Project ORCA
& Justice System Update

MAY 17, 2023

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Since the beginning of COVID-19, the Fulton County Court System has amassed a significant and unprecedented level of cases. Project ORCA will address this challenge by utilizing a combination of capacity expansion and productivity enhancement initiatives to expedite the case adjudication process.
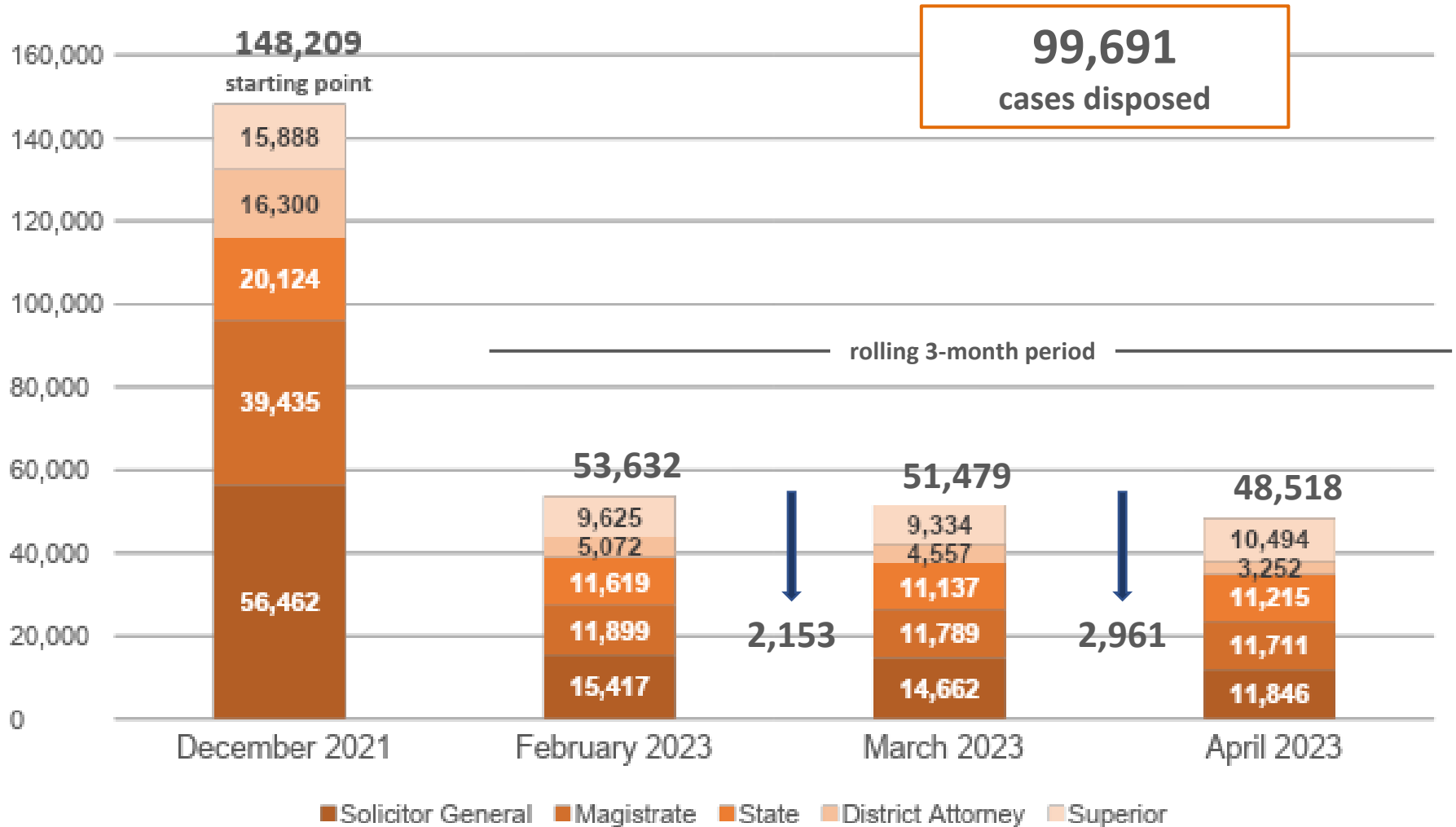
CASE ACCUMULATION DEFINED

All cases (hearings, filings, applications) that were initiated before and during the pandemic (including those currently awaiting formal charging or filing) that have been impacted due to current limitations at various stages of the case administration process.

The COVID-19 Case Resolution Project began on **December 6, 2021** with **148,209** open and active cases.

As of **April 30, 2023**, **99,691** cases have been disposed. There are **48,518** pending open and active cases.

PROJECT ORCA CASE REDUCTION
DISPOSITIONS BY OFFICE

99,691
cases disposed

148,209
starting point

53,632

51,479

48,518

rolling 3-month period

December 2021	February 2023	March 2023	April 2023
15,888	9,625	9,334	10,494
16,300	5,072	4,557	3,252
20,124	11,619	11,137	11,215
39,435	11,899	11,789	11,711
56,462	15,417	14,662	11,846

2,153

2,961

■ Solicitor General ■ Magistrate ■ State ■ District Attorney ■ Superior

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PROJECT ORCA CASE REDUCTION
CASE DISPOSITION SUMMARY

Office	April 2023 (Last full month)			Project To Date (12/6/2021 through 4/30/2023)		
	Target	Actual	Variance	Target	Actual	Variance
Superior	442	253	(189)	7,503	9,073	1,570
District Attorney	356	1,305	949	7,273	13,048	5,775
State	556	369	(187)	9,445	11,625	2,180
Solicitor General	1,540	4,192	2,652	26,180	46,202	20,022
Magistrate	1,091	98	(993)	18,542	27,720	9,178
Overall	**3,985**	**6,217**	**2,232**	**68,943**	**107,668**	**38,725**

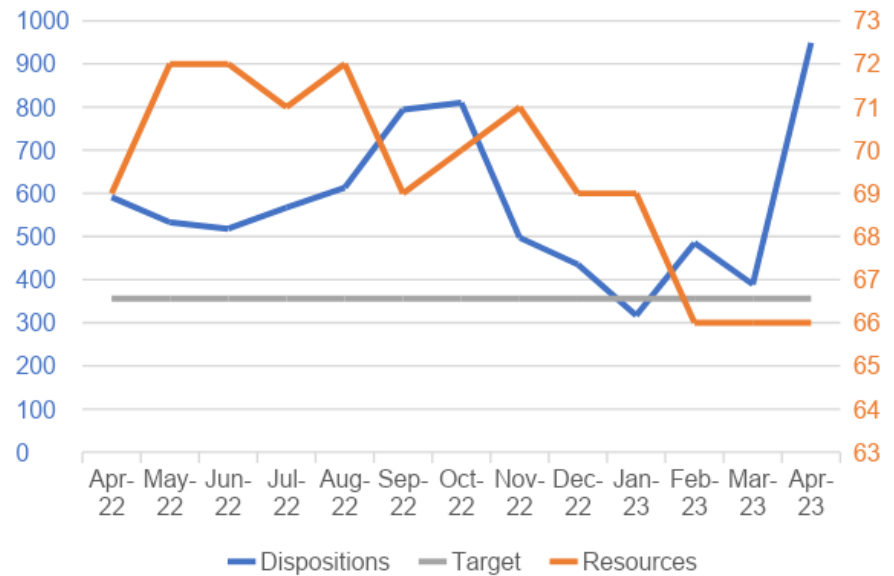# PROJECT ORCA CASE REDUCTION
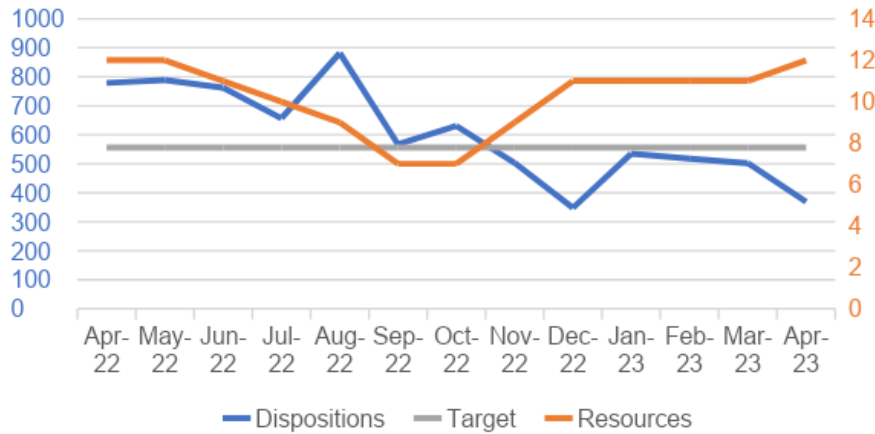## DISPOSITION TRENDS – SUPERIOR COURT & DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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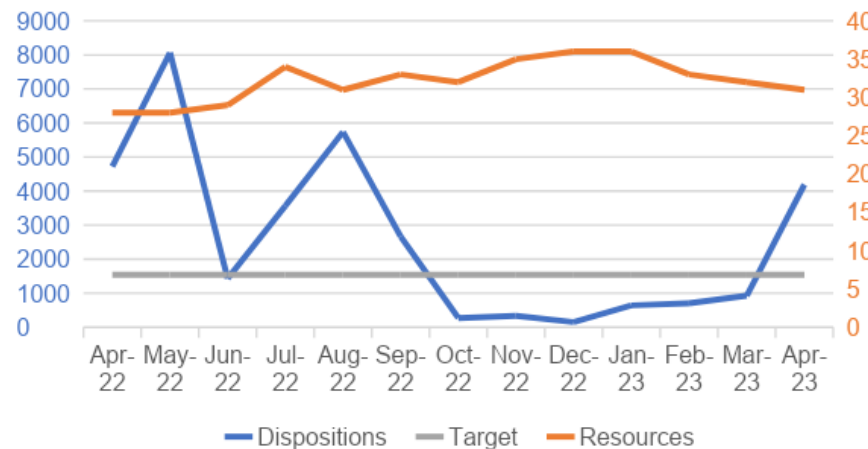## DISPOSITION TRENDS – STATE COURT, MAGISTRATE COURT & SOLICITOR GENERAL
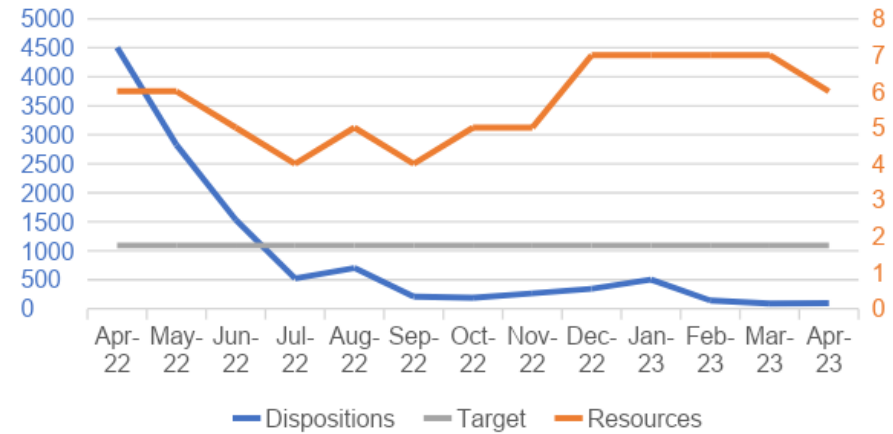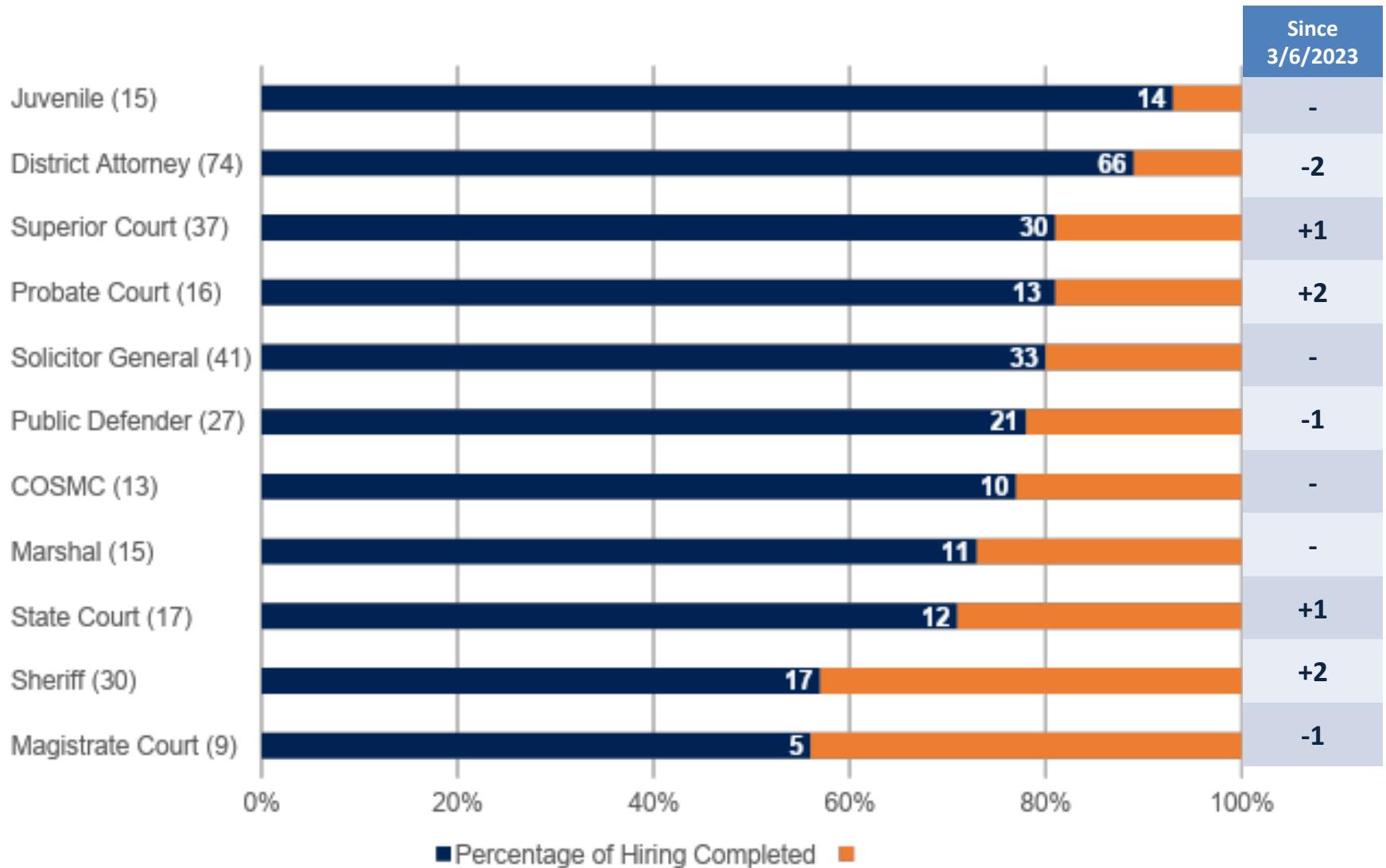
CUMULATIVE CASE REDUCTION
COURT CAPACITY

Office	Case Type	February		March		April	
		Disposed 2023	% Capacity 2023	Disposed 2023	% Capacity 2023	Disposed 2023	% Capacity 2023
Superior	CR	482	67.6%	568	76.4%	510	72.4%
Superior	CV	465	118.2%	625	122.9%	459	94.9%
District Attorney	CR	2,619	232.3%	2,883	143.6%	10,585	283.9%
State	CR	862	71.7%	844	54.5%	994	65.3%
State	CV	656	144.8%	753	119.1%	659	129.3%
Solicitor General	CR	2,750	117.4%	1,661	140.7%	7,573	488.4%
Magistrate	CR	229	153.7%	355	150.4%	239	185.3%
Magistrate	CV	7,092	89.2%	8,234	185.3%	7,890	243.3%

Court capacity figures are derived from a baseline of average dispositions from the same months in 2018 and 2019 (pre-COVID).

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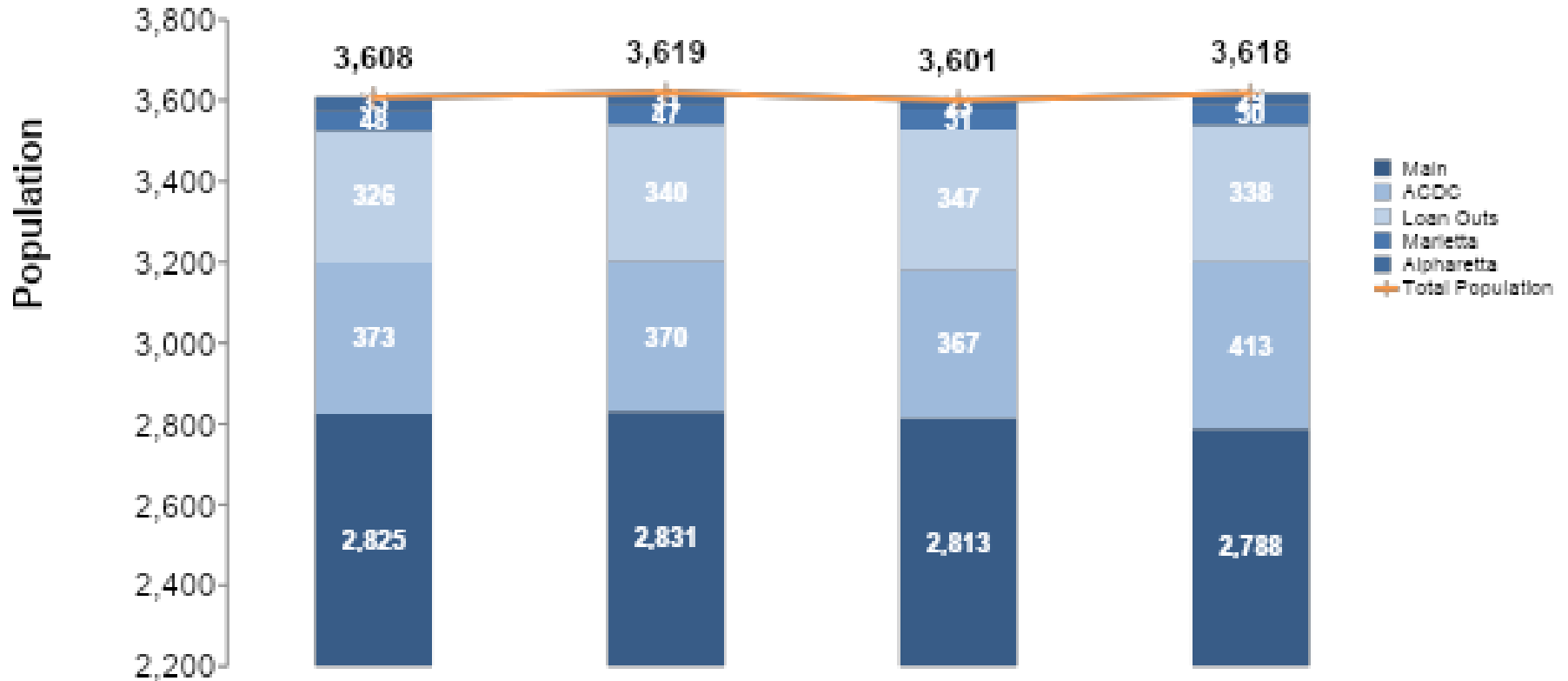## & Justice System Update

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AVERAGE WEEKLY JAIL POPULATION 4/03/2023 – 4/30/2023

	04/03 - 04/09	04/10 - 04/16	04/17 - 04/23	04/24 - 04/30
Book In	378	381	423	425
Book Out	365	387	415	392
Net	(13)	6	(8)	(33)

JAIL POPULATION
FULL INMATE ANALYSIS AS OF 4/18/2023

Status	Number of Inmates	
Unindicted	1,277	37%
Unindicted w/ Indicted Case	167	5%
Unindicted w/ Hold	149	4%
Unindicted TOTAL	1,593	46%
Indicted (DA)	1,597	46%
Accused (SG)	135	4%
Serving Sentence / CPO	86	3%
Foreign Hold / Extradition / SBPP	46	1%
TOTAL	3,457	100%
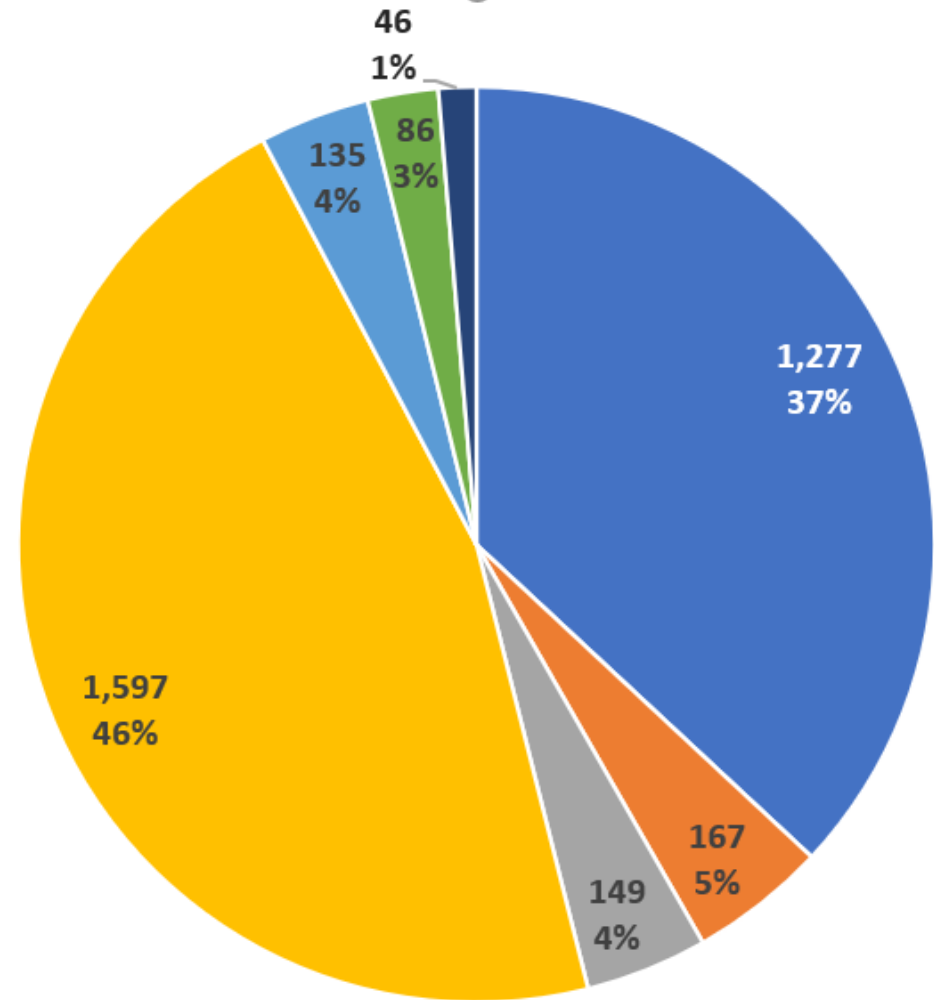
Legend:
- Uninidicted
- Uninidicted w/ Indicted Case
- Uninidicted w/ Hold
- Indicted
- Accused
- Serving Sentence/CPO
- Foreign Hold/Extradition/SBPP

JAIL POPULATION
CHARGE SEVERITY ANALYSIS

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION WITH SERIOUS VIOLENT FELONY CHARGES
2018 - 2022

- 2018: 42.30%
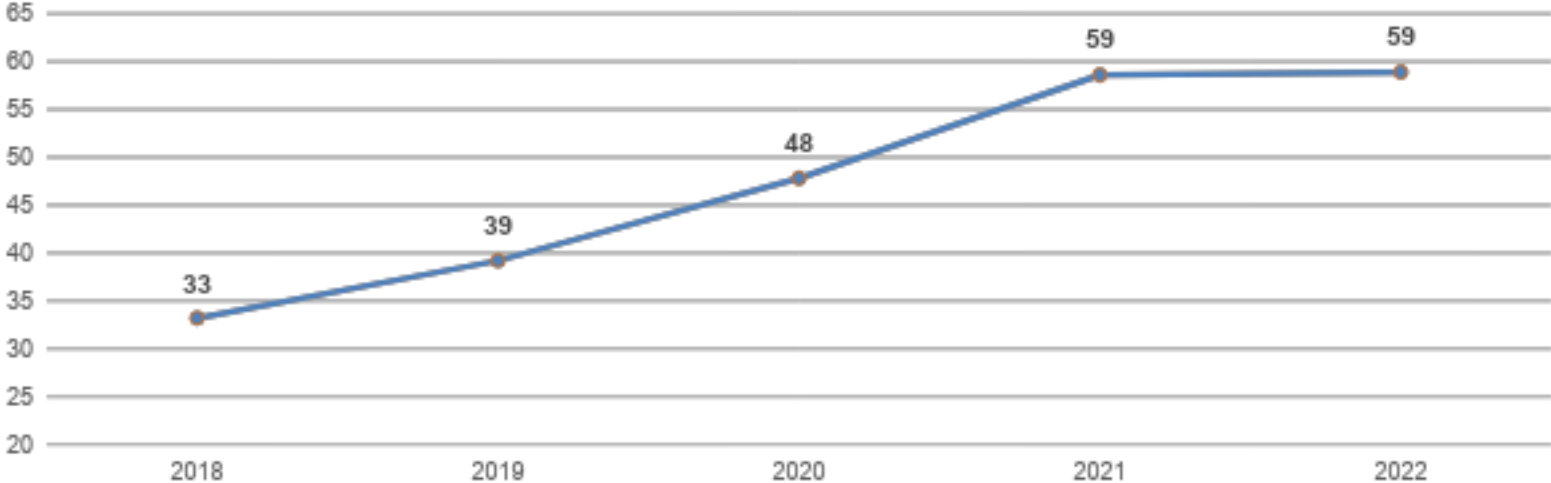- 2019: 43.9%
- 2020: 52.6%
- 2021: 57.6%
- 2022: 58.6%
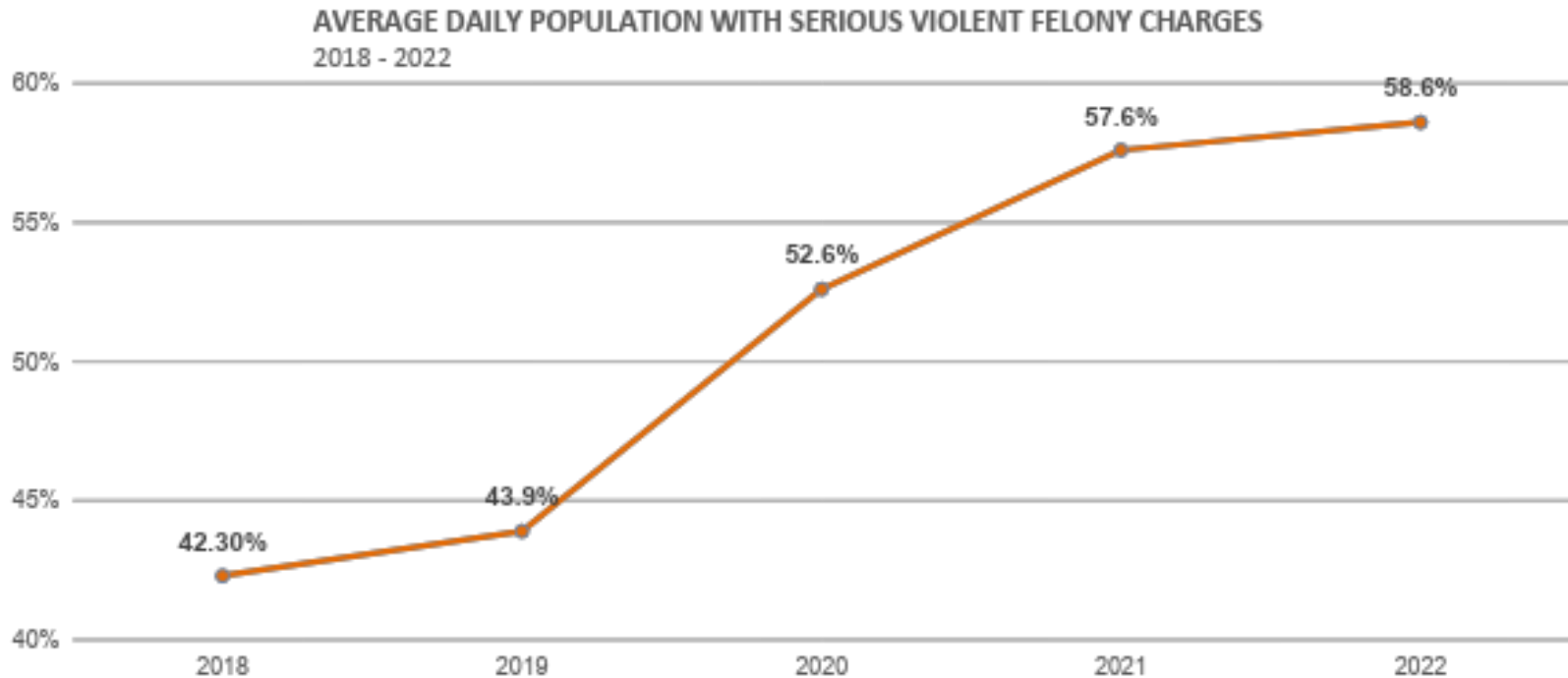
Serious Violent Felony Charges include murder, felony murder, armed robbery, rape, kidnapping, aggravated child molestation, aggravated sodomy and aggravated sexual battery

JAIL POPULATION
LENGTH OF STAY

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY
2018 - 2022

JAIL POPULATION
POPULATION REDUCTION INITIATIVES

ACTION ITEM	DESCRIPTION / BACKGROUND
Increase the number of senior judges for Superior Court	Add new senior judges for criminal trial / weekend calendars and increase their compensation
Superior Court civil cases to State Court	Assign Superior Court civil cases to State Court for the remainder of 2023
Weekend court at Fulton County Jail	Hold criminal court cases at Fulton County Jail on weekend days
Increase Zoom capacity for Superior Court criminal cases	Increase the calendars and resources to expand cases leveraging Zoom
Expand the C-3 Program	Increase the number of C-3 contract attorneys and cases per attorney, with a focus on jail cases
Prioritize jail cases on the Superior Court calendar	Prioritize jail cases on Superior Court calendars
Establish a competency court calendar	Create a dedicated calendar for competency cases
Increase inmate transports to Superior Court	Double the capacity of inmate transports per week

PRIORITIES

✓ Accelerate ORCA case resolution/performance

✓ Implement multi-agency jail reduction plan

✓ Prevent Post-ORCA backlog

JUSTICE SYSTEM DASHBOARDS
PUBLIC INFORMATION

JUSTICE SYSTEM DASHBOARDS	
DEPARTMENT	**PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DASHBOARDS**
SUPERIOR COURT	Total Defendants in Jail (Complex)
	Defendants in Jail for Over 1 Year (Complex)
	Total Pending Cases (Complex)
	Cases Pending for Over 1 Year (Complex)
	Total Defendants in Jail (Non-Complex)
	Defendants in Jail > 180 Days (Non-Complex)
	Total Pending Cases (Non-Complex)
	Cases Pending > 180 Days (Non-Complex)
NATIONAL COURT STANDARDS	Time to Disposition (Felony)
	Time to Disposition (Civil)
	Time to Disposition (Family)
	Clearance Rates
	Aging of Cases
STATE COURT	Total Defendants in Jail (Misdemeanor)
	Defendants in Jail Over 1 Year (Misdemeanor)
	Total Pending Criminal Cases
	Criminal Cases Pending for Over 1 Year

PROJECT ORCA DASHBOARDS	
DEPARTMENT	**PUBLICLY AVAILABLE DASHBOARDS**
OVERALL	Total Disposed Cases
	Remaining Open & Active Cases
COURTS	Total Disposed Cases & Filings
	Remaining Open & Active Cases & Filings
PROSECUTORS	Total Disposed, Indicted, or Accused Cases
	Remaining Open & Active Cases

Justice System & National Standards Dashboards:
https://sharefulton.fultoncountyga.gov/stories/s/6ier-8cti

Project ORCA Dashboards:
https://sharefulton.fultoncountyga.gov/stories/s/Project-ORCA-Cases-Version-3-/jqgn-kkdd/