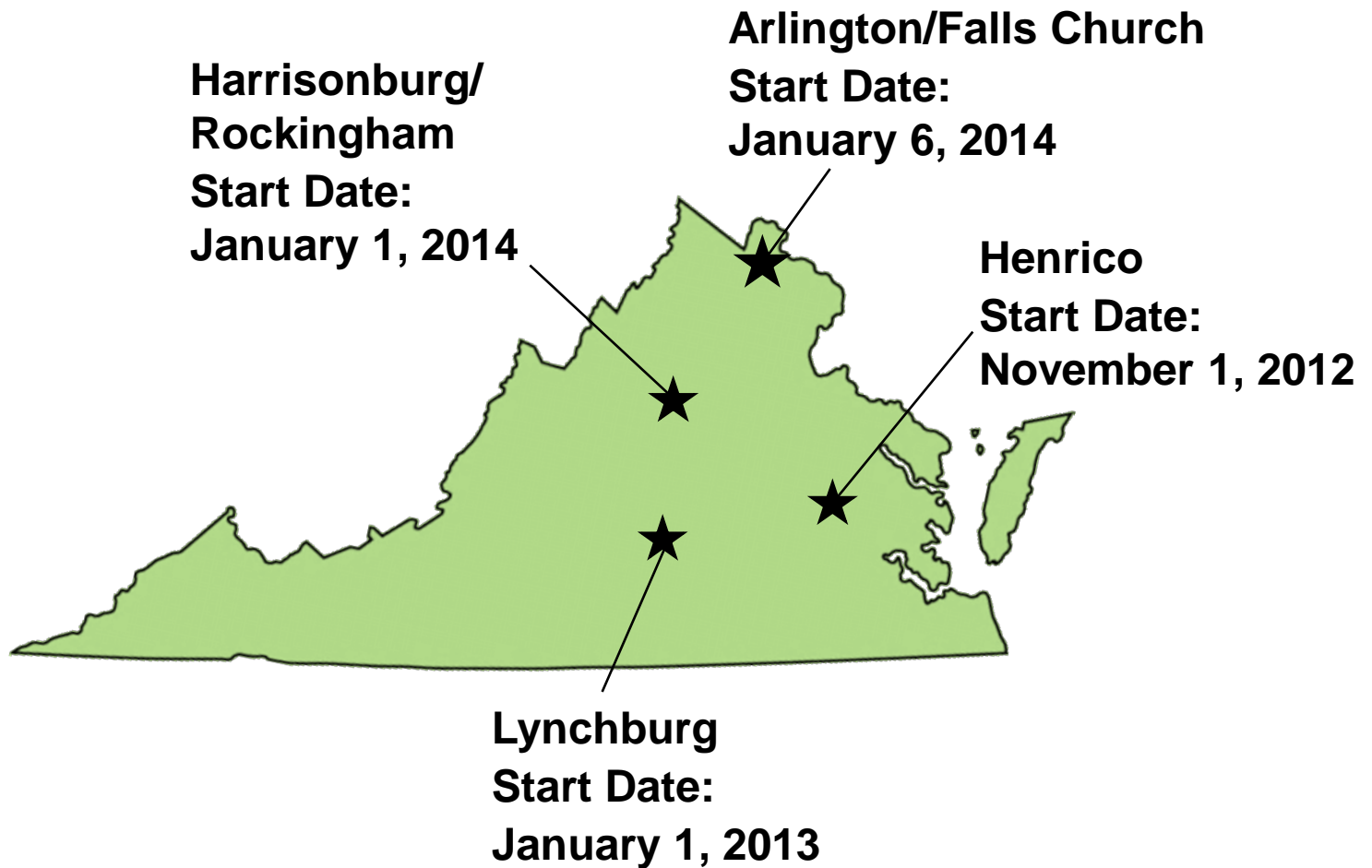


# Immediate Sanction Probation Pilot Project



Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission  
April 4, 2016

# Immediate Sanction Probation Pilot Sites



# 2015 Acts of Assembly

## Item 47 of Chapter 665 (Budget Bill)

### Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission

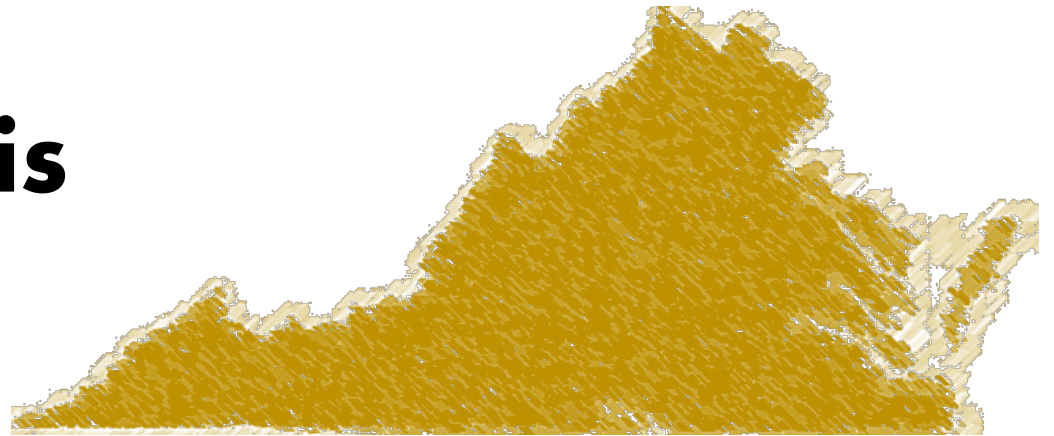
~~B.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 19.2-303.5, Code of Virginia, the provisions of that section shall not expire on July 1, 2012, but shall continue in effect until July 1, 2015, and may be implemented in up to four sites.~~

**2.B. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, with the concurrence of the chief judge of the circuit court and the Commonwealth's attorney of the locality, shall designate each immediate sanction probation program site. The Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission shall develop guidelines and procedures for implementing the program, administer the program, and evaluate the results of the program. As part of its administration of the program, the commission shall designate a standard, validated substance abuse assessment instrument to be used by probation and parole districts to assess probationers subject to the immediate sanction probation program. The commission shall also determine outcome measures and collect data for evaluation of the results of the program at the designated sites. The commission shall present a report on the implementation of the immediate sanction probation program, including recidivism results to the Chief Justice, Governor, and the Chairmen of the House and Senate Courts of Justice Committees, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee by November 1, 2016.**



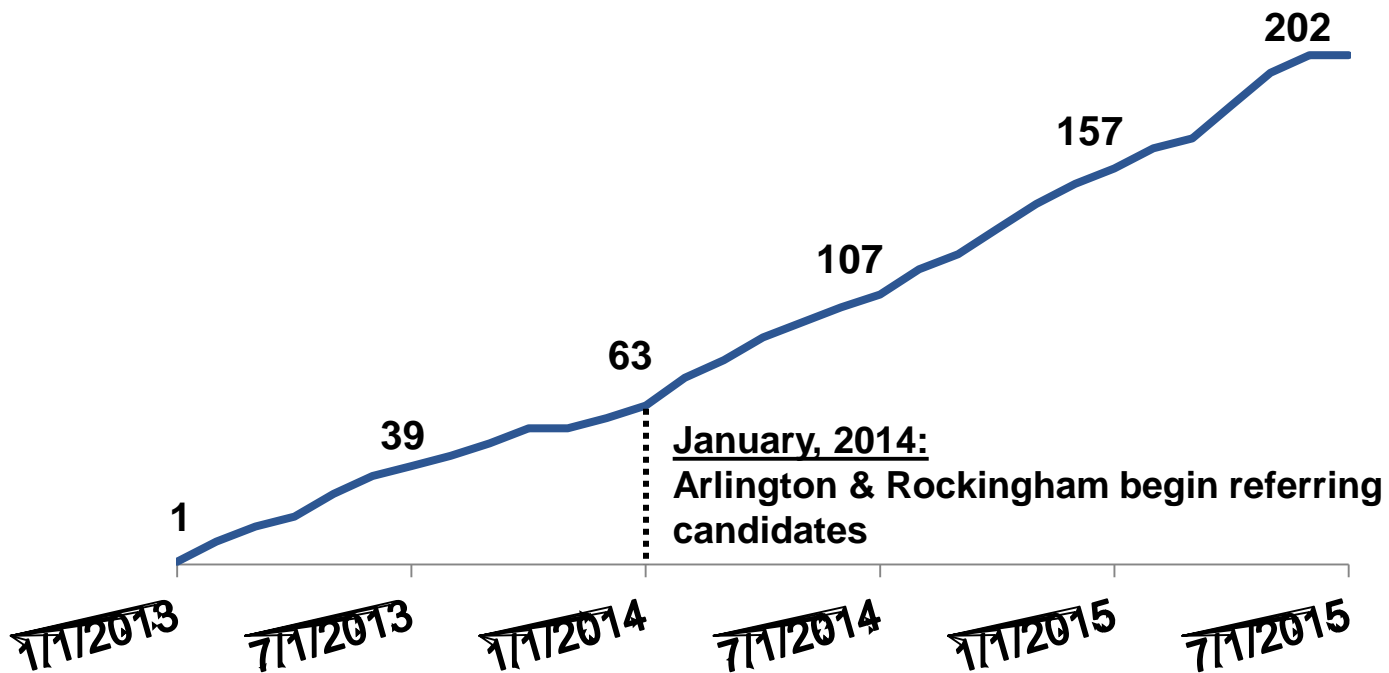
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# Report/Analysis



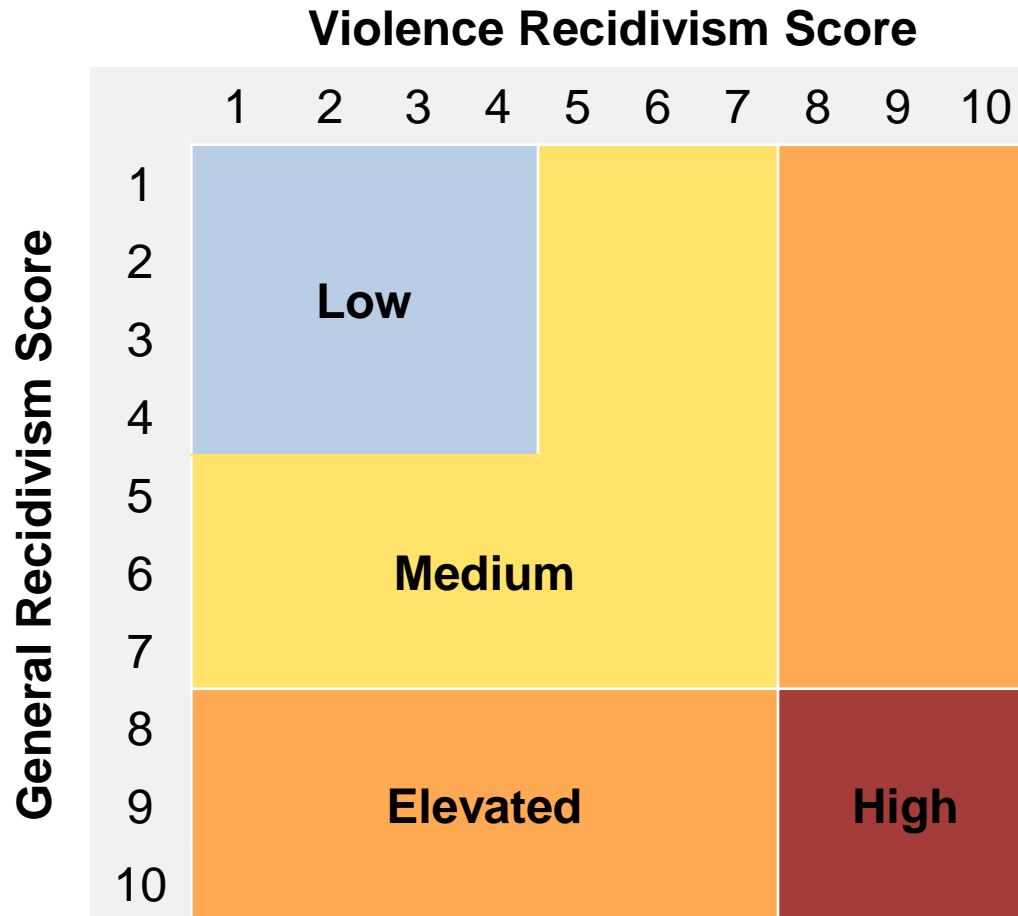
# Analysis Plan

- Focus on individuals who had been placed in the program by June 30, 2015, and track recidivism results.



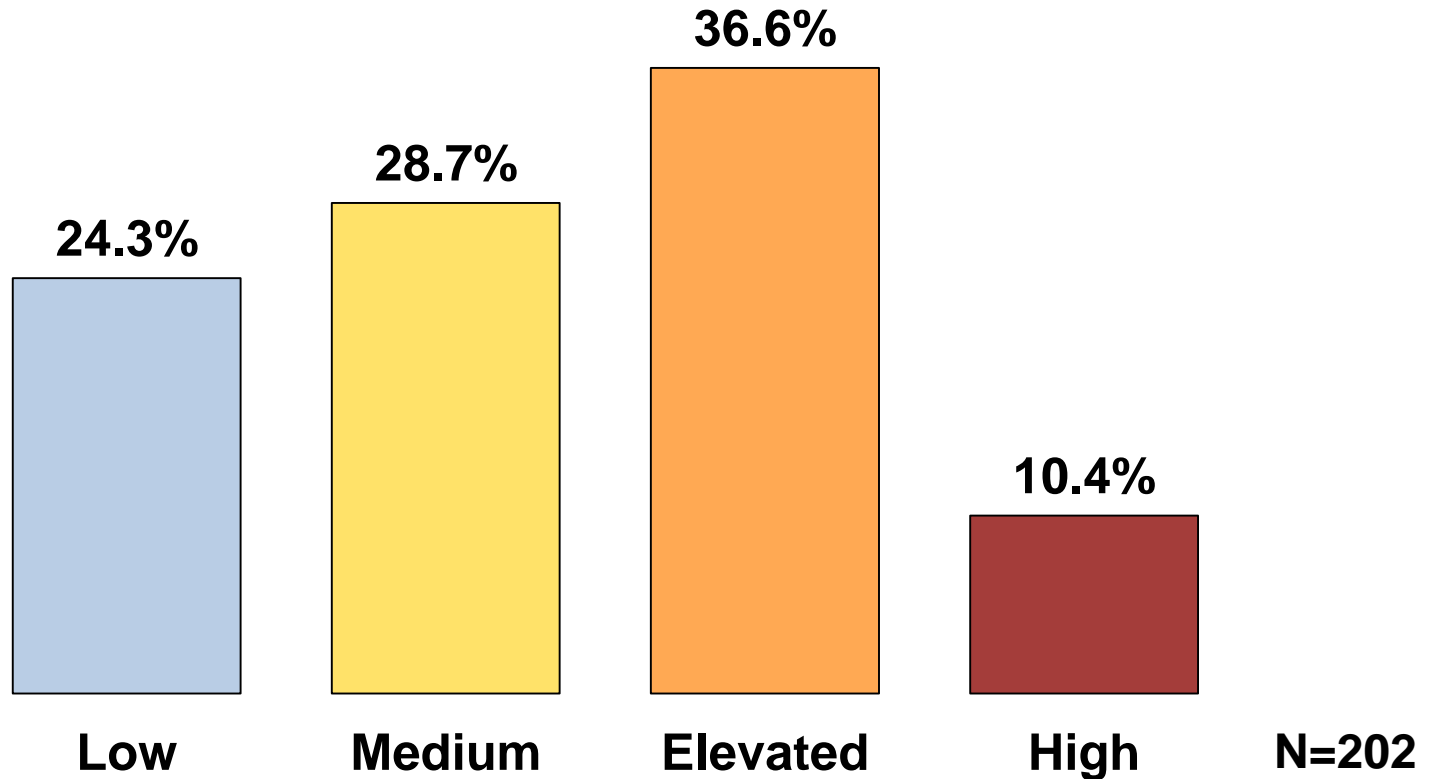
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## COMPAS Recidivism Risk Scales and Classification

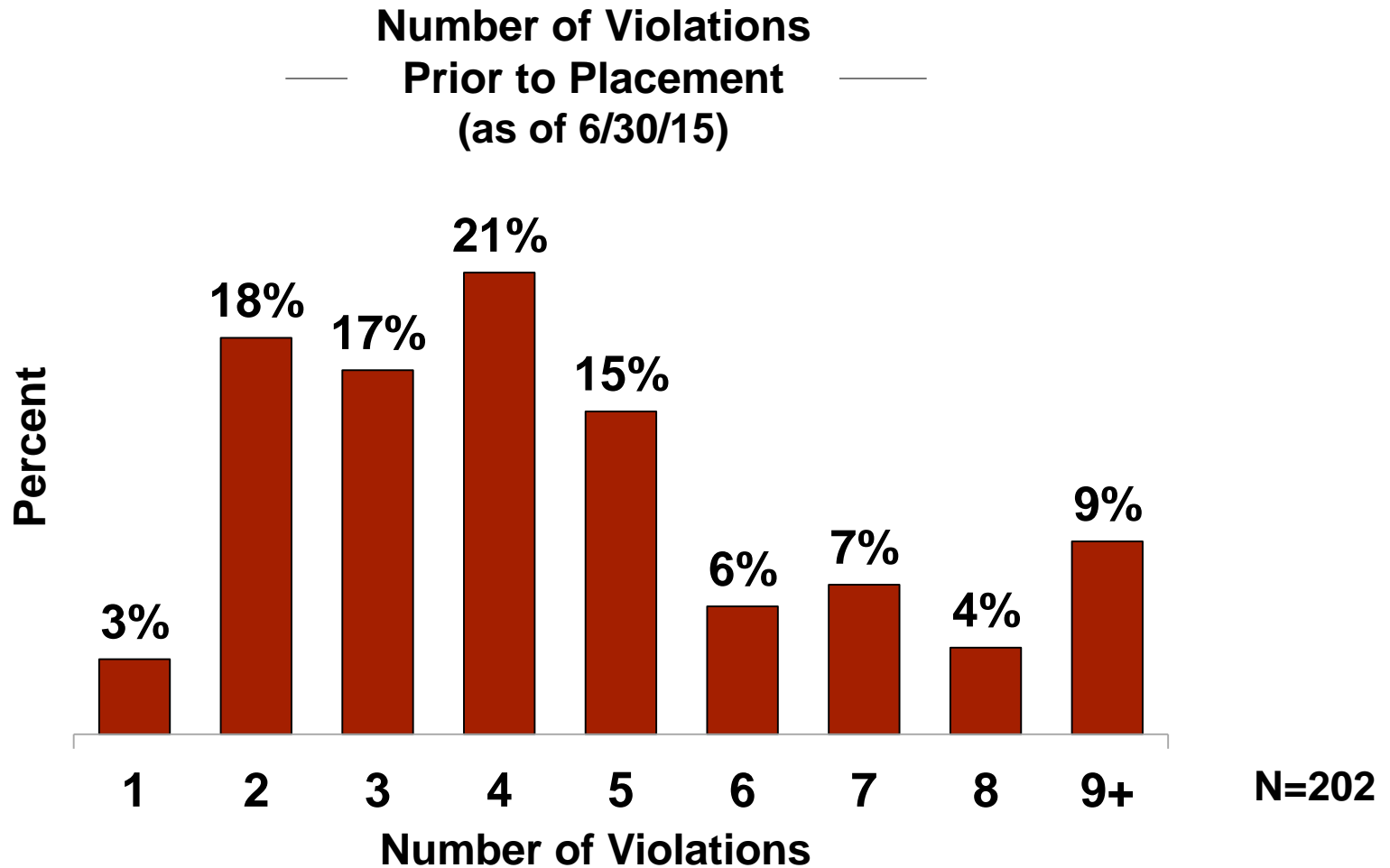


# Evaluation Cohort

## Recidivism Risk Level for Offenders Placed in the Program by June 30, 2015



# Evaluation Cohort



Note: Includes each separate violation cited in the Major Violation Report submitted to the court





# Analysis Plan

- **The program is designed to target probationers who are at higher risk of reoffending and/or failing probation.**
  - **Construct a matched comparison group:**
    - **Select a comparison probation district**
      - **Similar community characteristics, length of probation supervision, frequency of drug screens, drugs of abuse, probation officers' familiarity with Motivational Interviewing, etc.**
    - **Within the comparison district, select offenders who are similar to offenders in the pilot program**
      - **Similar demographic characteristics, criminal record, number of prior probation revocations, probation status, primary drug of abuse, risk level, etc.**



# Analysis Plan

- **Multiple measures of recidivism will be collected for program participants and the comparison group:**
  - **Any new arrest**
  - **New felony arrest**
  - **Any new conviction**
  - **New felony conviction**
  
- **Other measures of interest:**
  - **Number of subsequent violations (e.g., positive drug screens, skipped appointments, etc.)**
  - **Revocation**
  - **Use of jail and prison beds**



# Upcoming Activities

**Ongoing**

**Continue data entry for participants**

**Spring 2016**

**Work with DOC to identify suitable comparison group using statistical matching techniques**

**Prepare data to request “rap sheets” from VSP**

**Summer/Fall 2016**

**Match offenders to rap sheet data to identify new arrests/convictions**

**Match offenders to other data sources to identify subsequent probation revocations**



## Upcoming Activities, cont.

**Fall 2016**

**Conduct multivariate regression to determine if program participation is associated with lower recidivism rates**

**Examine other measures of interest**

**October 17, 2016**

**Provide draft report to Commission members**

**November 1, 2016**

**Due date for report**

