

Sacramento County Jail Fact Sheet

The Sacramento County Jail is comprised of two adult jails, the Main Jail (MJ) and Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center (RCCC). The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office (SSO) has overall responsibility for management of the jails. Adult Correctional Health (ACH), a program in the Department of Health Services (DHS) Primary Health Division, provides physical health and behavioral health services through county and contracted staff working in partnership with SSO.

Main Jail

The Main Jail is a multistory, concrete building located at 651 I Street in Downtown Sacramento. The Main Jail was built in 1989 with an original rated capacity of 1,250 that was later increased to 2,380. Housing units are primarily single and double cells with solid doors. The Main Jail serves as Sacramento County's intake facility, known as the booking loop, which processes nearly 27,000 bookings annuallyⁱ.

Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center (RCCC)

RCCC is located 27 miles south of Sacramento on a 140-acre parcel of land (12500 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove). RCCC was originally constructed as an Air Force base that was deeded to the County in 1947 and converted to a jail around 1960. It is the primary custody facility for detainees sentenced to county jail by the Courts and offers numerous re-entry programs. In an effort to lower Main Jail population levels, an increasing percentage of the detainees housed at RCCC are pre-sentence detainees. Housing units are a combination of single and double cells, as well as open barracks or dormitories. It has a current rated capacity of 1,625 detainees.

Facility Limitations

Experts have consistently determined that the jail facilities have significant deficiencies that impact the County's ability to deliver the appropriate type and level of physical health and behavioral health services for those in custody. The facilities were not designed for health care and are not compliant with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which were enacted at later dates. Due to the structure and building materials comprising the Main Jail, the booking loop cannot be renovated into compliance with ADA and HIPAAⁱⁱ. Furthermore, the remote location of RCCC, its vulnerability to flooding, and limitations of existing infrastructure pose overwhelming challenges to major renovations.

Jail Population and Capacity

As of September 1, 2022, the Main Jail population was 1,878 including 1,661 males and 261 females, or 79% of the official rated capacity. RCCC population was 1,396 including 1,294 males and 102 females, or 86% of rated capacity. In total, the Sacramento County Jail is operating at approximately 82% of its rated capacityⁱⁱⁱ.

Recent data from Adult Correctional Health indicates 68% of the jail population has at least one chronic health condition with 64% having two or more chronic conditions. In a recent quarterly report on the mental health population, 67% of the jail's population have a diagnosed mental health condition, including 31% of individuals who have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness (SMI).

Law Enforcement Agency Bookings

The Sacramento County Jail includes the only booking facility for fresh arrests made by every law enforcement agency in the county. 78 agencies book arrestees in the jail, with ten city, County, and State agencies comprising 90% of jail bookings.

This includes:

- Sacramento Police Department (35%)
- Sacramento County Sheriff's Office (28%)
- California Highway Patrol (8%)
- Citrus Heights Police Department (4%)
- Elk Grove Police Department (4%)
- Rancho Cordova Police Department (3%)
- Sacramento County Probation Department (3%)
- Folsom Police Department (3%)
- Sacramento County Regional Park Rangers (2%)
- and State Parole (2%)ⁱ

Charges at Booking

95% of inmates are in custody based upon underlying felony chargesⁱ.

New felony crime bookings reflect crimes against:

- Persons (37%)
- Property offenses (24%)
- Narcotics and drugs (13%)
- Alcohol (4%)
- and others (22%)

40% of bookings are driven by court-issued warrants and commitments, holds, and violations; of these; Supervision violations not associated with a fresh charge constitute 3% of the total jail populationⁱ.

Mays Consent Decree

In 2020, a federal judge approved a court order (Consent Decree) resulting from a class action settlement^{iv}. The Consent Decree requires the County to provide constitutionally adequate care and conditions of confinement to Sacramento County jail inmates^v. The County's compliance with the Consent Decree is monitored by Class Counsel who represents all individuals booked and housed into the Sacramento County jails. Monitors also include subject matter experts in mental health care, medical care and suicide prevention.

The monitors are required to inspect the jails and provide reports to the Federal Court every six months. The expert reports have found that while there has been progress in some areas, the County is not in compliance with many of the provisions of the Consent Decree, with staffing challenges and physical facility limitations identified as impediments to achieving full compliance.

In 2022, the County agreed to a Memorandum of Agreement^{vi} requiring the County develop plans to:

1. Address the physical deficiencies of jail facilities, and
2. Reduce the jail population to facilitate compliance with the decree.

The County published its Jail Population Reduction Plans^{vii} in October 2022 to solicit valuable community input and feedback in advance of its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.

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iv. Mays v. County of Sacramento (2020, January 13). [Order Granting Final Approval of Class Action Settlement](#).

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