

4. WHAT ARE ALTERNATIVES TO CASH BAIL? WHAT IS HAPPENING IN MINNESOTA AND BEYOND TO CHANGE THE PRETRIAL SYSTEM?

National reform efforts

- Explore this vision for pretrial reform: [After Cash Bail: A Framework for Reimagining Pretrial Justice](#) (The Bail Project, 2022).
- Some states and counties have taken steps to reform the cash bail system. Read [The Case for Cash Bail Reform](#) (Center for American Progress, August 9, 2023).
- Cash bail has been eliminated in the State of Illinois. For an update on the particulars of this reform watch [No cash bail now in effect in Illinois](#) (2:45 minutes) (WGN TV, September 2023).

Pretrial reform in Minnesota

- [The Minnesota Freedom Fund](#) pays criminal bail and immigration bonds while also working on systemic change to Minnesota's criminal justice system and to broader justice issues.
- For documentation of the status of cash bail in Minnesota and beyond, read
 - [The Wide-reaching Consequences of the Pretrial System in Hennepin County](#) prepared by the Minnesota Justice Research Center (MNJRC) with support from the Minneapolis Foundation (2023). MNJRC is conducting similar research for the entire state of Minnesota.
 - [Pretrial Justice: A Report on the Cash Bail System](#) from the Minneapolis Foundation Report (2019)
- Get an update on recent legislative efforts by reading [Lawmakers Hope to Target Inequities in Minnesota Cash Bail System](#) (MinnPost, March 9, 2023)Pretrial Fairness Con

Ramsey County pretrial concerns

- The government website for Ramsey County highlights concerns about pretrial fairness. See [Harms of Cash Bail & Pretrial System](#). In 2019, the County, which includes the City of St. Paul, established a Bail Reform Work Group. Learn more about their efforts [here](#).
- View [Ramsey County to launch pilot project aimed at reforming cash bail system](#) for a report on efforts in Ramsey County. (KSTP Eyewitness News, October 2023)

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