

What Is the Pretrial Process?



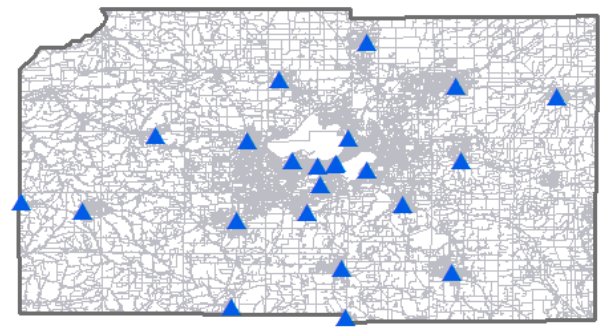
The Dane County Criminal Justice Council promotes collaborative research to maximize justice, equity, and public safety. "Front End Justice" is one of the priorities of the CJC.

Pretrial justice is the part of the criminal justice system that begins when a person comes into contact with law enforcement (or the police) and ends when any resulting charges are resolved—usually through a dismissal, a plea, or a trial. It is often referred to as the “front door” of the criminal justice system.

—Pretrial Justice Institute

What does pretrial look like in Dane County?

- The estimated population for Dane County in 2018 was 542,364.
- There are 22 police departments in addition to the Dane County Sheriff.
- There is one county jail with an average daily population (ADP) of 760 in 2018.



Pretrial Justice Overview

UCR Reported Arrests in 2018	Bookings into Dane County Jail in 2018	Pretrial Release with Signature Bonds in 2018
15,333	12,389	5,067
(source: Uniform Crime Reporting)	(source: Dane County Sheriff)	(source: WI Circuit Court Access)

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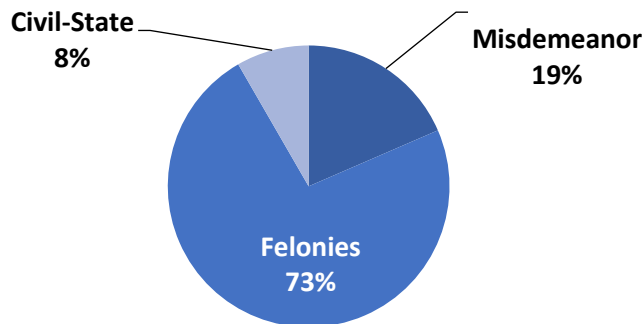
Dane County hosts a collaborative, the Criminal Justice Council, composed of executive level criminal justice leaders, including the Presiding Judge, Sheriff, District Attorney, Clerk of Courts, County Executive, and County Board Chair, and stakeholders from law enforcement, defense, municipal judiciary and corrections.

This summary data does not measure person level data and is aggregate of administrative datasets. The CJC continues to prioritize data analysis and data driven decisions; ongoing further analysis of these and local datasets will be forthcoming.

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Arrests and Bookings

Percent Charge Type for All Bookings in 2018



Dane County incarceration trends are below the national average and below the State of Wisconsin average.

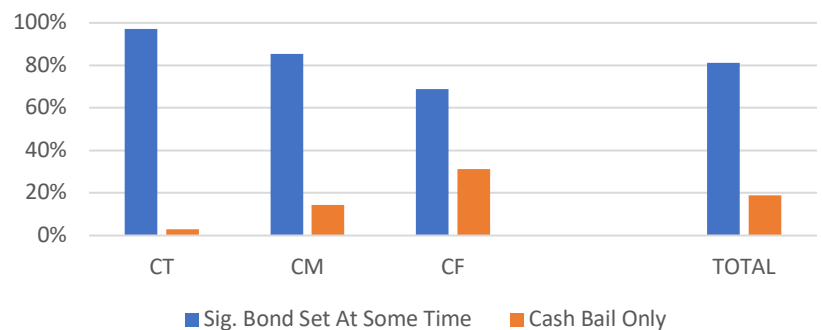
Defendants with Signature Bonds

There were 31,886 criminal cases from 2012-2016 including criminal traffic (CT), criminal misdemeanor (CM), and criminal felony (CF) cases.

86% of criminal misdemeanor cases were given Signature Bonds. Cash bail was ordered for 23% of all CF and CM cases.

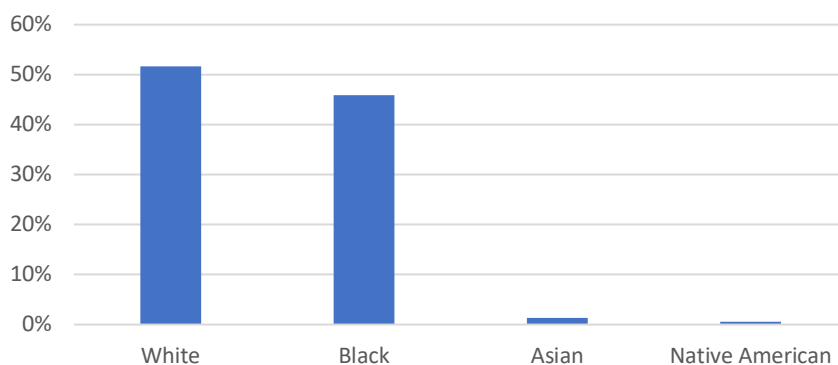
Source: Frequency of Signature Bonds in Dane County Criminal Cases 2012-2016, Judge Nicholas McNamara

Percent Criminal Cases with Signature Bonds & Cash Bail, 2012-2016



In Custody Defendants

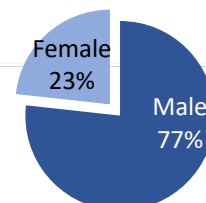
Percent of PSAs by Defendant Race, 2018



The Public Safety Assessment (PSA), implemented in April 2017, helps determine risk for a particular defendant committing a new crime or failing to return for a future court hearing.

PSAs are utilized for *in custody* defendants waiting for their initial appearance on new cases.

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Average Age
In Custody



Percent of PSAs by Defendant Gender, 2018