

Department Name	Probation
Account(s)	3140

Department Function
The mission of the Albany County Probation Department is threefold: 1. Provide quality services to all county courts through Pre-Sentence and Pre-Disposition Investigations, Intake/Diversion Programs, supervision based on validated risk assessments, and participation in alternative sentencing programs. 2. Serve the community by including crime victims in investigation, case planning, and supervision, while collecting restitution and other court-imposed fees. 3. Hold offenders accountable through graduated sanctions, skill-building services, and merit credit incentives that promote self-efficacy and positive community.

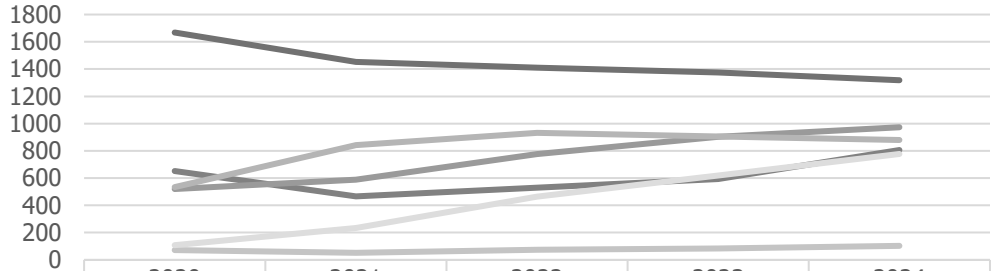
Current Year Highlights
<p>To date, the Probation Department staff completed 552 adult Pre-Sentence Investigations for criminal courts and 61 Pre-Dispositional Investigations for Family Court. There are approximately 1,435 adults and 295 youth across Intake/Diversion, Family Court Supervision, and Juvenile Release Under Supervision units.</p> <p>The Adult Bail Reform/Pre-Trial Release Under Supervision unit handled 820 court orders this year and supervises roughly 625 individuals at any time. GPS monitoring continues to expand, with 374 devices installed to date (174 active cases), primarily in Bail Reform/Pre-Trial cases, but also for Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE), Domestic Violence, Sex Offender, Raise the Age, and juvenile cases. This year, the Department upgraded its GPS monitoring technology, allowing officers to track offender movements in real time with greater accuracy and faster alerts. These enhancements strengthen public safety, improve accountability, provide officers with critical information to respond quickly to potential violations.</p> <p>The Department continues to provide a range of programming to any individual involved with Probation. Such programming includes; Project Growth, Career University, Decision Points, Brief Intervention Tools (BITS), Juvenile Accountability Board (JCAB), Participants Achieving Through Hard Work (PATH), Ready-Set-Work, Career University. Additionally, the Probation Department delivers various courses and groups such as; DMV Pre-Permit and 5 Hour Pre-Licensing, Financial Education, and Mental Health Peer-Support. The <i>Safety First</i> course—a science-based curriculum from Stanford University that educates youth on informed, healthy decisions about tobacco, alcohol, and drugs—is being expanded into an on-demand narrated course accessible on any device. This year also saw the launch of the Positive Outcome Program (POP) with Albany Community Land Trust, targeting youth ages 13-18 with mentorship, workforce development, and life skills.</p> <p>The Department partnered with Rensselaer and Schenectady County Probation Departments to create the Capital Region Fundamentals of Probation Practice Academy. This academy is one of the required initial trainings for Peace Officers and will supplement NYS DCJS Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives scheduled academies. An August academy is scheduled to take place and will include students from several regional Probation Departments. The Probation Department has been a certified NYS Department of Health Opioid Overdose Prevention Program for several years. At the end of 2024, we became a certified Law Enforcement Leave Behind Program. This allows staff to provide Naloxone overdose prevention rescue kits to individuals known to use drugs and at-risk of overdose in an effort to save lives. Numerous kits have been provided to individuals and their family/associates in the office and during field work in their residences throughout the year.</p>

Next Year Projects
As part of Albany County's Youth Safety & Leadership Pathways Initiative, the Probation Department will expand Project Growth by adding second and third tiers focused on leadership, peer mentorship, and workforce development for older or returning youth. Probation will also play a role in countywide efforts to strengthen truancy prevention and support the implementation of an Evening Reporting Center to provide structured, pro-social alternatives to detention. In addition, recruitment and retention remain a priority, with the goal of reaching full staffing to enhance service quality and morale. The wellness program will also continue to expand, supporting staff well-being and effectiveness.

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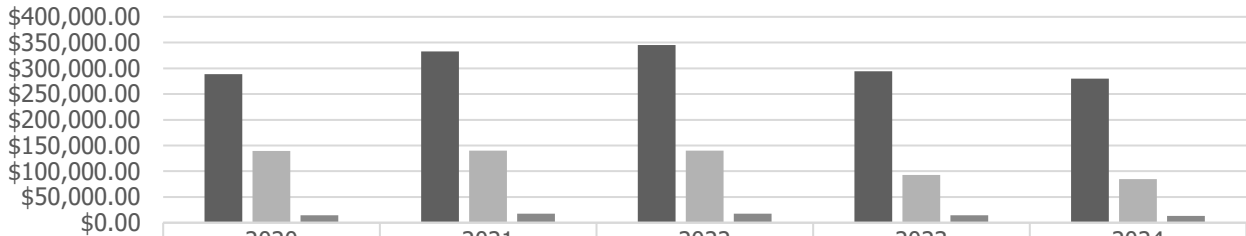
Monthly Caseload Statistics for 2024



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
— Adult Formal Supervision Average	1668	1453	1409	1376	1318
— Adult Pre Trial Release Supervision Average	651	466	529	594	806
— Juvenile Persons under Supervision Average	520	589	776	902	973
— Adult Court Order Investigations	534	843	932	905	879
— Juvenile Court Order Investigations	73	52	74	84	103
— Court Ordered GPS Monitoring	108	233	465	618	777

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Collections Statistics for 2024



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
■ Restitution Collections	\$288,697.99	\$332,810.09	\$345,395.59	\$294,496.96	\$279,713.28
■ DWI Collections	\$139,306.00	\$140,046.66	\$140,046.66	\$92,558.90	\$84,535.76
■ Surcharge Collections	\$14,744.67	\$17,434.02	\$17,681.55	\$14,283.07	\$13,490.31

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