

# Lancaster County Board of Corrections

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LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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**Agenda**

**Thursday, May 13, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

- I. Approval of the February 18, 2021 minutes
  - a. February 18, 2021 minutes
  
- II. Population Statistics & Charts
  - a. Population Comparisons
  - b. Booking and Lodging Totals
  - c. Pre-Trial and Sentence Conversion Release
  - d. Custodial Sanctions/County Reinvestment Act
  - e. Regional Center Waiting Periods
  - f. Community Hospital Posts
  - g. Felonies Sentenced to Lancaster County
  - h. Drug Court Remand
  - i. Violation of House Arrest
  - j. FY21 Statistics Report
  
- III. Programming
  
- IV. Transportation
  
- V. Work Crews
  
- VI. Training

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**MINUTES  
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING – ROOM 112  
9:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Deb Schorr, Chair; Sean Flowerday; Rick Vest; and Christa Yoakum

Board Member Absent: Roma Amundson

Others Present: Dave Derbin Chief Administrative Officer; Ann Ames, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; Brad Johnson, Corrections Director; Leslie Brestel, County Clerk's Office

*Advanced public notice of the meeting was posted on the County-City Building bulletin board, and the Lancaster County, Nebraska, website and emailed to media on February 17, 2021 and published in the Lincoln Journal Star print edition and website on February 15, 2021.*

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. A copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall at the back of the meeting room.

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 1, 2020**

**MOTION:** Flowerday moved and Yoakum seconded approval of the December 1, 2020 meeting minutes. Vest, Yoakum, Flowerday, and Schorr voted yes. Amundson was absent. Motion carried 4-0.

### **II. POPULATION STATISTICS & CHARTS**

Johnson reviewed a PowerPoint presentation that covered various aspects of the Corrections Department (see agenda packet).

#### **a. Population Comparisons**

Johnson said the pandemic has reduced the jail's population by almost 10%.

Vest asked Johnson what differences are made in the operation of the facility due to a lower inmate population. Johnson answered during the pandemic the lower the number of

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incarcerated individuals, the staff is better able to maintain cohort groups to keep from introducing the COVID-19 virus into the general population. Once the population levels are at 570 and above, there are issues with maintaining those cohort groups in a safely distanced manner. When the population level was in the 400s, he said there were changes to the staffing levels. He added the lower incarcerations allow for greater distancing in housing, and lead to lower tension and anxiety levels, fewer disciplinary issues, and fewer hospitalizations. It also gives staff an opportunity to serve the individuals within their care a little better.

## **b. Booking and Lodging Totals**

See agenda packet for more information.

## **c. Pre-Trial and Sentence Conversion Release**

Schorr exited the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

## **d. Custodial Sanctions/County Reinvestment Act**

Johnson stated he felt the lower custodial sanction rates were due to COVID-19.

## **e. Regional Center Waiting Periods**

See agenda packet for more information.

## **f. Community Hospital Posts**

Johnson noted the number of hospitalizations was very low compared to average hospitalizations.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Johnson said he and Kim Etherton, Community Corrections Director, are working with staff on transition planning with individuals within the jail.

Johnson said he would like to hire a consultant to look at racial and gender inequalities of individuals within the jail to have a scientific, data-driven analysis of the affected individuals. Grant opportunities to fund a consultant are being researched.

COVID-19 vaccines will be available to the jail staff next week.

## **g. Felonies Sentenced to Lancaster County**

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- h. Drug Court Remand**
- i. Violation of House Arrest**
- j. CY20 Statistics Report**

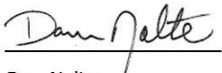
See agenda packet for more information on Items IIg-j.

- III. PROGRAMMING**
- IV. TRANSPORTATION**
- V. WORK CREWS**
- VI. TRAINING**

See agenda packet for more information on Items III-VI.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.



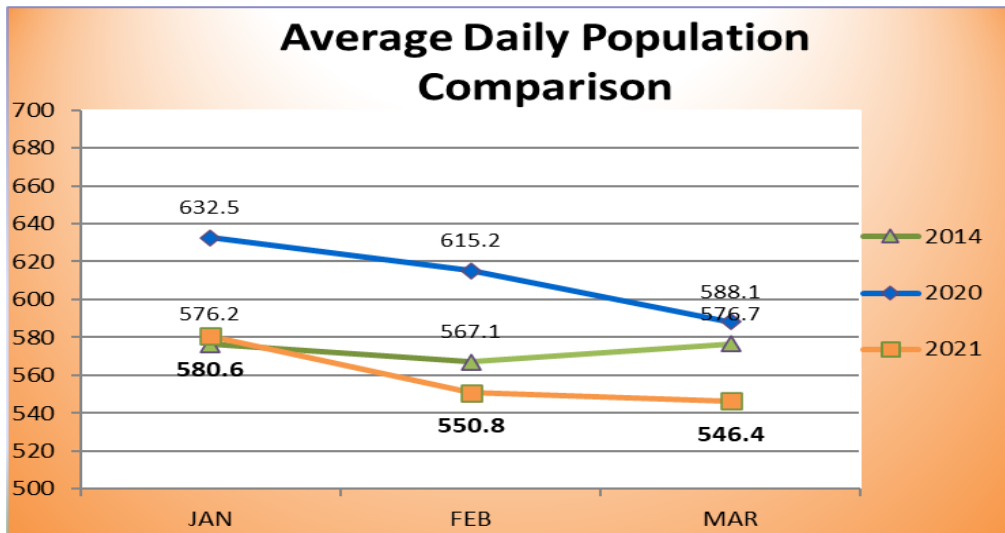
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**II. Population Statistics (January-March, 2021)**

**A. Population Comparisons**



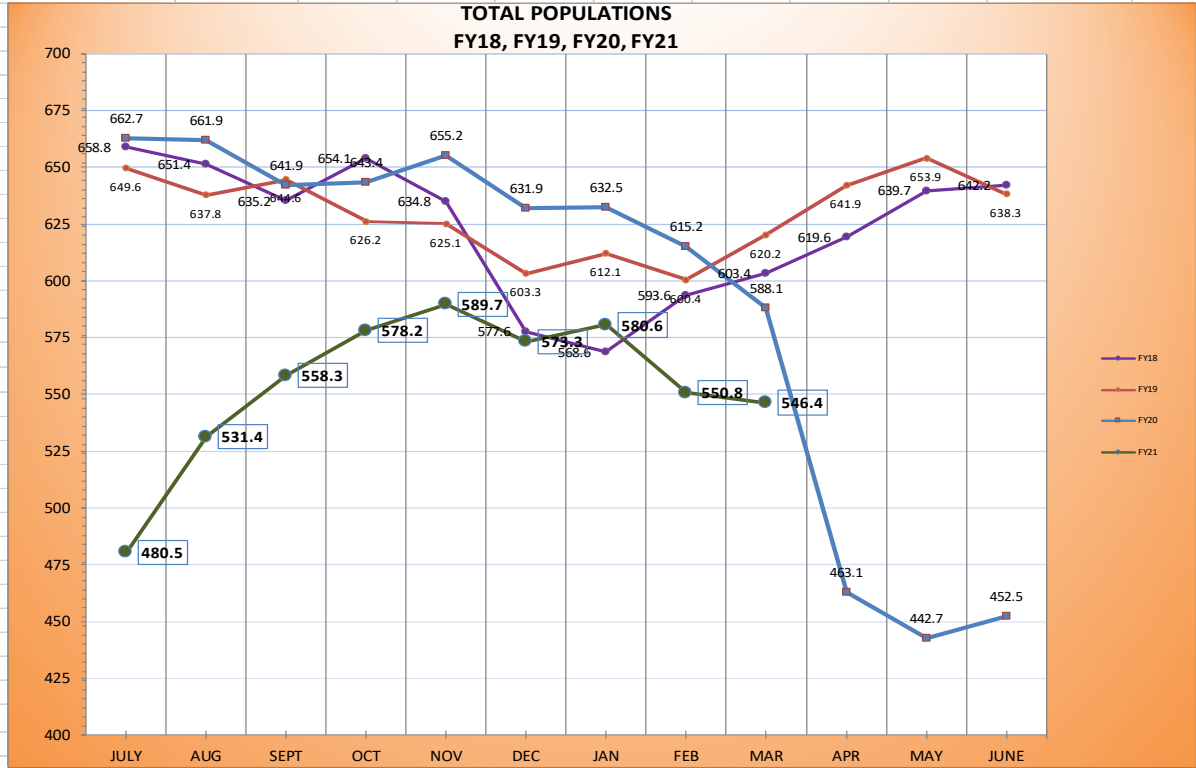
- The average daily population (ADP) for this period of 2021 was 559.3 detainees compared to 611.9 for the same period in 2020. This is an 8.6% decrease.
- This period ADP consumed 84.1% of the department's operational capacity of 665.
- Other Population Totals during 1st quarter of 2021:
  - Felony Arrests-644
  - Misdemeanor Arrests-729
  - Felons Sentenced- 62
  - Misdemeanors Sentenced- 96
  - Held for other Jurisdictions-108
  - Percent Conditionally Released Average-36.7%
- Current Population Statistics-April 30, 2021
  - 554 inmates were in custody
  - Average bookings per inmate – 13.5
  - Average FTA per inmate – 4.87
  - Average FTC per inmate – 3.83
  - 30% or 165 inmates had a history of state incarceration

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**AVERAGE POPULATION BY MONTH**

population.xls  
 4/19/2021



AVERAGES			
FY21 TO DATE	554.4	-13.0%	Change in FY21 to date over same time period
FY20 SAME PERIOD	637.0	-6.2%	Change in FY21 to date over FY20 average to year end
FY20 ADP	590.9		

### Population Status

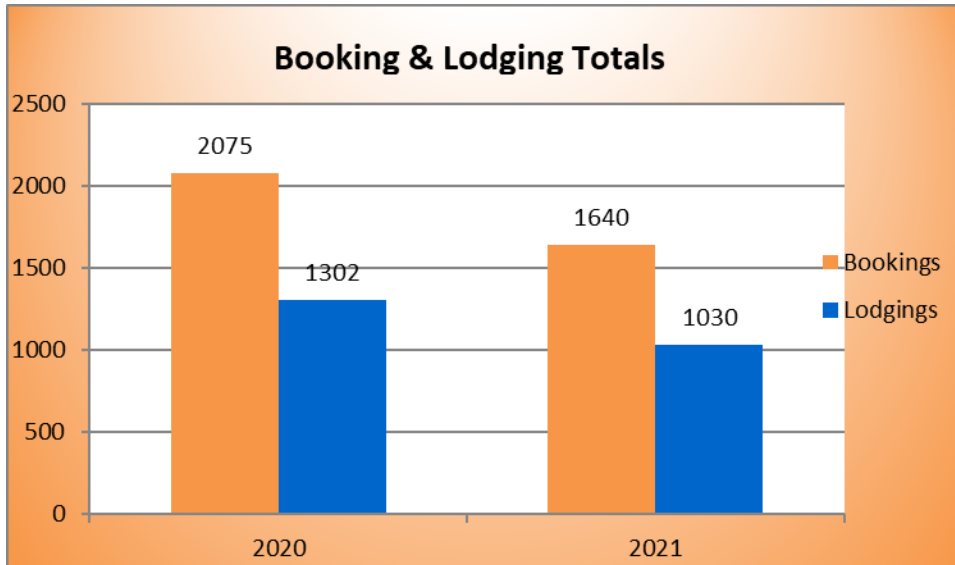
As of April 30, 2021

Status	Total	Percentage
County Pretrial Misd	45	8.3
County Pretrial Felony	310	57.1
City Pretrial Misd	7	1.3
County Sentenced Misd	105	19.3
County Sentenced Felony	59	10.9
City Sentenced Misd	9	1.7
Other	8	1.5

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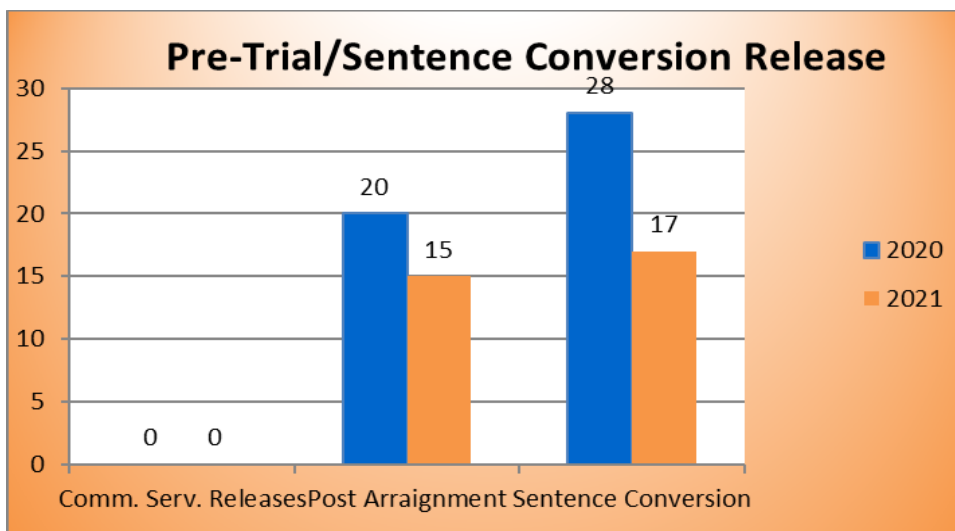
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## B. Booking & Lodging Totals



- Average bookings were down 21% compared to the same time period last year.
- Average lodgings were down 20.9% compared to the same time period last year.

## C. Pre-Trial/Sentence Conversion Release



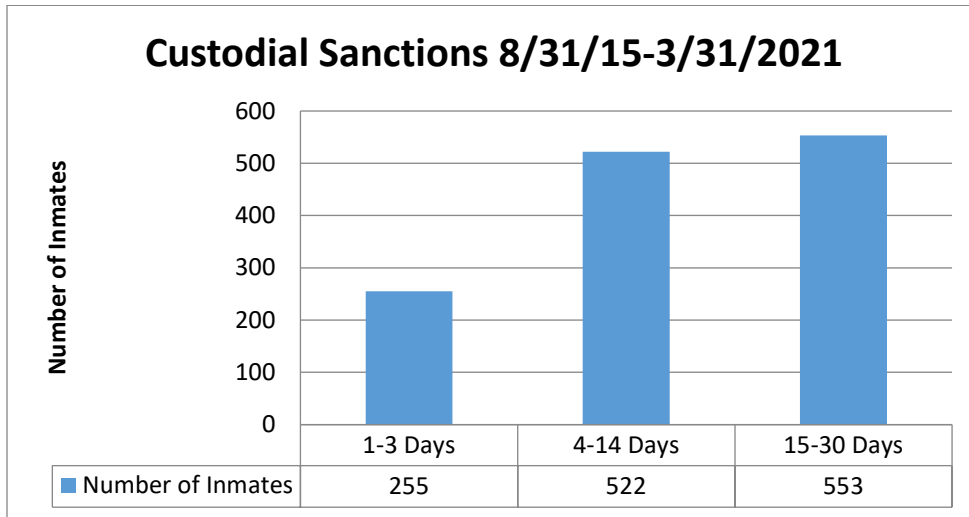


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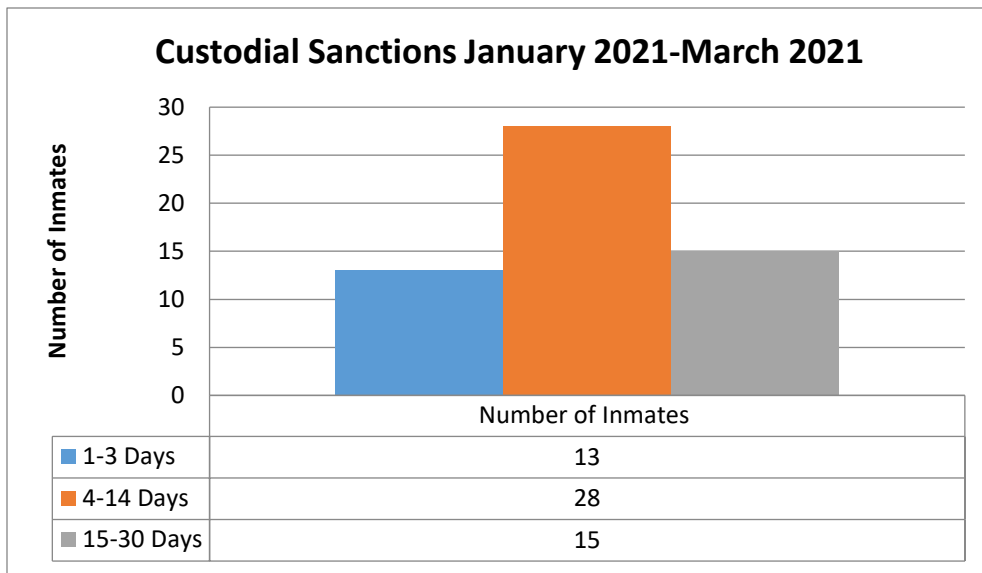
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## D. Custodial Sanctions/County Reinvestment Act

- Lancaster County Department of Corrections tracked offenders who were incarcerated for Custodial Sanctions. During the time period, 8/31/15 to 3/31/2021, there have been 1,330 custodial sanctions. These offenders served a total of 20,992 days.



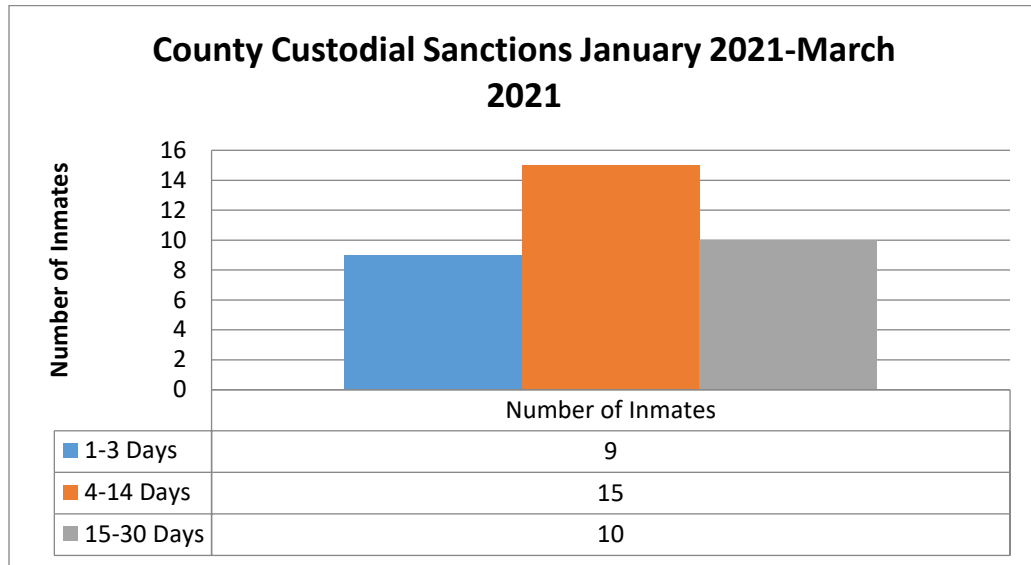
- 56 individuals will serve 69 custodial sanctions this quarter for a total of 792 days (14.2 average days per individual)



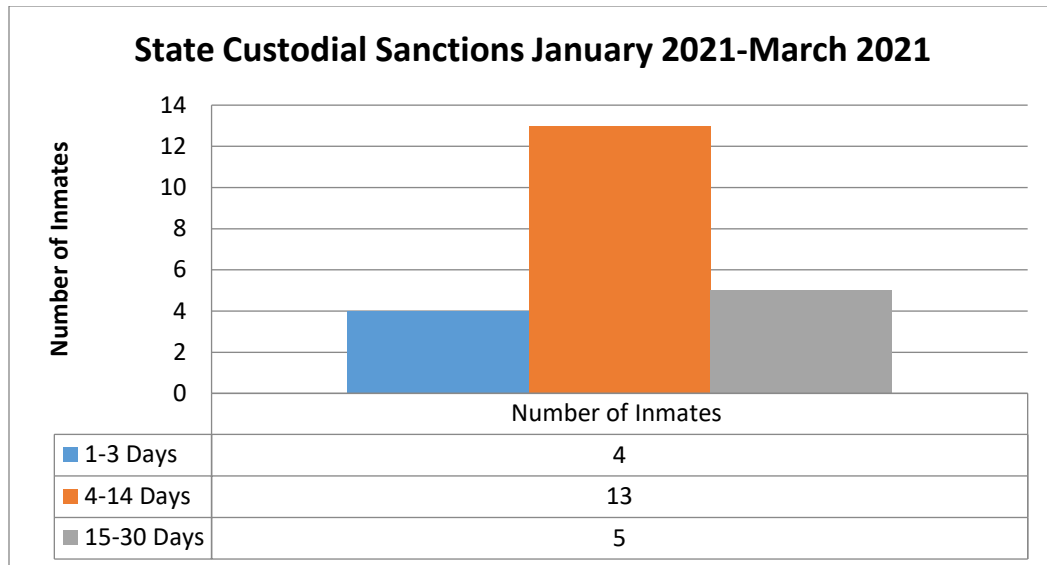
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- 34 individuals will serve 40 county custodial sanctions this quarter for a total of 428 days (12.6 average days per individual)



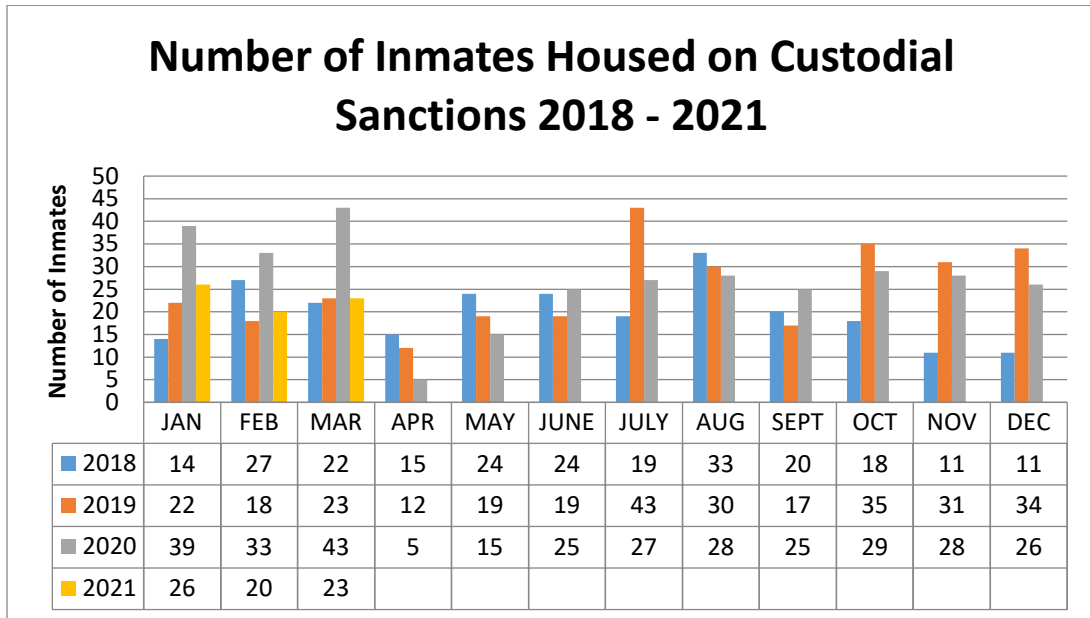
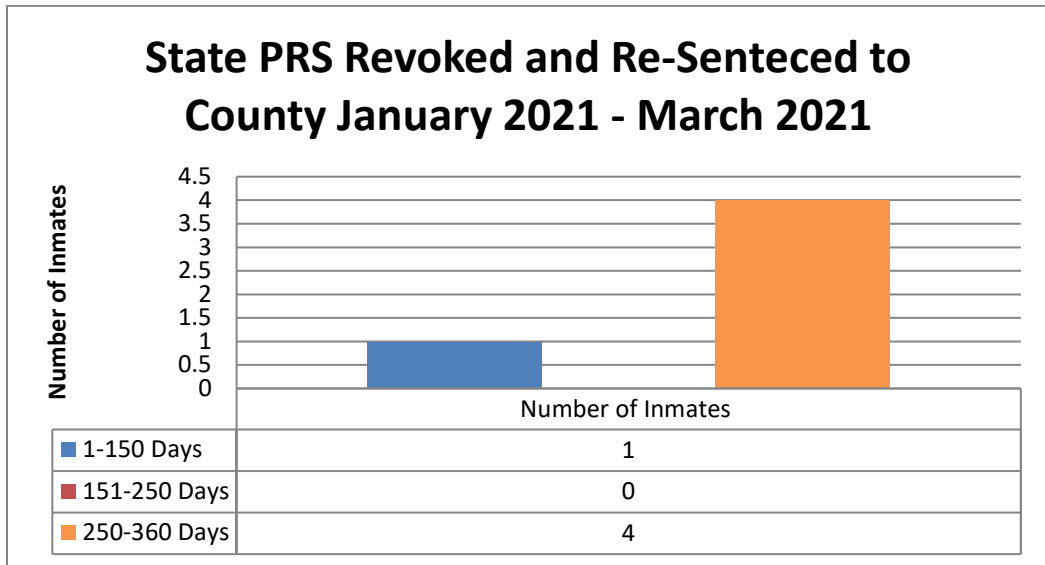
- There were 22 individuals serving 29 State Custodial Sanctions this quarter, totaling 364 days served. (16.6 average days per individual)



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- Lancaster County Department of Corrections tracked 5 offenders who were incarcerated for violating State Post Release Supervision. These 5 inmates had their State Post Release Supervision revoked and were re-sentenced to county time. These sentences totaled 1,375 days or 275 days per individual.

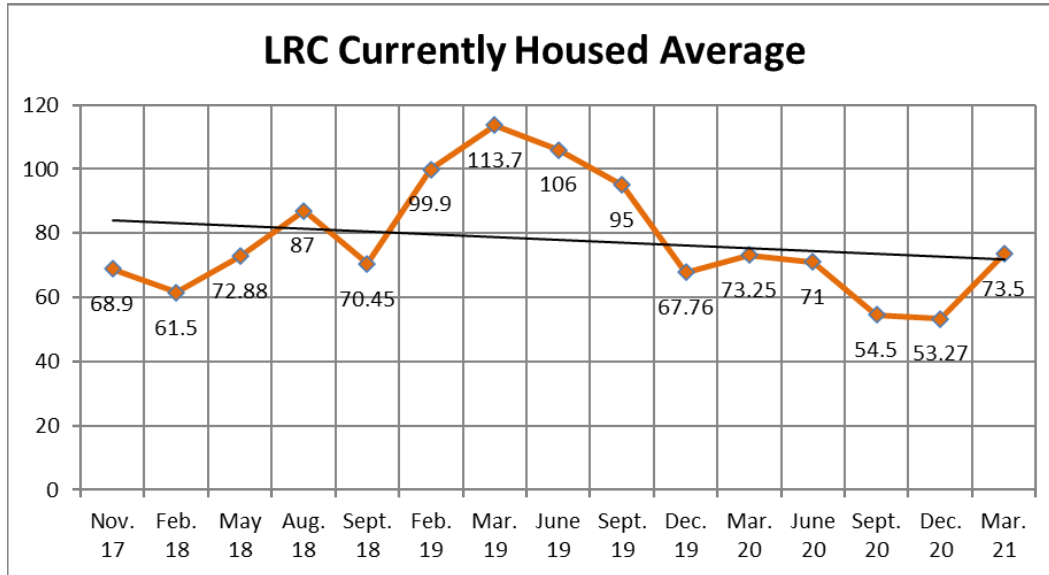


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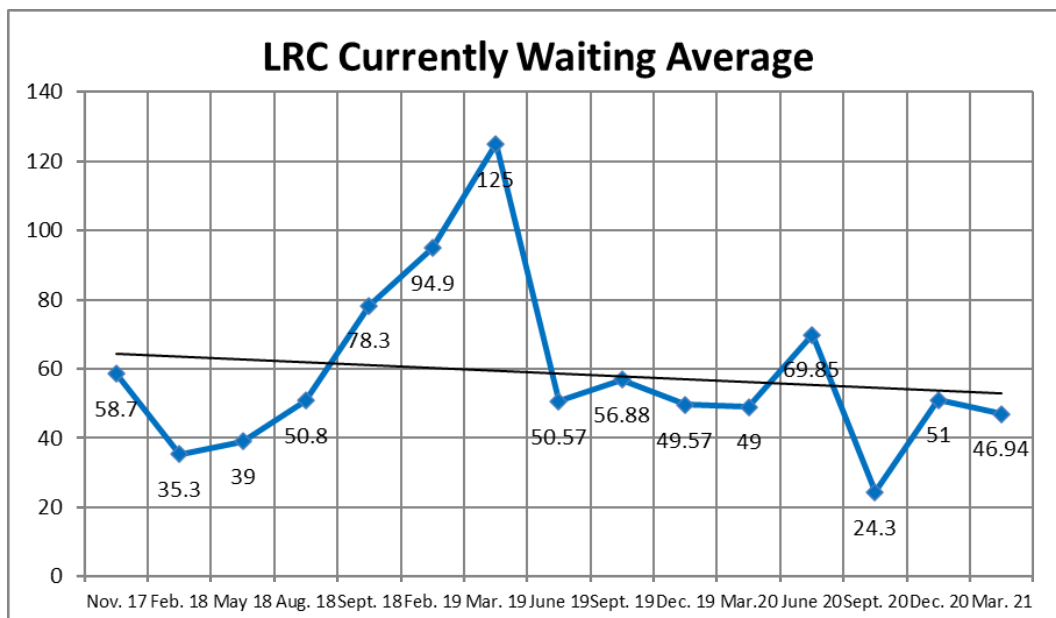
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## E. Regional Center Housing

➤ 8 individuals currently housed 588 days (73.5 days average per individual)



➤ 16 individuals waiting 865 days (46.94 days average per individual)



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## F. Community Hospital Post

- Eleven inmates admitted to the community hospital in Quarter 1, 2021. 31 days with one inmate admitted and two additional days with two inmates admitted.

**Blue = 1 Hospital Post    Green = 2 Hospital Posts    Red = 3 Hospital Posts**

2021	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
JAN							01 A	02 A
	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
	10	11	12	13 B	14 B	15 B	16 B	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23 C	
	24 C	25	26	27	28	29	30	
FEB	31	01	02	03	04	05	06	
	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	
	14 D	15 D	16 D	17 D	18 D	19	20	
	21	22 E	23	24	25 F	26 F	27 F	
	28 F	01 F	02 F	03	04	05	06	
MAR	07 G	08 G	09 H	10 H I	11 H I	12 H	13	
	14 J	15 J	16 J	17 J	18	19 K	20 K	
	21 K	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	31				

## G. Felonies Sentenced to Lancaster County

- Felony 3A
  - 9 inmates @ 2,320 days (257.8 average days)
- Felony 4
  - 16 inmates @ 4,367 days (272.9 average days)
- ✓ **Total of 25 inmates will serve 6,687 days (267.5 average days)**

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### H. Drug Court Remand

- 11 drug court participants will serve 11 remands during this quarter totaling 1093 days (99.4 average days per individual)

### I. Violation of House Arrest

- 16 violations served 738 days (46.13 average days)

### J. FY21 Statistics Report

LANCASTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS												
MONTHLY STATUS REPORT												
FISCAL YEAR 2021	2020					2021					AVERAGE	TOTAL
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	TO DATE	TO DATE	
<b>Average Daily Population @ADF</b>	480.5	531.4	558.3	578.2	589.7	573.3	580.6	550.8	546.4	554.4	N/A	
High for Month	512	540	565	583	594	590	581	564	554	564.8	N/A	
Low for Month	435	499	528	543	555	537	544	516	511	518.7	N/A	
Total Number of Bookings	606	691	640	686	551	490	511	481	648	589.3	5,304	
Felony Arrests	242	241	245	247	215	182	206	192	246	224.0	2,016	
Misdemeanor Arrests	250	342	299	324	243	208	218	216	295	266.1	2,395	
Felons Sentenced	30	23	32	24	29	23	19	12	31	24.8	223	
Misdemeanants Sentenced	32	37	26	42	24	36	34	28	34	32.6	293	
Held for Other Jurisdictions	48	46	35	47	38	42	35	31	42	40.4	364	
Total Conditionally Released	187	242	222	249	177	170	187	156	267	206.3	1,857	
Percent Conditionally Released	30.86%	35.02%	34.69%	36.30%	32.12%	34.69%	36.59%	32.43%	41.20%	34.9%		
Pre-Arrestment Releases	100	153	114	160	112	100	134	117	184	130.4	1,174	
Court Disposition Releases	87	89	108	89	65	70	53	39	83	75.9	683	
Total of Individuals Lodged	419	449	418	437	374	320	324	325	381	383.0	3,447	
<b>MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES</b>												
Referred to Jail Physician	58	74	88	72	74	60	63	102	165	84	756	
Referred to Mental Health/LRC	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	4	1	10	
Transferred to Emergency Room	8	7	14	9	11	8	11	15	16	11	99	

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**III. Programming (January-March, 2021)**

- Religious (201 Meetings)
  - Bible Study- 0 23
  - Church Service- 32
  - Discipleship Mentoring- 0
  - 1:1 Religious Counseling – 146
  - Healing Heart Wounds - 0
- Substance Abuse Education & 12 Step Programs (5 Meetings)
  - The Bridge Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Education for Men- 0
  - St. Monica's Substance Abuse Education for Women- 0
  - AA Meetings- 5
  - NA Meetings- 0
- Educational Programs (22 classes)
  - GED Classes- 0
  - TABE Classes-0
  - Lincoln Literacy- 0
  - Christian Heritage Parenting- 0
  - Christian Heritage Within My Reach (Domestic Relationships Ed)- 0
  - Released & Restored Job/Life Skills- 0
  - Moral Reconciliation Therapy (M.R.T.) – 0
  - Dialectical Behavioral Therapy-0
  - Food Prep Skills- 20
  - Food Handler Permit Testing-2
- Transition Planning (0 inmate contacts)
  - V.A. Outreach-0
  - Center Pointe Dual Diagnosis Homeless Outreach- 0
- Work/Court Ordered Release Averages per Month-0

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- Other
  - GED Practice/Subject Tests-0

### **IV. Transportation (January-March, 2021)**

- Court Appearances
  - County Court
    - 1,946 Video Appearances
    - 85 Physical Appearances
  - District Court
    - 576 Video Appearances
    - 26 Physical Appearances
- Off-Site Transports
  - State Department of Corrections
    - 77 to Diagnostic and Evaluation
    - 7 to Nebraska Center for Women (York)
  - Medical
    - 31 to Hospital
    - 65 to Clinical Appointments
  - Mental Health
    - 17 to Lincoln Regional Center
    - 7 to Crisis Center

### **V. Work Crews (January-March, 2021)**

- Adult Detention Facility (ADF) or Yard Crews
  - Crews of 5 inmates worked 45 times around the facility.
    - Cleaning the warehouse and showers throughout the building.



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- Picked up trash around the building
  - Snow & ice removal
  - Deep cleaning in the staff dining kitchen
  - Unloaded a large order of monthly supplies into the warehouse. Pallets were loaded, supplies were brought into the building weekly.
  - Miscellaneous jobs in non-detention areas of the jail
- Sewing crews of 6 inmates worked approximately 30 times sewing & repairing over 2,000 masks.

## **VI. Training (January-March, 2021)**

<b>Kind of Training</b>	<b>Kind of Staff</b>	<b>Number of Staff Attended</b>	<b>Hours of Training</b>
Use of Force	Non-Security Staff	53	4
Use Of Force	Instructor Recertification	4	40
Academy	Full time	8	120
Academy	On-Calls	5	96
Cultural Diversity	All	4	2
Orientation Training	ICS	1	34
Orientation Training	County LIMHP	1	65
Orientation Training	Medical Staff	8	38
Orientation Incomplete Quit No	Medical Staff	1	27
Orientation Training not complete	Medical Staff	1	6
Orientation Training / Return	Medical Staff	1	10
Orientation Training	Summit Staff	1	35
Orientation Training	New Officers	7	80
On Job Training	Officers	6	80
CPR	All	210	8
NCIC	Officers	2	2
(FTO) Field Training Program	Officers	4	32
On-Line Security Mentor Training	All	8	2