



Orleans Parish Jail Population by the numbers

A weekly summary produced by the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Coordination

**5 - 11
January 2025**

Purpose

This short report aims to address the question, "Who was detained in OJC last week?" To that end, the report presents information about average daily jail population, admissions, and releases over the past week.

Data sources

The data behind the graphics comes from the **Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office** and the **Orleans Parish Criminal District Court** via the OCJC Data Warehouse. OCJC undertakes additional data processing to better enable tabulations and analyses.

Average daily jail population: 1,508 people

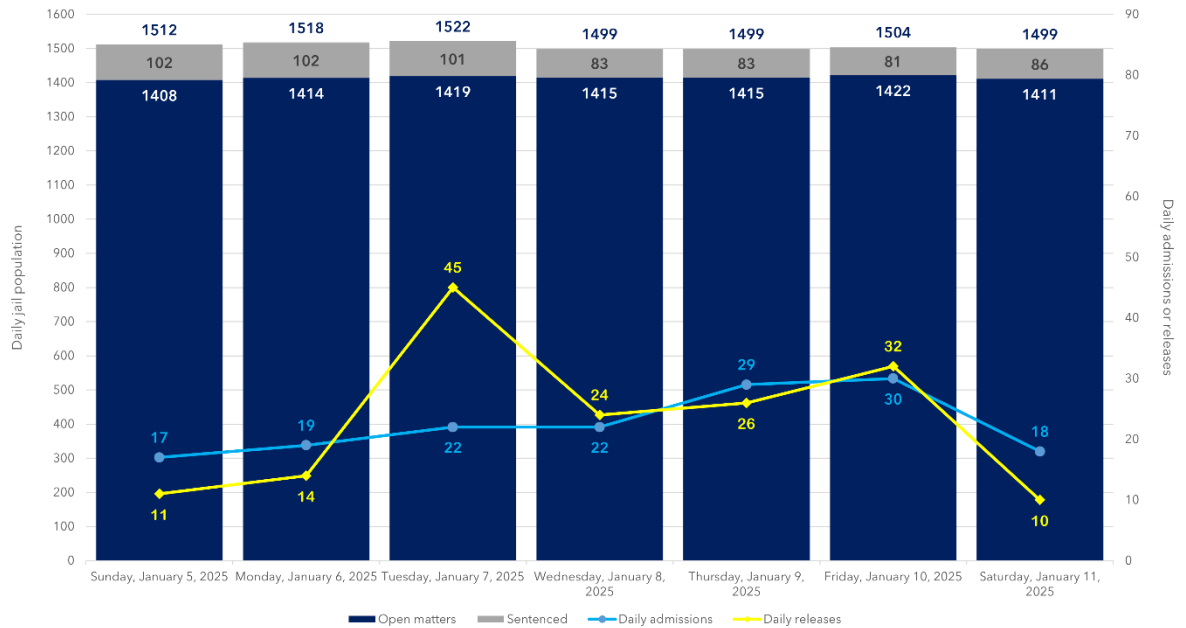


Fig. 1. Daily jail population by legal status, daily admissions, and daily releases, Sunday, 5 January- Saturday, 11 January 2025

For the week ending Saturday, 11 January 2025, **the average daily jail population was 1,508 people** (standard dev. = 9.74), a 0.6% increase from the average daily population of 1,498 people detained in the jail during the week ending 4 January 2025.

On average, 94% of people detained in the jail last week were in custody for open matters, one percentage point higher than the week ending 4 January. 56% were detained, on average, with a violent felony or misdemeanor as their most serious charge at admission.

91 people, on average, were detained last week on closed matters. Out of the average daily population of 1,508 people, 4%, on average, had been sentenced to a DOC facility, and 2%, to the Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System.

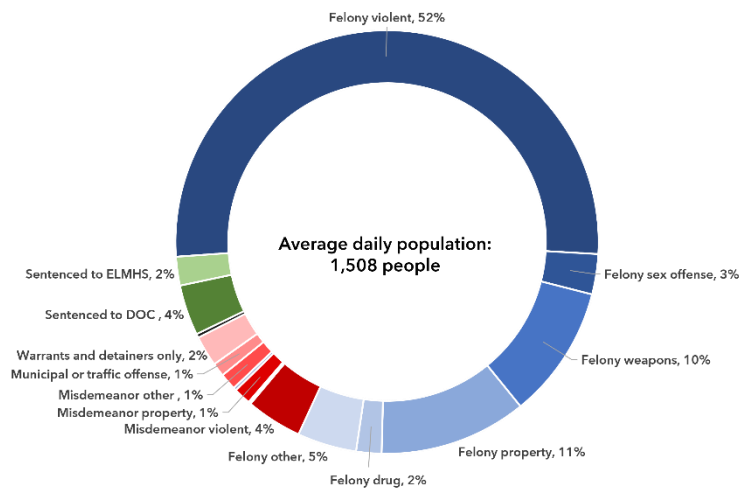


Fig. 2. Average daily jail population by most serious charge at admission and legal status (open and closed matters), 5 - 11 January 2025.

Note that, on average, less than 1% of the average daily population included people with misdemeanor weapons charges, misdemeanor drug charges, and misdemeanor sex offenses as the most serious charge at booking. 2 people, on average, were in custody on other matters, and 4 people, on average, had incomplete admission information at the time of reporting.

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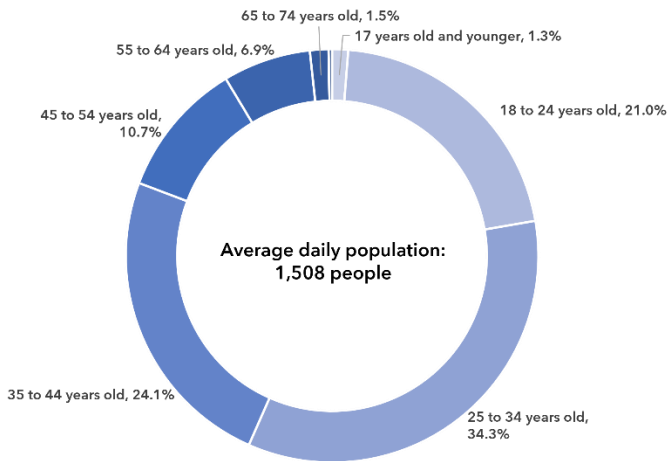
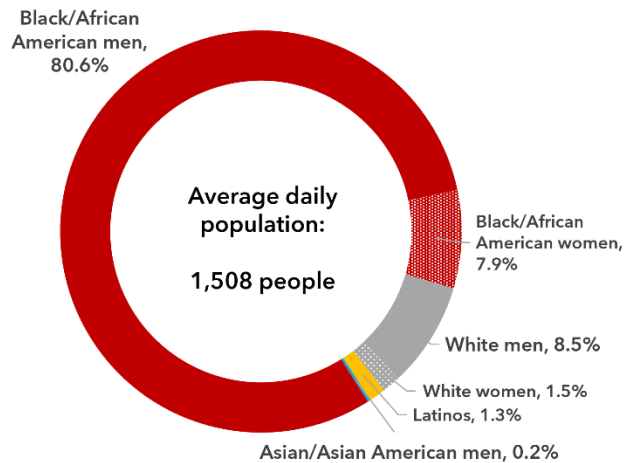
Jail population: Overrepresentation in detention.

On average, Black people made up 88.5% of the average jail population last week. According to the 2021 American Community Survey population estimate, Black people comprised 58% of the estimated parish population. Thus, Black people are overrepresented in our average daily population.

Men made up 90.6% of the average jail population last week. In contrast, men are estimated to be about 47% of the total population in Orleans Parish.

Fig. 3. Average daily jail population by race/ethnicity and sex, 5 - 11 January 2025.

Note that, on average, 1 person of "other" or "unknown" race and 1 Latina were detained in the jail last week. No Asian/Asian American women were detained in the jail last week.



On average, 90% of people detained in the jail last week were between the ages of 18 and 54 years old as of 11 January 2025.

On average, 19 youths, aged 17 years or younger, were detained in the jail each day last week and made up 1.3% of last week's average daily jail population.

Figure 4. Average daily jail population by age ranges, 5 - 11 January 2025.

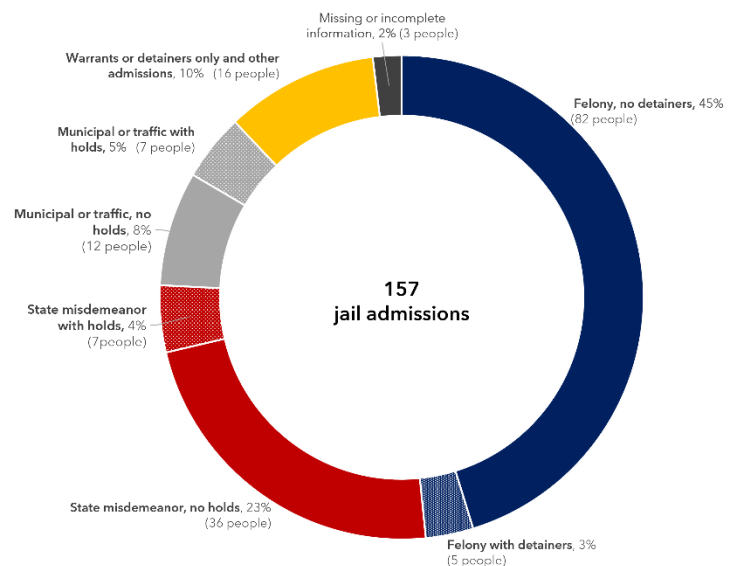
Note that age is calculated as the difference in years between date of birth and 11 January 2025, rounded down. On average, 0.3% of last week's jail population comprised people aged 75 years and older.

157 Jail admissions and 162 jail releases

157 people were admitted into the jail between Sunday, 5 January and Saturday, 11 January 2025, an 11.35% increase from the 141 jail admissions during the week ending 4 January.

87 people (48% of those booked last week) had a felony as the most serious charge at admission, a 35.7% increase from the previous week, when 56 people were admitted with felony charges. 42 people (30% of last week's jail admissions) were admitted with a state misdemeanor as the most serious charge at admission, a 22% decrease from the previous week's 55 state misdemeanor admissions.

Fig. 5. Jail Admissions by most serious charge category and hold status at booking, 5 - 11 January 2025



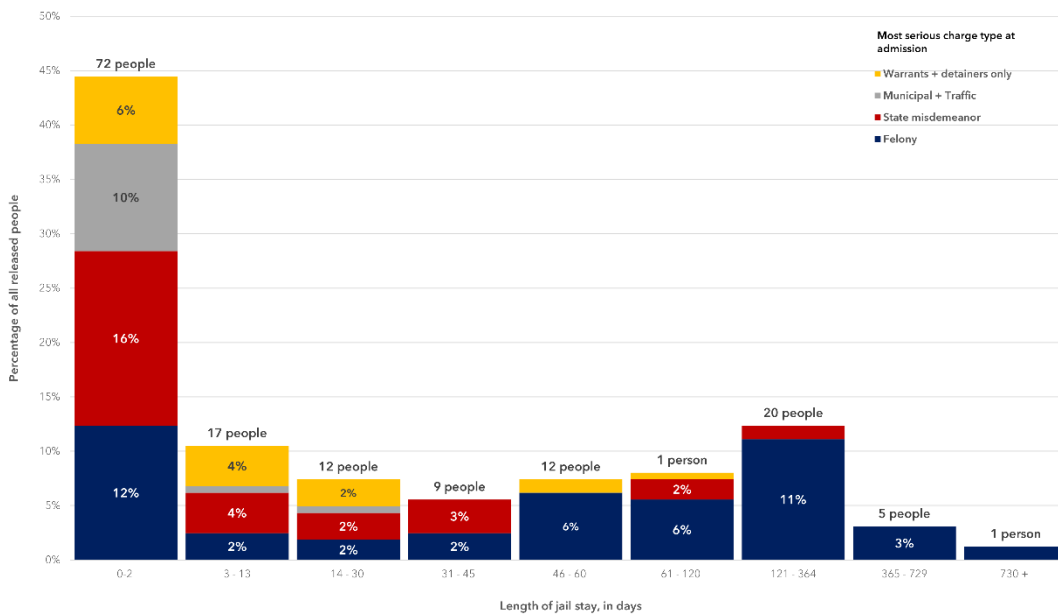
Orleans Parish Jail Population by the numbers - Week ending 11 January 2025

162 people were released from jail custody between 5 January and 11 January 2025, a 19.1% increase from the 136 people released from jail during the week ending 4 January.

The weekly jail turnover rate for the week ending 11 January 2025 was 21%, 4 percentage points higher than the 7-day average turnover rate for the week ending 4 January. A measure developed by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the jail turnover rate tells us something about the flow of people into and out of the jail. On average, about 1 in 5 people detained in the jail last week had been newly admitted or was very soon to be released.

In 2022 (the most recent year for which we have published data), the average weekly turnover rate for jails of our size was 31% (see this [BJS report](#) for more details). Generally, higher turnover rates indicate larger numbers of jail admissions and releases, relative to the average daily population.

The average length of jail stays for people who were released last week was 78 days.



The average length of stay was 78 days for the 162 people who were released from jail custody during the week ending 11 January 2025 (min = < 1 day; max = 1,937 days; standard dev. = 196.1). **The median length of stay was 7 days** for all released people, the 6 more days than median for the week ending 4 January.

44%, or 72 people, were released after staying in jail for two days or fewer. The 90 people who were released after more than 2 days in jail – 56% of the 162 people who were released last week – stayed in custody an average of 139 days (median = 57 days; standard dev. = 247.7).

Fig. 6. Length of jail stay by most serious charge type at admission for people released 5 January - 11 January 2025, N = 162

75 people (46% of releasees last week) who left jail custody having had a felony as the most serious charge at admission stayed in jail for an average of 150 days (max = 1,937 days; standard dev. = 270.0; median = 57 days). The 46 people who were released having had a state misdemeanor as the most serious charge at admission (41% of all releasees) spent an average of 19 days in jail (max = 208 days; standard dev. = 40.4; median = 1 day).

We welcome your feedback and questions! As a stakeholder, have you noticed something and wondered if data exists to confirm your observations? At OCJC, we are interested in your observations and data questions. Please reach out to Adrienne Tobler at adrienne.tobler@nola.gov to further discuss the possibility of exploring your questions. For more definitions of the terms used in this report, please see our [glossary](#). For technical questions, please contact Theresa McKinney at theresa.mckinney@nola.gov.

