

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT SYSTEM DATA

SENATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 2022



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SENATE BILL 6

- Known as the Damon Allen Act
- Changed procedures for:
 - Setting the amount of bail
 - Release of certain defendants on a monetary or personal bond
 - Judicial education on setting bail
 - 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**
 - Produces a public safety report (PSR)
 - Creates a Bail Form
 - Magistrates must consider the PSR for defendants charged with a Class B misdemeanor or higher offense

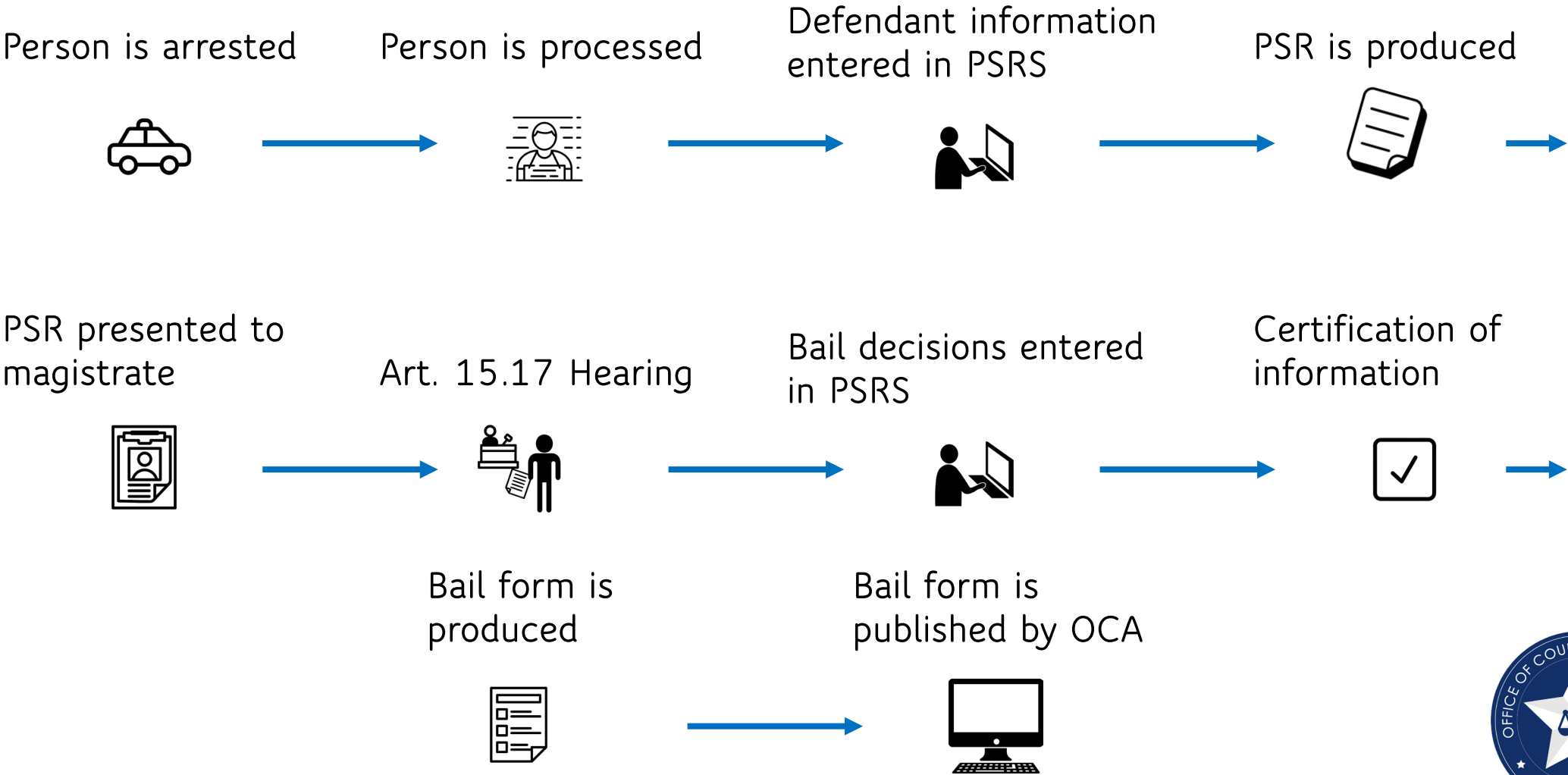


WHAT IS THE PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT SYSTEM?

- Standardized system for statewide use
- Automon (<https://automon.com/>)
 - Contracted vendor
 - 6,278 registered users in the system as of December 6th 2022
- 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



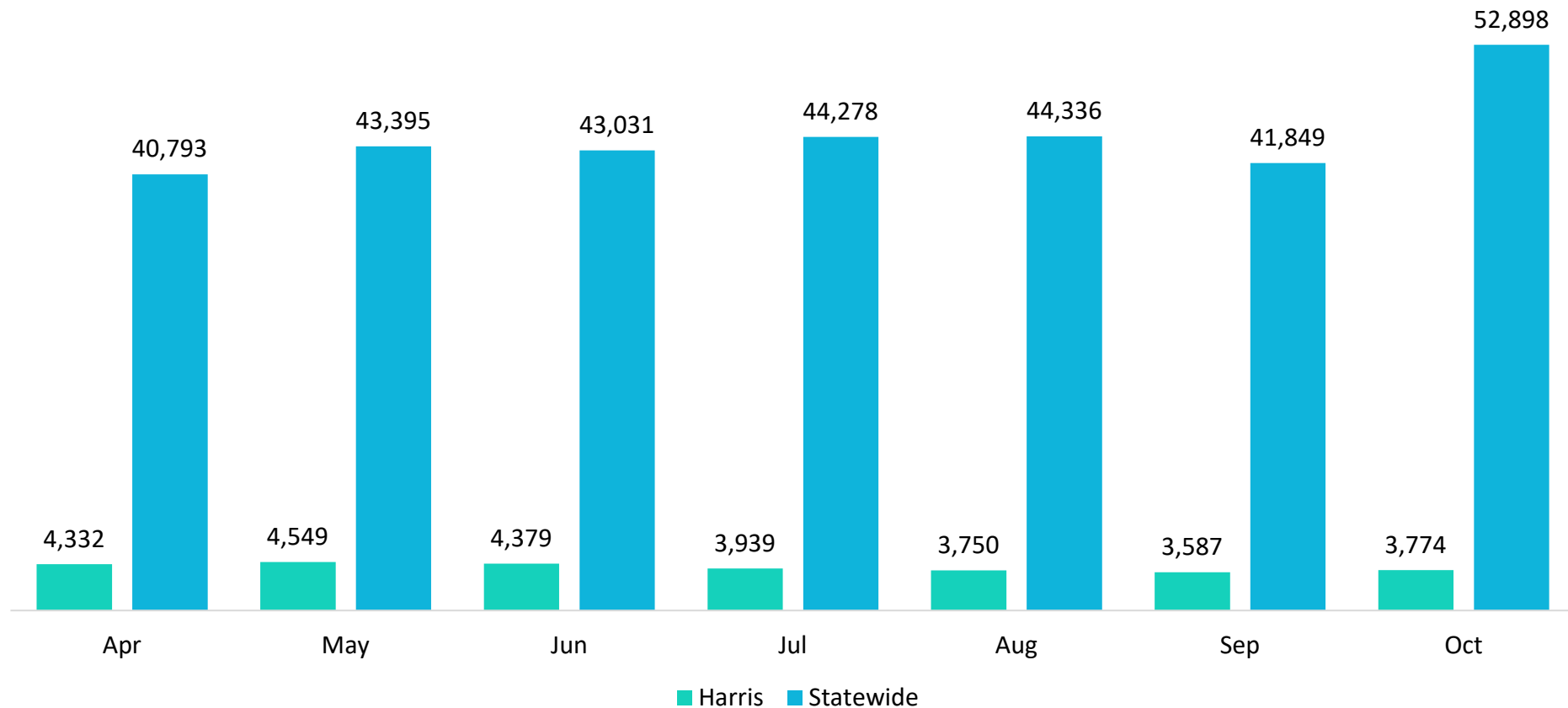
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PSRS DATA

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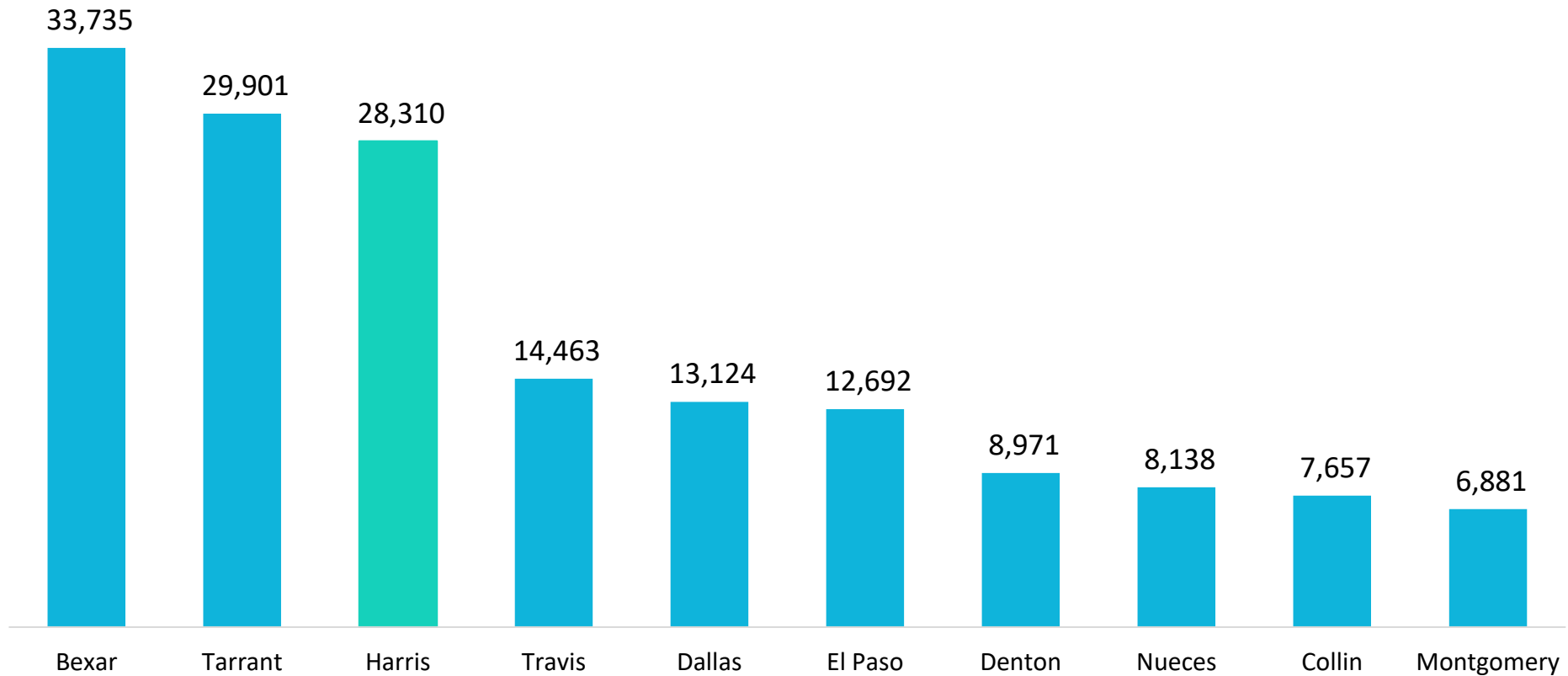
Completed Bail Forms by Month



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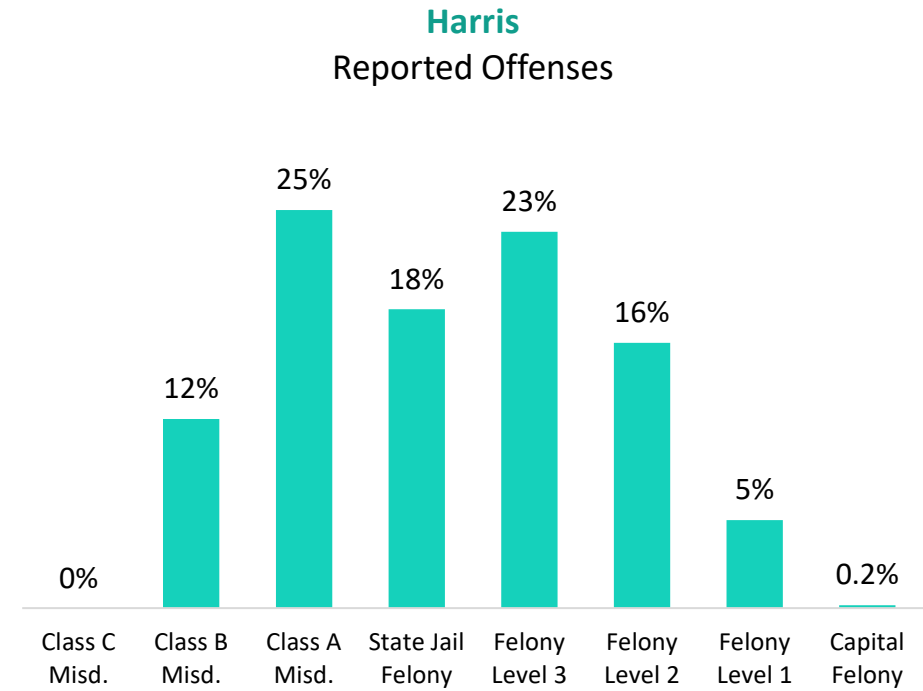
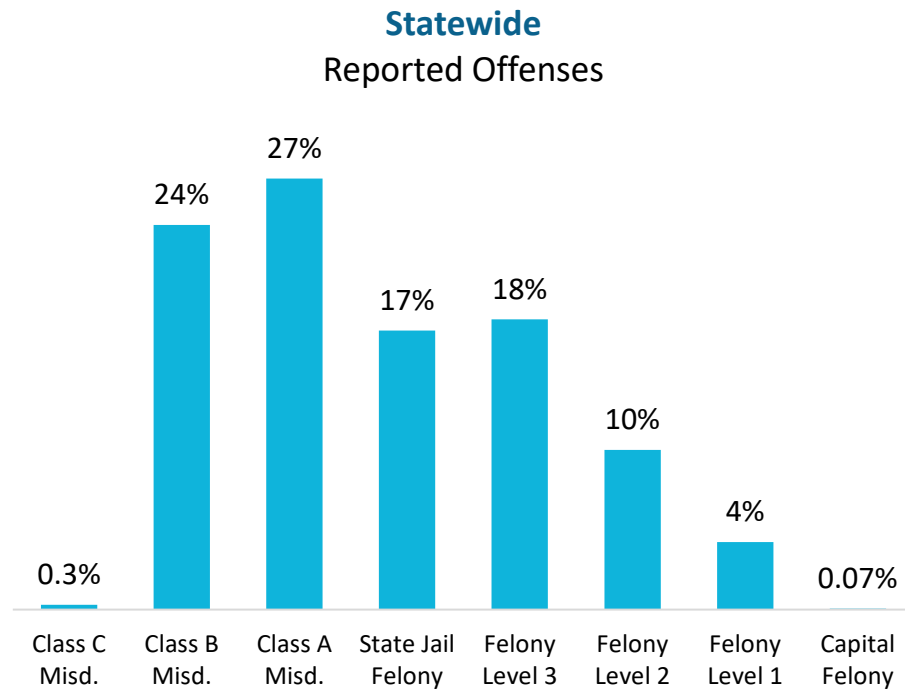
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Top 10 Counties
Completed Bail Forms



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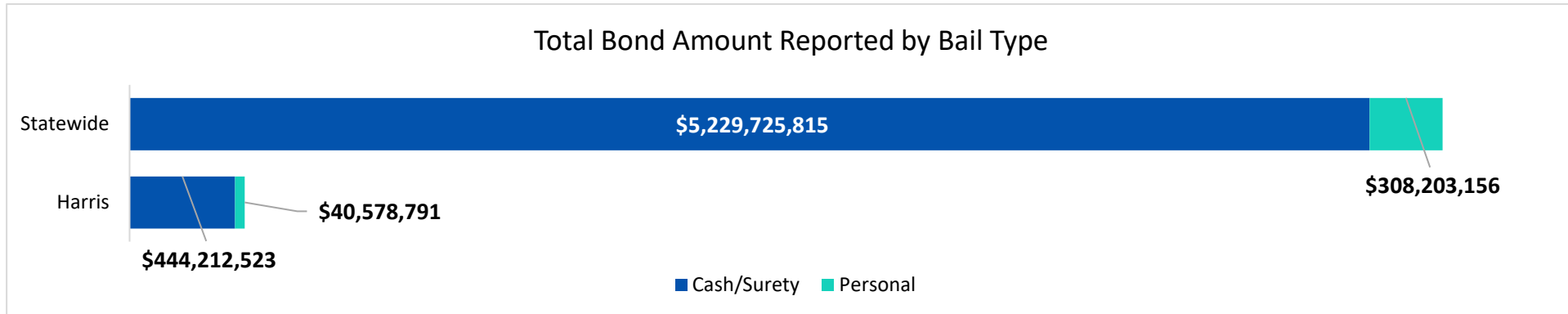
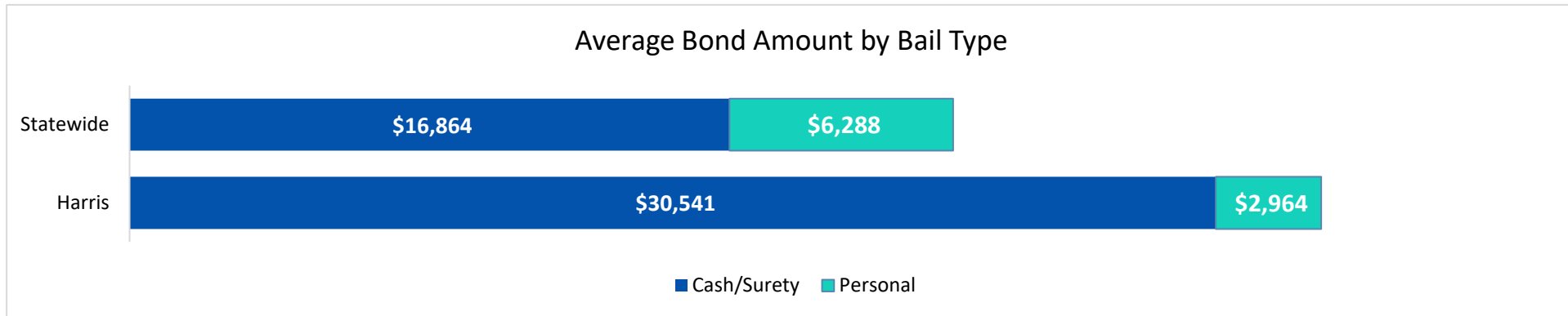
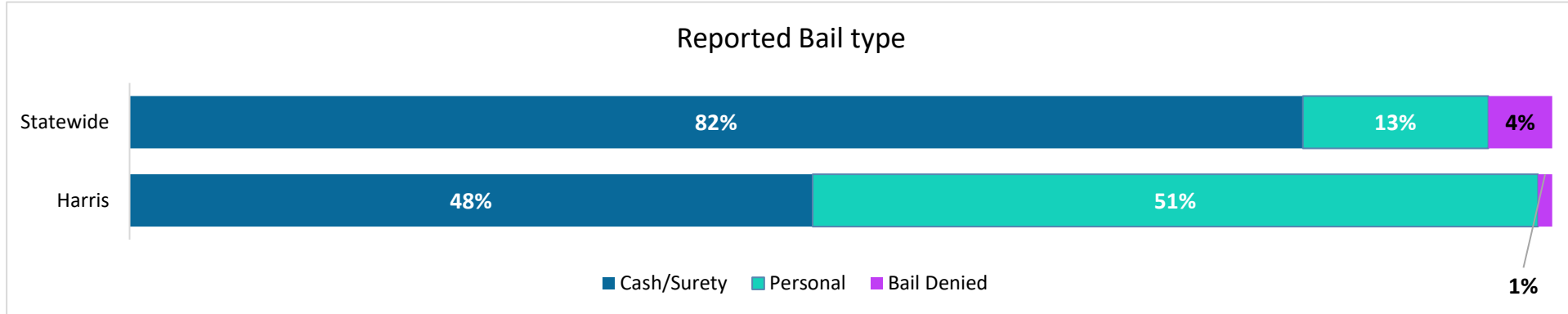


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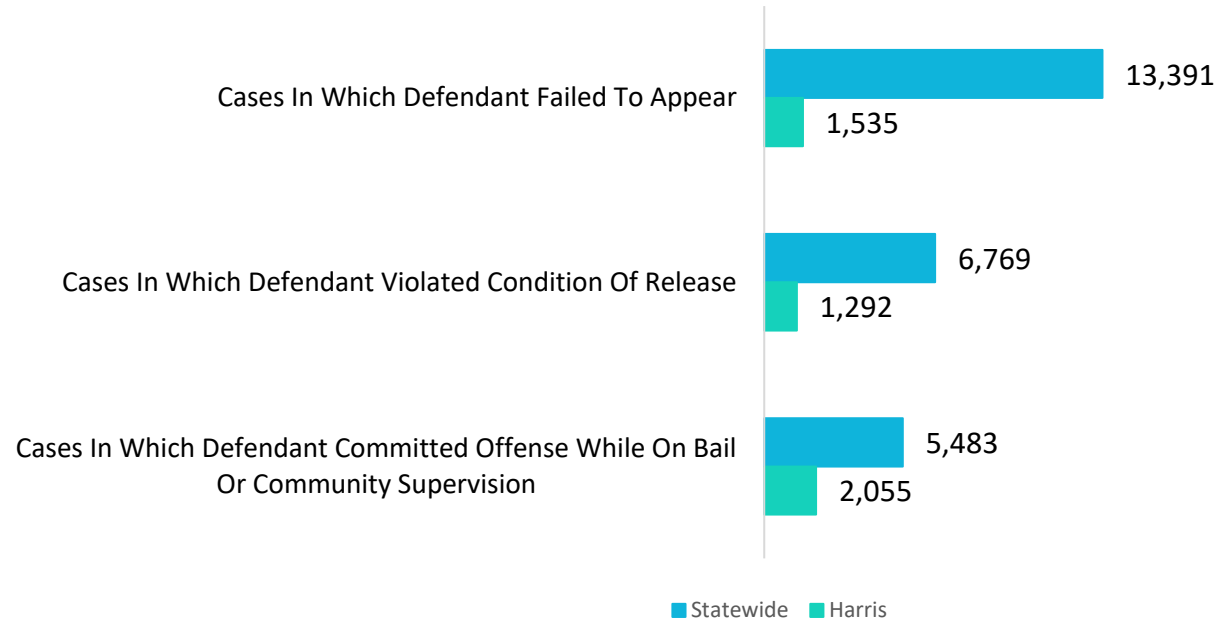
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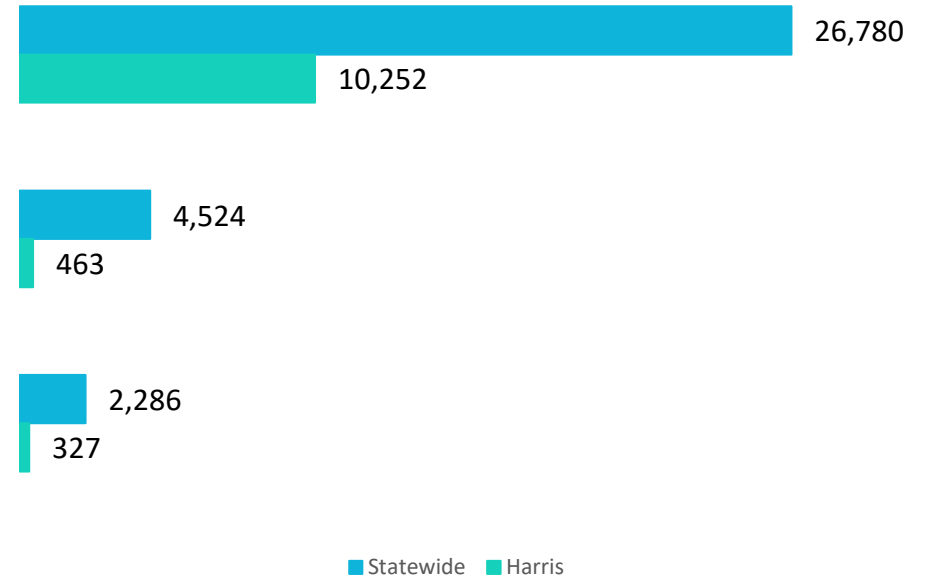
PRETRIAL RELEASE DATA

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District



County



ODONNELL CONSENT DECREE

In November 2019 Harris County stakeholders entered the ODonnell Consent Decree.

In a 2021 Duke School of Law Judicature publication, the Independent Monitor Mr. Brandon Garrett wrote about the Damon Allen Act as proposed, *“The bill would also conflict with some of the terms of the ODonnell Consent Decree.”*

OCA believes the Decree presented challenges in capturing bail information for defendants who are released without a bail form being completed.

Garrett, B. L., & Guerra Thompson, S. (2021). Monitoring the Misdemeanor Bail Reform Consent Decree in Harris County, Texas. *Judicature*, 105(2), 40–47.

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