

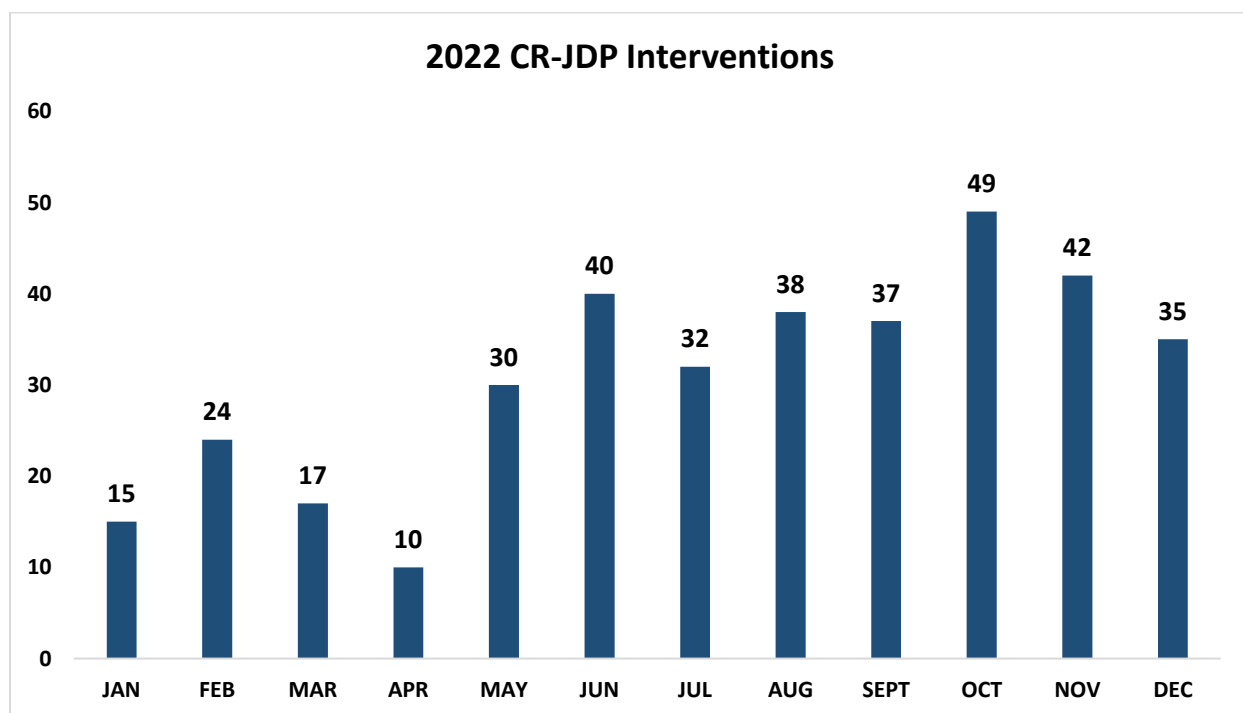
Franklin-Medway Diversion Program 2022 Annual Report

The Franklin-Medway Co-Response Jail Diversion Program (CR-JDP) was launched in 2018 and pairs a specially trained crisis clinician from Advocates Inc with police officers at the Franklin and Medway Police Departments. The embedded clinician responds to calls for service and 911 calls with patrol officers providing immediate on-scene de-escalation, assessment, and referrals for individuals in crisis. The primary goal of the Franklin-Medway CR-JDP is to re-direct individuals committing non-violent offences out of the criminal justice system and into more appropriate community based behavioral health services.

CR-JDP Interventions

On-scene crisis interventions are facilitated through the dual response of police and clinician to calls for service involving individuals in crisis. Chart 1 represents the **369** individuals referred to the Franklin-Medway Co-Response Jail Diversion Program clinician by Franklin and Medway police officers in 2022.

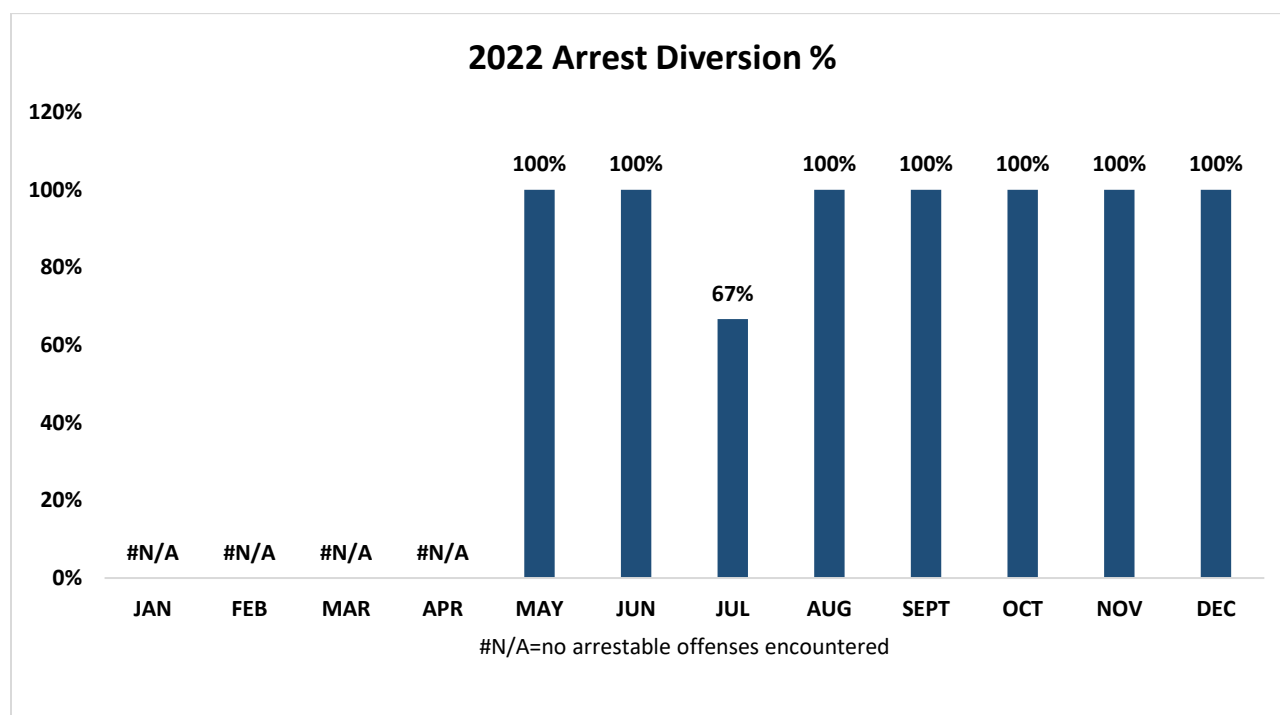
Chart 1: Franklin-Medway Co-Response Interventions



Diversions from Arrest

The primary goal of the Franklin-Medway Co-Response Jail Diversion Program is to divert low-level offenders away from the criminal justice system and into more appropriate, community-based behavioral health treatment. In 2022, a total of **13** individuals with behavioral health conditions were diverted from arrest by Franklin and Medway police officers and into treatment facilitated by the CR-JDP clinician. The average percentage of those eligible for arrest diversion who were diverted is **96%**. Chart 2 represents the percentage of diversions from arrest by month.

Chart 2: Franklin-Medway CR-JDP Arrest Diversions



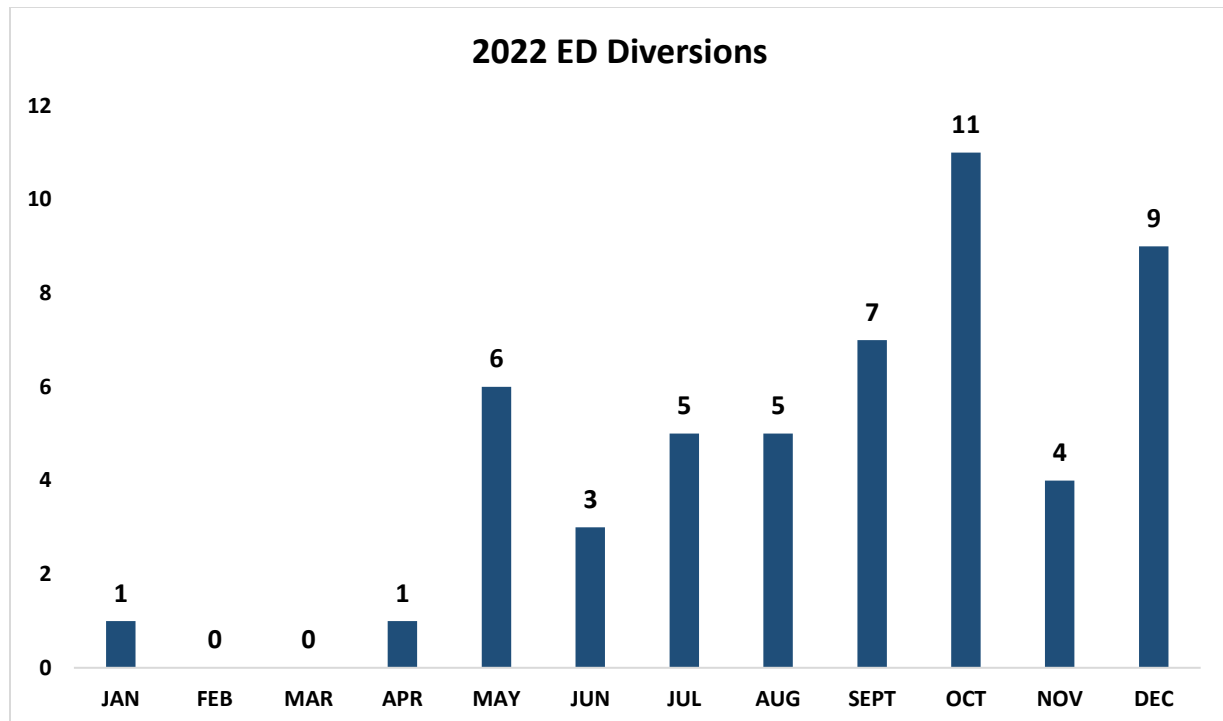
In addition to the benefit of diverting individuals in crisis from arrest, these diversions represent an *estimated* cost savings of **\$38,870*** to the criminal justice system (\$2,990 per arrest event).

Diversions from the Emergency Department

A secondary goal of the Franklin-Medway Co-Response Jail Diversion Program is to decrease the frequency of individuals with behavioral health conditions being referred to the hospital emergency department (ED) for psychiatric assessment by Franklin-Medway police officers. In 2022, **52** individuals were diverted from unnecessary hospital admissions due to the presence

of a CR-JDP clinician on scene to facilitate assessment treatment recommendations. Chart 3 represents the monthly hospital ED diversions facilitated by the Franklin-Medway CR-JDP team.

Chart 3: Franklin-Medway Emergency Department Diversions



In addition to the benefits of receiving care outside of the hospital, these emergency department diversions represent *estimated* health care cost savings of **\$140,400*** (\$2,700 per ED diversion).

Combined, estimated cost savings due to arrest and emergency department diversion activity equals **\$179,270.***.

Thank you for a year of partnership!

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*Cost-saving formulas represented in this report are cited based on the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health Jail and Arrest Diversion Grant Program FY 2021 Annual Report. The report is available here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/fy2021-jail-and-arrest-diversion-program-annual-report/download>