

Implementing Time-Limited Supervision:

Denver's Model for Reducing
Pretrial Supervision After
Compliance

DENVER AT A GLANCE:

- Denver has a population of 730,000 with a metro area population of 3 million
- City and County with 31,000 criminal case filings in 2024
- Average Daily Jail Population of 1,700 with just over 24,000 bookings last year



DENVER PRETRIAL SERVICES:

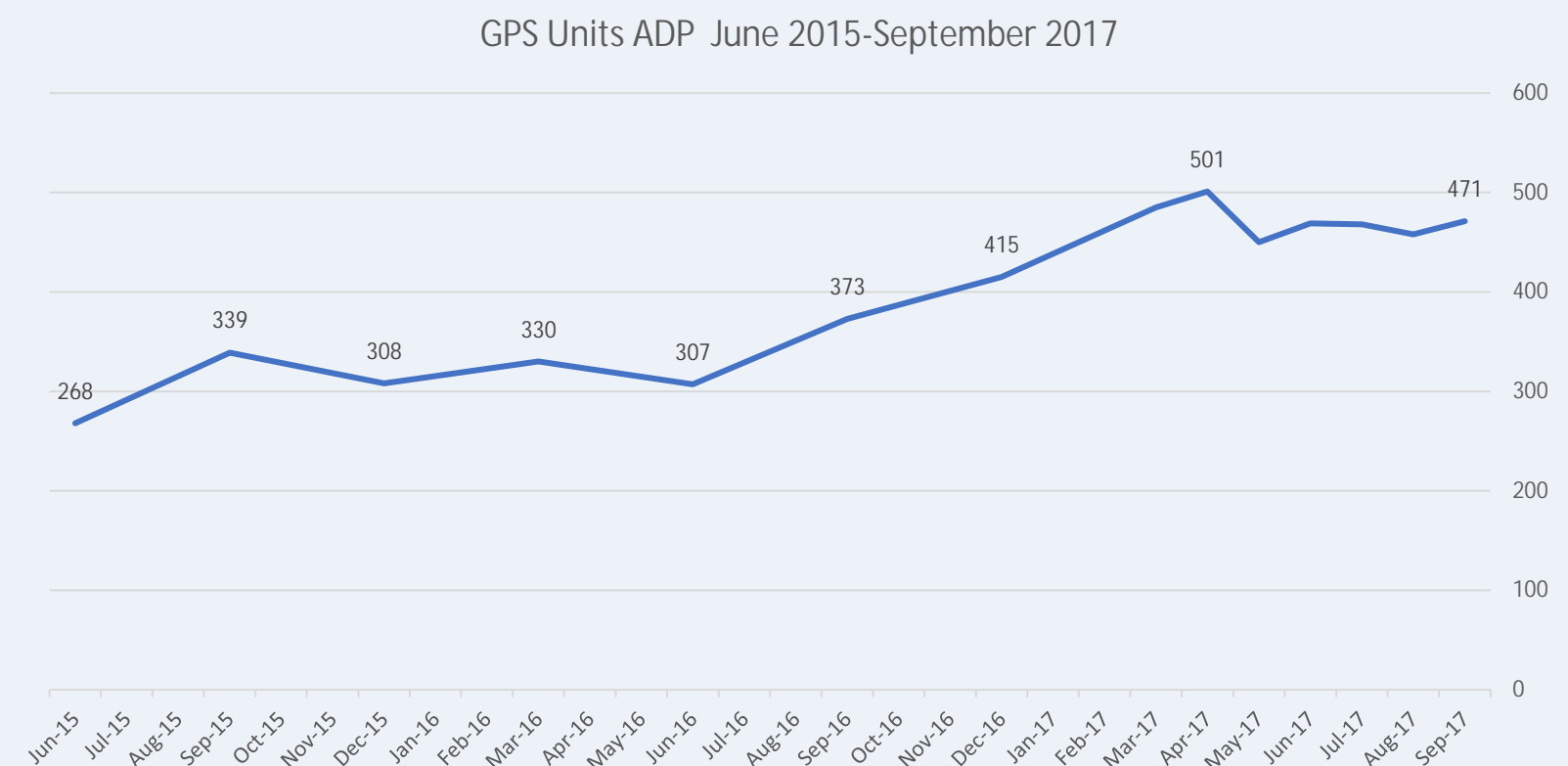
- Part of the Department of Safety since the 1970's
- Assess and supervise state felony and misdemeanor cases, and some municipal (ordinances violation) cases
- Investigation and Supervision components-Operate 24/7
- Provide 11,000 bond reports annually and have an average daily supervised population of 2,300

PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM

- Utilize the Colorado Pretrial Assessment Tool-Revised (CPAT-R) for all offenses
- Utilize the ODARA as an additional tool for all domestic violence related offenses
- Two primary levels of supervision, Enhanced and Intensive which includes GPS

A LITTLE HISTORY

- Pretrial Services files reports with the court related to compliance which includes the ability to request that the court remove or reduce supervision. Court appearances are required.
- As case loads increase, the time available to file these reports is reduced
- In 2017, supervision involving GPS increased 80% over an 18-month period



PROPOSING TIME LIMITED SUPERVISION

- In response, a reduction of GPS to regular supervision after a period of compliance was purposed to the courts, prosecution, and defense.
- In 2020, in the continued effort to reduce over supervision, a process removing Enhanced supervision and monitored sobriety after a period of compliance was added.

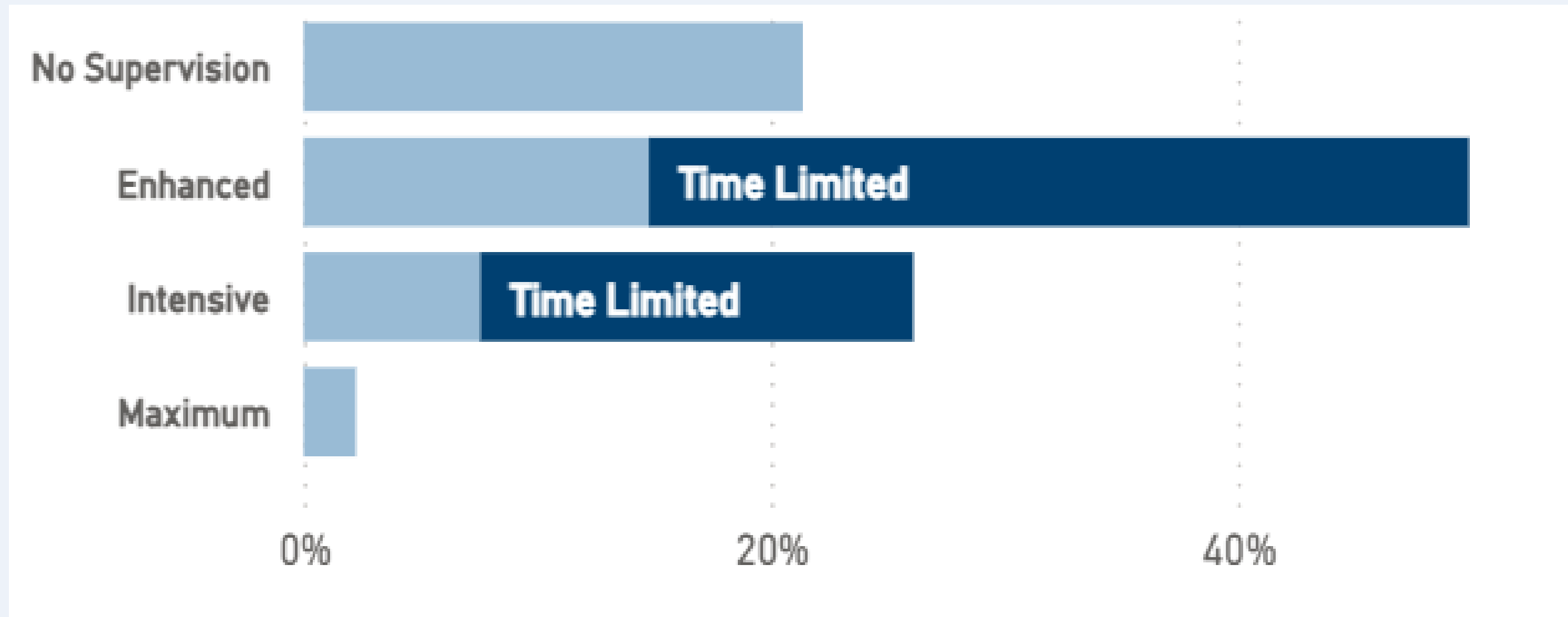
TIME LIMITED SUPERVISION CRITERIA

- Strongly consider a Time Limit Supervision recommendations for all cases except any individual that is already under pretrial supervision, or cases with significant public safety risk.
- If someone is arrested on a new crime and was previously at a lower supervision level (including time limited), officer may recommend time limited at a higher level.

CURRENT PRACTICE

- Pretrial recommends time limited supervision as part of the bond advisement report provided to the court and parties and the court orders the time limited supervision as part of the initial order.
- Current orders include, with compliance:
 - ☐ 60 days Intensive GPS; reduced to Enhanced after 60 days, removes GPS
 - ☐ 90 days Enhanced; supervision removed after 90 days
 - ☐ 60 days of Monitored Sobriety; removed after 60 days

In 2024, Time Limited Supervision was ordered in 71% of the Enhanced and Intensive with GPS cases



WHAT IS COMPLIANCE?

Disqualification

- Court failure to appear and new arrest (excluding traffic or minor low-level charges)
- Some technical violations related to GPS/monitored sobriety
- From full removal of supervision – active warrant (excluding non-extraditable out of state)

Not a Disqualification

- Missed pretrial meetings

NOTIFICATION OF REMOVAL

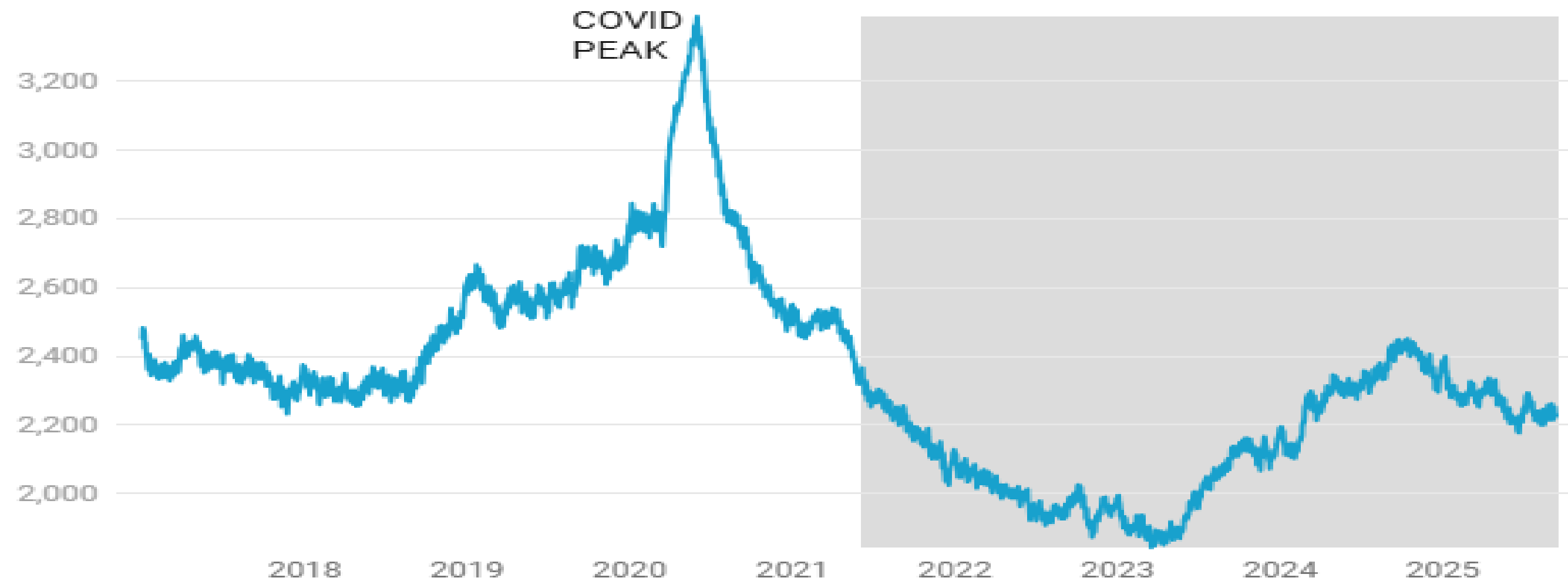
- Cases with victims – while not a statutory requirement, felt it was important to notify victims of upcoming changes to supervision.
- Two weeks prior to the date of removal, the court, prosecution and defense receive a filing notifying the parties of the pending removal.
- Prosecution may file a motion requesting to continue monitoring which suspends the removal of supervision until the next court hearing.

BENEFITS

- Time limited is part of the original order which eliminates the need for an additional court hearing or court order to modify supervision.
- Process in place to continue supervision where there are safety concerns
- Motivates participant compliance
- Reduces over supervision

OUTCOMES-AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

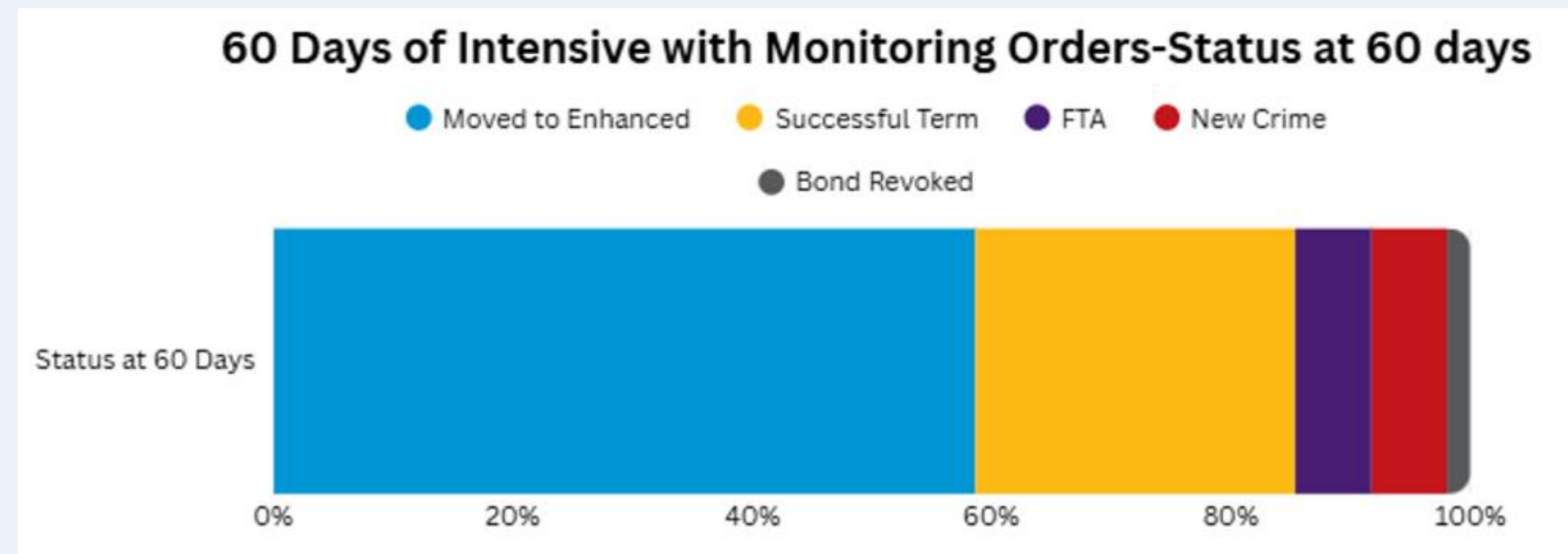
Average Daily Supervised Population



OUTCOMES-60 DAYS INTENSIVE WITH GPS

60 Day Intensive with GPS Orders-Measures at the 60 day mark

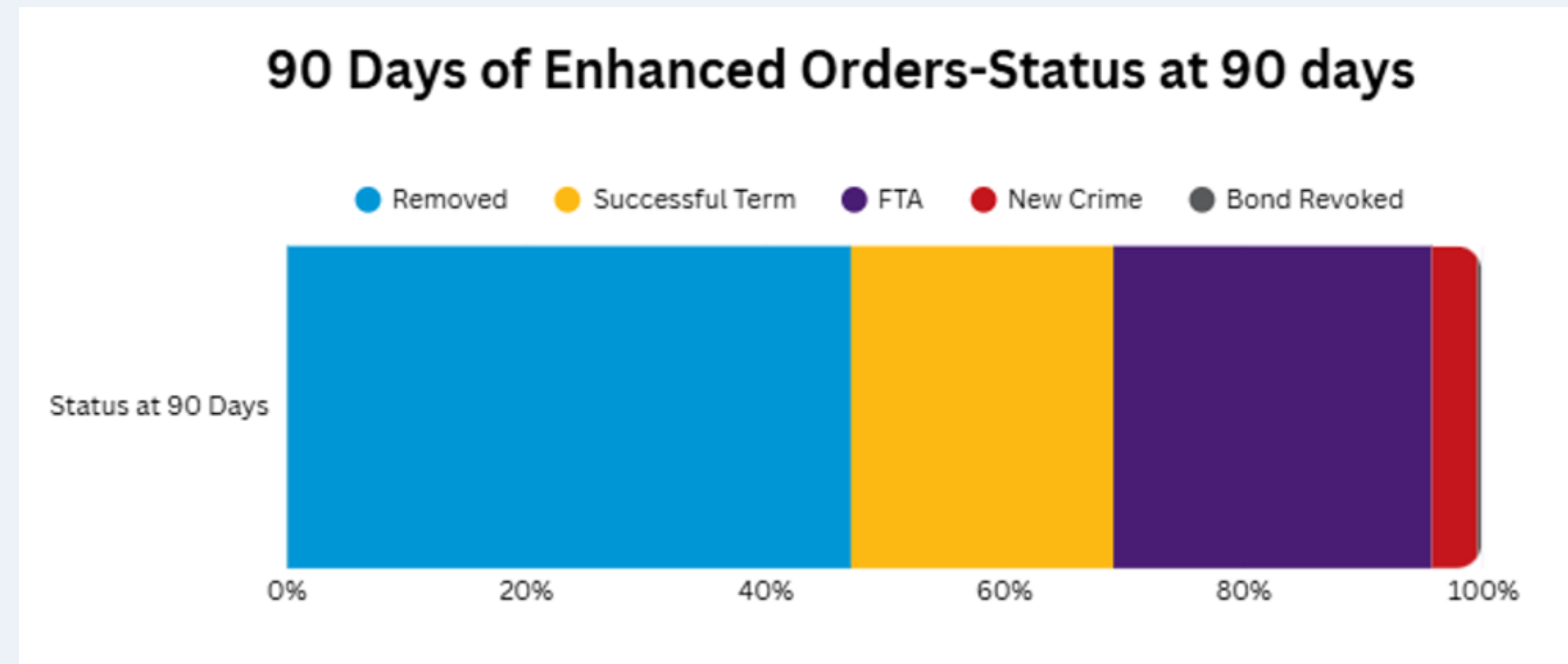
- 59% successfully moved to Enhanced
- 27% successfully dispositioned their case
- 6% had committed a new crime
- 6% had FTA'd.
- 2% had bond modified due to other violations



OUTCOMES-90 DAYS ENHANCED

90 Day Enhanced Orders-Measures at the 90 day mark

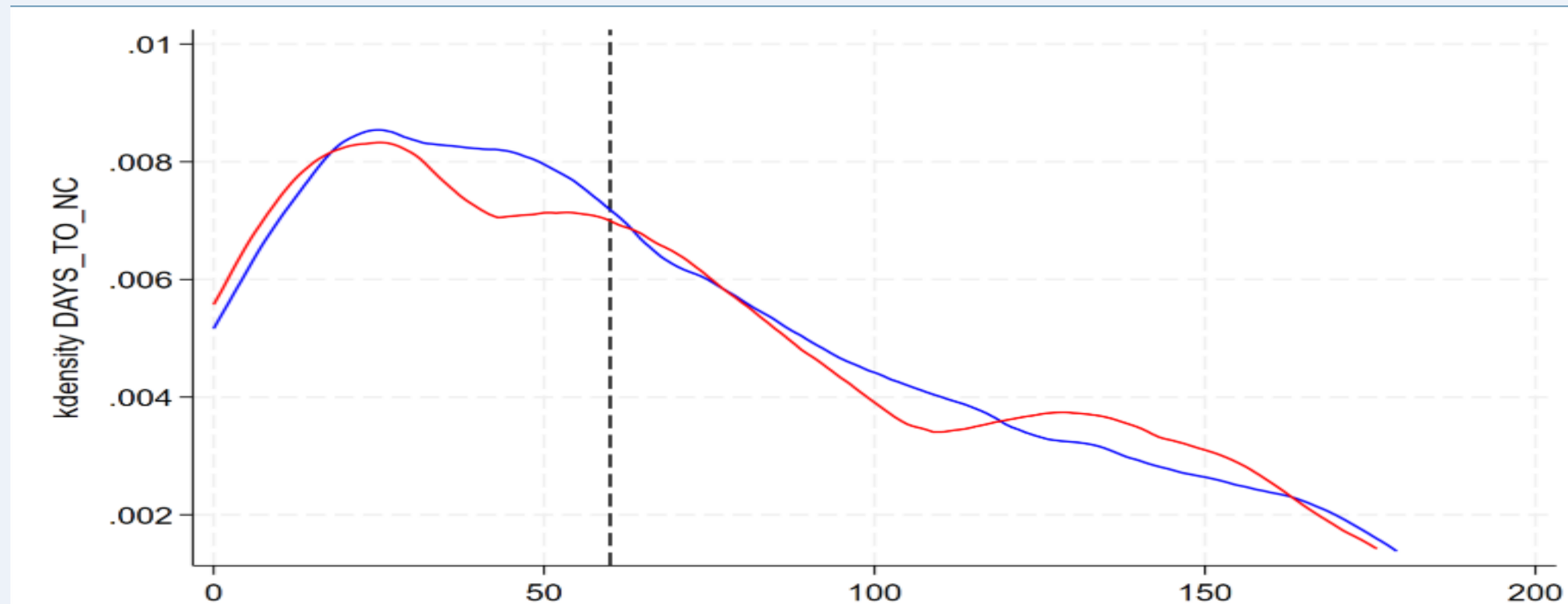
- 47% had been removed from supervision
- 22% successfully dispositioned their case
- 4% had committed a new crime
- 27% had FTA'd.



DAYS TO NEW CRIME

From 2022-2024, 20% of the population committed a new offense when originally ordered to Intensive with GPS supervision or 60 days of Intensive with GPS supervision.

Most new crimes occurred prior to 60 days and the rate was not impacted by the GPS removal



Intensive Time Limited (blue) and Intensive Not Time Limited (red)

WHAT'S NEXT

- Continue to measure impacts on the supervised population and consider more targeted supervision periods, outcomes of those removed from supervision
- Work with RTI International and possible future research

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