





63rd District Court Performance Measures

Jun 17, 2020

Report Legend

 No Update

 Overdue

 **Priority**

Department 2 Progress 43%



63rd District Court

The 63rd District Court is one of five District Courts in the County, but the only District Court funded by the County of Kent. The other District Courts in Kent County are funded by their respective cities.

The District Court is a trial court of limited jurisdiction that has exclusive jurisdiction over the following types of cases: Civil suits involving \$25,000 or less; Adult criminal misdemeanor offenses punishable by up to one year’s imprisonment; Civil infractions; Traffic violations; Landlord/tenant disputes; Small claims (involving \$6,000 or less); and Land Contract forfeitures

In addition to its jurisdiction to try adult criminal offenses punishable by up to one year’s imprisonment, the district court is the court in which all other adult criminal proceedings begin, regardless of the nature of the offense. In carrying out this function, the district court has jurisdiction to issue arrest and search warrants, set bail and accept bond, conduct misdemeanor and felony arraignments, preside over preliminary examinations for felony and misdemeanor offenses outside its trial jurisdiction, and perform civil marriage ceremonies.

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Department Goal: 6 Objective: 13

	%	#
● On Track	14.29	1
● Some Disruption	42.86	3
● Completed	42.86	3

Department Goal 2.2 Progress 0%



Criminal Division: Provide timely processing and adjudication of all criminal cases filed with the Court.

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Objective: 2

	%	#
● Some Disruption	100.0	1

Objective 2.2.1

Ongoing - Ongoing Some Disruption

75% of Preliminary Exams to be Concluded Within 28 days of Arraignment.

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Cloned as Objective 3.4.8 (Kent County Strategic Plan)

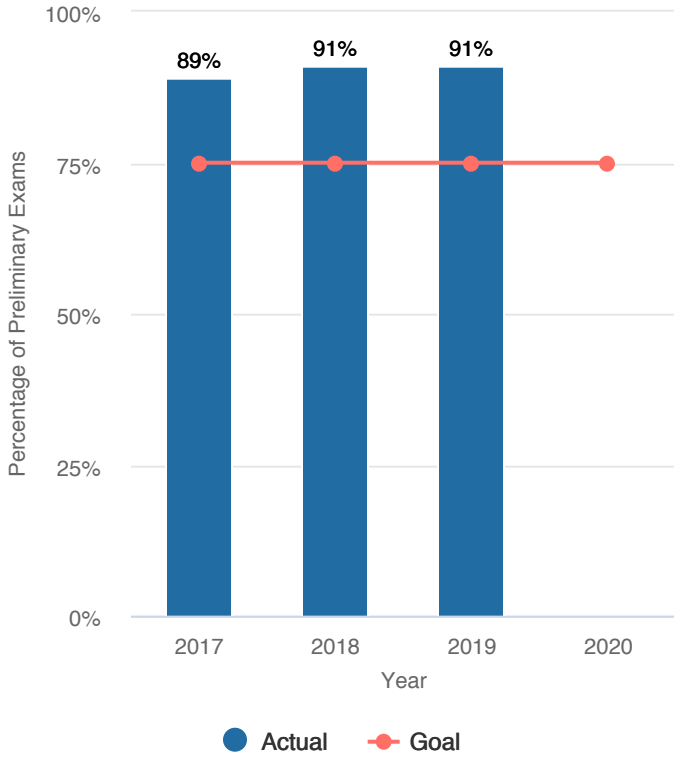
Update provided by Hilary Arthur on Jun 15, 2020 23:56:56

COVID-19 has disrupted felony cases, because defendants have more frequently waived time limitations for completion of preliminary examinations. The court continues to hold preliminary examinations, using teleconferencing to the greatest extent possible.

District Court - Percentage of Preliminary Exams Concluded Within 28 Days of Arraignment

Objective 2.2.1 75% of Preliminary Exams to be Concluded Within 28 days of Arraignment.

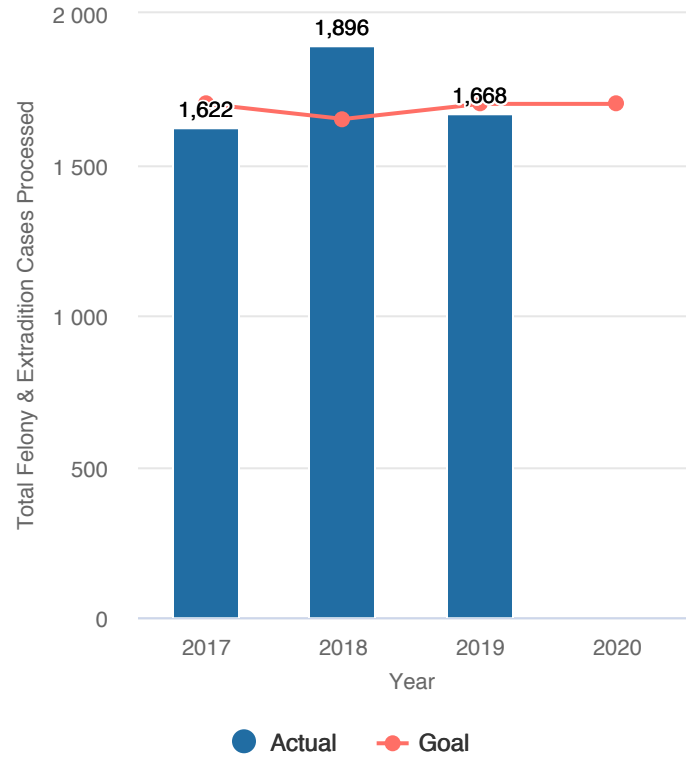
Percentage of Preliminary Exams Concluded Within 28 Days of Arraignment



District Court - Total Felony & Extradition Cases Processed (Pending, New & Reopened)

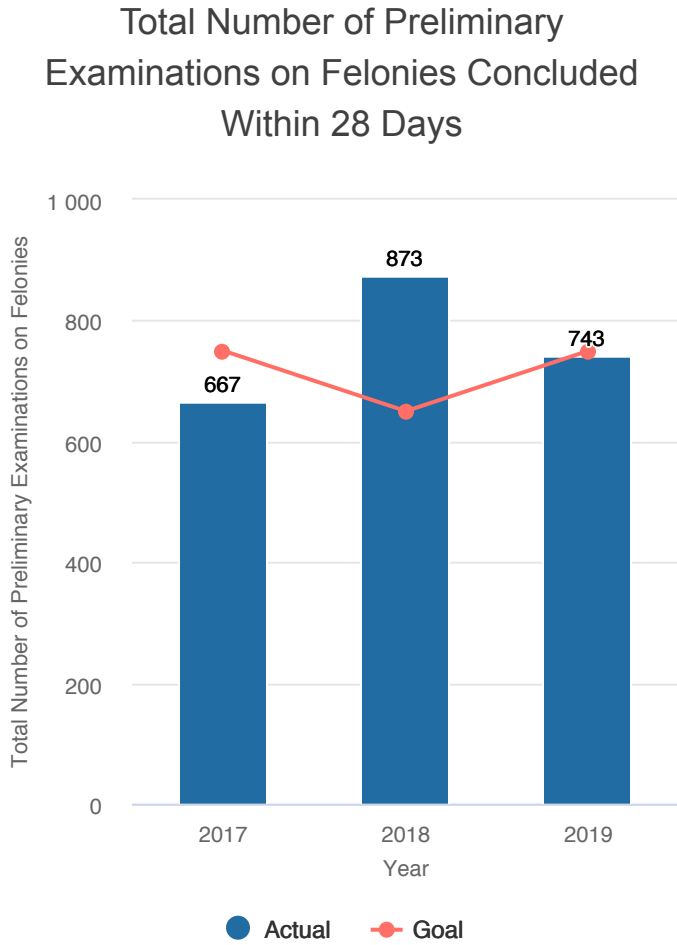
Objective 2.2.1 75% of Preliminary Exams to be Concluded Within 28 days of Arraignment.

Total Felony & Extradition Cases Processed (Pending, New & Reopened)



District Court - Total Number of Preliminary Examinations on Felonies Concluded Within 28 Days

Objective 2.2.1 75% of Preliminary Exams to be Concluded Within 28 days of Arraignment.



Department Goal 2.3

Progress 0%

Probation Division: Provide a safe and informed community through reduced offender recidivism, and fair enforcement of court orders.

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Objective: 1



	%	#
Some Disruption	100.0	1

Objective 2.3.1

Ongoing - Ongoing

Some Disruption

At least 75% of OWI probationers discharged each year will be successful.

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Cloned as Objective 3.4.10 (Kent County Strategic Plan)

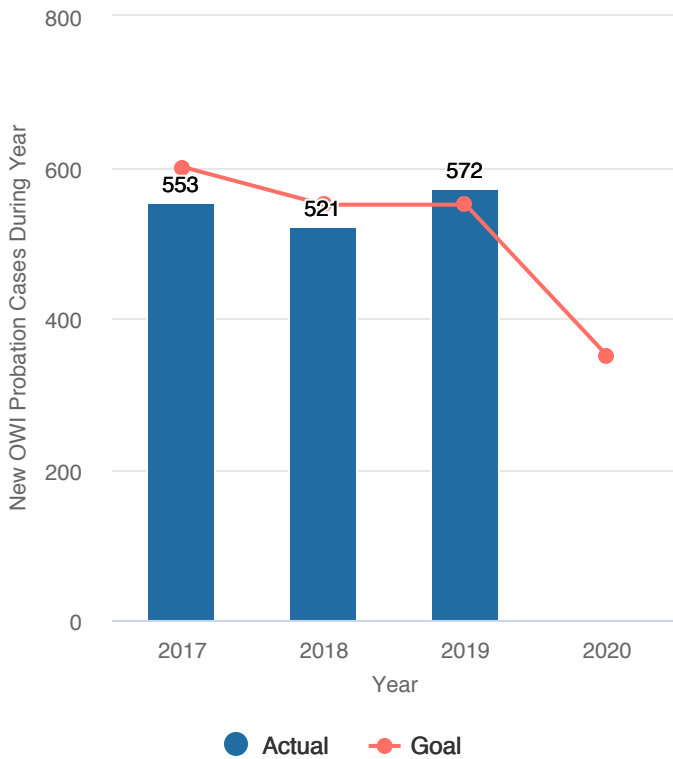
Update provided by Hilary Arthur on Jun 16, 2020 00:11:27

COVID-19 has changed probation from face-to-face to telephone contact. Probation Officers continue to work closely with probationers, connecting through regular phone meetings supplemented by email messages. Leveraging technology works to bridge a gap. It is too early to tell what impact, negative or positive, this change will have on probationer success.

District Court - New OWI Probation Cases During Year

Objective 2.3.1 At least 75% of OWI probationers discharged each year will be successful.

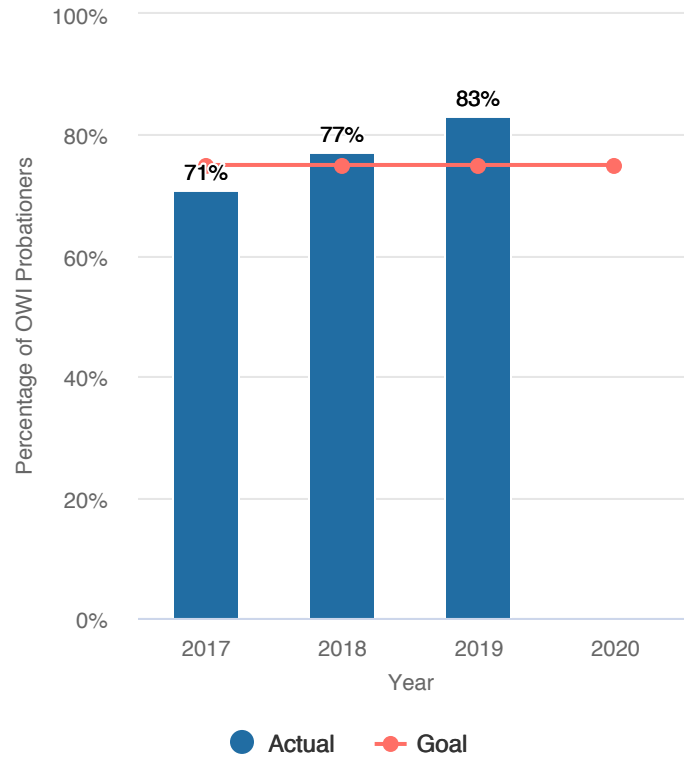
New OWI Probation Cases During Year



District Court - Percentage of OWI Probationers Discharged Successfully (vs. Unsuccessful)

Objective 2.3.1 At least 75% of OWI probationers discharged each year will be successful.

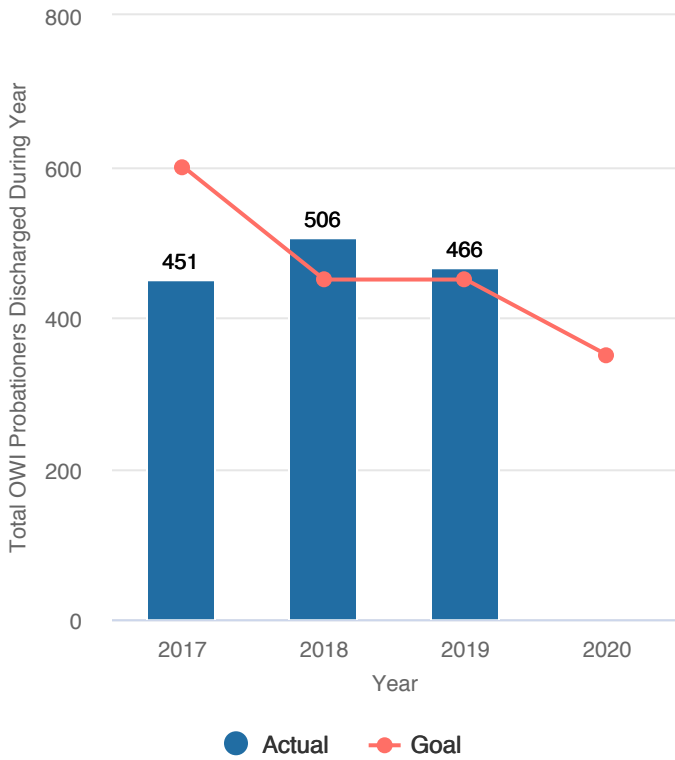
Percentage of OWI Probationers Discharged Successfully (vs. Unsuccessful)



District Court - Total OWI Probationers Discharged During Year (Successful & Unsuccessful)

Objective 2.3.1 At least 75% of OWI probationers discharged each year will be successful.

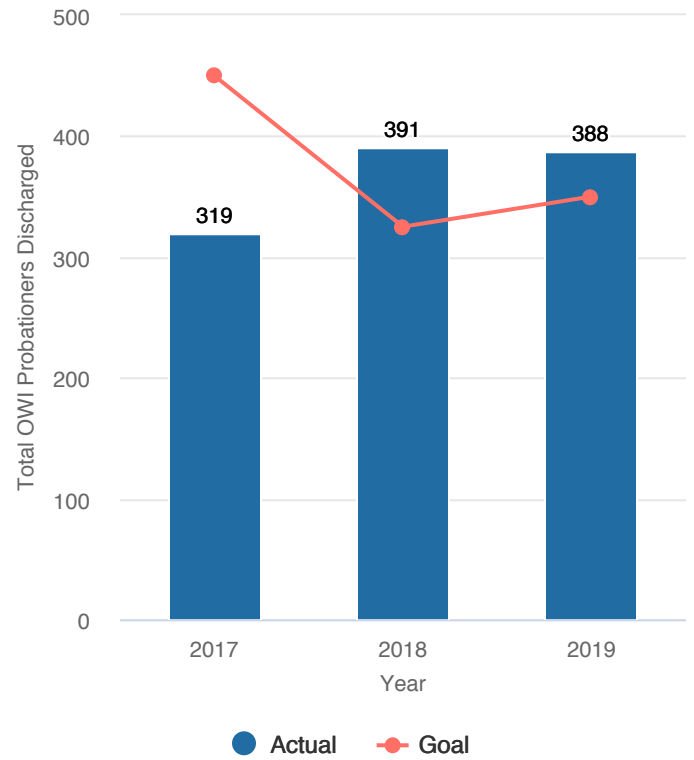
Total OWI Probationers Discharged During Year (Successful & Unsuccessful)



District Court - Total OWI Probationers Discharged Successfully During Year

Objective 2.3.1 At least 75% of OWI probationers discharged each year will be successful.

Total OWI Probationers Discharged Successfully During Year



Department Goal 2.4

Progress 0%

Probation Division: Provide supervision to misdemeanor probationers in order to monitor their compliance with court orders, including the effective collection of fines, costs and assessments.

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Objective: 1



	%	#
Some Disruption	100.0	1

Objective 2.4.1

Update provided by Hilary Arthur on Jun 16, 2020 00:11:39

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Ongoing - Ongoing

Some Disruption

At least 70% of all probationers discharged each year will be successful.

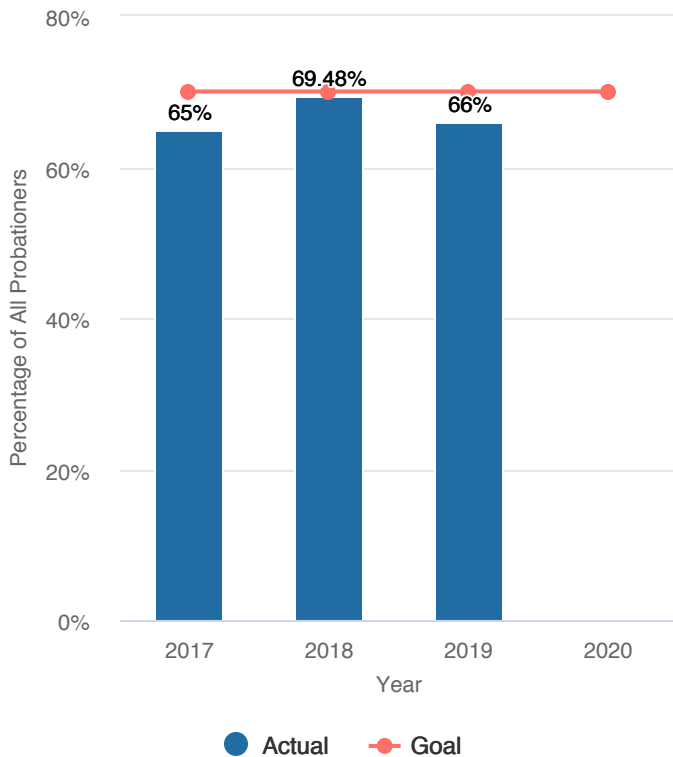
Owner: Hilary Arthur

Cloned as Objective 3.4.11 (Kent County Strategic Plan)

District Court - Percentage of All Probationers Discharged Successfully (vs. Unsuccessful)

Objective 2.4.1 At least 70% of all probationers discharged each year will be successful.

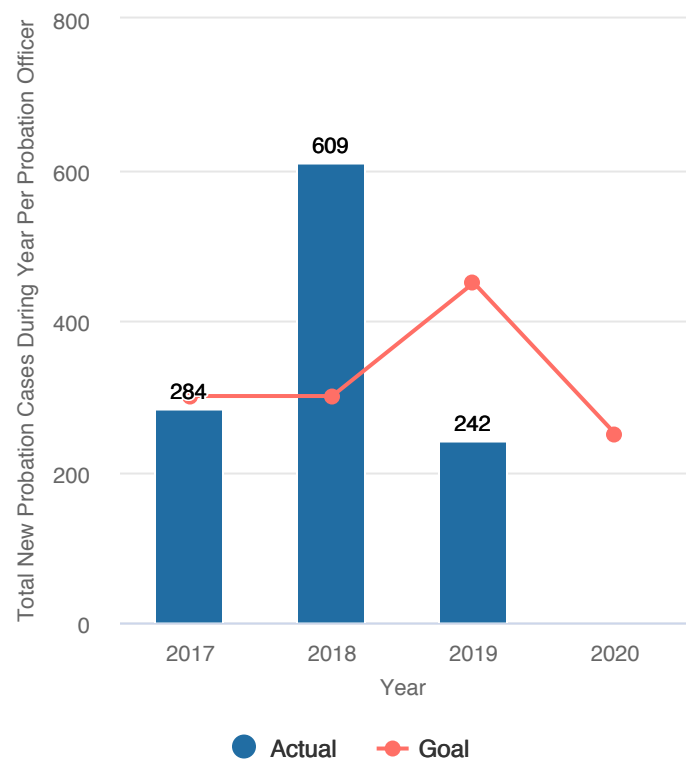
Percentage of All Probationers Discharged Successfully (vs. Unsuccessful)



District Court - Total New Probation Cases During Year Per Probation Officer

Objective 2.4.1 At least 70% of all probationers discharged each year will be successful.

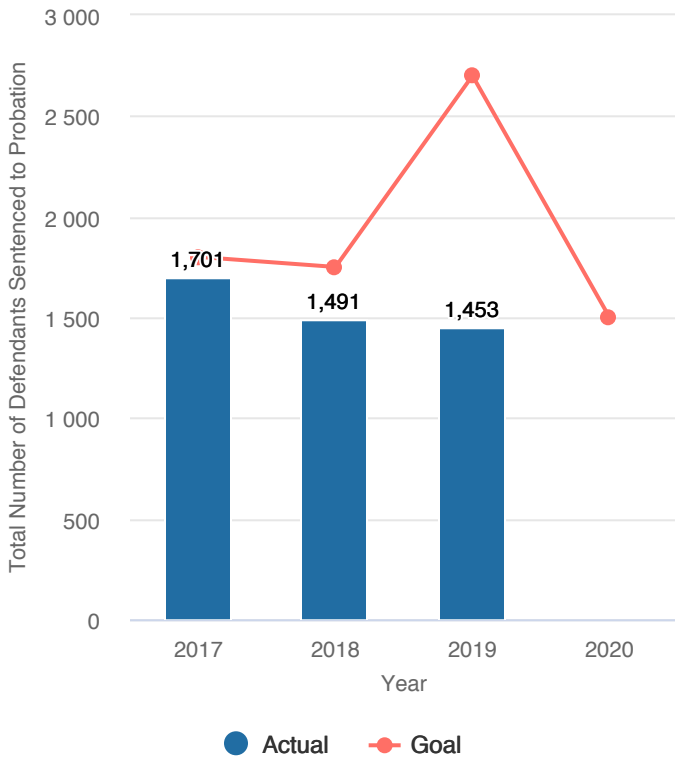
Total New Probation Cases During Year Per Probation Officer



District Court - Total Number of Defendants Sentenced to Probation During Year

Objective 2.4.1 At least 70% of all probationers discharged each year will be successful.

Total Number of Defendants Sentenced to Probation During Year



Department Goal 2.5

Progress 0%

Traffic Division: Provide timely processing and adjudication of all traffic civil infraction and parking cases filed with the Court.

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Objective: 2



	%	#
● On Track	100.0	1

Objective 2.5.1

Ongoing - Ongoing

On Track

100% of Abstractable Civil Infractions to be Submitted to the Secretary of State Within 10 Days of Adjudication.

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Cloned as Objective 3.4.12 (Kent County Strategic Plan)

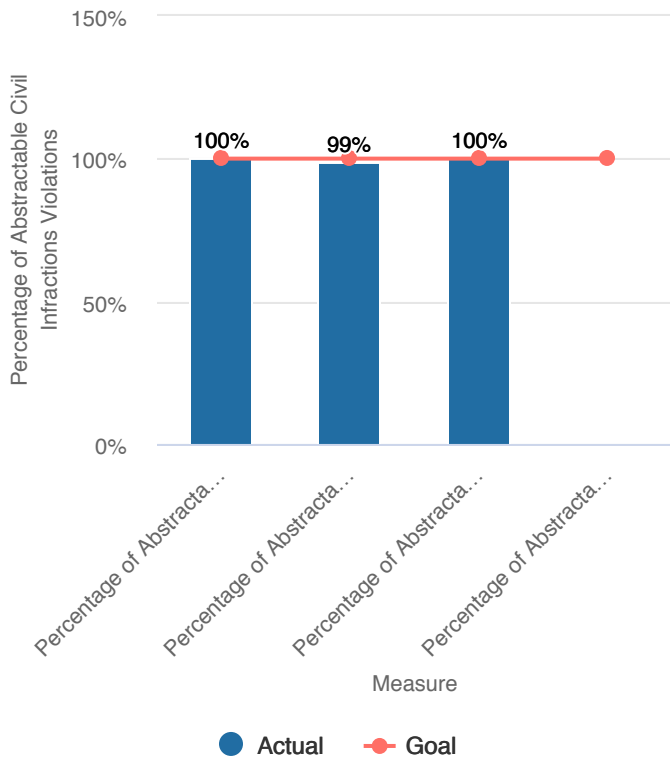
Update provided by Hilary Arthur on Jun 16, 2020 00:14:05

COVID-19 has disrupted civil infractions. The total number of infractions submitted will be lower in 2020 than in other years. However, timeliness of submission to the Secretary of State will not be affected. This objective is expected remain consistent with past years.

District Court - Percentage of Abstractable Civil Infractions Violations Submitted to the Secretary

Objective 2.5.1 100% of Abstractable Civil Infractions to be Submitted to the Secretary of State Within 10 Days o...

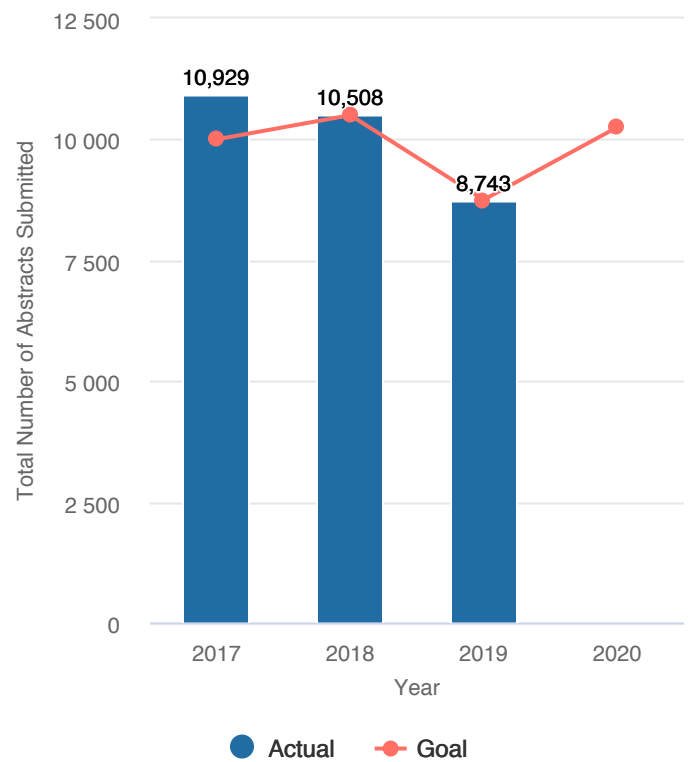
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District Court - Total Number of Abstracts Submitted to the Secretary of State

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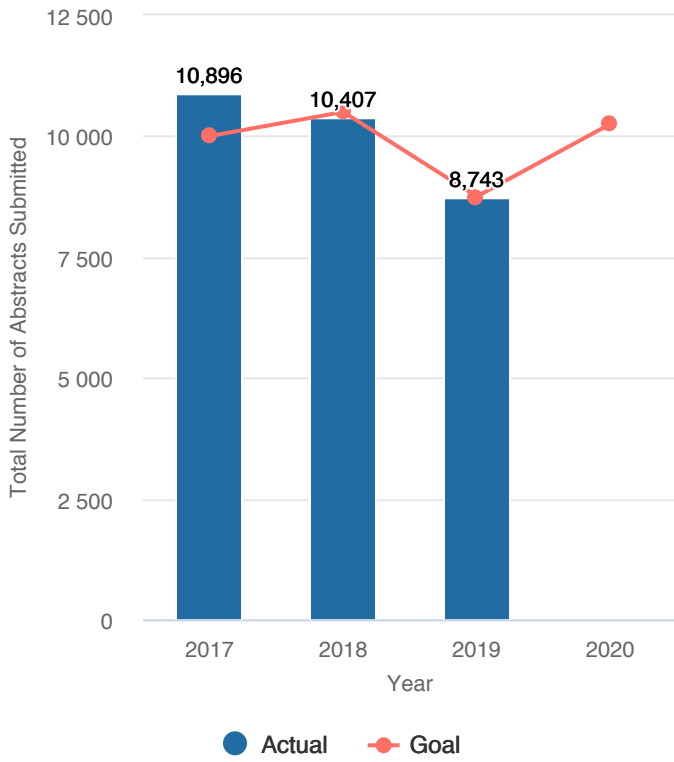
Total Number of Abstracts Submitted to the Secretary of State



District Court - Total Number of Abstracts Submitted to the Secretary of State within 10 days

Objective 2.5.1 100% of Abstractable Civil Infractions to be Submitted to the Secretary of State Within 10 Days o...

Total Number of Abstracts Submitted to the Secretary of State within 10 days



Department Goal 2.6

Progress 100%

Significant Accomplishments

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Objective: 3



	%	#
Completed	100.0	3

Objective 2.6.1

Jan 01, 2016 - Oct 31, 2019

Completed

Progress 100%

MIDC Implementation

In a sustained and robust collaborative effort, 63rd District Court worked closely with County Counsel, Sheriff's Office-Corrections, County IT, and district courts in Kent County along with their funding units to develop a coordinated program to appoint attorneys for first appearance arraignments under Michigan Indigent Defense Commission standards. This means that every defendant who is arraigned on any criminal charge in Kent County is offered an appointed attorney for the arraignment hearing. The attorney works to explain the process, advocates on issues of bond and release, and represents the defendant's interests during this key first appearance in the criminal court process. 63rd District Court, Sheriff's Office-Corrections and County Counsel staff acted as lead team for the county-wide collaborative effort, lending subject-matter expertise and maintaining a clear communication bridge between stakeholders. Additionally, 63rd District Court provided hands-on technical and administrative assistance to the other courts and the Kent County Office of the Defender. This program strengthens the administration of justice throughout our county.

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Objective 2.6.2

Feb 03, 2019 - Apr 05, 2019

Completed

Progress 100%

Waiver program - Community Impact and Collaboration

During all of March 2019, Kent County 63rd District Court collaborated with 62-B District Court, City of Kentwood, on a joint Warrant, Traffic and Parking Tickets Waiver Program. For those in arrears who paid in full, the Court waived all court-imposed late and warrant fees, except state-mandated license suspension reinstatement fees, which are non-waivable. The Court worked with those unable to pay in full in establishing sustainable payment plans. Collectively, the two courts resolved 281 cases and collected \$70,001.81 in past due fines and costs. Specifically, 63rd District Court collected \$41,927.00 in payments on 179 cases. 62-B District Court saw similar success, collecting \$28,074.81 in payments on 102 cases. This program offered individuals the opportunity to come into compliance with court orders by settling their obligations without further penalty or incarceration, enabling them to move forward with a fresh start.

Owner: Hilary Arthur

Update provided by Hilary Arthur on Jun 16, 2020 17:54:34

The waiver program successfully provided a fresh start for individuals to pay in full or enter into a sustainable payment plan.

Objective 2.6.3

Oct 01, 2019 - Dec 30, 2019

Completed

Progress 100%

OnBase Work Group - Community Impact and Collaboration

Arising out of the observation that separate but similar technology projects were in place or under development, 63rd District Court initiated an OnBase Work Group to facilitate collaboration among county-funded courts and county departments connected with the justice system. The unified approach enables the group to leverage diverse expertise and projects to create a more streamlined, coordinated system. By joining forces, 63rd District Court; Kent County IT OnBase Team; Kent County Circuit Court Case Management, Personal Protection Office and Friend of the Court; Clerk's Office-Court Division; Probate Court; Prosecutor's Office; and Kent County Sheriff Office promote cost-savings, reduce waste and enhance service to the public.

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