

# Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center

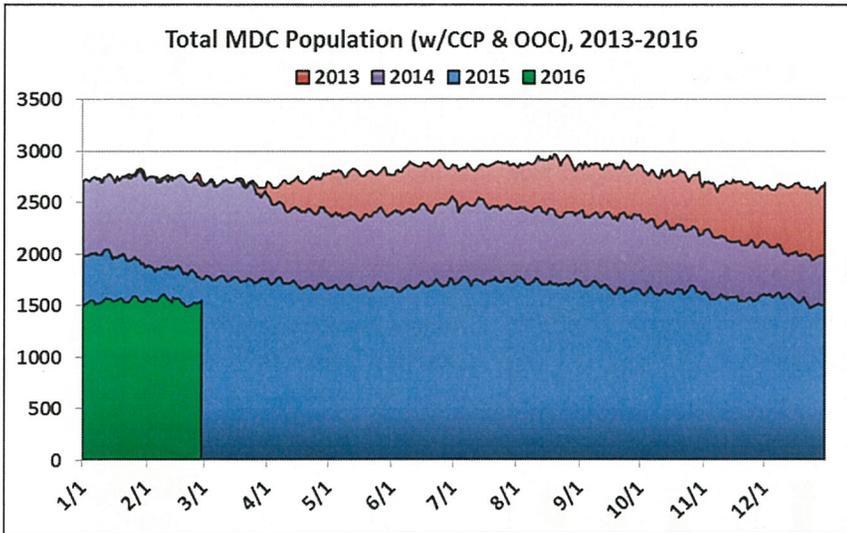


Monthly Report: February 2016

Report Date: March 23, 2016

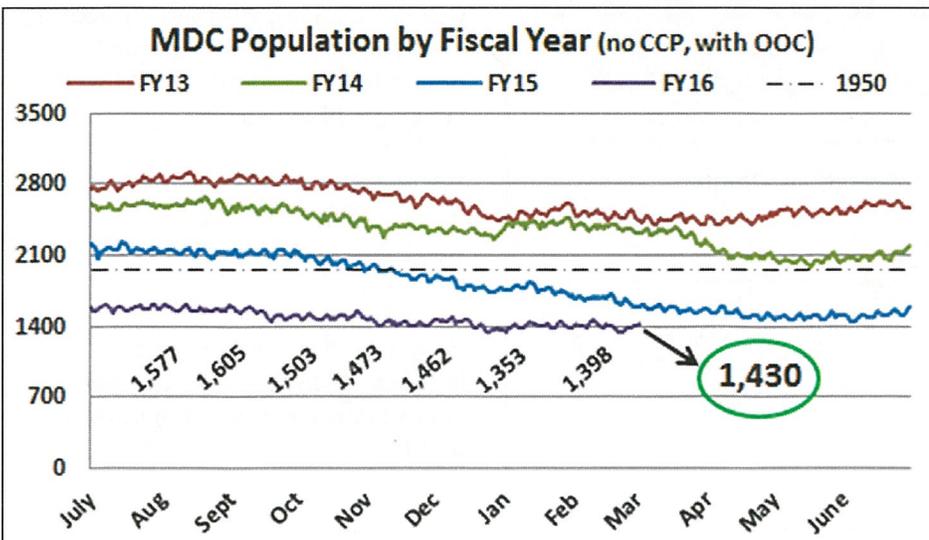
Due to population decreases, the Metropolitan Detention Center:

- Ceased all Out of County shipping in December 2014
- Closed 2 pods during 2015
- Has been at or below the 1,950 cap for 475 consecutive days



Quick Figures for February	
	Average
On-Site Daily Population	1,400
On-Site Male Population	1,143
On-Site Female Population	258
Housed for DOC	25
Community Custody Program	152
Total Jail Population (w/OOC & CCP)	1,551
Total Consecutive Days 1,950 or Less	475

## Criminal Justice Reforms and the Jail Population

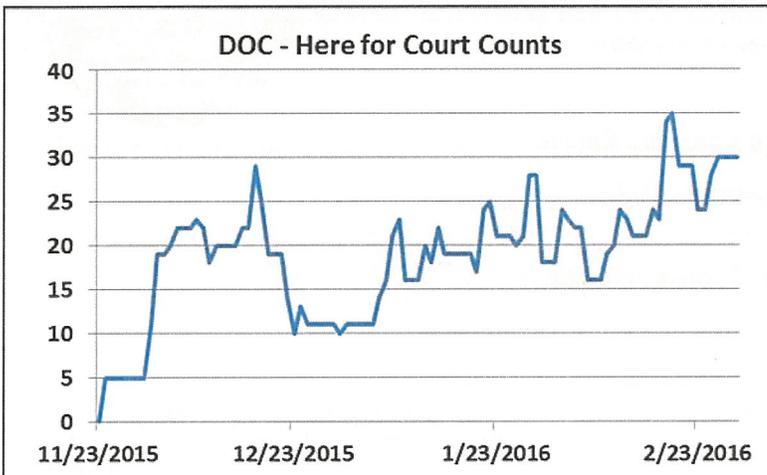


MDC actively collaborates with criminal justice partners to maintain the jail's population below 1,950<sup>3</sup>. Criminal justice reforms continue to impact the jail population.

On February 29, 2016, the MDC population (not including CCP) was 10.6% or 152 inmates lower than the February 28, 2015 and 38.2% or 884 lower than it was February 28, 2014.

The MDC population with CCP on February 29, 2016 was 12% or 188 inmates lower than the February 28, 2015 and 41.3% or 1,102 lower than lower than it was on February 28, 2014.

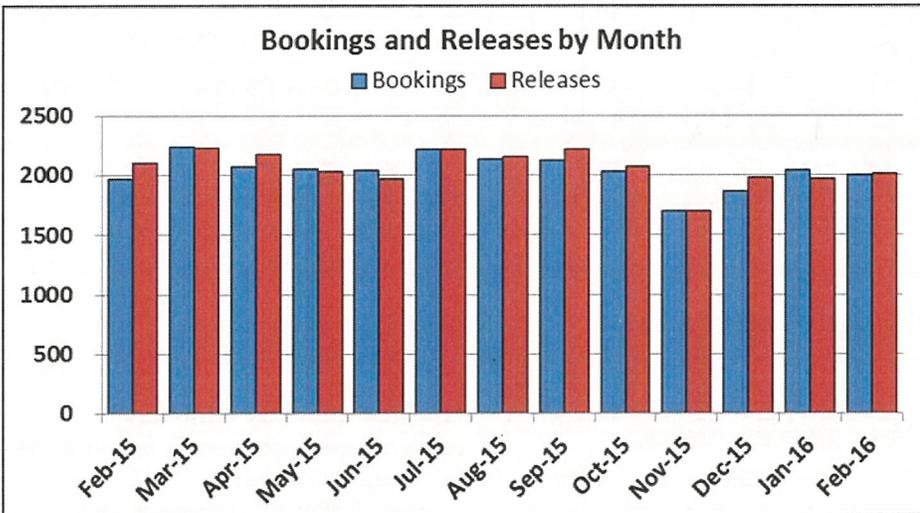
## Department of Corrections—Here for Court



In November 2015, DOC changed its practice in transporting inmates throughout the state, resulting in a termination of an MOU with Bernalillo County. Inmates that would not normally be booked into MDC for hearings are currently being housed at the facility rather than being returned to the custody of DOC. Moving forward, MDC will temporarily house individuals who have been sentenced to DOC but also have cases pending in Bernalillo County. At this time, there has not been a significant impact on MDC's population, but Public Safety staff will continue to monitor and report on this group of inmates.

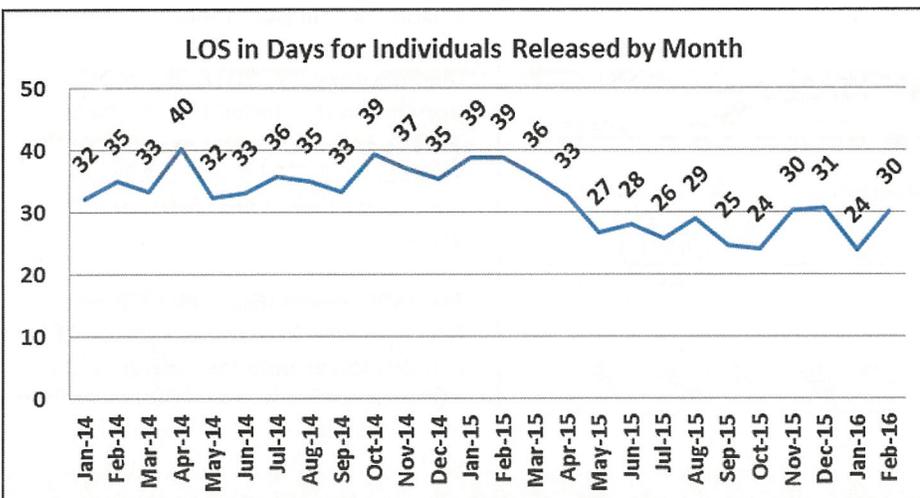
In February 2016, there were an average of 25 people per day housed at MDC rather than DOC due to this change. The length of stay of these inmates upon release averaged approximately 9.7 days and ranged from less than a day to 45 days.

## Bookings, Releases, and Jail Turnover



Annual bookings by fiscal year have declined since FY08. This reduction does not correspond with the overall decreasing population trends in recent months. Monthly bookings have remained relatively stable over the last year. From January 2016 to February 2016, bookings decreased by approximately 1.9% and releases increased by approximately 1.8%.

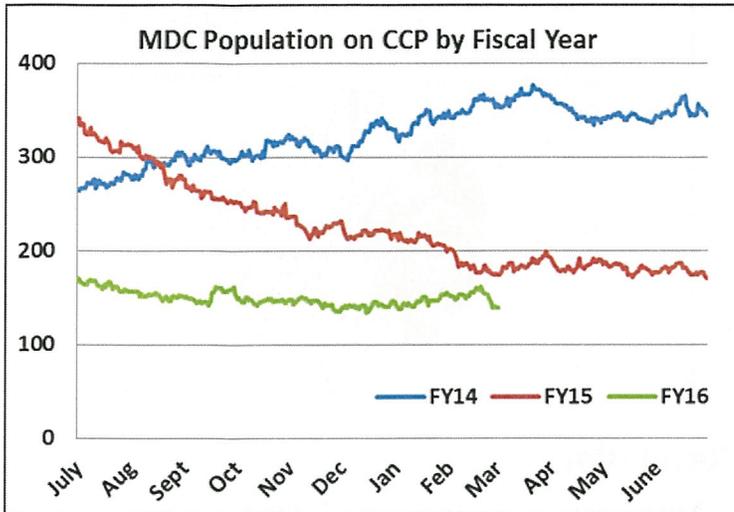
The jail population reduction cannot be explained by the decrease in bookings alone. Jail population is driven by both admissions into the jail as well as the length of stay (LOS).



The length of stay (LOS) for February 2016 was 30 days, approximately 23.1% lower than for the LOS in February 2015 of 39 days.

Court initiatives have helped to improve efficiency in the criminal justice system, improving turnover rates and LOS.

## Community Corrections Program



In March, 2014, CCP peaked at 376. As of February 29, 2016, CCP was 139. This is a decrease of 63%.<sup>4</sup> The reason for this decline may be associated with the overall decrease in the MDC population resulting in less people in custody who qualify for CCP. Many individuals are now being diverted by the courts to Pretrial Services Supervision.

In March, 2014, inmates on CCP comprised 14.2% of the overall MDC population. On February 29, 2016, 8.9% of the MDC population was on CCP, approximately 5.3% less.

## Criminal Justice Reform Initiatives

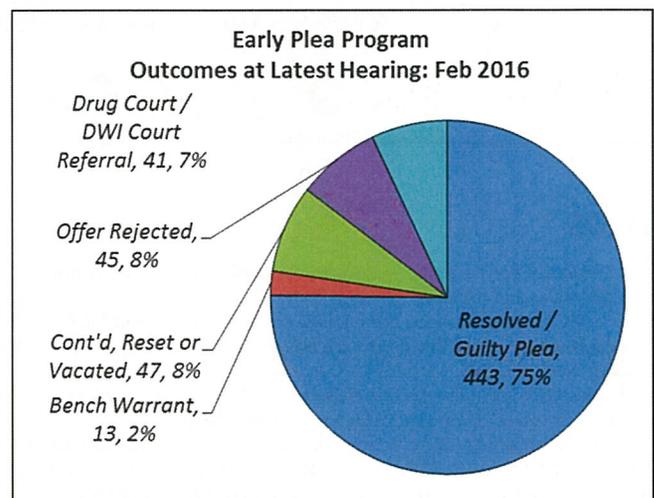
Since mid-March 2014, the County has partnered with the criminal justice family to design and implement numerous court initiatives aimed at creating efficiencies in the criminal justice system which have contributed to recent population reductions. Some of these initiatives include hiring a new ADA, implementation of preliminary hearings, and expansion of the Early Plea Program. The Criminal Justice collaborative continues to identify opportunities to realize additional efficiencies some of which will further impact the jail population.

Initiative Updates:

- Laura and John Arnold Foundation (LJAF) has selected Bernalillo County as a possible "Arnold" site. The Arnold Foundation is a pretrial justice organization focused on data driven strategies aimed at reducing over incarceration and best practice methods in the world of pre-trial justice. The Arnold Foundation has developed a risk assessment tool that helps judges make accurate, efficient, and evidence-based decisions about which defendants should be detained prior to trial and which can be safely released. This tool has been rolled in over 21 jurisdictions, including some state wide. Site visit scheduled for early April, 2016.
- Integrated Criminal Justice Database exploratory meetings continue.
- Update MDC Population study underway.
- Metropolitan Court and District Court working toward data sharing process to decrease redundancy and measure RAI outcomes.
- Metropolitan Court is exploring options of implementing a court date reminder system possibly in early 2016.
- Albuquerque Police Department working to add additional contact information to citation and charging forms to assist in court date reminders.

## Early Plea Program

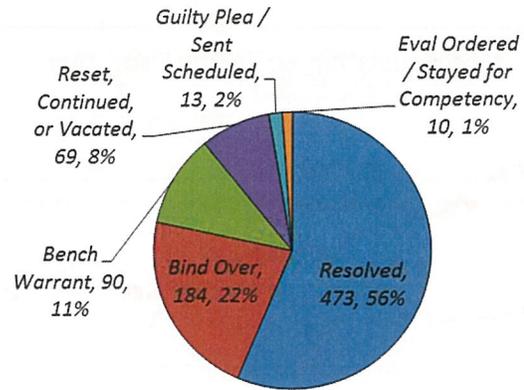
- From March 23, 2015 to February 29, 2016, 675 hearings were scheduled for 589 cases.
- At the latest hearing for the cases, 75% of the cases were resolved (either sentenced or nolle pros) or the defendant had pled guilty and was scheduled to be sentenced at a later date.
- Of the 443 cases resolved to date, 398 (89.8%) were resolved at the first EPP hearing.



## Preliminary Hearings

- Between June 23, 2014 and February 29, 2016, a total of 1,537 hearings were scheduled for 841 cases (cases were at times reset and hearings for the same case for a separate incident were considered unique).
- At the latest hearing for the cases, approximately **56%** were resolved at the preliminary hearing. Outcomes such as the scheduling of a sentencing hearing will likely result in an upcoming resolution.
- Of the **473 cases that have been resolved** to date, 363 (77%) were resolved within one or two hearings.

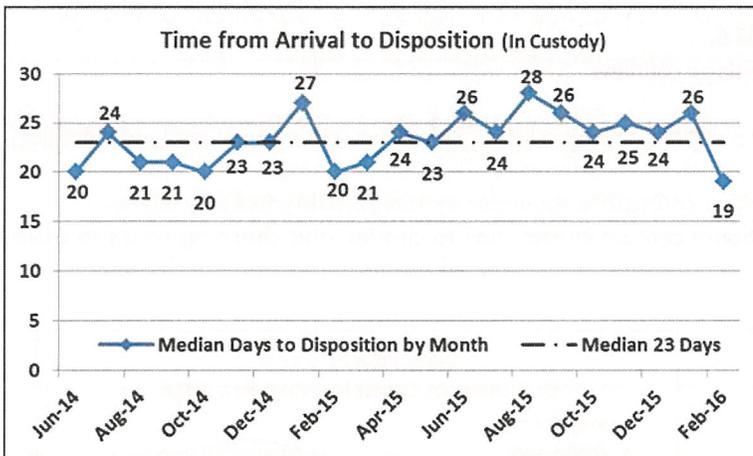
### Preliminary Results at Latest Hearing: Feb 2016



## ADA Case Resolution

- From October 14, 2014 through January 31, 2016, the ADA has resolved approximately **3,434** cases for at least **2,273** people.
- Approximately 1 in 4 individuals with resolved cases had more than one case.
- A 16 week sample beginning April 2014 (one day per week) was previously collected for custody arraignments. For cases that were not domestic violence or DWI cases, the resolution rate was 37.8%.
- All available dockets were reviewed and resolved cases for those dates were reviewed. On those dates, for cases that were not domestic violence or DWI, the resolution rate was 50.5% **AND** there were 145 cases resolved not on the docket. **The ADA resolution rate is 12.7% higher than the 2014 sample of similar cases.**

## Probation Violation Hearings



Between June of 2014 and October of 2015 there were approximately 8,366 hearings scheduled (not including status conferences, rocket dockets and afternoon dockets, and sentencings).

Overall, the time from arrival to disposition had been increasing. However in February of 2016, an improvement was seen in this measure of case processing time. The median time from arrival to disposition in February 2016 was **19 days**. This is the shortest time from arrival to disposition since data collection started on the PV program in June of 2014.

## NOTES

- Total male and female added will not always equal the total onsite population. The headcounts include the infirmary, which includes males and females.
- Due to DOC policy changes, the number of inmates housed at MDC from DOC has increased.
- The figure does include those who are housed Out of County (OOC) as the County's goal is to achieve the 1,950 without housing inmates OOC.
- One potential reason for the decrease is the MOU that was implemented in March 24, 2014, a new MOU which prohibits participation on CCP for individuals with certain charges.
- Corrections to January 2016 Report: In the report, the population difference from January 31, 2014 to 2016 was reported as 1,551 (the population in 2016) rather than the difference of 1,165. Booking had decreased slightly from December 2015 to January 2016 rather than increased. The tables and figures have been updated to reflect the correct values.



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