

Corrigendum to “Examining Federal Pretrial Release Trends over the Last Decade” [*Federal Probation*, September 2018]

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THE AUTHORS REGRET that due to previously unknown data issues present in the administrative case management data system (known as PACTS) upon which all data were drawn for this study, the criminal history measures shown in Figures 3 and 4 and in Tables 3 and 4 examining prior arrests, convictions, and missed court appearances and the relationship between these factors and pretrial release decisions were deemed unreliable. Specifically, PACTS stores the number of prior arrests, convictions, and missed court appearances as integers in its

database. The database management system stores integers as zero by default. This made it impossible for the researchers to distinguish a missing value from a true zero (or to remove cases that were missing data on this measure). The study authors learned of this issue only after publication. Accordingly, we will attempt to address this issue by updating the pretrial trends report within the next several months. In the update, we will utilize criminal history information extracted from the FBI rap sheets and apply the rap sheet data to revise the criminal history factors

highlighted in this report. Through this process, we believe that the FBI rap sheet data will provide a more accurate portrait of the criminal history profiles of federal defendants and the relationship between these profiles and pretrial release/detention decisions. Notwithstanding that the data errors which necessitated these upcoming revisions were outside of our control, the authors would like to apologize for any inconvenience caused to the readers of *Federal Probation*.