

Pretrial Service Programs in North Carolina

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Examined both program process and perceived impact on community, clients, jail populations and judicial processing

Two surveys were designed:

1. Pretrial program directors
2. "Constituents" – Chief District Court Judges
Sheriffs
Magistrates

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Pretrial Program Director Survey - 40 Questions

Items addressed: Program Operations
Annual Budgets
Personnel and Training
Goals and Objectives
Number of Clients
Outcomes – Success/Failure
Perceptions on Program Impact

Also Included Constituent Questions

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Constituent Survey – 24 Items

Likert Scale Ratings:

Client Supervision and Behavior
Service Provision
Jail Population Reviews
Trials – Speed and Number
Reduce Jail Populations
Community Awareness

Pretrial Service Programs in North Carolina: Sample and Return Rates

33 Pretrial programs operating in 40 counties
 Surveyed all program directors
 70% return rate

Constituents: 19 Chief District Court Judges
 40 Sheriffs
 119 Magistrates
 Weak 16% return rate

Pretrial Service Programs in North Carolina: Results

Average Annual Operating Budget x Population

Population	N	Range	Average Operating Budget
Less than 50,000	3	\$ 19,880 – 81,000	\$ 45,293
50,000 – 100,000	4	\$ 20,000 – 75,000	\$ 36,279
100,001 – 500,000	12	\$ 36,000 – 563,480	\$ 251,226
500,001 – 1,000,000	1	-----	\$ 340,000

Pretrial Service Programs in North Carolina: Results

Average Number of Staff = 4

Typical program has: 1 Managerial

2 Screeners

1-2 Administrative

Service Provision: 91% Substance Abuse

78% Mental Health

70% Drug Testing

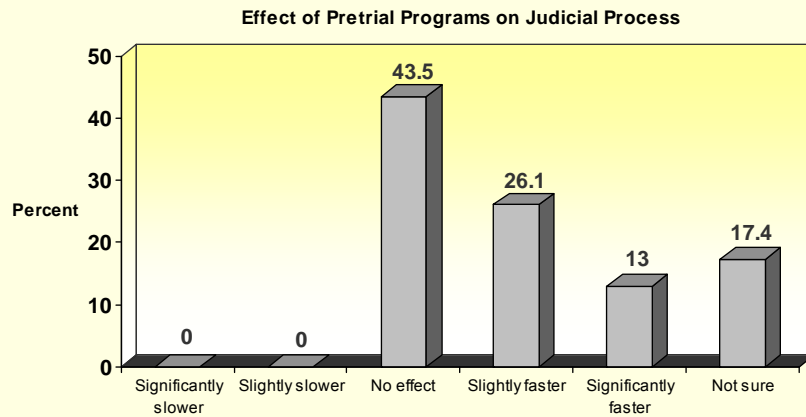
57% Electronic Monitoring

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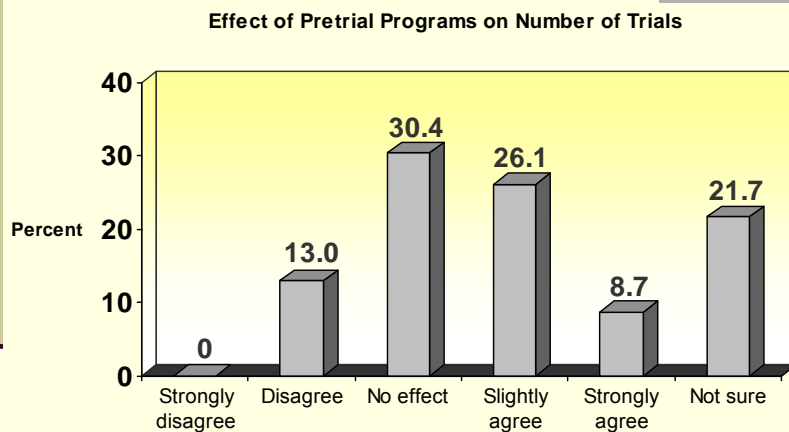
**Number and Type of Offenders
Accepted into Pretrial Service Programs**

Offender Type	Number of Programs Accepting	Percent
Violent Felons	7	30%
Non-violent Felons	22	96%
Misdemeanants	22	96%
Traffic	20	87%
Juvenile	9	39%
Mentally Ill	14	61%

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Program Admissions:	12 to 6,232
Total Admissions (FY 2005/06)	14,555
Average Number of Admissions	555
Successful Completions:	6 to 4,752
Total Successes	11,602
Average Number of Completions	430
Average Completion Rate	77%

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Pretrial Programs are Cost Effective and Reduce Detention Populations

Average Daily Cost per Offender: **\$ 6.04**
 Average Cost to House in Detention: **\$ 57.30**
 Average County Saves: **\$1.05 million per year**

Average Detention Population < 1% Overcrowded
 Average Pretrial Program Removes 134 Arrestees/Day
 Without Pretrial Services, ADP Grows from 386 to 520
 Overcrowding Jumps to 35% Above Rated Capacity

Pretrial Service Programs in North Carolina: Results

Selected Constituent Perceptions

- ◇ 86% Above Average on Release Recommendations
- ◇ 66% Above Average on Defendant Supervision
- ◇ 60% Above Average on Service Provision
- ◇ 74% Positive Effect on Judicial Processing
- ◇ 69% Excellent Management Tool for Overcrowding

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Selected Constituent Perceptions (continued)

- ◇ 75% More Beneficial than Bail
- ◇ 86% Reduce Failure to Appear Incidents
- ◇ 79% Facilitate Rehabilitation
- ◇ 78% Reduce Recidivism
- ◇ 86% Positive Effect on Community

Pretrial Service Programs in North Carolina: Policy Recommendations

- ◇ Increase Number of Pretrial Programs Statewide
- ◇ Increase Program Use
- ◇ Increase the Use of Research Findings and Evidence Based Programs
- ◇ Better Utilization of Administrative Data