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Putting Well-being and Community at the Center of Justice System Transformation



Agenda

Strategic Priority Overview

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Performance Measure: Average Daily Population in the Adult Detention Center

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Strategies to Reduce the Average Daily Population

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Community Corrections Performance Measure: Revocations

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Strategic Priority



Putting Well-being and Community at the Center of Justice System Transformation

This strategic priority underscores Ramsey County's commitment to reducing interactions with the justice system, particularly for individuals from the most underserved communities. Our approach emphasizes the use of social services and public health interventions as the primary response, reserving justice system involvement only when diversion efforts are not successful.

Our strategy focuses on improving outcomes for those most impacted by the current system. We aim to collaborate with community members and system leaders to identify and remove systemic barriers, while investing in proven, effective solutions that foster safer and healthier communities.



Goal & Strategies



Strategies

- Enable community participation.
- Connect justice involved individuals to wraparound resources and provide support upon release.
- When appropriate, use diversion programs.
- Review policies and practices.
- Leverage community-based organizations to implement pretrial navigator program.



Advancing the Strategic Priority:

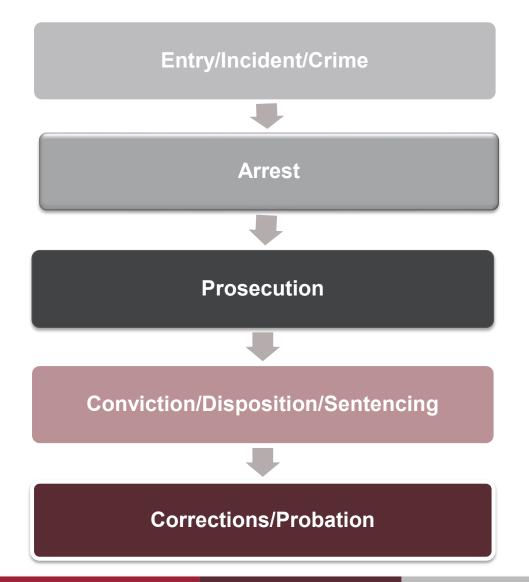
Elected Office/Department Performance Measures

Department	Performance Measure	Description				
Sheriff's Office	Average Daily Population in the Adult Detention Center	The Sheriff's Office reports regularly on the population of the Adult Detention Center (ADC), a pre-trial detention facility. This is one measure that can reflect the efficiency of the county's criminal justice system in resolving criminal cases.				
County Attorney's Office	Percentage of adults who are provided alternatives to make amends in a way that avoids a felony conviction	A felony conviction creates barriers that increases racial disparities. To address this, we provide alternatives to legal system involvement that address accountability.				
Community Corrections	Percentage of adults exiting felony level supervision who are sent to prison (Revocation Rates)	Community Corrections continues to implement strategies to reduce the number of adults in confinement without impacting public safety and improving success for people on supervision.				

Community Corrections Performance Measure: Revocations



Corrections Sits at the Deep-End of the Criminal Justice System





How Are We Doing on Reducing Revocations to Prison?

Performance Measure	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Goal: 2025	Goal: 2027
Percentage of adults exiting felony level supervision who are sent to prison.	21%	12%	10%	14%	14%	16%	15%	10%

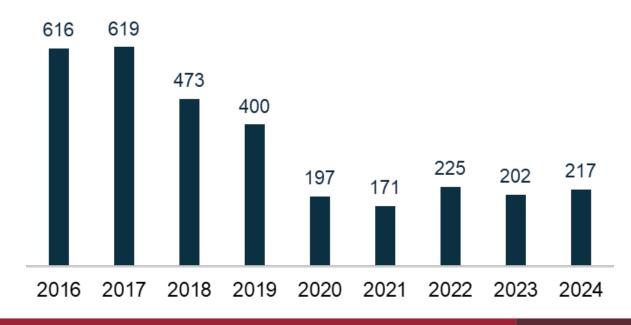
- Nationally, there is recognition that criminal justice system must work to address racial disparities, reduce mass incarceration, and improve outcomes.
- Historically, Ramsey County had one of the highest revocation rates in the state;
 We are now nationally recognized as being at the forefront of reform efforts.
- In 2024, 16% of adults exiting felony supervision were sent to prison, compared to 21% in 2019 and 29% in 2016.
- Ramsey County has sustained the reductions in revocations achieved during the pandemic.



How Are We Doing on Reducing Revocations to Prison?

In 2024, 400 fewer residents revoked to prison compared to 2016.

Number of adults on supervision revoked to prison

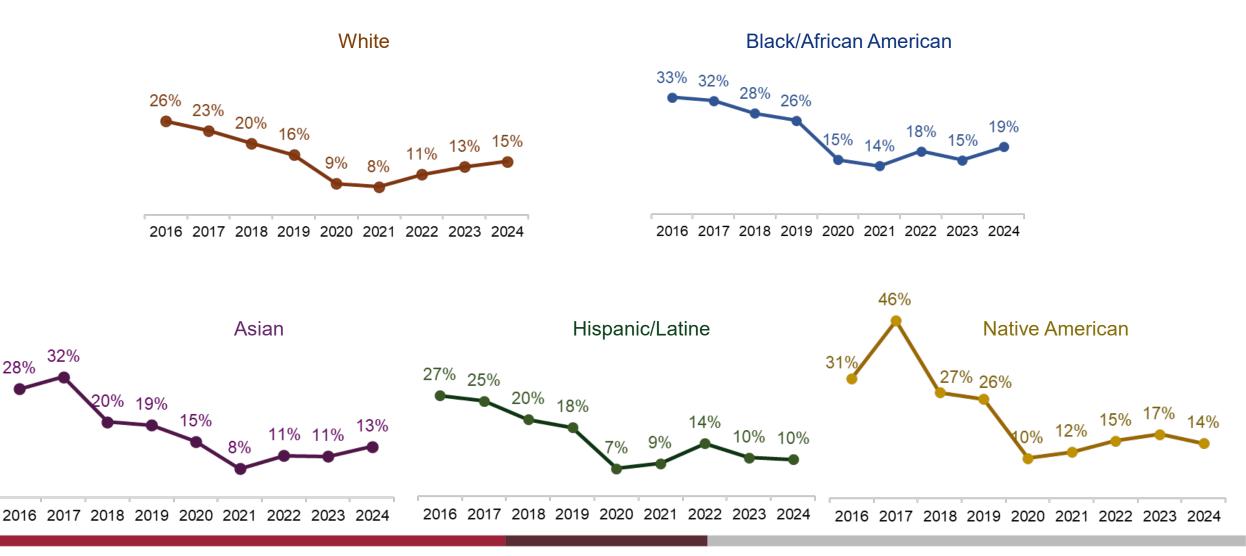


The percentage of adults revoked to prison decreased from 29% in 2016 to 16% in 2024.

Percentage of adults on supervision revoked to prison



Revocation Rates Have Decreased for All Adults by Race.





Strategies to Reduce Probation Revocations

Past

- Reducing Revocations Challenge*
- Fines and fees elimination
- Expanded early discharge criteria
- Expanded Probation Service Center (PSC) eligibility
- Reduced length of probation terms

Current/Ongoing

- Case planning
- Organizational culture and leadership investments
- Specialized caseloads
- Community Alternatives Program (CAP)
- Community Justice Specialists*
- Expanded community housing contracts*
- Cognitive Behavioral Programming

Future/Planned

- Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act (MRRA)
- Update the probation response model *
- Food security initiative*

* Community partnership



Meaningful Partnerships and Co-design

Partner	Initiatives				
Community /Justice Impact Residents	RECEAT; Reducing Revocations Challenge; Hiring Panels				
Community Providers	Youthprise Contracts; Housing contracts; JusticePoint				
Service Team Partners	Food Security; Basic Needs QR Code				
Second Judicial District	Judges Groups; Reducing Revocations Challenge; Treatment Courts				
Ramsey County Attorney's Office	Reducing Revocations Challenge				
Minnesota Department of Corrections	Supervised Release; MRRA				



Closing Comments

