

PSA Points and Scales

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Calculate points by using the PSA Factor tables below. Then convert total points to scaled scores and the presence or absence of a flag.

Failure to Appear (FTA)

Failure to Appear: Points		
PSA FACTOR	RESPONSE	POINTS
Pending charge at the time of the arrest	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior conviction (misdemeanor or felony)	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior failure to appear in the past 2 years	No	0
	Yes, just 1	2
	Yes, 2 or more	4
Prior failure to appear older than 2 years	No	0
	Yes	1

Failure to Appear: Scaled Score	
TOTAL FTA POINTS	SCALED FTA SCORE
0	1
1	2
2	3
3 or 4	4
5 or 6	5
7	6

New Criminal Arrest (NCA)

New Criminal Arrest: Points		
PSA FACTOR	RESPONSE	POINTS
Age at current arrest	23 or older	0
	22 or younger	2
Pending charge at the time of the arrest	No	0
	Yes	3
Prior misdemeanor conviction	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior felony conviction	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior violent conviction	No	0
	Yes, 1 or 2	1
	Yes, 3 or more	2
Prior failure to appear in the past 2 years	0	0
	Yes, just 1	1
	Yes, 2 or more	2
Prior sentence to incarceration	No	0
	Yes	2

New Criminal Arrest: Scaled Score	
TOTAL NCA POINTS	SCALED NCA SCORE
0	1
1 or 2	2
3 or 4	3
5 or 6	4
7 or 8	5
9 to 13	6

New Violent Criminal Arrest (NVCA)

New Violent Criminal Arrest: Points		
PSA FACTOR	RESPONSE	POINTS
Current violent offense	No	0
	Yes	2
Current violent offense and 20 years old or younger	No	0
	Yes	1
Pending charge at the time of the arrest	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior conviction (misdemeanor or felony)	No	0
	Yes	1
Prior violent conviction	No	0
	Yes, 1 or 2	1
	Yes, 3 or more	2

New Violent Criminal Arrest: Violence Flag	
TOTAL NVCA POINTS	SCALED NVCA SCORE (VIOLENCE FLAG)
0 or 1	1 (NO)
2	2 (NO)
3	3 (NO)
4	4 (YES)
5	5 (YES)
6 or 7	6 (YES)

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