



National Center for Victims of Crime Survey Results

1. Do you have bail bondsmen in your state?
 - Yes 76%
 - No 24%

2. If your state has bail bondsmen, do you interact with them in your professional capacity as a victim service provider?
 - Yes 5%
 - No 80%
 - I am not a victim service provider 15%

3. Does your local jurisdiction (town, city, county) offer pretrial services for victims?
 - Yes 75%
 - No 8%
 - Unsure 17%

4. If your local jurisdiction offers pre-trial services for victims, do you interact with them in a professional capacity as a victim service provider?
 - Yes 60%
 - No 25%
 - I am not a victim service provider 15%

5. Were you aware that, in addition to a general presumption of innocence, there is also a presumption of pretrial release of defendants?
 - Yes 75%
 - No 25%

6. Who makes the decision whether a defendant is eligible for pre-trial release? (please check all that apply)
 - Trial judge 42%
 - Arraignment judge 80%
 - Administrative law judge 10%
 - Prosecutor 23%
 - Victim advocate 2%

7. The decision of whether a defendant is eligible for pretrial release is based upon information. Where does this information come from? (please check all that apply)
- Prosecutor 90%
 - Defense attorney 75%
 - Victim 49%
 - Defendant 56%
 - Victim advocate 30%
8. What effect does the presumption that defendants are eligible for pretrial release have on victims?
- Good for victims 4%
 - Bad for victims 93%
9. Do you think that presumption has led to decreased safety of victims?
- Yes, frequently 54%
 - Yes, but rarely 34%
 - No 10%
 - No effect 2%
10. Do you think that victims, either personally or through their advocates, should have an opportunity to offer their opinion regarding the pre-trial release of the defendant?
- Yes 93%
 - No 3%
 - Unsure 4%
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- Yes 93%
 - No 3%
 - Unsure 4%
12. Would it be helpful if victims received automated notification when:

	YES	NO	Perhaps	Don't know
...a defendant misses a court appearance	81%	5%	13%	1%
...a defendant misses a scheduled check-in with a bail agent?	67%	7%	21%	5%
...a defendant has skipped and is being pursued by a bail agent or recovery agent?	89%	3%	6%	2%
...a defendant has been located by a bail agent or recovery agent?	87%	3%	7%	2%
...a defendant has been taken into custody and/or surrendered to law enforcement by a bail agent or recovery agent?	94%	2%	3%	1%