

Municipal Court's Early Bail Review | PHILADELPHIA

- Launched in July 2016 to reduce the number of people in custody on low bail amounts.
- Serve as a transitional measure until cash bail is eliminated.
- Collaboration Partners: Municipal Court, Pretrial Services, Defender Association, and District Attorney's Office.
- More time for counsel to interview clients and present information in support of release.
- Reinforcement of pretrial requirements by the judge, pretrial, and defender.

EARLY BAIL REVIEW FOCUSES ON:

Pretrial Cash Bail No Detainers Population

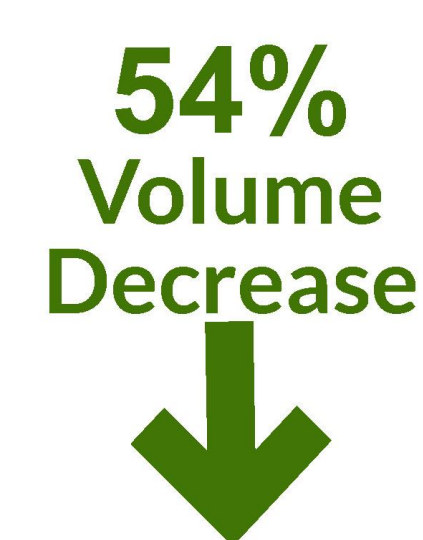
This includes individuals who are confined pretrial with no detainers on charges with active or revoked bail.

July 2015

August 2018



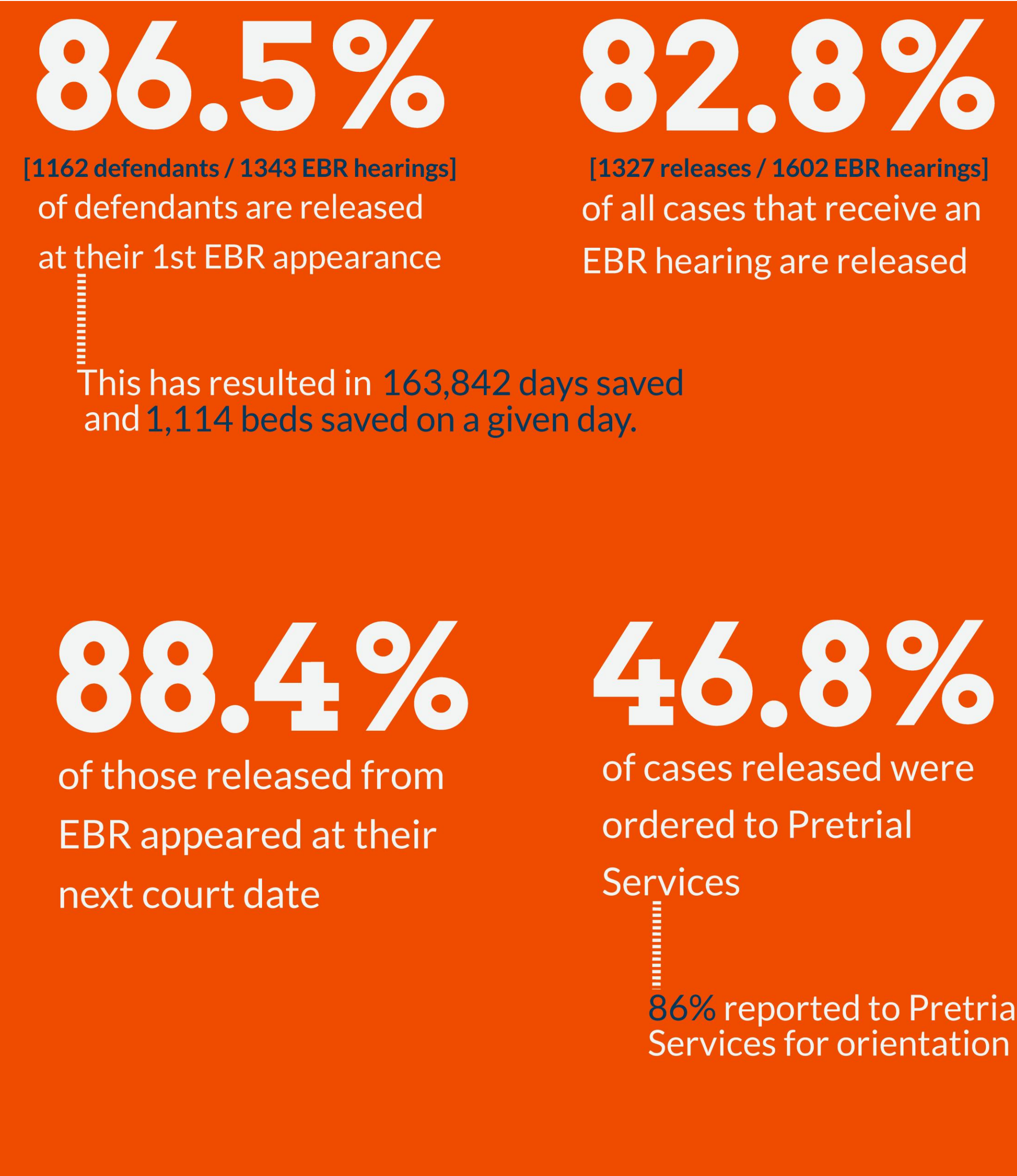
25% of the total
population



26%
Proportional
Decrease



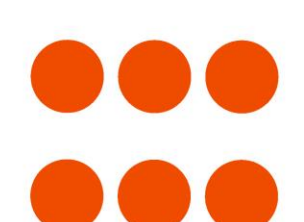
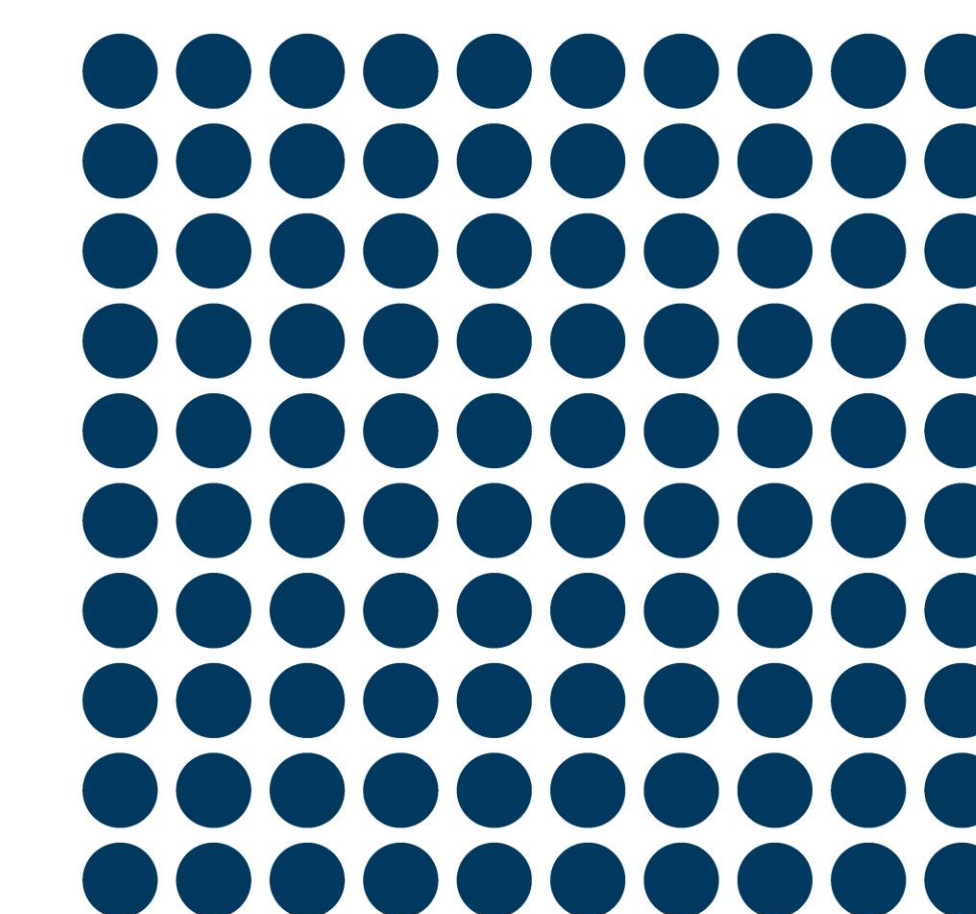
18.4% of the total
population



Pretrial Cash Bail No Detainers Population: Average Length of Stay Comparison

July 2015
147 days

August 2018
6 days



141 days were saved for each
defendant released from an
Early Bail Review hearing.

NEXT STEPS

- Expand charges and higher bail amounts for the target population
- With the implementation of the pretrial risk tool, transform EBR hearings to detention review hearings for those suggested for pretrial detention



Honorable Marsha H. Neifield
President Judge, Municipal Court