



# ADULT COURT SERVICES Annual Report



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## ADULT COURT SERVICES AT A GLANCE

- Adult Court Services was established as result of a jail overcrowding problem.
- The development of ACS is the result of changing needs of the court.
- ACS investigates and supervises alternatives to incarceration.

The department of Adult Court Services, simply put, can be divided into two categories: Pretrial and Commit. Within those two categories officers can be assigned Investigative Reports or Supervision Programs.

<u>Pretrial - Reports</u>	<u>Commit - Reports</u>
Bond Investigations	Home Detention Studies
Supplemental Bond Investigations	
Pretrial Home Detention Studies	
<u>Pretrial - Supervision</u>	<u>Commit - Supervision</u>
Bond Supervision	ACS Supervised Probation
Home Detention Monitoring	Community Service Work
	Home Detention Monitoring

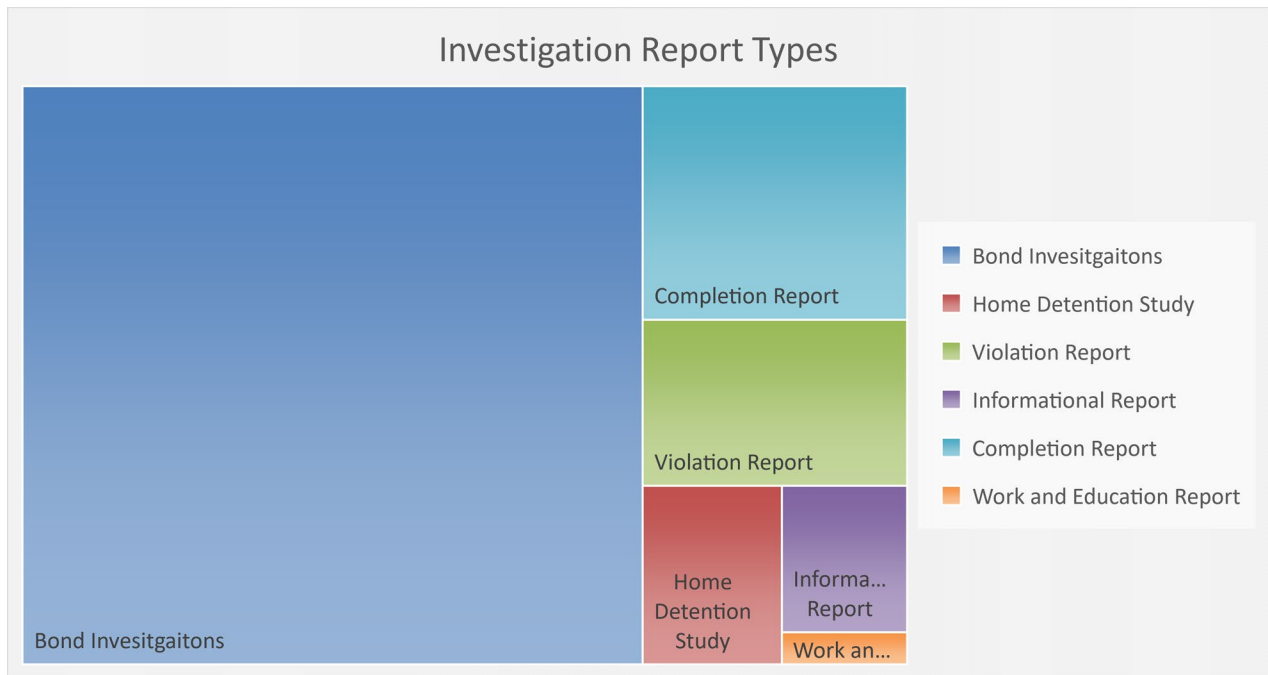
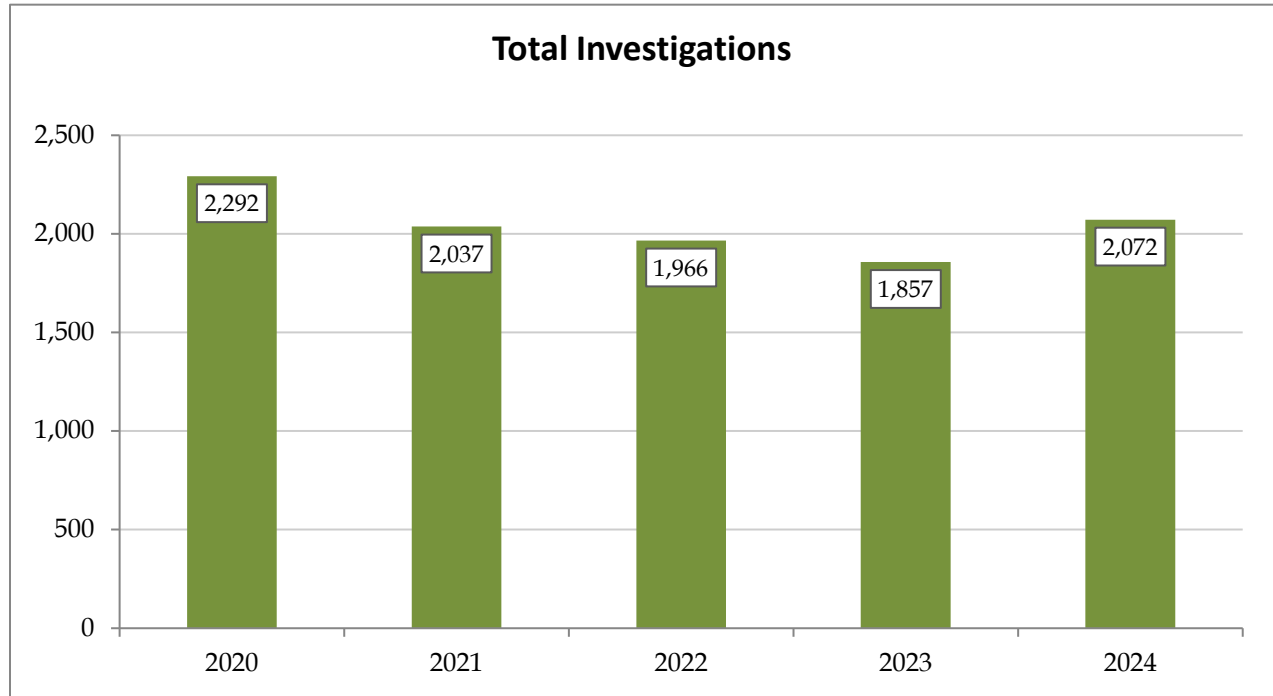
### Administrative Assistant

The administrative assistant in Adult Court Services is responsible for all electronic communication with the court, including efilng documents from officers. The administrative assistant is a liaison between this office and defendants, their families, attorneys, other court offices, the public, and law enforcement. This person provides information to the afore mentioned individuals on ACS program information and court ordered reports.

### Adult Court Services Officers

The above Reports and Supervision are divided between the four officers. Generally speaking, one officer is assigned pretrial and commit home detention supervision, one officer is assigned ACS Supervised Probation, and two officers are assigned Bond Investigations and Bond Supervision. Duties of Adult Court Services Officer rotate once or twice a year as each area of reports and supervision has its own unique challenges and responsibilities. This also ensures cross training on all programs so that each officer is knowledgeable of each.

## ADULT COURT SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS

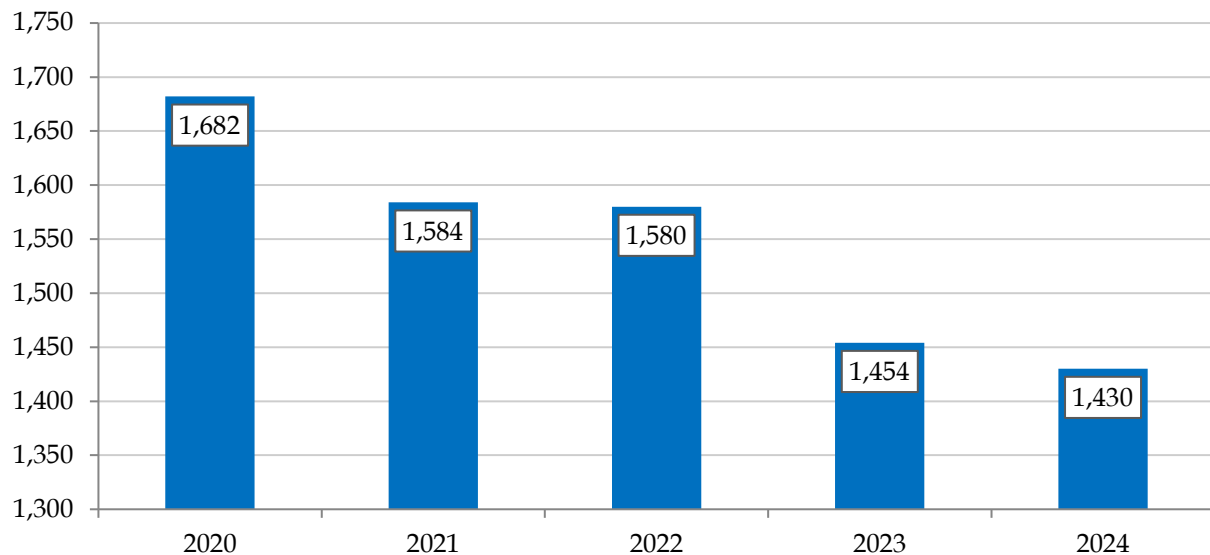


## BOND INVESTIGATIONS

The court orders a bond investigation for defendants at the Boone County Jail who cannot post the initial bond set. ACS officers provide a thorough criminal history check and the defendant is interviewed about ties to the community, employment history, and other factors. Information is also obtained from third parties. The completed report presents the facts and recommends a course of action based on the subject's suitability for release from custody.

Recommendations regarding bond can include no reduction, home detention/electronic monitoring, reduction in bond, posting a percentage of the bond in cash, or release on own recognizance ("ROR").

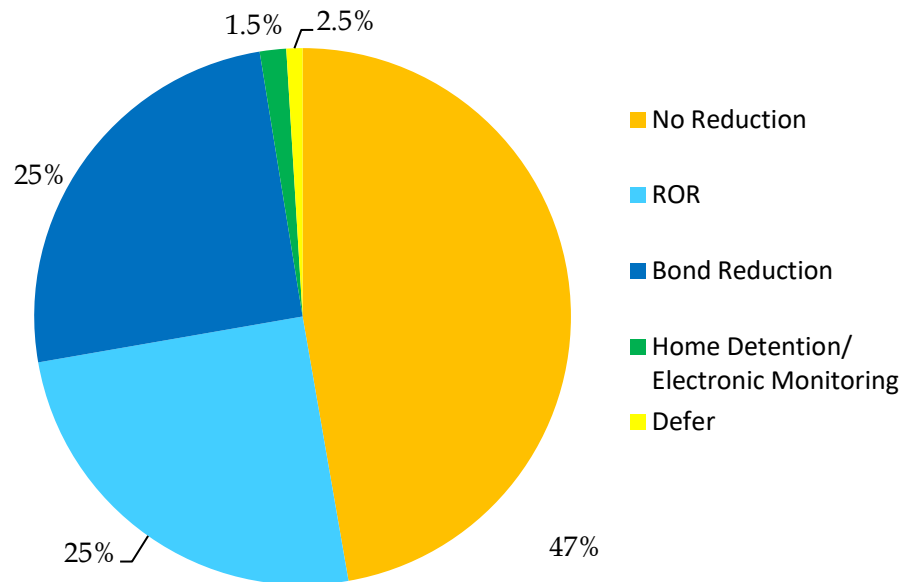
### Bond Investigations Initiated



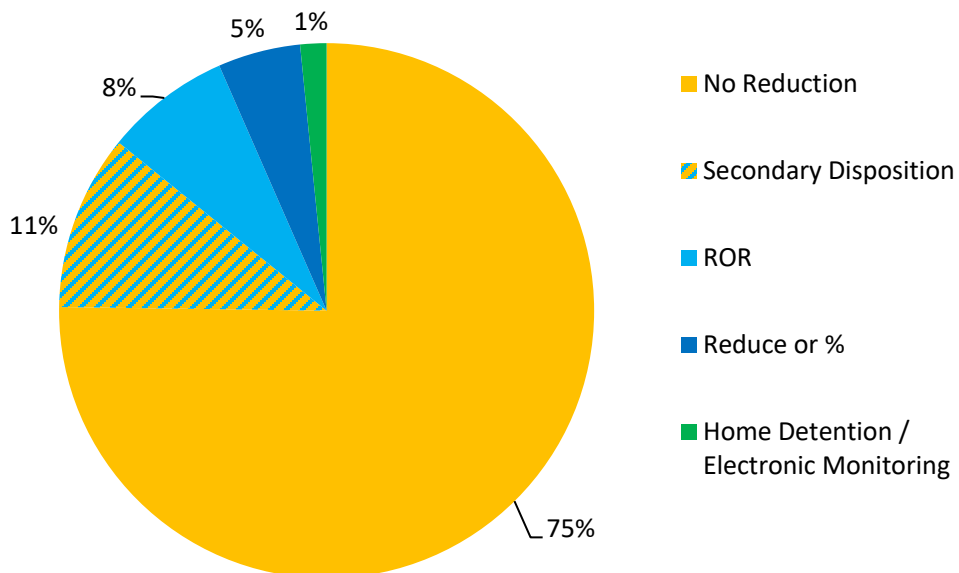
In 2024, ACS initiated bond investigations in 1,430 cases and completed or closed bond investigations in 1,463 cases. Two hundred twelve of the bond investigations initiated resulted in bond being posted or the matter being resolved prior to the completion of the bond investigation report. An additional 116 cases included defendants who did not qualify for a bond investigation. (Reasons for this could include being under a detainer from the Department of Corrections or federal authorities, currently serving a commit jail sentence, or a refusal to be interviewed for the bond investigation.)

Of the remaining cases, shown in the following chart, ACS recommended no reduction in 49%, ROR in 25%, a reduced bond/percentage of bond in 25%, home detention/electronic monitoring in 1.5% and deferral to the court in 2.5%.

## ACS Bond Investigation Recommendations



## Court Response To Bond Investigation

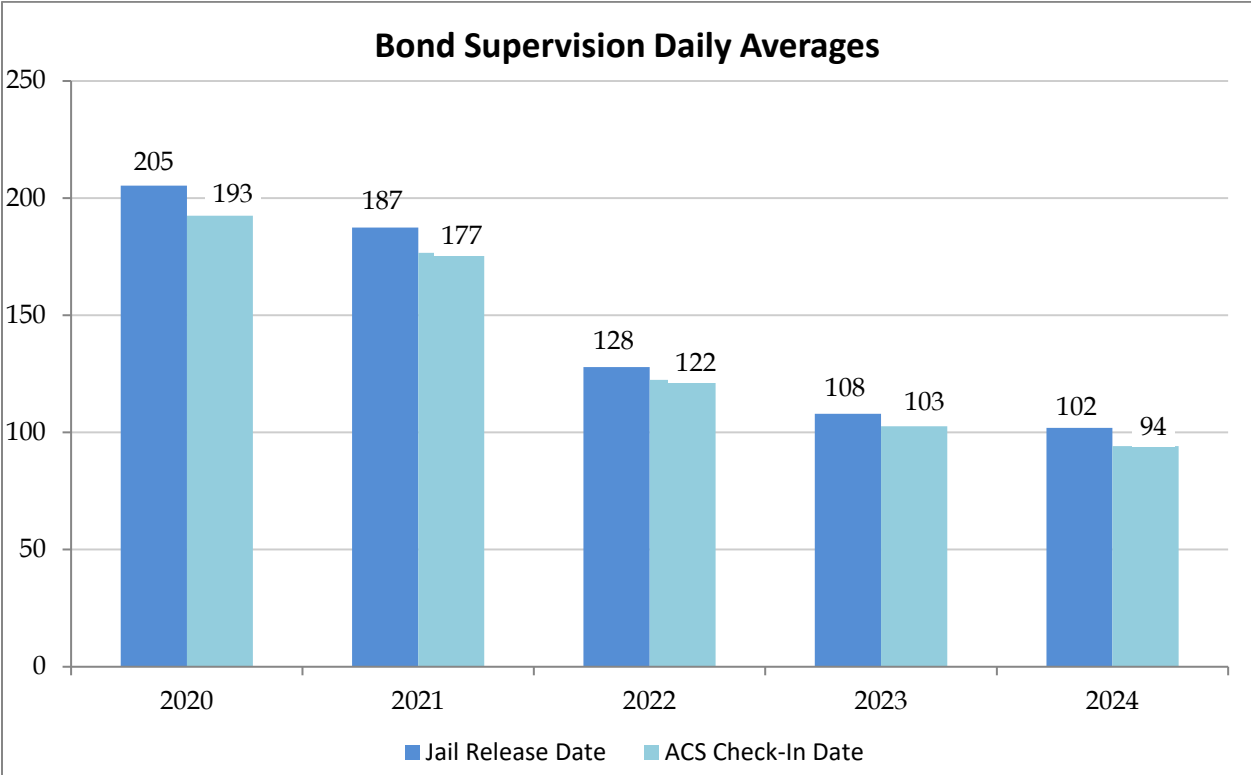


In response to the bond investigations reviewed by the court in 2024, an order for no reduction was entered in 75% of the cases, however a secondary disposition granting a reduction was entered in 11% of cases. For the remaining cases a reduction was granted: ROR in 8%, reduced bond/percentage of bond in 5% and home detention/electronic monitoring in 1%.

# BOND SUPERVISION

Defendants released from custody pursuant to a bond investigation are typically subject to bond supervision by ACS. The court may also place defendants on bond supervision without reviewing a bond investigation. Defendants on bond supervision typically report at least once per week to ACS and provide updated information regarding employment, contact information (telephone number and address), attorney status, activities, and next court appearance date. Conditions may be applied to a defendant's release such as participating in treatment or counseling programs, restriction from visiting certain places, and having no contact with alleged victims or co-defendants. Defendants who do not report as directed or who are found to be in violation of their bond conditions are reported by ACS to the court and are subject to revocation.

For administrative purposes, the bond supervision population does not include pre-disposition defendants who are electronically monitored by ACS. Those defendants are included in the home detention/electronic monitoring population.



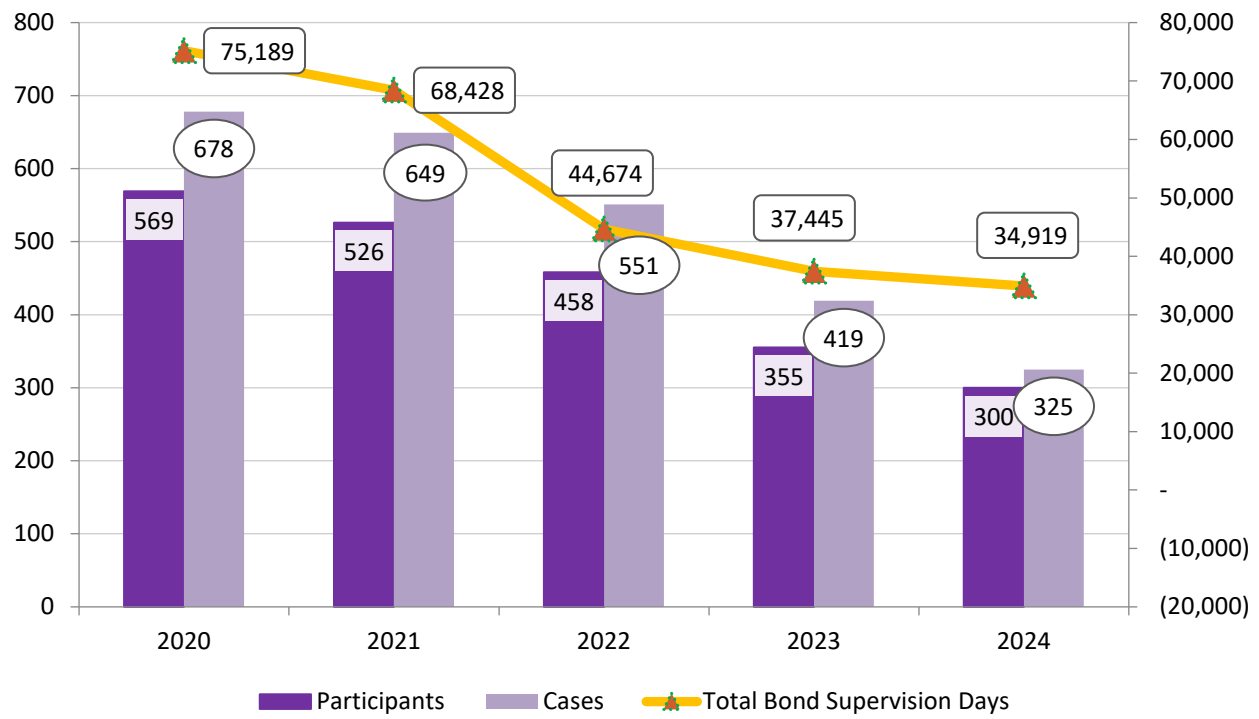
ACS gathers data by both the defendant's Boone County Jail release date and their first ACS check in date. Defendants do not always report immediately upon release from jail. Reasons for delay can include a release time outside of regular business hours, the existence of outstanding warrants or holds that transfer the defendant directly to the custody of another jurisdiction, immediate placement in a residential treatment program, or transfer to a hospital for medical treatment.



The optimal daily inmate housing capacity for the Boone County Jail is 210.

In 2024, the jail housed an average of 265 inmates per day, with 204 held at the Boone County Jail and 61 housed in other facilities.

### Bond Supervision: Participants, Cases, Total Days

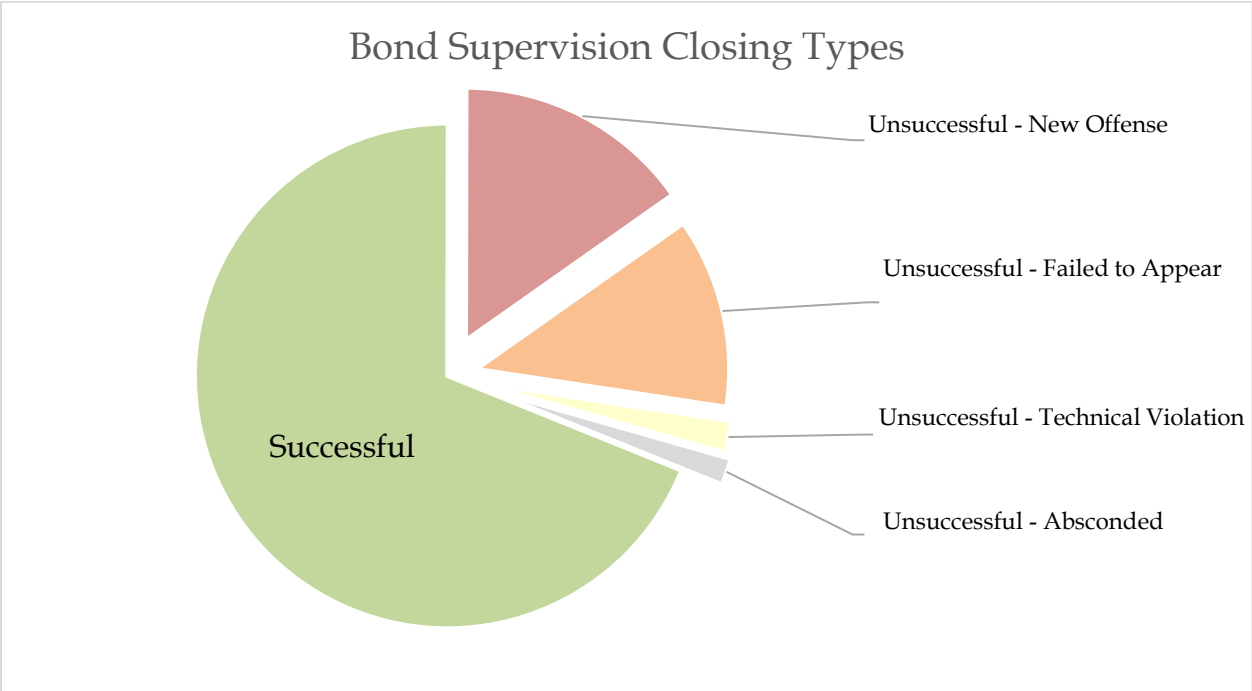


The bond supervision program totaled 34,919 days of supervision in 2024, equating to an average of 95 participants per day.

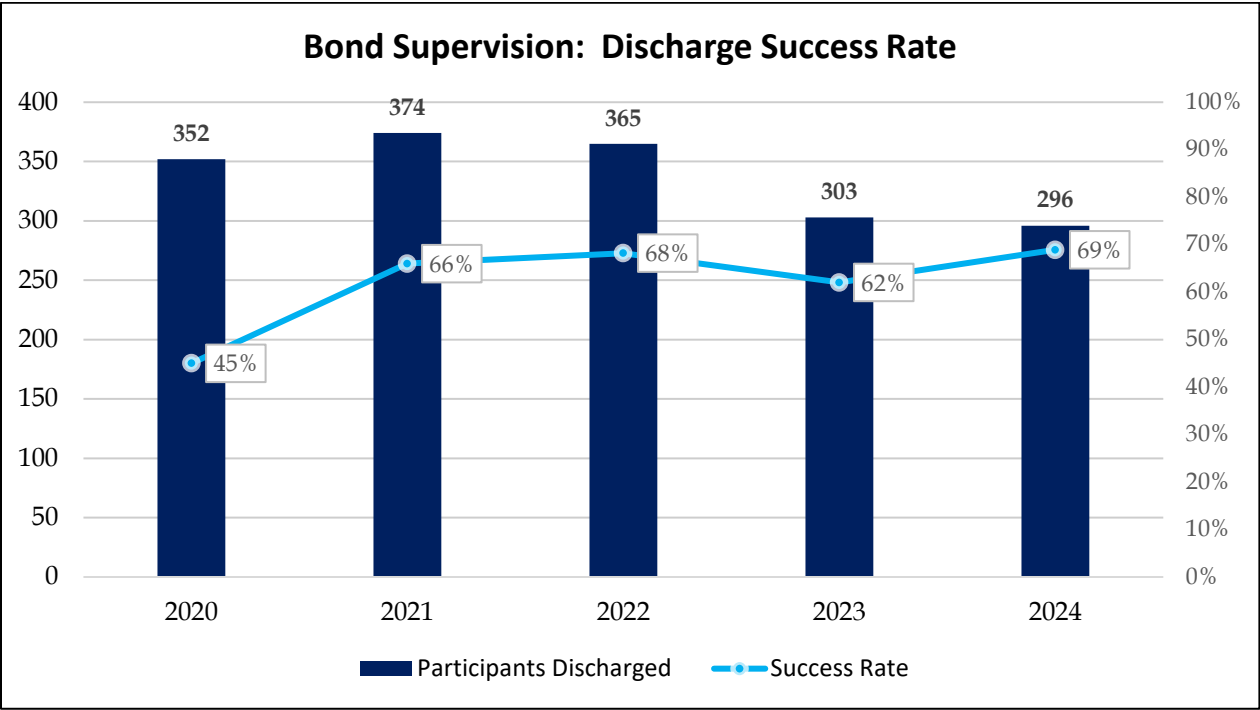
The 2024 cost estimates for inmates housed at other facilities (not including transportation costs) is approximately \$49.00. This report will base estimates for monetary savings on that figure.

At a daily cost of \$49.00 for housing in other facilities, the 2024 figures *could* represent a savings of \$1,711,031.





There were 296 defendants removed from bond supervision in 2024. Of those removed, 69% were successful with the remaining 31% revoked by the court due to a violation of conditions. Closings are classified as unsuccessful when a warrant is issued in light of the violation of bond conditions.

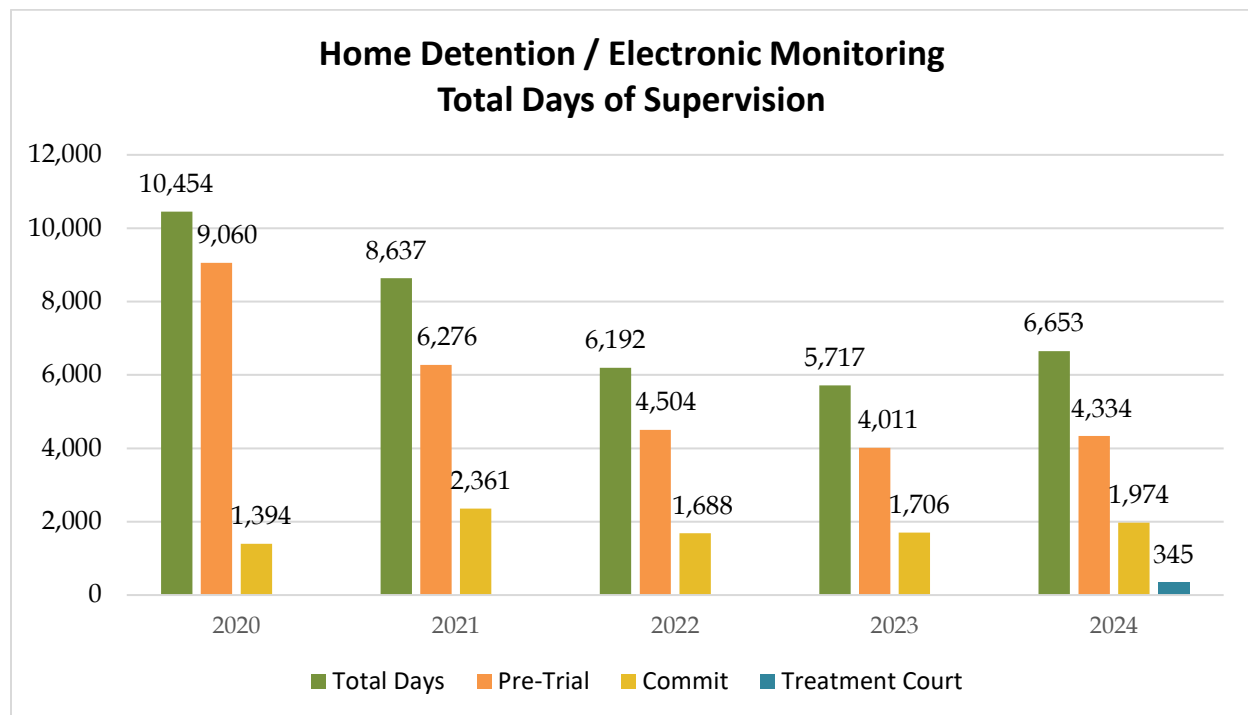


## HOME DETENTION / ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM

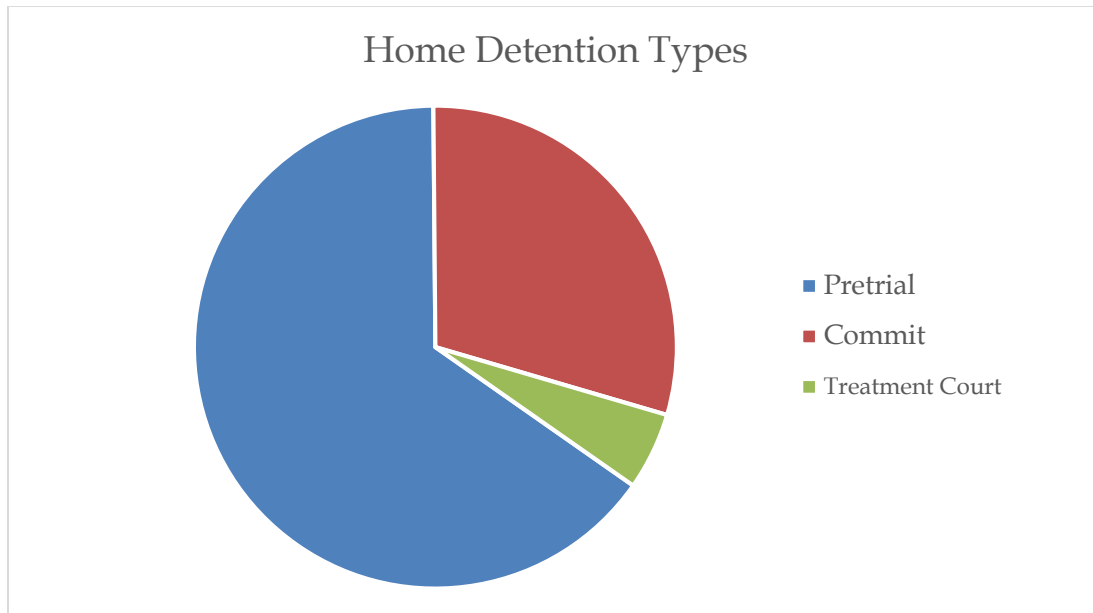
ACS supervised home detention is an intensive supervision program that utilizes electronic monitoring equipment to assist in ensuring compliance. Defendants can participate in lieu of serving a jail sentence or as a condition of bond. ACS determines the defendant's eligibility for the program and makes a recommendation to the court through a bond investigation if in pretrial status, or through a home detention/electronic monitoring report if the defendant is serving a commit jail sentence. Public safety and program integrity are reflected in the screening, selection, and supervision of program participants.

All participants serving commit sentences, and many pretrial participants, are electronically monitored 24 hours a day and follow a pre-set schedule. ACS utilizes a variety of monitoring equipment and selects the most appropriate type for the situation. Depending on the equipment used, participants can be monitored when they enter and leave their residence, if they enter or leave specific locations or areas, and if they consume alcohol. One court services officer is on call at all times to monitor and respond to alerts and issues that require immediate action.

In 2024, ACS completed reports in 100 cases to consider home detention/electronic monitoring program eligibility for defendants serving commit jail sentences, this is an increase from the 88 cases in 2023. For those 2024 cases in which the court rendered a decision, 80% were granted placement in the ACS supervised home detention/electronic monitoring program, 14% were granted placement in a comparable program administered by a third party, and 6% were denied.



The ACS supervised home detention/electronic monitoring program averaged 18 participants per day with a total of 6,653 days for the year in 2024. At \$49.00 per day this could represent a savings of \$325,997.



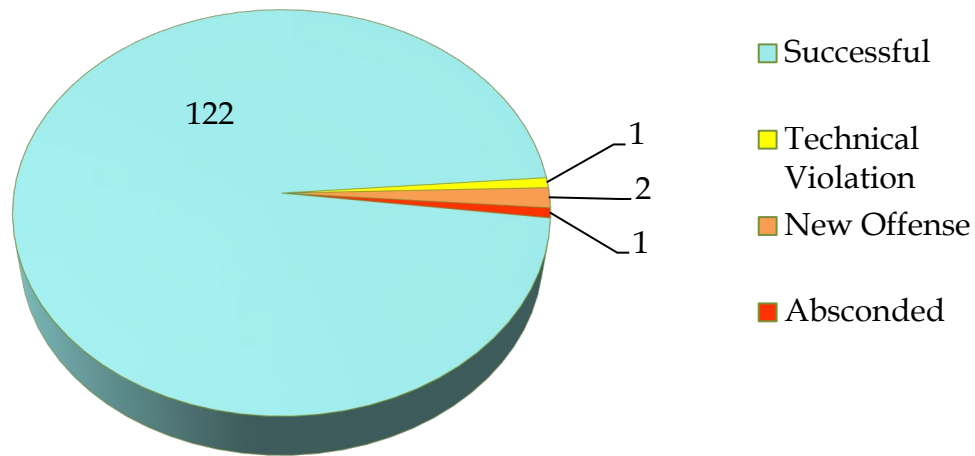
Of the 6,653 days ACS monitored in 2024, pretrial cases made up 65%, commit sentences made up 30% and treatment court sanctions 5%. The participant total was 110 participants representing 139 cases.

In 2024, defendants paid the court \$52,888.74 to participate in the program. The court paid \$29,237.85 to its equipment vendor. The difference helped offset personnel and administrative costs of the program and fund equipment for defendants who were truly unable to pay.

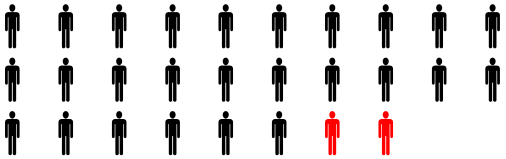
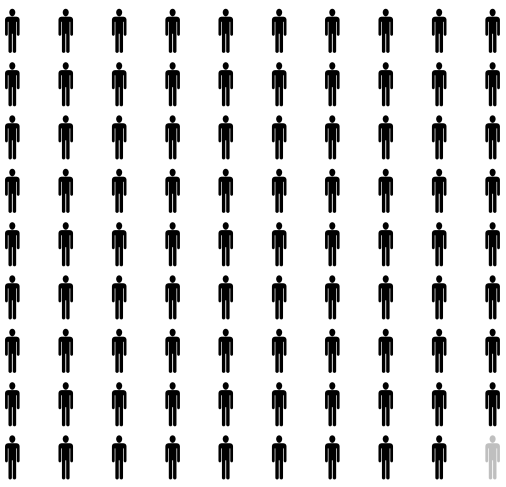

In 2024, 14 defendants who reside outside of Boone County served 325 days in lieu of commit sentences via third party electronic monitoring programs. At a cost of \$49.00 per day this could represent a savings of \$15,925.00.

*Per policy, ACS does not directly supervise home detention/electronic monitoring participants who reside outside of Boone County. However, individuals with out of county residences are still eligible for consideration. For those with commit sentences, ACS submits a report to the court assessing eligibility and providing a recommendation. For those candidates granted or ordered participation by the court, ACS verifies placement into and completion of a comparable program administered by an approved third party.*

## Home Detention/Electronic Monitoring: Total Participant Outcomes



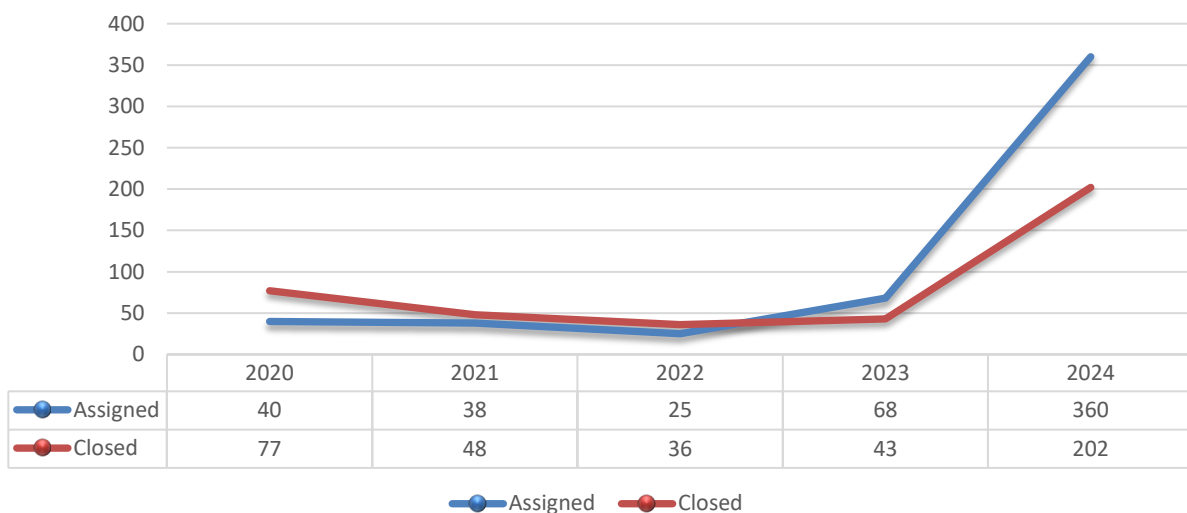
In 2024, there were 126 defendants who participated in the home detention/electronic monitoring program. Of all the participants in 2024, 108 (95.5%) were successful and only 4 (3.5%) were revoked.

PRETRIAL		<p>28 participants on home detention as a condition of bond</p> <p><i>2 revoked after committing a new offense.</i></p>
COMMIT		<p>90 participants on home detention with ACS or 3<sup>rd</sup> parties in lieu of serving a sentence in jail</p> <p><i>1 returned jail due to the technical violation of no longer having a residence in which to serve the sentence</i></p>
TREATMENT COURT		<p>8 participants placed on home detention for a treatment court sanction</p> <p><i>1 revoked after absconding from the program.</i></p>

## Adult Court Services Supervised Probation

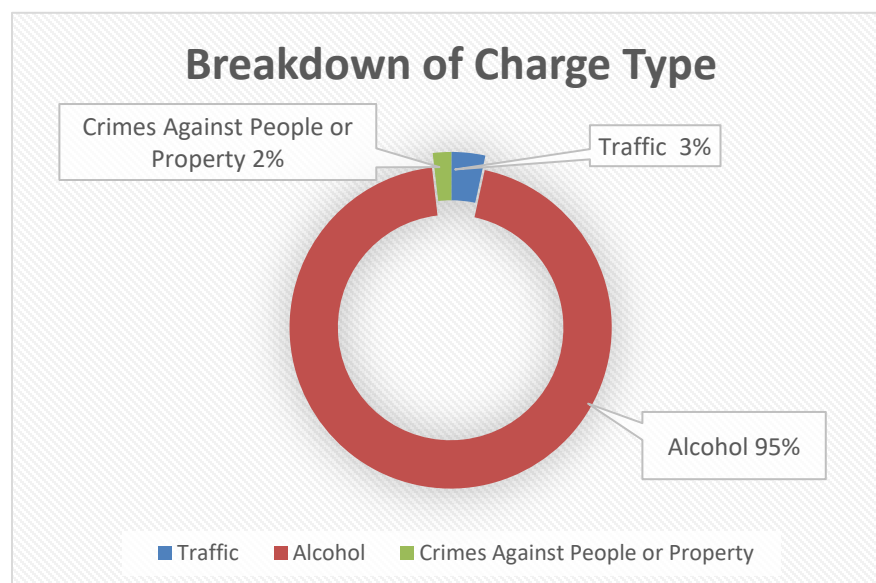
The ACS Supervised Probation program began in 2003 in response to statutory changes removing certain class A misdemeanors from state Probation and Parole supervision. In 2023 Administrative Order 22-23 added additional charges to the charges eligible for ACS Supervised Probation. Defendants who meet specific probation conditions are removed from active supervision and their cases are converted to unsupervised probation. Although the change was made in 2023 the impact was not visible until 2024.

### Adult Court Services Supervised Probation Cases Assigned vs. Closed



The 360 cases assigned to ACS Supervised Probation in 2024 reflect a 529% increase from the 68 cases assigned in 2023.

### Breakdown of Charge Type

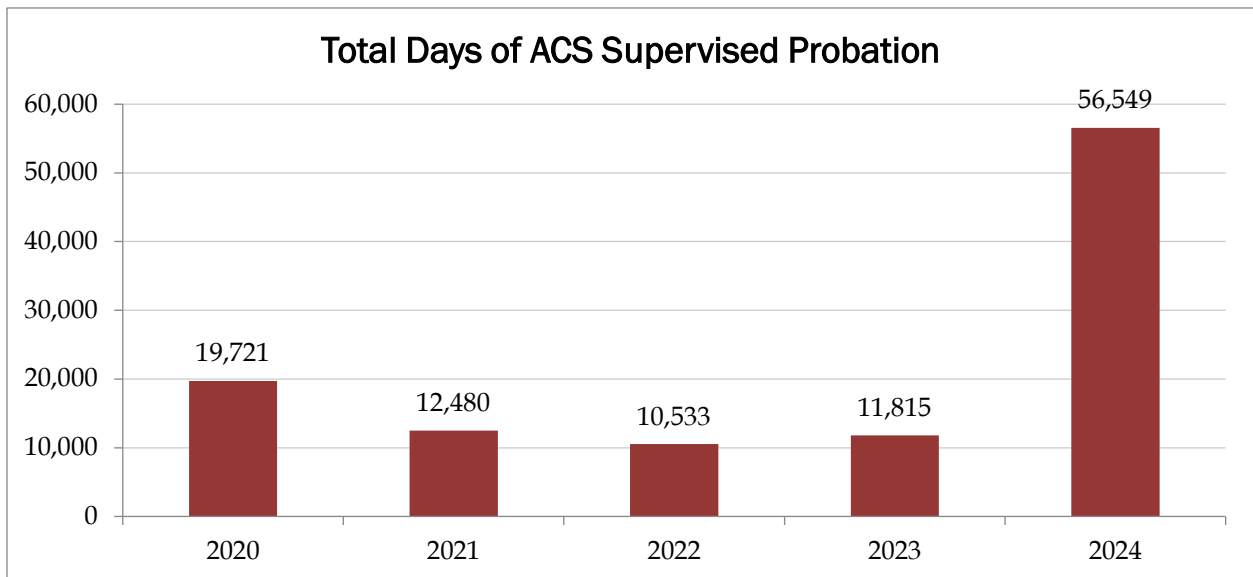
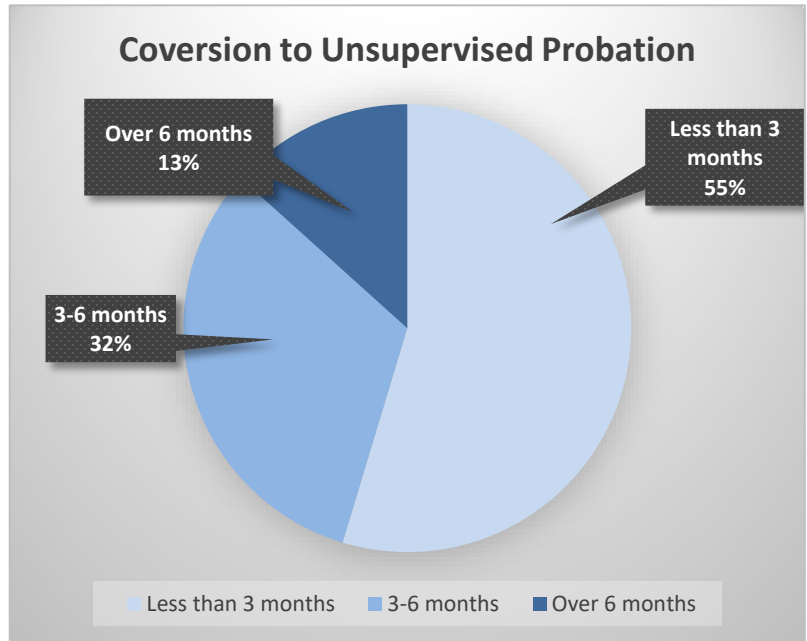


Of the 360 cases assigned ACS Probation during this time frame, 95% were for alcohol-related charges.

These misdemeanor probation cases include: DWI 1<sup>st</sup>, DWI prior, leaving the scene, DWR/S, and misdemeanor stealing,

Throughout 2024, there were 202 cases released from probation of which 95% were successfully completed. A probation case is closed as successful when all special conditions have been completed and the supervision status was amended to unsupervised.

The chart to the right shows the length of time the participant was on supervised probation. Only 13% of cases the defendants took longer than 6 months to be converted to unsupervised probation.



In 2024, defendants served 56,549 days on ACS supervised probation cases, an over 475% increase from 2023. The data reflected in the chart above *excludes* time in which an active warrant for probation violation exists.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK

Community Service Work (CSW) recompenses the community for the harm caused to it by criminal acts. ACS supervises two types of CSW:

1. CSW as a condition of ACS Supervised Probation
2. CSW in lieu of paying a court ordered fine.

CSW may only be performed at a qualified, not-for-profit and tax-exempt agency. Tax exempt means the agency has either an IRS tax exemption letter or a Missouri sales tax exemption letter. This and all other CSW policies are explained at the outset to each program participant. ACS's goal is to maximize successful outcomes.

In 2024, 4,866.5 hours of CSW were completed under ACS supervision. At the standardized \$20 per hour rate used by the court to value CSW hours, this represents a \$97,330 return to the community through participating not-for-profit agencies.

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Value of CSW

**\$20 per hour**

At the rate of \$20 per hour, these hours equate to a

**\$97,330**

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## ESTIMATED MONETARY SAVINGS

The list below represents a cumulative view of estimated minimum savings related to the work of ACS in 2024. These numbers are based on the information provided in this report and correspond to estimates of days defendants would have otherwise been incarcerated at the jail or housed out of county, as well as the sum of fees collected.

### JAIL DAYS SAVED

Bond Supervision.....	39,381
Home Detention ACS Supervised.....	5,762
Home Detention 3rd Party .....	410
Judicial Parole (Supervised by ACS).....	90

<b>TOTAL DAYS</b>	<b>45,643</b>
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@ \$49 <i>per day</i> = Estimated savings of	\$2,236,507
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ACS electronic monitoring fees collected	\$78,064
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<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED SAVINGS</b>	<b>\$2,314,571</b>
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