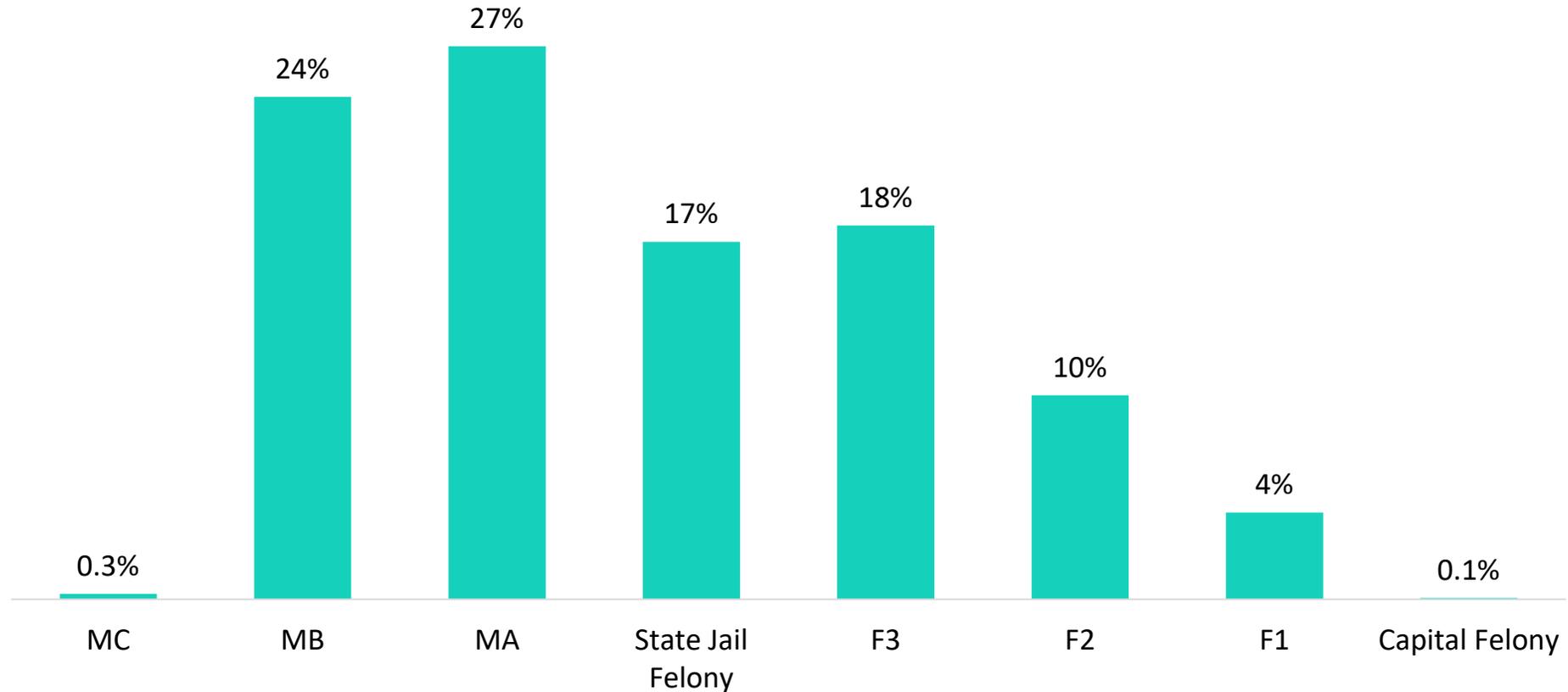
Since the system launch date, Cash/Surety bail types have consistently accounted for the majority of bail types reported.

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



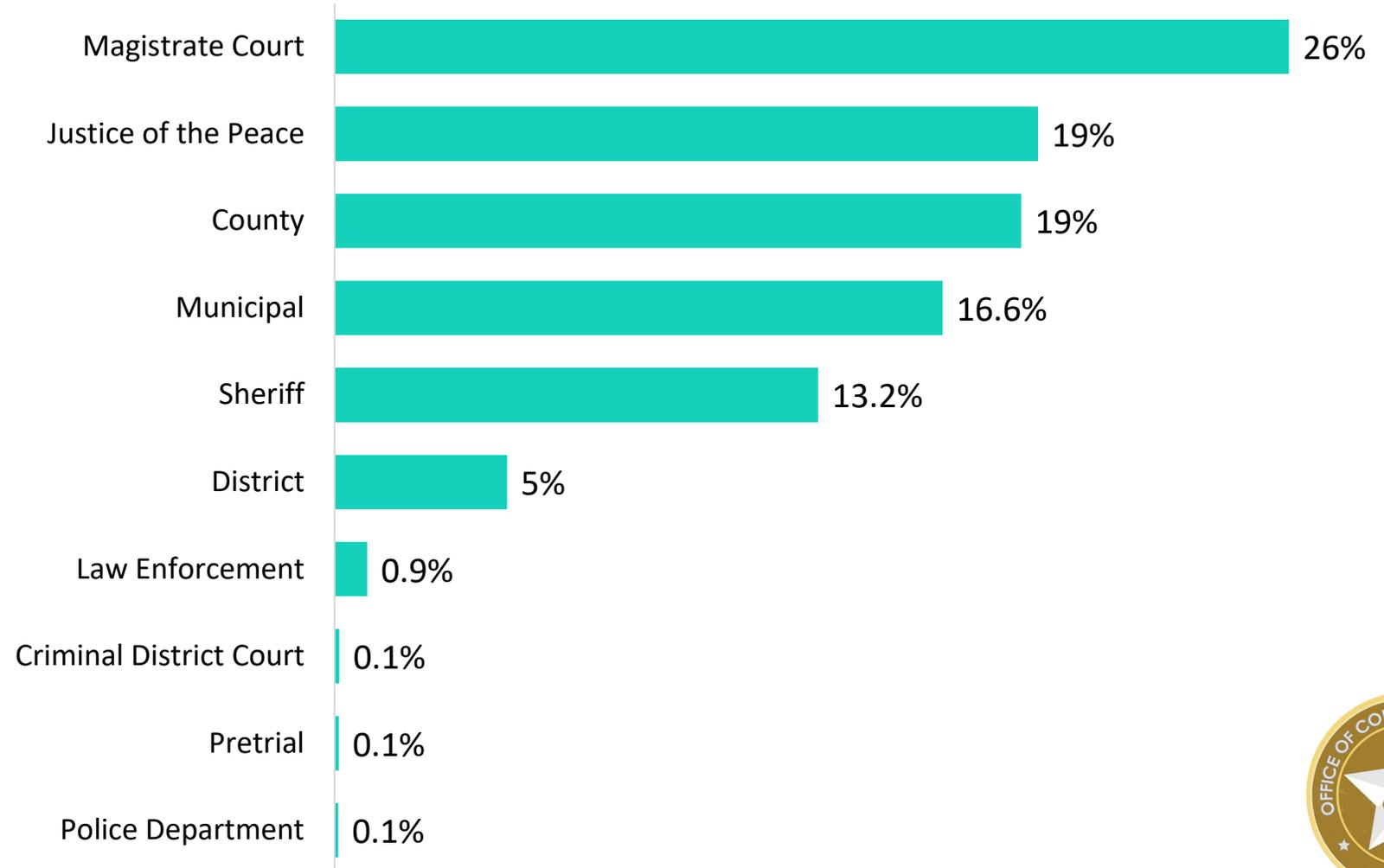
REPORTED OFFENSES APR 2022 – MAR 2023

Class A misdemeanors have been the most reported offense level every month.
Note that Class C misdemeanors are not required to be reported in the PSRS.



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Magistrate Court locations have the most completed bail forms, followed by Justice of the Peace.

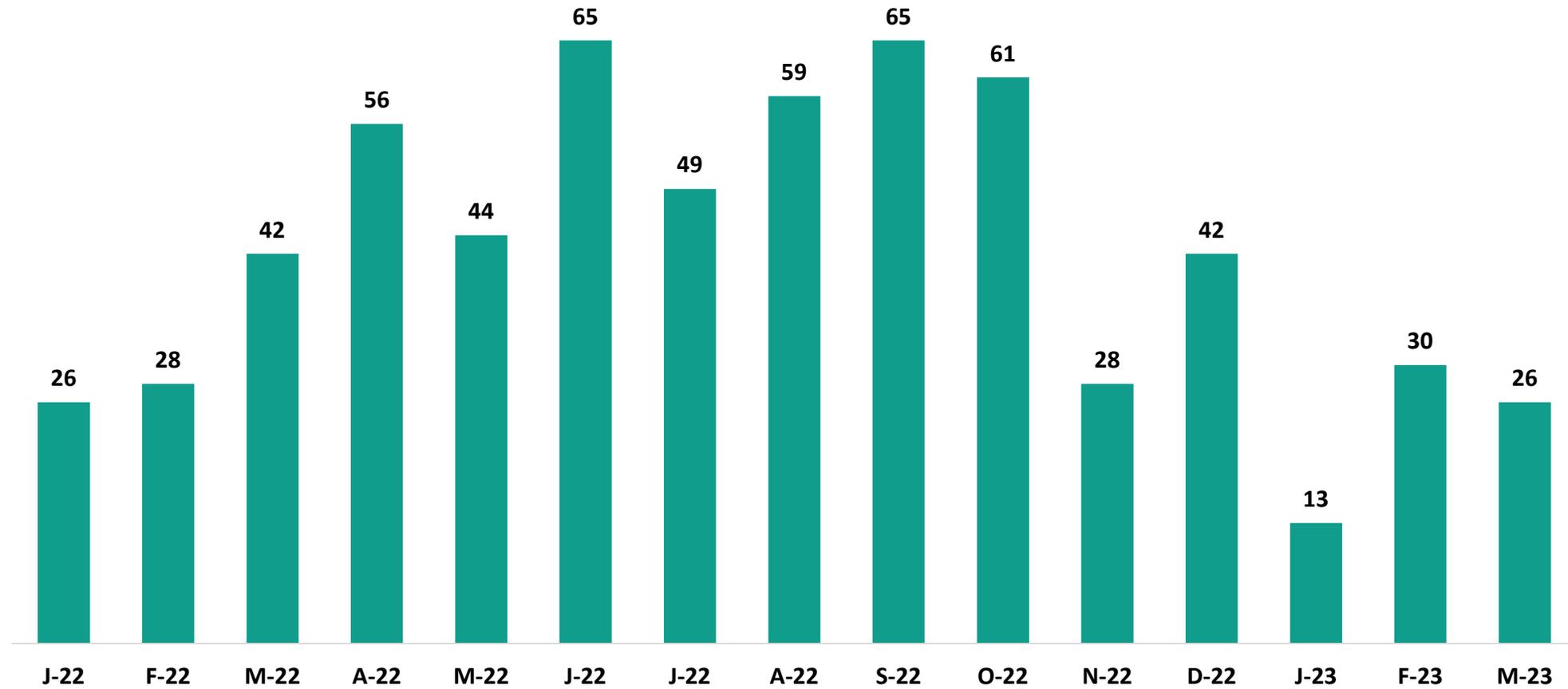


CHARITABLE BAIL ORGANIZATIONS



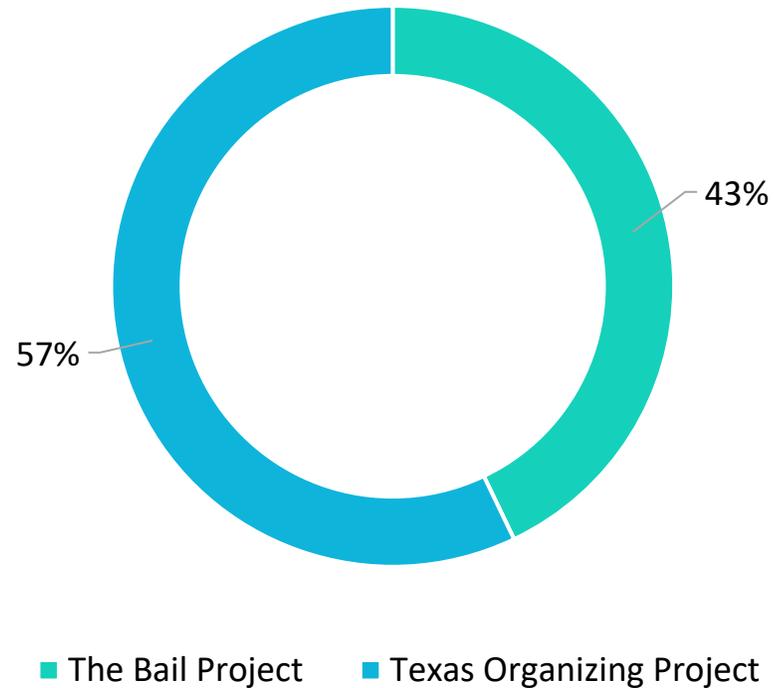
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Number Of Defendants For Whom Bail Was Paid By A Charitable Organization

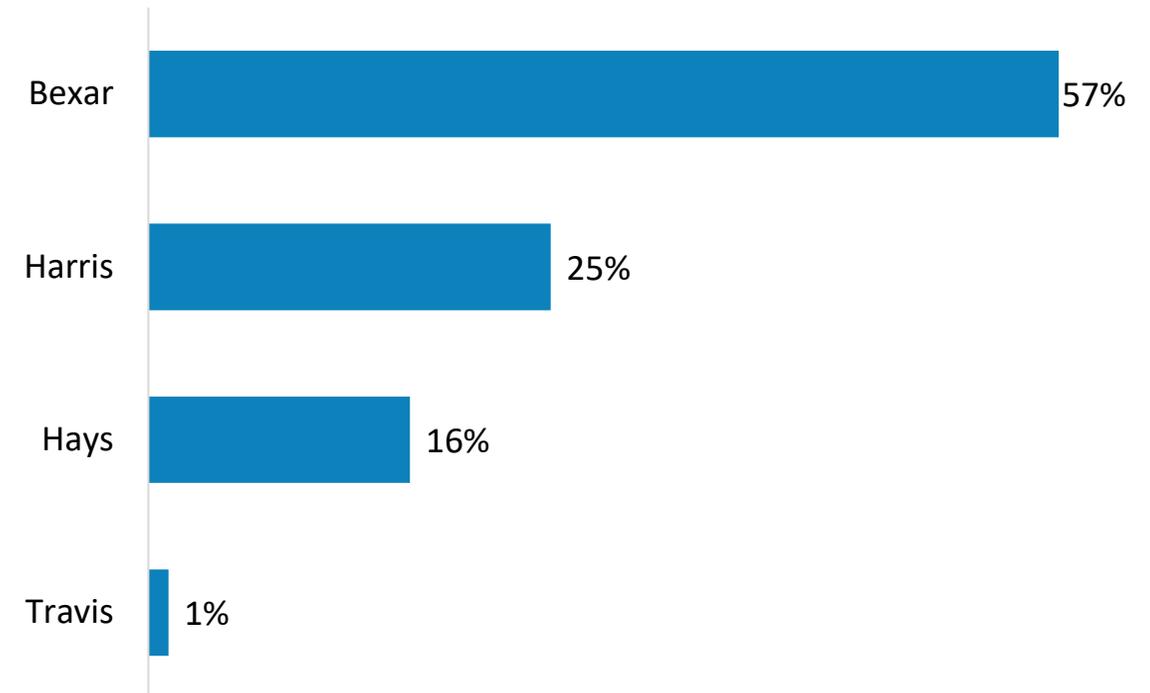


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Defendants by Organization



Defendants by County



BAIL DATA DASHBOARD

<https://oca-baildashboard-prod.azurewebsites.net/>



PSRS ENHANCEMENTS



RECENT ENHANCEMENTS

OCA has worked with AutoMon since implementation on various system enhancements.....

- Magstration Complete Date/Time column added
- Ability to specify bail type & amount for each offense
- New forms
- Bond Modification
- Bail form displays defendant date of birth
- Bond conditions displayed based on offenses
- Home page tab update
- Video tutorials
- Magstration data reports available in CSV file
- Additional performance reports
- OCA Global Admins can reset MFA and edit users email
- Pending Bail Forms tab shows Entered by and Entered On Date/Time
- Military Time format
- API available



UPCOMING ENHANCEMENTS

- Check box for juvenile offenders who are certified as adults
- Ability to indicate if an offense is an enhancement or mitigation, ie: “Attempted”, etc.
- Ability to indicate individual cause/case numbers for each offense
- Allow LAUs to select discretionary bond conditions through the Location Configuration tab
- Removal of DOB calendar



APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE

- The API allows Court and/or Jail case management systems to send information to the PSRS
- Reduces inputting the same data into multiple systems

API Elements:

1. Adding an arrest via the API - **One way** - from the Case Management System (CMS) to PSRS
 - i. Defendant First and last name
 - ii. Defendant DOB
 - iii. Arrest date and time
 - iv. County of arrest
 - v. Offense(s)
 - vi. Magistration location
2. Bail Form activities via the API - **Bi-directional** - from the CMS to PSRS or from PSRS to the CMS
 - i. Identifying Defendant information to link the bail form activities to the correct defendant
 - ii. Magistration location
 - iii. Magistration date and time
 - iv. Bail type per offense
 - v. Bail amount per offense
 - vi. All bail conditions



NEXT STEPS

- ✓ API is currently available for use

- ✓ Must request access from AutoMon to begin testing
 - Courts with vendor hosted systems should check with vendor to see where they are in the process
 - Vendors that have been contacted:
 - Central Square Technologies
 - Tyler Technologies
 - Hill County Software
 - Edoc Technologies
 - TechShare
 - Tiberon
 - NetData
 - Southern Software

 - Courts that maintain their own system should reach out to OCA at: bail@txcourts.gov



PSRS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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Help I'm locked out!

The system will automatically reset in 5-10 minutes. If it still will not work, email bail@txcourts.gov

I got a new phone and need to reset my multifactor authentication.

Email bail@txcourts.gov

What do we do with out of county warrants?

Same as in-county charges. Use the name and location where the magistration is completed.

What about out of State warrants?

Out of state warrants will not be processed through the PSRS.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I do if I can't find the offense I'm looking for in the PSRS?

Try searching by offense code. Sometimes offense names or the offense code changes. Search the Penal Code to verify offense title.

Can you delete a user? We entered the wrong email.

We are unable to delete a user but can inactivate the bad account and create a new one with the correct email. Be sure to remove the TLETS id from the old account. (Process changing at next update)

What do you use for arrest date when the defendant is already in jail and another warrant comes in?

Use the date the new warrant is served.

I am getting an error when I try to enter a SID and query the offender's criminal history-what is going on?

There could be 3 reasons: #1 you only have Criminal Justice Practitioner certification; #2 you haven't taken the Mobile Access course and the 6 months grace period expired; or #3 you already had TLETS certification and DPS needs to give you permission to use the PSRS

JUVENILES & THE PSRS

- Juveniles should not be processed through the PSRS unless they have already been certified as adults.



The image shows a screenshot of a form with the following fields:

First Name *	Middle Name	Last Name *	Suffix
DOB *	  Only adults or juveniles certified as adults can be entered in this system		
SID	OR FBI #		

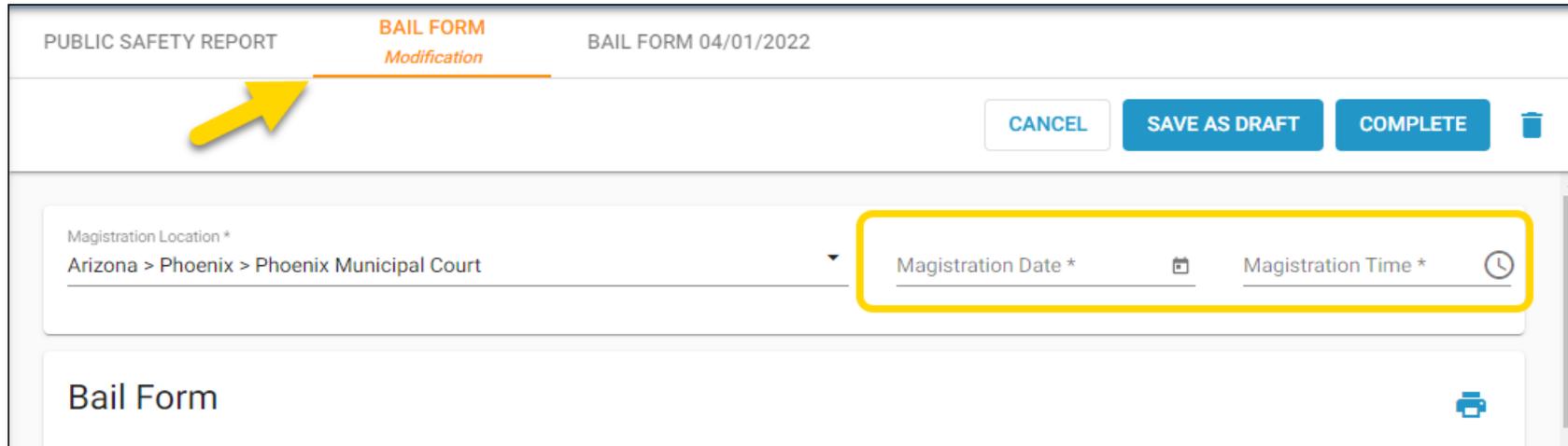
A red circle is drawn around the calendar icon in the DOB field.

- When entering a new arrest, do not use the calendar feature to enter the DOB, instead use the MM/DD/YYYY format.



BOND MODIFICATIONS

1. On the existing Bail Form, click the edit icon  on the upper right side. A dialog box opens.
2. Select **Bond/Condition Modification** for **Edit Reason**. Click **Continue**.
3. A new bail form tab opens. Select the current **Magistration Location, Date and Time**.



The screenshot shows a web interface for modifying a bail form. At the top, there are three tabs: 'PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT', 'BAIL FORM' (which is selected and highlighted in orange), and 'BAIL FORM 04/01/2022'. Below the tabs, there are three buttons: 'CANCEL', 'SAVE AS DRAFT', and 'COMPLETE'. A yellow arrow points to the 'BAIL FORM' tab. Below the buttons, there are three input fields: 'Magistration Location *' with a dropdown menu showing 'Arizona > Phoenix > Phoenix Municipal Court', 'Magistration Date *' with a calendar icon, and 'Magistration Time *' with a clock icon. A yellow box highlights the 'Magistration Date *' and 'Magistration Time *' fields. At the bottom, there is a 'Bail Form' section with a printer icon.

4. Make changes as needed. Certify and complete Bail Form.



TRAINING REMINDERS



DPS



DPS REQUIRED TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

Criminal Justice Practitioner (CJP) Certification

Anyone who accesses/views either hard or electronic copies of 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).

CJP is a 2-hour online course.

TLETS Mobile Access Certification

Any users who will query criminal history record information must obtain and maintain a TLETS Mobile Access certification through DPS.

Mobile Access is an 8-hour in person course.

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 is online and shall be taken within six months.



JUDICIAL EDUCATION



MAGISTRATE DUTIES EDUCATION

SB 6 required OCA to develop or approve education regarding magistrate duties on bail.

This consists of:

- 8-hour initial training course
- 2-hour continuing education hours every fiscal year

OCA partnered with Judicial Education Training Centers.

Deadlines:

- If in office on April 1, 2022 - complete training by December 1, 2022
- If appointed/elected after April 1, 2022 - complete training within 90 days

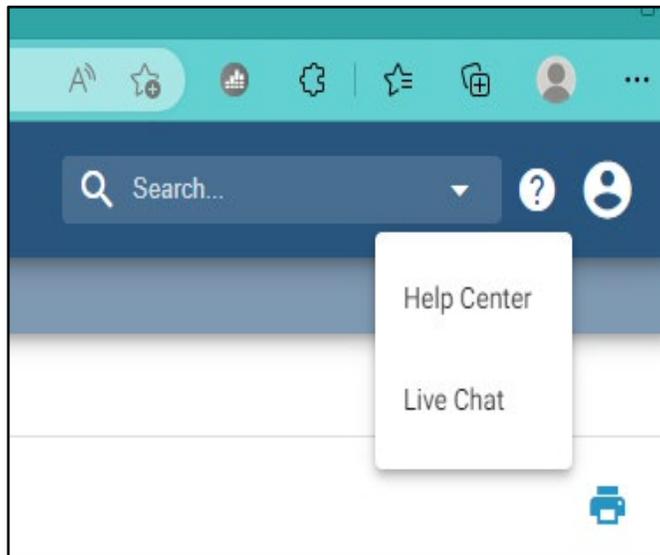


USING THE PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT SYSTEM



There is no required training to use the PSRS.

The Help Center in the system offers step by step instruction and videos to help you get around.



OCA TRAINING AND RESOURCES



You can find more resources on the PSRS website

Our Q&A Sessions include system demos and updates of the latest enhancements. The schedule and Zoom links can be found under the Information & Resources tab.

PSRS Q&A Sessions

To address many of the questions received related to the PSRS, OCA will be hosting live Q&A. The dates below will be updated as more sessions are scheduled. You can download the power point presentation given at the sessions [here](#).

PSRS Q&A Sessions Schedule		
Day	Time	Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, May 17, 2023	1:30 pm - 2:30 pm CT	Zoom Meeting
Friday, June 9, 2023	10:00 am - 11:00 am CT	Zoom Meeting



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



BILLS RELATED TO BAIL

- SB 1318
- HB 3400
- SJR 44
- HJR 181



QUESTIONS?

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WWW.TXCOURTS.GOV/BAIL



Thank you!