

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS COURTS PROBATION FACT SHEET

HOW PROBATION IS FUNDED



STATE MONEY



ILLINOIS SUPREME
COURT BUDGET



COUNTY PROBATION
DEPARTMENTS

The Chief Circuit Judge is the employer of the local probation and court services department. Probation is funded by a combination of local funding with State Reimbursement – through the Supreme Court’s budget – to counties for probation salaries. An adequate Supreme Court Budget is necessary to meet the reimbursement levels required by statute.

PROBATION BY THE NUMBERS

92,016

Adult (82,883) and juvenile (9,133) offenders on active supervision on December 31, 2018

30,124

Adult (29,122) and juvenile (1,002) probation cases that were transferred through Interstate Compact in 2018

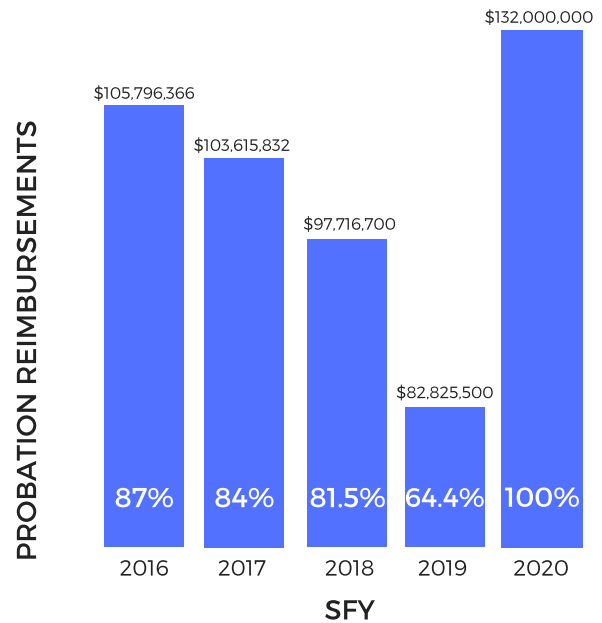
29,326

Adult (23,828) and juvenile (5,498) offenders completed their terms of probation early or successfully in 2018

54%

Percentage of medium and high risk adult (39,942) and juvenile (4,644) probationers on December 31, 2018

HISTORY OF SUPREME COURT FUNDING FOR COUNTY PROBATION REIMBURSEMENTS



FY2021 MAINTAIN FULL FUNDING =

\$141,758,865

100%

Percentage of Illinois' probation departments administering a validated risk assessment tool to measure risk factors and determine proper supervision of each adult and juvenile offender

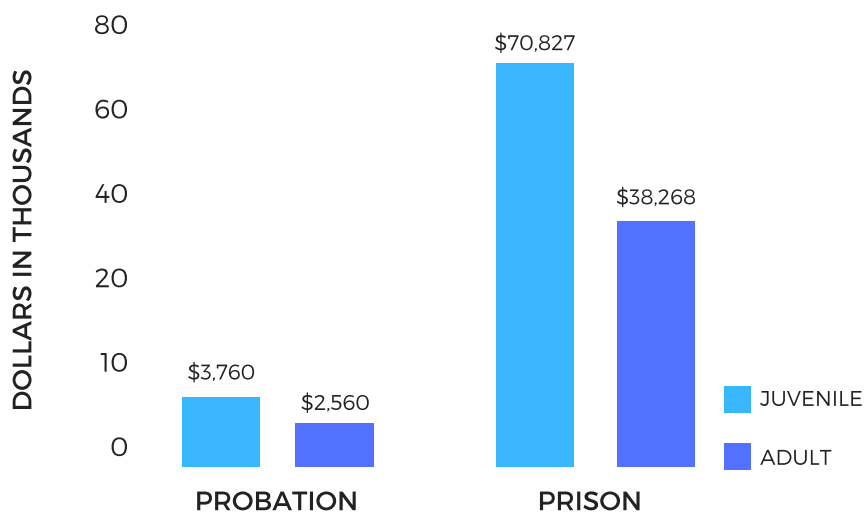
THE GOAL OF PROBATION

Probation is the most frequently used sentencing option utilized by the Illinois Courts. Probation and Court Services includes adult and juvenile probation, and pretrial services under the authority of the Supreme Court of Illinois. The Probation system **creates a safer Illinois** by effectively managing offenders under its supervision, while providing the courts with a **cost effective**, community-based **alternative to incarceration**.

ILLINOIS PROBATION OFFICERS

Approximately 3,100 trained probation and court services officers and managers working throughout Illinois' 102 counties responsible for providing supervision of offenders while promoting behavior change. Each officer undergoes a minimum of 40 hours of basic training on the skills, research, policies and best practices of probation and participate in a minimum of 20 hours of ongoing advanced training each year to refine their skills.

ANNUAL COST OF ILLINOIS PROBATION VS PRISON



82% cost savings over the Department of Corrections for the highest-risk adult probationer

90% cost savings over the Department of Juvenile Justice for the highest-risk youth probationer

\$10.4 Billion: estimated cost to house all adult probationers in the Department of Corrections for one year

\$4.7 Billion: estimated cost to house all juvenile probationers in the Department of Juvenile Justice for one year

ENSURING EFFECTIVE PROBATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

- **110** operational **problem solving courts**, including drug, Veteran, and mental health programs
- **14,604** active adult **pretrial supervision cases** monitored as of December 31, 2018
- **8,144** **adult sentencing investigations** and **12,140** **juvenile reports** were completed by probation officers to assist judges in determining probation conditions for appropriate sentencing
- **43,616** **pre-trial bond reports** were completed for the court, to assist judges in determining release conditions
- **1.7 Million+** **hours of public service** work was completed by probationers in Illinois

PROBATION IS THE ANSWER

A high percentage of criminal cases do not involve serious felonies or violent offenses. Probation offers a cost efficient and effective solution to work with citizens to address the very behaviors which lead them into violations of the law. Probation is the answer to **how to use taxpayer dollars more productively** because the vast majority of people being supervised remain in the community with their families as productive members of society, without the interruptions in their lives that incarceration causes. Research shows that probation helps to return the majority or people ordered to probation to useful citizenship without them committing new offenses.