

Department Name	Probation
Account(s)	3140

Department Function
The mission of the Albany County Probation Department is threefold: 1. The Department serves all courts in Albany County by conducting Pre-Sentence and Pre-Disposition investigations, overseeing Intake and Diversion Programs, supervising adult and juvenile offenders at levels determined by validated risk assessment tools, collecting court-imposed financial obligations such as restitution, and by participating in Alternative Sentencing Programs. 2. The Department serves the community by including the victims of offender's crime in investigation, case planning and supervision. 3. The Department serves offenders themselves, by assisting with their rehabilitation through the employment of graduated sanctions, by providing referrals to skill-building programs and services that emphasize self-efficacy and positive social adjustment, and by employing merit credits as a reward for sustained and measurable achievements.

Current Year Highlights
• Delivered programming to assist individuals in areas of employment, education, skill building, and pro-social thinking. Our programs are evidence-based, cognitive behavioral interventions, and include: Project Growth; Career University; Decision Points; Brief Interventions Tools; Juvenile Accountability Board; and Ready, Set, Work. • Offered in-house programming to clients, including: DMV 5 hour pre-permit course, Employment Center, resume workshops, Dress for Success, and Financial Education Group. • Launched a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) program in collaboration with Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and the Capital District Education Opportunity Center in January. Students can attend class in-person in a classroom located at the Probation Department or virtually. One student has graduated since the program's inception and there are 10 others enrolled. In April, the Probation Department and Capital Region BOCES received the Champions of Change award from the NYS School Board Association for this program. • Participated in the workgroup that led the creation of Mental Health/Alternative Treatment Court in Albany City Criminal Court. The Court has been operational for over one year and in June 2022, two participants were the first to graduate. • Developed a new program PATH (Participants Achieving Through Hard-work) to serve the Raise the Age population in collaboration with Northern Rivers and Trinity Alliance. This program provides enhanced case management to participants and their families in addition to swift engagement with credible messengers/outreach workers. • Supervise approximately 1,428 adult individuals as sentenced. • Supervise approximately 333 youth, as ordered by Family Court. • Monitored individuals "Released under Supervision" while their cases are pending in court: 421 adult Bail Reform cases, 39 Family Court cases and 13 Youth Part Court cases for Raise the Age individuals. Electronic monitoring/GPS is an effective supervision and monitoring tool utilized by judges; 207 GPS units were installed and monitored in 2022. • Collected over \$270,000, in court-ordered restitution, surcharges and DWI supervision fees. • Completed 443 adult investigations for criminal courts within the County, and 30 Pre-Dispositional Investigations for Family Court.

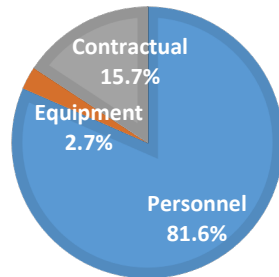
Next Year Projects
The Probation Department is part of a workgroup that's planning an Opioid Court in Albany City Court to address the special needs of drug involved individuals. We are in the process of expanding the cadre of trainers within the department to meet our mandated training levels. Additionally, the Department was awarded a Policy Equity Academy grant, an initiative of New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and NYS Youth Justice Institute, to receive training and funds to develop local plans to improve outcomes for youth of color in their communities. We are in the planning stages to utilize the grant for training; Implicit Bias Train the Trainer and Trauma Informed Training.

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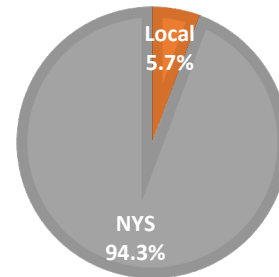
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Financial Charts

FORECASTED COSTS, BY TYPE



FORECASTED REVENUES, BY TYPE



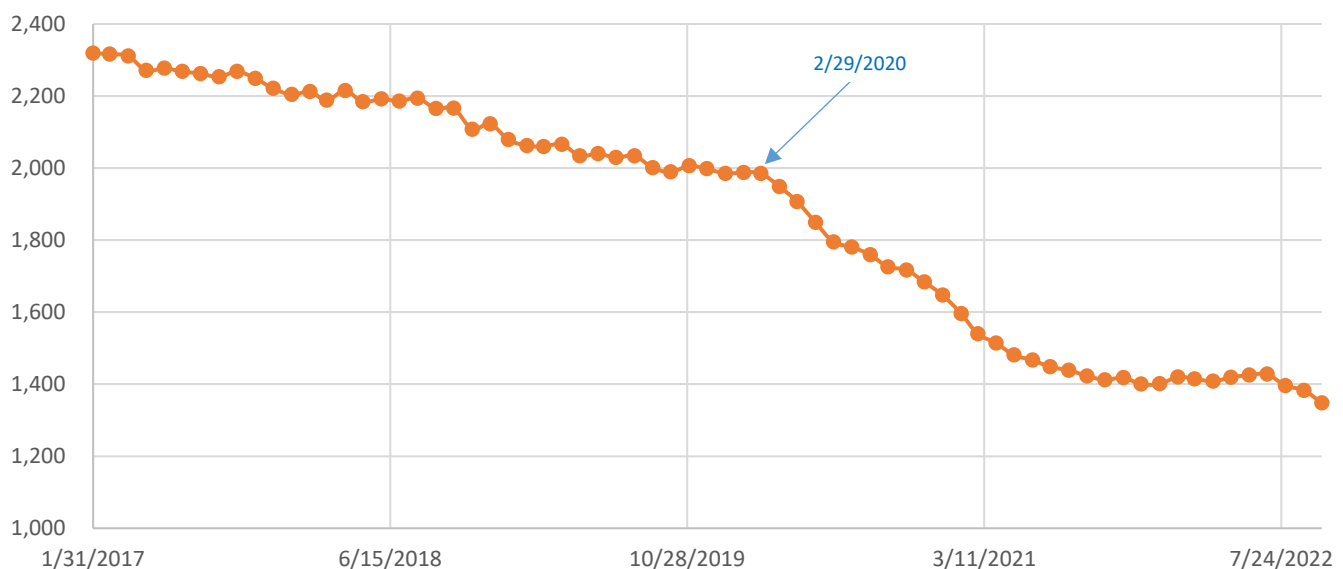
The vast majority of the Department's annual expenditures are personnel-related. Probation staffs officers who work with individuals placed under their care and conduct work on behalf of the Courts. Contractual expenses are external vendors utilized to procure services to assist staff with their duties, such as technology to GPS locate probationers.

Revenue flowing into the Department is almost entirely from NYS, in the form of State Aid (money provided based on a formulaic calculation, the PINS Prevention Program, and from the Raise the Age grant. A small portion of money comes in as local revenue, such as restitution surcharges paid by probationers.

The 2023 Budget has a forecasted County Share of \$8.44 million for the Probation Department.

Programmatic Highlights

Probation Supervision Assignments



The Probation Department serves all Courts in Albany County. Due to several social and economic factors there had been a gradual decrease in the total persons sentenced to Probation but then, as the chart indicates, the trajectory of Probation sentences changed in 2020 due to COVID. The primary reason for the accelerated decline is because the Courts were closed and then severely backlogged when they eventually reopened. The Probation Department anticipates an uptick as the Courts catch up.

For some additional context, recently the Department has seen an increase in the utilization of Probation services to monitor those released prior to sentencing under Bail Reform and Raise the Age.