

BAIL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

A DETAILED LOOK AT HOW BAIL IS ASSESSED IN DANE COUNTY: 2018

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Booking Records

12,250



Total bookings with a release date in 2018¹



Bail Assessed by Bail Schedule: 5,355
Never Assessed by Bail Schedule: 6,895²
Cash Bail Paid Based on Bail Schedule: 2,040³



Issued Signature Bond at Court: 2,405
Court Assessed Cash Bail: 1,262
Paid Cash Bail Based on Court Assessed Amount: 304
Court Modified Bail Schedule Amount: 554

Released without Cash Bail or Court Assessment: 3,183
Released after completing sentence: 1,209



Bail Schedule

Individuals with an offense that listed on this schedule is assessed the corresponding amount per offense.

5,355

Number where cash is involved

Commissioner

The court commissioner makes a release decision and/or assesses modifications to cash bail.

1,262

Number where cash is involved

About the Data:

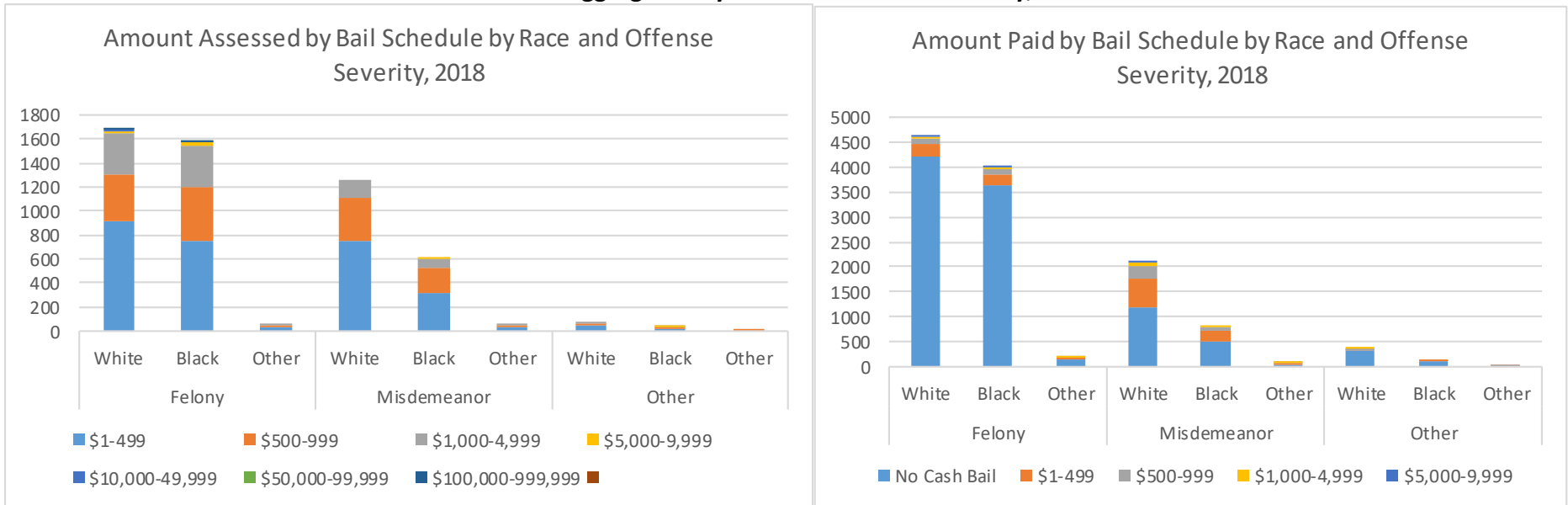
In 2016, the Dane County Criminal Justice Council (CJC) started a cross-agency data-sharing initiative to integrate and analyze data across several criminal justice agencies. Cross-agency data analysis allows the CJC to critically examine the county's criminal justice system and how key events in the criminal justice process affect outcomes for individuals and the community. The data featured in this fact sheet were provided to the CJC research team by the Dane County Sheriff's Office.

Important Notes:

As indicated above, the bail schedule is distinct from the court commissioner's assessment of bail. The bail schedule is determined at the offense level by the state, and it automatically applies to all people booked within the state of Wisconsin. Signature bonds cannot occur at the bail schedule assessment; signature bonds occur during initial appearance before a court commissioner. Incarcerated individuals who have holds, are sentenced, or are being transferred are included in the booking totals. However, these groups are not included in calculations of length of stay. Incarcerated individuals may be in the jail with multiple different statuses within one stay (for example, pretrial, then sentenced). Some individuals are assessed by the bail schedule, but not by the court. One person can have multiple bookings within this dataset, and one person can have multiple assessments of bail before the court commissioner.



Bail Assessed and Paid According to the Bail Schedule per Booking Disaggregated by Race and Offense Severity, 2018



Amount of Bail Assessed by the Court Commissioner per Booking Disaggregated by Race and Offense Severity, 2018

