



2020 JAIL INFORMATION

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

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

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

HOUSING INFORMATION

1. The rated capacity of the LaPorte County Jail is 368 beds.
 - a. The jail inmate population was over 368 for 27 days in 2020.
 - b. The average daily inmate population count was 310 in 2020.
 - c. The highest one-day population of inmates was 402 / lowest was 251 in 2020.

BOOKING STATISTICS

	Number	Percentage
Total Detainees	3231	100.00%
Adult Males	2418	74.84%
Juvenile Males	16	0.50%
Adult Females	794	24.57%
Juvenile Females	1	0.03%
Adult Unknown	2	0.06%
Juvenile Unknown	0	0.00%

Population Origin (Based on Billing)

Parole Hold – DOC	12	0.37%
IN Dept of Correction	75	2.32%
HEA 1006 – DOC F6 Felons	0	0.00%
United States Marshal	4	0.12%
Other Agencies	88	2.72%

Percentage of Population by Race or Ethnic Origin

White Male	1447	44.78%
White Female	575	17.80%
African American Male	821	25.41%
African American Female	191	5.91%
Hispanic Male	137	4.24%
Hispanic Female	24	0.74%
Hispanic Other	2	0.06%
Native American Male	1	0.03%
Indian Male	2	0.06%
Asian Male	7	0.22%
Unknown Male	19	0.59%
Unknown Female	5	0.16%

Total Number of New Admissions/Releases

Admissions	3231
Releases	3296

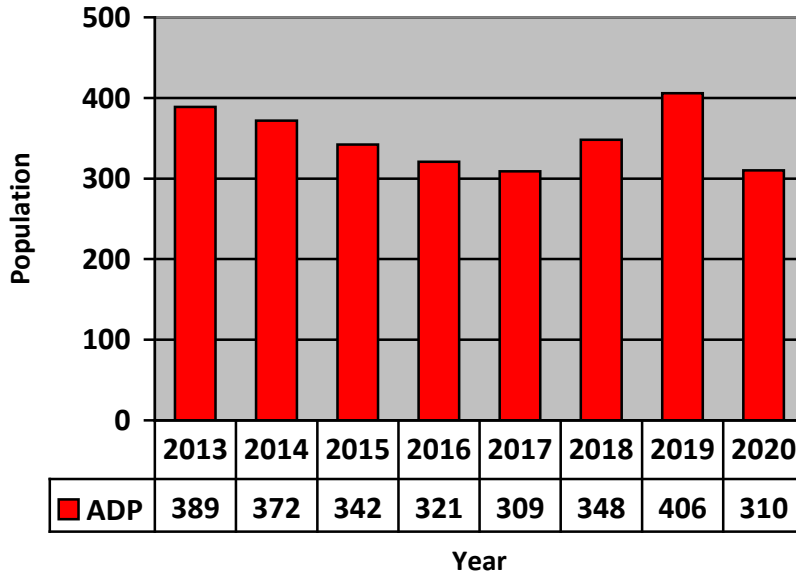
Top Ten Offenses

OFFENSE DESCRIPTION	COUNT
REVOC/SUSP/SENT	623
FAILURE TO APPEAR	544
OPER WHILE INTOX – MISD.	489
WANTED OTHER DEPT.	342
DOMESTIC BATTERY (F)	187
OWI ENDANGERING A PERSON (M)	172
THEFT – FEL.	151
RESISTING LAW ENFORCEMENT (M)	140
UNLAWFUL POSS. OF A SYRINGE	140
DOMESTIC BATTERY (M)	136

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Average Daily Inmate Population	389	372	342	321	309	348	406	310
Increase/Decrease Since Prior Year		-17	-30	-21	-12	+39	+58	-96
Percent Increase/Decrease Since Prior Year		-4.37%	-8.06%	-6.14%	-3.74%	+12.62%	+16.67%	-27.59%
Increase/Decrease Since 2013		-17	-47	-68	-80	-41	+17	-79
Annual Percent Increase/Decrease Since 2013		-4.37%	-12.08%	-17.48%	-20.57%	-10.54%	+4.37%	-20.31%

Average Daily Population 2013-2020



JAIL IN-CUSTODY DEATHS

In 2020, the La Porte County Jail had zero (0) in-custody related deaths.

MAJOR DISTURBANCES

In March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic began. In the midst of the pandemic, the Jail Administration and Jail Medical provider dealt with several inmate cases of Hepatitis-A. All were managed by the Jail Administration, Jail Medical and County Health Department.

NUMBER OF ESCAPES

There were no escapes in 2020.

JUVENILES BOOKED INTO JAIL

Males	16
Females	1

INMATE SERVICES

La Porte County Jail Programs and Services

The following are Programs and Services offered at the La Porte County Jail to assist with enhancing one's character and lifestyle. These programs are monitored and coordinated by the Director of Treatment Services. These programs are facilitated by community volunteers that have been cleared through the County's screening system and have a desire to support those struggling with various interpersonal issues. These programs were suspended in March 2020 due to the pandemic and never resumed due to the Resolution issued by the La Porte County Commissioners limiting public entry to the County buildings. We agreed with this Resolution as the positivity rates increased as the year went on.

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

- **Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT) Class:** This is an open 10-week systematic class that focuses on changing beliefs, behaviors, and habits related to substance abuse and re-entering back into society. The class and material are facilitated by a certified instructor volunteer through a self-help treatment grant funded by La Porte County Drug Free Partnership.
- **Spiritual Consultation:** This service provides non-denominational and denominational individual sessions focusing on supporting the inner spirituality. This service is offered upon request of the detainee.
- **Women’s Character Studies:** This is an open-ended mentoring group facilitated by the certified MRT facilitator to assist women with defining their character, morals, values, how to improve them, and practice them.

COURTS AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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

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

The unit stats for 2020:

TRANSPORTATION

1. Transported a total of 422 inmates to court.
2. Administered video arraignment for 5,166 inmates.
3. Traveled 9,716.0 total miles for other related transports (DOC, other county jails, etc.)

DISCIPLINARY HEARING BOARD

1. The Disciplinary Hearing Board heard approximately 248 hearings in 2020.

WARRANT SERVICE

1. The Division served a total of 255 arrests warrants during 2020.

COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAM (CWP)

The Community Work Program was supervised in 2020 by Administrative Deputy Jim Jackson. The program is normally manned by 1 – 2 inmates daily. Due to the pandemic, providing inmate workers to the CWP program was suspended to keep the inmates safe. Various tasks are performed in the community for the following not-for-profit organizations (this is not an all-conclusive list):

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

A total of 1,981 hours were worked by the inmates, but mostly Administrative Jail Deputy Jackson in 2020. Deputy Jackson has taken on many projects for the community, including: assisting La Porte County EMS with their move to their new base, assisting with moving the Michigan City Courthouse to the Brown Mackie building while it was being renovated, and daily trash removal from the Jail Division to help lighten the load for the officers. Deputy Jackson’s willingness to help his fellow County employees does not go unnoticed.

MEDICAL UNIT

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

- claims filed with the inmate’s health insurance company (when available),
- claims filed with Medicaid/HIP (when applicable),
- reimbursement from the Department of Correction (when applicable),
- \$15.00 per visit fee for being examined by the doctor,

- \$15.00 fee for prescription medications,
- \$5.00 for over-the-counter medications,
- \$15.00 fee for unnecessary requests to see a nurse,
- \$15.00 fee to see the dentist.

Following are the approximate medical costs for the years 2017 - 2020 for providing medical care to the inmates:

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020
Medical Costs	\$673,463	\$839,021	\$899,287	\$954,133

DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND

A total of \$133,843.74 was deposited to the general fund in 2020. The breakdown is as follows:

	Billed	Collected
Housing DOC Inmates	\$122,287.50	\$114,412.50
Inmate Medical Co-Pays	\$37,319.63	\$15,695.45
Restitution by Inmates for Damaging Jail Property	\$9,205.22	\$3,735.79
Total	\$168,812.35	\$133,843.74

JAIL STAFFING

Seventy-one (71) employees comprise the staff of the LaPorte County Jail. Staffing assignments are as follows:

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

Shift Operations

In 2020, the Jail Staff operated at less than full capacity throughout some of the year. The result was that \$214,707.16 were spent in overtime monies. This amount was an increase of \$21,116.16 from the previous year. A total of fourteen (14) new employees were hired. In addition, some of the overtime costs were created by medical emergencies, illnesses, FMLA and inmate transports. Some of the vacancies were caused by Jail Deputies being hired by the La Porte County Sheriff's Office as a Merit Deputy or by other agencies as a law enforcement officer. This demonstrates that the La Porte County Jail continues to provide training and quality performance that prepares our deputies for career advancement. Other vacancies were created by Jail Deputies who resigned for various reasons.

Unexpected overtime costs due to coverage from employees on leave for COVID totaled \$28,562.25. On January 1, 2020 the Courts system implemented Criminal Rule 26, a process that benefits the jail by decreasing the inmate population. This was an additional task for our Courts & Transportation deputies which incurred \$20,371.53 in overtime. Plans are in play to provide an additional deputy for this purpose in 2021. Our overtime expenses were higher than 2019 however, this is due to unexpected COVID-19 and Rule 26 costs. Overtime for all other normal operations was \$165,773.38, **\$27,817.62 less than 2019**.

Medical Unit

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

Inmate Classification

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

The Jail currently has one (1) Jail Deputy that performs classification duties full-time. As of October 2019, a Classification Team was organized and trained. Booking Jail Deputies are also trained in classification for initial inmate placement upon book in. This helps keep the holding cells in Processing clear for new intakes.

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

Classification in 2020 was even more of a challenge due to proactive housing arrangements that were maintained due to the pandemic. Throughout the entire year we maintained a screening process and designated two male quarantine blocks and one female quarantine block. This was a meticulous process that required daily attention so a 14-day quarantine could be achieved before a move to general population. Due to their diligence, the inmate population stayed COVID-free in 2020.

TRAINING

In 2020, the employees of the Jail Division received 5,647.25 hours of training. This number equates to an average of 70.60 hours of training received per employee. The state-minimum requirement for annual training hours is 16. A total of fourteen (14) new jail employees were hired in 2020. The new employees received a total of 2,568 hours of training prior to working a duty assignment by themselves. This number equates to an average of 183.40 hours of training received per new employee. The state-minimum requirement for new officer on-the-job training hours prior to working a post on their own is 80.

JAIL KITCHEN

In 2020, we contracted with Tiger Correctional Services to operate the kitchen. They hired our existing staff and began operations on January 13, 2020. The contract price includes food, necessary kitchen items as well as all salaries to operate the kitchen. The overall cost in 2020 was \$522,470.46, **\$210,903.54 less than 2019**. In addition to the meals that are prepared and provided to the inmates in the Jail, the Kitchen staff is also responsible for providing meals for La Porte County Community Corrections.

In 2020, a total of 26,375 meals were prepared for La Porte County Community Corrections. In 2020, a total of 358,120 meals were prepared for inmates being held in the La Porte County Jail. Thus, a total of 384,495 inmate meals were prepared in 2020 by the Tiger Kitchen staff.

JAIL NEEDS/MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Department took on many projects throughout the Jail during 2020. A team of two-three maintenance employees are assigned to address matters that arise in the jail. This greatly assists with the maintenance demands of the jail and addressing them in a timely fashion.

1. In 2020, there were 1,396 work orders submitted for repairs within the jail. In comparison, in 2019, there were 1,409 work orders submitted for repairs within the jail.
2. The Integrator Door System is failing. It needs regular maintenance by our IT Systems Technician and Stanley Convergent Security Solutions. When the system goes down, it requires our Supervisors to use keys to access every door in the Jail. It can go down for hours, sometimes days at a time. One day the system will expire and never recover. It will need replaced and the estimated installation time could be up to one year. It is prudent to replace the system before it expires completely.
3. Heating and cooling have been an issue in the past. County Maintenance continues to attempt to resolve these issues and they are making great strides in the right direction. They installed new thermostats and control units in 2020 and we have seen an improvement. This is an ongoing process as adjustments are made as the units adapt to the facility. Complaints about the temperature within the cell blocks has decreased.
4. In November 2020, the South elevator went down and stayed down. Negotiations are ongoing for an upgrade with this elevator. Initial estimates are on the scale of \$200,000.

OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

A new shower curtain system for the cell blocks was purchased using the Commissary Fund. Additionally, \$15,375.00 was spent to replace batteries in the Uninterruptible Power Supply units for Jail Equipment. The Jail Administration entry was upgraded to include a glass awning, a window in the entry door, and key fob entry. These improvements prevent water from entering the administrative offices when it rains, provides visibility of the outside area upon entry and exit, and allows us to control who can enter the administrative area.

Another new Emergency Restraint Chair was purchased and put into circulation. We also kept and repaired the existing ERCs to give the officers more resources. We now have a total of four ERCs.

Although we enacted a Use of Force review committee in 2019, we increased the frequency with which the reviews were done. All Use of Force incidents are being reviewed by the committee every two weeks.

Diversity training was a mandated training in 2020, as it was in 2019. We feel we are creating a more well-trained staff by doing so as well as creating a positive work environment. A Duty to Intercede policy was also enacted in 2020. Although we have trained on this in the past, we feel this policy was necessary given the current social climate.

A kitchen food service contract was negotiated in 2019. The five-month long process was finalized in late December so we could begin the contract with Tiger Food Services at the start of 2020. The kitchen food contract was enacted, and we have seen the benefits in an overall cost decrease with food services.

In addition to food services, Tiger Commissary has implemented an in-house commissary program which will assist with the needs of our inmates. This allows us to utilize our designated deputy for jail operations other than passing commissary.

One of our overall goals is to continue to support our staff. In 2020, we maintained a full staff by budget. Fourteen (14) new deputies were hired to replace those who left the Jail Division. This was accomplished quickly as a result of creating a hiring pool which better prepares us to fill vacancies immediately. Although the law enforcement climate may not have popularity in places of our country, we have not seen that based on the steady flow of applications we continue to receive.

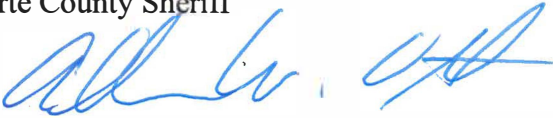
We attained our goal of completing the revision of the Standard Operating Guidelines manual and it is currently being reviewed by the legal team. On November 10, 2020, we amended our Securus contract to include inmate tablets and e-messaging. This upgrade also includes resources available to the inmate population such as job search, religious materials, educational tools, books, magazines, and music. We feel that providing tablets to the inmate population will help with the overall climate of the jail, improving operations for our deputies. This was done at no cost to the County taxpayers.

Our goals for 2021 are to continue to work towards the addition of two (2) Jail Officer positions to our budget, upgrade the door and video system to ensure safety to our inmates and staff, and most of all survive and thrive through the current pandemic.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jail Commander

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State Jail Inspector
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La Porte County Council President
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La Porte County Auditor
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