



# LEGAL DATA AND DESIGN CLINIC

## Domestic Violence and Pretrial Incarceration: Baltimore City Courtroom 5

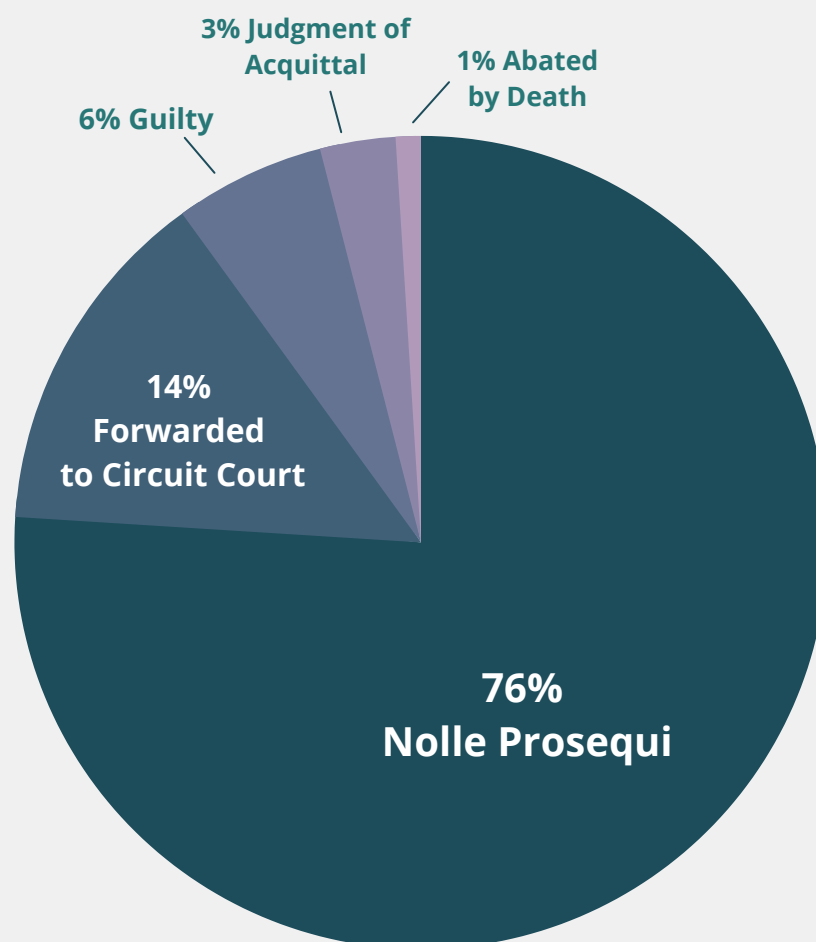
*Accompanying infographic for interim report*

The University of Baltimore School of Law's Legal Data and Design Clinic (LDDC) conducted a study to capture a representative sample of domestic violence/intimate partner violence cases in Baltimore City for an 11 day period. This resulted in 108 cases for 91 individuals, which the LDDC is tracking through trial. As of 4/23/2021, 94 of the 108 cases collected during the 11 day period were followed through to trial outcomes. The LDDC's findings on on Nolle Prosequi dispositions for defendants held without bail are highlighted here. For complete findings and description of methodology, see Domestic Violence and Pretrial Incarceration: Baltimore City Courtroom 5, Interim Report of Findings as of April 23, 2021 at <https://blogs.ubalt.edu/legaldatadesign/our-work-highlights>.

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### Trial Outcomes for Defendants Released and Held Without Bail

*(as of April 23, 2021)*





28.5 days is the average number of days spent in jail for Defendants who were held without bail and reached a Nolle Prosequi disposition.

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## Nolle Prosequi Outcomes for Defendants who were Released and Held Without Bail



91% of **RELEASED** defendants reached a Nolle Prosequi disposition



57% of defendants **HELD WITHOUT BAIL** reached a Nolle Prosequi disposition



Academic research has shown that domestic violence correlates with unemployment and trauma. Excessive and unnecessary incarceration for defendants whose charges are ultimately dropped feeds these cycles of poverty and trauma, and does not reduce domestic violence.

*\*See generally Leigh Goodmark, Should Domestic Violence be Decriminalized?, 40 Harvard Journal of Law and Gender 53 (2017).*

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The preceding statistics are based on trial outcomes as of 4/23/2021. This sample study is ongoing and the LDDC will continue to track the remaining cases from the 11 day period until May 21, 2021. After all cases have been tracked, the LDDC will publish a final report that will be available on the clinic's website at <https://blogs.ubalt.edu/legaldatadesign/our-work-highlights>.