



## 2019 JAIL INFORMATION

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Operational Improvements

IC 36-2-13-12. Sec. 12.

**(b) The Sheriff shall file with the county executive an annual report of the condition of the county jail and any recommended improvements in its maintenance and operation. The report shall also be filed with the county auditor and maintained as public record.**

As added by Acts 1980. P.L. 212. SEC. 1.

## HOUSING INFORMATION

1. The rated capacity of the LaPorte County Jail is 368 beds.
  - a. The jail inmate population was over 368 for 355 days in 2019.
  - b. The average daily inmate population count was 406 in 2019.
  - c. The highest one-day population of inmates was 454 / lowest was 339 in 2019.

## BOOKING STATISTICS

	Number	Percentage
Total Detainees	4520	100.00%
Adult Males	3302	73.05%
Juvenile Males	15	0.33%
Adult Females	1203	26.62%
Juvenile Females	0	0.00%
Adult Unknown	0	0.00%
Juvenile Unknown	0	0.00%

### **Population Origin (Based On Billing)**

Parole Hold – DOC	7	0.15%
IN Dept of Correction	67	1.48%
HEA 1006 – DOC F6 Felons	0	0.00%
United States Marshal	14	0.31%
Other Agencies	141	3.12%

### **Percentage of Population by Race or Ethnic Origin**

White Male	2074	45.89%
White Female	838	18.54%
African American Male	1024	22.65%
African American Female	322	7.12%
Hispanic Male	184	4.07%
Hispanic Female	32	0.71%
Native American Male	2	0.04%
Native American Female	3	0.07%
Indian Male	3	0.07%
Indian Female	0	0.00%
Asian Male	5	0.11%
Asian Female	3	0.07%
Unknown Male	25	0.55%
Unknown Female	5	0.11%

**Total Number of New Admissions/Releases**

Admissions	4520
Releases	4130

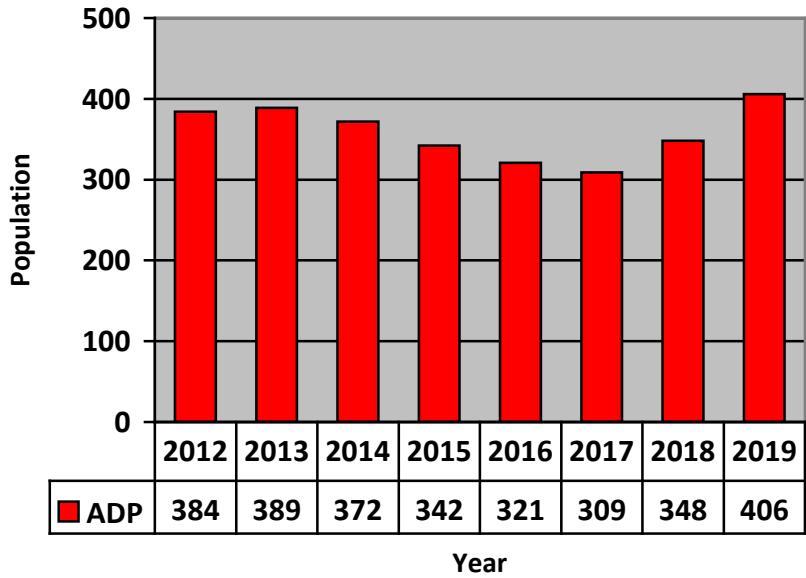
**Top Ten Offenses**

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	COUNT
REVOC/SUSP/SENT	1082
FAILURE TO APPEAR	1066
WANTED OTHER DEPT.	560
OPER WHILE INTOX – MISD.	508
THEFT – FEL.	247
THEFT – MISD.	220
RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT (M)	192
DOMESTIC BATTERY (F)	186
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	176
OWI ENDANGERING A PERSON (M)	176

**AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION**

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Average Daily Inmate Population	384	389	372	342	321	309	348	<b>406</b>
Increase/Decrease Since Prior Year		+5	-17	-30	-21	-12	+39	<b>+58</b>
Percent Increase/Decrease Since Prior Year		+1.30%	-4.37%	-8.06%	-6.41%	-3.74%	+12.15%	<b>+16.66%</b>
Increase/Decrease Since 2012		+5	-12	-42	-63	-75	-36	<b>+22</b>
Annual Percent Increase/Decrease Since 2012		+1.30%	-3.13%	-10.94%	-16.41%	-19.53%	-9.38%	<b>+5.73%</b>

## Average Daily Population 2012-2019



### JAIL IN-CUSTODY DEATHS

In 2019, the La Porte County Jail had zero (0) in-custody related deaths.

### MAJOR DISTURBANCES

There were no major disturbances in 2019.

### NUMBER OF ESCAPES

There were no escapes in 2019.

### JUVENILES BOOKED INTO JAIL

Males	15
Females	0

# INMATE SERVICES

## La Porte County Jail Programs and Services

The following are Programs and Services offered at the La Porte County Jail to assist with enhancing one's character and lifestyle. These programs are monitored and coordinated by the Director of Treatment Services. These programs are facilitated by community volunteers that have been cleared through the County's screening system and have a desire to support those struggling with various interpersonal issues.

- **Substance Abuse Class:** This program is for court-ordered females and males. This class is a collaborative effort sponsored by the La Porte County Judicial System and La Porte County Sheriff's Department. It is a 28-day, 56-session in-house closed treatment program facilitated by an addiction counselor of Swanson Center Community Mental Health Center. This class is the first of the three-phase intensive substance abuse classes offered by Swanson Center. Successful completion of this on-site class constitutes a court order to complete the outpatient phases two and three of the class. The class requires a \$100.00 evaluation fee using the Indiana Assessment and Needs Survey. Once evaluated, and if they meet the criteria for the class they are ordered to pay a \$450.00 fee for the class and material. The court determines if any referrals are indigent and fees may need to be waived.
- **AA/NA Groups:** This is an open-ended group offered to both men and women who have not been court-ordered to the Substance Abuse class that are struggling with addiction. This is a voluntary class facilitated by volunteers from the YANA Club.
- **Counseling:** This is a service that is offered upon request to detainees needing brief solution-focused interventions to manage their moods and thoughts. This service is conducted by the on-site Treatment Services Director and any Master-level interns.
- **Foundations of Successful Living:** This is an open-ended 12-week class for both males and females facilitated by one of our volunteer Pastors. Several different topics are studied, processed, and outlined as it relates to positive communication, healthier relationships, life goals, and breaking negative generational cycles.
- **Juvenile Educational Coordination:** This is a collaborative effort for special educational students that are still registered as full-time students with the local community school systems. The school's special educational department provides staff or educational material to complete on-site supportive educational services.
- **La Porte Literacy Coalition:** This service provides numerous spiritual, inspirational, self-help books, and material on a bi-monthly basis to all detainees. This service is provided on a volunteer basis by the La Porte Ministerial Association.
- **Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) Class:** This is an open 10-week systematic class that focuses on changing beliefs, behaviors, and habits related to substance abuse and re-entering back into society. This class and material is facilitated by a certified instructor

volunteer through a self-help treatment grant funded by La Porte County Drug Free Partnership.

- **Spiritual Consultation:** This service provides non-denominational and denominational individual sessions focusing on supporting the inner spirituality. This service is offered upon request of the detainee.
- **Women's Character Studies:** This is an open-ended mentoring group facilitated by the certified MRT facilitator to assist women with defining their character, morals, values, how to improve them, and practice them.

## **COURTS AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION**

The Courts and Transportation Division is tasked with transporting inmates to and from court, sometimes transporting inmates to and from the Indiana Department of Correction (DOC) and other facilities, administering video arraignments, performing applicant investigations for potential employees, administering the Disciplinary Hearing Board per Indiana Adult Disciplinary statutes and serving arrest warrants. The unit services all five (5) courts in LaPorte County; three (3) of which are located in Michigan City.

The unit stats for 2019:

### **TRANSPORTATION**

1. Transported a total of 2,053 inmates to court.
2. Administered video arraignment for 5,742 inmates.
3. Traveled 5,480.90 total miles for other related transports (DOC, other county jails, etc.)

### **DISCIPLINARY HEARING BOARD**

1. The Disciplinary Hearing Board heard approximately 438 hearings in 2019.

### **WARRANT SERVICE**

1. The Division served a total of 353 arrests warrants during 2019.

## **COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM (CWP)**

The Community Work Program was supervised in 2019 by Administrative Deputy Jim Jackson. The program is manned by 1 – 2 inmates daily. Various tasks are performed in the community for the following not-for-profit organizations (this is not an all-conclusive list):

- La Porte County Fair
- La Porte Jaycees
- La Porte County Parks Department
- La Porte City Parks Department
- La Porte County Highway Department
- La Porte County Offices
- Low “Waterford” Cemetery
- La Porte County Sheriff’s Office Firearms Training Range
- American Red Cross
- La Porte County Sheriff’s Garage
- La Porte County Solid Waste Program
- Kingsford Heights & Kingsbury VFD
- Steady Stitchers/Dunebrook
- Food Pantry Program at Lewis Bakery
- Snow Removal
  - Around County Complex
  - For senior citizens when requested
- La Porte County 4-H
- La Porte County Home
- La Porte County Building Maintenance
- La Porte County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Training Area
- La Porte County Fair Board
- Michigan City Park Department
- Michigan City Salvation Army
- Bethany Lutheran Church Red, Wine & Brew Fest

A total of 3,585 hours was worked by the inmates and Administrative Jail Deputy Jackson in 2019. At the minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour, the total value in man hours was \$25,991.25. Deputy Jackson has taken on many projects for the community with his crew, including: delivering 800 bags of peat moss and 1,800 bags of dirt for community garden projects at Keys to Hope Community Resource Center, Sand Castle Shelter and SMRT Neighborhood Center; assisting with the weekly food pantry program at Lewis Bakery where the bakery donates returned, non-expired bread to Township Trustees and local food pantries; and daily trash removal from the Jail Division to help lighten the load for the officers . Deputy Jackson has made this program his own and his impact on the community does not go unnoticed.

## **MEDICAL UNIT**

All jails and correctional facilities are required by law to provide medical care to inmates, even for pre-existing conditions. In May 2019, La Porte County entered into a contract with Quality Correctional Care (QCC). As part of this new contract, QCC provides 24/7 nursing coverage to the La Porte County Jail. The upfront expense alleviates litigation expenses in the end. Additionally, all legal avenues are being used by the medical unit to defray the cost to the taxpayers of this medical care. These avenues include:

- claims filed with the inmate’s health insurance company (when available),
- claims filed with Medicaid/HIP (when applicable),
- reimbursement from the Department of Correction (when applicable),

- \$15.00 per visit fee for being examined by the doctor,
- \$15.00 fee for prescription medications,
- \$5.00 for over-the-counter medications,
- \$15.00 fee for unnecessary requests to see a nurse,
- \$15.00 fee to see the dentist.

Following are the approximate medical costs for the years 2016 - 2019 for providing medical care to the inmates:

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019
Medical Costs	\$471,779	\$673,463	\$839,021	\$899,287

### **DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND**

A total of \$51,636.58 was deposited to the general fund in 2019. The breakdown is as follows:

	Billed	Collected
Housing DOC Inmates	\$39,790.00	\$37,807.50
Housing USMS Inmates	\$352.00	\$352.00
Inmate Medical Co-Pays	\$23,381.79	\$9,657.49
Restitution by Inmates for Damaging Jail Property	\$9,114.95	\$3,819.59
Total	\$72,638.74	<b>\$51,636.58</b>

### **JAIL STAFFING**

Seventy-seven (77) employees comprise the staff of the LaPorte County Jail. Staffing assignments are as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| 1. Administrative                 | 4  |
| 2. Operations                     | 53 |
| 3. Inmate Classification          | 1  |
| 4. Administrative Deputies        | 3  |
| 5. Community Work Program         | 1  |
| 6. Director of Treatment Services | 1  |
| 7. Courts and Transportation      | 6  |
| 8. Information Technology         | 1  |
| 9. Director of Food Services      | 1  |
| 10. Part-time Cooks               | 6  |



## **Shift Operations**

In 2019, the Jail Staff operated at less than full capacity throughout some of the year. The result was that \$193,591.00 dollars were spent in overtime monies. This amount was a decrease of \$64,409.00 from the previous year due to remaining at full staff through most of 2019. A total of seven (7) new employees were hired. In addition, some of the overtime costs were created by medical emergencies, illnesses, FMLA and inmate transports. Some of the vacancies were caused by Jail Deputies being hired by the La Porte County Sheriff's Office as a Merit Deputy or by other agencies as a law enforcement officer. This demonstrates that the La Porte County Jail continues to provide training and quality performance that prepares our deputies for career advancement. Other vacancies were created by Jail Deputies who resigned for various reasons.

## **Medical Unit**

Advanced Correction Healthcare (ACH) provided the Jail's contracted medical healthcare through April 30, 2019 with 152 nursing hours and four (4) physician hours weekly. On May 1, 2019, the County began a new contract with Quality Correctional Care (QCC) who provides us with 24/7 medical care on-site and physician visits at least once per week. QCC has also assumed the responsibility of filing Medicaid applications for inmates who qualify.

A Jail Deputy is assigned to the Medical Unit to provide additional security and conduct medical relate transports.

## **Inmate Classification**

The La Porte County Sheriff's Office is responsible for the housing and supervision of inmates in the Jail.

The Jail currently has one (1) Jail Deputy that performs classification duties full-time. As of October, a Classification Team was organized and trained. This was one of our goals from 2018. Booking Jail Deputies are also trained in classification for initial inmate placement upon book in. This helps keep the holding cells in Processing clear for new intakes.

Inmate classification is a huge issue in corrections. The purpose of classification is to recognize inmates that can be housed together versus those who cannot. The principal is to keep the predators separated from the prey. The system works quite well in preventing inmate problems such as fights, extortion, rapes, etc.

## **TRAINING**

In 2019, the employees of the Jail Division received 3,852.75 hours of training. This number equates to an average of 54.26 hours of training received per employee. The state-minimum requirement for annual training hours is 16. A total of seven (7) new jail employees were hired in 2019. The new employees received a total of 1,080 hours of training prior to working a duty assignment by themselves. This number equates to an average of 154.29 hours

of training received per new employee. The state-minimum requirement for new officer on-the-job training hours prior to working a post on their own is 80.

## **JAIL KITCHEN**

The Kitchen in the Jail is staffed by one (1) Director of Food Services and budgeted for six (6) part-time kitchen cooks. However, throughout 2019, the kitchen staff operated with less than the budgeted six (6) part-time cooks for various reasons. In addition to the employees, approximately five (5) to seven (7) inmate trustee workers provide work-related services within the kitchen. In addition to the meals that are prepared and provided to the inmates in the Jail, the Kitchen staff is also responsible for providing meals for La Porte County Community Corrections.

In 2019, a total of 28,458 meals were prepared for La Porte County Community Corrections. In 2019, a total of 435,504 meals were prepared for inmates being held in the La Porte County Jail. Thus, a total of 463,962 inmate meals were prepared in 2019 by the La Porte County Jail Kitchen and staff.

## **JAIL NEEDS/MAINTENANCE**

The Maintenance Department took on many projects throughout the Jail during 2019. A team of two-three maintenance employees are assigned to address matters that arise in the jail. This greatly assists with the maintenance demands of the jail and addressing them in a timely fashion.

1. In 2019, there were 1,409 work orders submitted for repairs within the jail. In comparison, in 2018, there were 1,261 work orders submitted for repairs within the jail.
2. The Integrator Door System is failing. It needs regular maintenance by our IT Systems Technician and Stanley Convergent Security Solutions. When the system goes down, it requires our Supervisors to use keys to access every door in the Jail. It can go down for hours, sometimes days at a time. One day the system will expire and never recover. It will need replaced and the estimated installation time could be up to one year. It is prudent to replace the system before it expires completely.
3. Tile in some of the hallways is not adhering to the floor. We have obtained two separate quotes to repair these hallways. However, we have not completed the projects due to prioritizing our needs based on available funds.
4. Heating and cooling have always been an issue. It takes too long for the temperature to adjust. Certain areas of the jail are either too cold or warm, depending on the weather. Staff continuously test the temperature in all areas of the jail and makes necessary adjustments. County Maintenance continues to attempt to resolve these issues and they are making great strides in the right direction. They installed new thermostats and control units in 2019 and we have seen an improvement.

## OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

250 new mattresses were purchased using the Commissary Fund. The female inmate workers have been utilized to sew and repair damaged mattresses, jail issued clothing and bedding to off-set operating costs.

Two new Emergency Restraint Chairs were purchased and put into circulation. We also kept and repaired the existing ERCs to give the officers more resources.

In addition to the new medical contract with QCC, a medical records software was purchased. CorEMR was set up and implemented in October 2019.

A kitchen food service contract was negotiated in 2019. The five-month long process was finalized in late December so we could begin the contract with Tiger Food Services at the start of 2020.

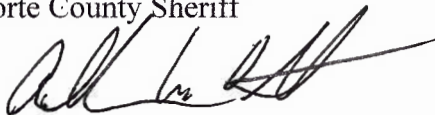
A pilot training program called Jail Officer Leadership Training (JOLT) was provided to all our Jail Supervisors and Support Staff. We feel that building strong leaders will benefit the Jail Division now and in the future.

In regard to the initial goal of supporting our staff in 2018, we learned that it directly affected the retention of Jail Officers. By hiring driven individuals, offering extensive training, and providing a positive work environment for our Officers to thrive, we maintained a fully budgeted staff for most of 2019. We are happy that we have accomplished this goal. Our goals for 2020 are to publish an updated, revised Standard Operating Guidelines manual, explore some new inmate resources through our phone and video visitation provider - Securus Technologies, and add two (2) additional Jail Officer positions to our budget.

Respectfully Submitted,



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LaPorte County Sheriff



Captain Allen W. Ott  
Jail Commander

Cc:

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State Jail Inspector  
La Porte County Commissioner President  
La Porte County Council President  
La Porte County Prosecutor

La Porte County Auditor  
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