

Adult Probation Services ~ At-A-Glance (2024)

Felony & Specialty Court Officers ■ Investigations & Court Reports ■ Supervision ■ Programming & Contract Oversight

In the Adult Division, Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) and other staff collaborate with community, legal system, and law enforcement partners to enhance public safety. In felony courtrooms and specialty review courts, DPOs play a crucial role in making recommendations and disseminating information. The Investigations Unit conducts pre-plea and pre-sentence reports, providing a comprehensive overview of behavior, impact, eligibility, and potential outcomes. We oversee Success Centers in Santa Cruz and Watsonville, which serve as collaborative spaces for individuals to engage with service providers. By employing evidence-based assessment tools, we evaluate the risks and needs of those under our supervision, facilitate service referrals, and partner with researchers to improve probation methodologies and outcomes.

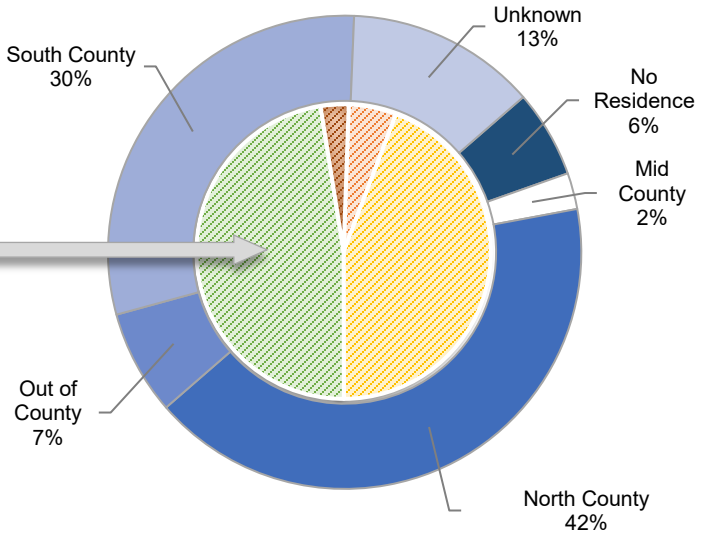
Division Staffing: 42.5 FTE (sworn and & non-sworn) / Average Monthly Population Supervised: **1,394** (Individuals 18+)

Probation Success Centers

Individuals Served by Area of Reported Residence in 2024 & Racial Demographics

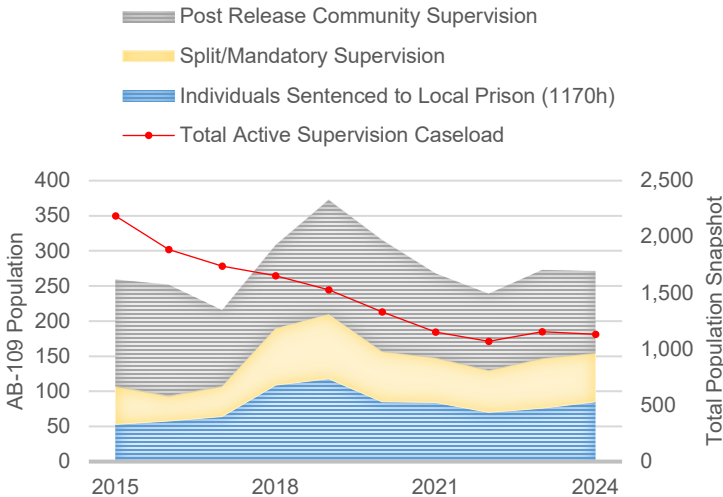
686 Total Individuals Served
(3,936 visits or episodes)
Average Client Age: 40

- African American - 7%
- Latinx - 39%
- White - 50%
- Other - 3%



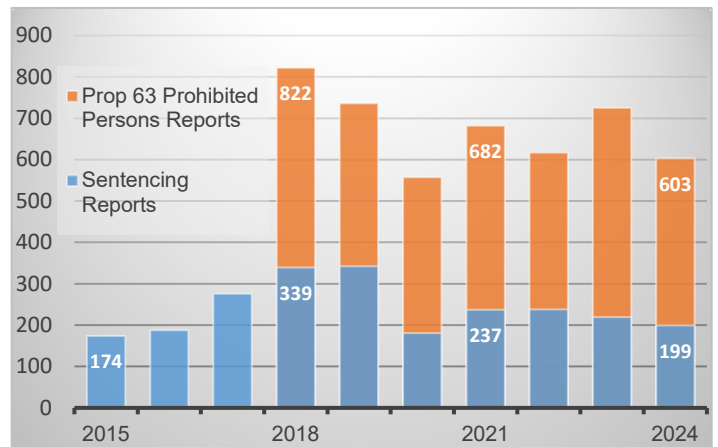
Community Supervision 10-Year Trends

Impacts to Total Active Supervision Population: Prop 47 (2014 - reclassifying many felonies to misdemeanors); AB 1950 (2021 - probation length reduced)
Potential Future Impacts: Prop 36 (as of Dec 18, 2024)



Investigations 10-Year Trends

Impacts to Reports Ordered: Prop 63 (2018 – new unfunded mandate); COVID19 (2020 – 2023 judicial processing slowdown)
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Departmental Objectives 2023 – 2025

<https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/VisionSantaCruz/OperationalPlan.aspx>

Updated as of December 2024

Supervision Skills Implement Coaching	Technical Violations Reduce Violations	After Hours Programs Increase Access	Bench Warrants Reduce Warrant Caseload
Status: In progress	Status: Completed	Status: Completed	Status: In progress

Funding Sources:

Grant Funding (Prop 47) – BSCC ■ AB 109 ■ SB 678 ■ SB 90 Reimbursements ■ MAA Reimbursements ■ General Fund