

PSLA QUARTERLY PRESENTATION

Municipal Court of Atlanta



February 2020



Mayor's Administrative Order

2019-05



MUNICIPAL COURT MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

GOALS

- (1) Affording the public greater access to the information regarding the record restriction process as provided by state law; and
- (2) Implementing procedures that allow records to be restricted for the specific offenses referenced in A.O. 2019-05 in a more efficient manner.

Offenses Referenced

- Possession of less than one (1) ounce of marijuana; and
- Disorderly Conduct



MUNICIPAL COURT CRIMINAL HISTORY

GEORGIA CRIME INFORMATION CENTER (GCIC)



Person Arrested



Fingerprinted at Jail



Trial/Plea



Judge Accepts Plea or
Dismisses Case



Disposition Reported
to GCIC

GCIC collects and stores criminal history as designated by state and federal law.



MUNICIPAL COURT

MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Prosecuting Attorney

- (1) Record Restriction Saturday. The Office of the City Solicitor will host a quarterly Record Restriction Saturday event.
 - (2) In-Person Access to Information. The Office of the City Solicitor will provide copies of its "Information Regarding Record Restriction Request" packet to be placed in high-traffic points in the Municipal Court.
 - (3) Online Access to Information. The Office of the City Solicitor will place a PDF version of its "Information Regarding Record Restriction Request" packet on the Office of the City Solicitor's website (court.atlantaga.gov/solicitors-office/).
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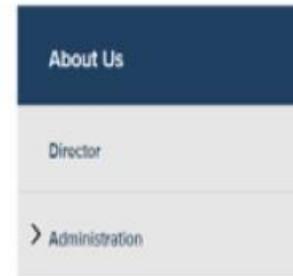
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(4) Courtroom Process. The Court's Administration will develop an internal courtroom procedure to allow the restriction of records for the offenses identified in A.O. 2019-05, for cases arising after February 1, 2020.

(5) Petition to Seal Post Restriction. Cases arising on or before February 1, 2020, where the Solicitor's Office grants restriction AND/OR restriction occurs pursuant to GBI/GCIC approval, the Office of the City Solicitor (or the individual) may forward a petition to the Office of the Clerk of Court for the Municipal Court requesting action pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 35-3-37(m) to have Court records specific to the restricted record(s) sealed.



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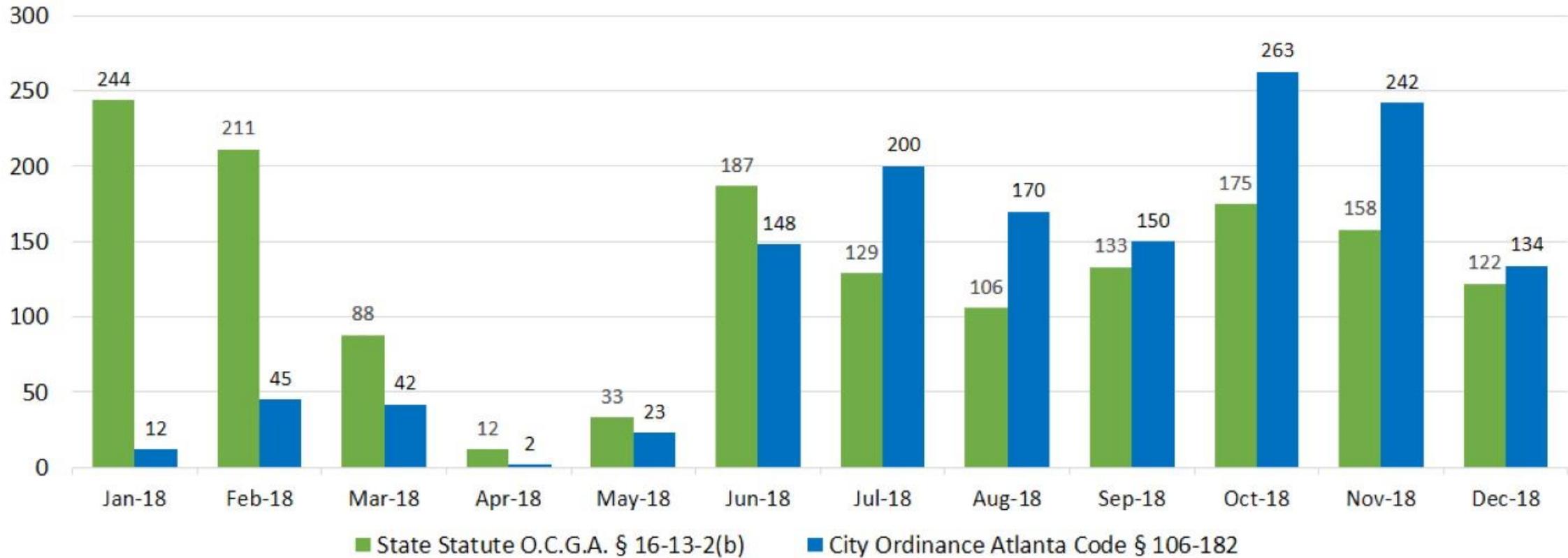
Obtaining Criminal History Record Information Frequently Asked Questions



MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

MARIJUANA VIOLATIONS
January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

TOTAL
State Statute * 1,598*
City Ordinance * 1,431 *

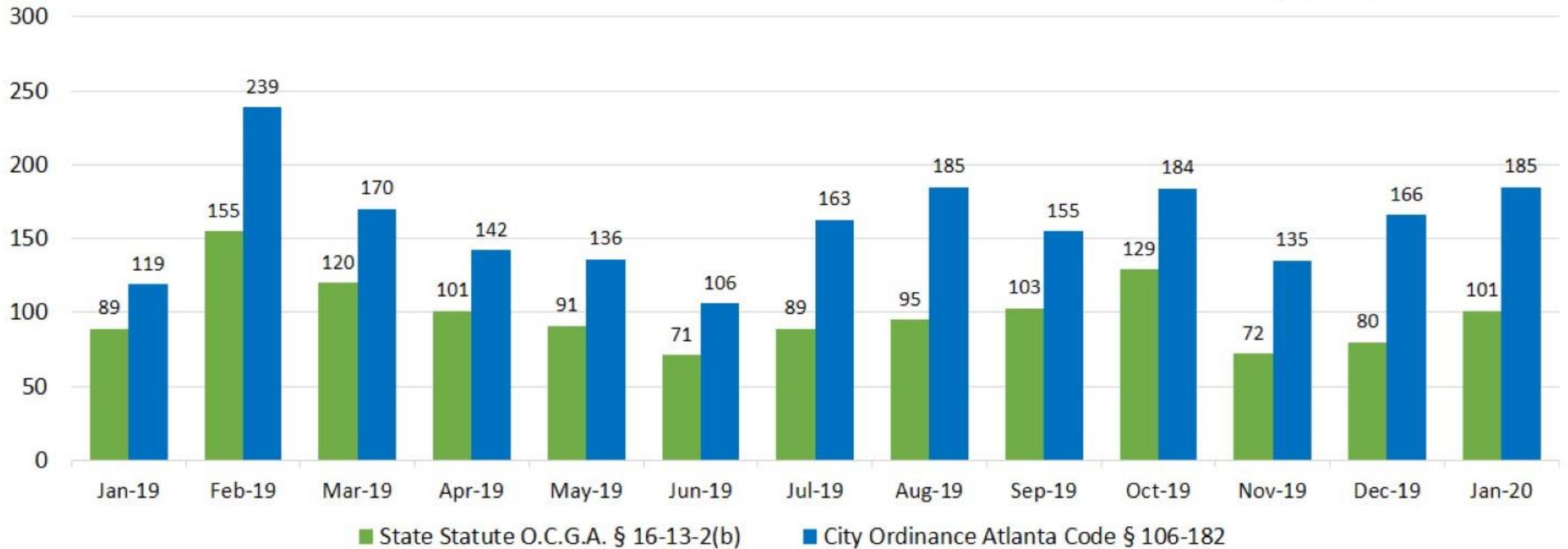




MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

MARIJUANA VIOLATIONS
January 1, 2019 - YTD

TOTAL
State Statute * 1,296*
City Ordinance * 2,085 *





Failure to Appear (FTA)

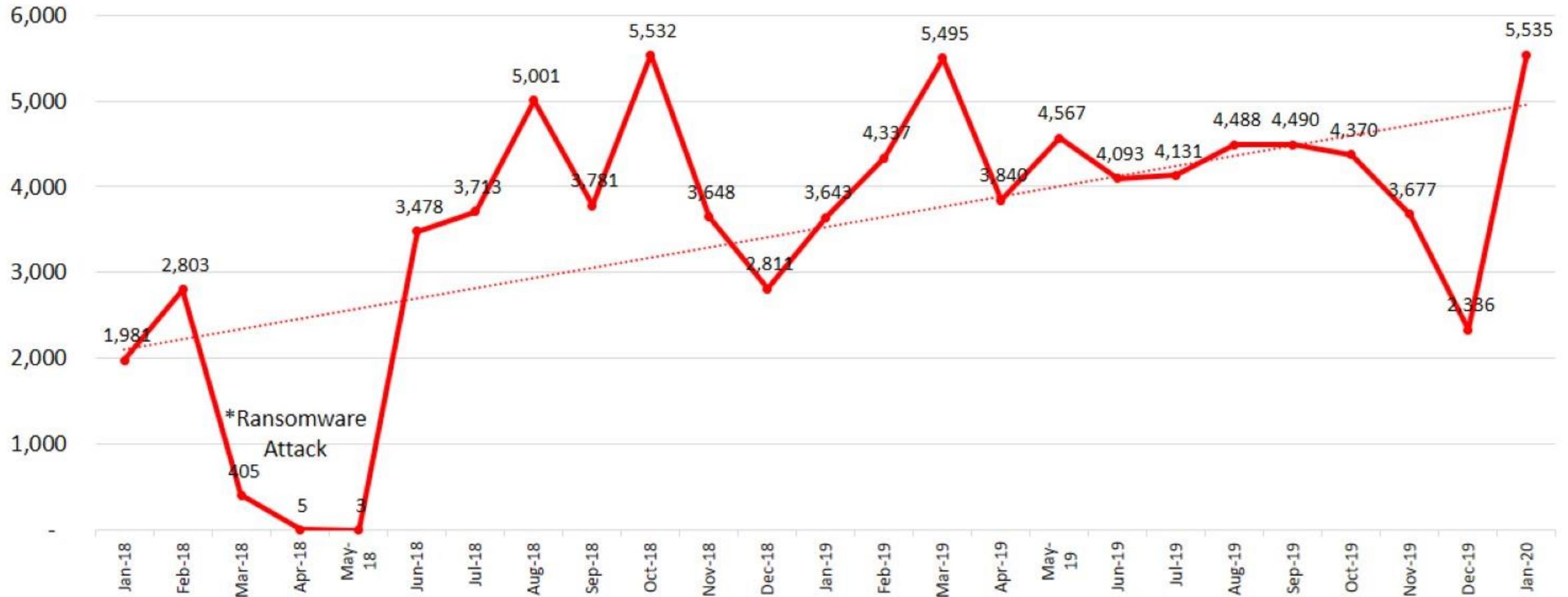
Case Statistics & Demographics



MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

FAILURE TO APPEAR (FTA) CASES
JANUARY 2018 - YTD

TOTAL FTA
*** 88,163 ***

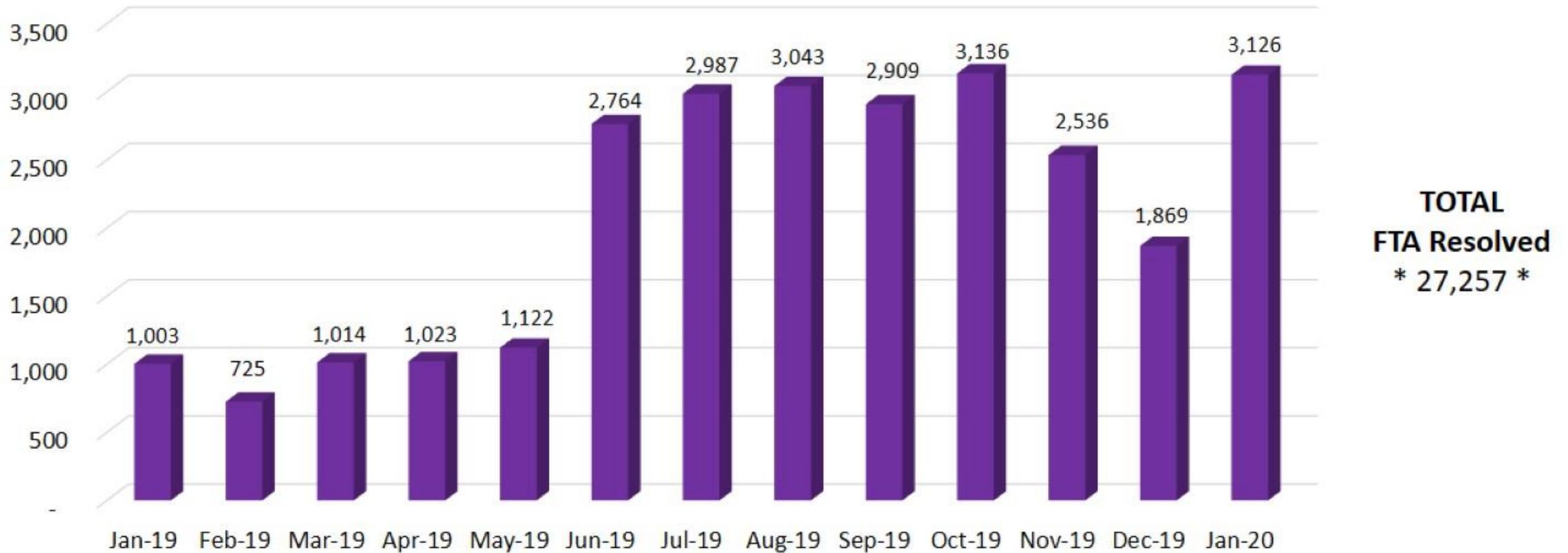




MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

FAILURE TO APPEAR (FTA) COURT CASES RESOLVED

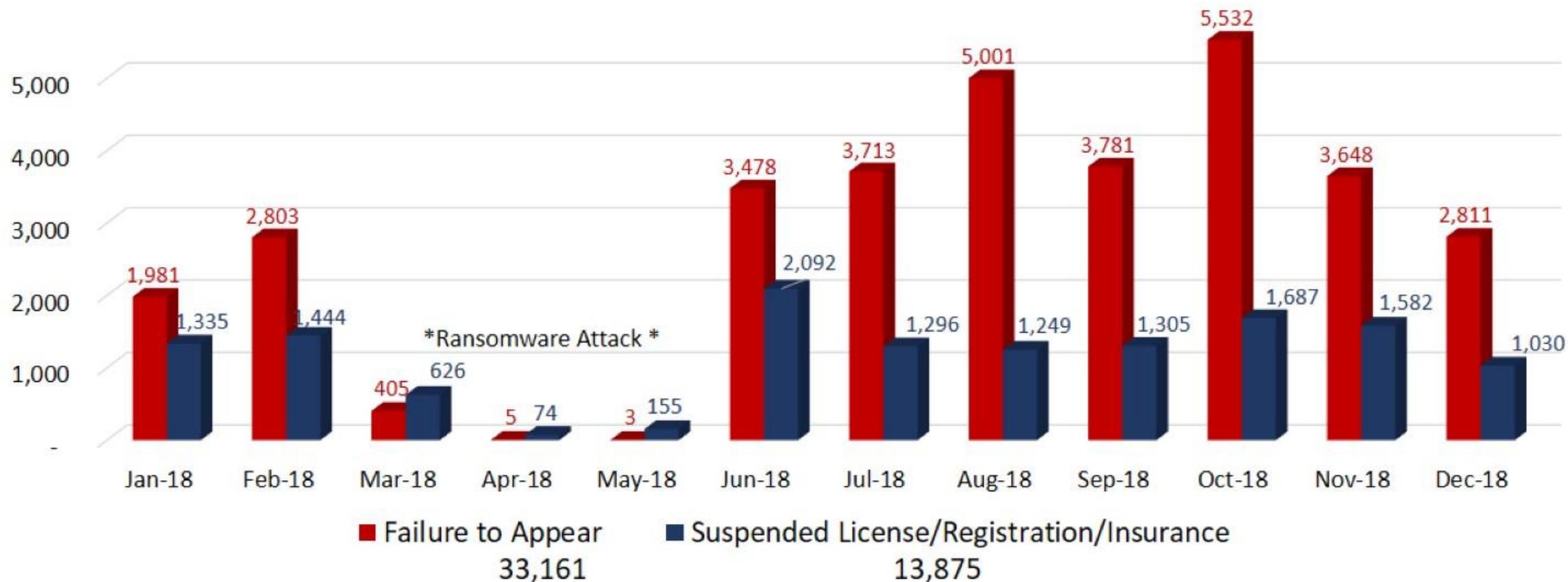
January 2019 – January 2020





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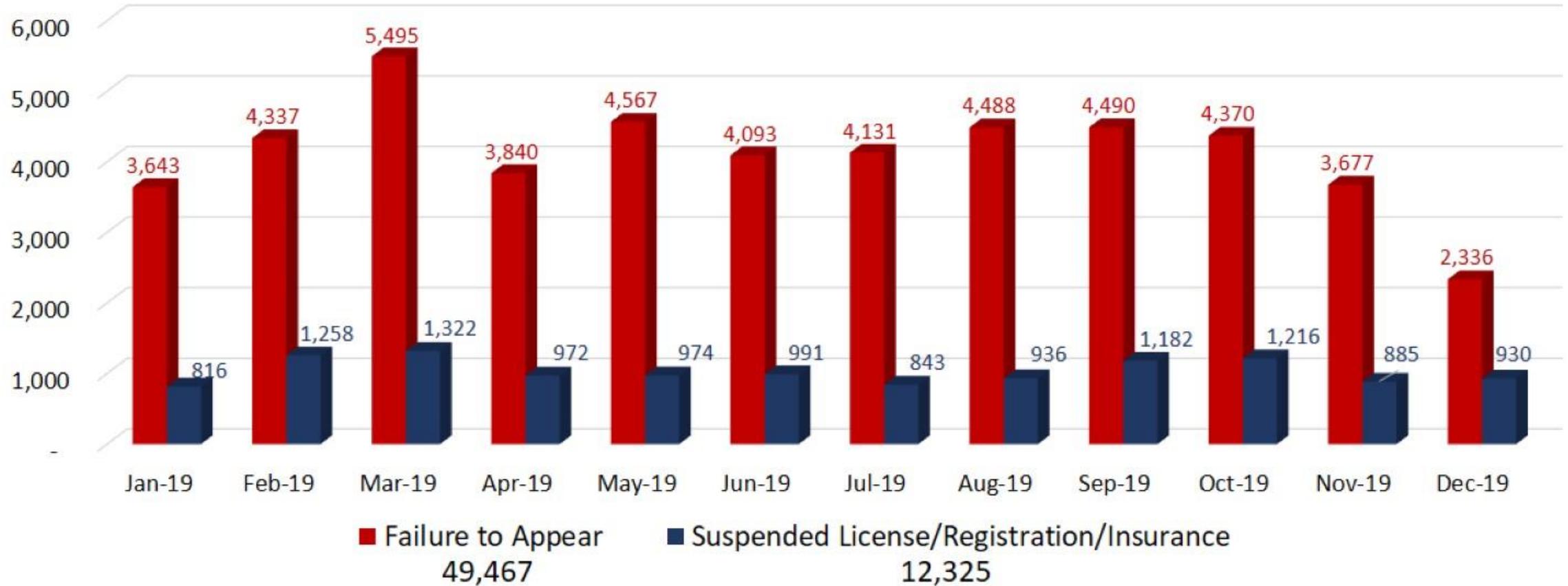
FAILURE TO APPEAR (FTA) v. SUSPENDED LICENSE/REGISTRATION/INSURANCE
CASES
2018





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CASES
2019



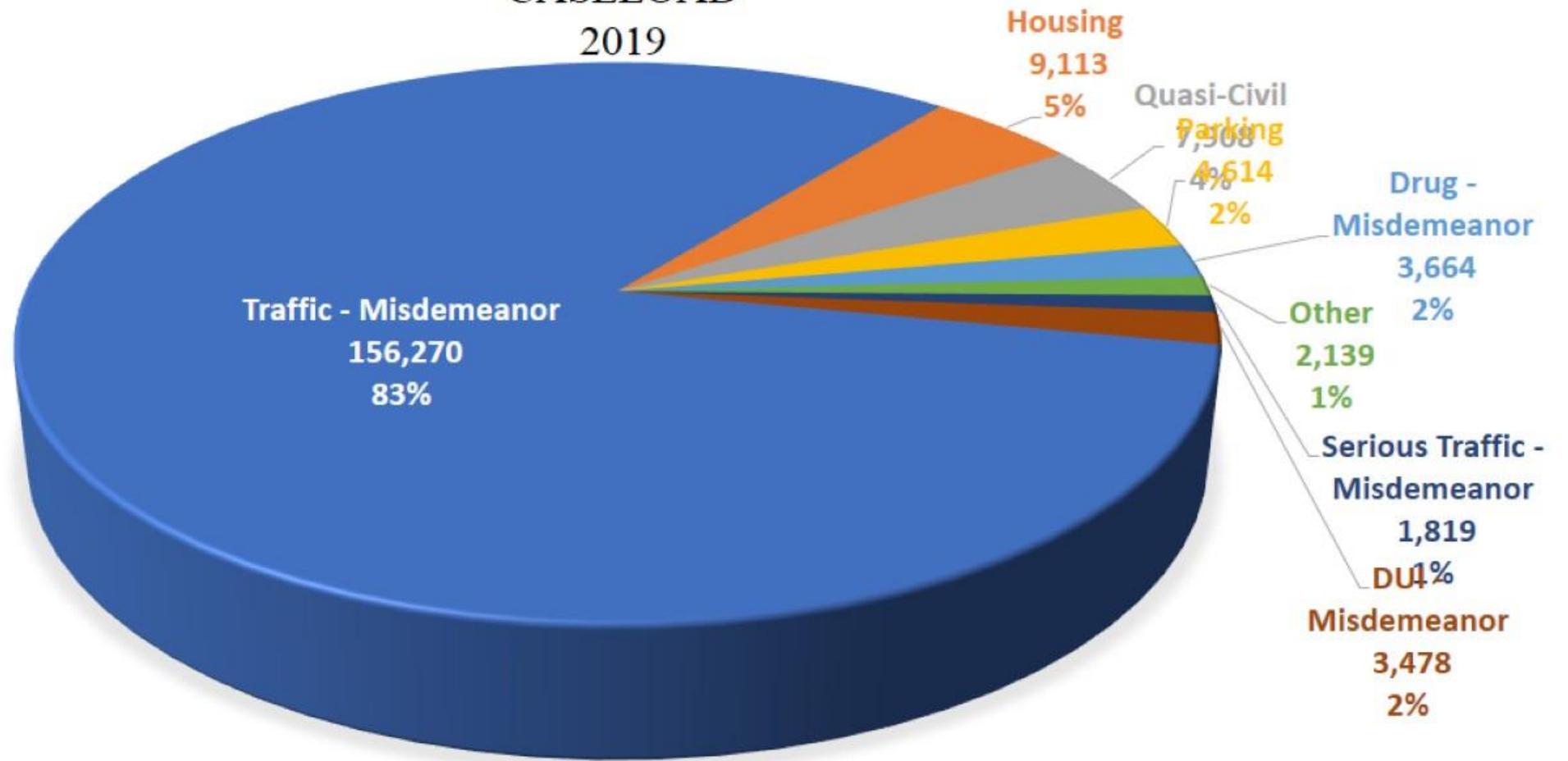


General Court Overview



MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

CASELOAD
2019

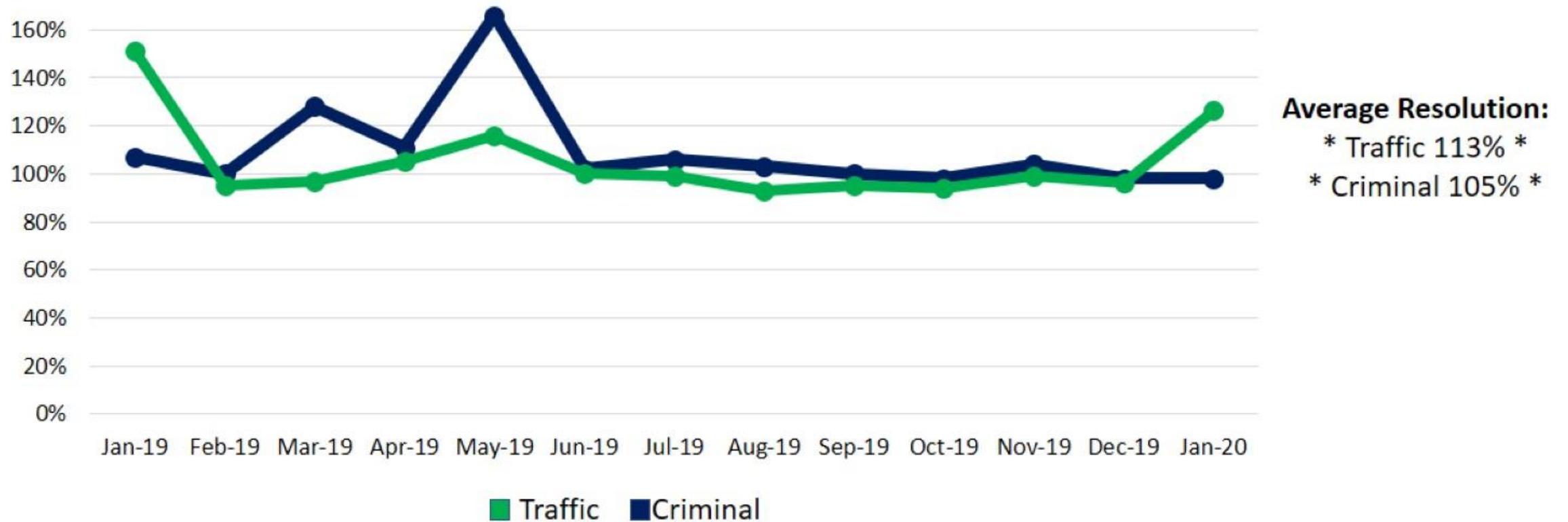


■ Traffic - Misdemeanor ■ Housing ■ Quasi-Civil ■ Parking ■ Drug - Misdemeanor ■ Other ■ Serious Traffic - Misdemeanor ■ DUI - Misdemeanor



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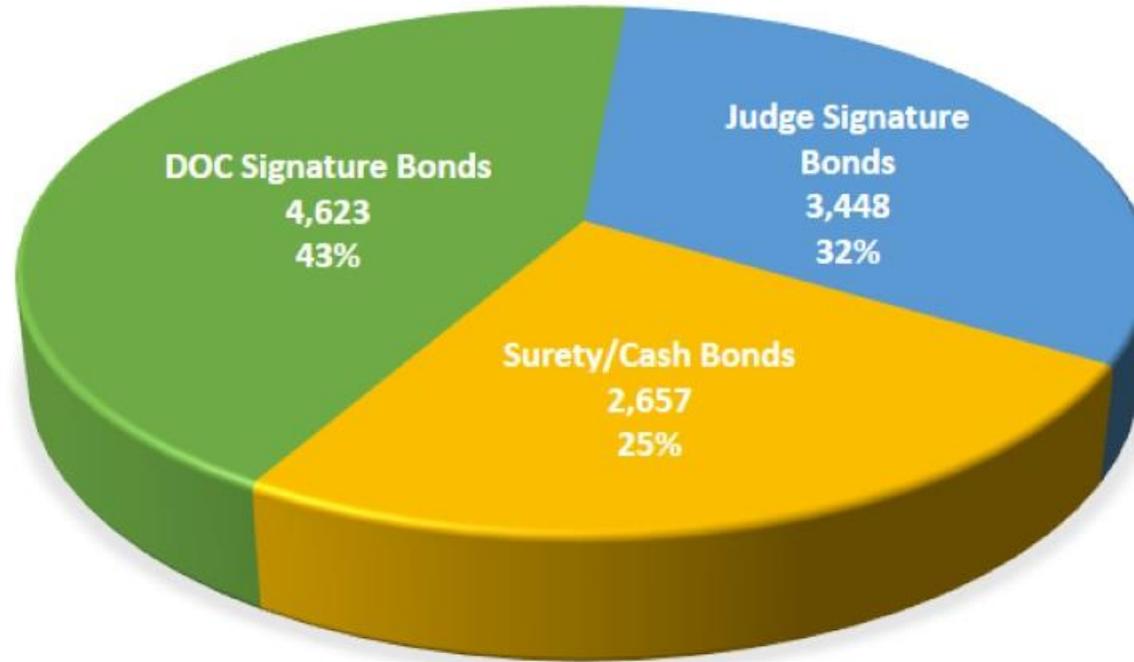
CASE CLEARANCE RATE 2019





MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

BONDS
2019



Total Bonds
* 10,728 *



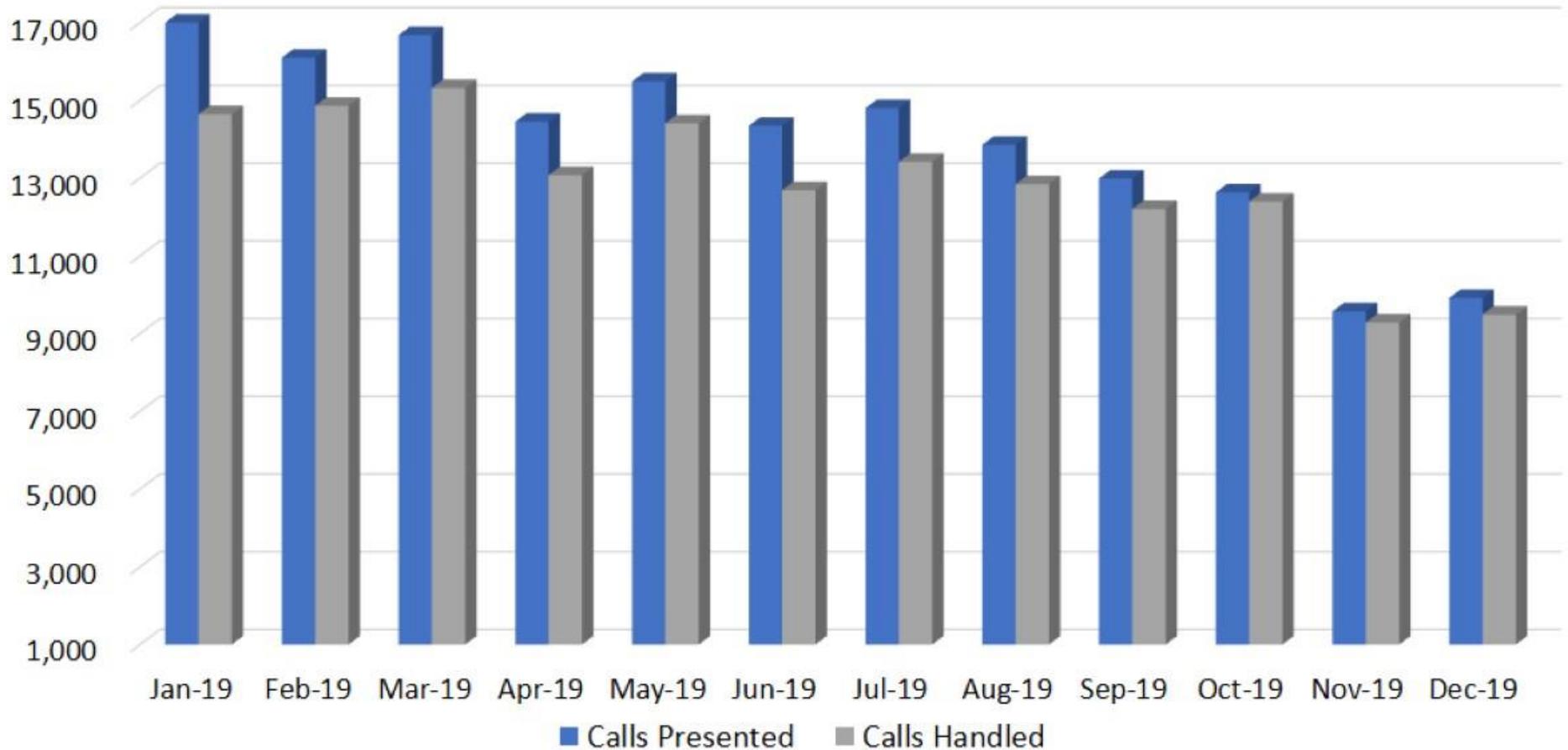
MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

CALL VOLUME
2019



Total Calls
167,899

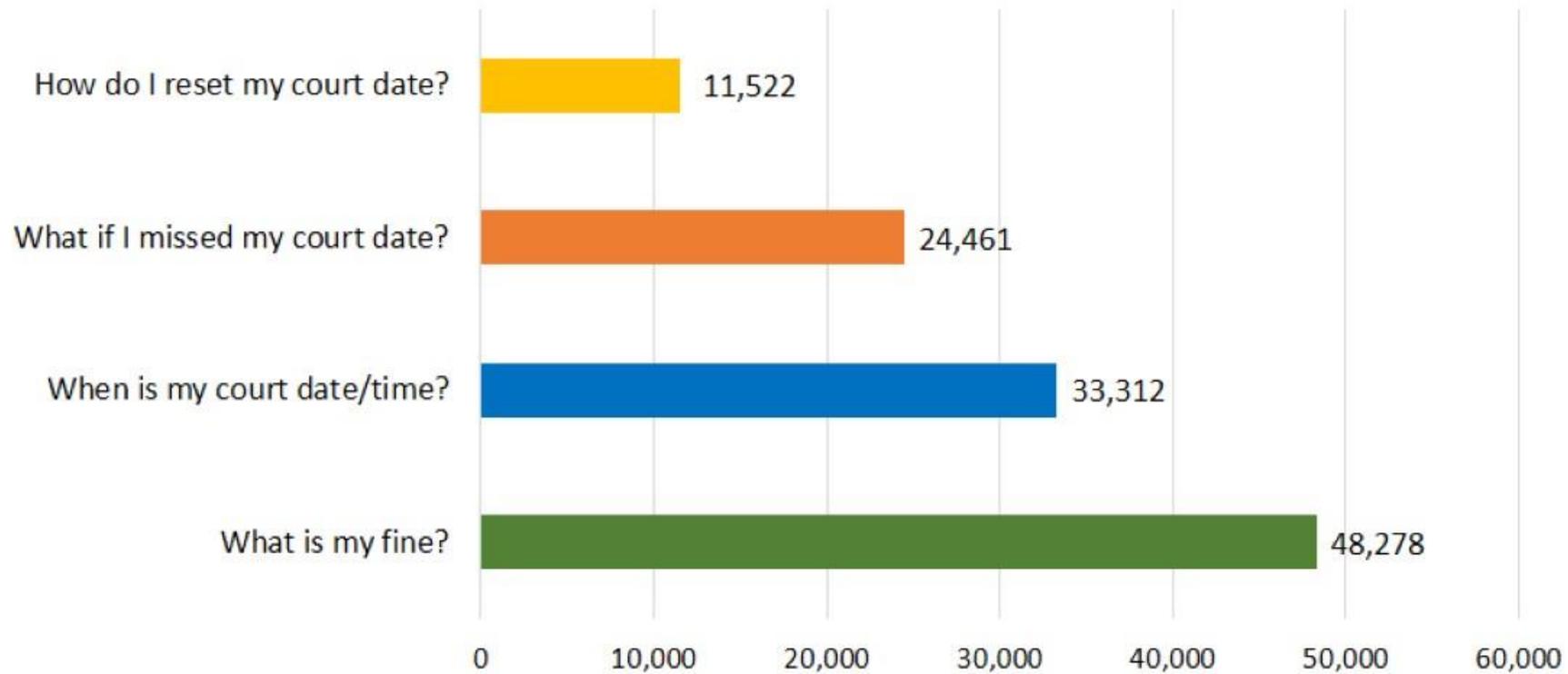
Calls Answered
92%





MUNICIPAL COURT BY THE NUMBERS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY CALL VOLUME 2019





Homeless Court Program



MUNICIPAL COURT HOMELESS COURT PROGRAM



San Diego, California Homeless Court

- San Diego's Homeless Court is the very first homeless court program.
- San Diego identified an issue with homelessness and developed a system to connect individual defendants with resources.
- The Court utilizes creative sentencing to resolve each defendant's outstanding cases.





MUNICIPAL COURT HOMELESS COURT PROGRAM

- Houston's Homeless Court partnered with the local agencies, constables, prosecuting attorneys, and defense attorneys to address the needs of the city.
- Houston's size and number of individuals experiencing homelessness shares similarities with Atlanta's population.

Houston, Texas Homeless Court





MUNICIPAL COURT HOMELESS COURT PROGRAM

PARTICIPANTS

- Active Enrollments: 25
- # Charges: 41
- Prior Felonies: 90%
- Males: 90%
- Race/Ethnicity: 90% African American





MUNICIPAL COURT HOMELESS COURT PROGRAM

Resources of Participants

- No Housing: 100%
- No Insurance: 100%
- Need Mental Health/Substance Abuse Treatment: 87%
- Need Identification/Documentation: 90% (ID, birth certificate, homeless verification letter, etc.)
- No Family Assistance/Support Systems: 92%





MUNICIPAL COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Alternative Community Service Contributions ("Community Service Buy Back")

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Soap/body wash
- Feminine hygiene products
- Socks
- Underwear
- Deodorant
- Wet wipes
- Diapers
- Lotion
- Shoes
- Toys



2019
Community Service Hours
* 20,407.37 *



THANK YOU

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