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STATE OF THE COURT MESSAGE

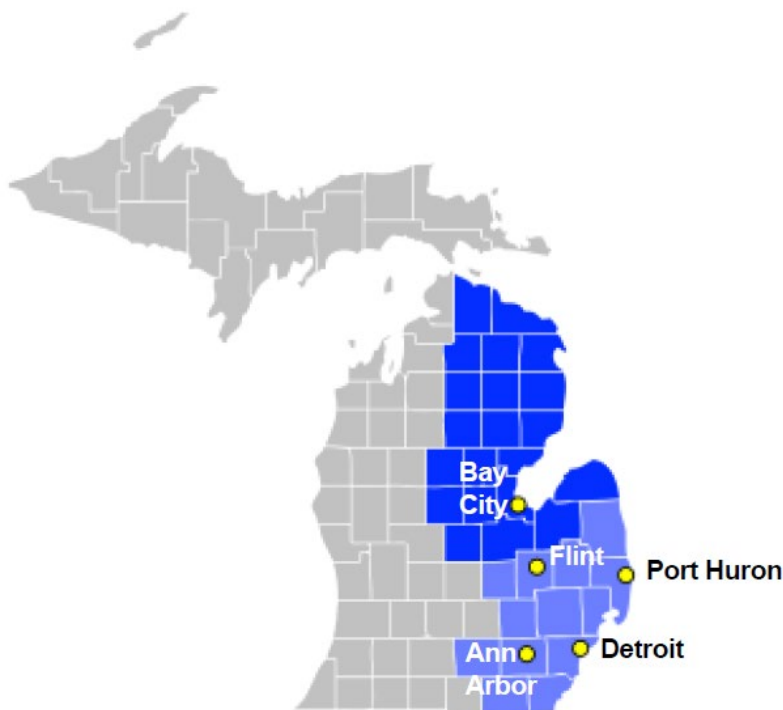
“The United States Courts are an independent, national judiciary providing fair and impartial justice within the jurisdiction conferred by the Constitution and Congress. As an equal branch of government, the federal judiciary preserves and enhances its core values as the courts meet changing national and local needs.” The core values are: the rule of law; equal justice; judicial independence; accountability; excellence and service. Strategic Plan for the Federal Judiciary, September 2015, Judicial Conference of the United States.

Court Information

The Eastern District of Michigan is one of two federal district courts in the great State of Michigan. Our district is part of the Sixth Circuit, which is comprised of districts in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The seat of the Sixth Circuit is located in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Our district includes the eastern half of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, divided into two divisions – the Northern Division and the Southern Division. The Court’s main office is located in Detroit at the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse. Other Southern divisional offices are located in Ann Arbor, Flint and Port Huron, and Bay City in the Northern Division.

The Eastern District of Michigan has 293 employees – 27 judicial officers, 61 staff working directly for judges, 96 Clerk’s Office employees, 71 Probation employees, 33 Pretrial Services employees, and 5 staff attorneys.



Judicial Officers in the Eastern District of Michigan

District Judge	Date Appointed *	Appointing President
Stephen J. Murphy, III	8/18/2008 (A)	George W. Bush
Bernard A. Friedman	4/20/1988 (Sr)	Ronald Reagan
Robert H. Cleland**	6/19/1990 (Sr)	George H.W. Bush
Nancy G. Edmunds**	2/10/1992 (Sr)	George H.W. Bush
Denise Page Hood	6/16/1994 (Sr)	Bill Clinton
Paul D. Borman	8/10/1994 (Sr)	Bill Clinton
George Caram Steeh**	5/22/1998 (Sr)	Bill Clinton
David M. Lawson	6/2/2000 (Sr)	Bill Clinton
Thomas L. Ludington	6/12/2006 (A)	George W. Bush
Mark A. Goldsmith	6/22/2010 (A)	Barack Obama
Gershwin A. Drain	8/8/2012 (Sr)	Barack Obama
Terrence G. Berg	12/7/2012 (A)	Barack Obama
Judith E. Levy	3/14/2014 (A)	Barack Obama
Laurie J. Michelson	3/14/2014 (A)	Barack Obama
Matthew F. Leitman	3/14/2014 (A)	Barack Obama
Linda V. Parker	3/17/2014 (A)	Barack Obama
Shalina D. Kumar	12/21/2021 (A)	Joe Biden
F. Kay Behm	12/15/2022 (A)	Joe Biden
Jonathan J.C. Grey	3/9/2023 (A)	Joe Biden
Susan K. DeClercq	11/9/2023 (A)	Joe Biden
Brandy R. McMillion	11/13/2023 (A)	Joe Biden
Robert J. White	4/15/2024 (A)	Joe Biden
Michael C. Martin	7/29/2026 (A)	Donald Trump

* (A) Active Judge, (Sr) Senior Judge

** Judge Robert H. Cleland went to inactive status in Sept. 2023

** Judge George Caram Steeh went to inactive status in March 2025

** Judge Nancy G. Edmunds went to inactive status in April 2026

Currently the Eastern District of Michigan has 15 active district judges and three senior judges with caseloads. In July of this year, President Donald Trump appointed Judge Michael C. Martin to fill the vacancy created when Judge Sean F. Cox retired in August 2025.

Our Court has judges on several prestigious national and circuit committees, including but not limited to the following:

Chief Judge Murphy	<i>Judicial Conference Committee on Intercircuit Assignments</i>
Judge Michelson	<i>Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Resources</i>
Judge Leitman	<i>Judicial Conference Committee on Judicial Security</i>
Magistrate Judge Patti	<i>Federal Magistrate Judges Assoc. International Committee</i>

Magistrate Judges

Our Court has six magistrate judges – Chief Magistrate Judge David R. Grand, Patricia T. Morris, Elizabeth A. Stafford, Anthony P. Patti, Kimberly G. Altman, and Curtis Ivy, Jr. Magistrate Judge Grand continues to serve as Chief Magistrate Judge for the Court.

Bankruptcy Court

There are currently six bankruptcy judges and one recall bankruptcy judge serving the Eastern District of Michigan – Chief Judge Daniel S. Opperman, Judges Thomas J. Tucker (recall), Mark A. Randon, Maria L. Oxholm, Joel D. Applebaum, Lisa S. Gretchko, and Paul R. Hage. Bankruptcy Judge Daniel S. Opperman continues to serve as Chief Judge of the Bankruptcy Court.

Inactive Status for Judge Nancy G. Edmunds

Senior Judge Nancy G. Edmunds closed her Detroit chambers on April 1, 2026 and went on inactive status. Judge Edmunds was appointed by President H.W. Bush on February 10, 1992.

Appointment of Judge Michael C. Martin

Judge Michael C. Martin was appointed to the Bench by President Trump on July 29, 2026, filling the vacancy created when Judge Sean F. Cox retired in August 2025. Judge Martin was formerly the Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. Prior to joining the United States Attorney's Office, he was a trial attorney in the Counterespionage Section within the Department of Justice's National Security Division. Judge Martin is presently assigned to chambers in Detroit, and is responsible for the civil docket of the Court's Northern Division.

Clerk's Office

The Clerk's Office expanded its efforts to improve access to Court services, modernize operations, and enhance the customer experience throughout the Eastern District of Michigan. Remote intake desks in Detroit, Bay City, and Flint offices provide customers with access to Clerk's Office staff regardless of the location of available personnel. The service allows customers to file documents, request forms and copies, and receive procedural assistance.

The Detroit Clerk's Office Public Intake area is nearing completion of a significant remodel designed to improve customer experience and increase access to self-service options. The new self-service area is complete and provides *pro se* litigants and other customers with additional space to review and prepare documents prior to filing. The area also provides customers with the ability to scan documents for filing and access remote intake assistance when staff are assisting other customers.

The Clerk's Office has expanded electronic options for *pro se* litigants, including the online document upload portal, which offers an additional method for submitting documents to

the Court for filing. The Court's website also offers procedural information and assistance, including online resources designed to help *pro se* litigants understand filing requirements and Court procedures.

The Clerk's Office remains focused on advancing its use of technology to support case administration and docketing functions. Staff participated in the testing and implementation of Case Management Assist (CM Assist), a new workflow tool designed to support the assignment, tracking, and completion of case management and docketing work. The implementation includes developing standardized work assignments, establishing processes for reassigning work when employees are absent, and coordinating workloads across the Operations Department. This initiative is expected to improve workflow visibility, consistency, and the efficient distribution of work.

The Court's website provides additional avenues for customer service through its online chat and other electronic resources. These services complement traditional in-person and telephone assistance by providing customers with convenient access to general procedural information and Court resources. Together, these initiatives reflect the Clerk's Office commitment to improving access to Court services, supporting efficient case administration, and providing responsive and courteous service to litigants, attorneys, and members of the public.

Pro Se Legal Assistance Clinic & Case Administration

The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Federal *Pro Se* Legal Assistance Clinic, located in the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse, has been in operation since January 2018. Since that time, the Clinic has assisted more than 1,700 low to no-income *pro se* litigants in navigating the court system. In addition to the litigants assisted, every year the Clinic also fields hundreds of calls from people seeking legal assistance and provides referral information to get people to the right place. The Clinic also participated in Law Day, assisting several dozen unrepresented litigants.

In addition to Clinic Director Barbara Patek, a second adjunct professor named Andrew Pierce has joined the Clinic. Previously, he provided significant work as an attorney volunteer. The Clinic is run under the administration of Dean Nicholas Schroek and is open three days a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thirty-one Detroit Mercy Law students worked alongside Professors Patek and Pierce to provide 4,000 hours of legal services in the Summer 2025, Fall 2025, and Winter 2026 semesters. The Clinic served 237 people seeking assistance. Thirty-two new or existing contacts signed a limited scope retainer agreement for further service. The Clinic drafted or assisted in drafting 68 pleadings and participated in 17 court proceedings including status or settlement conferences and a trial.

A loyal and devoted group of volunteer attorneys continue to provide substantial support, and the Clinic seeks to expand its outreach to potential volunteers that can provide limited scope assistance pursuant to L.R. 83.25(c).

Clerk's Office intake staff continue to assist *pro se* litigants by referring them to the Pro Se Legal Assistance Clinic, answering procedural questions and ensuring documents are properly completed and filed. Assistance is provided by telephone, email, mail, in-person and virtually using the chat option on the Court's Website.

Pro Se Prisoner Mediation Program

The *Pro Se* Prisoner Early Mediation Program allows *pro se* inmates who file prisoner civil rights lawsuits to participate in a virtual mediation conference overseen by volunteer lawyers who act as mediators. Magistrate Judge Kimberly G. Altman serves as the Mediation Referral Judge overseeing the program.

Prisoner civil rights cases are on the rise. The Court had 398 new cases filed between 7/1/2025-6/30/2026, up from 315 cases the year before (26.3% increase).

After screening those cases for eligibility, 93 cases were referred to the Mediation Program. Fifty-three mediation conferences were held with 19 different mediators. Twenty-one cases settled and were dismissed instead of requiring additional judicial resources. In January, the bench approved a change to the settlement guidelines that have resulted in an increased rate of settlements. The program continues to be a success.

Pro Bono Program

Cases with *pro se* parties are on the rise. The Court had 1,600 cases with a *pro se* party filed between 7/1/2025-6/30/2026, up from 1,321 the year before (21.1% increase).

The Court continues to work with the Eastern District of Michigan Chapter of the Federal Bar Association (EDMI Bar), exploring ways to increase participation on the Court's Pro Bono Panel while educating attorneys on the importance of providing pro bono services to the underserved.

Pro bono opportunities can be viewed online, and attorneys can accept appointments by completing an online form.

The Bench requested pro bono attorneys for 17 cases, and 12 requests were accepted. Requests were sent to 97 attorneys who had expressed interest in volunteering to appear pro bono and disseminated by the EDM Bar to their interested attorneys. Most cases needing assistance are prisoner civil rights cases.

Lawyers are encouraged to visit the Court's website to consider selecting a case online.

Budget

FY 2026 began with a lapse in appropriations that resulted in a temporary reduction in Judiciary operations. FY 2026, which ended on September 30, 2026, subsequently provided increased funding levels from the prior fiscal year budget for the Eastern District of Michigan.

The final FY 2026 funding bill was enacted on February 3, 2026, and the Court received its final allotments on March 3, 2026. The District Clerk's Office, Probation Department, and Pretrial Services Agency payroll accounts were funded above their funding levels from the prior year. The District Clerk's Office authorized staffing increased .2 work units, the Probation Department increased 4.3 work units, and the Pretrial Services Agency decreased 2.6 work units. The operational and information technology accounts were reduced by 9.9% for all three court units. The Court was able to uphold local budget levels and maintain normal operational levels to the public and the Bar.

The final budget picture for FY 2027 is not yet known. The House Appropriations Committee of the FY 2027 Financial Services and General Government (FSGG) Appropriations Bill provides the Judiciary with a 4.8% increase above our 2026 budget level, which is \$36 million below the Judiciary's request. With the midterm elections taking place this year, the status and timing of final FY 2027 appropriations bills remain uncertain.

The Judiciary began FY 2027 on October 1, 2026, operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) that extends FY 2026 funding levels through December 11, 2026. The final FY 2027 funding level remains uncertain, and several factors could affect the ultimate reduction. The Court currently anticipates a reduction at or below the level experienced in FY 2026.

I want to personally thank our outstanding staff for their continued hard work and good stewardship. I also want to thank Congress for making the Judiciary a funding priority to allow us to continue to provide the level of services that the Court historically has provided to the public and the Bar. Thanks, are also due to the Judicial Conference Budget Committee.

I will continue to keep you informed on FY 2027 funding for the Judiciary as it progresses through the full Congress and ultimately the President of the United States.

Space & Facilities Projects

In 2026, the General Services Administration (GSA), United States Marshals Service (USMS), and the District Court had several projects either recently completed or just getting underway at the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse.

Completed project highlights for Michigan Eastern District include:

- AV/IT infrastructure and finish upgrades to Courtroom 218.
- AV/IT upgrades to several District Judge courtrooms.
- Planning and design for an ADA compliant judicial bench, which will include infrastructure and AV/IT upgrades in Courtroom 101.
- Finish and IT upgrades in the Jury Assembly area, Training Room, and several conference rooms throughout the Theodore Levin Courthouse.
- New infrastructure, millwork and finishes in the Court Operations suite.

- Finish updates for Probation and Pretrial Services located in the Flint and Bay City courthouses.
- Accessibility modifications to the Magistrate Judge's bench at the Flint courthouse.

Current and upcoming project highlights for Michigan Eastern District include:

- Theodore Levin Courthouse, Jury Department public restroom renovations to meet ADA and mechanical requirements.
- Flint Courthouse, new construction of a UA Lab for Probation and Pretrial Services.
- Ann Arbor Federal Building, Chambers updates and renovation for an upcoming District Judge relocation.

The Capital Security Project was completed in June 2026. The scope of work focused on increasing the safety of the judges, staff, and the public during prisoner movement throughout the courthouse, which included the installation of a roll up door on the Washington Boulevard garage entrance for the new Sally Port.

Phase 1 of the USMS Security System Upgrades for replacement of all security devices throughout the entire district was completed. Phase 2 is scheduled to begin in FY 2027.

Public Information

Chief Deputy of Operations, Steve DeSmet is the Court's media liaison and responds to inquiries from local, national, and international news organizations, freelance journalists, bloggers, and members of the public seeking information about civil and criminal cases handled by our Court.

Most inquiries involve questions about upcoming court hearings, recent filings with the Court, and best ways for the media to access the Court. The media section on the Court's website is available to assist with applying for cell phone credentials, rules for electronic devices, and general information.

Naturalization Ceremonies

In 2025, the Eastern District of Michigan naturalized approximately 10,091 citizens. Nationally, the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) naturalizes approximately 800,000 citizens each year. In 2026, the Court hosted several naturalization ceremonies off-site.

- Macomb Intermediate School District, Clinton Twp. – Magistrate Judge Kimberly G. Altman
- Troy Family Daze, Troy – Judge Robert J. White
- St. Clair Community College, Port Huron – Magistrate Judge Kimberly G. Altman

Judicial Interns

Each year, the Court hosts a summer intern program for students interning with Judicial Officers. This summer there were 39 interns in the Eastern District with their internships

ranging from four to ten weeks in length. The interns had the opportunity to observe civil and criminal motions including evidentiary hearings, as well as civil and criminal trials.

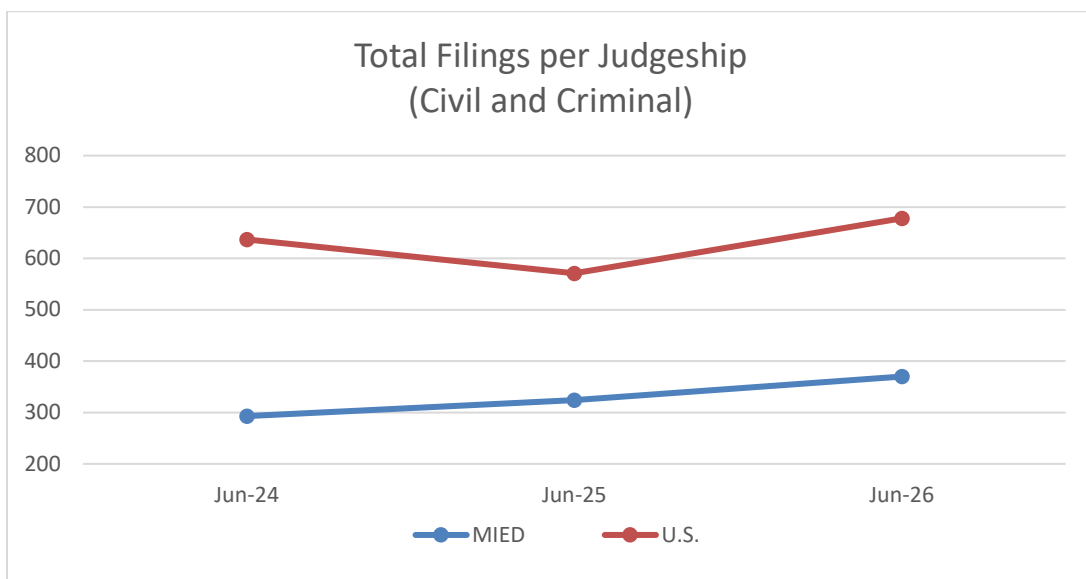
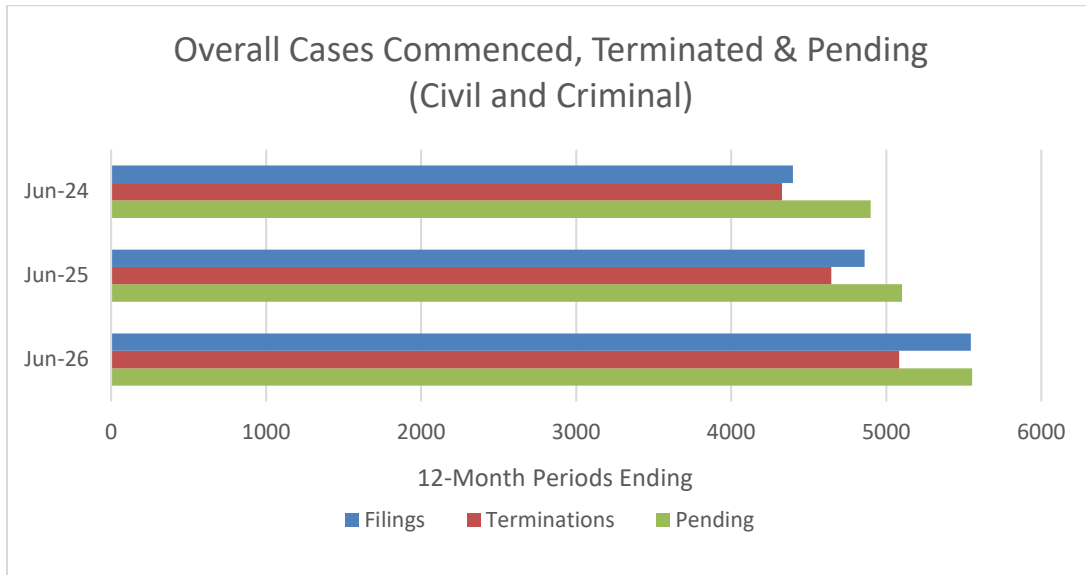
Court History Program

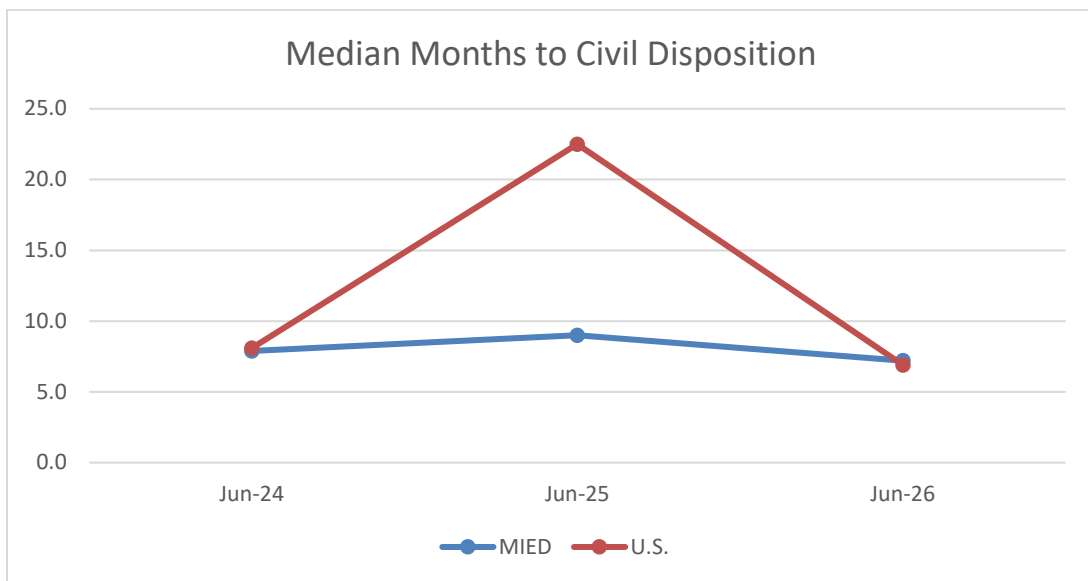
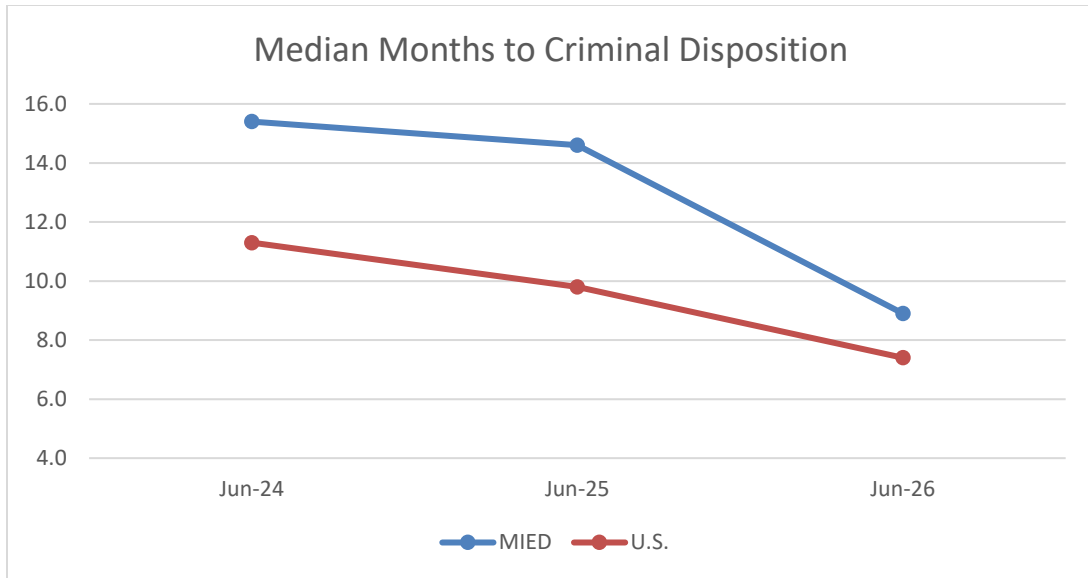
Through a generous gift from Judge Avern Cohn, the Historical Society is working on plans to modernize and update its museum on the first floor of the Courthouse. The Historical Society continues its publication and circulation of *The Court Legacy*, and has invested in upgrading its website, which is now fully functional at <https://federalcourthistoricaledmi.org>. In the coming year, the website will include a directory of each of the portraits of the judges in each of the District's courthouses. To further its goals of community education, portions of the Historical Society's hour-long documentary, *A Light for Justice*, have been transformed into a teaching tool for use at schools within the District.

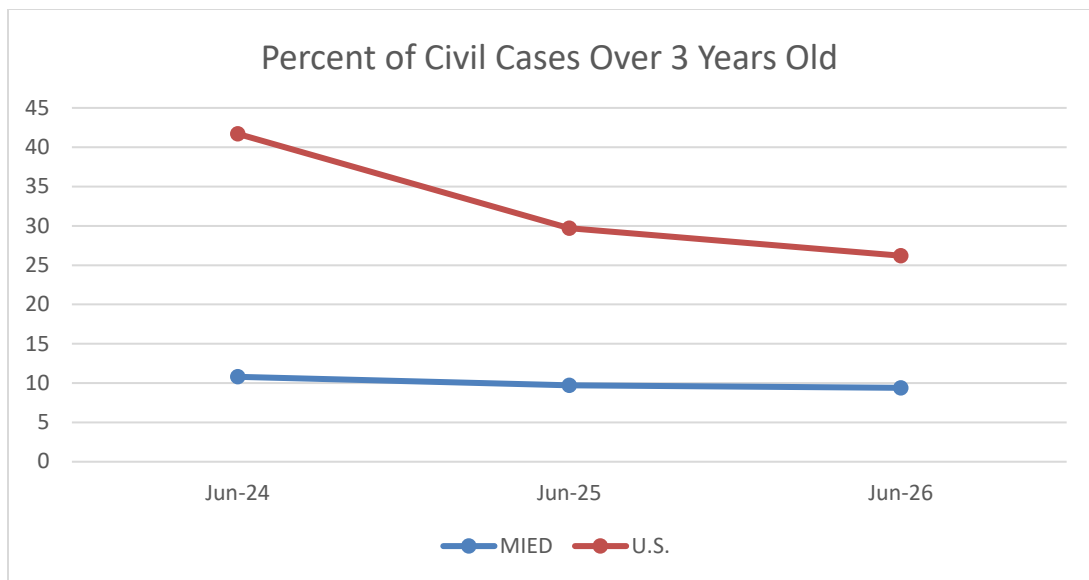
The Historical Society would like to express its sincere gratitude to Greg Murray, who will be retiring from the Board this year following many years of tireless service and great accomplishment.

The Board continues to meet on a quarterly basis in the Feikens Conference Center and via Zoom for those who can't attend in person.

Court Statistics







The United States Probation Department For the Eastern District of Michigan Annual Report Fiscal Year 2026



Mission

The United States Probation Department for the Eastern District of Michigan is a component of the United States Courts and is responsible for community corrections. We are committed to maintaining a diverse organization that provides factual investigations, quality supervision, and support services to the United States Courts System.

We are dedicated to enforcing Court ordered sanctions, minimizing risk to the public, and providing individuals with the opportunity for correctional services.

Vision

The United States Probation Department for the Eastern District of Michigan strives to be a leader in the field of community corrections. We endeavor to develop, evaluate, and implement innovative practices and technologies. We strive to exemplify the highest ideals and standards in community corrections. We pledge our support and cooperation with all who share our goals, commitment, and values.

Organizational Structure

The United States Probation Department is led by the Chief United States Probation Officer and is responsible for carrying its mission through its presentence, post-conviction, and administrative functions. The Department currently consists of 76 staff members, including 68 sworn probation officers, two probation officer assistants, four administrative support staff members, one Data Quality Analyst, and one Executive Assistant to the Chief. Over the past year, the Department has welcomed six new staff members, including one Executive Assistant to the Chief and five probation officers.

The Department's Executive Team is comprised of Anthony J. Merolla, Chief United States Probation Officer; Dion J. Thomas, Deputy Chief Probation Officer; and Lara Catrell, Assistant Deputy Chief Probation Officer.

The Probation Department is organized into three primary units. The Presentence Unit interviews individuals convicted of federal offenses and conducts the necessary investigations and research to prepare comprehensive and accurate presentence reports, including sentencing guideline calculations. The unit provides the Court with objective,

accurate, and unbiased information, along with client-centered recommendations designed to assist the Court in making informed sentencing decisions.

The Post-Conviction Unit provides supervision and intervention services designed to protect the community while creating opportunities for individuals under supervision to make meaningful and sustainable changes in their lives. Officers work collaboratively with clients, treatment providers, community partners, and other stakeholders to promote compliance, accountability, and successful reentry.

The Administrative Support Unit provides essential operational and customer service support to both the Presentence and Post-Conviction Units. Staff assist with administrative functions from stakeholders, inquiries from the public, and provide the infrastructure necessary to support the Department's daily operations.

Although each unit has distinct responsibilities, all three work collaboratively and in unison to support the mission of the United States Probation Department and advance the goals of the Court. Through effective communication, teamwork, accountability, and a shared commitment to public service, the Department strives to provide high-quality services to the Court, the individuals under its supervision, and the community.

Presentence Unit

Statistics

Between October 1, 2025, and September 9, 2026, the Presentence Unit completed 705 guideline presentence reports. The following provides a breakdown of the reports by offense type:

- Violent Crimes: 35 cases
- Economic Crimes: 55 cases
- Drug Offenses: 84 cases
- Racketeering: 3 cases
- Sex Crimes: 57 cases
- Firearms Offenses: 195 cases
- Immigration Offenses: 177 cases
- Money Laundering: 18 cases
- Tax Crimes: 3 cases
- Conspiracies: 62 cases
- Other: 16 cases

Additionally, officers prepared 960 Judgment and Commitment Orders/Statement of Reasons. Our staff also completed 242 collateral investigation reports for other districts. These reports assist the requesting agency with the preparation of the criminal history portion of their presentence report.

Immigration Cases

In 2021, the Criminal Law Committee approved an expedited sentencing protocol for individuals charged with immigration offenses. The protocol provided the Probation

Department with six weeks to complete the presentence investigation, followed by one week for objections, and one week for final disclosure of the presentence report. When the parties waived the objection period, the process was completed in seven weeks.

In 2026, the Criminal Law Committee approved a trial period for an amended expedited sentencing protocol designed to further streamline the process. Under the amended protocol, the Probation Department may begin the presentence investigation before a District Court Judge is assigned, allowing the process to begin earlier. The amended protocol is limited to individuals charged with violations of 8 U.S.C. § 1326(a) and reduces the time allotted for completion of the presentence investigation from six weeks to four weeks. The one-week objection period and one-week final disclosure period remain unchanged.

The updated protocol reflects the Court's continued efforts to improve the efficiency and timeliness of the sentencing process while maintaining the necessary time for the Probation Department to complete a thorough presentence investigation.

Assisting Other Agencies/Stakeholders

In August 2026, the Presentence Unit provided sentencing guideline training to a newly appointed attorney with the Federal Community Defender's Office in Flint. This training reflects the Unit's commitment to collaboration and knowledge-sharing with the Bench, defense counsel, and other court stakeholders. Presentence officers value these opportunities to share their expertise and strengthen professional relationships throughout the federal justice system.

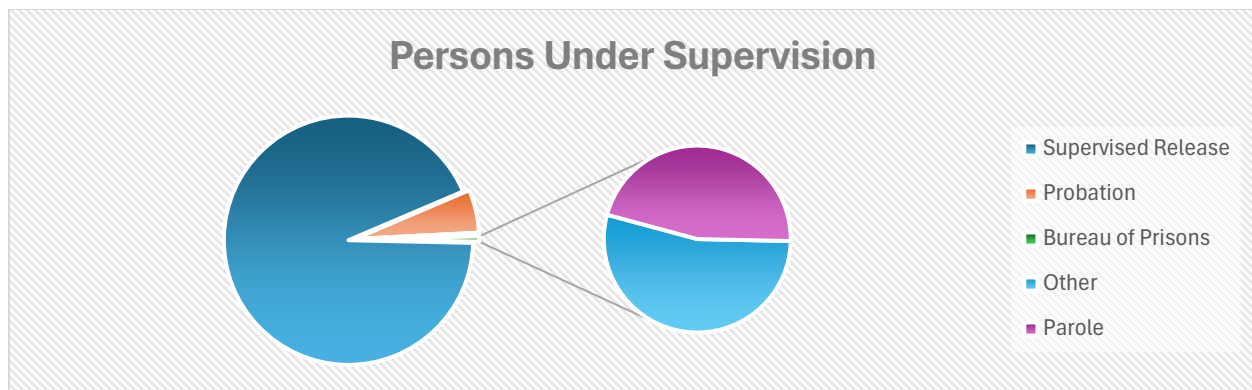
Post-Conviction Supervision

Client Population Profile

As of September 1, 2026, 2,178 individuals were under supervision by the Eastern District of Michigan's Probation Department. Supervision assignments are organized according to the catchment areas served by the divisional offices in the district: Ann Arbor (119), Bay City (115), Detroit (1,586), and Flint (358).

The following table illustrates the distribution of supervised individuals by courthouse and corresponding catchment area.

Currently, 93% of individuals supervised by the Probation Department are on supervised release, while probation and other supervision types account for the remaining 7%. This distribution has remained relatively stable over the past five years, with no significant changes in the composition of supervision categories.



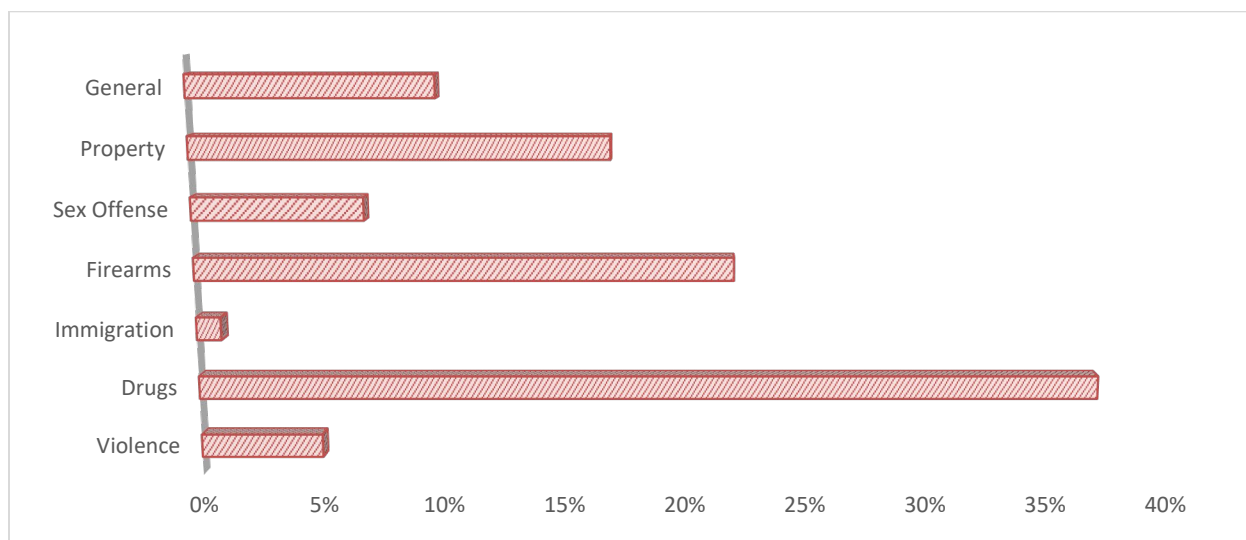
Types of Offenses

The Probation Department supervises individuals convicted of a broad range of federal offenses. The largest offense categories within the current supervision population are drug offenses, firearms/weapons offenses, property crimes, and sex offenses.

The current distribution of convictions:

- Drug Offenses: 611
- Firearms/Weapons Offenses: 361
- Property Crimes: 274
- Sex Offenses: 111
- Violent Offenses: 76
- General/Other Offenses: 167

Overall, drug and firearms/weapons offenses account for the majority of the district's supervision caseload. The distribution of offense types has remained relatively consistent over the past several years, reflecting ongoing patterns within the district's federal supervision population.



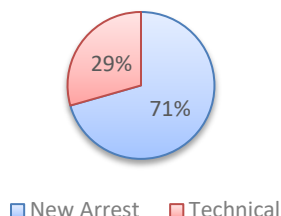
The demographics of the population served by the Probation Department have remained stable over the past several years. The majority of individuals under supervision continue to be male (88.7%).

Revocation Rates

In FY 2026, the Probation Department continued its integration of evidence-based practices (EBP) into daily operations. Fully supported by the Administrative Office (AO), the district has supervised cases based on risk and need for several years. This strategy enables the department to target resources and apply effective monitoring, restrictive measures, and intervention strategies to individuals assessed as higher risk.

During this annual report cycle, 132 individuals were revoked from supervision, representing 24.2% of all supervision cases that closed. The overwhelming majority of these revocations involved individuals assessed at High or Moderate supervision levels, highlighting the department's focus on appropriate supervision intensity based on risk. Notably, most revocations stemmed from new criminal conduct, underscoring the department's efforts to support clients while holding them accountable for serious violations.

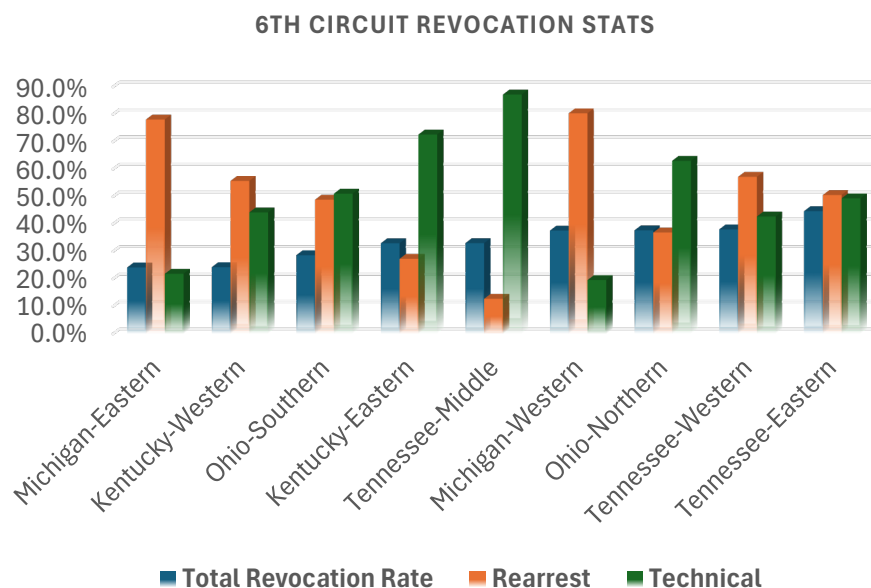
Type of Revocation



Comparable to other districts within the Sixth Circuit, the Eastern District of Michigan continues to maintain low overall revocation rates, supported in part by consistently low rates of revocation for technical violations.

These outcomes reflect the department's continued emphasis on effective, evidence-informed supervision strategies, including efforts to address noncompliance while supporting successful completion of supervision. They also reflect the strong level of trust, communication, and collaboration between the Probation Department and the Court.

This collaborative approach allows officers to respond appropriately to supervision challenges while maintaining a focus on accountability, public safety, and successful outcomes for individuals under supervision.



Successful Terminations

During this annual reporting cycle, approximately 75% of all closed cases successfully completed their term of supervision. This represents a slight decrease compared to the previous year.

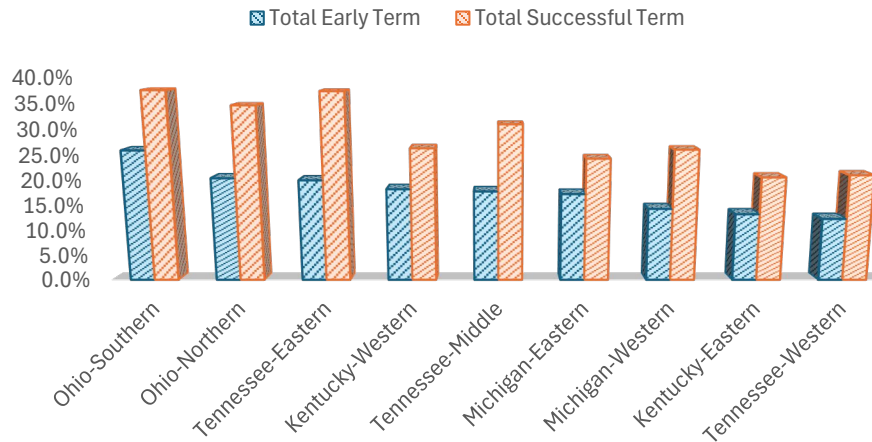
Early Termination

The Michigan Eastern Probation Department remains committed to evidence-based supervision, with supervision strategies and resources aligned with an individual's assessed risk level as determined by the Post-Conviction Risk Assessment (PCRA).

Consistent with national policy and evidence-based supervision practices, eligible low-risk cases are routinely reviewed for early termination consideration. During this reporting cycle, 24.3% of all cases closed were granted early termination, demonstrating the department's continued utilization of early termination as an important case-management strategy.

By appropriately identifying cases for early termination consideration, the department can focus supervision resources on individuals who present greater risks and needs, while recognizing the progress and sustained compliance of those who have demonstrated successful adjustment under supervision. This approach supports the department's broader goals of effective supervision, responsible resource allocation, and successful completion of federal supervision.

2026 SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION RATES



Supervision

The department's successful terminations and low revocation rates demonstrate its unwavering commitment to the mission of protecting the public, supporting the Court in the fair administration of justice, and assisting individuals in achieving long-term positive change.

Officers recognize the complexities involved in the process of behavioral change while maintaining appropriate accountability for individuals under supervision. This accountability includes recommending to the Court fair and proportionate modifications to supervision conditions or other suitable actions when violations occur.

The department's dedication to its mission is further reflected in the targeted allocation of resources aimed at addressing risk factors and reducing barriers that contribute to recidivism, thereby promoting safer communities and better outcomes for those supervised.

Post-Conviction Evidence-Based Practices

The Probation Department remains committed to reducing recidivism through the continued integration of evidence-based practices (EBP) into supervision strategies. Central to this approach is the use of risk-based supervision, ensuring that supervision intensity and interventions are aligned with each client's assessed risk level.

All supervision officers and supervisors are trained in STARR (Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Re-Arrest) techniques, which are used to reinforce prosocial behavior, address problematic thinking, and support clients in making meaningful cognitive changes. The department also benefits from having a national STARR trainer and several in-district STARR facilitators who provide ongoing training and support for staff.

In further support of cognitive-behavioral interventions, the department facilitates a range of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) programs, designed to help clients challenge and change criminal thought patterns. These CBT groups are typically six- to ten-week programs that are offered year-round, providing consistent opportunities for clients to engage in structured, evidence-based treatment.

Reimagined Nurturing Fathers Program

Over the past year, the department reimagined its Nurturing Fathers Program, strengthening its focus on helping fathers build healthier relationships with their children and families.

The Nurturing Fathers Program is a cognitive-behavioral, group-based program designed to help fathers develop healthy parenting skills, strengthen family relationships, and become positive role models in their children's lives. Through guided discussions, self-reflection, practical exercises, and family engagement, participants learn nurturing approaches to fatherhood while identifying and addressing barriers that may affect their parenting effectiveness.

On August 6, 2026, the department celebrated the accomplishments of its latest Nurturing Fathers graduating class. District Judges Kumar and Behm, a representative from the U.S. Attorney's Office, and probation staff joined together to recognize the graduates and celebrate their commitment to personal growth, responsible fatherhood, and stronger family relationships.

Graduation represented more than the completion of a program; it recognized the participants' efforts to strengthen their roles as fathers and make a positive and lasting impact on their children and families.

Reentry Courts

The United States Probation Department continues to serve as an essential partner in the Court's reentry program, Helping Offenders Positively Excel (HOPE). Through a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach, the HOPE Program supports participants as they work toward successful reintegration into the community and completion of supervision.

The HOPE team includes District Judges Paul D. Borman and Gershwin A. Drain; Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrea Hutting; Nancy McGunn and Amanda Bashi of the Federal Community Defender Office; Supervisory U.S. Probation Officer Tracy Kosmas; and three U.S. Probation Officers Ahmed Bazzi, Kyle Cordova, and Amanda Glaros.

As of September 15, 2026, 12 participants are actively enrolled in the HOPE Program, with three participants scheduled to begin in October 2026. Since August 2026, five participants entered the program, while five participants graduated.

Since its inception, more than 90 individuals have voluntarily participated in HOPE, with more than 60 successfully completing the program. These outcomes highlight the continued collaboration among the Court, U.S. Probation, the U.S. Attorney's Office, and the Federal Community Defender Office in supporting participants as they work toward stability, accountability, and successful reintegration into the community.

Second Chance Funding

The Department continues to advance its mission through the strategic use of Second Chance funds, which help address critical risk factors and barriers that may contribute to recidivism. Over the past year, the department disbursed approximately \$40,000 in Second Chance funding to support individuals with essential needs, including emergency housing, transportation, life-skills development, and vocational training.

Second Chance funding allows officers to respond proactively to the individual needs of their clients. After working collaboratively with a client to establish a plan of action, officers may initiate the procurement process to address identified risk factors and barriers or respond to significant life events that could jeopardize the client's stability and successful reintegration into the community.

By providing timely access to critical resources, Second Chance funding strengthens supervision efforts, promotes stability and self-sufficiency, and supports the department's broader goal of reducing recidivism and improving long-term outcomes for the individuals and communities we serve.

Treatment Services

During FY 2026, the Department continued its commitment to providing clients with access to comprehensive, evidence-based treatment services designed to address identified risks and needs. The Department expended more than \$334,525 for mental health and co-occurring disorder treatment, \$281,000 for substance use treatment, and \$288,000 for sex offense-specific treatment services through contracted treatment providers. On average, more than 250 clients each month receive some form of contracted treatment service.

Treatment services encompass a broad continuum of care and include inpatient treatment, detoxification services, manualized cognitive-based substance use treatment, individual and group counseling, sex offense-specific individual and group treatment, polygraph examinations, random urinalysis testing, mental health and psychiatric evaluations, and other specialized counseling services. The Department also provides financial assistance for psychotropic and antidepressant medications for clients who are initially unable to afford prescribed medications, helping to prevent interruptions in treatment and promote stability.

Recognizing that successful outcomes often require support beyond the period of supervision, the department continues to expand and strengthen its network of community-based treatment and service providers. This approach increases

opportunities for clients to establish sustainable treatment relationships and maintain continuity of care following the completion of supervision.

Clients with medical insurance or access to other funding sources also received non-contract mental health, substance use, and co-occurring disorder treatment services within the community. Additionally, contracted telemedicine services remain available on a case-by-case basis, providing greater flexibility and access to treatment when clinically appropriate.

Through these efforts, the Department continues to promote behavioral health stability, accountability, successful reintegration, and reduced risk of recidivism, while connecting clients to resources that can support their long-term success beyond supervision.

Location Monitoring Program

During FY 2026, the Department expended more than \$55,000 on location monitoring services to support court-ordered conditions, supervision modifications, and graduated sanctions for individuals under community supervision.

The Department continued to utilize the Location Monitoring Program (LMP) as a supervision and accountability tool. Location monitoring may be imposed as a condition of community supervision or used as a graduated sanction in response to noncompliance. When appropriate, LMP provides an alternative to more restrictive interventions while allowing probation officers to maintain appropriate oversight of individuals in the community.

The strategic use of location monitoring supports the Department's commitment to applying the least restrictive intervention appropriate to an individual's risk and circumstances. It provides clients with an opportunity to address noncompliant behavior, strengthen decision-making, and demonstrate their ability to successfully comply with the conditions of supervision while remaining in the community.

When appropriate, location monitoring may also be recommended to the Court as a cost-effective alternative to incarceration, allowing individuals to remain in the community while maintaining employment, participating in treatment, meeting family responsibilities, and engaging in other stabilizing activities.

Throughout FY 2026, the Department used location monitoring strategically to promote accountability, enhance public safety, support positive behavioral change, and facilitate successful community supervision outcomes.

Wellness Program

During FY 2026, the Department continued to cultivate and strengthen its in-district Wellness Program, recognizing that employee well-being contributes to a healthy, engaged, and effective workforce. The program takes a holistic approach to wellness, addressing the emotional, financial, social, spiritual, occupational, physical, intellectual, and environmental dimensions of employees' lives.

Throughout the year, the Wellness Committee provided staff with information, resources, and activities designed to promote healthy lifestyles, connection, and overall well-being. Initiatives included wellness communications, after-work activities, ice cream socials, and other health- and wellness-focused events.

Two highlights of the FY 2026 Wellness Program were the Department's partnership with the American Red Cross and the inaugural Court-wide Bike Ride.

On March 25, 2026, the Wellness Committee partnered with the American Red Cross to facilitate a Court-wide blood drive at the Theodore Levin United States Courthouse. The event generated strong participation, with 22 individuals registering to donate. The drive collected 22 whole-blood donations and one Power Red donation, which provided two units of red blood cells. The event also welcomed 13 first-time donors. In total, 24 units of blood were collected, with the potential to help save up to 72 lives.

On May 27, 2026, the Wellness Committee facilitated the inaugural Court-wide Bike Ride at Belle Isle. The event brought employees together outside the traditional workplace setting and provided an opportunity to promote physical activity, camaraderie, and connection across the Court. The successful event demonstrated the Committee's commitment to creating opportunities for employees to engage in wellness activities while strengthening relationships with colleagues.

Through these efforts, the Wellness Committee continues to foster a workplace culture that values employee well-being, engagement, and connection, while creating opportunities for staff to prioritize wellness and strengthen relationships with colleagues.

National Involvement

During FY 2026, the Department continued to maintain an active presence within the national federal probation and pretrial services community. Staff contributed their knowledge, experience, and leadership through participation in national committees, professional associations, training initiatives, workgroups, and systemwide projects.

National involvement provides staff with opportunities to collaborate with colleagues from districts across the country, exchange innovative practices, contribute to the development of national initiatives, and bring valuable information and resources back to the district. These efforts also provide opportunities for our employees to help shape programs, policies, training, and technological advancements that impact the broader federal probation and pretrial services system.

The Department's involvement during FY 2026 included participation in the Federal Probation and Pretrial Officers Association (FPPOA), national training and professional development initiatives, and the PACTS360 pilot implementation. Through these efforts, our staff demonstrated the Department's continued commitment to leadership, collaboration, innovation, and excellence beyond the boundaries of our district.

We are proud of the employees who represent our department nationally and appreciate their willingness to contribute their time, expertise, and leadership in support of the federal probation and pretrial services mission.

National Training Institute



From August 16–19, 2026, the Federal Probation and Pretrial Officers Association (FPPOA) hosted its 12th National Training Institute (NTI) in Palm Desert, California. The 2026 conference, themed *“Lights, Camera, Excellence,”* brought together approximately 800 federal probation and pretrial services officers and staff from across the nation for professional development, collaboration, and networking.

Our department proudly contributed to the success of this national event through the involvement of a staff member who serves on the FPPOA Board and played an integral role in the planning and execution of the Institute. This participation reflects the department’s continued commitment to leadership, professional development, and collaboration within the federal probation and pretrial services community.

The NTI provided attendees with meaningful training, emerging practices, and relevant updates designed to enhance professional knowledge and strengthen understanding of the federal community corrections system. The Institute also created opportunities for officers and staff from districts nationwide to exchange ideas, share effective practices, build professional relationships, and identify strategies to enhance their work within their respective districts.

Participation in the 2026 NTI reinforced the department’s commitment to continuous learning, professional excellence, innovation, and national collaboration in support of the mission of the federal probation and pretrial services system.



In April 2000, the Probation and Pretrial Services Office (PPSO) introduced the Probation and Pretrial Services Automated Case Tracking System (PACTS). Designed as a comprehensive case tracking and management system, PACTS transformed operations by reducing paper usage, improving access to information, eliminating redundant data entry, and enhancing data validation.

After more than two decades of use, PPSO recognized the need for a modern, adaptable platform capable of meeting the evolving technological and operational needs of the federal probation and pretrial services system. In 2020, development began on PACTS360, a next-generation case management platform designed to modernize case management, improve efficiency, and better support probation and pretrial services offices nationwide.

The Eastern District of Michigan Probation and Pretrial Services Offices were honored to be selected as one of four pilot districts for this significant national initiative. Following extensive planning, preparation, and staff training, PACTS360 went live on February 23, 2026, across all pilot districts, including the Eastern District of Michigan.

As expected with large-scale technology implementation, the initial rollout presented unforeseen technical and operational challenges. Staff encountered issues affecting system navigation, workflows, and functionality. Despite these challenges, Department employees demonstrated resilience, adaptability, patience, and professionalism, continuing to carry out the Court's mission while learning and adapting to a new case management environment.

As a pilot district, the Department also played an important role in helping shape the future of PACTS360. Throughout the implementation, staff identified system issues, shared operational experiences, and provided feedback and recommendations to PPSO. These contributions helped inform system enhancements and improvements to better support the work of probation and pretrial services offices.

The transition to PACTS360 represents more than a technological change; it reflects the Department's commitment to innovation, collaboration, continuous improvement, and excellence in public service. The Department extends its sincere appreciation to its employees for their dedication, flexibility, and professionalism throughout this historic transition.

Chief Advisory Group

Chief United States Probation Officer (CUSPO) Anthony J. Merolla brings more than a decade of experience as a court executive. In 2025, his knowledge, experience, and leadership were recognized by his fellow CUSPOs in the Sixth and Seventh Circuits, who elected him to serve as the Region III representative on the Chiefs, Probation and Pretrial Services Advisory Group (CAG) to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Region III encompasses the Sixth and Seventh Circuits.

The CAG provides advice and recommendations to the Administrative Office regarding policies, procedures, and programs affecting the federal probation and pretrial services system. The advisory group also provides Chiefs with a forum to offer input on the development and implementation of national policies and initiatives, ensuring that the perspectives and operational needs of districts are considered at the national level.

Chief Merolla's leadership and diplomacy were particularly evident during the implementation of the federal community corrections new case management system, PACTS 360. As the system's go-live date approached, it became apparent that the initial rollout would place significant demands on pilot districts' personnel and other resources. These challenges resulted in several districts reconsidering their participation as pilot districts.

Recognizing the importance of maintaining regional participation in the implementation effort, Chief Merolla worked to support the continued participation of all Region III districts. Through his leadership and collaboration, all four departments/offices in Region III remained engaged as PACTS 360 pilot districts. Their continued participation has provided valuable operational feedback and contributed to the ongoing development and improvement of the system for districts across the federal probation and pretrial services system.

Post-Conviction Supervision Working Group

The Probation and Pretrial Services Office (PPSO) of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AO) continue to engage federal probation and pretrial services professionals through national working groups and think tanks designed to examine policies, procedures, emerging trends, and practices affecting federal community supervision.

The Eastern District of Michigan Probation Department is proud to have a representative serving on the PPSO Post-Conviction Supervision Working Group (PCSWG). The working group is committed to developing research-informed, comprehensive strategies that support measurable and meaningful outcomes in post-conviction supervision. Its work responds to emerging needs and systemwide changes, helping ensure that federal supervision practices continue to evolve to meet the needs of the courts, officers, clients, and communities they serve.

The PCSWG plays an important role in advancing systemwide goals that balance public safety, accountability, rehabilitation, and successful community reintegration. Through collaboration and thoughtful examination of current supervision practices, the group has developed significant recommendations for PPSO that have the potential to influence how federal probation officers approach and carry out post-conviction supervision nationwide.

The Department is honored to have a voice in this important national initiative. Our participation reflects the Eastern District of Michigan's continued commitment to innovation, evidence-informed practices, collaboration, and meaningful improvements to federal community supervision.

Presentence Working Group

The Presentence Investigations Working Group provides guidance and recommendations to the Administrative Office through the Probation and Pretrial Services Office on matters related to presentence investigations and sentencing practices. The group evaluates emerging trends and best practices and recommends revisions to national policies and procedures to support the evolving needs of the federal judiciary.

Central to the working group's mission is promoting the fair and effective administration of justice by enhancing the quality, accuracy, and consistency of presentence investigations nationwide. The group encourages evidence-informed practices that promote comprehensive presentence reports that provide courts with reliable information to support informed sentencing decisions.

The Eastern District of Michigan Probation Department is proud to have a representative serving on this national working group. This involvement provides our department with valuable insight into emerging national practices and perspectives while also providing an opportunity to contribute our district's experience and expertise to systemwide initiatives.

Regional & Local Collaboration

PACTS360 Implementation and Sixth Circuit Collaboration

On February 23, 2026, the Probation Department, serving as a pilot district, successfully went live with PACTS360. Over the following six months, staff worked to learn and adapt to the new system, identify effective practices, and navigate the challenges associated with implementing a significant new case-management platform.

Building on this experience, several staff members were recently trained as PACTS360 Power Users, further strengthening the department's internal knowledge and ability to support staff as they continue to become proficient with the system.

The Department is also using the lessons learned from its own implementation, including challenges, successes, and opportunities for improvement—to assist other districts as they prepare for their PACTS360 transition. In support of a successful rollout across the Sixth Circuit, department Power Users traveled to the Eastern and Western Districts of

Kentucky to provide hands-on assistance and share practical guidance during that district's implementation and go-live process.

This collaboration demonstrates the department's commitment to continuous learning, knowledge sharing, and supporting fellow districts throughout the Sixth Circuit as the judiciary transitions to PACTS360.

Presentence Unit Consultation and Training

In July 2026, the Western District of Kentucky Probation and Pretrial Services Office sought the Eastern District of Michigan's assistance as it undertakes the restructuring of its Presentence Unit. From July 21–22, 2026, several of our department's subject matter experts traveled to Kentucky to provide training, share operational expertise, and offer recommendations to support the development of the district's updated Presentence Unit structure and guidance.

This collaboration provided an opportunity for the Department to share its knowledge and experience while supporting the development of effective presentence practices across the federal probation and pretrial services system.

Officer Response Tactics Training

The Probation Department remains committed to officer safety and preparedness through comprehensive Officer Response Tactics (ORT) training. ORT provides officers with training across the continuum of force, with an emphasis on sound decision-making, effective verbal communication, de-escalation, and defensive tactics. All ORT instructors receive certification from the PPSO before conducting in-district training.

From July 21–24, 2026, the Department participated in a multi-district training initiative with probation officers from the Northern District of Ohio, Southern District of Ohio, and Western District of Michigan. The training provided officers and instructors with opportunities to strengthen their skills, exchange knowledge, and share practices and experiences with neighboring districts.

From August 12–13, 2026, the Department continued to enhance the skills of its ORT instructors through a collaborative training with the Western District of Michigan Probation Department. The two-day training featured realistic, scenario-based exercises based on situations encountered by probation officers across the nation, allowing instructors to apply and refine their skills in practical settings.

These collaborative training initiatives strengthen the Department's ability to prepare officers for challenging situations and reinforce its commitment to ensuring officers are well-trained, prepared, and equipped to respond safely and appropriately, with an emphasis on communication and de-escalation whenever circumstances permit.

Detroit Police Department Partnership

Over the past three years, the Probation Department has continued to strengthen its collaborative partnership with the Detroit Police Department (DPD). As part of this initiative, probation officers have been embedded within DPD's Organized Crime Unit and the 6th and 8th Precincts, creating opportunities for enhanced communication, information sharing, and interagency collaboration.

This partnership provides probation officers with more direct access to arrest reports and other information relevant to individuals under federal supervision, supporting timely and informed supervision decisions. At the same time, working alongside DPD personnel has provided an opportunity to increase understanding of the mission, responsibilities, and role of federal probation within the criminal justice system.

The continued partnership strengthens relationships between federal probation and local law enforcement while promoting information sharing, coordinated responses, officer safety, and public safety throughout the community.

Chance for Life

In FY 2026, the Probation Department continued to strengthen its relationships with community organizations that support the Department's mission of assisting returning citizens and individuals under supervision. These partnerships provide clients with access to additional resources, coaching, employment training, mentorship, and other services designed to promote prosocial behavior, self-sufficiency, and life-sustaining skills.

Chance for Life is one of the community organizations with which the Department has cultivated a strong partnership. The organization's vision is to transform minds, change hearts, and create safer communities by providing returning citizens and individuals with disabilities opportunities for personal and professional development despite adverse circumstances.

Through this partnership, referred clients have access to transformational and job-readiness training, mock interviews, mentorship, employment search assistance, job-retention support, interview attire, and a range of wraparound services. These resources provide individuals under the supervision of the Court with meaningful opportunities to develop skills, secure employment, and build a foundation for successful reintegration into the community.

The Probation Department values its partnership with Chance for Life and the organization's continued commitment to supporting individuals as they work toward positive and sustainable changes in their lives.

Big Brothers Bigs Sisters

The Probation Department continued its commitment to community engagement and youth mentorship through participation in the Court's Lunch Buddy Program at Hope of Detroit Academy.

Probation staff volunteered their time to mentor selected elementary and middle school students, providing a consistent and supportive adult presence throughout the school year. Through regular interaction, staff built positive relationships with students, offered encouragement and guidance, and served as positive role models.

The Lunch Buddy Program provided staff with a meaningful opportunity to connect with young people beyond their traditional roles in the federal criminal justice system while supporting the Court's broader commitment to community engagement, mentorship, and positive youth development.

Holiday Basket Deliveries

The Probation Department continued its longstanding tradition of supporting individuals and families in need during the holiday season through its annual Holiday Basket Initiative. The Court supported this effort through its annual department and chambers gift basket raffle, with proceeds dedicated to purchasing food and other items for the holiday baskets.

In previous years, the Department purchased prepared food baskets from nonprofit organizations such as Gleaners. This year, however, the Department took a more personal and hands-on approach, with staff coming together to personally pack each holiday basket.

Through the collective generosity of the Court and department staff, holiday baskets were delivered to approximately 100 individuals under supervision, providing meaningful support during the holiday season.

The initiative reflects the Department's continued commitment to service, compassion, and community engagement, while giving staff an opportunity to personally contribute to the well-being of the individuals and families served by the Department.

Probation Community Resource Fair

Each year, the Probation Department hosts its Community Resource Fair as an opportunity to give back, connect individuals and families with valuable resources, and strengthen relationships within the community. The Court actively supports the event through fundraising efforts, while the Department partners with a diverse network of community resource providers, nonprofit organizations, City of Detroit agencies, and private-sector partners that generously contribute their time, services, and resources.

This year's Community Resource Fair welcomed more than 525 attendees, including over 100 justice-involved individuals. More than 42 vendors participated, providing free

resources, services, and guidance to attendees. School-aged children received backpacks and school supplies, while individuals and families had access to a variety of services and resources, including free food, energy-efficient light bulbs, dental services, legal assistance, and other community-based support.

Through the generosity of staff, the Court, and community partners, the Department also raised more than \$3,000 in gift cards, which were raffled throughout the event to justice involved individuals and participating community members.

The Community Resource Fair exemplifies the Probation Department and Court's shared commitment to community engagement and service. Beyond connecting individuals with needed resources, the event provides an opportunity for the Department to strengthen community partnerships and demonstrates that its role extends beyond supervision to being an active and invested partner in the communities it serves.

Annual Picnic

In August 2026, the Probation Department hosted its annual Family Picnic at Kensington Metropark, bringing together staff and their families for an afternoon of fellowship, relaxation, and fun.

The Family Picnic is a much-anticipated department tradition that provides staff with an opportunity to connect outside of the workplace, strengthen relationships with colleagues and their families, and enjoy the natural surroundings of the Metropark.

The Department values opportunities such as the Family Picnic to promote staff wellness, camaraderie, and team spirit. By creating opportunities for employees and their families to connect in a relaxed and welcoming environment, the Department continues to foster a supportive and connected workplace culture.

United States Pretrial Services For the Eastern District of Michigan Annual Report: 2026



The United States Pretrial Services Agency for the Eastern District of Michigan is an agency within the Federal Judiciary responsible for gathering information about newly arrested defendants and preparing a detailed investigative pretrial report with recommendations considered by the Court in deciding pretrial release options or detention. We recommend the least restrictive conditions of release that promote public safety and ensure future court appearances. We facilitate the fair administration of justice, strive to reduce unnecessary detention, and assist in navigating individuals through the federal judicial system. Pretrial services officers supervise defendants released pending trial and assist in maximizing defendant success during the period of pretrial supervision. We utilize core correctional practices to reduce recidivism and promote proactive skill acquisition for those on pretrial supervision.

Mission Statement

The United States Pretrial Services Agency for the Eastern District of Michigan adheres to the Bail Reform Act of 1984, treating all parties with dignity and respect while facilitating the fair administration of justice. We strive to conduct thorough and unbiased investigations in an effort to reduce unnecessary detention. We are dedicated to mitigating the risk of non-appearance and promoting safety in the community by conducting proactive and effective supervision, while encouraging long-term positive change in the individuals we supervise.

Organizational Structure

Currently, the agency is comprised of 36 staff members, serving four Eastern District of Michigan Court locations. The United States Pretrial Services Agency, Eastern District of Michigan is led by the Chief United States Pretrial Services Officer Patricia Trevino, and Deputy Chief Pretrial Services Officer Justina Phillips Mann. The department currently consists of 23 pretrial services officers, one pretrial officer assistant, four supervising pretrial services officers, three pretrial services technicians, one administrative support supervisor, three administrative support staff, and two paid interns. In 2026, the district had one dedicated pretrial services staff retire from the agency, Support Specialist Cristina Lane retired after 30 years of service to the Court. Additionally, the department onboarded two transfer pretrial services officers, two pretrial technicians, and two paid interns.

Internal District Programs

Bureau of Prisons Self-Surrender Group

The Pretrial Services Agency operates a Bureau of Prisons Self-Surrender Group facilitated by Pretrial Services Officer Michael Portelli, Pretrial Services Officer Rula Ceravolo, and Senior Pretrial Services Officer Jessica Homann. The group holds monthly presentations for defendants and their families to provide them with knowledge about the Bureau of Prisons before beginning their custodial sentence.

Critical Incident Stress Management Team

The Pretrial Services Agency has four staff members: Data Quality Analyst Lisa Kern, Pretrial Services Officer Khaleah Callaway, Pretrial Services Officer Gary Woolfork, Jr. and Senior Pretrial Services Officer Jessica Homann who serves on the Critical Incident Stress Management Team to aid court staff in the event of a critical incident. In September 2026, some members attended Critical Incident Stress Management Training.

Alternatives To Incarceration Court

The year 2026 marks the tenth-year anniversary of the alternative to incarnation program (RESTART) operating in the Eastern District of Michigan. The program involves the collaborative efforts of Judge Denise Page Hood, Judge Brandy R. McMillion, Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Stafford, along with representatives from the United States Attorney's Office, Federal Community Defender, the United States Probation Department, and the United States Pretrial Services Agency. The program also includes Chief United States Pretrial Services Officer Patricia Trevino, Supervising Pretrial Services Officer Michael Mitchell, Senior United States Pretrial Services Officer Christian Rudd, and Senior Pretrial Services Officer Andrea Peschke. RESTART participants work in conjunction with the RESTART team in learning social skills and cognitive restructuring. Successful completion of the program leads to diversion from the criminal justice system as the charges against participants are dismissed. Seven participants are currently participating in the program.

In addition to the RESTART program, the Pretrial Services Agency worked in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office and completed 11 pretrial diversion investigations. Defendants who successfully complete the diversion program could be diverted from the criminal justice system and avoid a federal conviction.

Wellness Committee

The Pretrial Services Agency Wellness Committee works together as a vessel to establish an agency culture that supports the mental, physical, and professional well-being of staff before, during, and after work hours. The Wellness Committee's main objective is to boost employee morale and improve workplace wellness. The committee organizes monthly staff events throughout the year to encourage wellness and inclusivity. The

Wellness Committee members include the following pretrial services staff: Supervising Pretrial Services Officer Maureen Shock, Supervising Pretrial Services Officer Brandi Baltes, Data Quality Specialist Lisa Kern, Pretrial Services Officer Michael Portelli, Support Specialist Rasel Siddiquee, Pretrial Services Officer Isabella Miller, Pretrial Services Officer Matt Weiland, Pretrial Services Officer Rebecca Harla, Specialist Devin Jackson, Deputy Chief Pretrial Services Officer Justina Phillips Mann, and Pretrial Services Officer Rula Ceravolo. Additionally, the Wellness Committee organizes monthly events such as group walks, baseball games, ice cream socials, school supply donations, lunches, annual spring-cleaning events, and other outings to get staff together.

Paid Internship Program

In April 2026, the paid internship program was continued in the district to assist university students and those who recently graduated from a university in gaining knowledge of the judiciary and acquiring working knowledge of pretrial services. The interns provide substantial support to the department and aid in enhancing public safety and reducing failure to appears. The district currently has two paid internship positions.

Core Correctional Practices

In 2026, the Pretrial Services Agency continued learning and implementing core correctional practices and focused on cognitive restructuring with defendants on supervision. Supervisors work with officers in case planning on every case to assess each defendant and address risk factors to lessen the likelihood of new criminal conduct, pretrial violations, and failure to appears. Each case plan is individualized and focuses on the success of the defendant on pretrial supervision. Additionally, officers participate in peer-led learning to boost their skills in core correctional practices. Officers utilize skills with defendants to promote prosocial cognitive restructuring for better supervision outcomes that can assist defendants beyond pretrial supervision.

Support to the Bench

In 2026, pretrial services officers continued to submit individualized bond memos to Judges prior to sentencing, advising of the defendant's progress on pretrial supervision.

Court-Wide Wellness Initiative

Deputy Chief Pretrial Services Officer Justina Phillips Mann assisted in planning the annual court-wide wellness picnic and is a member of the Connections and Engagement Committee.

National Initiatives and National Committee Members

PACTS360

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by reducing paper usage, improving access to information, eliminating redundant data entry, and enhancing data validation.

After more than two decades of use, PPSO recognized the need for a modern and adaptable platform capable of meeting the evolving technological and operational needs of the federal probation and pretrial services system. In 2020, development began on PACTS360, a next-generation case management platform designed to modernize case management, improve efficiency, and better support probation and pretrial services offices nationwide.

The Eastern District of Michigan Probation and Pretrial Services Offices were honored to be selected among the pilot districts for this significant national initiative. Following extensive planning, preparation, and staff training, PACTS360 went live on February 23, 2026, across all six pilot districts, including the Michigan Eastern Probation and Pretrial Services Agency.

With the implementation of any large-scale technology initiative, the initial rollout presented a few unforeseen technical and operational challenges. Staff encountered system issues that affected navigation, workflow, and overall functionality. Despite these challenges, department employees demonstrated remarkable resilience, adaptability, patience, and professionalism, continuing to fulfill the mission of the Court while learning and adjusting to an entirely new case management environment.

As a pilot district, our department also played an important role in helping shape the future of PACTS360. Staff consistently identified issues, shared their experiences, and provided valuable feedback and recommendations to the Administrative Office. These contributions assisted with system enhancements and improvements that have strengthened PACTS360 and helped prepare the platform for implementation throughout the federal probation and pretrial services system.

The successful transition to PACTS360 represents more than a technological change; it reflects the department's commitment to innovation, collaboration, continuous improvement, and excellence in public service. Although we are still navigating the system to ensure information is merged and data is accurately reflected, we will continue to provide quality reports and supervision for the clients we serve. We extend our sincere appreciation to our probation and pretrial staff for their dedication, flexibility, and professionalism throughout this historic transition.

Administrative Office Evidence-Based Practices Review

The district completed a self-audit district review which included overview of evidence-based practices (EBP). The goal of the review was to ensure compliance with national policy and procedure. The review assessed metrics designed to target EBP adherence within the national system and aimed to identify which EBP-focused metrics have a relationship to positive case outcomes (i.e., recidivism reduction). Our participation in the review not only advanced the Administrative Office's development of future national oversight; it also provided our district with a preview of what future program oversight may include.

Administrative Office Chiefs Probation and Pretrial Services Advisory Group

Chief U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Patricia Trevino was appointed to the National Chiefs Advisory Group. The group provides advice to the Administrative Office on policies, procedures, and programs affecting the probation and pretrial services system and provide chiefs an opportunity for input into the development of national policies.

National Office Review Working Group

Chief Pretrial Services Officer Patricia Trevino serves on the National Office Review Working Group. The group collectively worked on the development and implementation of national pretrial office review policy and procedure for the Administrative Office of the United States and assists the Probation and Pretrial Services Office (PPSO) with the establishment of national oversight protocols and pilot activities to test protocols.

National Office Program Review Team

Supervising U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Michael Mitchell and Supervising Pretrial Services Officer Brandi Baltes are members of the National Program Review Team.

National Probation and Pretrial Services Talent Management Group

Senior U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Jessica Homann serves as a member of the National Probation and Pretrial Services Talent Management Group (TMWG). The TMWG is an advisory group to the Administrative Office to assist the Probation and Pretrial Services Office with matters related to talent management for the probation and pretrial services system. Its members focus on talent recruitment, workforce engagement and development; education and training within the probation and pretrial services system while identifying barriers, building partnerships, measuring the effectiveness of the talent management process, and ensuring transparency of its operations.

National Information Standards Working Group

Deputy Chief U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Justina Phillips Mann serves as a member of the National Information Standards Working Group (NISWG) until October 2027. The NISWG provides guidance and policy recommendations to the Administrative Office for improving data standards throughout the probation and pretrial services system and serves as a resource for data governance and decisions made for the PACTS360 initiative.

National Sex Offense Management Training Facilitator

Supervising U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Tacarra Lanzon serves as a facilitator for the Administrative Office's Foundations of Sex Offense Management Training Curriculum and the Virtual Foundations of Sex Offense – Specific Management Course.

Leadership Council for the Advancement of Pretrial Services

Chief U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Patricia Trevino and Deputy Chief Justina Phillips Mann serve on the Leadership Council for the Advancement of Pretrial Services (LCAPS). The group consists of Chiefs and Deputies from all the U.S. Pretrial Services Agencies in the nation. The group is focusing on the advancement of pretrial services as it relates to pretrial intakes and investigations, pretrial data and analysis, and promoting alternatives to detention.

LCAPS is committed to leadership and has an 18-month leadership program component to assist and develop pretrial officers in bifurcated districts. In December 2025, Specialist Andrea Peschke was selected to become a member of the program. She meets online monthly with the group, presents PowerPoints, and prepares monthly assignments on leadership strengths and research. The group is facilitated by several Deputy Chiefs in the bifurcated districts and includes Deputy Chief Phillips Mann.

Supervising U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Brandi Baltes serves as a member of the LCAPS Pretrial Alternatives to Incarceration Group.

Federal Judicial Center Faculty

Chief U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Patricia Trevino serves as a member of the Federal Judicial Centers faculty for the new National Magistrate Judge Training Program.

Federal Judicial Center Leadership Development Program

Khaleah Calloway was accepted into the Federal Judicial Center Leadership Development Program (FCLDP) in June 2026. FCLDP is a nine-month program designed to develop leadership knowledge and skills and prepare for future leadership roles. In August 2026, she attended a three-day workshop on professional development and she will implement an in-district process improvement project during the next fiscal year.

Tours of Duty

United States Pretrial Services Officer Heather McCamley continued her remote temporary duty assignment for the Administrative Office, Probation and Pretrial Services Division as subject matter expert for various law enforcement applications. She is serving as the Criminal Justice Information System Security Officer and product owner for legacy ATLAS and LENS. She also serves as the product owner for the transition of LEO systems in PACTS360.

In 2026, United States Pretrial Services Officers from the Eastern District of Michigan assisted in the Northern District of Ohio and the Northern District of Illinois Pretrial Services.

Defendant Services

Treatment Services

From July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, the Pretrial Services Agency was responsible for supervising approximately 750 defendants on bond. The department spent approximately \$210,000 for treatment services. Treatment services include individual substance use therapy, inpatient substance abuse treatment and detoxification, mental health treatment, psychiatric evaluations, psychotropic medications, specialized services therapy, substance use manualized cognitive group, random urinalysis, and other counseling services. Contracted telemedicine services are available for clients on a case-by-case basis. Over 200 defendants received some type of contract treatment services. The agency covers the cost of psychotropic and antidepressant medication for defendants who cannot afford their medication. Pretrial services officers worked closely with community treatment programs throughout the Eastern District of Michigan to assist defendants and their families with various resources. Working with community treatment resources ensures defendants receive long-term services after pretrial supervision.

Location Monitoring Program

U.S. Pretrial Services Officers use radio frequency, GPS technology, SmartLINK phone technology, voice verification, and alcohol monitoring in supervising persons with a location monitoring bond condition as an alternative to pretrial incarceration. A tamper-resistant transmitter on the ankle is worn 24 hours a day. The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts contracts with a monitoring company to provide equipment and around-the-clock electronic surveillance nationwide for pretrial officers who supervise defendants with location monitoring technology. Pretrial Services monitors an average of 110 defendants per month on some form of electronic monitoring. Monitoring is a tedious task that includes 24-hour scrutiny to ensure compliance. All noncompliance issues are addressed immediately and diligently. Approximately \$154,000 was spent on the location monitoring program in the Eastern District of Michigan.

Second Chance Funds

The department continues to assist defendants with the use of “Second Chance” funds to eliminate risk factors and barriers that lead to recidivism. Over the past year, our agency disbursed second chance funding for emergency housing, transportation, and clothing.

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court

United States Magistrate Judge Patricia Morris along with the Bay City Probation and Pretrial staff work collaboratively with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Court in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Officers work with tribal court staff including probation officers and members of the tribal council. The collaborative working relationship is an opportunity to learn cultural teachings and traditions of defendants who may come before the jurisdiction of the Eastern District of Michigan.

Acknowledgements and Accomplishments

Senior U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Jessica Homann serves in the United States Airforce National Guard in Michigan and was recently promoted to Major, after more than 20 years

of military service. In September 2025, she was called to active duty. She was deployed from September 22, 2025 – May 2026 and was attached to the 386th Expeditionary Wing in Centcom. She worked in various countries at operations center assisting active military members with operations in food, fitness, lodging, mortuary, recreation, manning, and personnel actions. Thank you, Jessica, for your service to our country! We are grateful for your service.

Volunteerism

Staff volunteered their time at the Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan, Boys and Girls Club of America, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and Room to Read which is a national initiative where individuals partner with local elementary schools to read to students and spread the word about the power of education to increase literacy.

United States Pretrial Services Agency, Eastern District of Michigan Statistics

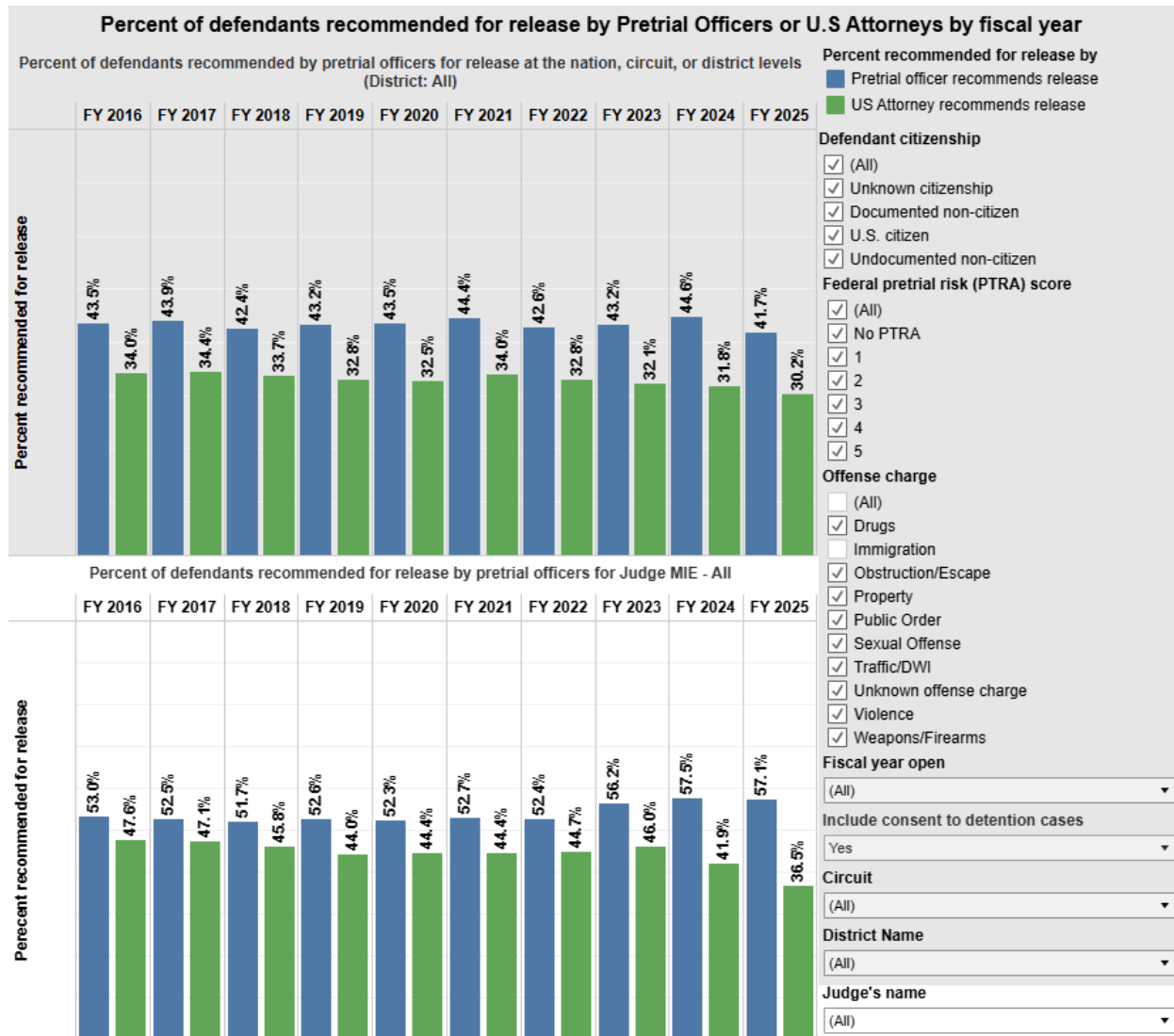
The United States Pretrial Services Agency is responsible for providing quality pretrial reports to the court and making pretrial release recommendations. For the period of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, the Eastern District of Michigan Pretrial Services Agency received 866 initial appearances and completed 826 pre-bail reports and 31 post-bail reports. The table below represents pretrial interviews and reports completed compared to the Sixth Circuit.

Circuit	District Name	Cases Activated	Interview Status		Types Of Pretrial Services Report		
			Interviewed	Not Interviewed	Prebail Reports	Postbail Reports	No Reports Made
6	Kentucky-Eastern	476	315	161	418	11	47
	Kentucky-Western	425	288	137	355	6	64
	Michigan-Eastern	866	664	202	826	31	17
	Michigan-Western	230	166	64	161	1	68
	Ohio-Northern	715	515	200	704	9	2
	Ohio-Southern	541	452	89	507	2	32
	Tennessee-Eastern	592	549	43	582	6	4
	Tennessee-Middle	288	22	266	122	34	132
	Tennessee-Western	639	534	105	547	62	30
6	Total	4,772	3505	1267	4,222	162	396

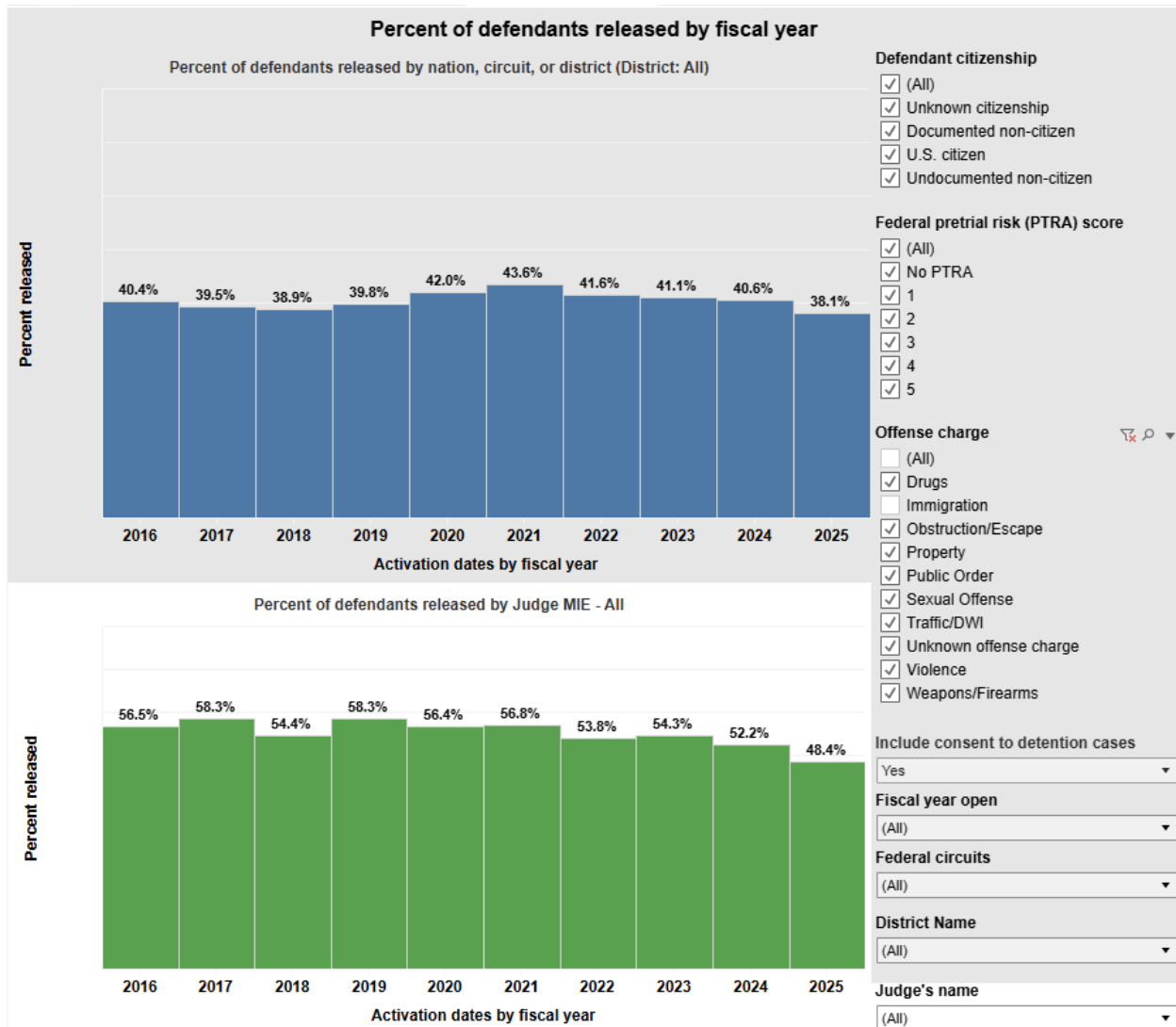
The table below represents the Eastern District of Michigan's bond recommendations, and actual release rates for defendants for intakes activated July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026. The Eastern District of Michigan has a 65.8% release recommendation and a 51.6% release rate (excluding illegal alien cases). The national average release recommendation is 52.0% and a release rate of 44.5%.

	All Cases			No PTR Assessment			PTR Category 1			PTR Category 2			PTR Category 3			PTR Category 4			PTR Category 5		
	% PSO Rec Rel	% AUSA Rec Rel	% Rel	% PSO Rec Rel	% AUSA Rec Rel	% Rel	% PSO Rec Rel	% AUSA Rec Rel	% Rel	% PSO Rec Rel	% AUSA Rec Rel	% Rel	% PSO Rec Rel	% AUSA Rec Rel	% Rel	% PSO Rec Rel	% AUSA Rec Rel	% Rel	% PSO Rec Rel	% AUSA Rec Rel	% Rel
Totals:	52.0%	33.0%	44.5%	27.6%	23.3%	23.2%	83.8%	67.0%	76.4%	68.1%	43.6%	59.1%	54.3%	28.8%	43.1%	30.3%	14.4%	25.3%	13.6%	6.6%	12.6%
MIE	65.8%	38.0%	51.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	72.7%	57.6%	65.2%	74.3%	51.4%	64.9%	71.7%	37.4%	53.5%	55.6%	23.5%	42.0%	48.9%	15.6%	24.4%

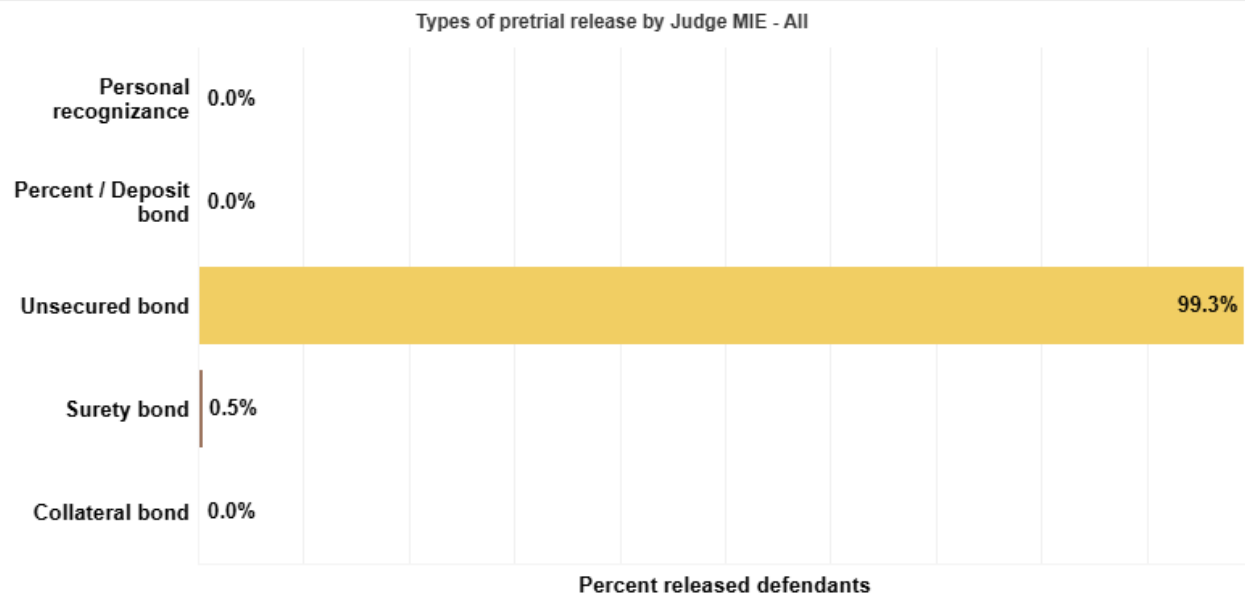
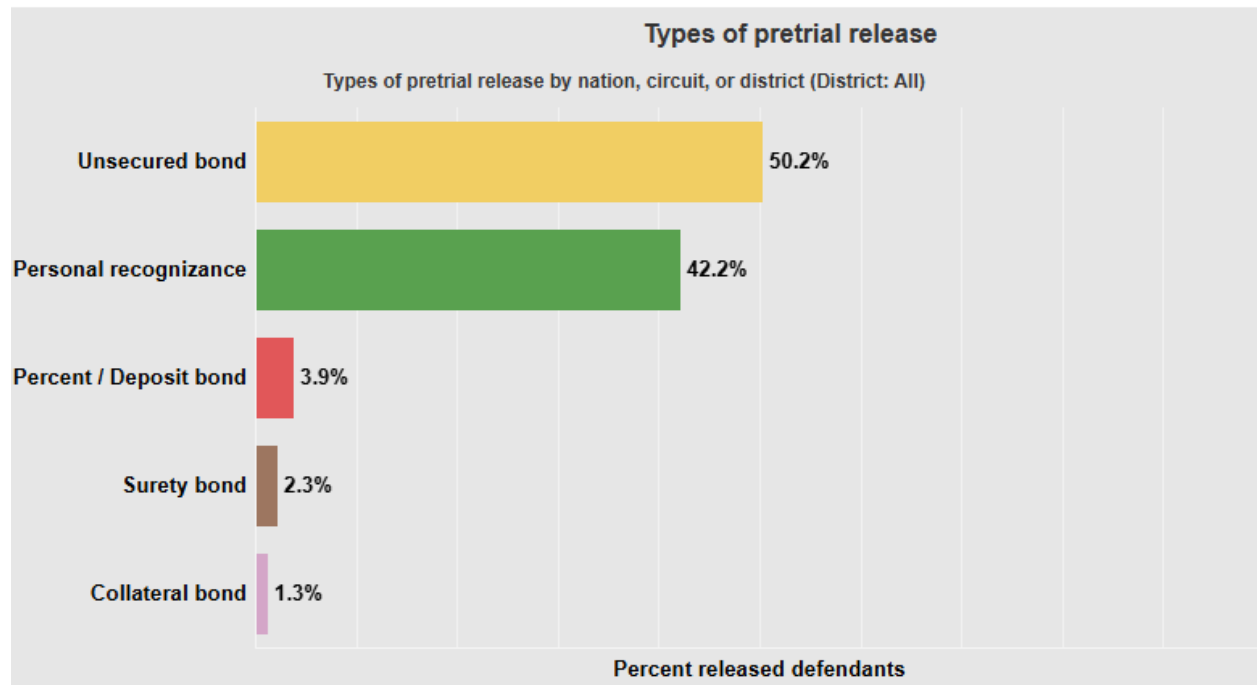
Percent of Defendants recommended for release by Pretrial Officers and U.S. Attorneys by fiscal year.



Percent of defendants released by fiscal year nationally compared to the Eastern District of Michigan.



Fiscal Year 2025 types of pretrial releases nationally compared to the Eastern District of Michigan.



The table below represents pretrial services cases closed and the types of disposition in the Sixth Circuit.

Pretrial Services Cases Closed, By Type Of Disposition (Table H-13)
For 12-Month Period Ending: 2026/06/30

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		Acquitted	Dismissed	Diversion Denied	Diversion Termination by Govt	Execution of Sentence	Fugitive/FTA	Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity	Other	PTD Satisfied	Transferred Out	Cases Closed
6	Kentucky-Eastern	1	8	0	4	406	0	0	1	0	8	428
	Kentucky-Western	0	13	0	3	359	1	1	7	4	7	395
	Michigan-Eastern	1	63	0	0	673	5	0	6	1	60	809
	Michigan-Western	0	12	0	0	212	0	1	0	1	11	237
	Ohio-Northern	0	17	0	0	663	6	1	6	3	33	729
	Ohio-Southern	0	12	0	5	519	0	0	5	2	32	575
	Tennessee-Eastern	1	8	0	0	509	0	0	2	0	17	537
	Tennessee-Middle	0	12	0	1	266	0	0	2	0	16	297
	Tennessee-Western	5	41	0	0	317	5	0	4	2	15	389
6	Total	8	186	0	13	3924	17	3	33	13	199	4396

The high rate of successful terminations and low revocation rates are a testament of the agency's commitment to protect the public, assist the Court in the fair administration of justice, and assist individuals in making long-term positive changes in their lives. Officers understand and value the process of change but still hold persons under supervision accountable for their actions when appropriate. This may entail recommending to the Court fair and appropriate modifications to the conditions of supervision or other suitable recommendations for those who violate their terms of supervision. The dedication to our mission is evident by the resources we use to eliminate risk factors and reduce barriers that lead to recidivism. The Eastern District of Michigan has a pretrial higher release rate than national average and is below the national average for pretrial failure to appear. We maintain a high rate of successful completion of pretrial supervision. The majority of our misdemeanor arrests are driving related, and the majority of our technical violations are based on illegal controlled substance use, including marijuana use, which is illegal in the federal system. The tables below represent national and Eastern District of Michigan Pretrial Services supervision outcomes for the period of July 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026.

District	Total Clients Supervised	FTA Violations			Rearrest Violations						Technical Violations					
		# of FTA	# of Clients	% of Total Supervised Clients	# of Rearrest Violations	# of Misdemeanors	# of Felonies	# of Petty	# of Clients	% of Total Supervised Clients	# of Technical Violations	# of Clients	% of Total Supervised Clients	# of Clients Revoked*	% Revoked Technical Violations	% of Total Supervised Clients Revoked for Technical Violations
National	34,703	404	367	1.1%	802	407	332	63	749	2.2%	7,434	4,953	14.3%	1,351	27.3%	3.9%
MIE	704	4	4	0.6%	32	17	15	0	30	4.3%	308	149	21.2%	21	14.1%	3.0%

The table below reflects cases activated for Michigan Eastern comparing yearly activations.

H-1 Cases Activated for Michigan-Eastern

* Pretrial diversions are NOT included in total activated.

Charged Offense	12 Months Ending 2024/12/31				12 Months Ending 2025/12/31			
	Activated	% of Total	Nat Avg	% of Total	Activated	% of Total	Nat Avg	% of Total
Drugs	180	24.76%	185	23.07%	184	18.27%	179	20.03%
Escape/Obstruction	12	1.65%	13	1.62%	15	1.49%	12	1.39%
Firearms/Weapons	243	33.43%	96	11.94%	231	22.94%	98	10.93%
Immigration	64	8.80%	320	39.77%	279	27.71%	393	43.93%
Other	2	0.28%	25	3.16%	3	0.30%	21	2.31%
Property	115	15.82%	79	9.80%	145	14.40%	82	9.13%
Public Order	11	1.51%	16	1.99%	14	1.39%	32	3.54%
Sex Offenses	57	7.84%	35	4.38%	85	8.44%	40	4.43%
Violence	43	5.91%	34	4.28%	51	5.06%	39	4.31%
Total	727	100%	804	100%	1,007	100%	894	100%

The table below represents the comparison distribution of the types of cases activated in the Eastern District of Michigan ending March 31, 2026.

Charged Offense	Michigan-Eastern		Circuit 06		National	
	Client Count	% of Total	Client Count	% of Total	Client Count	% of Total
Immigration	210	26.99%	519	11.18%	37,976	45.39%
Firearms/Weapons	186	23.91%	1,112	23.95%	8,810	10.53%
Drugs	136	17.48%	1,536	33.08%	15,919	19.03%
Property	113	14.52%	619	13.33%	7,367	8.81%
Sex Offenses	63	8.10%	421	9.07%	3,605	4.31%
Violence	41	5.27%	253	5.45%	3,527	4.22%
Escape/Obstruction	13	1.67%	86	1.85%	1,164	1.39%
Public Order	13	1.67%	66	1.42%	3,211	3.84%
Other	3	0.39%	31	0.67%	2,081	2.49%
Total	778	100.0%	4,643	100.0%	83,660	100.0%

Profile Of Cases Activated By Charged Offense, By Divisional Office For Michigan-Eas Year-Over-Year

Divisional Office	Charged Offense	2022/12/31	2023/12/31	2024/12/31	2025/12/31
Bay City	Drugs	33	34	26	19
	Escape/Obstruction	1	3	5	0
	Firearms/Weapons	43	37	28	15
	Immigration	9	8	14	51
	Other	0	1	0	1
	Property	13	9	6	4
	Public Order	1	5	0	3
	Sex Offenses	14	18	15	7
	Violence	9	8	19	4
	Total For Bay City	123	123	113	104

Detroit	Drugs	162	112	142	149
	Escape/Obstruction	9	7	6	13
	Firearms/Weapons	134	147	168	188
	Immigration	30	48	35	199
	Other	3	3	2	2
	Property	149	141	101	133
	Public Order	3	15	10	10
	Sex Offenses	27	33	35	64
	Violence	42	30	22	39
	Total For Detroit	559	536	521	797

Flint	Drugs	19	16	12	16
	Escape/Obstruction	2	2	1	2
	Firearms/Weapons	68	55	47	28
	Immigration	6	13	15	29
	Property	11	3	8	8
	Public Order	2	1	1	1
	Sex Offenses	5	11	7	14
	Violence	10	6	2	8
	Total For Flint	123	107	93	106

Conclusion

The Court strives to uphold the mission of the federal judiciary and to deliver justice under the law to the public it serves. The Court is mindful of its importance to the community and ensuring that the Court is open and accessible to all.

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