



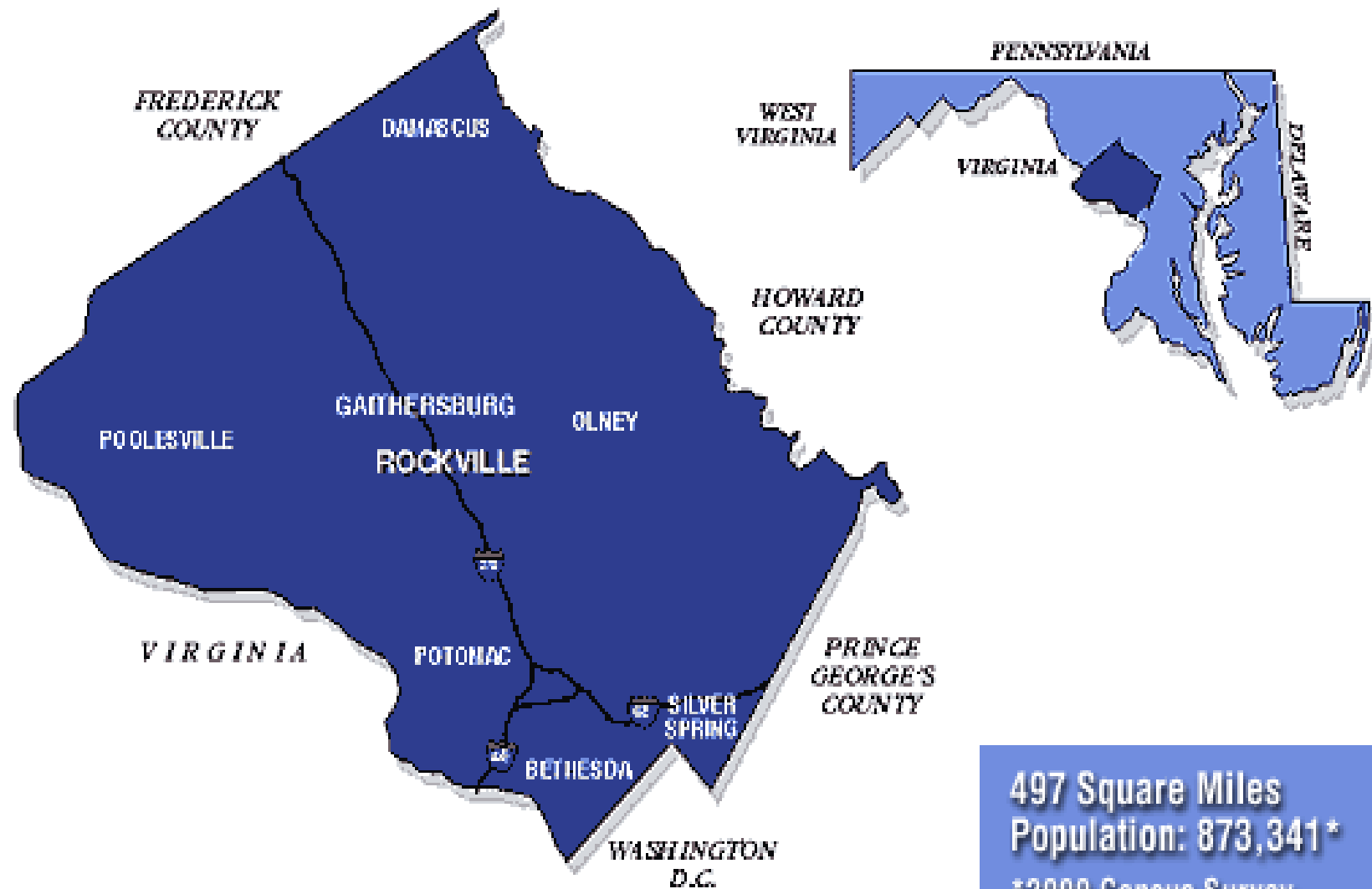
Community Corrections/Pre-Release Services Montgomery County (Maryland) Model

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Montgomery (Maryland) County



Jail/Local Correctional System Snapshot

Jail Characteristics

- 3,365 locally operated jails (80% run by elected Sheriffs)
- 9% of jails hold 48% of inmates (>60% jails have ADP $\leq$ 100)
- 760,000 + Average Daily Population (2006)
- 12 million admissions/releases annually (2006)

Traditional Jail Functions

- Arrest bookings
- Holding individuals pretrial
- Holding individuals temporarily (juveniles, mentally ill, military, court witnesses, protective custody)
- Holding individuals awaiting transfer to a state or federal agencies (often due to overcrowding),
- Incarcerating offenders serving post-conviction sentences under a state-specified threshold – 18 months in Maryland

Rethinking the Role of Local Correctional Agencies in Comprehensive Reentry Efforts

- Proposition: Can local correctional systems receive individuals from state and federal systems near the completion of their sentences-- whether they have served 30 days or 30 years – to provides transitional services to them prior to release?
- Advantages
 - Geographical proximity to communities of returning inmates
 - Improved linkage with family, employment, treatment services
 - Integration with local criminal justice system
 - Improved coordination for victim rights efforts
- Disadvantages
 - Capacity limits due to overcrowding
 - Limited programming
 - Funding Issues
 - Political issues
 - Moral Hazard

Montgomery County (MD) Model

Montgomery County's 174-bed Pre-Release Center and a Home Confinement program serves three populations:

- County Inmates within 12 months of release and incarcerated in the County's two detention centers;
- State Inmates within 6 months of release and returning to Montgomery County;
- Federal Inmates within 6 months of release incarcerated and returning to Greater Washington Area.

State and Federal Contracts

State Contract Provisions

- ADP of 10 (typically 8)
- \$56.21 per day + program fees collected by MCDOCR (20% of gross income/\$460 monthly)
- Individuals within 6 months of release & returning to County

- Federal Contract Provisions

- ADP of 20 (typically 28-40)
- 113.87 per day
- Individuals within 6 months of release
- At 10% sentence remaining date, may be eligible for home confinement
- Federal probationers can be served in program

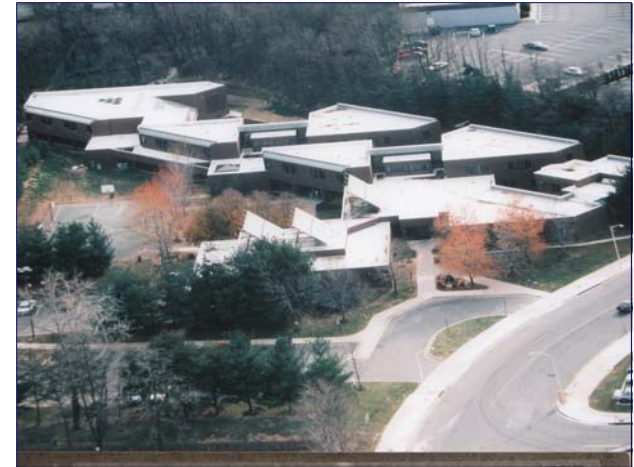
- Commonalities

- PRRS retains right of refusal in screening candidates
- State and Federal systems arrange for transportation of clients
- PRRS retains right to discipline and return to custody without judicial review individuals in its custody

Pre-Release and Re-Entry Services Division Work Release

174-bed Residential

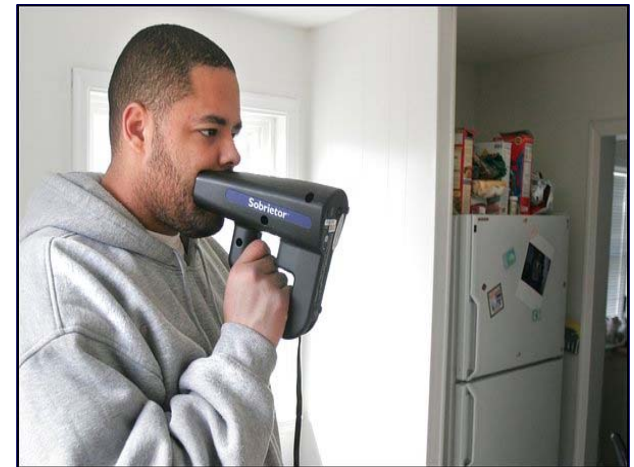
- Sited in 1978
Rockville, Maryland
- ACA Accredited since
1983



45-Client Home Confinement

- Electronic monitoring
- Mobile field team

15,863 served as of 8/2/09

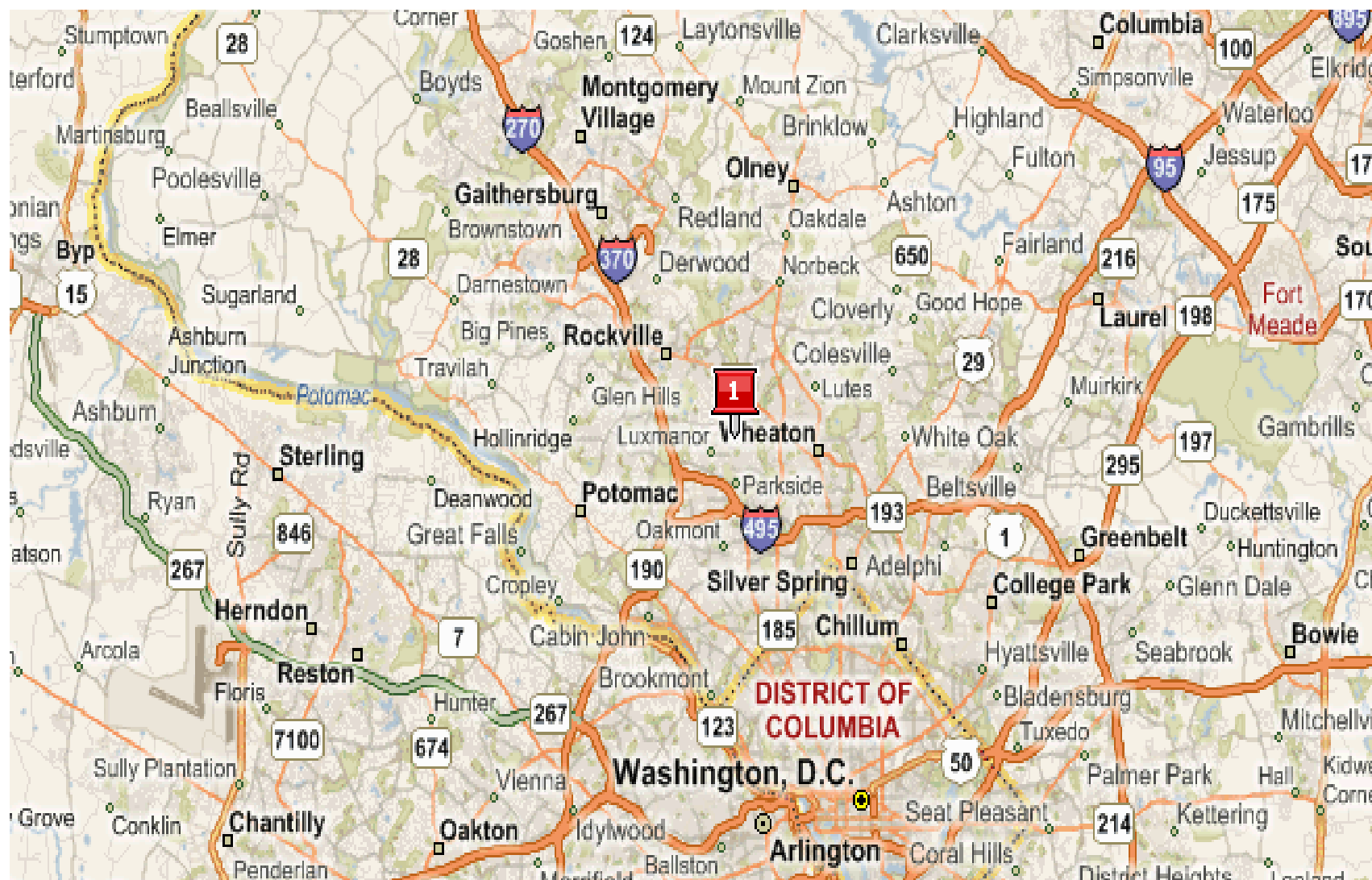


Montgomery County Pre-Release Center



Rockville, Maryland

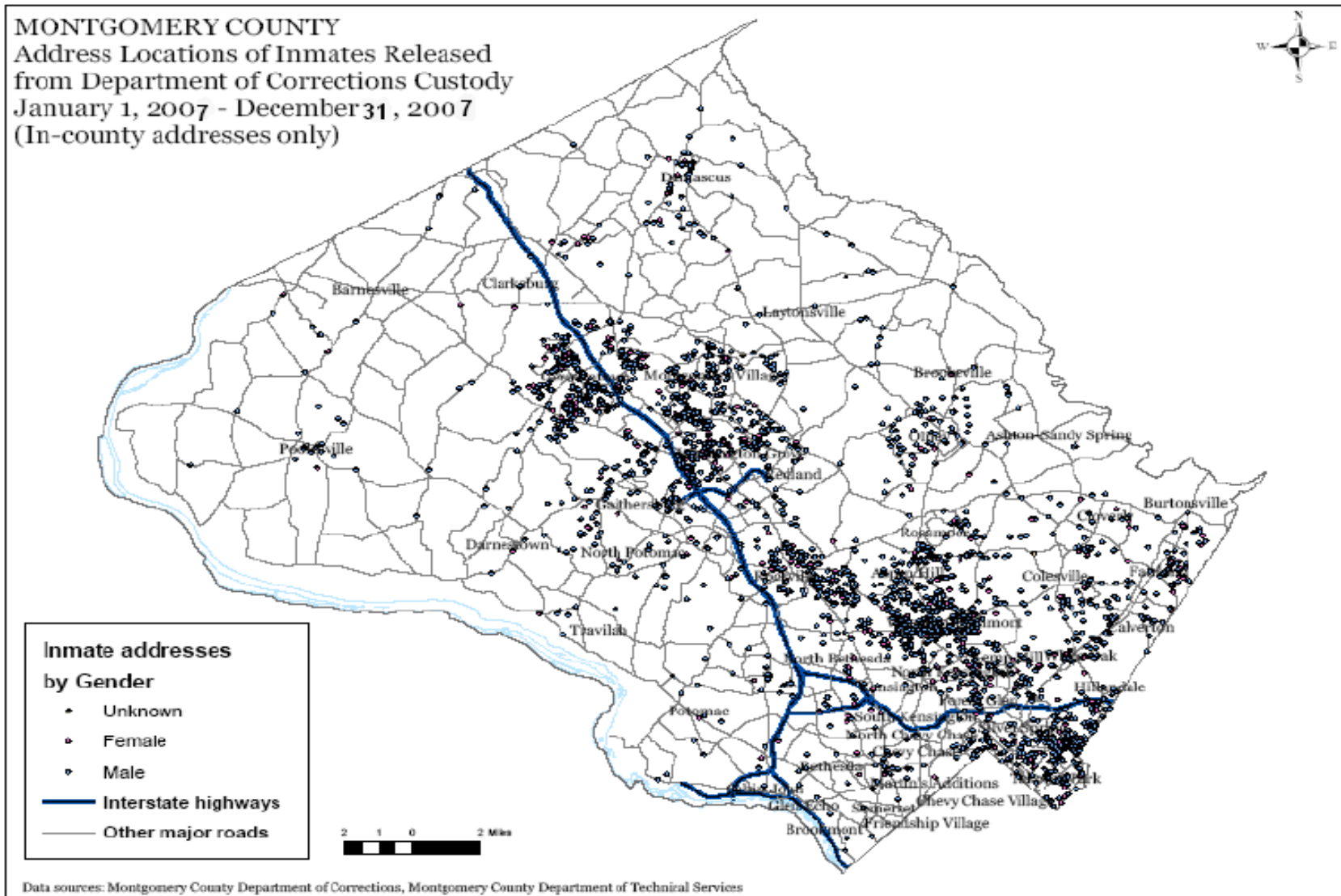
Greater Washington Area



Geographical Proximity of Local Correctional Facilities to Post-Release Addresses

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Address Locations of Inmates Released
from Department of Corrections Custody
January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007
(In-county addresses only)



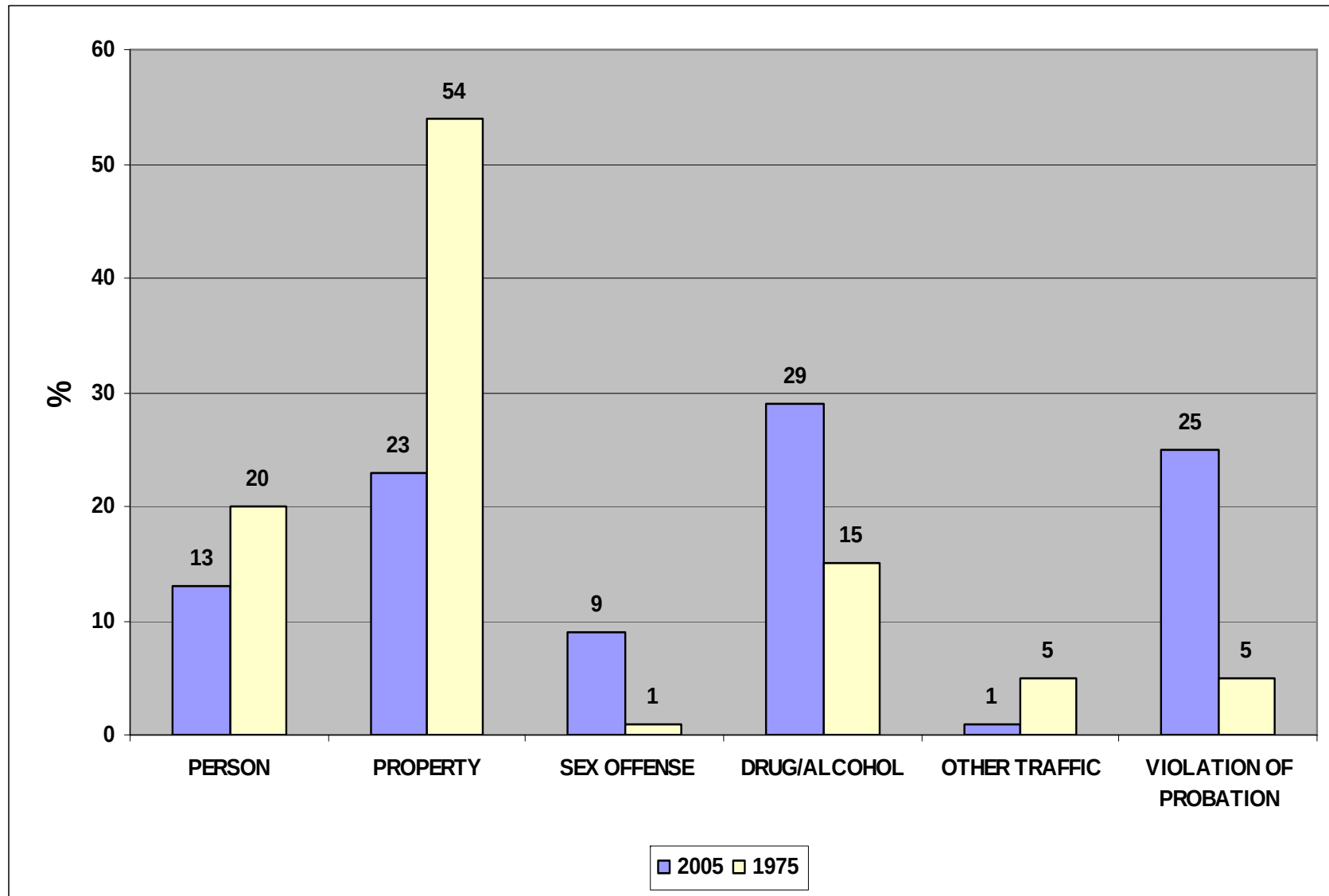
Pre-Release Center location near Transportation and Jobs



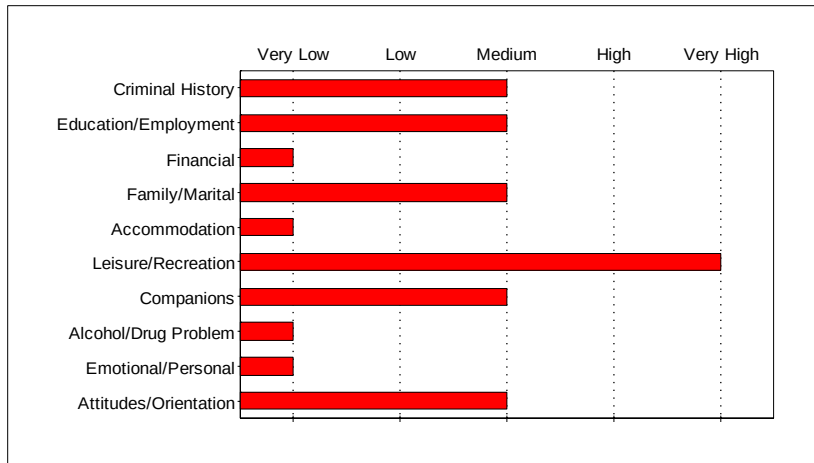
Client Population

- **Sentenced Individuals within 1 year of release**
- **Local, State, and Federal incarcerants**
- **Gender**
 - 87% Male
 - 13% Female
- **Age (33.6 Median)**
 - 32 years male
 - 38 years female
- **Race/Ethnicity**
 - 54.4% Black
 - 35.3% White
 - 8.8% Hispanic
- **Education**
 - 36% HDS
 - 20% GED
 - 15% Some College
 - 29% Drop outs

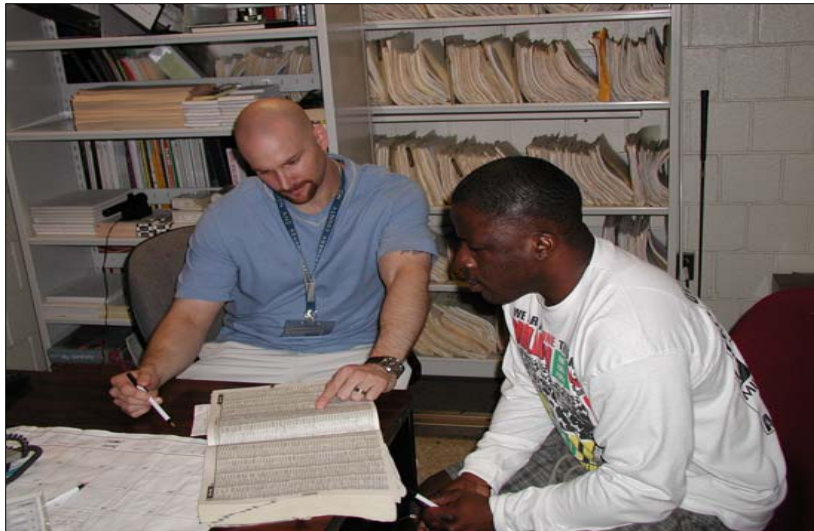
Offense Distribution Comparison 2005 vs. 1975



Services

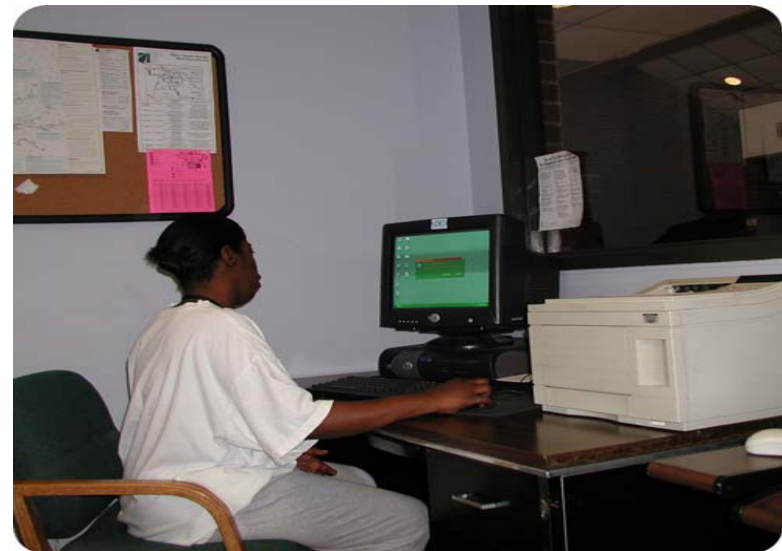


- **Assessment (LSIR)**
- **Individualized reentry plans**
- **Evidenced-based programs**
- **Family involvement**
- **Community partners**
- **Faith-based mentors**
- **Education**



Work Release Component

- Work is key requirement
- Expectation of Job within 3wks
- 1-week of job readiness training
- Clients conduct job search
- Approved jobs must be suitable with offense history
- Employer contract details rules of the job placement
- Work Release Coordinators (WRC) provide services to client and employers



Work Release Services

- Job Readiness training
- Career assessment/ Career Counseling
- Documentation Assistance
- Career/Resource Room
- Email Accounts
- Job Placement
- On-going Support
- Employer Contact
- Retention Follow-up

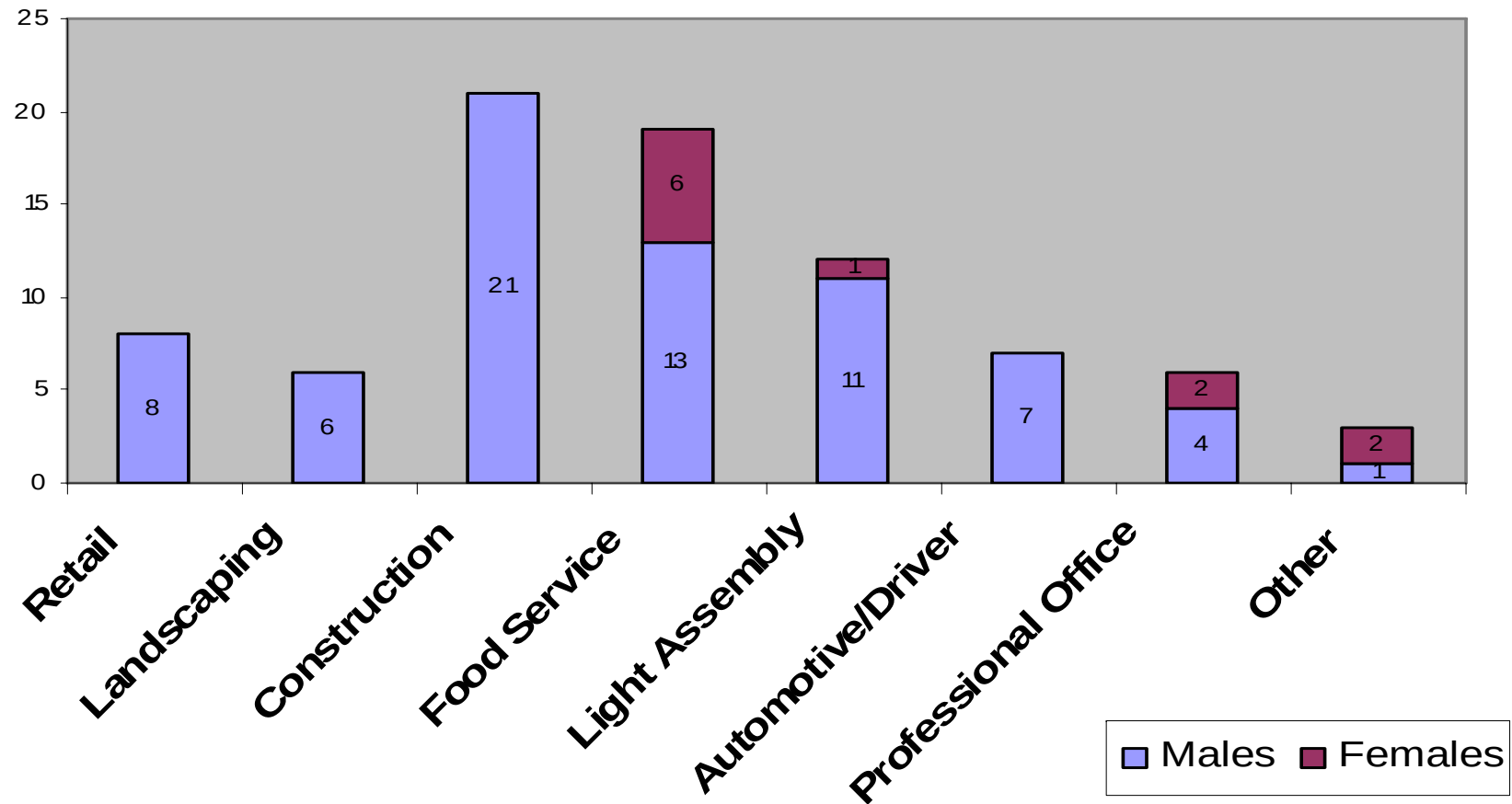


Types of Jobs

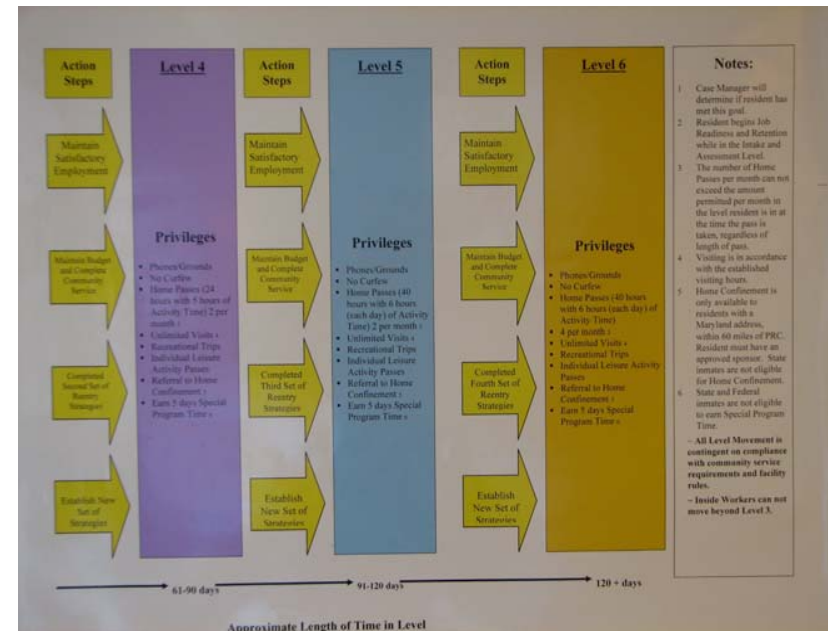
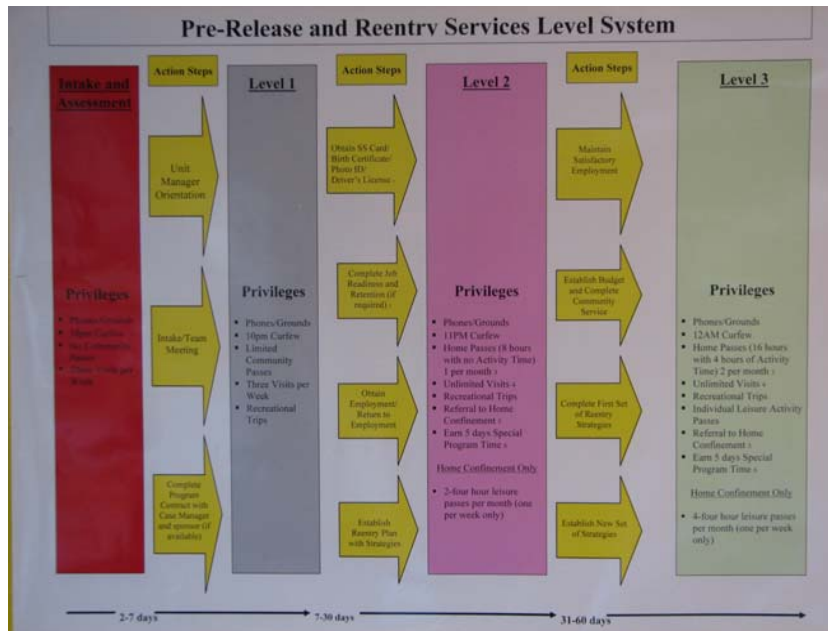
Work Release Job Placements

Montgomery County Pre-Release Center

4/1/05 Snapshot (n=82)



Level System of Privileges



- Six levels tied to “Reentry Action” steps
- No minimum time at any level
- Privileges include home passes, extended curfew, phone usage, leisure activity passes

Accountability

- Program fees
- Restitution/Child Support
- Victim Rights
- Approved passes
- 3 Drug tests/weekly
- 3 Alcohol test/daily
- On-site verifications for work & treatment
- Caller ID verification
- Electronic monitoring
- Escape prosecution



Internal Program Strengths

- Staff
 - 1:2:5 ratio staff/clients
 - Training and education
 - Dedication/tenure to services
 - Treatment/security Teamwork
- Individualized Reentry Plan
 - Case loads of 1:15 to 1:25
 - Balancing work, treatment, and education
 - Family involvement and home visits
- Screening Process
 - Determine eligibility for program (Right of Refusal)
 - Exhaustive screening interview
 - Extensive criminal background check
 - Few disqualifiers by offense type
- Accountability
 - Client whereabouts known at all times
 - Frequent verifications
 - Swift sanctioning authority
 - “Walkways” are considered escapes

External Program Strengths

- Relationship with Judiciary
 - Program integrated into sentencing structure
 - Corrections determines eligibility for program
 - Support for harsh sentencing of escapees

- County Support
 - \$7.6 million operation (\$1 million revenues)
 - Community partnership (agencies, non-profits, and faith-based organization) & Advisory Board

- Location/Building Architecture
 - Near county economic center and transportation hub
 - Contemporary style: space, light, and privacy

PRRS Program Performance (2007 Data)

- 29% of sentenced population managed in community
- 84% program completion rate
- 87% released with employment
- 98% released with housing
- \$2 million in Gross Income
- \$367,000 taxes
- \$348,964 program fees collected
- \$193,000 family support
- \$10,000 Restitution
- 63,068 detention jail bed days saved
- >13,000 verifications & >160,000 drug tests
- 10 escapes (all back in custody and charged)

Recidivism Study

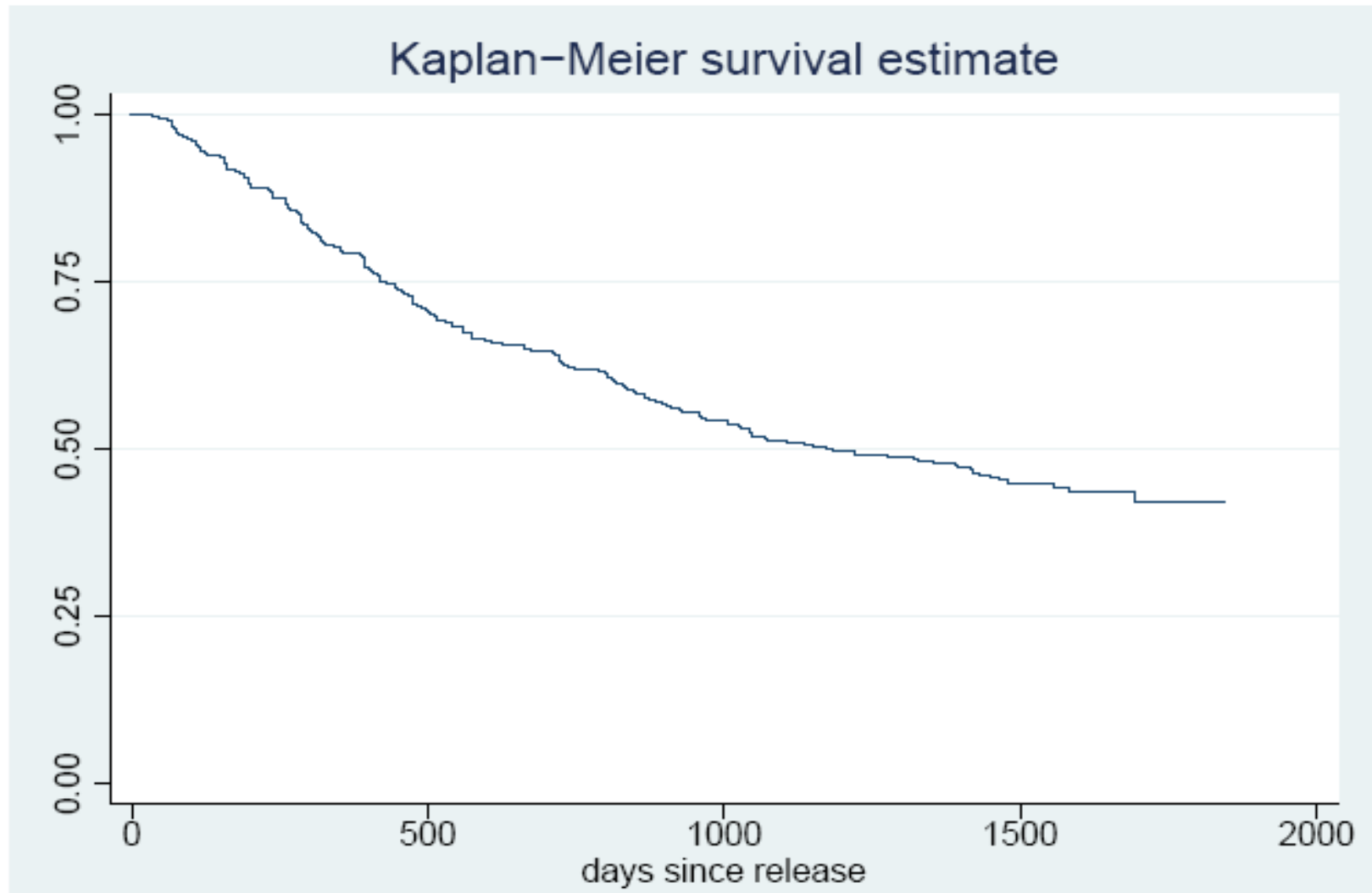
- Study Sample: 294 male and 282 female released offenders
- Randomly selected from total population of 2,000 sentenced offenders released by Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation in 2003/2004
- Data from Federal, State, and Local Criminal Records
- Consultant: Justice and Securities Strategies
- Funded by the Maryland Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP)

Recidivism Study (Tabular Results)

Recidivism Rates for DOCR Sentenced Inmates Released 2003/2004				
Category	One-Year		Three-Year	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Any Conviction/Arrest (all data)	21% / 41%	14% / 32%	49% / 66%	35% / 54%
Any Conviction (MD data only)	16%	9.2%	36 %	22%
Serious Conviction/Arrest (all data)	7.4% / 6.4%	6.4% / 5.7%	19% / 17%	15% / 12%
N=294 male inmates & N=282 female inmates released from DOCR Custody (MCDC, MCCF, or PRRS)				

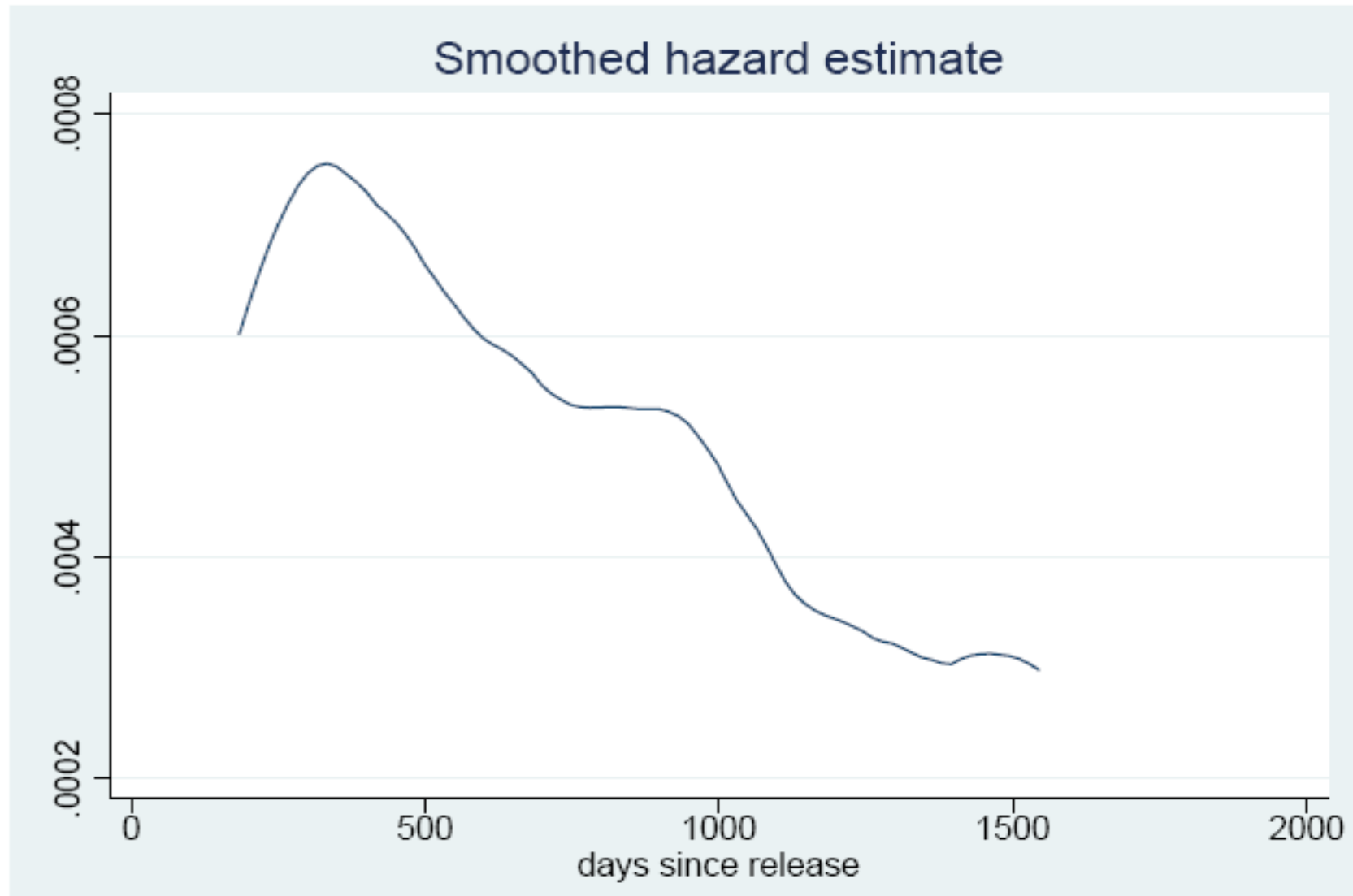
Recidivism Study (Survival Analysis)

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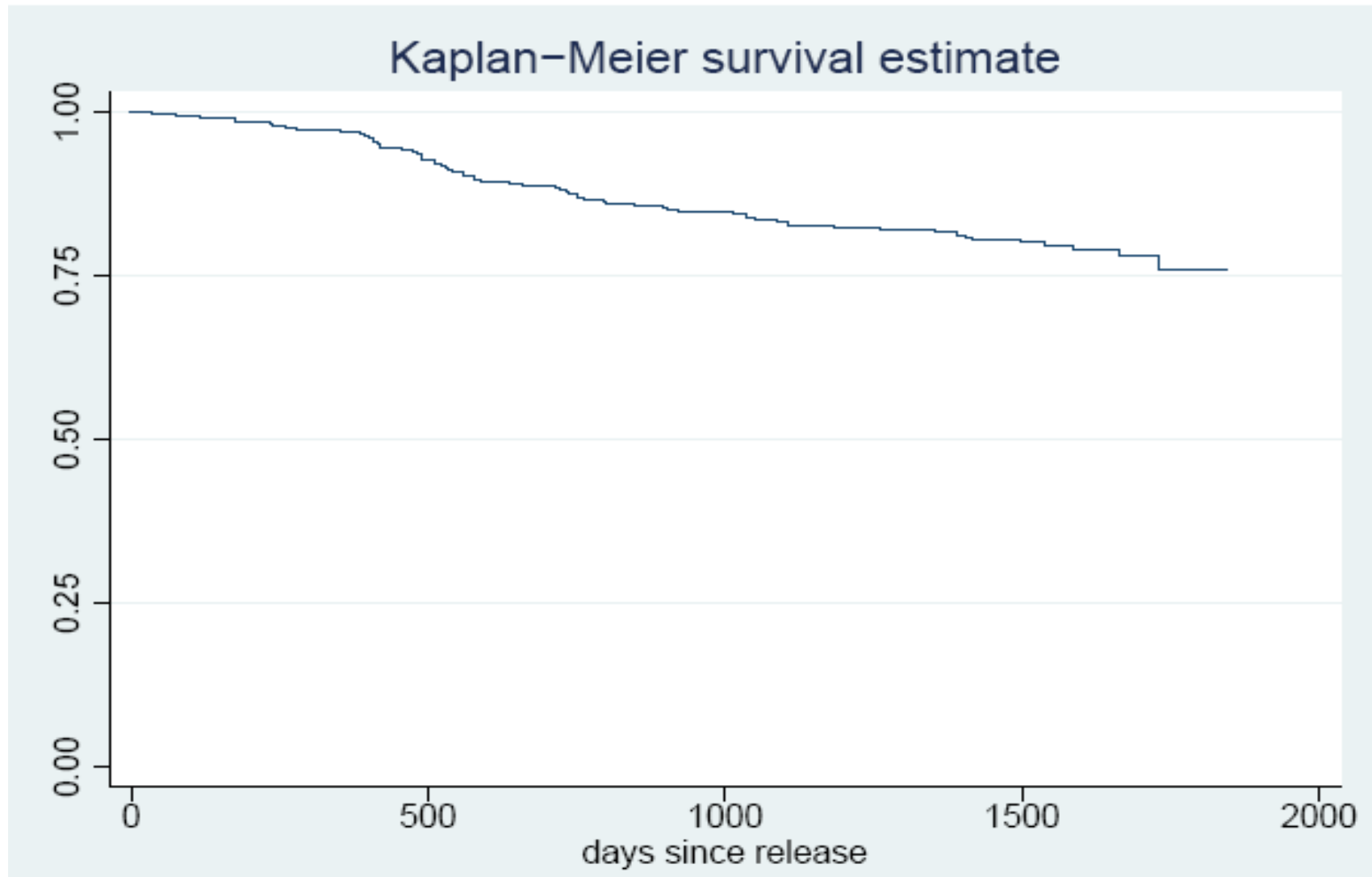
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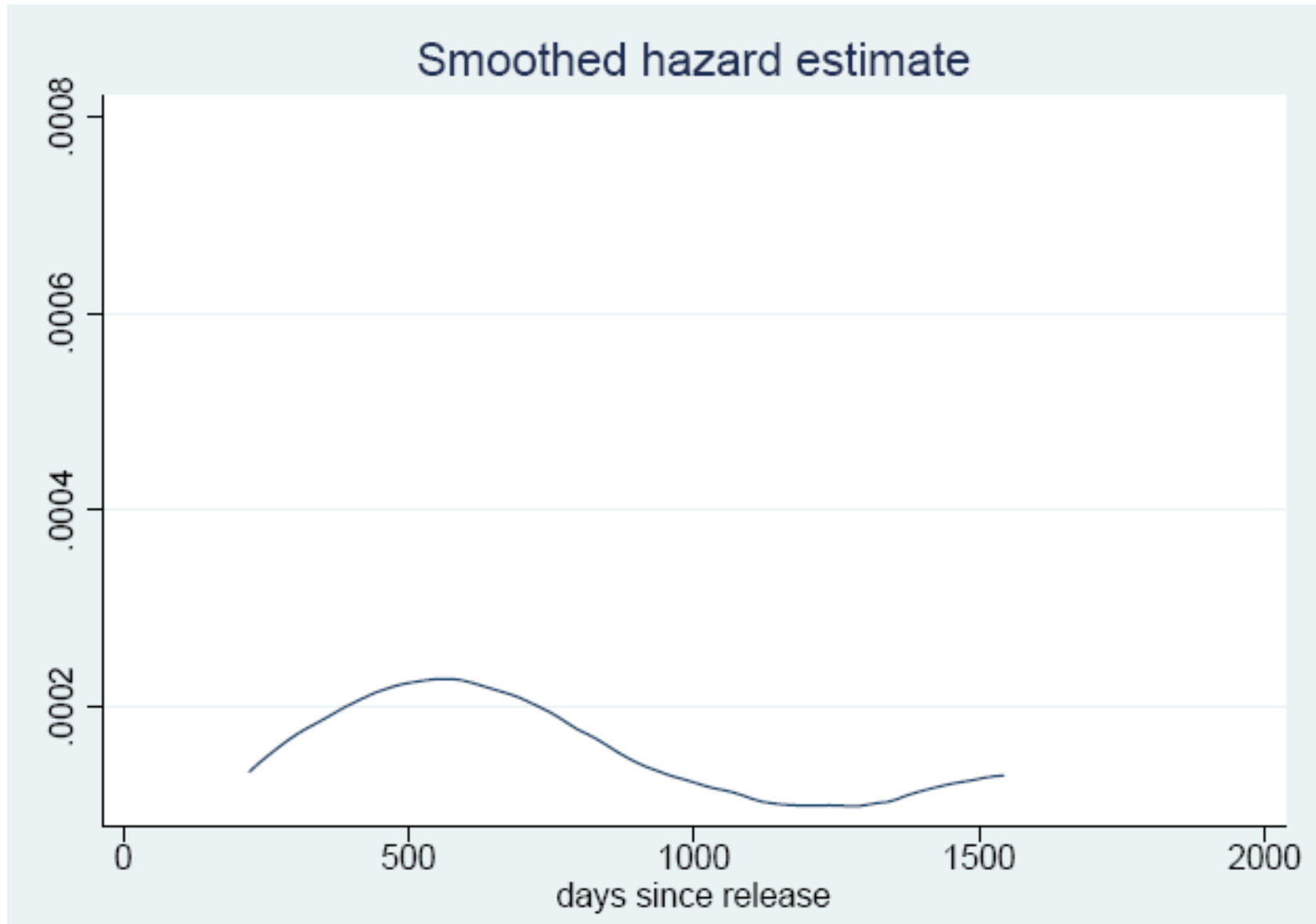
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