



Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center

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Criminal Justice Reforms and the Jail Population

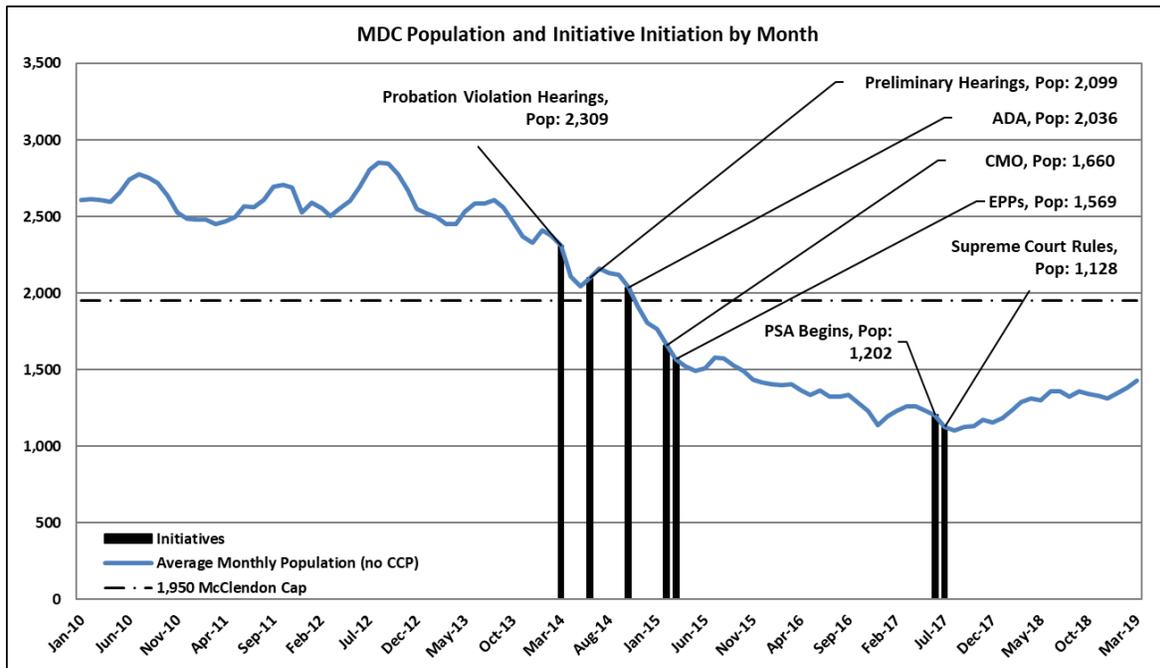
Quick Population Figures	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19
On-Site Average Male Population	1,091	1,129	1,163
On-Site Average Female Population	248	244	258
On-Site Average Infirmary	6	8	7
On-Site Average Daily Population	1,345	1,381	1,428
Average Community Custody Program	84	88	93
Average Total Jail Population (w/CCP)	1,429*	1,469*	1,521*
Monthly Bookings	2,087	1,880	2,170
Bookings Ages 18-24	389	358	392
Monthly Releases	2,048	1,802	2,149
Average Length of Stay (in Days)	27.1	22.3	22.5
Total Consecutive Days 1,950 or Less			1,601

Report Highlights

- The total MDC population increased from 1,429 at the end of January 2019 to 1,521 at the end of March 2019 (a 6.4% increase).
- The MDC population has been at or below the 1,950 cap for 1,601 days, for over 4 years.

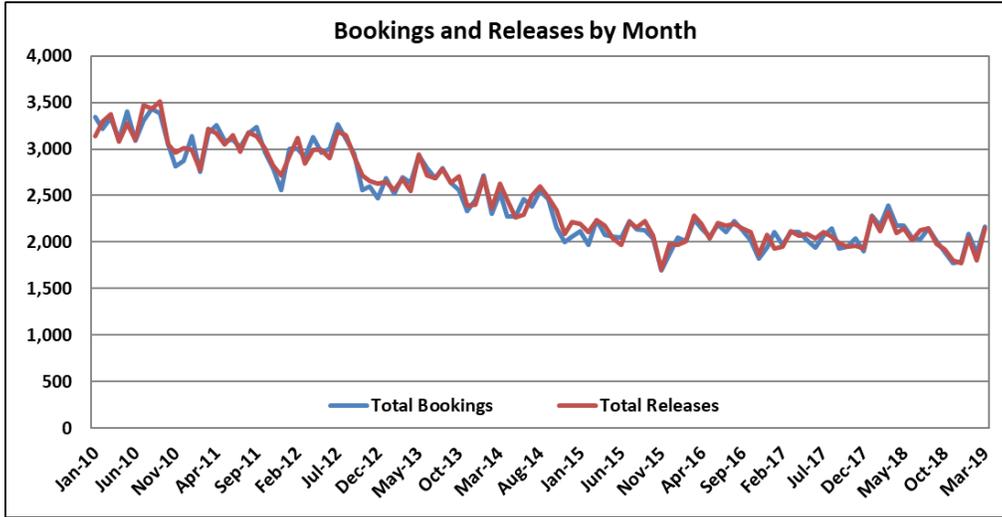
* Monthly averages slightly higher due to rounding.

- The MDC population increased slightly during March 2019. At the beginning of March, the MDC population was 1,406. At the end of March, the MDC population had increased .7% to 1,416.

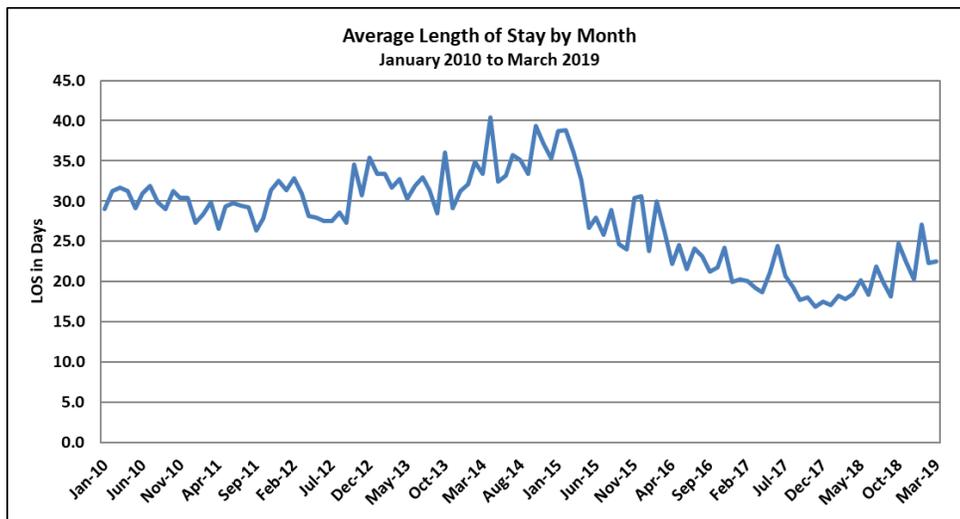


- Jail population is a result of two factors: how many people are booked and how long they stay.
- Population reduction initiatives have helped to reduce the length of stay, which combined with reduced bookings, decreased the jail population.

Bookings, Releases and Length of Stay



- Bookings decreased annually from 2009 through 2015 followed by a slight increase in 2016 and a slight decrease in 2017. Bookings increased during 2018, up 2.5% from the prior year.
- During the first quarter of 2019, there were 6,137 bookings. This was 10.4% lower than the 6,850 bookings that occurred during the first quarter of 2018.



- The LOS for March 2019 was 22.5 days, 4.7 days higher than the LOS of 17.8 days in March 2018 and 3.3 days higher than the LOS of 19.2 days in March 2017.
- Criminal justice initiatives have reduced the LOS, improved efficiency and increased the rate at which inmates turnover at the jail.

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