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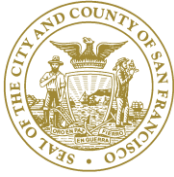
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Budget & Finance Committee  
April 29, 2020



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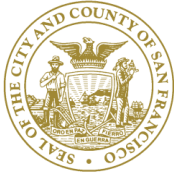
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## San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project – History/Overview

- 1964 Own Recognizance (OR) Project
- Established by San Francisco Bar Association for alternative to cash bail
  - Independent agency services included minimal level of pre-trial client supervision
- 1976 San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project (SFPDP)
- Established to address individuals held pre-trial on minor offenses
  - Independent non-profit contracting with Sheriff's Office
  - Diverted misdemeanor clients from criminal prosecution
- 1994 Sheriff's Office and SFPDP established Supervised Pretrial Release program
- Expanded population eligible for pre-trial release by providing court with post-arraignment case management and supervision alternatives
  - Supervised Pretrial Release now referred to as Assertive Case Management (ACM)
- 2003 SFPDP assumed work of OR Project
- Merger into one independent agency
  - Services for clients with varying levels of acuity to divert them from pre-trial custody



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- 2016 Public Safety Assessment (PSA) implementation
- Developed by Arnold Foundation and used by SFPDP
  - Non-interview risk assessment tool to assess likelihood of failure to appear and new criminal activity during pre-trial release
- 2018 Court of Appeal Ruling: *In Re Humphrey*
- Release conditions must consider ability to pay and non-monetary alternatives
  - Additional SFPDP clients who before would be held in custody unable to make bail
  - SFPDP workload increased ~50% from FY17-18 to FY18-19
- 2019 Federal Court Ruling: *Buffin vs. San Francisco*
- Prohibits application of Superior Court bail schedule
  - Set strict timelines for pre-arraignment detention
  - Accelerates SFPDP timeline for completion of PSAs, requires 24/7 coverage
  - Additional SFPDP clients who before would access bail

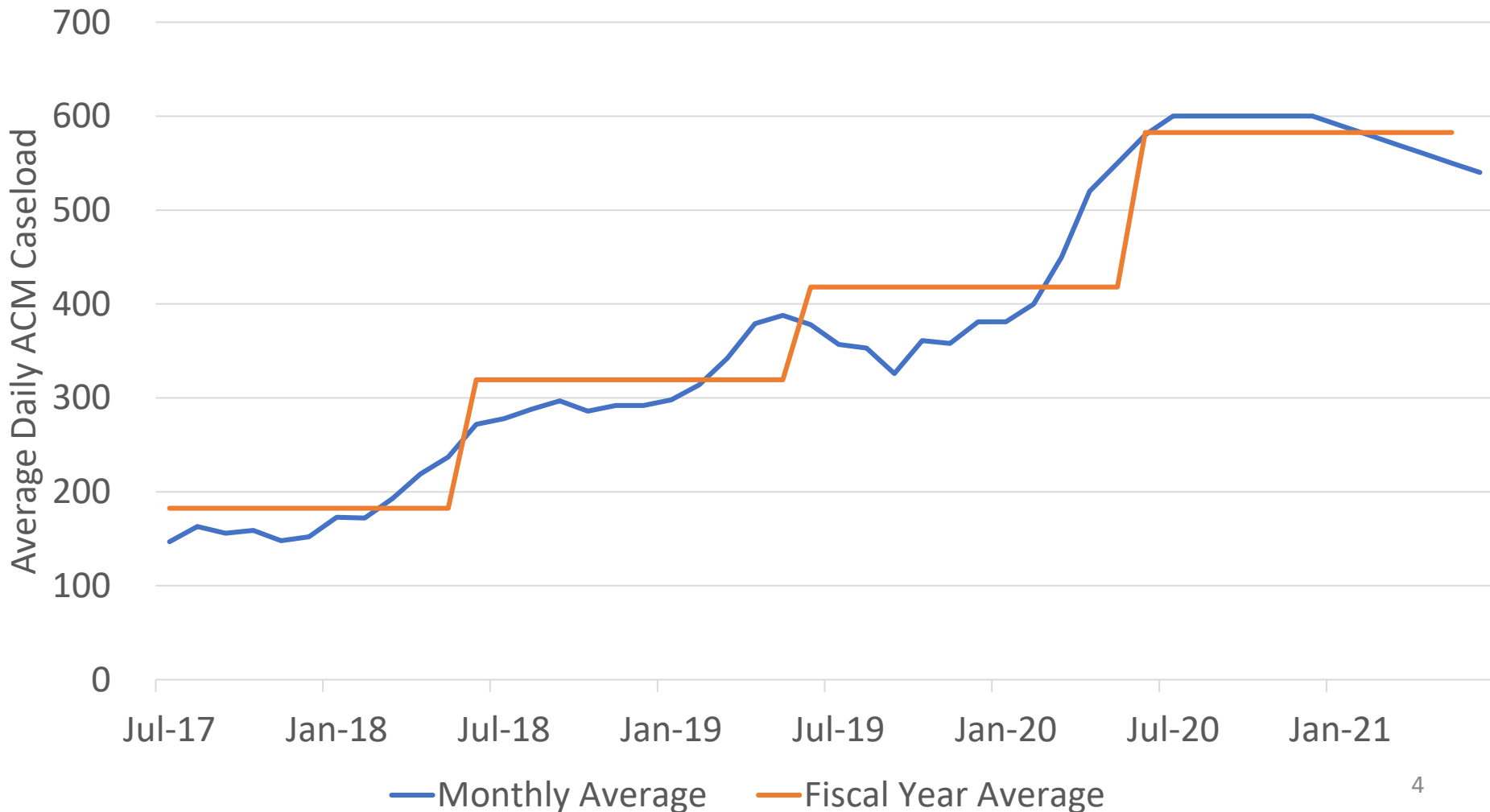


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## Growth of Pretrial Workload since FY2017-18





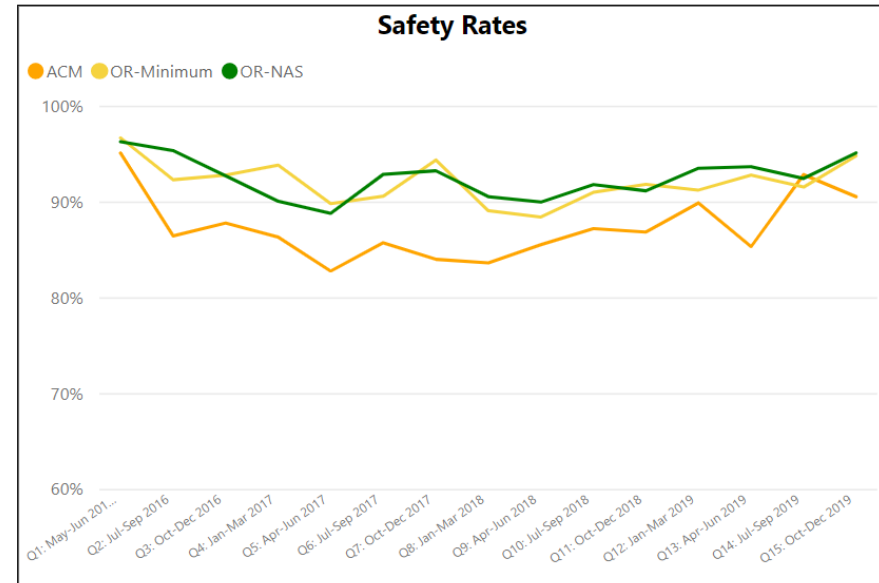
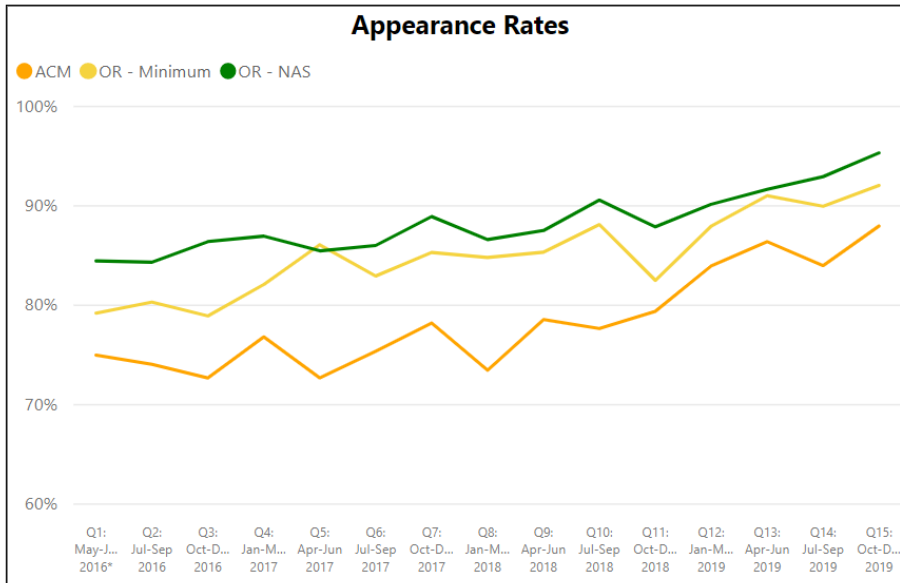
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### Quarterly Safety & Appearance Rates

January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019



\* These are the safety and appearance rates as reported by SFPDP. The quarterly **safety rate** is the percentage of everyone who was active on SFPDP's caseload in a quarter who did not have a new filed charge in that quarter. Similarly, the **appearance rate** is everyone who was active on SFPDP's caseload in a quarter who appeared at all court hearings in that quarter, as defined by NAPSA.



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## Releases by Public Safety Assessment Recommendation First Quarter 2018

