Probation Experiences of Maryland Youth
Youth Characteristics

For FY 2019, there were 1,825 total probation releases across 1,810 youth

*Demographics:*

• 82% male, 18% female
• 68% Black, 26% white, 6% Hispanic/Latinx, < 1% other
• 8-20 years old, average age at admission: 15.7 years old

*Regional:* 25% Central, 19% Baltimore City, 19% Metro, 15% Southern, 13% Eastern Shore, 10% Western

*Charges:* 72% misdemeanors, 14% felonies, 12% crimes of violence, 1% citations/ordinance offenses, <1% probation violations

*Risk:* 57% low risk, 28% moderate risk, 15% high risk
Length of Time on each Supervision Level

Of the 1,825 probation releases, 1,788 (98%) had supervision-level data

- Average time on **high supervision**: 2.7 months
  - Weekly: face to face contact with youth
  - Bi-weekly: contact with guardian (in-person, phone, or electronic)

- Average time on **moderate supervision**: 5.8 months
  - Bi-weekly: face-to-face contacts each month with youth
  - Monthly: contact with guardian (in-person, phone, or electronic)

- Average time on **low supervision**: 7.0 months
  - Monthly: face-to-face contact with youth
  - Monthly: contact with guardian (in-person, phone, or electronic)

*Note: estimates are conservative due to the structure of the data*
Community Placements During Probation

Of the 1,825 cases, 1,295 (71%) included at least 1 additional placement/service in the community

- There were a total of 2,634 distinct community placements for this sample of probation releases (average = 2 each)

Most Common Placements for Youth in the Community (% of Youth Placed)

- Electronic Monitoring/GPS: 57%
- Family Focused Program: 46%
- Victim Awareness Program: 22%
- Education Focused Program: 19%

Note: Categories are not mutually exclusive
Length of Stay on Probation

For this cohort of probation releases, length of stay on probation ranged from 0 to 2,744 days (91.5 months)

Average length of stay: 450 days (15.0 months)
Differences in Avg. Length of Stay on Probation

By Age at Admission*
• Peaks at 11 (24.7 months) & decreases for older ages

By Sex
• Girls: 15.0 months
• Boys: 15.0 months

By Race/Ethnicity
• White: 14.3 months
• Black: 15.3 months
• Hispanic/Latinx: 15.9 months

By Risk Level
• Low risk: 15.3 months
• Moderate Risk: 15.2 months
• High Risk: 13.9 months

By Region*
• Baltimore City: 16.4 months
• Central: 14.0 months
• Eastern Shore: 14.7 months
• Metro: 16.4 months
• Southern: 15.4 months
• Western: 11.9 months

By Adjudicated Offense
• Misdemeanor: 15.0 months
• Felony: 14.9 months
• Crime of Violence: 15.4 months

* Denotes differences that remained significant when included in a model that held all other measures constant
Probation Release Reasons

All Probation Releases (N = 1,825)

- Successful Termination (N = 994; 54%)
  - Successful (Unsupervised Probation) (N = 67; 4%)
- Unsuccessful Termination (N = 217; 12%)
  - Unsuccessful (Committed to DJS) (N = 199; 11%)
- Change in Supervision (N = 376; 21%)
  - Unclear Termination Status (N = 110; 6%)
- Work Completed (N = 214; 12%)
- Other (N = 24; 1%)
Probation Release Reasons

Probation Releases Where Success Could be Determined (N = 1,477)

- Successful Termination (N = 994; 67%)
  - Successful (Unsupervised Probation) (N = 67; 5%)
- Unsuccessful Termination (N = 217; 15%)
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- Change in Supervision (N = 266; 18%)

Focusing on the 1,477 cases (81% of all cases) where success could be determined:
- 72% of these cases were successfully terminated
- 28% of these cases were unsuccessfully terminated
## Probation Release Reasons by Region

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<td>76%</td>
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### Average LOS by Termination Reason

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Unsuccessful Due to New DJS Commitment

199 youth had their probation terminated unsuccessfully due to a new DJS commitment:

111 cases included at least 1 violation of probation
• 87 of these cases were for VOP(s) alone
• 24 cases were for VOP(s) along with at least 1 new charge
  • Most of these charges were misdemeanors
  • 21% crimes of violence, 15% felonies, 63% misdemeanors

88 cases were for a new charges, no violations of probation
• Most of these charges were for serious offenses
• 49% crimes of violence, 15% felonies, 36% misdemeanors
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Questions?
Additional Slides
Probation Sample & Overall DJS Context

Probation Releases FY 2019

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72% misdemeanors, 14% felonies, 12% crimes of violence, 1% citations/ordinance offenses, <1% probation violations

New Intakes FY 2019

71% male, 29% female

62% Black, 29% white, 7% Hispanic/Latinx, 2% other

6-21 years old, average age at intake: 15.1 years old

26% Central, 7% Baltimore City, 17% Metro, 21% Southern, 17% Eastern Shore, 12% Western

67% misdemeanors, 8% felonies, 11% crimes of violence, 14% citations/ordinance offenses
Mean LOS on Probation by Age at Admission

![Mean LOS on Probation by Age at Admission](chart.png)
No Community Placements (N = 530) as a Percentage of All Cases (N = 1,825)

**Sex:**
- Males: 29%, Females: 30%

**Race/Ethnicity**
- Black youth: 26%
  - Hispanic youth: 29%
  - White youth: 36%

**Risk:**
- Low-Risk: 33%
- Moderate-Risk: 23%
- High-Risk: 25%

**Region:**
- Baltimore City: 17%
- Central: 27%
- Eastern Shore: 47%
- Metro: 34%
- Southern: 25%
- Western: 29%

**Charge Severity**
- Misdemeanor: 31%
- Felony: 27%
- Crime of Violence: 21%
Unsuccessful Terminations

% of Cases - Unsuccessful Termination

- Western: 10%
- Southern: 5%
- Metro: 20%
- Eastern Shore: 15%
- Central: 10%
- Baltimore City: 25%

Length of Stay - Unsuccessful Termination

- Western: 20
- Southern: 15
- Metro: 30
- Eastern Shore: 20
- Central: 20
- Baltimore City: 20

Note: Bars represent the percentage of cases and length of stay for unsuccessful terminations in each region.