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## **Judiciary Releases 2019 Annual Criminal Justice Reform Report**

New Jersey's jail population in the third year of Criminal Justice Reform (CJR) continued to consist largely of defendants accused of violent crimes or other serious offenses, according to [a report](#) released today by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

The 2019 Annual Report on Criminal Justice Reform measured the performance of New Jersey's pretrial criminal justice system in a number of critical areas. The results it found were similar to the results from the first two years of CJR. The unnecessary detention of low-risk defendants continued to decrease, according to the report, while the rate of new indictable criminal activity for defendants released pretrial remained low (less than 14 percent) and court appearance rates for pretrial defendants remained consistently high, just below 90 percent.

CJR began in New Jersey in January 2017, replacing a cash bail system that had stood for more than a century. Under the new system, the use of bail has been minimal.

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