

Washington, DC Pretrial Facts and Figures

In Washington, DC, the vast majority of persons arrested and awaiting trial are released, either on their own personal recognizance or to the supervision of the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia (PSA). Below are release rates for fiscal years (FY) 2014 through 2017.

Fiscal Year	Release Rate			
2014	92.04%			
2015	91.29%			
2016	94.33%			
2017	93.92%			
Average	92.90%			

Historically, PSA has measured its performance using three key outcomes: arrest-free rate, appearance rate and continued pretrial release. During Fiscal Year 2016, a fourth outcome measure was added to examine judicial concurrence with PSA recommendations.

Outcome	Target	FY	FY	FY	FY
		2014	2015	2016	2017
Arrest-Free Rate	88%	89%	89%	88%	86%
Percentage of defendants who remain					
arrest free during the pretrial period.					
Appearance Rate	87%	88%	88%	91%	88%
Percentage of defendants who make all					
scheduled court appearances during the					
pretrial period.					
Continued Pretrial Release	85%	88%	88%	88%	87%
Percentage of defendants who remain					
on release at the conclusion of their					
pretrial period without a pending					
request for removal or revocation due to					
non-compliance.					
Judicial Concurrence Rate	70%			72%	76%
Percentage of cases in which initial					
release orders match PSA					
recommendations.					

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