

Strategic Plan FY2024-2027: Brazos County Community Supervision and Corrections Department

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Mission • Vision • Values

Mission

The mission of the Brazos County CSCD is to facilitate positive change in the offender through the provision of programs and services, rapid accountability for offender actions thus protecting the community and serving the Courts.

Vision

We the employees of the Brazos County CSCD envision a progressive department where empowered staff positively impact the lives of others daily.

Values

*Integrity, Respect, Fairness, Teamwork,
Accountability, Empowerment*

We believe in a dynamic process in which all individuals work collaboratively to achieve the goals of the Brazos County CSCD.

CSCD Overview

The Community Supervision and Corrections Department services the County of Brazos and is located in Bryan, Texas. Brazos County is approximately 591 square miles and has a population of 233,849 according to the 2020 U.S. Census Bureau Estimate. It is the home to Texas A&M University and the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Brazos County serves the 85th, 272nd, 361st and 472nd Judicial District Courts, as well as County Courts at Law #1 and #2.

The strategic plan for Brazos County Community Supervision and Corrections Department will provide a view of the Department's jurisdiction population, available programs and information for the goals, strategies and objectives for the next three years.

As of the end of August 2023, the Brazos County CSCD was supervising a total of 3,844 offenders on probation and 115 offenders on pretrial diversion. Each month, an average of 130 offenders were placed on community supervision and approximately 103 were discharged. For felons, 45% were under direct supervision for drug offenses or DWI, while 55% of misdemeanants were 26% of felons were under supervision for violent offenses, while 12% of misdemeanants were; another 15% of felons were under supervision for theft, burglary, stolen vehicles, and other property offenses while 10% of misdemeanants were; sexual offenders comprised 1% of the felony and misdemeanor direct population, as did robbery and kidnapping offenses. 95% of pretrial diversion offenses were drug related.

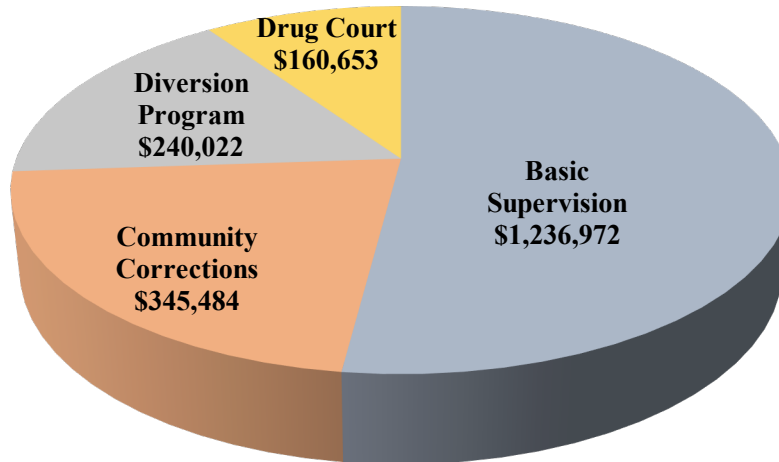
The Brazos County CSCD utilizes the Texas Risk Assessment System (TRAS) to appropriately classify and supervise offenders according to their risk level. By using the TRAS to identify criminogenic needs, case plans are then developed to assist the offender in becoming a more productive and law-abiding citizen, thus promoting success and reducing recidivism.

Our department makes efforts to reduce technical violations and use the resources available to interrupt criminal thinking. Referrals for services based on criminogenic needs are done via in-house counseling programs as well as referrals to outside contract providers. A strong in-house substance abuse counseling program, as well as a successful collaboration with the local Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority are examples of resources utilized to assist offenders.

Finally, the use of specialized caseloads in Brazos County to supervise those offenders with higher criminogenic needs and risk factors is a necessary and responsible use of available resources. When criminogenic risk factors are appropriately targeted and treated, the likelihood of reoffending and subsequent risk to the community can be reduced.

Funding for FY 2024-2025

State Aid



Basic Supervision (BS)

Program	State Aid
Basic Supervision	802,315
High Medium Caseload Reduction	156,073
Rider 64 Salary Increase	168,688
Dedicated Salary	109,896
	1,236,972

Community Corrections (CC)

Program	State Aid
Sex Offender Caseload	100,021
Substance Abuse Caseloads (SAFPF)	57,328
Substance Abuse & Assessment/ Counseling Services	188,135
	345,484

Diversion Program (DP)

Program	State Aid
High Risk Caseload	55,253
Substance Abuse Caseload/Services	113,426
Mentally Impaired Offender Caseload	71,343
	240,022

County/ Outside Grant/ Other Funding

Program	Funding
Speciality Court - County Funded	160,653
	160,653

Funding Source / Date: TDCJ-CJAD FY 24-25 approved initial budgets. Approval date 10/25/2023.

Programs and Services for FY 2024-2025

Program Name	Funding Type(s)
High Risk Caseload	BS/DP
Substance Abuse Caseloads	DP
Mentally Impaired Offender Caseload	BS/DP
Speciality Court	County
Culturally Specific Caseload	BS
Sex Offender Caseload	CCP
Substance Abuse Caseload (SAFPP)	CCP
Sex Offender Continuum	BS
High Risk High Need Offender Services / Anger Mgmt	BS/ DP
Substance Abuse Assessment and Counseling Services	CCP
Psychological Counseling	BS

Program Descriptions

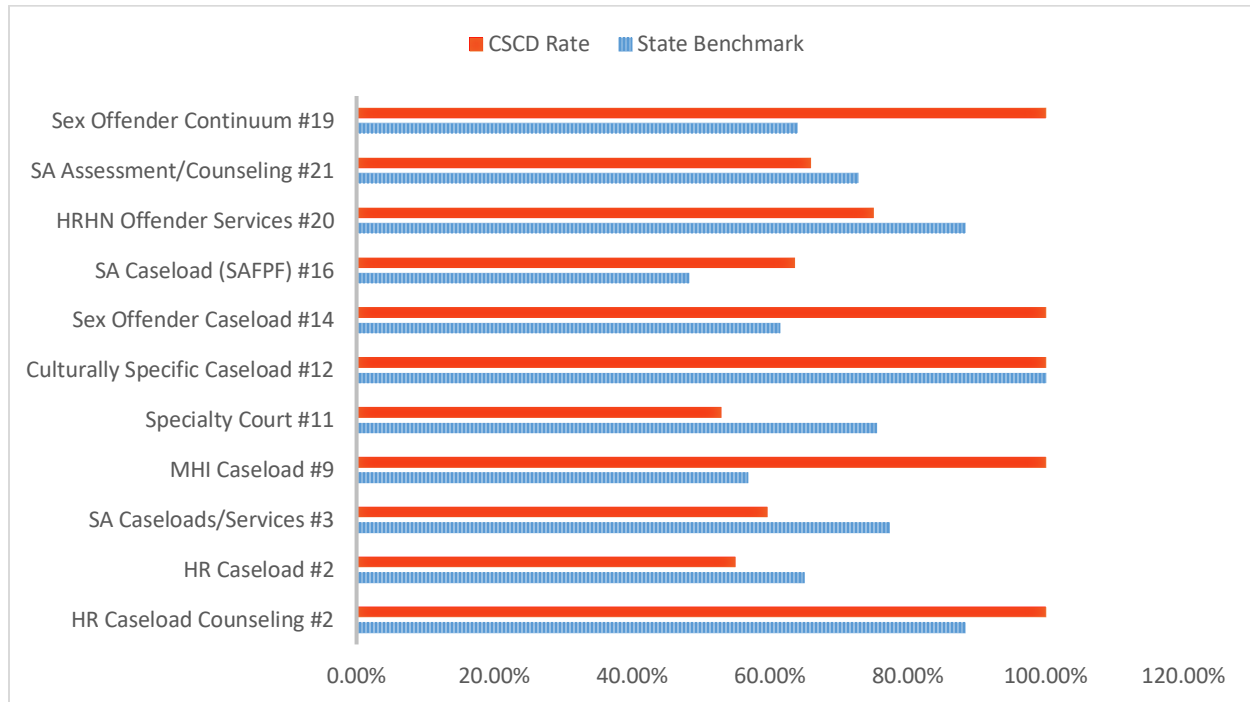
- #2 High Risk Caseload provides specialized supervision to felons and some misdemeanants who have been assessed at a high-risk level, have current or a history of high risk behaviors or violent offenses. At a minimum, offenders remain on the caseload for the duration of treatment or until it is determined that intensive monitoring is no longer needed based on the offender's overall stabilization. Program #2 also includes assessment and counseling services for offenders on this caseload.
- #3 Substance Abuse Caseloads provide specialized supervision to felons and some misdemeanants who have been assessed as having a substance use or dependence disorder. Offenders remain on the caseload from the time treatment is recommended until completion of programs and demonstrated sobriety, as well as overall stability in the other life aspects.
- #9 Mentally Impaired Offender Caseload provides specialized supervision to felons and some misdemeanants who are currently receiving outpatient psychiatric treatment for mental disorders. Offenders remain on the caseload for the duration of the supervision term.
- #12 Culturally Specific Caseload provides supervision to offenders who have a need to be supervised by a bi-lingual officer who is sensitive to culturally specific needs. Offenders remain on the caseload for the duration of the supervision term.

- #14 Sex Offender Caseload provides specialized supervision to felons and some misdemeanants with sex offenses or who are subject to sex offender registration requirements for past offenses. Offenders remain on the caseload for the duration of their supervision term.
- #16 SAFPF Caseload provides specialized supervision to felons who have been sentenced to SAFPF as a condition of supervision. Offenders remain on the caseload until a reasonable amount of stability in sobriety, employment, finances, relationships, and other behaviors being targeted in treatment is achieved. Caseload placement does not exceed two years.
- #19 Sex Offender Continuum provides assessment and counseling services by a licensed therapist for those offenders on the Sex Offender Caseload.
- #20 High Risk High Need Offender Services / Anger Mgmt provides assessment and counseling services, including psychological and anger management, for any offender under supervision.
- #21 Substance Abuse Assessment and Counseling Services provides assessments, supportive and intensive outpatient group counseling, relapse group and/or aftercare to any offender in need of substance abuse services. These services are conducted by three CSCD staff Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors.
- #28 Psychological Counseling provides psychological assessments and counseling services with a contracted service provider.

Specialty Court Summary

- #11 Specialty Court is a court-supervised program for substance-use offenders that includes frequent appearances with the judge, random drug tests, substance abuse treatment, individualized case management services, and working to maintain long-term recovery.

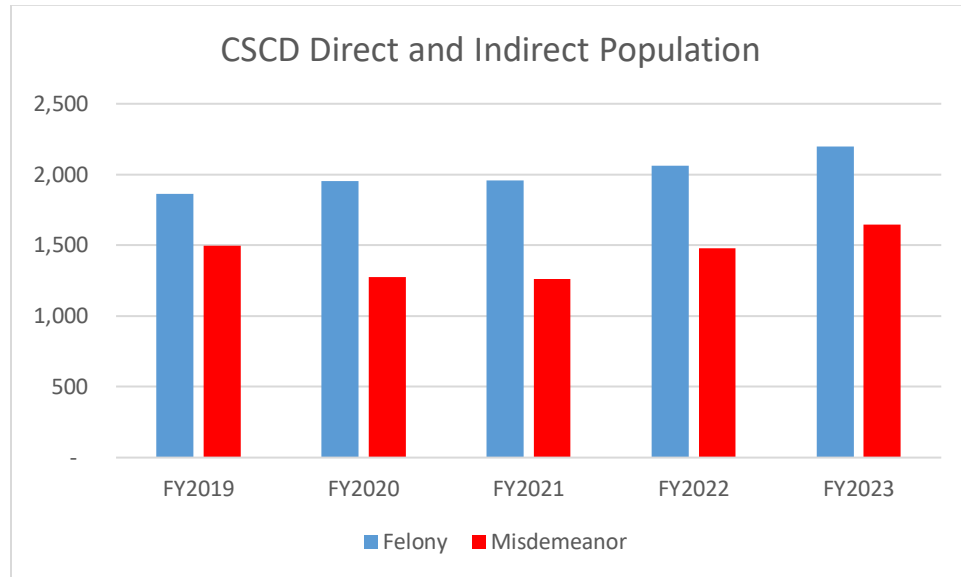
Program Success Rates



Using program data submitted to the Community Supervision Tracking System-Intermediate System (CSTS-ISYS), TDCJ-CJAD calculates program success rates for each fiscal year. These rates are made available to each CSCD. Statewide rates are calculated for each program type so CSCDs can compare their program to all programs of the same type in the state. Success rates are calculated using the following formula: $\text{Completions} / (\text{Completions} + \text{Revocations} + \text{Absconded} + \text{Violations})$.

Brazos County CSCD's completion rates vary by program during FY 2023. The higher than average program success rates are attributed to a variety of factors. Providing the programming to meet the needs of the offender helps ensure the opportunity to learn and change behavior. The client-centered supervision approach helps each officer to work with the offender on individual needs. The lower-than-average program success rates are also attributed to a variety of factors. Providing sufficient programming to meet the needs of the offender was challenged and the opportunity to learn and change their criminal behavior was missed. Offenders are placed in the appropriate program based upon their assessed risk. Officers continue to work with offenders to motivate and encourage them to be successful.

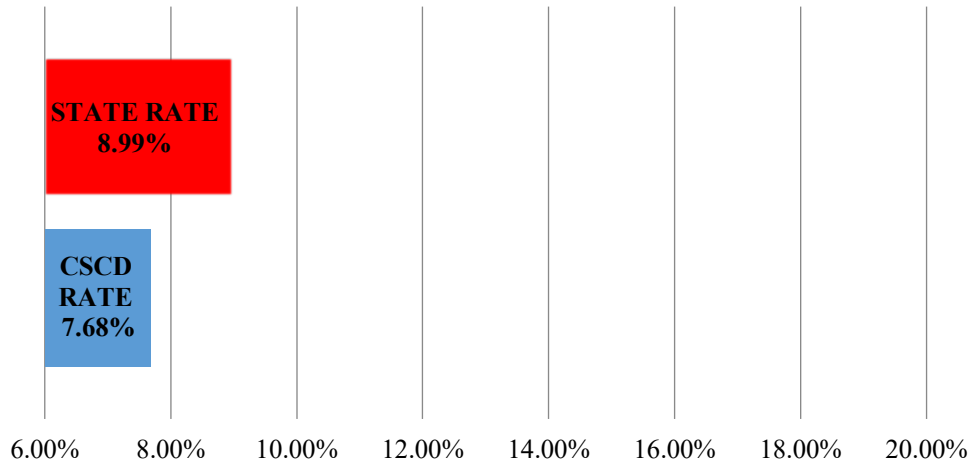
Offender Population



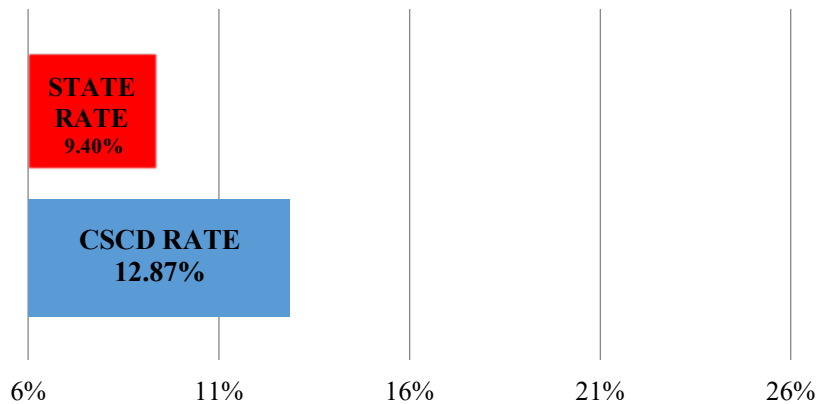
	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Felony	1,864	1,955	1,958	2,062	2,197
Misdemeanor	1,498	1,275	1,260	1,481	1,647

Revocations

FY 2023 Felony Revocation Rates

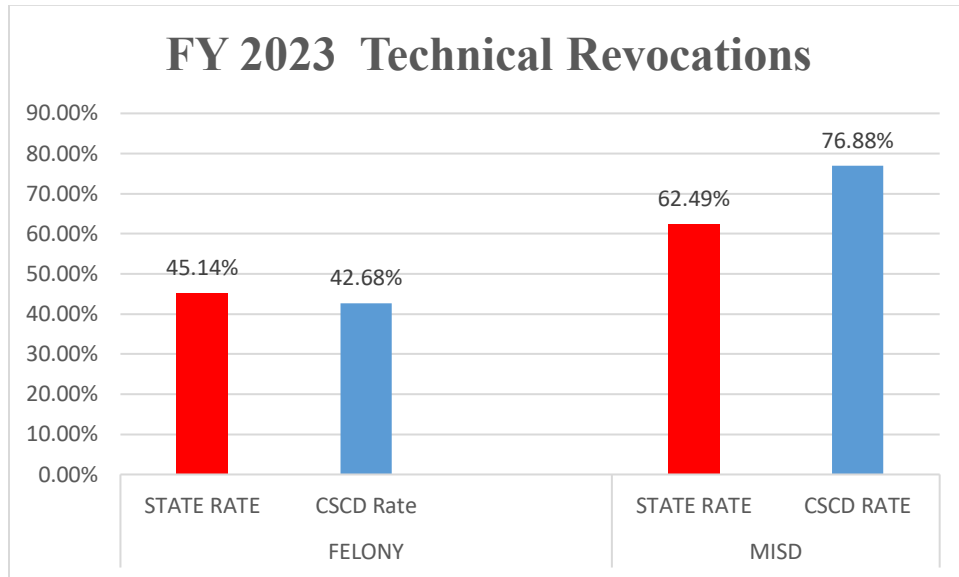


FY 2023 Misdemeanor Revocation Rates



While the CSCD revocation rate was higher than the state average for misdemeanor offenses, it was lower for felony cases. More felons are served on specialized caseloads which could attribute to a lower revocation rate. The CSCD will strive to fall below the state average in both felony and misdemeanor offenses by continuing to implement progressive rewards and sanctions, client-centered supervision and utilization of available programming and specialized caseloads.

Technical Revocations



Brazos County had misdemeanor technical violation percentages above the state average in FY 2023. In reviewing technical revocation reasons, it was noted that positive urinalysis and failure to pay attributed to almost half of misdemeanor revocations. The CSCD will focus on responding to an offender's first violation, regardless of the severity, in an effort to have the most impact on these rates. Responses will include utilizing progressive sanctions and placement on a specialized caseload when appropriate.

Statewide Goal – Prison Diversion

Brazos County CSCD will divert offenders from prison by reducing revocations and technical revocations, and increasing program successful completions.

Data Elements	CSCD FY 2022	CSCD FY 2023	CSCD FY2024 Target
Successful Terminations – Felony	54.10%	54.94%	57.94%
Successful Terminations – Misdemeanor	72.42%	77.23%	81.23%
Technical Revocations – Felony	35.12%	42.68%	39.68%
Technical Revocations – Misdemeanor	74.88%	76.88%	73.88%
Program Success Rates			
#2 High Risk Caseload	37.50%	55.00%	70.00%
#3 Substance Abuse Caseloads/Services	59.46%	59.57%	70.00%
#16 Substance Abuse Caseload (SAFPF)	80.00%	63.64%	70.00%

Strategies to Achieve Goal

Objective: Increase successful terminations by 3%		
Strategies		Target Date
1.	Evidence based assessment process	8/31/25
2.	Client centered supervision based on criminogenic needs	8/31/25
3.	Review cases eligible for early termination	8/31/25

Objective: Reduce technical revocations by 3%		
Strategies		Target Date
1.	Increase utilization of progressive rewards and sanctions	8/31/25
2.	Increase utilization of specialized caseloads and a specialty court	8/31/25
3.	Quick response to offender violations	8/31/25

Objective: Increase program success rates to 70%		
Strategies		Target Date
1.	Placement in appropriate program based on need	8/31/25
2.	Internal review of discharge reason	8/31/25
3.	Provide sufficient programming to meet the needs of the offender	8/31/25

Performance Measures

- Percent change between FY24 and FY25 successful termination rates
- Percent change between FY24 and FY25 technical revocations rates
- Number of offenders who successfully completed programs

CSCD Goal 1

Full Utilization of Specialized Caseloads

Brazos County CSCD will strive for the full utilization of Specialized Caseloads. We will utilize the assessment to appropriately place offenders on specialized caseloads and strive to be at 90-95% capacity, having a successful completion rate of 70%.

Objectives and Strategies

Objective: Brazos County CSCD will increase placements on Specialized Caseloads.		
Strategies		Target Date
1.	Swift identification of offender needs and referrals for services	8/31/25
2.	Internal controls on monitoring assessment completion and placement on appropriate caseload	8/31/25
3.	Use of the case management system to assist in identifying offender needs	8/31/25

Objective: Brazos County CSCD will increase the program success rate of the Specialized Caseloads to 70%.		
Strategies		Target Date
1.	Team driven supervision approach involving the officer, offender and counselor	8/31/25
2.	Maintain a reduced waiting list for assessments and placement in treatment	8/31/25
3.	Internal controls on ensuring utilization of correct discharge reason	8/31/25

Performance Measures

- Number of offenders served on the specialized caseloads
- Percent change in number of successful discharges from the specialized caseloads