



# Research Recap: Increasing data quality and transparency in the Shelby County criminal justice system

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The Shelby County criminal justice system does not currently report aggregate data on the following seven key metrics relative to *pretrial release and diversion* for criminal cases.

Metric	Definition	Is it reported? Is it collected?
1 Pretrial release completion	The rate at which defendants complete pretrial release without violating release conditions	Aggregate data is not reported. It is unknown if this data is collected.
2 Pretrial release conditions	All requirements imposed on a defendant granted pretrial release, such as a monetary bail and the final amount of the bail	Aggregate data is not reported. The data is collected by the Shelby County Pretrial Services office.
3 Rearrest status	An indicator of whether the defendant was arrested for a new charge while on pretrial release for another charge. This should include the initial charge the defendant was granted pretrial release for, as well as the charge at the new arrest	Aggregate data is not reported. It is unknown if this data is collected.
4 Diversion type	An indicator of whether the defendant was placed on pretrial diversion or judicial diversion	Aggregate data is not reported. The data OREA received from the Shelby County General Sessions and Criminal Court Clerks' offices indicated when a case was disposed by judicial diversion. The Shelby County Criminal Justice Information System indicates whether pre-trial or judicial diversion is granted in a case.
5 Diversion and completion status	An indicator of whether the defendant successfully completed the conditions of diversion, or if the diversion was revoked. If revoked, why diversion was revoked (i.e., failure to meet imposed conditions or failure to pay court fees). If the diversion was revoked due to the defendant being arrested for/committing a new offense, the charged offense should be stated	Aggregate data is not reported. The data is collected in the Shelby County Criminal Justice Information System. Cases that receive judicial diversion can be expunged upon successful completion.
6 Judicial diversion terms	For cases disposed via judicial diversion, the diversion conditions (i.e., searching for/obtaining employment, anger management classes, parenting classes, etc.)	Aggregate data is not reported. It is unknown if this data is collected.
7 Judicial diversion completion rate	The rate at which offenders complete judicial diversion without violating the terms of diversion	Aggregate data is not reported. The data OREA received from the Shelby County Criminal Court Clerk's Office did not include this information. Cases that receive judicial diversion can be expunged upon successful completion.

The Comptroller's March 2025 report includes recommendations for enhancing the transparency, accessibility, and usability of aggregate data on the operations and outcomes of the Shelby County criminal justice system. See the [full report](#) for more, including all 18 metrics for the system that would increase accountability and transparency. An [executive summary](#) of the full report is also available.