

# 2025 Annual Report



**Monroe County Correctional Center  
Charlotte T. Zietlow Justice Center  
301 North College Avenue  
Bloomington, IN 47404**

# ANNUAL JAIL REPORTING

## IC 36-2-13-12

### **Reports; persons confined in county jail; condition of county jail; recommendations**

(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 a public record.

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

## **210 IAC 3-1-2 Administration and organization**

Authority: IC 11-8-2-5; IC 11-12-4-1

Affected: IC 11-12-4-1

(b) Each sheriff shall prepare and submit, not later than March 31 after the conclusion of each calendar year, a written report setting forth the annual statistical data and the extent and availability of services and programs to inmates identifying major events that have occurred in the jail and unfunded operational needs. The report shall be directed to the circuit court judge, and copies shall be provided to the state jail inspector, president of the county council or city-county council, prosecutor, and president of the board of commissioners. The report shall also be provided to the county auditor and be maintained as a public record. At a minimum, the report shall include the following:

- (1) The total number of beds.
- (2) The total number of bookings with at least the top ten (10) identified by offense.
- (3) The average daily inmate population.
- (4) The total number of jail and in-custody deaths by type (suicide, natural causes, homicide) with a summary of each occurrence.
- (5) The number of escapes.
- (6) The total number of juveniles booked into the jail via waiver or direct file.
- (7) The availability of services provided at the jail.
- (8) A statement on the adequacy of jail staffing levels.
- (9) A statement on the maintenance and upkeep of the jail.
- (10) Unfunded needs and projects essential to jail operation and maintenance.
- (11) The average length of stay, for all inmates housed in the jail as of December 31, of the preceding year.

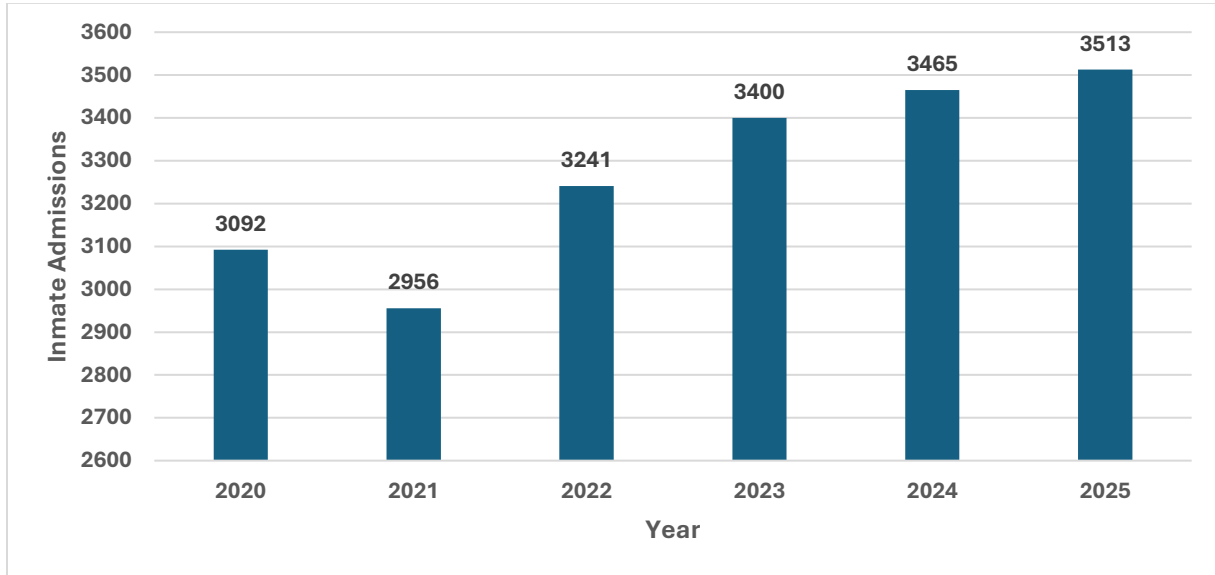
## MONROE COUNTY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

The Monroe County Correctional Center is located at 301 North College Avenue, Bloomington, Indiana. The Correctional Center is housed within the Monroe County Justice Building's 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Floors. The facility was built in 1984 and had an original bed count of 128. Over the years additional bed space was gained from double bunking all cells, except for two for ADA compliance. Space previously designed for other uses has been converted to housing, the latest in 2017 when a remodeling project of a space previously used for storage was completed. This space, designated as K-Block, provided an additional seven beds to the facility, and serves as a housing area for select inmates with significant mental health issues. J-Block, with 32 beds, has been repurposed in its entirety to accommodate inmates with significant mental health needs. With the latest remodel in 2017, the Correctional Center bed count is currently at 294.

### TOTAL NUMBER OF BEDS

<b>A Block</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>B Block</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>C Block</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>D Block</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>E Block</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>F Block</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>G Block</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>H Block</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>I Block</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>J Block</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>K Block</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Fl Dorm</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Trustee</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Segregation</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Padded Cell</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Holding</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>294</b>

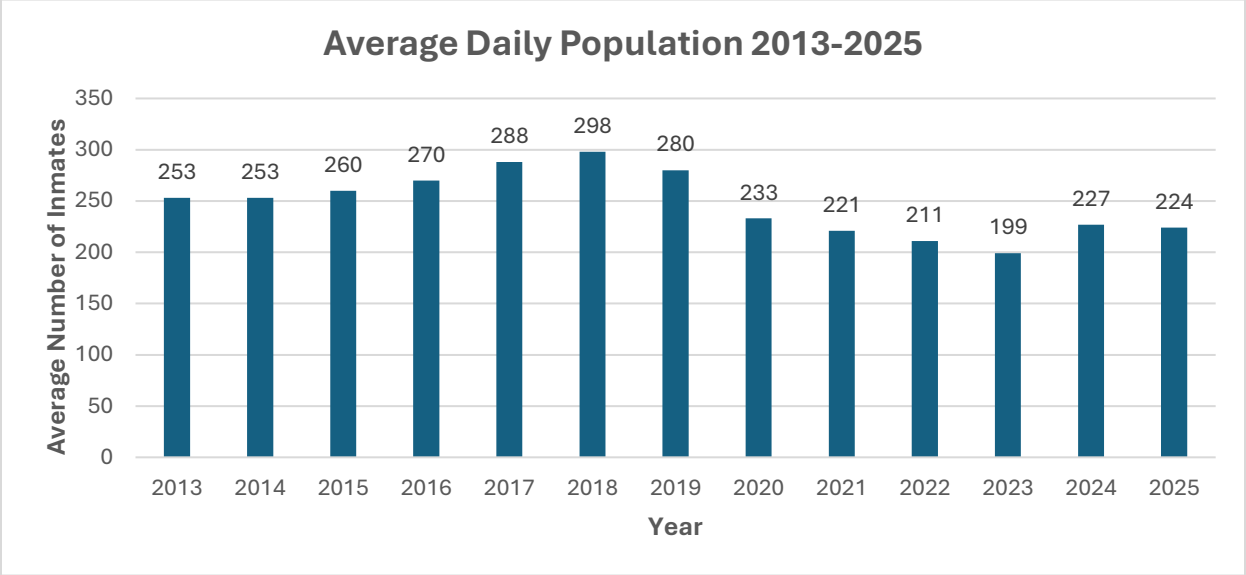
## BOOKING STATISTICS



	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>Admissions:</u>	3092	2956	3241	3400	3465	3513

### Top Fifteen Booking Types in 2025

1. Failure to Appear / Contempt
2. Hold for Other Jurisdiction
3. Probation Hold Per Bond Schedule
4. Domestic Battery
5. Violation of Terms of Placement
6. Resisting Law Enforcement
7. Violation of Terms of Placement (Warrant)
8. Theft
9. Probation Violation – (Warrant)
10. Criminal Trespass
11. Battery
12. Operating While Intoxicated /Endangerment
13. Operating While Intoxicated
14. Possession of Methamphetamine, Level 6 Felony
15. Possession of Paraphernalia, C-Misdemeanor



### Average Daily Inmate Population by Month

	Jan.	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec
2025	211	205	212	209	211	213	239	254	250	246	229	219
2024	248	225	210	218	231	229	227	229	241	227	226	219
2023	188	194	191	201	196	193	207	202	194	202	211	198
2022	208	211	193	207	226	223	234	203	228	211	187	177
2021	231	236	248	239	221	218	209	212	217	213	205	201
2020	252	258	238	181	205	232	230	238	238	247	245	230
2019	293	291	301	291	296	293	277	278	271	274	255	239
2018	288	283	289	313	289	269	288	299	324	310	316	308

## Monroe Correctional Center Inflation Tracking

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	1 Year Change (+/-)	Percentage
Loaf of Bread	\$0.98	\$1.15	\$1.60	\$1.80	\$3.49	\$1.69	93.80%
Case of Milk	\$13.05	\$19.75	\$21.74	\$23.20	\$21.24	(\$1.96)	-8.40%
Case of 15 dozen Eggs	\$15.88	\$19.46	\$58.13	\$66.28	\$25.08	(\$41.20)	-62.16%
Pound of Ground Beef	\$1.58	\$2.68	\$2.60	\$2.67	\$4.25	\$1.58	59.17%
50 lbs. of Sugar	\$31.23	\$30.21	\$40.36	\$42.00	\$37.20	(\$4.80)	-11.42%
1 lb. of Cheese Slices	\$2.07	\$2.71	\$3.03	\$2.82	\$2.63	(\$0.19)	-6.73%
30 lbs. of Margarine	\$25.25	\$39.44	\$40.39	\$35.78	\$39.34	\$3.56	9.94%
20 lbs. of Elbow Macaroni	\$12.49	\$16.68	\$18.81	\$17.50	\$17.50	<i>unchanged</i>	<i>unchanged</i>
20 lbs. of Corn	\$17.72	\$19.88	\$24.76	\$24.77	\$23.47	(\$1.30)	-5.24%
20 lbs. of Carrots	\$11.18	\$13.50	\$15.40	\$14.40	\$16.00	\$1.60	11.11%
20 lbs. of Peas & Carrots	\$14.76	\$17.46	\$20.41	\$18.54	\$21.76	\$3.22	17.36%

### Food Purchasing

The Monroe County Correctional Center purchases approximately the following quantities of food for inmate meals:

- 240 Loaves of bread per week
- 25 Cases of milk per week
- 120 dozen eggs per week
- 160 Pounds of ground beef per week
- 200 Pounds of sugar per week
- 100 Pounds of cheese slices per week
- 180 Pounds of margarine per month
- 120 Pounds of elbow macaroni per week
- 120 Pounds of corn per week
- 120 Pounds of carrots per week
- 120 Pounds of peas & carrots per week

## Inmate Meal Cost

<b>2025</b>	<b>TOTAL SPENT</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b># OF MEALS</b>	<b>COST PER MEAL</b>
January	\$37,376.02	\$28,766.76	(\$8,609.26)	19,437	\$1.92
February	\$30,471.84	\$24,979.44	(\$5,492.40)	16,878	\$1.81
March	\$24,237.40	\$28,824.48	\$4,587.08	19,476	\$1.24
April	\$33,559.88	\$27,763.32	(\$5,796.56)	18,759	\$1.79
May	\$30,210.10	\$29,068.68	(\$1,141.42)	19,641	\$1.54
June	\$33,715.08	\$28,109.64	(\$5,605.44)	18,993	\$1.78
July	\$38,848.53	\$32,296.56	(\$6,551.97)	21,822	\$1.78
August	\$32,726.99	\$34,307.88	\$1,580.89	23,181	\$1.41
September	\$31,175.78	\$32,567.40	\$1,391.62	22,005	\$1.42
October	\$41,841.02	\$33,162.36	(\$8,678.66)	22,407	\$1.87
November	\$60,765.21	\$29,872.32	(\$30,892.89)	20,184	\$3.01
December	\$38,600.56	\$29,601.48	(\$8,999.08)	20,001	\$1.93
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$433,528.41</b>	<b>\$359,320.32</b>	<b>(74,208.09)</b>	<b>242,784</b>	<b>\$1.79</b>

<b>2024</b>	<b>TOTAL SPENT</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b># OF MEALS</b>	<b>COST PER MEAL</b>
January	\$44,017.17	\$33,606.36	(\$10,410.81)	22,707	\$1.94
February	\$37,212.59	\$28,424.88	(\$8,787.71)	19,206	\$1.94
March	\$33,383.71	\$28,384.92	(\$4,998.79)	19,179	\$1.74
April	\$35,119.75	\$28,584.72	(\$6,535.03)	19,314	\$1.82
May	\$43,190.59	\$31,479.60	(\$11,710.99)	21,270	\$2.03
June	\$30,911.96	\$29,925.60	(\$986.36)	20,220	\$1.53
July	\$38,658.56	\$30,742.56	(\$7,916.00)	20,772	\$1.86
August	\$34,391.45	\$31,106.64	(\$3,284.81)	21,018	\$1.64
September	\$36,359.64	\$31,599.48	(\$4,760.16)	21,351	\$1.70
October	\$36,449.29	\$30,689.28	(\$5,760.01)	20,736	\$1.76
November	\$33,604.98	\$29,650.32	(\$3,954.66)	20,034	\$1.68
December	\$30,891.55	\$29,610.36	(\$1,281.19)	20,007	\$1.54
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$434,191.24</b>	<b>\$363,804.72</b>	<b>(\$70,386.52)</b>	<b>245,814</b>	<b>\$1.76</b>

<b>2023</b>	<b>TOTAL SPENT</b>	<b>BUDGETED</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b># OF MEALS</b>	<b>COST PER MEAL</b>
January	\$33,650.52	\$22,436.37	(\$11,214.15)	17,127	\$1.96
February	\$30,249.18	\$20,738.61	(\$9,510.57)	15,831	\$1.91
March	\$32,672.77	\$25,774.20	(\$6,898.57)	17,415	\$1.88
April	\$31,713.22	\$26,182.68	(\$5,530.54)	17,691	\$1.79
May	\$35,327.39	\$26,533.44	(\$8,793.95)	17,928	\$1.97
June	\$34,193.90	\$25,165.92	(\$9,027.98)	17,004	\$2.01
July	\$31,340.33	\$28,038.60	(\$3,301.73)	18,945	\$1.65
August	\$38,023.41	\$27,465.84	(\$10,557.57)	18,558	\$2.05
September	\$35,360.74	\$26,338.08	(\$9,022.66)	17,796	\$1.99
October	\$31,070.79	\$27,310.44	(\$3,760.35)	18,453	\$1.68
November	\$35,629.80	\$27,652.32	(\$7,977.48)	18,685	\$1.91
December	\$33,512.22	\$29,579.28	(\$3,932.94)	19,986	\$1.68
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$402,744.27</b>	<b>\$313,215.78</b>	<b>(\$89,528.49)</b>	<b>215,418</b>	<b>\$1.87</b>

### Correctional Center Inmate Transportation

<b>2025</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b># Officers</b>
January	5740	347.6	56
February	4852	186.2	46
March	4343	361.6	81
April	3527	239.3	65
May	4503	335.33	68
June	3299	190	40
July	4738	287.73	57
August	4687	295.68	63
September	2929	217.83	50
October	4090	267.8	51
November	3038	314.25	54
December	3866	261.9	50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>49,612</b>	<b>3,305.22</b>	<b>681</b>

<b>2024</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b># Officers</b>
January	3682	154.1	40
February	1915	96.4	33
March	3767	142.3	32
April	4509	170.2	45
May	3421	148.5	34
June	3593	182.6	36
July	3178	236.05	45
August	4948	343.3	75
September	5335	308.8	66
October	6429	410.5	70
November	1611	136.3	32
December	2315	172.6	48
<b>Totals</b>	<b>44,703</b>	<b>2501.65</b>	<b>556</b>

<b>2023</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b># Officers</b>
January	1953	73.48	41
February	2701	94.98	44
March	3668	126.93	57
April	1870	110.56	51
May	2830	113.15	59
June	2530	100.48	47
July	3383	106.5	35
August	3204	128.03	52
September	2366	93.85	37
October	3373	156.53	40
November	4814	162.25	36
December	1866	101.52	30
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34,558</b>	<b>1,368.26</b>	<b>529</b>

<b>2022</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b># Officers</b>
January	3539	87.9	42
February	2638	82.65	44
March	2823	81.83	42
April	2953	80.1	38
May	2953	98.11	44
June	3219	120.66	52
July	2632	92.9	48
August	3743	128.16	62
September	2321	88.76	48
October	5712	145.31	60
November	2172	87.38	48
December	2386	98.35	36
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37,091</b>	<b>1,192.11</b>	<b>570</b>

<b>2021</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b># Officers</b>
January	2113	69.63	44
February	1214	44.67	28
March	3918	113.57	48
April	2557	76.75	46
May	3787	124.53	66
June	3714	107.17	50
July	2340	80.3	48
August	3034	109.45	68
September	4062	129.7	78
October	2102	92.92	54
November	1546	57.5	36
December	1760	60.23	38
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32,147</b>	<b>1,066.42</b>	<b>604</b>

## COURT SERVICES

<b>2025</b>	<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>INMATES</b>
JANUARY	223	204	436
FEBRUARY	233	185	390
MARCH	221	226	424
APRIL	249	212	465
MAY	235	212	440
JUNE	227	253	422
JULY	299	290	560
AUGUST	245	227	478
SEPTEMBER	259	223	513
OCTOBER	306	332	552
NOVEMBER	210	181	408
DECEMBER	214	230	420
<b>YEARLY TOTALS</b>	<b>2921</b>	<b>2775</b>	<b>5508</b>

<b>2024</b>	<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>INMATES</b>
JANUARY	244	233	501
FEBRUARY	212	196	374
MARCH	204	208	422
APRIL	246	234	497
MAY	218	210	426
JUNE	232	200	422
JULY	243	225	464
AUGUST	263	246	505
SEPTEMBER	280	232	516
OCTOBER	301	254	545
NOVEMBER	195	176	372
DECEMBER	176	183	375
<b>YEARLY TOTALS</b>	<b>2814</b>	<b>2597</b>	<b>5419</b>

## Programs and Services Provided to Inmates

### **MCCSC Adult Education – 2025 Data**

The Broadview Learning Center, Monroe County Community School Corporation's adult education program, shared the following which reflects their work at the Monroe County Correctional Center in 2025:

## **Food Safety Program at the Monroe County Correctional Center**

### **Students Served**

- **Total Students Enrolled:** 69
- **Total Instructional Hours:** 2,405

### **Industry Credentials**

- **ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification:**
  - 32 students certified
  - Credential is nationally recognized and **valid for 5 years**

### **Soft Skills & Employability**

- **Soft Skills Certification (Indiana Department of Workforce Development):**
  - 45 students attempted the certification exam
  - 35 students successfully earned the Soft Skills Certificate

### **Career & Workforce Alignment**

- Preparation for employment in restaurants, institutional food service, healthcare facilities, and food trucks
- **Employer partnership with Jumble Fire Food LLC**, providing direct connection to post-release job opportunities

### **Community Impact**

- Supports workforce readiness prior to release
- Reduces barriers to employment for justice-involved individuals
- Strengthens reentry outcomes and community safety

## Calendar Year 2025 Report

During calendar year 2025, **MCCSC Adult Education** provided Food Safety and employability instruction at the **Monroe County Correctional Center**, serving **69 incarcerated individuals**. This program is designed to prepare participants for meaningful employment upon release by combining **industry-recognized credentials, workplace readiness skills, and direct connections to local employers**.

### Instructional Engagement

Over the course of the year, students accumulated a total of **2,405 instructional hours**, demonstrating consistent participation in structured, skill-based education. Instruction focused on food safety principles aligned to the **ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification**, a nationally recognized credential required or preferred for supervisory food service positions across multiple industries.

As a result of this instruction:

- **32 students earned the ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification**
- The certification is **valid for five years** and transferable across employers and states

### Importance of the Food Protection Manager Certification

The Food Protection Manager Certification is a critical workforce credential for individuals seeking employment in the food service industry. For justice-involved individuals, this credential plays a particularly important role in reducing barriers to employment.

Key benefits include:

- **Immediate workforce relevance:** Food service is one of the most accessible employment sectors for individuals reentering the community.
- **Reduced employment barriers:** A nationally recognized certification demonstrates verified knowledge, responsibility, and compliance with health and safety standards.
- **Career advancement potential:** The credential supports access to supervisory and higher-wage positions rather than limiting individuals to entry-level work.

- **Long-term value:** Five-year validity allows participants to use the credential well beyond release, providing stability during reentry and early employment transitions.

## Employability and Soft Skills Instruction

In addition to technical training, MCCSC Adult Education integrates a comprehensive **Soft Skills for Employability** course into the Food Safety program. This component addresses the professional behaviors and work habits that employers consistently identify as essential for job success and retention.

The Soft Skills courseware is a **self-paced, interactive program** covering four core areas:

- **Communicating Effectively**
- **Conveying Professionalism**
- **Promoting Teamwork and Collaboration**
- **Thinking Critically and Solving Problems**

Upon completion, students take a **final certification exam** to earn a **Soft Skills Certificate issued by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development**.

During calendar year 2025:

- **45 students participated in the Soft Skills certification exam**
- **35 students successfully earned the Soft Skills Certificate**

This instruction strengthens employment outcomes by ensuring participants leave with both **technical competence and workplace readiness**—a combination that significantly improves job retention and advancement.

## Workforce Partnerships and Reentry Support

In 2025, MCCSC Adult Education further strengthened the program through a new partnership with **Jumble Fire Wood LLC**, a local food service business operating multiple food trucks in the community. Representatives from Jumble Fire Wood LLC visit the Monroe County Correctional Center to speak directly with current students about **employment opportunities available upon release**.

This partnership:

- **Creates a direct connection between training and employment**

- Provides students with realistic expectations of the workplace
- Reinforces the value of earning credentials prior to release

## Program Impact

By delivering integrated **technical training, soft skills instruction, and employer engagement** within the correctional setting, MCCSC Adult Education supports:

- Workforce readiness prior to release
- Reduced recidivism risk through meaningful employment
- Stronger reentry outcomes for justice-involved individuals
- A safer community through education and economic opportunity

The 2025 outcomes demonstrate that the Food Safety program at the Monroe County Correctional Center is a **high-impact, cost-effective investment** that produces measurable, long-term benefits for participants and the broader Monroe County community.

## Sojourn House

Sojourn House serves women who have been exploited and trafficked. Because we know that these circumstances can be difficult to identify, we seek to connect with women who also identify with experiencing trauma, addiction, or abuse. Staff holds a class every Monday from 9:30-11:00 am for any woman who chooses to attend. Class content and activities are designed to help women identify barriers in their lives that keep them in harmful lifestyle cycles, educate them on the impact of things like trauma, relationships, and exploitation, and provide resources and skills, such as coping tools and regulation techniques. Sojourn House's counseling intern provides mindfulness activities for a portion at the end of every session.

**We have connected with a total of 41 women through the jail educational program in 2025.** Sojourn House staff not only provides meaningful interaction, encouragement, and education every week in class, but we also meet with women one-on-one in private sessions in the jail when requested. We assist them with creating safety plans for when they are released, such as emergency housing options, resource ideas for where to find clothing and food, and sometimes we are their first call upon release, and we meet them where they are to help them to their next step. We have kept in contact with about a third of the women we have connected with, providing ongoing recovery support and case management through our outreach program. We have also supported numerous ladies in court, showing up as an ally and oftentimes providing written documentation to the court about their participation in "Women's Empowerment Hour."

We have watched women come into an understanding for the first time during class about their trauma, toxic relationships, substance use issues, and their desire for change in their lives. We have been a safe space for them to share their experiences and learn new ways to cope with substance use triggers and take care of themselves. Occasionally, we are able to bring breakfast treats and iced coffee to show them they are loved and cared for. We use R1 Learning activities as a hands-on approach for women to sort through the details of how exploitation, substance use, and trauma have impacted their lives and how they can take steps toward a better future. We utilize activities, worksheets, meaningful discussions, mindfulness activities, and other prompts to engage women in class content.

One quote from a jail class participant was, "I never knew that my past relationship was exploitation. Now that I can see it all in front of me, I realize no one should be treated that way, and I can see it coming in the future." This client has extensive experience with exploitation and trafficking in her background, and she expressed that connecting with us and learning about her trauma, relationships, and substance use issues gave her the motivation she needed to live a sober and safe life. Once she was released, she engaged in recovery programs and safe housing, and she is doing great. We stay in contact with her, and she has even referred a friend to our residential program.

We met one client earlier this year through our outreach program and referred her to substance use treatment, but we unfortunately lost touch because she was experiencing chronic homelessness and mental health issues. We reconnected with her in jail and were able to continue supporting her after she was released. We connected with another client through our jail program, and once she was released, we met her in the community and helped her access community resources and other necessities, as she was also battling chronic homelessness. We continue to support these women and are committed to providing them with an advocate or a helping hand along their journey when needed.

Our class is oftentimes the first-time women have heard their circumstances and experiences explained in a clear and empathetic way. Their chronic issues with addiction, homelessness, poverty, and unhealthy relationships seem to make sense once they learn about how trauma impacts the brain and body. We hope that if women gain nothing else from our class, they learn the basics of the "why" and use that to empower their futures. We have seen an increased interest in women learning more about our 2-year residential program, so we will continue completing residential assessments for the ladies we meet in the jail in 2026.

Thank you so much for allowing us to come in and spend this time with the ladies. It helps us carry out our mission in an impactful way, and we look forward to continuing the partnership.

# Monroe County Public Library

In existence since 1986, Jail Library Service is a cooperative partnership between the Monroe County Correctional Center and the Monroe County Public Library. MCCC provides space for the Library within the jail, staff to help facilitate the service, as well as funds for books and other Library materials. MCPL provides staff members to provide Library services and to maintain the collection three afternoons a week.

In 2025, the Jail Library saw 2,777 inmate visits and circulated 8,213 books. New and popular materials were hard to keep on the shelves, but many individuals expressed gratitude for the service and access to reading materials. One inmate this year commented that he's been incarcerated at many facilities over the years but this Jail Library is "as good as it gets."

The Jail Library also saw a renovation this year, thanks to Commander Gibbons. The library space was repainted, and new shelving units were installed. Additionally, a Bluetooth speaker, wall-mounted fan, and a rug were added to make the space more comfortable and inviting. MCPL staff spent about a week organizing and shelving the collection on the new shelves. The improvements make for a more functional space and better sight lines for Jail staff. Both Jail staff and inmates regularly talk about how much better the space looks and that it's easier to navigate and locate materials.

## **Religious Programs**

Unchained Ministry, McCormick's Creek Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church, Souls Matter, Shiloh Temple, and the Gideons provide religious services and religious support. Jumble provides a faith-based recovery class. The Correctional Center also has a part-time Chaplain who approves religious diets, inmate wedding bands, and provides rosaries and requests for certain religious literature. She provides counseling if requested. She also obtains prayer rugs and items for religious purposes.

## **Recreation**

Inmates who are not on a lockdown status are offered recreation daily and are taken to the indoor or outdoor recreation areas, depending on the temperature, (over 60 degrees), and weather conditions. In the dayrooms of large lockdown blocks, we do have fitness equipment.

## **Rehabilitation/Resource Connections**

Our Corrections staff fields many requests from inmates, or the Public Defender's Office on the behalf of an inmate, to connect them with a rehabilitation facility or housing resource. As time allows, after receiving a request, our Correctional staff facilitate telephone calls for assessments or intake interviews. In 2025, our staff facilitated 212 of these requests.

## **Inmate Health Care Services – Annual Nursing Report**

In October 2024, Monroe County Jail entered into a medical services contract with Comprehensive Correctional Healthcare Solutions. Under this contract, nursing services are provided 12 hours per day, 7 days per week, with a physician on-site at a minimum of once weekly.

The on-site medical staffing model currently includes:

- One (1) Medical Director / Site Manager (Registered Nurse)
- Two (2) Full-Time Registered Nurses

### **Intake & Initial Health Assessments**

Medical staff are responsible for completing health assessments within 14 days of initial arrest, as required by policy. Despite the high medical acuity and rapid turnover of the inmate population, the nursing team consistently exceeds this requirement, with the majority of assessments completed within 24–48 hours of intake.

In 2025, medical staff completed approximately 1,645 intake health assessments. Each intake requires:

- Comprehensive health screening
- Medication history review and verification
- Provider notification and order approval
- Initiation of medication therapy using clinic stock until pharmacy delivery

The rapid pace of admissions and releases significantly increases nursing workload, as many patients require urgent assessment and treatment in a short timeframe.

### **Medication Administration & Daily Nursing Operations:**

In addition to intake assessments, nursing staff are responsible for:

- Two (2) daily medication administrations
- Monitoring and administering MAT program medications

- Initiation and management of care plans
- Daily patient monitoring for chronic medical conditions
- Wound care and follow-up assessments
- Coordination of off-site medical care, including emergency department visits, specialty consultations, and outpatient procedures

### **Sick Call / Non-Emergent Care:**

The facility's sick call process allows inmates to request evaluation for non-emergent medical concerns. Sick call services are conducted 7 days per week by on-duty nursing staff, with all requests reviewed and addressed within 24 hours.

In 2025:

- 698 inmates were evaluated through nursing sick call
- 288 inmates required referral to the provider for further assessment

The volume of sick call requests has steadily increased each year, reflecting both the transient inmate population and the complex medical needs of individuals who often lack access to routine healthcare in the community.

### **Population Acuity & Social Determinants of Health:**

A significant portion of the inmate population is homeless or housing-insecure and lacks consistent access to medical care prior to incarceration. As a result, many inmates arrive with:

- Unmanaged chronic illnesses
- Untreated infections
- Lapsed medications
- Poor follow-up from prior healthcare encounters

These factors substantially increase the complexity and time required for nursing assessments, medication reconciliation, and care coordination.

### **Detoxification & Withdrawal Management:**

A significant number of inmates present at intake with active substance use requiring medical detoxification and close clinical monitoring. Common substances include alcohol, benzodiazepines, fentanyl, and heroin, each of which carries a risk for serious withdrawal complications if not promptly identified and managed. In 2025, nursing staff completed approximately 665 CIWA and COWS assessments, each requiring repeated evaluations, documentation, vital sign monitoring, medication administration, and provider notification as indicated. These assessments are time-intensive and often require multiple reassessments per patient over several days. The volume and acuity of withdrawal management substantially increase nursing workload and require consistent clinical coverage to ensure patient safety, prevent medical emergencies, and maintain compliance with established standards of care.

### **Emergency & Off-Site Medical Services:**

While nursing staff strive to manage medical conditions in-house whenever clinically appropriate, off-site care is sometimes required.

In 2025:

- 47 inmates were transported to the Emergency Department for evaluation
- 20 of these cases resulted in hospital admission
  
- 223 off-site appointments were scheduled from jail clearance follow-ups required and new onset conditions.
  
- Out of the 223 appointments, 84 inmates were transported for scheduled off-site medical appointments, including specialty evaluations and outpatient surgical procedures. The other 139 inmates were released or transferred prior to their appointment dates.

Each transport requires extensive nursing coordination, documentation, and continuity-of-care planning. Each time a patient has to be transported off site it takes two officers out of staffing for the duration of that trip. The loss of these valuable officers can put non-emergent medical assessments on hold because often the medical officer gets pulled for other tasks.

### **Chronic Care Management:**

Although the average length of incarceration is less than 16 days, a substantial portion of the inmate population presents with chronic medical conditions requiring ongoing monitoring and intervention.

In 2025:

- 591 inmates were monitored for chronic care conditions
- Nursing staff completed approximately 168 laboratory draws
- Chronic care services included blood pressure monitoring, glucose monitoring, medication management, laboratory review, and provider coordination
- On average, 329 blood glucose readings are completed monthly.
- On average 267 blood pressures are monitored monthly.

The high inmate turnover rate necessitates rapid identification and stabilization of chronic conditions in a limited timeframe, further increasing nursing workload.

### **Pharmaceutical Partnerships & Continuity of Care:**

The Site Medical Team Administrator (MTA) actively coordinates with pharmaceutical representatives to secure resources that benefit both the facility and the patient population. These partnerships have improved access to long-acting injectable psychiatric medications, which are critical for stabilizing patients with severe mental illness during incarceration and reducing the risk of decompensation. Through collaboration with pharmaceutical programs, the jail is able to obtain medications that may otherwise be cost-prohibitive or not immediately covered by insurance. Additionally, these partnerships provide patients with discharge planning support, including follow-up resources and continued access to prescribed medications upon release, even in cases where insurance coverage is limited or unavailable. This proactive approach enhances continuity of care, reduces the likelihood of psychiatric relapse and recidivism, and supports both fiscal responsibility and improved health outcomes.

### **Dental Services:**

Dental services are provided by Mid-America Health. A Dentist and dental assistant are on-site once monthly for evaluation, treatment, and extractions. In 2025, 118 inmates were

evaluated by the dentist, with nursing staff coordinating referrals, pre-visit assessments, and follow-up care.

### **On-Site X-Ray Services & Limitations:**

On-site X-ray services are utilized to reduce off-site transport and expedite diagnostic evaluation when clinically appropriate. In 2025, a total of 49 on-site X-rays were successfully completed within the facility. While this service has improved access to timely imaging, limitations in available equipment and space continue to impact effectiveness. Several patients still required transport off-site due to the absence of an appropriate examination table for the X-ray technician, restricting the ability to safely and accurately position certain patients for imaging. These limitations result in delayed diagnostics, increased reliance on external medical facilities, additional security demands, and avoidable transportation costs. Addressing equipment and space constraints would improve the efficiency, safety, and overall utilization of on-site diagnostic services.

### **Hope Resource Center – STD Testing**

The Hope Resource Center is on-site every other Friday. The patients can request to be scheduled for on-site testing. They currently test and treat gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis. In addition to STD testing, the Hope Resource Center can provide on-site mobile ultrasound monitoring for our pregnant patients.

### **Provider Scheduling & Operational Constraints:**

Coordinating on-site and telehealth provider services within the facility presents ongoing operational challenges due to limited clinical space and security staffing. The medical unit currently has only one small examination room, requiring routine nursing services to pause whenever a provider is on-site or conducting telehealth visits. Weekly services include an on-site medical Nurse Practitioner every Thursday and a psychiatric Nurse Practitioner via telehealth every Thursday, in addition to monthly on-site dental services and biweekly visits from the Hope Center for STD testing. Diagnostic services, such as on-site X-rays, further compound scheduling complexity. Each provider visit requires advance scheduling, inmate movement coordination, and officer availability to escort and supervise patients during assessments. Limited officer availability frequently restricts patient movement, resulting in postponed evaluations and compressed clinic schedules. Additionally, provider visits require the Medical Officer to divert from direct patient care to manage provider lists, coordination, and documentation, further reducing clinical capacity. These cumulative constraints significantly limit the number of inmates who can be seen on provider days and create unavoidable interruptions to routine medical services.

## **Staffing Considerations & Recommendations:**

While the nursing team consistently meets and exceeds contractual and regulatory expectations, the current staffing model presents ongoing challenges that will eventually contribute to nursing fatigue. Nursing coverage for only half of each day results in backlogs of required duties, particularly during periods of high intake volume and increased medical acuity.

To maintain patient safety, ensure timely care delivery, and reduce operational risk, it is recommended that:

1. An additional Nurse position or additional nursing hours be added to provide expanded coverage and reduce task accumulation. This specifically applies to weekends, when there is only one nurse per day.
2. A dedicated Medical Officer focused solely on medical oversight be established to enhance clinical decision-making, continuity of care, and regulatory compliance.

These additions would support sustainable operations, reduce risk exposure, and ensure that the Monroe County Jail continues to provide constitutionally adequate and clinically appropriate healthcare to its inmate population. Additionally, the addition of a dedicated Medical Officer focused solely on medical oversight would enhance continuity of care, clinical decision-making, and regulatory compliance, while reducing delays in provider review and off-site coordination. These staffing additions are necessary to support patient safety, mitigate operational risk, and sustain constitutionally adequate healthcare delivery within the facility.

## **Mental Health Treatment at the Monroe County Correctional Center**

The Monroe County Correctional Center (MCCC) is the largest mental health facility in Monroe County and surrounding counties. A significant proportion of the individuals arriving at MCCC live with severe mental illness and substance use disorders, and experience street homelessness. As mental health professionals, we attempt to assess each individual and determine appropriate treatment while they are in our care. The goal at MCCC is for our patients to be released in better mental and physical condition than when they arrived.

Sheriff Marté, Jail Administration and community members understand the importance of mental health and substance use treatment for individuals during incarceration. MCCC has a mental health team, consisting of three mental health professionals, a discharge case manager, and a substance use counselor. The team works in tandem to provide individuals with mental health and addiction services while incarcerated, as well as assisting in connecting individuals with community services and contacts so that they can be successful upon their return to the community.

### **Mental Health Professionals**

The Qualified Mental Health Professionals (QMHP) provide services to individuals from the time they come into our facility until release. Tasks include close observation assessments and follow ups, altered mental status (AMS) assessments, segregation / mental health rounds, processing patient requests, psychiatric assessments and medication management, group programming, and staff training.

Entry into the correctional system can be traumatic and is often a time of high anxiety and depression. Individuals entering the correctional system are at higher risk of suicide and self-harm. All individuals entering MCCC are screened for suicidal ideation, homicidal ideation, and thoughts of self-harm. Individuals who pose a risk of hurting themselves or others are assessed by a QMHP and are housed accordingly to ensure their safety and the safety of others. Individuals are assessed daily for suicidality.

Individuals are screened by correctional staff for substance or alcohol intoxication upon arrival. Individuals who arrive under the influence of substances are at high risk for overdose, withdrawal, and suicide. All individuals who are deemed to be at risk for substance intoxication are assessed by a QMHP in conjunction with nursing to ensure they are provided mental health and medical treatment as indicated. Individuals can be referred to substance use treatment at that time.

At times individuals must be on lockdown status for their safety or the safety of others. The extended periods of isolation that come with lockdown status increase the likelihood for individuals to mentally and emotionally decompensate. Decompensation is an acute decline in mental health for someone with an existing mental health condition. Individuals who are on lockdown status in a cell alone are seen at their cell weekly to conduct a mental status assessment and determine if additional intervention is needed.

Mental health staff works closely with Jail Administration and Correctional Staff to house individuals in the least restrictive environment.

Individuals who wish to speak with a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) may submit a request via the kiosks located within each cell block or via paper requests.

Individuals are seen privately in a conference room for mental health assessments and for mental health sessions.

Patients with mental health needs which require medication are seen by the Psychiatric Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). The DNP assesses mental health diagnoses and prescribes psychotropic medications as needed.

QMHPs provide training for new employees and annual training for all correctional staff. Training centers on recognizing mental health symptoms and symptoms of substance use or intoxication, working with individuals with mental health symptoms, and referring individuals to mental health or substance abuse treatment in the correctional environment. Suicide prevention is stressed with a focus on keeping all individuals in the correctional environment safe.

The facility mental health unit houses men with severe mental illness. Housing mental health patients together in a single unit helps prevent victimization by other inmates and allows for closer monitoring by mental health staff. Individuals on the mental health unit are provided weekly programming, groups, and the ability to interact in the dayroom.

### **Discharge Case Manager**

The MCCC population has a large proportion of unhoused individuals with minimal to no support in the community. Many of these individuals, and many housed individuals in the facility, have extensive substance abuse and mental health disorders. They often experience difficulty accessing treatment prior to arrest and/or following up with treatment upon release. For some patients this means they might stop taking their much-needed medications and do not pursue or do not comply with mental health and substance abuse treatment, which leads to a high rate of recidivism.

The discharge case manager builds relationships between the jail and community agency providers. Discharge planning in the jail presents unique challenges as release often happens on short notice and with limited time to complete formal release plans. The discharge case manager meets with and is in regular communication with these agencies.

Referrals to community agencies help ensure a smooth transition from the jail to the community to support patient success. The agencies include but are not limited to: Stride Mobile Crisis, HealthNet, New Leaf New Life, Monroe County Public Defender's Office, Monroe County Probation and Parole Offices, shelters and housing organizations, Bloomington Resource Officers, IU Health, Sojourn House, and various substance abuse and mental health treatment facilities.

The case manager communicates with patients regularly concerning their individual discharge plans. She provides them with community resource information so that they can leave the jail with a plan in place. The case manager assists individuals in determining how to best implement their plan.

As part of the mental health team, the case manager consults daily with the other mental health professionals and the substance abuse counselor to coordinate services. They assist in conducting weekly segregation rounds and facilitate psychoeducational groups for the severe mental health patients on the mental health block. The discharge case manager also educates participants in the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) groups concerning resources and assists with their discharge planning.

### **Substance Use and Addiction Counseling**

The Substance Use Counselor provides multifaceted support. By working closely with those seeking recovery, the counselor offers the specialized guidance necessary to achieve and sustain long-term sobriety. They empower clients to navigate life challenges and build effective coping strategies, fostering personal accountability throughout their journey. The counselor conducts comprehensive assessments to ensure group placement is appropriate and to tailor treatment to the unique needs of each individual. Based on this assessment, the counselor collaborates with the participant in order to address specific goals, needs, and challenges.

Through voluntary one-on-one and group sessions, our substance use treatment counselor provides a safe environment for those seeking support, helps them gain insight into the underlying causes of their addiction and develops strategies to overcome them.

Our substance use treatment counselor serves as a source of encouragement throughout the recovery process. They provide emotional support, empower individuals to set achievable goals, and assist them in maintaining the motivation necessary to stay on the path to recovery.

Our substance use treatment counselor educates participants about potential triggers, teaches coping skills to manage cravings, and helps develop strategies to maintain a healthy, substance-free lifestyle.

To ensure continuity of care, the counselor refers participants to the facility discharge planner for assistance with community resources, support groups, sober living homes, and outpatient programs. This ensures they are supported as they continue their recovery journey after release.

### **Challenges**

The mental health team is well supported by correctional staff in the jail. The main challenges to providing services are physical space and time. The jail facility has one common multipurpose room which is shared by correctional staff, mental health / substance use counseling, outside programming, and school. This limits available times for mental health groups to be provided.

There are two conference rooms for the mental health team to meet with individuals. The conference rooms are very small and the acoustics make it difficult to hear one another. These conference rooms are shared by mental health, substance use, case management, the chaplain, lawyers, and other outside agencies who meet with individuals. The mental health team does their best to work around the schedules of the other various programs in order to provide the needed services.

### **Conclusion**

The mental health team at MCCC shares the goal and mission of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office to release individuals in better condition than when they arrived. Mental Health collaborates with nursing and Correctional Staff to stabilize patients upon arrival. Individuals with mental health needs are provided therapeutic interventions and medication management. Addiction Counseling supports individuals to maintain sobriety and formulate a plan to continue sobriety upon release. Nursing addresses acute medical needs upon arrival, continues current medications, and completes a physical at two weeks. Correctional Staff works to maintain safety of inmates and staff. Case Management – Discharge Planning assists patients in securing resources upon release to reduce recidivism.

It is said that it takes a village to achieve a goal and we are working to become the village for those in our care.

## 2025 Mental Health Data

	Observation	AMS	Segregation	Patient Initiated	Custody Initiated	Medical Initiated	QMHP Initiated	Psych Visit	MH Group
January	144	52	120	38	0	0	0	8	15
February	105	62	114	32	1	1	1	16	23
March	159	64	129	26	0	1	0	14	35
April	86	69	146	43	0	3	3	13	25
May	131	60	97	29	0	1	1	13	29
June	134	71	126	23	0	1	0	11	10
July	137	72	143	22	2	1	0	26	33
August	133	79	110	19	0	0	0	17	20
September	118	57	106	20	0	1	0	13	18
October	133	57	137	27	3	0	2	29	40
November	122	54	135	19	3	0	0	10	19
December	108	47	95	23	0	0	1	19	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>1458</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>273</b>

	Substance Abuse Group	Substance Abuse - Individual	Case Manager - Individual	Case Manager - Community
January	73	13	105	81
February	46	8	86	77
March	63	12	86	85
April	71	18	102	99
May	75	20	120	76
June	116	13	27	40
July	162	26	27	28
August	0	0	106	51
September	0	0	114	45
October	0	0	153	38
November	25	45	111	29
December	124	96	154	16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>1191</b>	<b>665</b>

<b>Total 2025 Encounters</b>	<b>7383</b>
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## 2024 Mental Health Data

	Observation	AMS	Segregation	Patient Initiated	Custody Initiated	Medical Initiated	QMHP Initiated	Psychiatry	Group
January	172	76	127	14	4	0	1	30	0
February	106	66	140	22	3	0	3	14	39
March	158	79	103	26	2	0	2	13	20
April	139	84	109	14	2	1	1	25	25
May	116	81	87	20	2	1	2	22	35
June	118	75	77	12	3	0	0	15	33
July	171	75	82	20	5	0	13	11	27
August	180	125	103	12	5	0	3	14	38
September	131	89	78	16	2	0	2	48	43
October	147	70	160	28	3	0	1	31	38
November	110	55	121	34	7	0	0	15	45
December	143	46	91	25	4	1	0	18	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1691</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>366</b>

Total Encounters	<b>4828</b>
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## 2023 Mental Health Data

	Observation	AMS	Segregation	Patient Initiated	Custody Initiated	Medical Initiated	QMHP Initiated	Psychiatry
January	112	103	107	18	3	2	1	20
February	165	65	101	18	4	0	1	11
March	188	76	80	17	5	1	8	24
April	180	61	116	13	0	4	3	24
May	172	81	125	12	2	1	4	27
June	135	53	169	19	2	0	2	19
July	121	74	153	21	2	0	1	12
August	129	102	122	21	4	2	3	26
September	106	71	155	21	6	2	0	19
October	158	64	115	24	7	1	5	20
November	168	71	106	30	3	0	0	29
December	141	62	136	25	7	0	2	23
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1775</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>1485</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>254</b>

Total Encounters	<b>4274</b>
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“Observation” data are inmates who are placed on suicide watch or mental health watch. “AMS” means “Altered Mental Status.” From Kaiser Permanente.org:

“Altered Mental Status is a change in how well your brain is working. You may be confused, less alert than usual, or acting in odd ways. This may include seeing or hearing things that are not there, hallucinations. The specific cause or underlying condition is not yet known or determined.” “Segregation” data are the number of inmates housed alone or on 23/1 status due to safety concerns for them or others. “Patient Init.” are patient--initiated requests to see Mental Health Staff. “Custody Init.” are Correctional Officer initiated referrals for an inmate to see our mental health staff. “Medical Init.” are medical staff-initiated mental health referrals of inmates and QMHP Init. are inmate referrals by Qualified Mental Health Professionals.

Psychiatry data includes numbers of inmates referred to and seen by a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.

## **Yoga**

The Monroe County Jail contracts a Mental Health Professional who is also a trained yoga instructor. Yoga is offered intermittently at the jail, depending on interest of the patients. Yoga provides a myriad of physical and mental benefits for our patients. Physically, yoga increases flexibility and muscle strength while improving balance and posture. Yoga can be practiced independently or in a group and is suitable for all fitness levels. Chair yoga is an option for those with physical constraints. The practice of yoga reduces stress and anxiety, and provides centering and grounding which can carry through into daily life.

## **Flu Shots**

In the Fall of 2025, any inmate who wished to have a flu shot was provided with the opportunity for one courtesy of the Monroe County Board of Health.

## **Medicaid Insurance Applications**

Inmates are also offered the opportunity to apply for Medicaid Insurance. In 2025, 110 applied.

## **New Leaf – New Life**

In the jail we have received and responded to 1,585 letters. We have held 63 workshops (this includes Read to Me). 261 people participated in our workshops. We have received and worked with the public defender to assist with 612 treatment applications. Our overall recidivism rate for our program in 2025 was 13.24% and participants that we assisted with housing/ sober living had a 5.97% recidivism rate.

We served 3443 community members in our office post release/arrest (this includes DOC).

## **Chaplain**

*Chaplain Jeannette Parrott was asked to describe the work she does here. Here is what she said:*

“On November 3, 2024, I became a chaplain at the Monroe County Jail. I had many years of preparation as a minister of the Gospel in churches, in street ministry and in jails and prisons. I have attended many classes on all aspects of relationships, communication, finances, parenting, etc. These experiences are very helpful to me in my current position.

As a chaplain I provide spiritual, emotional, and crisis support for inmates and staff. Each Monday I strive to offer personalized counseling to individual inmates. Often, I have the privilege of providing counseling and prayer support to staff during each week as well.

I help inmates with furthering their spiritual growth by providing Bible studies and other materials used in various religious practices. I have provided several baptism services. I have attended and offered prayer and comfort at a memorial service for law enforcement lost in the line of duty. I offer a listening ear to encourage and instill hope in a very stressful environment. I deliver death notices to inmates and provide comfort and prayer.

Myself, the House of Prayer and Unchained Ministries provide socks, clothes, shoes, coats, etc. so that inmates upon release have things necessary to live. As a chaplain, each week, I work to provide support to the inmates and staff.”

## Service Provider Breakdown 2025

	Unchained/House of Prayer (Sun) (Male & Female)	McCormicks Creek (Mon)	J & R Ministries	Gideons (Wed)	AA (Thurs) (Male & Female)	Bible Study (Fri)	Souls Matter (Sat)	Totals by month	Male/Female Totals by month
January	25	6	0	9	29	11	12	92	M=57 F=35
February	31	15	0	13	11	20	0	90	M=70 F=20
March	22	26	0	8	13	6	11	86	M=42 F=44
April	31	29	0	15	9	11	39	134	M=59 F=75
May	46	13	0	9	20	10	20	118	M=47 F=71
June	31	41	0	11	21	14	19	137	M=43 F=94
July	43	14	0	11	10	3	8	89	M=47 F=42
August	56	37	22	17	16	14	47	209	M=78 F=131
September	40	25	20	9	12	8	0	114	M=44 F=70
October	50	14	33	12	30	23	6	168	M=67 F=101
November	40	4	26	15	11	14	1	111	M=56 F=55
December	21	10	13	17	19	6	0	86	M=54 F=32
<b>Total by group</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>1434</b>	
<b>Male/ Female Totals by Program</b>	M=203 F=233	M=100 F=134	M=3 F=111	M=146 F=0	M=60 F=141	M=140 F=0	M=7 F=156		

## Service Provider Breakdown 2024

	Unchained/House of Prayer (Sun) (Male & Female)	Second Baptist/McCormicks Creek (Mon)	Gideons (Wed)	AA (Thurs) (Male & Female)	Bible Study (Fri)	Souls Matter (Sat)	Totals	M/F Totals by month
January	43	0	9	27	1	3	83	M=43 F=40
February	22	0	4	23	12	17	78	M=38 F=40
March	28	0	23	6	7	5	69	M=46 F=23
April	42	0	5	8	6	9	70	M=34 F=36
May	40	5	10	13	11	6	85	M=47 F=38
June	53	27	13	11	2	9	115	M=67 F=48
July	40	11	14	20	16	0	101	M=56 F=45
August	30	3	11	13	18	0	75	M=54 F=21
September	57	16	16	19	14	0	122	M=60 F=62
October	60	11	16	18	10	0	115	M=74 F=41
November	31	34	14	3	12	6	100	M=57 F=43
December	33	22	16	27	2	0	100	M=58 F=42
<b>Total by group</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1113</b>	
<b>Male/Female Totals by Programs</b>	M=227 F=252	M=41 F=88	M=151 F=0	M=86 F=102	M=111 F=0	M=18 F=37		

# **Alcoholics Anonymous**

Our AA liaison shared this:

“We as members of Alcoholics Anonymous carry the message of AA to inmates at Monroe County jail. This involves a consistent format of reading AA literature - the Preamble, pages 58-60 (How it Works), and the 9th Step Promises. We also recite the Serenity Prayer at the beginning and end of each meeting. We have an open discussion with attendees, focusing on the first 3 Steps of AA. We provide literature, including Big Books and a variety of AA approved pamphlets free of cost to inmates.

This year we were approved to have a men and a women's meeting every Thursday at 7pm. The number of attendees varies. We do submit a meeting attendance list to the intake/exit officer at the window but do not keep track of attendance for our own purposes.

Our participation by AA members who wish to lead these meetings is growing! As always, we hope to be able to provide a meeting every week for men/women. When we do not have two members able to attend for each gender, however, we cannot take advantage of the opportunity (much to our dismay).”

## **Animal Outreach Program**

In 2025 the Monroe County Correctional Center launched a new animal outreach program at the Monroe County Correctional Center. This initiative is designed to reduce stress, enhance mental health, and encourage positive behavior among the incarcerated population. Interaction with dogs has been shown to foster empathy, strengthen social skills, and provide a sense of normalcy within a correctional setting. Programs such as this play a vital role in supporting rehabilitation efforts while contributing to a safer, calmer environment for both residents and staff.

## **Landmark Church Services**

Robert Thomas reports that he and his wife Jen are "J&R ministry, we have provided probably around 30 bibles this year and have baptized around 20 people. We have ministered to well above a hundred folks inside the jail and we continue to help several people who have been released. Our real success stories, outside the jail- about 10 that keep in contact with us weekly and some daily. We also provided sweatpants and really anything that you have requested for our help. We are grateful to be a part of the jail ministry and look forward to the coming year. And we also have at least 4 more that want to get baptized."

## **Library Services**

Jennifer Hoffman, the Outreach Services Librarian for the Monroe County Public Library shared:

"In existence since 1986, Jail Library Service is a cooperative partnership between the Monroe County Correctional Center and the Monroe County Public Library. MCCC provides space for the library within the jail, staff to help facilitate the service, as well as funds for books and other Library materials. MCPL provides staff members to provide Library services and to maintain the collection three afternoons a week.

In 2025, the Jail Library saw 2,777 inmate visits and circulated 8,213 books. New and popular materials were hard to keep on the shelves, but many individuals expressed gratitude for the service and access to reading materials. One inmate this year commented that he's been incarcerated at many facilities over the years but this Jail Library is "as good as it gets."

The Jail Library also saw a renovation this year, thanks to Commander Gibbons. The library space was repainted, and new shelving units were installed. Additionally, a Bluetooth speaker, wall-mounted fan, and a rug were added to make the space more comfortable and inviting. MCPL staff spent about a week organizing and shelving the collection on the new shelves. The improvements make for a more functional space and better sight lines for Jail staff. Both Jail staff and inmates regularly talk about how much better the space looks and that it's easier to navigate and locate materials."

## **The Villages & Healthy Families Indiana**

We work with staff from The Villages & Healthy Families Indiana on a child fatality reduction initiative. Upon identifying an inmate who is pregnant, and with the inmate's consent, we connect them with a Family Support Worker from The Villages/Healthy Families who comes to the jail and begins a support process for prospective new mothers.

## **Sojourn House**

Caitlyn Graber, Program Director from Sojourn House, shared:

"Sojourn House serves women who have been exploited and trafficked. Because we know that these circumstances can be difficult to identify, we seek to connect with women who also identify with experiencing trauma, addiction, or abuse. Staff hold a class every Monday from 9:30-11:00 am for any woman who chooses to attend. Class content and activities are designed to help women identify barriers in their lives that keep them in harmful lifestyle cycles, educate them on the impact of things like trauma, relationships, and exploitation, and provide resources and skills, such as coping tools and regulation techniques. Sojourn House's counseling intern provides mindfulness activities for a portion at the end of every session.

**We have connected with a total of 41 women through the jail educational program in 2025.** Sojourn House staff not only provides meaningful interaction, encouragement, and education every week in class, but we also meet with women one-on-one in private sessions in the jail when requested. We assist them with creating safety plans for when they are released, such as emergency housing options, resource ideas for where to find clothing and food, and sometimes we are their first call upon release, and we meet them where they are to help them to their next step. We have kept in contact with about a third of the women we have connected with, providing ongoing recovery support and case management through our outreach program. We have also supported numerous ladies in court, showing up as an ally and oftentimes providing written documentation to the court about their participation in "Women's Empowerment Hour."

We have watched women come into an understanding for the first time during class about their trauma, toxic relationships, substance use issues, and their desire for change in their lives. We have been a safe space for them to share their experiences and learn new

ways to cope with substance use triggers and take care of themselves. Occasionally, we are able to bring breakfast treats and iced coffee to show them they are loved and cared for. We use R1 Learning activities as a hands-on approach for women to sort through the details of how exploitation, substance use, and trauma have impacted their lives and how they can take steps toward a better future. We utilize activities, worksheets, meaningful discussions, mindfulness activities, and other prompts to engage women in class content.

One quote from a jail class participant was, "I never knew that my past relationship was exploitation. Now that I can see it all in front of me, I realize no one should be treated that way, and I can see it coming in the future." This client has extensive experience with exploitation and trafficking in her background, and she expressed that connecting with us and learning about her trauma, relationships, and substance use issues gave her the motivation she needed to live a sober and safe life. Once she was released, she engaged in recovery programs and safe housing, and she is doing great. We stay in contact with her, and she has even referred a friend to our residential program.

We met one client earlier this year through our outreach program and referred her to substance use treatment, but we unfortunately lost touch because she was experiencing chronic homelessness and mental health issues. We reconnected with her in jail and were able to continue supporting her after she was released. We connected with another client through our jail program, and once she was released, we met her in the community and helped her access community resources and other necessities, as she was also battling chronic homelessness. We continue to support these women and are committed to providing them with an advocate or a helping hand along their journey when needed.

Our class is oftentimes the first-time women have heard their circumstances and experiences explained in a clear and empathetic way. Their chronic issues with addiction, homelessness, poverty, and unhealthy relationships seem to make sense once they learn about how trauma impacts the brain and body. We hope that if women gain nothing else from our class, they learn the basics of the "why" and use that to empower their futures. We have seen an increased interest in women learning more about our 2-year residential program, so we will continue completing residential assessments for the ladies we meet in the jail in 2026.

Thank you so much for allowing us to come in and spend this time with the ladies. It helps us carry out our mission in an impactful way, and we look forward to continuing the partnership."

## Women Writing for a Change

Laura Lasurtmer, Assistant Creative Writing Director for Women Writing for (a) Change® Bloomington, shared the following:

“Women Writing for (a) Change® Bloomington is part of a national network of writing schools that provide opportunities for individuals to craft more conscious lives through the art of writing and the practices of community. In our programs, the individual voice is nurtured, developed, and celebrated. We create unique learning environments to make this possible. Writers in our creative writing circles find a welcoming, safe community for self-expression, discovery, and meaningful connection.

We offer a weekly, 1-hour writing circle (every Tuesday morning) with men in A and B blocks. Typically, we have between 4-10 writers for each class. In 2025, we held 50 writing circles with a total of around 400 participants (with some repeat participants) attended.

We offer bi-weekly, 1-hour writing circles for women (every other Saturday afternoon) in the Monroe County Jail. Typically, we have between 4-10 writers for each class. In 2025, we held 25 writing circles with a total of around 200 participants.

In addition to our regular circles, in 2025 we held two special events with Curtis Crisler, the Indiana Poet Laureate. With the help of Commander Gibbons and Officer Hibbert, we put on Curtis's "Indiana Chitlin Circuit" with men and women from the jail sharing their essays and poetry in the outdoor space. We also invited local musicians to play for the events. These events were a joyful celebration of strong voices, the courage to share writing aloud, and the commitment to change. We're grateful to the jail staff and to Curtis Crisler for making this possible!

One inmate recently asked if he could join our writing circles when he gets out. He remarked that our writing circles have been more impactful for him than AA meetings and other rehab programs. What is impactful about our program is that we create a psychological space of welcome for reflecting on one's life (using poetry and quotes as a starting place). In sharing our writing of these reflections, the inmates can hear how they are not alone. They encourage one another in their pursuit of a better life, and they take time to articulate what that better life, for them, looks like.”

### **Total Number of Jail and In-Custody Deaths**

There were no in-custody deaths in 2025.

### **Number of Escapes**

There were no escapes in 2025.

### **Total number of Juveniles booked into the jail via waiver or direct file:**

There were four juvenile book-ins in 2025.

## **A Statement on the Adequacy of Jail Staffing Levels**

In 2025, 14 full-time and 3 part-time Jail Deputies, and 1 Facilities Manager separated employment from the Correctional Center. This represents a 20.9% turnover rate for Correctional Center staff. At present, (March of 2026), we have 2 full-time positions open.

The Medical Team Administrator, RN Brandy Leek, recommends an additional Nurse position, or additional nursing hours, to expand coverage and reduce task accumulation, and to help with weekend responsibilities, when there is just one nurse per day.

## **A Statement on Maintenance and Upkeep of the Jail**

In 2025, new locks were installed on all cell doors except for segregation and holding cells. New anti-pick plates were installed on cell doors, and new Door Position Sensors were installed on cell doors.

A new mastic floor was installed in the kitchen wash bay. New stainless-steel sheets were installed behind the grill, fryers and kettle to protect the wall from food and water splash.

Two new washing machines were installed in the laundry.

All mixing valves (temperature controls) were installed or rebuilt for the inmate showers.

Ongoing mold testing and remediation efforts have been taking place via VET Environmental Engineering for the whole building.

Dehumidifiers were installed in all 4 stairwells.

A metallic epoxy floor was installed in the sallyport.

A new air compressor was installed in the sallyport.

Fluorescent lights were replaced with LED lighting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors.

New HVAC controls were installed.

The hot water heater has been upgraded for the building.

Three new hot meal carts were purchased, as well as new meal trays to replace the old ones.

## **Unfunded Needs and Projects Essential for Jail Operation and Maintenance**

The Correctional Center does not have enough bed space to meet the inmate housing needs of Monroe County. We have been in a settlement agreement with the ACLU since 2009, which capped the number of inmates who can be housed in the Monroe County Correctional Center.

The total number of beds at the jail is 294. The functional capacity of the Correctional Center, (roughly 80% of the total bed count), is 235 beds. Functional capacity is the number of inmates the jail can safely and effectively house while maintaining security, safety, and operational standards. It is the practical operational limit of inmates who can be housed here without compromising those standards.

In 2025 we hit or exceeded our functional capacity on 125 days.

We do not have a backup elevator. The elevator is 41 years old and could be the busiest elevator in Indiana. During the weekdays, it almost never stops. All daily staff and inmate movement between floors is by this elevator. All supplies and freight are moved on it. Each failure of it is massively disruptive to the operations of the Correctional Center, which operates on five levels, with inmates living on levels 1, 4 and 5. When the elevator fails, it means every meal, medication, and supply must be hand carried to every inmate between these levels. Meals and medications are transported on large carts which are facilitated by a working elevator. A new elevator has an estimated cost of 1.2 to 1.5 million dollars.

The showers do not have ventilation fans to remove steam. This contributes to moldy conditions. The plumbing for the showers themselves needs to be updated. At present we have 4 styles of showers in the building, and it is a challenge to get parts for 3 of the 4 styles.

We could not keep D or E blocks satisfactorily warm during the coldest weather this winter. We have insufficient airflow from the heating system, and there is no insulation in the exterior walls of the Justice Center.

We are seeking to significantly upgrade or replace the Correctional Center's 2018 body scanner. With our current vendor, the cost is approximately \$92,000 for an upgrade, with warranty and software licenses being an additional 22-23 thousand dollars annually. A new unit by the same manufacturer is \$165,000. A competitor offers a base model at \$142,500 and with all of their options included, a total of \$193,750. A consistent feature of the body scanner industry are the annual product warranties and software licenses which together, can be 20 thousand dollars a year or more.

The Jail Transition Team is reviewing the products and proposals of several vendors.

## Average Length of Stay for All Inmates Housed in 2025

**All Inmates:** 16 Days, 11 Hours

**Female:** 10 Days, 11 Hours

**Male:** 18 Days, 11 Hours