

Bond Analysis – Cases that do not post bond

Background

Cases with pre-disposition¹ bond records in District and County court covering a three-year period pre- and post- H.B.13-1236 (1/1/2011 to 12/31/2013 and 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2016) were extracted from Judicial Branch’s ICON system. Denver County court cases were not available.

Cases can contain many bond records, due to bond reduction/increase events, or new arrests. The following rules were used to analyze a single bond record per case:

1. The first posted bond record was selected. If bond was not posted, the first bond record was selected (excluding “No Bond” records).
2. Bond records contain a “set type” and a “post type”. If the bond set type was blank but the post type was available, the post type was used for bond set type.

“Posted” below includes Cash/Surety/Property cases with a bond posted date, and PR bond cases. Cases also had to have an arrest date present to be counted. This is to ensure that the person was actually in custody before counting them as not posting bond. In Felony cases, 97% had an arrest date present. In Misdemeanor/Traffic cases, 75% had an arrest date present.

Note that failure to post bond may be due to factors other than the inability to pay the bond amount. For example the defendant may have other cases that prevent their release.

Table 1. Cases by posted bond, pre- and post-H.B.13-1236

Case Type	Pre		Post	
	%	N	%	N
Misdemeanor/Traffic	62%	157,460	60%	170,725
Not posted	21%	32,728	17%	29,745
Posted	79%	124,732	83%	140,980
Felony	38%	95,154	40%	115,502
Not posted	37%	34,901	34%	38,875
Posted	63%	60,253	66%	76,627
Total	100%	252,614	100%	286,227

Data source: Court records were extracted from Judicial Branch’s Integrated Colorado Online Network (ICON) information management system via the Colorado Justice Analytics Support System (CJASS) and analyzed by DCJ/ORS. *Excludes Denver County court.

¹ Includes felony, misdemeanor, and traffic cases. Excludes juvenile delinquency cases.

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Table 2. Felony cases by posted bond and Judicial District, pre- and post-H.B.13-1236

Judicial District	Pre		Post	
	%	N	%	N
1	9%	8,950	9%	10,333
Not posted	35%	3,124	37%	3,819
Posted	65%	5,826	63%	6,514
2	13%	12,782	15%	16,765
Not posted	46%	5,846	33%	5,550
Posted	54%	6,936	67%	11,215
3	1%	1,018	1%	840
Not posted	19%	198	25%	206
Posted	81%	820	75%	634
4	14%	13,262	15%	17,412
Not posted	37%	4,904	42%	7,255
Posted	63%	8,358	58%	10,157
5	2%	1,784	2%	2,031
Not posted	23%	404	23%	464
Posted	77%	1,380	77%	1,567
6	1%	1,420	1%	1,669
Not posted	27%	386	20%	339
Posted	73%	1,034	80%	1,330
7	2%	1,509	1%	1,710
Not posted	25%	381	20%	350
Posted	75%	1,128	80%	1,360
8	6%	5,531	6%	6,599
Not posted	31%	1,731	32%	2,140
Posted	69%	3,800	68%	4,459
9	2%	1,577	1%	1,714
Not posted	29%	461	20%	351
Posted	71%	1,116	80%	1,363
10	5%	4,745	5%	6,174
Not posted	46%	2,191	38%	2,364
Posted	54%	2,554	62%	3,810
11	2%	1,615	2%	1,978
Not posted	34%	553	30%	597
Posted	66%	1,062	70%	1,381
12	2%	1,577	2%	2,074
Not posted	30%	469	25%	525
Posted	70%	1,108	75%	1,549
13	2%	1,854	2%	2,008
Not posted	34%	625	28%	570

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Judicial District	Pre		Post	
	%	N	%	N
Posted	66%	1,229	72%	1,438
14	1%	1,106	1%	1,152
Not posted	25%	279	20%	225
Posted	75%	827	80%	927
15	1%	559	1%	700
Not posted	17%	97	25%	178
Posted	83%	462	75%	522
16	1%	718	1%	919
Not posted	16%	114	17%	160
Posted	84%	604	83%	759
17	10%	9,980	10%	11,394
Not posted	37%	3,685	36%	4,052
Posted	63%	6,295	64%	7,342
18	10%	9,562	10%	11,817
Not posted	38%	3,677	30%	3,569
Posted	62%	5,885	70%	8,248
19	6%	5,530	6%	6,699
Not posted	44%	2,426	37%	2,496
Posted	56%	3,104	63%	4,203
20	6%	5,412	5%	5,860
Not posted	38%	2,066	36%	2,108
Posted	62%	3,346	64%	3,752
21	4%	4,055	4%	4,918
Not posted	28%	1,154	29%	1,403
Posted	72%	2,901	71%	3,515
22	1%	608	1%	736
Not posted	21%	130	21%	154
Posted	79%	478	79%	582
Total	100%	95,154	100%	115,502

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Table 3. Misdemeanor/Traffic* cases by posted bond and Judicial District, pre- and post-H.B.13-1236

Judicial District	Pre		Post	
	%	N	%	N
1	8%	12,417	9%	14,871
Not posted	27%	3,404	28%	4,161
Posted	73%	9,013	72%	10,710
3	2%	2,484	1%	2,194
Not posted	15%	365	15%	321
Posted	85%	2,119	85%	1,873
4	13%	20,469	12%	19,757
Not posted	29%	5,864	27%	5,367
Posted	71%	14,605	73%	14,390
5	3%	4,876	3%	5,656
Not posted	9%	449	8%	450
Posted	91%	4,427	92%	5,206
6	2%	2,977	2%	3,474
Not posted	15%	449	7%	230
Posted	85%	2,528	93%	3,244
7	3%	5,351	3%	5,250
Not posted	10%	522	8%	435
Posted	90%	4,829	92%	4,815
8	9%	14,296	9%	14,999
Not posted	14%	1,940	11%	1,634
Posted	86%	12,356	89%	13,365
9	2%	3,884	2%	3,869
Not posted	17%	659	11%	428
Posted	83%	3,225	89%	3,441
10	5%	8,241	5%	8,795
Not posted	20%	1,689	18%	1,597
Posted	80%	6,552	82%	7,198
11	2%	3,687	3%	4,315
Not posted	17%	609	12%	519
Posted	83%	3,078	88%	3,796
12	2%	2,502	1%	2,558
Not posted	14%	348	12%	316
Posted	86%	2,154	88%	2,242
13	3%	4,700	3%	4,752
Not posted	23%	1,099	17%	790
Posted	77%	3,601	83%	3,962
14	2%	3,372	2%	3,082
Not posted	11%	357	7%	215

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Judicial District	Pre		Post	
	%	N	%	N
Posted	89%	3,015	93%	2,867
15	1%	1,993	1%	1,688
Not posted	11%	225	15%	257
Posted	89%	1,768	85%	1,431
16	1%	1,877	1%	2,179
Not posted	11%	209	7%	159
Posted	89%	1,668	93%	2,020
17	12%	18,683	13%	21,367
Not posted	27%	5,120	24%	5,030
Posted	73%	13,563	76%	16,337
18	12%	19,396	14%	23,485
Not posted	20%	3,965	13%	3,073
Posted	80%	15,431	87%	20,412
19	7%	10,866	8%	12,902
Not posted	23%	2,477	17%	2,177
Posted	77%	8,389	83%	10,725
20	5%	8,283	4%	7,376
Not posted	24%	2,022	24%	1,745
Posted	76%	6,261	76%	5,631
21	3%	5,033	4%	6,156
Not posted	14%	687	11%	647
Posted	86%	4,346	89%	5,509
22	1%	2,073	1%	2,000
Not posted	13%	269	10%	194
Posted	87%	1,804	90%	1,806
Total	100%	157,460	100%	170,725

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