



2021 JAIL INFORMATION

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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 7 days in 2021.
 - b. The average daily inmate population count was 306 in 2021.
 - c. The highest one-day population of inmates was 375 / lowest was 244 in 2021.

BOOKING STATISTICS

	Number	Percentage
Total Detainees	4049	100.00%
Adult Males	2989	73.82%
Juvenile Males	7	0.17%
Adult Females	1053	26.01%
Juvenile Females	0	0.00%
Adult Unknown	0	0.00%
Juvenile Unknown	0	0.00%

Population Origin (Based on Billing)

Parole Hold – DOC	7	0.17%
IN Dept of Correction	79	1.95%
HEA 1006 – DOC F6 Felons	0	0.00%
United States Marshal	1	0.02%
Other Agencies	38	0.94%

Percentage of Population by Race or Ethnic Origin

White Male	1792	44.26%
White Female	712	17.58%
African American Male	970	23.96%
African American Female	279	6.89%
Hispanic Male	205	5.06%
Hispanic Female	53	1.31%
Hispanic Other	0	0.00%
Native American Female	2	0.05%
Indian Male	3	0.07%
Asian Male	10	0.25%
Unknown Male	16	0.40%
Unknown Female	7	0.17%

Total Number of New Admissions/Releases

Admissions	4049
Releases	4052

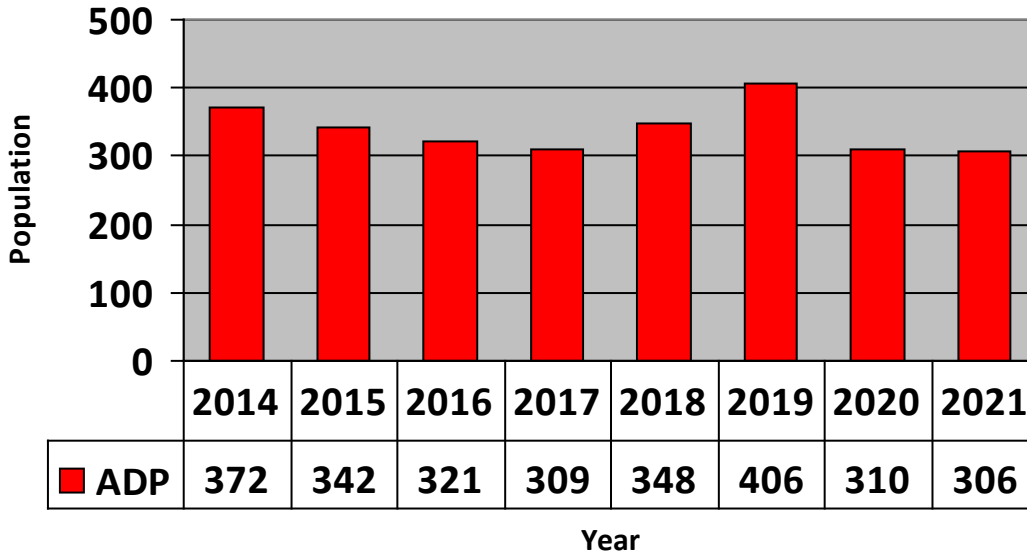
Top Ten Offenses

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	COUNT
OPER WHILE INTOX – MISD.	897
FAILURE TO APPEAR	895
REVOC/SUSP/SENT	657
WANTED OTHER DEPT.	377
OWI ENDANGERING A PERSON (M)	271
DOMESTIC BATTERY (F)	235
RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT (M)	181
THEFT – MISD.	167
DOMESTIC BATTERY (M)	161
UNLAWFUL POSS. OF A SYRINGE	153

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Average Daily Inmate Population	372	342	321	309	348	406	310	306
Increase/Decrease Since Prior Year		-30	-21	-12	+39	+58	-96	-4
Percent Increase/Decrease Since Prior Year		-8.06%	-6.14%	-3.74%	+12.62%	+16.67%	-27.59%	-1.29%
Increase/Decrease Since 2014		-30	-51	-63	-24	+34	-62	-66
Annual Percent Increase/Decrease Since 2014		-8.06%	-13.71%	-16.94%	-6.45%	+9.14%	-16.67%	-17.74%

Average Daily Population 2014-2021



JAIL IN-CUSTODY DEATHS

In 2021, the La Porte County Jail had one (1) in-custody related death. On June 29, 2021, an inmate was found unconscious within the jail. Dr. John D. Feczko determined the cause of the inmate's death was a natural death caused by cardiac arrhythmia secondary to dilated cardiomyopathy and congestive heart failure from chronic alcoholism. The in-custody death was investigated by the La Porte County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau.

MAJOR DISTURBANCES

There were no major disturbances in 2021.

NUMBER OF ESCAPES

There were no escapes in 2021.

JUVENILES BOOKED INTO JAIL

Males	7
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. These programs were suspended in March 2020 due to the pandemic and never resumed due to the Resolution issued by the La Porte County Commissioners limiting public entry to the County buildings. We agreed with this Resolution as the positivity rates increased as time went on.

- **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. The class and material are 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.

During the pandemic, all the court operations were conducted by video, Zoom meetings or telephonically within the facility.

The unit stats for 2021:

TRANSPORTATION

1. Transported a total of 186 inmates to court.
2. Administered video arraignment for 5,838 inmates.
3. Traveled 10,853.10 total miles for other related transports (DOC, other county jails, etc.)

DISCIPLINARY HEARING BOARD

1. The Disciplinary Hearing Board heard approximately 237 hearings in 2021.

WARRANT SERVICE

1. The Division served a total of 277 arrests warrants during 2021.

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM (CWP)

The Community Work Program was supervised in 2021 by Administrative Deputy Jim Jackson. The program is normally manned by 1 – 2 inmates daily. Due to the pandemic, providing inmate workers to the CWP program was suspended to keep the inmates safe. 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 1,705 hours were worked by Administrative Jail Deputy Jackson in 2021 due to inmate workers not being allowed out of the Jail due to COVID. Deputy Jackson has taken on many projects for the community, including: assisting with moving the Michigan City Courthouse from the Brown Mackie building after the renovation was complete, and daily trash removal from the Jail Division to help lighten the load for the officers. Deputy Jackson’s willingness to help his fellow County employees 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. Coming in to our third year in contract, we have seen the benefits. 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 2018 - 2021 for providing medical care to the inmates:

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021
Medical Costs	\$839,021	\$899,287	\$954,133	\$950,586

DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND

A total of \$137,846.44 was deposited to the general fund in 2021. The breakdown is as follows:

	Billed	Collected
Housing DOC Inmates	\$117,300.00	\$114,562.50
Inmate Medical Co-Pays	\$31,864.25	\$19,145.55
Restitution by Inmates for Damaging Jail Property	\$6,023.05	\$4,138.39
Total	\$155,187.30	\$137,846.44

JAIL STAFFING

Seventy-two (72) employees comprise the staff of the LaPorte County Jail. Staffing assignments are as follows:

1. Administrative	4
2. Operations	54
3. Inmate Classification	1
4. Medical Deputy	1
5. Administrative Deputies	2
6. Community Work Program	1
7. Director of Treatment Services	1
8. Courts and Transportation	7
9. Information Technology	1

Shift Operations

In 2021, the Jail Staff operated quite well given the circumstances. The pandemic continued to cause staffing issues while we had employees testing positive. The result was that \$169,097.04 were spent in overtime monies. This amount was a decrease of \$45,610.12 from the previous year. A total of eighteen (18) 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.

In 2021, we were able to appropriate an additional Jail Deputy position, which we filled. We have noticed the benefit of this in reduced overtime costs.

Medical Unit

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 2019, a Classification Team was organized and trained. 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. In October, three members of the team were sent to an ongoing classification training in Tipton, Indiana. They brought their knowledge learned back to the team and put new processes into place to be in compliance with legal standards.

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.

Classification in 2021 was a continued challenge due to proactive housing arrangements that were maintained due to the pandemic. Throughout the entire year we maintained a screening process and designated two male quarantine blocks and one female quarantine block. This was a meticulous process that required daily attention so a 14-day quarantine could be achieved before a move to general population. Our diligence with this process in 2020 was successful in maintaining a COVID-free environment however, on January 6th we experienced our first inmate COVID case in the Jail. We had a plan in place and quickly isolated and provided the necessary medical care.

TRAINING

In 2021, the employees of the Jail Division received 5,318.25 hours of training. This number equates to an average of 73.86 hours of training received per employee. The state-minimum requirement for annual training hours is 16. A total of eighteen (18) new jail employees were hired in 2021. The new employees received a total of 3,065.75 hours of training prior to working a duty assignment by themselves. This number equates to an average of 170.32 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

In 2020, we contracted with Tiger Correctional Services to operate the kitchen. They hired our existing staff and began operations on January 13, 2020. The contract price includes food, necessary kitchen items as well as all salaries to operate the kitchen. The overall cost in 2021 was \$535,000.74, continuing our cost savings of over \$200,000 per year. 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 2021, a total of 28,101 meals were prepared for La Porte County Community Corrections. In 2021, a total of 339,546 meals were prepared for inmates being held in the La Porte County Jail. Thus, a total of 367,647 inmate meals were prepared in 2021 by the Tiger Kitchen staff.

JAIL NEEDS/MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Department took on many projects throughout the Jail during 2021. 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 2021, there were 787 work orders submitted for repairs within the jail.
2. The East Sally Port door has been repaired several times. In 2021, all parts were replaced. The door continues to be a maintenance concern due to the amount of usage it gets.
3. HVAC, Plumbing and electrical issues as well as elevators and electronic communication devices will always be an ongoing problem as long as we are in this building. A linear facility design would alleviate a lot of the mechanical issues.

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OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

In February, we worked with the County Commissioners to appropriate emergency funds for the upgrade of the Integrator door and video system. Security Automation Systems (SAS) was selected to do the project and began immediately. Due to supply shortages, the project has been delayed past its projected completion date. To date, the system has been designed and is ready for installation once the parts arrive. This is a huge advance for the facility as this upgrade has been on the agenda for at least the past 10 years.

The South elevator was out of service for several months in 2021. In collaboration with Maintenance, a remodified elevator was installed.

The Securus contract was restructured, and inmate tablets were introduced to the population. This gives many additional resources to the inmates for addiction recovery, religion, education, mental health support, personal development, job search, as well as opening additional lines of communication between inmates and their families. The tablets include phone and eMessaging apps. We have noticed it brought the temperature down within the inmate population and made our Deputies' daily routines more efficient. This was done at no cost to the County taxpayers.

The Jail Administration had been on the search for time & attendance software for several years. PACE Scheduler was discovered in 2021 and implemented by the end of the year. The automated system has gotten rave reviews from the staff and has eliminated the need for paper forms and hundreds of spreadsheets.

Although we enacted a Use of Force review committee in 2019, we increased the frequency with which the reviews were done. The committee is continuously reviewing every use of force incident. The results are compounding as we provide constructive feedback to our staff as well as minimizing the risk of litigation.

Diversity training has been a mandated training since 2019. We feel we are creating a more well-trained staff by doing so as well as creating a positive work environment.

One of our overall goals is to continue to support our staff. In 2021, we maintained a full staff by budget. Eighteen (18) new deputies were hired to replace those who left the Jail Division. The law enforcement climate may not have popularity in places of our country, and we have seen some of that locally. However, we still maintain a full staff and have a hiring list at the end of 2021.

The La Porte County Jail Standard Operating Guidelines Manual was reviewed by the legal team and edited in 2021. A printed copy was provided to each employee moving into 2022. This has been a long-term goal as the previous revision was done in 2010.

Our goals for 2022 are broadening the classification team, implement social media training/policy, and complete the integrator project.

Respectfully Submitted,



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