



Austin Municipal Court



Municipal Court

**MUNICIPAL
COURT**

Resolution 2017-1214-060 Municipal Court Metrics and Goals

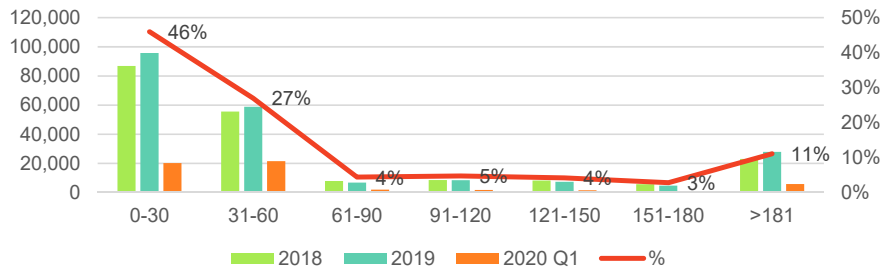
Updated as of 1st QTR
FY 2020
February 10, 2020



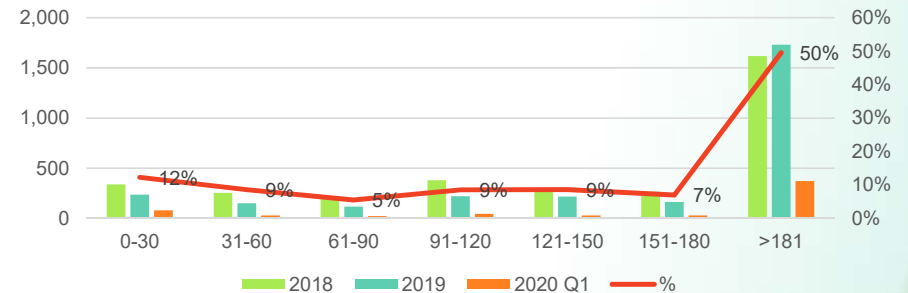
Goal #1

Provide prompt, effective, efficient and impartial administration of justice and processing of all cases filed with the Court

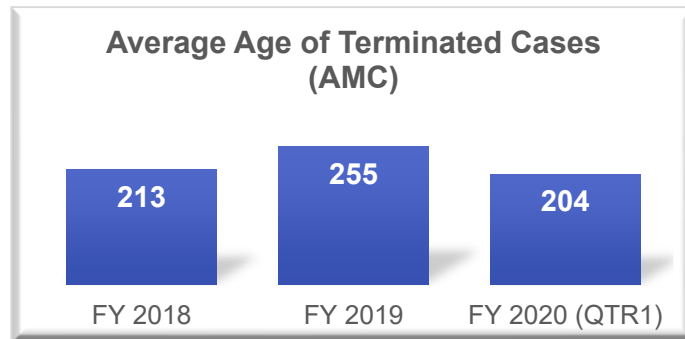
Number and Percentage of **AMC** Cases Adjudicated Within Case Processing Time Standards



Number and Percentage of **DACC** Cases Adjudicated Within Case Processing Time Standards

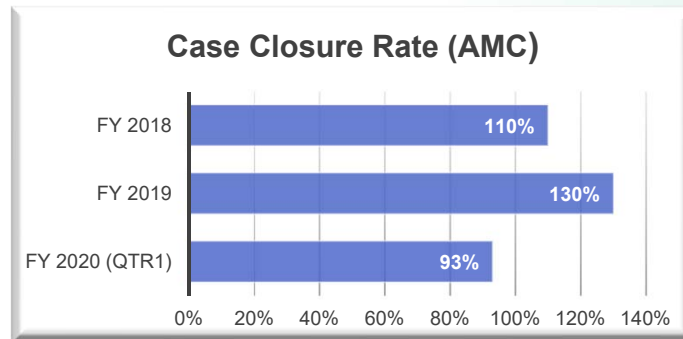


Average Age of Terminated Cases (AMC)



Target=215 Days

Case Closure Rate (AMC)



Target=100%



Goal #2

Provide accurate, readily accessible information through multiple channels to the public and to all individuals participating in Municipal Court cases about (1) the Court's procedures, (2) the rights and duties of defendants in cases before the Court, and (3) alternative sentencing options that allow individuals to resolve their cases when they cannot afford fines or costs.



WAYS TO HANDLE A TICKET

Compliance Dismissals

Consequences of Not Handling Tickets on Time

Driving Safety Course (DSC)

Deferred Disposition

General Case Options (with video)

Parking Tickets

Payment Options and Credits

Ways to Pay

For Water Safety Violations

TOP CONTENT

- ★ Ways to Pay
- ★ Deferred Disposition
- ★ Municipal Court Locations & Contacts
- ★ Driving Safety Course (DSC)
- ★ Payment Options and Credits



PROGRAMS / SERVICES

Appeals (Criminal)

Collection Agency

Denial of Driver License Renewal

Denial of Registration

Downtown Austin Community Court (DACC)

Filing a Citizen Complaint

Jury Trials

Bicycle Program

Red Light Camera Program

Defense Attorneys

Non-Resident Violators Compact (NRVC)

Travis County Jail Credit Info

Youth Services (Juveniles 10-16 yrs of age)

Warrant List

TOP CONTENT

- ★ Ways to Pay
- ★ Deferred Disposition
- ★ Municipal Court Locations & Contacts
- ★ Driving Safety Course (DSC)
- ★ Payment Options and Credits

Unable to Pay?

Payment alternatives may be available to you. All payment alternatives must be approved by a judge. Proof of income and expenses is required. If you or your dependent(s) receive federal assistance (i.e. food stamps, *Temporary Assistance for Needy Families* (TANF), *Women, Infants and Children* (WIC), Medicaid, Section 8, disability), please be sure to indicate the type of assistance received on the financial affidavit and bring proof of the assistance received to court. Forms are located on our website at <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/municipal-court-forms-survey>. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact the Court at (512) 974-4800 and we can mail forms you need to you.

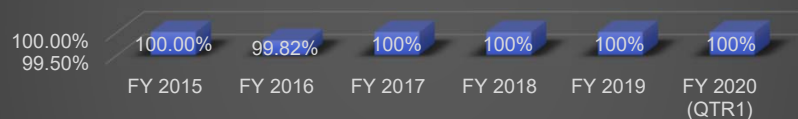
1. **Lower Payment Plan Amount:** If you are unable to pay the minimum monthly payment amount to satisfy your court obligation, please complete a **financial affidavit** and bring proof of income and expenses with you to court.
2. **Community Service:** If you are unable to pay and would like to request Community Service, please complete a **financial affidavit** and bring proof of income and expenses to court.
3. **Jail Credit:** If you have been incarcerated, you may request credit for time served. To request credit for time served, you must complete the **Out of Custody Jail Credit Request form** and provide proof of incarceration from a jail or prison that includes the dates you were incarcerated. If you were in custody at Travis County Jail, we will be able to provide proof for you at no charge. If you have not already entered a plea of guilty for the case(s) you are requesting jail credit for, you will be required to do so.

If you have extenuating circumstances that limit your ability to pay or perform community service, you may appear before a judge during a **Walk-In** docket session to discuss other options that may be available to you.

Please complete a financial affidavit and be prepared to provide proof of income and expenses on the day you appear to see a judge. A compliance office clerk will review your paperwork before you see a judge. The court holds Walk-In dockets Monday-Thursday; please see schedule below. If you have questions about the financial affidavit or Walk-In court process, please contact us at (512) 974-4800, Monday-Friday, from 8am-5pm.

The Walk-In docket is held at the Court's Downtown location, 700 E. 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Percent of Time that the Case Management System is Online

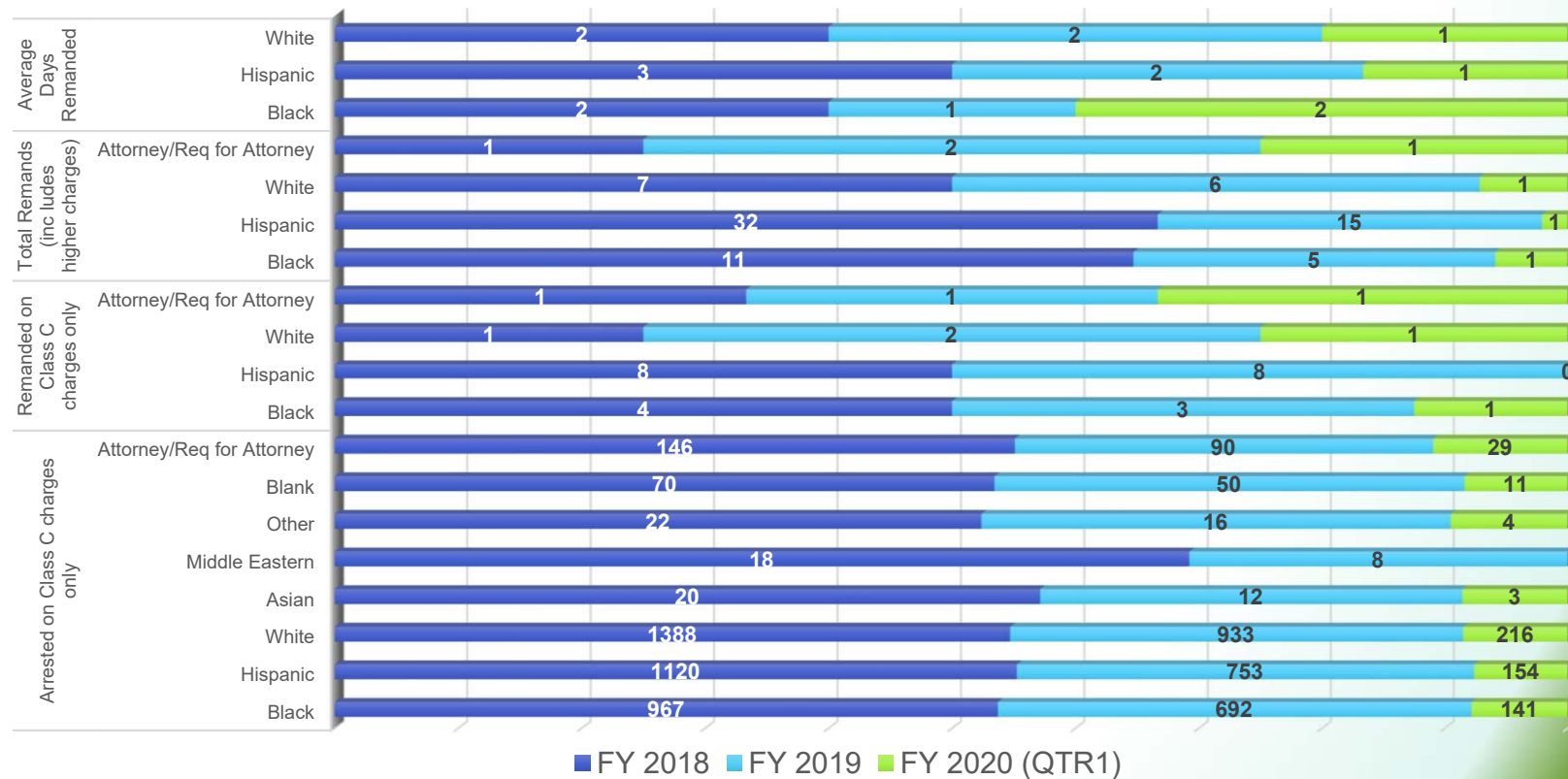




Goal #3

Minimize jail commitments for non-payment of fines whenever effective alternatives are available.

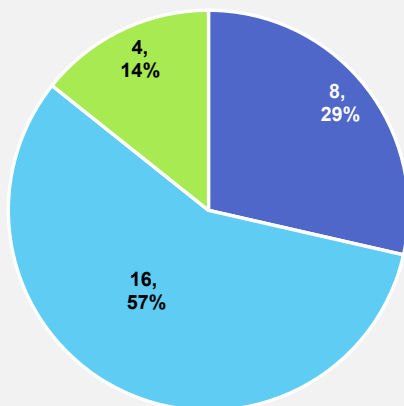
Arrests and Remands (AMC/DACC)





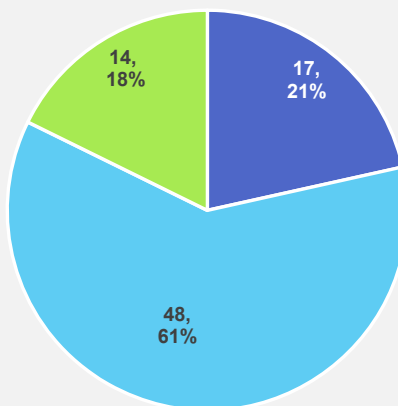
Remand Details (AMC/DACC)

Remanded on Class C Charges Only
FY 2018-2020



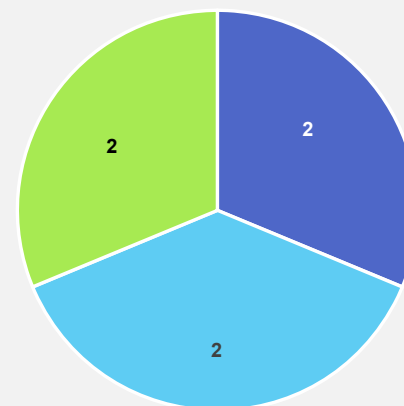
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Total Remands (includes higher charges)
FY2018-2020



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Average Days Remanded
FY 2018-2020



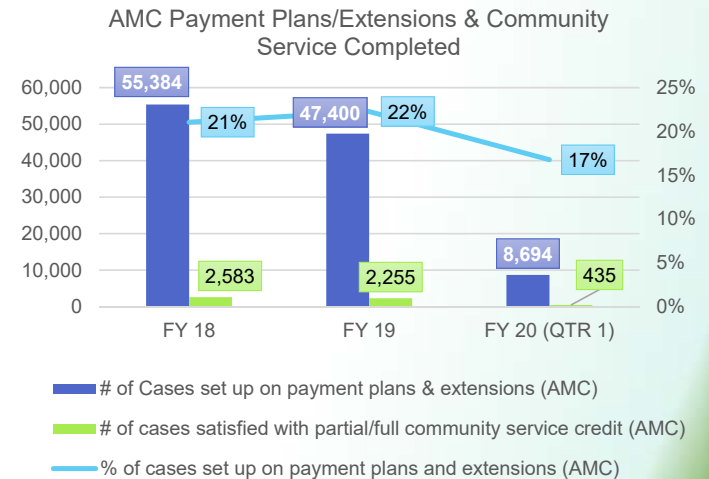
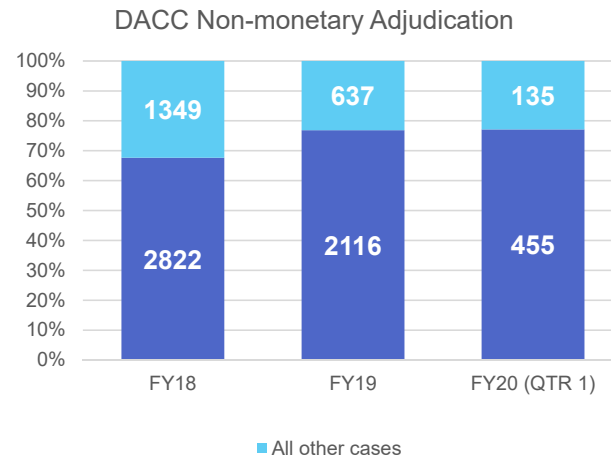
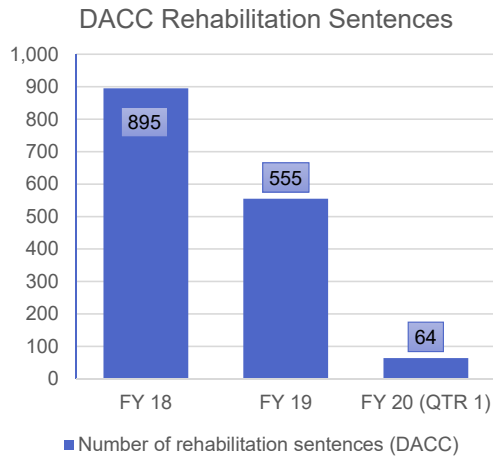
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FY 2020 is through QTR 1



Goal #4

Make alternative sentencing options available whenever appropriate under the law and ensure sentencing is consistent with all federal and state laws restricting jail commitments.

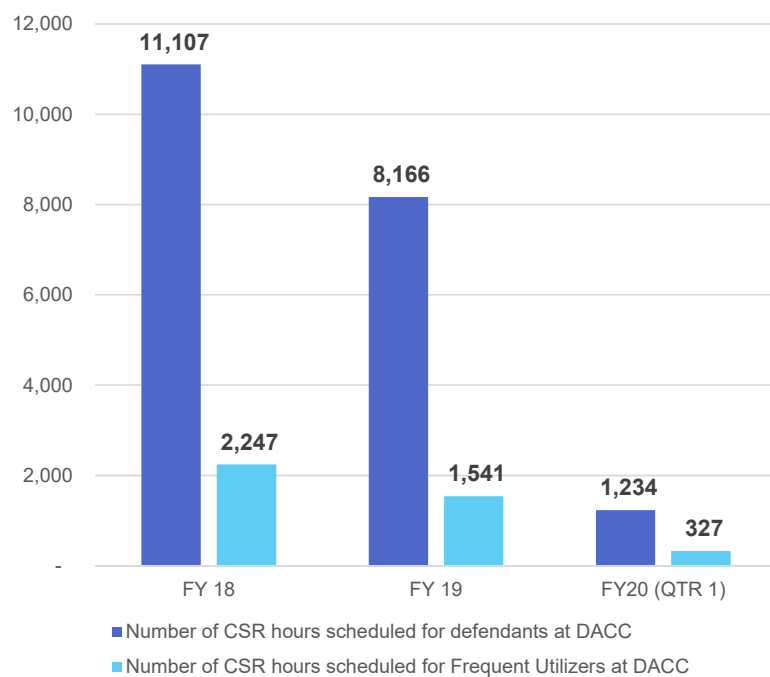


AMC is not currently capturing the number of cases/hours of community service ordered; we will begin that process when our new case management system is implemented. Currently we only track when a defendant completes full or partial community service.

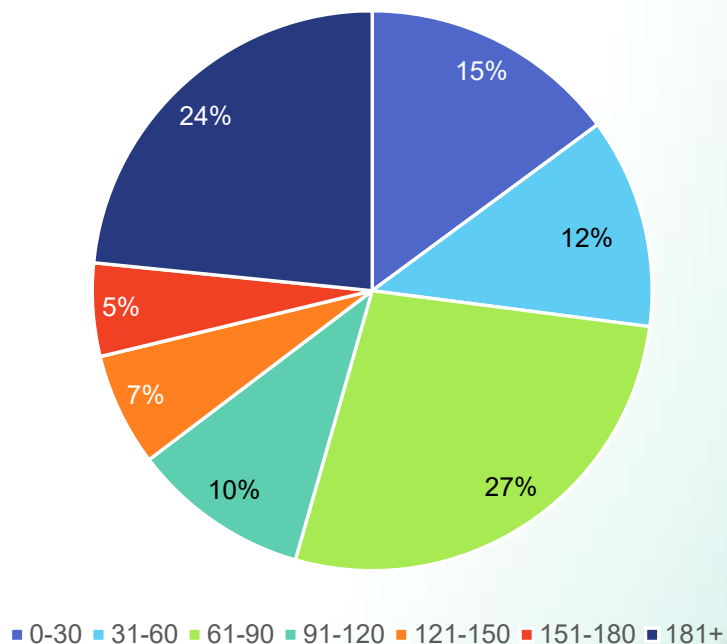


DACC Community Service Details

DACC Community Service



of Days to Complete Community Service
FY18 - FY20 (QTR 1)

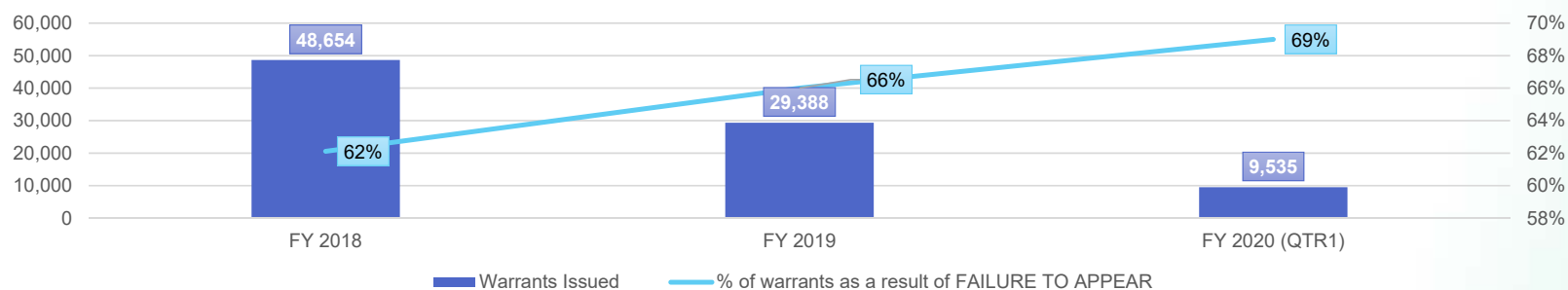




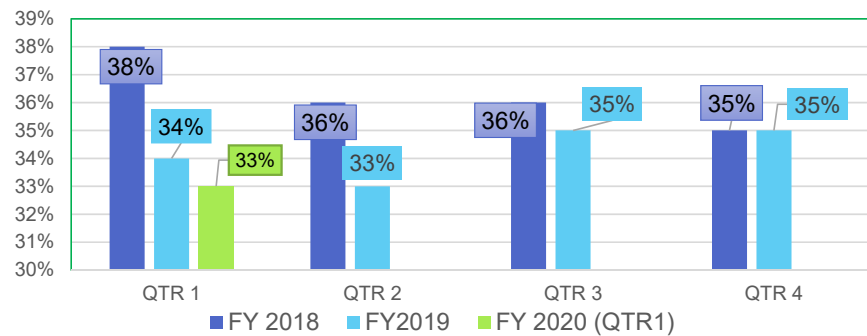
Goal #5

Minimize the issuance of warrants whenever alternatives are available and through imposition of alternative sentences.

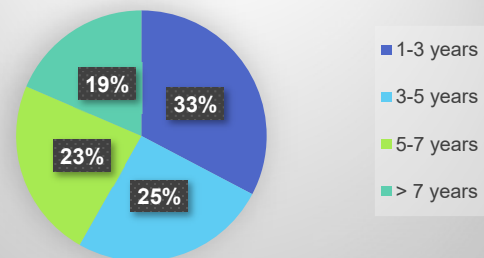
AMC/DACC Warrants Issued



Percent of Active Caseload in Warrant Status (AMC)



Age of Active Warrants (AMC/DACC)

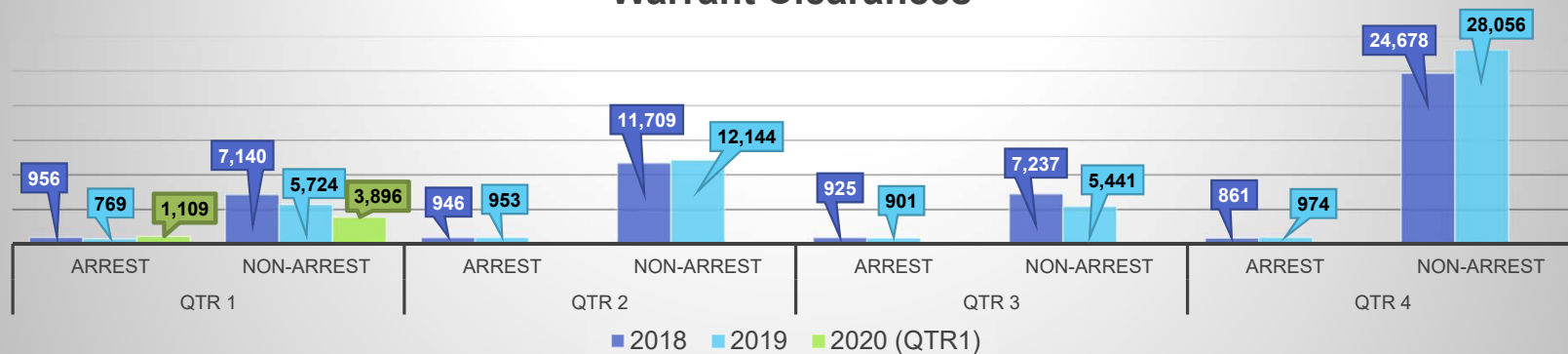




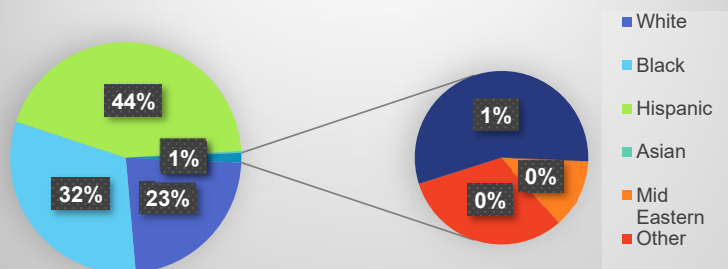
Warrant Clearances

AMC/DACC

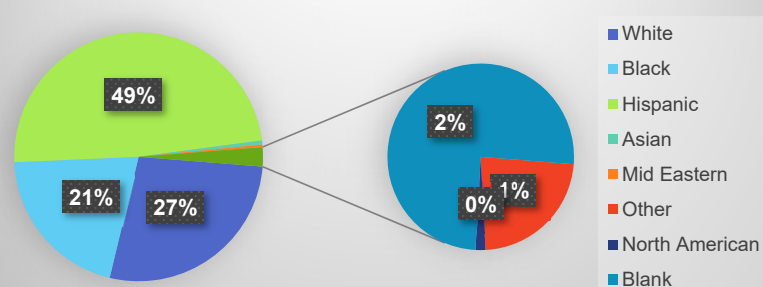
Warrant Clearances



Warrants Cleared by Arrest FY 2018-FY 20 (QTR1)



Warrants Cleared by Non-Arrest FY 2018-FY 20 (QTR1)





Goal #6

Minimize unintended adverse consequences of Class C fines and fees on low-income individuals and families.

The numbers below represent the number of cases in which fines, costs, and fees were waived or reduced by an Austin Municipal Court or Downtown Community Court judge.

Fiscal Year	Number of Cases that Received Reductions/Waivers	Number of Cases Where Indigency was Determined	Total Amount of Reductions/Waivers
FY 12	3,620	1,445	\$332,164.19
FY 13	3,916	1,329	\$344,884.65
FY 14	3,737	1,402	\$341,405.07
FY 15	4,835	961	\$470,406.98
FY 16	5,460	1,528	\$589,629.87
FY 17	6,833	2,032	\$759,578.21
FY 18	10,759	2,601	\$1,149,974.89
FY 19	11,467	2,896	\$1,450,556.25
FY 20(Q1)*	1,305	339	\$212,794.88

*FY 20 first quarter (Oct 2019 – Dec 2019)

Warrant Amnesty Programs

Driver's License Recovery Clinics

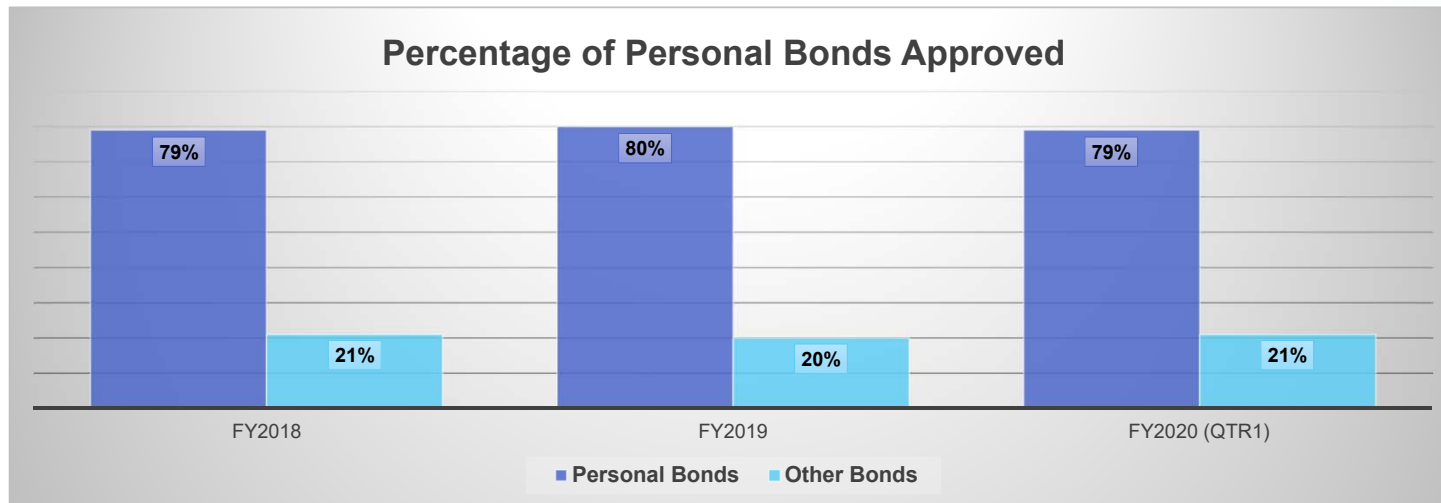
Walk-In Dockets

Hardship Dockets



Goal #7

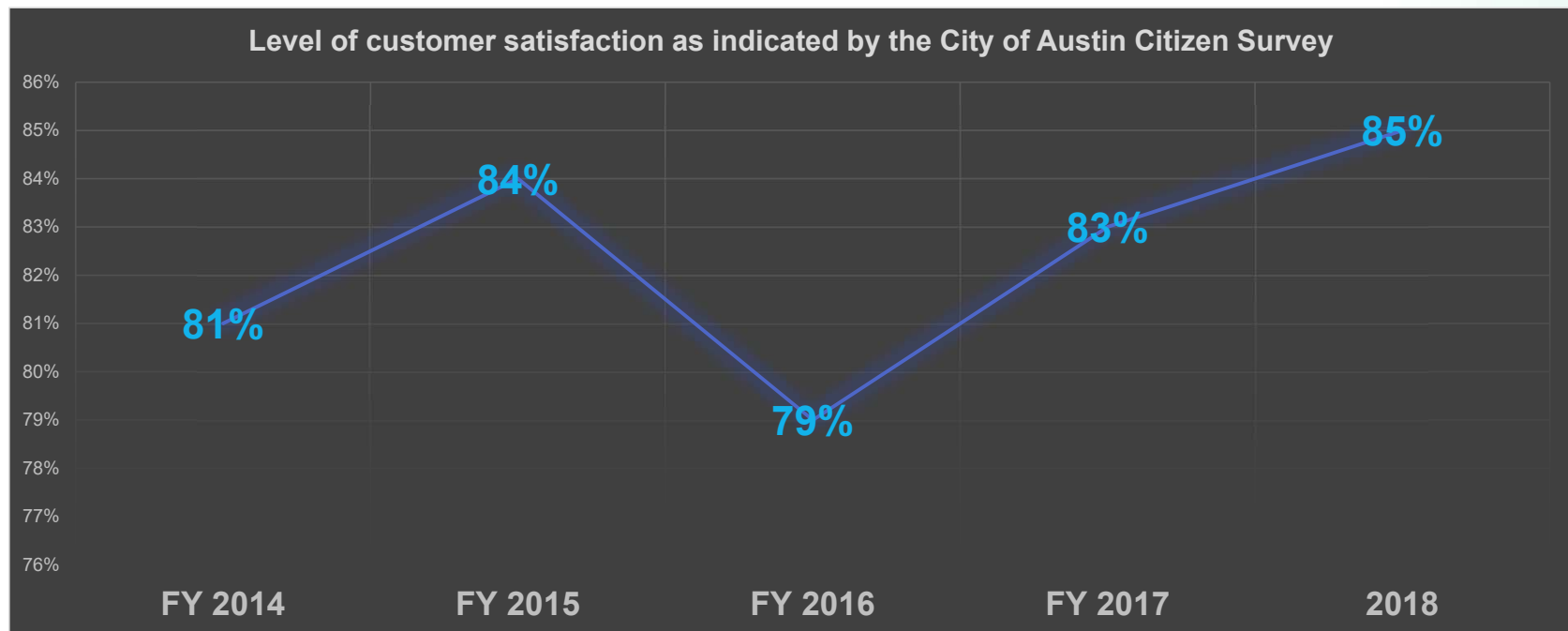
Perform timely magistration at the Travis County Central Booking Facility to minimize the timeframe between a person's arrest and their opportunity to be released from detention, and when setting bonds, hewing closely to the minimum bond necessary to secure a defendant's presence in court, and prioritizing release on personal bonds when possible.





Goal #8

Treat all people with respect and dignity and to create culture of sensitivity to the diversity of income levels and circumstances of individuals residing in Austin.

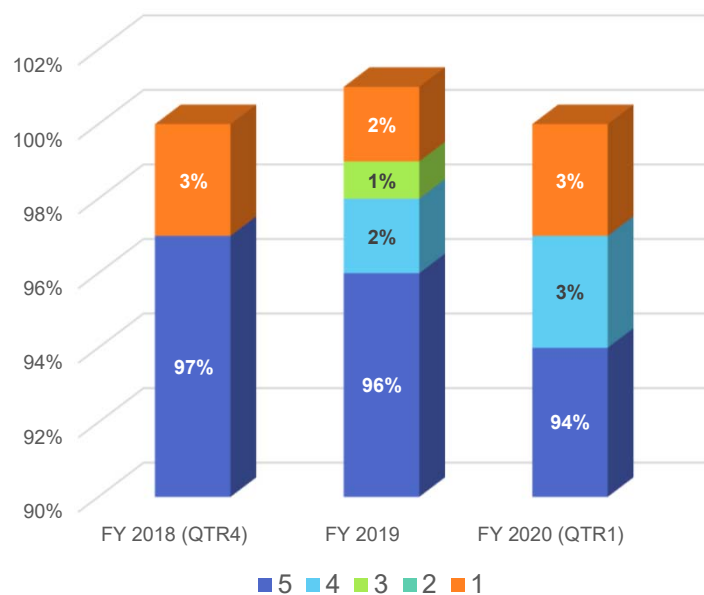


Data updated annually- FY 19 not available



Departmental Surveys

Percentage of People Who Report Fair Treatment When Handling Business Before the Court (AMC)



Rating Scale 1-5 (5 being best)

Percentage of People Who Report Fair Treatment When Handling Business Before the Court (DACC)

