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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

# 2022 FACT SHEET

ANSWERING THE MOST COMMON QUESTIONS  
ABOUT PROBATION AND PAROLE IN GEORGIA

## 1. DOES GEORGIA HAVE THE NATIONS HIGHEST SUPERVISION POPULATION?

**YES**

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the community supervision rate in Georgia is 4,331 per every 100,000 adult residents, which means about 1 in 23 adults are on probation or parole compared to the national average of 1 in 66.



## 2. DO PROBATION REVOCATIONS DRIVE THE PRISON POPULATION?

**NO**

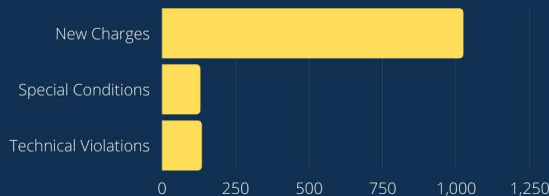
Of the 198,490 people on felony probation in FY 2021, only 1,289 (.7%) had their sentence revoked to state prison.



## 3. WHY ARE PROBATION TERMS REVOKED TO STATE PRISON?

### NEW CHARGES

Out of 1,289 individuals with probation revocations to state prison, 1,024 (79%) were for new charges, 130 (10%) were for violating Special Conditions, and 135 (11%) were for Technical Violations.



## 4. HOW OFTEN DO PEOPLE SUCCEED ON COMMUNITY SUPERVISION?

### 87% SUCCEED

Eighty-seven percent of individuals completed their supervision term in the community.



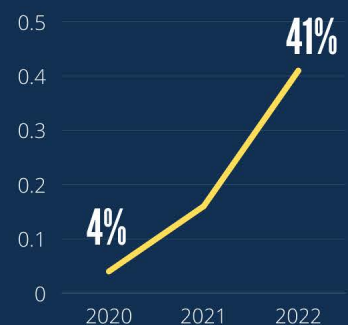
DCS' Person-Centered Supervision model recognizes people as unique individuals with their own strengths, needs and goals. Leveraging research and technology, we prioritize activities that promote success among probationers and parolees.

## 5. IS PERSON-CENTERED SUPERVISION MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER?

**YES**

Research repeatedly underscores the criminogenic effect of incarceration. When confined, people are isolated from loved ones, exposed to violence, and stigmatized. These factors perpetuate crime, not prevent it. Implementing empirical practices in community settings avoids these harms and improves outcomes.

*For example, we increased evidence-based communication skills from 4% of interactions in 2020 to 41% in 2022.*



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"OUR JOB IS TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE DON'T GO TO PRISON. AND IF THEY HAVE, OUR JOB IS TO MAKE SURE THEY NEVER GO BACK."

– MICHAEL W. NAIL, DCS COMMISSIONER

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to access our strategic plan, research agenda, and an array of statistical reports.