



IOWA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS AGENDA  
Friday, January 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/93923194609>

TOPIC	PRESENTER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Call to Order</li> <li>• Approval of November 6, 2020 Minutes (<b>Action Item</b>)</li> <li>➤ Next Board meeting will be February 4, 2021 at 9:30 am DOC Central Office, 510 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa (A meeting notice will be posted on the DOC website: <a href="https://doc.iowa.gov/">https://doc.iowa.gov/</a>)</li> </ul>	<p>Richard LaMere</p> <p>Richard LaMere</p>
<p>Welcome</p> <p>Treatment Via Technology</p>	<p>Jerry Evans, District Director</p> <p>Christine Parmerlee, Prob/Parole Supervisor</p>
Director's Update	Dr. Beth Skinner, Director
COVID-19	Dr. Beth Skinner, Director
Prison Population Forecast	Mindi TenNapel, PhD., CJJP
Research Technologies Updates	Sarah Fineran, Research Director
Legislative Session Update	Cord Overton, Legislative Liaison
Public Comments	Public
Open Discussion	Board Members
Adjournment	Board Members

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## IOWA BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES Friday, November 6, 2020

*Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be conducted via Zoom. Connection information has been provided as part of the meeting agenda and the meeting will be simultaneously live-streamed on the DOC YouTube channel.*

**Board Members Present:** Chair Richard LaMere, Vice Chair Rebecca Williams, Lisa Hill, Larry Kudej and Webster Kranto.

**Staff Present:** Dr. Beth Skinner, William Sperfslage, Sally Kreamer, Cord Overton, Dan Fell, Kollin Alfred, Bruce VanderSanden, Dan Clark, Dr. Jerome Greenfield, Dr. Matthew Morris, Jay Nelson, Michael Savala, Michelle Dix, Sarah Fineran, Sean Crawford, Waylyn McCulloh

**Visitors Present:** Jean Basinger, C. Mechen, Cathy Engel, Daniel Zeno

### **Call to Order, Chair Richard LaMere**

- Chair Richard LaMere called the meeting to order.
- Chair LaMere asked for a motion to approve the October 2, 2020 minutes. Mr. Larry Kudej made a motion and Dr. Mary Chapman seconded the motion. All present members were in favor of approving the minutes, **motion passed**.
- The next scheduled Board of Corrections meeting is January 8, 2021, tentatively at the Department of Corrections, Central Office. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. (A meeting notice will be posted on the DOC website: <https://doc.iowa.gov/>)

### **Director's Update / COVID-19 Update - Dr. Beth Skinner, Director**

- In March 2020, the DOC was 22% overcapacity. As of today, the DOC is at 6.7% overcapacity with a population of 7,346. The count has declined by 1,100 inmates since COVID started in March 2020.
- Over the past couple of weeks, there has been a stabilization of cases. As cases rise in the community, the prisons in those communities have been impacted. There are currently 607 positive cases in the Iowa prisons with 1,319 pending tests.
- Six individuals are currently hospitalized, with four on the COVID floor and two in ICU at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.
- Following the Master Action Plan (MAP), there are plans for retesting at some facilities in the following week.
- Currently, 80 staff statewide are out due to COVID.
- The DOC meets daily via conference call with prison staff around the state and the Governor's office. There are also calls with the Iowa Department of Public Health. The DOC is doing everything to ensure that those individuals with COVID are getting the treatment and medical attention they need.
- Mr. Kudej asked if contact tracing is conducted when there are cases, such as in ASP with their large amount of positive cases. The DOC does contact trace back to where an outbreak started, including a review of housing and work assignment.
- The Legislative Session will have begun by the time we meet again in January. Bills that the DOC will submit will be discussed at the next meeting.

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- Mr. Kudej asked if a time and date has been set with the Governor's Office, but nothing has been scheduled at this time.

#### **Budget Update - Steve Dick, Fiscal Manager**

- The Department has been in communication with the Governor's Office regarding challenges that have occurred due to COVID. These include overtime due to staff out on leave for COVID and increased County Confinement costs for the housing of those awaiting prison in the county jails.
- The Department continues to work to fill vacant positions. There are currently 183 FTE vacancies in the prisons and 62 FTEs in the Districts.
- PPE purchases and cleaning supplies have been higher than in past years. The equipment expenditure is related to a grant purchase which has since been reimbursed.
- The Department is applying for aid through three different routes: FEMA, CARES and grants.
- The recent Revenue Estimating Conference shows that revenues are still beyond the estimate.
- Dr. Chapman asked about the positions the Department is in the process of filling. There are a variety of positions around the state including correctional officers.
- Mr. Kudej asked if the Department was impacted by the Auditor's opinion that CARES funds could not be utilized for technology. There were no technology projects that were relying on CARES funding.

*Documents from this presentation can be found on the DOC website, attached to the November 6, 2020 DOC Board Meeting Handouts.*

#### **2021 Board of Corrections Meeting Schedule - Board Members (Action item)**

- It was suggested that the schedule stay the same because the Board was unable to visit the 2020 planned sites due to COVID. There were no objections. Mr. Kudej is hopeful that the Legislative Breakfast remain the same.
- Mr. Larry Kudej made a motion that the proposed Meeting Schedule for 2021 be approved. Vice-Chair Williams seconded the motion. All present members were in favor and the 2021 Board of Corrections Meeting Schedule was **approved**.

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#### **Public Comments, Public**

- There were no public comments.

#### **Open Discussion, Board Members**

- Mr. Kudej appreciates everyone's involvement in the fight against COVID in the prisons and the associated risks. Please convey the Board's sentiments to the staff and those incarcerated. Dr. Greenfield appreciated this message and will be sure to share it with the medical staff. Deputy Director Sperflage agreed.
- Dr. Hill inquired if Mr. DeJong's position would be replaced. There have been discussions with the Governor's Office regarding the position. It is anticipated the position will be filled. He has been a valuable member of the Board.

#### **Adjournment, Board Members**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Larry Kudej, which was seconded by Dr. Chapman. The meeting was unanimously concluded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Johana Herdrich, Executive Assistant

## FIFTH DISTRICT VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

**Men's ACTV group:** 24-week program for Level 3 assaultive clients, Level 4 clients, and Level 5 clients. This program utilizes the Achieving Change Through Value-based Behavior (ACTV) curriculum, which is designed to help participants define their values in life and work toward behavioral choices consistent with those values. Upon completion of the core 24 weeks of ACTV, clients will be referred to an aftercare program to address the criminogenic needs of these higher-risk clients.

**Women's CARE group:** 24-week program for Level 3 assaultive clients, Level 4 clients, and Level 5 clients. This program utilizes the Commitment, Acceptance, and Recognizing Emotions (CARE) curriculum. CARE is a gender responsive intervention program designed specifically for women who are involved with the criminal justice system. The overarching goal of this program is to assist women to mobilize and develop personal and social resources that may reduce the impact of risk for criminal behavior, as well as increase the health and well-being of women, their families, and the community. Upon completion of the core 24 weeks of CARE, clients will be referred to an aftercare program to address the criminogenic needs of these higher-risk clients.

**ACTV-HR (ACTV Aftercare):** 12-week aftercare program which has been developed to address the additional criminogenic needs of our non-IDAP clients. ACTV clients will be referred to this program upon the completion of the core 24 weeks, unless another aftercare program is deemed more suitable (e.g. parenting or relapse prevention).

**Women's Parenting group:** 12-week program that can be utilized as a stand-alone intervention or an aftercare option. This program utilizes the Love and Logic curriculum, which provides a variety of simple and effective strategies for parenting children from birth to adulthood, built around the science of caring and respectful relationships.

**Men's Relapse Prevention group:** Number of weeks in the program will be based on the client's need, though 9-12 weeks will be standard. This is a substance abuse relapse prevention program that can be utilized as a stand-alone intervention or an aftercare option. Clients learn what causes relapse, how to address triggers, and create a relapse prevention plan. Newly updated and revised, A New Direction is Hazelden's leading evidence-based treatment program for law-involved clients.

**Men's Iowa Domestic Abuse Program (IDAP):** 24-week court ordered program for men utilizing the Achieving Change Through Value-based Behavior (ACTV) curriculum, which is an educational group designed to help participants define their values in life and work toward behavioral choices consistent with those values.

**Women's Iowa Domestic Abuse Program (IDAP):** 24-week court ordered program for women utilizing the Commitment, Acceptance, and Recognizing Emotions (CARE) curriculum. The program is a gender responsive intervention program designed specifically for women who are involved with the criminal justice system.

Currently being implemented and will be available soon:

**Intentional Living:** Six-session program that can be utilized as a stand-alone intervention, primer, or an aftercare option. The goals of this six-session intervention are to help clients to 1) connect with a life of vitality, 2) begin to pursue this vital life, 3) accept painful experiences, and 4) fully engage in the present moment. The focus will be learning the ACT Matrix sorting tool and each of its quadrants and functions.



# The 2020 Prison Population Forecast

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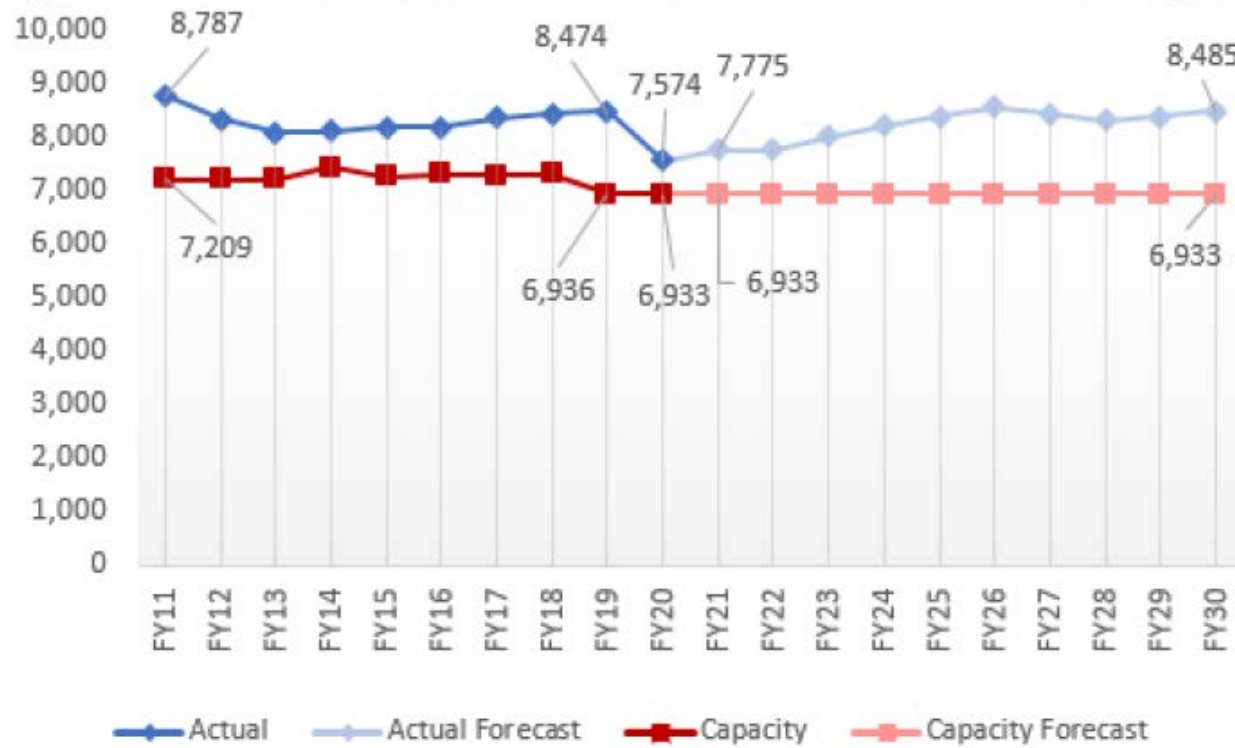




# Prison Capacity and Forecasted Population



Figure 2: Actual and Projected Number of Total Inmates and Prison Capacity



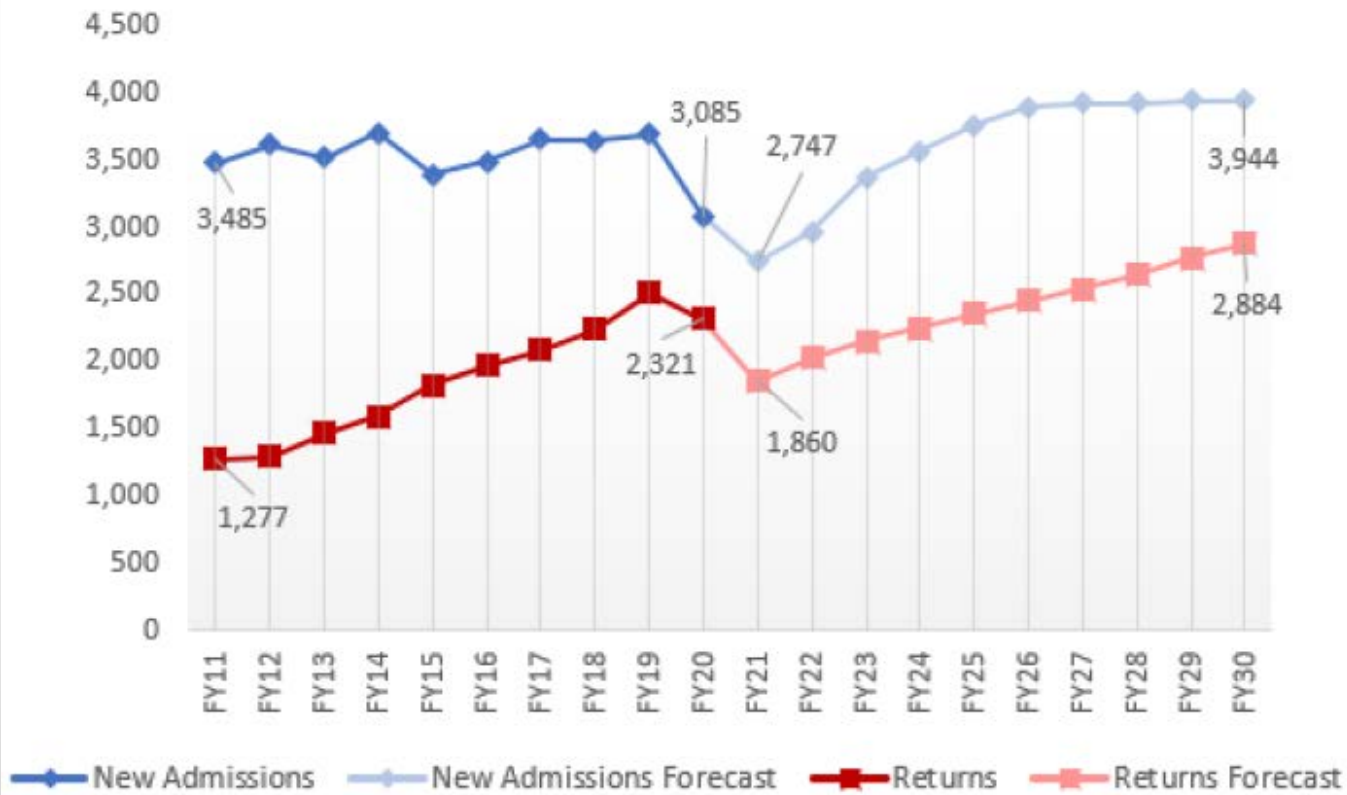
- As of 6/30/2020 Iowa's prison population decreased 10.6% compared to 6/30/2019
- The short-term forecast predicts a 2.7% increase as of 6/30/2021
- The long-term forecast predicts a 12.0% increase as of 6/30/2030



# Short Term Change



Figure 3: Actual and Forecasted Prison Admissions



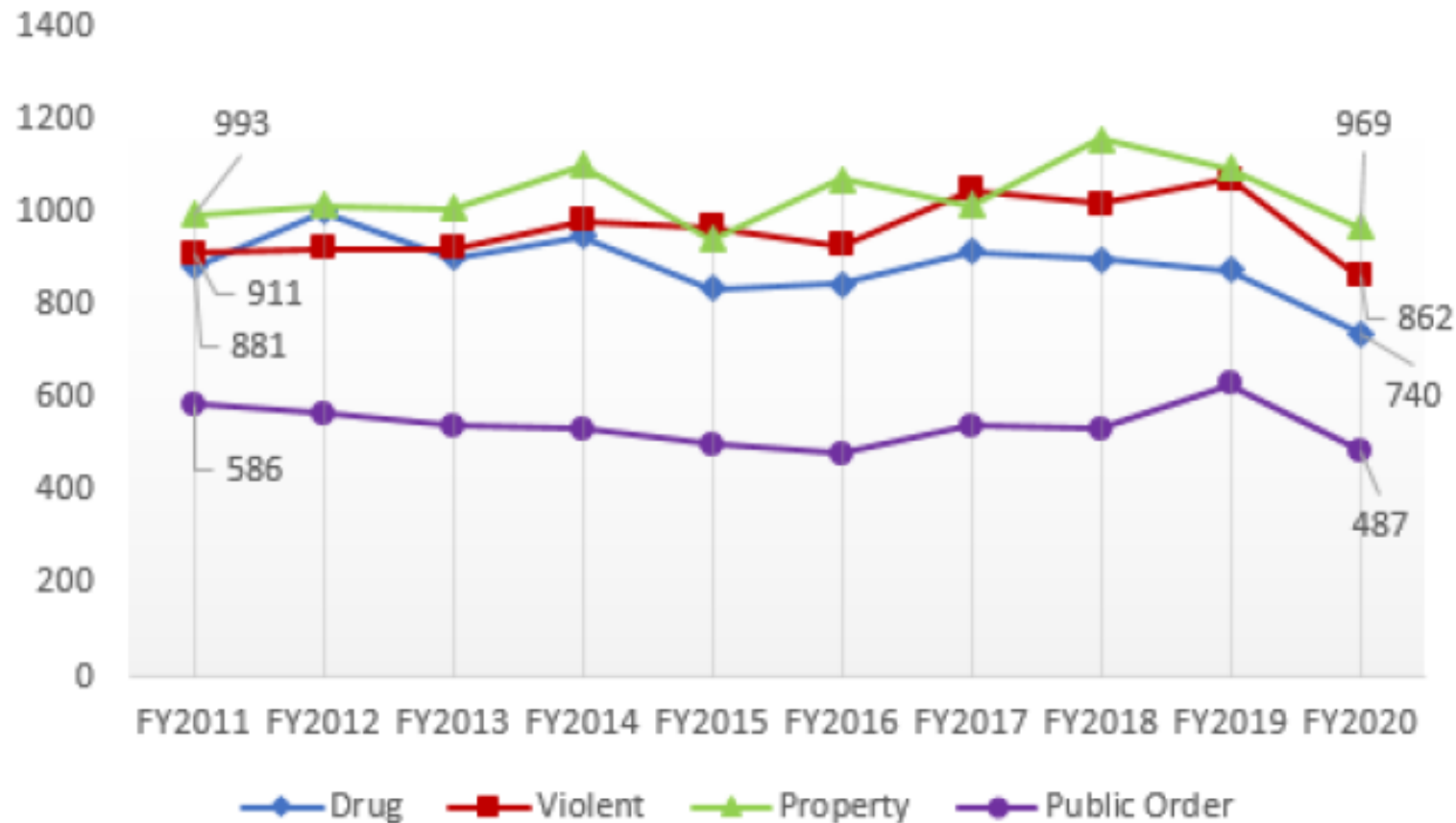
- From 6/30/2019:
  - New admissions decreased 16.6%
  - Probation revocations decreased 17.3% (*Table 12*)
  - Non-probation revocations decreased 5.3% (*Table 12*)
- Accounting for these anomalies



# Admissions by Offense Type



Figure 4: FY 2020 New Prison Admissions by Offense Type



Source: Justice Data Warehouse

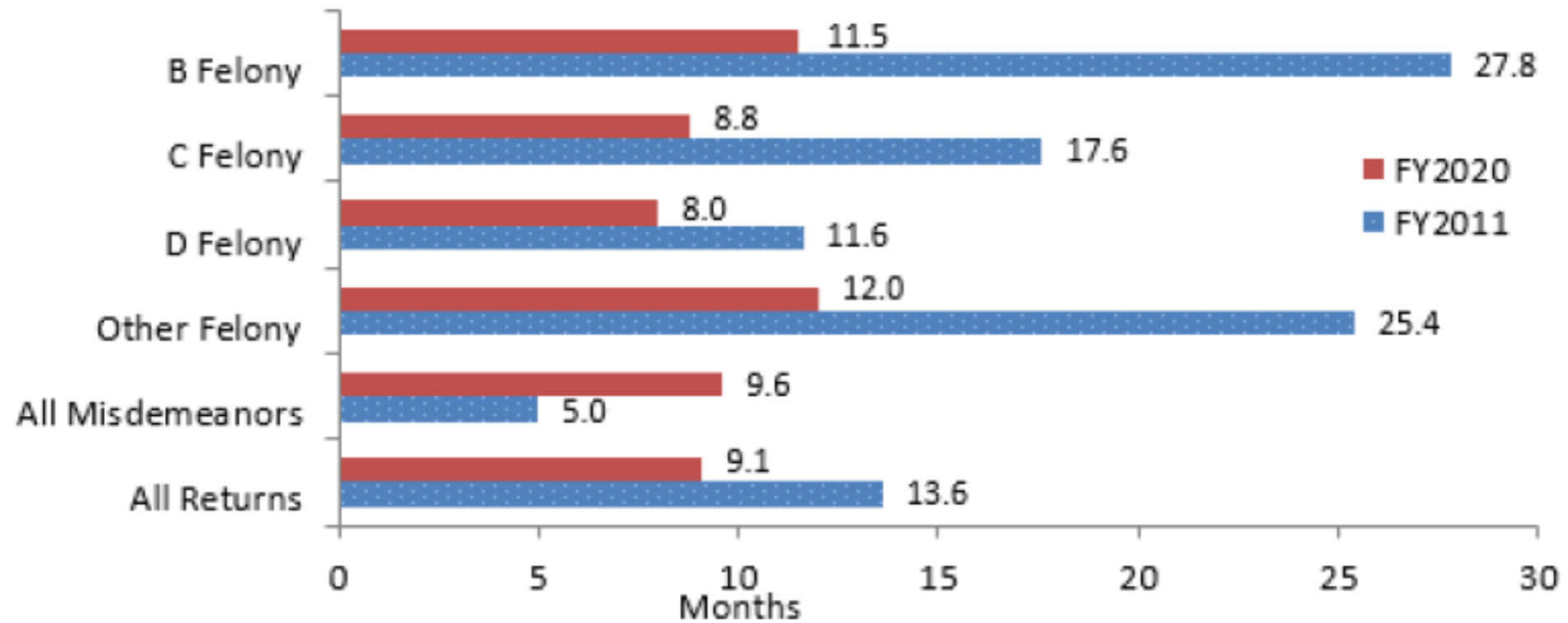




# Length of Stay by Class



Figure 6: Average LOS for Returns in Months by Class, FY 2011 and FY 2020



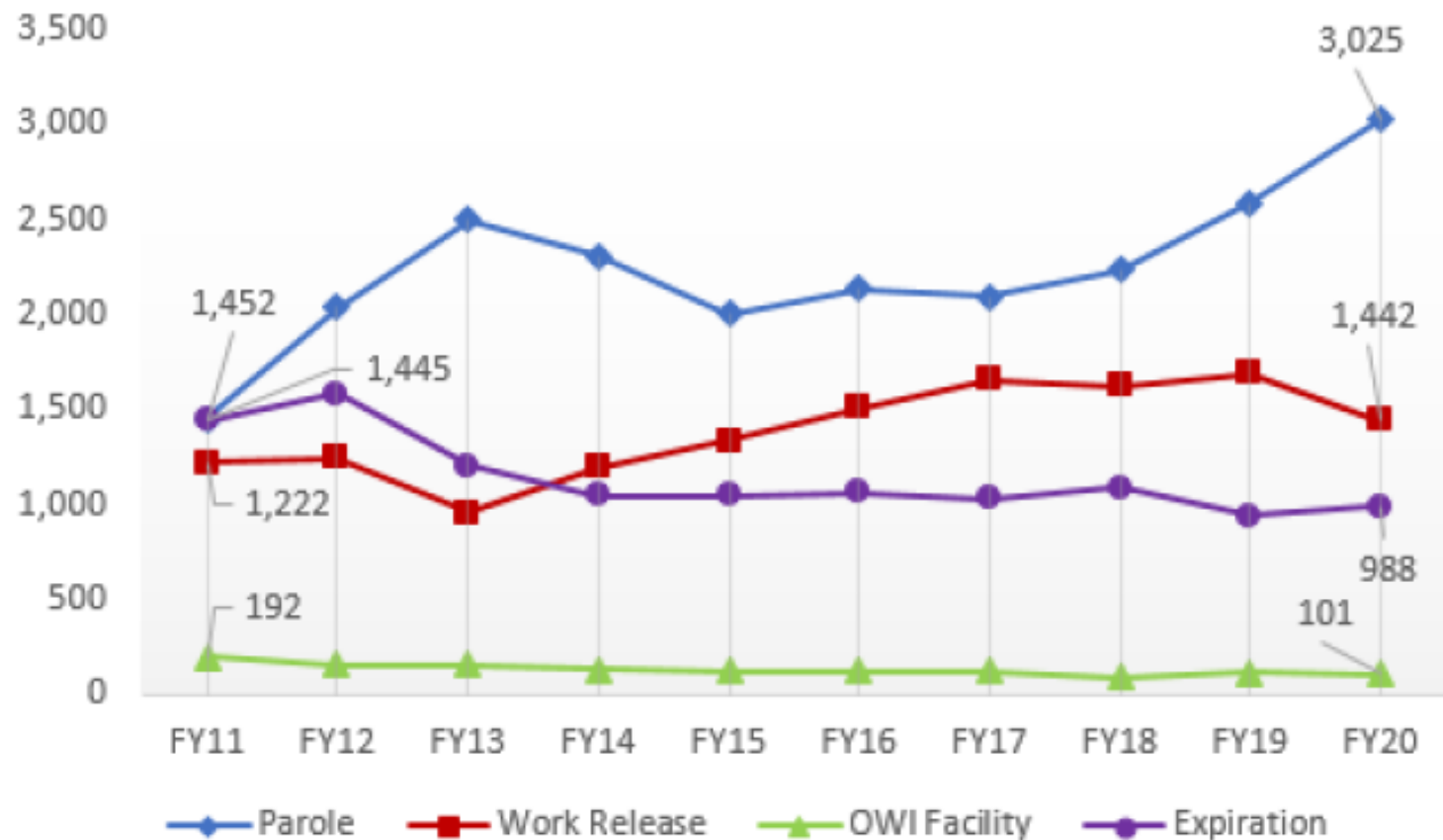
Source: Justice Data Warehouse



# Community Based Corrections



Figure 7: Prison Releases by Type from FY 2011 to FY 2020



Source: Justice Data Warehouse



# Special Sentence Offenders



Figure 8: Special Sentence Offenders



Source: Justice Data Warehouse



# Demographic Trends



Table 14: Active-At-End Prison Population Demographic Trends

	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	% Diff. FY 11-FY 20	% Diff. FY 19-FY 20
<b>RACE</b>												
White	64.7%	64.5%	64.6%	64.7%	65.3%	65.3%	65.7%	66.3%	65.5%	65.1%	0.4%	-0.4%
African-American	25.9%	26.2%	26.1%	26.0%	25.5%	25.3%	25.1%	24.5%	25.4%	25.5%	-0.4%	0.1%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Native American/Alaskan	1.9%	1.8%	1.7%	1.8%	1.7%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.9%	0.0%	0.1%
Hispanic <sup>27</sup>	6.7%	6.6%	6.7%	6.8%	6.7%	7.0%	6.8%	6.6%	6.5%	6.7%	0.0%	0.2%
<b>SEX</b>												
Male	92.2%	91.8%	92.4%	92.4%	91.7%	91.8%	91.2%	91.3%	91.4%	92.1%	-0.1%	0.7%
Female	7.8%	8.2%	7.6%	7.6%	8.3%	8.2%	8.8%	8.7%	8.6%	7.9%	0.1%	-0.7%



# Recommendations



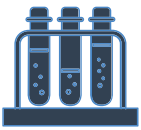
- Investigation of institutional and community-based programming to mitigate and divert revocations
  - Justice Advisory Board (JAB) priorities
- Review policy and practices put in place regarding COVID-19
- Investigate racial disparity and the impact juvenile waivers to adult court has on the prison population
  - JAB and Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (JJAC)
- Expanded partnership between DOC and CJJP to include predictive analytics for prison releases and returns



# Enhancing IDOC's Technological Foundation

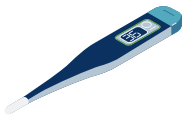
Like many state agencies, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed limitations in the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC) data tracking and reporting procedures. The IDOC is committed to improving our existing systems by strengthening our technological infrastructure to best manage the pandemic and enhance services now and into the future.

## State Hygienic Lab Data Exchange



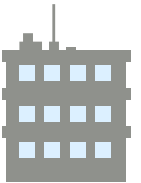
The IDOC is developing a data exchange with the State Hygienic Lab (SHL), which will allow medical staff to directly request requisitions and migrate the results of the tests into the IDOC's administrative database (ICON). This exchange not only fulfills the immediate needs of the IDOC by creating infrastructure to better manage the pandemic currently but also allows the IDOC to request and receive other future lab results processed through the SHL.

## Medical Outbreak Management (COVID-19) Dashboard



The IDOC, in partnership with SAS Institute, and Advanced Technology Group (ATG) are developing three dashboards. The Medical Outbreak dashboard is being created to track, report, and monitor COVID-19 information, as well as any future outbreak. This dashboard will allow for the display of tests administered, test results, facility positivity rates, and a data drilldown feature to view data by various demographics. Data will display current and cumulative outcomes overtime. The creation of this dashboard will help in both the reporting and management of the virus to better identify and predict anticipated viruses being spread within and between our state facilities.

## Release Candidate Dashboard



During the height of the pandemic, it became critical to review cases of incarcerated individuals who may be considered eligible for release in order to decrease the prison population and create space for quarantine units within our facilities. This dashboard will allow IDOC staff to more easily identify clients who may be eligible for release based on a myriad of factors including, but not limited to, time remaining before discharge, crime types, programming completions, etc.

## Early Alert Dashboard



This dashboard is designed with the realization that during these difficult times, our community corrections agencies need to make the best use of resources in terms of staff, time, and financial resources. This dashboard will utilize predictive analytics to better identify clients who are at risk of failure within the community and to provide a series of prescriptive solutions, interventions, and support to retain successful clients in the community in order to help reduce recidivism.