

## Supervised Release 2020 January - June

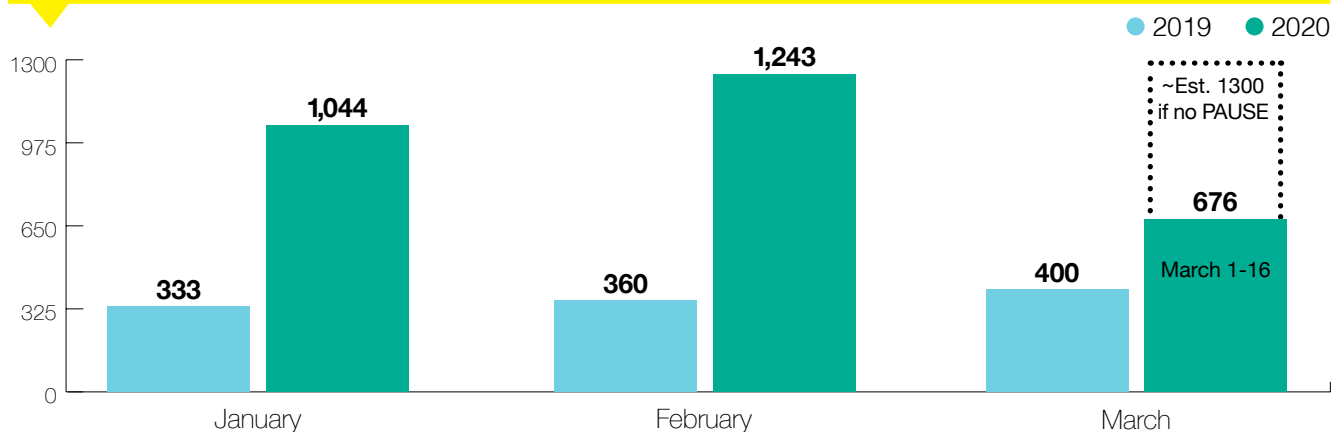
**1** Supervised Release intakes [increased dramatically](#) at the end of 2019 as the program expanded eligibility in preparation for New York’s bail reform, which went into effect on January 1, 2020. This trend continued into January, February, and the beginning of March 2020.



**On March 17th, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the court suspended Supervised Release as the arraignment process went virtual.**

**2** Supervised Release intakes continued the trend set in December when eligibility restrictions were lifted. Felony robbery and felony assault were two of the top five most common charges in 2020—charges that were previously excluded from the program.

### CITYWIDE MONTHLY INTAKES 2019 VS 2020<sup>1</sup>



**3** Court appearance rates remained high for Supervised Release participants, even after including individuals with charges previously excluded from Supervised Release. 88% of all individuals who entered the program from 12/1/2019 through 3/17/2020 attended all court appearances during that time.<sup>2</sup>

**4** Beginning March 17th, 2020, Supervised Release providers continued working virtually with all of the individuals on their caseloads. In addition, Supervised Release providers also began virtually supervising city-sentenced individuals released under a [new program 6A under the State Correction Law](#) (see next page for details).



**Looking ahead: In late July 2020, the court decided to re-introduce Supervised Release to the arraignment process.**

<sup>1</sup> Most intakes after at arraignment, however some happen after arraignment  
<sup>2</sup> Please note that during this period not everyone had a return to court date scheduled.

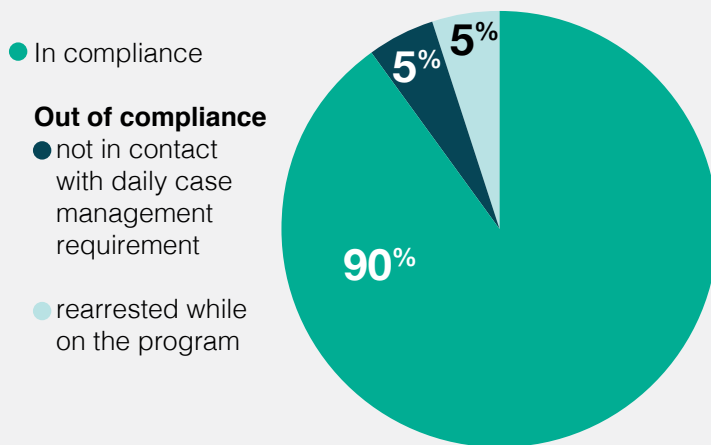
## March to June 2020: Supervised Release and the 6A Program

When there is “some compelling reason consistent with the public interest,” Article 6-A of the State Correction Law authorizes the Commissioner of the NYC Department of Correction to exercise discretion to permit people sentenced to less than one year to serve the remainder of their sentence at home. **This program is referred to as the ‘6A program’.**

Beginning March 22, 2020, the DOC Commissioner exercised this authority, resulting in the release of approximately 300 people. The City’s Supervised Release providers began supervising city sentenced individuals in this 6A program by providing daily virtual case management and reporting to DOC on compliance.

The chart below shows compliance status for the people who were still in the program on June 30th, 2020. (People are discharged from the 6A program when their city sentence is completed. On June 30, there were 100 people still serving their city sentence in the 6A release program).

### 6A COMPLIANCE



### SUCCESS STORY: THE 6A PROGRAM AT WORK

Mr. Miller (not his real name) was released from Rikers to serve the remainder of his city sentence from home. His Supervised Release provider helped him to apply for public benefits and jobs. One month after his release he got a janitorial position at a time when he had expected to still be incarcerated. He continues to check in with his case worker every day and has not missed a single check-in. He has expressed being at a “loss for words” when asked how he felt about being released from jail under supervision and is enjoying spending time with his wife and 10-year-old son.

**Through June 30, 2020, 92% of all individuals in the 6A program were not re-arrested while they were in the program.**

- 25** people re-arrested while in the 6A program
- ▶ **10:** misdemeanors
  - ▶ **14:** non-violent felonies
  - ▶ **1:** violent felony (attempted robbery)