

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AUGUSTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT



In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right...to the assistance of counsel for his defense.”

U.S. Constitution, Amendment VI

Our mission is to ensure, independently of political considerations or private interests, that each client whose cause has been entrusted to a circuit public defender receives zealous, adequate, effective, timely, and ethical legal representation, consistent with the guarantees of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, the Constitution of the United States and the mandates of the Georgia Indigent Defense Act of 2003; to provide all such legal services in a cost efficient manner; and to conduct that representation in such a way that the criminal justice system operates effectively to achieve justice.

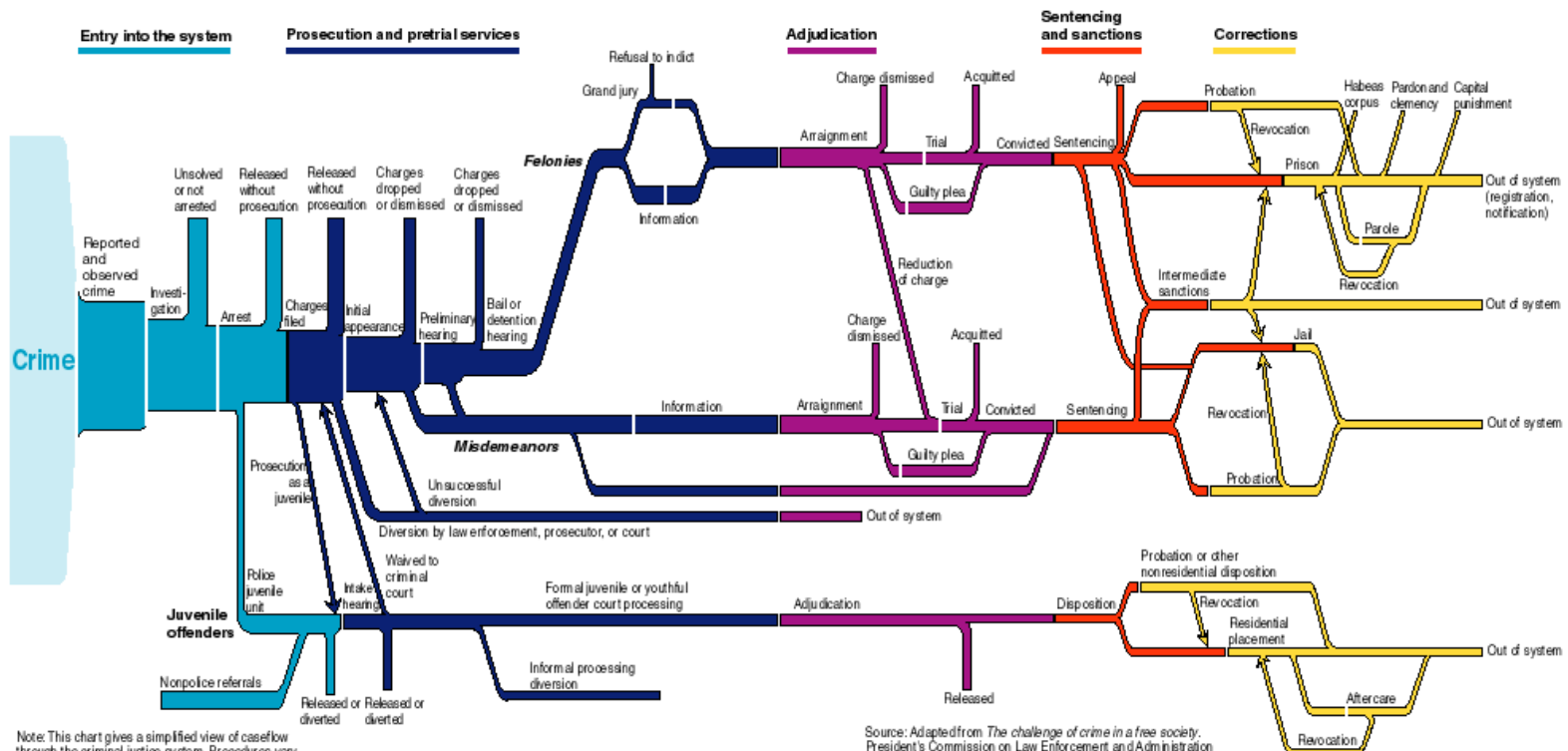
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

from United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics

The diagram below illustrates the sequence of events in the criminal justice system.

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What is the sequence of events in the criminal justice system?



Note: This chart gives a simplified view of caseload through the criminal justice system. Procedures vary among jurisdictions. The weights of the lines are not intended to show actual size of caseloads.

Source: Adapted from *The challenge of crime in a free society*. President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice, 1967. This revision, a result of the Symposium on the 30th Anniversary of the President's Commission, was prepared by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in 1997.

**COMPARATIVE COST TO THE COUNTIES OF THE AUGUSTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PER
REPRESENTED INDIVIDUAL
IN 2003 UNDER THE INDIGENT DEFENSE APPOINTED SYSTEM
IN 2013 UNDER THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SYSTEM**

2003 \$635 PER REPRESENTED DEFENDANT

ADJUSTED TO 2013 DOLLARS EQUALS \$807.13

US DEPT. OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

CPI Inflation Calculator

2013 \$415 PER REPRESENTED DEFENDANT

BASED ON 2014 BUDGET REQUEST