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"RAPID ACCOUNTABILITY DOCKET" (*ACT 165 RAD*)

("ACCOUNTABILITY COURT/DOCKET")

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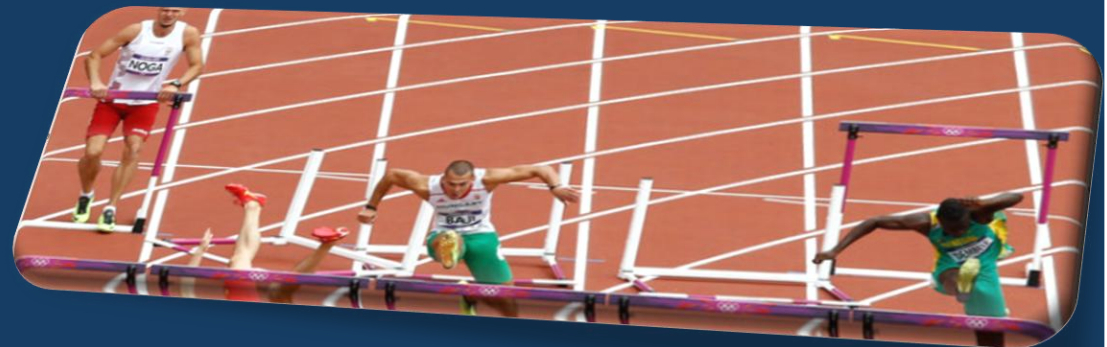
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From Pilot-Project to Statutory Docket (Act 165)

- (Oct 2025—June 2026 – 90 day surge events / temporary pilots
 - in **Chittenden** (Oct 25-Feb 26)
 - and **Rutland** (March 26-June 26)
 - have now been formalized under Act 165 (July-Oct 26) into a permanent statewide model (now in **Windham**).
- Core strategic goals: compress time between arrest, first appearance, and case resolution to interrupt repeat-offense cycles with direct human services access.
- System focus: high-volume repeat defendants who drive a disproportionate share of statewide backlog.

Dec. 2025 Context

- Defendants with **3+ pending cases** = **45% of all active dockets**
- **600 individuals with 5+ pending cases** (6% of defendants) account for **25% of total statewide caseload capacity**.



Treatment Court “Lite” Model

 **Chronic Docket Backlog:** Addresses repeat defendants stuck in the justice system with 3+ or 5+ active pending dockets.

 **Judicial Capacity Impact:** Frees court bandwidth to prioritize violent offenses and complex felony trials.

 **Downtown Vitality:** Based on data, focuses on retail theft, trespassing, and public safety issues in commercial districts.

 **Cross-Agency Coordination:** Syncs judiciary, prosecutors, public defense, and state human services.

 **Swift Timeline:** Reduces time between alleged offense and court appearance from months to same-week events.

 **Warm Handoffs:** Direct connection to Agency of Human Services (AHS) and DOC representatives in court.

RAD & Human Services

Site	Model	Strengths
Burlington	Two full-time clinical case managers dedicated to the court from local Designated Agency	Strong continuity, relationship-building, clinicians experienced with treatment court, immediate launch
Rutland	Master's-level clinician embedded from an FQHC, approximately 1.5 days/week in court with remaining time providing billable and non-billable services	Direct connection to primary care and dental health; very efficient use of existing clinician time (continued services post-grant)
Brattleboro	5 police liaisons ~1 day per week each, using the local Designated Agency's <i>Same Day Access</i> program (drop-in, Tues./Wed./Thurs. From 11-3)	Uses existing infrastructure for clinical work; rapid access without creating dedicated clinical court positions

Participant flow

- Court → service provider connection → follow-up → return to court → resolve charges

Engagement expectations

- Participation is voluntary; treatment is not court ordered.
- Every individual on the docket should be offered services.
- Every individual should be screened for health-related social needs, barriers, and ways for connecting people to services.

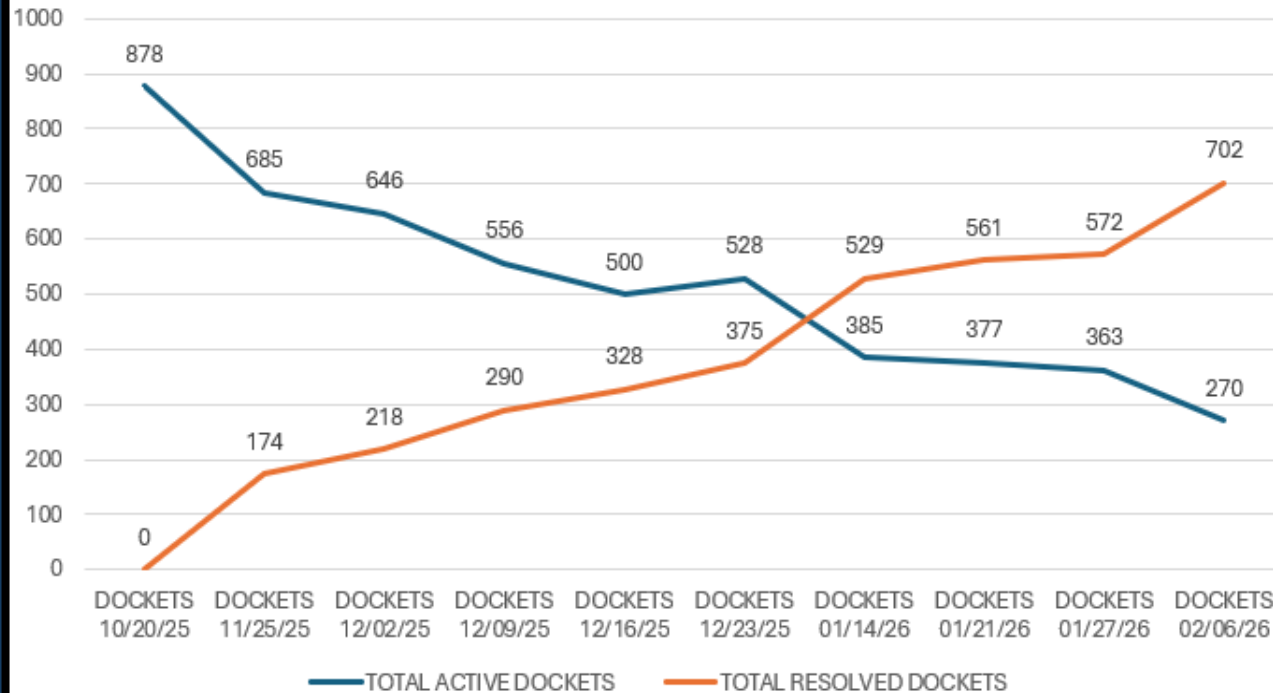
Communication protocols

- Release of Information
- Data tracking
- Coordination across partners



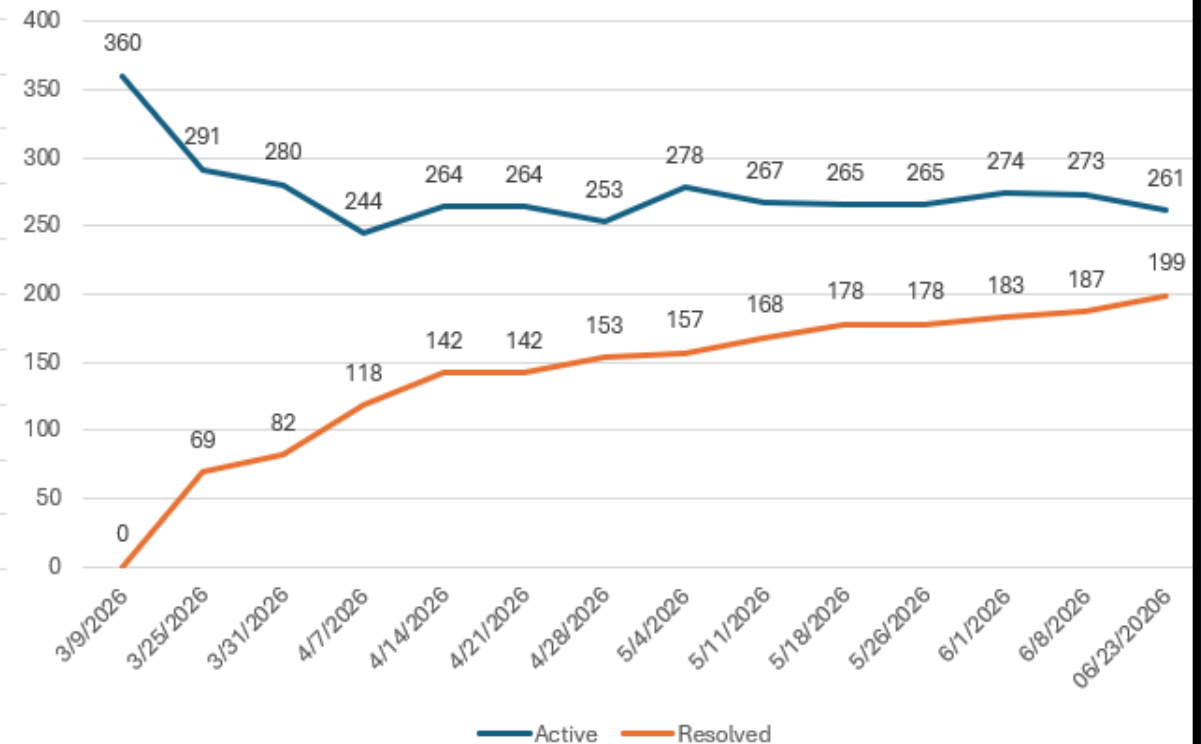
Comparing Metrics: Chittenden to Rutland

Chitt-Co: Active vs Resolved Docket Over Time



Clearance Rate: 330%
Average Resolution Rate: 78
Active Caseload Change: -69.2%

Rut-Co: Active vs Resolved Docket Over Time

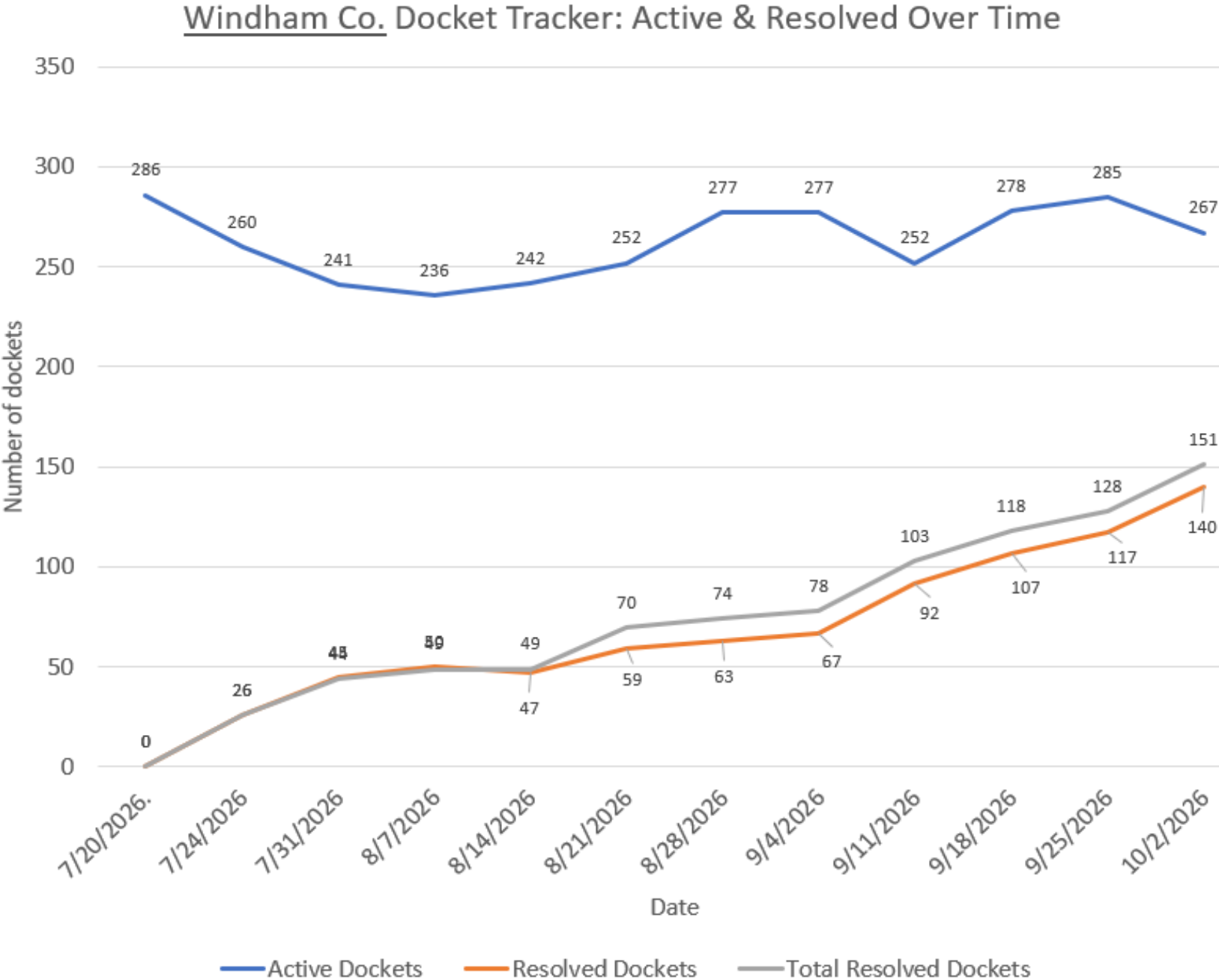


Clearance Rate: 199%
Average Resolution Rate: 15.3
Active Caseload Change: -27.5%

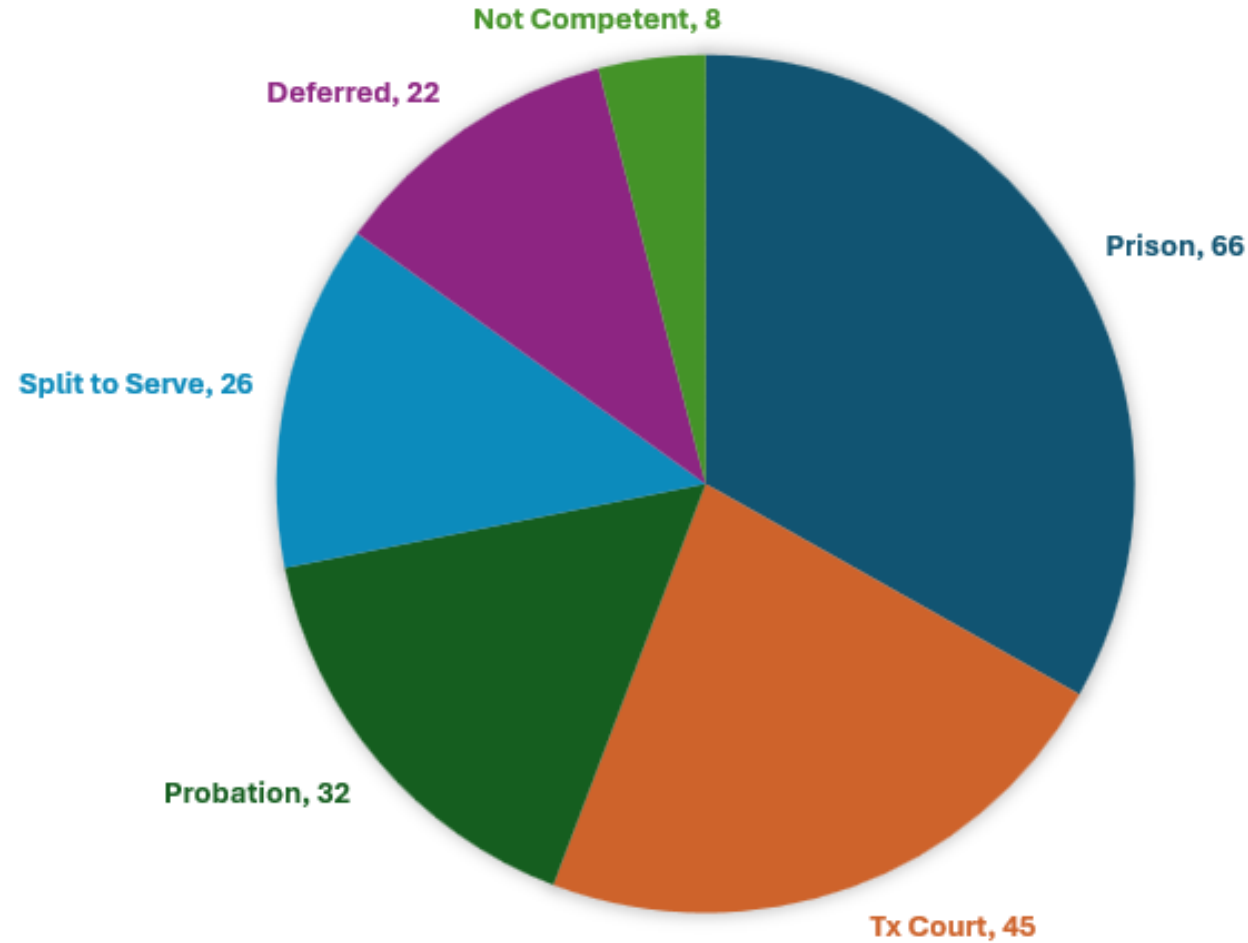
Active and Resolved Dockets Over Time

Average: 13.7 dockets closed per week

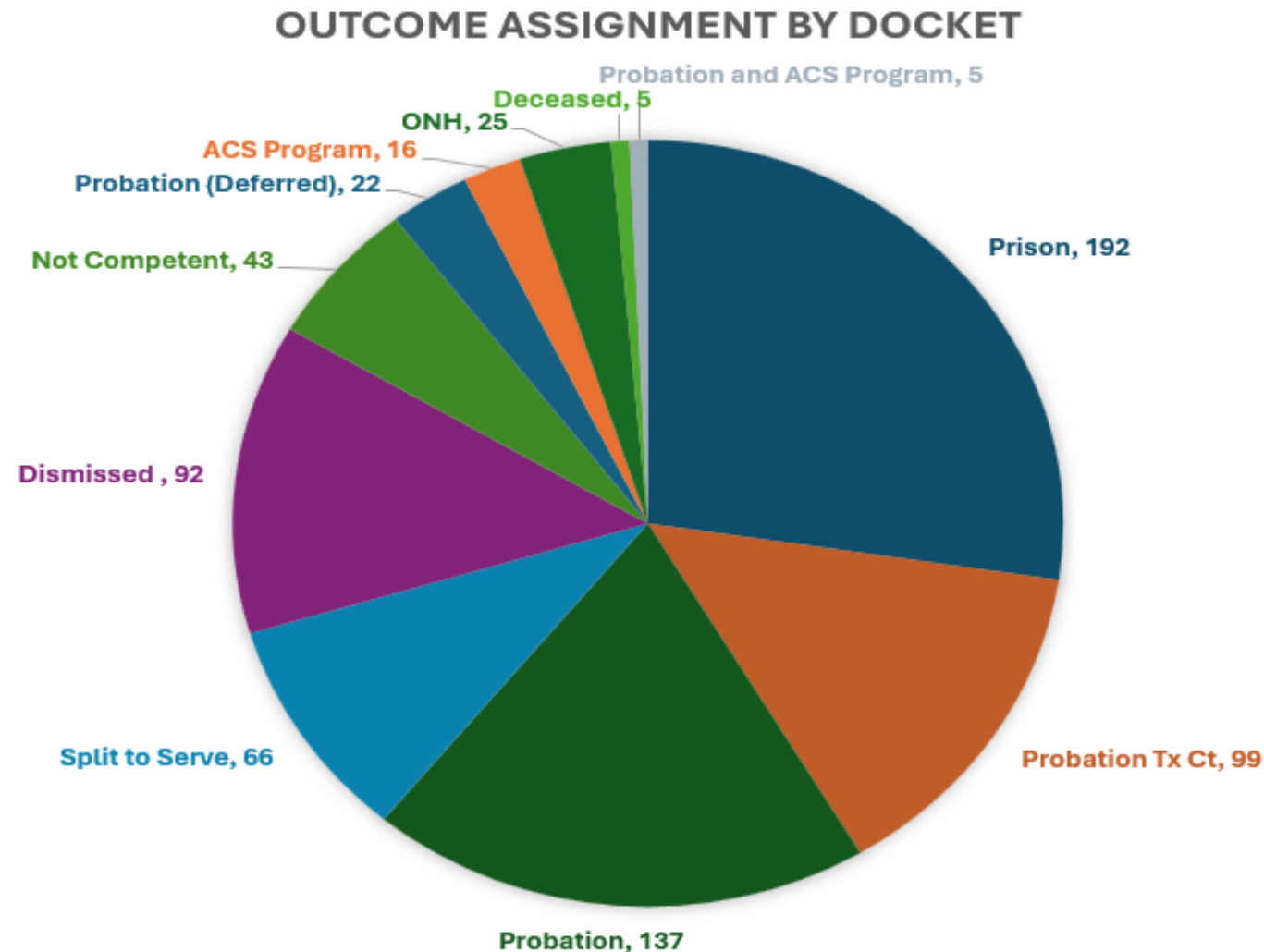
Note: three individuals whose cases were resolved early on have since reoffended and returned to active status, representing 11 dockets, as shown by the ‘total resolved dockets’ line in gray. This ‘total resolved dockets’ metric is used to calculate average dockets closed each week.



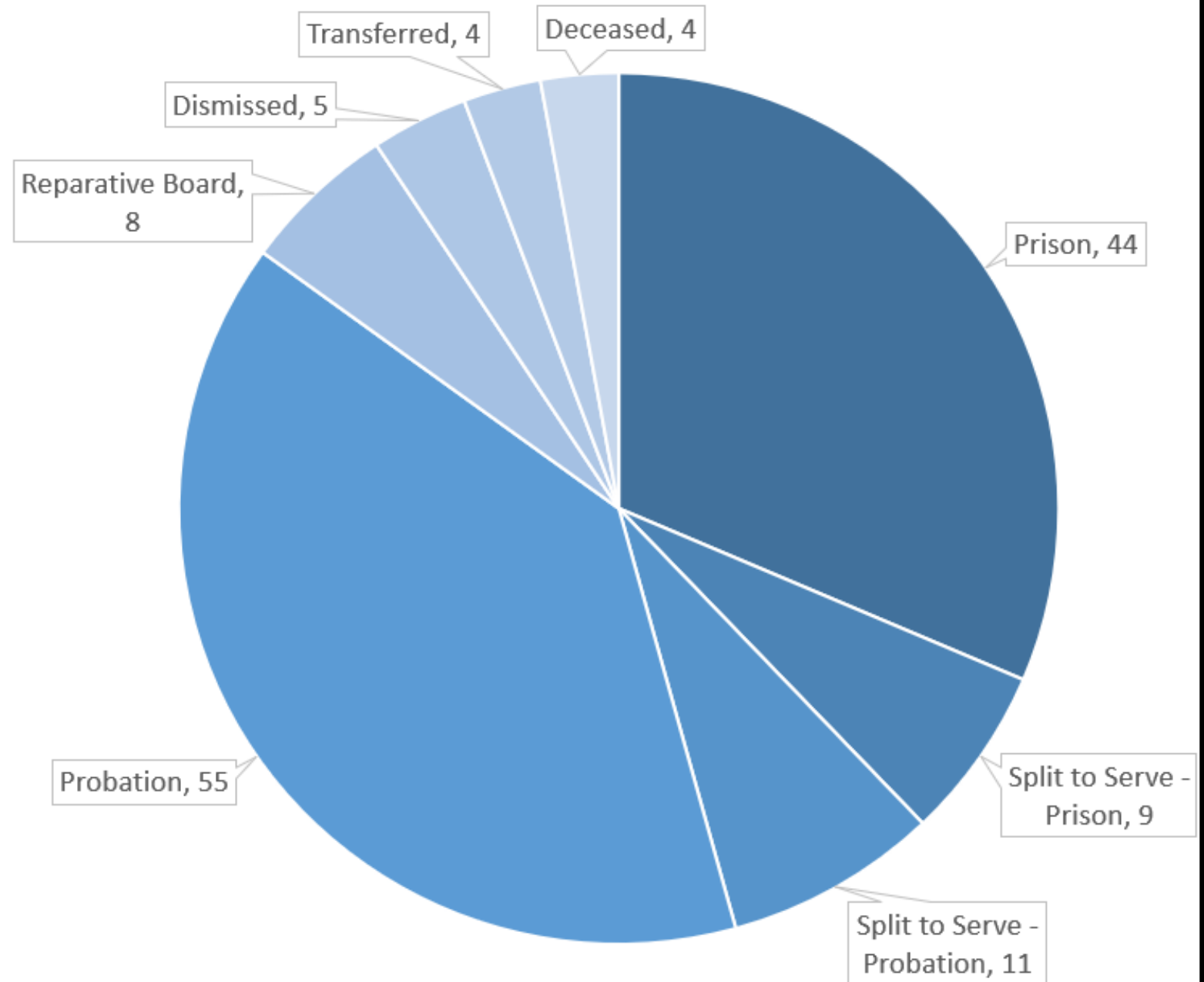
Rutland Outcome Assignment by Docket



Chitt. Co. Outcome Assignment by Docket



Windham Co.
Case Outcome
Assignments
(By Docket)
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Rutland Accountability Docket (Pilot #2)

- **Misdemeanors Over Goal:** Reduced by nearly **50%**. These cases frequently involve low-level public order offenses that previously faced significant delays. With the additional time and resources provided by the pilot program, these cases are now being resolved in a timely manner.
- **Felonies Over Goal:** Reduced by **38.9%**. As felonies represent the most serious charges, this reduction directly translates to faster resolution and timely justice for victims and the public.
- **Total Docket Case Count:** Decreased by **21%** overall (inclusive of probation violations).
- **Ongoing Oversight:** Accelerated resolutions were achieved without sacrificing public safety. As noted during project reviews, many resolutions included continued Department of Corrections (DOC) supervision for participating individuals.
- **Fiscal Responsibility & Logistics:** The Rutland County SAO executed the pilot program using existing personnel without incurring overtime expenditures. Additionally, the SAS Transport Program via the Rutland County Sheriff's Department successfully transported all detained individuals. SAS is still in the process of analyzing data but it is presumed that overtime funds were utilized to support transportation to and from the pilot program.



Streamline case flow and provide timely resolutions

A key goal: to streamline justice by establishing dedicated flexible and fluid scheduling (“see you in two days”)—working to eliminate standard 30/60/90-day delays for persons with 3 or 5 or more dockets with immediate post-arraignment scheduling—while embedding Service Providers, AHS, and Designated Agencies directly into hearings via unified information sharing.



Community Safety

Restores public confidence and economic vitality in downtown centers by addressing visible street-level property and safety offenses.



Recidivism Interruption

Breaks chronic cycles of offense by coupling immediate judicial appearance with direct access to substance use and mental health support.



Judicial Efficiency

Substantially reduces caseload pressure on judges, state's attorneys, and public defenders, allowing focus on serious criminal matters.

Chittenden County (Pilot)—Fall 2025—early spring 2026

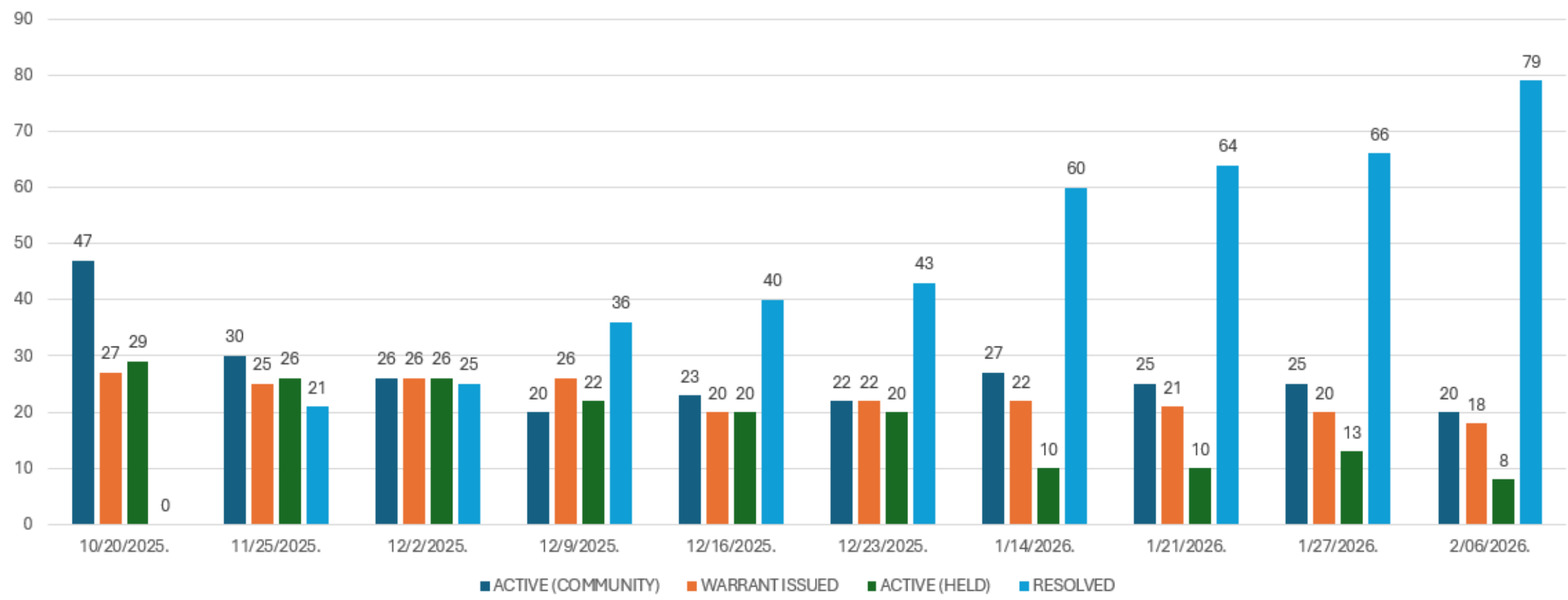
Rutland County (Pilot)—Spring 2026—Summer 2026

Windham County (Act 165 docket)
Summer—Fall 2026

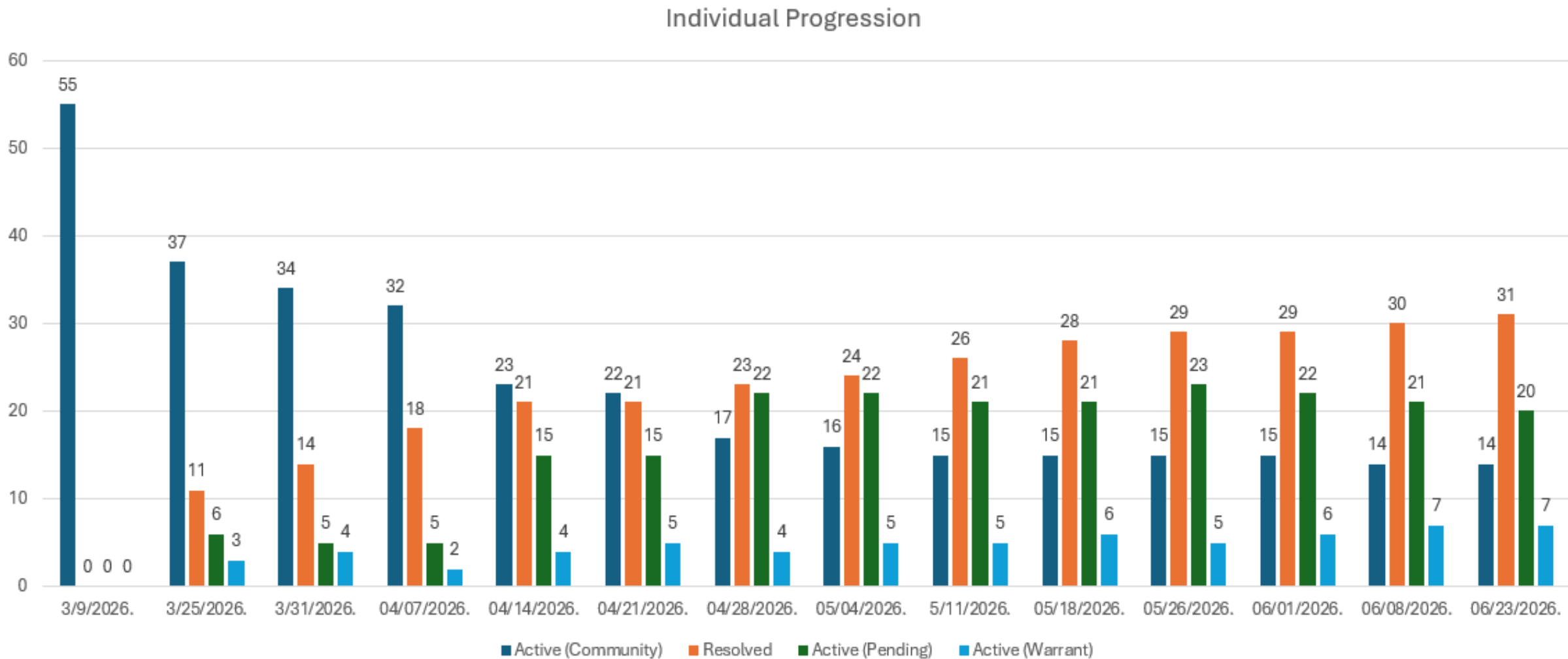


Chitt. Co. Individual Def. Progression

Individual Offender by Status Over Time



Rutland Individual Def. Progression



Windham Co. Involvement & Results by Individual (cont.)

