

County Pretrial Release Programs

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Overview

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Program Descriptions

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Funding

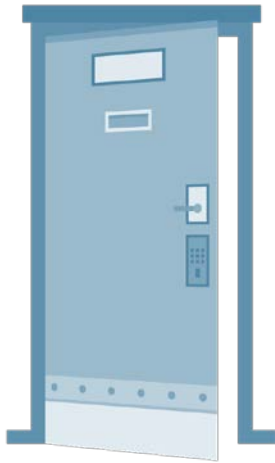
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Program Outcomes

Pretrial Release Is Generally Granted in One of Three Ways

1

Release on
Recognizance



2

Bond



Cash Bond – or – Surety Bond

3

Local Pretrial
Release Program



Pretrial Release Programs Reporting Requirements

Chapter 907, *F.S.*, requires OPPAGA and programs to report information

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Program and Defendant Characteristics

- Funding sources
- Number of participants
- Defendant criminal history
- Defendant outcomes

Pretrial Program Compliance With Statutory Reporting Requirements

- Annual report
- Weekly register

Pretrial Release Programs

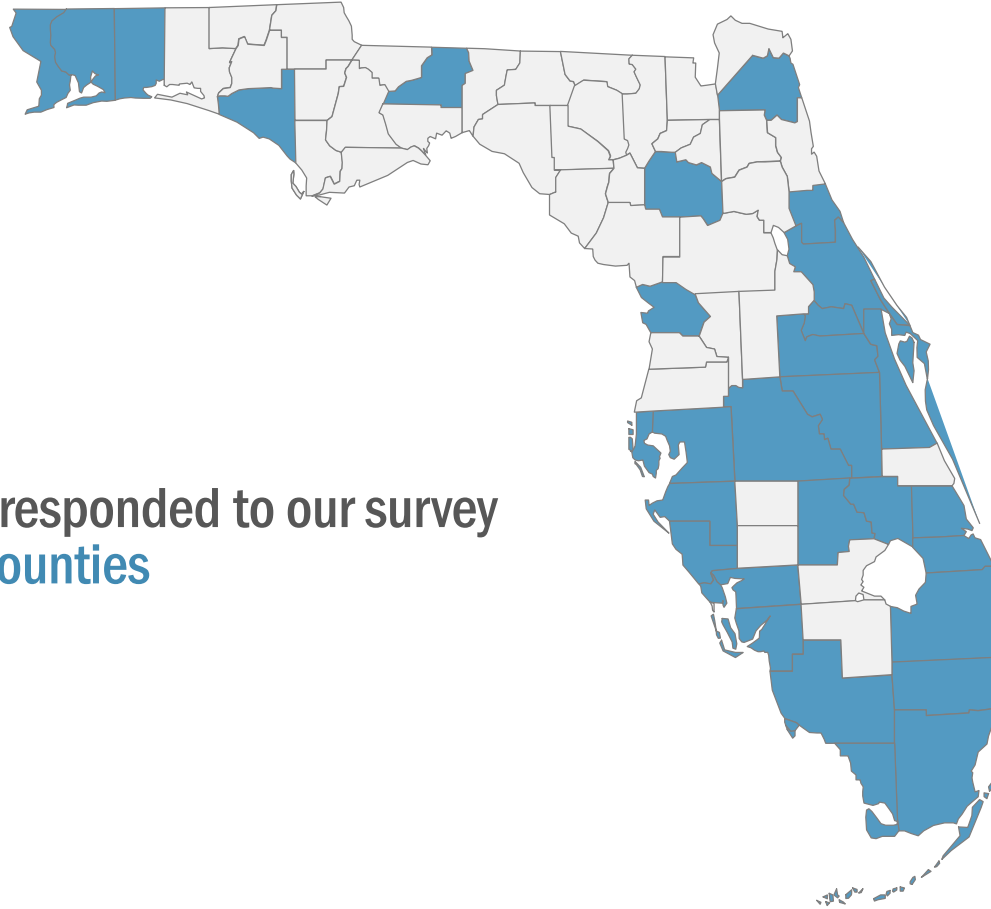
Annual Report

- General information and budget
- Employee information
- Defendants assessed
- Participant information
- Program performance

Weekly Register

- General information and funding
- Defendants assessed
- Participant information
- Program performance

Survey of Pretrial Release Programs



28 programs responded to our survey
covering **30 counties**

Administration of Pretrial Release Programs



40% Sheriff's Offices or County Corrections



35% Courts



25% Other County Offices

Pretrial Release Program Funding



**State General
Revenue**

**0
Programs**

**\$0
Total**



**County
Funds**

**28
Programs**

**\$36.8 million
Total**



**Grant
Funds**

**5
Programs**

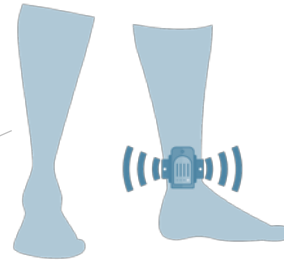
**\$871,000
Total**

Some Pretrial Release Programs Charge Fees

Participant Fees



17
Programs



Electronic/
GPS Monitoring



Drug and
Alcohol Monitoring



Administrative
Fees

Pretrial Release Program Outcomes

	Program Range (Low – High)	Average
Issued a Warrant for Failing to Appear in Court	1% – 8%	4.4%
Arrested for Any Offense While in the Program	<1% – 13%	5.7%

Source: OPPAGA Pretrial Release Program Survey data.

Pretrial Release Program Participants Who Posted Bond

- **27** programs reported that judges could order bond for defendants in the program
- **37%** of participants in programs posted bond



Pretrial Release Program Reporting Compliance

- **27** programs provided weekly registers to their Clerk of Court
- All **28** programs provided OPPAGA with their annual report
- **20** programs reported participants' prior criminal history



Additional information

Individual Programs

- Annual budget
- Requirements
- Reporting compliance
- Other statistics

County Pretrial Release Programs: Calendar Year 2019

Report 20-07

December 2020



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