

BUDGET SUMMARY

Category	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Requested Budget	2026/2027 Variance
Expenditures					
Personnel Costs	300,887	243,751	250,372	250,780	408
Operations Costs	6,810,988	6,595,446	6,812,307	6,725,906	(86,401)
Debt & Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0
Interdepartmental Charges	106,830	100,209	100,467	104,382	3,915
Total Expenditures	\$7,218,705	\$6,939,405	\$7,163,146	\$7,081,068	(\$82,078)
Revenues					
Other Direct Revenue	150,000	150,000	0	0	0
State & Federal Revenue	423,904	387,653	400,782	400,782	0
Total Revenues	\$573,904	\$537,653	\$400,782	\$400,782	\$0
Tax Levy	\$6,644,801	\$6,401,752	\$6,762,364	\$6,680,286	(\$82,078)
Personnel					
Full Time Pos (FTE)	4.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	0.00
Seasonal/Hourly/Pool	0	0	0	0	0

Department Mission:

The mission of Milwaukee County Pretrial Services is to reduce pretrial failure to appear and re-arrest rates, enhance public safety, reduce overcrowding at the Milwaukee County Criminal Justice Facility, and enhance the processing and adjudication of criminal cases.

Department Vision:

Milwaukee County Pretrial Services envisions a fair, efficient, and equitable justice system where individuals safely remain in the community while their cases proceed. Guided by evidence-based practices, the department works to reduce pretrial failures to appear, enhance public safety, decrease overcrowding at the Criminal Justice Facility, and support timely case processing. Operational oversight by the Chief Judge, Judicial Operations Manager-Pretrial, and the Pretrial Services Advisory Board ensures strong fiscal stewardship, continuous program monitoring, and collaborative development of effective pretrial services.

Department Description:

The Chief Judge and Judicial Operations Manager-Pretrial are responsible for operation, fiscal management, and monitoring of all pretrial contracts, programs, and program outcomes. In addition, the Pretrial Services Advisory Board meets to review program activity, outcomes, and recommendations regarding program development and annual budgets.

Major Changes

- There are no major changes to the 2027 Pretrial operating budget.

**The following contracts are included in the 2027 Budget in lieu of separate review
and approval from the County Board during the fiscal year:**

Vendor	Contract Description	Contract Amount
JusticePoint	Universal Screening	\$1,502,248
JusticePoint	Pretrial Supervision	\$3,019,764
JusticePoint	Early Intervention	\$1,115,769
JusticePoint	Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD)	\$484,617
JusticePoint	Supportive Programming	\$340,863
Wisconsin Community Services	Drug Testing	\$178,046
Wisconsin Community Services	Secure Continuous Remote Alcohol Monitoring (SCRAM)	\$75,000
Medical College of Wisconsin	Psychiatry Fellows	\$6,000

Strategic Program Area: Pre-Trial Services

Service Provision: Discretionary

How We Do It: Program Budget Summary

Category	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2026/2027 Variance
Expenditures	7,218,705	6,939,405	7,163,146	7,081,068	(82,078)
Revenues	573,904	537,653	400,782	400,782	0
Tax Levy	6,644,801	6,401,752	6,762,364	6,680,286	(82,078)
Full Time Pos (FTE)	4.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	0.00

What We Do With It: Activity Data

Activity	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Target	2027 Target
Central Liaison Unit - Div Demographics - Percent African American	49%	46%	N/A	N/A
Central Liaison Unit - Div Demographics - Percent Male	47%	49%	N/A	N/A
Central Liaison Unit - Div Demographics - Percent White	46%	48%	N/A	N/A
Central Liaison Unit - Div Individuals Served	303	240	200	200
Central Liaison Unit - DPA Demographics - Percent African American	69%	66%	N/A	N/A
Central Liaison Unit - DPA Demographics - Percent Male	65%	66%	N/A	N/A
Central Liaison Unit - DPA Demographics - Percent White	28%	31%	N/A	N/A
Central Liaison Unit - DPA Individuals Served	337	453	90	90
Court Reminders - Demographics - Percent African American	67%	67%	N/A	N/A
Court Reminders - Demographics - Percent Male	72%	71%	N/A	N/A
Court Reminders - Demographics - Percent White	30%	30%	N/A	N/A
Court Reminders - Individuals Served	2,626	2,669	1,500	1,500
Drug Treatment Court - Demographics - Percent African American	48%	42%	N/A	N/A
Drug Treatment Court - Demographics - Percent Male	77%	79%	N/A	N/A
Drug Treatment Court - Demographics - Percent White	45%	36%	N/A	N/A
Drug Treatment Court - Individuals Served	93	121	60	60
GPS Supervision - Demographics - Percent African American	72%	73%	N/A	N/A
GPS Supervision - Demographics - Percent Male	90%	80%	N/A	N/A
GPS Supervision - Demographics - Percent White	24%	23%	N/A	N/A
GPS Supervision - Individuals Served	395	466	150	150
Mental Health Treatment Court - Number of Individuals Served	19	27	25	25
Mental Health Treatment Court - Percent African American	67%	52%	N/A	N/A
Mental Health Treatment Court - Percent Male	66%	78%	N/A	N/A
Mental Health Treatment Court - Percent White	33%	33%	N/A	N/A

What We Do With It: Activity Data

Activity	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Target	2027 Target
Pre-Trial Supervision - Demographics - Percent African American	71	70	N/A	N/A
Pre-Trial Supervision - Demographics - Percent Male	81%	80%	N/A	N/A
Pre-Trial Supervision - Demographics - Percent White	26%	26%	N/A	N/A
Pre-Trial Supervision - Individuals Served	5,699	5,763	1,660	1,660
Repeat Intoxicated Driver - Demographics - Percent African American	36%	33%	N/A	N/A
Repeat Intoxicated Driver - Demographics - Percent Male	80%	75%	N/A	N/A
Repeat Intoxicated Driver - Demographics - Percent White	56%	56%	N/A	N/A
Repeat Intoxicated Driver - Individuals Served	453	581	250	250
Treatment Alternatives - Demographics - Percent African American	41%	53%	N/A	N/A
Treatment Alternatives - Demographics - Percent Male	60%	61%	N/A	999,990%
Treatment Alternatives - Demographics - Percent White	55%	43%	N/A	N/A
Treatment Alternatives - Individuals Served	151	175	90	90
Universal Screening - Demographics - Percent African American	69%	69%	N/A	N/A
Universal Screening - Demographics - Percent Male	77%	77%	N/A	N/A
Universal Screening - Demographics - Percent White	27%	27%	N/A	N/A
Universal Screening - Interviewed	54%	65%	90%	90%
Universal Screening - Risk Assessments	13,962	13,743	100	100
Veterans Treatment Court - Demographics - Percent African American	24%	32%	N/A	N/A
Veterans Treatment Court - Demographics - Percent Male	92%	98%	N/A	N/A
Veterans Treatment Court - Demographics - Percent White	54%	52%	N/A	N/A
Veterans Treatment Court - Individuals Served	37	50	40	40

How Well We Do It: Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Target	2027 Target
Central Liaison Unit - Div Graduation	84%	86%	80%	80%
Central Liaison Unit - Div Jail Days Saved	11,520	10,688	N/A	N/A
Central Liaison Unit - DPA Graduation	77%	79%	70%	70%
Central Liaison Unit - DPA Jail/Prison Days Saved	15,333	24,024	N/A	N/A
Court Reminders - Public Safety	91%	91%	90%	90%
Drug Treatment Court - Est Jail/Prison Days Saved	1,535	840	N/A	N/A
Drug Treatment Court - Graduation	29%	21%	50%	50%
Mental Health Treatment Court - Est Jail Days Saved	455	1,770	N/A	N/A
Mental Health Treatment Court - Graduation	11	54	25	25
Treatment Alternatives and Diversion - Est Jail Days Saved	5,947	10,830	N/A	N/A
Treatment Alternatives and Diversion - Graduation	53%	71%	70%	70%

How Well We Do It: Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Target	2027 Target
Universal Screening - Overall Release	67%	64%	80%	80%
Universal Screening - Percent High Risk	57%	51%	N/A	N/A
Universal Screening - Percent High Risk Release	49%	46%	N/A	N/A
Universal Screening - Percent Low Risk	43%	49%	N/A	N/A
Universal Screening - Percent Low Risk Release	82%	82%	80%	80%
Veterans Treatment Court - Est Jail Days Saved	1,617	6,260	N/A	N/A
Veterans Treatment Court - Graduation	86%	78%	75%	75%

Strategic Overview:

The Pretrial Services Department is responsible for universal screening, pretrial services, early interventions and supportive programming which are funded to reduce the unnecessary and costly jail bed utilization, reduce pretrial misconduct, and enhance the efficient operation of the Court System. The program area's goal is to develop appropriate evidence-based methods to effectively monitor individuals so that they may safely remain in the community. This allows individuals to maintain employment, provide childcare, access treatment, and more effectively assist in the defense of their own case(s). These programs can result in a reduction of Milwaukee County's jail population.

Universal screening provides information to stakeholders regarding the likelihood of failure to appear as well as new criminal activity during the pendency of cases. This allows stakeholders to make informed decisions regarding release/supervision and county resources.

Pretrial supervision helps individuals stay in compliance with court orders and may assist individuals with employment, education, budgeting, insurance, etc.

Early intervention programming provides individuals with the opportunity to take responsibility for their actions and, upon successful completion of the agreement, have cases dismissed or reduced. Upon successful completion, the individual is not sentenced to jail or prison and has been equipped with various tools (through cognitive behavioral programming and case management) to assist the individual in being a positive, contributing member of the community. For the diversion program, the case is never filed. This division works closely with various service providers to help individuals with housing, treatment, and substance use.

Supportive programming supports the work of early interventions by offering participants cognitive behavioral therapy groups to address trauma and criminogenic thinking. These groups are required components of the Deferred Prosecution and Treatment Court agreements. Supportive programming additionally provides certified peer support specialists to work with program participants.

Strategic Implementation:

The Pretrial Services Department will continue implementing evidence-based universal screening and pretrial supervision practices that support fair, consistent, and data-driven decisions. These strategies ensure individuals can safely remain in the community while maintaining employment, childcare, and treatment engagement. Contracted providers will provide equitable support through case management, cognitive behavioral interventions, and peer specialists to promote stability and success.

The department will work to reduce unnecessary jail utilization by offering early intervention and diversion pathways that address underlying behavioral health needs and reduce pretrial misconduct. Universal screening equips justice partners with reliable information to guide release and resource decisions. Case management and supportive programming help individuals comply with court orders, navigate barriers, and access services such as housing, education, and treatment.

By expanding access to diversion, cognitive behavioral programming, and supportive services, the department advances equitable justice outcomes and improves community health. These programs provide practical tools, trauma-informed supports, and individualized guidance that reduce recidivism and strengthen long-term wellbeing. The combined strategy decreases reliance on costly incarceration while promoting healthier, more stable communities.

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