Supervised Release celebrated its three-year anniversary in March 2019. Intakes increased by 54% from the first year of the program. Court appearance rates have remained consistent at 88% across the duration of the program.

The newly introduced Youth Engagement Track, that serves young people charged with a violent felony or who score high risk on the Supervised Release risk tool, has been very successful. There have been 192 clients mandated to the Track through March 2019. Individuals in the Youth Track have maintained a 95% court appearance rate and a 92% no felony re-arrest rate.

Both release on own recognizance (ROR) rates and Supervised Release intakes increased from 2017 to 2018. The ROR rate in 2017 was 67% and increased to 72% in 2018.

After a period of compliance in Supervised Release in Brooklyn, 183 clients have been relieved of supervision after the judge granted ROR before disposition. Of those relieved of supervision before disposition, 95% made all future court appearances.

Many individuals were admitted to DOC on the same charge most commonly admitted to Supervised Release during the same time period. On average, 60% of all detained individuals are released after about a week in jail, usually well before their case is closed. While some of these cases may have different characteristics from those that go into Supervised Release, this points to additional opportunities to appropriately divert individuals.

Between March 2016 and March 2019, 12,262 new participants were mandated to Supervised Release citywide.

Variation between boroughs is due to local court practices, previous Supervised Release pilot programs, defendant profiles, and court culture, among other factors. Despite the different charge severity profiles of each borough’s Supervised Released program, the success rates are consistent across the City.
Supervised Release Quarterly Scorecard

Citywide | January—March 2019

HOW ARE SUPERVISED RELEASE PARTICIPANTS DOING?

Appearance and Re-arrest Outcomes:*
The primary goal of Supervised Release is to ensure that clients return to court and make all of their court appearances.

Comparing Citywide Appearance Rates
Citywide court appearance rates for Supervised Release are similar to rates of those that are released on their own recognizance (88%) or released on bail (91%). Per the CJA Annual Report, 86% of defendants released pretrial make all their court dates.

Borough | Court Appearance Rate | No Felony Re-Arrest Rate
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Bronx | 85% | 93%
Brooklyn | 85% | 92%
Manhattan | 92% | 92%
Queens | 92% | 91%
Staten Island | 86% | 91%

CITYWIDE | 88% | 92%

Percent Without a Felony Re-arrest by Supervision Level*

Success Story
Sandy was charged with Grand Larceny and placed on Supervised Release. She has struggled with mental health, substance use and homelessness and lost her parental rights. At her Supervised Release intake, she was voluntarily connected with psychiatric treatment and psychotherapy and began to make progress with her mental health. She pleaded not guilty and her attorney advocated for her to remain in the community, in part based on her engagement with the program and mental health progress. She was sentenced to community service on the condition that she continue attending appointments and avoid re-arrest until April 2019, when her case concluded. Sandy now has a positive relationship with her children and their adoptive parents, who she sees frequently.

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*Indicated data from March 1, 2016 through March 31, 2019.