

# Reforming Pretrial Justice in Michigan



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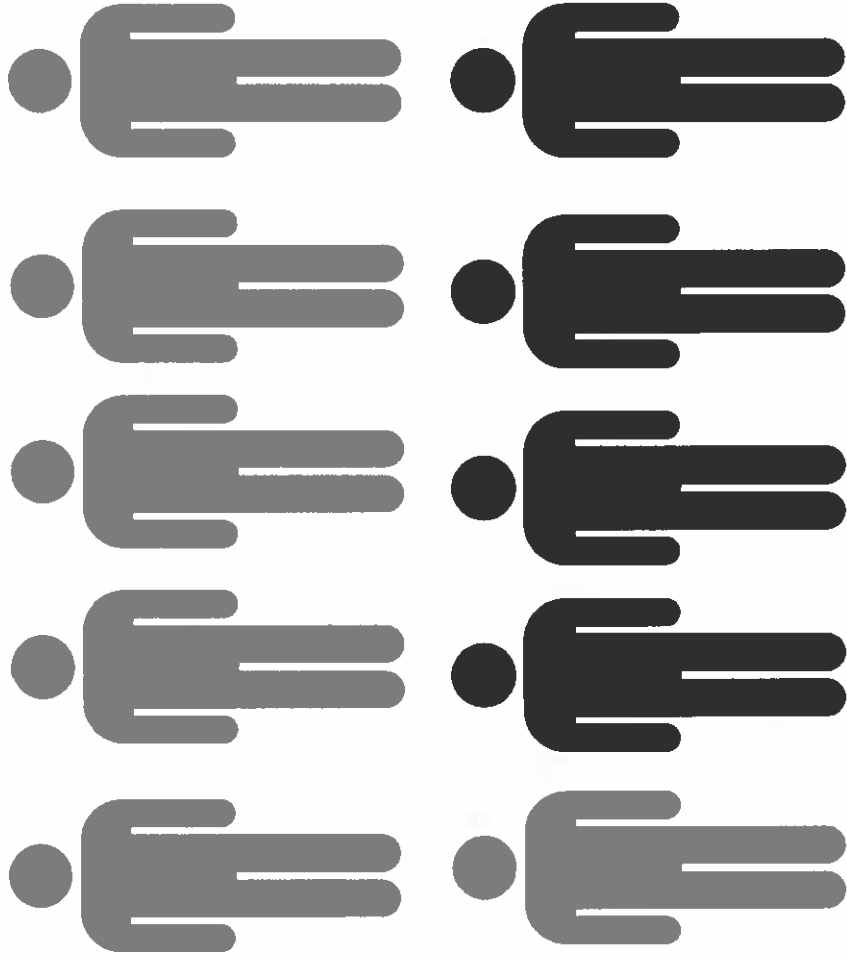
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## The Problem

Over 6 in 10 jail inmates across America are being held pretrial

Most (5 out of 6) are held not because they are dangerous but because they can't afford to pay their bail



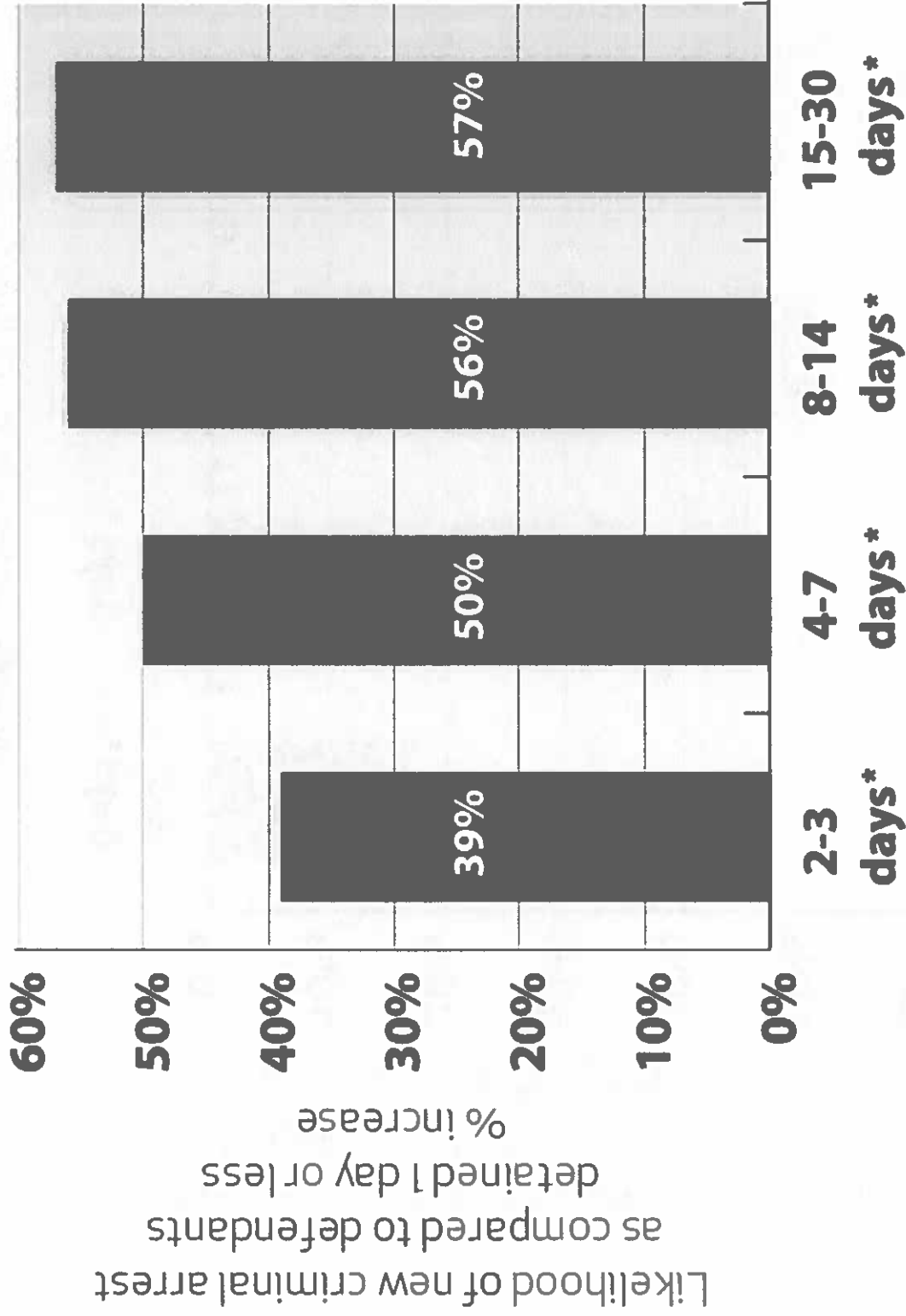
## The Costs of Pretrial Detention

- Every defendant that is detained because of an inability to post a financial bond becomes the responsibility of the county.
- The average cost of a jail bed nationally is about \$60.00, it varies across the state of Michigan
- Pretrial incarceration affects employment, family, education...making it more difficult to succeed when released

## The Hidden Costs of Pretrial Detention

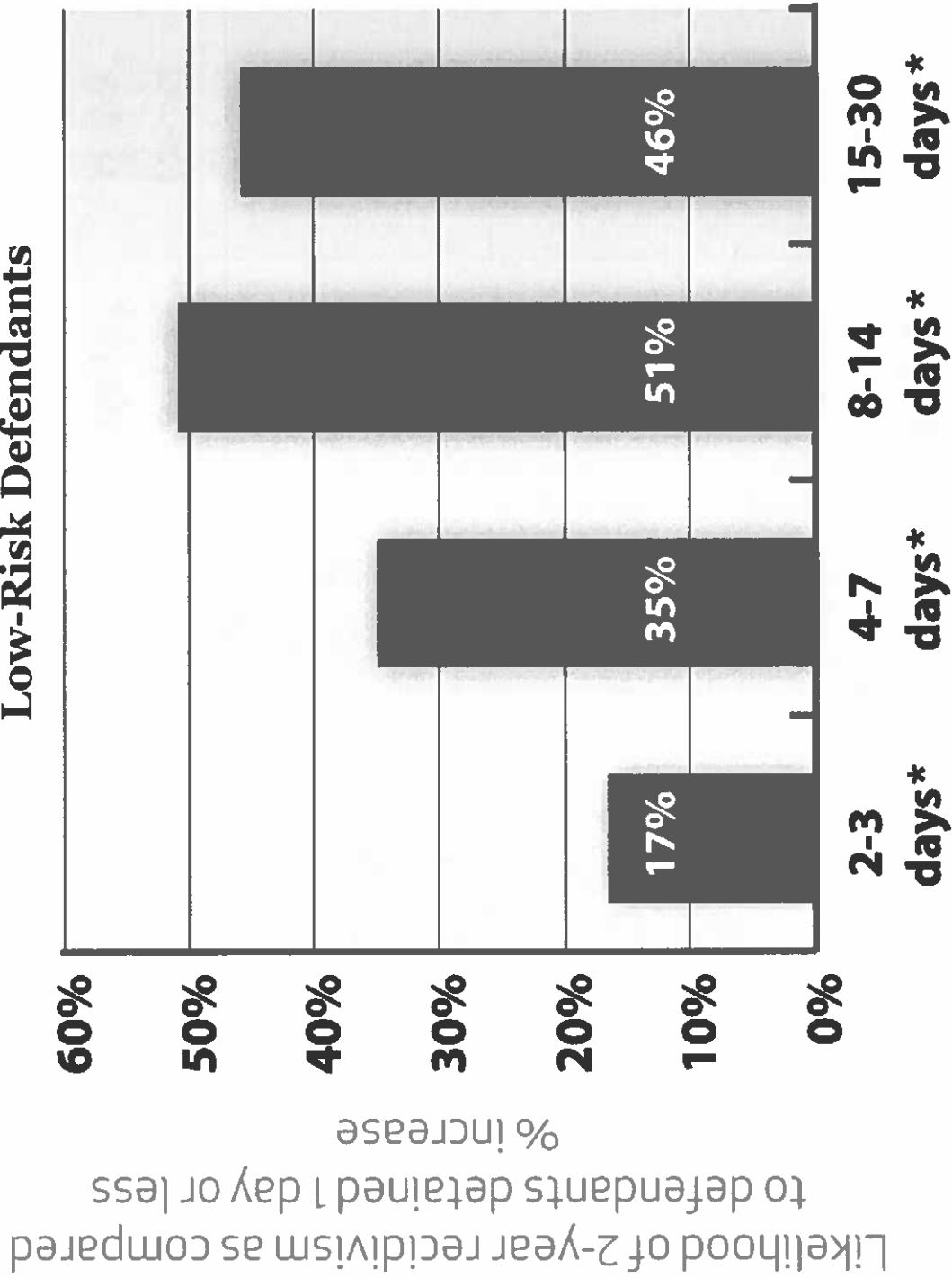
- Pretrial defendants held the entire pretrial period are:
  - **3X** more likely to receive a jail sentence
  - **4X** more likely to receive a prison sentence
- Sentences for these individuals also tend to harsher. Pretrial detainees receive:
  - Jail sentences that are **3X** longer
  - Prison sentences that are **2X** longer

## Increase in New Criminal Arrest Low-Risk Defendants



\* = statistically significant at the .01 level or lower

## Increase in 2-Year Recidivism Low-Risk Defendants



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