

# Supervised Release Annual Scorecard 2020

## Key Updates:

### 1 OPERATIONS DURING PANDEMIC

On March 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the court suspended Supervised Release as the arraignment process went virtual. Programming and supervision continued virtually for those released to Supervised Release before the pandemic. Supervised Release resumed virtual arraignment operations in mid-July 2020.

### 2 EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY

As Supervised Release expanded eligibility to include Violent Felony Offenses (VFO's) in late 2019, a broader population entered the program over the course of 2020 and court appearance rates remained stable. Also, participants in Supervised Release got re-arrested on VFO charges at similar rates (~1%) to those who were released on their own recognizance or who posted bail. [For more information see current data here.](#)

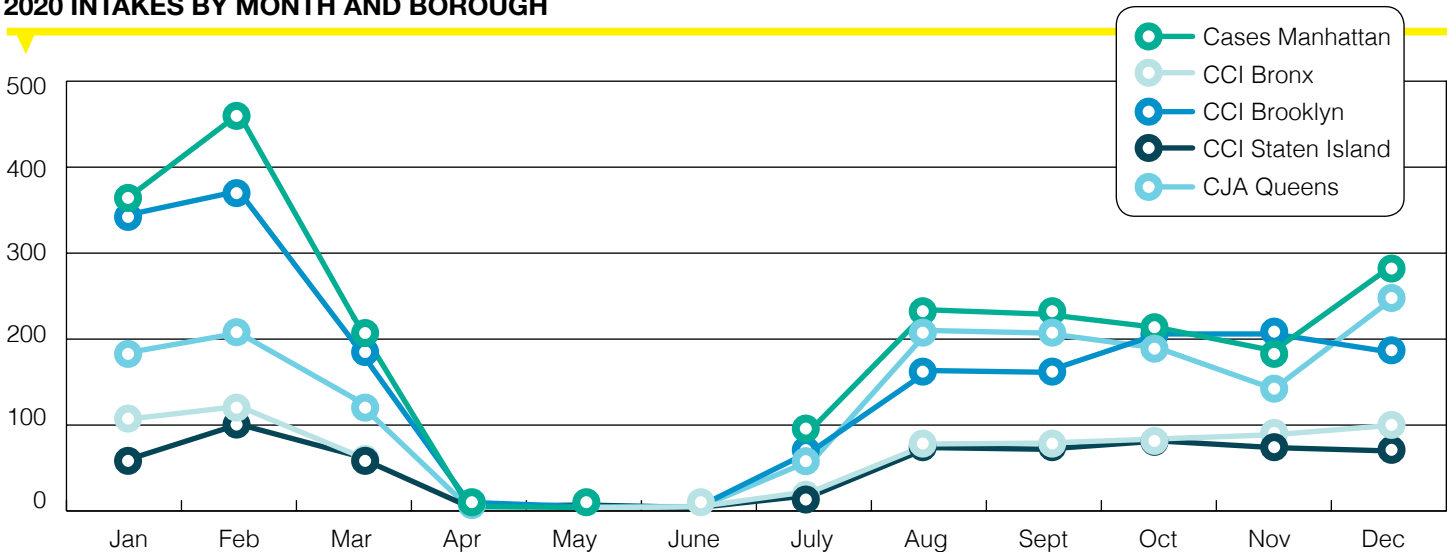
### 3 TELEHEALTH

Throughout the pandemic, as the city was moving toward telehealth to conduct behavioral health and medical services, case managers in Supervised Release provided much needed guidance and linkages to community resources including mental health and substance use treatment, mobile treatment teams, and housing and employment support.

### 4 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In 2020, Supervised Release onboarded dozens of new staff citywide in order to keep caseloads low and offered old and new staff various professional development trainings including mental health first aid, de-escalation techniques, intimate partner violence, motivational interviewing, and cognitive behavioral informed interventions to enhance and refine their skills.

## 2020 INTAKES BY MONTH AND BOROUGH

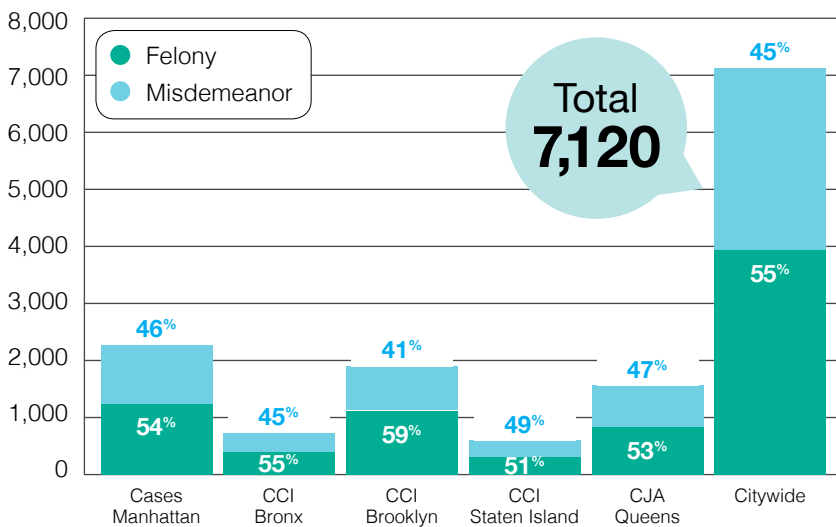


## AN EXAMPLE OF SUPERVISED RELEASE AT WORK

In the Fall of 2019, MJ was arrested on the charge of robbery in the second degree. MJ was released to Supervised Release and assigned a youth case manager that specializes in youth-specific interventions. During scheduled check-ins, MJ courageously unpacked childhood traumas, identified ways to better manage his anger, created short and long-term goals, and voluntarily checked in extra days for enhanced services. MJ with the help of his youth case manager created a resume, participated in mock interviewing exercises, and was ultimately offered his first job with Citi Bike as a bicycle mechanic. By the Fall of 2020, MJ was released on his own recognizance and discharged from Supervised Release. Still, MJ advocated for himself through his attorney and found additional services with Brooklyn Justice Initiatives. Ultimately, the Judge and District Attorney offered a pre-plea agreement allowing MJ to participate in an Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) and if successful would plea to a lesser charge. MJ displayed perseverance, resilience, and self-determination throughout the pandemic and during the pendency of his criminal court case by leveraging the services offered to him to resolve his case with the best possible outcome.

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## 2020 INTAKES BY CHARGE TYPE AND BOROUGH



### Citywide Outcomes

Outcomes for individuals released to Supervised Release are similar to those released on bail.

**87%**

**2020 Court appearance rate**

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**2020 No felony re-arrest rate**

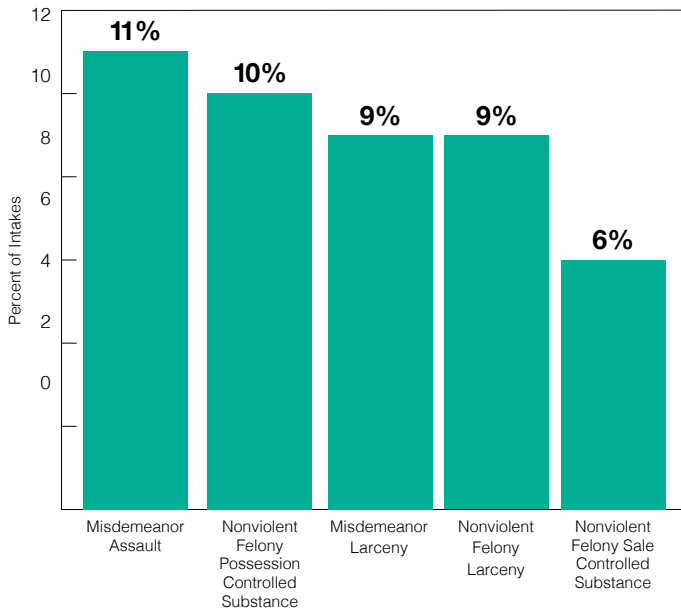
## CUMULATIVE BOROUGH OUTCOMES FROM MARCH 2016 TO DECEMBER 2020

	Bronx	Brooklyn	Manhattan	Queens	Staten Island
<b>Court appearance rate</b>	86%	88%	85%	92%	89%
<b>No felony re-arrest rate</b>	89%	88%	86%	88%	89%

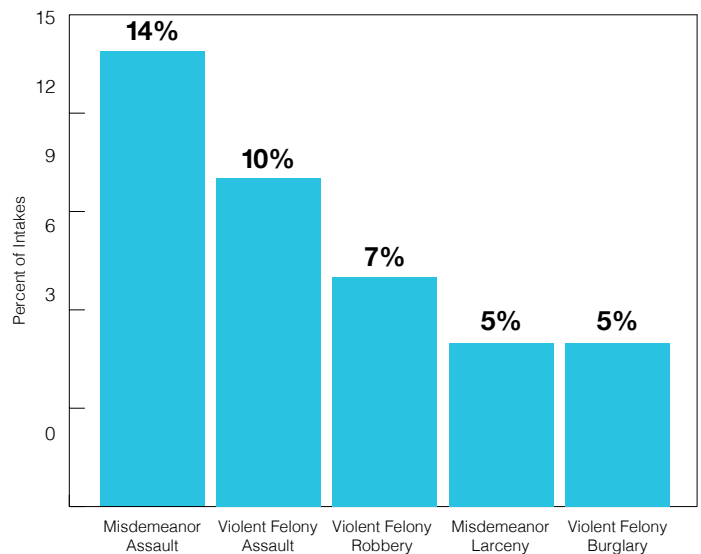
Numbers are cumulative from March 2016 to December 2020.

## Top Charges for People Released to Supervised Release: 2019 vs 2020

### 2019



### 2020



**KEY TAKEAWAY:** New York bail reform legislation went into effect January 1, 2020, and in response NYC expanded the eligibility criteria for supervised release to include individuals charged with more serious charges. With expanded eligibility, VFO charges became 3 of the top 5 most common intake charges in 2020. The different charge profile did not affect outcomes in SR, proving that SR is a safe and effective alternative to bail.

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