

Travis County Criminal Justice Statistics

Comparison to the Largest and Other Surrounding
Counties in Texas

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Overview

This data report responds to a data request issued by Travis County Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Third Precinct. The objective of this report, as stated in the 1/26/18 project charter, is to provide agreed-upon county, jail, and court data from 2013-17 for the following Texas counties: Travis, Bexar, Collin, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Hays, Nueces, Tarrant, and Williamson.

This report relies heavily upon the willingness and capacity of other counties to provide their time and data. Justice Planning (TCJP) made extensive efforts to obtain the requested information from all counties, supplementing this information with data from official state and county sources where possible. However, due to these limitations, some data were ultimately not available. This report presents all information which TCJP has been able to acquire.

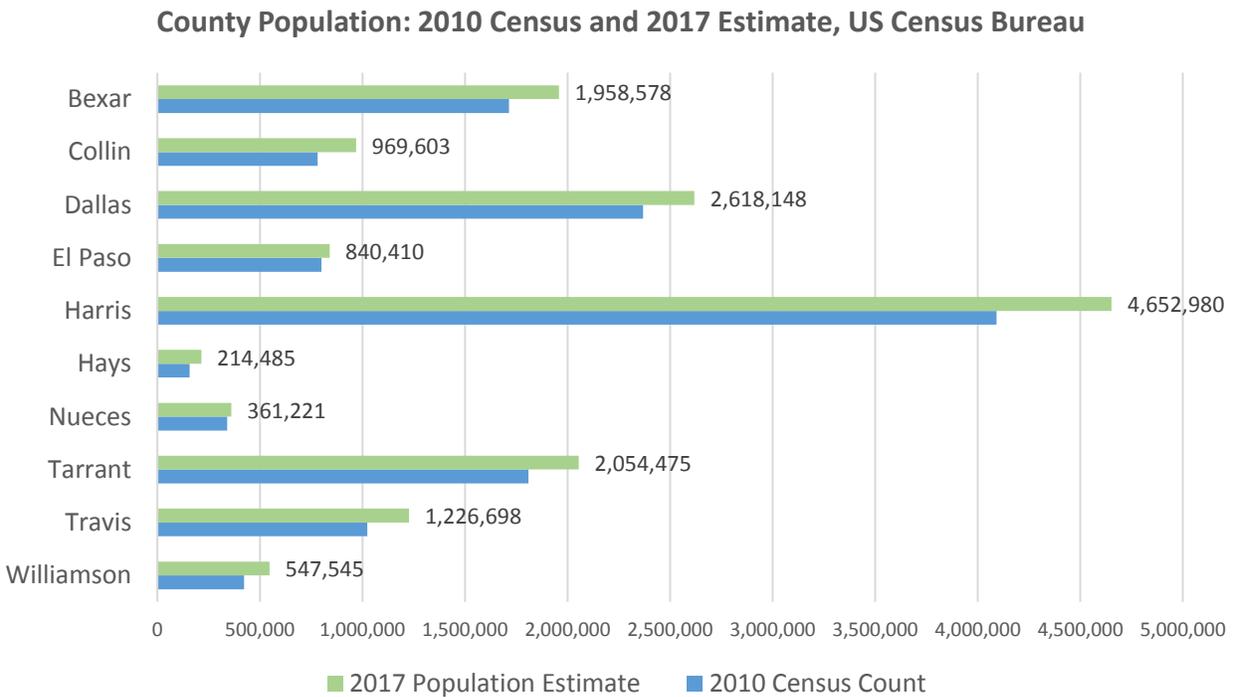
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County Population & Crime Data

Population

According to the most recent US census data (2010 census), the estimated populations in each county are: Bexar County: 1,714,773, Collin County: 782,341, Dallas County: 2,368,139, El Paso County: 800,647, Harris County: 4,092,459, Hays County: 157,107, Nueces County: 340,223, Tarrant County: 1,809,034, Travis County: 1,024,266, Williamson County: 422,679. The US Census Bureau estimates that all counties have experienced population growth since 2010. 2017 estimates are presented in the chart below.



2016 UCR Crime Data

Local crime is reported through the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. The UCR Program, enacted in the 1930s, is the national law enforcement crime reporting system managed by the FBI. The UCR Program tallies various categories of offenses reported by law enforcement agencies, using standard offense definitions to count crime regardless of variations in crime laws from state to state. In Texas, UCR crime data is collected from local law enforcement agencies and reported by the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

UCR Crime Data

The statistics found in tables below, and reflected in the charts that follow, were gathered by the Texas DPS for calendar year 2016. All index crimes (Murder, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Larceny, and Auto Theft) are included.

Table 1 demonstrates the total number of Index Crimes committed in each county in calendar year 2016. For each category, Harris County demonstrated the most crimes committed. Hays reported the fewest crimes in all categories except Murder (Williamson County).

Table 1: Texas Crime by Jurisdiction – Index Crimes by Agency and County for 2016

TEXAS CRIME BY JURISDICTION - INDEX CRIMES BY AGENCY AND COUNTY FOR 12 MONTHS OF 2016

Number of Offenses

County	Population	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft	Total
Bexar	1,932,033	173	1,369	2,445	7,758	14,339	67,692	8,141	101,917
Collin	915,044	14	210	231	594	1,968	10,279	680	13,976
Dallas	2,857,909	217	1,363	6,275	6,474	18,473	57,079	12,100	101,981
El Paso	838,465	23	378	520	2,134	1,781	11,656	928	17,420
Harris	4,646,498	409	2,020	13,656	18,729	30,224	112,162	20,491	197,691
Hays	202,392	5	94	92	286	695	2,867	378	4,417
Nueces	362,634	29	274	437	286	2,589	10,072	719	14,406
Tarrant	1,957,085	112	1,064	2,095	4,703	9,901	41,368	4,415	63,658
Travis	1,261,654	53	846	1,156	2,833	6,397	30,746	2,457	44,488
Williamson	467,610	1	166	98	387	1,079	5,431	307	7,469

Based on 2016 population estimates.

Source: Texas Department of Public Safety Crime in Texas - The Texas Crime Report for 2016 - Chapter 10a Crime by Jurisdiction.

The following table shows crime rates per 100,000 residents.

Table 2: Texas Crime by Jurisdiction – Index Crimes by Agency and County for 2016

TEXAS CRIME BY JURISDICTION - INDEX CRIMES BY AGENCY AND COUNTY FOR 12 MONTHS OF 2016

Number of Offenses

Crime Rates Per 100,000 Residents

County	Population	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Auto Theft
Bexar	1,932,033	9.0	70.9	126.6	401.5	742.2	3,503.7	421.4
Collin	915,044	1.5	22.9	25.2	64.9	215.1	1,123.3	74.3
Dallas	2,857,909	7.6	47.7	219.6	226.5	646.4	1,997.2	423.4
El Paso	838,465	2.7	45.1	62.0	254.5	212.4	1,390.2	110.7
Harris	4,646,498	8.8	43.5	293.9	403.1	650.5	2,413.9	441.0
Hays	202,392	2.5	46.4	45.5	141.3	343.4	1,416.6	186.8
Nueces	362,634	8.0	75.6	120.5	78.9	713.9	2,777.5	198.3
Tarrant	1,957,085	5.7	54.4	107.0	240.3	505.9	2,113.8	225.6
Travis	1,261,654	4.2	67.1	91.6	224.5	507.0	2,437.0	194.7
Williamson	467,610	0.2	35.5	21.0	82.8	230.7	1,161.4	65.7

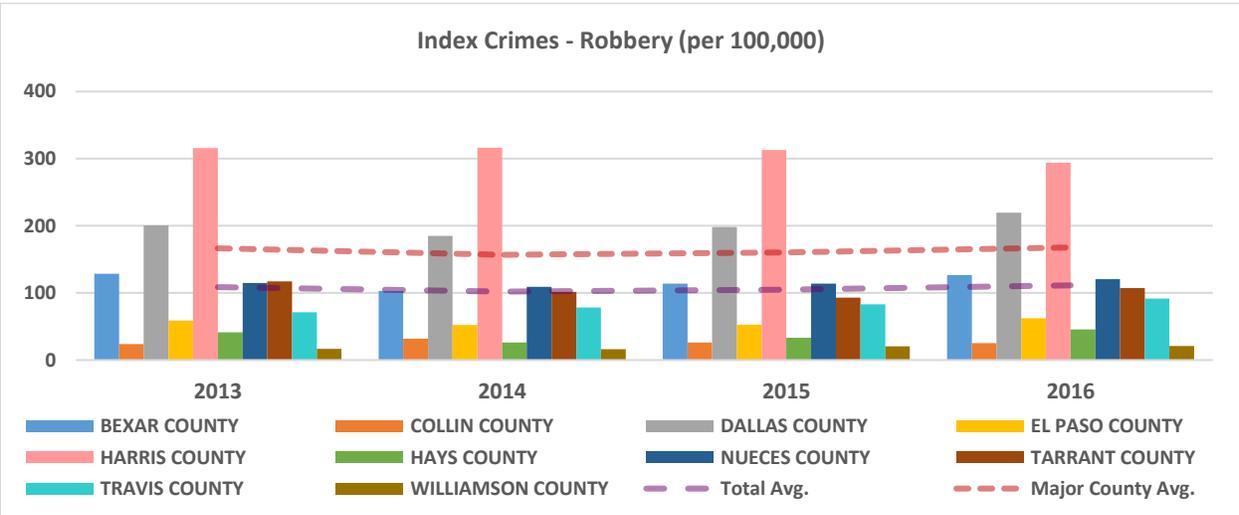
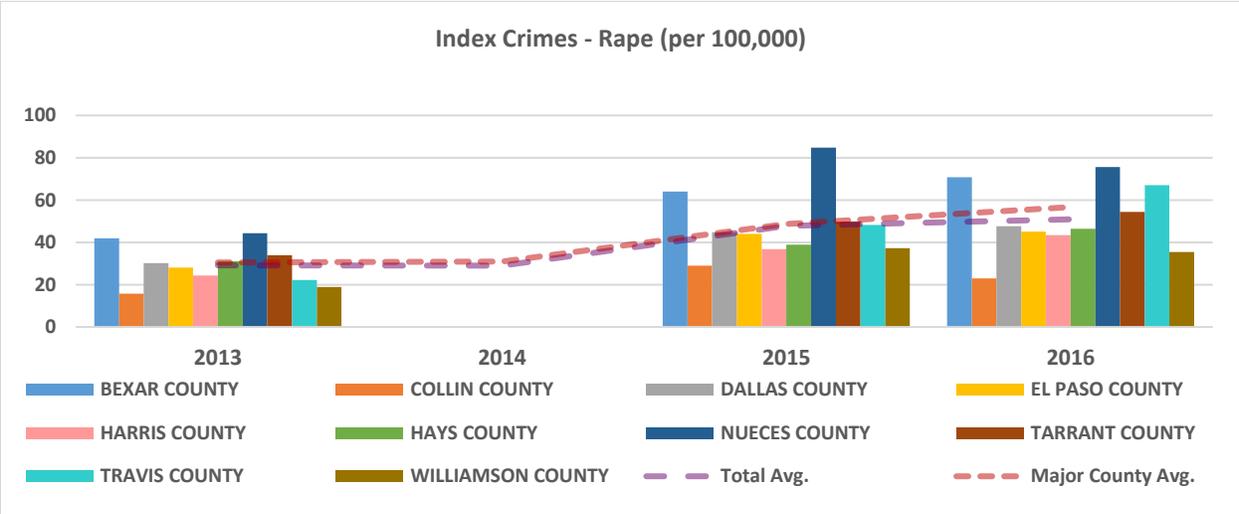
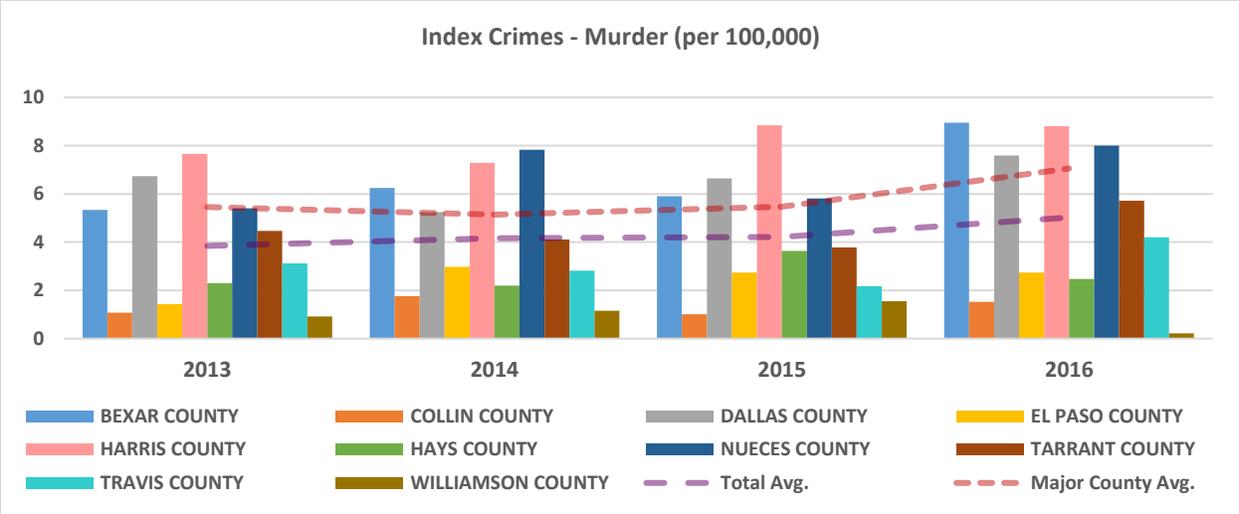
Travis County Comparison of Index Crimes Per 100,00 Residents

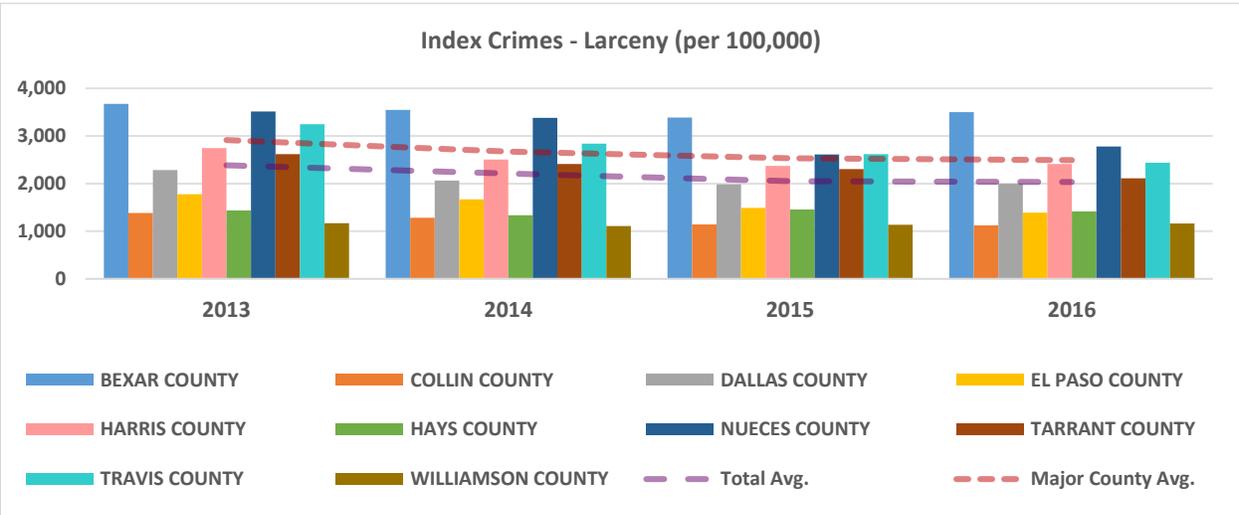
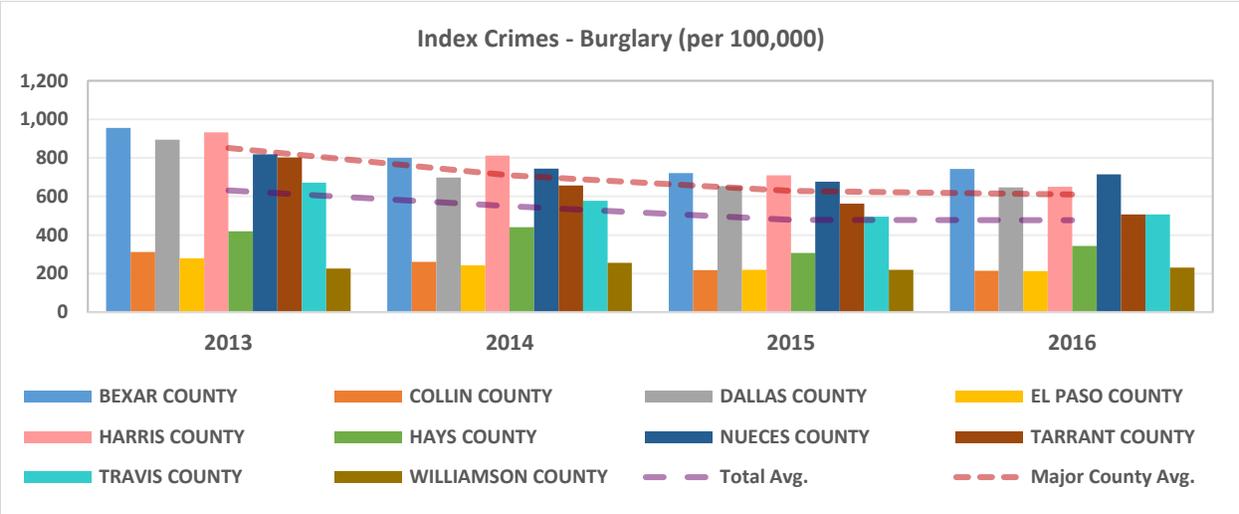
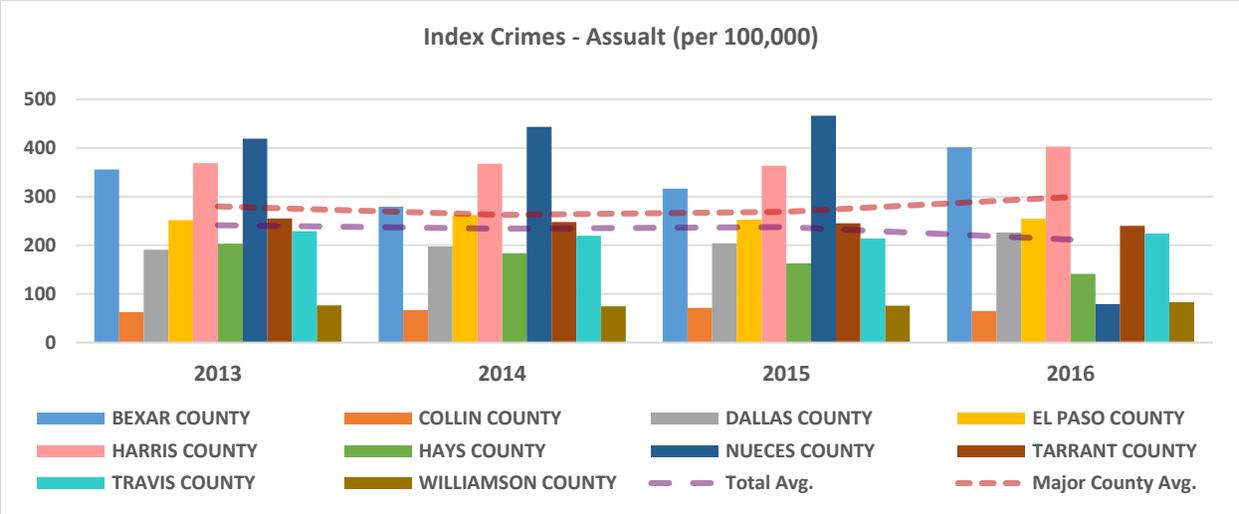
Average - <u>All Counties</u>	1,544,132	5.0	50.9	111.3	211.8	476.8	2,033.4	234.2
Travis County Comparison - <u>All Counties</u>	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.
Average - <u>Top 5 Major Counties</u>	2,531,036	7.1	56.7	167.7	299.2	610.4	2,493.1	341.2
Travis County Comparison - <u>Top 5 Major Counties</u>	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.

Based on 2016 population estimates.
 Source: Texas Department of Public Safety Crime in Texas - The Texas Crime Report for 2016 - Chapter 10a Crime by Jurisdiction.

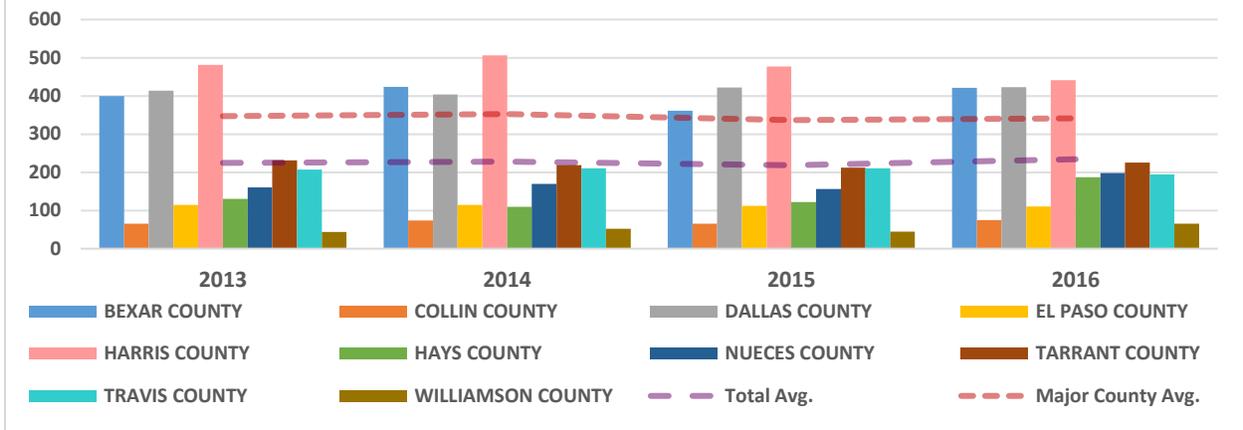
When compared to the five major Texas counties (Bexar, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant, and Travis), crime rates in Travis County tracked above average for two of the seven index crimes (Rape and Auto Theft) in 2016. Compared to all counties in this analysis, Travis County measured above average in 4 of the seven index crimes (Rape, Assault, Burglary, and Larceny) in 2016.

The following graphs give a visual representation of crime rates for each crime category per 100,000 residents between 2013 and 2016. Note; Index Crime - Rape was not reported in 2014. The scale ranges in each graph are different in order to accommodate the different peak values for each crime category.





Index Crimes - Auto Theft (per 100,000)



Jail Statistics

Annual Jail Bookings, 2013-2017

Justice Planning contacted and followed up with all counties to request jail data regarding annual bookings and average length of stay for bookings from 2013-2017, per the original scope of work. **However, a majority of counties did not respond to these requests.** Additionally, data were provided in different formats (e.g., FY instead of CY). The following section contains all available data, with Table 3 showing annual jail booking count and Table 4 providing LOS.

Table 3: Total Annual Jail Bookings by County, 2013-2018*

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bexar ¹	33,585	32,789	31,083	30,049	35,611
Collin ²	18,765	18,815	17,216	17,173	18,191
Dallas ³	82,537	74,337	69,988	67,822	82,972
El Paso ⁴	-	18,819	29,814	25,379	28,000**
Nueces ⁵			17,780		
Travis ⁶	54,865	51,788	49,580	46,701	47,078
Williamson ⁷	16,003	15,052	13,583	13,826	13,805

*Data not provided by Harris, Hays, and Tarrant Counties (no response after multiple follow-ups) and unable to find data from alternative official source.

**Projected, not actual (only data available).

Table 4: Average Days in Jail for Jail Bookings by County, 2013-2018*

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bexar**	41.8	44.9	41.5	42.4	34.9
Travis**	15.6	17.8	18.1	20.6	21.1
Williamson*					

*Data not provided by Collin, Dallas, El Paso, Harris, Hays, and Tarrant Counties (no response after multiple follow-ups) and unable to find data from alternative official source. Nueces responded but stated that data is not collected or not readily available.

** Only jail bookings that have been released from jail were taken into account.

¹ Data provided directly by county. Reported as calendar year (CY) totals.

² Data provided directly by county. Reported as fiscal year (FY) totals.

³ From Table 18, pg 163, FY17 CAFR: <https://www.dallascounty.org/Assets/uploads/docs/auditor/annual-finacial-report/CAFR2017.pdf>

⁴ 2015-2017 data retrieved from FY17 adopted budget, pg 308

<http://www.epcounty.com/budget/documents/El%20Paso%20County%20Operating%20Budget%20Book%20-%20FY2017.pdf> (2014 data from FY16 budget)

⁵ Data provided directly by county. Reported as average for CY2013-2017.

⁶ Retrieved from Travis County Open Records on 7/11/18. Reported as FY totals.

⁷ From FY17 CAFR, pg 156: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/wilcotransparency/staticdocuments/CAFR+2017.pdf>

Inmate Demographic and Legal Characteristics

Individual Characteristics/Demographics

In the original scope of work, JP was tasked with collecting information about each county's inmate demographics, including the number and percentage of (a) women and (b) mentally ill. However, this data was particularly difficult to collect. No data was provided from Bexar about mental health status, and **no demographic data was provided by any other county**. Available demographic data is presented in Table 5.

Table 5: Demographic Characteristics for Bookings in Bexar and Travis Counties, 2013-2017

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bexar County					
Women (# (%))	6805 (20.3%)	6911 (21.1%)	6822 (21.9%)	6571 (21.9%)	7663 (21.5%)
Travis County					
Women (#(%)) ¹	12,911 (24%)	12,487 (24%)	11,696 (24%)	10,967 (23%)	11,020 (23%)
Mental Health Status (#(%)) ²	5232	6168	6617	8162	9502

¹ Travis County Open Records, Jail Population Demographics page, accessed 7/11/18

² Mental health booking data provided as monthly counts by Danny Smith, Director of Inmate Mental Health, Counseling and Education Services. Monthly counts were summed by fiscal year to generate FY totals. Percentages are not provided since a sizeable proportion of individuals are bonded out prior to mental health assessment.

Legal Status

Table 6 on the following page presents legal characteristics of the inmate population on a given day, including pretrial, community supervision violation, and misdemeanor vs felony characteristics. The data used for this report are an average of monthly snapshots for 2017 (January to December) retrieved from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Note that the total average population will not match that in Table 7, as Table 6 is an average of inmate types and not the average total population.

Collectively, Pretrial Defendants (Misdemeanor and Felon) made up the majority of all counties' populations. Hays County had the largest proportion of this group (75%), while their total jail population (463) was considerably lower than all other counties. Of the five largest counties in Texas, Travis County had the highest proportion of pretrial defendants (74%). In all counties, including Travis, Pretrial Felons make up 35% or more of the jail population. Harris County had the largest proportion of Pretrial Felons (58%) on average in 2017.

Williamson County had the highest percentage of Pretrial *Misdemeanants*, accounting for 13% of their jail population on average. Of the five largest counties in Texas, Travis County had the highest percentage of both Pretrial *Misdemeanants* (12%) and Pretrial State Jail Felons (17%). Additionally, Travis County incarcerated the highest percentage of Parole Violators with a New or Subsequent Charges (10%) compared to other counties.

Table 6: Texas Commission on Jail Standards - Abbreviated Population Report Averages for 2017

Texas Commission on Jail Standards - Abbreviated Population Report Averages for 2017

County	Number/ Percentage	Pretrial Felons	Conv. Felons	Conv. Felons Sentenced to County Jail Time	Parole Violators	Parole Violators w/new charge	Pretrial Misd.	Conv. Misd.	Bench Warrants	Federal	Pretrial SJF	Conv. SJF Sentenced to Co. Time	Conv. SJF Sentenced to State Jail	Total Others	Total Average Population
Bexar	#	1,601	276	61	186	290	400	232	45	1	497	28	119	441	4,178
	%	38%	7%	1%	4%	7%	10%	6%	1%	0%	12%	1%	3%	11%	100%
Collin	#	454	73	37	16	49	109	30	6	36	162	20	29	1	1,021
	%	44%	7%	4%	2%	5%	11%	3%	1%	4%	16%	2%	3%	0%	100%
Dallas	#	2,922	611	95	227	33	409	45	33	16	284	86	86	408	5,256
	%	56%	12%	2%	4%	1%	8%	1%	1%	0%	5%	2%	2%	8%	100%
El Paso	#	839	140	37	57	56	136	38	3	696	83	4	22	67	2,176
	%	39%	6%	2%	3%	3%	6%	2%	0%	32%	4%	0%	1%	3%	100%
Harris	#	4,932	484	62	275	510	301	286	163	4	506	127	99	740	8,489
	%	58%	6%	1%	3%	6%	4%	3%	2%	0%	6%	1%	1%	9%	100%
Hays	#	244	30	17	6	31	47	7	11	0	58	5	4	4	463
	%	53%	7%	4%	1%	7%	10%	1%	2%	0%	12%	1%	1%	1%	100%
Nueces	#	421	114	15	63	110	105	42	3	8	62	6	23	20	992
	%	42%	11%	2%	6%	11%	11%	4%	0%	1%	6%	1%	2%	2%	100%
Tarrant	#	1,560	299	0	148	248	303	200	73	11	273	0	114	414	3,642
	%	43%	8%	0%	4%	7%	8%	5%	2%	0%	8%	0%	3%	11%	100%
Travis	#	1,099	143	31	75	237	305	78	4	3	431	35	26	27	2,493
	%	44%	6%	1%	3%	10%	12%	3%	0%	0%	17%	1%	1%	1%	100%
Williamson	#	295	38	12	17	22	80	22	19	0	77	12	10	15	619
	%	48%	6%	2%	3%	4%	13%	3%	3%	0%	12%	2%	2%	2%	100%

Source: Texas Commission on Jail Standards - Abbreviated Population Report for 1/1/2017 - 12/1/2017

Populations include inmates held locally and elsewhere except Federal.

Total Pop does not include Inmates held elsewhere.

Total Average Population is an average of all inmate type averages.

Incarceration Rate

The average daily jail population (ADP) has been used to calculate a local jail incarceration rate per 100,000 citizens. Table 7 demonstrates this rate for each county in calendar year 2017, using data from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. The average number of individuals in jail per 100,000 is 187 across all ten counties. Nueces County had the highest incarceration rate (274) despite having a vastly smaller county population compared to the other 9 counties. Among the top five Texas Counties, Bexar County had the highest incarceration rate (212). Collin County had the lowest incarceration rate (105). Among the top five Texas counties, Tarrant County had the lowest incarceration rate (177). Travis had a higher than average rate, 205, which is also the fourth highest incarceration rate of the ten counties.

Table 7: Texas Commission on Jail Standards 2017 Local Jail Incarceration Rate

County	*County			Incarceration Rate Per 100,000
	Population	Capacity	**ADP	
Bexar	1,958,578	4,596	4,153	212
Collin	969,603	1,298	1,021	105
Dallas	2,618,148	8,746	5,256	201
El Paso	840,410	2,464	2,176	259
Harris	4,652,980	10,162	8,422	181
Hays	214,485	362	304	142
Nueces	361,221	1,068	992	274
Tarrant	2,054,475	5,015	3,642	177
Travis	1,226,698	3,095	2,510	205
Williamson	547,545	1,128	619	113
Average	1,544,414	3,793	2,909	187

* Based on 2017 population estimates.

** ADP is based on the 1st day of the month jail population report figures from 1/1/2017 to 12/1/2017.

ADP is based on local inmates housed in county and local inmates housed elsewhere and does not include contract inmates. Privately operated facilities housing contract inmates only are not included.

Source: Texas Commission on Jail Standards

The following graphs give a visual representation of average Pretrial Felony and Pretrial State Jail Felony inmate types per 100,000 residents between 2013 and 2017. Note that the scale ranges in each graph are different in order to accommodate the different peak values for each inmate type. Table 8 (page 15) includes the incarceration rate (per 100,000 residents) in the county by type of inmate, based on the average of snapshots from 2017 Table 6.

Nueces County demonstrated the highest rates of Convicted Felons, Parole Violators, Parole Violators with a New Charge, Pretrial Misdemeanants, Convicted SJF Sentenced to State Jail, and the highest overall Total Population per 100,000 residents.

Bexar County demonstrated the highest rates of Convicted Misdemeanants and Other. In El Paso, the rate of Federal inmates was significantly higher than any of the other ten counties. El Paso also had the lowest rate of Bench Warrants, while Hays County had the highest.

Dallas County had the highest rate of Convicted State Jail Felons Sentenced to County Time and the second highest rate of Pretrial Felons. Hays County demonstrated the highest rate of Pretrial felons. Travis County demonstrated the highest rate of Pretrial State Jail Felons compared to all ten counties in 2017.

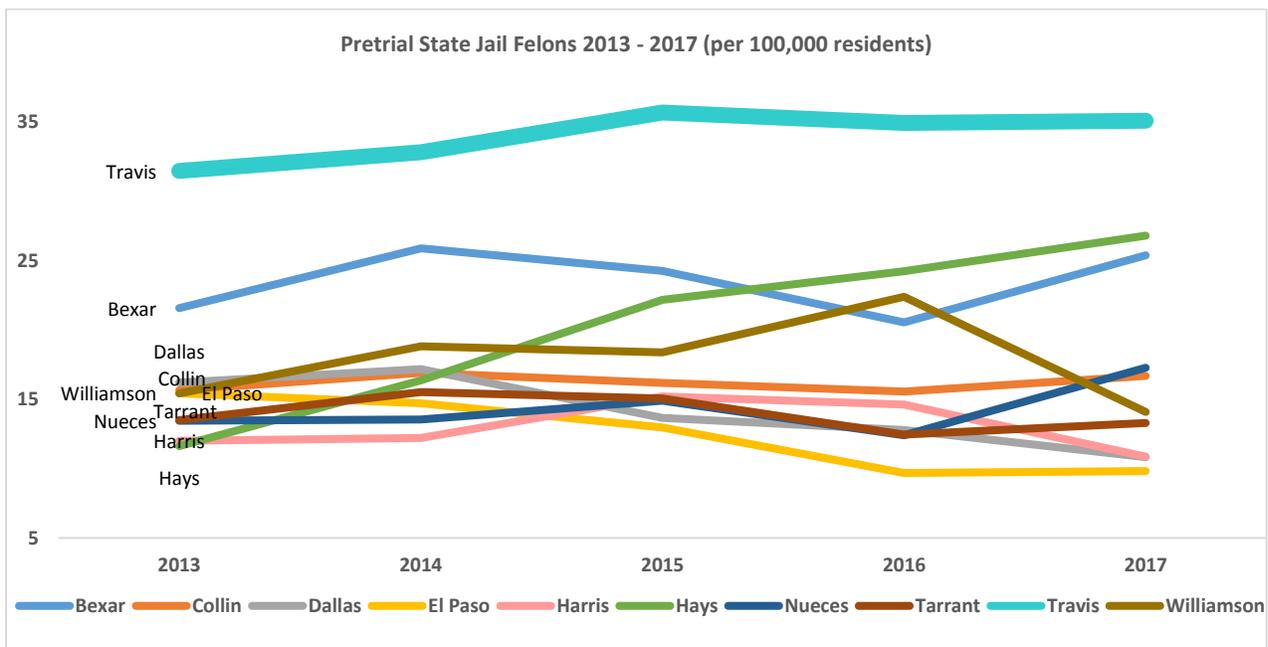
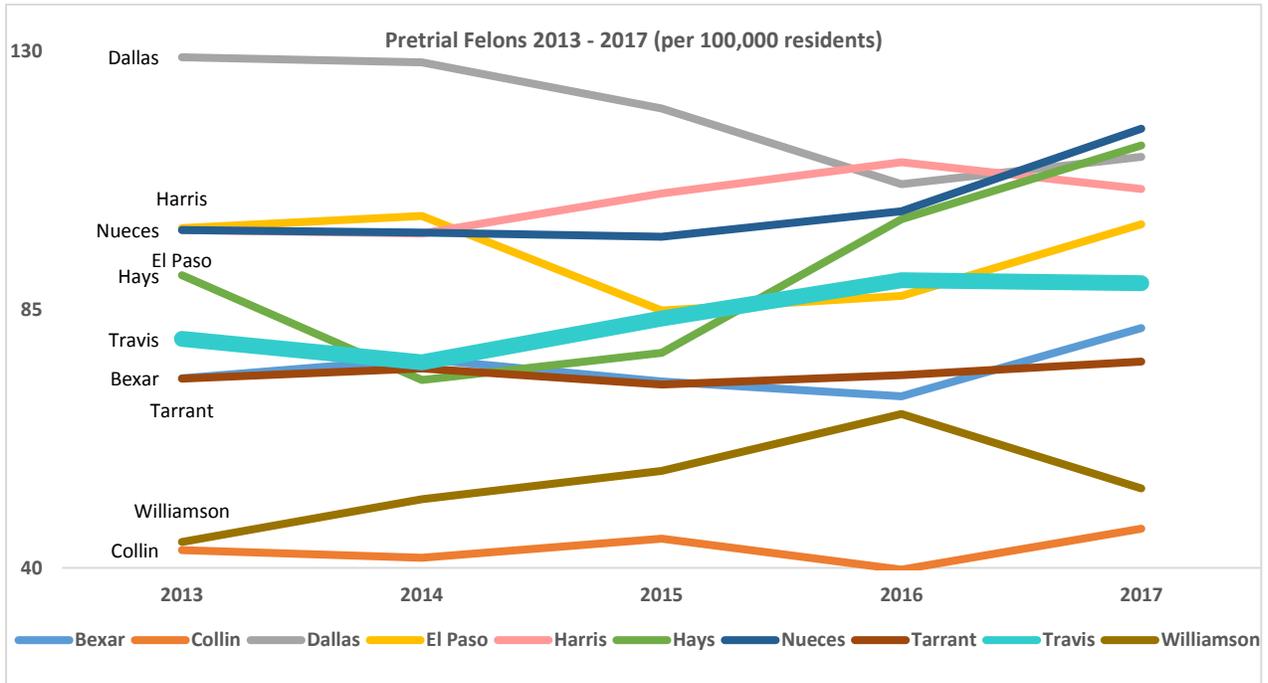


Table 8: Texas Commission on Jail Standards - Incarceration Rate Per 100,000 Residents by Inmate Type - 2017

Texas Commission on Jail Standards - Incarceration Rate Per 100,000 Residents by Inmate Type - 2017

County	County Population	Pretrial Felons	Conv. Felons	Conv. Felons Sentenced to County Jail Time	Parole Violators	Parole Violators w/new charge	Pretrial Misd	Conv. Misd	Bench Warrants	Federal	Pretrial SJF	Conv. SJF Sentenced to Co Time	Conv. SJF Sentenced to State Jail	Total Others	Total
Bexar	1,958,578	81.8	14.1	3.1	9.5	14.8	20.4	11.9	2.3	0.0	25.4	1.4	6.1	22.5	213.3
Collin	969,603	46.8	7.5	3.8	1.6	5.0	11.2	3.1	0.6	3.7	16.7	2.0	3.0	0.1	105.3
Dallas	2,618,148	111.6	23.3	3.6	8.7	1.2	15.6	1.7	1.3	0.6	10.8	3.3	3.3	15.6	200.7
El Paso	840,410	99.8	16.7	4.4	6.7	6.6	16.2	4.5	0.4	82.8	9.8	0.4	2.6	7.9	258.9
Harris	4,652,980	106.0	10.4	1.3	5.9	11.0	6.5	6.2	3.5	0.1	10.9	2.7	2.1	15.9	182.4
Hays	214,485	113.6	14.1	7.9	3.0	14.4	21.8	3.2	5.3	0.0	26.8	2.3	1.7	1.8	215.8
Nueces	361,221	116.5	31.5	4.2	17.3	30.4	28.9	11.7	0.9	2.1	17.3	1.7	6.3	5.5	274.5
Tarrant	2,054,475	75.9	14.6	0.0	7.2	12.1	14.7	9.7	3.6	0.6	13.3	0.0	5.5	20.1	177.3
Travis	1,226,698	89.6	11.7	2.5	6.1	19.3	24.8	6.4	0.3	0.2	35.1	2.8	2.1	2.2	203.2
Williamson	547,545	53.8	7.0	2.1	3.1	4.0	14.6	4.0	3.5	0.0	14.1	2.3	1.9	2.7	113.1

Travis County Comparison of Inmate Type Per 100,00 Residents

Average - All Counties	1,544,414	89.5	15.1	3.3	6.9	11.9	17.5	6.2	2.2	9.0	18.0	1.9	3.5	9.4	194.5
Travis County Comparison - All Counties	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.
Average - Top 5 Major Counties	2,502,176	93.0	14.8	2.1	7.5	11.7	16.4	7.2	2.2	0.3	19.1	2.1	3.8	15.3	195.4
Travis County Comparison - Top 5 Major Counties	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.

Source: Texas Commission on Jail Standards - Abbreviated Population Report for 1/1/2017 - 12/1/2017

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Total Pop does not include Inmates held elsewhere.

Court Characteristics

Criminal and Civil County and Criminal District Courts

The numbers of county criminal, county civil, district criminal, and district civil courts are described below. Numbers of civil and district courts are also summarized in Table 9.

Bexar County has ten criminal district courts and 15 criminal county courts at law. Specialty criminal courts include a Felony Drug Court, a Prostitution Court, a Magistration Court; a DWI Court; a Veteran’s Treatment Court; an Auxiliary Jail Court; a Mental Health Court; and an Adult Drug Court (misdemeanor). Additionally, there are 15 civil district courts; two child support courts; two children’s courts; and a family drug court.

Collin County has 11 criminal district courts (handling felony criminal cases; civil cases with “higher amounts of controversy”; and family law) and seven county courts at law (handling misdemeanor criminal cases and civil lawsuits up to \$200,000).

Dallas County has 17 criminal district courts; 11 county criminal courts at law; two county court of criminal appeals; 13 civil district courts; five civil county courts at law; and seven family district courts.

Table 9: Summary of Civil & District Criminal and Civil Courts, by County⁸

County	Criminal County Courts	Civil County Courts	Criminal District Courts	Civil District Courts
Bexar	15	-	10	15
Collin	7 (civil & criminal)		11	-
Dallas	11 ¹	5	17	13
El Paso	3 (civil & criminal); 6 (criminal only); 2 (civil only)		11 (civil & criminal); 1 (criminal only); 2 (civil only)	
Harris	16	4	22	24
Hays	2 (civil & criminal)		4 (civil, criminal & family)	
Nueces	5 (civil & criminal)		6 (civil, criminal & family)	
Tarrant	10	3	10	10
Travis	8	2 ²	8 ³	11
Williamson	3	1	5 (civil & criminal)	

¹ Dallas also has two county criminal appeals courts, in addition to 11 county criminal courts at law

² Travis also has four civil associate courts (child support cases) in addition to two civil county courts at law.

³ Travis also has magistrate’s court.

El Paso County has 11 district courts and three county courts at law that hear both criminal and civil cases. There are also have two district courts (civil cases only); a district court (criminal

⁸ Excludes specialty courts, which are described in narrative text on page 6-7

only); four district courts (family cases, including a family violence court); three district courts (family law only); two county courts at law (civil cases only); six county courts at law (criminal cases only); and two child support courts.

Harris County has 22 criminal district courts and 16 criminal county courts at law. Specialty criminal courts include an Adult Drug Court; a Family Intervention/Infant and Toddler Court; a Felony Mental Health Court; and a Veteran's Court. There are also 24 civil district courts (including a Tax Court and a Multi-District Litigation court); 12 family district courts; and four civil county courts at law.

Hays County has four district courts (criminal, civil, and family) and two county courts at law (criminal and civil), plus a Veteran's Court.

Nueces County has six district courts (hearing criminal and civil cases, family law cases, and cases involving official misconduct) and five county courts at law (hearing criminal and civil cases).

Tarrant County has ten criminal district courts and ten criminal county courts at law. There are ten civil district courts and three civil county courts at law. Specialty criminal courts include Felony Alcohol Intervention; Mental Health Diversion; Veterans Court; Reaching Independence Through Self-Empowerment (RISE, a prostitution court); Other Behavioral Intervention with Assault, Non-Family (simple assaults only); Youthful Offender Diversion Alternative; Domestic Violence Diversion; First Offender Drug Program (first-time offenders only); and DIRECT Court Program (post-plea, felony probation).

Travis County has eight criminal district courts, plus a magistrate's court. There are eight criminal county courts at law. Specialty criminal courts include a DWI Court; a Drug Court; a SAFFP Reentry Court; a SMART Reentry Court; the Phoenix Court (for commercially sexually exploited persons); a Youthful Offender Support Court; Project Engage (for 17, 18, and 19-year old misdemeanor defendants); Special Reduction Docket (for misdemeanor, mental health-related cases) and a Veteran's Treatment Court. There are 11 civil district courts, two civil county courts at law, and four civil associate courts (for child support cases).

Williamson County has five district courts (hearing both criminal and civil cases), including a DWI Drug Court. There are three criminal county courts at law, which include a DWI Court and a Veteran's Court, as well as one county court at law for civil and family law cases.

[Cases Filed in Each Court \(Jail and Non-Jail\)](#)

[District Court Statistics](#)

Case data from courts in each county were obtained from reports from the Texas Office of Court Administration's website, covering the period between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

District Court New Cases Filed by Type

Table 10 (page 19) compiles the types of new cases in each of the ten counties for this sample period in raw numbers and percentages.

The majority of offenses had similar proportions of new cases filed in each county. Dallas County demonstrated the highest percentage of new Assault/ Attempted Murder cases (18.3% new cases filed). Hays County was not far off, at 16% of new cases. Bexar County demonstrated the highest percentages of new cases filed for Auto Theft (4.8%) and Drug Sale/ Manufacture (8.6%).

Williamson County had the highest percentage of new cases filed for Drug Possession (38.8%). Of the top five major counties in Texas, Dallas had the highest percentage (26.5%). Williamson County also had the highest percentage of new Felony DWI cases filed in 2017 (8%). Of the top five major counties in Texas, Travis had the highest percentage of Felony DWI Cases filed (5%).

District Court New Cases Filed by Type – Rate Per 100,000

Table 11 (page 20) demonstrates the new cases filed by type as a rate per 100,000 residents in 2017. Overall, Travis County had the most new cases filed (947.4) per 100,000 residents; Collin County had the lowest (433.8).

The rate of Capital Murder cases filed per 100,000 residents was the highest in Hays County; for Murder cases, the rate was highest in Nueces County. Nueces County also demonstrated the highest rate of Indecency with a Child cases filed (23.8). For Other Homicides, the rate was highest in Bexar County, at 7.7 per 100,000 residents.

Dallas County had the highest rate of Robbery cases filed, 50.8 per 100,000, while Travis County had the highest rate of Burglary cases filed (59.8). Travis County (81.6) had the third highest rate of Theft cases filed per 100,000 residents, behind Tarrant (111.2) and Dallas (92.9) Counties.

Travis County had the highest rate of Drug Sale/ Manufacture cases filed (71.2) and the second highest rate of Drug Possession (242.7) cases filed per 100,000 residents in 2017.

Table 10: District Courts - New Cases Filed by County - Calendar Year 2017

District Courts - New Cases Filed by County - Calendar Year 2017																		
County	Num./ Per.	Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicide	Agg. Assault/ Att. Murder	Sexual Assault/ Adult	Indecency w/ a child	Family Violence Assault	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Drug Sale/ Man.	Drug Poss.	Felony DWI	Other Felonies	All Misd.	Total New Cases Filed
Bexar	#	46	89	150	902	187	258	873	588	676	1,182	669	1,205	3,689	665	2,790	10	13,979
	%	0.3%	0.6%	1.1%	6.5%	1.3%	1.8%	6.2%	4.2%	4.8%	8.5%	4.8%	8.6%	26.4%	4.8%	20.0%	0.1%	100%
Collin	#	8	10	11	550	2	147	56	106	223	558	90	272	1177	179	817	0	4,206
	%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	13.1%	0.0%	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%	5.3%	13.3%	2.1%	6.5%	28.0%	4.3%	19.4%	0.0%	100%
Dallas	#	66	99	55	4,444	201	618	79	1,330	1,207	2,433	568	1,842	6,461	554	4,379	0	24,336
	%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	18.3%	0.8%	2.5%	0.3%	5.5%	5.0%	10.0%	2.3%	7.6%	26.5%	2.3%	18.0%	0.0%	100%
El Paso	#	8	16	0	714	26	98	0	207	331	482	109	360	1,175	298	1,168	57	5,049
	%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	14.1%	0.5%	1.9%	0.0%	4.1%	6.6%	9.5%	2.2%	7.1%	23.3%	5.9%	23.1%	1.1%	100%
Harris	#	93	143	45	2,394	210	616	2,936	1,913	1,452	3,535	895	1,893	7,040	1,275	7,571	12	32,023
	%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	7.5%	0.7%	1.9%	9.2%	6.0%	4.5%	11.0%	2.8%	5.9%	22.0%	4.0%	23.6%	0.0%	100%
Hays	#	7	8	0	213	11	28	7	39	60	141	38	64	305	49	359	1	1,330
	%	0.5%	0.6%	0.0%	16.0%	0.8%	2.1%	0.5%	2.9%	4.5%	10.6%	2.9%	4.8%	22.9%	3.7%	27.0%	0.1%	100%
Nueces	#	9	25	0	252	19	86	144	107	193	222	77	113	571	118	398	8	2,342
	%	0.4%	1.1%	0.0%	10.8%	0.8%	3.7%	6.1%	4.6%	8.2%	9.5%	3.3%	4.8%	24.4%	5.0%	17.0%	0.3%	100%
Tarrant	#	59	50	16	1,502	94	418	1,066	702	906	2,284	377	635	3,471	570	2,970	351	15,471
	%	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	9.7%	0.6%	2.7%	6.9%	4.5%	5.9%	14.8%	2.4%	4.1%	22.4%	3.7%	19.2%	2.3%	100%
Travis	#	12	38	12	1,251	76	229	1,006	378	733	1,001	377	873	2,977	581	2,058	20	11,622
	%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	10.8%	0.7%	2.0%	8.7%	3.3%	6.3%	8.6%	3.2%	7.5%	25.6%	5.0%	17.7%	0.2%	100%
Williamson	#	1	1	2	252	10	53	169	72	127	159	66	133	1,080	224	436	0	2,785
	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	9.0%	0.4%	1.9%	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%	5.7%	2.4%	4.8%	38.8%	8.0%	15.7%	0.0%	100%

Source: Texas Office of Court Administration - 1/1/2017 to 12/1/2017

Table 11: District Courts - New Cases Filed by County as a rate per 100,000 residents - Calendar Year 2017

District Courts - New Cases Filed by County as a rate per 100,000 residents - Calendar Year 2017

County	Capital Murder	Murder	Other Homicide	Agg. Assault/ Att. Murder	Sexual Assault/ Adult	Indecency w/ a child	Family Violence Assault	Robbery	Burglary	Theft	Auto Theft	Drug Sale/ Man.	Drug Poss.	Felony DWI	Other Felonies	All Misd.	Total New Cases Filed
Bexar	2.3	4.5	7.7	46.1	9.5	13.2	44.6	30.0	34.5	60.3	34.2	61.5	188.4	34.0	142.5	0.5	713.7
Collin	0.8	1.0	1.1	56.7	0.2	15.2	5.8	10.9	23.0	57.5	9.3	28.1	121.4	18.5	84.3	0.0	433.8
Dallas	2.5	3.8	2.1	169.7	7.7	23.6	3.0	50.8	46.1	92.9	21.7	70.4	246.8	21.2	167.3	0.0	929.5
El Paso	1.0	1.9	0.0	85.0	3.1	11.7	0.0	24.6	39.4	57.4	13.0	42.8	139.8	35.5	139.0	6.8	600.8
Harris	2.0	3.1	1.0	51.5	4.5	13.2	63.1	41.1	31.2	76.0	19.2	40.7	151.3	27.4	162.7	0.3	688.2
Hays	3.3	3.7	0.0	99.3	5.1	13.1	3.3	18.2	28.0	65.7	17.7	29.8	142.2	22.8	167.4	0.5	620.1
Nueces	2.5	6.9	0.0	69.8	5.3	23.8	39.9	29.6	53.4	61.5	21.3	31.3	158.1	32.7	110.2	2.2	648.4
Tarrant	2.9	2.4	0.8	73.1	4.6	20.3	51.9	34.2	44.1	111.2	18.4	30.9	168.9	27.7	144.6	17.1	753.0
Travis	1.0	3.1	1.0	102.0	6.2	18.7	82.0	30.8	59.8	81.6	30.7	71.2	242.7	47.4	167.8	1.6	947.4
Williamson	0.2	0.2	0.4	46.0	1.8	9.7	30.9	13.1	23.2	29.0	12.1	24.3	197.2	40.9	79.6	0.0	508.6
Travis County Comparison of District Court Cases Filed per 100,00 Residents																	
Average - All Counties	2	3.1	1.4	79.9	4.8	16.2	32.4	28.3	38.3	69.3	19.8	43.1	175.7	30.8	136.5	2.9	684.4
Travis County Comp. - All Counties	Below Avg.	Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.
Average - Top 5 Major Counties	2	2.8	2.1	73.7	5.4	14.8	40.8	31.2	35.9	70.3	20.7	45.8	166.3	26.3	130.8	3.2	672.0
Travis County Comp. - Top 5 Major Counties	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.

Source: Texas Office of Court Administration - 1/1/2017 to 12/1/2017

County Court New Cases Filed by Type

County Court at Law Statistics were retrieved from the Texas Office of Court Administration website. Table 12 (page 22) demonstrates the number of New Cases Filed by Type, including both the number and percent of the total.

In 2017, El Paso County had the highest percentage of First Offense DWI cases filed at the County Court level, with these cases accounting for 20.1% of cases filed in the county. Travis County had the second highest rate of First Offense DWI cases filed (17.2%).

Bexar County had the highest percentage of Family Violence Assault cases filed (17.5%), while Nueces County had the highest percentage of Assault Other cases filed (17.8%). Nueces County also had the highest percentage of Drug Offenses Other cases filed (11.3%). The highest percentage of cases filed for Drug Possession- Marijuana was in Collin County (23.9%).

The number of DWLS/ DWLI cases filed in Travis and Williamson Counties combined (4,373) accounted for nearly half of all DWLS/DWLI cases filed in the ten counties in this report (9,802, including Harris County). Williamson County had the highest percentage of DWLS/ DWLI of cases filed (14.9%), while Travis County had the second highest percentage (11.7%) in 2017.

County Court New Cases Filed by Type – Rate Per 100,000

Table 13 (page 23) presents the rate of New Cases Filed in County Courts. Overall, Travis County had the highest rate of New Cases Filed in County Courts per 100,000 residents (2,298.3). With the exception of Theft, Theft by Check, and Family Violence Assault, Travis County had a remarkably higher rate of new cases filed per 100,000 residents in all other categories compared to the top five counties (and most others) in Texas. This finding was recognized in the previous iteration of this report in June of 2012, with the exception of Family violence Assault cases. In 2012, Travis County also had the highest rate Family Violence Assault cases filed. Among the top five Texas counties, Bexar County had the second highest rate of total new case filings (1,407.4 per 100,000 residents), 63% lower than the Travis County rate.

Table 12: County Courts - New Cases Filed by Type - Calendar Year 2017

County Courts - New Cases Filed by County - Calendar Year 2017

County	Number/ Percentage	DWI - First Offense	DWI - Second Offense	Theft	Theft by Check	Drug Poss. -Marijuana	Drug Offenses - Other	Family Violence Assault	Assault - Other	Traffic	DWLS / DWLI	All Other Misd. Cases	Total Cases
Bexar	#	4,363	728	3,076	361	4,884	927	4,825	245	0	269	7,888	27,566
	%	15.8%	2.6%	11.2%	1.3%	17.7%	3.4%	17.5%	0.9%	0.0%	1.0%	28.6%	100%
Collin	#	1442	270	1197	2	2035	396	727	250	413	2	1774	8,508
	%	16.9%	3.2%	14.1%	0.0%	23.9%	4.7%	8.5%	2.9%	4.9%	0.0%	20.9%	100%
Dallas	#	4,511	899	3,286	651	6,409	1,136	3,805	698	2	866	13,145	35,408
	%	12.7%	2.5%	9.3%	1.8%	18.1%	3.2%	10.7%	2.0%	0.0%	2.4%	37.1%	100%
El Paso	#	2,244	262	822	6	2,627	580	1,343	421	102	5	2,777	11,189
	%	20.1%	2.3%	7.3%	0.1%	23.5%	5.2%	12.0%	3.8%	0.9%	0.0%	24.8%	100%
Harris	#	9,001	1,975	4,731	862	2,805	490	3,969	1,692	22	3,641	23,963	53,151
	%	16.9%	3.7%	8.9%	1.6%	5.3%	0.9%	7.5%	3.2%	0.0%	6.9%	45.1%	100%
Hays	#	619	107	290	57	908	285	377	194	215	478	1,071	4,601
	%	13.5%	2.3%	6.3%	1.2%	19.7%	6.2%	8.2%	4.2%	4.7%	10.4%	23.3%	100%
Nueces	#	496	62	301	0	263	377	0	595	74	114	1,066	3,348
	%	14.8%	1.9%	9.0%	0.0%	7.9%	11.3%	0.0%	17.8%	2.2%	3.4%	31.8%	100%
Tarrant	#	3,759	890	2,687	87	5,271	1,428	2,632	950	362	59	7,872	25,997
	%	14.5%	3.4%	10.3%	0.3%	20.3%	5.5%	10.1%	3.7%	1.4%	0.2%	30.3%	100%
Travis	#	4,840	927	1,508	64	4,210	1,034	2,196	914	660	3,300	8,540	28,193
	%	17.2%	3.3%	5.3%	0.2%	14.9%	3.7%	7.8%	3.2%	2.3%	11.7%	30.3%	100%
Williamson	#	1,180	292	213	1	1,601	515	698	150	80	1,073	1,390	7,193
	%	16.4%	4.1%	3.0%	0.0%	22.3%	7.2%	9.7%	2.1%	1.1%	14.9%	19.3%	100%

Source: Texas Office of Court Administration - 1/1/2017 to 12/1/2017

Table 13: County Courts - New Cases Filed by County as a rate per 100,000 residents - Calendar Year 2017

County Courts - New Cases Filed by County as a rate per 100,000 residents - Calendar Year 2017

County	DWI - First Offense	DWI - Second Offense	Theft	Theft by Check	Drug Poss. - Marijuana	Drug Offenses - Other	Family Violence Assault	Assault - Other	Traffic	DWLS / DWLI	All Other Misd. Cases	Total Cases
Bexar	222.8	37.2	157.1	18.4	249.4	47.3	246.4	12.5	0.0	13.7	402.7	1,407.4
Collin	148.7	27.8	123.5	0.2	209.9	40.8	75.0	25.8	42.6	0.2	183.0	877.5
Dallas	172.3	34.3	125.5	24.9	244.8	43.4	145.3	26.7	0.1	33.1	502.1	1,352.4
El Paso	267.0	31.2	97.8	0.7	312.6	69.0	159.8	50.1	12.1	0.6	330.4	1,331.4
Harris	193.4	42.4	101.7	18.5	60.3	10.5	85.3	36.4	0.5	78.3	515.0	1,142.3
Hays	288.6	49.9	135.2	26.6	423.3	132.9	175.8	90.4	100.2	222.9	499.3	2,145.1
Nueces	137.3	17.2	83.3	0.0	72.8	104.4	0.0	164.7	20.5	31.6	295.1	926.9
Tarrant	183.0	43.3	130.8	4.2	256.6	69.5	128.1	46.2	17.6	2.9	383.2	1,265.4
Travis	394.6	75.6	122.9	5.2	343.2	84.3	179.0	74.5	53.8	269.0	696.2	2,298.3
Williamson	215.5	53.3	38.9	0.2	292.4	94.1	127.5	27.4	14.6	196.0	253.9	1,313.7
Travis County Comparison of County Court Cases Filed per 100,00 Residents												
Average - All Counties	222.3	41.2	111.7	9.9	246.5	69.6	132.2	55.5	26.2	84.8	406.1	1,406.0
Travis County Comparison - All Counties	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.
Average - Top 5 Major Counties	233.2	46.6	127.6	14.3	230.8	51.0	156.8	39.3	14.4	79.4	499.8	1,493.2
Travis County Comparison - Top 5 Major Counties	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Below Avg.	Below Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.	Above Avg.

Source: Texas Office of Court Administration - 1/1/2017 to 12/1/2017

Number of Jail Beds and Co-Location of Jail & Court Facilities

The number of jail beds in each county and whether jails are co-located with courthouses is shown in Table 14. For counties with multiple facilities, jail bed counts represent the total across all facilities.

Table 14: Jail Beds and Co-Location with Courts, by County

County	Total Jail Beds	Co-Location of Jail with Courts
Bexar	4,563	County Adult Detention Center (main facility & annex) is about two miles from Bexar County Courthouse
Collin	1600	County detention facility is less than one mile from the Collin County Courthouse.
Dallas	7,100	Six detention facilities; all are co-located with the Dallas County courthouse.
El Paso	2,450 (1000 in downtown jail, 1,450 in annex)	Downtown jail & jail annex are 15 miles apart. The El Paso County Courthouse is co-located with the downtown jail.
Harris	9,600 (3 county facilities)	Four detention facilities; three are county and the fourth is a state jail for Harris County inmates. The State Jail is co-located with one of the County facilities. All four facilities are within the same complex in downtown Houston; the County Courthouse is also in this complex and is separated from the jails by a bayou (a covered bridge/walkway to transport inmates spans the bayou).
Hays	362	The Hays County Government Center (including courthouse) is located 5 miles from the jail.
Nueces	1,068	County jail and courthouse are co-located.
Tarrant	5,000	Five detention facilities, spread over 30 miles of urban and suburban Tarrant County. All criminal courts are located in the Curry Justice Center; two of the county's detention facilities are co-located with the Justice Center (inmates are transported via a skyway or tunnel).
Travis	3,154	Two facilities: the central booking facility and the Travis County Correctional Complex. Central Booking is co-located with the Travis County Criminal Justice Center (including criminal courts). The Correctional Complex is 10 miles from the courthouse
Williamson	768	Jail is co-located (across the street) with the courthouse.

Cost for Indigent Defense and Tools Used to Determine Indigence

Each county's indigent defense budget for F16 is noted below. All counties in Texas are required to have an up-to-date local plan that addresses indigent defense, attorney appointment, and magistration. Some counties have chosen to have separate district and county plans, while others have combined plans, as shown in Table 15. The indigence standard(s) and form(s) used to determine indigence by each county are also included.

Table 15: Indigent Defense Budget, Standards & Assessment Instruments by County

County	FY16 Indigent Defense Budget	Standards for Indigence	Tool to Determine Indigence
Bexar	\$11,967,299	District & County (same standard): Total household income does not exceed 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Guidelines	District: District Court Affidavit of Indigence County: County Court Financial Aid Indigent Affidavit
Collin	\$4,423,389.12	District & County (same standard): Total household income does not exceed 125% of the FPL and liquid assets do not exceed \$2,500	District & County: Affidavit of Indigence
Dallas	\$29,866,312.62	District & County (same standard): Total household income does not exceed 150% of the FPL	District: Dallas District Court Affidavit of Indigence County: Dallas County Affidavit of Indigence
El Paso	\$12,636,291	District & County (shared plan): Total household income does not exceed 100% of FPL	District & County: District and County Affidavit of Indigence
Harris	\$40,880,025.15	District & County (same standard): Total household income does not exceed 125% of the FPL	District: Harris District Court Financial Information and Affidavit County: Harris County Court Affidavit of Financial Condition
Hays	\$896,600.22	District: Based on judicial discretion with FPL "implemented" County: Total household income does not exceed 125% of the FPL	District: Application of Indigence and Appointment of Counsel. County: Hays County Court Affidavit of Indigence
Nueces	\$3,358,504.53	District & County (same standard): Total household income does not exceed 125% of the FPL	District: Nueces District Court Affidavit of Indigence County: Sworn Application for Appointment of Counsel Certifying as to My Financial Resources and Affidavit
Tarrant	\$16,178,622.62	District & County (same	District & County: Tarrant

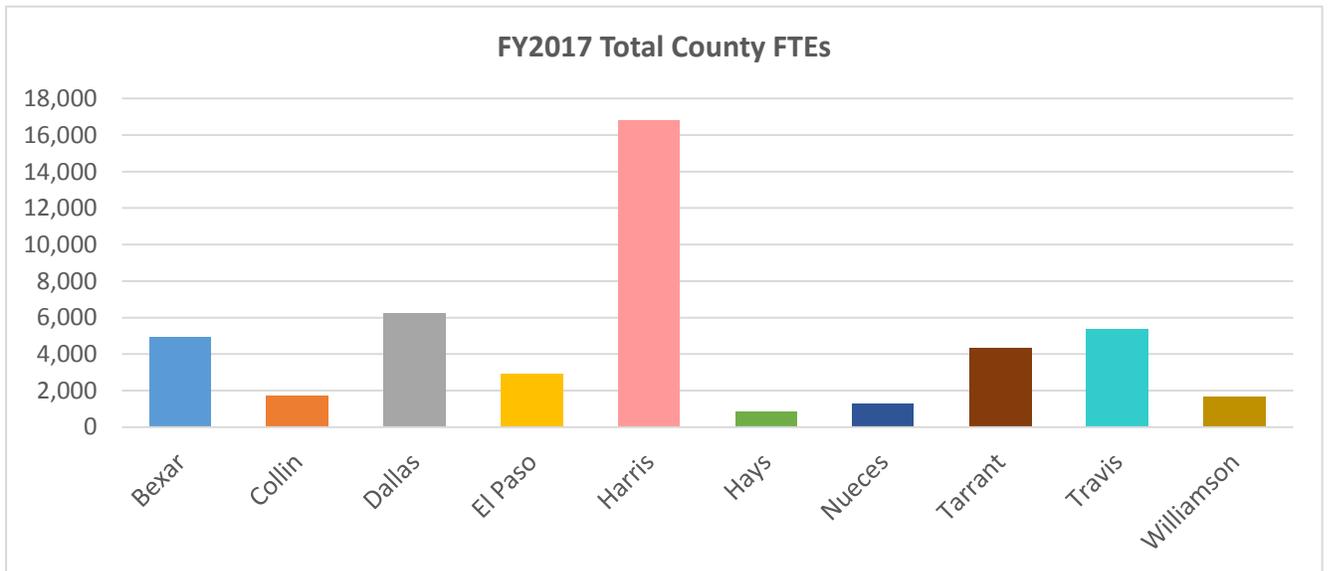
		standard): Household income at or below the Living Wage Calculator guidelines as established and revised periodically by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and liquid assets do not exceed \$15,000	County Affidavit of Indigency
Travis	\$10,504,281.14	District & County (shared plan): Total household income does not exceed 125% of the FPL	District & County: Travis District and County Court Affidavit of Indigence
Williamson	\$2,157,249.28	District & County (shared plan): Total household income does not exceed 125% of the FPL and whose liquid assets do not exceed \$5000.00 for Felony cases, or \$2500.00 for misdemeanor cases	District & County: Affidavit for Court Appointed Attorney and Financial Statement

Staffing and Capacity

Total Number of County FTEs, FY13-FY2017

Table 16: Total Number of County Full-Time Employees (FTEs), FY2013-2017

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bexar ⁹	4,568	4,670	4,729	4,845	4,919
Collin ¹⁰	1,640	1,638	1,646	1,680	1,733
Dallas ¹¹	6,037	6,090	6,036	6,172	6,212
El Paso ¹²	2,800.5	2,834	2,843.5	2,862.0	2,890.0
Harris ¹³	14,847	15,544	16,052	16,453	16,781
Hays ¹⁴	738	748	754	773	814
Nueces ¹⁵	1,184	1,219	1,227	1,238	1,247
Tarrant ¹⁶	4,238	4,251	4,314	4,332	4,361
Travis ¹⁷	4,954	5,146	5,166	5,253	5,381
Williamson ¹⁸	1,530	1,571	1,611	1,646	1,628



⁹ 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Table 24 (pg 230) <https://www.bexar.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3585>

¹⁰: https://www.collincountytx.gov/county_auditor/Documents/cafr/FY%202017%20Comprehensive%20Annual%20Financial%20Report.pdf, Table 5.1, pg 197

¹¹ <https://www.dallascounty.org/Assets/uploads/docs/auditor/annual-finacial-report/CAFR2017.pdf>, pg 162

¹² http://www.epcounty.com/auditor/publications/cafr/cafr_17/files/cafr2017.pdf, Pg 259

¹³ <http://www.harriscountytx.gov/CmpDocuments/130/FinancialStatements/HC%20CAFR%20Final%20FY%202017.pdf>, pg 195

¹⁴ <http://www.co.hays.tx.us/SharedFiles/Download.aspx?pageid=312&mid=271&fileid=9077>, pg 172

¹⁵ <http://www.nuecesco.com/Home/ShowDocument?id=15523>, pg 164

¹⁶ https://www.tarrantcounty.com/content/dam/main/auditor/FinancialAccountingReports/Annual%20Financial%20Reports/CAFR/FY2017_Tarrant_County_Comprehensive_Annual_Financial_Report.pdf, pg 150-151

¹⁷ <https://financialtransparency.traviscountytx.gov/Content/Docs/FinancialDocuments/fy2017-cafr.pdf>, pg ST-58 to ST-59

¹⁸ <https://s3.amazonaws.com/wilcotransparency/staticdocuments/CAFR+2017.pdf>, pg 154

Number of Corrections Officers and/or Jail Employees

The following table provides data about jail and corrections staff where available. **These data provide a rough sense of corrections staff in each county but are not directly comparable.** While some counties specifically make public the number of correctional officers, others provide data only for jail staff overall (which may include administrators, etc.). Please see the footnotes below for additional detail.

Table 17: Correctional Officers and/or Jail Employees by County, FY2013-2017

County	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Bexar ¹⁹	866	912	868	870	870
Collin ²⁰	*	208	208	208	208
Dallas ²¹	*	*	*	*	*
El Paso	*	*	268 ²²	502 ²³	270 ²⁴
Harris	*	*	*	*	*
Hays ²⁵	128.5	109.5	116.5	118.5	119.5
Nueces ²⁶	-	164	164	164	164
Tarrant	*	*	*	*	*
Travis ²⁷	855	866	870	893	935
Williamson ²⁸	307	307	311	313	315

*No data provided and unable to locate using official county sources (budgets, annual reports)

¹⁹ <https://www.bexar.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3585>, pg 226 (2017 Annual Financial Report); 2013 count from 2014 budget pg 213 <https://www.bexar.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/2556>

²⁰ <https://www.collincountytx.gov/budget/Documents/budgets/FY2018AdoptedBudget.pdf>, FY18 budget, pg 276

²¹ Unable to locate this data; however, FY18 budget specifies that the county Sheriff had 2,200 FTEs in 2013; 2,210 in 2014; 2,144 in 2015; 2,231 in 2016; and 2,188 in 2017.

²² 268 detention officers, plus 11 sergeants & 47 floor control officers. From FY15 budget, pg 240:

https://www.epcounty.com/budget/documents/El_Paso_County_FY_2016_Adopted_Budget_BOOK_1.pdf

²³ Double checked but unclear why there is this apparent bump in 2016. 502 Detention officers, plus additional 21 detention sgts and 88 Floor control officers; 680 total detention staff. From FY16 budget, pg 307:

https://www.epcounty.com/budget/documents/FY_2016_ANNUAL_OPERATING_BUDGET_BOOK.pdf

²⁴ 270 Detention officers, 11 sergeants & 47 floor control officers. 361 total detention staff. FY17 budget, pg 309

<https://www.epcounty.com/budget/documents/El%20Paso%20County%20Operating%20Budget%20Book%20-%20FY2017.pdf>

²⁵ Reported as total jail operations staff, not only correctional officers (though majority are COs). From FY13-17 Budgeted Positions Reports: <http://www.co.hays.tx.us/financial-transparency.aspx>

²⁶ 164=CO's only (239 total jail FTEs, FY14-17) Pg 562, <http://www.nuecesco.com/Home/ShowDocument?id=15519>

²⁷ Includes the following positions: Certified Peace Officer Sr, Corrections Lieutenant, Corrections Officer, Corrections Officer Sr, Corrections Sergeant and Cadets. Total TCSO FTEs for FY13-17 were: 1621.5 (2013), 1636.5 (2014), 1642.5 (2015), 1682.5 (2016), and 1734.5 (2017).

²⁸ Total jail FTEs, not COs; Pg 155: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/wilcotransparency/staticdocuments/CAFR+2017.pdf>; currently 284 officers according to website <http://www.wilco.org/Elected-Officials/Sheriffs-Office/Corrections>

Pretrial Services

The following section provides a brief description of pretrial services in each county, including general descriptive information, capacity, and the pretrial risk assessment tool used. Only two counties provided information about their pretrial services; a majority of this information was collected through official county government websites and public documents. All outside sources are provided in footnotes.

Bexar

Description: Bexar Pretrial Services is housed under the Judicial Services Department, which oversees an array of criminal justice services. The Pretrial Services Office is comprised of the Intake Section, which is staffed twenty-four hours a day/seven days a week, located at the Central Magistration (CMAG) facility and Adult Detention Center (ADC). Intake Services also operates a Court Services Unit at the Courthouse. The intake Section interviews individuals eligible for Personal Recognizance (PR) Bonds and provides the results to the Magistrate assigned to the CMAG for release decisions. The section also processes defendants requesting court appointed counsel. The supervision section provides supervision to those individuals release on a PR Bond and monitors compliance with court ordered conditions on Surety and Attorney Bonds. Those conditions include Domestic Violence, Ignition Interlock Orders, Drug/Alcohol Testing, Substance Abuse Treatment, Special Needs Unit, Regular Reporting, and Global Positioning Satellite (GPS). The Pretrial Collection Section provides cashiering and collection services for Pretrial fees to include bond fees, drug testing, GPS, and Ignition Interlock.

Capacity: For FY17-18, Bexar Pretrial Services had 77 employees total, 69 excluding temporary staff. This includes 56 pretrial bond officers (PBOs), 19 of whom are designated as intake PBOs.

Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool: Bexar County Pretrial Risk Assessment, developed by Dr. James Austin, JFA Institute and validated in 2013 by Tony Fabelo (CSG). Risk domains include current offense, prior convictions, prior failure to appears, age of first arrest, gender, residential stability & current age.²⁹

Collin

Description: Pretrial is housed under the Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD). The mission of CSCD is: A. To protect the community through supervision/incarceration of the offender; B. To deter criminal behavior through the administration of sanctions; C. To encourage positive changes in the offender's behavior; and D. To increase community corrections involvement. Our corrections philosophy is that offenders should be held strictly

²⁹ <https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/85R/handouts/C2102017030910301/5007b815-3812-48ea-8527-a155db9c5778.PDF>

responsible and accountable for their actions, while being assisted in facilitating pro-social changes in behavior.³⁰

Capacity: Pretrial capacity specifically not available. The FY2018 budget³¹ funds 114 positions for CSCD overall, including 4 designated as personal bond/surety program staff, 98 as basic supervision and 4 as community corrections. Additionally, there is 1 DA Pretrial Intervention employee.

Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool: Collin uses an internally developed risk assessment based on multiple other tools called the CCSO Pre-Trial Release Risk Assessment. No information is available on whether tool has been validated. Domains include age at admission, citizenship status, marital status, whether person has telephone/cell phone/email, previous failure to appear, prior convictions (past 6 years), type of ID, employment status, time at current residence, history of substance abuse and/or mental health, current probation status, and pending charges. Score is additive.

The assessment is used if a defendant is presently in jail and is eligible for potential release based on charge. Pretrial screens everyone booked into jail; bonds are written only for charges approved by district judges. Pretrial charges 3% of the set bond amount. The only requirement is for the defendant to call once a week. These actions are done by the Sheriff's Office staff according to CCP17.42

Dallas

Description: The mission of the Dallas County Pretrial Services is to enhance public safety by providing supervision for individuals released on bond to ensure court appearance and successful compliance with conditions of bond. Dallas County Pretrial Services is a division of Dallas County Community Supervision and Corrections (Adult Probation). Currently, Dallas County Pretrial Services offers the following programs: Pretrial Release (for class A or B misdemeanors & some felonies), Alcohol Monitoring Unit, Electronic Monitoring Unit, and Alternative Sentencing Program (house arrest).³²

Capacity: Unable to access directly. Website describes at least 26 employees.³³ FY18 budget does not provide FTEs but FY18 proposed budget for salary plus fringes is 1,229,420 for pretrial release.³⁴

Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool: Began using the Ohio Pretrial Risk Assessment System's tool (ORAS-PAT) in January 2017.³⁵ This tool has been previously validated.

³⁰ https://www.collincountytx.gov/supervision_corrections/Pages/default.aspx

³¹ <https://www.collincountytx.gov/budget/Documents/budgets/FY2018AdoptedBudget.pdf>

³² <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/pretrial-services/>

³³ <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/pretrial-services/contact-us.php>

³⁴ https://www.dallascounty.org/Assets/uploads/docs/budget/fy2018/FY2018_BudgetDetail.pdf

El Paso

Description: Creation of a pretrial office in El Paso County was approved in May 2015.³⁶ However, there is very little information available on the county website. The FY18 Budget reports that in FY16, \$13,961.37 were generated from “Pre-trial intervention” revenues.³⁷

Capacity: Unable to obtain this information.

Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool: Unable to obtain or verify this information from the county. A 2017 report from Texas A&M University and the Texas Indigent Defense Commission reports that El Paso implemented the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument in 2015.³⁸ This instrument has been previously validated, though it is unclear whether it was revalidated for El Paso’s population.

Harris

Description: The mission of Pretrial Services is to provide accurate and timely information to assist the Judicial Officers in Harris County with making informed pretrial release decisions and to monitor defendants released on bond to promote compliance with court orders, and to support public safety.³⁹ Harris County initially established pretrial services in 1975.¹¹

Capacity: Pretrial’s 2017-18 budget was \$9,696,149. A specific total number of FTEs is not given, but according to the 2017 Pretrial Annual Report’s organization chart, there appear to be about 115 employees, including 10 supervisors/managers, 29 staff in the defendant monitoring division, 22 in pretrial screening—night shift, 28 in pretrial screening day shift, 22 in pretrial screening evening shift, and 4 in the computer applications division.¹³

Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool: In 2017, Harris changed risk assessment tools to use the Public Safety Assessment, developed by the Laura & John Arnold Foundation.⁴⁰ The instrument has been previously validated. Prior to this, Harris County used an internally developed instrument.¹¹

Hays

Description: Pretrial supervision services are provided through the Community Supervision and Corrections Department, which serves Hays, Caldwell, and Comal Counties.⁴¹ Appears that this program may be new, but this is unconfirmed. A report to the Hays County Commissioners from

³⁵ <http://www.dallasobserver.com/news/dallas-county-seeks-to-free-more-inmates-who-cant-afford-bond-10231890>

³⁶ <http://www.epcounty.com/CS/blogs/comm3/archive/2015/05/04/office-of-criminal-justice-coordination-was-approved-today-in-commissioner-s-court.aspx>

³⁷ http://www.epcounty.com/budget/documents/Adopted%20FY18_Book_2_of_2.pdf

³⁸ http://www.txcourts.gov/media/1437499/170308_bond-study-report.pdf

³⁹ <https://pretrial.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

⁴⁰ Pretrial 2017 Annual Report: <https://pretrial.harriscountytexas.gov/Library/2017%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

⁴¹ <http://www.caldwellcscd.org/>

March 2017 reports that 63 individuals were released from jail and placed on pretrial bond supervision from 4/1/16-12/31/16.⁴²

Capacity: Unable to confirm this information. Report to Hays County Commissioners from March 2017 references “the” pretrial bond officer and Texas A&M report confirms there is at least one FTE, but unclear.

Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool: Unable to obtain this information. Report to Hays Co. Commissioners from March 2017⁴³ describes using a risk assessment tool to determine frequency of supervision, but it is unclear how or when this tool is used.

Nueces

Description: The Nueces County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, also known as the adult Probation Department, supervises adults on **pre-trial** and court-order probation and monitors their compliance with the conditions set forth by the court. The mission of the Nueces County Community Supervision and Corrections Department is to influence positive change and accountability in offender behavior through the use of evidence-base practices consistent with the services directed by the Court and in collaboration with other agencies and the community. CSCD has six satellite locations through Nueces County and one central office located at 1901 Trojan Drive, Corpus Christi.

Capacity: Unable to locate this information; does not appear in budget.

Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool: In August 2017, Nueces County sought technical assistance (TA) “to implement a new pre-trial assessment process.” The application states that “While all agree that many defendants should not be released pre-trial for a number of reasons, we have not historically used risk assessment tools to make these decisions.”⁴⁴ TA was awarded in October 2017 and appears to be currently underway.

Tarrant

Description: Tarrant County Pretrial Services provides an alternative to incarceration that allows arrested defendants to be released from jail while awaiting disposition of their criminal charges. The program is designed to assist individuals charged with a Class A or B misdemeanor or non-violent felony, who live in Tarrant County -- or the surrounding counties -- to obtain jail release on personal bond. Qualified individuals arrested and detained in jail on a criminal offense may be released for \$20, or three percent of the bond amount, whichever is greater.⁴⁵ Pretrial Services is currently under the direct supervision and authority of the County

⁴² <http://www.co.hays.tx.us/SharedFiles/Download.aspx?pageid=75&mid=77&fileid=7337>

⁴³ <http://www.co.hays.tx.us/SharedFiles/Download.aspx?pageid=75&mid=77&fileid=7337>

⁴⁴ http://ncagenda.co.nueces.tx.us/docs/2017/CC-REG/20171114_379/8987_InterlocalAgmtCSCDRiskAssessmentProgram2.pdf

⁴⁵ <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/pretrial-services.html>

Administrator's Office. The Criminal Justice Manager oversees the administrative and operational functions of the department.

Capacity: 15 employees (including Pretrial Services Director, 2 supervisors, 9 pretrial caseworkers, 2 office clerks and 1 secretary/bookkeeper.⁴⁶

Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool: Does not appear to use a pretrial risk assessment at this time after extensive searching;⁴⁷ however, this is unconfirmed.

Travis

Description: Pretrial Services is a county-funded department that interviews defendants and makes recommendations to the Court on whether a defendant should be released on Personal Bond. Pretrial Officers also collect information for the Court's use in determining whether or not a defendant qualifies for court-appointed counsel. Our Case Management Pretrial Officers monitor compliance and provide case-management to assure that defendants report to court and successfully complete court-ordered treatment or comply with other conditions.⁴⁸

Capacity: According to the FY18 budget, Travis County had 82 FTEs in 2017 & is budgeted for the same number in 2018. Pretrial supervision officers oversaw 2,070 cases total (average: 345 cases per officer) in 2017, and are projected to supervise 2,200 (250 per officer) in 2018.⁴⁹

Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool: ORAS-PAT

Williamson

Description: The Pre-Trial Services unit of the department (Adult Probation) was established in February 1990 to offer a supervised release program for felony defendants who are released from jail on surety or PR bonds. This program helps to alleviate jail overcrowding and allows defendants to hire their own attorneys. The primary focus of supervision is to offer a means of accountability to the courts for defendants facing convictions for any felony level offenses.⁵⁰ Also have pretrial intervention program operated by county attorney.⁵¹

Capacity: Unable to locate this information.

Pretrial Risk Assessment Tool: Unable to confirm, but according to 2017 Texas A&M report, does not appear to use pretrial risk assessment.⁵²

⁴⁶ <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/pretrial-services/about-us/history-and-organization-structure.html>

⁴⁷ http://www.txcourts.gov/media/1437499/170308_bond-study-report.pdf

⁴⁸ "What is Pretrial Services," <https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/pretrial-services/pretrial-overview>

⁴⁹ https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/images/planning_budget/Docs/fy18/Vol_II_Web_Final.pdf, pg 163-164

⁵⁰ <http://www.adultprobation.net/pretrial.html>

⁵¹ <https://www.wilco.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=3WwHKABPoNk%3D&tabid=870&portalid=0&mid=3589>

⁵² http://www.txcourts.gov/media/1437499/170308_bond-study-report.pdf

Brief Description of Justice Planning Department, if Any

The following section provides a brief description of justice data and planning entities in other counties. **No county provided information specifically on this question;** therefore the information below may not be comprehensive. Information provided is from a search of county websites and organizational charts.

Bexar

Bexar County Judicial Services includes a data analysis unit known as the Criminal Justice Data Integrity Unit. This unit “compiles data from all criminal justice systems in Bexar County to provide analysis and reconciliation to Bexar County stakeholders which overall improves processes and outcomes.” (From information sheet provided directly from Bexar County staff). This unit appears to play a role somewhat similar to Justice Planning.

Collin

No information provided; unable to find any evidence of a central county position or department similar to Justice Planning.

Dallas

Dallas County Criminal Justice Department includes a full-time Jail Population Court Coordinator (JPCC) position. The website describes this position as follows:

“The Jail Population Court Coordinator (JPCC) position was created to assist the District Court Manager.[...] In December 2006 after reorganization, JPCC was moved into the Dallas County Criminal Justice Department. The first charge for this position was to implement recommendations from the jail population consultants by research & development of statistical data and reporting for the Commission's Court, the Jail Population Committee, Homeless Assistance Center startup, the Mental Health Steering Committee, and Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

*The Jail Population Coordinator is **set up to track statistics and trends in the Lew Sterrett [Justice Center] regarding the goal of keeping the jail population as low as possible while balancing public safety.** It is also charged with researching programs that aid in keeping the overall jail population down.”⁵³*

Additionally, Dallas County describes a Smart Justice Jail Diversion Program, a \$7-million grant-funded program which is primarily mental health focused but involves using data and evidence based services to divert people from jail, with a focus on mental/behavioral health.⁵⁴

⁵³ <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/criminal-justice/jail-population.php>

⁵⁴ <https://www.dallascounty.org/departments/criminal-justice/smart-justice.php>

El Paso

No information provided; unable to find any evidence of a central county position or department similar to Justice Planning.

Harris

No information provided; although Harris County has a large number of justice-related agencies and departments, JP was unable to find any evidence of a central county entity similar to Justice Planning via publicly available sources.

Tarrant

No information provided directly. However, the county website⁵⁵ does list a Criminal Justice Coordinator position, described as follows:

“The Criminal Justice Coordinator oversees the activity of the Criminal Justice Office and Pretrial Services. [...and] is responsible for criminal justice system research, planning and coordination; serves as the criminal justice policy advisor to Commissioners Court; prepares the annual criminal justice plan; represents the Commissioners Court at meetings; monitors state/county relations as they relate to criminal justice; and participates in the grant process and program development when directed.”

Williamson

No information provided; unable to find any evidence of a central county position or department similar to Justice Planning.

⁵⁵ <https://www.tarrantcounty.com/en/administration/staff/criminal-justice-coordinator.html>